

Forest Fields Peace Group

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NEWSLETTER APRIL 1983

As so many new faces come to each meeting and the group steadily increases in number, we have decided to try and set up a Street Rep scheme so that:

- 1) Group members can contact someone closely involved with FFPG activities;
- 2) The Rep can organise collection of membership fees;
- 3) The Rep can organise leafletting and;
- 4) Can get news spread of direct action that needs speed and initiative.

The Street Representatives are:-

Foxhall
Austen/Laurie Ave
Leslie Road
Noel Street
Gladstone St/Alberta Terrace
Burford Rd/Russell Rd
Maple Street
Bobbers Mill
Birkin Avenue
Exeter Road
Premier/Birrell

These reps will be given a list of members in their street areas. If your road/street is not listed, use the rep nearest to you. Other members for street reps are needed drop your name round to Annie.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING ON MARCH 9th 1983 (20 Premier Road)

10 present, Mark, Earl, Annie, Doreen, Lindsay, Christa, Dianne, Brian, Tania, Jamile.

1) DEMONSTRATION.

The recent demo was discussed. 200 people turned up (five times the number than the other one in October. At least one new member had joined. It was pointed out that the weather was very bad on that day and the event was considered to be a success.

2) FINANCE.

£12 was left. It was suggested that:

a) People could pay membership on a set day then if someone joined half way through the year they would only pay half money.

b) That some kind of fund raising event should be held. It was decided to organise a stall at the May Day event, possibly mushy peas. Or a disco (maybe at Leno's) this would cost £20 weekend or weekday. Lastly some YCND members said that there is to be a rally on April 9th at Clarendon college and that FFPG would be welcome to do something there.

PICKETING OF TARMAC, WEST BRIDGFORD

A picket of the big construction monopoly Tarmac was planned for Friday, 25th March. The idea is to put pressure on the City Council to end their deals with them as Tarmac are laying roads at Greenham. Wolverhampton did something similar and about 200 turned up including building workers. The other possibility is that people can phone them up and jam their phones on that day. It was felt important that the workers on the site were told so that they understood the reason for the picket. It was suggested that a leaflet was distributed to them so that they knew the issues.

4. REHEARSAL FOR DIE-IN

On Saturday March 19th there will be a rehearsal at Waverley Terrace, (opposite the Poly., Sharkespeare Street) FFPG were asked to leaflet and placard Mansfield Road.

5. EASTER GATHERING AT GREENHAM

40,000 people are wanted. The human chain will consist of both men and women. There will also be a blockade at Lakenheath on 24th and 25th April.

6. CRUISE LORRY

CND have a lorry with a model of Cruise on it which is being booked for Saturday 21st May in Forest Fields. It could be put on that area outside of SCOOP Shop where we had the demo. That piece of land belongs to City Housing. Along with the model about 7 people would be needed to act in the Street Theatre that goes along with it. Public leafletting volunteers needed for the day.

7. PICKETING NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Every Friday Nottingham High School have military drill down at the School. The idea was put forward to picket it. However it was decided not to do this yet, but to contact CND supporters at the School and to get them to start opposing the military activities there

8. There was a letter sent to the group by a NUJ member. To advertise the Feb. 12th demo we sent a letter to the Evening Post. John Birdsall wrote criticising this. We are asking people to come along and give their opinions on this at the next meeting when another vote will be taken.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday April 9 - YCND Rally at Clarendon College
- Wed. 13 April - FFPG - 107 Foxhall Road - 8.00 pm
- Sun. 24-25 April Blockade at Lakenheath
- Mon. 2 May - Trades Council Rally FFPG Stall volunteers
- Sat. 21 May - Cruise Lorry in Forest Fields

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th April 8.00 pm
107 Foxhall Road

- 1. Matters Arising
- 2. Finance
- 3. Position of FFPG in relation to Evening Post
- 4. Future Direct Action
- 5. Events - Disco; Trades Union Council Rally; Cruise in Forest Fields
- 6. Co-ordinating Minutes
- 7. A.O.B.
- 8. Date of next meeting

PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO ATTEND