

Campaigning Materials

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Campaigning Diary

Regular events

Every Tuesday afternoon

London : Vigil at the French Embassy, 58 Knightsbridge, to protest against nuclear testing, 17.00-19.30. Bring whistles and instruments. Contact YCND, tel 0171 607 3616

Every Friday morning

Edinburgh : Vigil outside the French Consulate, 11 Randulf Crescent, 10-11.00. Contact Scottish CND 0131 449 3695

Last weekend of every other month

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp, outside Visitor's Centre. Contact 01706 371 387

First Saturday of the month

Menwith Hill: Gathering for peace (mixed) at women's peace camp at Menwith (all the time). Contact Anni, tel 01943 466 405

Every last Tuesday of the month

Newport Isle of Wight local group meeting, 19.30, Friends Meeting House, Crocker St.

Events

Event Alert - if and when the French begin testing we will be calling for actions all over the country. Please see page 2.

Saturday 2 September

West Midlands regional Council. 11.30-13.00 Milan Rai on Tactical Trident.

Exeter Green Fair, CND stall Bishop's Palace Gates, 11.00 -16.00

Monday 4 September

West Birmingham and Warley CND meeting. 122 Balden Rd.Harborne.

Tuesday 5 September

French Embassy London: Reclaim the Future! Action at the French Embassy, 58 Knightsbridge, London.

Contact YCND, tel 0171 607 3616

Sunday 17 September

Knighton Garden Party, Leicester CND. Contact 37-39 Elms Rd. 14.00-17.00

Monday 18 September

Lichfield CND AGM, 20.00. 1 Mount Pleasant. Contact Robin, tel 267304

Saturday 23, Sunday 24 September

Walsingham: All Night Vigil for Peace and pilgrimage to Walsingham. Contact Pax Christi tel 0181 800 6412 or 01945 584737

Saturday 30 September

Salisbury CND commemoration of anniversary of kidnapping and imprisonment of Mordechai Vanunu. Contact Alex, tel 01722 336736

Saturday 30 September

Paris: Anti nuclear testing demo in Paris organised by the French peace movement. Tickets £40. Contact Anna Rehin, tel 0171 700 2393.

Tuesday 14 October

Croydon: Bruce Kent speaks at One World in Croydon:"Seeds of Peace" 20.00, Ruskin House.

Saturday 21 October

London: MANA Concert for Peace. St. James Picadilly, 19.30. Contact 0181 455 1030

Saturday 11, Sunday 12 November

Stop the Hawks - weekend of action. At BAe sites, central London and street stalls across the country. Contact tel 0171 561 1226

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 November

Sheffield: "Raise Your Banners" A celebration of political song in Sheffield. If you would like to bring a banner, or just join in, contact Andy at Leader Rd., Hillsborough, Sheffield S6 4GH.

Saturday 25, Sunday 26 November

Manchester: CND National Conference, at Manchester Town Hall Hall. Contact Linda Walker, tel 0161 834 81 76

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Marking the beginning of the Nuclear Age, July 16

Marci López-Levy, Campaigns Worker

BBC Radio 4 transmitted live the tolling of the bells of St.Martin in the Fields. Fifty times, one for each year since the first atomic explosion in Almagordo, USA. We marked our pain at the beginning of the nuclear age by 'dying', silently, covering all Trafalgar Square.

Over three thousand people came to hear survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and of the French atmospheric testing in the Pacific. We heard poems and testimonies from downwind victims of testing at Christmas Island and the US desert. The connections were made with the present arms race, and the new nuclear nightmare of nuclear weapons states pointing 'smaller' bombs at the Third World. We left, inspired by a leader of the French peace movement reminding us that we had stopped atmospheric tests before, and we can stop all tests now.

Testing Special



## editorial

### Confronting the new nuclear nightmare

Eirlys Rhiannon, Vice-Chair

Campaigning in the run-up to the NPT Conference last spring sometimes felt as though we were banging our heads against a brick wall. Then suddenly, mid-June 1995, just as we were faltering, the brick wall gave way.

Worldwide condemnation of France's decision to re-start nuclear testing prompted media coverage epitomised by the Guardian's full-pager headlined "The Return of the Nuclear Nightmare". The public response has been overwhelming, matched only by CND groups and activists' readiness to take to the streets, armed with French wine bottles, petitions, leaflets, placards and the confidence of those who know that their issue says: NOW!

People worldwide commemorated the anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I remembered as the police officer at Faslane on Nagasaki Day asked us in the police van: "What were you thinking of when you blockaded the base?" "Do you know what they do in there?" an arrestee asked him. "I don't care what they do in there", he replied, to which came the calm statement, "We do".

We condemn Chirac's decision with the full knowledge that IT IS JUST A SYMPTOM of a system that allows nuclear terrorism in all its manifestations. The NPT Conference failed everybody and we are facing a new nuclear nightmare. It is our challenge in the coming months to turn the tide of opposition to nuclear tests into a movement for a Global Ban on nuclear weapons. No ifs, no buts: No nukes. The only possibility for a real future.

# Stop Nuclear Testing



Members of the British Nuclear Test Ban Coalition pour French wine in the bin at the launch of their cinema advert Photo: Paul Aston

Martin Jones, CND Vice Chair

When, on June 14, President Chirac announced that France would conduct up to eight underground nuclear tests between September 95 and May 96, the world seemed to finally wake up to the fact that the nuclear nightmare is not over.

CND must pull out all the stops if it is to help thwart Chirac but our job does not stop there. It is equally essential that we highlight China's testing programme, Britain's deployment of Trident and, above all, the urgent need to start negotiations immediately for a global nuclear ban.

## Boycott News

Marci López-Levy, Campaigns Worker

Much of the press interest in the anti-testing campaign has focused on the boycott, as many activists around the country can testify. There have been many photo opportunities for those keen to pour French wine down the drain.

Around the world news show that 80% of New Zealanders are boycotting French goods, spontaneous boycotts of French wine

are widespread in the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, and are spreading daily to other European countries. The level of protest in the Pacific countries is even more intense, with talk even of breaking off diplomatic relations.

CND has already collected thousands of pledges to boycott French goods around the country, as activists leaflet High Streets, supermarkets and off-licenses with petitions in hand. CND is calling for individuals to support the boycott as their tangible show of disagreement with the French government's decision.

To help to publicise the boycott campaign the British Nuclear Test Ban Coalition with the generous support of Media Natura have produced a 30 second boycott advert for showing in cinemas. This takes the form of a "Day of the Jackal" spoof where the message hits home to a Chirac look alike by shooting the bottle of French Wine on his dinner table. Could you help to spread the message about the boycott to cinema audiences near you? For details please contact the National Peace Council on 0171 354 5200.

## Protesting at the French Embassy

Michele Bitton, Youth CND

Just picture the scene: early on a Tuesday evening, sunset behind Harrods, the roads bumper to bumper with traffic, the pavements full of tired commuters.

Under the smog appear a mass of people having a huge party, people drumming, singing, and dancing in the street. You realise that you cannot possibly miss out on the chance to chill out at London's hottest new

party spot!!!

In this party fever it's impossible to lose sight of why we're here, as everywhere you look there are banners, placards, flags, leaflets, petitions, people available to jump on a bus, hand out leaflets and explain as much as they can about nuclear testing in three minutes before the traffic lights turn green again! These Tuesday 'Protest Parties' have snowballed. Young or old, if you are planning a day or two

in London make sure you come to this. If you have friends who live near London pass on the word!

● Every Tuesday, 5-7.30pm at the French Embassy (58 Knightsbridge, London SW1. Nearest Tube Knightsbridge on the Piccadilly line.

● Youth CND are planning the biggest demo yet "Reclaim the Future" for Tuesday 5 September. Contact tel 0171 607 3616.

## Action Plans and Ideas

### French testing

● Local campaigning against the French plans have demonstrated widespread support for CND's message so far: keep up the good work and let us know of any particularly interesting or original actions you do.

● if you live within reach of London, come along to the French Embassy protests in Knightsbridge on Tuesdays, 5.00 - 7.30pm.

● ask people to send faxes to Jacques Chirac on 00 33 1 47422465 with messages of opposition to his plans.

● tens of thousands of petitions and pledges are already coming into the Office. Please keep them pouring in.

### If the French Test

● if you can reach Knightsbridge, we are asking people to go to the French Embassy as soon as possible after hearing the news.

● if you are not near London, try to mark the test with vigils, boycott actions, shadow-painting and lots of letters to local and national press.



coach to Paris for a big international demonstration against French testing on September 30. Tickets are £40 and bookings should be made with Anna Rehin on 0171 700 2349 or 01273 476358.

### Chinese testing

● If, as we believe is likely, the Chinese test again in the autumn, CND will call an immediate protest at the Chinese Embassy. Ring the office for details if you hear of a Chinese test.

### Day Schools

● CND is encouraging groups and regions to organise Campaigning Dayschools for the autumn to help activists get to grips with the facts and arguments around the new nuclear nightmare and thus to more effectively talk to local media, people in the street etc about why nuclear weapons are an urgent issue again. CND office can help by providing materials, expert briefings, speakers etc.



# Why is France testing?

Martin Butcher, Director of the Centre for European Security and Disarmament

From the small amounts of information made public by the French government it is clear that the purpose of the tests is weapons development rather than stockpile safety.

The first test will involve a warhead for the new generation of nuclear missile submarines. It is a multiple independently targetable (MIRVed) warhead with high earth penetration capability and stealth characteristics. It is significantly

more sophisticated than anything France currently deploys.

The next two tests will verify the performance of a nuclear trigger. Chirac was deliberately vague as to whether this was a new or an old design of trigger.

The last four or five tests will be for the development of PALEN - France's programme for laboratory and computer simulation. These tests will probably double up as tests for new warheads - a warhead for deployment in the next 10 to 15 years, an air to ground missile (similar to the cancelled British

TASM).

The crucial point is that the purpose of these tests is to assure the French status as a nuclear weapons power well into the next century. More importantly, France will continue, for the foreseeable future, to be able to develop and deploy new nuclear weapons systems.

● *Extract from Briefing Notes compiled from official statements and notes taken at ministerial meetings, plus analysis of current topics based on this information, often unavailable through the press.*

## China Sneaks Another Test



Demonstrating outside the Chinese Embassy.

Marci López-Levy, Campaigns Worker

China carried out an underground nuclear test on Thursday 17 August at 0100 GMT. The bomb exploded in Xinjiang Autonomous Region causing a seismic event, measured at 5.6 on the Richter scale.

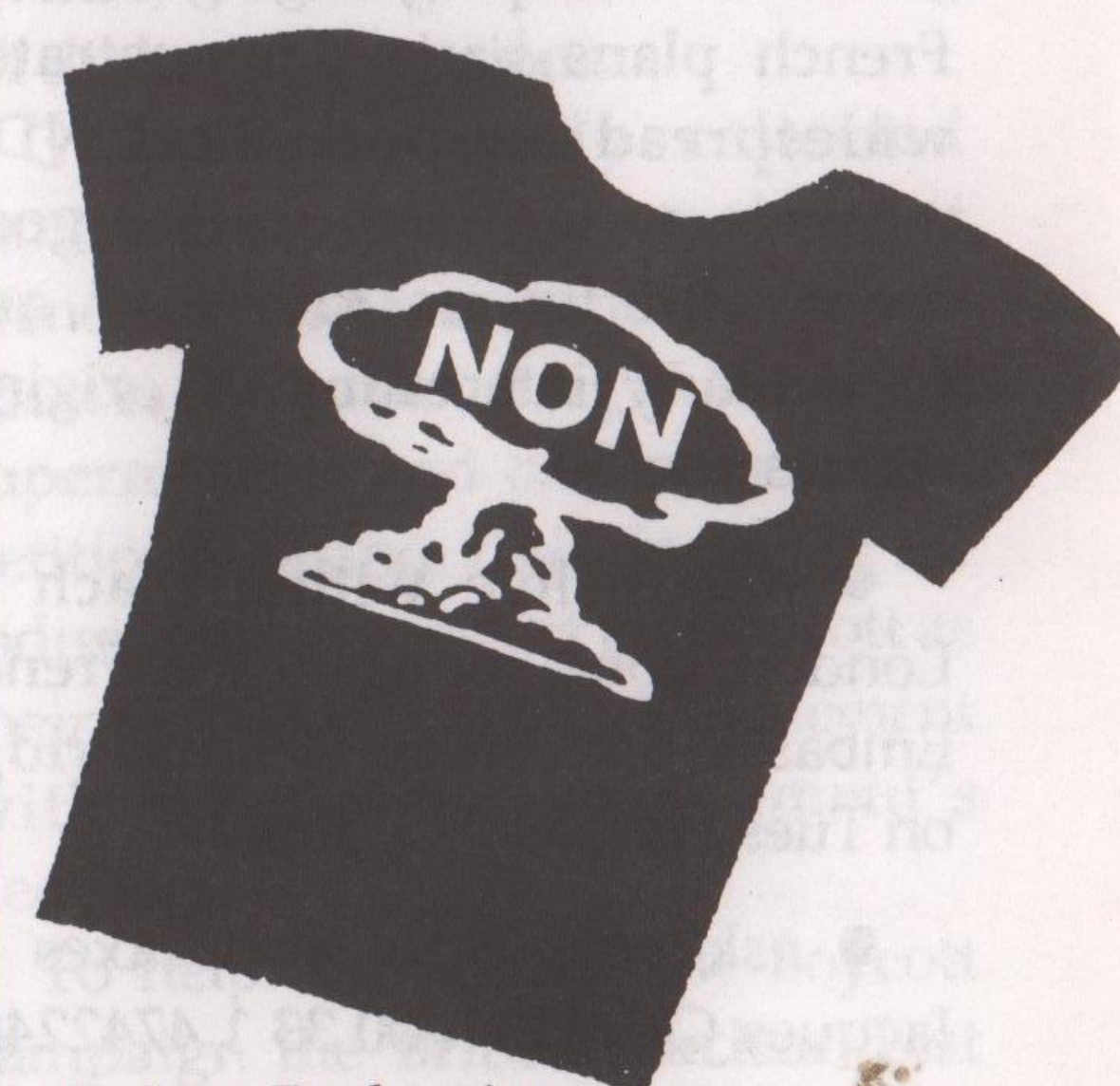
It was the 43rd known Chinese test (the UK has done 44). The previous test took place three days after the end of the NPT Conference in May 1995. It is likely that there will be another test before the end of the year, and they plan to continue into 1996 until the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) is signed.

Now that the US and France have agreed to a 'zero yield' for the CTBT - no tests of any description with explosive yield - it is time for China to drop its demands for so-called 'peaceful nuclear explosions' to be exempted from the test ban.

It is also time for public awareness to be raised about China's unwillingness to stop testing and developing its nuclear arsenal. The high profile of French tests must be used to keep China's tests in the public eye. In London, on August 17, CND organised a demo at the Chinese Embassy attended by over 100 people, many active in the Stop the French Testing Campaign. Demonstrators maintained a continuous protest from 12 noon to a candlelit vigil at 10.00pm accompanied by a constant cacophony of supporting car horns from the passing traffic

## Testing materials

We have a new range of testing materials some of which are illustrated below. If you wish to purchase any please use the order form on the back page.



T-shirt. Back print reads 'STOP NUCLEAR TESTING, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament'

Stickers, large and small.



## Britain and the French tests

### French Testing and Tactical Trident

Milan Rai, Council member

Why is John Major so reluctant to criticise Chirac over French tests? Because Britain also wants to carry out nuclear tests, and for the same reason: to develop a low-yield warhead for use against the Third World. If this can be developed, it will be fitted to 'Tactical Trident', the single-warhead version of Trident tasked with defending Britain's 'vital interests'. Tactical Trident will become operational in December, carrying either the current 100 kiloton warhead or a new 'low-yield' version.

We must oppose not only the French nuclear tests, but also *what is being tested*. A principal purpose of

the tests is to develop a warhead for France's new air-launched nuclear missile, the Air-Sol Longue Portee (ASLP). This missile was originally to have been a joint Anglo-French production. ASLP is pointed at the South; the yield of its TN-100 warhead can be decreased to produce only a few kilotons of destructive power - for use against non-nuclear enemies.

We must protest against the development of new, more 'useable' nuclear weapons, on either side of the Channel. We must resist the threat of British tests as well as the reality of French tests. We must say 'Don't point Trident (or ASLP) at the Third World'.

## Covert UK missile test in the US as anger at France mounts

Ilana Cravitz, Press and Information Worker

On July 24 the UK spent another £18 million firing a (thankfully) 'unarmed' missile off the coast of Florida, in the US.

French nuclear testing and the new UK Trident warheads are two sides of the same coin - a race to install new nuclear weapon systems before international disarmament obligations catch up with the smaller nuclear powers.

The crew of HMS Victorious are being taught by US experts to "safely handle, maintain and operate" the US-designed and manufactured Trident D5 missiles which are part of the UK's 'independent' nuclear stockpile.

Victorious will be launched into international waters later this year with a 'tactical' role. This means that single warhead-equipped missiles, each capable of a strike ten times the power of the Hiroshima bomb, may be targeted on non-nuclear weapon states to defend "British interests".

How does this square with the UK's recommitment to nuclear disarmament in May at the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference?

The firing was carried out under the command of Commander J.H. Gordon, Royal Navy. Might he benefit from a letter or two asking what it's all for? (c/o Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.)

## Time to Lobby

Nicola Butler, Campaigns Worker

CND is organising a lobby of Parliament on Tuesday 17 October, to coincide with the annual debate on the Defence Estimates.

This will be a crucial time to lobby MPs. The debate will be held on the first two days after the summer recess. This is our chance to put our message of no more nuclear testing, no more nuclear weapons at the top of the political agenda.

This year, for the first time, the Statement on the Defence Estimates 1995 (SDE95), published annually by the Ministry of Defence refers to developing a new nuclear weapon system to replace Trident, in a section on Aldermaston and nuclear weapons research.

SDE also includes a new section on nuclear accident response ("the risk of a defence nuclear accident is extremely small"). This section is likely to be a response to the work done by CND, Scottish CND and Nukewatch in recent years on nuclear warhead convoy safety and safety of nuclear submarines.

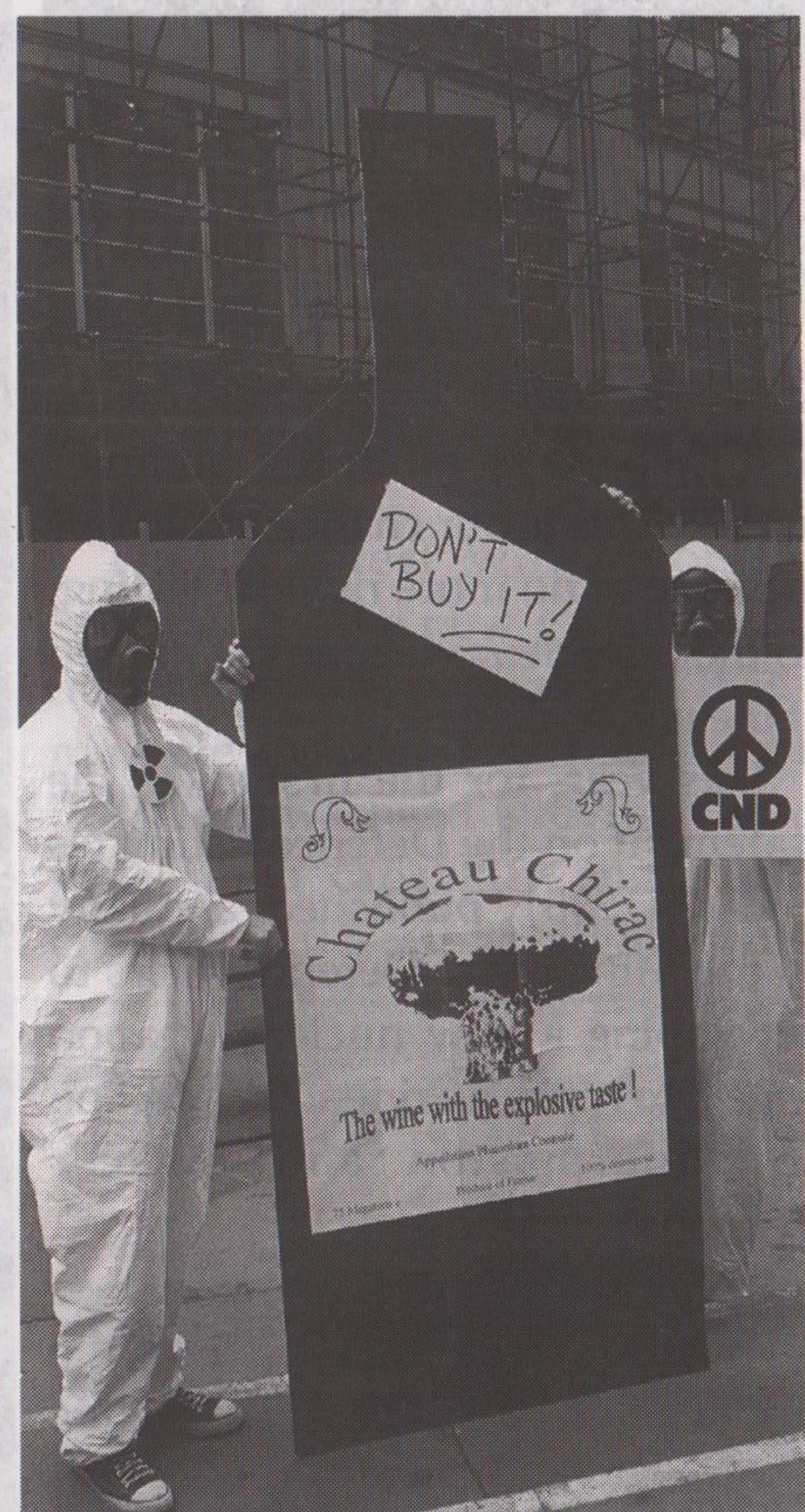
The annual SDE debate is a good opportunity for MPs to raise nuclear issues in the House of Commons. John Major clearly needs to be pressed further on nuclear testing by MPs on both sides of the House.

Unlike the US Congress, the UK Parliament cannot make any amendments to its Statement on the Defence Estimates. MPs must either vote for or against the whole document. This year some MPs will be voting against SDE95 on principle because it includes sections on nuclear weapons. If you think your MP might support this position please write to her/him. In any case please contact your MP and ask to meet her/him at the lobby of Parliament on Tuesday 17 October.

If you are interested in attending the lobby, please contact Holly Kreider on 0171-700 2393.



# CND in Action



Yorkshire and Humberside CND hit the streets with their giant bottle of Chateau Chirac - the wine with the explosive taste! Not for the discerning campaigners palate. The local press will often send down a photographer if you can think up an interesting campaigning stunt like this. Photo: John Brierley

The West Midlands Peace Caravan Tour was the most successful ever. It went to Oswestry, Ludlow, Hereford and Evesham and collected almost 3000 signatures against the resumption of French testing. The tour was covered by all the local papers and by Shropshire radio.

Watford CND reports that both Labour and Conservative councillors deplored the decision of the French government to resume nuclear testing. They gave unanimous backing to a motion to write to M. Chirac and to the mayor of Watford's twin town, Nanterre; and lobby MPs and MEPs on the issue.

Nottingham CND held a cheese and wine party on the streets of the

city, offering English cheese and Australian wine in a bid to persuade people to boycott French produce.

Hailsham & Eastbourne CND sent a giant postcard to President Chirac signed by over 300 people calling on the French government to scrap its plans for testing in the Pacific.

Irish CND has been holding regular demonstrations outside the French Embassy in Dublin and the consulate in Cork to protest nuclear tests. They have also been working on trying to get a response from Irish politicians on the transport of a nuclear warhead on the Irish sea on its way to Coulport.

Orpington CND met with their MP John Horam concerning the NPT and the MP suggested that the group knows more about the issues than he does; he would find out the official view of the government on a set of questions compiled by a CND member.

South Cheshire and North Staffs CND got good press coverage of their anti French testing actions, including a photograph in the paper pouring French wine (the real thing!) down the drain.

WoMenwith Hill Women's Peace Camp has been a highly noticeable presence at the US base this summer, an example being "Peace Truth Justice Freedom Wimmin" painted in bright red paint on Antenna L 'golf ball' which has resulted in charges of £21,504 in criminal damage. Kate Witham 'allegedly' carried out the painting. Help is needed to raise money for the defence, court case and the campaign generally. Please send cheques payable to 'Peace House', 5 New Rd. Littleborough, Lancs. OL15 8PS. Send messages and material support to the Peace Camp at Moonbow Phoenix, A59 Kettlesing Head Layby, outside Menwith Hill US-NSA Spy Base, Nr. Harrogate. Mobile 0585 329 313.

## Book Review Nuclear Wastelands

A Global Guide to  
Nuclear Weapons  
Production and Its  
Health and  
Environmental Effects

Extract from The Guardian review,  
July 9 1995

At almost £35 copies will not be flooding local CNDs, but it is an important book to be aware of. The editor, Dr. Arjun Makhijani, makes the point that although no one has been killed by a nuclear bomb in wartime since the Nagasaki explosion, thousands have died in their production and testing.

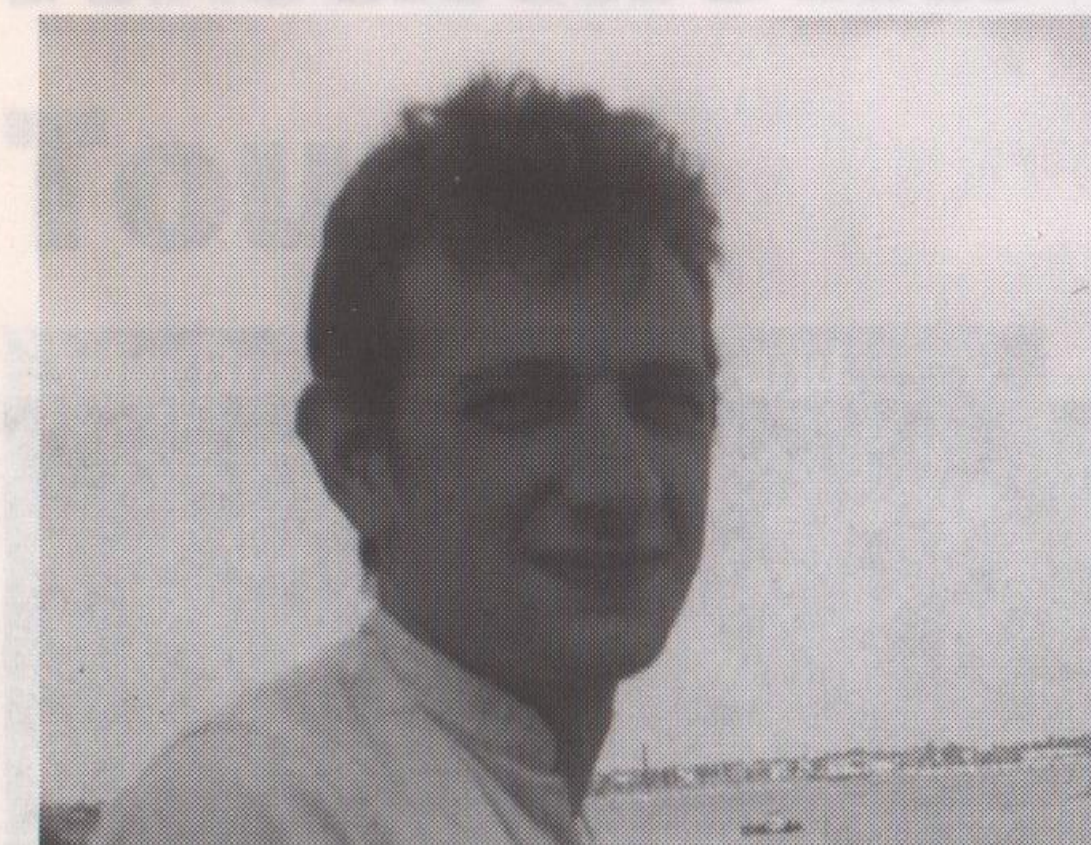
Accidents, leakages, breakdowns, the list of nuclear negligence is endless, and to it can be added the activities known to be dangerous but to which people are subjected to with minimum advice. Uranium mining, for example, carries the highest risk for health of the whole nuclear weapons production cycle, and its victims are estimated in thousands.

The exhaustive research compiled in the book shows that the majority of the victims are anonymous, ignored and most have no chance of redress. The authors calculate that "hundreds of thousands of excess cancer deaths" have resulted and are still resulting from radiation doses due to nuclear testing in the atmosphere.

The clearest message in this wide ranging book is that secrecy also kills. No nuclear power has transparent information policies, all have falsified records in some way and some, especially China and France, have hardly given data at all.

No future research into nuclear weapons will be credible unless it refers to this study.

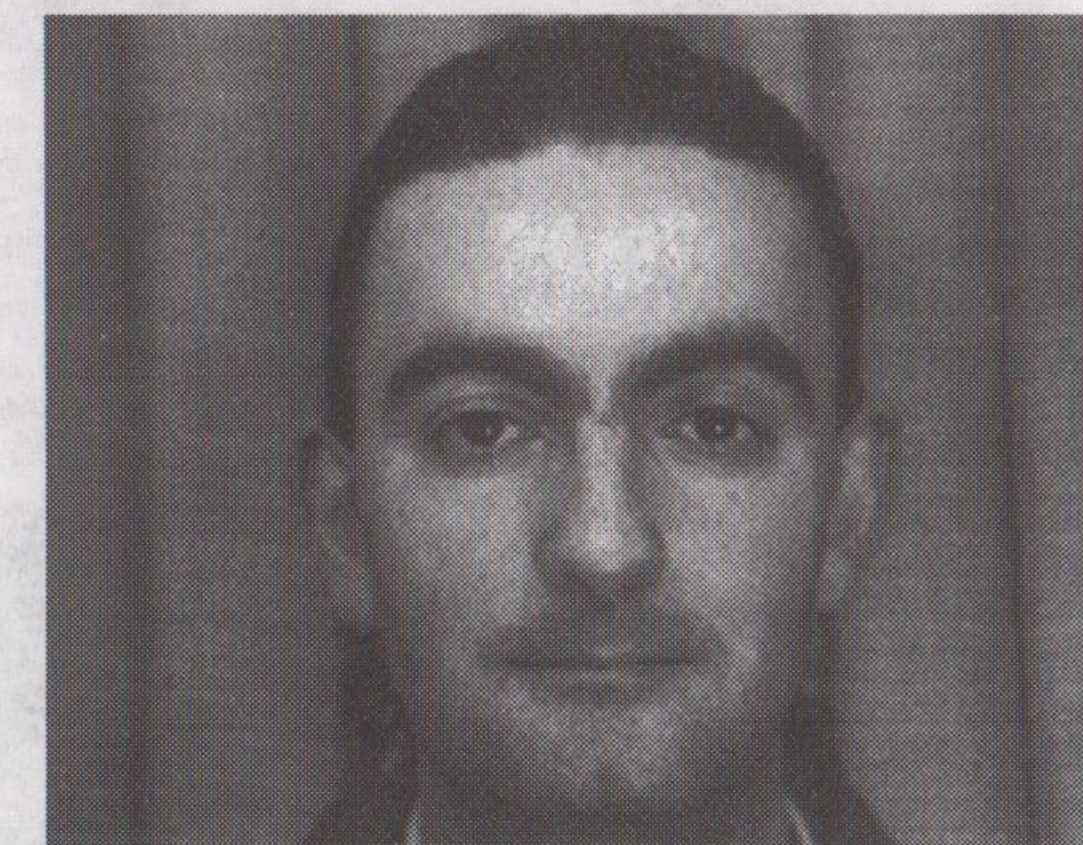
## Staff Roundabout



Eddie Gonçalves

Marci López-Levy, Campaigns  
Worker

Staffing changes have taken place in the office, with the departure of Ilana Cravitz, our inexhaustible Press Officer, to the demanding world of full-time musicians. Her replacement has also been known to play a violin, but is more likely to be heard strumming Barry White on bass these days. Eddie Gonçalves might be known to some of you as former Council member and Student CND chair - although if you have been in trouble with the law in Cleveland in the last three years you



Ian Cleary

will know him as the voice of the Probation Service in the North East. Eddie is a native south Londoner, from the Portuguese community. Leeds University saw him get active in CND. During his Politics studies he packed in not only a degree but also time out working for Charter 88 and placements as Congressman C. Schumer's (Dem.) researcher in Washington D.C. (but he categorically never had anything to do with the Dukakis campaign!) as well as Simon Hughes MP in Britain. His political involvement has continued in the peace group of the

Liberal Democrats. He will be starting in the office at the beginning of September.

Also beginning during September will be our new Membership and Fundraising Worker, Ian Cleary, with family involvement in CND stretching to his father's days as chair of Twickenham CND and Aldermaston marcher. More recent fame came with a heavy metal band formed in Newcastle, where he grew up, but tried and tested in London. Much of Ian's activism has been within housing, and he has done fundraising work for CentrePoint, chaired a Tenant's Association and has done community development work. He has recently finished a Diploma in Marketing, and is presently working in special needs housing empowering homeless people to take back the reins of their life. He is a firm believer in ordinary people bringing about change. He is also interested in motor racing, and travelling - he spent a year in Australia and SE Asia. He is due into the office on Monday 18 September 1995.

## Nuclear Alert at Rugby

Andy Pritchard, West Midlands  
CND

Between 7.30 and 8.30am on Friday 7th July a train carrying power station waste pulled into Rugby station for a routine train crew change. Passengers on the station and/or railway staff heard 'crackling' noises and sounded the alert. The train was moved to sidings and Nuclear Electric's incident team called. They arrived four hours later. Police and fire crews sealed off the area and advised people in homes within 50 metres to shut their windows and doors and stay inside. The train station was not evacuated. At one point it was admitted that there was a defect with one of the flasks but officials maintained throughout that there was no escape of radiation. At about 2.30pm the train was allowed to continue even

though it was not known what was causing the problem with either flask or wagon. Thanks to some excellent on the spot work by Tom Cuthbert, the BBC and local radio gave it full coverage.

The event triggered an efficient and prompt response from many CND activists across the country who monitored the developments and ensured the press were alerted. Paul Hawkes of CND London Region's Nuclear Trains Working Group reports the Department of Transport say flask E83 caused concern but the event was an 'abnormal occurrence', and not a 'notifiable incident'. The chances of a radiation leak would depend on the severity of crack and length of the incident. More information from Paul Hawkes tel 0181 533 42 81.

## Tactical Trident

Nicola Butler, Campaigns Worker

The new edition of *Tactical Trident* by Milan Rai is essential reading for all campaigners. This carefully researched study provides a unique insight into Britain's nuclear warfighting policies. It exposes a doctrine based on nuclear threats to the Third World.

*Tactical Trident* comes at a time when Britain is preparing to deploy Trident in a tactical nuclear role, France is testing tactical weapons and US and NATO policy is shifting towards Third World enemies. It provides campaigners with the information they need to make greater connections with development campaigners and to challenge the Rifkind doctrine of nuclear deterrence.

It is available from CND for £3. Use the order form on page 12.



# Hiroshima, Nagasaki NEVER AGAIN



On the eve of Hiroshima day 200 candles, one per 1,000 people killed in the bombings, were lit in Parliament Square

## A Personal View from Hiroshima

Janet Bloomfield, Chair

One of the first activities I ever took part in when I became involved in CND was a simple candle floating ceremony on Hiroshima Day. To be in Hiroshima and Nagasaki for the 50th Anniversary Commemorations as a guest of the Japanese Peace Movement was a remarkable experience.

After my first visit to the A-bomb Museum two thoughts were uppermost in my mind. One was that all political and military leaders should be made to visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The other was that British nuclear policy is based on the willingness to inflict suffering on an unimaginable scale in 'defence of British vital interests'. As my time in

Japan went on I felt more and more angry and ashamed about Trident, THORP and the whole nuclear obsession of the British Government.

The Hibakusha who have suffered the mental and physical scars for 50 years yet have devoted themselves to working for a nuclear free world are a shining example of true humanity. The victims of nuclear testing who were also in Japan showed similar dignity and courage in their determination to convey the truth of their experience and to stop the nuclear madness. We have to do everything we can to work in solidarity with them.

To stand by the A-Bomb Dome at the side of the river which was filled with the dead and dying fifty years

ago in Hiroshima is to know beyond any intellectual argument that humanity cannot live with the Bomb. This is the challenge for the rest of history. Politicians look ahead to the next opinion poll, the next election. Have we the vision to look ahead for centuries and millenia and really begin to create a culture that makes another Hiroshima or Nagasaki impossible? I believe that we have if we determine never to look away from the truth of those terrible days in August fifty years ago.

● Janet Bloomfield is happy to speak to any interested group about her time in Japan. If you would like to invite her to speak please contact the national office.

## Hibakusha Tour

John Brierley, Yorkshire and Humberside CND

The "Hear the Hibakusha" tour during June and July took survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to 13 cities around Britain. All in all it was hugely successful with well attended public meetings, much local and national media coverage and widespread appreciation that these survivors of the bomb have something important and distinctive to tell us. Their accounts of what happened on those terrible days, August 6th and 9th 1945, were a moving reminder to all who came to listen of why our campaign for a nuclear free world is so important.

In many of the cities visited, cherry trees and plaques were planted by the Hibakusha and local



Sakue Shimohira and Masao Morihara planting tree with Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Peggy White (Conservative). Photo: John Brierley.

dignitaries to the memory of the victims of the atomic bombings. In Scotland they visited the Faslane peace camp to see the base for Trident - with its destructive capability of 3000 Hiroshimas - in Cumbria they visited the Sellafield reprocessing plant and when in Reading they paid a visit with local campaigners to the Aldermaston atomic weapons establishment. In Coventry they took part in the filming of a 'Songs of Praise' programme which was

broadcast by the BBC on Hiroshima day itself. At the end of the tour, Masao Morihara and Reiko Yamada spoke movingly at the July 16th Trafalgar Square Rally against nuclear testing.

I am sure that many people who had the privilege to meet them were struck as I was by how brave and dignified were these people who know better than any of us what nuclear really mean.

## Nagasaki Day Actions

Faslane Peace Camp

Over 200 people attended the Nagasaki Action at the Clyde Submarine Base, Faslane on August 9th.

Thirty five were arrested for blockading and entering the base, including activists from Belgium, Holland, Germany and as far out as New Zealand.

A week of events had preceded the action, starting with a shelf clearance of French produce from Marks & Spencer's stores in Glasgow and Edinburgh on Thursday 3 August. There were also various activities throughout the seven days including interactive theatre at the MoD offices in Glasgow, films and a demo at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The latter however was met with furious police hysteria - they snatched our "Stop Promoting



Die-in at the Trident gate at 11.02am when the bomb was dropped on Nagasaki

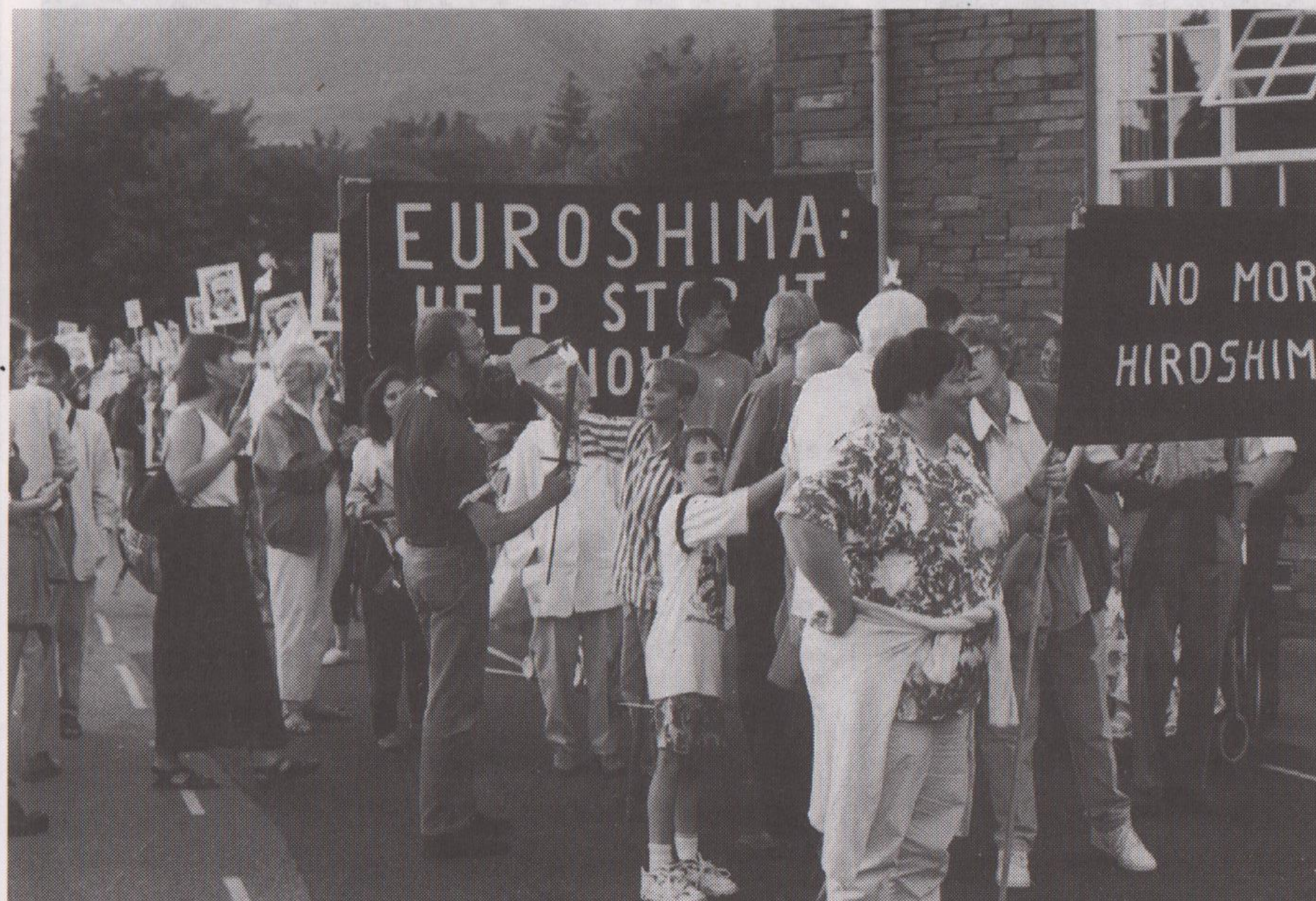
War" banner, broke someone's nose and arrested others.

On the night before the action we had a torchlit procession to the Trident area at Faslane saw an effigy of the 'Fat Man' - the Nagasaki bomb, being burned on the razor wire.

Faslane Peace Camp would like to thank all who supported the action and now wish to draw your attention to "ALIEN" - an action to end all wars on 7/8/9 October. For more information ring 01436 820901.



## Hiroshima Commemoration in Keswick



Christine Chamberlain, Cumbria CND

Nearly 500 people gathered in Crow Park, Keswick, on Sunday 6 August in the evening for the dedication and floating of candles on Derwentwater to commemorate the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima 50 years ago.

The contrasting silhouettes of Skiddaw and Grisdale Pike formed the backdrop as Peter Whitaker read Lord Judd's inspiring message of support by the light of this flaming torch.

The torches and steady rhythm of the two drummers attracted much attention. Many joined the procession as it wound through the town centre displaying with banners and placards the simple message NO MORE HIROSHIMAS.

A bright white moon cast its light over the calm surface of Derwentwater as the tiny coloured boats slowly transported the candles towards deeper water. The simplicity and symbolism of the ceremony was very impressive.

## Around the Country

Marci López-Levy, Campaigns Worker

All regions and many groups have reported unexpectedly large numbers for their Hiroshima and Nagasaki events. A combination of the 50th anniversaries and topical French testing plans have even provoked sparks of life in groups thought extinct!

Most groups took the time for a reflective commemoration with events at local Peace Gardens, floating candles in rivers, lakes and ponds and holding remembrance

services. Some however, were forced into active campaigning: Yorkshire&Humberside protested about the planned re-enactment of the raid on Hiroshima due to take place at the Elvington International Air Spectacular, billed as entertainment for the whole family. Their prompt response was effective and the show was cancelled, with pieces in the local and international press - whilst in Cuba, a CND member heard of the cancellation on CNN World News!

## Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage 1995.

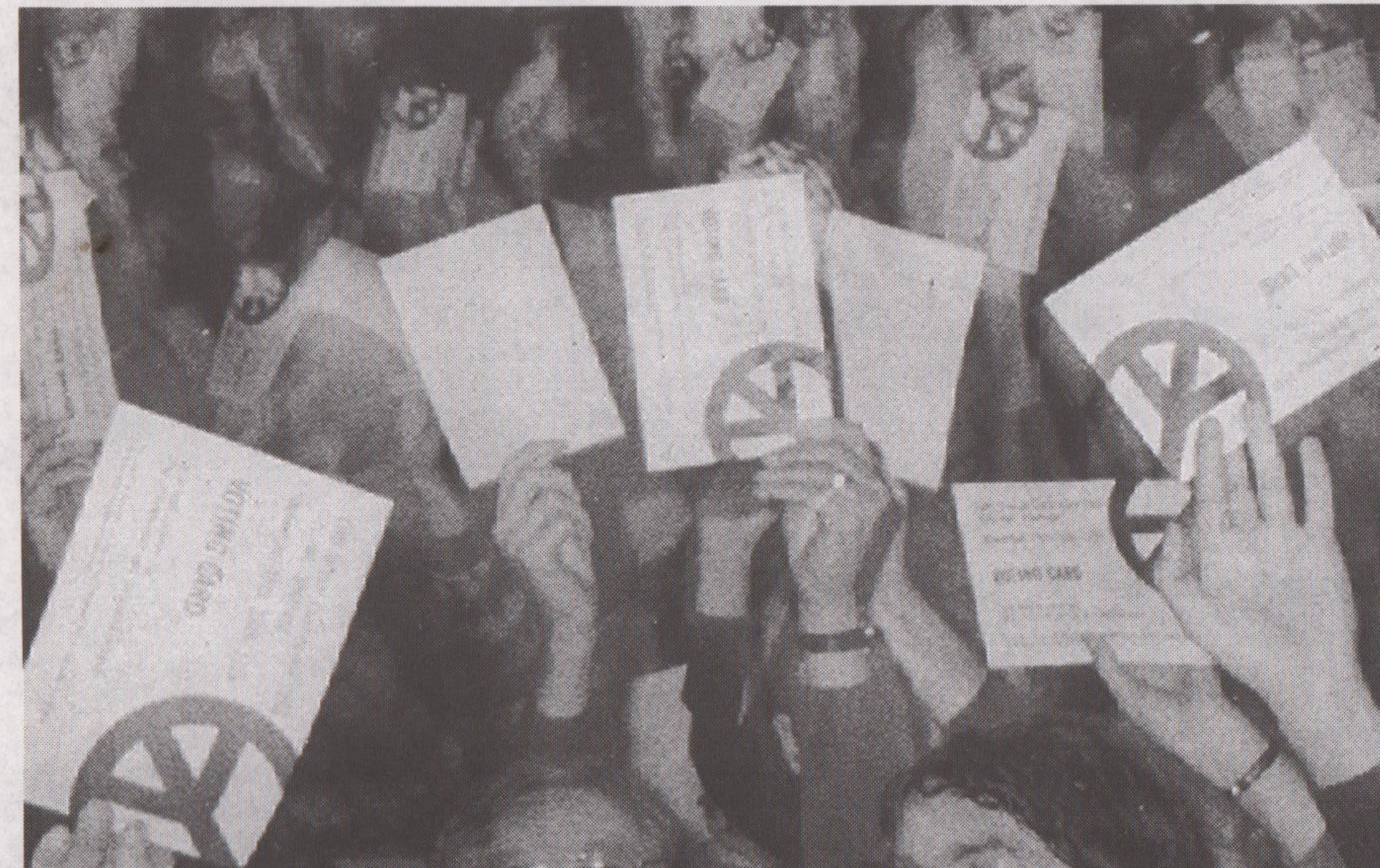
Janet Bloomfield, CND Chair

This journey of reflection and action was one of the most powerful events that took place around the 50th Anniversary Commemorations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. A core group of twelve people followed the route of the first bombs from Los Alamos to Japan over the three weeks it took in 1945. They were at the Trinity site on July 16th and visited San Francisco and Honolulu on their way to Hiroshima and Nagasaki. People joined the route for different sections and I took part from August 5 to 9. This has inspired me to initiate an Atomic Mirror UK which will visit key nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales next spring. If you are interested in knowing more about this initiative please contact me at the office.

## Volunteers Urgently Required

CND National Office in Holloway Road is looking for a volunteer to help with CND's parliamentary lobbying. The main task will be the monitoring and filing of Hansard - the record of parliamentary proceedings. Also, we require a volunteer to help with despatching CND merchandise and other administrative tasks. They should be able to work on their own initiative. If you are interested in either post please contact Fiona Renny on 0171 700 2393.

# CND Conference 1995 Manchester Town Hall



Jon Nott, CND Council Conference rep.

On the weekend of 25/26 November, CND Conference will be held in Manchester Town Hall. In the post NPT nuclear free-for-all, highlighted by the French nuclear tests likely to begin in the autumn, we're definitely back in the spotlight. The media and the general public are finally waking up to our pre-NPT warnings. 1995 could be our biggest conference for years. It's certainly one of the most important: now we know the result of the NPT and the nuclear powers are starting to show their true motives it's vital we continue to set the agenda in 1996.

Resolutions have been submitted and all those eligible to submit amendments should have already received a copy of the interim agenda. Amendments must be submitted by 5pm on Friday 8 September and should not extend priorities resolutions by more than 10 words or policy resolutions by more than 50 words. Unfortunately there is not time to debate all the resolutions submitted, so Council will decide on 10 September which resolutions will go forward to

conference. Please tell your regional council rep. your preferences so that Council can make the decision as democratically as possible.

Elections will take place at Conference, for the Chair, Treasurer, three Vice-Chairs and 20 members of the national Council for 1996.

There will also be an innovative range of workshops to learn and share experiences with other members and activists. This year for the first time we are introducing public sessions, with well known figures to take advantage of the recent upsurge in interest in nuclear issues.

The building is accessible to people with disabilities and a creche will be provided for those with children (please mention on your registration form if you will require the creche). There will be a bar on Friday evening to welcome people to Manchester and a social on Saturday night.

You will find a registration form for conference enclosed with this edition of Campaign. Please try to send at least one delegate for this vital conference. As well as CND groups, areas, regions and nations,

specialist sections, affiliates and members are also entitled to attend conference. Non-members are welcome as observers. Please contact Linda Walker at Manchester CND for the appropriate registration form.

Leaving the best news until last, we have managed to reduce the registration fee for the second year running and you can attend for only £20 (group delegates and waged individuals) or £5 (unwaged individuals).

Please return your registration forms to **Greater Manchester and District CND, 6 Mount St. Manchester, M2 5NS**, by 27 October if you require accommodation to be provided or 9 November if you are arranging your own.

## ● Dates for you diary

### 8 September, 5pm:

Amendments Deadline (National office, London)

### 13 September:

Nomination Acceptance Deadline (Manchester CND)

### 27 October:

Registration Deadline with accommodation (Manchester CND)

### 9 November:

Registration Deadline without accommodation (Manchester CND)

### 20 November, 12noon:

Emergency Resolution Deadline (National office, London)

### 25/26 November:

CND Conference, Manchester Town Hall