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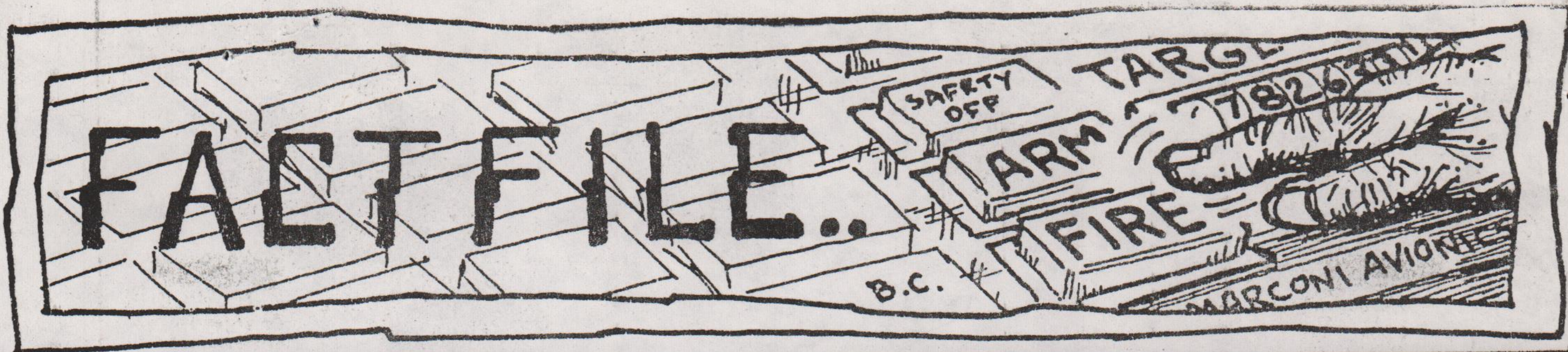
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**MURDER**

AFTER ARMS DEAL THATCHER  
ORDERS NUCLEAR ESCALATION

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## NATO NATO NATO

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation was set up in April 1949 - six years before the creation of the "Warsaw Pact". The original members were Belgium, Britain, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal and the U.S.A. Since then, Greece, Turkey, West Germany and Spain have joined, too.

### Aims

It is a mutual defence pact, whereby member states assist any other member suffering armed attack. Furthermore, it is an agreement to strengthen their "free institutions" and co-operate economically. It declares allegiance to the purposes of the United Nations.

### Area

The area covers N. America, N. Atlantic, and W. Europe and the Mediterranean.

### Who is in Charge?

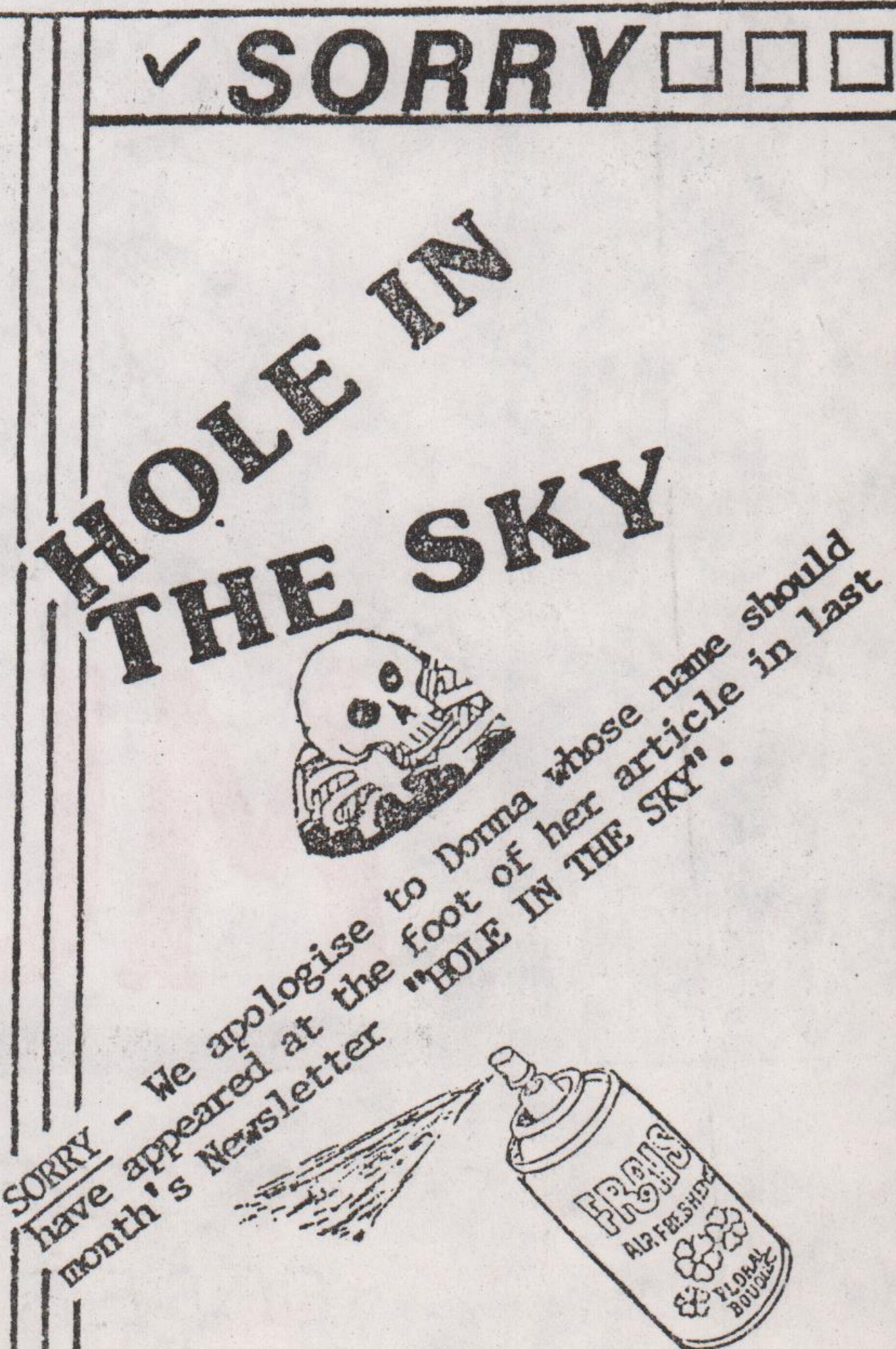
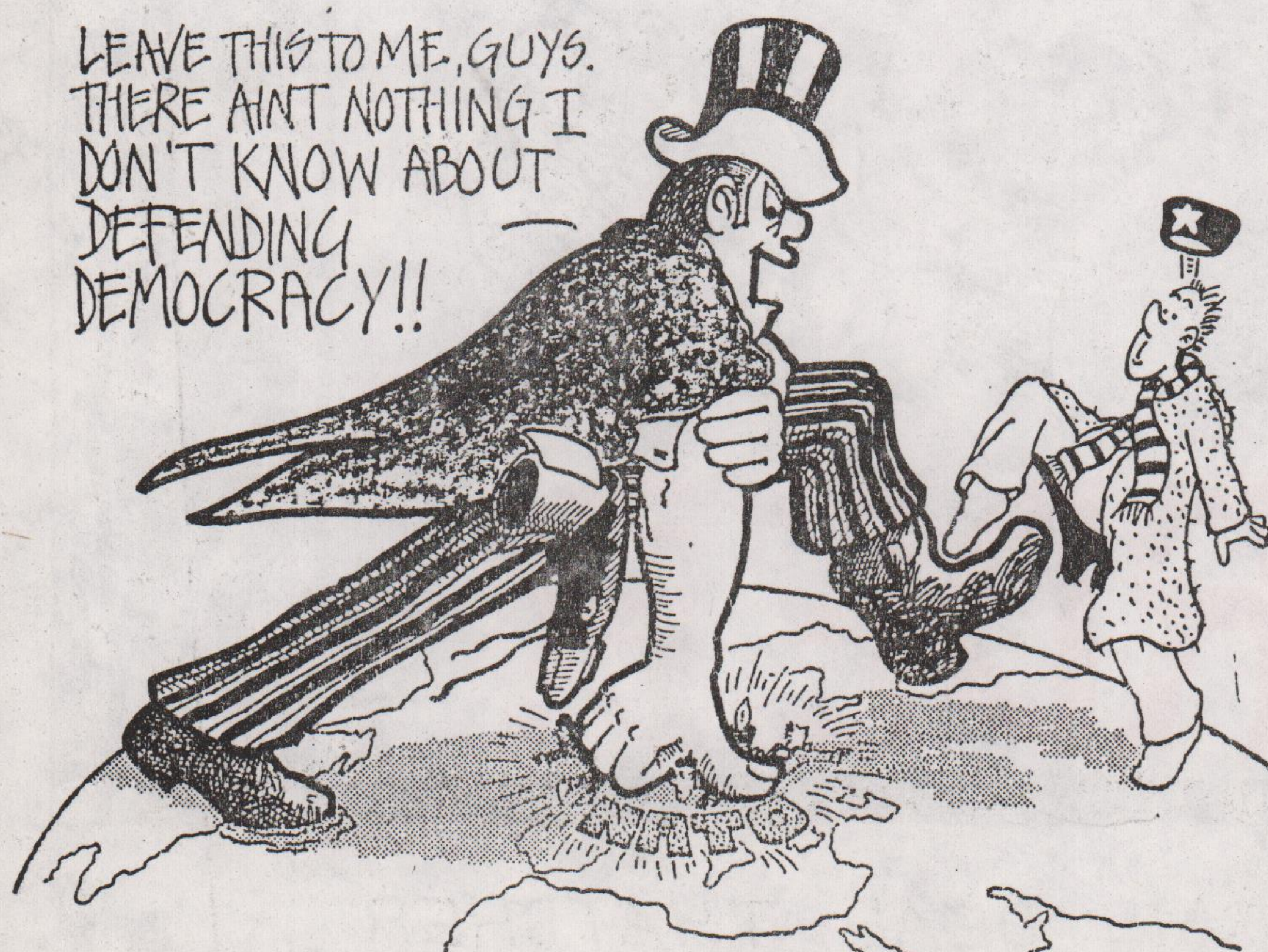
In theory, power is shared by the sixteen members. In reality, NATO is dominated by the USA. The Supreme Commanders have always been American Generals. As for control of nuclear weapons, the official NATO newsletter states - "the ultimate responsibility for the decision on the great majority of nuclear weapons available to NATO remains with the President of the United States".

**Britain's Role.** NATO accounts for 90% of our military budget. Most of our forces would be assigned to the NATO command structure in times of war.

**Other Countries.** Canada, Denmark and Norway do not have nuclear weapons based on their territory. France opted out of the military command structure in 1966. Although claiming to promote "free institutions", NATO apparently had no qualms about having Greece, Portugal and Turkey as members, while they were run by ruthless military dictatorships.

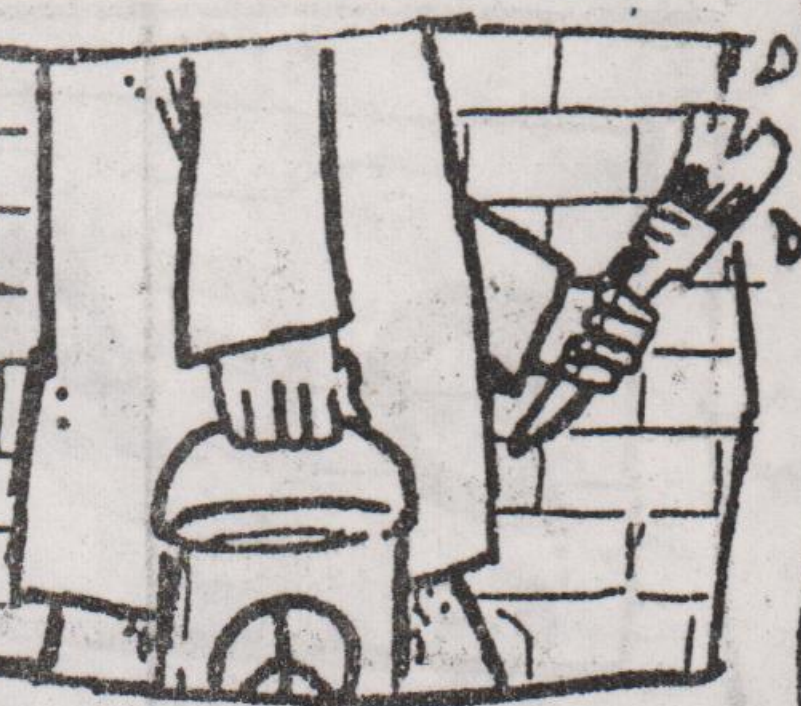
**No to NATO.** Being in NATO makes Britain part of an organisation that has always set the pace in the nuclear arms race. We are contributing to the USA's imperialist domination of the world. We are dragged in with the USA into a very dangerous super-power rivalry with the Soviet Union, which could lead to us being dragged into a war.

**Breaking from the Blocs.** It is the artificial division of Europe into two hostile camps - the "bloc mentality" - that is one of the prime causes of the escalating nuclear arms race. British withdrawal from NATO must be seen as a step towards dissolving both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.





# PAGE 3 COMMENT



## MUM'S THE WORD !

My Dear Margaret, (1)

Well, I hope you haven't forgotten your dear old mum with all the excitement over Christmas and New Year. Such a lot of honours to give out, it must have been exhausting! I'm sorry I didn't come down to see you, but, well, you remember last year, with Denis (2) and the Gin (3) Bottle!

While we're on about last year, do you remember that new game Ron (4) and Mikhail (5) started to play last year? That's right, the one they didn't ask you to play and you threw a tantrum. I think they called it INF Deal (6) Well, the man on the radio said they were going to play it again this year. This time it's to be a 50% cut in strategic weapons (7). Apparently it could be ready in the Spring.

I must say I'm pleasantly surprised; last time we talked, you seemed so sure that the missiles weren't going to go. (8) And, after all, it took them 25 years to get a treaty that actually got rid of missiles. Then a second deal lined up only a few weeks later!

That is, of course, if things go well. You see, dear, I've been a little worried about you recently. This talk about keeping nuclear weapons and all this hysterical behaviour over Trident (9) It really doesn't do anyone any good, you'll ruin the game for everyone if you carry on, which will be a great shame, as everyone is so keen on it.

I'm afraid it won't do you much good either, Margaret; you see, Trident is rather unpopular and what with the state of the Health Service, people are beginning to put the two together (10).

I really think you're going to have to decide this year, dear. If you want to go on playing world-leaders, you're going to have to share your toys with Ron and Mikhail and that means Trident, as well as the rest.

Ta Ta for now.

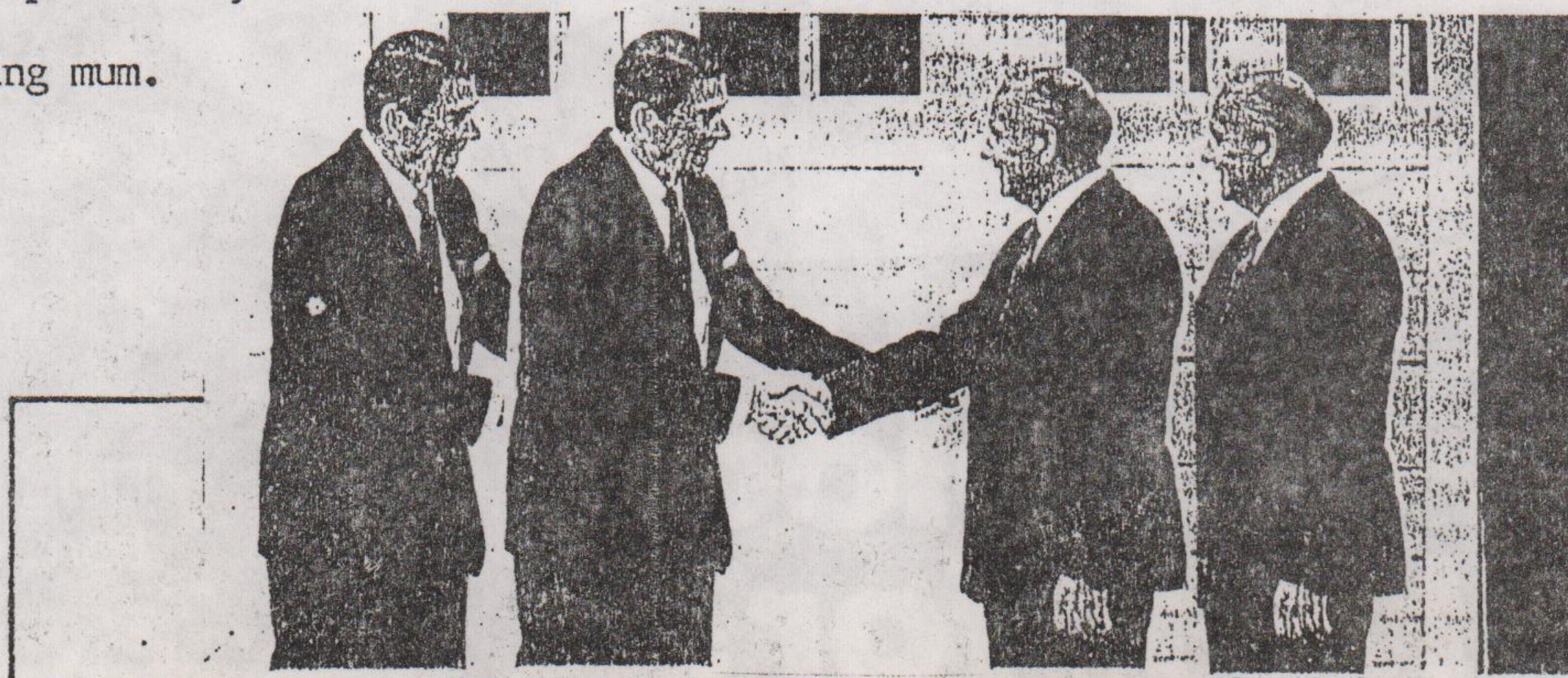
Do try and have a peaceful year.

Your long-suffering mum.



## EXPLANATIONS

- (1) Margaret Hilda Thatcher - Prime Minister.
- (2) Denis Thatcher - husband of above.
- (3) Alcoholic Drink of which Denis is fond.
- (4) Ronald Reagan - Madman, President, USA.
- (5) Mikhail Gorbachev - Leader, USSR.
- (6) Intermediate Nuclear Forces Deal, signed December 8th 1987 - scraps land-based Cruise, Pershing and SS20 Missiles.
- (7) Treaty to reduce strategic weapons of USA and USSR, could be signed in Summer 1988.
- (8) "We are adamant that there should be no question of the denuclearisation of Europe".  
(House of Commons, April 2nd 1987.)
- (9) Margaret Thatcher is insisting that she will press ahead with Trident and won't negotiate.
- (10) Trident will cost £12,000,000,000.  
The NHS is chronically short of funds.







## NO FIRST USE ??

"We would never use them first...would we?"

Perhaps the most enduring and dangerous myth about nuclear weapons is that we, in the West, would never use them first. **WRONG!** NATO policy is that it is prepared to start a nuclear war by using nuclear weapons first.

Until 1967, NATO strategy was to use nuclear weapons for "massive retaliation". Since then, the policy has been changed so that NATO strategy is now called "Flexible response". In other words, NATO would start fighting with conventional weapons, but would "escalate" to use nuclear weapons if it was losing - "**FIRST USE**"!

NATO chiefs believe they can use small nuclear weapons decisively, without provoking the use of larger ones. This is incredible.... given the huge numbers of nuclear weapons involved; the vulnerability of communications systems; the destructive power of modern conventional weapons and the integration of conventional with nuclear weapons, there is no chance that nuclear war can be limited and controlled as if it were a tennis match. Someone once observed that the only General with any control in the heat of battle is "General Balls-Up".

Flexible response (or first use) strategy has naturally led to the development of first-use

weapons. These are extremely accurate, "silo-busting" nuclear bombs (like Trident) which can be used for launching a pre-emptive first strike. There have also been introduced very small nuclear bombs for "battlefield" use. Some of them are carried in soldiers' rucksacks and are to be used as demolition charges. (We must remember that what they call "small nuclear bombs" these days can be as powerful as the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima).

The Warsaw Pact unilaterally adopted a NO-FIRST-USE policy some years ago. We should campaign for Britain and NATO to do the same.

NATO's first-use policy is dangerous because it creates an atmosphere of fear, where war could more easily break out by accident. NATO's first-use policy is deadly because it speeds up the arms race and creates ever more destructive weapons. Above all, NATO's first-use policy is morally absolutely disgusting.

**We demand a No-First-Use Declaration Now!**

I think we need to have a counterforce capability. Over and above that, I think we need to have a war-fighting capability.

**FRANK CARLUCCI**, 1981 - (newly appointed US Defence Secretary).

So I repeat in all sincerity as a military man I can see no use for any nuclear weapons, which would not end in escalation with consequences that no one can conceive.

**LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN**, 1979.

**Trident —  
'What the bloody  
hell is it for?'**



Field Marshal  
Lord Carver



# IN A DARK TIME...

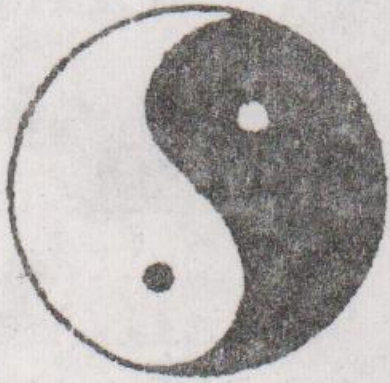
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## NOTTINGHAM MAGISTRATES SEE THE LIGHT.

FFPG member, Pamela Smith, received what could be the shortest-ever detention at Nottingham Magistrates' Court on December 10th, after refusing to pay a fine incurred after she was arrested at a blockade of USAF Molesworth on the grounds that her participation in the treaty was justified by the signing of the INF. She was sentenced to a day's detention at the back of the court, which amounted to twenty minutes while the magistrates completed the day's business.

Pamela Smith told Nottingham magistrates, "I was fined after a demonstration to protest against cruise missiles being brought to Molesworth. In the view of the fact that the INF treaty between the US and the USSR was signed only two days ago, agreeing to scrap all land-based cruise missiles, I feel completely justified in not paying this fine. If it had not been for the protest of millions of people like me, this arms reduction treaty would not have happened."

She hopes other people fined for protesting against cruise will be encouraged to do the same.



## WITH LOVE

PADDY AND CATHY. It is with great sadness that Forest Fields Peace Group says goodbye to Paddy, Cathy, Douglas and Frankie Carstairs. Active in FFPG from the earliest days, Paddy and Cathy effectively kept us going through thick and thin. We wish them all possible happiness in their new life in Scotland and can only hope to follow the example they set us and continue the fight for peace.

and SADNESS

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.

EDMUND BURKE.

## BEYOND THE COLD WAR.

What a discrepancy there is between the procedures of war and those of peace! The decisions to develop new weapons are taken by a few score people - at the most by a few hundred - secretly behind closed doors, on both sides. But, to check or to reverse any one of those decisions, nothing will do except the voluntary efforts of hundreds of thousands after month - addressing envelopes, collating information, raising money, meeting in churches or in school halls, debating in conferences, lobbying parliaments, marching through the streets of Europe's capital cities.

E. P. THOMPSON, 1981.

Mere praise of peace is easy but ineffective. What is needed is active participation in the fight against war and everything that leads to it.

ALBERT EINSTEIN, 1953.

"First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out - because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out - because I was not a communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me - and there was no one left to speak out for me."

PASTOR NIEMOELLER (victim of the Nazis.)

# THE EYE BEGINS TO SEE...

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# FROM THE BUNKER...

BY LES.



## HOLOCAUST COSMETIC

"The Observer" reports (November 8th 1987) that, "NATO governments have taken the first steps towards introducing new air-and-sea-launched nuclear weapons into Europe to replace Cruise and Pershing missiles after American and Soviet leaders sign an intermediate range nuclear weapons treaty next month." The INF agreement will (if ratified and carried out) be confined to land-based weapons with ranges of between 300 and 3,000 miles, and NATO's "HIGH LEVEL GROUP" of nuclear experts have come up with a number of "options" that do not technically violate the agreement, including deployment of more nuclear-capable aircraft (Britain already has 162 American F-111s!), shorter-range missiles and different types of cruise missiles. Decisions are expected to be taken within months on which of these "compensatory measures" to adopt, even though such measures could mean that NATO actually ends up with MORE nuclear weapons than if no agreement had been signed and, obviously, they are likely to be countered by similar Soviet measures and so, cancel out all benefits from the INF agreement.

No doubt, "options" will be chosen swiftly and with the minimum of publicity, while people in Britain are being bombarded with enthusiastic coverage of the INF agreement and the report simply confirms that this supposedly "momentous" agreement is no more than a crude cosmetic exercise, designed to deceive people into believing that the USA and USSR are now REALLY interested in dismantling the threat of nuclear holocaust.

Rightly, people are terrified of nuclear weapons and so they want to believe the Superpowers: but it is no good building hope upon illusion and even without these "compensatory measures" (i.e. alternative means of mass murder - NATO planners are incapable of telling the naked truth), this

much-publicised treaty will reduce the world's nuclear stockpile by a paltry 3 or 4% - the Superpowers' capacity to destroy the world many times over will not be touched at all. Politicians and soldiers on both sides of the Atlantic have been only too willing to point out that NSATO policy will continue to be based on "nuclear deterrence" (i.e. the willingness to enact nuclear genocide) for, in Thatcher's words, "the foreseeable future". Within this deadly alliance, Britain will continue to increase its own nuclear weapons and retain all the American bases and nuclear missiles dotted all over the country. In other words, our so-called "defence" will continue to be founded on the nuclear threat of mass murder, on what the peace activist, George Delf, has so accurately called "an absolute lunatic crime", one that makes all "political ideologies" (and INF agreements!), "dancing shadows on a cave wall".

If people are not duped by such crude holocaust cosmetics, they will realise that the Superpowers want to be seen to be working towards nuclear disarmament because of the pressure for peace exerted by ordinary people across the world in the 1980's and the awareness this has created in the terrible nature of the threat we all face. The politicians and soldiers, whose power is based upon the maintenance of this obscene threat, want to weaken this movement for peace and placate growing public unease. They know that massive pro-nuclear weapons propaganda and the ruthless criminalisation of dissent have not done that. That is why they talk now of "peace" and produce cosmetic treaties, knowing that people want to believe them, want to bury the nuclear nightmare and forget all about it.

Reports of NATO's cynical plans to replace Cruise and Pershing illuminate these deceptions and the continuing reality of the nuclear nightmare. We are still on the edge of the nuclear abyss - BUT NOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO CHEER BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT WEAPONS TO DESTROY OUR COMMUNITIES WILL COME FROM LESS THAN 300 OR MORE THAN 3,000 MILES AWAY AND CLAP BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT AFTER A NUCLEAR CONFLICT NOW, THE CORPSES OF OUR CHILDREN WOULD HAVE 3 OR 4% LESS RADIATION LEAKING FROM THEM.

The INF Treaty will offer no way out of this nuclear nightmare. To begin that journey, Britain must get rid of its nuclear weapons and all American bases and missiles and leave a NATO alliance that uses a nuclear threat to further US global imperialism. to join with all non-aligned non-nuclear nations to work for peace and sanity. BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO - as George Delf realises, "a simple, firm refusal to kill defenceless people will render obsolete not just a major part of the military machine, conventional as well as nuclear, but the corrupt basis of modern centralised power".

COMMITTED TO THE CRIMINAL POLITICS OF NUCLEAR GENOCIDE, THE SUPERPOWERS OFFER US ONLY HOLOCAUST COSMETICS, WHEN WE ARE DEMANDING "A SIMPLE, FIRM REFUSAL TO KILL DEFENCELESS PEOPLE." THE PEACE MOVEMENT MUST CONTINUE TO DEMAND NO LESS, IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY.

LES PARSONS, November 1987.

**NOTE** With this latest report from the bunker, Les sent an accompanying letter to the FPPG. Consequently, both were discussed at the December Meeting of the group. Most people at that meeting did not share Les's view that the INF Treaty should be dismissed out of hand. We felt rather that it should at this stage be welcomed. Our view has always been - WE HELPED BRING ABOUT THE INF DEAL. NOW WE SAY, IF THEY CAN SCRAP A FEW, THEY SHOULD SCRAP THE LOT.





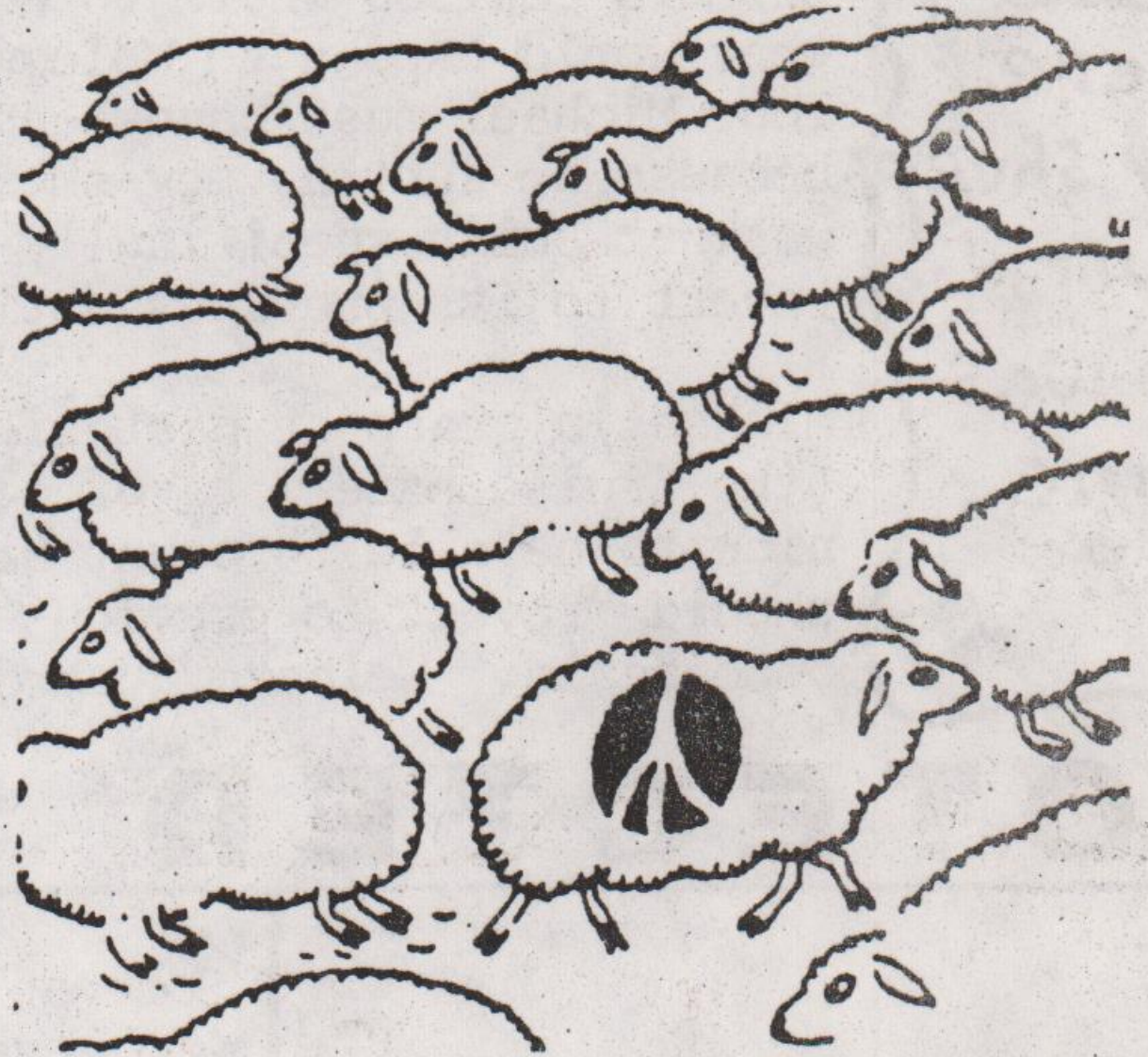
**Thursday 11th February** - Nottingham C.N.D. Monthly Meeting and Invited Speaker: Brother of Vanuna, the Israeli scientist jailed for exposing his country's nuclear secrets, speaks out. WEA, Shakespeare St. 7-00 Meeting. 8-00 speaker. Well worth coming to.

**Thursday 18th February** - FFPG business meeting, 7-30 at 69 Wiverton Rd. All welcome.

**Monday 14th March** - FFPG meeting, 7-30 at 69 Wiverton Rd. Special discussion:- 'The Palestinian question'. Come along.

**Thursday 17th March** - FFPG business meeting, 7-30 at 69 Wiverton Rd.

**4th April** - National CND Aldermaston Demonstration. Contact NCND office for further details. A date for the diary....



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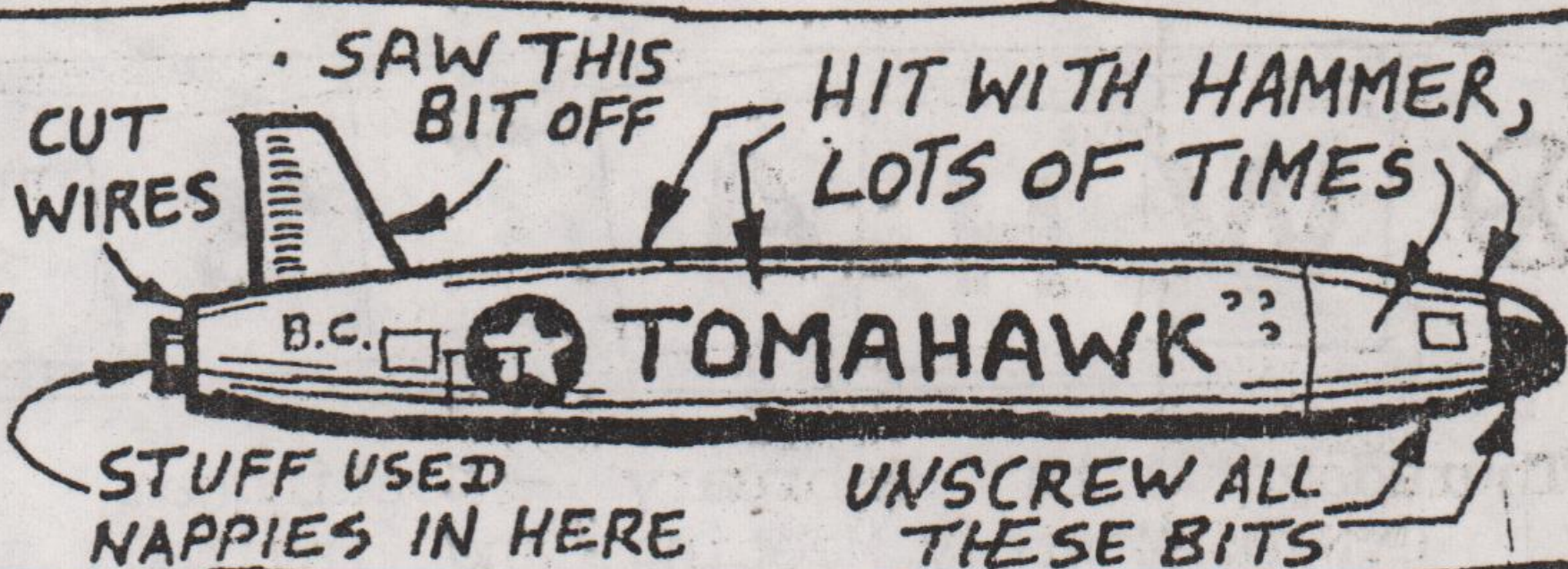
### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

FOREST FIELD 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 GROUPS' 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.



# GET UP- STAND UP!



## THE MOST EXPENSIVELY

If you were  
the only sheep  
in the world...  
...and I was  
the one  
M.P.

Barbara Coulson wrote to Nottingham East MP, Michael Knowles, to ask what would happen to Molesworth after Cruise missiles were withdrawn. Poor Michael must have been feeling a touch "mardy" when he replied, because he sent a very short-tempered and terse letter back. "The base was not built specifically for Cruise missiles and will, I presume, revert to its previous duties."

Michael's grasp of historial detail might leave a little to be desired, (the Cruise base was, of course, purpose-built in 1985-87), but it's nice to be able to count him as ally in our demand that Molesworth should "revert to previous duties" and become grazing land for sheep once again. Welcome aboard, Michael!



## PROTECTED SHEEP IN HISTORY

WANNA  
SLEEP WELL?



Some of you reading this paper are members of Forest Fields Peace Group who have not paid your membership sub. As the subscriptions are so cheap (£1 unwaged, £3 waged) there can only be two reasons for this. Either you no longer support the group's work or you just haven't got round to paying. The question is, how can you sleep at night, knowing that you are receiving all the FFPG leaflets, minutes and Newsletters and not paying the measly 2p a week (unwaged), 6p a week (waged) to help pay for them?

Yes, I want a clear conscience and I want to sleep soundly at night. I enclose £1. (unwaged), £2 (waged NCND member), £3 (waged non-NCND member).

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Thanks!