

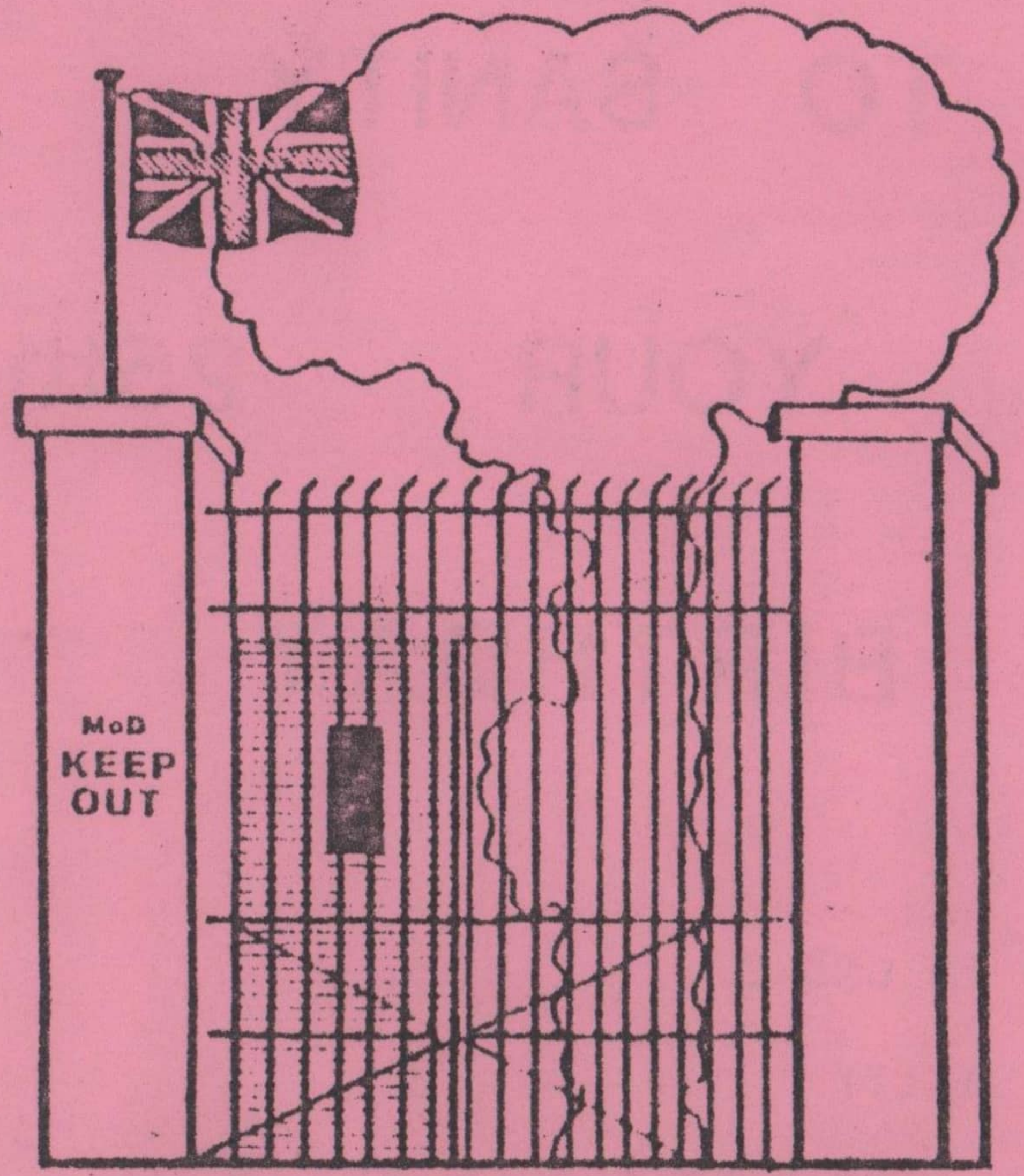
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MASS ACTION

While grateful to Laurens Otter for giving us the benefit of his expert knowledge of the DAC and the Committee of 100 (September Chain Reaction) I do feel that he has misunderstood what I was trying to say in my article on 'A Way Forward'. As I said, I do believe 'civil disobedience at bases is effective as a means of winning public sympathy'. However it is important what message the peace movement is putting across to those who are won over. As far as I can judge the peace movement is not at present making a strong call for mass working class direct action.

This is inevitable. The idea of a parliamentary road to unilateral nuclear disarmament will dominate CND thinking until a Labour government is elected. What I was suggesting in my article was merely that, if Labour when it finally comes to power does not carry through unilateral nuclear disarmament, the peace movement should try to initiate a general strike to push for it. The use of civil disobedience will, I completely agree with Laurens, be necessary to spark off such mass strike action.

As Laurens observes, my article on 'A Way Forward' contains some loose statements about British democracy not being 'true democracy' of course the way the Tory government brought in Cruise missiles after its election in 1983, despite majority opposition to Cruise, merely underlines the obvious fact we have parliamentary (as opposed to direct) democracy. The way Labour choose to develop nuclear weapons after their election in 1945, despite their stated commitment not to do so illustrates that British parliamentary democracy is hollow like all parliamentary democracies dominated by powerful elites who manipulate the system, and are prepared to try to veto the peoples will.

Actually I think Laurens would agree with me, I think, that the ultimate objective is not democracy, in the sense

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of 'the people' ruling, at all, but rather a world in which each person rules her/himself, on the basis of principles of love, co-operation, creativity and non-violence. But this my take quite some time to bring about.

Michael Davies.

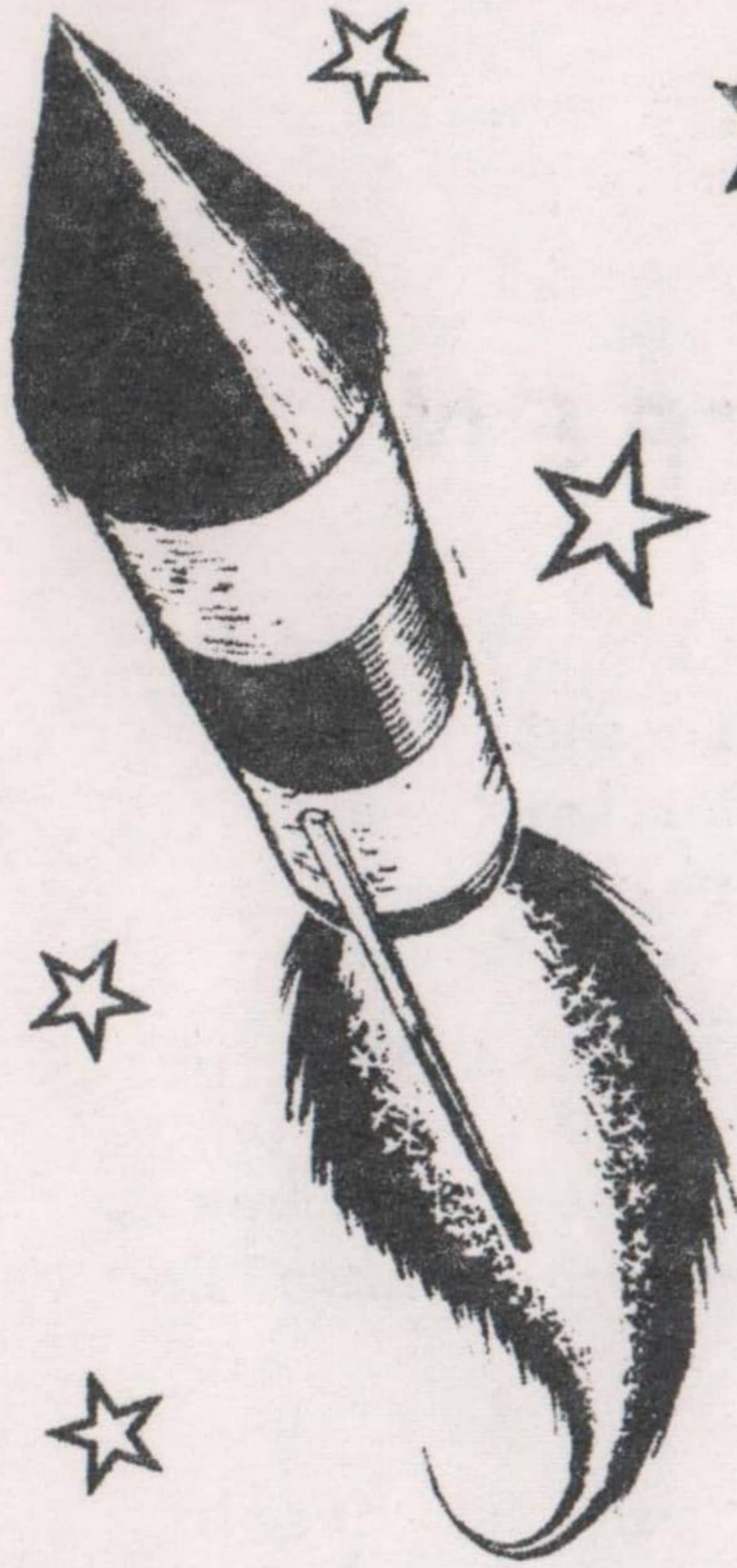


Suddenly, like light in darkness, the real truth broke upon me; the simple fact of man, which I had forgotten, which had lain deep buried and out of sight; the idea of community, of unity. A dead man. Not a dead Frenchman. Not a dead German. A dead man.

All these corpses had been men; all these corpses had breathed; had had a father, a mother a woman whom they loved, a piece of land which was theirs, a face which expressed their joys and their sufferings, eyes which had known the light of day and the colour of the sky. At the moment of realisation I knew that I had been blind because I had not wished to see; it was them only that I realised, at last, that all these dead men, Frenchmen and Germans, were brothers, and I was the brother of them all.

ERNEST TOLLER
I WAS A GERMAN.





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U - TURN ON CIVIL DEFENCE

All the campaigning and publicity over the government's almost laughable attempts to down-grade the effects of a nuclear attack on Britain have had their impact.

In a quiet U-turn, issued in a Friday night press release, the Home Office said it was revising its nuclear war plans because it now accepted that casualties would be substantially higher than previously thought.

There would be an extra 10 million deaths and a similar (but unquoted) radical rise in numbers of injured.

This has a local dimension in that the County Council and Wrekin District Council have to make plans for nuclear war situations. If no plans are made, the government is very likely to force them to do so.

But now the guidelines will presumably be changed. What information have the Councils received, or asked, about this? Where does it put the 'Protect and Survive' booklet, the second edition of which is still being argued over within the Home Office?

TANG will be interested to hear from the Councils in this area how they intend to react to the civil defence implications of the Home Office report.



THE HILDA MURRELL CASE

SAT. OCTOBER 11th
7.30 P.M.

CHRISTIAN CENTRE
HIGH ST. DAWLEY.

On the 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 was a burglary that went tragically wrong. The evidence may point to something more sinister.

Robert Green nephew of Hilda Murrell will be talking 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.



MORE AGAINST THE BOMB

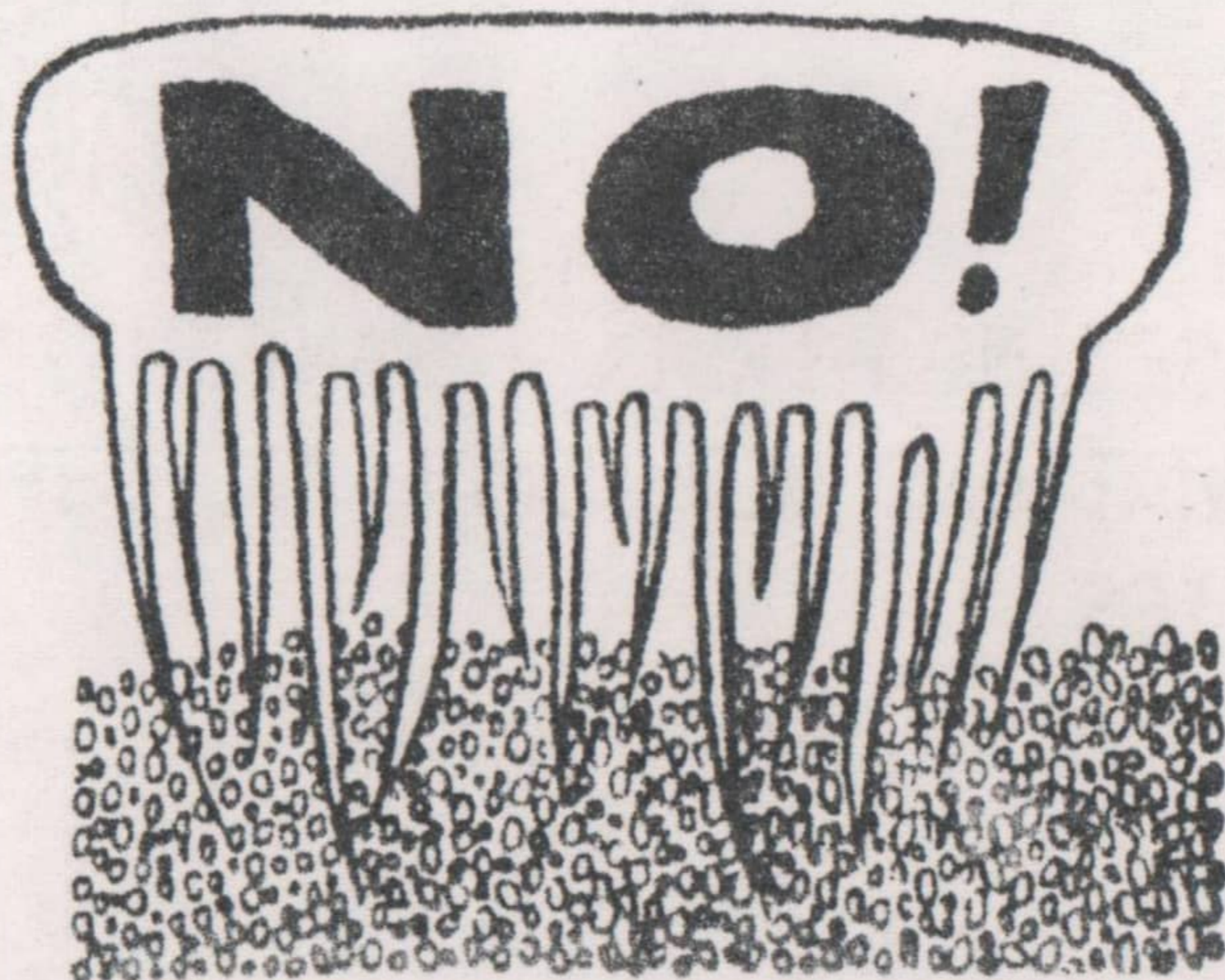
More people are against all nuclear weapons in Britain than ever before. So says an opinion poll carried out by Gallup on behalf of CND.

Now 44% of people say that Britain should get rid of its nuclear weapons whatever other countries do. This is a considerable increase from two years ago when the figure fluctuated around 25%.

Why should this be so? Paul Johns of CND says it is a 'major shift in attitude.' There could be a Chernobyl effect too as people have come to realise the impact of a nuclear explosion even thousands of miles away.

The same opinion poll also showed that a majority of people, 56%, were against nuclear power. Again this was a substantial increase from pre-Chernobyl polls which showed 28% rejecting nuclear power.

But will these changed preferences stick? Quite probably yes. Nuclear issues will remain in peoples' minds as Star Wars research continues, as Trident becomes an even heavier burden on the economy, and as nuclear dumping will not go away.



CELESTIAL BLUE

Celestial Blue, a second play on Hilda Murrell, was performed to a capacity house in Shrewsbury. Unlike the earlier play it didn't directly concern investigations into the death, but was designed to paint a picture/ provide a biography of Miss Murrell. The only two players being actresses portraying the young and the old miss murrell.

In Shrewsbury it was very moving in large part because it was obvious that most of the audience had known her well. Indeed though dragged into her case by her last telephone call, I rather felt that by being in the audience I was intruding on private grief.

The play used her copious diaries and her work on the Sizewell report, portraying her writing this with flashbacks of memory and indeed relaxing by rereading her diaries - being illustrated elsewhere on the stage - and containing the sort of anecdotes which might be told at a funeral or memorial service and which - in a less gruesome context - would be regarded as in-jokes. Not surprisingly the author commented afterwards that the audiences elsewhere had missed many of the points made, but that this one had not.

There then followed a discussion which was regrettably polite, well-mannered and not very informative. Two people spoke out against the play, one on the naive grounds that Mrs Thatcher is a trained chemist, she must understand nuclear fission, she can't want the world destroyed; she approves of what is going on therefore it must be alright. The other that though the play's author said he started to write the play with no fixed political views and still had no organizational political links, he showed obvious sympathy with the views H.M. had held and that therefore the play was biased. It was not explained how one could do that sort of research that was necessary without making some judgement and showing a bias; though perhaps a bias the other way would not have counted.

Celestial Blue played to an audience overwhelmingly representative of the Shropshire County and Shrewsbury Town Liberal - minded middle class, and the discussion reflected this, as did the fact that nothing more was revealed about the murder. It is to be expected that when Rob Green* comes to speak to TANG next month a different audience will provide a different atmosphere, less politely determined to consider everyone's feelings and more anxious for truth.

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* Rob Green is the nephew of Hilda Murrell, he will be speaking at a meeting at Dawley Christian Centre on Sat Oct 11th. See newsletter for details.



PLEASE NOTE THE COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT CHAIN REACTION IS
OCTOBER 15th NOT OCTOBER 21st AS PRINTED IN CHAIN REACTION.

"Somehow we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race, which no one can win, to a positive contest to harness man's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all nations of the world."

Martin Luther King JR.

THE ARMS TRADE

PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY 21ST OCT.

WELLINGTON METHODIST

CHURCH

7.30 PM



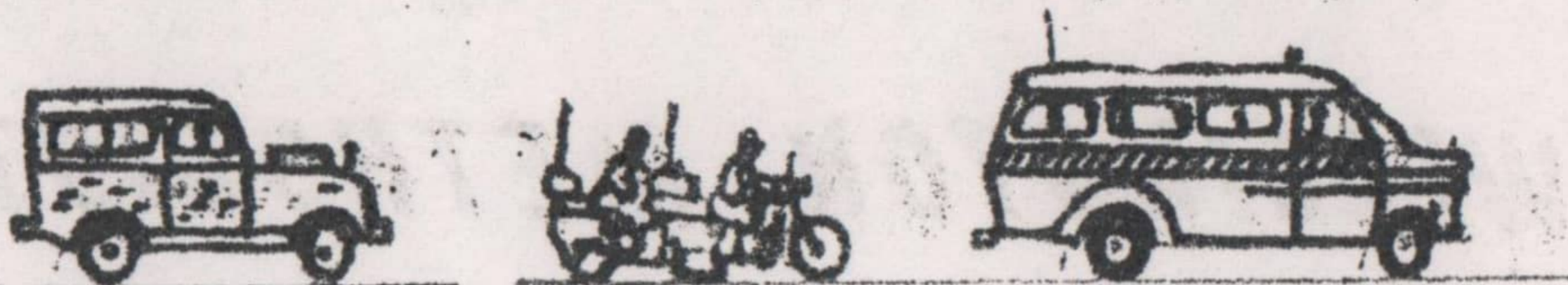
Many third world countries are encouraged to squander scarce resources on the purchase of expensive military hardware instead of using them to provide adequate food, better health and education services, decent housing and clean water supplies. British firms profit directly from the resulting poverty and deprivation - over three-quarters of UK arms exports go to the third world countries, many of which are controlled by repressive regimes.

We also suffer as a result of the arms trade and high military spending. Money spent on socially useful projects such as health, education housing and transport would create and sustain more jobs than in the military sector.

The meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st October, will examine the implications of the arms trade on third world countries and on the British economy. We will have a guest speaker from the Campaign against the Arms Trade.

MARKING THE ROUTES

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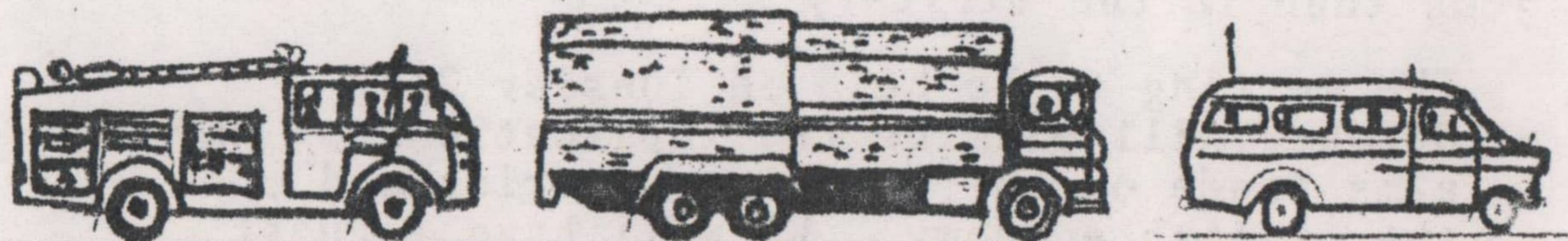
Did you know that convoys carrying nuclear warheads regularly travel along motorways, along A and B roads through towns and cities. They are either travelling to or from the bomb factories where they are reconditioned.

In June 1985, while passing through Helensburgh in Scotland two weapons carriers crashed into each other. Risking a radioactive disaster in the middle of a busy town.

The menace of nuclear weapons is all around us. That's why CND is calling for a day of action in which the routes of the convoys will be highlighted by vigils/motorcades etc,

The nearest KNOWN route to Telford is the M6 through Birmingham. It is hoped that TANG will join other groups in the West Midland region in Marking the routes.

MORE DETAILS IN NOVEMBER CHAIN REACTION.



NON'ALIGNED

The recent meeting in Zimbabwe of the Non-Aligned movement reminds us that even in its infancy this movement had an impact of world politics, and even on politics within the "Great Power" states. The culmination of which - thirty years ago this Autumn - was manifest in three simultaneous crises, that reshaped the alignments of political radicalism.

In America, the Montgomery Bus Strike, which had then been some months in operation, and which was the forerunner of the mass negro revolt of the sixties, (there had been an earlier Freedom Ride, but the activists had all been war-time pacifists,) had challenged the consciences of the Labour movement & Liberal opinion, and was now forcing the Democratic Presidential Candidate to choose between his democratic professions and his Dixiecrat fellow party members.

Egypt, which after its revolution had become one of the founders of the Non-Aligned Movement, & was inspiring nationalist movements throughout the Arab world, and had in consequence been branded as immoral by Cold Warriors for opting out of the East-West power struggle and was seeking financial backing in both East & West now won even more enemies by nationalizing the Suez Canal.

Britain & France responded by conspiring with Israel, encouraged the latter to invade Egypt unprovoked, & then under spurious pretence of intervening to part the combatants, they invaded the victim, Egypt, several hundreds of miles away from the Israeli front.

Meanwhile in the Communist states, the movement that had seen its first manifestation in Tito's break with Stalin, a desire for forms of socialism which relaxed the tight discipline of the party and secret police, (though in Yugoslavia only slightly,) which began to restore trade union rights, and to introduce some measure of democratic workers control of production, was again underway. In Poland and then in Hungary there were significant workers movements & eventually in the latter this was crushed by

Russian tanks.

The effect of all this in Britain was immediate, and brought about realignment of the left.

Nye Bevan, until then the hero of the Labour Left, was so worried that Labour might lose support if it campaigned vigorously against Britain's role in the war against Egypt that he not merely argued against calling for industrial action in the docks to impede the invasion-supplies, but prevented Tribune publishing articles by those who advocated such a call. Thus began his slippery slope, that led him a year later to come out in favour of British nuclear weapons, begging conference not to "send him naked into the conference chamber" of international negotiations.

Naturally all the leadership of the Communist Party of G.B., (proverbially since 1922 the most craven party in the international, most slavish in following every twist & turn of Russian dictated policy.) justified the suppression of the Hungarian workers rising. So the few honest socialists who were in the party at the time resigned over the next few months.

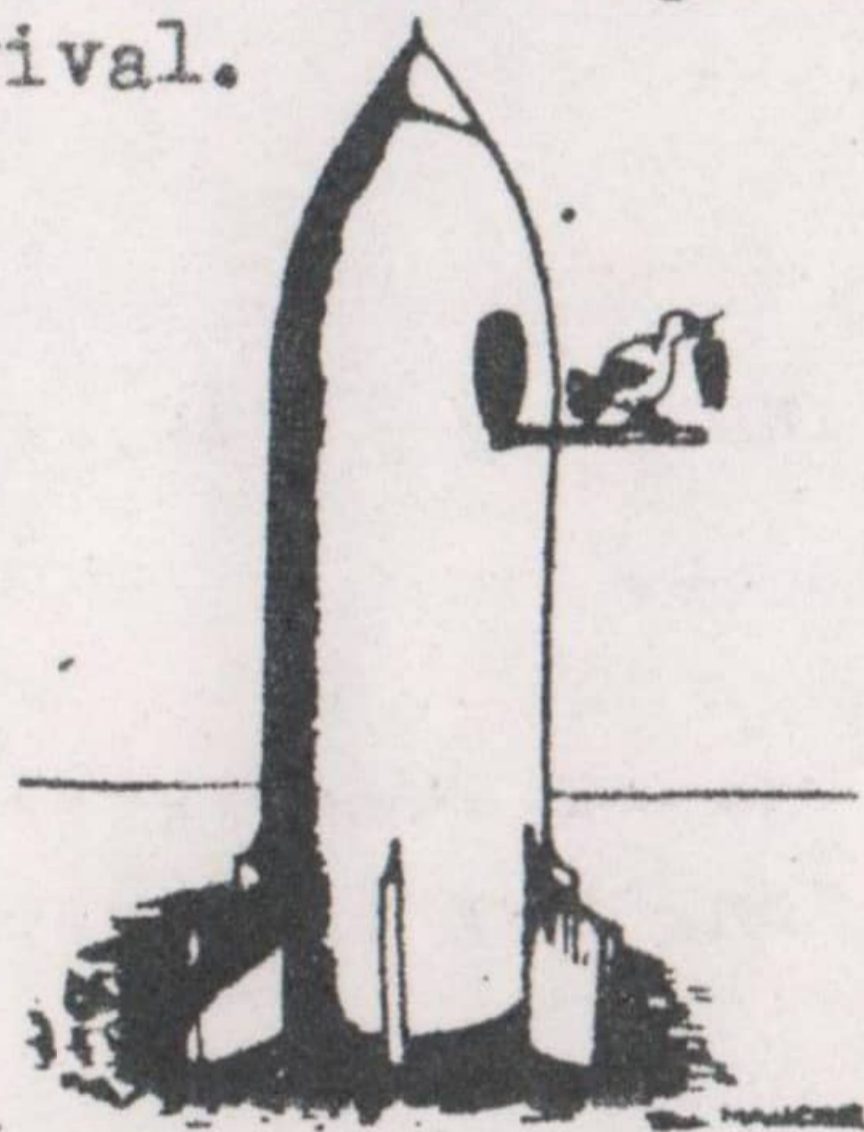
These disillusioned communists, supported by the Labour leftists no longer able to look to Bevan, and the (then very small independent left,) in launching the New Left, which a year later was the mainstay of the infant CND. It would sound small beginnings, but as it turned out there was a new generation of radicals, inspired by the various parts of the Non-Aligned Movement, who had been waiting to become involved, but had been alienated by the Left's apparent division into those with a childish faith in Bevan and those subservient to Moscow.

Now; thirty years later; once again-chiefly in its role on South Africa, but also on Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Polish Solidarinosc, Libya, democracy in Pakistan and Bangladesh - the Non-Aligned Movement is moving into action and is beginning to have an impact on world politics. It shows

that it is not prepared to tailor its demands to the convenience of this or that great power. The impact over the next three years is likely to be as significant as it was in the mid-fifties.

At the moment in Britain, CND - the principle connection of the Non-Aligned movement - is going through a period of some despondency; and paradoxically just before the mid-fifties crises, the British Third Way Movement, (the contacts for anti-colonialists like Kaunda & Nyerere,) collapsed, as people polarised either to Bevanism or Stalinism. The very pressures leading to the polarisation destroyed themselves, as they created non-alignment as a world phenomenon. The fact that for years, both great powers have tried to wean the Non-aligned Movement countries away from neutrality, is well known. It is apparent that within the movement itself, this has now back-fired. The desire for independence of both blocs, once again moves masses, even if large parts of the Non-Aligned Movement are in no true sense non-aligned. Once again renewal in Britain lags behind that in the "Third World", but world pressures must create a new challenge to radical consciences and a consequent revival.

COPYDATE



The deadline for the next copy of Chain Reaction is October 21st. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley Telford TF4 2BX. TEL 501263.

DIARY

Sat. Oct 11th..... The Hilda Murrell Case. The search for the truth with Robert Green. Dawley Christian Centre. 7.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME. see newsletter for details.



19th - 26th October

ONE WORLD EVENTS IN TELFORD

Tuesday 21st..... Campaign Against the Arms Trade with guest speaker from CAAT. Wellington Methodist Church, New St. 7.30 p.m. ALL VERY WELCOME.

Wednesday 22nd..... International Festival. Songs, dances, music and drama from local Ethnic and community groups. At All Saints' Stirchley, Telford. 7.30 p.m. ALL VERY WELCOME.

Thursday 23rd..... The Emerald Forest a film drama based in the South American Rain Forests. Presented by Madeley Court Film Society for One World Week. 8.00 p.m.

Mon. Nov 3rd..... Telford Anti-Nuclear Group AGM at Dawley Christian Centre. 7.30 p.m. Details in Newsletter.

Wed. Nov 5th..... TANG bonfire party. See newsletter.

Wed. Nov 12th..... TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. 7.30 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

A time for action

DIRTY POLITICS

It is obvious - as the Guardian editorially pointed out - that the jobs of a spy and of a newspaper foreign correspondent do not differ greatly. Both gather information not previously available, both need to protect their sources - if only to beat their competitors - and nothing published by say a Times correspondent in Russia could fail to be picked up by security services.

We are unlikely - in the immediate future - to learn whether Daniloff in Russia or Zakharov in the States really was a spy. In both cases the claim that the diplomat or reporter concerned was framed looks convincing. But there are a number of cases in the past where the accused and their countries have reacted at the time with injured innocence, only to boast later of how they got one over the other side and that this had been a very efficient spy.

The fact is that both sides are engaged in dirty international politics, of which spying is one of the lesser facets, that there are many spies, & that by the law of averages some of them sometimes must get caught, while some innocent people must get framed. It is unlikely that the guilty party would publicly confess their guilt and the published disclaimers should impress noone.

The suggestion that the incident is reason to call off peace talks only shows how little weight statesmen give to such "summits". Certainly it is unlikely that the talks would achieve anything worthwhile, they are only ways to wage war by other means, but this display of hypocrisy helps noone.



TANG AGM

On Monday 3rd November TANG will hold its Annual General Meeting at Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley.
7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. 1986 year review (including financial report)
2. Election of Officers
Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Sec., Press Officer,
Literature Secretary.
3. Activities and priorities for 1987
4. Resolutions for National CND Conference 1986.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND IDEAS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD, SO
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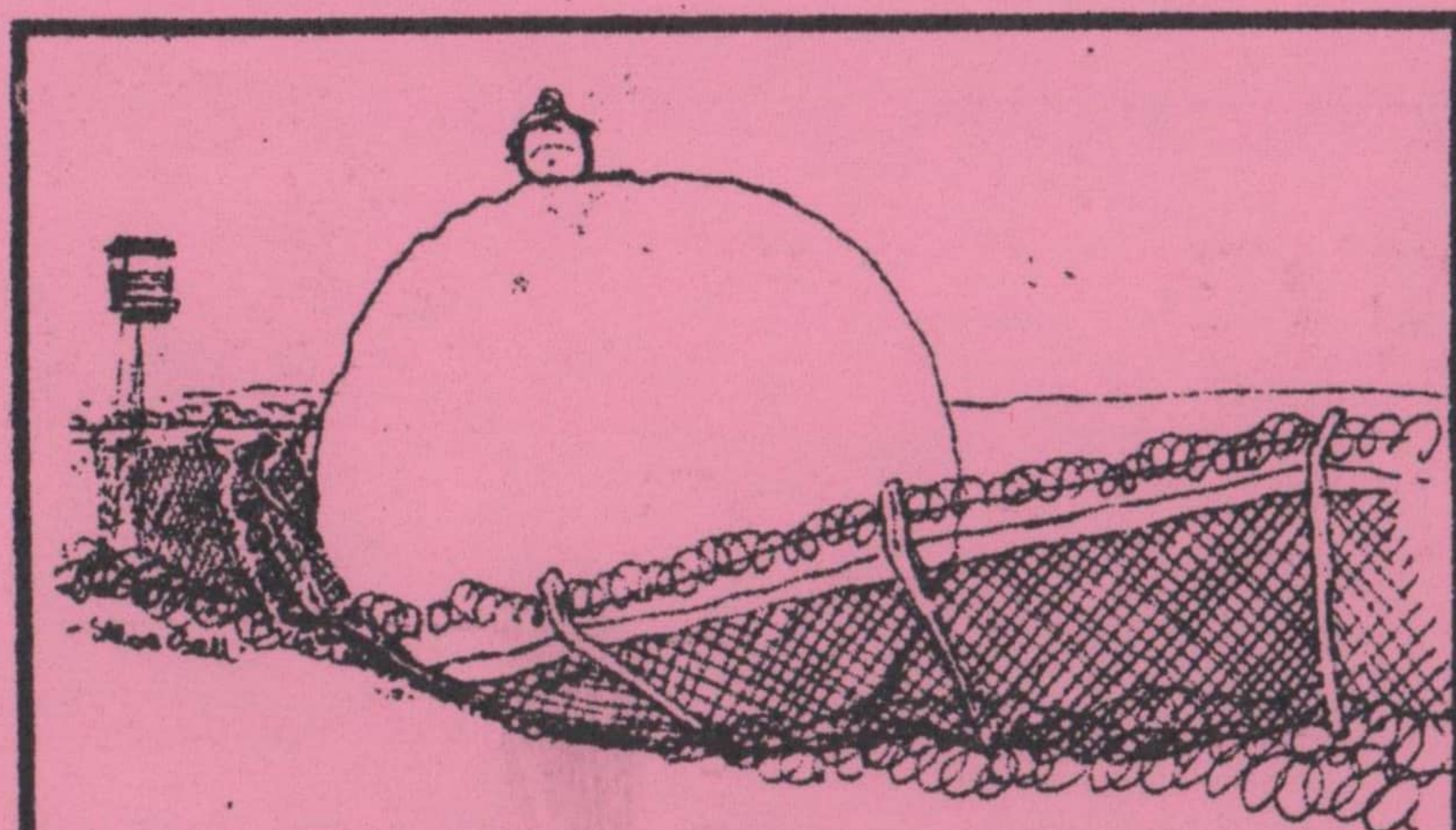
TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday October 1st, at 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley, Telford. 7.30 p.m. We will be discussing One World Week, Marking the Routes demo, AGM and CND national conference and other national & local events. PLEASE COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR IDEAS.

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Editorial meetings are held on the third Wednesday in the month in Mark Stokes's flat, (7, Burton Close, Dawley: (501263).

All unilateralists living in the area, whether or not members of any of the three groups are welcome to attend or send in material for inclusion.



THE NEXT snowball – the 10th stage – will be from **October 31 to November 3**. Snowballers want Britain to vote for a multilateral disarmament proposal at the UN which the US is not supporting and back a comprehensive test ban. Or, encourage freeze proposals. Or, take an independent step towards a freeze or reduction in nuclear weapons. Join them at the wire in mass non-violent open civil disobedience. For more information contact **Snowball, 18 Shavington Avenue, Hoole, Chester, CH2 3RD, 0244 40966**

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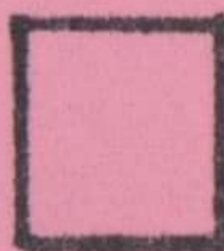
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