

## The new EC:—

Below is a list of the people elected at the EC.

J Chowcatt	Chairperson	Avis Greenwell	NALGO	W Milne	GMB&ATU
A Milburn	Treasurer	T Gardener	ACTT	R Poole	NUPE
W Hodgson	Vice Chair	R Gates	ACTT	T Rowlands	T&GWU
J Geliet	Vice Chair	K Hopkins	NALGO	Gail Squires	NALGO
Rose Clarke	TASS	A Hewitt	SCPS	Val Scotter	NALGO
R Duncombe	ASTMS	A J Lennon	BETA	J Simmons	TASS
B Didsbury	T&GWU	J Law Watson	SOGAT	G Strattan	TASS
D Dollard	ASTMS	Margaret Mound	ASTMS	R Twigg	T&GWU
J Endsbury	NGA	M Malina	T&GWU	A Webb	T&GWU
Val Frost	T&GWU	S Meads	T&GWU		

In addition to the above the EC will include representatives from the regions and the secretary J Barnes. It was felt that such a large EC would be useful in

order to try and expedite the very large amount of work which we have planned.

*Large union support always in evidence at CND rallies*



# Trade Union CND



**1986  
AGM**



***This AGM was designed to fulfill 2 main functions other than that of forming a new working Executive Committee and of electing officers. The first function was to be symbolic of the change in the development of Trade Union CND and the second was to act as a working conference to lay the basis for future campaigning. The general consensus was that it performed both of these functions remarkably well.***



Left to right: Jim Barnes, John Chowcat, Joan Ruddock

## Speakers:—

### John Edmonds and Joan Ruddock:—

Joan Ruddock (Vice Chair of CND) introduced the conference with a speech which reviewed the role of Trade Union CND in relation to CND as a whole. She said that this was a vitally important function and that Trade Union CND had in the past performed this well.

John Edmonds spoke about the vital need to stress the economic argument and not just the moral argument when dealing with Trade Unionists, in order that the message is carried to the grass roots of trade union membership. "It is already clear that no British or American Government could possibly dream of the UK affording any nuclear weapons system beyond Trident" and "The social costs are enormous, since the immense financial resources which Trident will swallow could provide desperately needed capital investment in basic industries, the Health Service, housing and countless other areas."

The significance of having both of these speakers at the AGM was that they very much represented the main stream of respectively the Trade Union movement and of the peace movement. This position is one which has been achieved through conscious effort over a number of years.



John Edmonds

## Attendances:—

170 people attended Trade Union CND's AGM, representing 27 of our 28 affiliated unions. There were also people representing branches within unions who are not affiliated, as well as people who came on the same basis but as observers. Trades councils had several people attending and there was one joint shop stewards committee with delegates.

The number of people attending was an increase of something in the order of 30% on last year's AGM.

**Observers:—** There were 48 observers from 11 different Unions. 15 were there representing CND local groups and 8 were representing TUCND regional organisations.

**Delegates:—** There were 120 representing unions as follows, ACITT-3 ASLEF-2 AUEW-3 ASTMS-16 Bakers-2 BETA-4 COHSE-4 CPSA-1 CWU-1 FTAT-2 FBU-2 GMBATU-4 IRSF-2 NCU-2 NIPSA-1 NGA-7 NALGO-11 NUPE-7 NUM-5 NUT-1 NUR-1 SOGAT-2 STE-2 TASS-2 T&GWU-16 UCW-1 UCATT-1 USDAW-1.

There were 2 delegates from the retiring EC who were not representing any other body and two people who were not there as delegates. These were Jim Barnes, the secretary of Trade Union CND and Sam Dawson, a volunteer at CND who was responsible for most of the organisation for the conference.

## Conference Arrangements:—

The general feeling amongst the delegates was that the conference had been a success both in terms of the practical lessons learned through the discussions and in being symbolic of the changing and developing nature of Trade Union CND. There were however some problems which were not serious but should be reported. For instance there were insufficient

nominations for the new EC of Trade Union CND and this meant that we had to take nominations from the floor. The result was that we received far too many nominations for the number of places on the EC. Given that this is a working Executive and that we had planned a rapid expansion in the work it was decided to accept the EC in and accept all the nominations on to the EC.

This, like most of the other problems were symptomatic of our growth and development.

## Guest speakers:—

There were three other speakers from different Trade Union Organisations which are involved in disputes at the moment. The first was a speaker on behalf of the strikers at Silent Night, the bedding factory where they have been on strike for some considerable time. The second was a speaker on the print dispute from the NGA. The third, who came later in the afternoon, was a speaker from GCHQ Trade Unions on their fight for the right to belong to a Trade Union to be restored.

## TUCND's YEAR AHEAD:—

There were two resolutions passed at the AGM. One was an emergency resolution on the leakage of radioactive waste from the Sellafield plant in Cumbria. The main resolution from the retiring EC dealt with the general areas of work which we should concentrate on for the coming year. Between them the two resolutions committed Trade Union CND to campaigning vigorously for Arms Conversion, against government civil defence plans and against any form of British involvement in the Star Wars programme. We should also aim to expose the health and safety hazards for the staff and for the community connected with Nuclear Power, while also highlighting the links between Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons.

Barrow demonstration, 1985

