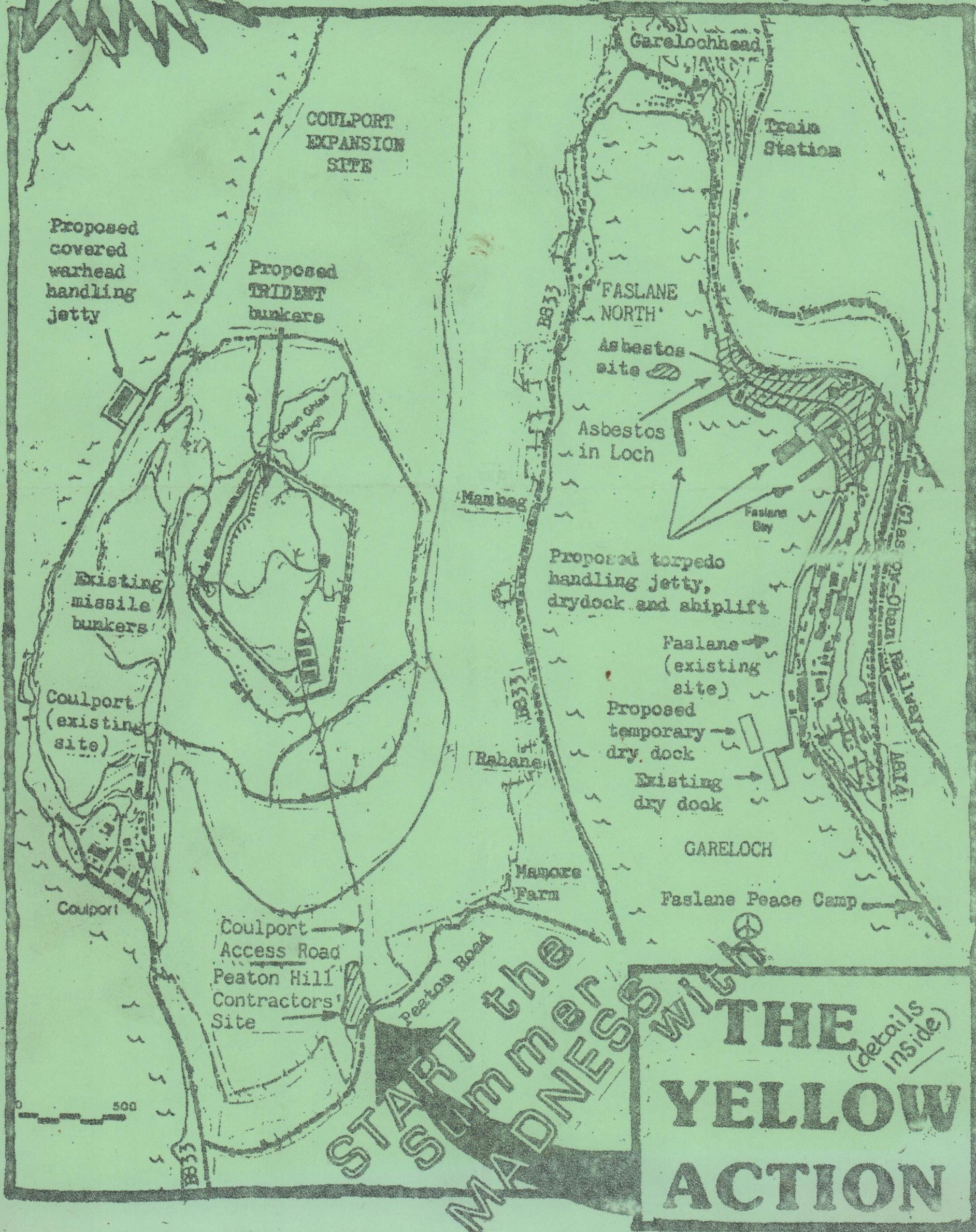


# FASLANE FOCUS

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FASLANE PEACE-CAMP'S  
NEWS LETTER!



START the  
SUMMER with  
MADNESS

THE (details inside)  
YELLOW  
ACTION

THE YELLOW ACTION - MAY 31st-JUNE 2nd - SIT-DOWN BLOCKADE OF THE  
TRIDENT CONSTRUCTION WORK - JUNE 2nd.

It looks like we are going to get land on the Peaton Hill for people to camp on during the Yellow-Action, so if you're coming to the Yellow-Action, bring camping gear, including a water-container. There's a stream on the site, but, it's not very big, so we'll try and get a stand-pipe or bring water up. Also it could be quite wet on the ground, so bring wellies and a decent ground-sheet. We have agreed to be very careful about lighting fires, so there'll be only one or two fires lit for cooking.

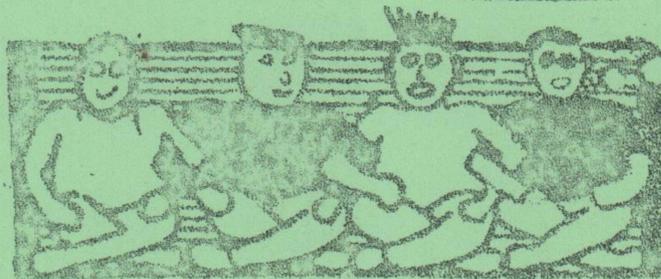
The camp-site will be directly opposite the entrances of the construction site we want to blockade.

The Peace-camps also have space for camping.

There should be lots of good Scottish music (and other music too,) at the ceillidh on the Saturday night and we'll have a marquee up there for it, people without tents and the meeting on Sunday night.

We've done alot of thinking about non-violent direct-action training, consensus-decision making and affinity groups, recently, so we hope to pass that on to people on the Sunday in workshops and n.v.d.a. training. Hopefully there'll be time to discuss the Green-Action as well. We would like to stress to maintain the level of non-violence on the blockade, it is important that everyone taking part has received some n.v.d.a. training.

Don't forget the week-long daily vigil outside the site - May 26th-June 1st - to talk to the workers about what they're working for and why we feel it's necessary to take direct-action.



WE'VE BEEN STUCK  
TOGETHER SINCE  
FEB 6<sup>th</sup>

And if you can't make it to the Yellow-Action, or even if you can, we're asking people to do solidarity-actions on Friday May 23rd, at factories and offices involved in the work for the Trident system. We're asking you to leaflet, vigil, or if you can, talk with trade-unions to discuss alternative peace-ful work.

If you want a list of firms for the Clyde Submarine base, send us 25p and a stamped addressed envelope, and we'll send you one.

Many of these firms have local offices. There may be one in your area, for instance,

Tarmac, Cementation, Laing, Balfour Beatty, Biwater Shellaber, Briggs Amasco, Clachan, Clyde Cement, Fairclough Engineering, French Kier Construction, GEC/Marconi, Greenham Plant-Hire, Leggat, Lilley, Robert McAlpine, Alfred McAlpine, Miller Construction, Norwest Holst, Edmund Nuttall, Taylor Woodrow, Tilcon, Wimpey.

START A DIALOGUE WITH THE WORKERS.....

## NEW BYE-LAWS

The by-laws proposed by the MOD last October, have now become law - well we think they have. They're dated from the 5th February - timed to coincide with the Molesworth blockade, perhaps? But, although they're meant to have come in force then, we were quite clearly breaking them, then and it wasn't until, just over a month later, that any-one got arrested. (Again see elsewhere for an account...)

In fact, people arrested at the Orange Action on February 17th for entering Coulpport were originally charged under the old by-laws. (Changed since then, unfortunately.)

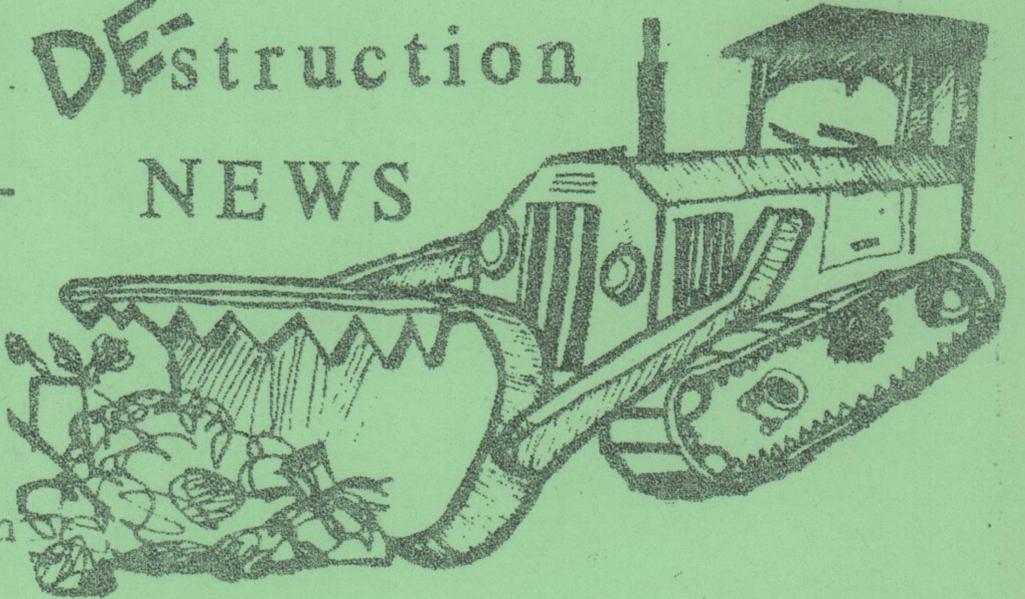
The new by-laws cover an area of 3,000 acres around Coulpport, when they only used to cover a tenth of that. But with no roads, fences or anything on most of it the MOD could find the area "unpolicable."

Offences under the by-laws include leafletting, sticking up posters, interfering with the fence, dropping lit cigarettes, letting dogs off their leads, etc, etc, etc. Maximum penalties are £100.

If you want to protest at the incredible theft of our right to protest or just to walk on nearby hills, come and make the new by-laws unworkable with us.

National CND have decided that the next national demo' will in fact be to reclaim the land covered by the new by-laws on Oct. 4th - but don't wait till then - Break them NOW.

## DESTRUCTION NEWS



## AND NEW ROADS

For the last four years, local people have wanted a by-pass around Helensburgh for the contractor's vehicles coming to the work up here. (Estimated to reach a peak of 1,600 a day in 1988.) And for four years the MOD have been secretly investigating the possibility of doing this, whilst, publicly stating it couldn't be done, because of cost, time, etc. And anyway, the existing roads were meant to be good enough and it wasn't meant to be that much traffic.

Now after all that, the MOD have announced plans to build this by-pass starting in October this year. It will cost £10 million, but, the joke is that they intend to dig it up after they have finished work here in eight-ten years time. It will be a military road which - the MOD say - No civilian traffic will be able to use.

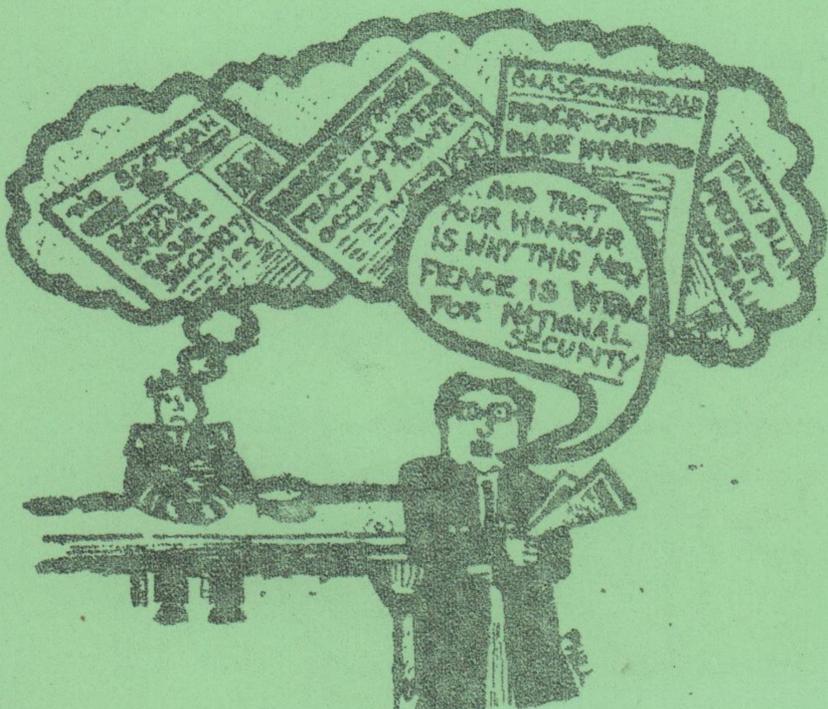
So the good burghers of Helensburgh will not be inconvenienced by the traffic, but, as the "road" starts near to Loch Lomond, the traffic will now have to travel thru Dumbarton, Renton and Balloch all areas more densely populated and more anti-the-base.

Incidentally, this road was the "last straw" for a leading Tory in Scotland - the vice-president of the Conservative and Unionist Association who recently resigned because of how this govt. is treating Scotland.

And Sir Ivor Colquhoun, the owner of the land they want to use for it - is reported not to want it either.

By the way, without a law of Trespass in Scotland, how do the MOD think they can stop civilian traffic using it?

Phill.



## The Faslane Ramblers Take A Stroll....

On Easter Sunday we decided to go for a walk. It was such a beautiful day, just right for a picnic in the hills. So, early in the day, we walked into Garelochhead and climbed up the hill. We stopped to listen to the sound of the birds singing and the running water. With the sun beating down on us it was perfect. Walking on, we found some surveying posts for the new road which we moved. Words aren't enough to describe these hills which the MoD are callously carving up, insensitive to their unique beauty. We looked at the sun shining on the wavelets in Lochan Glas Laigh, reflecting the blue of the sky against the dark green of the trees. We walked on through the trees and found a place where the forest had been chopped down; all the trees were lying on the ground. There are lots of notices saying 'MoD property - Keep Out'. We found that a track had been dug out of the peat, which became a road built around the top of Mam Mer. I imagined what the hill would have been like without it there; I'd never been to the top of Mam Mer, even though I've lived here for ages, and I wanted to see the view from the top before they fenced it off for ever. A Modplod with a dog tried to persuade us not to go up there - apparently we weren't allowed to be there. Despite his threats to set the dog on us, we walked up to the top, promising him that we'd come back down when we'd seen the view. We had a picnic at the top - he'd followed us up but he didn't want any sandwiches. Then I told him he was welcome to escort us off now we'd seen the view, but instead he radioed for a land rover to take us to the police partakabin. They didn't want any sandwiches either, so we carried on with our picnic while they charged us with being on the hill. Mike and I have the dubious honour of being the first people to be charged under the new byelaws which came into force on 5 February. When the case comes up it will be a test case, proving or disproving the validity of these byelaws. love, Panda XX

SOME-ONE KEEPS MOVING THE SURVEYOR'S STAKES!



For the second time now I have been arrested for walking on the hills above Garelochhead. This time me and Mike had planned to go for a swim in the Lochan and then a picnic.

We thought there was a possibility we might get stopped when we got to the Lochan, but we didn't expect to be challenged by two MoD plods a mile from where we had started. They told us it was against the by-laws for us to walk there. I was so angry about not being able to enjoy being on the hills on a lovely sunny day, that I sat down on the grass and refused to leave.

**"YOU SAY THAT  
THIS LAND  
IS OUT  
OF BOUNDS"**

So four MoD plods took turns to drag me a mile back down the hill to where we had started. It took them a LONG time.

Last November, I got a letter from the MoD assuring me that people would still be able to walk on these hills when the new by-laws came into force.

That was a lie.

Panda.



THE



RUN

The "Chicken Run" is a name applied to the stretch of temporary weld-mesh fence the MoD have put up so they can erect a high security, weld-mesh fence in place of the chain-link one. The name was chosen by the MoD plods themselves. It more than likely comes as a result of them being cooped up there, with portakabins and loos, for hours at a time.

A brief recap, perhaps, to remind you all of what the temporary fence is about.

When it was decided to build a new security fence, it was also decided to "steal" council property to help them do this. They put up weld-mesh on posts, encased in concrete-filled oil-drums which were then bolted into the road. A gate at each end meant that they had enclosed a half-mile stretch of pavement within their boundary. The fact that we can expect upto 1,600 construction vehicles a day, pass on this road, doesn't seem relevant to the decision taken to close part of the road.

The Council have taken the MoD to court about this fence, but, the court-case has now been put back to June (sometime) We don't believe, for one minute, that this has anything to do with them (Mod) wanting to get as much "fence" work done as possible - are they afraid they may lose the court-case?

Meanwhile we have a campaign to remind the Mod just whose property they have taken. Work continues inside the temporary fence which serves only to confuse the MoD plods even more.

## JUMPIN' JIM

Our campaign is to keep reminding the MoD that they don't have control over the pavement which is, in effect, inside their perimeter fence. A number of people have gone over a gate in order to walk down the 'pavement' to the other gate. The first time I climbed the gate I was apprehended and charged on the spot. I was put in one of the portakabins, under guard and someone else climbed over and on to the roof of the portakabin. We talked before he returned back over the fence. Nothing happened to him, despite Strathclyde police being present. Another MoD plod decided to release me.

## DONT SIT ON THE FENCE JUMP IT!

Three of us went over on another occasion. Two stepped over the invisible line and were promptly arrested for breach of byelaws. I got to walk the length of the temporary fence. I returned by the same route - the MoD plods let me walk through.

Another time I blockaded a lorry going in to dump rubble. About four times they threw me out before arrested me for "breach of the peace by obstructing a lorry by lying on the roadway (pavement)".

A few days ago I went over and got about halfway down before being stopped. I was dragged back to the gate and thrown out. When I climbed over again I failed to see the notorious "Hey You" (guard dog). I've got a nice dental impression on my boot should he ever need dental treatment.

Last night I almost walked the full length of the fence before being stopped, kneed and elbowed - breach of the peace again.

By no means am I the only one who goes over, another camper was assaulted by the same one who assaulted me.

Looking over this piece it looks like I've made it out to be a game but it's not. I can't speak for anyone else but as far as I'm concerned someone has to keep reminding the MoD that there will be resistance to their 'taking' land as and when they want. I don't know how often I'll be arrested for the 'chicken run' but no way will they forget they stole someone else's property at Faslane and I hope everywhere else.

Jim

# HOPPING CALLUM

On the evening of Wednesday 23rd April, myself and three others went up to the temporary weld-mesh fence which is illegally obstructing our right of way on a public foot-path. On asking the MOD plods if they were going to allow us to walk along the foot-path, we were again given various negative replies, ranging from "I don't see a path here." to

"If you don't like it, take out a writ against us personally, or the Secretary of State for Scotland for denying you access." So then one of us jumped over the fence, and was promptly arrested for Breach of the "Peace".

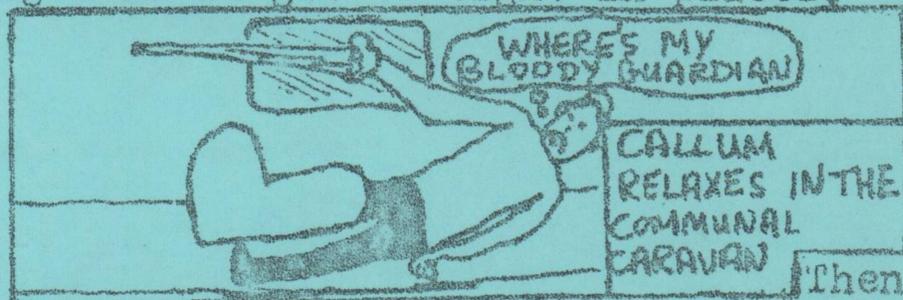
At this time I was sitting on the top of the fence, below me was one of the dog-handlers, with most probably the most vicious dog inside Faslane, and it was starting to get upset, so, I didn't want to jump down next to it. I asked the handler if he would stop aside as I intended to walk along the path, but, he refused my reasonable request. Eventually I climbed down, walked twenty yards along the fence and climbed back up it. Then I jumped down inside the area temporarily fenced off. On landing I twisted my ankle badly and collapsed in a heap on the bucket of a mechanical digger, where I was eventually informed that I too was being arrested for Breach of the "Peace".

## X-RAYS & A SCALPEL...

On explaining my predicament, that I couldn't stand, my arresting officer kindly supported me as I hopped to a waiting police car and driven off to the Casualty Unit in the base.

Eventually the Chief Medical Officer came down and went through a procedure of asking if I wanted him to see my injury or not - by this time my ankle had swollen to twice its normal size, gone purple and I was on the verge of fainting, so I didn't mind so long he was a Doctor and not a Butcher. Then it was into "shall I cut your socks off or try to peel them off?" as well as comments from the plods about "you wouldn't get this treatment in

Russia...etc." Then into another room and my ankle was x-rayed, with the Medical Officer asking me to say "Cheese" and smile. It was eventually diagnosed as not being broken, but, only badly twisted ligaments. Out came one of those nasty sticky bandages to strap my ankle up, and to prove how nice he was, he put it back to front so that it wouldn't rip the hairs off my leg when I took it off. He also gave me some pain-killers and a spatula and a scapel - the latter for cutting the bandages if it got too tight in places.



Then it was farewell to the staff of the Casualty Unit and off, in a car, to the Police Office to be processed, searched and charged, fill in all the forms, then the MOD CID came into to take my photograph, and he didn't appreciate it when I stood by the door on one foot, with my head down, eyes shut and my tongue poked out. All the CID bloke said was that I could stand there on one leg all night long if I didn't co-operate, but, after a few minutes, with my arresting officers refusing to get involved, he had to take my photograph as I was and left. Eventually after another quarter of an hour's wait, I was driven back to the Camp.

## CONCLUSION

All I can say about their treatment is that they are fairly helpful and at times rather amusing in the Casualty Unit in Faslane, and you do get treatment faster than you would in a N.H.S. Hospital - but, that's most probably because the MOD is where all the money is!

As for the M.O.'s amusement - I suppose it makes a change from looking after Naval Personnel and workforce, to deal with a Peace-Camper who was tripped up by a weld-mesh fence that illegally appeared in my way and damaged the ligaments in my ankle - Oh Well, I'll hop off now!

CALLUM.



# NEW ARRIVALS

"Have you seen that damned great green roaring monster laying down a rubber road of freedom between the peace-camp and the Chicken Run - shitting hippies along the way?"

"That's not a monster, that's a Morris-Minor van, Bonio-brain, and they're not hippies - they're Peace-loving members of an alternative society."

"If you like the buggers so much why'd you bite one the other day?"

"He was threatening the Realm, anyway, if I don't bite them my handler bites me..."

We intercepted and decoded this message from a couple of the dogs barking behind the fence the other night. We think it just goes to show how widely acclaimed, Morris-Minor vans are.

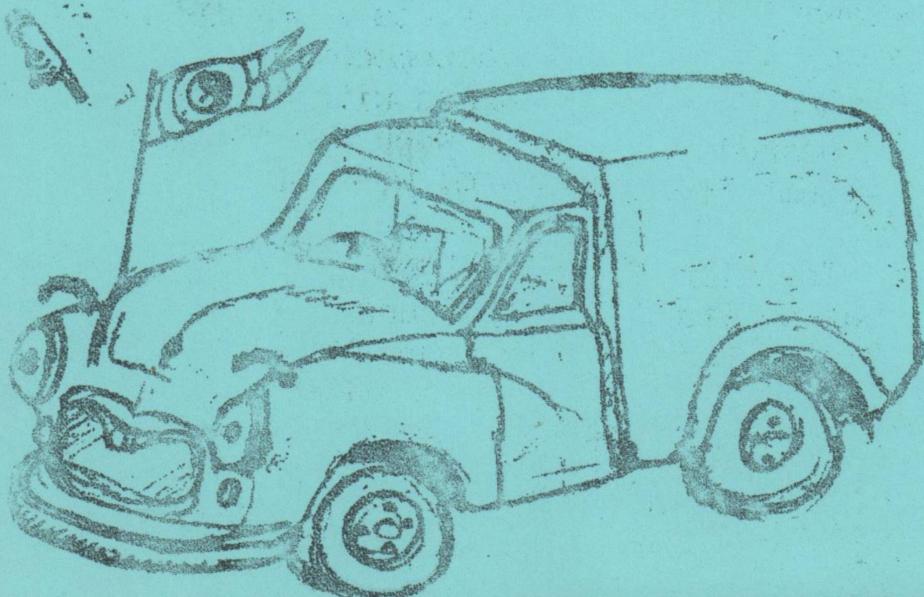
To clarify the situation for anyone else who may have heard this conversation, Green Pea - the van - has recently been working for a clandestine government agency renowned for their....vans.

Disillusioned and tempted by the permissive society of the wild seventies, it left the Post-Office and went into total isolation in a seedy, one-roomed garage in London.

Shocked by Govt. plans (see p.1) it decided to offer its services to Faslane Peace-Camp and for the last month has been laying down said rubber in the name of PEACE, LOVE & TREES & FLOWERS.

Jill & Jim.

PS. ANY MORRIS MINOR VANS (PARTICULARLY WHEEL-NUTS) GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



First the good news -

Antonia - who used to live at the peace-camp, has just had a baby on the 16th March.

Malin John Freeborn weighed just over 8½lbs. (and talking of babies -

Baby Sam, born to Jane and Phill, is healthy and has just started to eat mashed-up banana!)

And George the cat has come back to stay.

And now the Bad -

There are lots of new fresh-faced Mod Plods at the fence - all keen and eager to arrest their first peace-camper.

Hundreds of portakabins springing up for the work here.

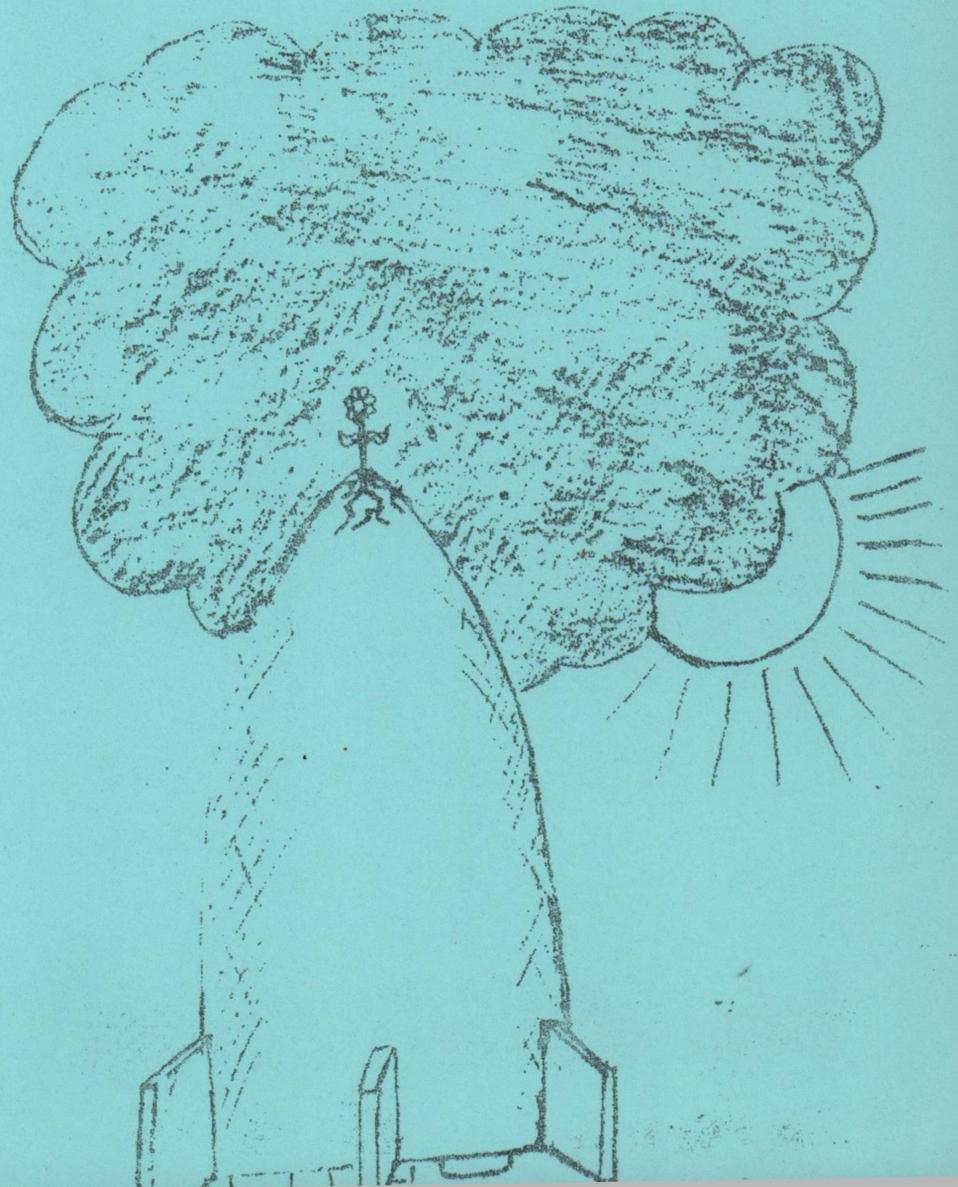
And every day one sort of massive earth-mover/digger or 'dozer, or another arrives on the back of lorries with police out-rider escorts.

(Are we being invaded ??)

Plus, a departure from smoking - Jim & Jill are doing a sponsored giving-up smoking for 40 days to raise money for the next - the Green - Action.

Financial encouragement urgently needed.

(Cheques made out to the Rainbow-Campaign.)



# LIFE-CAMP

I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO RECORD THIS DAY AGAINST YOU, THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH: THEREFORE CHOSE LIFE THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE.

The North-Gate Camp - Life Camp - having moved from its original site 200 yards down the road, is now once again involved with applications for planning permission and occupancy requests; the former costing £75 and being entirely dependent on donations !

Meanwhile Mike has been charged with trespass; at least this means we're safe till the court-case in August !

VIOLENCE ENDS WHERE LOVE BEGINS.

We hope Life-Camp will become a focus for Christian Peace Witness: we recently entered the base to construct a small Eirene peace-chapel and sow seeds, our message being one of new life and belief that the qualities of Love and inner peace out of which Eirene - the peace-chapel at Molesworth - was built, were in no way demolished with the building.

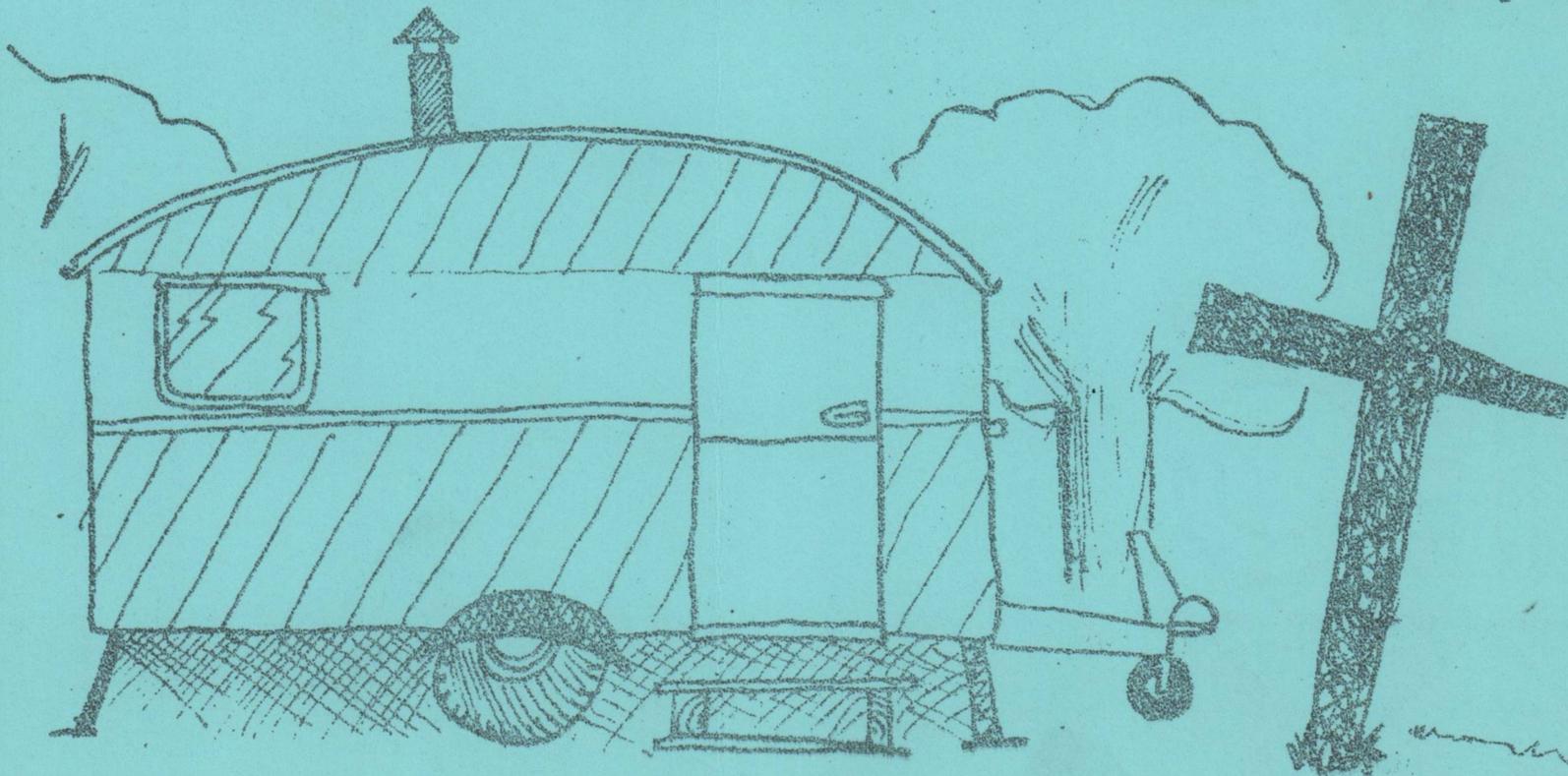
We have been in touch with religious peace-groups requesting leaflets, (and money !!) visiting local churches and illiciting comment, as a Christian Peace-Camp, in the press.

We had our banner : CHRISTIANS AWAKE AND SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE., ripped off the side of our caravan, (right-wing Christian militia ?) so we have at least been noticed.

GENTLENESS IS STRENGTH.

We will be building a peace-cairn here and any-one wishing to support us can send, say, 50p and we will add one stone to the cairn and the name of the donor in a special book.

Michael Hutchinson. (On behalf of Christine and Stephen.)



# THE CONVOY - WHERE IS IT ?

Nuclear War-head convoys could often be seen making their way thru' the British country-side, trying hard to blend in with the natural vegetation growing either side of the many motorways and roads along the length and breadth of the nation. Now, however, many "convoy-trackers" have noticed that this once proud & ponderous beast is no longer as visible as it was.

Many Polaris-Watch members - an organisation set up to track and monitor the movement of the convoy - express concern at the apparent decline in the number of trips the convoy now makes. One Polaris-Watch member commented

"We could be witnessing the end of the convoy - there hasn't been a sighting of it in the north for over THREE months, and that's Not usual.

The loch-side roads around Coulport seem deserted and empty without the regular movements of the convoy and as a local MOD police-man points out -

"We can't say what has happened to it."

## EXTINCTION ?

POLARIS-WATCH, only recently able to claim it could track the convoy along the length of Britain, is wondering what has happened aswell.

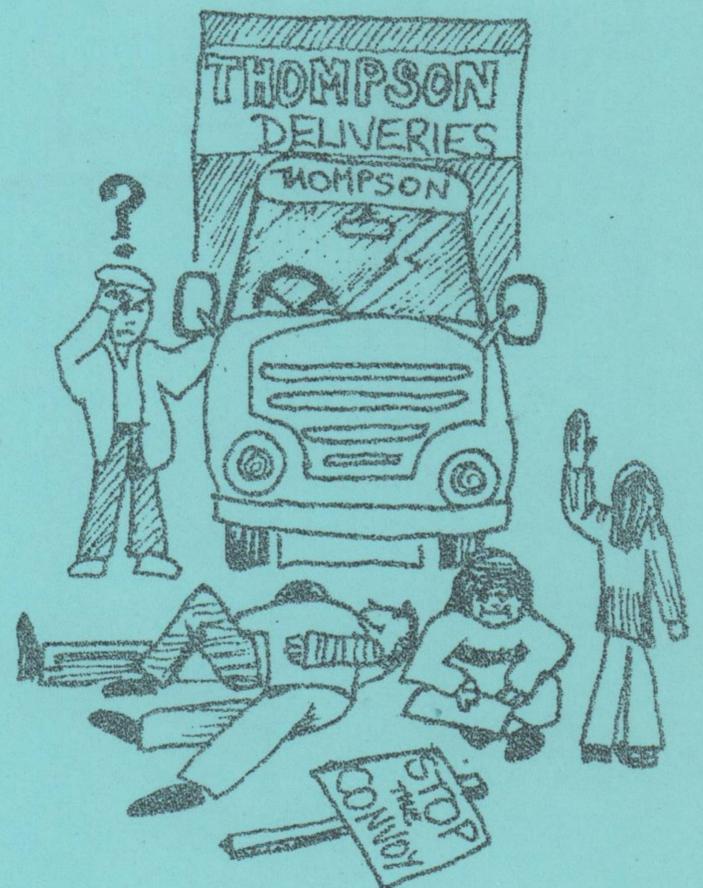
Using cars to follow and photograph it, and alerting groups of Polaris-Watchers along its route - the Polaris-Watch organisation has successfully tracked convoys in the past but, since January, have not seen one make the long journey from Burghfield to Coulport. They say

"We think it might be close to extinction - the end of the convoy."

One reason for its decline may be the attention being given it by groups like POLARIS-WATCH. Known to be shy and wanting to avoid public-attention as much as possible, the attempts of Polaris-Watch to track it may have frightened the convoy away from its known regular routes. Polaris-Watch do point out, though, that they do try hard not to be spotted by the convoy when they track it, as it often makes attempt attempts to "lose them".

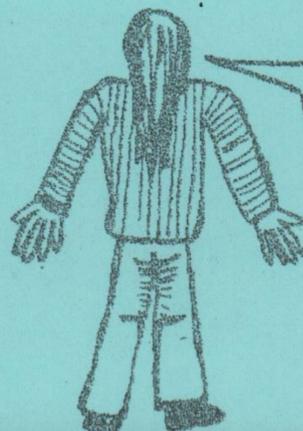
It could, they say, be that the convoy need not make so many journeys north. And they pledge to stay alert, in case, a convoy does get spotted leaving Burghfield.

There has been so much concern about the movements of the convoy that question have been asked in the House of Commons, and POLARIS-WATCH are making quite sure they won't miss any.



IF YOU DO SPOT A NUCLEAR WAR-HEAD CONVOY, phone :

FASLANE PEACE-CAMP on  
(0436) 820 901. or  
JANET CONVERY at NATIONAL CND  
on 01 250 4010.



BUT I ONLY SAID  
"I THINK IT'S  
THE CONVOY!"

## CONTRACTOR LISTS UP-DATE

The last few weeks have seen yet another increase in the volume of road traffic - several new haulage firms have been brought in, mainly on the Coulport development.

Several other new firms have been noted, but, because of other pressures we haven't researched them all yet - so these are the major ones :

This isn't the full list of firms involved in the Trident work here that groups need for the Yellow Action - for that, see below.

Miller Construction Ltd. - are involved with work at Whistlefield end of the Coulport development.

Stephenson Demolition Ltd (?) - Hartlepool-have emerged as a major sub-contractor from TARMAC at the Faslane North-site.

British Reinforced Concrete Engineering Co. Ltd. - Lichfield Rd. Sta Stafford ST17 4NN tel. (0785) 57777 - are supplying the high-quality weld-mesh fence for the £3,000,000 contract at Faslane.

Nelton Ltd - Kelly St. Blackburn, BB2 4PJ. Tel. (0251) 62431. - supplying special "Geo-Grid" foundation for the roads on the Peaton Hill.

McTay Projects Engineering Co. Ltd. - 4th floor, Ridgemount House, Burhope Way, Peterlee, Durham are base based on-site in Coulport and probably involved as sub-contractors on the £3million explosive storage building there, not strictly Trident work.

THE CONTRACTOR'S LISTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FROM THE CAMP FOR 25p & S.A.E.

"fascinating reading"

...the KGB.

"Very thought-provoking"

...Neil Kinnock

Thanks to any-one who's sent for one, and sorry for the delay.

ALTERNATIVE  
CAPITALISM  
PRESENTS

# £££££££££

WE NEED MONEY !!

Each time we organise an action we spend £500 - £1000. At the moment we have debts of £320. We need to pay off these debts and raise some money for the Yellow Action and future Rainbow Campaign actions.

We also need money to print this newsletter and future issues of the Faslane Focus. Each time we do a newsletter it costs us about £80 in postage and £20 to print it.

We also need money for other mailings eg. to people arrested on actions.

At the moment we have about £30 in the bank.

We get just enough in donations to survive, but, because we're planning bigger Rainbow Actions and our mailing list is getting longer - we haven't been able to keep up with our expenses.

We would really appreciate any money you can spare, either from what you earn or from your group's funds - please help us.

There are five bank accounts:

Faslane Peace Camp - for most things

The 'Phone Account - to pay the bill

Polaris-Watch - for tracking the convoy and actions to stop it.

Rainbow Campaign - for the Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet Actions and the

North-Camp Account - for the second Faslane Peace-Camp.

Help us get out of financial quagmire !!

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*May*

10th & 11th - Future Rainbow Campaign Actions meeting-at the camp.

12th & 13th - International March for Demilitarisation meeting at the camp.

17th & 18th - Peace Pentacost action at Coulpport.

+ National CND demo<sup>t</sup> at Coulpport planning meeting at the camp.

23rd - day of Solidarity actions, with millions of people demonstrating their opposition to Trident at local Trident contractor's offices.

24th International Wimin's Day for Disarmament.

26th - 31st - week-long daily vigil on top of the Peaton Hill.

31st - Ceilidh on Peaton Hill.

*June*

1st - workshops & nvda training.

2nd - YELLOW-ACTION BLOCKADE.

14th demo<sup>t</sup> at HMS Vulcan at Dounray where the Trident PWR is being tested.

19th International Resistance in Mutlangen, Germany.

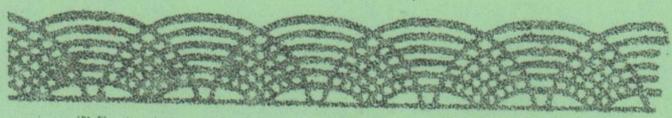
30th - Big Bruce starts his stroll from here to Burgh field.

*Plans for the future...*

Aug. 9th - the GREEN ACTION (contact us for details.)

July 19th-Aug. 3rd - International March for Demilitarisation camp, somewhere nearby. (Not yet known exactly where yet.)

October 4th - CND's next national demo<sup>t</sup>/trespass at Coulpport.



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