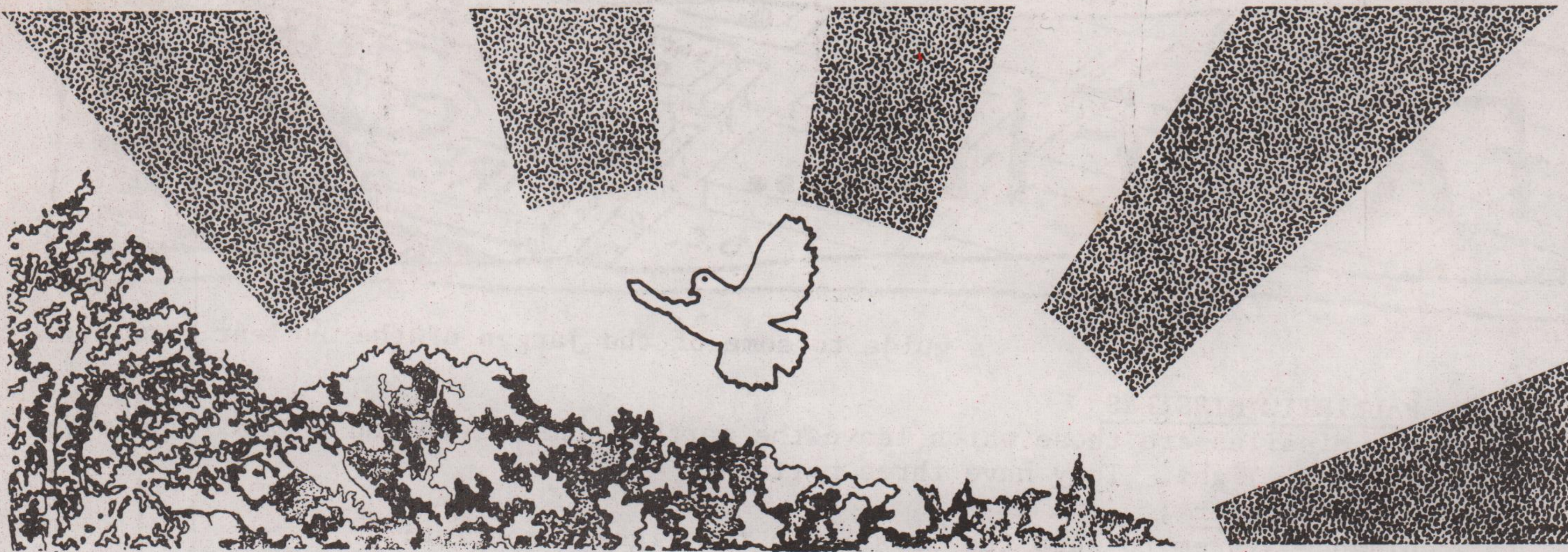


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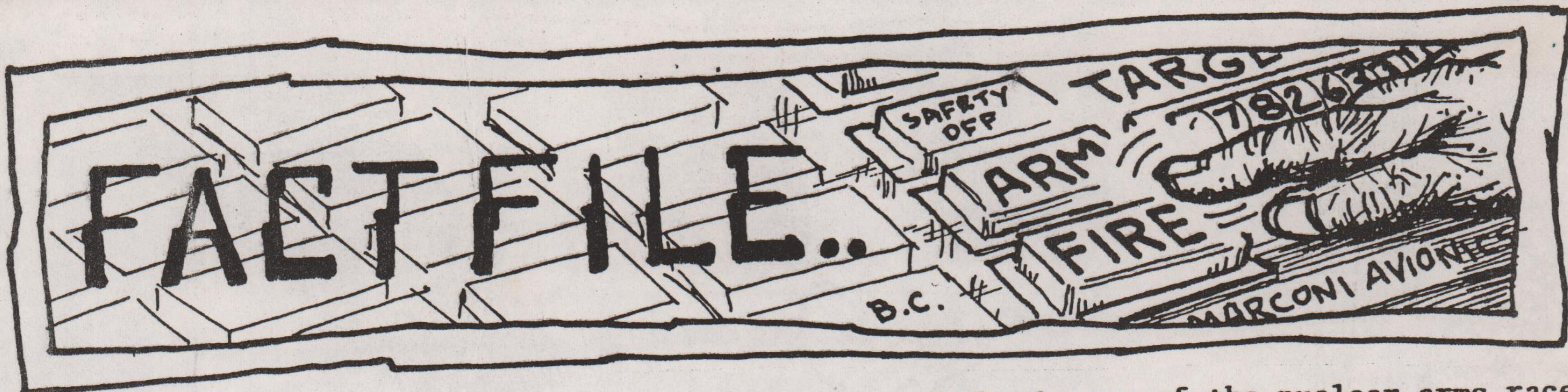
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THEY GIVE YOU A FOUR MINUTE WARNING
- WE'RE TELLING YOU NOW -



a guide to some of the jargon of the nuclear arms race

No.1 BALLISTIC MISSILES

Ballistic missiles are those which leave the earth's atmosphere and go into space for part of their flight. They have three parts -

- 1) a rocket booster ;
- 2) a guidance system to keep the missile in the right direction;
- 3) the payload, which is the word used by military and scientific experts to mean explosive warheads.

After the rocket booster has burnt out, the "payload" freewheels towards the target with the force of gravity.

Examples of Ballistic missiles are the British TRIDENT (launched from a submarine); the Soviet SS-20 ("SS" means surface-to-surface), and the American PERSHING (which has an accuracy of within 40 yards).

A modern ballistic nuclear missile carries as much explosive power as all the bombs used in all of World War II.

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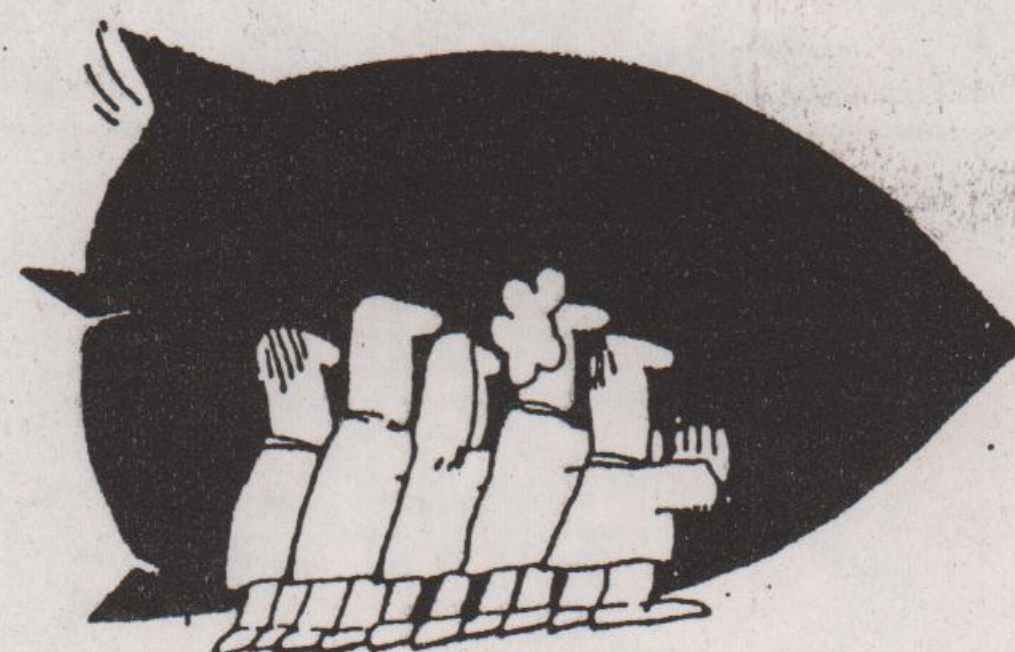
AN IMMODEST PROPOSAL

In 1957 at the Labour Party's debate on disarmament, Aneurin Bevan declared that he was not prepared to go "naked into the conference chamber".... But what was it Bevan had to hide? Bevan came into the world naked, naked he left it. Why should he be afraid to go into the conference chamber to discuss matters of global life and death? What he had to hide was nothing less than his humanity.

Of course he had to hide it. For no naked human being, conscious of his own essential ordinariness, the chair pressing against his buttocks, his toes wriggling beneath the conference table, his cock hanging limply a few feet from Mr. Brezhnev's, could play the game of international politics and barter like a god with the lives of millions of his fellow men. No naked human being could threaten to press the nuclear button.

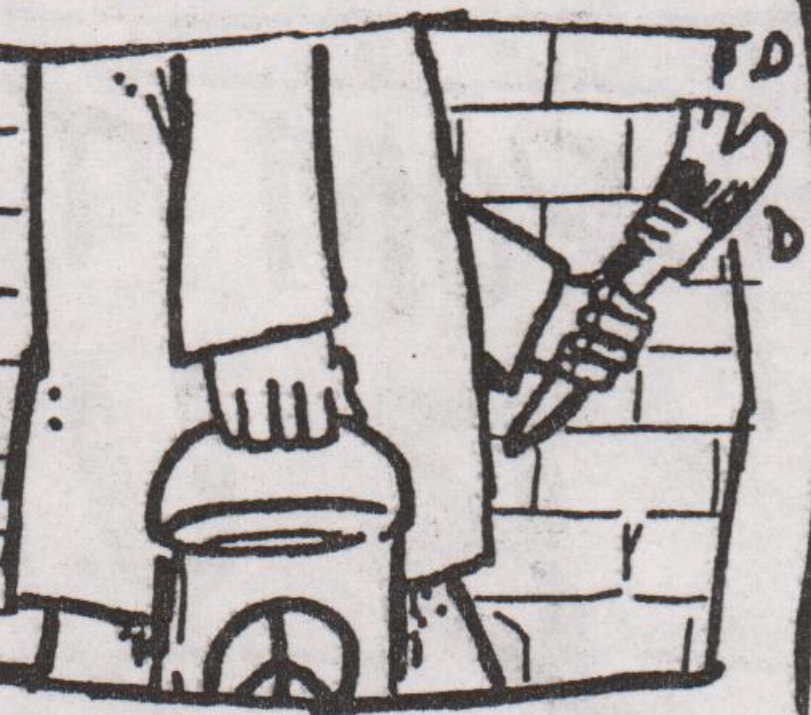
So I come to my proposal. Our leaders must be given no choice but to go naked into the conference chamber. At the next summit, there shall be a notice pinned to the door. "Reality Gate. Human beings only beyond this point. NO CLOTHES." And then, as the iron maiden takes her place beside the bionic commissar, it may dawn on them that neither she nor he is made of iron or steel but rather of warmer, softer and much more magical material, flesh and blood. Perhaps as he looks at his navel and realises that he, like all the rest of us, was once joined from there to a proud and aching mother, as Mrs. Thatcher feels the table-cloth tickling her belly, they will start to laugh at their pretensions to be super-human rulers of the lives of others. If they do not actually make love, they will at least barely be capable of making war.

NICHOLAS HUMPHREY 1982



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ZERO OPTION

How should the peace movement greet the news of a possible agreement between Reagan and Gorbachev on Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces in Europe (INF)?

Perhaps the first thing to realise is that although all the pundits and the politicians from Moscow to Minneapolis and Melton Mowbray to Maidenhead are jumping up and down in a frenzy, the treaty ain't signed yet. And we shouldn't perhaps be holding our breath as we wait. The grim truth is that since Hiroshima **NOT A SINGLE NUCLEAR WEAPON HAS BEEN SCRAPPED THROUGH MUTUAL AGREEMENT.**

There are probably many reasons for this, including the built-in 'Negotiation From Strength' approach of both sides, and perhaps a deep-seated reluctance to really slow down the nuclear arms race.

It may however be different this time. Mr. Gorbachev desperately needs to have an arms-reduction deal under his belt, in order to strengthen his position in the Kremlin, and fight off possible challenges to his liberalisation drive from the "right". Mr. Reagan needs to repair his crippled image in the aftermath of Irangate, and he only has a short time before he finally strolls off into the sunset.

john wayne

randolph scott rambo

There are other factors too. The Soviet leadership probably does have a genuine desire to see a slowing down of the arms race. Their economy is only just managing to stagger on, under the enormous strain of keeping up with the West's military spending (The USSR spends roughly the same as the USA on defence, but has only half the Gross National Product!). The Soviet experience during World War II, when they lost 22 million people undoubtably has an effect on the leadership, and probably makes them more enthusiastic disarmers than the politicians in Washington whose experience of war is largely of the John Wayne, Randolph Scott and Rambo variety.

On the strategic level, it could be argued that in the overall context of their huge armouries, Cruise, Pershing and SS-20 wouldn't be such a great loss anyway. Cruise and SS-20 in particular are rather clumsy weapons, and wouldn't it be better to place Cruise out at sea, in submarines, rather than have to creep around dodging Cruisewatch on Salisbury Plain.

Despite all this, I don't think we in the peace movement should dismiss a Zero Option out of hand. Firstly there is no doubt that one of the factors that has brought these two men together is us. The peace movement has succeeded in forcing disarmament onto the political agenda and no-one can ever take that away from us. (Before 1980, nuclear weapons hadn't been discussed in Parliament for 11 years!).

Secondly we have helped to actually create a feeling all around the world that something must be done about the spiralling nuclear arms race, and this does create a subtle pressure on leaders from all sides.

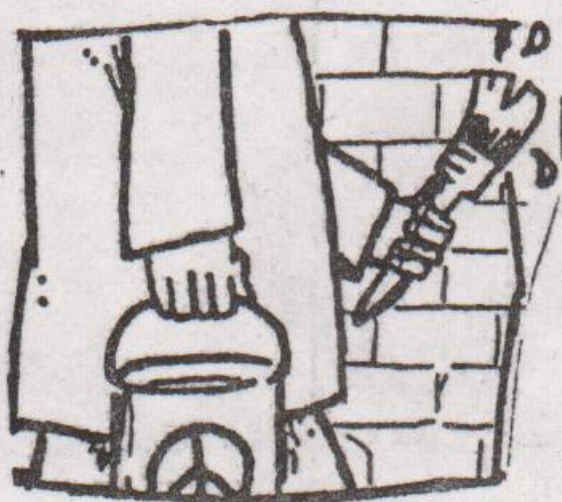
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party time ★

And thirdly, the fact is that whatever their motives, if Reagan and Gorbachev sign this treaty, we will have won something that we have campaigned for for over 7 years. **NO CRUISE! NO SS-20!** That was the call that brought us all out onto the streets in 1980. For the first time ever they will have agreed to ban a bomb! We should celebrate. Not for them but for us. We should have a huge party and invite everyone along, and we should sing and dance and eat and drink and have a good time. It's not to say thank you to them but to say well done to us. And it's not to go home and think - that's alright then.... nothing more to do; but to go from our party with a new sense of strength and a renewed sense of urgency.

**We've helped get rid of these.
Now let's get rid of the rest.**

Pete Strauss

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PEACE AND LIES

It is now being revealed that the Conservative Government has been modernising Britain's first-use nuclear battlefield weapons in Europe while telling the House of Commons that no decision has been made to do so.

The decision was made in 1983, although many ministers have consistently denied that this was the case. Now it turns out that Britain, along with the rest of NATO, plans to include two new types of nuclear shells and a new air-launched cruise missile by the early 1990's as part of "modernisation" plans.

Calling these things 'battlefield nuclear weapons' makes them sound like small things. In Fact each shell would have the explosive power of one Hiroshima bomb, i.e. the power to destroy a city and its people in a matter of minutes.

In simple terms, the Government has been lying. In deceiving the House of Commons, it has been saying that it is not worth telling the people of this country what is going on, in matters that are vital to everybody's interests and security. This is the same Government that says it's nuclear defence policy is there to defend the country, to defend 'freedom and democracy'. For this Government "democracy" is the ability to deceive the majority, "freedom" is the freedom to lie.

No doubt a few Labour MP's will draw attention to this deceit, and say it is a bad thing. But you can be certain that the Labour Party will not make a big thing of it. Of course they should. If they were interested in freedom and democracy, they would be demanding the resignation of a Government that can practice such deceit. They will not, for two reasons. Firstly, Kinnock and the Labour Party are keen not to make a 'fuss' about defence. Kinnock wants to appear 'statesmanlike'. He wants to win an election. He wants power.

Secondly, and more significantly, it is almost certain that the Labour Party would have done the same thing if they were in power. Labour's record in office in terms of nuclear 'defence' policy is as bad if not worse than the Tories. In fact it was a Labour Government that made the decision for this country to have nuclear weapons in the first place, with the same kind of secrecy, lies and deceptions. And, more recently, to secretly update the Polaris nuclear weapons system. Labour's record only goes to show that, like the present Conservative Government, their concern lies not with freedom and democracy, but with having power, and sucking up to the United States of America. Indeed, as these latest deceits are exposed, Mr. Kinnock has told Mr. Reagan that a Labour Government would not get rid of Cruise missiles whilst the USA and USSR are negotiating on such matters - the same two superpowers who have spent countless years discussing 'disarmament' with the whole world on the edge of nuclear holocaust, and with more and deadlier nuclear weapons being introduced all the time !!

Those people genuinely wanting a peaceful world and an end to the insanity of nuclear weapons can only draw two conclusions from the news of this latest Government deceit and from the records of British political parties in Government since the Second World War.

Firstly, that our mainstream political parties cannot be trusted. Secondly, that if people want peace, they must demand it for themselves and act for themselves, not rely on politicians whose ideals and promises are always tailored to gain power for themselves.

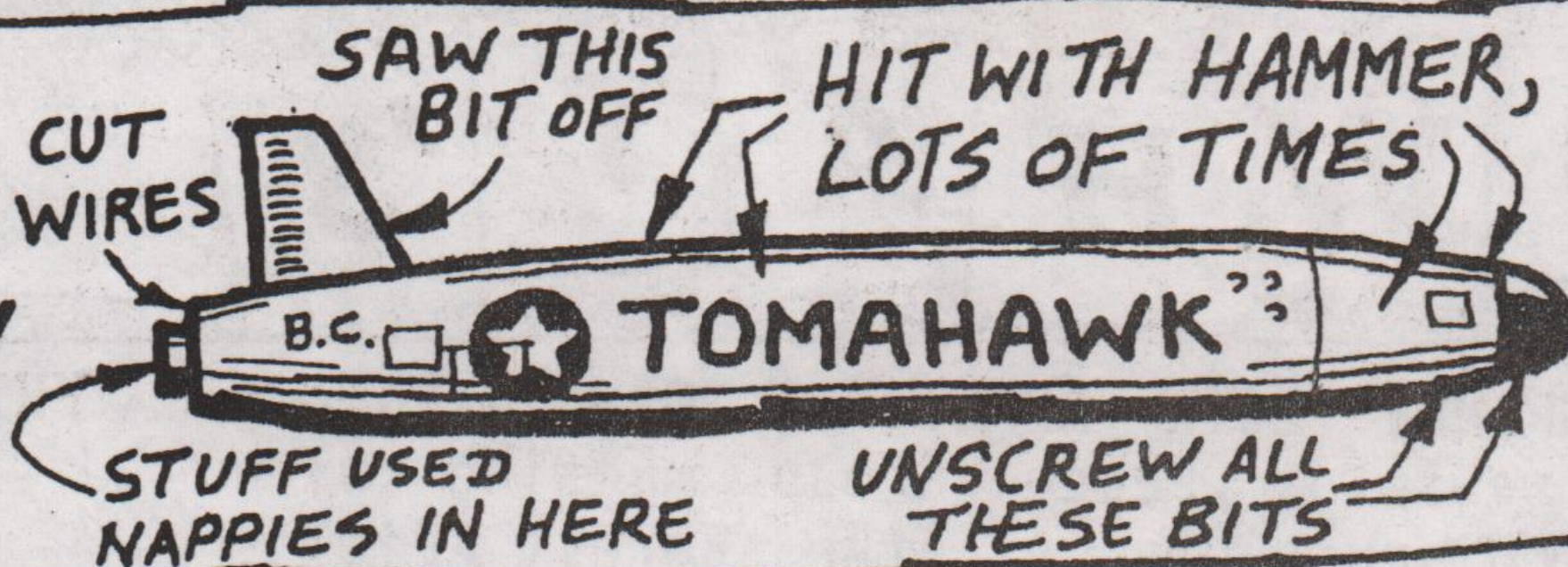
These are hard lessons for people to learn, particularly when so much of the media tells them otherwise. But if they are not learnt, the cost could be so much harder. The cost could be nuclear war.

Les Parsons + March 1987

PEACE AND LIES...



GET UP- STAND UP!



Forest Fields Peace Group Community Survey

In order to try and reach out and make direct contact with the people of Forest Fields, the Peace Group has decided to launch a **COMMUNITY SURVEY**. We have drawn up a simple questionnaire that asks eight questions about peace, and we will try and get round all of the 3000 households over the spring to **ASK PEOPLE WHAT THEY THINK**.

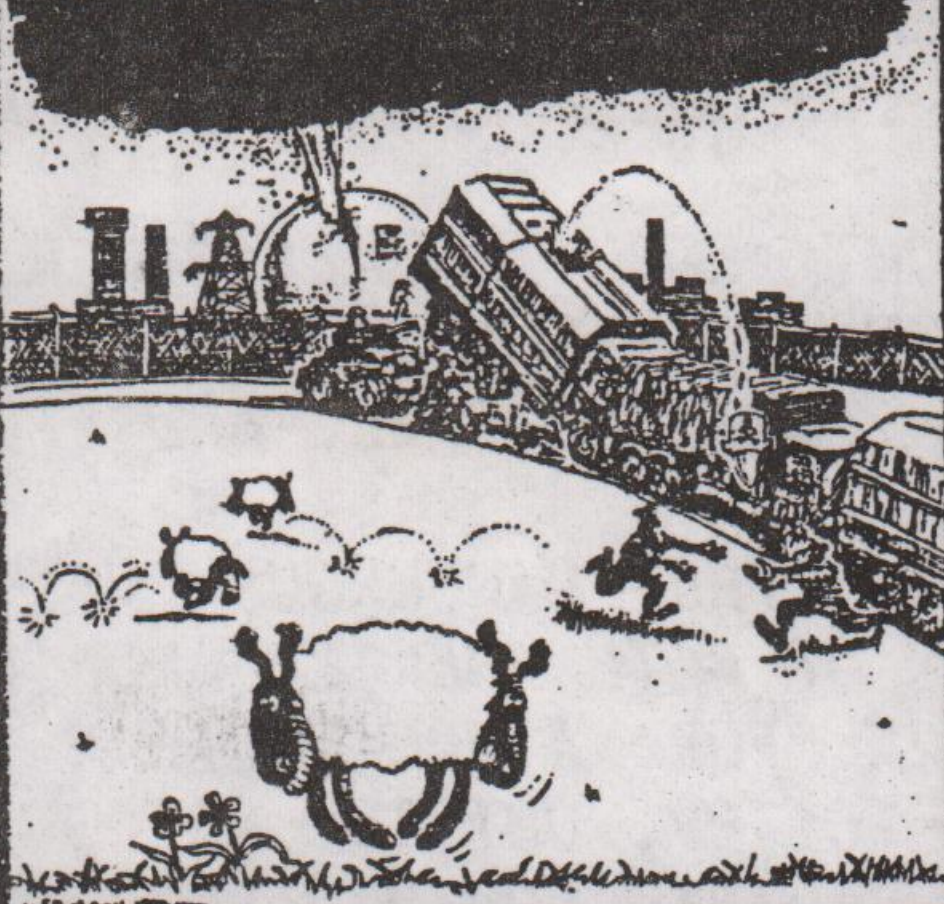
The main aim is really to talk with local people - whether they agree with us or not - about the issues of peace and disarmament. FFPG needs all the help it can get with this project. Please give an hour or so, one evening this Spring, to join a group of FFPG "surveyors". It might sound a little frightening, but don't worry. We'll be working in pairs, and no-one has to be an expert or anything. We just want to talk. If enough of us offer to help out, it should be interesting, fulfilling and fun!

To find out more, or to offer help with the survey, phone Pete on

**NOTTINGHAM CAMPAIGN FOR
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
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**MARCH FOR A
NUCLEAR FREE BRITAIN**

APRIL 25th ☺



Assemble 11am
Victoria Embankment
LONDON
Rally: 2pm Hyde Park

Coaches from
Nottingham 8am
Details inside

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APRIL 25TH - NATIONAL CND DEMONSTRATION March for a Nuclear-Free Britain

April 25th is the anniversary of the appalling accident at Chernobyl, and so the date has been chosen for CND's first national demonstration in London since October '85. It is a joint action with the Friends of the Earth, and this will be the first time the peace movement and the environmental movement have marched together in this way.

This is our chance to come together and to show our anger and our disgust at the nuclear policies of our government. It is our chance to spell out our vision of a world free from the terror of nuclear weapons and free from the pollution and poison of nuclear power and radioactive waste.

So let's make it big! Let's show the government and show the world the strength of our feeling and the strength of our movement.

It's up to us! Forest Fields Peace Group will be there, and will be travelling down to London with all the other coachloads of Peace Groups from Nottingham. **TO MAKE THE DAY EVEN MORE COLOURFUL AND DRAMATIC, FFPG WILL BE DRUMMING ALL THE WAY FROM THE EMBANKMENT TO HYDE PARK, SO JOIN US BEHIND OUR BANNER, AND BRING ALONG A HOME-MADE BANGER OR SHAKER OR SCRAPER OR RATTLER OR ANYTHING AT ALL.**

Walk with us on April 25th,
and make a noise!

Coach tickets cost £4.50 (waged) or £3.00 (concessions) and are available from Nottingham CND (472556), Mushroom Bookshop (582506), Hiziki Wholefoods, Ouroboros Wholefoods and the Rainbow Centre.



GET UP- STAND UP!



THURSDAY 16TH APRIL, 7.30PM - Forest Fields Peace Group meeting with discussions at the Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, 69 Wiverton Road, Forest Fields. All welcome.

SATURDAY 25TH APRIL, National CND/Friends of the Earth demo in London on the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. See page 5 for details.

SATURDAY 2ND MAY, May Day March and Rally. 10.30am assemble Victoria Park, Sneinton; 11am march to Hyson Green Boys' Club via Market Square; 12.15pm rally and celebrations in the Boys' Club with speakers/stalls/bar. **DEFEND JOBS AND SERVICES!**

THURSDAY 7TH MAY - City Council Elections. Use your vote!

FRIDAY 15TH MAY - Sit Down in Parliament Square. Civil disobedience. Contact Glyn on 706088.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY, 8pm - Folk Concert for South Africa. Peggy Seeger and Ewan MacColl. At Trent Poly Students' Union, Shakespeare St. Tickets from Trent Poly S.U., Ouroboros, Mushroom, Selectadisc and Vic. Centre Box Office. Proceeds to the ANC of South Africa and Nottm Anti-Apartheid. Contact Mark (626298)/Pete (603216)

THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 7.30pm - Nottm CND Monthly Meeting. "The Need For A Test-Ban Treaty." Video starring Paul Newman and a speaker.

THURSDAY 21ST MAY, 7.30pm - FFPG meeting, with discussions. At the FFNC, 69 Wiverton Road, Forest Fields. All welcome.

FRIDAY 22ND MAY - FFPG fourth Friday disco. Venue to be confirmed. Jazzy Sounds Disco, bar, food. Contact Jerry on 708459 for more details nearer the date or look out for our fab posters.

FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP

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I would like to join the Forest Fields Peace Group.

I enclose my membership fee of £1.00.

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AIMS AND 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 GROUPS AIMS. THEY ARE -

1. TO OPPOSE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
2. TO WORK FOR UNILATERAL 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.