

CHAIN REACTION

SEPTEMBER 1986

TRIDENT
IS A NUCLEAR
MISSILE SUBMARINE



WARNING: H.M. GOVERNMENT'S DEFENCE BUDGET

BRITAINS BOMB

September see's the launch of CND's second information campaign, entitled 'Britains Bomb'.

Most people think of Britains bomb as simply Polaris or its replacement Trident. In fact Britain has all sorts of tactical nuclear weapons. The construction, maintenance and storage of British nuclear weapons takes place in several locations throughout the country, this autumn's campaign will draw public attention to the hidden side of Britains nuclear capability.

EPIC II will be launched with the national CND demonstration at Cullinstown Scotland on October 4th (see newsletter)

TANG's plans will be discussed at its business meeting on Wednesday September 3rd.



BRITAINS BOMB - MARKING THE ROUTES

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29th

This is the day chosen to make the public aware of the convoy routes, with vigils, motorcades and mass leafletting. It will be a national demonstration with a difference - no coaches to London, but thousands of people standing along the convoy routes. Details in October newsletter.

Links with the Ukraine after Chernobyl

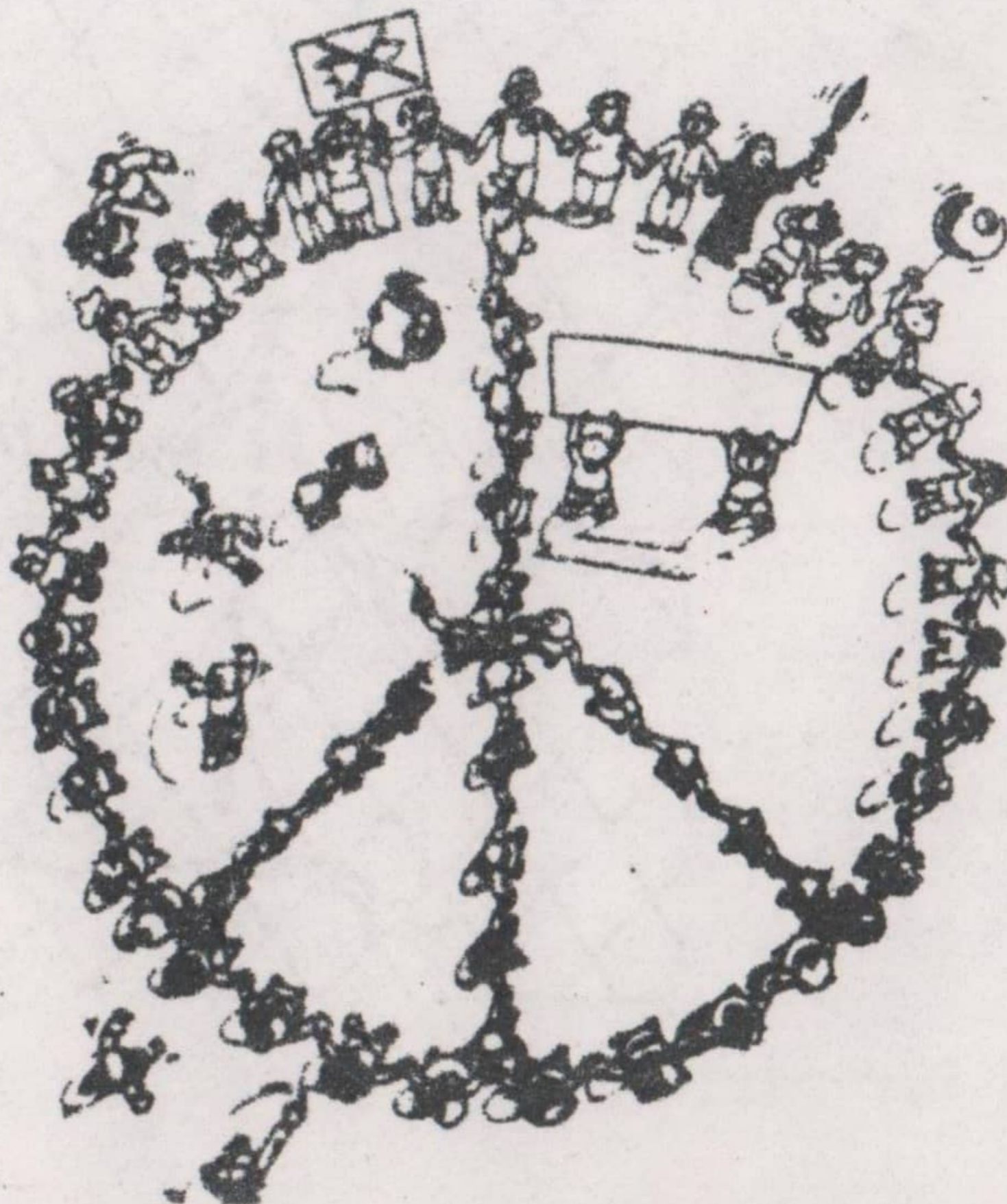
European Nuclear Disarmament (END-UK) is organising letter writing to ordinary Ukrainian citizens after Chernobyl. People taking part in the programme receive a Ukrainian address together with a translation of the following letter. As unsolicited mail it should not get the addressee into trouble.

The message reads:

'I am writing from Britain which has been contaminated by radioactive fallout from Chernobyl. Of course, it has been far worse for you in the Ukraine, and we in Britain are extremely concerned for you. I know that a similar accident could happen in any country with nuclear power stations. Accidents have already occurred in some countries—including Britain in 1957 at Windscale. I believe that ordinary people of all countries should have more control over the use of technology, which should unite and improve the world, not divide and destroy it. I am writing this letter to you to help start this process of healing. Please write to me to tell me your experiences and ideas. If you can't write in English, I can get your letter translated. Greetings from Britain.'

To take part write to: END, 11 Goodwin Street, LONDON N4 3HQ.

Campaign.



AFRAID OF THE LAW ?

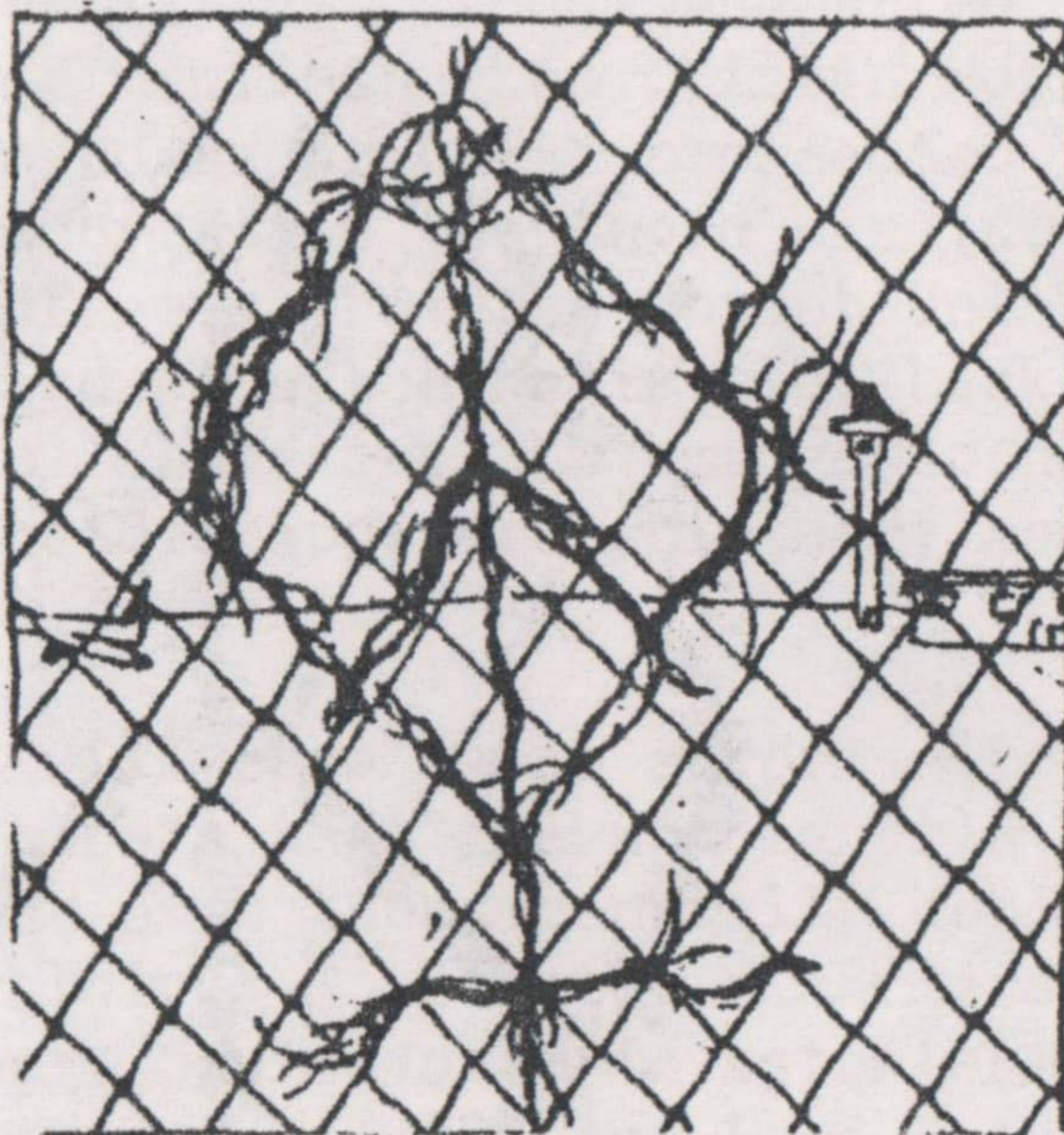
On a cold wet August 6th (Hiroshima Day) we, two members of the Telford Anti-Nuclear Group went door to door leaf-letting around the residential area of RAF Cosford.

The leaflet was aimed at both military and civilian personnel on the base. It explained that under both British and International law they are fully responsible for the legality of their actions. That nuclear policies are in breach of several international laws and that infringements of these laws are WAR CRIMES.

Within 45 minutes we were apprehended by the M.O.D. police and politely told to leave as THEY didnt like what we were doing.

We left.

The question arises, why are they so afraid of the law, our leaflet merely explained their obligations under British and International law, their own manual on military law states that they cannot commit acts which both violate the unchallenged rules of warfare and outrage the general sentiment of humanity. Perhaps nuclear weapons come too close to the mark ?



TANG MEETING

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September at 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. 7.30 p.m.

We will be discussing National demo, One World Week, basic case campaign and other local and national events.

" If atomic bombs are to be added as new weapons to arsenals of a warring world, or to the arsenals of nations preparing for war, then the time will come when mankind will curse the names of Los Almos and Hiroshima."

J. Robert Oppenheimer.



"He had grown up in a country run by politicians who sent the pilots to man the bombers to kill the babies to make the world a safer place for children to grow up in "

URSULA K. LE GUIN



SNOWBALL DAYSCHOOL - There will be a further Snowball dayschool on Sunday, September 14th at the Bishop Lloyds Palace, Watergate Row, Chester from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. to prepare for the next Snowball demonstration at the end of October. All supporters and potential 'cutters', old and new welcome and people and people involved in both the Capenhurst and Burtonwoods, or, indeed from anywhere else, welcome. Gwen Backwell is hoping to include a workshop on the philosophy of the Snowball campaign. PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH. TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE LIBERALLY PROVIDED. FURTHER DETAILS FROM: CHESTER 350966 OR 051 722 5389.



"CAN'T KICK THE SPIRIT"

ADVANCED NOTICE

TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 7.30 p.m.

AT

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, HIGH STREET, DAWLEY, TELFORD.

SNOWBALL EXPERIENCE

On July 6th, I joined several other members of TANG at the 9th stage of the Snowball campaign at the British Nuclear Fuels plant at Capenhurst. I had gone with the specific intent to cut the fence and risk possible arrest.

I felt incredibly nervous, but with the tremendous support from the other Snowballers both cutters and supporters I walked up to the fence with my partner and started cutting. I had barely cut into the metal when the strong arm of the law landed on my shoulder and arrested me for criminal damage. I handed him my pre-written statement and was then loaded on to an awaiting mini-bus which then drove into the plant.

The following few hours wait enabled us to get to know our arresting officers all of which belonged to the Atomic Energy Authorities own police force. Some were already on first name terms (they had met on previous cuts). We talked about the reasons for our action, discussed their jobs, their attitudes to working on the plant. We all expressed our collective fear for the future and the future of our children, there we had much in common, of course the solutions to the problems is were we differed but at least we had communicated. To me that's the most impressive part of the Snowball campaign it allows us to communicate, our actions are open and non-violent we offer no resistance to arrest. In fact we cut through more barriers than the ones around the bases, we cut through the ones that stop us from seeing each other as human beings, beings with the same hopes and fears.

After we were photographed and questioned, we were taken to Chester police station where we were charged, finger printed and once again photographed. Throughout the whole time I experienced much loving support from the other Snowballers. When we met in the corridor or in the cells there were smiles of encouragement and quiet words of reassurance. When we were released we were met by a group of cheering supporters.

I now await my second court appearance in October having pleaded not guilty to unlawfully damaging the fence. The decision to take part in the cut is never an easy decision, the cost to oneself can be high. But with the support of the local peace group and the other Snowballers the action can be empowering and highly effective.

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WHY SHOULD BRITAIN
GET RID OF THE
BOMB FIRST?



ONLY 5 COUNTRIES
HAVE IT...
A RESPONSIBLE NATION
SHOULD TAKE THE
FIRST STEP.

WHAT
THEN?



OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD
SEE THAT BRITAIN
HAD JOINED THE
NON-NUCLEAR MAJORITY.

WHAT
DIFFERENCE WOULD
THAT MAKE?



BRITAIN & THE WORLD
WOULD BE A SAFER PLACE.
THEN OTHER COUNTRIES
COULD GET RID OF
NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

CAN WE
BE SURE THAT
THEY WOULD?



CAN WE BE SURE THERE
WON'T BE A NUCLEAR ACCIDENT?
30 YEARS OF TALKS HAVE
INCREASED NUCLEAR WEAPONS
FROM ZERO TO 50,000.
WE MUST TAKE ACTION.

SO WHAT
CAN I DO?



JOIN CND. WE CAN ALL MAKE
A DIFFERENCE.
PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS DEFEATED
SLAVERY - WE MUST ACT NOW!

DIARY

CND NATIONAL ACTION
OCT 4

**RECLAIM
THE HILLS**
SAY NO TO TRIDENT!

- Wed. Sept 3rd..... TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive,
Stirchley, Telford. 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME.
- Wed. Sept 10th..... A play looking at the facts
surrounding the death of Hilda
Murrell. Ashcote Theatre, Shrews-
bury school. Tickets available
from the Music Hall Shrewsbury.
- Sat. Sept 13th..... TELFORD SHOW. TANG stall and Peace
Alliance caravan. Help required
contact Laurens 54728.
- Wed. Sept 17th..... Chain Reaction meeting. 7, Burton
Close, Dawley, Telford. 7.30 p.m.

BRITAIN'S BOMB.

LEAFLETING ON CNDS SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION
CAMPAIGN IN SEPTEMBER.

LEAFLETING ON THE ARLESTON ESTATE, WELLINGTON.

HELP REQUIRED PLEASE CONTACT

MARK TEL 501263

- Wed. Oct 1st..... TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive,
Stirchley, Telford. 7.30 p.m.
- Sat. Oct 4th..... STOP TRIDENT DEMONSTRATION,
LLANISHEN, SOUTH WALES. COACH FROM
TELFORD. SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.

RECLAIM THE HILLS

OCT 4TH

TANG is organising a coach to Llanishen South Wales, where CND Cymru will be focussing attention on Wale's own Bomb factory.

Since 1983 work on nuclear warheads has been carried out on this site. The factory worked on the 'secret' Chevaline programme and is now manufacturing components for Trident.

OCTOBER 4th HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY CHOSEN TO TIE IN WITH THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE COULPORT TRIDENT FACILITY.

Details have to be confirmed but prices will be about

£2.50 UNWAGED

£4.00 WAGED

Pickup points can be obtained by phoning one of the following numbers

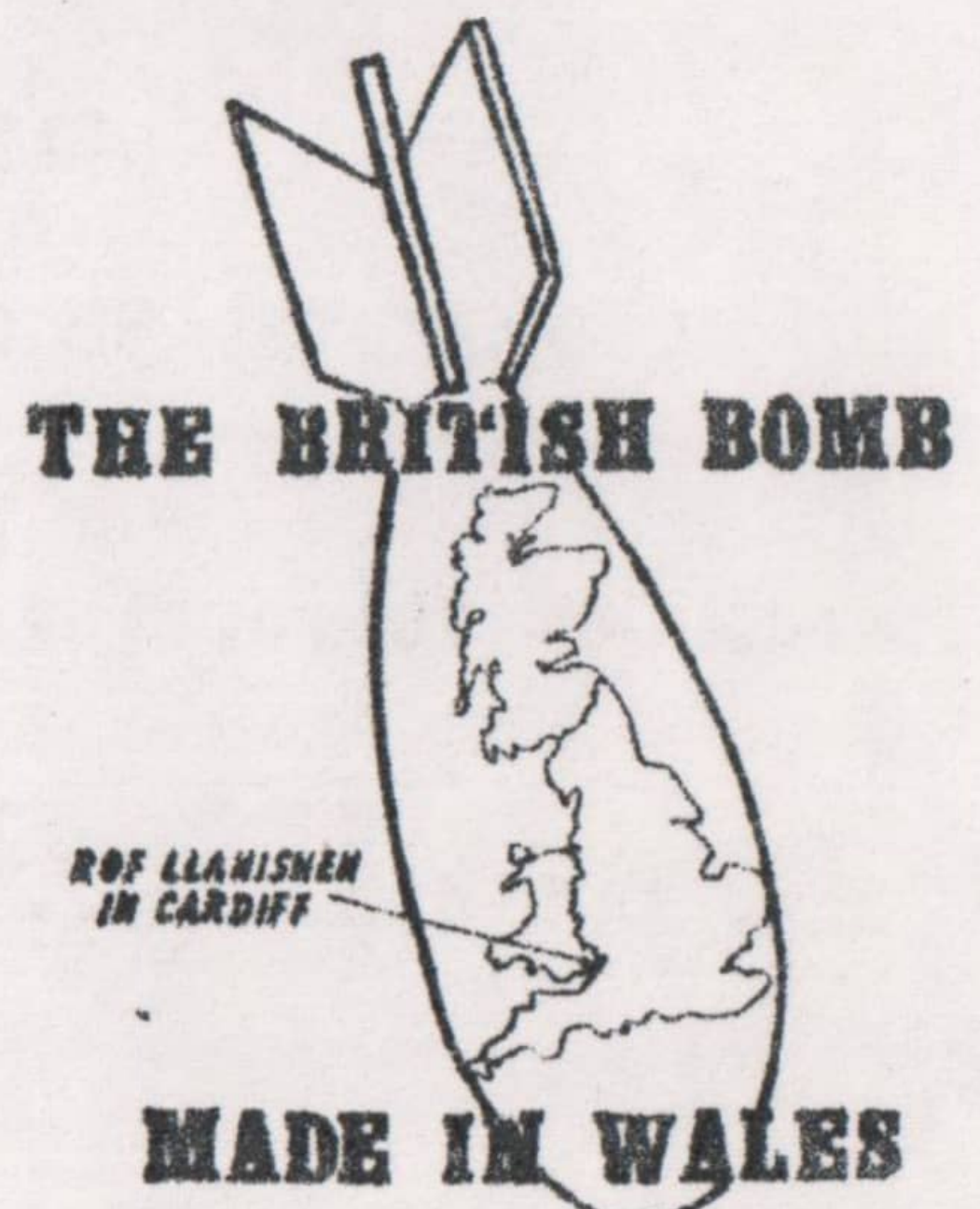
Maria 594842

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Laurens 54728

Barbara 598452

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS DEMONSTRATION



Dear Chain Reaction readers

Do you believe in the power of prayer ?

If you do then you may be interested in an international prayer network that is being set up by a group in the U.S.

The idea is simple. Each individual or group which takes part prays for one particular nuclear base in the West, and also for a particular base in the Eastern bloc. In this way the places and people directly involved in the preparations for nuclear war will be brought within the scope of a co-operative network of prayer.

For this purpose countries on both sides are being paired:

USA - USSR

BRITAIN - CZECHOSLOVAKIA

FRANCE - POLAND

WEST GERMANY - EAST GERMANY

This means that those who take part in Britain will pray for a US or British nuclear, installation, or submarine fleet in Britain, and for a Russian installation in Czechoslovakia (Czech forces apparently have no access to nuclear weapons). It is also hoped that through contacts with churches and individuals in Czechoslovakia we can encourage Czechs to pray for bases in their own country and in ours.

Members of any denomination or religion, indeed anyone who believes in the power of prayer, can participate in this cooperative effort.

PRAY FOR PEACE MEETING - MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER. 7.30p.m.
7, Burton Close, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford.
For more information contact Mark Stokes TEL 501263.

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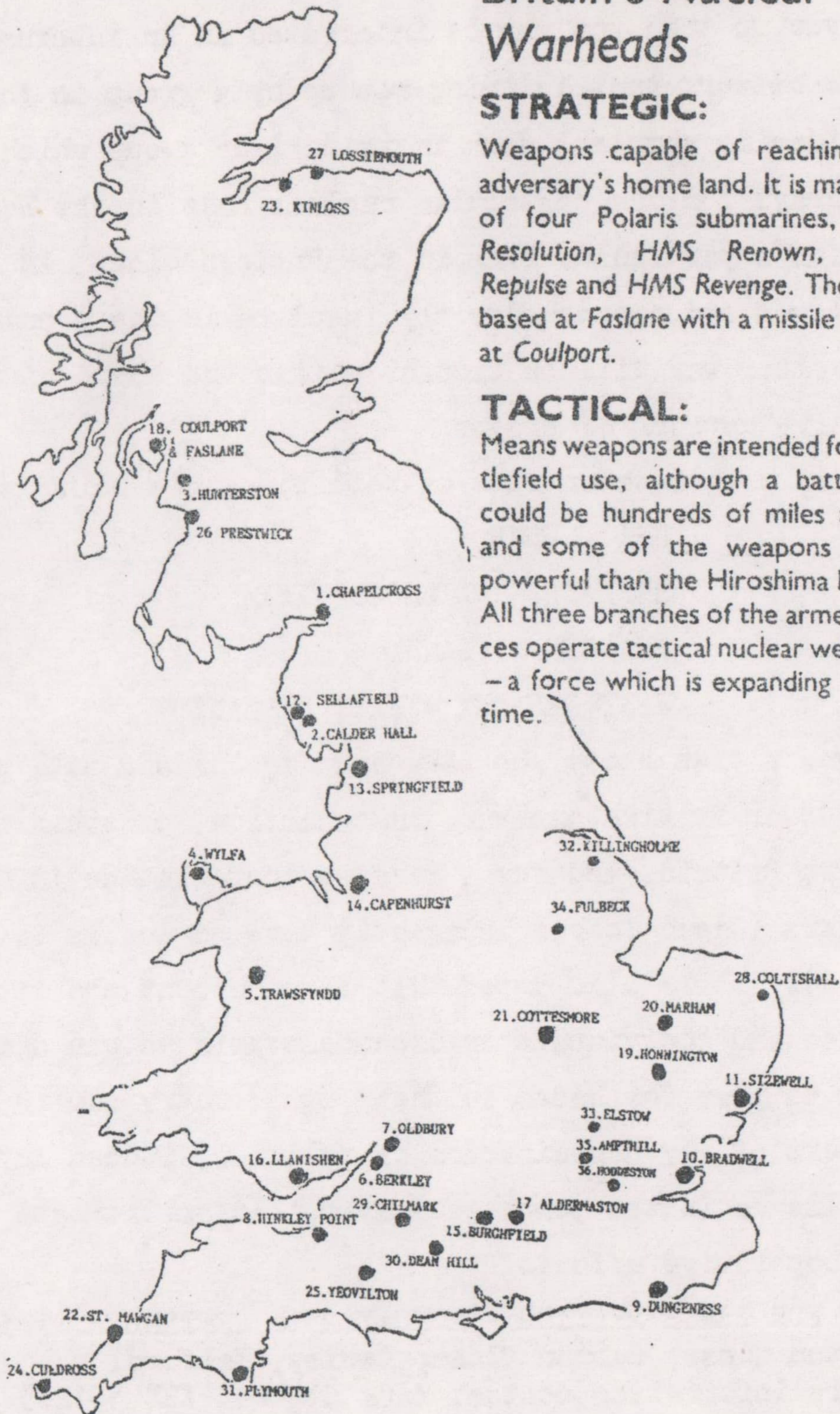
Britain's Nuclear Warheads

STRATEGIC:

Weapons capable of reaching the adversary's home land. It is made up of four Polaris submarines, *HMS Resolution*, *HMS Renown*, *HMS Repulse* and *HMS Revenge*. They are based at *Faslane* with a missile depot at *Coulport*.

TACTICAL:

Means weapons are intended for battlefield use, although a battlefield could be hundreds of miles across and some of the weapons more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb. All three branches of the armed forces operate tactical nuclear weapons – a force which is expanding all the time.



BOMB

KEY TO MAP

SITE NO;	INVOLVED IN		BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	PROD.	USE	
1 to 10	X		Magnox reactors
11	X		Magnox reactor and proposed low level nuclear waste dumping site
12	X		reprocesses nuclear waste from Magnox reactors, some of the plutonium produced goes into nuclear weapons.
13	X		nuclear fuel fabrication plant
14	X		uranium enrichment plant
15&16	X		Royal Ordnance factories
17	X		Atomic weapons research establishment
18		X	Polaris base and missile depot
19,20 &21		X	Tornado base 21 also Tornado training site
22 & 23		X	Base for Nimrod aircraft
24,25 &26		X	Bases and training sites for nuclear capable helicopters
27		X	Base for Buccaneer aircraft
28		X	Base for Jaguar aircraft
29,30 &31		X	have some support, storage for and service nuclear bombs
32-34	X		proposed dumping sites for low level nuclear waste
35 &36	X		sites of Hunting Engineering which manufacture bomb casings
37	X		Naval dock yard which carries out Polaris refits.

NAVY:

Has two sorts of tactical nuclear weapon, the nuclear depth bomb for use against submarines (carried by *helicopters*) and a free fall nuclear bomb for use against surface ships and land targets (carried by *Sea Harrier Jump Jets*).

ARMY:

Uses weapons of US manufacture and normally in the custody of US forces. They would be released for use by Britain by mutual agreement in time of conflict, and would be delivered by missiles or artillery which are permanently in British possession.

RAF:

Deploys one type of US nuclear bomb on *Nimrod* aircraft and two kinds of British nuclear bomb on *Buccaneer*, *Jaguar* and *Tornado* aircraft. Nuclear capable strike aircraft are expanding rapidly at present - during the 1980s the numbers will have almost doubled.

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The production of British Nuclear Warheads

Plutonium comes from the early military reactors at Chapelcross and Calder Hall. When first decided upon, they had the novelty value of producing electricity as a by-product.

It also seems likely that plutonium from electricity board magnox reactors could have been used in nuclear weapons in the past. Some electricity board plutonium is destined for use in American nuclear warheads in the future. Six of the CEGBs reactors in particular, are under suspicion.

They are Hinkley Point A, Hunterston A, Berkeley, Bradwell, Wylfa and Sizewell A. As long as Britain has these reactors and the means to recover weapons grade plutonium from them (presently undertaken by reprocessing at Sellafield) it will also have the means to produce nuclear warheads.

We have included Magnox reactors in this list because they are the only reactors from which plutonium can be recovered. It will be possible to do so from AGRs (advanced gas cooled reactors) when the THORP (Thermal Hydrogen Oxide Reprocessing Plant) is built at Sellafield and for the future pressurised water reactor and fast breeder nuclear programme, if they are ever developed.

* The four proposed nuclear dumping sites at Bradwell, Elstow, Killingholme and Felbeck have been included because reprocessing for plutonium creates a large amount of nuclear waste. The government plans to dump the low level waste at one of these four sites.

* The warheads are designed at the Atomic Weapons Research establishment at Aldermaston.

* The plutonium is reprocessed and recovered at Sellafield then sent to Aldermaston for conversion into specialised parts of the bomb core.

Around the core are positioned additional layers of beryllium and natural uranium, manufactured at the Royal Ordnance factory at Llanishen, near Cardiff.

The bomb casings are produced by Hunting Engineering, which has factories at Ampthill, near Bedford, and Hodd-eston.

The final assembly of all these components is performed at Burghfield Royal Ordnance factory.

From Burghfield convoys carrying the nuclear warheads are taken to their various destinations, Coulport (for Polaris) Marham and Honnington (for Tornado) St Mawgan and Bull point/Plymouth.

Article from Campaign July 86.



TANG WILL HAVE A STALL AT THE TELFORD SHOW
ON
SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

WHY NOT COME AND SEE US.

COPYDATE

The deadline for the next copy of Chain Reaction is Sept 17. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford, TF4 2BX. TEL 501263.

THE HILDA MURRELL

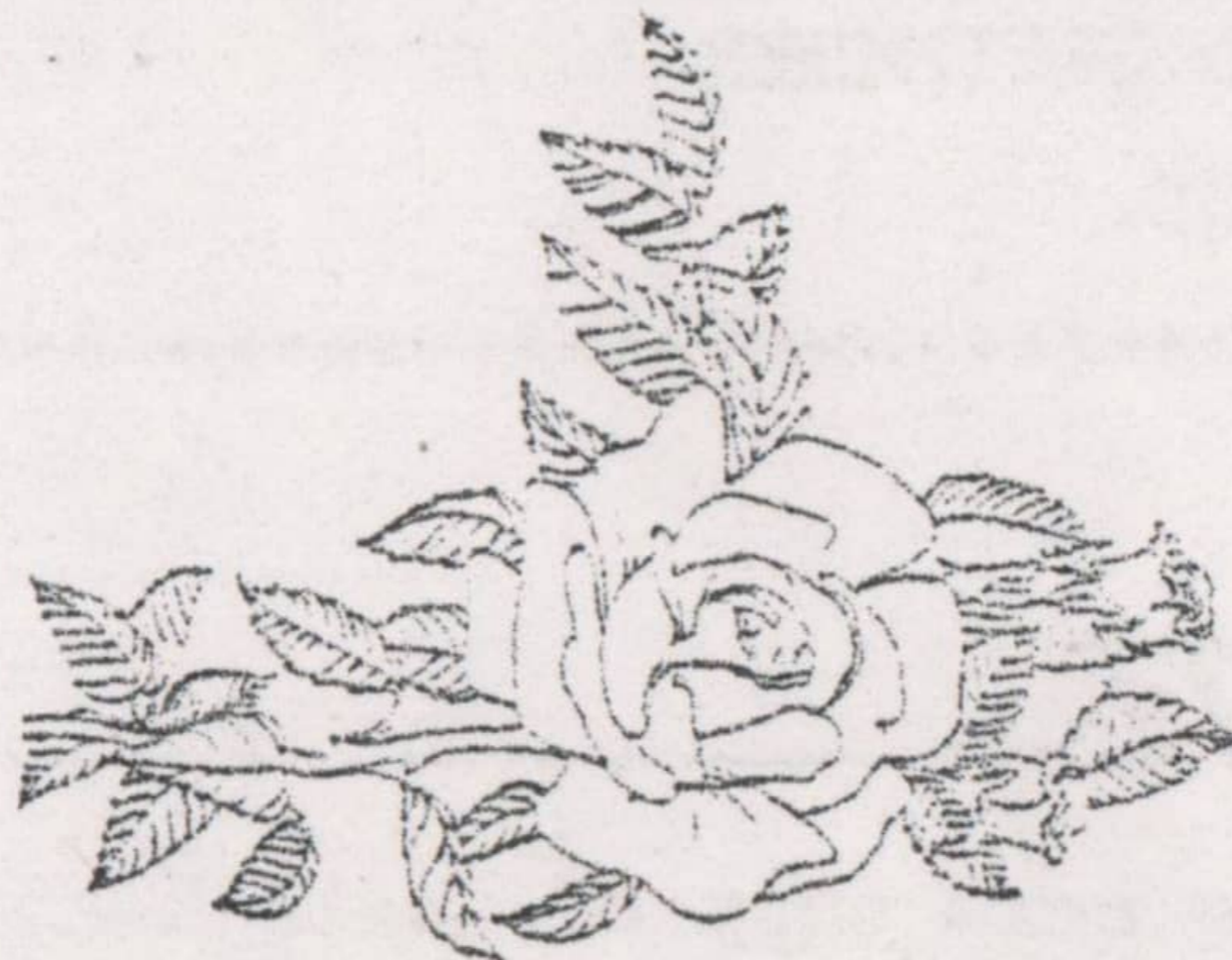
CASE

OCT 11th

On 21st March 1984, Shropshire rosegrower and anti-nuclear campaigner Hilda Murrell was attacked in her own home in Shrewsbury abducted and left to die in a small copse just outside the town.

The police believed it to be a burglary that went tragically wrong. The evidence may point to something more sinister.

Robert Green nephew of Hilda Murrell will be speaking at Dawley Christian Centre on ^{SAT} October 11th at 7.30 p.m. He will talk about his search for the truth surrounding the death of his Aunt, and the possible links between her anti-nuclear activities and her horrific murder.



' IF THEY DON'T GET ME FIRST, I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT ONE OLD WOMAN HAS SEEN THROUGH THEIR LIES. '

Hilda Murrell

CHAIN REACTION

Dear Editor

While endorsing the basic thesis argued by Mike Davies ("A Way Forward ?" July / August CR) I would like to take issue with some of the details.

The Committee of 100 did not see non-violence at bases as an alternative to industrial direct action; - it had an industrial sub-committee to promote the latter and it as well as the earlier DAC, mounted campaigns (leafletting and canvassing) at weapons-related factories, designed to foster such action;-but it did argue (in contrast to various vanguardist groups) that workers are unimpressed by calls outside their ranks, by people making no commensurate sacrifice, for industrial action. The readiness of the non-resister to risk arrest breaks through the natural suspicions such workers have for "outside agitators".

Nor, except for a minority round Schoenemann, did many members of the Committee of 100 think we had reached the point where achieving nuclear disarmament was immediately on the agenda. First & foremost we were a propagandist organisation trying to disseminate a belief in nuclear disarmament & the overall political changes to go with it.

Given that no union at that time supported the full policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament; (that indeed the DAC was launched no combined shop stewards ' committee of any factory did ;) there was a long way to go before it was possible to pose industrial action as the way to stop nuclear weapons; though this ultimate objective was clearly stated in the founding document of the DAC (1957 before CND was launched;) in the initial call for the first Aldermaston March, - unfortunately edited out when Victory for Socialism & subsequently CND, - agreed to sponsor the march; in Peace News editorial at the time of the formation of CND; & in numerous C of 100 policy statements.

PTO

One of the factors that made large sectors of CND turn to NVDA, creating the C of 100 and superseding the DAC, was the success of the latter in 1959. at the General Electric Stevenage and elsewhere, in managing to reach the workers so that their factories had limited strikes coupled with appeals for alternative work.

I apologize if this sounds like a debate on the exact niceties of history. Mike's article is quite properly entitled "A Way Forward"; he is I believe rightly - arguing that the only way to achieve ND, is by something approximating to a general strike, & logically concludes that we should therefore also be campaigning for the latter.

But this in turn raises the question, how do you persuade people that they should be ready to take industrial action to attain unilateral nuclear disarmament ?

Mike's article, by implication, dismisses the peace camps, the Snowball, Cruisewatch, etc., as irrelevant to this task; as he does not see them as being valid propagandist techniques aimed at the working class. To that one can only reply, have those groups which have not participated in such actions, and which have called for working class action, (chiefly the various Leninist factions,) managed to reach as many workers as have the direct action oriented groupings within CND ?

Direct Actionists believe that practise is worth more than precept in campaigning as well as elsewhere. Moreover in the present industrial climate, with the threat of unemployment hanging over every militant, a policy which divorced NVDA from industrial action, advocating the latter in isolation, would be a recipe for inaction.

Incidentally Mike's "After the the failure of CND to find a parliamentary path to ND in the 60s" also gives a false impression. The DAC existed before CND, &, indeed, was responsible for the first marches, the first two Whitehall pickets, (even the first two parliamentary lobbies were not organized by CND officially,) CND when launched

had no clear strategy. Toynbee, Hallam Tennyson, A.J.P. Talyer. King Hall, Donald Soper, (even the Canon himself) all at some point in 1958 called for civil disobedience, however much they opposed it later. While Priestly continued to oppose all marches & pickets until at least 1961. There was no attempted clear parliamentary road, - the bomb was virtually unmentioned in the 1959 General election.

Consequently (late in 1959) in the New Left and in the London Region CND motions were passed calling for greater collaboration between CND & the DAC, & for a reorganisation of the latter to allow greater participation by CND groups. (The DAC had been exclusively recruited from traditional pacifist groups.) When these proposals were resisted by the CND leadership, alternative plans were made, & the announcement of the formation of the 100 was made in the Autumn of 1960.

One final lesser quibble. It is not just British democracy that falls short of genuine democracy, as Mike himself normally insists the latter does not exist anywhere. whereas the 1983 Government - albeit a government elected by a minority of voters - could be said to have a mandate for Cruise; the Labour government of 1945, which started Britain on the course of making nuclear weapons, had no such mandate; and would have illustrated Mike's case better.



PEACE FOR A CHANGE

CARNIVAL, RALLY & CONFERENCE

SAT. OCTOBER 25th

B'HAM CITY CENTRE.

"Peace for a Change" is an event for everyone concerned with justice and peace, both in our communities and the world. We will be :

- celebrating justice and peace in our multi-cultural society;
- reaffirming our commitment to justice and peace;
- developing our understanding of how we can work for justice and peace.

Following the rally in the morning, there will be a conference in the afternoon with main speakers Paul Oestreicher, Bruce Kent, John Reardon. Workshops on various topics.

An Ecumenical service for peace and justice will take place at St. Philips Cathedral, Colmore Row in the evening.

For more information contact West Midland Christian CND, 54, Allison Street, Digbeth, Birmingham. TEL 021 643 4617.



ALL WAR IS VILE

Chain Reaction readers will have been either amused or bemused by the row between the Tebbit & the young Tory thug element, but it has lessons which may be worthwhile.

When World War II was drawing to an end, there was wide spread famine in Europe which was neglected by the governments of both sides; and in all parts of Europe regimes were being imposed to fit the Yalta agreements, " Displaced persons " were being unceremoniously ejected, and deported to their countries of origin against their will.

This in Britain was opposed chiefly by " Save Europe Now ", a movement founded by Victor Gollancz, supported in the main by the independent left, (those who left the CP over the Stalin-Hitler Pact, Pacifists, the ILP, Common Wealth, various dissident Leninists & the anarchists.)

Deportation and starvation were by no means the only horrors. Few people who remember the concentration camps know that 50,000 exiled Spanish Republican fighters died in Hall-on-the Hill (Epping Forest) during the war. The indifference to famine and hostility to those who tried to do anything about it was manifest when Quintin Hogg tried to have the founders of OXFAM prosecuted for treason. As to deportation the sword was two-edged; not merely were refugees from the Soviet Union, who had not collaborated with the Nazis sent back to be killed as collaborators, but many who had served in the SS and the Gestapo were shielded; and it happened in both directions.

It will come as no surprise to the majority of CND members that all war is vile and all participants in war even those generally depicted as goodies,-behave vilely. So nuclear disarmers are not for the most part bowled over in astonishment when "Count" Nikolai Tolstoi and Lord Bethell come up with the news that many Eastern Europeans were callously deported to their deaths.

We may on the other hand be struck by just how little of the facts they have published, how partial a construction they have put on them, and by lying claim that noone in Britain opposed the deportations.

The explanation for this last may well be that for the Far Right all Leftists are Stalinists, and therefore they have to ignore all the actions of non-Stalinist Leftists.

The revelations are only partial, and are distorted by the right-wing vision of the writers, but if they lead to any further research what comes out about the nature of war can only do good; while the sight of Tebbit turning his aggression on his own followers must inevitably provoke a certain amount of mischeivous glee amongst those who are the more customary targets of such aggression.

Laurens Otter (personal capacity)

TANG STALL

TANG NOW HAS A REGULAR STALL IN WELLINGTON SQUARE ON SATURDAY MORNINGS. WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF BADGES AND FREE LITERATURE.

SO THE JOB OF MANNING THE STALL DOESNT FALL ON THE SAME PEOPLE EACH WEEK, WE ARE TRYING TO ORGANISE A ROTA SYSTEM.

PLEASE IF YOU CAN OFFER AN HOUR OR TWO ONE SATURDAY MORNING EACH MONTH PLEASE CONTACT; MARK 501263.

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ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

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TANG.

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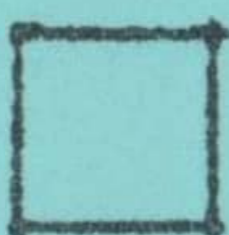
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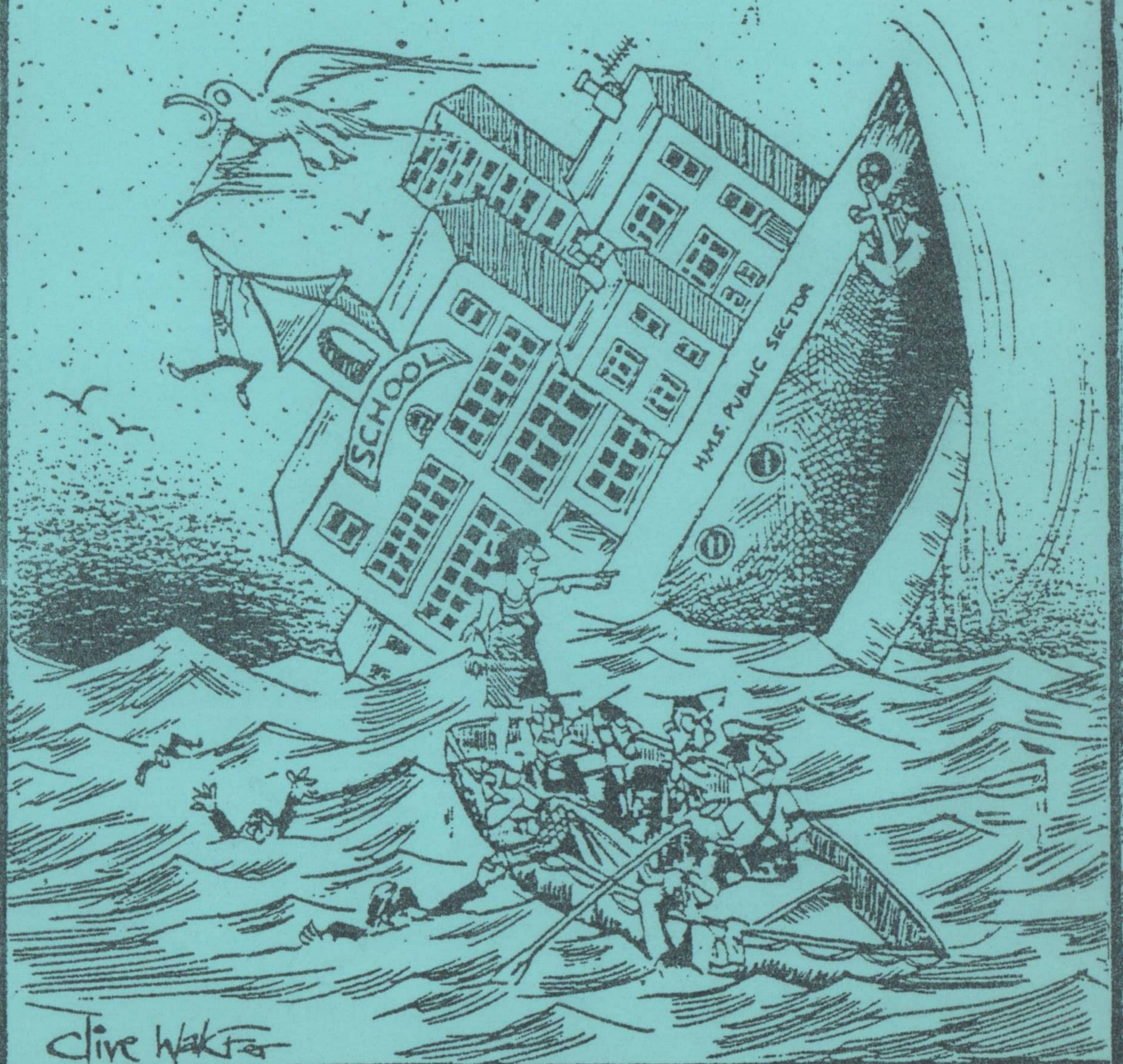
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