



# MOLESWORTH: THE NEXT TARGET

**RAF Molesworth is an 800 acre disused airfield in Cambridgeshire. Currently it is an area of open grassland in the heart of the countryside. But if NATO and the British Government have their way it will become the site for four flights of American controlled Cruise Missiles. Each flight consists of four launchers, 16 missiles and control vehicles.**

But as well as being the proposed site for the second Cruise Missile base in Britain, Molesworth will also be the site for CND's Easter demonstration this year.

CND will be "Defending Molesworth" from the deadly Cruise Missile base; protecting a piece of English countryside before building begins.

1985 is a crucial year for NATO's plans to

deploy 464 Ground-launched Cruise Missiles in five countries in Europe. While they have temporarily succeeded in deploying some of them in Britain and Italy, they have still not got approval for the deployment in the Netherlands and Belgium. Massive majorities in both these countries are opposed to deployment and the Governments are under great pressure to abide by the wishes of their people.

The role of the British peace movement is crucial in continuing to resist those missiles that have already been deployed at Greenham Common and making sure that Molesworth is defended against this unwanted desecration.

CND is planning a series of activities over the Easter week-end (April 5-8) to highlight NATO's plans. From Good Friday there will be two three day sponsored marches from Leicester and Stevenage heading towards Molesworth. On Easter Sunday the marchers from will lead a mass demonstration to Molesworth while on the Monday, April 8 a day of events at the Molesworth base will be held.

For details of the sponsored march and assembly point for the mass demonstration on Sunday contact Molesworth Easter Action, 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ.

## 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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## Civil liberties under threat

**Phone tapping, mail tampering and conspiracy charges are just some of the obstacles increasingly being placed in the path of nuclear disarmament campaigners in Britain.**



**VICTIM:** Sarah Tisdall, a stiff prison sentence for putting the public's right to know before the Governments political convenience.

In an extensive dossier presented to the House of Commons Select Committee on the Special Branch, CND and the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) detailed allegations that the Post Office and Telecom had been used to spy on CND activists and the Campaign generally.

Telephones going dead for periods, sudden malfunctioning of telephones belonging to regional and area CND co-ordinators, "play-backing" of the end of one conversation after the phone was put down and picked up again immediately and misrouting of calls and snatches of police conversations on the line are just some of the complaints made by CND.

CND received an apology and a £100 payment from the Post Office after complaints that letters were delayed for up to two weeks, delivered to the wrong address or opened before delivery. In May 1984 for instance letters informing CND members of a demonstration were delivered two weeks late. Other mail has arrived mangled while other letters have been delivered with a neat slit across the back or up the side.

As Joan Ruddock, Chair of British CND said after observing that she believed that there was

enough circumstantial evidence that CND was receiving the attention of the Security Services, "I suspect that it is a covert operation that is anti-democratic and totally unjust".

Combined with the use of conspiracy charges against peace campers at Alconbury the full implications of the nuclear state are starting to come out in the open. Nine peace campers at the Alconbury base which is to be the support base for the Cruise Missiles at Molesworth have been charged with conspiracy "to cause criminal damage". These charges are very serious with grave implications for the peace movement but also for democratic rights more generally in Britain.

As the jailing of Sarah Tisdall last year showed this Government seems to be willing to go to any lengths to stifle, intimidate or hamper the nuclear disarmament campaign. But despite their efforts CND keeps on growing as more and more people stand up against their policies which endanger the security of Britain by bringing even more nuclear weapons to our soil.



# Campaign Against Arms Trade

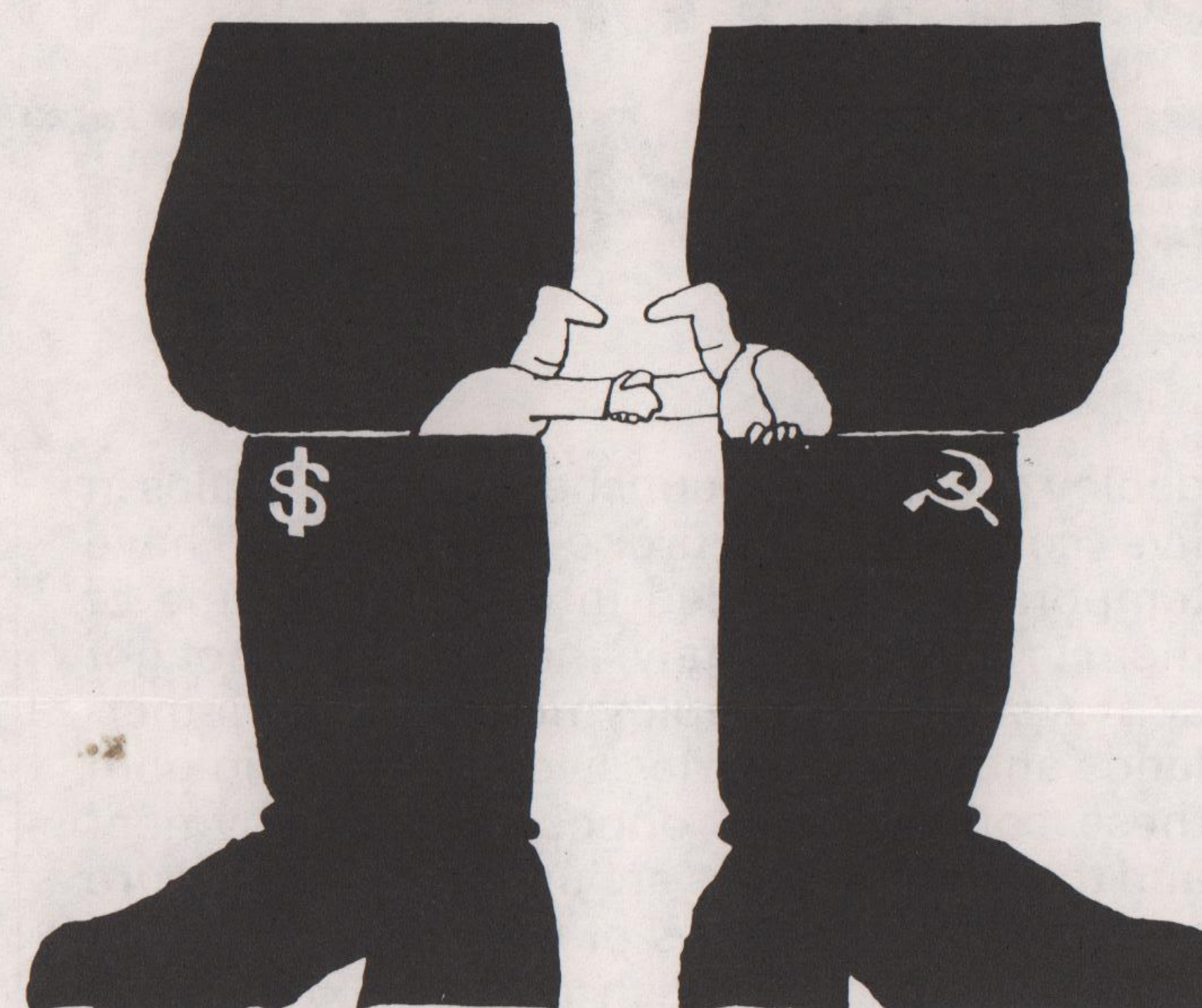


In 1974 a number of peace groups including CND set up the Campaign Against Arms Trade. Since then, CAAT has been working for an end to all arms sales and the conversion of military industry to socially useful production. In particular we have focused on the effects of the arms trade on development and on human rights, and the implications of Britain's position as the world's second largest supplier of repressive technology. This last is of particular interest to trade unionists concerned at the repression of fellow workers by the use of so-called 'internal security' equipment.

As part of our work against Britain supplying repressive regimes with weaponry, CAAT is currently opposing the export of the AMAC 1 riot control vehicle, described by its manufacturers as 'the ultimate riot deterrent' — which was originally for sale to Chile. We are intensifying our campaign for the re-imposition of an embargo on British arms sales to Chile, with the launch of a national petition and a new information leaflet. The Chilean regime has imposed heavy restrictions on trade union activity with many trade unionists among the 14,000 people arrested last year for 'political reasons'.

CAAT stocks a large range of materials of vital interest to trade unionists, including a register of UK companies involved in the arms trade, a slideshow, exhibitions, a range of campaigning materials and extensive files on Britain and the arms trade (which are available for use by interested groups and individuals, by arrangement). Our bi-monthly newsletter is packed with information and ideas for action.

For further information contact: Stephen Chappell, CAAT, 5 Caledonian Road, London, N1. Telephone: 01-278 1976.



## London and the Defence Industry

One hundred thousand London workers are employed in the defence industry in some way or another be it in the Mod, aerospace, electronics or in an Ordnance Factory.

The Greater London Conversion Council which is sponsored by the GLC brings together a wide variety of people who wish to focus on the need for serious consideration of the need for conversion of the defence industry to safeguard the jobs of these 100,000 people but also to help to satisfy the real social needs.

March 18 will see a Greater London wide conference for defence industry workers co-sponsored by the South-East Region of TUC and the GLCC.

The conference aims to bring together defence industry workers to discuss the state of their industry, recent developments and the need for serious work on arms conversion.

For further information contact: GLCC, Popular Planning Unit, County Hall, London SE1.

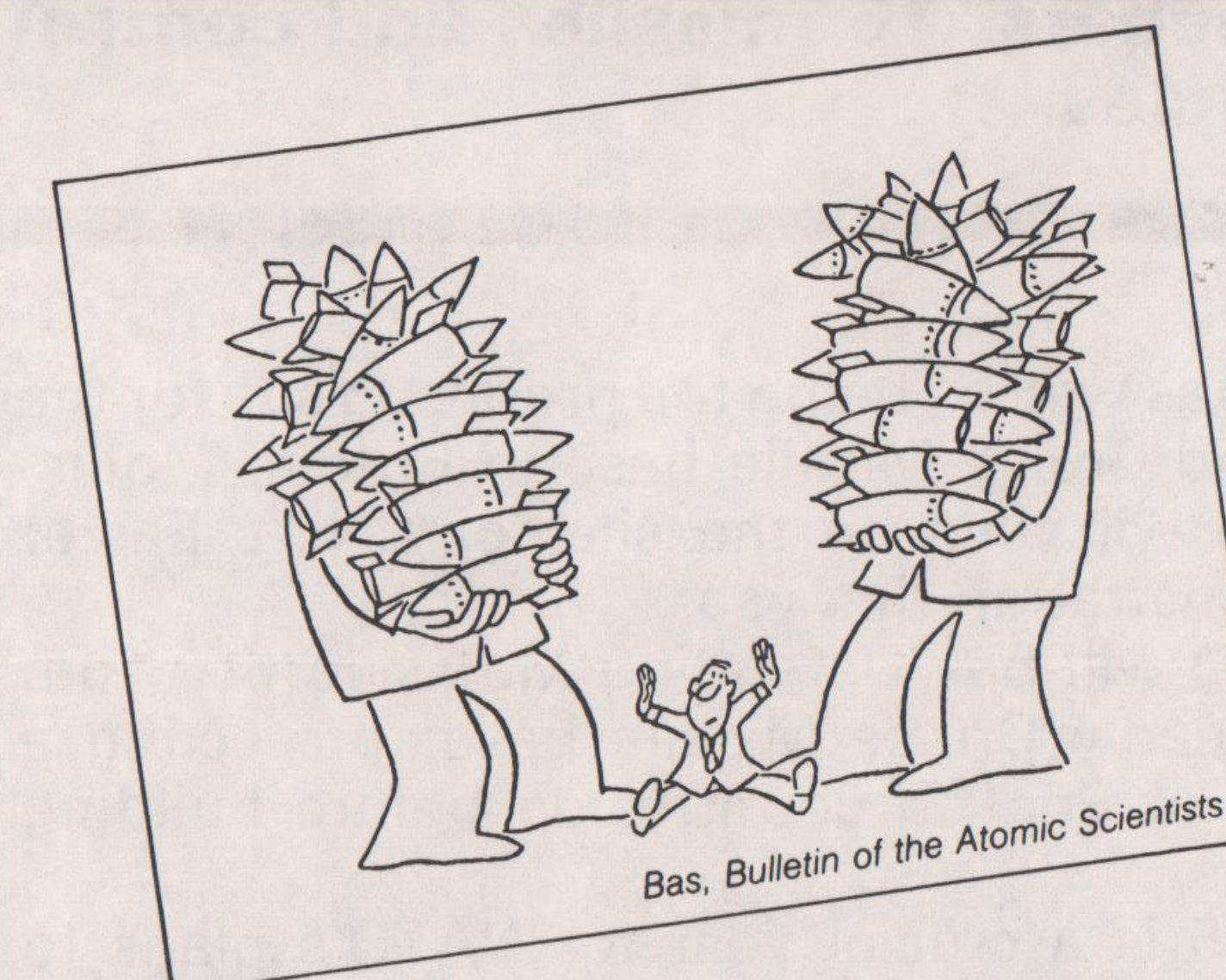
A residential school for trade union supporters of CND is to be held over the weekend of March 23/24.

The School entitled "Working for Peace" is being organised by Trade Union CND with the aim of bringing together trade union activists to exchange experiences of campaigning and secondly to brief them on some of TUCND's current campaigns, including arms conversion, civil defence and the peace and jobs campaign.

The emphasis of the weekend will be action with a minimum of speeches and the maximum opportunity for discussion.

The school will be held at the Northern College near Barnsley and will cost £20 per head. This fee covers bed and breakfast, two lunches and the evening meal. TUCND is encouraging trade union branches and local CND groups to sponsor a participant to what promises to be a very valuable and stimulating weekend.

For further details contact Andrew Hewett, Secretary TUCND 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ.



## WHAT'S ON

**Saturday February 23**  
Trade Union CND Annual General Meeting, London. Speakers include Ron Todd and Meg Beresford. Delegates from trade union organisations affiliated to British CND and observers from elsewhere welcome. Further information from TUCND, 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ.

**Monday March 18**  
London wide conference for defence industry workers on arms conversion. Details: GLCC, Popular Planning Unit, County Hall SE1.

**March 23/24**  
Working for Peace. Trade Union CND residential school for trade union supporters of CND. Details: TUCND, 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ, 01-263 0977.

**April 5-8**  
Defend Molesworth from Cruise. Full details: Molesworth Easter Action, 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ.

**April 13, 20 and 27**  
Joint union day school on the Government's civil defence plans. To be held in Leicester, York and Ipswich. Contact TUCND for details.

## TUCND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

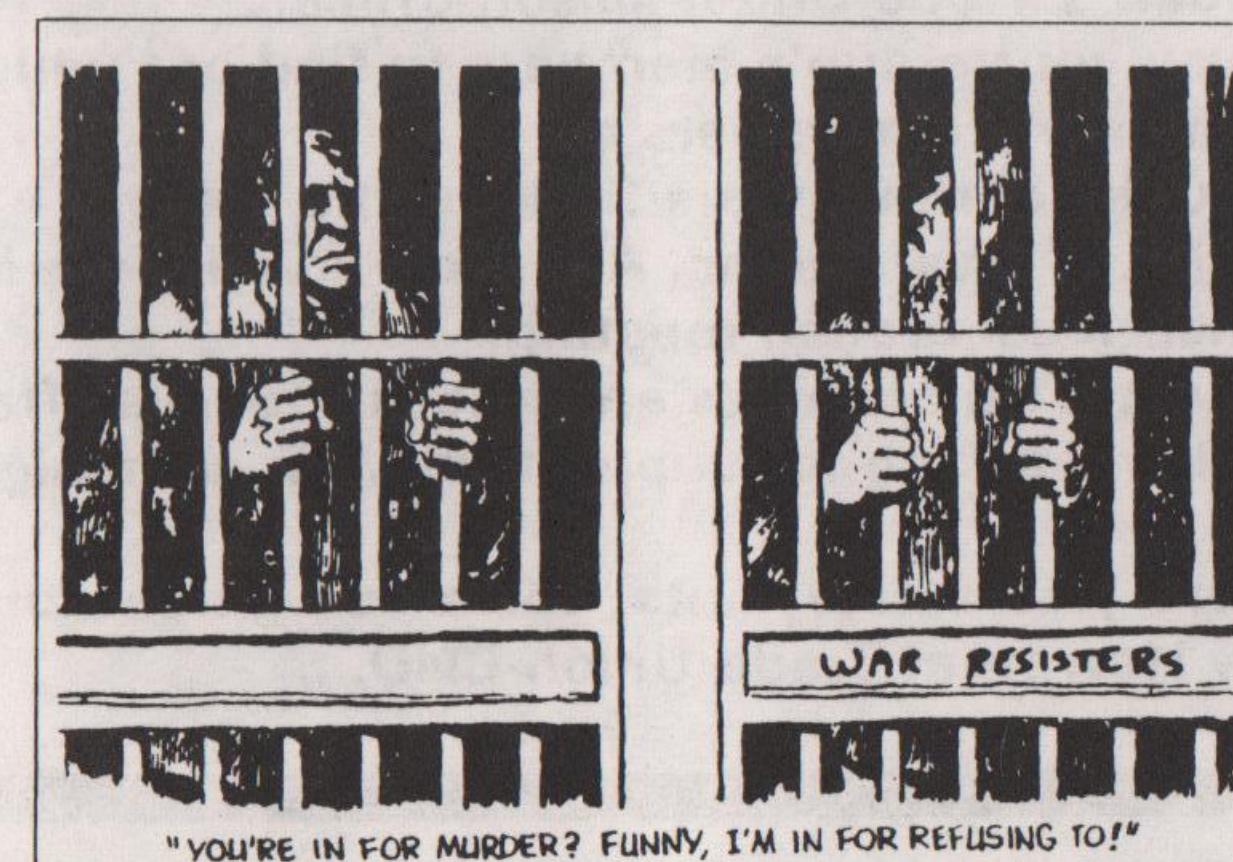
Trade Union CND is to hold its Annual General Meeting on February 23.

A big roll up is expected as delegates from trade union organisations affiliated to British CND come together to discuss the campaign for nuclear disarmament within the trade union movement. The meeting will reflect on the progress made over the last year and plot out the future course of TUCND's work.

Speakers at the AGM will include Ron Todd, General Secretary-Elect of the T&GWU and a Vice-President of CND and Meg Beresford, Vice-Chair of CND. A speaker from the NUM will also be present.

Workshops on arms conversion, civil defence and the peace and jobs campaign as well as sessions on running a workplace CND group and regional and area TUCND will be held.

Observers from CND groups and from trade union organisations not affiliated to CND are welcome at the meeting which will last all day and will be held in London. Contact Andrew Hewett, Secretary Trade Union CND, 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ for registration details.



## Work for peace. Join CND.

Yes, I'll join the CND

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ (IMPORTANT)

☐ MEMBERSHIP  
RATES Adult £9 ☐ Two people at same address £12 ☐ Student £3 ☐  
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.

Please make cheques or postal orders payable to CND and send with completed form to TUCND, 11 Goodwin St. London N4 3HQ. Phone (01) 263 0977.

