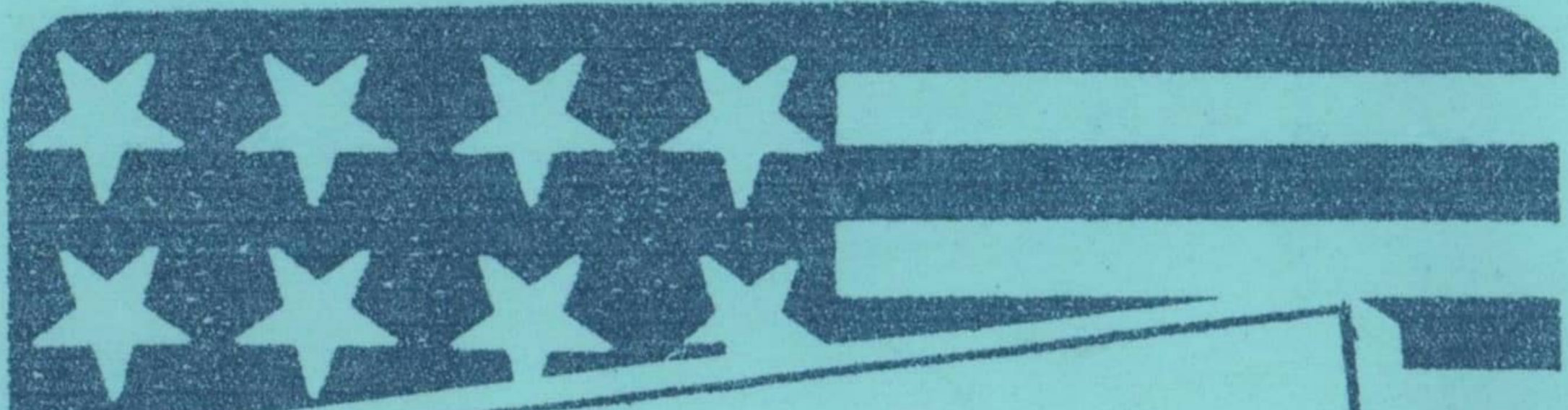
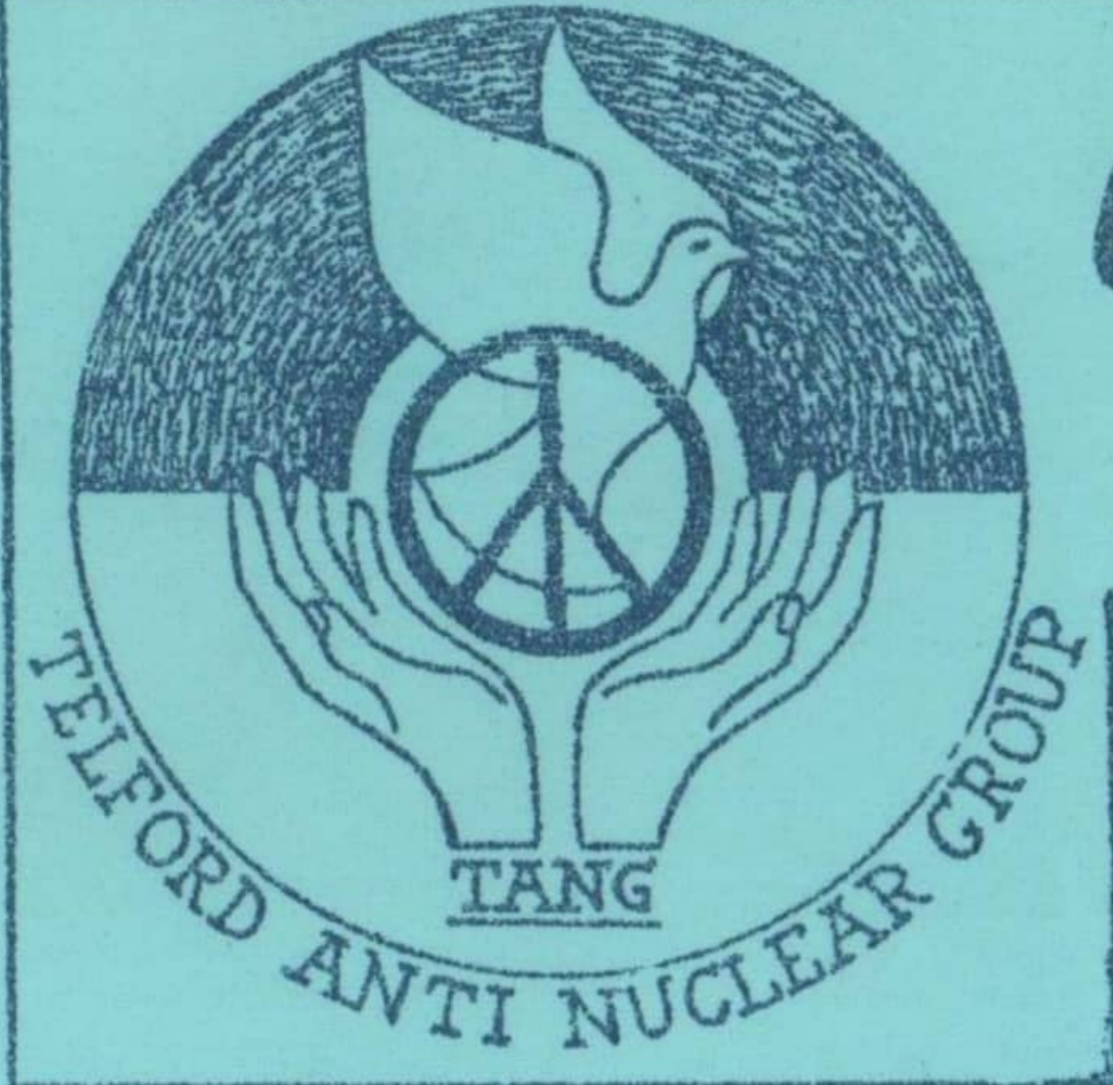


# CHAIN REACTION

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INDEPENDENCE DAY



# Operation "Independence Day"

Last Christmas, Hundreds of CND groups and activists sent Christmas and New Year cards to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe with 'personal Peace Treaties'.

Many people received replies and responses, and the personal Peace Treaty was printed by various newspapers in Eastern Europe.

Now CND international committee is launching 'Operation Independence Day' card, where CND groups & activists can send cards to coincide with their celebration of Independence Day - and to tell Americans how we are calling for British independence; more important than ever after secret deals on Star Wars and the attack on Libya from British bases.

## Local Action.

TANG has decided to take part in this project and we are asking our members to send cards to the United States for Independents day. You will find in Chain Reaction a card and envelope bearing a message prepared by national CND. We have also left room on the card for your own message and greetings. We also enclose a list of names and addresses for you to send your cards, these include the addresses of Senators, State governors, churches, radio and television networks banks, insurance companies, trade unions and many newspapers.

The national post-in day is June 28th. WHY NOT JOIN OUR LOCAL MASS POST-IN AT WELLINGTON POST OFFICE WALKER STREET 10.00a.m.

Please let TANG know if you receive a reply.

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**OOPS**

Please note that this is the June edition of Chain reaction not Julys as printed on the front of the newsletter, sorry about that.



# SHROPSHIRE OPTS OUT

Radioactive monitoring is in the news following Chernobyl. Coincidentally, there is a civil defence radiation monitoring exercise to be held country-wide on Sunday June 8th, called Warmon (Warning & Monitoring). However, its purpose is not to measure Chernobyl radiation, and nor could it do so.

The idea is that the already trained voluntary civilian people will man the monitoring posts spread throughout the UK. They would receive information on a simulated nuclear attack. These people would then report their findings to their county council HQ to enable a county-wide picture to be obtained.

There are two big problems.

First, the instruments can only measure a minimum of 0.1 rads per hour. As the maximum recommended human exposure is 0.5 rads per year, the instruments are not remotely sensitive enough to measure nuclear power radiation. Only in a nuclear war situation, when levels would be much much higher, would they be useful.

The existence of such a monitoring system is therefore of no use in a nuclear power accident.

The second problem is that Shropshire's 13 monitoring posts will not be manned. This is because none of the volunteers are volunteering. Even the county council emergency planning office will be closed as there would be no point in opening.

Other counties may be taking part, but the response would seem to be very patchy.



*'Basically, it's like the ones in the last war, but just bury it a hundred feet deeper!'*



# Bread not bombs



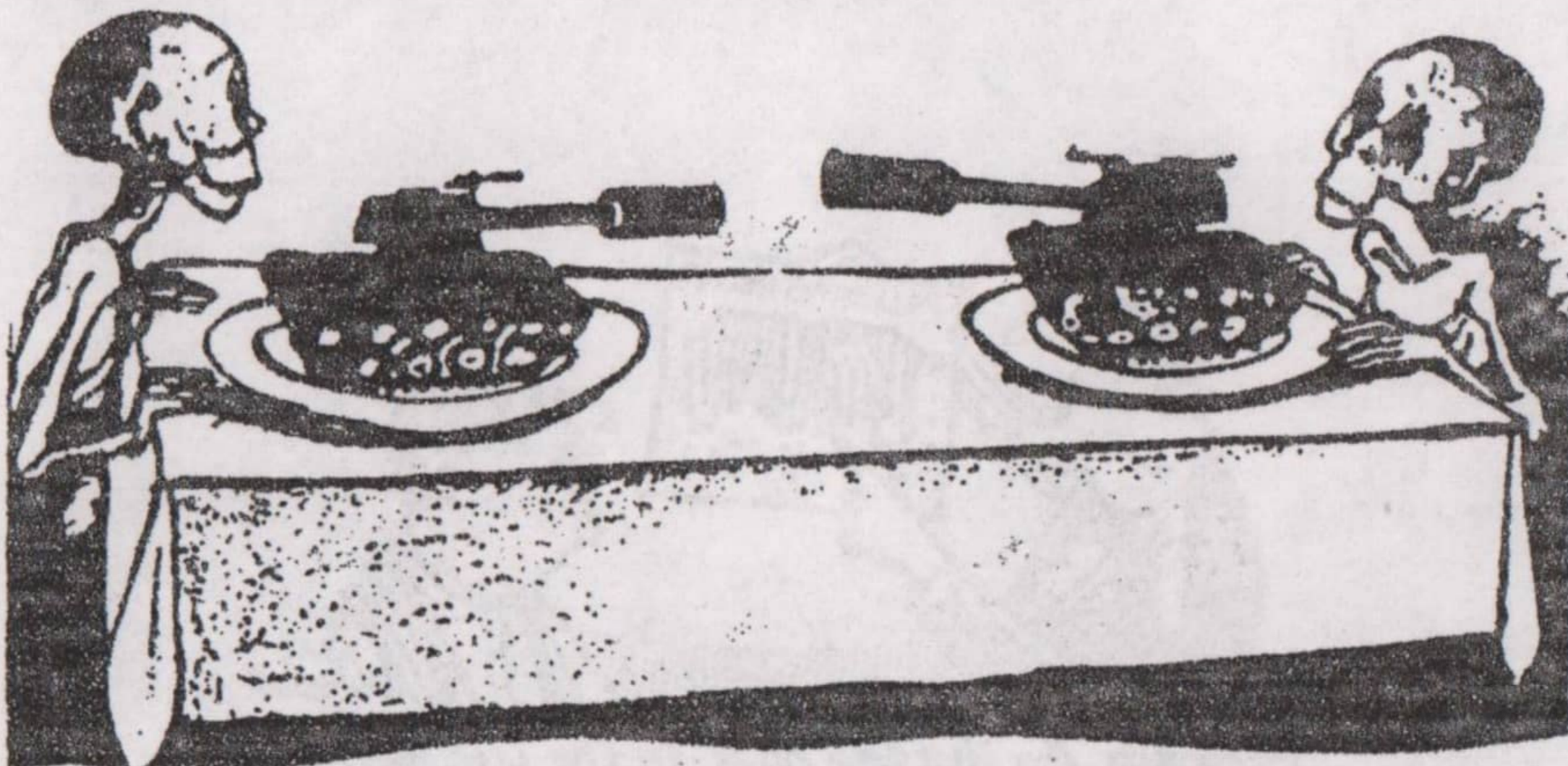
Bread Not Bombs week is an educational week of action which focus's on the impact of the arms trade on world development.

Expenditure by the Third World governments on arms has a direct & severe effect on the poor, it literally takes the food out of their mouths. In addition weapons are used to repress people protesting against hunger and poverty.

TANG has booked the Shropshire Peace Alliance caravan from the 22nd-28th June. Hopefully we will have a display (from Campaign against the Arms Trade) on alternatives to the arms trade. We also hope to have literature and badges on the Bread Not Bombs theme. As yet venues have to be arranged. If you know of any venue or have a car with a tow bar on & would like to help contact Laurens Wellington 54728.

TANGs meeting on June 4th will be discussing details for the week.

Wellington Womens Peace Group will also be planning their action on June 9th. see diary.





# LETTER TO THE EMBASSY

To the Secretary, The Russian Embassy, Kensington  
London.

Sir or Madam

A meeting of TANG - the telford branch of CND - last night instructed me to write to you:

Firstly to ask you to pass to the victims ( bereaved, injured & those needing evacuation,) of the explosion fire & leak of radiation at Chernobyl, or full commiserations & deepest condolences.

Secondly to disassociate ourselves from those in our country who would exploit your accidental sufferings to make Cold War propaganda, who have claimed that in various respects your country is significantly worse than ours in the management of its nuclear industry; a claim claim for which we find no foundation.

Thirdly TANG, as a constituent body of CND, and comprising as it does a number of people who have also been active with Friends of the Earth, or similar environmental groups would like to point out (as CND & FOE have in the past said to you) as follows:

All use of nuclear power, for civil as well as military purposes is very dangerous;

That even if Human fallibility did not make periodic accidents such as this, Windscale, Three Mile Island,...,inevitable;(& on average they have happened with intervals of less than 10 years, rather than 10,000 predicted by spokesmen and statisticians of the nuclear industry in both your country & ours;) no way can be found to overcome the problems of nuclear waste, & the damage of that this does to the environment;

That all nuclear agencies - civil or military- necessitates absurd measures of secrecy, & cons-

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consequent lying to the public;

That all arguments for nuclear power only thinly disguise the fact that reactors exist primarily to provide weapons-grade Plutonium for nuclear weaponry; weaponry that imperils the future of Humanity, especially as both Cold War sides already have enough to destroy the world many times over.

Thus we deplore the Cold War propaganda use of your problems, the ridiculous pretense that your nuclear industry is significantly worse than our own; & while we have no wish to indulge in the holier-than-thou calls of "I told you so"; we must insist that all nuclear powers, - and that includes your country, - are criminally irresponsible in the risks they are taking with peoples lives.

Yours Faithfully

Laurens Otter



## COPYDATE

The deadline for the next copy of Chain Reaction is June 18th. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley Telford TF4 2BX.

## CHRISTIAN PEACE ACTIVIST TOUR



Jim Wallis - the American evangelical and radical peace activist will be at Carrs lane church centre B'ham on Saturday June 22nd all day, talking on Peace. For more information contact Fiona Mitchell, 021-455 6438



# Letter to Chain Reaction.

The basic meaning of Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament is that Britain will not use, possess, service or provide a site for nuclear weapons or allow them to be used, owned, serviced or sited on our behalf. There would be no moral justification for a position that rejected them here but asked someone else to have them on our behalf.

This inevitably brings unilateralism into conflict with NATO, & this conflict is not an optional extra to unilateralism, but an integral part of unilateralism. It has so been held by the great majority of CND members since the inception; & those - such as E.P. Thompson - who now argue that CND need not proclaim its intention to come out of NATO, do so on the basis that if we get Britain to campaign to change NATO we would be expelled anyway.

When, (in 1960) CND first debated the matter in conference, the vote was 181 to 1, that unilateral ND inevitably included unilaterally leaving NATO; the one opponent believed it would split the campaign; there had been an almost identical vote at the London Regional Conference the previous November, & I believe similar votes at most regional conferences. (The delay in debating the issue at Conference was because Canon Collins had previously removed it from the agenda; but as he had unsuccessfully tried to do the same for unilateralism at the founding conference, his actions were not those of a convinced unilateralist.)

Robert Saunders, arguing against Mike Davies, (May Chain Reaction) regards opposition to NATO as an extra over and above unilateral ND. All such "unilateralism" would be, would be a refusal to contribute a "fair share" to a nuclear force to be used "on our behalf". It would share the immorality of our present nuclear policies and compound these with selfishness over the finances.

When Mike says that the "Basic Campaign" now launched by CND, (which doesn't use the word unilateralism & doesn't mention NATO,) falls short of CND's policies and that TANG must produce its own material to supplement it; Robert sees nothing worrying. When Mike says that this pruning of CND policy is being done for the convenience of the Labour Party's leadership for the next elections, - as happened when CND's leaders similarly dropped unilateralism in 1963, so as not to embarrass Wilson, - Robert is again not worried.



The fact that Labour is not by any means unique is hardly relevant, certainly all orthodox parties from the Tories to the Communists & the Greens, share a belief that we can trust statesmen to disarm multilaterally, & that we need not press unilateralism and our hostility to all military alliances based on nuclear arms. That is in such company is hardly in Labour's favour, or reason why CND should follow suit and not bother to argue the full unilateralist case. If CND doesn't argue the case for unilateralism we can be certain that none else will; so if we want unilateralism we have to make certain that we say clearly what it is; unfortunately the so-called "Basic Case Campaign" does not.

When in the Sixties, CND last tailored its policies to suit the politicians, it was done in return for a promise from Wilson that Polaris and American bases would be cut, & that Labour would pursue foreign policies more independent of NATO. What we got was slavish support for the despicable war in Vietnam, & no cuts whatsoever in Polaris or American bases. Reformist politicians always give less than they promise; the myth that if we help them, they might relent and give more than they state has always been disappointed.

L.O.

P.S. It must be stressed that none in CND, now or in the First Wave when it was voted, actually supported NATO. EPT & others think that tactically we would be better to provoke our expulsion. In the 1959/60 votes:-

Kurt Weiskopf the only national delegate opposing was a long standing socialist, a former Secretary of the World Socialist Movement which was committed to opposing all military power blocs, (he had been in both Nazi & Stalinist prison camps,) felt we were going too fast for our members;

Similarly Sammy Cash, the only London AGM delegate opposed, he had spent thirty years in the SPGB, a party committed to total unilateral disarmament, including opposition to all military pacts, & was fearful that the vote would lead to the same isolation that he had experienced in the SPGB;

In my then branch - Tower Hamlets - the motion had been opposed on the same grounds by John Sullivan, a member of the christian pacifist Fellowship of Reconciliation, who had said: "None opposes NATO more than I, but...";

Working for Peace News distribution and for the Direct Action Committee I regularly met people from groups all over the country, and was told everywhere that the vote had gone through overwhelmingly and only been opposed on the grounds of a risk of someone (unspecified) in CND not agreeing.



# Chilwell Fence

NOTTINGHAM PEACE Action Network is planning for what will be the largest single cutting act yet. A 'Chilwell Declaration' has therefore been sent to President Reagan and made public outlining our opposition to the USAF Base which was occupied by the Americans in 1984.

Nottingham PAN hopes everyone will come on July 5th to Chilwell and take part in whatever way they feel appropriate.

For further information contact Nottingham PAN, c/o Nottingham CND, 16-17 Queen's Chambers, Kings Street, Nottingham. Tel 0602 472556.

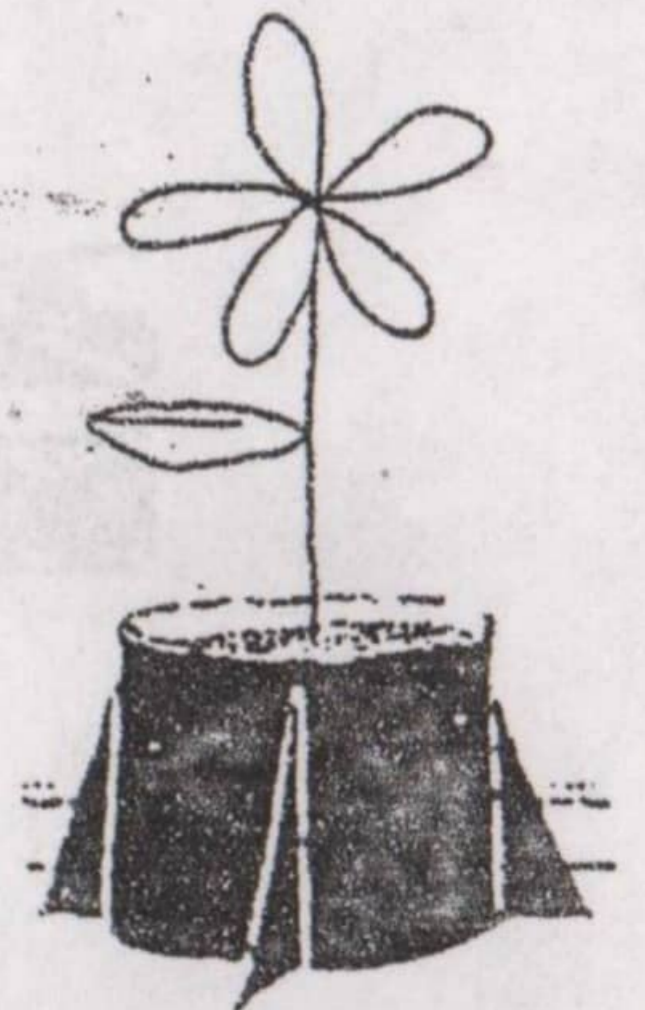
T.A.N.G. is organising transport to Chilwell on July 5th. Anybody wishing to take part in the action at the base please contact Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2BX.

**don't sit on the fence**

**— cut it —**

**SNOWBALL**

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, seems to have a selective attitude to wrong doing. A member of CND wrote to ask him what could be done about assaults by British and American soldiers on Greenham Women. He replied "One can understand the feelings of the residents who have had to put up with the mess and squalor caused by these people. If they take matters into their own hands it is scarcely surprising".





# Christian Action.

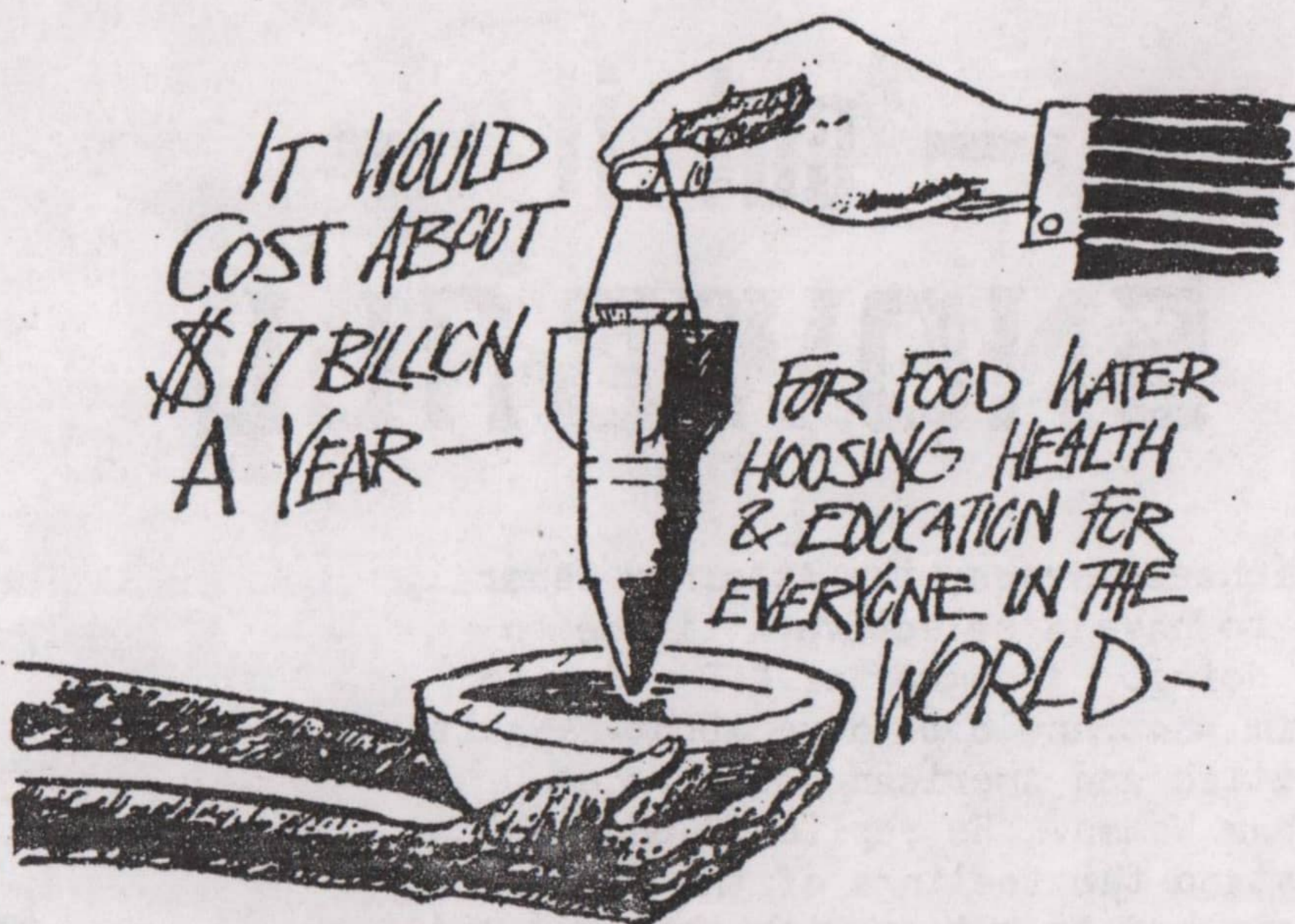


During Bread Not Bombs week June 21st - 28th there will be a Christian CND action in the West Midlands region. details to be confirmed. Information WMCND 021 444 6854

## TANG MEETING

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June at 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. 7.30p.m.

We will be discussing Bread Not Bombs week, National CND lobby, Hiroshima & Nagasaki day actions and other local and national events.



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## LETTER TO CHAIN REACTION

I found Robert Saunders letter in Mays Chain Reaction very interesting. He advocates a step by step approach to changing British defence policy, with unilateral British nuclear disarmament as the first step. However he questions the reality of the Labour party's commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, while affirming that the Green Party, the Communist Party and the nationalist parties are unilateralist. In conclusion he advises peace minded voters to think carefully before voting.

Unfortunately the Green Party, for instance, would not I think be more likely than the Labour party to carry through unilateral nuclear disarmament. Any reformist unilateralist party on coming to power would find itself facing powerful adversaries in NATO, the armed forces, the multinational corporations, the media, the civil service etc. Just as the Labour party has frequently had to break its promises faced with these impacable enemies, so would the Green or Communist Parties.

The only way to push through unilateral nuclear disarmament would be to overcome these vested interests. It is hard to say how drastic the measures required to break their grip would be. For example expelling the American nuclear bases might involve our expulsion from NATO. This in turn could involve a confrontation with the elements in our own 'security forces'. People inclined to regard this as wild alarmism should consider what happened in Chile and more recently in Turkey when American interests were threatened. If CND does not persuade the people to be ready to oppose NATO and militarism in general, the mere threat of NATO sanctions will make any unilateralist government do a u-turn.

Even if unilateralism is not threatened with violent repression we could face action by the owners of big capital (for instance those controlling the mass media) which could only be effectively countered by transferes to workers control. Unilateral nuclear disarmament requires a strong radical mass movement. Merely voting for parties which claim to support it is not enough.

Michael Davies



# FOR SALE

The sale of British assets to the United States continues, after the sale of Sikorsky and the failed attempt to sell BL. The Thatcher government has plans to hand over its most undesirable results of its policies THE UNEMPLOYED.

Under the US-UK lines of Communication (USUKLOC) arrangement (not an agreement because it would have to be an international treaty registered with the UN.) The UK has agreed to ensure requests from the United States in "times of crisis or war" for conscripted British civilian labour. Employment minister Kenneth Clarke said that the UK would 'try to ensure that their requirements for civilian manpower support are met'.

Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll former joint director of military operations for the US European Command told New Statesman magazine last year that "highly specific quotas of impressed British labour were required in the plans. Unemployed people as well as skilled workers would be directed into 'more constructive efforts'.

The agreement also ensures that the UK will provide food, fuel, transport and medical facilities for the Americans, the medical facilities will entail that some 30 large general hospitals would be emptied of NHS patients and turned over to exclusive US use. It has come to light recently that the United States are interested in buying several hospitals in the UK which are being closed by the health authorities.

Source of information New Statesman





# THE GROUP YOU CAN TRUST

Anyetta Fadeyeva is a 17 year old Soviet citizen. She has been put into a high-security mental hospital for the third time. Her crime is one of youthful passion, not hardened political deviancy. She puts peace symbols on her jeans, paints flowers on walls and listens to bootleg tapes of Pink Floyd.

## 1,000 STRONG

Her peace activities do not conform to those of the official peace committees. She has been hounded by authorities intent on persuading her to give up membership of the GROUP of TRUST, a 1,000 strong grassroots peace movement.

## WELL EDUCATED

In the steamy Leningrad cafe where we met there was an assortment of people, mainly young. Most were well educated and many spoke good English. Said one: "I am proud to be Russian, but I am very cynical about the realities of our system. We do not conform to the ideas of our society, but we do not think much of the ideas of the West either."

## PEACE DEMO

Anyetta joined the Trust Group at sixteen. She tried to organise a small peace demonstration. (her father told her she was ruining his career and forced her to leave home.) Such deviant behaviour in the eyes of her society has taken her on a downward spiral of hopelessness from which there seemed to be no escape.

Why are the authorities scared of a spirited kid? The regime is seriously worried by the potential of protest movements, from peace demos to draft dodging.

So while the West congratulates itself over the release of Anatoly Shcharansky, it should not forget a bright eyed teenage girl who faces lonely and frightening months ahead in the High Security Mental Hospital No. 15.

( From a Guardian article).





# A NEW 'CIVIL DEFENCE' FILM

'Protect and Survive' is about to resurface. The government has announced that a new booklet to replace the original 1980 version is to be published in 'mid-1986'. It's taken six years for this to happen - the first one advised people to 'whitewash their windows' and was easily ridiculed.

A Civil Defence film will be released by the government at the same time. Costing £100,000 to make, the film will presumably try to persuade everyone just how effective civil defence can be.

TANG will be hiring the film as soon as possible and having a public showing.

Meanwhile, the government is hastily trying to find out what shelters would be suitable, and is spending nearly £700,000 this year to do so. (ten times the previous year's amount).

What the government minister did not say when he announced this was just who the shelters would be for. Even if a suitable design of shelter is obtained, no doubt a few top officials will be the only ones to be inside.

It seems that 1986 is the year of civil defence from the government's point of view. Since there have already been eight major reviews of civil defence plans in the last 36 years, another will not come amiss!

TANG concludes that no one really knows what to do about 'civil defence' in the nuclear age. It seems quite obvious that both local and central governments are merely 'playing' at a problem for which they can do little but would like to pretend that they could do a lot.





# U.S AND NFZs

There has been a rapid spread of Nuclear Free Zones in the United States according to the April edition of Nuclear Free Zone Bulletin.

The latest count in February this year is,

109 cities and counties

51 schools

134 churches and Synagogues

This represents 11 million American citizens which declared themselves nuclear free zones.

Several religious communities such as the Unitarian Universalists, the Church of the Brethren & the National Federation of Christian Life Communities have all declared their national headquarters Nuclear Free Zones and they are encouraging member churches across the country to follow suit.

Several universities have taken up the nuclear issue & have declared themselves nuclear free, and owners of businesses such as the Co-opportunity food Co-op in California have declared themselves Nuclear Free Zones.

But as the NFZ bulletin says that \* as an indicator of how far the Cold War rhetoric of the Reagan administration is divorced from the aspirations of ordinary Americans, the prize for the best float in 4th July parade in Evanston Illinois, went not to the Marine corp's "First to Fight" or the anti-abortionists "Right to Life" entries, but to the local peace groups contribution which proudly proclaimed

"Make Evanston a Nuclear Free Zone".

For more information on the Nuclear Free Zone movement in the United States contact- Nuclear Free Zone registry, 28222 Storehouse Road, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 USA.

Nuclear Free Zone Bullitin available from National CND.



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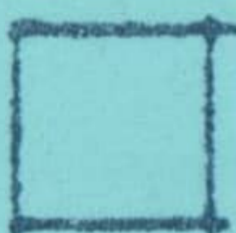
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