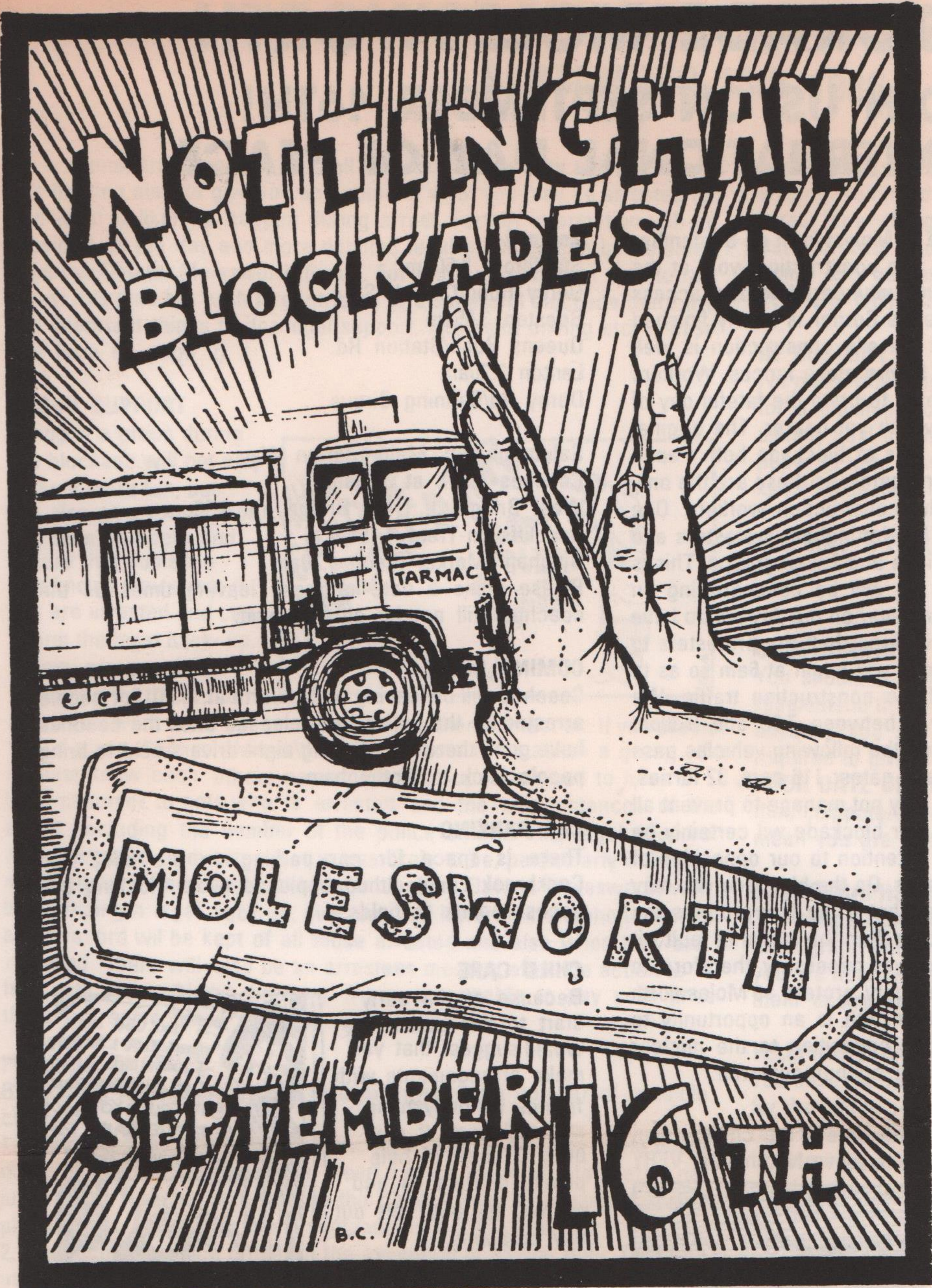


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BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH
Sept 16th RESIST CRUISE!

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FREE CAR STICKER (PLEASE USE!)

SIGN THE PETITION Resist Cruise

BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 16TH! UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

The Nottingham blockade of Molesworth on September 16th needs **your** support. The construction work at the base continues rapidly and unhindered. A new access road from the A604 to Peace Corner is nearly finished after only 6 months and the silo construction is well under way, protected by 5 wire mesh fences. Workers flock daily through the gates to bring the fateful day of Cruise's arrival to Molesworth yet nearer. The original idea for September 16th was to blockade both Peace Corner and Cookbrook Lane gates, as these are the only two in regular use by the construction workers. One gate was to be covered by Nottingham protesters and the other by local Cambridge and Essex groups. This is not to happen now, so we will be concentrating on Cookbrook Lane only. If however on the day we do have sufficient numbers we will direct half the protesters to Peace Corner. The blockade will begin at 6am so as to be ready for the first of the construction traffic. We know that this is heavy - between 7.50 and 9.30am recently, an observer noted the following vehicles pass through the Cookbrook Lane gates: 116 cars, 32 lorries, and 9 vans! Although we may not manage to prevent all traffic entering the base, our blockade will certainly be disruptive and also bring attention to our opposition of Molesworth's Cruise missiles. On the blockade you may be arrested but remember that if the law protects the organisers of mass genocide then the law is at fault - it is surely morally right, and even necessary, therefore, to break that law. Since February protest at Molesworth has been scant. September 16th is an opportunity to once again show our total opposition to the nuclear horror that will soon arrive on our doorstep.

TRANSPORT

In order to be at Molesworth before the construction workers arrive we will have to leave Nottingham VERY early in the morning. There will be pick-up points through the city on two routes leading to the Salutation Inn on Maid Marion Way, and further pick-up points on the way out of Nottingham to Molesworth, as follows:



Route 1

Daybrook Square 3.00am
Sherwood Bus Depot 3.10am
Savoy Hotel 3.20am (Mansfield Road)

COACH TICKETS AND SUPPORT

Name:

Address:

Telephone: (home)..... (work)

I/We can help with support work on Sept 16th. (please tick)

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION ... DAY DRIVER ... CHILD CARE ... NIGHT DRIVER ...

LEGAL SUPPORT OFFICE VOLUNTEER ... OTHER (please specify)

I/We require ... coach tickets at £4.00 waged
... coach tickets at £2.00 unwaged
and enclose £ ... total.

I/We wish to make a donation of £ ... to help the Defend Molesworth campaign.

I/We require ... copies of the petition. (Please return to NCND office no later than Sept 5th).

Please make cheques payable to Nottingham Defend Molesworth and return to c/o NCND, Queens Chambers, 3 King St, Nottingham.

Route 2

Stapleford 2.50am
Derby Road/Church St.
Beeston 3.05am
Queens Road/Station Rd.
Lenton 3.20am
Derby Rd/Canning Circus

Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way

Coaches leave at 3.45am

West Bridgford, Trent Bridge Inn 3.50am

Radcliffe-on-Trent 4.15am

Bingham Market Place 4.30am

Please make a note of these leaving times as the coaches will not be able to wait.

COMING HOME

Coaches will be leaving Molesworth at 14.00. For people arrested by the police and released after the coaches have gone there are evening/night drivers able to bring people back to Nottingham.

CAR PARKING

There is space for car parking on the B662 and Cookbrook Lane, although please avoid blocking any access points to fields.

CHILD CARE

Because of the early start to this action we would suggest that you make arrangements with friends for babysitting and childcare. If any body is short of help please contact us and we will try and sort out any problems.



THERE WILL BE NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION "PREPARATION DAYS" AT QUEENS WALK COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 11am UNTIL 4pm ON SUNDAY AUGUST 31st AND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7th. It is important to try and attend if you can! Creche available on request.

LEGAL BRIEFING FOR BLOCKADE OF USAF MOLESWORTH, SEPTEMBER 16th 1986

On a demonstration of this kind all the participants may risk arrest and this briefing aims to give you an outline of what you may be arrested for and what is likely to happen during arrest. Further information will be provided on the day and more detailed legal briefings can be obtained from the Defend Molesworth Group. For those who are not able to risk arrest this time but wish to contribute to a successful blockade there are still important things to do; legal support, late-night driving etc. (please see form on page 2)

GROUP SUPPORT

Being in a group during the blockade will not only make it more fun, but will also give you support if arrests do occur and ensure that someone else knows your name if you are arrested and can inform the legal back-up. Affinity groups will be preparing for the action

and if you want to be put in touch with one then contact us. If you are not with a group there is always the journey time to establish a group who at least know each others names. Each group is advised to have a legal observer to note who is arrested and the circumstances of the arrest, including the number of the police officer. This legal observer is not immune from arrest but is less likely to be, particularly if they are standing back from the blockade. Nottingham Defend Molesworth will be providing a legal back-up, everyone will have their telephone number and a record will be kept of all those arrested and also when they are released. There will also be an arrestees meeting after the action to help with any problems then e.g. if you are unable to pay your fines there are some funds available.

POSSIBLE CHARGES

Blockading Molesworth could lead to arrest for a number of possible charges:

1. Obstructing the highway: this is the most likely charge for sitting down in the blockade. (A highway can mean a grass verge or a footpath - not just a road). A recent sentence for this charge was £25 for someone who pleaded not guilty, maximum sentence is a £400 fine.
2. Obstructing a police officer in the execution of his/her duty: Could be used if you try and intervene in someone's arrest or for refusing to stop at roadblocks. Recent example of a sentence was £50 for someone who pleaded not guilty, maximum sentence is a £400 fine and/or one month in jail.
3. Conduct likely to lead to a breach of the peace: Breach of the peace is when someone (it doesn't have to be you - perhaps a construction worker) uses or threatens to use force. Maximum sentence is a £2,000 fine and/or six months in jail.
4. Breach of the Peace: this is not an actual offence, it means that you are brought before a magistrate to be 'bound over'.

N.B. It is extremely unlikely that you would be sentenced to anything worse than a small fine of £30-£50 or a binding over for your peaceful action on the blockade.

P.S. PUBLIC ORDER BILL

At this date we do not know whether the new act will be in force at the time of the blockade. If it is, then up-to-date information will be provided on September 16th. If it is law then it enables the police to put restrictions

on the numbers allowed, the place, and the timing of the blockade and it would then become a criminal offence to ignore the restrictions, with a maximum penalty of a £400 fine for those taking part.

ARREST

You may or may not be warned before being arrested. Your arresting officer is obliged to tell you that you have been arrested and on what charge. It is a good idea to make a note of his/her number as it could help you in court later. Do not struggle or resist arrest, simply walk or go limp. If others are being arrested do not attempt to intervene as you could risk further, more serious charges such as obstruction or assaulting a police

officer. Stay sitting and help others to remain calm and positive e.g. by singing. You need give no information to the police unless you are under arrest (or in charge of a vehicle, when you must give name, address, and date of birth) and once you are under arrest you need only give your name and address.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO GIVE YOUR DATE OR PLACE OF BIRTH.

IN CUSTODY

For minor offences, such as those in this briefing, the police can hold you for a maximum of 24 hours without charging you. In reality you are usually held for between 4 and 12 hours. So take a book and a pen and paper to note down what has happened to you (you will have to ask to keep these when your property is taken away).

You have a right to: **remain silent**
a phone call
a solicitor

QUESTIONING

You should be informed that you have the right to remain silent. We recommend that you say as little as possible, the police will take note of anything you say even in conversation. The only information you are required to give is your name and address. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE YOUR DATE OF BIRTH** (this helps the police to place or locate you on their computers) and we advise you not to give this information. It will not mean you are released any sooner, despite what the police may say.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND FINGERPRINTS

The police now have the right to use reasonable force to obtain your photograph and fingerprints (once you have been arrested). However, if you are not charged or you are found Not Guilty then you can ask to see them destroyed.

TELEPHONE CALL, SOLICITOR

You have the right to have someone informed of your arrest. You can ask for the call to be made directly to our legal support number * or to a relative or friend. Please ask this relative or friend IN ADVANCE to notify the legal support unit so that we know you are being held. You should not need a solicitor unless charged with a serious offence or if you cannot get bail. However, you have the right to see a solicitor at anytime and we will have one on call, should you wish to see one.

SEARCHES

The police may search you with your clothes on when your property is itemised and taken away. They now have the power to 'strip search' provided it is done by an officer of the same sex. Intimate searches should be done by a doctor (if one is available). The police are supposed to give you the name of the officer doing the search, their police station, the object of the search and the grounds for making this. They should make a record of this and eventually give you a copy.

BAIL

Provided you have given a verifiable address (the police may visit the address you have given to determine that you live there, they may ask the occupants for your date of birth at the same time so warn friends and relatives not to give this information) you should not have trouble getting bail. If the police do not verify your address then you may be held until the Court hearing, probably the next day, we will try to get a solicitor for you if this happens. Bail allows you to be set free provided you promise to come to the court hearing. Peace protesters usually get unconditional bail.

ON RELEASE

We should have someone waiting for you when you are released and a driver to take you home. If no-one is waiting for you please ring the legal support office * to inform them of your release and they will try to help you if you have problems getting home. If a number of people have been arrested we will be holding an arrestees meeting to give advice about what will happen in court and help with any problems.

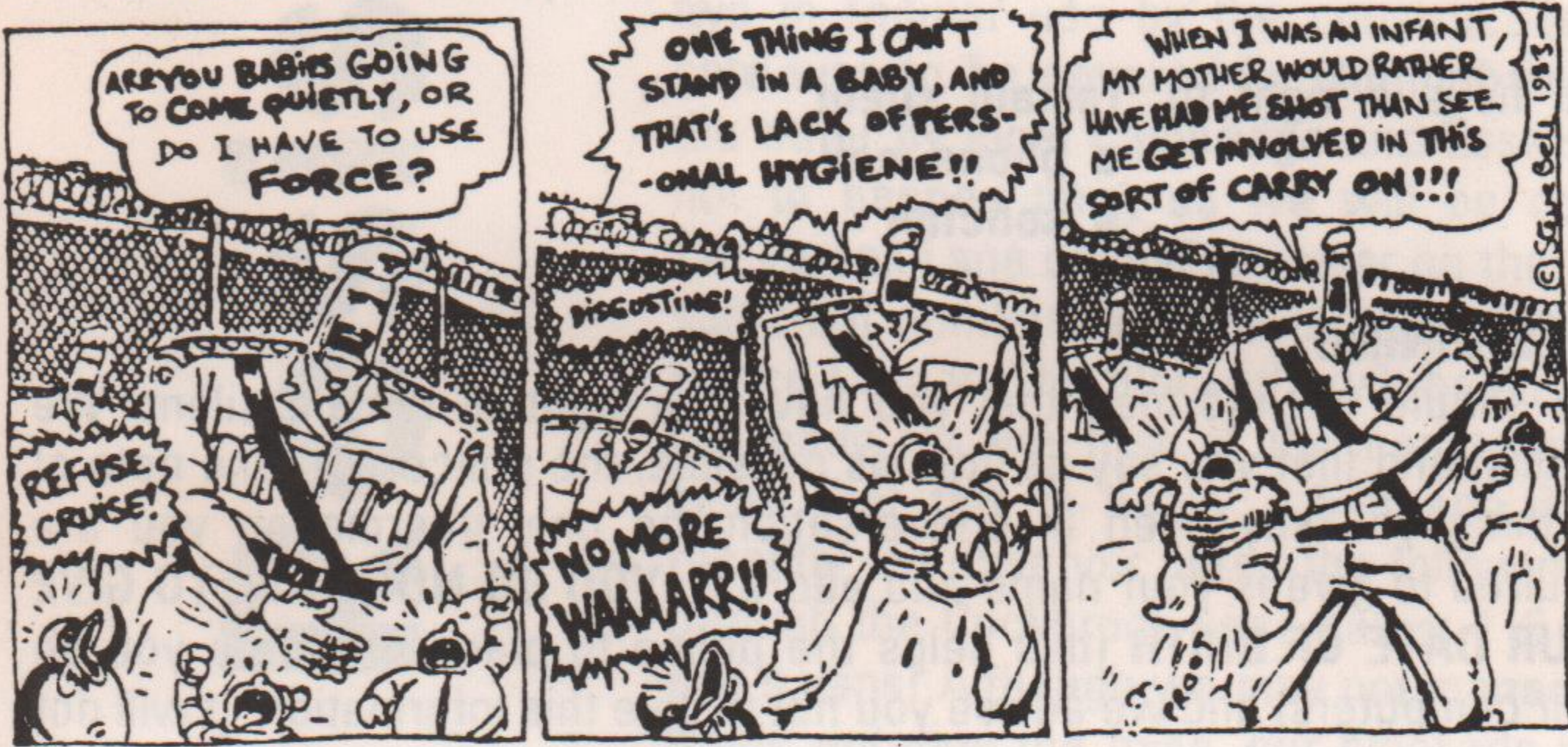
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Check list for the day

- Coach ticket
- Food and drink
- Waterproofs
- 10 pences for the phone
- A book to read
- Pen and paper
- Musical instrument
- The fare home (just in case!)
- Something to sit on
- Songsheet
- Personal statement
- Bag for litter
- Legal support number 0602-585666

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

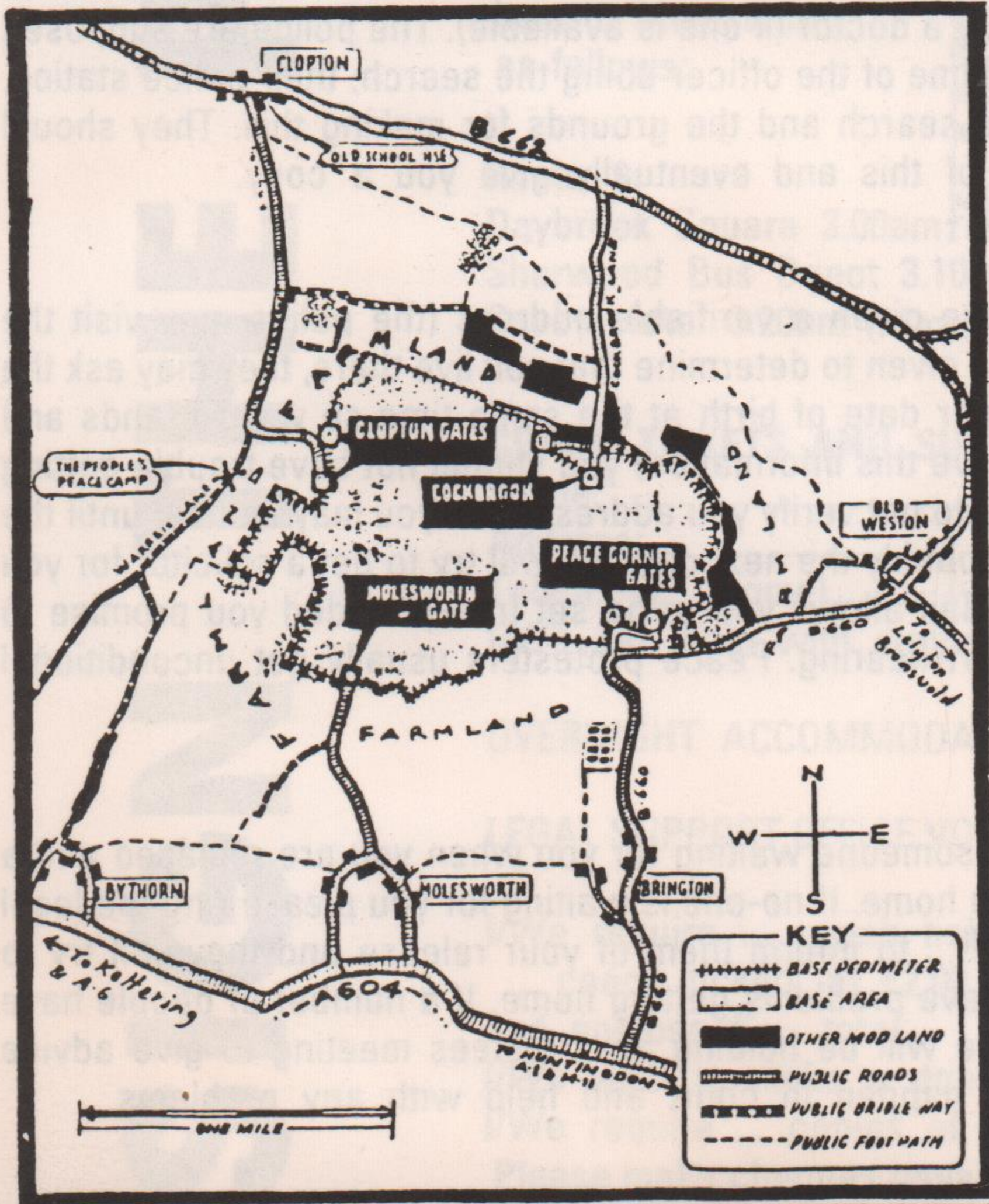


DO

1. Try and get together in a group, to prepare for the action and to give each other support.
2. Read the legal brief and contact us for further information if you need it.
3. Have some kind of preparation or training session if you have not taken part in civil disobedience before or if you are not 100% confident. (N.B. Training days are taking place see page 2)
4. Fill in the registration form on the coach or on arrival.
5. Remember this is a non-violent blockade.
6. Keep calm if you are arrested.
7. Sit down promptly on arrival and remain sitting.
8. Be sensitive and polite to local residents.

DON'T

1. Interfere with someone else's arrest, only make a note of who has been arrested and the number of the arresting officer.
2. Carry identification which contains date of birth with you.
3. As you may be searched don't bring non-prescribed drugs with you.
4. Walk on farmer's fields or drop litter.



MOLESWORTH

JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 16th!

For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good people to do nothing. These words, reprinted on the publicity material for the Molesworth blockade and petition, seem today to be particularly apt. For the Cruise missile base is being built **now**. The countryside around Molesworth is being torn up to make way for new roads, fences and buildings - the evil appears to be triumphant. There is only one human response to this. **WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING**. If we shrug and say "there's nothing we can do", sneer and say "I told you so", the silos will still be built. If we decide that the cruise campaign is now over, and it is time to concentrate on something else, the missiles will still be deployed. Any future generations will judge us by what we have **DONE**. Our children will either see how we spoke out and acted against such evil, or they will see how we stood back and allowed the evil to triumph. They will be horrified by our silence.

If Cruise missiles come to Molesworth unopposed then it will be our fault. We can't blame anyone else. If however we choose to **DO SOMETHING**, then although in the end we may not stop Cruise coming to Molesworth, we might make it harder. We might help create the conditions that make it easier to send them back. We might, by our actions, inspire two other people, or a hundred or ten thousand other people, to **DO SOMETHING** also. **IF WE DO NOTHING, THE EVIL OF CRUISE MISSILES WILL TRIUMPH**, that is certain. By acting, we have a chance of defeating the evil and **any** chance is worth taking. Please think about joining the Blockade of Molesworth on Tues, Sept. 16th. If it was important to resist Cruise 12 or 18 months ago, it must still be important today. It is a great sacrifice to take the day off work, and to risk arrest but please think about making that sacrifice.

We hope to put Molesworth back on the map and back in the news. We hope to set an example to other peace groups around the country. We hope to disrupt the building of the base. These are good worthwhile aims. Please join us on Sept. 16th and help us achieve those aims. If you cannot join the blockade, or do not wish to, then please try and help in some other way. Collect some names for the UN petition, from your neighbours or work-mates. Send a donation to the Defend Molesworth Group to help cover costs. Help out with one of the support roles, like late-night driving etc.

For further information or help contact:
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 3 King St, Nottingham

