

TUC reaffirms support for Nuclear Disarmament

This year's TUC Congress has again called for the cancellation of the Trident nuclear missile submarine, opposed Cruise Missiles and warned of the growing danger of nuclear war.

A resolution moved by ASLEF, and supported by all but about 20 delegates, also strongly opposed Government attempts to fool the British public into believing that a nuclear war can be survived by planning for civil defence in the event of a nuclear war.

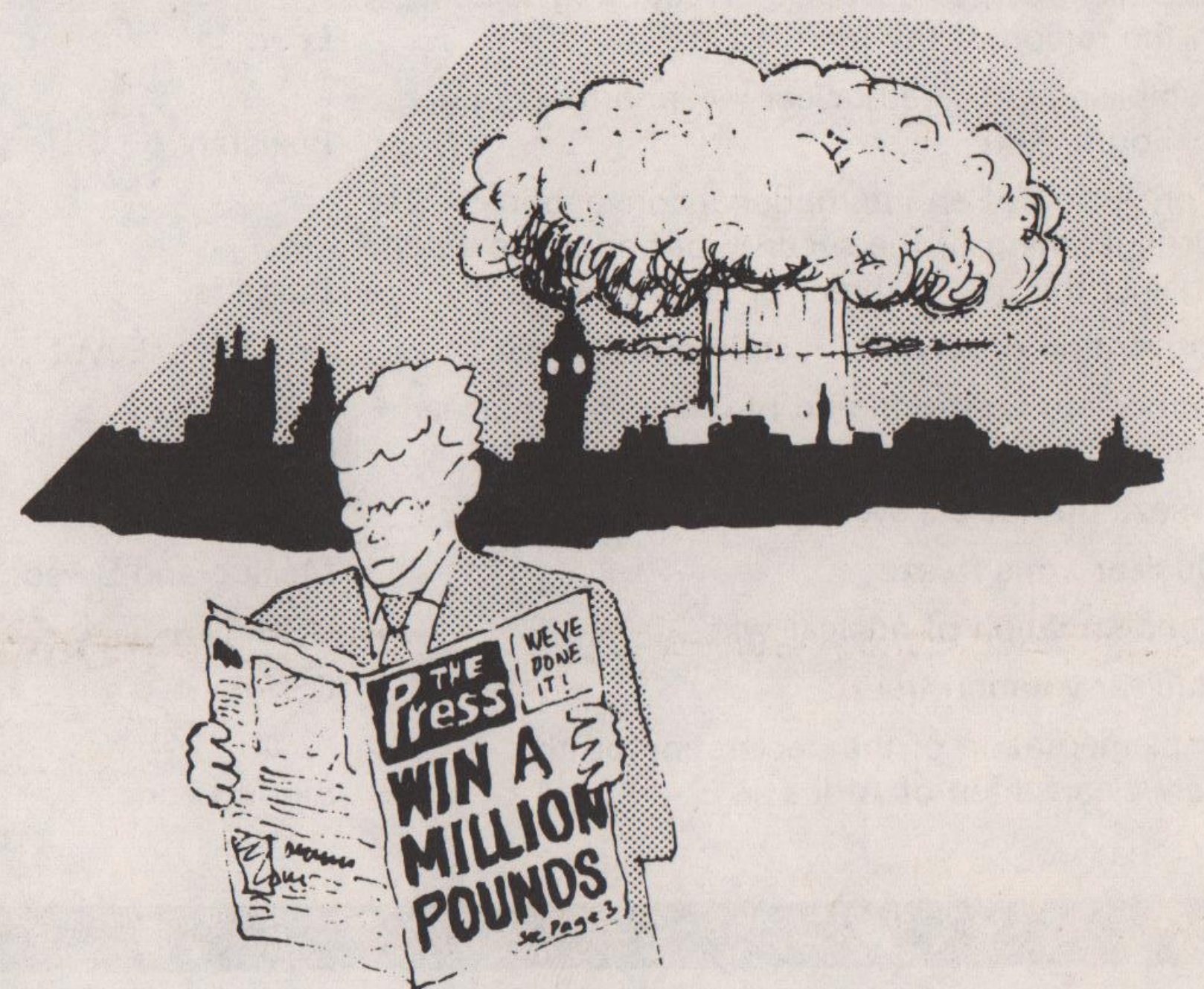
The General Council of the TUC was urged to use every available means to campaign for the Congress' disarmament policies. Unfortunately during compositing some key sections of the original motions were lost. Specific mention of support for CND and clear opposition to nuclear bases on British soil, both in original motions, did not appear in the final composite.

But during the debate support for CND figured in many contributions. Leading trade union officials like Ron Todd, General Secretary-elect of the TGWU, and Peter Heathfield from the NUM who spoke in the debate all called for greater support for CND.

The day following the peace and nuclear disarmament debate, the Congress carried an Electricians' resolution reaffirming full support for NATO. The carrying of this resolution reflected both a poorly worded amendment which mentioned the Labour Party conference and hence offended many unions which are not affiliated to the Labour Party, but more importantly the level of

understanding of NATO within the trade union movement.

The overwhelming support for the main disarmament resolution is of course very encouraging. But the real task still remains — taking the debate out of the conference room and into the workplaces. That was the message that Trade Union CND tried to hammer home over the week of the Congress. Thousands of TUCND leaflets were distributed while the TUCND fringe meeting which featured Ron Todd and Joan Ruddock, the Chair of CND, was one of the best attended.



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.

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Work for peace: Begin at Barrow



Work for peace — let's begin at Barrow! That's the theme of British CND's national rally at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday October 27.

CND will be taking the message that the Trident nuclear missile submarine is a one-sided escalation in the nuclear arms race, destroys jobs, robs social services and is a threat to world peace to the town where the submarines are to be built.

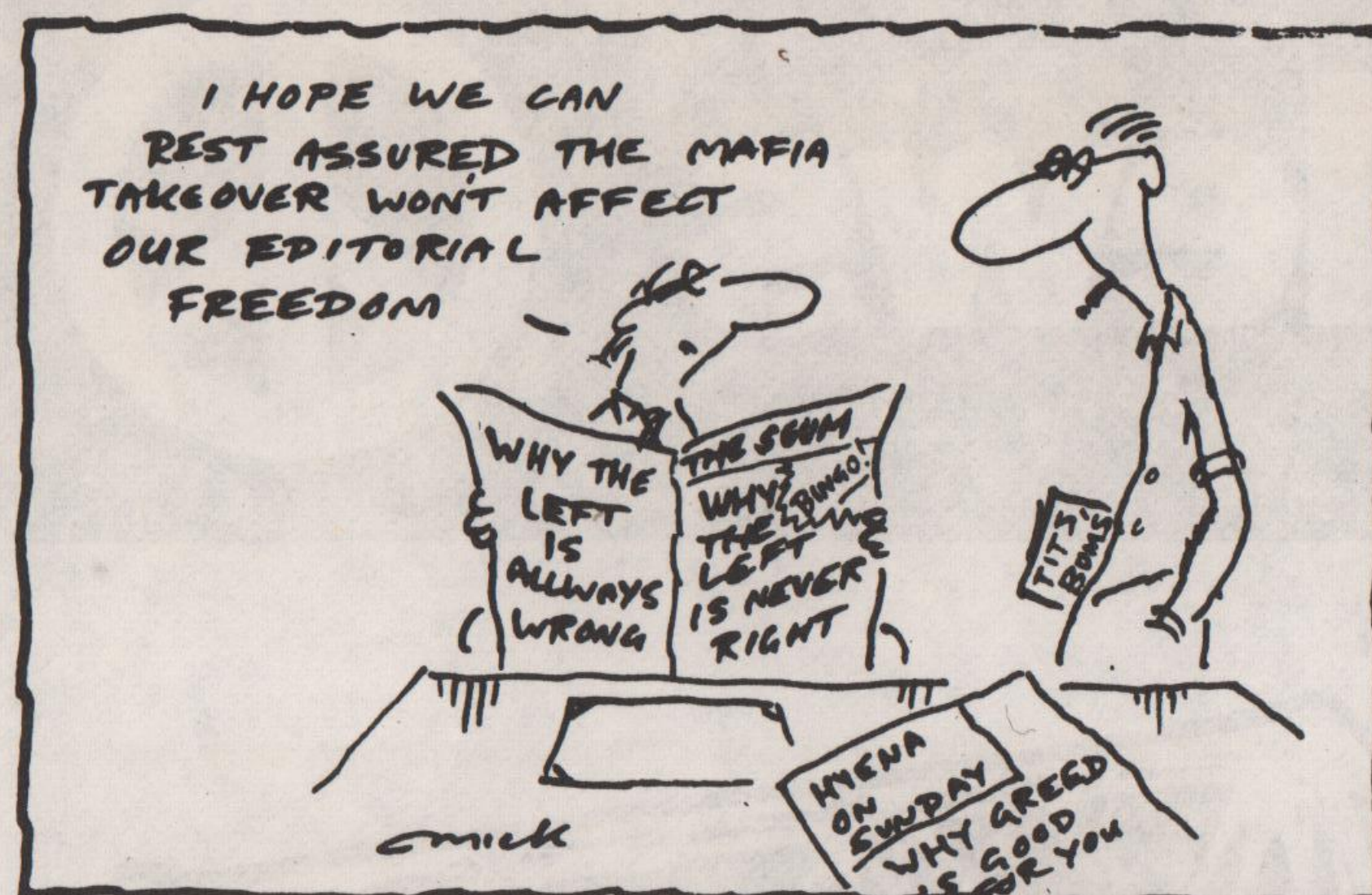
The demand for alternative employment for the 12,000 shipyards workers currently employed at the Vickers Yards will be a major theme of the rally. Three days before the rally, as part of the CND Let's Talk About Trident Week, the Trade Unionist Day of Action For Nuclear Disarmament will be held. Trade Union CND is aiming for the case for nuclear disarmament to be taken to workplaces around the country. The Day has already attracted the support of a number of national unions and regional TUC's. Trade Union supporters of CND are urged to plan now to mark the Day. Workplace meetings, film and/or video

screenings, mass leaflet handouts and token and symbolic actions are all being suggested by TUCND.

"Conference resolutions in support of nuclear disarmament are very important, but what is needed now is to take the case against Trident to the workplace and to give those policies real life" argued John Chowcat, Chair of Trade Union CND. Trade Union branches are also being urged to make their presence felt at the national CND rally. Trade Union banners should be out in force at the rally so that the trade unionists at Barrow know that they have the support of their fellow unionists around the country.

"TUCND hope that Wednesday October 24 — the Trade Unionists Day of Action — will mark the beginning of a concerted campaign to make nuclear disarmament trade union business. We hope that CND supporters in the trade union movement will join together to take a stand for nuclear disarmament and jobs", said John Chowcat.

Contact TUCND for details and assistance at 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ, Tel: 01-263 0977.



WHAT'S ON

Friday
October 12:

CND: What the papers don't say. Speakers include Joan Ruddock, Mike Power, Jean Stead and Derek Lloyd. St. Brides Institute, Bride Lane, London EC4.

Saturday
October 20

A Better Future for Defence Jobs: A Conference for Aerospace Workers, Bristol. Details: Alison Gilchrist, c/o AUEW-TASS, 25 Coldharbour Rd, Bristol.

Wednesday
October 24

Trade Unionists Day of Action for Nuclear Disarmament. Take the case for nuclear disarmament to your workplace. Details: Trade Union CND. 01-263 0977.

Wednesday
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London Region TUCND Rally. Speakers: Ken Cameron, Tony Benn, Terry Marsland, Jack Collins. Camden Town Hall, 7.30pm. Coventry TUCND Concert. Lorna Campbell Trio. Details: Ruth Longioni 0203-75444

Saturday
October 27

Work for Peace. British CND National Rally. Barrow-in-Furness. Details: 01-263 0977.

November 5-15

Britain after Nuclear War: A National Briefing on the Nuclear Winter, featuring three of the world's leading authorities on the subject. Details: SANA 0908 321 283.

Saturday
November 10

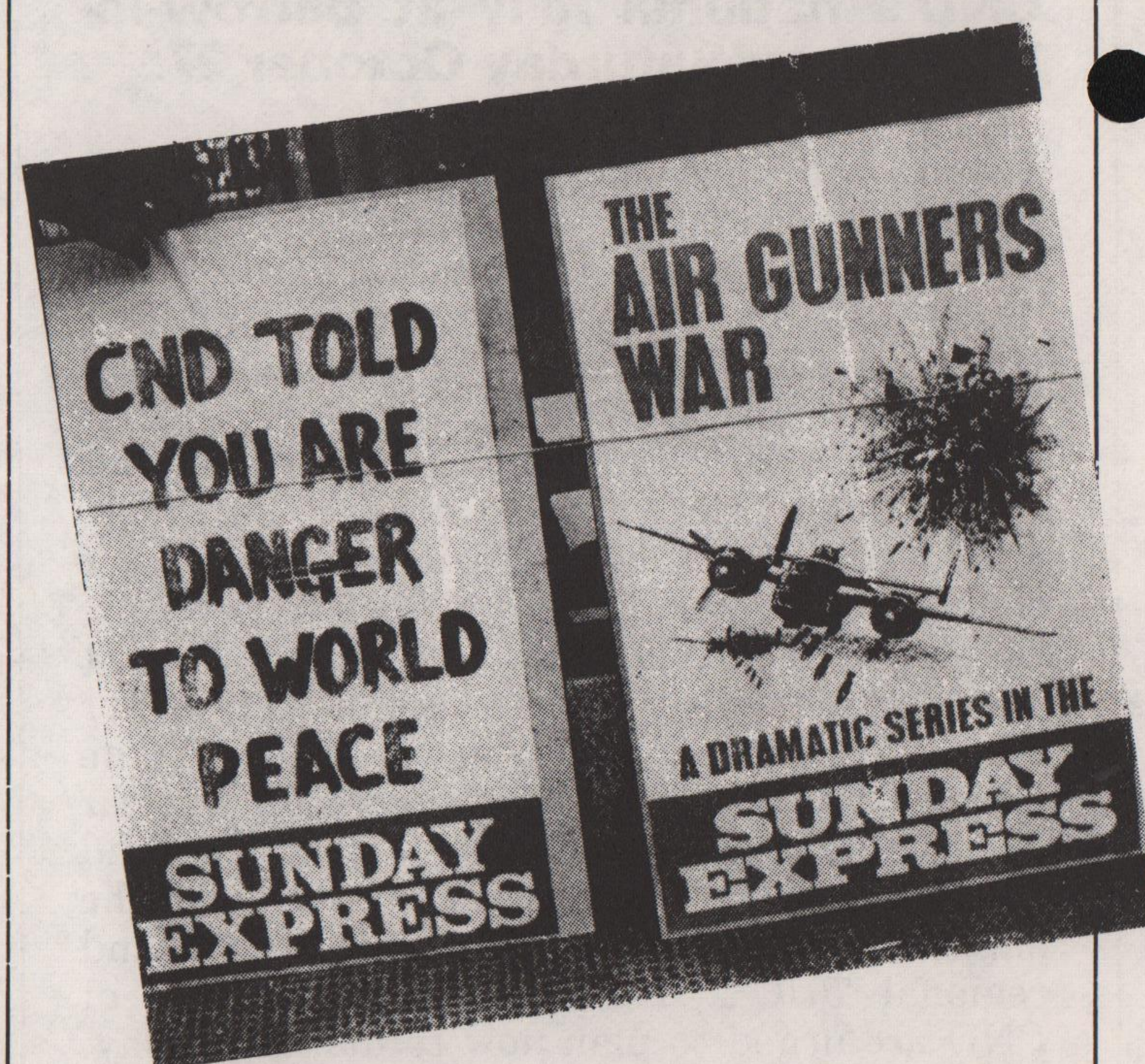
Trade Unions and CND: A day school. Speakers include Roger Poole (NUPE), Geoff Pepiatt (TGWU). Details: Hillingdon CND, 334 Balmoral Drive, Hayes, Middx.

CND: What the papers don't say

Nuclear disarmament activists have long been used to Fleet St.'s distorting, trivialising and/or ignoring our campaigns. The trade union movement has also been a target for the "Sun", "Express" and "Mail".

But as print workers have shown during the miner's strike, there is always the chance that we can hit back at the lies told about us. The treatment of the peace movement and the various ways in which the CND and other sections of the peace movement can join the Fleet St workers to win better coverage will be discussed at a public meeting called by Trade Union CND and the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom. Speakers at the meeting will include CND Chair, Joan Ruddock, Mike Power, the NGA Father of the Chapel at the Daily Mail, Jean Stead, the Guardian's Scottish correspondent and Derek Lloyd from SOGAT. Jake Ecclestone, the Deputy General Secretary of the NUJ will chair the meeting.

The meeting will take place on Friday October 12 at the St. Brides Institute, Bride Lane, London EC4.



Who are the real disarmers?

In their campaign against the nuclear disarmament movement, the Thatcher Government claims that they are sincerely attempting to achieve disarmament but that they reject any independent initiatives and prefer to rely upon multi-lateral agreements. But the voting record of the Government shows that they have worked and

voted against virtually every recent arms control or disarmament proposal at the United Nations. According to Mrs Thatcher Britain has voted the following way. (Hansard 30.7.84). After examining the record it's well worthwhile asking who are the real disarmers?

Title	Chief Sponsor	For	Vote Against	Abstentions	United Kingdom Vote
Additional protocol 1 of the Treaty of the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America	Mexico	135	0	9	For
Cessation of all test explosions of nuclear weapons	Mexico	119	2	26	Against
Urgent need for comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty	Australia and New Zealand	117	0	29	Abstain
Establishment of a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone in the region of the Middle East	Egypt		Consensus		For
Establishment of a nuclear weapon-free zone in South Asia	Pakistan	94	3	46	Abstain
Conclusion of an international convention on the strengthening of the security of non-nuclear states against the use or threat of nuclear weapons	Bulgaria	108	17	15	Against
Prevention of an arms race in outer space	Sri Lanka/Egypt	147	1	1	Abstain
Immediate cessation and prohibition of nuclear weapon tests	USSR	118	4	24	Against
Freeze on nuclear weapons	India	124	15	7	Against
Nuclear arms freeze	Mexico and Sweden	124	13	8	Against
Condemnation of nuclear war	USSR	95	19	30	Against
Nuclear weapon freeze	USSR	108	18	20	Against
Implementation of the declaration on the denuclearisation of Africa	Sierra Leone	142	0	6	Abstain

CONVERTING AEROSPACE

Aerospace workers in the West of England are to come together to discuss the state of their industry and its increasing dependence on military contracts. The one-day conference has been sponsored by a broad range of local and regional trade unions, including the South-West Regional TUC, three AUEW-Engineering Section District Committees, the TGWU Region, two AUEW-TASS Divisional Councils, UCATT Regional Committee and the ASTMS Division. The South-West is a major centre of the aerospace industry with large plants at Filton, Yeovil, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Weston. It has been estimated that defence contracts account for about half of the entire output of the British aerospace industry. And defence contracts are notoriously insecure.

Speakers at the conference will include Chris Darke (National Organiser, AUEW-TASS responsible for the aerospace industry), Jack Dromey (National Organiser for TGWU), Denzil Davies (Labour Party Defence and Disarmament spokesperson) and Bill Niven (Secretary of the Greater London Conversion Council). John Chowcat, ASTMS Divisional Organiser will chair the conference. The conference will take place on Saturday October 20 in the ASTMS Centre, 1 Henbury Rd., Westbury-on-Tyre, Bristol. For further information contact: Alison Gilchrist, c/o AUEW-TASS, 25 Coldharbour Rd, Bristol. (Tel: 0272 738333).

Work for peace. Join CND.

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Post Code _____ (IMPORTANT)

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Unwaged & Pensioner £2 ☐ Youth CND (21 and under) £1 ☐ (tick one)

Please find enclosed £ _____ for membership
£ _____ donation ☐ (tick for donation receipt).

☐ I'd like more information about CND and the Trade Unions.

My Trade Union is _____

☐ Please send me details of how to affiliate my Union organisation to CND.

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