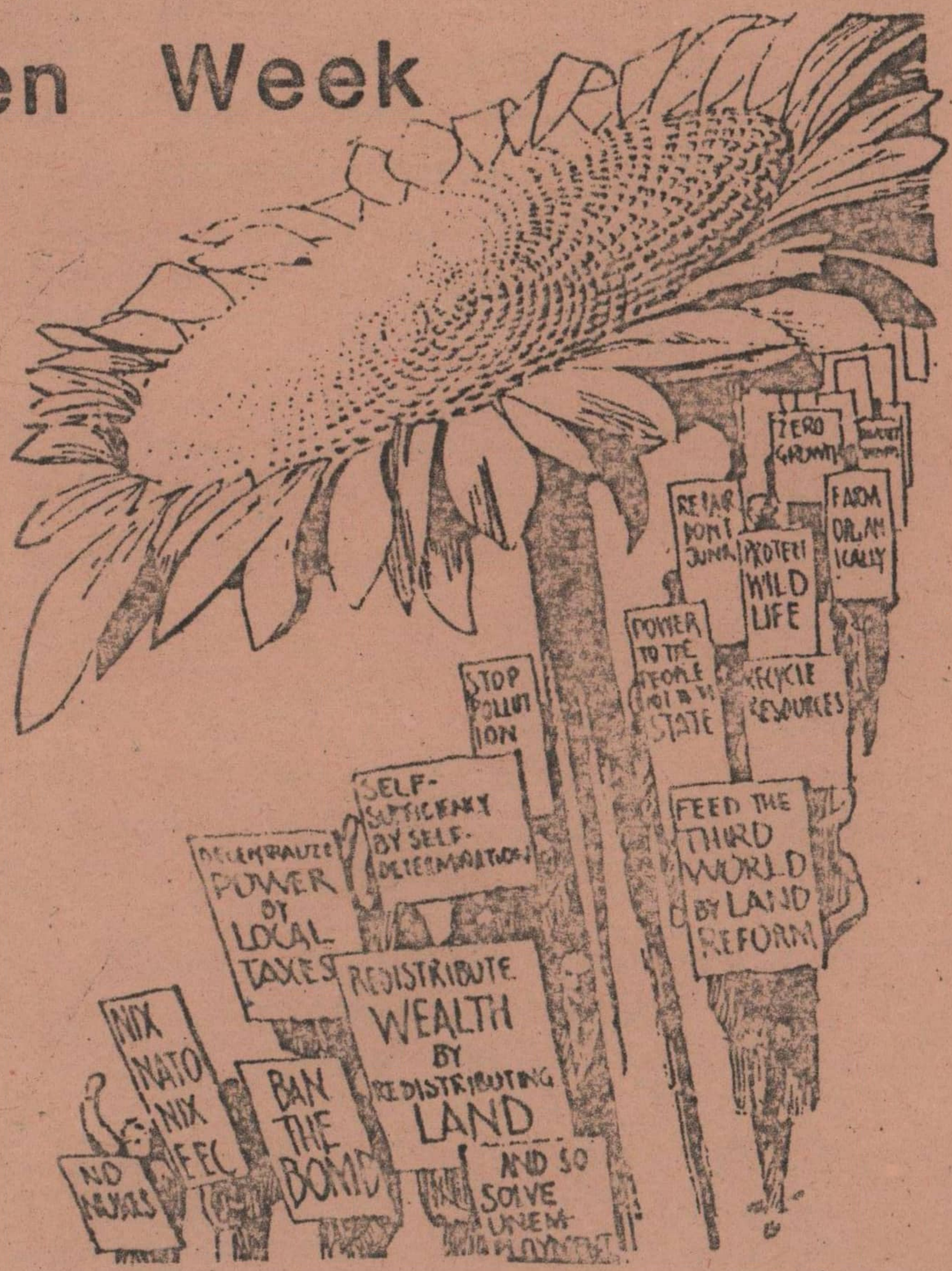


CHAIN REACTION

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7 - 13 SEPT.

Shropshire Green Week



- TELEPHONE POWER OF LOCAL TAXES
- NO NATO
- NIX NUCLEAR
- NO NUKES
- BAN THE BOMB
- RE-DISTRIBUTE WEALTH BY RE-DISTRIBUTING LAND
- AND SO SOLVE UNEMPLOYMENT
- STOP POLLUTION
- SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY SELF-DETERMINATION
- POWER TO THE PEOPLE NOT THE STATE
- REPAIR DON'T JUNK
- PROTECT WILD LIFE
- RECYCLE RESOURCES
- FEED THE THIRD WORLD BY LAND REFORM
- FARM ORGANICALLY
- ZERO GROWTH



SHROPSHIRE GREEN WEEK

7-13TH SEPTEMBER

EVENTS IN TELFORD

TUESDAY 8th September..... Interhelp presents "An Introduction to Deep Ecology". For details of time and venue please contact Storm or Alex on Telford 56121. This meeting will be at All Saints Church Hall, Wellington. This meeting will also take place in Shrewsbury on Wednesday 9th, 8pm at English Bridge Community Workshop.

TUESDAY 8th September..... LIGHTMOOR - A COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE. A public meeting organised by TANG. Dawley Christian Centre. See newsletter for details.

WEDNESDAY 9th September.... Wrekin Green Party the film "The Sane Alternative" plus a talk from the Green Councillor from Hereford. 7.30pm at Y.M.C.A. building in Wellington.

A programme with ALL Shropshire events for the week is now available. Price 10p .
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Dawley Telford.



LIGHTMOOR

A COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE

COME AND HEAR HOW THIS NEW COMMUNITY

IS PROGRESSING

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPT.

8.00 P.M.

This is part of Shropshire Green Week events.

GREEN OPTIONS is a new independent publication launched recently which will be issued eight times a year to look at issues surrounding the Green Movement. It aims to help create a new political landscape by discussing new kinds of political strategies, structure and direction of the Green Movement, local community politics and practical ways of developing the unity and strength of Greens.

The magazine will report of Green Politics and society at large, give political commentary feature insights from Green history, and give events dates and a comprehensive address listing. GREEN OPTIONS costs £5.50 for a years subscription and is available from GREEN OPTIONS, 12, Polden View, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8DZ.

WE HAVE ONLY BEGUN TO KNOW
THE POWER THAT LIES IN US IF WE WOULD JOIN
OUR SOLITUDES IN THE COMMUNION OF STRUGGLE.

SO MUCH IS UNFOLDING THAT MUST
COMPLETE ITS GESTURE,

SO MUCH IS IN BUD.

- Denise Levertov, from Beginners



COPYDATE

The deadline for the next copy of Chain Reaction is

Wednesday 16th September. All contributions are welcome

and should be sent to mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close,

Dawley, Telford. Tel 501263.





A Minute Meditation IN THE REALM OF DEFENCE

BY THE TIME you finish reading this minute meditation more money will have been spent on national defence and military weapons throughout the world than is the value and wealth of most nations for an entire year.

A defence contractor can be third-rate, inept, insolvent, or worse, and yet cause its host/client government to shake, rattle and come apart.

Governments readily spend unbelievable sums of money on fighter jets, missiles and nuclear weapons of all descriptions only to dismantle, scrap and replace them several years later. All the logic and persuasion for one weapon system is forgotten and abandoned as soon as a new weapon system is offered or sought.

Defence contractors and armament manufacturers of Nazi Germany can be held accountable for the gravest war crimes, while the exact counterpart of the Allied Forces is considered essential, patriotic and honourable.

When the wars are all over, and the peace is declared, the same contractors and manufacturers are back in business, profitably and patriotically.

There is something deadly eternal about the vitality of the military-governmental-financial-industrial-academic-ecclesiastic complex in every society.

Moreover, there is something profoundly parasitic about the arms trade and the weapons business. They always find a benign and friendly host government upon which to live and thrive. Like every other good business, they sell to anyone and everyone; often to mutually hostile governments. More frequently governments themselves are becoming the seller, the trade and the middle-man in much of the weapons business. In the very nature of the



business most morality and ethics have to be abandoned. Consequently, it is not surprising that there is so much corruption, conspiracy and immorality in the business and its employees.

Excerpt from a letter of I. A. Topf & Sons, manufacturers of heating equipment, to the Commandant of Auschwitz:

"We acknowledge the receipt of your order for five triple furnaces including two electric elevators for raising the corpses and one emergency elevator."

Excerpt from a letter of Didier & Co., Berlin, to the same:

"For putting bodies into the furnace we suggest simply a metal fork moving on cylinders For transporting the corpses we suggest using light carts on wheels."

Excerpt from a letter of another firm:

"We are submitting plans for our cremation ovens which operate with coal and have hitherto given full satisfaction ... We guarantee their effectiveness, as well as their durability, the use of the best materials and our faultless workmanship."

How many other businesses today are selling us their products, and selling governments the ways and means of mass death and destruction?

Paul A. Milanowski

Paul Milanowski is an American Catholic priest who has chosen voluntary exile in Britain as an act of resistance to US military policy, and in witness to the Peace of Christ.



ARE YOU A SCIENTIST OR ENGINEER?

Doctors have their Hippocratic Oath, named after the Greek doctor of the 5th Century B.C., in which they pledge themselves to serve humanity. Now there is a proposal for a similar Hippocratic Oath for scientists, engineers and technologists.

This idea comes from the Institute for Social Inventions, an organisation which promotes the solving of humanities' problems through the application of ideas rather than inventions as we more commonly know them.

In the current issue of the Institute's journal the oath is described as one which young scientists could pledge themselves at the start of their careers. The aim would be to influence the moral climate within which scientific work is carried out. Also, to stimulate ethical debate in school and further education science departments, as well as discouraging young scientists and engineers from taking up work on weapon systems.

The oath is very similar to the doctors' oath, and comprises eleven short statements. For example,

' The well-being of humanity will be my first consideration'.

' I will practise my profession with conscience and dignity.'

' I will not permit considerations of religion, nationality, race, politics or social standing to intervene between my work and my duty to humanity.'

For a copy of the complete list, send a S.A.E. for 13p to the Institute for Social Inventions, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8 9XP.



**TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR
GROUP**

**INVITE YOU TO
A BARBEQUE**

ON SUN. SEPTEMBER 6th

AT

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WELLINGTON.**

commencing at 2.00p.m.

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waged £2.50
family £5.00**

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Over the county boundary

The news (Independent, July 15,) that the army, in a practise exercise, sprinkled radio-active dust round the site of a feigned convoy accident, at a site in Staffordshire, in 1981, must worry anyone who lives in the West Midlands. Particularly hearing that the dust was not adequately cleared and that radio-activity persisted and would have affected the health of people living there or passing on the roads.

It has been clear for a long while, for anyone who bothers to read newspapers and think about their contents, that in every country the greatest threats to freedom, democracy, self determination etcetera come from the country's own security forces. It would now appear that even where such such forces are not engaged in the sort of escapade described by Peter Wright, that they still directly & recklessly endanger life & limb.



TANG MEETING

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd September, at 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley. 7.30p.m. We will be discussing Shropshire Green Week, pre and post superpower summit actions and other local and national events.

VOLUNTEERS.

It is claimed that the troops that are being used as guinea-pigs at Porton Down to test the action of nerve gases are all volunteers. When middle aged former war-time & post-war conscripts say that in the army it was common to see one's name on a notice saying " the following have volunteered for X" when this was the first one had ever heard of X; the objections are brushed aside. " It is all different now".

The funny thing is that when we were conscripts they were also saying it is all different now. According to the then proclamations of military spokesmen we had a citizen s army. It was not possible to order around conscripts, - who in a few months would be demobbed, & taking part in the political process, - in the way they had previously treated volunteers.

Either way, those who in Australia & the South Pacific islands, were irradiated in the fifties & Sixties, were said to be volunteers.

If in a nuclear holocaust, anyone hid himself deep enough under the earth and stayed there long enough to survive, he would emerge into a dying natural environment. The vulnerability of the environment is the last word against the usefulness of shelters: there is no hole big enough to hide all of nature in.

- Jonathan Schell

BELAU OUTRAGE

On June 30th the nuclear-free constitution of Belau survived another referendum-the eighth since 1979. The nuclear ban can only be lifted by a 75% majority vote. pressure from the US has reduced the pro-constitution vote from 82% to 33%. Strong arm tactics are being used:

* two-thirds of all government employees have been fired; they will be reinstated if the US gets its way

* upholders of the constitution have had their homes firebombed.

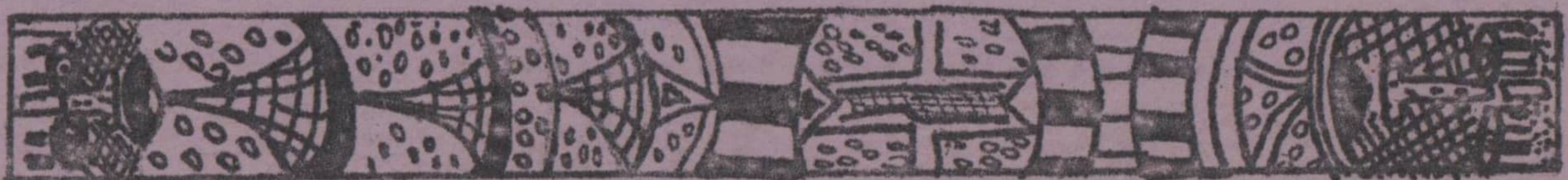
There will be two more referenda:

1 on August 4th the 75% provision may be reduced to 50%

2 On August 11th the US proposals may be voted on for the ninth time.

THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. Send telegrams to:

The sub-committee on Insular and International Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington DC. and the UN Security Council and General Assembly. copies to be sent to NFIP , 9, Beech Range, Levenshulme Manchester M19 2EU.



O bravely "Bravo"
You nice clean fifteen-megaton
Hydrogen bomb.
So beloved of your creators !
yet in nineteen-fifty-four,
You desecratingly made
all dirty sea and lagoon;
all east of Bikini
you infringed in the wind
the islands with the filth
of death in white gritty ash,
made disappear our daily food,
Breadfruit, fish and crab.
The ash fell two inches deep.
It could have been
the sweet snow of legend.

O no, little one,
don't play in the fair
white powder !
It's not that snow,
the kind they told about,
that falls in lands beyond.

Don't play in it,
little one.
Big men in big ships
made it from a bomb.

It comes little one,
from a great big cloud;
In years to come,
distant sisters and brothers
will be born, little one,
who will not have your fair form.

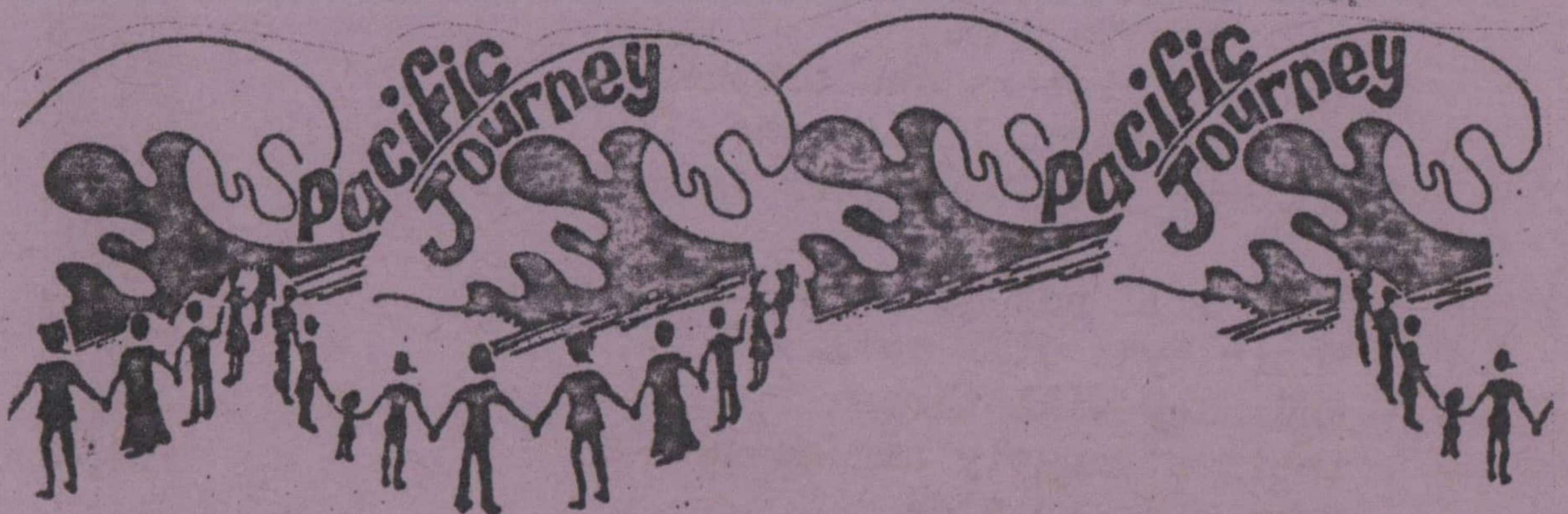
They will not move with slow grace;
Their eyes will roll,
And they will throw
their strangely big heads
from side to side
and will moan,



timelessly,
without reason -
and all because big men
lost theirs !
The big men thought their fair
man-made snow
was just the powder
to bestow on them
a power of all powers !

But the winds blow
far and wide;
they don't stay inside
the big mens computer.
So, little one,
don't play any more
in that white powder.
(It is now whispered
that it is an ash
to gnaw and haunt our land
for century on century,
until the gentle hand
of cleansing nature
will wash it all away...)

Nina Goodchild - after seeing "Half life"



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A RECENT ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN WEEKLY DEFENCE NEWS HAD
THE HEADLINE "FEAR OF AN EPIDEMIC OF WORLD PEACE INHIBITS
INVESTING IN DEFENCE STOCKS".
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NEWSWATCH

NEWSWATCH is a new monthly magazine, compiling press on nuclear issues into a 16 page record of what has gone on and been reported in the main stream media.

If you've ever waded frustrated through piles of old newspapers looking for that evasive news item you meant to keep a cutting of, you'll find newswatch a useful tool.

Bob Naylor is producing the magazine. The cost of production is about 50p an issue, so all donations are gratefully received. If your interested in receiving a copy of newswatch, or contributing cuttings or comments, contact Bob Naylor, 40 The Street, Chirton, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 3QS.



' THERE ARE POSITIVE REASONS NOT TO HATE YOUR ENEMY.
YOUR ENEMY GIVES YOU A CHANCE TO DEVELOP COMPASSION, TO
GROW, AND TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.'

Dalai Lama

DIARY

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WELCOME.

TANG BARBECUE

AT

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SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

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For more information and venue
contact Storm, Telford 56121.

Wed. 9th Sept..... DEEP ECOLOGY an introduction.
English Bridge Community
workshop. 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 12th Sept..... GREEN EXHIBITION. Stalls &
displays. English Bridge
Community Workshops.

Positive Move

To address the question of how we can be more effective in the peace movement; effective in setting the whole world towards total disarmament and the abolition of war, that most depraved of human activities. A pretty tall order considering it is nearly 3000 years since from war torn Palestine there came a vision of a world where "Nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

I have a very strong impression that many young folk have no hope for the future. A survey in an American University revealed that seventy five per cent of the students believed that, they will not die of old age, that cataclysmic disaster is already determined by proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and there is nothing we can do about it. This is part of the same impression I was left with after a week in a hostel in Florence in September 1936. I met and talked with young folk from many different countries of Europe and a few for the States. The one question they wanted to discuss was, "Is there any hope of peace?" Sadly, I was to them a strange phenomenon, a person with white hair who still believes in the possibility of peace. There were also many elderly folk who had given up on hope and hardly dare think of a world which their children and grandchildren face.

I now want to make some practical suggestions of things we can do.

(1) Wear badges, or some easily identifiable symbol of the peace movement. Peace badges are great conversation starters. I was looking in a large store to find gifts to bring home for my grandchildren. There were very few customers and a young lady assistant saw my row of badges on my lapel, laughed and said, "Let me read them." Her laughter died on her lips. "I'm frightened for my future," she said, "The playground where I played for years has been discovered to have been filled in with radioactive debris. What am I carrying in my body?"

(2) Philip Noel Baker, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1959 said that a postage stamp is one of the most powerful weapons of the peace campaigner. Write letters to the press, to your senators and representatives, to your clergy and bishops, to trade Union leaders, to your personal friends. When public figures make pronouncements that fuel war thinking, write letters to refute them, and equally important, when public figures speak for the things that belong to peace, write them a letter of encouragement. Every bishop and clergy should receive a continual stream of letters on either approving his public stand on peace issues, or asking how a Christian can not be active for peace. Do not allow them to fashion a comfortable seat on the fence. Get yourself informed. There is a plentiful supply of books. I recommend especially, "The Politics of Love: The New Testament and Non-Violent Revolution: By John Ferguson" publishers James Clarke, Cambridge, and also "No Immediate Danger" by Rosalie Bertel, published by The Womens Press Ltd., Shoreditch High St. London.

(3) I believe we need more communication between the peace movements in the USA, GB, Europe and Northern Ireland. To this end I will send a year's sub to two or three of our monthly publications for friends in the US.

(4) ABOVE ALL DON'T LOSE HOPE. Indestructable Love is the power by which all things were created and by which all things are sustained.

Nor can that endure which has not
its foundations upon love:
For love alone diminishes not
but shines with its own light,
Makes an end to discord
softens the fires of hate.
Restores peace in the world
brings together the sundered.
Redresses wrong
aids all and injures none.
And whose invokes its aid

will find peace and safety (from the act of Herodic
And have no fear of future ill. 1431 A.D. inspired by
Queen Jadwiga of
Poland)

Christian hope is not vague wishful thinking that it would be nice if things were better. It is the confident expectation that because God is love, and the will of God is for peace, then if we faithfully follow the way of love, peace will be achieved.

I remember more than thirty years ago when a few of us met in London for regular poster parades, with posters carrying messages of peace. After some months we looked at each other at our meeting point and someone said, "Look, we've got double figures. There are ten of us today."

"And so, brothers and sisters of mine, stand firm. Let nothing discourage you as you busy yourselves in the Lord's work for we can be sure that nothing we do for God is ever lost or wasted."

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Alfred Willetts

Alfred Willetts, and his late wife, Phoebe, were very active nationally in the early days of CND - particularly in the NVDA wing of the campaign. (Phoebe was imprisoned for six months after Foulness, May 1960.) However Chain Reaction readers may be more likely to remember them as campaigners for the ordination of women. There was a lot of publicity, when in the 70s, Phoebe was ordained in the States and came back to say Mass in Alfreds church.

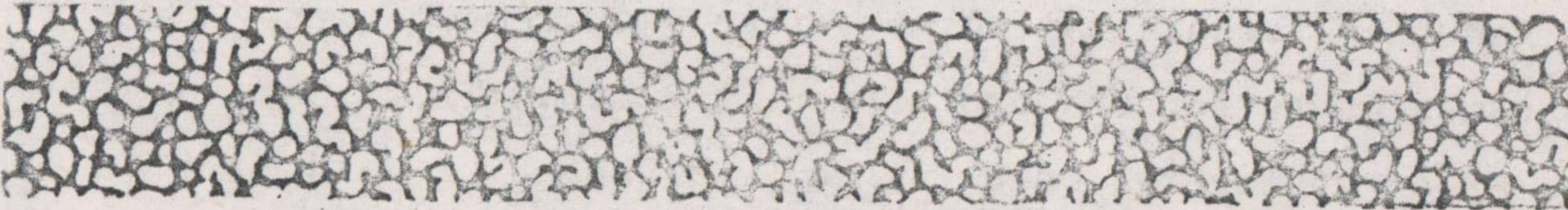
NOT IN OUR BACKYARD

The United States is facing its largest hazardous chemical waste disposal headache ever. Over 400,000 tons of aging and highly corrosive nerve gas needs to be disposed of in order to make room for a new generation of nerve gases.

The killer chemicals, Sarin and VX will be burned in hermetically sealed furnaces with explosion - containment walls and pollution scrubbers. The US Army plans to build eight incineration plants the first at Johnston Atoll, South Pacific.

"....re-shaping world-wide North-South relations (is) equal in importance to counter-acting the dangers of the arms race".

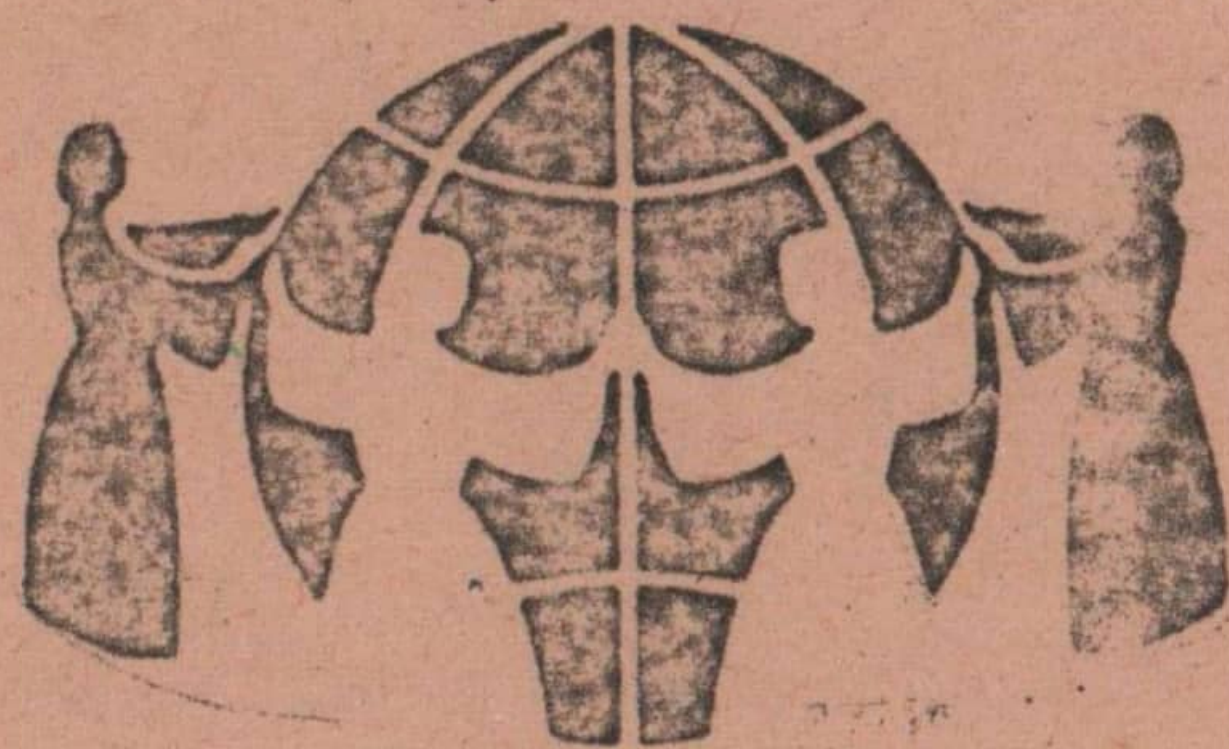
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"The USA and the USSR are separated by less than three miles of frozen sea," said our Christmas visitor from Alaska. "Then why don't people walk across?" someone asked. "Of course they do, they do it all the time." It sounded like exaggeration but, sure enough, by the end of February cuttings from Alaskan papers arrived.

A young man with a Spanish name, a student in California on and off, had decided to look at the region of USA where the Eskimos lived. He spent all his money on the air fare to Alaska and then to Little



E N C O U N T E R

Diomedede, the island nearest to the USSR. He joined some islanders fishing for crabs through the ice. Looking up, he saw the cliffs across the strait shining. "You can take my tackle," he said, setting off at a run. Sometimes he ran, sometimes he walked. He worried about polar bears and foxes, being vague about their habits. At last he got to the cliffs and found an easy way to climb. Five Russian soldiers came down with rifles pointing. They tied his hands and took him into a building at the top of the cliff. After a few days there they flew him briefly to a little place in Siberia, where the guards seem to have shown him off to the village people, who brought him presents. Children gave him sweets. After questioning he was flown back to Alaska. "Take him, he's yours," said the Russian officer. The Americans took him to hospital for tests. He admitted that he had not seen much of the USSR for his guards, though kind and considerate, had been efficient. Dismissing him from hospital a psychiatrist advised him to go home, marry a nice girl, stop doing silly things. The Russian advice had been different: "Next time, come in by the front door."

He did not go home: he could not pay the fare. "I think he's around here somewhere still," said our Alaskan friend. "I guess we've all forgotten about him."

ENID HUWS JONES.

THE FRIEND

(JUNE 26th 1987)

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