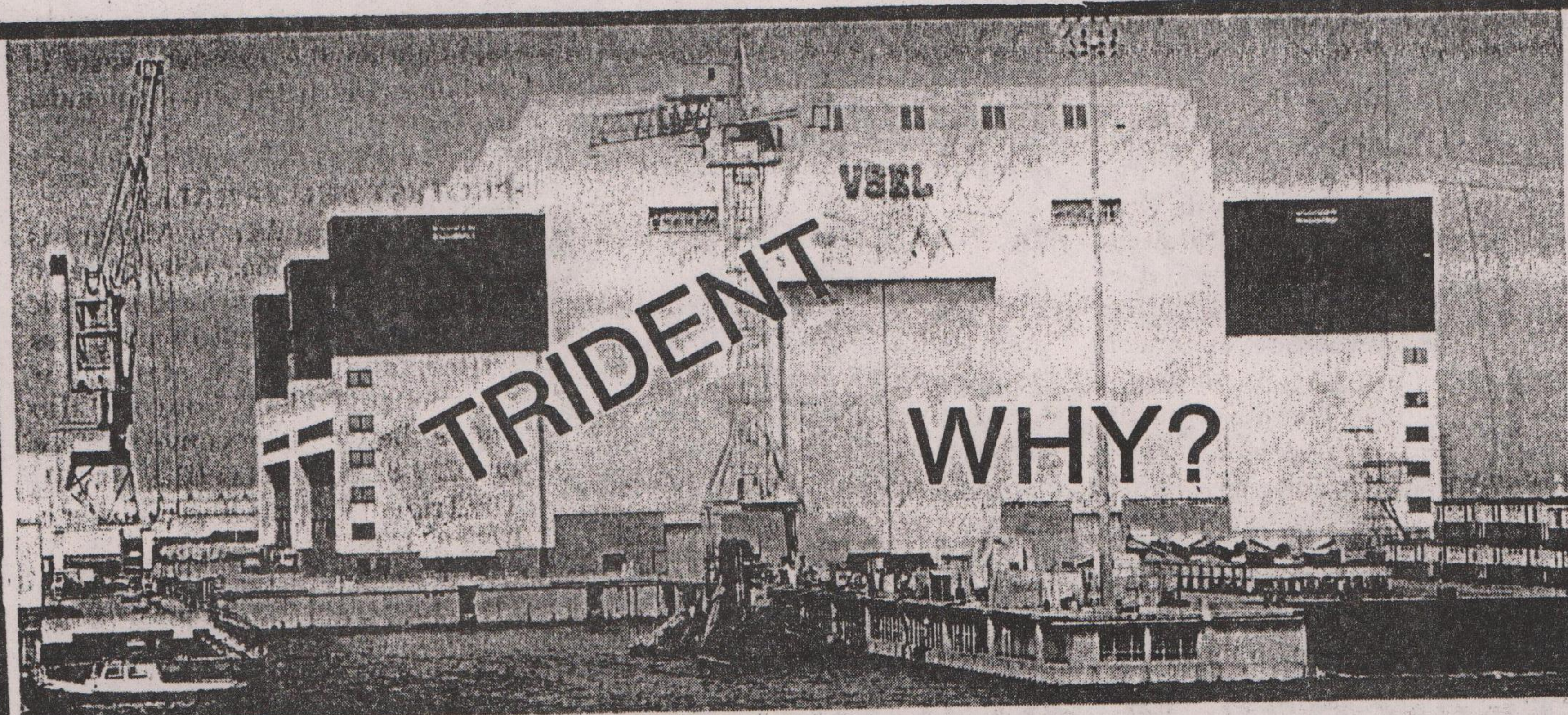
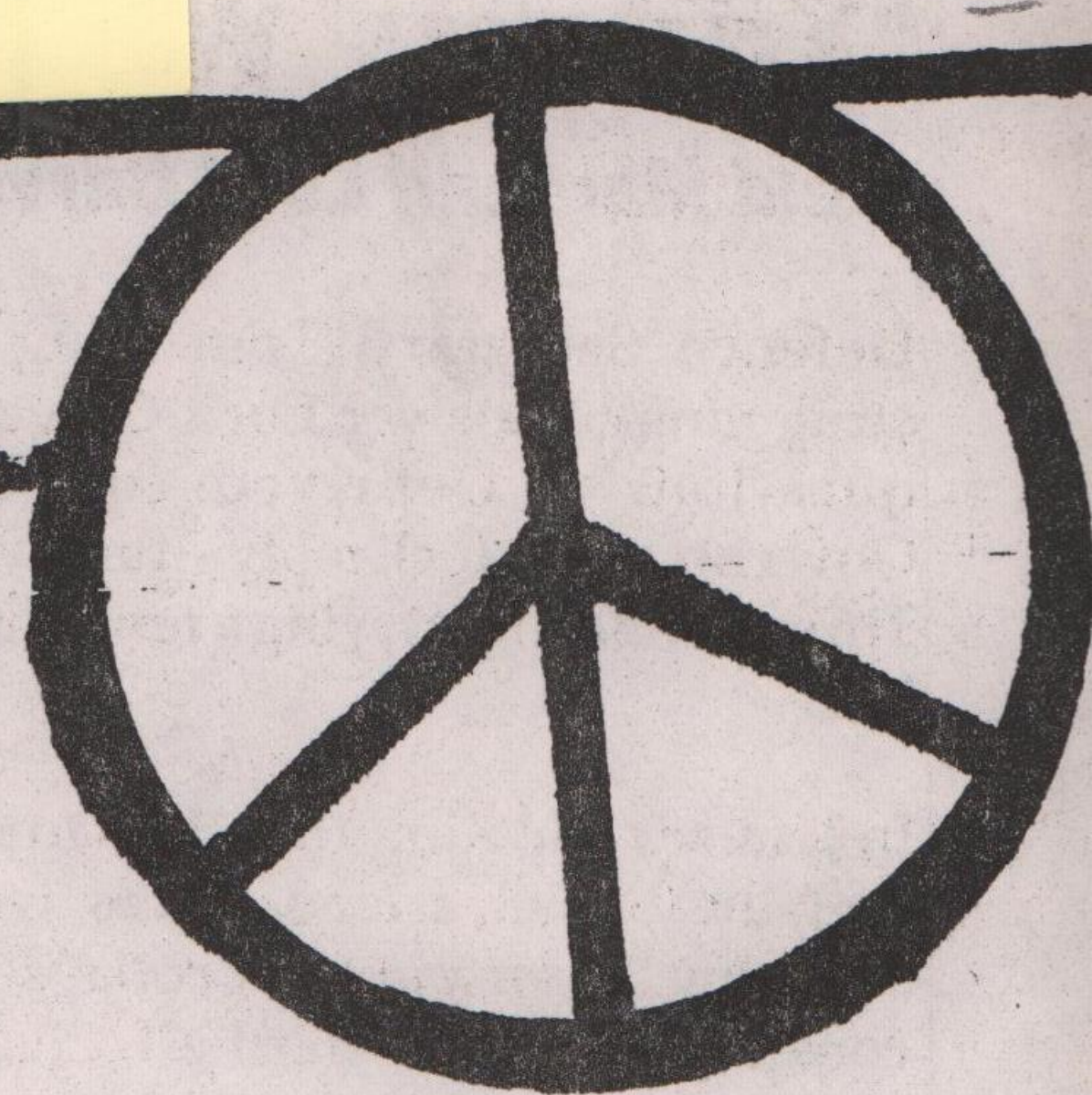


NOTTINGHAM C.N.D.

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The Trident Shed at Barrow poised to reveal the submarine for the first time.

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"Trident: What the Bloody Hell is it For?"

Field Marshall Lord Carver

Defence Secretary Tom King is struggling to answer Lord Carver's question. Deprived of his Government's stock reply - the Soviet Threat - Mr King is trying a novel new line.

In January Mr King told Parliament that the Soviet armed forces were suffering "a virtual total collapse in conscription" and a shortfall of half a million people in the army. Its forces were afflicted by criminality, ill-discipline, bullying and torture, Mr King said. Four out of the five Soviet tank factories had been closed.

"We believe," he continued, "that for the first time since records were kept in 1960 there is not a single Soviet combatant warship in either the Mediterranean or the Indian Ocean". Though these developments represent "no threat, as we see it, externally", they nevertheless justify a British nuclear deterrent, said Mr King. Evidently we now need Trident

because the Russians are *not* coming.

The Trident lobby looks embarrassed. Deterrence theory is discredited; Trident would be serviced and targeted from the US; it would carry the megatonnage equivalent of at least 4,000 Hiroshima bombs. So much for "independent, minimum deterrent". There are growing safety concerns over the missiles, warheads and fuel. It breaches articles 1 and 6 of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and it is costing the equivalent of £63,000 each day for 1,000 years! If Her Majesty's Opposition lived up to its name, Trident would not survive the next parliament.

The Political (Time) Bomb

Trident is without military justification. Its *raison d'être* is political. While Europe comes under Germany's leadership and bloc rivalries intensify between Japan, the US and the EC, Britain's power status

is through the bomb. As the post-Cold War world submits to new centrifugal forces, competition over trade and resources could lead a new arms race to war. Trident may then assume a military purpose - and heaven help us.

Before polling day someone will again ask, "Would you press the button?". The fit-for-government machismo answer will doubtless be "Yes." Yes, even though it will destroy Britain and all its inhabitants. Yes, even though it will bury 10,000 years of human endeavour, creativity, culture and beauty. Yes, even though the nuclear winter will end life on earth as we know it.

CND says that button must never be pressed. And if it cannot be pressed, why have it?

Gary Lefley
General Secretary

Thursday March 5th

vigil at Lister Gate Nottm. City Centre

4'30p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Saturday Stalls(Lister Gate)

Feb 22nd 29th.

March 7th.

If you are planning to go to Barrow on March 4th.

People will meet at Barrow Railway Station and proceed through the town for a vigil on the Michaelson Road Bridge (overlooking the dock). Please ring Chris Sinton of Barrow CND to let her know you are coming and to find out the meeting time at Barrow station. Her number is 0229 835652

AFTER THE LAUNCH

the naming

This has been confirmed for April 30th, a Thursday. At this time VANGUARD, the first submarine, will be berthed in the Devonshire Dock. Many workers and their families will be present, as well as management and local officials. Barrow's local newspaper has SPECULATED that the Queen will perform the actual ceremony. This is likely to be a big event with music and fireworks.

To coincide with this event CND would like to get as many people as possible to Barrow on the day.

We intend to arrange transport - but **PLEASE**, if you want to come, contact the office (588586) before February 23rd so that we can negotiate the most advantageous form of transport.

However: for those unable to come, there is still a very important role -

- * by writing to the press and to your M.P.
- * by 'Protest phone calls' Phone or Fax your protest to Vickers on Barrow(0229) 823366 and ask for the Public Relations Dept. or the Press Office.
OR The Chief Executive's Office 0229 823071 Fax 0229 835281.
The Trident Project Office numbers 0229 823245 Fax 0229 873588
- * by participating in Nottingham's 'Mini Naming Ceremony'
phone the office 588586 for date and details.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY at FASLANE.

This is the year for Faslane to be the focus point of the Peace Movement as Trident will be based on the Clyde. International Women's Day has been chosen as a special date for women to show their opposition to the Trident programme, and we hope it will be a wonderful celebration.

1992 is the year in which our past efforts should be renewed and given priority. We mustn't feel that we have lost the fight because the first Trident submarine has been launched - it is more important than ever to show that we will not go away. We need to stop the 2nd and 3rd submarines being completed and the 4th being ordered.

We are asking women to join us at Faslane on MARCH 8-9th to show that we will not give up even after the launch of the first Trident. We are planning a day of celebration for women on the Sunday; including entertainment, workshops on everything from juggling to Trident, a party and we hope that women will find it inspiring, informative and enjoyable. There will be plenty of space for women to stay, and the Monday will be a day of action with a blockade of the base.

This is a chance to show how strong women can be - the days of fence downing at Greenham are not over, so please come and bring as many women as you can with you and make this International Womens Day one to remember!

Women's Action, Faslane Peace Camp.
Shandon, Near Helensburgh.

PLEA FROM THE HEART;

We are frequently being asked "What is Nottingham C.N.E. doing?" and the answer must be "...just a little, not a lot"

This is because we have a very small group of activists determined to maintain the campaign. Collapse at this point would be taken as a sign that we had seen the error of our ways and decided that nuclear weapons are a good thing. Alas and alack however this active group is composed of four members hovering round their 80's along with a couple of youngsters in their 60's and a couple of toddlers in their fifties with a few babes in arms.

To add to the strain of maintaining the office we have been beset with a series of break-ins since mid December. This has resulted in loss of money (most of which we hope recoverable from insurance) and an inordinate amount of time and effort putting things to rights again - time and effort better spent on campaigning.

We need volunteers to maintain the ListerGate stall; produce the bulletin; organize sections of the campaign - amongst other things like the Peace Festival.

We are in crisis.....without a resurgence of members we must consider not where to look for new office premises but whether to look - or just to wind up the Nottingham campaign.

Please once again stand up and be counted. The modified attitude to nuclear weapons was brought about because you did this to good account in the 1980's

Doreen Gower.