

editorial

Countdown 1995 - one year to go!

Dave Durham, Vice Chair

24-25 April: I'm writing this just after midnight, upstairs in CND office. Sounds of Youth CND making placards come up from downstairs. It's the eve of Chernobyl day - and almost exactly one year before the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference. If CND did not exist now, it would be necessary to invent and breathe life into it - very, very quickly. A bad or mediocre result at that conference will mean a nuclear free-for-all which will mean nuclear holocaust(s) - not if, but when and where. Wherever it happens it will destroy our lives - as surely as Chernobyl meant Caesium rainclouds on our weathermaps; as surely as 1950's "tests" are still killing now.

In April CND Council approved a "Campaigning Action Year Plan". A key part of this is a national London Demonstration on October 22 - "WHICH WAY WORLD - NUCLEAR-FREE OR NUCLEAR FREE-FOR-ALL?"

Everything we do between now and then will also be mobilising for this event. An accelerator to our campaigning into '95 - imaginative, effective, entertaining and inspiring - we'll be co-ordinating transport to it from every corner of Britain.

Our goal has never been more urgent - nor more practically achievable. October 22, at the beginning of One World Week (theme this year: "People on the move"!), will set our campaign in the context of all the other urgent campaigns whose causes are damned without success on this issue - bringing together youth, development environment, peace movements and many, many more, to demand the real future this planet needs. "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come".

Put Burghfield back on the Map Saturday 4 June

Spot the Bomb competition

Like Coulport, Burghfield has been removed from the Ordnance Survey Map. Shade in on the map below the area you think the base covers and return your entry to CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. The best entry will be judged at Burghfield on 4 June and the prize is a bottle of Burghfield Bubbly.

Timetable for June 4 action

10:30-11am Meet at Reading British Rail Station to leaflet Reading town centre.

1:30pm Meet at the back gate of Burghfield for picnic.

2pm Unveil map of Burghfield and announce the winner of the Put Burghfield back on the map competition.

2:30pm Speakers, music from the

Fallout Band, workshops (weather permitting), tours of the base and actions.

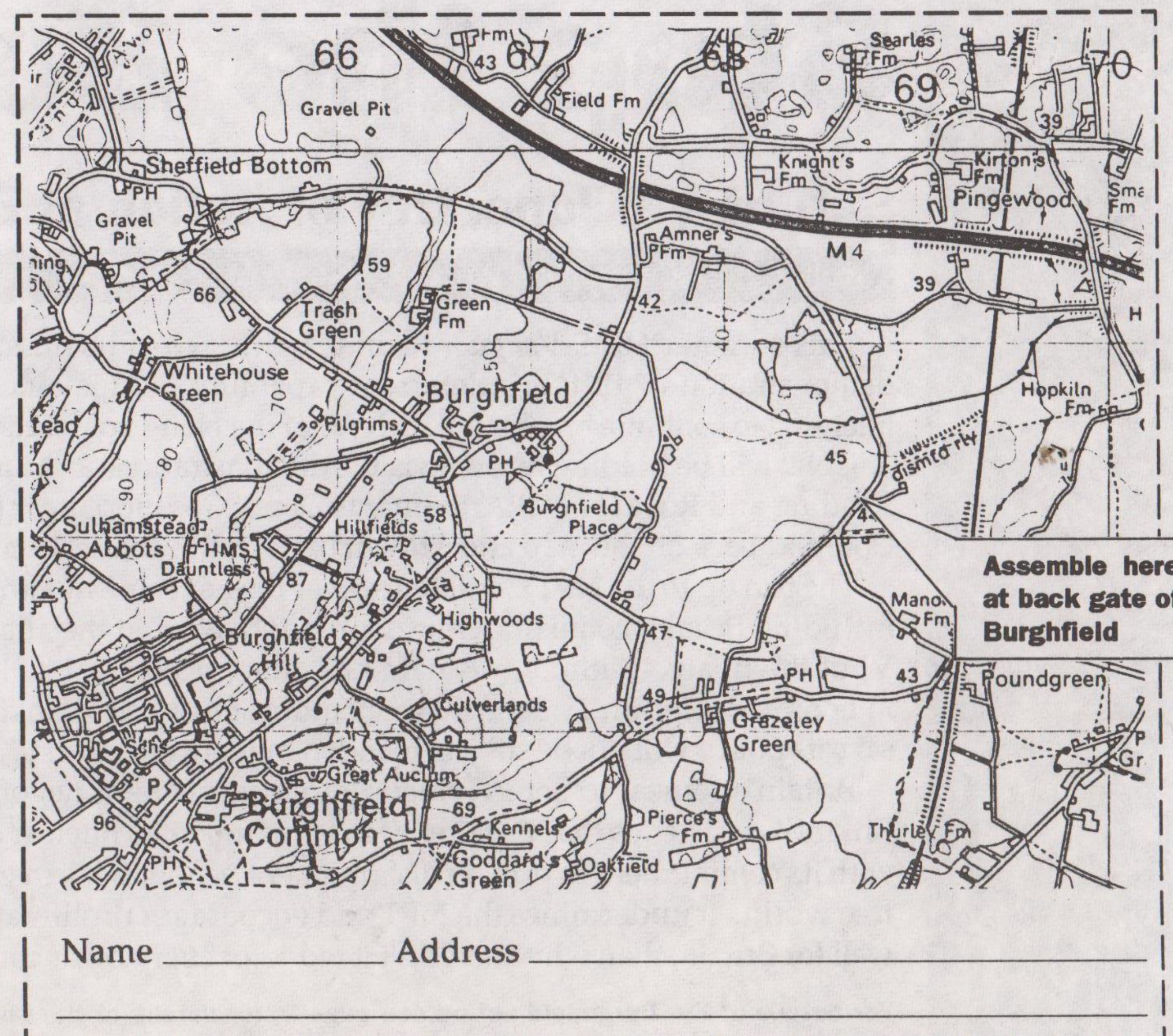
How to get to Burghfield

Burghfield is situated just south of the M4 between junctions 11 and 12. Leaving the M4 at junction 11, take the A33 for a couple of hundred yards and turn right at the first roundabout. Take the second right hand turn towards Burghfield. Alternatively leaving the M4 at junction 12, take the A4 towards Theale, then take the first left turn and then turn right towards Burghfield. Don't follow signs to AWE as these lead to Aldermaston!

What to bring

Stout footwear, waterproofs (just in case), banners and symbols to decorate the fence, cameras and sketchpads, food, etc.

Highgate CND will have sandwiches and cakes for sale at Burghfield.



Born in the USA

(or Georgia on my mind)

Lionel Trippett

This summer, HMS Vanguard, proud symbol of Britain's Independent Nuclear Deterrent, will be sailing across the Atlantic to the American naval base of King's Bay, Georgia.

There it will load up with its American designed, manufactured and serviced Trident missiles, before proceeding to the American Atlantic test firing range where American technicians under American command will show our bravely independent British lads how to fire missiles, using American guidance systems relying on American satellites. Performance will be monitored by American range marshals using American shore-to-ship communications systems.

The British will then be invoiced (£250,000 each, payable by AmEx or dollar cheques) by the Americans for the missiles they have used, patted on the back and sent back home with cries of "Have a Nice Day, Y'all. Don't forget to bring 'em back for servicing, now," ringing in their ears.

Following the American and Russian examples, the missiles, each neatly stamped "Property of US Government" will then be pointed carefully at mid-ocean. Since Britain no longer has a merchant fleet, this is likely only to upset flags of convenience states like Liberia.

This process is described by the MoD as "a visible demonstration of Britain's deterrent capability."

Volunteer needed

Handyperson volunteer required to do odd jobs around the national office at Holloway Road as and when required (mend broken chairs, put up shelves, fix a leaking tap etc). We will pay lunch and travel expenses. If you think you can help, please contact Fiona Renny on 071 700 2393

One of our Warheads is Missing

"At 7am on Monday 18 April a C5 US Transport plane crashed in Barnham south of Thetford. Nine people were killed and 36 are suffering from serious injuries and radiation burns. The plane was carrying B61 US nuclear weapons on the way to the US for servicing. All schools south of the area have been closed and people have been evacuated over a ten mile area."

This was the scenario of a US nuclear weapons accident exercise conducted at RAF Barnham in Suffolk. The exercise, codenamed Diver Mist, had been planned for two years and cost £9 million.

US instructions for dealing with this kind of accident are laid out in USCINCEUR Contingency Plan 4367-87. This gives details of how US Government diplomatic and military authorities will take responsibility for the action and the senior US military official on the scene will take control of the situation, taking whatever action necessary to secure US interests. The "host nation" would cooperate with control, reporting and public affairs.

US B61 nuclear weapons are based

at RAF Lakenheath. The US also flies nuclear weapons to and from RAF Mildenhall en route for Europe. The weapons are regularly returned by air to the US for servicing, using flight paths over Wales, Bristol, Reading, Oxford, Plymouth and Southampton.

There have already been a number of real accidents involving US aircraft carrying nuclear weapons including the crash of a B52 at Thule, Greenland, the collision of a B52 with its inflight refuelling tanker at Palomares, Spain and the crash of a B47 into a nuclear weapons store at RAF Lakenheath.



Want a job?

The Ministry of Defence is looking for a Public Relations Officer for the Clyde Submarine Base at Faslane. The successful candidate will be responsible for a "positive campaign which educates the public about the work of the base and its submarines, as well as developing a strategy that creates maximum awareness of their exemplary nuclear safety records". Salary : £17,485-£23,932 with progression subject to performance.

CND is interested in your Job Applications and can neither confirm nor deny that a prize for the best may be offered. Entries to Faslane Job, CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. The most convincing - possibly on the following lines - will be printed in Campaign.

"Sir! I would like to apply for the above job. Living locally - in fact just outside the main gate - I would not need any relocation expenses. I already know a lot about the base, having been a frequent visitor at all hours of the day and night.

"I have already taken part in many campaigns to educate the public about the work of the base and its submarines. However, with the huge additional resources of the Ministry of Defence behind me, I am confident that I could develop a maximum awareness strategy that would leave no one in any doubt about the base's unique nuclear safety record.

"I am used to working anti-social hours, unsupervised or in a team. I am fit and agile. My hobbies include painting and creative metalwork. I am always available for on base interviews...

Yours very sincerely, A Faslane Camper'.

Manchester International Peace Festival

Linda Walker,
Greater Manchester CND

A Rally for a Nuclear Free World on Saturday 2 July will be one of the highlights of the Manchester International Peace Festival.

The Festival is timed to coincide with the Global Forum Conference at which delegates from 50 cities around the world will discuss sustainable development.

Under the broad theme of 'sustainable security' there will be a variety of seminars, workshops, street theatre and social and cultural events throughout the festival week.

Amongst the issues tackled will be arms conversion, the arms trade, UN reform and Global Governance, conflict resolution, landmines, militarism and the environment, and North-South links.

There will be a two day peace education conference for secondary school students, a 'Cities for Peace' day, meetings of Pensioners for Peace and Labour Action for Peace, the annual conference of Christian CND, open meetings of the European Test Ban Coalition, the World Court Project and the International Coalition for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and a whole week of women's events at the Pankhurst Centre.

CND will take its roadshow to Manchester on 2 July and Chair Janet Bloomfield will be amongst the speakers at the rally for a Nuclear Free World.

Other Festival speakers will include

MoD admits 20 convoy breakdowns

In response to a parliamentary question tabled by Frank Cook MP, the Ministry of Defence has given details of 20 unscheduled stops due to technical problems by Foden vehicles in nuclear weapons convoys in the last eighteen months. The faults include

Adi Roche, Secretary of Irish CND and recently named Irish Woman of the Year for her work with the Children of Chernobyl, Sir Sonny Ramphal, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and currently Chair of the Commission on Global Governance; MPs Tony Benn, Jeremy Corbyn and Alan Simpson, and anti-war and anti-nuclear activists from former Yugoslavia, Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh, Latin America, the South Pacific, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Southern Africa.

Local peace campaigners will be hosting visitors to Manchester for just £5 per night. So wherever you live, remember London is not necessarily the hub of the universe. Think about coming to Manchester for a couple of days and seize this unparalleled opportunity to meet with peace and disarmament activists from all around the world.

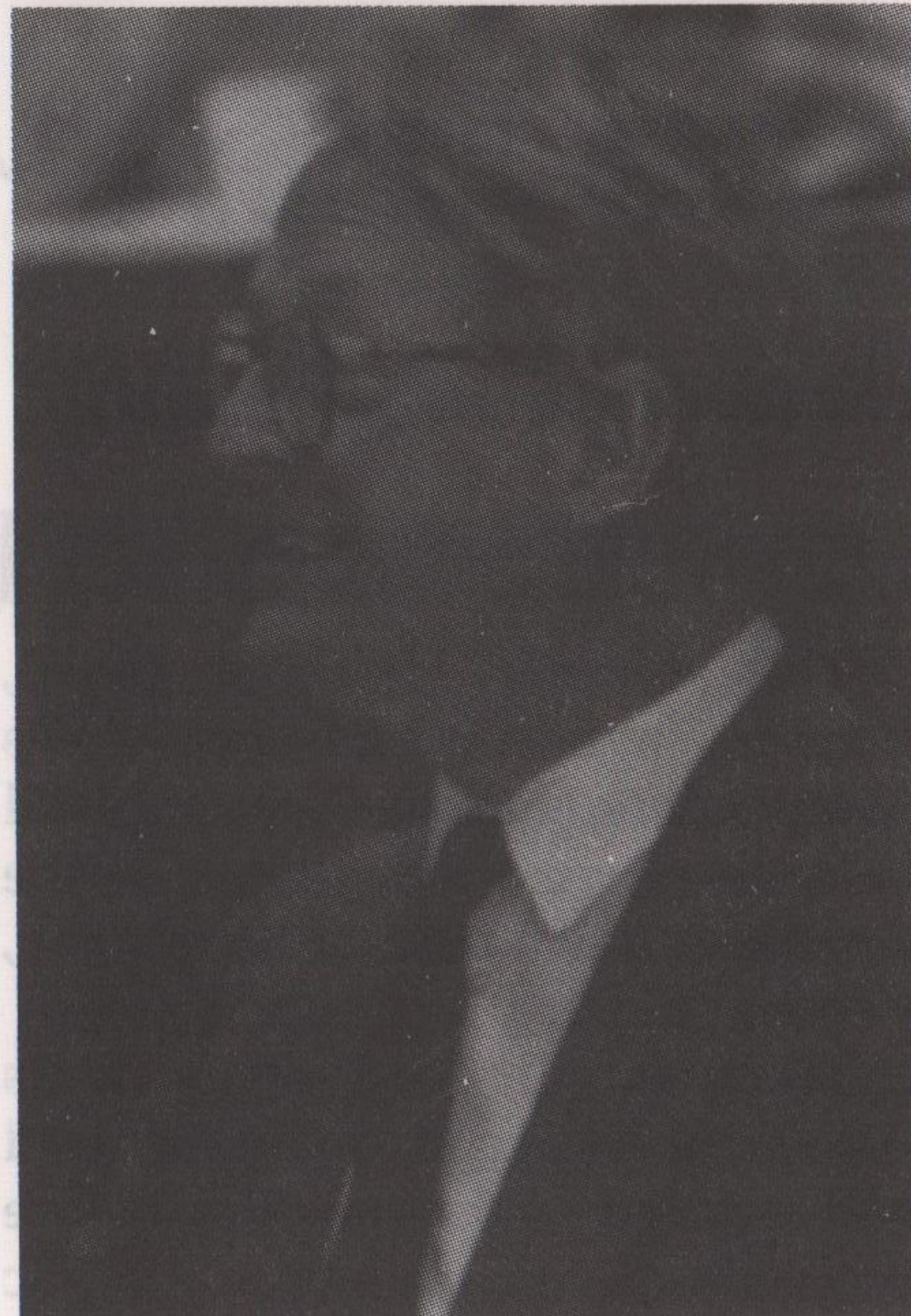
And there's lots to see and do besides peace campaigning. There will be a wide range of environmental events taking place in and around Manchester. There will be fair trade events, performance poetry, street activities and world music, and don't forget Manchester is the City of Drama this year and amongst the offerings at the time of Global Forum and the peace Festival will be the Bolshoi Ballet.

For further information contact Linda Walker or Oliver Bowers at the Nuclear Policy and Information Unit, Manchester Town Hall, M60 2LA; tel 061-234 3325/3222.

brakes sticking and pulling to one side, fumes in the cab, oil leaks and faulty warning lights.

At the Defence Select Committee Trident session in March, MoD officials admitted that it had cost the MoD £60,000 to correct problems with the vehicles. The Minister for the Armed Services, Jeremy Hanley MP, said he was "confident" that modifications being made to the vehicles would "improve in-service reliability".

Obituary



Martin Jones

Bob Cryer addressing CND Conference in Bradford last year

Bob Cryer MP

John Brierley, Yorkshire and Humberside CND

Bob Cryer MP, who was tragically killed in a car accident on 12 April, was one of CND's most consistent and committed supporters in Parliament.

Over thirty years ago, he and his wife, Ann, celebrated their engagement by joining the Aldermaston march. More recently, Bob had been Chair of Parliamentary Labour CND and was for a while a member of CND's National Council. In November, Bob spoke with his usual passion at CND's National Conference in Bradford. His last speech in the House was about Menwith Hill, delivered with great eloquence and humour.

Bob was many things: a fine Parliamentarian, a committed socialist, an incredibly hard-working and much liked constituency MP as well as an enthusiast of the cinema, old cars and the railways (he was a fully qualified steam locomotive driver).

Bob was a man of great integrity and humanity. He was a good friend of CND's and will be sorely missed.

Proliferation - a world view

Ilana Cravitz,
Press and Information Worker

Participants in both the Medical Action for Global Security's national conference and the Oxford Research Group's seminar on non-proliferation made interesting points which highlighted the pressure that diplomats and politicians around the world are under as negotiations on a Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB) and the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) proceed. The discussions also highlighted the split between nuclear weapons states and everyone else.

Prof. Ashok Kapur (Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo, Canada) talked about states not currently parties to the NPT which the nuclear weapons states most want to see signing - India, Israel and Pakistan. He pointed out that until the regional tensions that cause countries

to become 'opaque proliferators' (they will neither confirm nor deny that they have nuclear weapons) are addressed, there will be no progress on getting them to give up any nuclear weapons they may have. The US and UK take the opposite approach: that everyone joining the NPT will lead to stability. Prof. Kapur thinks that bilateral agreements and establishment of nuclear-free zones would be a better way to tackle proliferation than insisting on states signing the NPT and accepting all the IAEA safeguards etc.

Dr. John Hassard of Imperial College agrees that bilateral agreements are a good way forward. He and Frank Barnaby (former director of SIPRI) both think that the NPT, although part of any non-proliferation regime, will by no means control proliferation by itself. Similarly a

CTB, while desirable to show good faith on the part of the nuclear weapons states, is not going to stop proliferation. What is needed is a much more radical solution, with a stronger administration than the IAEA and with greater powers. After all, as Dr. Hassard points out, the IAEA's annual safeguards budget is smaller than the cost of a nuclear weapons test!

Many states want to see more progress on actual disarmament before they give the NPT a lengthy or indefinite extension. UK Foreign Office and MoD representatives have, on the other hand, made it clear that they believe giving up nuclear weapons at this time would destabilise the world and that the NPT has to be indefinitely extended.

However, Ambassador Marin Bosch of Mexico (Chair of the Conference on Disarmament committee negotiating a CTBT) says that since the NPT already effectively has a time limit (when a global convention banning nuclear weapons has been implemented), to give it an indefinite extension would be a contradiction in terms. He believes that the only solution to proliferation is the total elimination of nuclear weapons. Good to know that CND has support in high places!

Shut Sellafield for Solstice!

There will be a weekend camp and actions at Sellafield on 18-20 June, culminating in a mass blockade. For far too long BNFL has not been the centre of a mass non-violent direct action campaign. Now is the time to show them just how many people are opposed to the nuclear industry, how strongly we feel and that we will act.

The Government and High Court have given THORP the go-ahead despite the increased radioactive emissions and the huge amount of plutonium which will be produced. We have to show that this decision is unacceptable and that we will take the future of Sellafield into our own

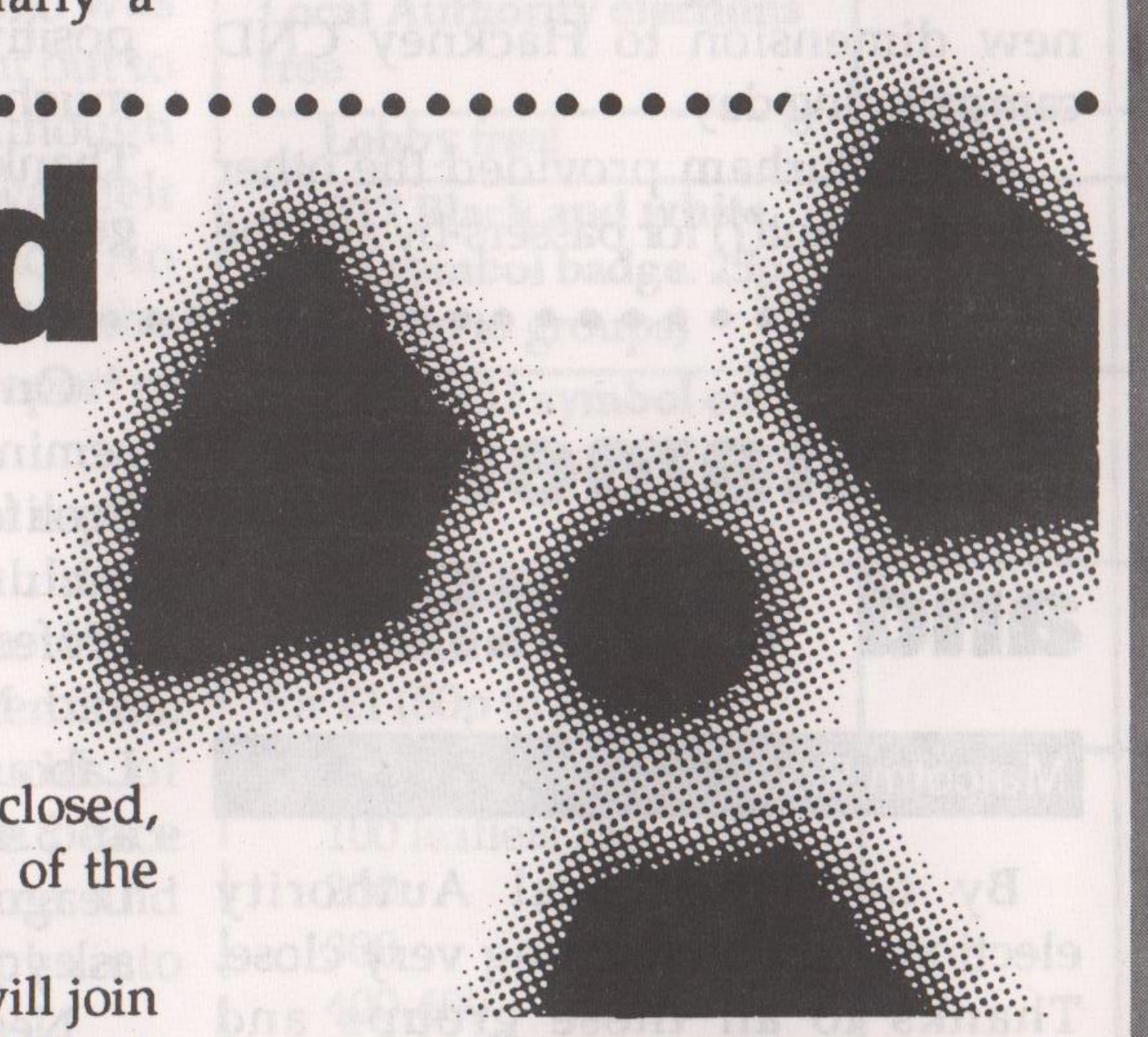
hands, ensuring that it is soon closed, along with all the other links of the deadly nuclear chain.

We hope all campaigners will join us to make this action a united front against BNFL, their lies and the deaths they cause. If you can't join the blockade please support us by sending money and spreading the word.

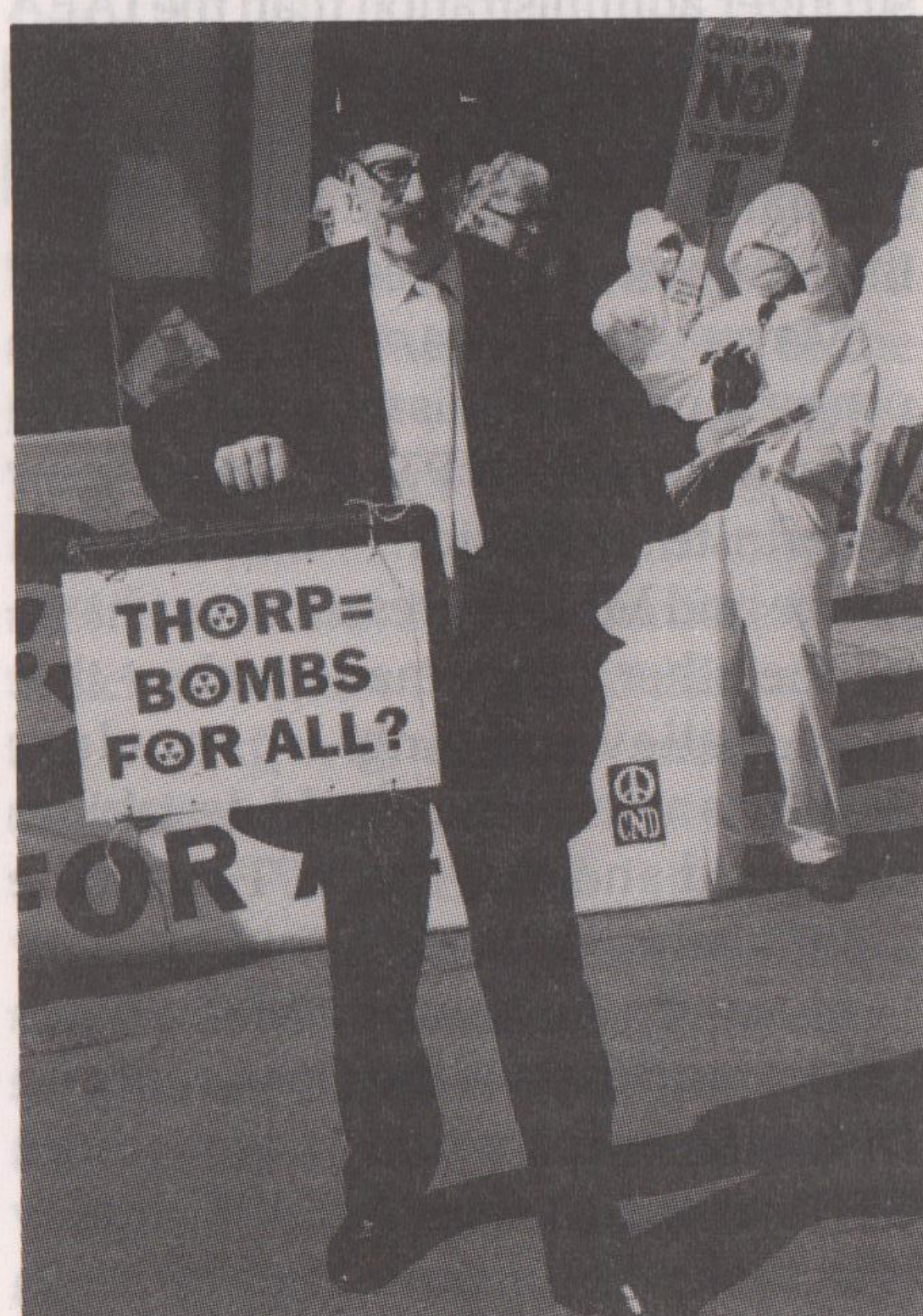
Please come as self-sufficient as possible. Bring tents, sleeping gear, food, music, banners, smiles, etc. Legal support for the day is provided but we advise some form of legal/NVDA training in advance (we can put you in touch with NVDA trainers). There will be a separate

women's camp and actions, as well as the mixed camp and blockade.

A march has also been planned from Whitehall to Sellafield, to "connect the Executioner to Death". The march leaves from Whitehall, London on 30 May and is due to arrive at Sellafield 18 June. CND is not organising this action itself so if you would like more details please contact Shut Sellafield, Dept 66, 1 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1HW, telephone 0706-371387.



CND on the road ...definitely not Hackneyed



Saffron Walden CND campaigning in style at their recent anti-THORP action. Photo: Desmond O'Sullivan.

Malcolm Reid, Campaigns Worker

A simple idea is often the most effective and the appearance of the Fallout Marching Band added a whole new dimension to Hackney CND campaigning day.

Dave Durham provided the other entertainment(?) for passers-by and the

Parliament and Politics

Malcolm Reid

By now the Local Authority elections will be looming very close. Thanks to all those groups and members who have used the lobby pack to raise the convoys issue. Remember it's never too late to lobby.

Hopefully you have also noticed that a Euro Lobby sheet is enclosed with this issue. Feel free to alter the statement in support of a nuclear weapons free zone or the questions. Details on how to contact the major party candidates in your area can be obtained from the office. We also have copies of the booklet *Campaigning Law* for £1.50.

bus queue who were in turn surprised, annoyed and angry to learn of the close proximity of nuclear trains.

All that, combined with perfect weather and a positive response from the punters, meant a good start to the proliferation campaigning. By the way, I'm told that the Fallout band will travel almost anywhere for expenses plus a beer or two!

Contact them via Danielle on 081 993 2809.

Still in London, Croydon also reported a good day ... even after a few false starts with the Trident submarine. Thanks to CND press officer turned emergency van driver Ilana Cravitz, all went smoothly. Here again there was a good public response. Many people were happy to learn that CND was still out there!

Brian Tomlinson, king of finance, and yours truly took to the road to Nottingham armed to the teeth with chocolate Magnum ice creams. After an initial problem with the wind, the exhibition was attached to an adjoining wall. Again public response was very positive and the group reported a much higher interest in their stall. Thanks also to Nottingham CND for a generous donation to cover costs

On May 17 CND is holding a seminar on the Future of the Non Proliferation Regime. The speakers include distinguished scientist Professor Joseph Rotblat, John Reid and Menzies Campbell from the Labour and Lib Dem parties. It starts at 3.45pm at the Royal Overseas League, Park Place, London. Please ask your MP to attend.

Needed ... 200 MPs to sign EDM 402 which urges the government to set a deadline of April 1995 for the signing of the Test Ban Treaty. Without the Test Ban the negotiations on any future non-proliferation regime, due to begin at the same time, would be placed in jeopardy. If they refuse to sign, demand to know why by pointing out what is at stake here. Don't forget to thank them if they have already signed.

The nuclear test ban coalition have leaflets available- £1 per 100. Contact Linda Walker on 061-834 8176.

Peace in Court

Arrests

Coulport, 16 March: three people arrested and charged with breach of the peace after demonstrators stop a warhead convoy. 20 March: eight people arrested and charged with criminal damage and malicious mischief after cutting the fence.

Farnborough, 23 February: two women arrested at British Aerospace HQ after painting the fountains.

Faslane, 21 March: seventeen people arrested and charged with breach of the peace after decorating a convoy.

Menwith Hill, 4 April: two women charged with criminal damage after supergluing a lock on the US HQ. 7 April: three people arrested for criminal damage to gate but released without charge. 11 April: one woman arrested for criminal damage after breaking off a post bearing a planning application for a water tower. Two women arrested for obstructing a police officer. 17-18 April: one woman reported seven times for obstructing a police officer.

Sellafield, 26-27 March: during the monthly peace camp, five women arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer, theft of a sign and criminal damage to the fence.

Wharton, Lancashire, 23 February: four people arrested and charged with going equipped to commit criminal damage during a demonstration at the BAe factory making Hawks for Indonesia. Held in custody for 26 hours before being bailed.

In Court

Menwith Hill, 17 March: Cat loses her appeal at York Crown Court against conviction for obstructing a police officer. 23 March: Sergeant Frost is acquitted of injuring Lindis Percy- she had had five stitches in her head. 28 March: Helen Fenton and Kate Witham acquitted of disorderly behaviour after jumping up on a water tower after proving the tower was built before a planning application for it was made.

In Prison

Di McDonald, 31 March: spends only 15 minutes at Holloway Prison after being sentenced to seven days for non-payment of fines for criminal damage to barbed wire at Buckingham Palace.

Helen John, 11 April: imprisoned for breach of bail conditions after protesting inside Menwith Hill, against US bombing in Bosnia. Send cards to Low Newton Women's Prison, Brasside, Durham DH1 5SD.

Muriel's Grapevine



Hackney CND on the road (see page six for details).

Muriel Wood

Spiral Action at Faslane was a great success with 150 people involved in the mass trespass. A number of women managed to get through the special area where Trident warheads are stored. Protestors were filmed by Scottish Television, stopping and painting the nuclear weapons convoy on its way out of Coulport.

West Midlands CND reports two nuclear train incidents this Easter. One at Rugby, where there was a fire in the guard's van of a nuclear train, and the other, reported in the North Wales Daily post, revealed "above normal" contamination levels in track ballast at the valley railhead where flasks from Wylfa nuclear power station go to Sellafield.

Oxford CND nukewatchers followed a large van escorted by four police vehicles from Burghfield to Brize Norton and watched items being loaded from a plane onto the van. It left Brize Norton carrying a radio-active warning sign. All the convoy vehicles were travelling at over 60 mph and many other vehicles were trying to overtake.

Brentwood CND newsletter, which was devoted to Nukewatch, caused quite a stir in the town. They had letters and phone calls from press and public including one from a retired nuclear train driver who lives locally and is prepared to talk at length to

them.

Salisbury CND held a prayer vigil in Salisbury Cathedral in front of the Prisoner of Conscience window. They mounted a display about Mordechai Vanunu who was sentenced eight years ago to 18 years in prison. Eight candles were lit and a poem "I am your Spy" written by Mordechai was read. Invitations had been sent out to local prominent people and although not many of them came it was felt worthwhile organising the service. An Israeli journalist who was in the cathedral managed to write a report of it for the Israeli press.

Acton CND in their annual report have detailed activity including holding a regular stall in the High Street, stalls at various summer fairs, organising a benefit in aid of Mordechai Vanunu, holding a peace picnic at their Hiroshima tree and getting reports and photographs into the press about once a month.

Tower Hamlets CND report their main activity over the past year has been to establish links with other local organisations involved with disarmament, development and ecology.

Nottingham CND joined the lobby against nuclear testing and saw their Conservative MP Jim Lester, who seemed to agree with most of their arguments but still refused to sign the EDM urging the government to support the CTBT negotiations.

Campaigning Materials

Please send;	Quantity	Cost
Briefing paper; Trident after Rifkind's speech £1		
L72 Trident= Proliferation A5 street leaflet.£1.00 per 100		
Trident =Proliferation A3 poster 15p each		
Briefing paper: the NPT £1		
S47 Paper stickers 1 1/4" diameter Scrap Trident. £1.00 per 100 (80p to groups)		
B114 Scrap Trident badge. 25p (20p to groups)		
CND chrome enamel badge. 75p each (60p to groups)		
L68 On a road near you. Nuclear convoys. A5 street leaflet. £1.00 per hundred		
L70 In brief - Transportation of Nuclear Warheads. 15p each		
Convoys lobby pack for Local Authority elections free		
Lobby free!		
B17 Black and white CND symbol badge. 25p each (20p to groups)		
S46 CND symbol car sticker. 50p each (40p to groups)		
N1 Balloons, yellow with black CND logo. 10 for £1 (80p to groups)		
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