



Crawley, Sussex. Speakers include Bruce Kent and Laura Moffatt MP. There will also be stalls and an Irish dancing exhibition. Organised by Crawley CND. Admission £1. CONTACT: 01293 523825

● **MONDAY 20 JULY–SUNDAY 9 AUGUST**
Trafficin' Trident Tour II taking place all over the country. See front page for details. CONTACT: 0171 700 2393

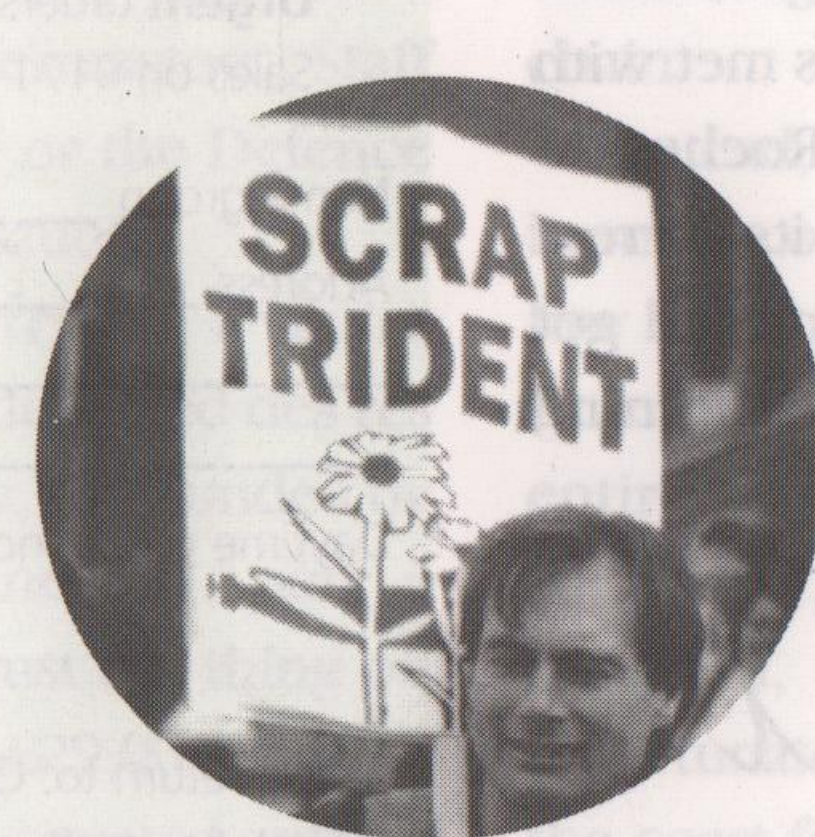
● **TUESDAY 21–SATURDAY 25 JULY**
Pilgrimage against war from Southwark to Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference. Organised by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship. CONTACT: 01666 825249

● **SATURDAY 25 JULY–SATURDAY 1 AUGUST**
Gandhi Foundation Summer School at Moulford-on-Thames. CONTACT: 0117 909 3491

● **WEDNESDAY 29 JULY–SUNDAY 2 AUGUST**
Big Green Gathering on Wiltshire Downs. CONTACT: 01747 870667

● **THURSDAY 30 JULY**
7.00pm: London Nuclear Trains Action Group meeting at 162, Holloway Road, London. CONTACT: 0171 607 2302

● **FRIDAY 31 JULY–FRIDAY 7 AUGUST**
'Women On the Road for Peace On Bikes' across Southern England visiting military sites including Porton Down and Farnborough. CONTACT: 01703 554434



● **SUNDAY 12 JULY–SUNDAY 9 AUGUST**
International Peace Walk from Brussels to Faslane to link up with the Trident Ploughshares 2000 action. CONTACT: 00329 233 8439

● **FRIDAY 17 JULY**
7.45pm: Public meeting at the Civic Hall, The Boulevard,

● **TUESDAY 11–TUESDAY 25 AUGUST**
Trident Ploughshares 2000 action at Faslane. CONTACT: 01603 611953

● **SATURDAY 15 AUGUST**
Stop, Look, Listen protest at Faslane. See page 5 for details. CONTACT: 0141 423 1222

● **SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER**
7.30pm: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms in association with Richmond & Barnes CND present a benefit concert at St Mary's Parish Church, Church Rd, Barnes, London. Tickets £7/£4. CONTACT: 0181 876 1364

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day Events



● **THURSDAY 6 AUGUST**
12noon: Hampstead CND memorial ceremony at the Japanese cherry tree in Tavistock Square, London. Speakers to be announced. CONTACT: 0171 267 5806

● **THURSDAY 6 AUGUST**
8.00pm: Canterbury CND will be holding a vigil. CONTACT: 01227 831082

● **SATURDAY 8 AUGUST**
Woking CND will be sailing small boats and lights on the river. CONTACT: 01483 836028

● **SATURDAY 8 AUGUST**
Salisbury CND will be using the launch poster on their stall. CONTACT: 01722 336736

● **SUNDAY 9 AUGUST**
5.00pm–7.00pm: London Region CND vigil on the steps of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London followed by a peace walk to the Battersea Peace Pagoda for floating candles on the Thames at 9.00pm. CONTACT: 0171 607 2302

Peace Camps



● **ALDERMASTON WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP**
Second weekend of every month. Next dates: 10–12 July, 7–9 August, 11–13 September. CONTACT: 0117 939 3746. c/o 33 HERON ROAD, BRISTOL BS5 0LT

● **BURGHFIELD WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP**
Last weekend of every month. CONTACT: 01703 554434. c/o 30 WESTWOOD ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO17 1DN

● **FASLANE PEACE CAMP**
Permanent. CONTACT: 01436 820901. A814, SHANDON, HELENSBURGH, DUMBARTONSHIRE G84 8HT

● **MENWITH HILL WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP**
Permanent. CONTACT: 01943 468593. c/o OUTSIDE MENWITH HILL US SPY BASE, KETTLESING LAY-BY, NEAR HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE HG3 2RA

● **SELLAFIELD WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP**
Last weekend of every month. Next dates: 24–26 July, 28–30 August (ring to confirm), 25–27 September. CONTACT: 0113 262 1534. c/o 16 SHOLEBROKE AVENUE, LEEDS LS7 3HB

Campaign

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Trident on the road

Tony Myers

JULY sees the start of 'Trafficin' Trident Tour II. So check out the route opposite and come along and join in what is sure to be another resounding success.

The truck containing the 20ft 'Trident missile', an exhibition, leaflets, posters, all the information you could possibly want, will begin its journey at Oxford on Monday 20 July and will finish at Ayr on Sunday 9 August.

Considering recent events such as Indian and Pakistan nuclear testing and the response of the nuclear states, it is very important for us to be seen and to get information on British nuclear weapons to as many people as possible.

Route for Trafficin' Trident II

Date		Venue	Contact
Monday	20 July	Oxford	01865 242919
Tuesday	21 "	Isle of Wight	01983 408028
Thursday	23 "	Southampton	01703 229363
Friday	24 "	Bristol	0117 973 9968
Saturday	25 "	Newport (Gwent)	01633 769778
Monday	27 "	Birmingham	0121 643 4617
Tuesday	28 "	York	01274 730795
Wednesday	29 "	Huddersfield	01274 730795
Thursday	30 "	Leeds	01274 730795
Saturday	1 August	Manchester	0161 834 8301
Monday	3 "	Liverpool	0151 722 1512
Tuesday	4 "	Blackpool	01253 899742
Wednesday	5 "	Carlisle	01768 898641
Thursday	6 "	Newcastle	0191 215 0315
Friday	7 "	Dundee	0141 423 1222
Saturday	8 "	Stirling	0141 423 1222
Sunday	9 "	Ayr	0141 423 1222

Legal challenge to 'Breach of the Peace'

THREE peace protesters are among a group of people challenging powers to prevent a breach of the peace in the European Court of Human Rights.

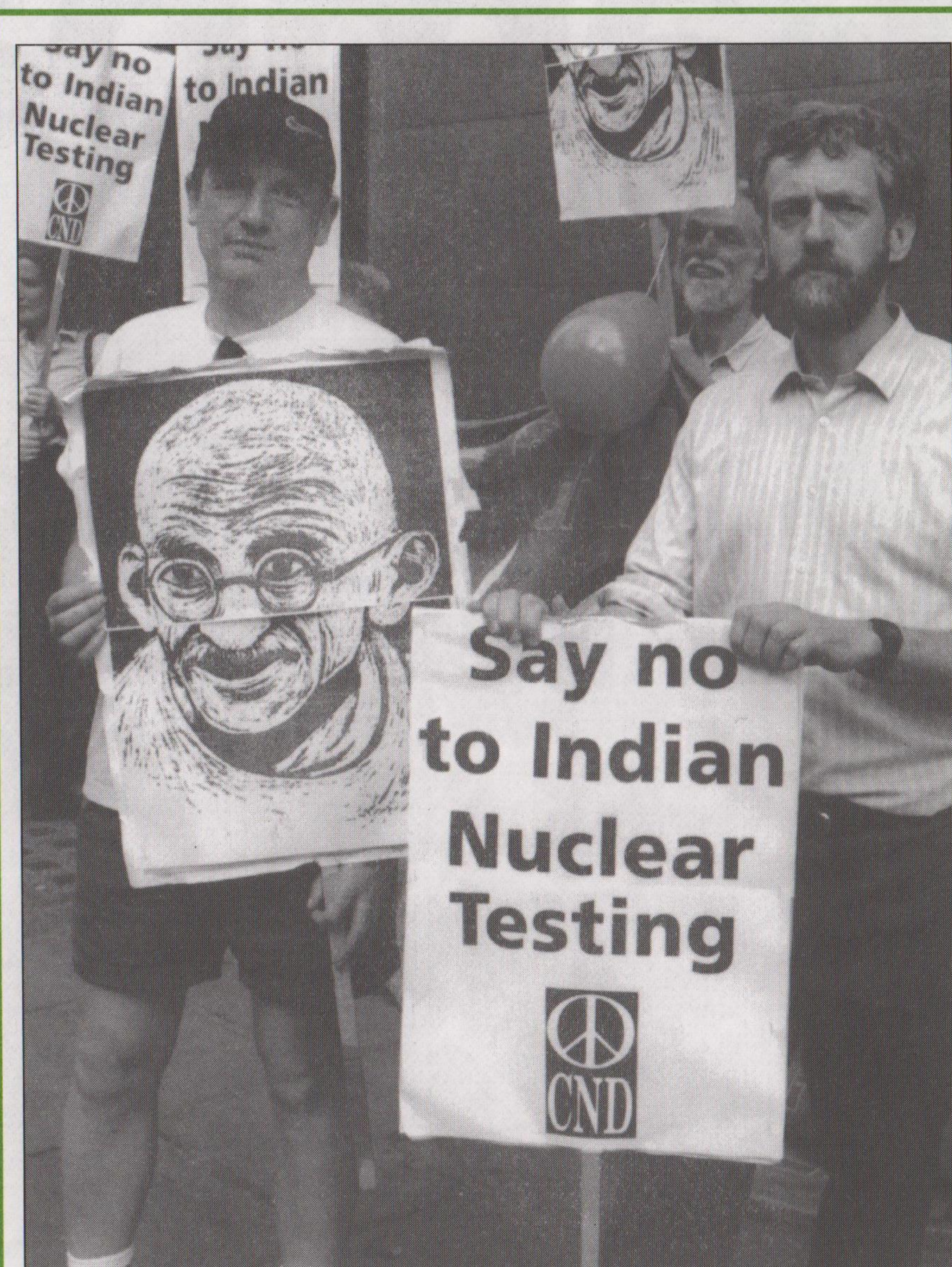
Andrea Needham, David Polden and Christopher Cole were arrested when leafleting outside the 'Fighter Helicopter' conference in London in January 1994. They were charged with behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace and detained for seven hours.

In February 1994, however, the charges were withdrawn since the prosecution decided not to call any evidence. In May 1994, the three lodged an application with the European Commission for Human Rights. The Commission's report stated that there had been a violation of Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights regarding freedom of expression and freedom of association.

Liberty has taken up the case and says that 'Breach of the Peace', which dates back to 1361, has never been defined by Parliament. This effectively makes it impossible for protesters to stay within the law. So people can be arrested for something they might do, or if they might provoke others to violence and be imprisoned for refusing to be bound over. How to lose your freedom without committing a crime!

A Law Commission report of 1994 concluded that the effect of this law was 'to make it difficult for those who wish to involve themselves in protests...to know what they may or may not do'. And it warned that 'we have little doubt that if the point were tested, it would be found inconsistent with the requirements of the European Convention'.

Only time will tell. We'll keep you posted on any developments.



11 May 1998: CND's immediate response to Indian nuclear testing was to stage a protest outside the Indian High Commission in London. PHOTO: PAUL ASTON

New petitions available

TWO new petitions are now available. The first one is from CND and condemns both the recent testing by India and Pakistan and the hypocrisy of the nuclear weapon states. It also calls for Britain to initiate immediate negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament for a global treaty to ban all nuclear weapons.

The second petition is from Abolition 2000 and expresses anger at the fact that, at the UN General Assembly in December, the nuclear weapon states (with the exception of China) voted against beginning

negotiations on nuclear disarmament. It calls for Britain to support any future resolutions.

Strategic Defence Review delayed

It now seems likely that the results of the Strategic Defence Review will be delayed yet again. The most probable time is now late July. However, we will keep you informed if we hear any news on what may come out of it.

Bombs away

Well in advance of the Abolition Days actions planned for October (see page 4) some sites of crime have already had visitors.

IN April, CND activists staged a protest at the Albemarle barracks, near Newcastle, which is a regular stopping point for Trident warhead convoys.

The main focus of the protest was the existence of a secure nuclear vehicle compound inside the barracks. This was the first 'legal' trespass at Albemarle and the protesters were escorted to the compound in order to pin their 'Notice To Quit' on the fence.

Meanwhile, May at USAF Lakenheath seemed like a good time to mount a Citizens' Inspection of the base. On arrival they made their three demands. (see box).

All perfectly reasonable, I'm sure

you'll agree. After being refused the access and information, they handed in a formal 'Notice of Non-Compliance', which asked the base commander to reconsider his refusal. It stated that

Citizens' Inspection demands

1. Unrestricted access to all areas of the base.
2. Full details of all nuclear weapons (or other illegal weapons of mass destruction) stored at the base, including numbers, types and location.
3. The full report of the current Functional Inspection of Nuclear Security.

continued refusal could lead to further, unannounced inspection visits.

The activists also said that they would be forced to conclude that illegal weapons of mass destruction are present at USAF Lakenheath and that this will be reported to the UN and the International Court of Justice.

The main gate was then blockaded before the protesters left, giving the US Air Force time to consider its position under international law before any further action is taken.

Problems, problems, problems.

FRENCH trains carrying nuclear waste have been cancelled following disclosures showing that they have been consistently breaking European safety limits for the past seven years.

Internal studies show that wagons carrying nuclear waste to La Hague plant are frequently contaminated with nuclear materials for up to 50 times the official safety limit.

Meanwhile, no cargoes of fuel rods have moved in Britain since 4 March. This could be connected with reports from Germany that transport was suspended when a flask was found to

have a fault in the shock absorber, when subjected to a standard drop test.

TONY BLAIR has blocked a proposed inquiry into THORP and reprocessing in general. In doing so he has defied Labour party policy as the inquiry was called for at last year's conference and was backed by the NEC.

DOUNREAY, closed by inspectors, may never re-open. The closure follows the failure of electrical back-up systems after a mechanical digger accidentally cut a supply cable. A leaked report says that the management believe it has gone beyond its useful life and is being run on outdated equipment.

■ For more information on Dounreay and reprocessing see the article on page 8.

International support for Nuclear-Free Local Authorities (NFLA)

Activists from Greater Manchester CND turned out to support the Leader of Australian NFLA at the headquarters of the National Nuclear Corporation (NNC) in Cheshire.

COUNCILLOR Genevieve Rankin was in Britain to deliver a letter expressing the outrage of local government and citizens in Australia over NNC's role in plans to build a new nuclear reactor near Sydney that could be fuelled by highly enriched uranium (HEU) - a nuclear weapon usable material.

In a fraught encounter, Greater Manchester activists peacefully attempted to alert NNC workers about their role in the international nuclear trade as NNC security staff moved to prevent filming, photography or even the unfurling of a 'no nuclear trade' banner.

Cllr Rankin highlighted the planned reactors' 'security' role - to maintain an Australian nuclear weapons production capability and to keep a seat on the UN International Atomic Energy Agency.

UK NFLA also backed its Australian counterparts and stressed that local councils have a responsibility for protecting the public and the environment.

What happens in Australia, India, Pakistan or Britain is relevant to the safety and security of people everywhere. CND members have a crucial role to play by ensuring issues are raised locally and by encouraging Councils to join the NFLAs.

■ For further information contact: Stewart Kemp 0161 831 9108.



No to Cassini Fly-By

An international conference organised by the *Global Network Against Nuclear Weapons and Power in Space* took place recently in Colorado Springs, USA. **Dave Webb** from Yorkshire CND joined representatives from groups across Europe and the US and reports below on ideas from the Conference.

A *No Fly-By* press conference will be held on 24 June at the United Nations. On this day in 1999, NASA intends to swing Cassini, with its 72.3 pounds of plutonium dioxide on board, around Venus to approach Earth for a close encounter at 42,000mph on 15 August. Should the probe be a fraction off course, instead of grazing the Earth it could plough into the atmosphere and burn up, spreading plutonium across the globe and endangering the lives of millions.

Worldwide actions on 4 July will protest at US plans to become 'Masters of Space'. Already, actions have been set for Menwith Hill, Colorado Springs and Bad Ibling, Germany.

Actions are being planned worldwide for 15 August this year to draw attention to the fly-by in 1999 and other space missions that use plutonium.

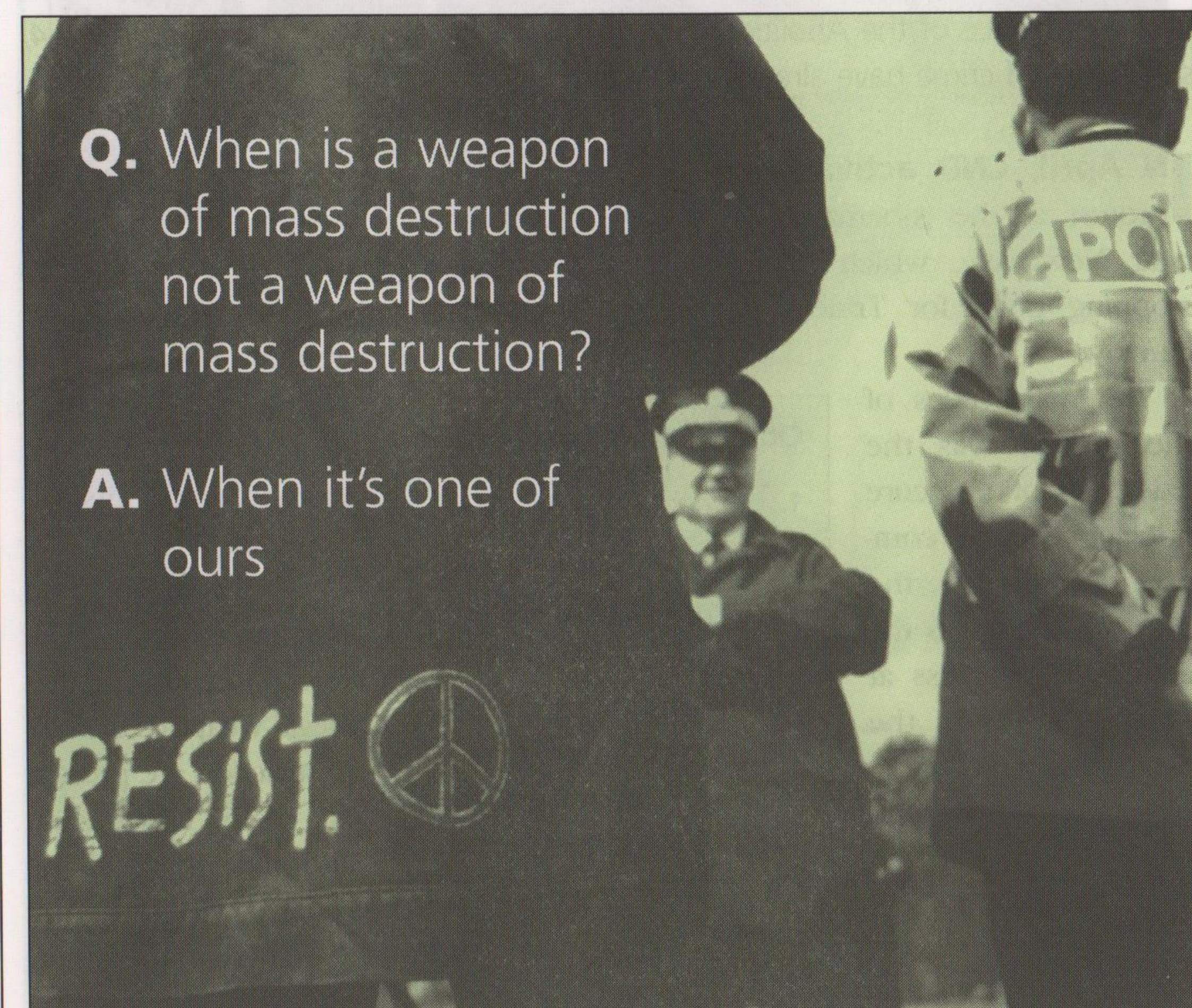
In the UK, Leicester City Council Peace Action Group is organising a conference *Colonising Space: Peaceful Exploration or Military Adventure?* on 14 November 1998. Scientists and activists have been invited from the US and UK to debate the issues.

■ More details from Anne Cheetham 0116 270 5604.

For more information contact:

- The Global Network, PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL 32607, USA. Email: globenet@afn.org
- Cassini NoFlyby website: <http://www.nonviolence.org/noflyby>
- Yorkshire CND 01274 730795. Email: cndyorks@gn.apc.org A full report of the conference is available.

Abolition Days '98



Q. When is a weapon of mass destruction not a weapon of mass destruction?

A. When it's one of ours

By now, all groups should have received a mailing containing lots of information on Abolition Days '98. Basically, the events for this year are split into three sections.

RESIST. International Peace Camp

This will take place in Brussels from 3-11 July. If members of your group cannot attend, you might consider sponsoring somebody else to go. We estimate that sponsorship of around £50 per person would cover the costs. The people sponsored will be happy to send a report to your group or visit you and tell you about their experiences.

RESIST. International Peace Walk

This walk will leave Brussels on 12 July and walk to Faslane, arriving on Sunday 9 August, to join in the Trident Ploughshares 2000 actions. There will be actions at key points along the route from Dover including Aldermaston, Derby and Sellafield. The walk is

organised in co-operation with London Region CND, Greater Manchester & District CND and Scottish CND.

Help is needed with local accommodation, etc. If you can offer help please contact Rachel Julian (GM&D CND 0161 834 8301) or John Ainslie (Scottish CND 0141 423 1222).

RESIST. Citizens' Inspections

We aim to have a presence at every Trident site in Britain on Saturday 3 October, even if there are only a couple of people able to be out there. The Citizens' Inspection Teams will look very proper with 'Name badges' available and we hope groups will use very official-looking clipboards as they present themselves at the gates!

These actions should provide excellent opportunities for local media work.

Stop... Look... Listen

Faslane - Saturday 15 August '98

Join in the action, make a lot of noise, get the messages across and make Trident a big issue in the run up to the elections for the Scottish Parliament.

There will be lots of activities going on during the day including street campaigning, a rally, cruises around the loch and a ceilidh.

At the main gathering in the afternoon, STOP signs will be placed around the fence. Many people came in June 1996 to make it a very successful day, so if you didn't make that protest, come along and add your voice and, if you did come then why not return and take part in another great day.

And if you want to make a weekend of it, Scottish CND can supply a list of local b&b's.



Stop...
Look...
Listen

■ For more information contact Scottish CND 0141 423 1222

Stop nuclear weapons Look at the madness of Trident Listen to the people

Plan for the day

10.00am	Street campaigning on Helensburgh sea front
12.30pm	Assemble at Peace Camp
1.00pm	March along the fence (one mile)
1.30pm	Rally at North Gate
3.30pm	
& 5.00pm	Cruise around Faslane on chartered boat
5.30pm	Food and Ceilidh at South Gate and beach

Bombed out at the Bush CND WEEK OF EVENTS

Negotiations with bands are ongoing for our *Bombed Out at the Bush* nights at the Shepherd's Bush Empire in London in September. Final details will appear in the September issue of *CND Today* along with information on how to get tickets. Further details will be available at CND Conference.

Launch of Vengeance

Recent reports from Cumbria strongly suggested that the launch date for *HMS Vengeance*, the fourth Trident submarine and the first to be launched under a Labour Government, would be Saturday 22 August.

However, despite all police leave being cancelled on that day, presumably in the expectation of having to contain thousands of protesters, it is now thought that the launch will happen at a later date.

What is certain is that the VSEL press office in Barrow has denied that 22 August is the date for the launch. Now this may not seem conclusive proof, but our Cumbria spies tell us that they feel that a later date is more likely.

Whenever the launch occurs, Cumbria and North Lancs CND will be holding a public meeting on the night before. And on the day itself, a noisy, colourful demonstration will take place on the bridge opposite the site of the glorification ceremony.

A presence with banners, drums and whistles is an unavoidable distraction to the well-dressed and misguided participants gathered in Barrow for the launch. They will be asked what message this event sends to India, Pakistan and all those gathered at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

Your support in Barrow would be more than welcome or perhaps you could send messages of support if you can't attend.

Overnight accommodation will be arranged and we need lots of people to show that there is still huge opposition to the Trident programme and that it isn't just India and Pakistan who are 'nuclear-crazy'. Those of you with a bit more time could even combine this with a few days in the Lake District!

■ So, no matter what the launch date turns out to be, more information will be available from either Cumbria and N. Lancs CND 01768 898641 or the CND office 0171 700 2393.

The nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan have changed the world view of nuclear weapons. **Tony Myers** reports.

Stop the nuclear hypocrisy

"I cannot believe we are about to start the 21st century by having the Indian subcontinent repeat the worst mistakes of the 20th century when we know it is not necessary to peace, to security, to prosperity, to national greatness or personal fulfilment."

WITH these words, President Bill Clinton blew away 50 years of nuclear lies. There is no doubt that the nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan have completely changed the world view of nuclear weapons. Things must be changing when even the *Daily Express* and *Financial Times* tell us that all our arguments make sense now!

CND was appalled at the tests and staged immediate protests outside the High Commissions of India and Pakistan in London and organised a demonstration outside the MoD.

It would seem that a number of nuclear chickens are coming home to roost. People are suddenly aware of the dangers of proliferation and that the nuclear weapon states (NWS) have responsibilities and obligations under various treaties.

It is simply not good enough for the NWS to sit back and condemn

countries for wanting to join their exclusive club. Tony Blair said that nuclear weapons were not the way to achieve international recognition. Oh, really? The fact that nuclear weapons have always been used as a high status symbol and have been accorded such political value act as a powerful incentive to countries such as India and Pakistan to go nuclear. The prestige that goes with it is a huge motivator.

The other major factor is that many non-nuclear states have been trying for years to persuade the NWS to begin negotiations on nuclear disarmament. As recently as last December at the UN General Assembly, only China joined 115 others in favour of talks even beginning. The other NWS (Britain, US, Russia and France) voted against, along with most of the NATO allies.

So we have a situation where all five declared NWS claim that they have the right and duty to protect themselves with nuclear weapons. All five have consistently blocked initiatives that outline steps towards nuclear disarmament at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. All five have signed the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty that obligates all signatories to negotiate 'in good faith' a treaty on the global elimination of nuclear weapons. As long as the NWS refuse to disarm, is it any surprise that other countries

decide that nuclear weapons are the best way to defend themselves?

Despite attempts by some of the stuck-in-the-past commentators that Pakistan's testing evens things up as the deterrence theory comes into play, the world now has to choose disarmament or face the spread of nuclear weapons to up to 39 other countries technically capable of developing them. The NWS must now agree a process to disarm.

CTBT and NPT – where to now?

Non-Proliferation Treaty

"The global elimination of nuclear weapons....It could hardly be more plainly stated....But how best to set about achieving it?"

THIS is how Ambassador Ian Soutar introduced the UK's strategy, *A Statement on Disarmament*, at the NPT PrepComm in Geneva in April 1998.

The leading figures are new and the language is different but the message is unchanged. It is as if the NPT '95 commitments and all that followed are of no consequence to the pragmatic Labour Government. Of course, no major statement could be made until after the Strategic Defence Review. Moreover, nuclear weapons will

remain as part of Britain's defence policy as long as the undeclared nuclear weapon states remain outside the NPT, as long as there is instability in the Middle East and South Asia, and as long as 'rogue states' exist.

Notwithstanding *"the UK has a clear view of its goal – the global elimination of nuclear weapons."* (Ian Soutar again).

Is it any wonder that many non-nuclear countries are very disillusioned with the NPT? The NWS, as we know, make no effort to carry out their obligations and India, Pakistan and Israel have all been helped by technology from Canada, China and France respectively.

There have been calls for India and Pakistan to sign the NPT but they cannot do that without renouncing nuclear weapons. The NWS have signed the NPT, keep their nuclear weapons and, despite their obligations, block attempts to get rid of them. However, anyone trying to sign up now, has to get rid of their nuclear weapons first.

So, the main dividing line at the NPT is between the very small group of nations who continue to produce, and threaten to use, nuclear weapons and the vast majority of those who have renounced their possession.

In between these groups stand those with the capability and the will to

produce nuclear weapons. If the present structure is allowed to persist without modification while India, Pakistan and Israel stand on the sidelines, then there is little prospect of Ian Soutar's vision becoming reality.

It is a bleak picture, but there is some hope! The Non-Aligned Movement recognises the quality of the contribu-

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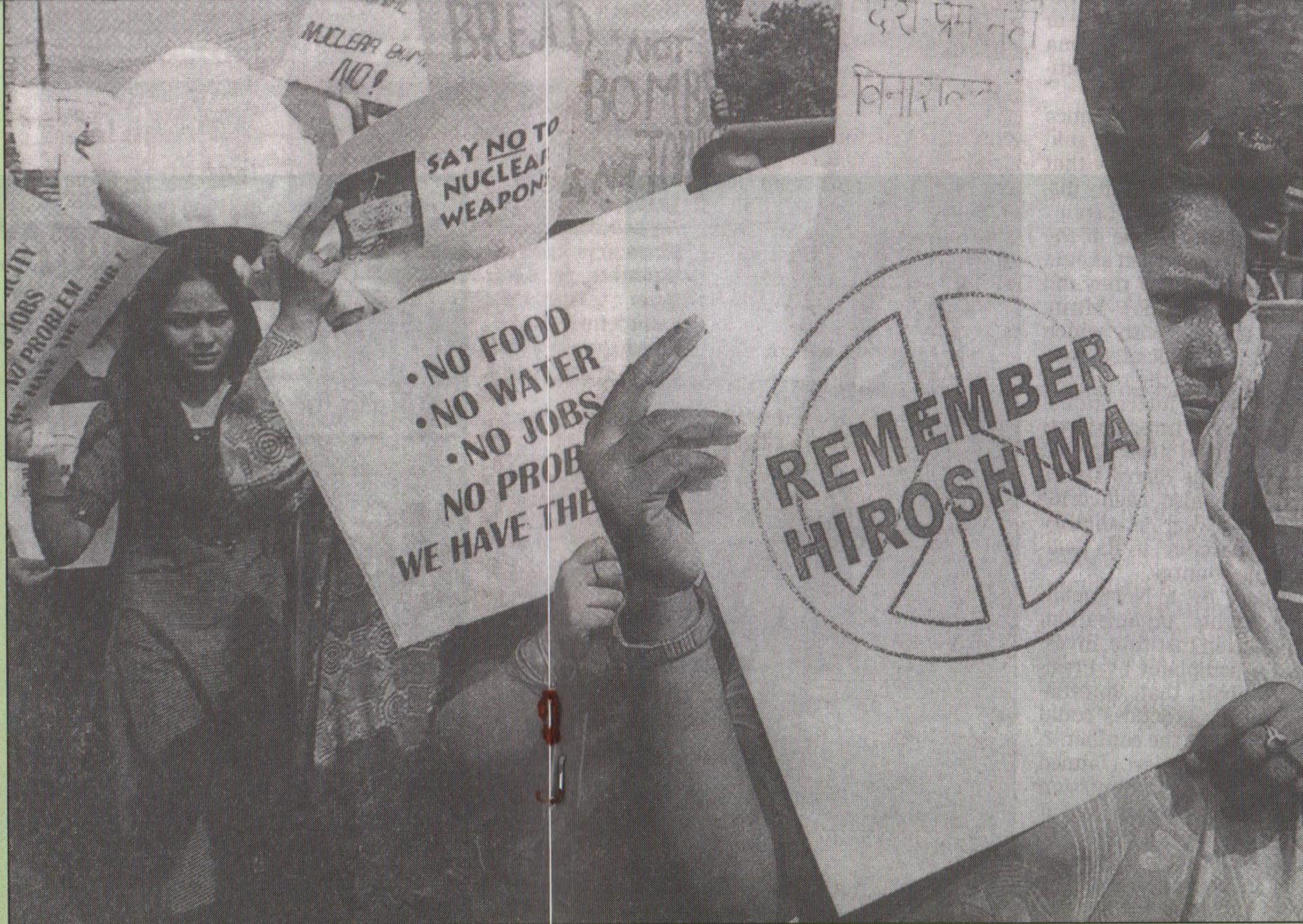
Senator Jesse Helms

tion from NGOs and the British Government seems genuinely hurt when we are less than enthusiastic for their efforts to play the good guys.

Most encouraging are the very constructive proposals from Canada and South Africa aimed at breaking the deadlock. But they are routinely ignored by the US, France and the UK.

This is where NGOs can make a contribution. The previous UK Ambassador told us that there was not the demand for nuclear disarmament as there was for banning landmines.

This shows that governments do not change their policies unless there is public support and political capital to be gained.



Protest in Delhi against the new nuclear arms race in the region.

Tony Blair, Robin Cook and George Robertson once supported CND. It's our job to create the conditions for them to openly wear their badges again.

Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

ANOTHER effect of the tests has been the alleged failure of US intelligence to monitor them successfully. This has now been used as an excuse in the US not to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Indeed, Senate leader Trent Lott has said that he can't see it coming forward for ratification this year. The argument put forward by opponents of the CTBT is that if these tests were not spotted, then it makes a mockery of verification techniques. Therefore, how can you monitor states that may cheat on agreements?

Senator Jesse Helms said that the CTBT "has not been and may never be ratified by the US Senate". Senate aides have been quoted as saying that the Indian tests mean that the US is legally free to engage in nuclear testing.

Britain and France became the first nuclear powers to ratify the CTBT in April 1998. The Clinton administration in the US supports ratification but maintains that continuing 'sub-critical' nuclear tests and establishing a 'virtual' nuclear testing capability are prerequisites for the U.S. to do so. And let's be honest. Nobody believes that France, Britain and the US would have signed the CTBT without the capability to conduct sub-critical and computer-simulated tests. There is also a clause, which China has hinted at taking up, that says resuming testing is allowed if a state is under threat.

So just how serious are they about disarmament?

Until all countries are forced to adhere to their obligations contained in the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and until we have a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty that outlaws all nuclear testing, situations such as India and Pakistan are bound to happen.

■ Thanks to Nigel Chamberlain for his report on the NPT PrepComm.

More than a little local difficulty

There are two sides to the story of nuclear materials being imported to Dounreay from Georgia.

It is outrageous that crucial decisions like this are taken behind closed doors with no public or parliamentary debate. Particularly when Britain does not have a coherent policy for dealing with the ever-increasing stockpile of nuclear waste.

CND has called for international talks to agree a proper policy for dealing with the nuclear legacy of the Cold War. One of the points missed in the media debate is that reprocessing does not get rid of nuclear materials. It produces both plutonium and uranium to be added to the stockpiles.

All countries need to stop producing these materials and organise effective provision for their safe and well-monitored storage.

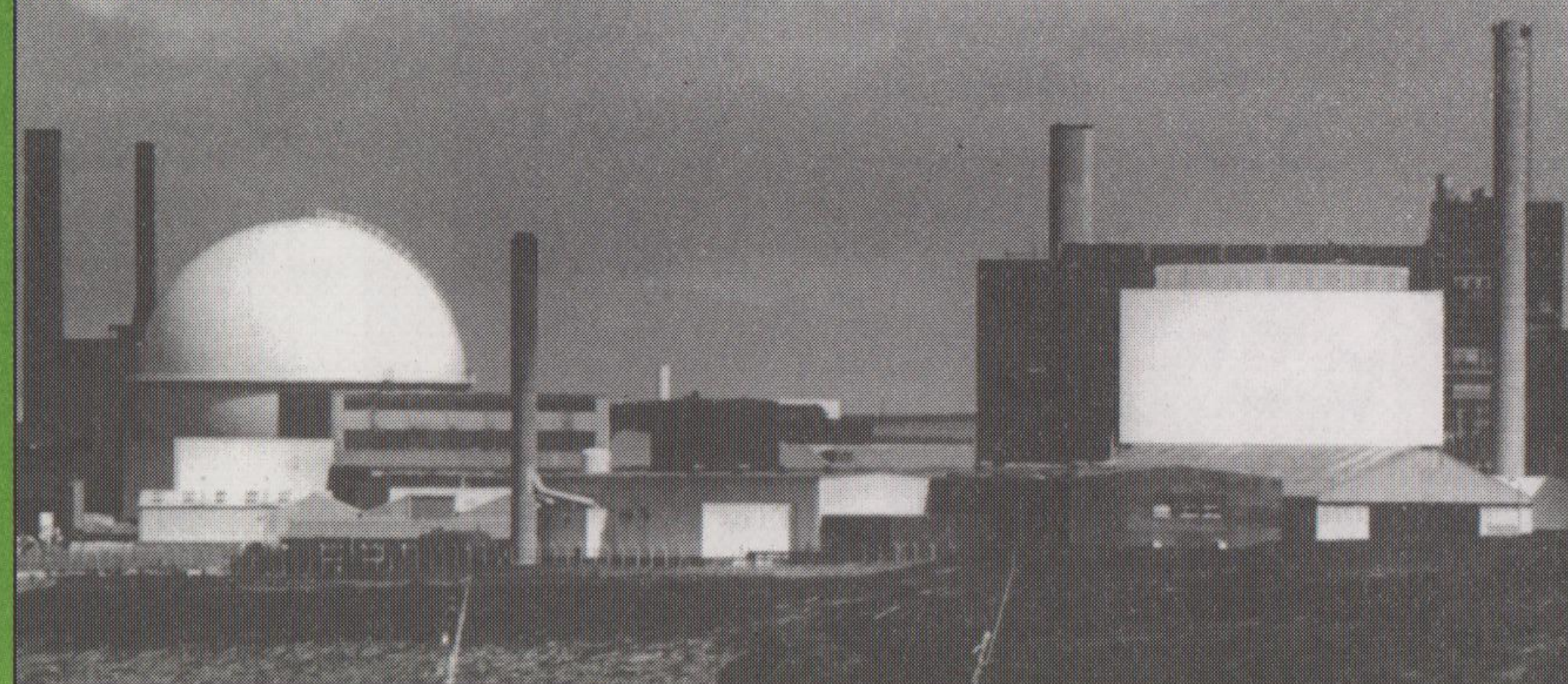
The steps needed for any International Conference to take the process forward include:

- An international agreement to control and contain fissile materials.
- The setting up of an international nuclear disarmament fund to aid countries with ailing economies who do not have the resources to safely dispose of their nuclear legacy.
- The global elimination of nuclear weapons.
- A halt to nuclear reprocessing.

The other side of the story is that while the media were up in arms about the prospect of around 15kgs of nuclear materials coming to Dounreay, nobody seemed too bothered about the hundreds of tonnes imported every year by BNFL.

There have been five reprocessing plants in Britain of which three are currently active. See details opposite.

PHOTO: MARTIN BOND



■ Dounreay – D1204

(Materials Test Reactor Fuel Reprocessing Plant) takes Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) from research reactors.

Sources: UK 75%, imported 25%
Capacity: Small (11,500 fuel rods total since 1958) – measured in kgs only.
Transport: UK, by rail. Imported, by sea to Scrabster. Roll-on roll-off ferry used almost certainly for German shipment.

Status: Active but temporarily suspended after safety certificate refused.

■ Dounreay – D1206

Took fuel from on-site Fast Breeder demonstration and prototype reactors. Both now closed.

Capacity: Small.
Status: Closed but not decommissioned. Future uncertain.

■ Sellafield – B204

Took fuel from UK civil and military Magnox reactors.

Capacity: 300 tonnes pa.
Status: Shut down after serious explosion and radioactive leakage in 1973, formally abandoned 1977. Site clearance now underway.

■ Sellafield – B205

Civil and military Magnox reactor reprocessing. But military reprocessing (from Calder Hall and Chapelcross reactors) suspended through lack of demand.

Sources: Almost all UK. Small, occasional shipments from Japan/Italy.
Capacity: Design 1,500 tonnes pa. Actual max. 1,000 tonnes pa.
Transport: By rail (usually weekly) from UK power stations. Imported, by sea via Barrow.
Status: Active.

■ Sellafield – THORP

Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant. Civil reprocessing from UK AGR reactors and imported PWR reactors.

Sources: UK 31%, imported 65% (Japan 38%, Germany 14%, Switzerland 6%, Sweden 2%, Italy 2% Spain 2%, Holland 0.8%, Canada 0.2%.)
 Spare capacity 4%. All quantities on 10 year contracts.
Capacity: Design 1,200 tonnes pa. Actual max 700 tonnes pa.
Transport: UK by rail. Imported by sea (usually via Barrow).
Status: Active.

HEU from submarine reactors is not reprocessed but is in long-term store at Sellafield. Fuel from Britain's sole PWR reactor (Sizewell B) is not yet being reprocessed. This is likely to be done at THORP but could go to France.

France has four plants, two of which are active. Japan has one active plant, India has a small active plant and the status of Russian plants is uncertain. All reprocessing plants in the US are now closed. Only Britain and France are actively seeking and competing for overseas reprocessing contracts.

CND Conference '98

Manchester Town Hall, 18–20 September 1998



It's getting closer and closer. Conference '98 will soon be upon us and all groups should by now have received the Interim Agenda. The resolutions you choose will be the ones debated this year.

Don't forget that the weekend starts on the Friday with the one-day conference on 'The Hague Appeal For Peace'. There will be a Young People's Forum addressed by Bruce Kent, a member of the Irish Peace Movement and, hopefully, a Hibakusha (atom bomb survivor) representative from Japan.

There will also be videos, panel discussions and workshops as well as a social event in the evening.

CND Conference will begin on the Saturday morning with all the usual elections, debates and workshops. There will be another social event on the Saturday night so there will be plenty of time to chat with other delegates and to meet old friends.

For the third year in succession, registration fees remain unchanged and there is a special discount if you register before Wednesday 1 July.

Special discount deal

In order to try to get as many group delegates as possible to attend Conference, register by Wednesday 1 July and you can send three delegates for £50. (Sending either one or two delegates by 1 July will still cost £20 each).

Registration fees before 1 July

Waged Individual/ Group Delegates	£20
Unwaged Individual	£5
3 Group Delegates	£50

Registration fees after 1 July

Waged Individual/ Group Delegates	£25
Unwaged Individual	£8

Deadlines

Resolutions	8 May
Nominations	26 May
Registration (reduced rate)	1 July
(with accommodation)	21 August
(without accommodation)	4 Sept

Hague Appeal for Peace 1999

"It was the worst of centuries and the best of centuries. The past 99 years have seen more death, and more brutal death, from war, famine and other preventable causes than any other timespan in history..."

SO begins the Hague Appeal for Peace 1999. After a century of terrible wars, civil society is planning a major end-of-the-century conference in The Hague, Holland on the 100th anniversary of the first International Peace Conference. The conference will take place from 11–16 May 1999.

The appeal ends with the following: "Specifically, let us find the moral, spiritual and political will to do what our leaders know must be done but cannot bring themselves to do:

- Abolish nuclear weapons, land mines and all other weapons incompatible with humanitarian law;
- Abolish the arms trade, or at least reduce it to levels compatible with

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the prohibition of aggression enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

- Use the tremendous resources liberated by an end or reduction of the arms race for the eradication of poverty and preservation of the environment;
- In pursuing these goals, let us commit to initiating the final steps for abolishing war, for replacing the law of force with the force of law."

Meanwhile, individual countries are encouraged to organise their own complementary meetings so that many more people can attend and express their views. In Britain, regular, public planning meetings take place to organise the Citizens' Assembly for the Abolition of War that will take place on Saturday 22 May at Central Hall, Westminster, London.

Before all of that, of course, is the one-day conference on the Hague Appeal being held at Manchester Town Hall on Friday 18 September on the weekend of CND Conference '98. This will include speakers, workshops and a social event in the evening. For more details of this event contact Rachel Julian (Greater Manchester and District CND) 0161 834 8301

■ For more details of plans for British events, please write to Hague Appeal for Peace, 11 Venetia Road, London N4 1EJ.

News update... news update... news update...

Lionel Trippett

First things first, just in case you were worried:

"Sanctions would not impact on projects" - reported *Jane's Defence Weekly* - "US defence officials are predicting that both India and Pakistan will continue their conventional weapons development programmes regardless of any potential limitations imposed by US sanctions in the wake of their nuclear tests."

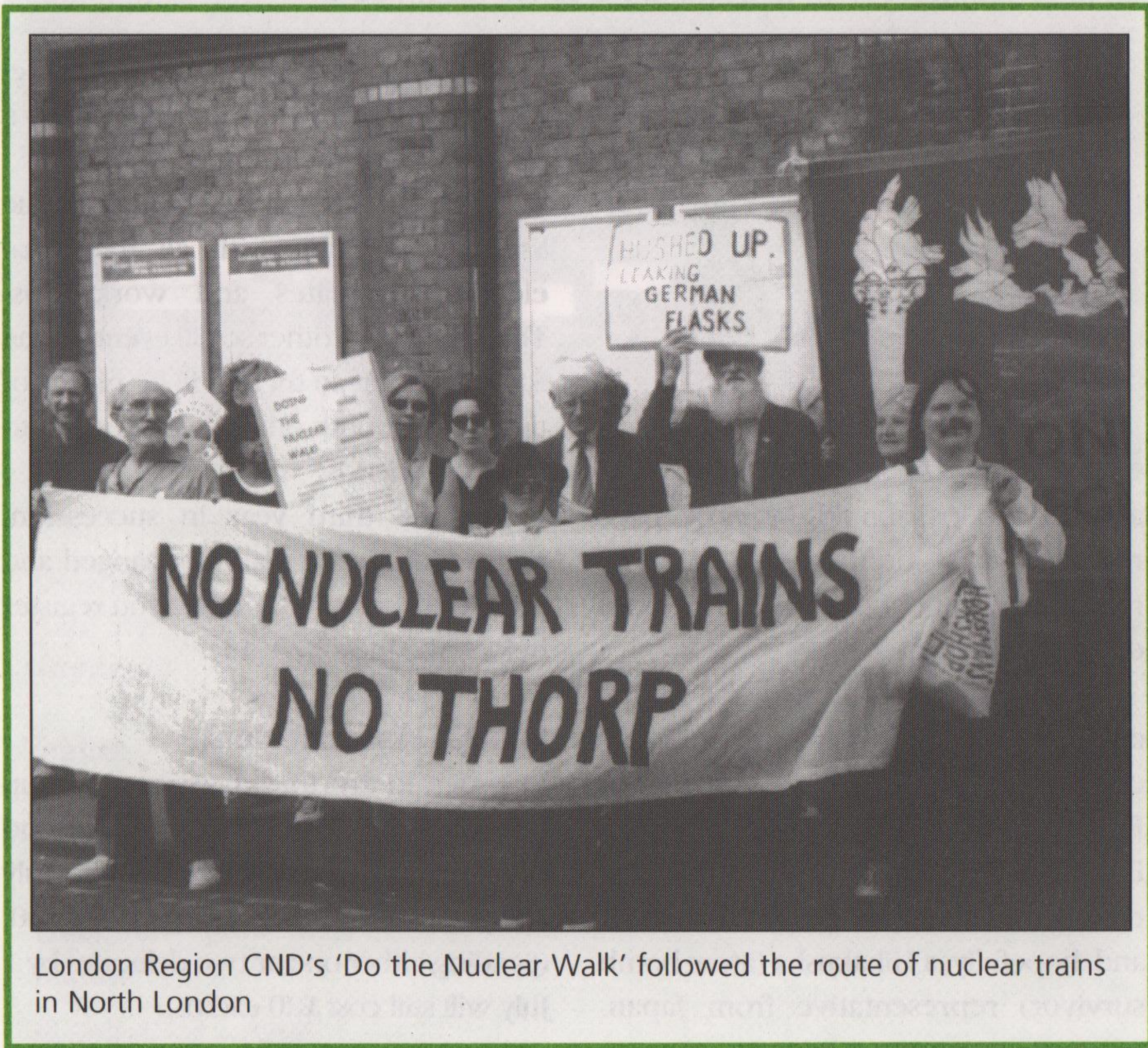
So it's business as usual for the arms trade.

Except maybe for China. The US is reported to be very concerned to try to stop China from selling their C801 anti-ship cruise missile to Pakistan, just in case they fire them at the Russian aircraft carrier India is buying, instead of using their new French-designed submarines - built as a riposte to India's upcoming Advanced Technology Vehicle subs, which are needed to counter Pakistan's US-procured...

Don't forget also that the CIA is still offering \$1000,000 per missile to buy back the US Stinger ground-to-air missiles originally supplied free to anti-Soviet mujahadeen in Afghanistan. The problem is that although the Russians have all gone back home, the Stingers are now being used by the local opium poppy farmers to protect their crops.

Meanwhile it was the *Sunday Independent* that pointed out one looming problem for the cricket authorities. Just who is likely to sponsor the next India/Pakistan test series. Their suggestions: either Sandline International or (nice of them) CND. Our suggestion: Aldermaston Staff Sports and Social Club or the Defence Export Services Organisation.

On the domestic front, if you're looking for an unusual detached des res with a splendid sea view, surrounded by interesting birdlife and next to a pub; a Kent estate agent has just the thing on its books for a mere £29,000. An ex-fisherman's shack, it's situated only a



London Region CND's 'Do the Nuclear Walk' followed the route of nuclear trains in North London

few yards from Dungeness nuclear power station, with rail access (one train a week to Sellafeld) and is just the place to start growing spinach on a commercial scale.

Why spinach? Because trials at BNFL's Berkeley Research Centre suggest that spinach, along with sugar beet, is excellent at mopping up the radioactive contamination round nuclear reactors. You mustn't of course then eat the spinach, nor anything that has got at the spinach such as caterpillars, slugs, nor anything that has eaten anything that has eaten the spinach - which, as per last edition, would include Boy Scouts. And so on. Never forget we're all part of the food chain.

Instead, the spinach will have to be burned - or shipped off to be buried as low level radioactive waste at Drigg. Here it will be dumped along with the entire garden: herbaceous borders, shrubbery, lawn and even topsoil included, that belongs to the unfortunate couple who live just down the coast from Sellafeld and who used

to feed the local, now condemned pigeons.

The recent *Morning Star* headline 'EU Ministers Duck Ban (on the arms trade)' brings back memories of a CND Conference (Sheffield?) when another headline 'CND Ducks (some issue or other)' resulted in a brisk trade in CND Duck badges the next morning. Anyone still got the badge?

Finally, an apology from the police. Those who were at the recent 'No Testing Protest' outside the MoD, will have noticed the lack of the usual crash barriers along that section of Whitehall, facing Downing Street. Unfortunately CND had not warned the police and when we turned up they were a bit caught on the hop. "Excuse me, but don't you usually have barriers?" we were asked. "Yes," we said (well they're handy for hanging banners on and generally leaning on). "Well we've got a problem", they said. "What with the Trooping the Colour rehearsal on Horseguards and a double Reclaim the Streets demo, we've sort of run out of barriers. Sorry."

Muriel's Grapevine



Members of Saffron Walden Against Nuclear Weapons add their pictures to the CND 40th anniversary launch poster in the town centre. Don't forget to tell us how your local events went and what press coverage you received. PHOTO: DOROTHEA BAKER

Exeter CND reports on the Citizens Forum held in March to look at the present legal situation of nuclear weapons in general, and Trident in particular, and to encourage informed discussion on the possibility of eliminating nuclear weapons and then inform the government of the results.

Those local people taking part included an art tutor, a librarian, a shopkeeper and a fundraiser for a Children's Hospice. A signed statement from the Forum was issued and will be presented to the government by Abolition 2000.

Llandrindod CND has also held a Citizens Forum.

Oxford CND commented on the nine-day trial of two women who removed part of the fence at Burghfield which ended with a hung jury. Peace campaigners are increasingly citing the International Court of Justice's findings to legitimise protests. The Crown Prosecution Service is seeking a retrial.

Sydenham & Forest Hill CND reported that further consideration is

being given by Lewisham Council's Environmental Initiatives Officer into whether transportation of nuclear materials can be incorporated into their response to the Agenda 21 requirements.

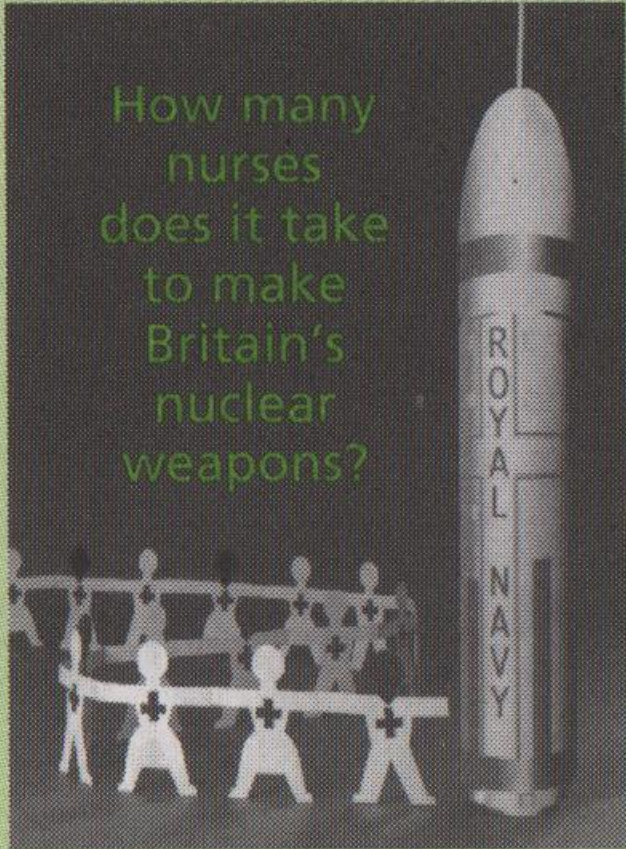
South Cheshire & North Staffs (SCANS) CND held an exhibition of the first Aldermaston march and a look at its own history since 1960. They received good local press coverage including an interview with 2 people who took part in the first march that looked at their background and reasons for joining. The exhibition attracted fresh interest and new members. And they say that they have as many members now as they did when they started in 1960!

Hornsey CND members met with their local MP, Barbara Roche, to demand that Labour reverse its current policy of support for Trident and got the usual response concerning manifesto commitments.

Muriel

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