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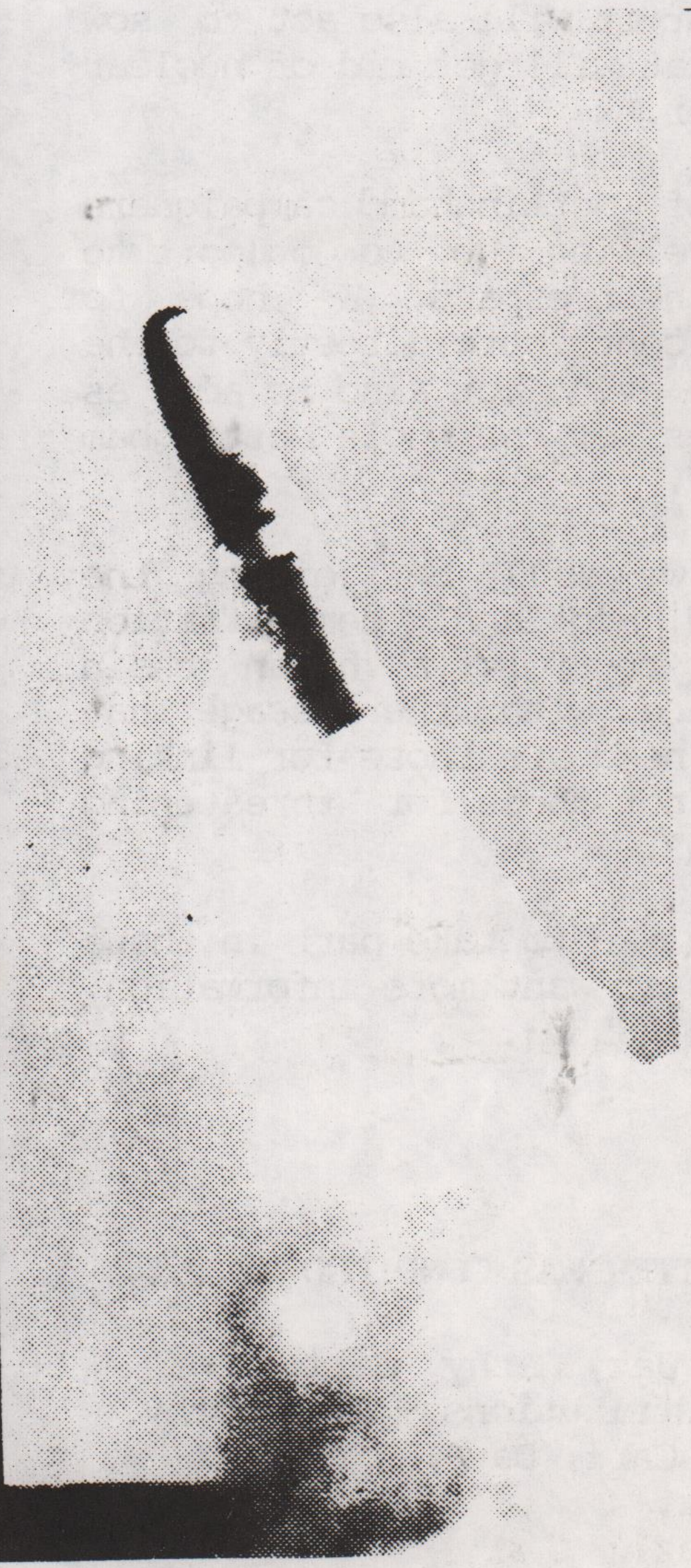
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THE BRITISH BOMB

WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
BUILD IT.

WE COULD
NEVER
AFFORD TO
USE IT.

SO WHY
HAVE IT?



DO WE REALLY NEED IT ?

Saying No To Trident

October 4th will see the launch of CND's campaign around the British Bomb. Starting the campaign will be a mass trespass at Coulport in Scotland, the new base for the Trident submarines.

The demonstration under the slogan of 'Reclaim the Hills' is intending to trespass onto the Ministry of Defence land where the Trident bunkers are being built. Like the blockade of Molesworth on February 6th it is an act of civil disobedience designed to expose what is happening.

The Government is spending vast amounts of money building bases for genocide which we do not want. We have to say that it is not in our name and it is not with our consent and we have to say it very loudly. The trespass at Coulport may only delay its construction for a short while but it will also act to sow the seeds that will get rid of nuclear weapons forever.

A coachload of Nottingham campaigners will be travelling up to Coulport to take part in the trespass. We hope to be able to contribute directly to the success of the event but also to act as representatives of the whole Nottingham peace movement.

The next day we will be joining the 'Arms around Scotland' demonstration which intends to form a human chain across Scotland with the message that the arms with need are those for linking in friendship not those for threatening and dividing us.

If you would like to take part in these demonstrations or want more information, ring Doreen on 785503.

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DIARY OF A PEACE PROTESTOR

by J. C. Deacon.

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U.S. To Research Anti-Matter War

The United States Air Force has decided to set up a research programme into anti-matter as an energy source.

A few years ago such news would have been considered pure science-fiction, but following recent developments in high energy physics, a U.S. Rand Corporation report has advised investigation of anti-matter as a weapons material.

The U.S. Air Force has set up a scientific task force to examine the feasibility of adding anti-matter study to the Star Wars Research and Development programme. It is estimated that if it is possible to produce the energy source of one thousandth of a gram of anti-hydrogen annihilating the same measure of hydrogen would be equivalent to 50 tonnes of TNT.

If developed, anti-matter weapons could become even more destructive than nuclear weapons. And we can be sure that if the U.S. manages to produce a new weapon system with anti-matter, the Soviet Union will follow suit.

We continually hear the leaders of the Superpowers insist they are dedicated to peace. But instead of agreeing to dismantle weapons, they both plan to develop new ones.

The development of anti-matter research is another clear example of how we cannot rely on world leaders to seek peace on our behalf. Peace can only be achieved by our own efforts and at our insistence.

TRIDENT

- Our "Independent Nuclear Deterrent" ?

We are told that the American Trident II missile system is being purchased by our present government as a replacement for the 20 year old Polaris system and to update Britain's "independent nuclear deterrent."

Replacement

"Replacement" is hardly an accurate description of a system which has a destructive yield at least five times more powerful per missile than Polaris and which has a far greater range and speed.

Deterrent

"Deterrent" is equally inaccurate. This increase in overall firepower is impossible to comprehend, or justify, unless it is intended to carry out the first-strike attack of which it is capable

First-Strike

The story of Trident's development in the U.S. shows just how inappropriate it is for the role of deterrence outlined by the British Government. It reveals the particularly aggressive and destabilising nature of the system. It has been shaped as a first-strike weapon reflecting American strategic priorities and not as a retaliatory weapon of last resort or deterrent - the crucial difference between Trident and Polaris. U.S. nuclear war planning has always had a bias towards first-strike.

History

In the 1950s the U.S. Air Force's Strategic Air Command based their plans on a massive pre-emptive strike. In a crisis they would try to hit Soviet airfields and cities first before the Soviets made an attack - killing thousands of civilians in the process. There was considerable opposition to this "immoral" plan, especially from the Navy, who saw Polaris as the ideal retaliatory weapon system, being invulnerable under the ocean and accurate.

During the 1970s, however, this opposition to first-strike accuracy began to crumble and the Improved Accuracy Program was funded and with it the Trident I and then II systems, the only system that could "target" all Soviet nuclear forces and command bunkers, i.e. a full nuclear first-strike to knock out all Soviet nuclear forces before they could be used. As Trident missiles are submarine-based they can be launched close to the Soviet Union reducing warning time to almost nil. So first-strike is likely to begin with a Trident attack.

Independent

As to Trident providing Britain with an 'independent' nuclear deterrent nothing could be further from the truth. The Trident system will, if anything, be more dependent on the U.S. than Polaris is. It is assigned to NATO and its targetting is decided by Supreme Allied Command in Europe and by the Joint Strategic Planning Staff in Omaha, Nebraska, and it will rely on the U.S. for spares and routine servicing. What's more, the missile will rely on information from U.S. intelligence satellites and possibly, on signals from American navigational satellites. More than half the cost of the whole Trident system, which stands at as much as £11 thousand million (£11,000,000,000) at the moment, goes directly to the U.S.

NATO Policy

NATO policy is dominated by the U.S., and its Nuclear Operations Plan, which controls the targetting of British missiles is increasingly being integrated with the U.S. master plan. Recent research has revealed that U.S. War Plans have included "pre-emptive first-strike scenarios" only possible using Trident. The British Government are buying a first-strike weapons system, whatever they say or believe.

The idea that Britain is replacing its "independent nuclear deterrent" is then a fallacy - a very expensive fallacy reflecting crazy priorities - £11 thousand million would buy 500 hospitals or 9,000 schools !

South African Freedom Charter

1. PREAMBLE

We, the people of South Africa, declare for all our country and the world to know:

That South Africa belongs to all who live in it, black and white, and that no government can justly claim authority unless it is based on the will of the people;

That our people have been robbed of their birthright to land, liberty and peace by a form of government founded on injustice and inequality;

That our country will never be prosperous or free until all our people live in brotherhood, enjoying equal rights and opportunities;

That only a democratic state, based on the will of the people, can secure to all their birthright without distinction of colour, race, sex or belief;

And therefore, we the people of South Africa, black and white, together - equals, countrymen and brothers - adopts this Freedom Charter. And we pledge ourselves to strive together, sparing nothing of our strength and courage, until the democratic changes here set out have been won.



2. THE PEOPLE SHALL GOVERN !

Every man and woman shall have the right to vote for and stand as a candidate for all bodies which make laws;

All the people shall be entitled to take part in the admin of the country;

The rights of the people shall be the same regardless of race, colour or sex;

All bodies of minority rule, advisory boards, councils and authorities shall be replaced by democratic organs of self-government.

MARCH AGAINST APARTHEID

South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia has received no media coverage in Britain despite the intensifying struggle against apartheid in the South African region. This is convenient for the government as there is a very strong case in International Law for the imposition of sanctions against South Africa for its continued occupation of Namibia in defiance of the International Court of Justice. Neglect of Namibia means less pressure on the British government to apply sanctions.

South Africa's occupation of the country has facilitated the supply of uranium from Rio Tinto Zinc's (RTZ) mine at Rossing to Western countries. At one time over 50% of the CEEGB's uranium requirements were provided by Namibian uranium. The CEEGB still has large stockpiles of Namibian uranium. Namibian uranium has also played a part in Britain's military nuclear programme and may well still be doing so. The consequences of RTZ's mining of uranium are devastating for the health of large numbers of Namibians.

Resistance

Despite an occupation force of over 100,000 troops the apartheid regime is unable to contain the guerilla war waged by SWAPO. During the past six months SWAPO has intensified the military campaign inflicting large casualties on the South African forces, destroying a number of their bases.

SWAPO is calling on opponents of apartheid in Britain to focus more attention on Namibia in their campaigning activities. In response to this Nottingham Anti-Apartheid is planning a major regional demonstration and rally against South Africa's occupation of Namibia on Saturday 1st November. We would urge all members and supporters of the Forest Fields Peace Group to support this demonstration.

Geoff Morris
Nottingham Anti-Apartheid

STAR WARS

-An Escalation of the Arms Race

One of the main problems of the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) project is that the many separate parts of the system will be controlled by an immensely complex computer system, which will, in turn be controlled by an immensely complex programme of some 100 million lines. It is very rare for a programme of more than ten lines to work first time without some error becoming apparent. Hence the chances of the Star Wars programme working first time, in practice, is minute. And this is the only way in which the programme can ever be tested.

Obstacle to Peace

This does not, however, mean that Star Wars should be dismissed, far from it. The S.D.I. project represents a highly dangerous and unstable escalation of the arms race, which even in its developmental stage is a major obstacle to peace and nuclear disarmament.

Due to the fact that some of the lasers used in the project utilise power from nuclear bombs, nuclear weapons testing by the U.S. has to continue throughout the development of the project in order to develop these lasers. But one of the minimum requirements if there is to be any real progress towards disarmament is the discontinuation of nuclear weapons testing. No government can be seriously committed to disarmament while simultaneously developing new weapons of mass destruction.

It is for this reason that the campaign against Star Wars and for a complete nuclear test ban is of such importance if any progress in ending the nuclear arms race is to be achieved.

The Star Wars project has been put forward as a "shield in space" to protect the people of the U.S. from a first-strike by the U.S.S.R., but perhaps it is just as feasible that its purpose could be to deal with the small number of missiles the U.S.S.R. would be able to launch in retaliation to an American first-strike.

This, in the insane logic of White House planners is known as fighting and winning a nuclear war, although it is highly likely that the effect of a first-strike would be the triggering of a nuclear winter with devastating effects for the entire planet, including "the winner".

Commitment to Peace

It seems as though "fighting and winning" a nuclear war is more the aim of the U.S. than any attempt at disarmament, that their commitment to the S.D.I. project and its continued weapons testing will make any serious attempts at peace talks a hollow mockery, just more political noises. Mr Gorbachev's proposals to rid the world of nuclear weapons by the year 2000, combined with the extension of the U.S.S.R. test ban until January 1st 1987 seems to indicate serious commitment by the U.S.S.R. to an eventual end of the arms race. Sadly, the U.S. does not seem to be seriously committed to any such thing, only in its commitment to vast expenditure on what may prove to be the last leg of the arms race.

A CHILD IS SINGING

A child is singing
And nobody is listening
But the child who is singing

Bulldozers grab the earth and shower it
The house is on fire
Gardeners wet the earth and flower it
The house is on fire
The houses are on fire
Fetch the fire engine, the fire engine
is on fire

We will all have to hide in a hole
We will burn slow like coal
All the people are on fire

And a child is singing
And nobody is listening
But the child who is singing

ADRIAN MITCHELL



TUESDAY 16TH SEPT - UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

TUESDAY 16TH SEPT - BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH
: Blockade at USAF Molesworth organised by the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group. Contact [redacted]

SATURDAY 20TH SEPT - POLYCHROME PARTY in aid of Peace Action Network from 7pm at 19 Magdala Road, Mapperley. Food, bar, raffle, fun, disco by Jazzy Sounds. Prize for best multi-coloured dress.

THURSDAY 25TH SEPT - FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP MEETING with video "They Shall Not Pass" and discussion. At Flat 2, 34 Waterloo Crescent from 7.30pm. All welcome. Further details or directions [redacted]

THURSDAY 25TH SEPT - NICARAGUA BENEFIT. 8.00pm to 12.00am, Marcus Garvey Centre. £2.50/£2.00/£1.50. With Rumillajta and Skeeta.

SATURDAY 4TH OCT - NATIONAL CND MASS TRESPASS AT COULPORT in Scotland. For information about tickets, accommodation, briefing packs, etc. please contact [redacted]

THURSDAY 9TH OCT - NOTTINGHAM CND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 7.30pm at the WEA, Shakespeare St.

THURSDAY 9TH OCT - ANTI-APARTHEID BENEFIT at the Garage. Contact Geoff Morris on 472440.

MONDAY 13TH OCT - FFPG MEETING at 7.30pm at FFNC, 69 Wiverton Road. Will include a discussion on the question of "Male Violence and the Peace Movement".

THURSDAY 23RD OCT - FFPG MEETING at Flat 2, 34 Waterloo Crescent from 7.30pm.

SATURDAY 25TH OCT - TRADE UNION CND DAY OF ACTION with benefit in the evening. Contact Nottingham CND on 472556.

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - ANTI-APARTHEID MARCH AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA. March from Market Square. See article inside. Contact Geoff Morris on 472440.

FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP

Aims & Objectives

Forest Fields Peace Group is a neighbourhood group open to everybody in the Forest Fields and Hyson Green areas of Nottingham, and to all others who share the group's aims. They are:-

1. To oppose nuclear weapons, and all other weapons of mass destruction.
2. To work for unilateral nuclear disarmament in Britain.
3. To support CND and all other groups active in the struggle to achieve a nuclear weapons-free and peaceful world.
4. To reject the dangerous militarist policies of both America and Russia, and work for a non-nuclear British defence policy, outside NATO.
5. To support all non-violent protest, including civil disobedience, in the belief that the threat to use nuclear weapons is both immoral and illegal.

I would like to join the Forest Fields Peace Group.

I enclose my membership fee of £1.00.

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