



TANG members presenting Wrekin's MP, Bruce Grocott, with a letter asking him to protest at the proposed replacement of old cruise missiles with new ones.

CHAIN REACTION



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TANG'S 1990 A.G.M.

The 1990 A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 14th November in Meeting Point House in Telford Town Centre.

Coffee and tea will be available from 7.30pm the meeting will start at 8.00pm.

There will be a motion put to the meeting that TANG should cease to exist since we have not managed to attract enough people to our meetings in the last year to make them viable nor to be able to plan and carry out any significant campaigning. If you think it is important that a local anti-nuclear group exists in the area please come and say so. If the motion is carried this will be your last *Chain Reaction*. Also if the motion is carried the AGM will decide what will happen to the (small) amount of money in TANG's bank account. It may be that a donation to national CND will be thought to be the most appropriate.

A G E N D A

1. Chair's opening remarks.
2. Reports:
 - Secretary's
 - Treasurer's
 - Publicity Secretary's
 - Literature Secretary's
3. Motions.
4. A.O.B.

TANG RIP??

The statement elsewhere about the AGM accurately describes TANG's position. There can be no doubt that there are not enough activists to make TANG viable. But, that said, it is not true as "Diseased Socialist", writing in the Shropshire Star in August said, that detente between the great powers has made CND and TANG unnecessary; as is amply demonstrated by the Gulf crisis and the threat conveyed in some tabloids of "nuking" Iraq. The threat of war in the Gulf will soon, I believe, be even more evident showing that a peace group is necessary, here as nationally. I do not think that Iraq is the sole force to be blamed over Kuwait, nor remembering Korea, do I trust the UN to behave in a purely peaceful manner. While I do not see how TANG can survive it still seems retrograde to me to be winding up at this moment.

Laurens Otter

CND STATEMENT ON THE GULF CRISIS

1. CND unreservedly condemns the invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq. Iraqi troops should immediately withdraw.
2. CND gives its full support to the UN declaration on mandatory economic sanctions against Iraq.
3. CND calls upon the UN to take the leading role in the resolution of this dispute.
4. CND condemns the presence in the area and possible use by Iraq of chemical weapons. Iraq has used these weapons in the past against its own population and may well do so again against its perceived enemies. The use or threatened use of chemical weapons by any state is unacceptable.
5. CND opposes the presence of nuclear powered US ships in the Gulf and the presence of nuclear weapons capable US, USSR and UK ships. The use or threatened use of nuclear weapons by any state is unacceptable. CND notes that the threat posed by the presence of nuclear weapons has not brought about the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.
6. CND condemns the fact that in the very recent past Britain has supplied weapons components and export guarantees (freeing Iraqi resources for weapons research) and has taken part in arms fairs in Baghdad. This is unacceptable. National and international controls on the arms trade must be instituted and rigorously enforced. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and Missile Technology Control Regime should be strengthened and an international arms export register set up. All these measures should come under the auspices of the UN.
7. CND deplores the fact that many states have opposed Iraqi action in the Gulf yet failed to condemn the genocidal use of chemical weapons against the Kurdish population in Iraq. CND reiterates its own consistent opposition to the use or threatened use of all weapons of mass destruction.
8. CND calls for a strengthening of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The current crisis illustrates the importance of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons to other parts of the world. Further, CND calls upon the British government to halt its own nuclear modernisation programme. It is hypocritical to argue against the proliferation of nuclear weapons while continuing to insist on Britain's possession of such weapons and the massive escalation represented by Trident and commitment to the acquisition of nuclear Tactical Air-to-Surface Missiles (TASM).

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DIARY

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Ist Sat. in each month Telford FOE stall at Meeting point house (i.e. 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec).

Tue Oct 9th Wind Power Video and prepare for 13th Oct.
F.O.E. Fletcher Memorial Hall, Madeley
7.30 pm

Sat Oct 13th Global warming day of action.
F.O.E. Telford Library.

Nov 9th-11th Remembering War- Working for Peace
C.N.D. CND Annual Conference, Coventry.

Tue 13th Nov FOE meeting as Oct 9th.
F.O.E. Probably Nestle Boycott speaker.

Wed Nov 14th **TANG AGM**
7.30 pm, TANG Meeting Point House. See elsewhere.

Afterword:

It is with a mixture of relief and sadness that I am typing this last diary. Having offered 'technical help' at the 1987 AGM I seem to have become part of the editorial team and keeper of the membership list. My own unilateralist convictions and national CND membership remain, as do those of the other 'activists' at the core of TANG. But it seems political fashion has moved on, perhaps our turn will come again. On balance it had felt worthwhile, but feels less rewarding now. Goodbye,

Tot Dawes