

# NCND NEWS MAY 91

Dear Members,

This sheet is to tell you of recent and forthcoming activities. It isn't meant to replace NCND's main bulletin, the next issue of which is to be at the end of June.

**BARROW REPORT** April 1st saw the Easter demonstration at Barrow-in-Furness, the launch site of the first UK Trident sub HMS Vanguard. Members from across Britain marched over the bridge overlooking the launch area and into Barrow, where they were addressed by speakers including Marjorie Thompson, CND Chair. Bruce Kent unveiled Barrow CND's Peace Mosaic, its hundreds of pieces sent from all over the world.

After the deliberately sombre march the organisers sought to encourage a festive atmosphere appropriate to a future minus Trident, but limited attendance plus atrocious weather posed a gruelling challenge. Nottingham was represented by a small group of wide age range, the youngest being 2 months old Luke Mitchell.

**SANITY MAGAZINE 1964-1991** If you are a subscriber, we have to announce that the issue you will just have received (Mar-April) is the last. Its high costs are too much for National CND who decided to close it. Its editor, Ben Webb, tells the full story on the back page, also describing: 'A number of proposals...which would go some way to satisfying the needs of CND members and Sanity readers; among these is an enhanced and more regular CND NEWS, which could well carry the historic title of SANITY ... CND is alive & well: it has only decided it can no longer subsidise radical peace movement journalism.'

CND's other two mags continue: CND NEWS goes to National CND members 4 times yearly (formerly only 3 times). It now inherits many features from Sanity, like interviews and a letters page (162 Holloway Rd London N7 8DQ). CAMPAIGN, the activists' monthly news, is now a magazine. A number are supplied to NCND office and are always available to consult. It's possible to order extra copies for anyone interested.

## THE ARMS TRADE

**OPPOSE THE ARMS TRADE** At one time they were called 'Munitions Manufacturers'. Briefly between the two world wars, when a pacifist consensus seemed to exist, the munitions magnates were, for some, at the top of the list of 'guilty men'. During and after Vietnam we had the 'Military Industrial Complex'. Now there is the Arms Trade - the name for not just the industry but for the whole process of trading between companies, governments and dictators: an obscenity in which the UK plays a large role.

From May 14 - 16 the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre will host the Defence Manufacturers' Association Arms Fair. Campaign Against the Arms Trade will be among the groups protesting at the event on May 11th. If you wish to take part and travel to Birmingham, please contact Rob Preston of Nottingham CAAT on tel. 422827. Contact him also if you are interested in the CAAT conference in Nottingham on 29th June.

**SHOCK - BRITAIN BACKED SADDAM HUSSEIN** says the front of CND's new leaflet, mimicing Sun-style graphics. The back explains how 20 UK firms traded with the Iraqi military - 13 were even at the 1989 Arms Fair in Baghdad! UK sells arms to over 100 countries now - shouldn't we fight the real enemies: hunger, pollution, disease?

**COME TO LISTERGATE MAY 11** and help distribute this leaflet to coincide with the Fair opening. We are hoping also to be showing a video programme from CAAT in our office nearby.

## LOCAL WORKSHOP JUNE 15TH

Last year Laurie Gibson, National CND's Local Groups worker, visited Nottingham and led a workshop on peace campaigning. He brought with him another specialist speaker. A good number of CND members from Nottingham and the Midlands attended and the session was very rewarding and worthwhile. Laurie is coming again on Sat. JUNE 15th. Please try to come - Laurie travels all the way from London. The session is planned to take place during the morning and start at 10.00. The location is not finalised but is expected to be the I.C.C., 61b Mansfield Rd. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED PHONE JEREMY (621453) OR THE OFFICE to confirm.

**FINALLY** - please note in your diary Tuesday 6 August - Hiroshima Day, which NCND plans again to commemorate with an evening gathering, details to be announced. Commemorative Crane folding will take place on Listergate stall the preceding Saturday.

### DATES SUMMARY

- May 11: Morning leafleting, Listergate, against NEC Arms Fair.  
Birmingham, CAAT protests at NEC Arms Fair (Rob Preston 422827)
- Jun 15: NCND Local Workshop, 10.00. Contact Jeremy 621453 or Office 588586
- Jun 29: CAAT Conference, Nottm (Contact Rob Preston 422827)
- Aug 3: Listergate stall - Japanese Crane folding for ...
- Aug 6: Hiroshima Day Commemoration gathering, details later.