

NOTTINGHAM CND BULLETIN

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SHADOWS
OF
HIROSHIMA 1945 NAGASAKI
NOTTINGHAM
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NOTICEBOARD

PROPOSED MOTION for Next Policy Making Meeting.

'It is proposed that Nottingham CND immediately formulates a policy on fly-posting'.

Proposed: Jeremy Deacon.

Seconded: Pete Strauss.

A VERY SERIOUS Appeal:

Are there any fab singers out there who would be keen to make big-time stardom with the Nottm CND Mega All-star Boogie Rythm Combo?

We play cool Tamla Mowtown cover versions and would like to extend the line-up with two or three backing voices.

Can anyone reading this really belt it out?

You won't need a microphone. All you need is the ability to sing in tune and lots of enthusiasm. The band rehearses regularly at the John Carroll Leisure Centre, Radford. Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

Rob Raynham (585666 work).

Thursday 11th September, 7.30pm. **WEA.**
THE BRITISH BOMB & THE NEXT ELECTION
CND Autumn Campaign
Speaker : James Hinton
National CND Executive

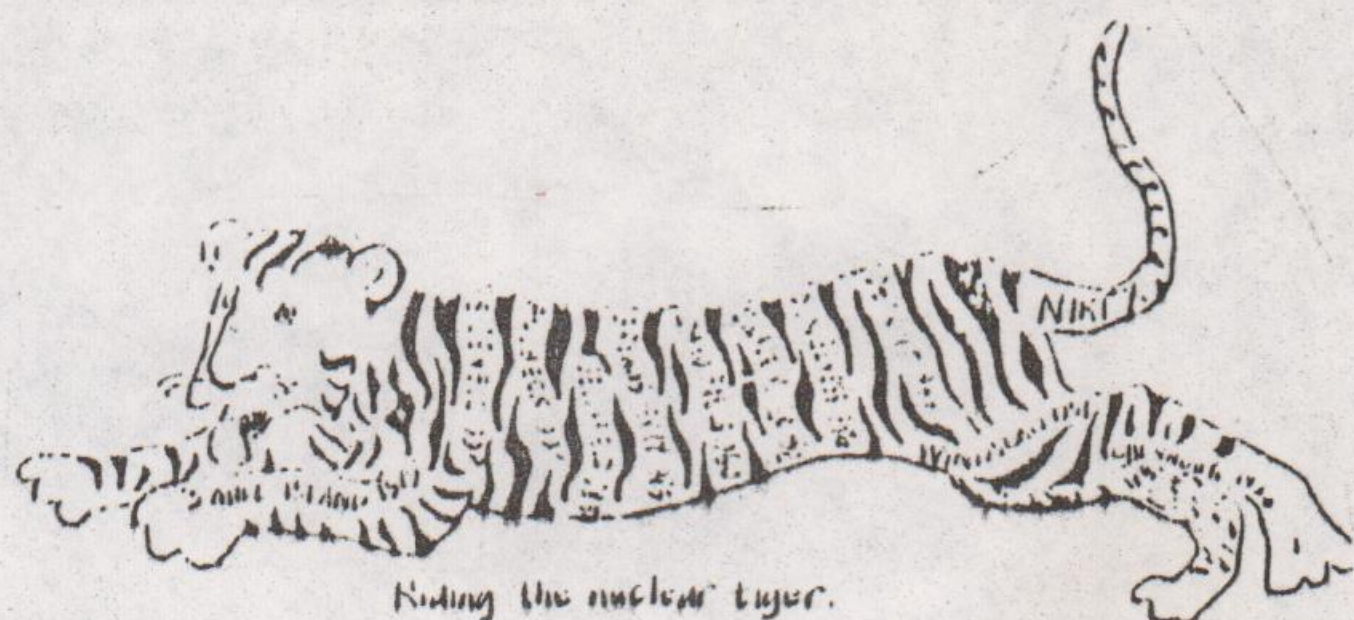
200 CLUB WINNERS

<u>MAY</u>	£50	D.Hubbard
	£10	W.Edmunds
	£5	P.Robson
<u>JUNE</u>	£50	Raleigh St. N.G.
	£10	Andy D'Agorne
	£5	P.& J.Hamshaw
<u>JULY</u>	£50	Cathy Lacey
	£10	P.& J.Hamshaw
	£5	Lindon Jones

use
THE BULLETIN COVER
as a
POSTER

This month's Cover has been specially designed to double-up as a poster. Cut off the heading and stick it up on your window. Even if only a few people can see it, it is still worth putting up. Future covers will similarly be designed for WINDOW USE.

The Nuclear Tiger T. Shirt.



A member of Nottingham CND produced the drawing of the tiger and the Aspley Group were permitted to use the drawing for CND purposes.

The Group members thought it would be a good idea for a T-shirt and so a limited number have been printed in Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. They were on sale at the Peace Festival and there are a few left priced £5.00.

To order 'phone Chris on 291635.

Lost at the Peace Festival:

Expensive Gold Rimmed spectacles (look like sun glasses). Lost near Kiosk at the time of the CND Balloon inflation.

Desperately needed - reward offered.

please contact: Mrs. Rook,
43, Mundella Road,
Meadows.

COLLATING the BULLETIN and DELIVERY to NCND OFFICE.

The Bulletin Team appeal to groups to take turns with this. PAN and Sherwood have already helped out. It needs 2 or 3 people and a car usually on a Friday. Collating takes 3 people about 2 hours. Could groups volunteer?

THIS MONTH'S COVER DESIGN: Geoff Young

AUGUST BULLETIN:

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Collation: Sherwood N.G.

The Day the Gossiping stopped

It was a lovely August morning, and fish was expected at the local shop, so with my two small children I was queing and gossiping with friends. The war in Europe, with its misery and fear, was over and we could relax, sleep at night and await the return of friends from the forces.

After family and local gossip the talk, as usual, was about Buchenwald and Belsen. So sated were we with stories of sadism that we believed that we knew the worst of inhumanity.

Then came news of an unknown city in Japan being obliterated along with its entire population.

That busy enclave of the village became totally quiet. The gossiping ceased whilst, with sick stomachs we tried to imagine the effect. In silence we bought the goods for which we had been queuing, and still in silence returned home. Even the children and animals seemed aware of the atmosphere, as they too were quiet.

The rest of the day remained silent. Our rich language was inadequate in words to express our emotions. "Had another family been queing for food in Hiroshima that day, and in a flash, ceased to be?"

Even the pubs were empty as families stayed together, listening to the news on the wireless (radio), pacing the garden and frequently checking that the children were asleep and well.

The next day the mood changed, how could we "the goodies" do this? How could we stop it happening again? Why Hiroshima ???

Then the propaganda -

"The bomb was used to shorten the war and save millions of Allied soldiers' lives."

"Had Hitler/the Emperor of Japan had this weapon they would have used it."

Because of the experiences of the last six years we half accepted this, whilst we bled for Hiroshima.

Then Nasgasaki...

This further horror defeated not only Japan but humanity too. Some of us were aware, even then, that Britain would have no control over the use of the bomb. We knew also that a new and ruthless bully boy was now holding power - which has been proven by U.S.A policy ever since.

To our generation, each year without the bomb being exploded was a bonus, and so it fell under the deterrent propaganda. A later generation saw the Bay of Pigs episode in the Cuban crisis draw us to the very razor's edge of war. Then the relief at escape added to the deterrent myth.

Today "Fat Man" is very small fry and dialogue is between computers, a malfunction of which could launch a war before nation could speak to nation.

The future at this moment is bleak, but the use of the bomb not inevitable.

Humanity is composed of the cruel and the kind, the callous and the caring, the cowardly and the courageous. We hope that the caring will have the courage to fight and avert this evil, as other evils have been averted by mass action in the past.

This we must do, as the next time the gossiping stops it may be for ever... and ever...

Doreen Gower

Chalk-In

Come and join us - and the pavement artists. Chalk a shadow in Listergate while the shopping crowds are around.

Meet 10.30am. 6th August by St Peter's wall.

We shall also be giving out the special Hiroshima/Nagaskaki leaflet.

Hiroshima Day 1986

Two Anniversaries

41 years since the Bomb. ONE year with NO NUCLEAR TESTS BY THE SOVIET UNION.

This self-imposed suspension of testing is, of course, due to end on Hiroshima Day if the U.S.A. does not make a reciprocal move.

PEACE FESTIVAL

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed for a grand day: the sun shone - hazily thank goodness: the crowds came: the music played: everyone was happy.

Children had a super time at the Kid's Festival - one of the few complaints was from parents who couldn't get them away! The long-awaited CND balloon flew in and landed with fantastic accuracy on the appointed spot. Many of us had never seen it in the air before and were truly thrilled. Most important, perhaps, more people than in previous years joined NCND.

We are sure everyone will join us in congratulating the Peace Festival group for all their hard work.

MAY THE 7TH FESTIVAL BE EVEN BETTER

Greenham now-

A Real Life Horror Story

A few weeks ago members and friends of Raleigh Street CND's Women's Section visited Greenham Common Cruise Missile base.

Once at the base, we camped at Green Gate, chosen because the women there were outstandingly friendly, welcoming and willing to share their experiences with us "weekenders". As it turned out, they too, stay only at weekends, due to full-time work commitments in Portsmouth. The difference is that they spend every weekend at Greenham. This, we soon discovered, is no mean achievement considering the conditions inflicted upon the women by the M.O.D. and some of the more demonstrative locals.

At the moment there are about forty women regularly at the camp; roughly half a dozen at each gate. Evictions by bailiffs are now happening at a rate of four or five times a day, but the women seem to cope well with the disruptions, since word gets round the gates pretty quickly and they are now able to predict the times of evictions.

Bailiffs, however, are the least of the women's worries. This year has seen increasing violence against them from both the M.O.D. police and local residents. The latter often appear at the camps after pub closing, when it seems they have nothing better to do than inflict physical damage on the women and run riot over their belongings. On a couple of nights this year the women at Green Gate had their vans kicked in while they were asleep inside them. One vehicle was actually turned over - fortunately the woman and her baby were not inside at the time. Another woman was not so lucky. She had her eyes kicked in and seriously damaged. It was unclear on these occasions whether it was M.O.D. police, U.S. personnel, or local people who carried out these savage acts.

The night we slept at Green Gate was termed a 'good and quiet' one by its regular residents. Yet two women from Luton had their tents, sleeping bags and possessions moved during a small action we performed at the fence. In the morning, on finding them, it was discovered that money and a rucksack had gone missing. During the night four members of Green Gate camp, including one of our Nottingham group, fell ill with sickness and diarrhoea. The Portsmouth women were convinced that the sick women had been victims of "zapping".



You may already have heard of this phenomenon at Greenham. I had too, but, to be honest, had been sceptical as to the degree of truth in what I had read and heard. But, when I saw that four women had been (and still looked) very ill after our nocturnal fence-cutting and provocation of the soldiers, the tales that we had been told the day before about zapping began to take on the status of facts.

The women from Portsmouth are in the process of making a video about those who they believe have suffered from "zapping", and have collected a wealth of information. They told us that, with the help of people from "Electronics Weekly" and "Electricians for Peace", they have been able to map out where zapping occurs at their gate. They found that very low level radiation (like the micro-wave type) is emitted across a certain area in straight beams one pace wide at intervals of five paces. It registers only on either a special counter costing £8,000 or on an oscilloscope with a generator. It is used in a crowd controlling capacity and is especially likely to be used after any kind of action, and when Cruise comes out. The women say that police presence is minimal at such times!

Symptoms experienced after zapping include migraine, nausea, sunburn (in mid-winter!), earache, painful pounding in the chest, extreme mood changes, panic attacks, gum & nose bleeding, disruption of sleep patterns, lethargy, loss of hair, failure of short-term memory, speech impairment, depression and confusion. Perhaps worst of all are the nine miscarriages reported at the camp in the last year.

Although it was very disturbing to hear this and partly to experience it ourselves, we all felt greatly strengthened by the stay at Green Gate and had a strong urge to return soon. The feeling of solidarity and power which reigns amongst the Greenham women is truly inspiring. I urge as many women as possible to go down to Greenham to experience this fantastic sense of hope and courage which bonds one woman to another despite the appalling treatment they endure.

There is to be a NATIONAL ACTION AT GREENHAM ON NAGASAKI DAY (AUGUST 9TH). BE THERE!

Sue Pascoe.

VIDEO

'Greenham Voices'

Video about evictions, cruise outings etc.
VHS 1 hr 10 mins - available FREE

Suitable for group meetings, discussions etc.

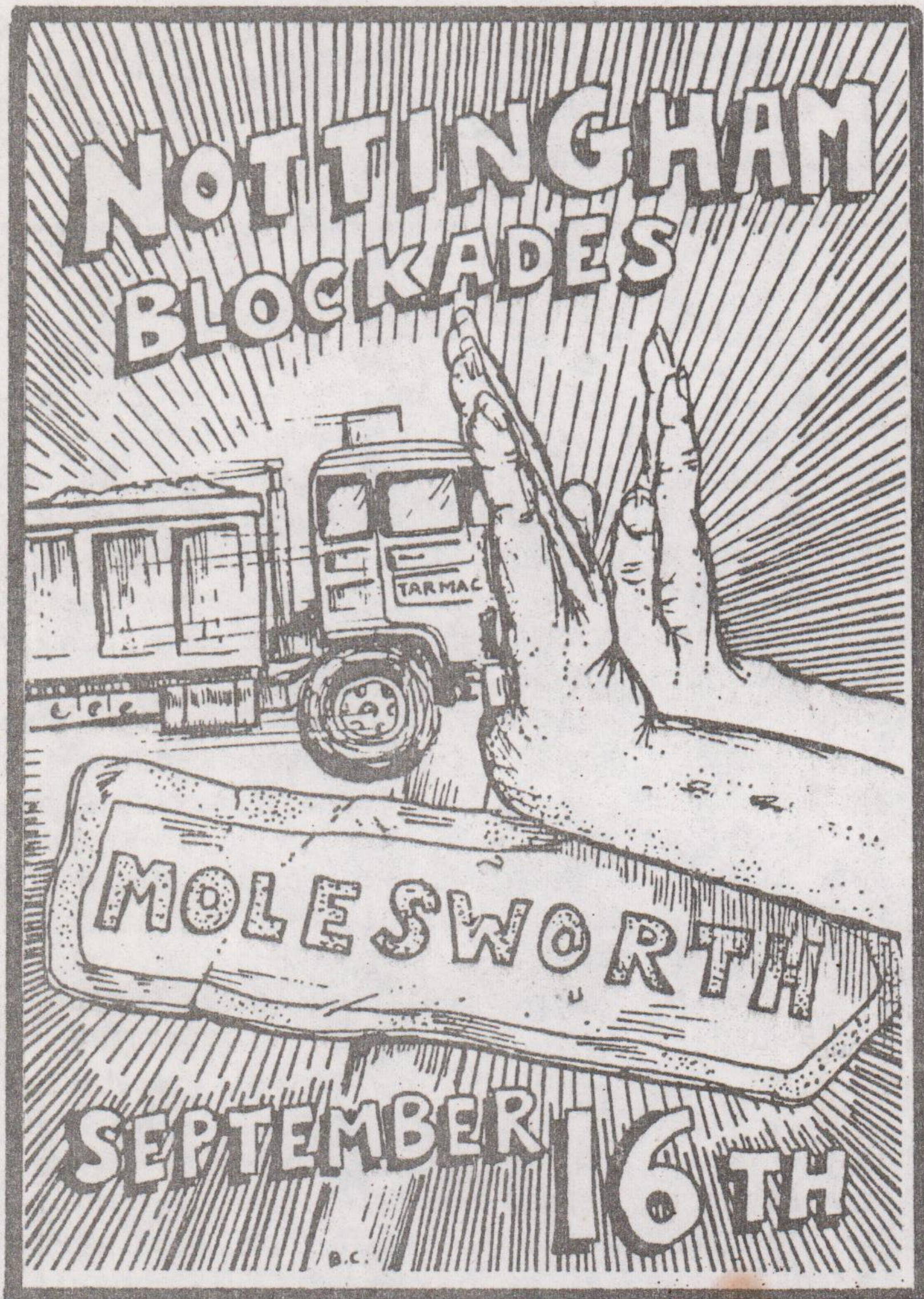
contact:

Portsmouth Women for Peace,
106, Chichester Road,
North End,
Portsmouth.
Tel: Portsmouth 697976.

September 16TH

Blockade Molesworth

Petition the U.N.



Tuesday September 16th is the date of the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly. Ever since 1981, this has been dedicated as U.N. International Day of Peace, and so Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group has chosen this day to call for a blockade of the Molesworth Cruise Missile Base.

Why Molesworth? Because the construction work is going ahead at an incredibly fast pace, with little or no protest from the Peace Movement. They have built a completely new road that cuts across surrounding fields and leads straight to the "Peace Corner Gate". They have started work on the missile silos, and have erected five weld-mesh fences around them! Hundreds of construction workers are involved, usually starting at 6.30am and often working Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Why a Blockade? Because it is desperately important that we interfere with the building of Molesworth. The Government and the public at large must never be allowed to think that the Peace Movement doesn't care about Cruise anymore. We have to try to keep the issue alive, maintain our protest and resistance. If we don't the Government will point at our silence and call it consent.

Why a Petition? To coincide with the blockade, we will send a mass-petition from the citizens of Nottingham to the U.N. General Assembly. By having a petition, as well as a blockade, there is something all of us to do.

Practicalities. We need everybody's help to collect names for the petition. Copies are available now from the NCND office and from Neighbourhood Groups. PLEASE TAKE THEM AWAY AND ASK FRIEND, NEIGHBOURS, WORKMATES TO SIGN.

There will be mass petitioning in Market Square on Saturday 6th and 13th of September. WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Blockade will begin at 6.00am at Cockbrook Lane. (Our friends from Essex and Cambridge will be blockading the other main gate at Peace Corner). Coaches will leave Nottingham at the following times:

Salutation Inn Maid Marion Way	3.45am
Daybrook Square	3.00am
Sherwood Bus Depot	3.10am
Forest Fields Savoy Hotel	3.20am
Stapleford Derby Road/Church St	2.50am
Beeston Queens Rd/Station Rd	3.05am
Lenton Derby Rd/Canning Circus	3.20am
W. Bridgford Trent Bridge Inn	3.50am
Radcliffe-on-Trent	4.15am
Bingham Market Place	4.30am

Tickets cost £4 and £2. Please buy them in advance!

There will be an NVDA Training Session at Queens Walk Community Centre on Sunday August 31st and September 7th, 11am - 4pm. Creche available on request.

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September 16th can be a great success... but it depends on all of us becoming involved. IF EVERYONE WHO CAME TO FEB 6TH, ALONG WITH EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T AND WISH THEY HAD, comes and joins the blockade, we will have created a powerful demonstration. We will be setting an example to every CND and Peace Group in the country, reminding them of what THEY can do. We will be bringing Cruise and Molesworth back to the forefront of the public mind. And we will be making it that much harder for the Government to go about their murderous business. PLEASE COME.

UN Special Session on Disarmament.

"Removing the threat of world war - a nuclear war - is the most acute and urgent task of the present day. Mankind is faced with a choice: we must halt the arms race and proceed to disarmament or face annihilation."

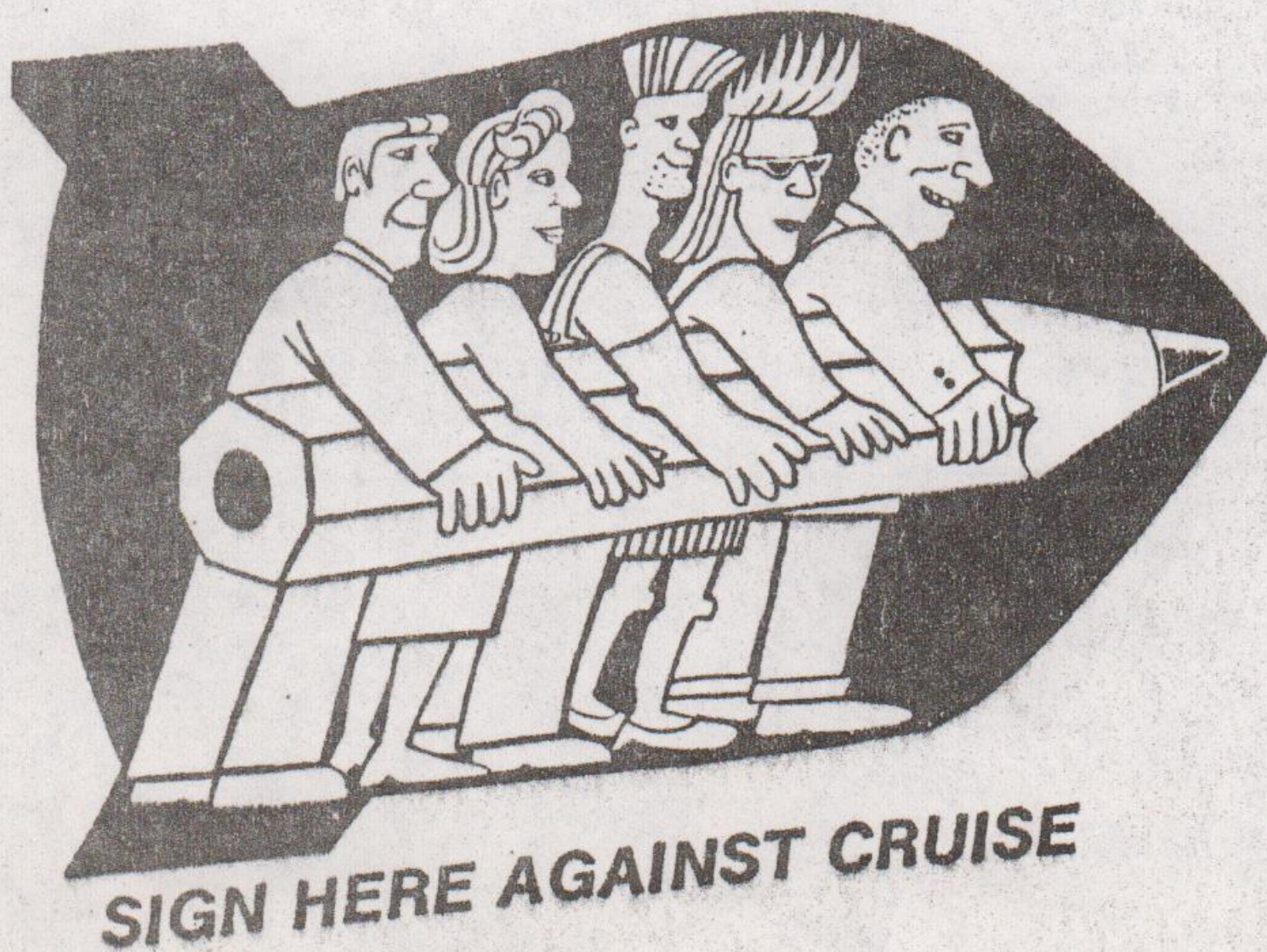
I am unable to join the September 16th Blockade, but would like to show my support by donating £_____ towards the campaign costs.

Name

Address

Please make cheques payable to Nottingham Defend Molesworth Campaign.

TO THE UNITED NATIONS
1986 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE



IMAGES OF RESISTANCE

Exhibition of protests at Molesworth during 1985/6.

If your group is holding a public meeting, video evening or social evening, then why not consider using the event to publicise the opposition to Molesworth. To find out more about its availability, please telephone John on: 787269 - evenings.

PRAVDA: ENGLISH EDITION

Pravda is now available in the English translation, weekly on Thursday, priced 50 p.

Briddocks on Parliament St. Nottingham, is one newsagent carrying the title. To date, 10 weekly issues have been printed and, although the reporting style is very different from that to which we are accustomed, the paper does show us the news from the Soviet viewpoint.

Some of the reports are of incidents which have been either ignored or misrepresented in the West, including 12 nuclear tests in Nevada since the Soviet moratorium of July 1985, of which 2 were of British warheads. Ten serious accidents in Canadian nuclear power plants, the latest in 1983. Comprehensive reports on Chernobyl, including details of work, radiation levels, etc. The Report of the U.S. Director of the Control Body for Foodstuffs in May, stated: "No traces of contamination were discovered." This happened on the very day that the EEC banned such imports from Eastern European countries!

The Goodwill Games which started on July the 5th in Moscow was attended by over 50 countries including a USA team of 110 athletes, some of whom are Olympic champions. Media coverage of the International athletics in Nice and Birmingham was so extensive by comparison, that the Moscow event might never have happened.

JACK ROTHERHAM

MINIBUS AVAILABLE.



Nottingham Peace Action Network has the use of a 15 seater mini bus. This facility is also available to any other group which is working for peace.

For further details:

Tel. 787269 or 626659.

CHILWELL

JULY 5TH

DON'T SIT ON THE FENCE - CUT IT

On Saturday July 5th over 150 protesters were confronted by a massive police presence at USAF Chilwell. Despite heavy handed and aggressive police tactics, some fence was cut and many protesters entered the base.

In the morning two women occupied a roof until police dragged them down using ropes and handcuffs. People approaching the base had their bags searched and public footpaths were closed off. At one o'clock, the Declaration was read out and people attempted to cut the fences. Police responded by surrounding and illegally detaining people. Some women were prevented from speaking to local residents about what was happening. After complaints people were released and spread themselves about the base, some managing to break through the tight security and get into the base. At the end of the afternoon people gathered at Swiney Way for a final song, at which point the police decided to disperse the group with horses and then dragged others down the road.

On the whole (cutting the fence apart) we achieved what we set out to do. We showed just how far the Government will go to protect even the smallest of its bases. We also renewed the debate about Chilwell both in the press and in CND groups. Chilwell is an American military presence in our Community and it wouldn't be maintained if it wasn't an essential part of the network of American bases around this country. Few cities know so much about what is happening at their local military depots.

I am an ordinary housewife. I don't consider myself an extremist and I have chosen N.V.D.A as one of my campaigning tools. I don't believe time is on our side. Resistance gets us publicity; resistance makes us stronger; resistance pushes the campaign along that little bit faster. On July 5th, we asked people to come and openly cut the fence on a Saturday afternoon. People have been cutting fences for Peace, for years. At Greenham Common, Molesworth, on Snowballs and yes, even at Chilwell, often at night or at a base in the middle of nowhere. This time we decided to bring it out into the open because we are not ashamed of what we are doing; we are not Criminals.

Without continued resistance, the fences and the bases will stay there and the Government can smugly ignore us. Next time I want to see every member of Nottingham CND cutting that fence.

Christine Skeats of P.A.N.

To Chilwell Fence Cutters

Having experienced the appalling police behaviour at the demo on July 5th loads of people want to make complaints. It has been suggested that a dossier along the lines of the 'Shadows' one is produced. The main use of such a document would be: to make a joint complaint to the police which they HAVE to investigate; to use to publicise in the media the police tactics which they deny; for people to read to find out the reality of opposing the State by demonstrating.

We need people to write down what happened to them - the more detail the better - and send it to PAN c/o of the CND office as soon as possible. If you or anyone you know was badly treated and want to shout about it please help. We must not let this disgraceful treatment go unchallenged, we must not let them get away with it. If we don't say anything no-one will and the Police state will be here without anyone noticing (unless it already is!)



Barbara and Chris for P.A.N.

FLY-POSTING

NCND has received the following letter from the City Planning Officer. We reprint it so that all members are aware of the situation. It would be helpful if more members and sympathizers would display posters in their windows, and approach others to do so.

TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNING ACT 1971 FLY POSTING

As you may be aware, the City Council is extremely concerned at the numbers of empty premises in this City constantly blighted by fly posters. In order to bring the practice to an end, the Council is currently pursuing a campaign to remove such posters and prosecute known offenders. A number of successful prosecutions have been undertaken in the City. In each of these cases the prosecution was aimed at the owner(s) of places of entertainment whose premises were advertised in the offending posters.

Section 109 of the Town and County Planning Act 1971 provides that any person found guilty of such an offence shall be liable to a maximum fine of £200 for each offence plus £20 for each day such an offence continues.

It has been noticed recently that numerous posters have been affixed to vacant premises in the City advertising events organised by you or on your behalf. As these advertisements publicise your trade, business or other concern, this means that your organisation is legally responsible for the advertisements, whether or not it arranged for the advertisements to be placed in those locations.

I would therefore ask that you ensure that the unauthorised advertisements are removed forth with. If they are not removed, I shall instruct that recognised procedures be commenced which could result in proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

THIS MONTH'S NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP PROFILE.

RADCLIFFE PEACE GROUP

Our group began early in 1981 following a very successful showing of "The War Game" organised by the local Labour Party attended by about 300 people.

In spite of this, we soon found that meetings and film shows were ineffective in reaching the public so we decided to go out to meet people on the doorstep instead. Our first venture was with the World Disarmament Petition, an international petition to the United Nations Second Special Session on World Disarmament in 1982. Instead of meetings we held regular canvassing sessions and succeeded in calling at most house in Radcliffe. Not all were in, of course, but a majority of those who were, signed. We collected over 1,000 signatures, and established the group on a firm footing as well as recruiting some members. The following year we revisited a fair number of houses for CND's National Peace Canvass. In 1984 we were again knocking on doors with NCND's Peace Survey.

Participation in Remembrance Day activities has become an annual event. Every year we add a wreath of white poppies to the red ones on the war memorial which is conveniently central. One November 11 - a Friday - we donned black clothes and stood with placards in silent vigil by the churchyard wall.

Early on, we decided in spite of being outside the city, to become an integral part of Nottingham CND (then NND) and not to have a separate local membership. Our membership has grown steadily. We have always made keeping in touch with our members a main part of our activity. Six or seven people deliver our Bulletins. They aim to get to know the people they visit and keep them in touch. Our co-secretary recently visited most members to obtain signatures on an Independence Day card which was sent off to a Radcliffe College in the USA.

We have an advantage over many groups in covering a well-defined geographical area which is good cycling terrain. Apart from people leaving the area, only about half a dozen have failed to renew their membership over the 5 years. At present we have 72 paid-up members. One third of our households take "Sanity".

We are affiliated to National CND and recommend this to other groups - especially outlying ones - since you are kept directly informed of what is going on. We have sent two delegates to Conference for the past three years.

We have always regarded participation in NCND and national events as important. We aim always to send someone to co-ordinating meetings.

Seven of us took part in the Parliamentary Lobby on July 8th. Our M.P. Kenneth Clarke, had already written to one of us saying he was probably too busy to see her. We regard lobbying as vital to CND's campaign, so we decided to go regardless. K.C. was too busy.

This year the group's public profile has been marked by our Saturday morning stall. This newly-designed stall is a regular and colourful addition to the shopping chaos. Each stall is organised around a particular theme or event, for example the leaks at Sellafield, the Peace Festival, current petitions. In terms of both social and financial success the theme on 10th May - 'Chernobyl - The incalculable human cost of nuclear energy. It's in everybody's back yard' - was most effective, attracting attention from passing traffic, bus passengers, and shoppers. Stall workers drew attention to the connections between nuclear power and nuclear weapons for the many who stopped to express concern. Four new members or households joined on the spot and many supporting members stopped to talk.

A "stall group" has been loosely organised to co-ordinate the themes, petitions, sales and to work on the display boards. An account is kept of each stall, recording reactions, and all members are invited to contribute.

We have also, until recently, been involved in Parliamentary monitor work for Rushcliffe, though the hard work of one member. A briefing-leaflet was provided for all members to write to Kenneth Clarke about Sellafield in March.

Our occasional social events are a grand opportunity to meet and discuss our mutual concerns. These gatherings are always well supported and can generate enthusiasm, as well as funds, for the group. Monthly group meetings are held in the village library and are attended by a core of active members. In common with other voluntary groups the more active core needs rest and renewal is our work is to continue, and willing volunteers will always be welcomed.

Pat McLernon.

Jos Wood

LETTERS

I believe that our campaign cannot hope to succeed unless we enlist the support, or at least the sympathy of the majority of the British public.

I also believe that to do this the public image of CND is as important as our arguments against nuclear weapons; and even that the credibility of those arguments depends, for many people, on who is putting them forward.

While I would never advocate CND members compromising their principles or pretending to be what they are not in an effort to influence the public, I do think we should consider carefully the effect our actions have.

For instance, was the graffiti on the wall near Victoria Centre bus station necessary? And did it have any positive results? The people I have spoken to, both members and non-members of CND, agree that it was pointless and irresponsible. If people wish to advertise in this way, the least they could do is clean it off afterwards.

I also feel that actions such as Chilwell on July 5th need defining more carefully and the resulting effect on public opinion evaluating fully. Many people who sympathise with a symbolic breaking of the law draw the line at mass, destructive criminal damage.

I think there is a danger that direct action can become a self-indulgence on behalf of those taking part with little thought for the effects on those outside CND.

Let me emphasise that I admire those willing to be arrested for their beliefs but this is a sacrifice which must have a positive effect on public opinion if it is not to be futile and ultimately soul-destroying for us all.

Jeff Buck

Like most decisions, mine to cease being active in CND is an emotional one - I'm fed up and bored - but there's a rationalisation as well if you're interested (The Bulletin might be):

1 As a campaign, CND's main task is (presumably) to win the support of more people against nuclear arms policies - ie the marketing of an idea. Well, jumping around with balloons, wierd mime acts, fence-cutting, trespassing etc, etc all seem to me to be pretty daft marketing ploys for a serious idea, especially as the target market is a narrow-minded conservative (small c) lot. I.E. most CND actions probably do more harm than good.

2 Distributing and redistributing leaflets, bulletins and posters to people who are too busy to read them because they are out distributing and redistributing leaflets, bulletins and posters is palpably a waste of time.

3 Recent events (Libyan bombings, Chernobyl) are likely to have done more to convert people to the anti-nuclear view than anything CND can do - in fact CND did itself more harm than good by getting hysterically anti-American but not noticeably anti-terrorist.

Richard Guise

Santa Claus?

Last stand of Santa Claus

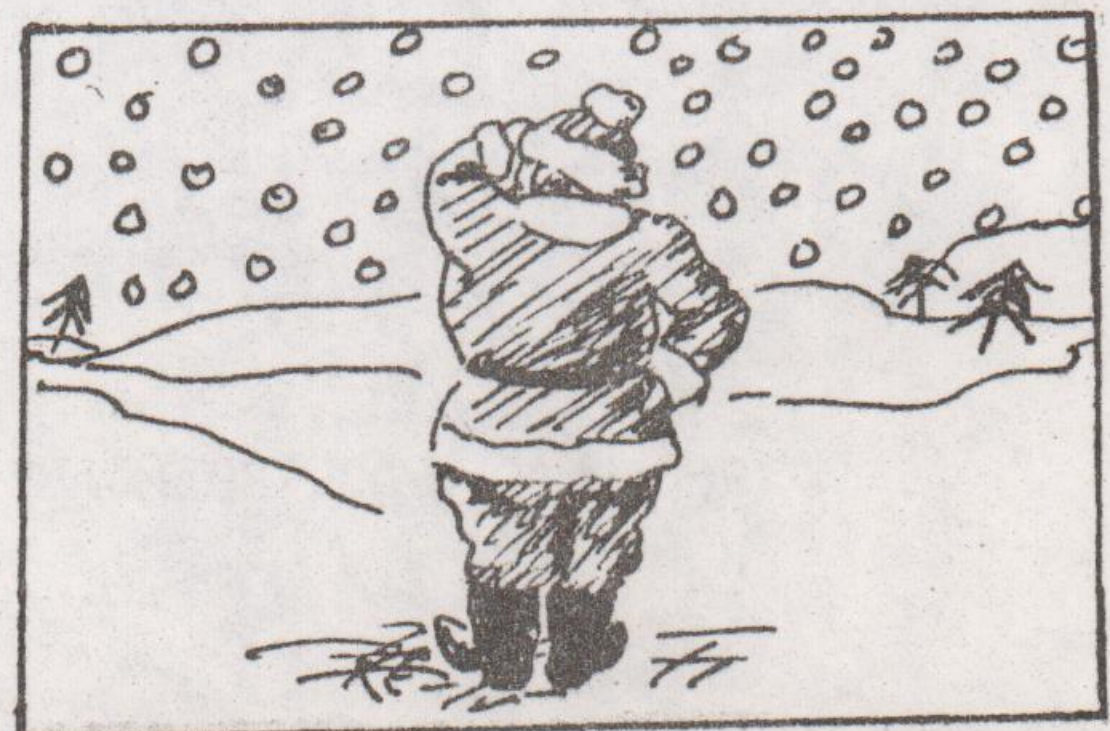
One of the least considered but ultimately most far-reaching effects of the Chernobyl disaster is to the Lapps. The accident may mean the end of the ancient Lappish Culture.

Lapps depend on reindeer for their food, clothing and everyday artefacts. Reindeer live on lichens. When the radioactive cloud covered northern Scandinavia, enough radiation was deposited to ensure that any calf reindeer will be too radioactive to eat or use by the time it is old enough to be slaughtered - sounds rather like our Welsh lambs! However lichens simply go on living and once irradiated they remain radioactive. Hence the progressive radioactivity of the reindeer.

Doubtless the Norwegian, Swedish and Finnish Governments (who jointly rule Lapland) will not allow the Lapps to starve; they are after all civilised, unlike some administrations nearer home. But if the forecasters are correct, there's no foreseeable way of the Lapps keeping their cultural identity: either they will be forced to live on processed food sent up from southern Scandinavia, or they will have to learn to herd pigs.

If this totally unforeseen result of Chernobyl can have such far-reaching consequences, can mankind be really grown up enough to control atomic power. I say the answer is NO.

Karen Winfield (Source: New Scientist)



Lobby of Parliament

Mrs Wheat, her neighbour Mrs Jones and I from Bulwell group were among a dozen from Nottingham CND who travelled up to London on the national coach on Tuesday 8th of July. We bore with us some seventy signatures to a petition addressed to our M.P. for Nottingham North, Richard Ottaway, protesting against the British involvement in the Libyan bombing and in Star Wars.

We arrived at Westminster shortly before 2 p.m. and were among the first one hundred lobbyists admitted to the lobby of the House of Commons at about 2.45 p.m. We filled in our green card to notify our M.P. that we were there, and then waited and waited, amusing ourselves by "spotting" as many M.P.s as we could.

By 4 p.m. we had given up hope. Officials had had no success in finding our M.P., and we decided to leave. (Richard Ottaway later roundly condemned the inefficiency of the system.) I had sent him a letter informing him of our intention too late for him to reply.

However, on our way out, I spotted him. He had in fact received my letter and had been making every effort to find us, including searching the lobby queue outside Parliament. We spent a quarter of an hour in discussion, but, although he was prepared to listen to what I had to say, he took a very hard line.

Most of our discussion concerned Star Wars, as we had previously exchanged views about Libya. One of the more important things he said, was that even though the Americans were at present a long way from finding a viable system for providing an effective defensive umbrella against nuclear weapons, surely it was worthwhile persevering with research in this direction, as a new scientific break-through was quite possible.

We had, of course, to agree to differ, having apparently achieved very little, although Richard Ottaway did express his willingness to talk and/or correspond in the future. However, I believe that keeping the channels for dialogue open for the future is important, and this is a positive achievement. Circumstances constantly change, and the time will surely come, when it may well be possible to find some common ground with the Tories, leading to real progress towards the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Unfortunately no other Nottingham or Newark M.P.s (all Tory) would see members of the party.

Pat Robson

STOP PRESS

20th Sept. WEA - 10am - 4pm
REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY MONITORS
WORKSHOP.

NEW LINE ?

The following extract from a letter from Kenneth Clarke M.P. to a constituent reveals an interesting new line. It seems Britain needs nuclear weapons as bargaining counters in the game of power politics rather than to deter the Russians.

"I have to say that I do not think that we are over dependant on the United States, although of course they are our most powerful ally within the NATO Alliance. For so long as we retain our own nuclear weapons, we are a powerful and independent contributor to that Alliance with a very considerable influence over its policy. We do have clear agreements with the American Government about the use of American bases in this country, as was demonstrated when we were asked for our permission for the recent use of F111's in the Mediterranean."

TOWARDS CND's AUTUMN CAMPAIGN.

At a workshop on 19 July we looked back at NCND's first public information campaign with the objective of identifying what was effective about it and what was less so. A full report will be circulated to neighbourhood groups during August.

Our membership has increased over the past few months, so has our income from donations. How much of that is due to the reaction to the bombing of Lybia and to Chernobyl, and how much to our "Chance of a Lifetime" campaign is impossible to say. We do know, however, that some 100,000 leaflets were distributed in Nottm during this time and more than 2,500 Chance of a Lifetime newsheets sold.

Our evaluation of the campaign has led to what we believe will be considerable improvements next time round. We are hoping all neighbourhood groups will be pursuing the same sort of assessment. Next month's bulletin will contain a further article but in the meantime we would welcome any further feed-back from groups and individuals not at the workshop.

Anyone who would like to join our Public Information Campaign Working Group (which meets fortnightly) is very welcome. We need more people so please contact me if you are interested.

The Autumn Public Information Campaign is on the theme of Britain's Bomb. Please note the following dates:-

12th Sep. Members' meeting
22nd Nov. Action at Fulbeck
29th Nov. Marking the Routes Day

Ann Kestenbaum

500 MILES FOR £50,000

Bob Geldhof raised £50,000,000 locally, Bruce Kent £50,000 to date, which add up to the cost of 2½ Tornado multi-role combat aircraft. Our government has ordered 400. Do we want endless flag days for body scanners? Let's change our priorities and see how many people would sponsor a Walk for War.

The Castlegate Congregational Church is as good a place as any to start to combat evil, apart from which the magnificently restored building lends itself to ensuring a successful evening. George Galloway, the General Secretary of War on Want, decried the 40 years of peace syndrome. 40,000 die every week from hunger. Nuclear capability spending means that the first victims of nuclear war died years ago.

It was announced that the sponsored fast, which ended in a hail of Pizza, chips and salad at 6.00 p.m., had raised £600 so far. Their banner, strung between the organ pipes as a backcloth, read "Fast For Peace". A hopeful double entendre?

Bruce Kent, suntanned, hit home the three aims of his march: Drawing public attention to the route of the Polaris convoy. Making clear the connection between weapons expenditure and world poverty. Raising thousands of pounds for War on Want and CND.

Facts, figures and statements poured forth. On his current tremendous feat, no pun intended, he has already encountered worried Cumbrian sheep farmers and signed autographs for two Catterick soldiers - although one did say that it was "for his mum".

Attitudes can and do change. Be effective in your own circle. Build on the Test Ban. Suicide is not an intelligent defence policy.

The meeting had started late, the interval had been longer, so some dashed for the doors and late buses, whilst others stayed on to hear Barbara Lacey's Peace Poetry. Earlier, there had been music from Fieldwork and readings by local equity members.

During the course of the evening, the world spent more on armaments than the amount needed to eradicate malaria.

The Walk may have finished on Aug.6 but the March goes on

Laurence Geary.



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WHAT'S ON

August:
 (usually a quiet month!)

Wed 6 Hiroshima Day (see page 3)
 Thu 7 Co-Ordinating Meeting, WEA 7.30pm.
 Sat 9 Nagasaki Day
 Sat 16 Defend Molesworth Barbecue (see p ↓).
 Sat 31 Molesworth Training Day (see page 5).

September:

Thu 4 Co-Ordinating Meeting, WEA 7.30pm.
 Sat 7 Molesworth Training.
 Thu 11 Members' Meeting, WEA 7.30pm.
 THE BRITISH BOMB & THE NEXT ELECTION
 CND Autumn Campaign
 Speaker : James Hinton
 National CND Executive

Tues 16 Molesworth Blockade (see page 5)
 October
 Sat 4 National Action at Coulport.

NOTTINGHAM DEFEND MOLESWORTH

presents a

BARBECUE DANCE



Saturday August 16th 7.00 p.m.

19, Magdala Road, Mapperley Park.

* FOOD * DRINK * MUSIC * BARBECUE *

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50 p unwaged £1.00 waged

Tickets from:
 CND Office; Rainbow Centre; Hiziki;
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PRISON

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A 'PEACE PRISONER'?

SEPT 9TH 7-30

W.E.A. SHAKESPEARE ST.

COME AND FIND OUT!



TO THE UNITED NATIONS

1986 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

WE THE CITIZENS OF NOTTINGHAM CALL ON THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
PUT ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR THE U.N.
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE BY CANCELLING THE DEPLOYMENT OF CRUISE MISSILES
IN BRITAIN.

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THIS PETITION WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. -U.N. DAY OF PEACE. PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS
TO NOTTINGHAM DEFEND MOLESWORTH GROUP, c/o N.C.N.D., 17/18 QUEEN'S CHAMBERS,
3 KING STREET, NOTTINGHAM, BY SEPTEMBER 5TH.

NOTTINGHAM BLOCKADES



SEPTEMBER 16TH

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SEPT. 16TH.- U.N. DAY OF PEACE

AT USAF MOLESWORTH in Cambridgeshire, construction work is proceeding at a terrifying pace. The British Government, in blind defiance of public opinion, intends to deploy 64 Cruise missiles there by 1988.

SEPTEMBER 16TH. is the day of the opening of the General Assembly of the United Nations. For the last five years, this day has been dedicated:
"U.N. International Day of Peace".

WE ASK YOU to mark this day by coming to help blockade Molesworth. Together with our friends from other towns, the Nottingham blockade will begin at 6.00 a.m. at Cockbrook Lane and at Peace Corner and will be entirely non-violent. On September 16th., we will once again show our total opposition and resistance to Cruise.

WE WILL ALSO send a mass petition to the U.N. General Assembly, urging them to put all possible pressure on the British Government to stop the deployment of Cruise.

AS THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE goes insanely on and on, we, the people of the world say NO. Not in our name. We will not stand quietly by, whilst they build yet another genocide base.



JOIN US ON

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH!



BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH
RESIST CRUISE!

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