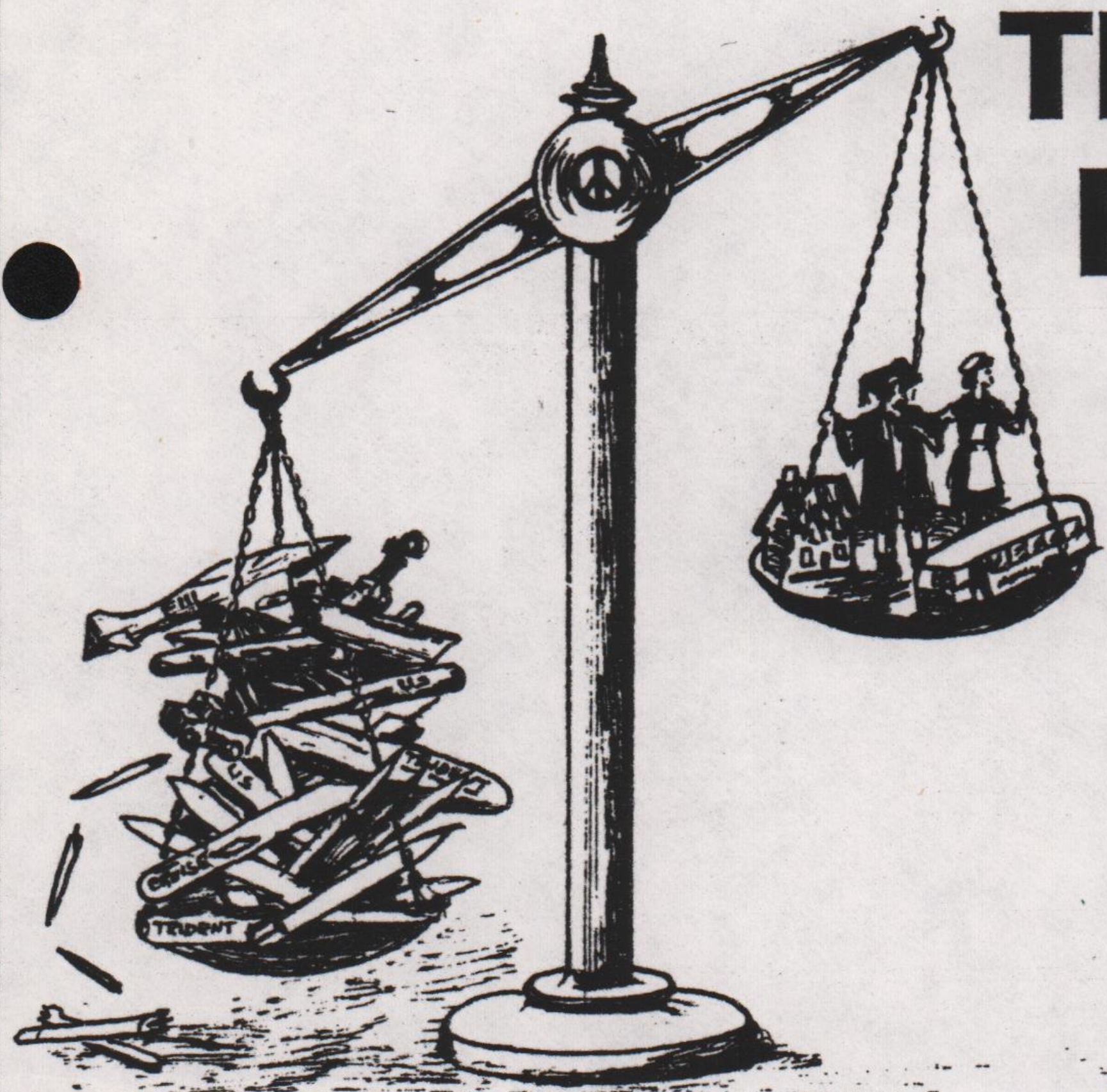




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THE ARMS RACE: Killing jobs daily

One billion pounds. That's how much the forecasted cost of the Trident nuclear submarine system has gone up. The authoritative Centre for Defence Studies at Aberdeen University puts the eventual cost of this lethal escalation in the nuclear arms race at £11.5 thousand million. And there is every likelihood that the cost will rise even more.

The massive cost of the Trident is of course only part of this Government's run-away military expenditure. The Government's Defence White Paper brought down in mid-May estimates that next year's military spending will climb over £17 billion. More taxpayers' money is being spent on the military than any other item of Government expenditure, save for Social Security.

As the *Financial Times* noted in its editorial on the White Paper (May 15) "Britain spends more on defence, both in absolute terms and per head of the population than any other European member of NATO. It even spends substantially more than West Germany despite a much lower national income."

Yet with so much hard earned and scarce money being spent on arms, most Britons do not feel more secure. Indeed with each new nuclear weapon, missile, or submarine, most people feel *less* secure.

It's vital that we redefine what's meant by national security. Fully-funded health services, education systems, proper housing for all, and a quick and efficient public transport service should be the essential elements of a *genuine security policy*.

Yet these are all the items that are being starved of funds while the ravenous beast of military expenditure is fed more and more of our taxes. It's often said that military expenditure creates jobs. Yet numerous government, union and academic studies have shown that arms spending has increased unemployment and made a major contribution to Britain's economic crisis.

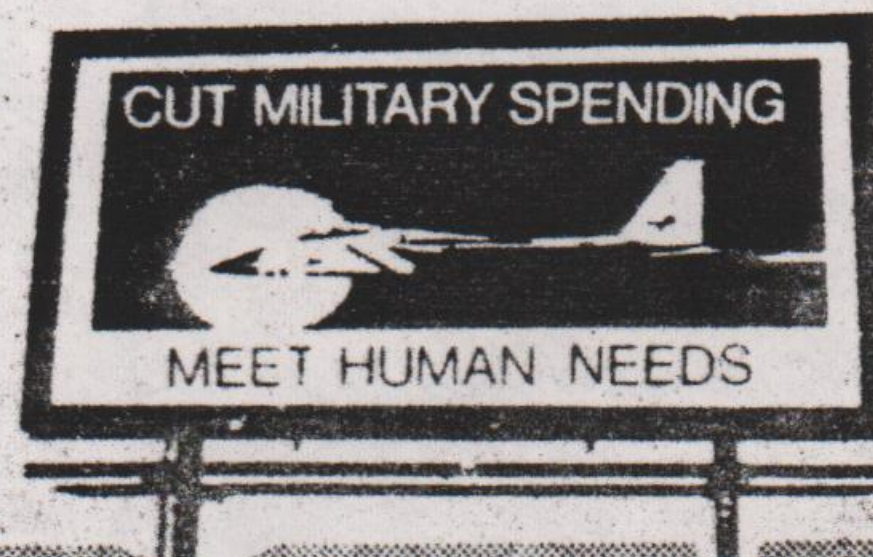
The *Financial Times* notes that "Germany and Japan have traditionally spent much less on defence

than Britain and the US; they have also enjoyed much higher growth rates".

It's been estimated that if Britain's arms spending since 1945 had been held to 3% of Gross Domestic Product (it's now well over 5%), national output would now be some 30% greater than it is. Even with the massive increase in military expenditure, there's been big job losses. Over the last two decades while military spending has increased by 22% in real terms, over 400,000 jobs (or 25% of the industry in total) have been lost. High technology, capital intensive weapons do not create secure jobs.

If Trident or the even more expensive Tornado aircraft were scrapped, 450 new hospitals, 9000 new schools or 300,000 new houses could be paid for.

Surely that's a better way to spend our scarce resources. Rather than erode our standard of living, let's redirect our Government's priorities to improve our way of life.



Union support for CND consolidated

The union conference season has seen the further extension of union support for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Another union has affiliated to CND, while many union which were already affiliated have further developed their policies and decided upon various back-up campaigns.

The Association of Broadcasting Staffs, which is now part of the Entertainment Trades Alliance, decided to affiliate to CND by a margin of 8000 to 3000. The ABS' affiliation means that virtually all the entertainment unions are now affiliated to CND — ACTT, NATTKE, and the Musicians' Union are all affiliated to CND. The ACTT has a Disarmament Committee which seeks to develop support for CND within the union while there are unofficial disarmament groups operating among musicians and members of Equity. Probably the most encouraging result for CND was at the APEX Conference held in Scarborough. The conference agreed to a wide ranging disarmament policy which included opposition to Cruise and Trident, and support for a non-nuclear defence policy. APEX urged their members to become involved in the peace movement by supporting CND and other groups. Most significantly, the resolution was supported by the union's executive and was carried by a two to one

majority. Many other unions, already supporters of CND, have further developed their policies and agreed to embark upon information and education campaigns. The shop workers union, USDAW, for instance have agreed to permit their branches to affiliate to CND and to also launch an education campaign within the union.

Trade Union CND have organised fringe meetings or similar activities at many of the conferences. While the results of the meetings are encouraging the real task facing trade union supporters of CND is to take the campaign out of the conference room and into the workplace. If that can happen, then the union movement will be fully involved in the campaign to rid the world of the nuclear menace.

FROZEN BY NUCLEAR WAR

The Government's civil defence plans have been opposed by all the major unions in the health service, fire brigades and local authorities. With the new findings about the possible aftermath of a nuclear war, union opposition is even more justified. Here David Caplin from Scientists Against Nuclear Arms explains what's meant by a "nuclear winter".

IF there was to be a nuclear war, the survivors would face many months of twilight, violent storms and freezing cold. This prediction of a "nuclear winter" comes from a carefully-researched study completed recently in the United States. Similar conclusions have been reached by other groups of scientists working in the US, the USSR and here in Britain.

As far as the United Kingdom is concerned, it might, according to the Home Office, receive a 200 Megaton attack (the total weight of explosive used world-wide during the six years of World War II was just 5 Megatons — 5 million tons of high explosive). Two weeks later 30 to 40 million of the UK's 54 million population would be dead, and many others would be injured. The Government's Civil Defence policy envisages that bureaucrats would then emerge from their bunkers and organise the "survivors" into patching civilisation together again. But that policy ignores entirely the starvation and cold that would ensue during a "nuclear winter".

The new studies look at the fires ignited by thousands of nuclear explosions. It is the millions of tons of soot from forest fires, and also from the wood, plastics and oil in burning cities, which is the crucial factor that had previously been ignored. This black smoke would rise into the atmosphere and spread a pall of darkness over most of the Northern Hemisphere; it would probably spread south of the Equator as well. For several months with hardly any sunlight temperatures would plunge, crops and farm animals would die, and global weather patterns would alter drastically.

The original US study involved about 100 meteorologists, physicists, chemists and biologists; it was presented by Carl Sagan, the astronomer. It concentrated on studying the effects of a war in which 5,000 Megatons were exploded (world arsenals now total about 20,000 Megatons), but found that even a "small" nuclear war of 100 Megatons could trigger drastic changes in climate.

The US study was deliberately cautious in its findings, because of immense complexity of climate prediction. It is therefore very important that other groups of scientists working entirely independently, have come to broadly similar conclusions. It is certain that a nuclear war followed by a "nuclear winter" would put the future of humanity at risk. The British Government's civil defence policy was never seriously intended to reduce significantly the number of short-term deaths from a nuclear attack. That policy would be equally ineffective in coping with a "nuclear winter". For the civilian population of the UK there is neither meaningful civil defence against the immediate effects of nuclear attack, nor protection from the consequence of a "nuclear winter".

WHAT'S ON

June 9

National CND demonstration to co-incide with visit of US President Reagan. March from Hyde Park, 12 noon, rally in Trafalgar Square from 2pm. Other events are planned during Reagan's visit, contact CND 01-263 0977 for details.

June 22-24

Glastonbury CND Festival 84. Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Tickets and details from CND (Festival), 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ.

July 8

Million Miles for Peace. Sponsored walks, rides, fasts, congas etc. Contact CND for details.

July 21/22

"Linking Up: Strategies for Change" A conference for socialists and greens, with a particular emphasis on working with trade unions. Details: SERA, 9 Poland St. London W1.

September 15-23

CND's week of action focusing on the Government's civil defence plans. Local Government, health service and fire brigade unions especially encouraged to consider ways in which they can be involved. Contact Trade Union CND for information.

September 22

Alternatives to Trident, Day School organised by the Barrow Trades Council. National and local speakers. Details: Terry McSorely, 84 Marsh St., Barrow-in-Furness.

Defence workers confer

Nearly 100 defence industry workers from around the country came together for an important national conference on a better future for defence jobs in early April.

The conference which was held in Bradford was sponsored by four major unions — the Transport and General Workers' Union, AUEW-TASS, ASTMS and the Society of Civil and Public Servants. The National Executive of the IPCS were also represented.



At the Bradford conference: (l-r) Bill Niven, Campbell Christie (SCPS) and Suzanne Gordon.

Delegates considered the state of their industry and the possibilities and desirability of conversion to civilian production. Workshops on the aerospace, electronics and civil service sectors were held.

Speakers and workshop leaders at the conference included national officers of all the sponsoring unions, Bill Niven, Secretary of the Greater London Conversion Council and Malcolm Chalmers from Bradford University. A highlight of the week-end was the participation of Suzanne Gordon and Gene Carroll, two leading American experts on the subject of arms conversion. Following some lively discussions, the conference decided that it was important to continue to promote discussion and debate among defence industry workers on the crucial subject of their job future.

It was agreed to continue the conference steering committee, produce a regular newsletter to be distributed throughout the various sectors, commission further back-up research and to investigate the holding of a series of regional or industrial seminars.

The conference was an important landmark in the campaign to develop real discussion and activity for the conversion of the defence industry to civilian production.

LIKE THE NEWS?

Additional copies of TUCND News are available at a cost of 4p each (plus postage) from TUCND, 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ. Why not get a few copies for your trades council, union branch, CND group or for your workmates?

Workplace campaigning

Taking the case for nuclear disarmament to the workplace is a prime aim of both CND and Trade Union CND. But it is easier said than done. To try to assist union activists to undertake this vital work, Trade Union CND have produced an eight page Guide to Workplace Campaigning. The Guide is packed full of information and suggestions on how to involve your fellow workers in the campaign for nuclear disarmament.

The Guide includes two case studies of workplace campaigning: the Camden Council Workers CND Group explain how their group started and operates and George McCormack from the Rolls-Royce Shop Stewards Committee at Hillington outlines how they made their decision to black work on the Trident contract. The Guide costs 25p and is available from the CND Shop, 227 Seven Sisters Rd. London N4.

LOCAL TUCND GROUPS

Trade Union CND recognises that the success of our work relies upon the development of a network of regional TUCND groups throughout the country. At the moment we know of only 7 such regional TUCND's. The ones currently in existence perform the invaluable work of encouraging local trade union bodies to become actively involved in the campaign for nuclear disarmament. TUCND nationally is able to offer all sorts of assistance, including financial help, to both established and budding TUCND groups. If you think that we might be able to help, please contact: The Treasurer, TUCND, 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ.

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Mr. President: Take your missiles home!

NO THANKS
MR. PRESIDENT

JUNE



United States President Ronald Reagan will be in Britain in early June. CND are organising a major national rally on Saturday June 9 beginning at 12.00 in Hyde Park for a march to Trafalgar Square where a rally will take place from 2.00pm.

Here Bruce Kent, General Secretary of CND explains why CND are opposed to President Reagan's policies.

President Reagan's term of office as leader of the world's most powerful nation has done nothing to assure us here in Europe about the intentions of American foreign policy. He has overseen the largest ever military build-up in peacetime, nuclear war-fighting strategies have emerged as established military doctrines, and military intervention in the affairs of foreign countries is regarded by him as legitimate behaviour.

Here in Britain 135 American bases and facilities, far more than our own government has ever admitted to, all play their part in nuclear war planning. And so do the new cruise missiles being installed at Greenham Common.

A British government brochure issued to the residents of Newbury near Greenham Common in 1980 advertising the 'delights' of cruise says "the aim of using them would be to persuade the Russian leadership — even at the eleventh hour — to draw back". Yes, it admits that cruise missiles are weapons for actual use in conflicts which have not gone nuclear, and not for 'deterrence'. Seldom has the government been so open in telling the truth about the role that cruise plays in US and NATO

plans. Together with Pershing II, Trident, MX, and other new accurate weapons, cruise forms the basis of madcap scenarios in which a nuclear war can be 'fought' and 'won'.

CND's campaign links with others all over the world. With the Germans who are in the front line of any East/West conflict; with the Italians who are increasingly worried about the cruise missiles installed in Sicily; with the Dutch who are forcing their government to hesitate about accepting cruise; and with courageous groups in Eastern Europe who are opposing the deployment of new Soviet missiles.

Perhaps most important of all we are working with our friends in the American peace movement, whose 'Freeze' campaign has the support of 80% of the American people, which truly gives the lie to those who would label us anti-American. Scepticism about US foreign policy today does not mean a lack of gratitude for American support in years gone by.

The current nuclear war-fighting strategies are those of military men who have become so immersed in their own war playing fantasies they have lost touch with reality. They are policies of complete folly. In light of recent scientific reports that the use of even a handful of nuclear weapons could condemn us all to a barren nuclear winter, the policy of being prepared to be the first to use nuclear weapons should immediately be abandoned.

We in CND sincerely hope that our Government, and those of other West European countries, will now start to put the hopes and needs of their own peoples ahead of the fears and fantasies of the US military, and that they use the opportunity of their meeting in London in June to give this message to President Reagan.

Bruce Kent, General Secretary CND

TRADE UNION CND: HINTS FOR ACTION

Trade Union CND is a specialist section of CND. Our role is to promote CND's aims in the trade union movement. TUCND will offer whatever assistance we can to any union and/or CND member who wishes to promote CND in the union movement.

FIRST STEPS

If you're a union member you could consider the following steps:

- Join CND nationally and/or locally.
- Wear a CND badge to work.
- Talk to your workmates about CND and CND activities.
- Display CND posters at work.
- Keep a small stock of literature for people who want more information.

INFLUENCING YOUR UNION

- Suggest that your union branch invite a CND speaker.
- Move a policy resolution opposing the nuclear arms race at your branch. Model resolutions are available from TUCND.
- Urge your branch to affiliate the CND. Details are

available from TUCND.

- Suggest that your branch distribute CND material and sponsor CND activities.
- Persuade your branch to take action itself, appoint a CND liaison officer, produce your own leaflets etc.
- Move resolutions to go to other sections of the union.

If your CND group wishes to increase union involvement in your activities, the following steps could be considered:

- Appoint a Trade Union liaison officer.
- Survey your group's members to find out which unions they're members of.
- Through your members find out the present policies of local unions. Ask them to raise the issue at their local branch meeting.
- Contact local branches and trades councils offering speakers, asking for support for your campaigns.

These are just a few hints: for a full guide contact Andrew Hewett at Trade Union CND.