

Events

Thursday 3 April

7.30pm: South Cheshire & North Staffs CND presents Banner Theatre's 'Redemption Song' as part of the European Year Against Racism. At the Stoke RC Club, North Street, Stoke-On-Trent. Tickets: £4/£2.

☎ Contact: 01782 280998

Friday 18-Sunday 20 April

Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp gathering. Help paint the caravans.

☎ Contact: 01943 468593

Saturday 26 April

11.30am: 2nd Annual Walk and Vigil for the Children of Chernobyl Gather at Westminster Cathedral piazza in London for a silent walk to the BNFL head office. Organised by Christian CND.

☎ Contact: 0171 700 2393

Saturday 26 April

1.00pm-5.15pm: The Third Annual Edward Thompson Day takes place at Worcester HE College. This year's theme is Europe with the keynote speech given by Tariq Ali. There will also be workshops and evening entertainment. Organised by the Friends of E.P. Thompson.

☎ Contact: 01386 870430

Saturday 26 April

Radioactive Rugby? 11.00am Street theatre and leafleting, 12.00am march to Rugby station, 7.30 pm open forum meeting on nuclear waste and transport. Speakers include Dave Andrews and Tom Cuthbert at St Andrews Church House, North Street, Rugby.

☎ Contact: 01455 557167

Wednesday 30 April

British Aerospace AGM. Contact Jen at the CAAT office.

☎ Contact: 0171 281 0297

Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp
Second weekend of each month.

☎ Contact: 0117 909 9448. 24 Tyne St, Bristol BS2 9UA

Burghfield Women's Peace Camp
Last weekend of each month.

☎ Contact: 01703 554434. 30 West Wood Rd, Southampton SO17 1DN

Faslane Peace Camp

Permanent and gatherings on the first weekend of every month.

☎ Contact: 01436 820901. A814, near Shandon, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Scotland G84 8HT

Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp (Permanent).

☎ Contact: 0585 329313. Outside Menwith Hill US Spy Base, Kettlesing Lay-By, nr Harrogate, N Yorkshire HG3 2RA

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp

Last weekend of every other month. Next date 28-30 March.

☎ Contact: 01706 812663. c/o Peace House, 34 Byron St, Todmorden, W Yorkshire OL14 5HS.

Regular Events

First Tuesday of the month

7.30am-9.30am: Vigil outside AWE Burghfield

☎ Contact: 01734 341069

First Saturday of the month

Quaker mixed gathering for peace at

Message to Group Secretaries

GROUPS are reminded that you can receive a list of all national CND members in your area by contacting Justine Cole at the CND office. Please note that you should allow up to two weeks for the list to be sent.

Menwith Hill.

☎ Contact: Anni 01943 466405

Every Saturday

12noon-2.00pm: Vigil calling for the release of Vanunu at Kensington High Street, London W8 (opposite the end of Palace Green) near the Israeli Embassy.

☎ Contact: 0171 378 9324

Peace prisoner update

Good news! Lindis Percy who was given a nine-month prison sentence for breaking the injunction banning her from entering Lakenheath, has been released after an appeal to the High Court.

Tracy Hart and Sylvia Boyes have been charged with over £30,000 of criminal damage to a radome at RAF Fylingdales. They plan to defend themselves in court and could face a prison sentence.

You could help by raising money for the defence fund to pay travel costs, witness expenses etc (cheques payable to 'Peace Prisoner Support').

They would also appreciate support during the case at Hull Crown Court. For court dates contact the number below. Or you could find out more about RAF Fylingdales by asking Tracy, Sylvia or someone from Yorkshire CND to talk to your group.

As always, there are many people appearing in court who need support. There are many ways to help including support in court, writing letters to people in prison or sending money for essential items.

How about your local CND group helping people in your area? If you want to show your support Contact: Peace Prisoner Support, c/o 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB. Tel: 0113 262 9365 or 01706 812663.

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Albermarle, 26 February 1997: Protesters succeed in stopping the Trident nuclear warhead convoy for two hours on its way from AWE Burghfield to RNAD Coulport.

Trident not wanted here

Tony Myers, Campaigns Worker

'Bravehearts Halt Nukes' ran the headlines as dozens of protesters blocked the Trident nuclear warhead convoy. At least they did in the Scottish press. South of the border, it was virtually ignored. So we need to tell people about all aspects of Trident, including convoys.

As we all know, the General Election is now upon us. One of the first things we want the new government to realise is that Trident is not wanted. In order to make this perfectly clear to them, we will be taking our own convoy on tour. The aim of the 'Traffickin' Trident Tour' is to throw Trident out of Scotland and send it back to London. The convoy

will consist of a large truck with a 'missile' onboard, an exhibition, photos, leaflets, posters and information on the many dangers of Trident. The tour starts from Faslane on Saturday 17 May and ends in London on Wednesday 28 May (for full details see page two).

If you are close to the tour route, go along and join in. We need to work hard to make sure that everyone is aware of the destructiveness, the costs and the illegality of Trident.

The tour is only part of the Spring into Action campaign to raise awareness of nuclear weapons generally and Trident in particular (see page 3 for further details).

So go for it!

Spring into Action '97

Traffickin' Trident

Before you say it, yes we know that the tour doesn't stick to the 'official' Trident nuclear warhead convoy route. But we want to raise awareness of Trident with as many people as possible and, given that Trident affects all of us, it's important to make people aware of all aspects of Britain's nuclear policies. The truck will be sited at a central spot in each place and there will be some public meetings organised along the route. For more details contact the phone numbers below.

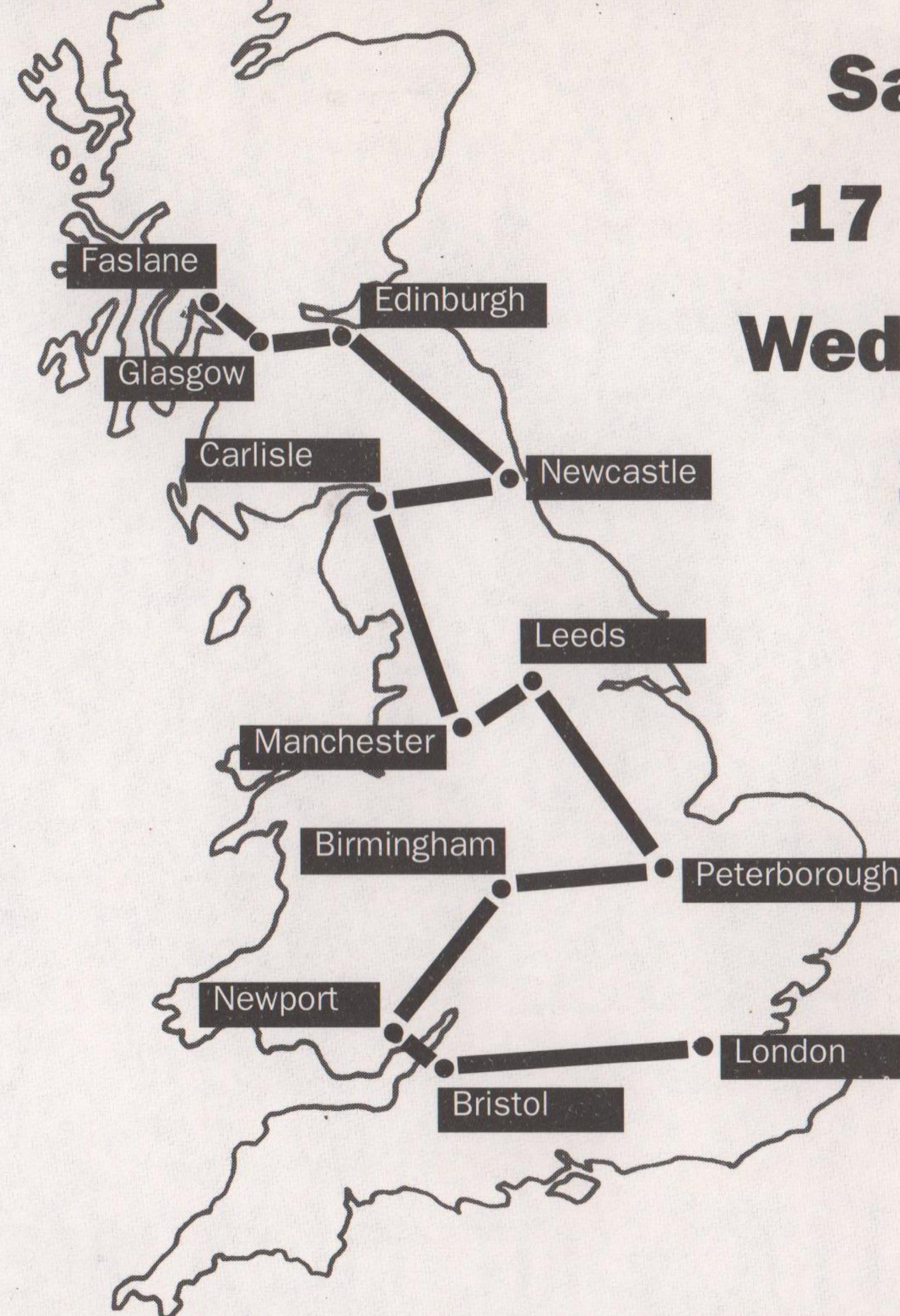
Oh no, we're not on the route!

If the Traffickin' Trident tour does not go to your area, don't panic! We are asking groups to use the new leaflet and poster, the exhibition, postcards, petition, *Blueprint* and anything else you need in order to highlight different aspects of Trident. You know what works best locally. Have there been any hospital closures? Are local schools struggling for funding? What about unemployment?

Sign here, please

Also planned for the Spring into Action campaign is a new petition, based on Trident and a postcard campaign. Both of these will run throughout the summer, giving plenty of opportunities for use at fairs and festivals and will be handed in to Downing Street shortly after the Queen's Speech at the Opening of Parliament in October.

■ More details in the next issue of *Campaign*.



**Saturday
17 May to
Wednesday
28 May
1997**

The dates and contacts for the Traffickin' Trident Tour are:

Saturday 17 May	Faslane/Glasgow	0141 423 1222
Sunday 18 May	Edinburgh	0141 423 1222
Monday 19 May	Newcastle	0191 413 8677
Tuesday 20 May	Carlisle	01768 898 641
Wednesday 21 May	Manchester	0161 834 8301
Thursday 22 May	Yorkshire	01274 730795
Friday 23 May	Peterborough	01733 262 338
Saturday 24 May	West Midlands	0121 244 9964
Monday 26 May	Newport	01633 257 049
Tuesday 27 May	Bristol	01749 830 717
Wednesday 28 May	London	0171 700 2393

Get your new Trident materials now!

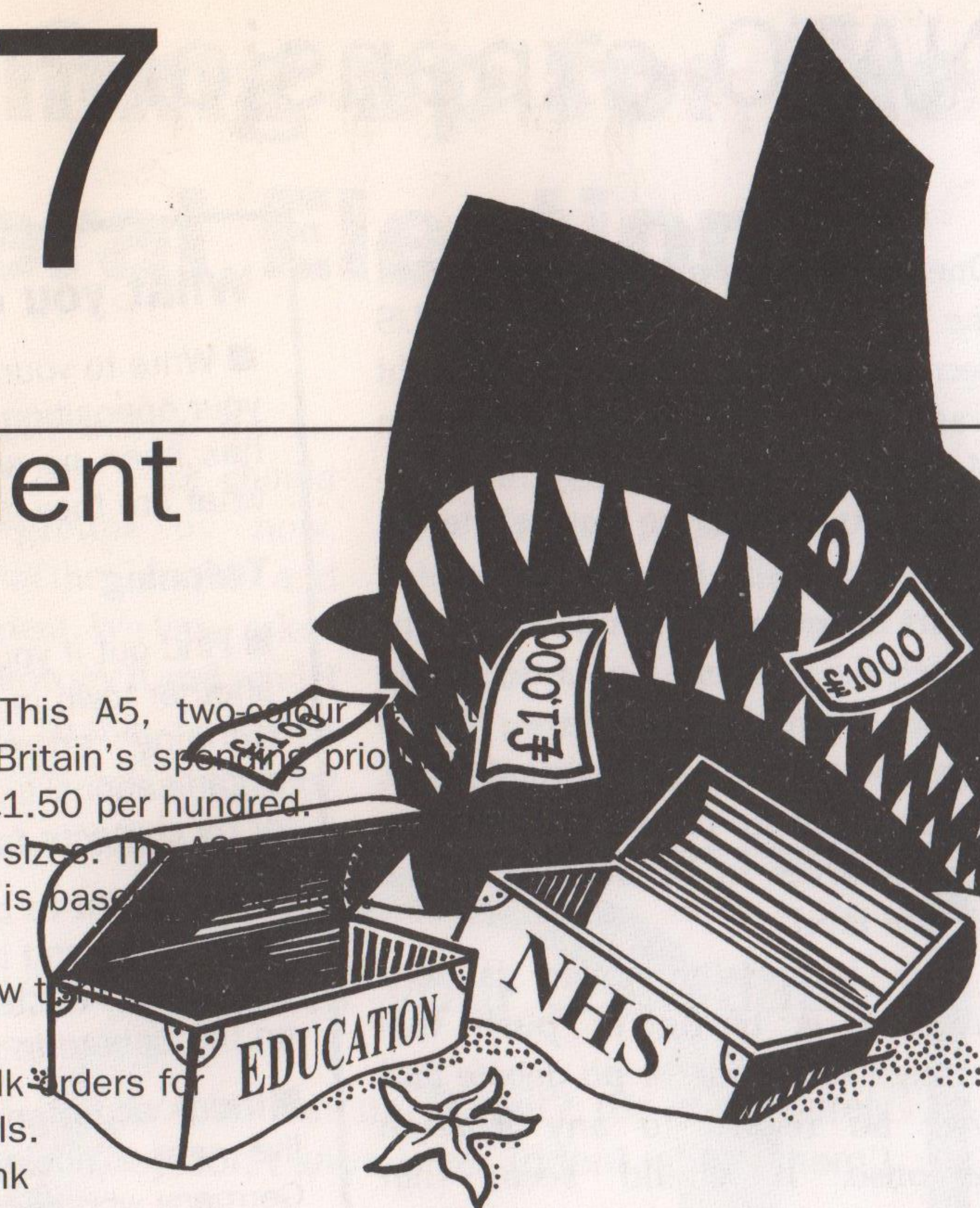
Available now is a brand-new Trident leaflet. This A5, two-colour leaflet concentrates on the cost of Trident and what Britain's spending priorities should be. The leaflet is available to groups at £1.50 per hundred.

Also new is a full-colour Trident poster available in two sizes. The A2 version is on sale at £1, with the A1 version at £2. The design is based on the cover of October 96 *Campaign*.

Also available shortly will be stickers, badges and a new t-shirt based on the leaflet design.

The sales order form on page seven has details of bulk orders for the poster as well as postage costs for all our materials.

■ We think that it's vital for us to know what groups think of the materials published by CND and, perhaps more importantly, how you use them. So please send any comments your group has on our publications to CND Publications Feedback at the CND office.



Abolition 2000 update

Abolition 2000, working with the World Court Project, is initiating a series of Roundtable Discussions to consider how Britain should respond to the World Court decision on the illegality of nuclear weapons. The objectives are to inform people of the present legal position of Trident, to encourage open and informed discussion of our responsibilities and to inform the government of the results of the talks.

There is also an Abolition 2000 Local Authorities Resolution now available. The idea is to lobby local councillors to get the resolution passed by your local council.

■ For more information, contact Abolition 2000 UK, Danny Thompson, National Peace Council, 88 Islington High Street, London N1 8EG. Tel: 0171 354 5200.

International non-violent direct action planned

Following a meeting in Belgium with other European peace organisations, we can now confirm plans for international direct action to take place this summer.

Part of the build up will be actions at the NATO Summit on 8-9 July, the first anniversary of the

International Court of Justice (ICJ) judgement, including sending an official 'summons' to the delegates.

The actions will go under the title 'Nuclear Weapons Abolition Days' and are as follows:

■ On 1-11 August, there will be an international peace camp outside NATO HQ in Brussels, with the main action taking place on



Hiroshima Day which is on 6 August.

■ On Nagasaki Day, 9 August, it's hoped that non-violent direct action will take place in many countries around the world, citing the judgement of the ICJ on nuclear weapons.

The idea is to challenge court cases the world over on the grounds of international law. What happens in the UK has yet to be confirmed but actions will include an event at Faslane. There will be more details in the May edition of *Campaign*.

If you would like more details before then, contact Eirlys Rhiannon at the CND office.

NATO expansion? Don't say a word

One of the more puzzling features of the recent European tour by US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright was the complete lack of debate on NATO expansion.

Although the issue was debated in many articles in the press, stacks of letters in newspapers and discussions on television, there was a deafening silence from the politicians. NATO expansion is a very important issue, which could go disastrously wrong, and deserves to be debated at the highest level.

The impression given is that America is trying to push this through with little or no debate and with no regard to any Russian response. It would seem that important decisions that affect Britain can only be debated if they originate in Brussels and not Washington.

■ For more information on NATO expansion, see *CND Today*, Spring 97, pages 10-12 and the *General Election Lobby Pack*.

World Court Project builds on success

Building on the success of the Declarations of Public Conscience, the World Court Project is encouraging people to sign their new Declarations of Public Concern.

The declarations, addressed to MPs, will remind them not only that nuclear weapons are still immoral but also that the World Court demands action in the form of progress towards a nuclear weapons convention.

■ For more details contact World Court Project UK, 67 Summerheath Rd, Hailsham, Sussex BN27 3DR

What you can do

■ Write to your MP and, instead of simply stating your opposition to NATO expansion, ask why there has been no serious debate in Parliament and what are they going to do about it?

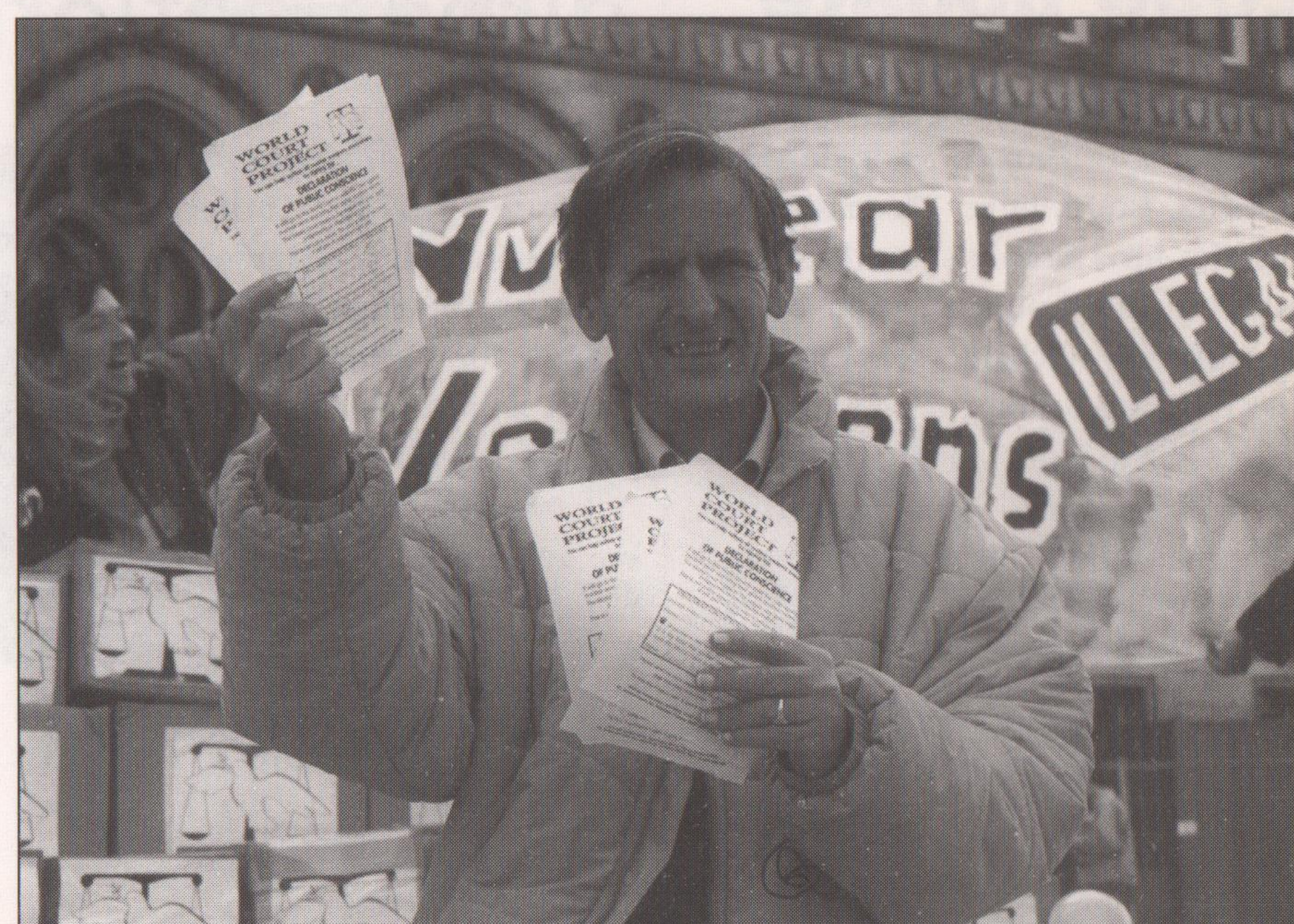
Twinning

■ Find out if your town is officially twinned with another town in Europe and ask if there are any twinning arrangements. If not, try the organisations listed in the Housman's Diary, or try contacts for Abolition 2000 or the International Peace Bureau.

■ You ought to be able to contact any peace groups in these towns to swap ideas and information on NATO Expansion and European Security. Contacts in Eastern Europe are particularly important as any information on the debate in the West about NATO Expansion would be very useful.

■ Think about any common interests you may have. For example, if you live near a nuclear train route you could contact groups in France or Germany who campaign against nuclear trains there.

■ Lobby your MEP stating your opposition to any possible Eurobomb, Anglo-French nuclear collaboration and any nuclear aspect of a EU Common Defence and Security Policy. Also, lobby in favour of a Baltic-Black Sea nuclear weapons-free zone.



World Court Project UK Secretary, George Farebrother, with thousands of Declarations of Public Conscience stacked in boxes outside Bradford City Hall. Almost four million declarations, in 36 languages, were collected from citizens all over the world stating their belief that nuclear weapons are immoral. The declarations are now stored in Bradford awaiting display in the Peace Museum.

CND Conference '97

Following the success of last year, Conference will once again be held at the University of London Union, Malet Street, London. This year, it will be on 22-23 November.

All the usual exciting things will happen. We will discuss what CND's priorities will be in 1998, how we should campaign, get together and swap ideas in the workshops, elect the Officers and Council members and perhaps even have a drink or two.

The registration fees are the same as last year. They are:

Delegates from CND	
Groups and Affiliates	£25
Waged Individual members	£25
Youth and Student delegates	£8
Unwaged Individual members	£8

We are also able to run the same scheme as last year with a special reduced rate if you register early. This works as follows:

If you register **before Monday 1 September** the rates will be:

Delegates from CND	
Groups and Affiliates	£20
Waged Individual members	£20
Youth and Student delegates	£5
Unwaged Individual members	£5

There is an important change for this year. When the Interim Agenda is mailed out, all groups and affiliates will be asked to prioritise the resolutions and return them to me. CND Council will then decide the number of resolutions to be debated at Conference. We then hold an election, using the STV system, to decide which ones are discussed. This means that CND groups and affiliates will decide which resolutions are debated.

For more information or a registration form contact Tony Myers at the CND office.

Deadlines

Resolutions	16 July 5pm
Nominations	4 August 5pm
Amendments	5 September 5pm

Summing up for the General Election

Some updated information for the *General Election Lobby Pack* should have reached groups by now, including a copy of the Generals' and Admirals' Statement. We have asked all groups to photocopy it and send it to each candidate so that, no matter who is elected, every MP in the new

made by scrapping it.

Complete nonsense, as we know. The official figures don't include things such as running costs, refits, share of Aldermaston costs, development and construction costs and improvements in communications. Sir Ronald Mason, the

Questions for your candidates

1 What is your position on Trident? (Be deliberately vague. If they don't know what Trident is, tell them!)

2 Do you think Britain could make better use of £1.5 billion every year than spending it on Trident? For example...(bring in a local issue if possible).

Then, if you live near a warhead convoy route or a nuclear train line:

3 What will you do about the nuclear warhead convoys/nuclear trains that travel along the...(give a local road number/railway line)?

Or, if you don't:

Do you think that NATO as an organisation has any role to play in today's world?

parliament will have seen a copy. One final push should see them all knowing exactly what's expected of them!

And don't forget to look out for any local and national radio phone-in programmes (see the Spring 1997 edition of *CND Today* for more details).

Meanwhile, it seems that education standards in the past were not as high as some people believe. Politicians and commentators have been coming out with the old line that Trident is almost paid for and no savings could be

former Chief Scientific Adviser at the MoD, estimates the cost as £50 billion over its 30-year lifetime. So the true cost of Trident is approximately £1.5 billion per year. By any standards, that's a huge saving. Perhaps a course in basic maths is needed.

With the election looming you will no doubt have all your local candidates knocking on your door desperately trying to get you to pledge your support. When they come a-knocking, we suggest you ask them the three questions outlined above.

News update... news update...

Lionel Trippett

NATO expansion is covered elsewhere in this issue but it is worth adding one little instance of the bulldozing arrogance of the US. During Madeleine Albright's flying London visit, an accompanying State Department official, interviewed on the BBC Today programme, flatly refused to discuss NATO on the grounds that the issue was already settled.

Shortly afterwards M. Rifkind was moved to justify expansion to the press – and was quickly pulled apart by, amongst others, military historian Sir Michael Howard. But where is New Labour? Still utterly silent.

CTBT Ratification: a *Times* letter from CND Chair Dave Knight pointed out that the government has quietly admitted – but without explanation or apology and only after prompting with a Parliamentary Question from Alan Simpson MP – that the promised Ratification Bill will not now be presented in this parliamentary session. No questions yet from the New Labour front bench, so maybe a letter of enquiry to your MP might be in order.

Elsewhere, a Columbian cartel was reported to be trying to buy a Russian nuclear-powered submarine in order to smuggle cocaine into the US.

Coke (the other sort) was also in the news, along with Irn-Bru and diverse other fizzy Scottish drinks when the government had to issue a food hazard warning after tankers carrying carbon dioxide were found to have been contaminated with radioactivity after a visit to Hunterston nuclear power station.

This so infuriated the natives that,

painted up in true Braveheart mode, they surged over Hadrian's Wall to intercept a Trident warhead convoy heading for Faslane.

Waiting at Faslane would have been a recently arrived and recently court martialled RN Lieutenant. The Portsmouth court had heard that while working on a nuclear submarine, unable to cope with his workload, he started squirrelling away top secret files in his locker. This sort of thing happens at intervals to post office employees. They are usually sacked on the spot. Our not-so-jolly matelot was reprimanded and moved to new work: assistant to the head of Faslane base.

Meanwhile the navy is about to order a few more nuclear-powered hunter killer submarines from VSEL. At the same time, the long term problems of what to do with the radioactive, rotting hulks of old nuclear subs have just been thrown into total confusion.

John Gummer has finally turned down the Nirex application to dig a Rock Characterisation Facility (RCF)

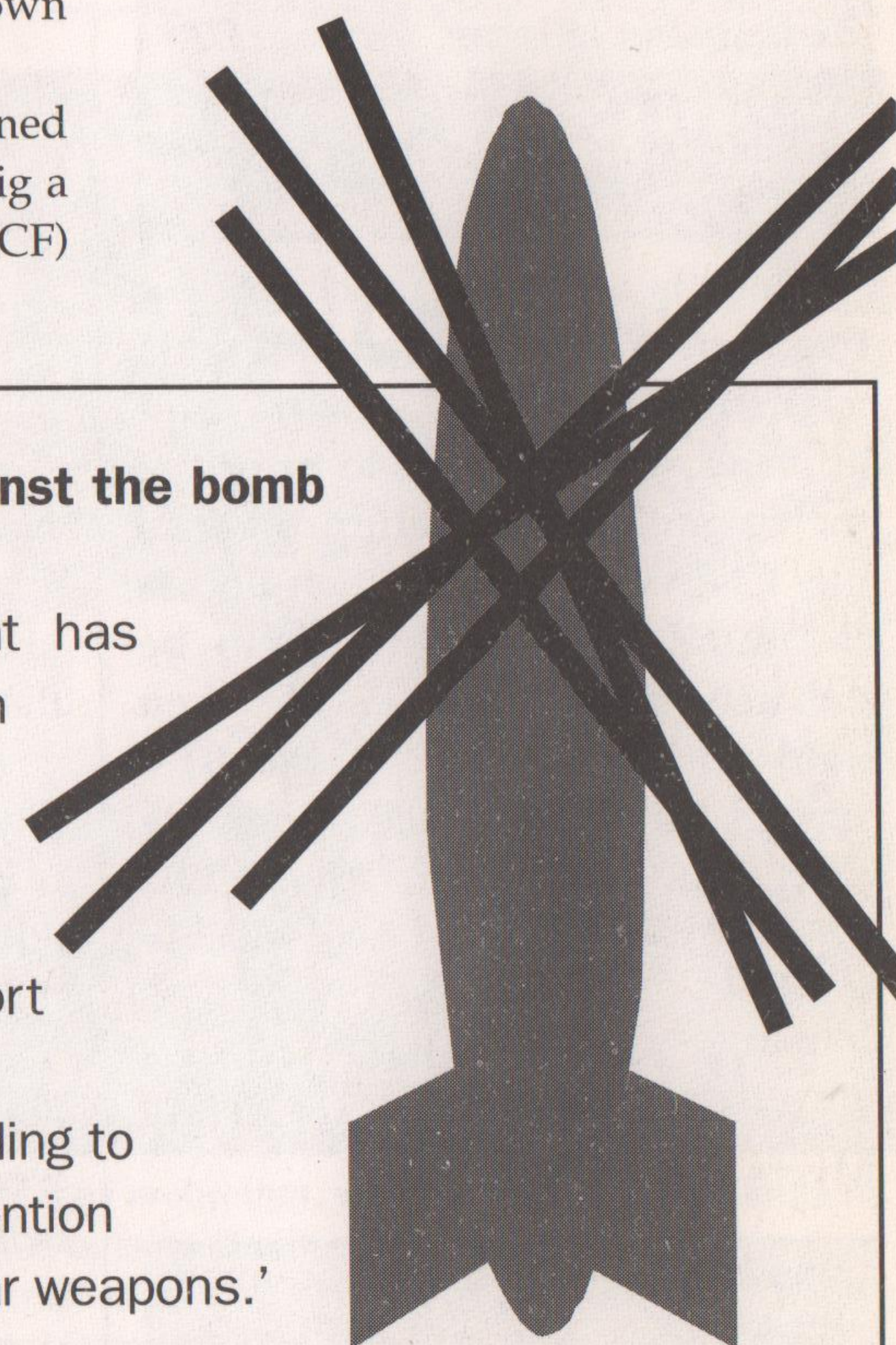
at Sellafield. The RCF – don't call it a dump – was to provide the final resting place for all Britain's high level nuclear waste, including large chunks of our subs. Is it totally unreasonable to suggest that Britain should stop building more of the things at least until the MoD has sorted out what to do with the old ones? So far they've had thirty-five years to come up with a solution.

Other news from underwater is that dredgers keeping clear the deep channel into the US King's Bay, Georgia, Trident base are colliding with and killing unfortunate and already endangered North Atlantic Right Whales.

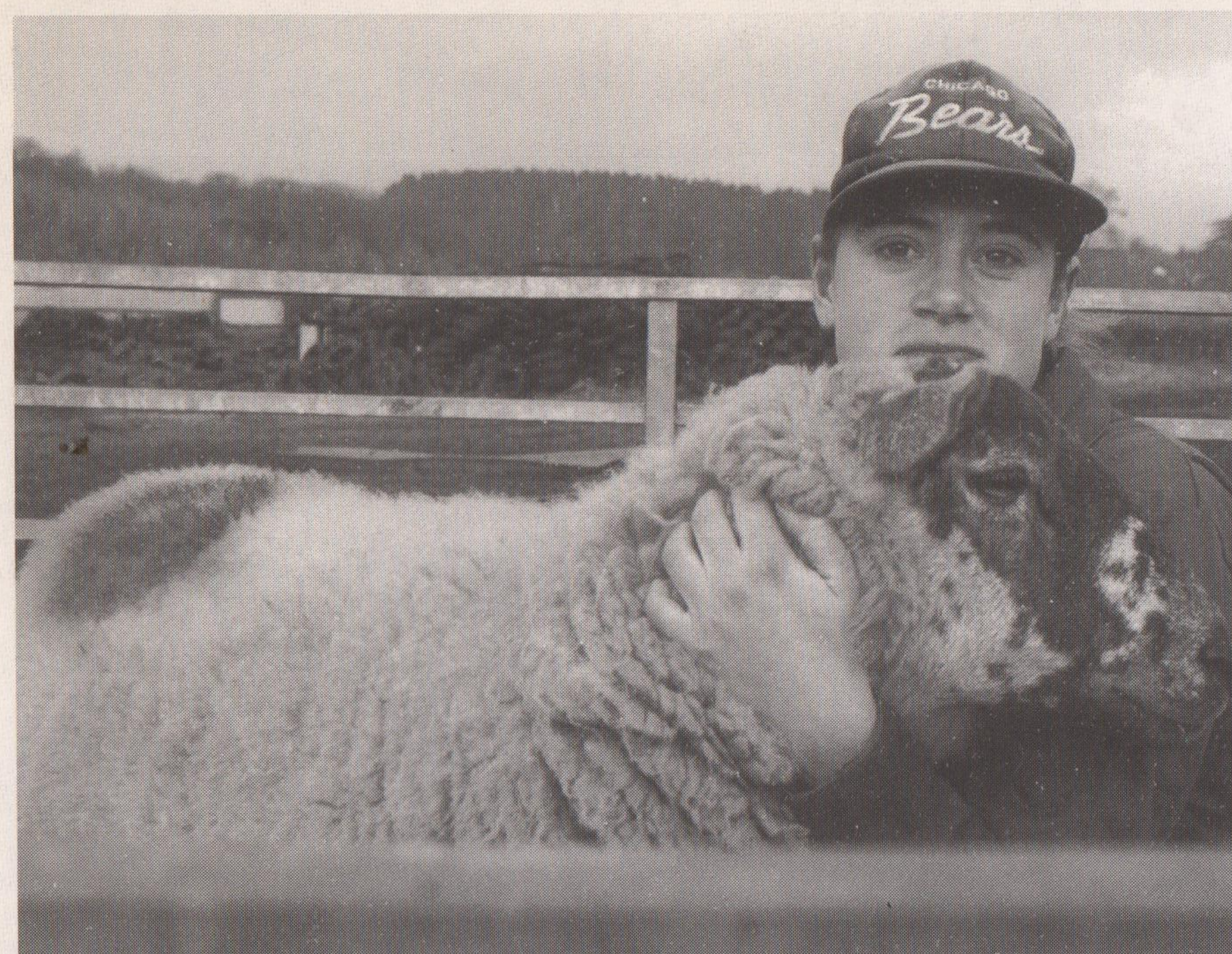
Better news is that the huge anti-nuclear waste demonstrations in Germany have cost the authorities so much that all future plans to build more reactors are likely to be scrapped.

Stop press . .MEPs against the bomb

The European Parliament has passed a resolution on the Non-Proliferation Treaty that includes the phrase 'calls on the Member States to support the commencement of negotiations in 1997 leading to the conclusion of a convention for the abolition of nuclear weapons.'



Muriel's Grapevine



Dave Wright's sheep in the Forest of Dean are marked with the CND logo.

Forest of Dean CND showed just what can happen when groups have good contacts with the local media. By including them on their newsletter mailing list, the local paper picked up on an article about local farmer Dave Wright, who marks his sheep with the CND symbol. He has been doing this for a number of years, describing it as a peaceful protest.

The local paper, intrigued by this, telephoned Holloway Road. We, in turn, put out a press release and immediately began receiving calls from the national press. They were all interested and wanted to get pictures. The farmer himself told us that he had been inundated with calls. So, send your newsletter to your local media. You never know where it might lead!

Kent Area CND had representatives from the French peace movement at their AGM. They hope to plan some joint activities later this year focussing on the cost of Trident and the French missile programme.

Leicester CND say that most of their work is based around street

stalls dealing with Trident, Abolition 2000, Chernobyl, World Court, Vanunu and nuclear testing. Sounds pretty comprehensive to me! They also had a very successful campaign with the Quaker Peace Group against war toys.

Bolton CND member Malcolm Pittock will run in the London Marathon to raise money for the Chernobyl Children's Project. If you would like to sponsor him, contact 0161 834 8176.

Brighton CND, Surrey Peace Action Network, London Region CND and others are all busy collecting goods and money for medical aid to send to Chernobyl in time for the 11th anniversary in April.

That's all for this month. As always, do send us your newsletter and any items that make the local press.

Muriel

Campaigning materials order

CND's new Trident materials: A5 leaflet £1.50 for 100, featuring graphic opposite and full colour posters (different design) in both A3 and A2 sizes. £1 and £2 respectively.

See below for details of bulk orders



	Qty.	Cost
New Trident leaflet		£1.50/100
Basic case leaflet		£1.50/100
Tactical Trident leaflet		£1.50/100
Membership leaflet		£1 for 50
Nuclear testing briefing		10p each
Trident briefing		10p each
About CND briefing		10p each
Hiroshima briefing		10p each
Tactical Trident book by Milan Rai		£4.50
B/W CND symbol badge		30p
New Trident poster A2		£2 (£15/10)
New Trident poster A3		£1 (£7.50/10)
'Einstein' A1 poster		£3
Campaign magazine subscription		£5 pa
Lobby subscription		free
General Election pack		£5 each
Blueprint		£5 each
Broken Arrow report		£2
T-shirt: Picassoesque		£12.00
T-shirt: logo		£12.00

Postage (second class) **minimum 75p**

100 leaflets 75p

200 £1.11

300 £2.75

400-600 £3.95

700-1000 £5.11

Other items 75p

Sub total

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