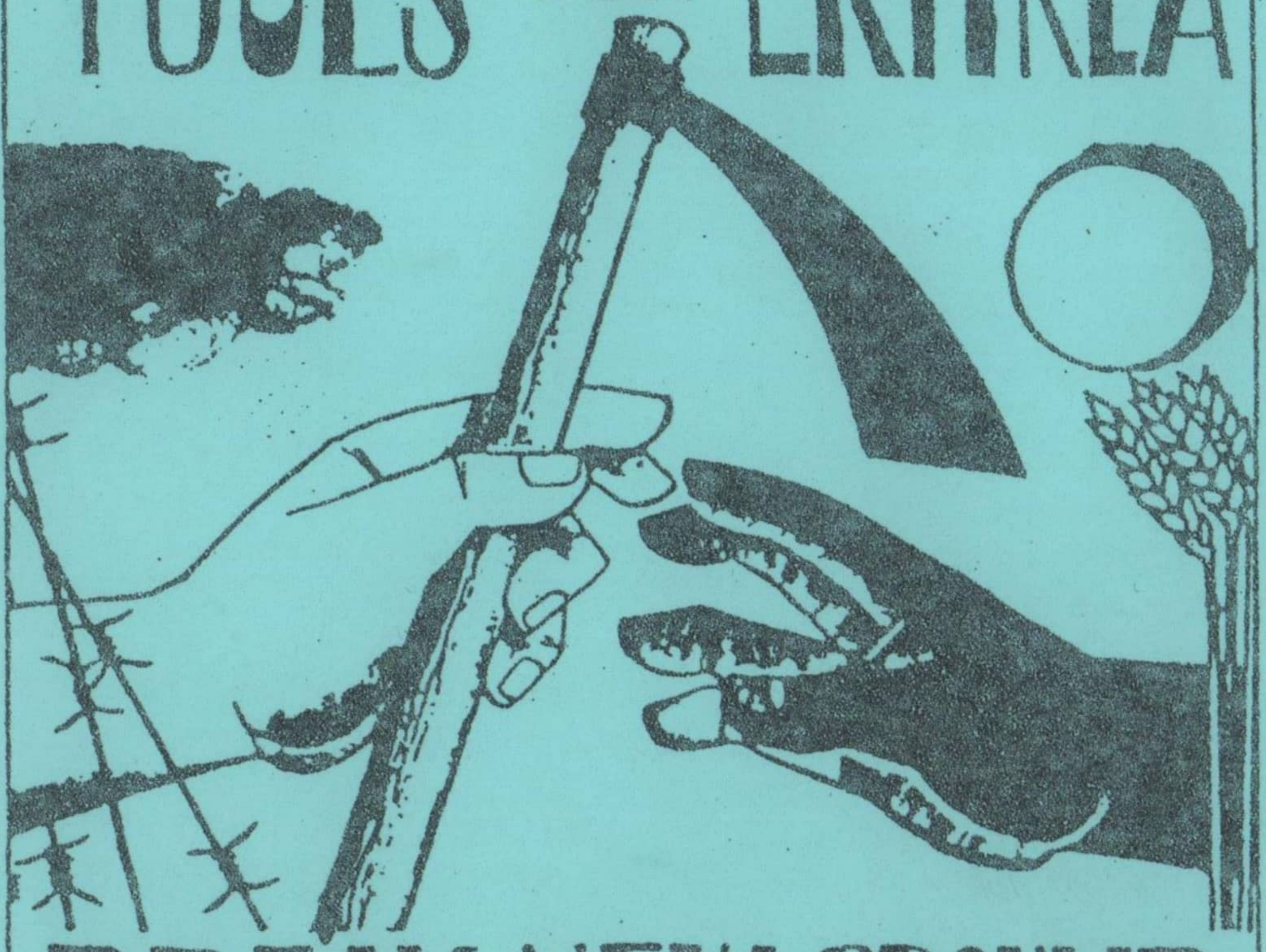




CHAIN REACTION

MARCH 1986

MOLESWORTH TOOLS FOR ERITREA



BREAK NEW GROUND
EASTER 1986

BREAK NEW GROUND

Last year Molesworth Wheat for the Starving sent 120 tonnes of wheat and £10,000 of seed to Eritrea. Before the 1985 invasion by Michael Heseltine of the Rainbow village Molesworth, land had been ploughed and sowed in preparation for its next crop of wheat. That land now lies behind security fences and roll upon roll of barbed & razor blade wire. The Wheat for the Starving campaign continues with Tools to Eritrea.

DIGGERS WALK

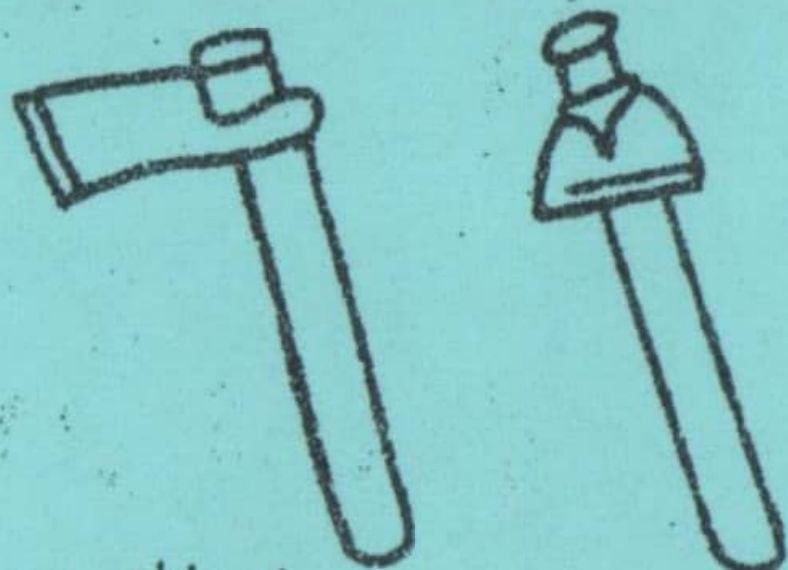
Tools for Eritrea groups throughout the country are busy collecting and refurbishing hand tools such as mattocks, heavy hoes, spades and shovels. These will be sent to Eritrea enabling farmers to grow their own crops. The tools will be taken to Molesworth on a walk which will start from St Georges Hill Surrey and arrive at USAF Molesworth on Easter Monday. There the tools will be tested in the soil of Molesworth, the diggers will start at the outer most boundary of the base and work inwards cultivating as much of the earth as they can before the fence or the police stop them. There will be no violence and no resistance to arrest.

TOOLS APPEAL

The tools project will draw attention to the links of the immorality of wasting money and effort on tools for destruction when it could be used to give life.

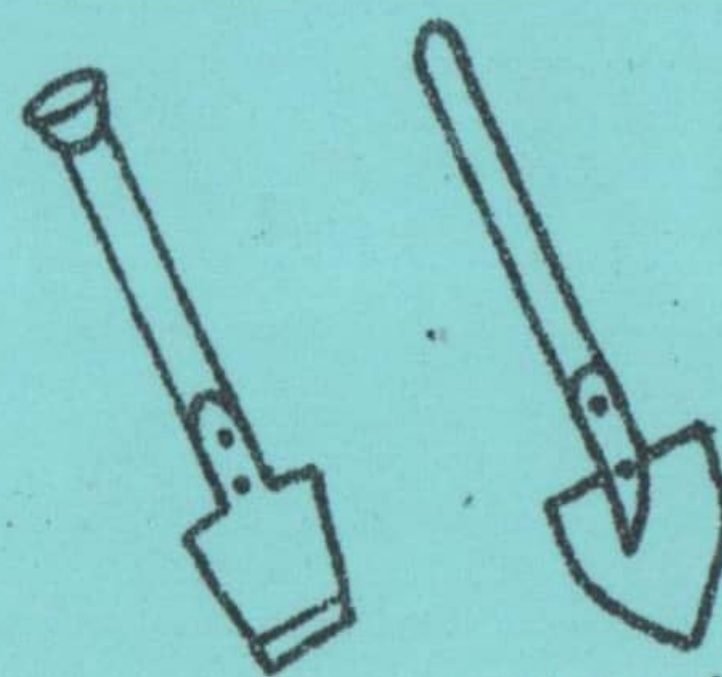
Anyone wishing to join the walk or dig at the base must attend one of the project workshops that are being held throughout the country information available from Tools for Eritrea c/o The Old School, Clopton, Northants.

ANYBODY WHO HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TOOLS AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE THEM TO THE PROJECT PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE T.A.N.G CONTACT ADDRESSES



mattocks

heavy hoes



spades

and shovels

AN UN'WARREN'TED ATTACK

It is sad but perhaps not surprising that the Bishop of Shrewsbury has been subjected to Warren Hawksley's adverse comments regarding the Bishop's invitation to chair the 'Wrekin and the Bomb' debate.

Following the Government initial 'marxist' reaction to the Archbishop of Canterbury's report on the inner cities, it seems that the M.P. for the Wrekin constituency is doing his best to keep up with his party leaders.

TANG notes that the government did eventually have talks with the Archbishop on the inner cities report, and by all accounts there was a reasonable discussion.

Therefore, TANG further hopes that Warren Hawksley will again take up his leaders' cue and decide that he should really agree to attend a debate with the Bishop in the chair.

Or perhaps it has nothing to do with whoever is to chair the debate? Perhaps it has everything to do with the M.P.'s unwillingness to enter any informed public debate on the matter. Have M.P.'s been tipped the wink by the Party to stay out of such things? Or is it through ignorance of the issues involved? Or is it that the debate will show people's preference for no nuclear weapons?

By refusing to debate at all, the real motive is thereby exposed. No pro-nuclear speakers will mean no debate, therefore no public airing of the issues. So by using an unwarranted slur on the Bishop, our M.P. will have managed to stop a public debate.

Very clever, Mr. H. You must have been watching 'Yes, Prime Minister'.



The GATES OF GREENHAM

SHEFFIELD CITY HALL - SUNDAY MARCH 30th - 7.30p.m.

A modern choral peace drama with dramatic & enjoyable music, and a libretto that makes use of many writings from within the peace movement, as well as the words of the 'Greenham women' themselves & of poets and writers.

A semi-professional choir & orchestra-first performed in the Royal Festival Hall last Easter, with good reviews. If you don't go you will miss a moving and exciting experience whether you go as a peace worker or music lover.

Here are some extracts to wet your appetite:

' The world is entangled: caught in a thicket
And people no longer can sit on the fence.
The fences will not hold. The people will be one
dependent on each other.'

In my heart I know the journey from fear to hatred is short I fear the desolation I am bringing to this place. Is it that our greatest defences are erected at the gateway to nothing ?'

' The hardship & squalor we face
as the cost for the life of the future.
What is to give light must endure the burning:
to take the way of Golgotha is to know
the place of the skull '

' The means are as seed, the end as a tree;
There is no way to peace,
peace is the way. '

TICKETS FROM BOX OFFICE CITY HALL SHEFFIELD S1 2HB
£3, £4 or £5 (cheques made payable to 'Sheffield
City Council')

MORE DETAILS FROM LAURA HORTON - TEL TELFORD 3601

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN GETTING A MINI-BUS TO THE CONCERT
CONTACT T.A.N.G.

NOT GUILTY ?

It seems the U.S military don't even know when their own Cruise missile convoys are out. During a recent excursion of the convoy in Britain, American peace campaigners phoned their senators and representatives to register their protests and recieved rather a strange reply. Republican Representitive Jeffords told them that they were RAF manoeuvres and America had nothing to do with them. He also went on to suggest that as Britain had been left out of Geneva she may have been posturing. Meanwhile the Ministry of Defence in London said that Cruise exercises from USAF Greenham were jointly organised by the United States forces & the British Army (with a little bit of help from the British police who are responsible for security in transit). The American denial begs answers to the question of why should Cruise watchers who entered Blackball Firs Copse on the night of the November 20th exercise encounter armed American soldiers, Russian spies in disguise no doubt.

Information from West Mid CND mailing



COPYDATE

The deadline for the next issue of Chain Reaction is March 19th. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2BX.

KIBBUTZ MEETING

A man who has spent over thirty five years living in Kibbutz communities across the world is to speak to a TANG meeting on WEDNESDAY APRIL 16th (venue to be announced).

Moshe Matsuma will talk about communitarian life in general and about Kibbutz communities in Israel, Japan & elsewhere. He went to Israel after the war, and stayed until the early 1970s when he left in protest against the growing imperialism of that country.

He joined a kibbutz in Japan, becoming the secretary of the Japanese Kibbutz movement. This enabled him to make contact with 'communitarians' worldwide. However, after some twelve years in Japan he became convinced that communities there lacked the freedom and spontaneity necessary for true communal life.

Since leaving Japan in the early 1980s he has visited communities in many parts of the world, and has attended a world conference. He has now returned to Britain, the country of his youth.

Come and hear this man of unique experience on Wednesday April 16th.



DEBATE DEBATE

Col. Richey has accepted a challenge from Telford Anti - Nuclear Group to debate;

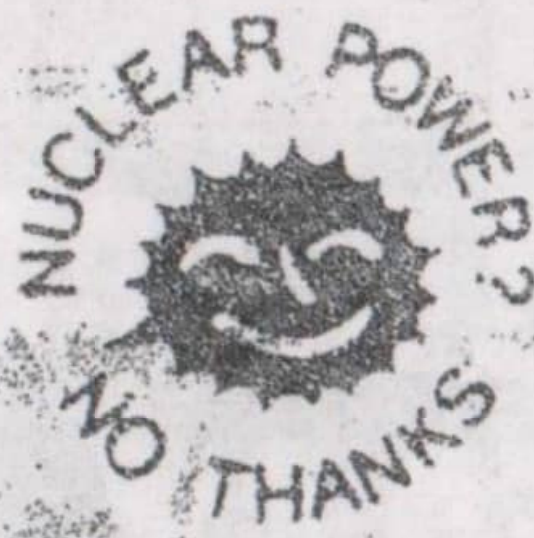
DEBATE - 8th APRIL WELLINGTON METHODIST CHURCH NEW ST.

7.30pm.

TANG AGAINST PEACE THROUGH NATO

CHAIR: Preb. Francis Palmer.

Info contact Laurens 54728



The Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria has hit the headlines again and again and again during the last couple of months.

The first being on January 28th when it was revealed that half a tonne of Uranium waste was discharged into the Irish sea (the 440 kilogrammes is about a sixth of the two or three tonnes annual discharge that British Nuclear Fuels LTD "normally pumps into the sea ".

On February 5th Plutonium Nitrate was accidentally released into the atmosphere, 16 workers were contaminated.

February 18th a drainpipe from the Magnox storage and decanning plant broke open releasing radioactive water into the surrounding ground two workers were contaminated.

February 28th Radiation leak results in the contamination of 5 workers.

A startling indication of the possible effects of radiation from the plant has been revealed. The Ravenglass estuary Cumbria was until recently the home of Britains largest colony of Blackhead Gulls. Now the 16,000 pairs of birds have left abandoning their nests. One explanation for the event lies with the fact that scientists have found 21 different radio-nuclides released from the Sellafield plant and from a nuclear waste dump at Drigg a mile up river, in the estuary mud. It is known that birds are highly sensitive to toxins (e.g DDT in the fifties). A nature reserve warden at the sanctuary has also noticed what seems like brain damage in some birds for example chicks having no feed reaction thus starving to death.

The government is financing a scientific studt

TANG joins the call for the closure of the Sellafield nuclear plant at the earliest possible date. The danger to local communities and to the environment is now too great.

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PO Box 216, Sheffield S1 1BD

CONTACT LIST (TANG).

Laurens Otter - College Farm House, Mill Lane,
Wellington 54728

Maria Wakeley -15, Fellows Close, Little Dawley.
Tel 594842

COMPLACENCY RULES OK

The Australian Royal Commission investigating the British nuclear tests there in the fifties attacked British non-cooperation and complacency about safety, and was astonished that the British had first insisted on immunity for crown witnesses in the event of their committing perjury. Whilst generally the level of care was reasonable, tests were carried out in what were known to be adverse weather conditions, and sightings of Aborigines in the vicinity of the tests were ignored.

British Ex-Servicemen are barred from suing the government under section 10 of the 1947 proceedings act. Veterans who claimed their illnesses resulted from attending the Australian tests were told there was no evidence - but later discovered that this lack of evidence was due to their medical records and papers being kept secret.

One paper shows that the warship, the Narvik, was so radioactive when it returned from the first nuclear tests that the admiralty would not allow it into the Clyde for repairs yet the ship subsequently returned to the Pacific for two more tests but the crew who lived on board for 14 months were never told it was contaminated.

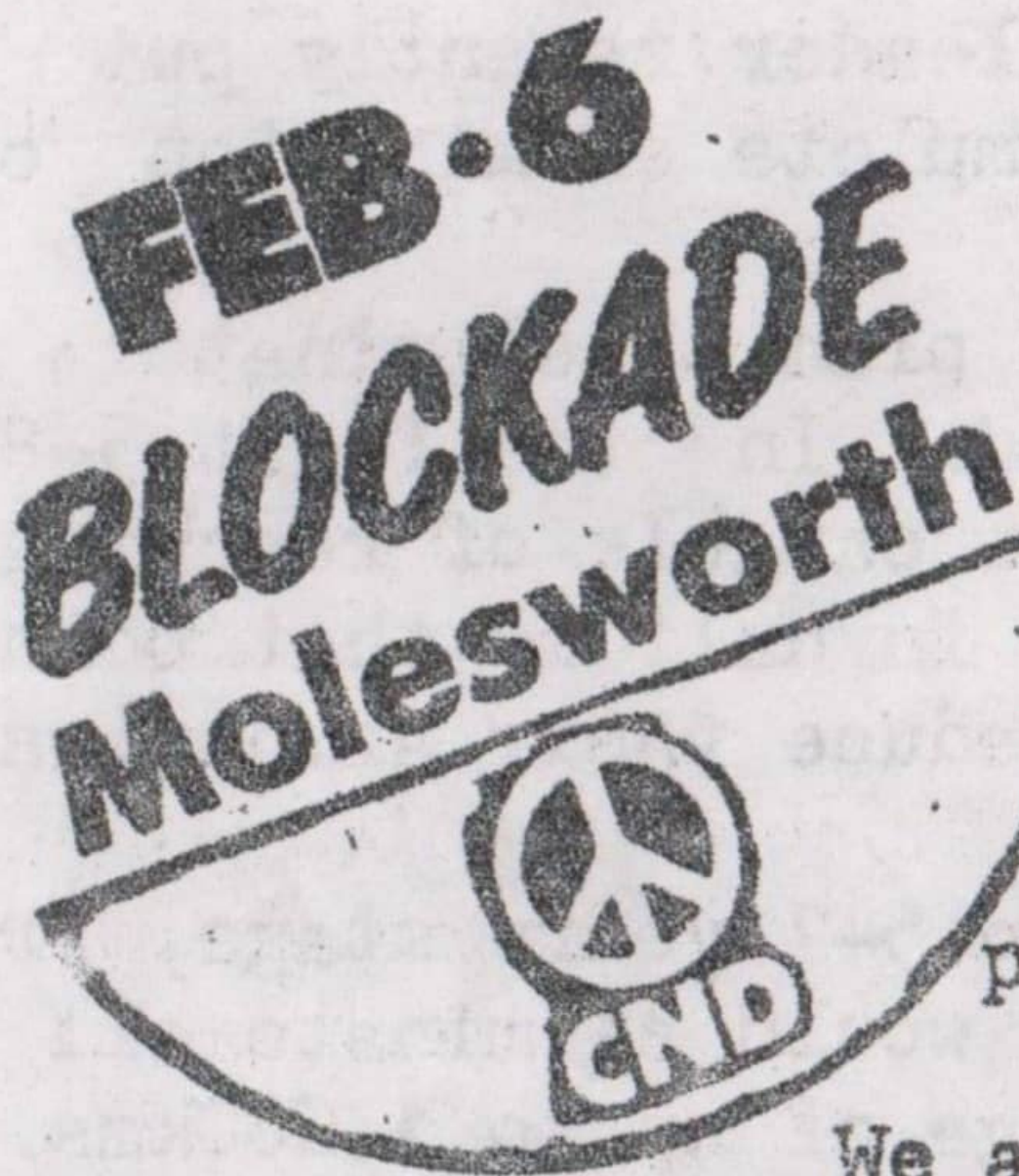
FALSE INFORMATION ?

If past and present governments have tried to ignore, deny and hide the dangers and risks of the tests carried out in the 50s then how can the public trust present governments, defence establishments, or the nuclear power industry, to be open and honest about the risks they are taking now? If the powers that be are likely to deny many of the risks connected with nuclear weapons and the nuclear power industry, this means that the safety levels throughout the industry will be based on false information, and in civil work - e.g hospitals using X-Ray machines, or typists using visual display units - these may be exposed to dangerous and unnecessary levels of radiation. Unnecessary levels of radiation. Unnecessary in the sense that ways of reducing the levels are readily available - for instance in my own department management are unwilling to purchase clip on screens to Visual Display Units

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PICNIC ON THE

PERIMETER



As a novice to the noble art of Civil disobedience the thought of some huge policeman brutally arresting me for sitting around for peace, weighed somewhat heavily on my mind. I had been warned, and was prepared for the worst, ie. being put in prison and having the key thrown away.

We arrived at about 10.15 after taking a detour around a police car blocking the road to Molesworth. We parked and got ready for the sub-arctic conditions. Fear was replaced by excitement as we approached the Clopton gates.

The crowd drew nearer, we passed people keeping warm by dancing to reggae, those making their own music, dances and songs up, and people playing ball. Stevenage C.N.D huddled in a large semi-circle, backs to the wind, polythene protecting them. A group in orange plastic survival bags, playing cards. Students passing around a bottle of Whiskey and singing 'teedy bears picnic' 'The Red noses against the bomb'. And to my relief very few policemen cluttering up the place. There was a definitely a party atmosphere - if a little cold everyone was happy.

TANG took their place with fellow peace activists and we even tried to sing-we either got the tune, the timing or the words wrong. The day helped to fuel my enthusiasm for working towards peace. And proved that 'THEY' can try as hard as 'THEY' want to keep a fence around their offensive defence, but you can't put a fence around common sense.

EMMA



GORBACHEVS 15 YEAR PLAN

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, recently put forward his 15 year plan for the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

There are three stages within the plan to eliminate nuclear weapons throughout the world. In the first 5-8 years, the number of nuclear weapons capable of reaching each other's territory would be cut in half so that both the US and the Soviet Union would reduce their armouries to 6,000 nuclear warheads.

This would be followed by a second 5-7 years stage, from 1990, during which the US and USSR would eliminate all tactical nuclear weapons with a range of up to 1,000kms.

The final stage, between 1995 and 1999, all remaining nuclear power would reduce their nuclear arsenals and the US would abandon its Strategic Defence Initiative.

The particular consequence for Europe would be the breaking up of Soviet SS-20s missiles and the US Cruise and Pershing II in the first stage. The Russians indicate that Britain and France ought not to increase their nuclear arsenals in the meantime. This suggests that the French and British 'independent' nuclear weapons would be included in the third and final stage.

Additionally, Mr Gorbachev unilaterally extended the Soviet freeze on Nuclear testing for another 3 months, having already run for 6 months. The US continues to steadfastly refuse to join this freeze.

FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS?

Certainly, one cannot disagree with the objectives. These are very much welcomed. The details of course, will be argued over by the negotiators. One important aspect is that, as we are told, the Soviets outnumber 'ours' in Europe, so their offer of breaking them up isn't particularly generous.

I do question the practicability of completely eliminating all nuclear weapons, will characters such as Botha, Gadaffi, General Zia, and so on, dismantle their nuclear weaponry? Here, a world-wide movement for peace and justice is necessary to produce representative and accountable governments, who will respond to their peoples demands for true peace between nations.

SAGO

SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS

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News from the Republic of South Africa is of the people's struggle for elements of democracy with human dignity and for the destruction of the oppressive system of apartheid

Is RSA a faraway country of which we know little?
Is RSA a powerful dictatorship immune to any action of ours?

SAGO says NO to both these questions

SAGO says we all can and must do our bit now!

The African National Congress leads the struggle for freedom

The ANC has begged all sympathisers abroad for an effective and widespread boycott of goods from RSA

' But I never buy Outspan oranges, what is it that I can and must do now to play my part in an effective and widespread boycott? '

- check your local supermarket and shops for RSA goods, fresh tinned and dried fruit, sherry and wines, even clothes
- complain if you find RSA goods, directly to the staff or manager, phone or letter especially effective to the head office of a chain
- buy nothing in any shop stocking RSA goods
- please let SAGO know which shops we will want to avoid.
- go back in a week or two to keep up the pressure:
NO SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS ON THE SHELVES is our aim

While each individual effort can be carried out quickly and easily our aim will be achieved by widespread and repeated input from each and everyone of us.

There will be a place for more concerted or direct steps may you be able to help?

Please contact SAGO locally at:
Russell Gibb
41 Coalport Road,
Coalport
Telford.

Phone Telford 581325.

For details of organisation and meetings

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Verification will be required to prove that all nuclear weapons have been dismantled and broken up, the nuclear material being safeguarded. Here, free and frequent access to the military sites of each nation is necessary. The Russians are offering on-site inspection. Nonetheless a high degree of trust needs to be developed between governments and peoples of the nations. Here, town-twinning, exchange visits, and so on need to be developed to breakdown the barriers to trust built up by propoganda, stereotyping, myths, and other hindrances. Sadly the Soviets actions against the Moscow Group for Trust (people trying to build trust between the Soviet and American people) bodes ill for this necessary development. In a different way, the whipping up of anti-Russian feeling in the US is a hindrance.

As gestures of goodwill the US needs to join the Soviet freeze on nuclear testing and the Soviets could, under inspection, dismantle some missiles or commit some such additional gesture. In the meantime, the British peace movement must continue its campaign for unilateral nuclear disarmament and support like-minded people abroad.

R.S.



GREETINGS FROM TURKEY

TANG has recieved a reply to a new years card sent to the Turkish Peace Association Prisoners as a part of Operation Christmas Card. It came from Aykut Goker a mechanical engineer who is currently imprisoned by the Turkish government. The message from Aykut reads

" Iam thankful for your good wishes and solidarity. It is a splended thing to have been remembered. I wish you happiness and peace in the new year, with my warm greetings Aykut Goker".

Has anybody else recieved replies to their cards, if so please let TANG know.

A FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR

April 10th sees the launch of CND's first Public Information Campaign (EPIC).

" SUPPORT CND FOR A FUTURE WITHOUT FEAR" - On the positive effects of British nuclear disarmament.

The idea behind the campaign is to put forward our arguments clearly and in a way that people can understand, through a coordinated approach by national CND and local peace groups. On the weekend of April 11-12th peace groups throughout the country will have activities and events to launch the first EPIC.

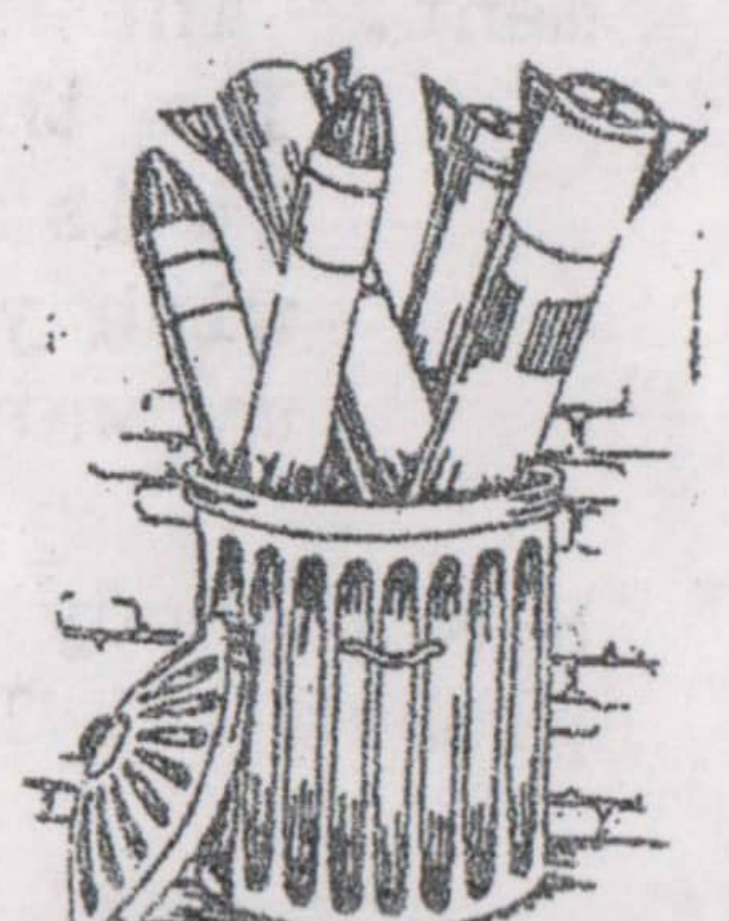
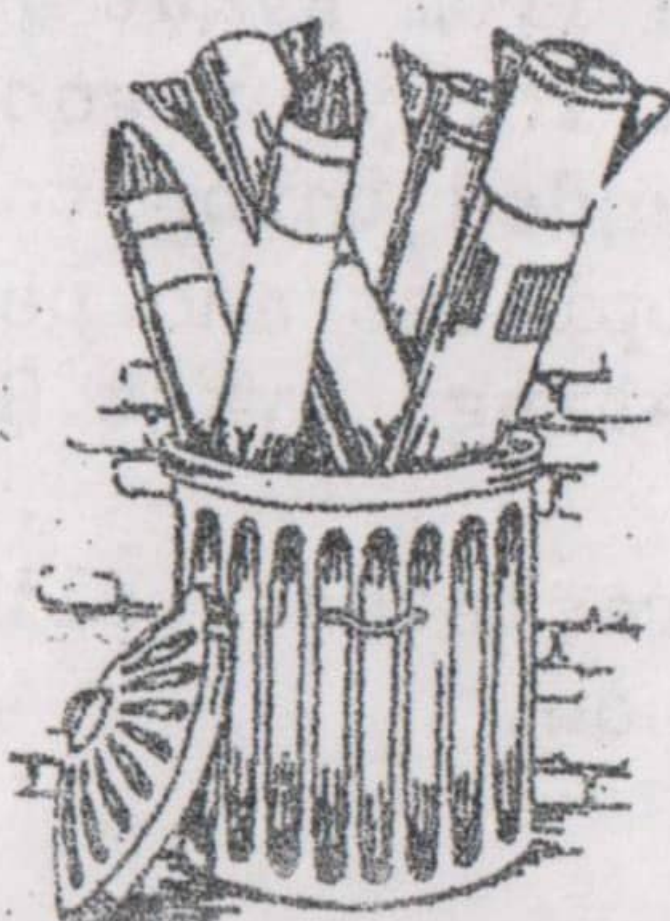
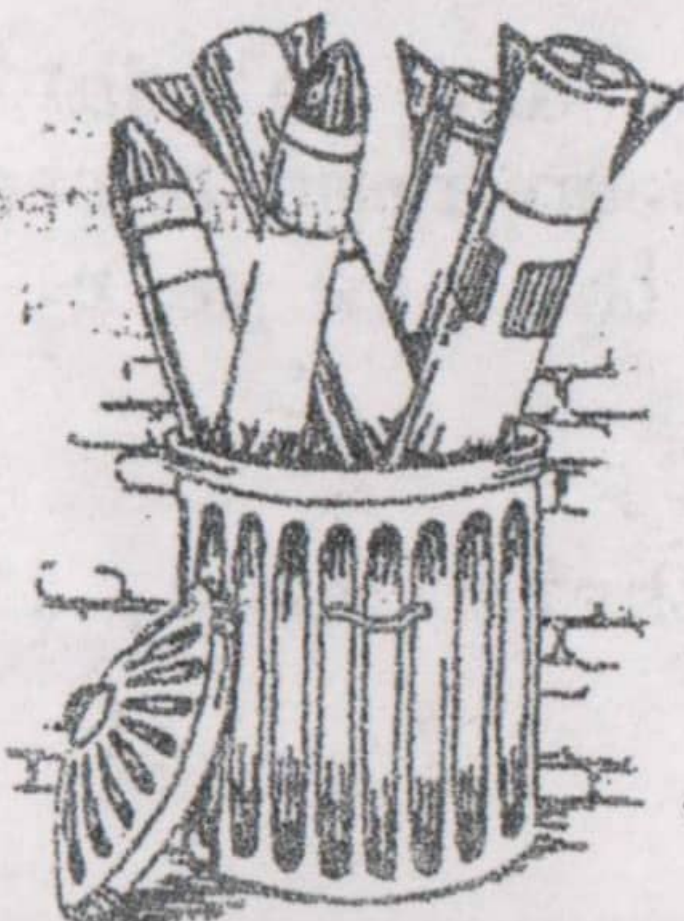
EPIC 1 will demonstrate " the common sense of our proposals for nuclear disarmament, common sense exhibited by the majority of the world's nations who are taking the non-nuclear initiative, and the benefits to ourselves, and the rest of the world to be gained by joining the majority." EPIC 1 will culminate on July 8th at a national lobby of parliament the theme of this being " yes to nuclear disarmament - No to Star Wars".

EPIC 2 will be launched in September and will be on the British bomb.

CND NEEDS YOU

The success of the campaign rests on our ability to mobilise our membership, this means you the readers of Chain Reaction. We need to take our message out to the people (there are about nine million people who agree with some but not all of our arguments) nows the time to convince them.

Can YOU help us leaflet, help with door to door questionnaires run street stalls. Can you help in fundraising events ? Are you interested in Street Theatre or Non-violent Direct Action if so please contact TANG or even better bring your ideas to one of our meetings. See diary for dates.





1986

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AN EXAMINATION OF THE LINKS BETWEEN THE ARMS RACE
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GUEST SPEAKER CHARLES WORTH--CHRISTIAN AID

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

7.30 PM



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Saturday

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One World FAIR

at the Belmont Hall,
Wellington

Stalls and Displays by many World Development and Conservation organisations and charities

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Fact of the Month
from CND Information Room

Doomsday

16,000 Megatons*

represents the explosive energy
of today's nuclear arsenals.

11 Megatons
were released by all the conventional
weapons used in three major wars
of this century.

■	■	■
World War II	Korean War	Vietnam
6 megatons	0.8 megatons	4.1 megatons

In those three wars 39 million people were killed.

Source: *World Military and Social Expenditures 1985*

* A Megaton is equal to one million tons of TNT

“Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, from those who are cold and are not clothed.”

Dwight Eisenhower.

'CND's great Optimist'

TANG was pleased to see this headline in the Star on Feb 11th. The half page report of an interview with Meg Beresford, CND's General Secretary (who replaced Bruce Kent), was the kind of coverage we appreciate.

Meg Beresford visited Shropshire to speak to the Oswestry group and to lead the county-wide nuclear-free zone workshop held in Shrewsbury. She said :

" The main aim of making places nuclear-free is to raise the consciousness and question the whole thing of nuclear war planning."



SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE MEETING
UNITED REFORM CHURCH,
ENGLISH BRIDGE, SHREWSBURY.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12th

7.45p.m

 **Sanity**
Voice of CND

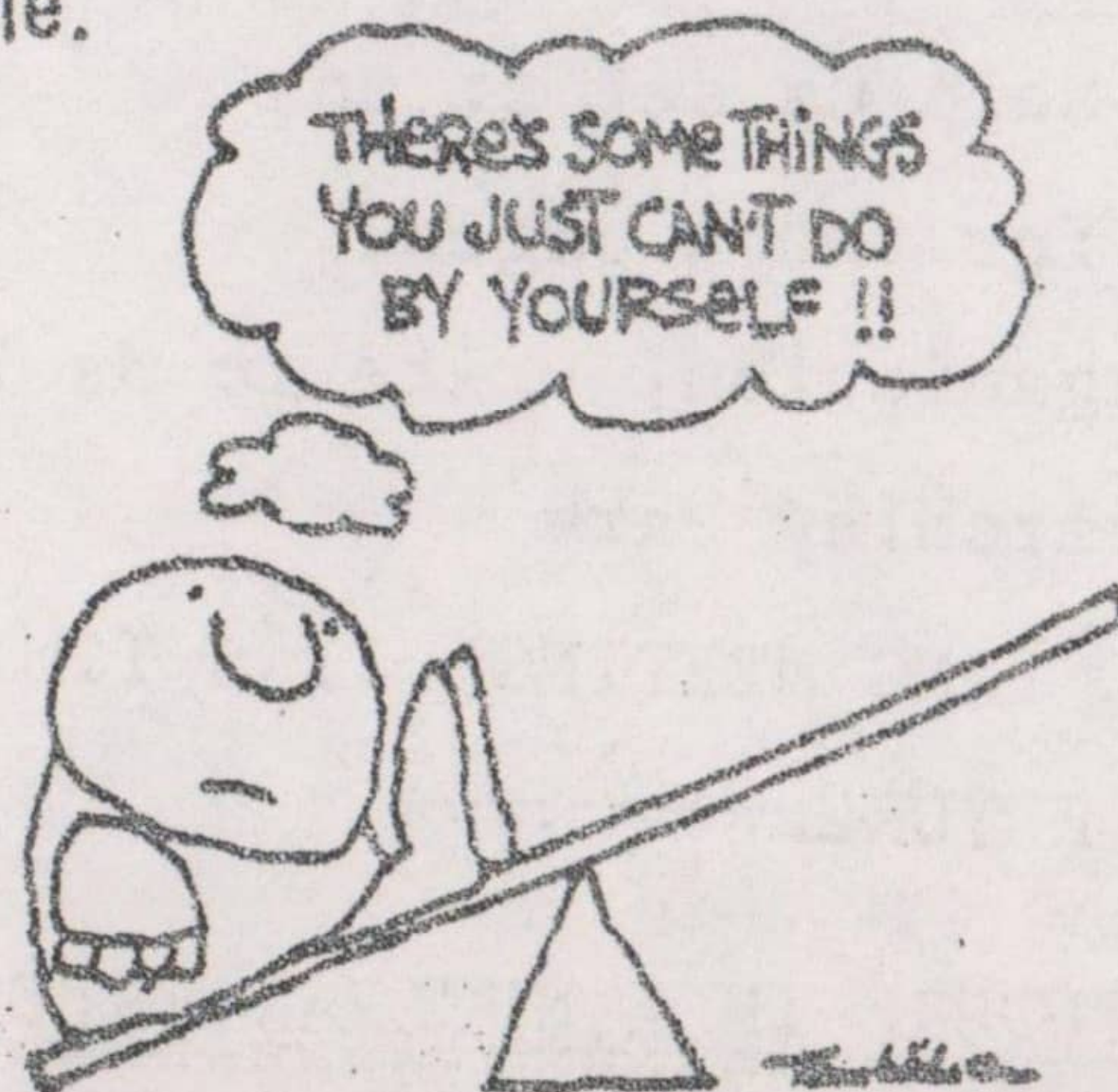
URGENT!

Evictions at Greenham have increased over the past three weeks, sometimes five times in one day. Women are made to move everything right away from the gates; there is now a greater need for practical transport. It would be good if we could buy bedford vans, fit them with storage racks, so things can be kept and moved easily.

Money is needed to make this happen! Any fundraising/donations/collections would help. Please send cheques/postal orders made out to Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp. Send them to:

Sarah, 6 Weavers Close, Smuse Lane,
Tansley, Matlock, Derbyshire.

These vans are needed now! Let's make life a bit better for women living at camp. Please send before May 1st if possible.



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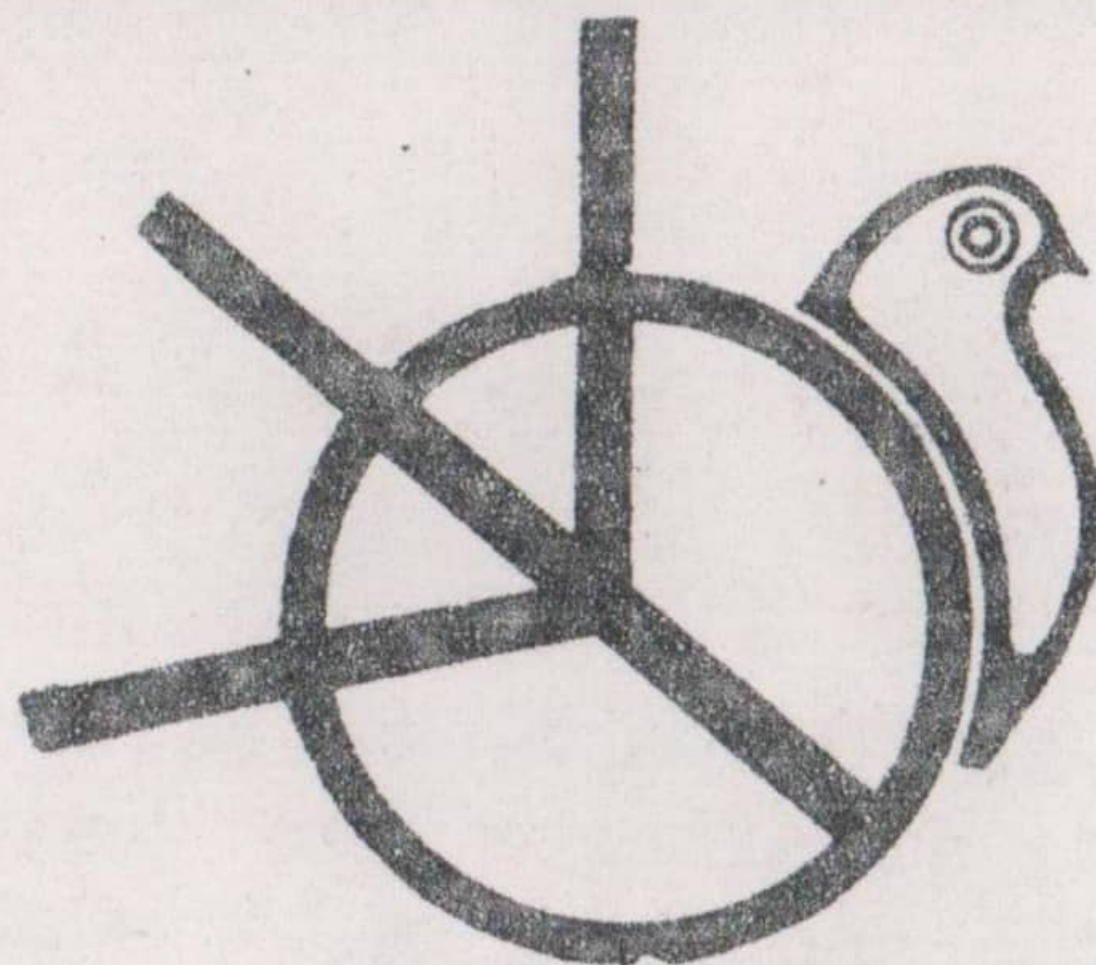
TELFORD YOUTH CND

Possible or Impossible?

If you would like to help us set it up,
have any suggestions for these pages,
or would help with organisation, write to Ms E Williams
10 Boningale Close Stirchley Park

PLEASE TRY TO COME TO TANG MEETINGS IT'S TIME WE TOOK
A STAND TO SECURE OUR FUTURE. *****

LOOK TO A NEW CLEAR FUTURE IN A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD.



MOSCOW TRUST GROUP

The Moscow Trust Group is an independent Soviet peace group set up to explore ways of increasing trust and working for peace between East & West. They hold seminars put on exhibitions in their flats and hold small peace demonstrations.

Although their peace work is not illegal under Soviet law, the group is being harrassed, members have been physically beaten and imprisoned, some have been thrown out of the Soviet Union.

During the last few months the Trust group has come under increasing pressure from the KGB in an attempt to suppress & crush the group. Without support from the West the group could be wiped out in the next few weeks.

UK TRUST BUILDERS APPEAL

The UK Trustbuilders are calling upon ALL supporters of the Moscow Trust Groups to write to Soviet officials and to the Soviet embassy London telling them that the harassment of the group must be stopped immediately. Letters need not be long or eloquent but they could make the difference between the group surviving or being crushed. (postage to the USSR is 22p.)

We are also asking people to sign a petition calling for an end to the repression of the group if you wish for a copy please contact TANG.

LOCAL ACTION

At 10.00a.m. on Saturday 8th March, TANG will be collecting signatures for the petition in Wellington Square, please come and help us, the survival of independent peace initiatives in the Soviet Union rests with us.

Addresses of Soviet officials

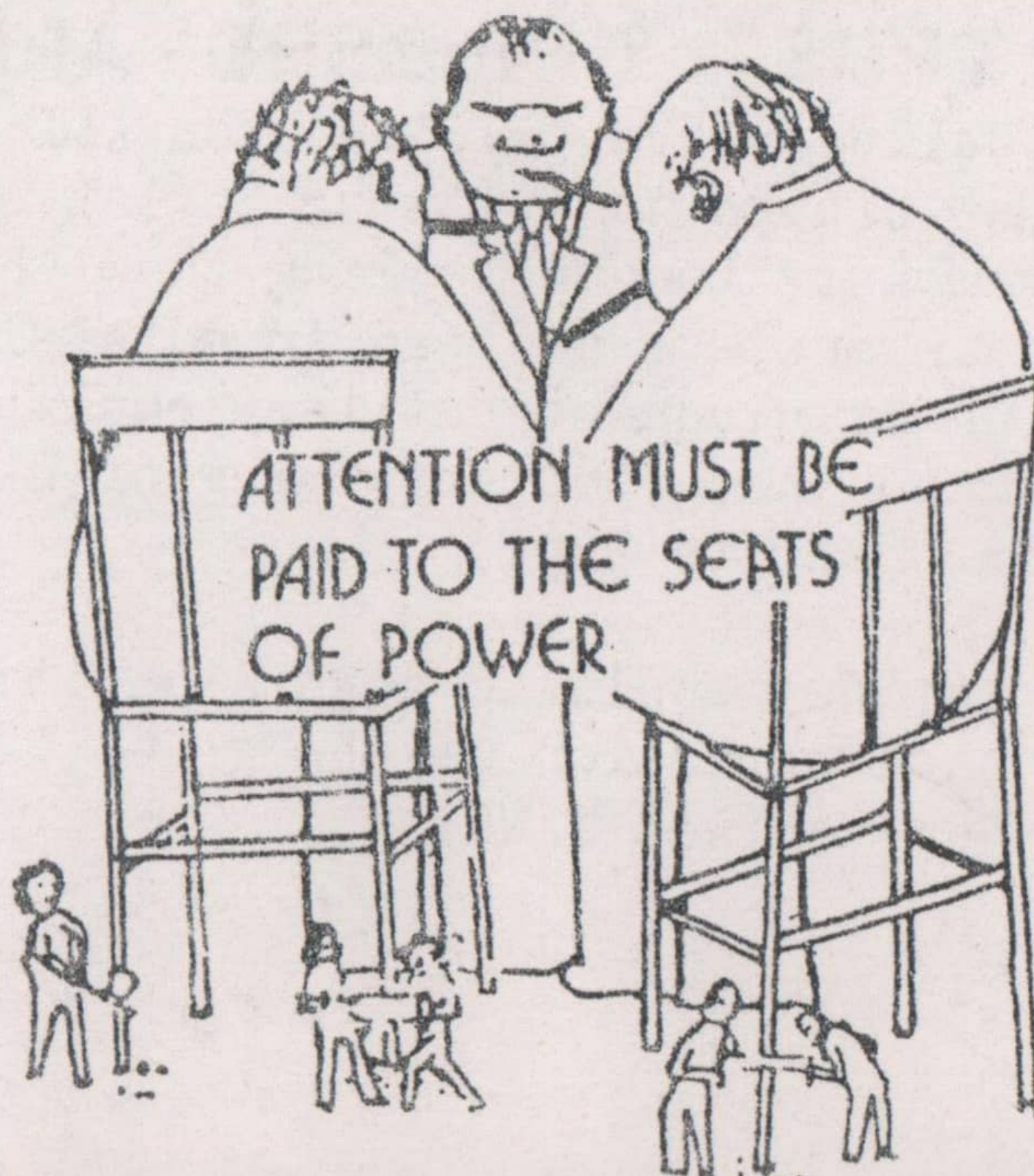
Mikhail Gorbachev. USSR, Moscow, The Kremlin. General secretary CPSU.

A Rekunkov. USSR, Moscow, ul Pushkinskaya 15a Procuratura SSR.

Yuri Zhukov. USSR, Moscow, 36 Prospekt Mira Soviet Peace Committee.

V Popov, Ambassador, Soviet Embassy, 18, Kensington Palace Gardens London W8

UK trustbuilders can be contacted at 14, Regent Sq, Kings Cross London WC1 8HZ. TEL 01-833 4358.



DIARY

Wednesday 5th March - TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley, Telford. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Thursday 6th March - Womens Peace Group meeting - 'The Freeze' speaker Mike Gilmour. ALL WELCOME. The Old Rectory, Waters Upton. TEL 83-378.

Saturday 8th March - Petition for the Moscow Trust Group, Wellington Square, 10.30a.m. Anybody wishing to help please contact TANG.

Wednesday 12th March - Peace and Development - An examination of the links between world poverty and the arms race. guest speaker Charles Worth of Christian Aid. Wellington Methodist Church, New Street. 7.30p.m.

Saturday 15th March - One World Fair - A chance to meet local Groups involved with justice and peace. Belmont Hall, New Street Wellington. 10.00a.m - 3.00p.m.

Wednesday 19th March - Chain Reaction meeting, 7, Burton Close, Dawley. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Monday March 24th - Womens Peace Group meeting - "Wilderness" Little Wenlock. Tel Hillary Betts 505547.

Wednesday April 2nd - TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. 7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.

Tuesday April 8th - Debate between Col. Richie Peace through NATO and TANG. Chair- Preb. Francis Palmer. Wellington Methodist Church, New Street. 7.30pm.

Thursday April 10th - National launch of CNDs EPIC 1. see newsletter.



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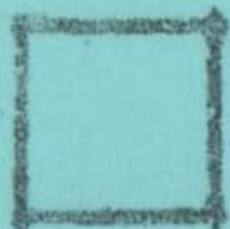
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