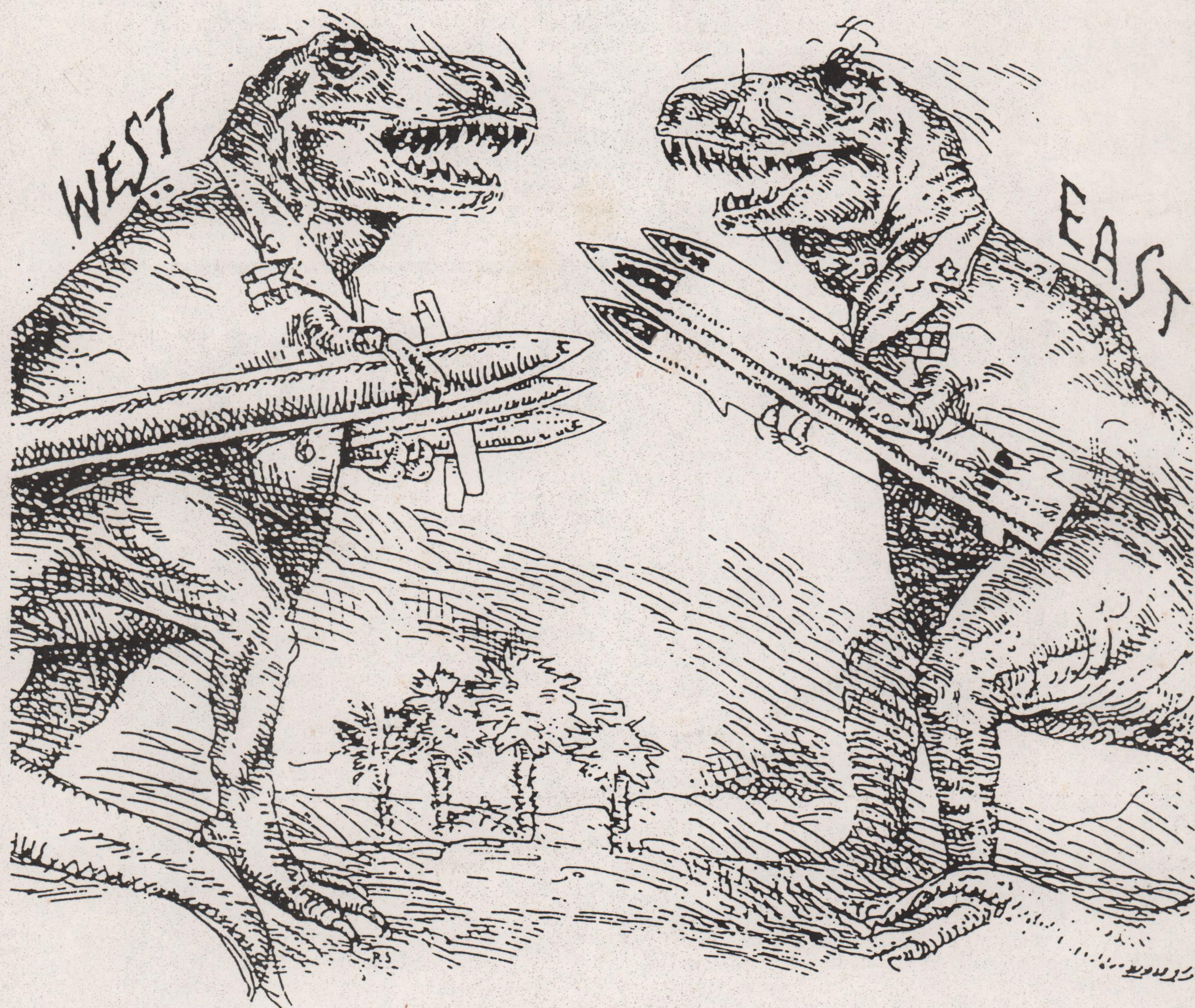

NOTTINGHAM CND

March 89 Bulletin



**The age of dinosaurs
is past.**

EDITORIAL

In this issue we have departed from our normal practice of the Bulletin team writing the Editorial. In view of the statements by Neil Kinnock, we decided to ask Ken Coates - Labour Candidate for the forthcoming Euro election - to write a guest editorial. Ken has given us the text of a letter signed by himself, Ken Fleet, Stephen Bodington and Michael Barratt Brown, currently being circulated through the Labour Party. We have omitted the last part of the statement which asks Labour branches to take part in a Defence referendum - the full text is available from Ken at Bertrand Russell House, Gamble Street, Nottingham. NG7 4ETH

Dear Colleague,

Labour's Defence Review: Some Questions.

Like many, perhaps most, of the members of the Labour Party, we have been troubled by attempts to undermine its commitment to abandon nuclear weapons. Most of these pressures have been brought to bear from outside. But now the party Leader has confirmed that he wishes the old policy to be repudiated.

It was the Leader himself who had argued for the expulsion of nuclear weapons on moral grounds, saying that he could never agree to "push the button" to launch a nuclear attack. A change of policy, in this case, is also a change of morality.

Undeniably, the Labour Party could change its nuclear policies, if the majority of members agreed. It would then be for the minority to decide to what extent the new policies accorded with, or could be reconciled with, their own conscientious convictions. Some might leave. But conscience is not a monopoly of the grass-roots: if the policies are to change, is it not obvious that responsibility for implementing them must change at the same time? Would not inconsistency on such a major matter as this cast doubt on the consistency of other engagements, from the relief of poverty through to the restoration of the economy?

For those of us who reaffirm our opposition to all the nuclear weapons based in Britain, Neil Kinnock's change of mind is a sad experience, even when allowance is made for the remorseless campaign to which he has been exposed. The United States budget plans to double capital expenditure on modernising nuclear bases in Britain and no doubt every resource of the lobby has been used to guarantee the security of this investment. For our part we think that greater Soviet willingness to disarm should be met by a similar willingness in the West and we do not believe that the presence of foreign nuclear bases in Britain helps the process of disarmament. Can anyone seriously pretend that new Soviet policies have removed all the obstacles to agreement? Are they denying the impediments on the other side? To indulge the United States in its intransigence will slow, not speed, the necessary action.

Neil Kinnock's was a valued voice on our side of the argument. It gives no pleasure to criticise him. But either the Labour Party is to continue its present anti-nuclear policy or it is not. If it is, doesn't it need a new leader who still believes in it? If it is not, doesn't it need a new leader of the other persuasion? How else could the Party build trust in its political and moral sincerity?

For these reasons we invite you, your constituency and branch and all other individual members of the Labour Party to join in the following referendum. We would value your opinion and advice and would also appreciate any help you could give us to meet the costs of circulating this enquiry and publicising the results in the socialist press.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Barratt Brown,
Stephen Bodington,
Ken Coates,
Ken Fleet.

DIARY

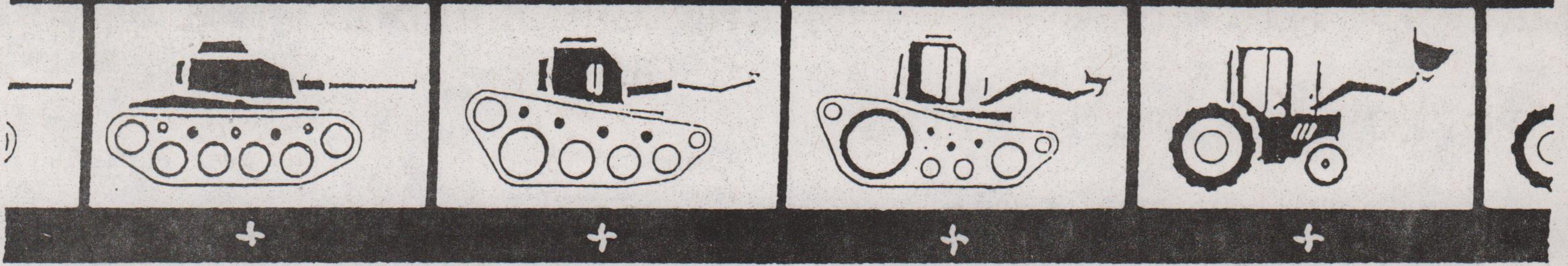
MARCH

- Sat 4th. Banner Workshop & Fun Day 12.30pm
Forest Fields Community Centre,
Gladstone Street, Forest Fields.
- Mon 6th. NCND officers' meeting. NCND office,
33 Caslegate. 7.00pm.
- Tue. 7th. Bulletin Editorial meeting.
20 Waldeck Rd., Sherwood. 8.00pm.
- 11th-16th LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS PEACE WEEK
(various events-details inside)
- Mon.13th Bruce Kent speaking on CND's NATO
campaign. Students Union Building,
Loughborough University. 7.30pm.
(if interested phone Cath 620459 re
transport to the event)
- Wed.15th NCND Executive meeting. NCND office,
33 Castlegate. 7.30pm.
- Sat.18th Listergate stall street event on NCND's
Spring campaign. 11.00-14.00
- Tue.21st Bulletin editorial meeting. 20 Waldeck
Road, Sherwood. 8.00pm.
- Tue.21st Bulletin deadline April Bulletin.

APRIL

- Sun. 2nd NATIONAL CND DEMONSTRATION, LONDON.
'Turn Your Hand To Change'
Details inside, coaches from Nottingham
- Wed.12th Policy Making Meeting. W.E.A.,
Shakespeare St, Nottingham. 7.30pm
- Fri.21st 'Break the nuclear chain' demonstration
- Sat.22nd B.N.F.L. CAPENHURST. NVDA demo, vigils
Contact Capenhurst watch, Merseyside
CND, 24 Hardman St, Liverpool. L1 9AX

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SPRING CAMPAIGN TAKING ON NATO

We live in a sick world; a world in which millions of people die for want of food, for want of simple basic medical care, for want of clean drinking water; a world in which many people are denied the chance of even an elementary education. Across our planet, we are witnessing the terrible and terrifying destruction of the ecological system... the rain forests, the ozone layer in the atmosphere, acid in the rain, poison in the rivers and lakes, radioactive and industrial waste dumped in the soil. We live in a world in which tens of thousands of people are butchered in wars, by horrific modern killing-machines and in which the main victor seems always to be the suppliers and manufacturers of those infernal weapons.

We all know these things to be true. We even become accustomed to these truths and they easily transform themselves from appalling, unbearable truths to familiar cliché-ed truisms. Perhaps we need to do that, in order to retain our sanity.

What we never ever do, though, is celebrate these nightmares! We don't hail the sickness of our world as good health. We don't clap ourselves on the back, announce what a good job we are doing of running this planet.

Our Government does. Next month we are going to be treated to huge helpings of self-congratulatory, complacent, hypocritical celebrations of "FORTY YEARS OF PEACE".

Forty years of NATO is forty years of pouring away billions upon billions of pounds worth of our resources into pointless, murderous, cold war-mongering. Every pound that is spent in preparations for war is a pound that could have gone to ease that nightmare of poverty, starvation, disease, pollution and ecological crisis. Forty years of the most disgusting waste of human resources that we could ever imagine.

And, next month, the Government is having a celebration!

To put it in perspective, we can spend £1 Billion on a Trident submarine... or on a five-year programme for universal child immunisation against six diseases, preventing one million deaths per year.

We can spend £8 Million on one nuclear weapons' test... or on training for 40,000 community health workers in the Third World.

We can spend £1 Billion on 600 new Challenger tanks for the Army... or, on 20,000 new council houses.

And the Government is having a celebration!

NATO's new European Fighter Aircraft Programme will cost £20 Billion... or a complete primary school education to 10 Million children in Latin-America.

TEN MILLION AND ONE GOOD REASONS TO BE IN LONDON

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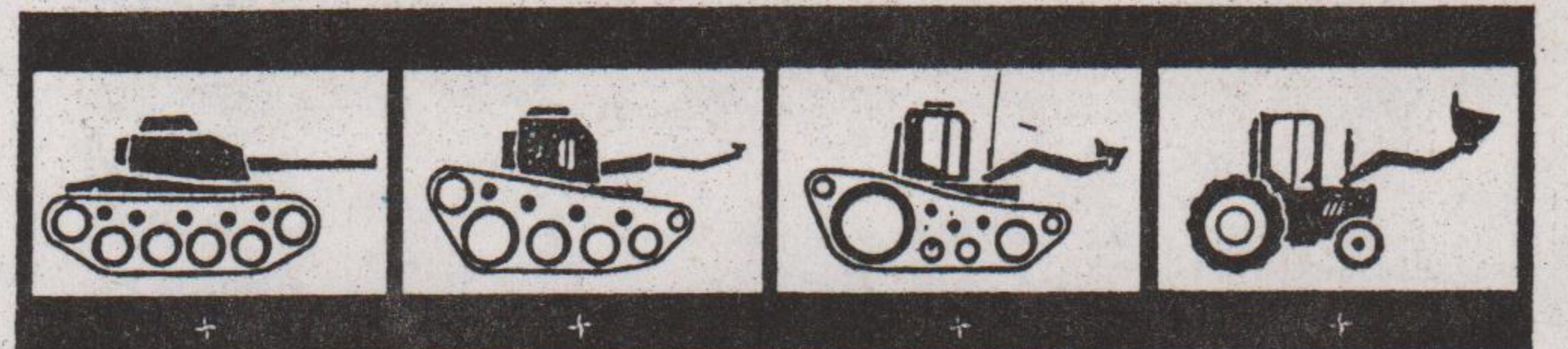
And that's ten million reasons to join CND's national demonstration in London on Sunday April 2nd, to be part of the human chains stretching between the Ministry of Defence and the DHSS and the Overseas Development Administration, to take part in the passing along those chains of symbolic resources and showing how we would like to see our money spent.

But the title of this piece says "Ten million and one", so what's the "one"? The other reason for being there on April 2nd is to get together with all your old friends and colleagues from the peace movement and give this government and its supporters in the press a bit of a shock. They'd have the British people believe that the peace movement is finished, over and done with.

We're not and we have an opportunity to show them so on Sunday April 2nd. Be there and Turn Your Hand To Change!

TICKETS £2.50/£4.50... AVAILABLE FROM NCND OFFICE, MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP, HIZIKI WHOLEFOODS, OUROBOUROS WHOLEFOODS AND THE RAINBOW CENTRE.

COACHES LEAVE SALUTATION INN, MAID MARIAN WAY, 8.30 a.m. and return back in Nottingham, approx. 7.30 p.m.



If the Cold War is over, why does Mrs Thatcher want more nuclear weapons for NATO?

EVENTS

POLICY-MAKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 7.30 pm

WEA, SHAKESPEARE STREET

This is your chance, as an ordinary NCND member, to have your say about the local campaign's policy.

Have you got any ideas, suggestions, proposals, criticisms, complaints, strategies, tactics, or plans that you'd like to put forward?

BRUCE KENT

(Chairperson of CND)

"C.N.D. 's campaign against NATO"



Monday 13th
March

7.30 pm



Students' Union
Building.
Loughborough
University.

PEACE

11 th - 16 th MARCH 1989

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING.

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| Saturday 11th | 2.00- 6.00 pm "Peace Gathering" stalls, live bands and bar. 9.00- 2.00 am Disco and drinks promo. All proceeds to C.N.D. |
| Sunday 12th | Leafletting of University Campus. Meet at 2.00 pm |
| Monday 13th | 7.30 pm Bruce Kent speaking on C.N.D.'s NATO campaign. |
| Tuesday 14th | 7.30 pm 2 films: "A stupid way of doing business" relating the arms race to the problems of the Third World. "The War Game" An imaginary 'documentary' portraying a nuclear attack on Britain. |
| Wednesday 14th | 6.30 pm; Disarmament Workshop in Hagger Hall, refreshments provided. |
| Thursday 16th | 12.30-2.00pm; Letter writing and petition signing at the C.N.D. stall. |

For further information contact Louis Stephen, (0509-264026)



NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS



Please can any other groups who meet regularly send in details to the Bulletin team.

FOREST FIELDS: Every third Thursday, 7.30pm. Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, Wiverton Rd.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT: Every 2nd Monday, 7.45pm. R-on-T Library, New Road, Radcliffe.

SHERWOOD & MAPPERLEY PARK: Variable date and venue.

WOLLATON: Every 3rd Monday, 8.00pm. Wollaton Library, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton.

WEST BRIDGFORD: "At Home" Last Saturday in the month. NCND office, 33 Castlegate, Nottm. 10.30-14.30. Bulletin collation & stall.

RECYCLING COMES TO THE NCND BULLETIN

Those observant readers among you will already have noticed that this month's bulletin has a different look and feel... it is recycled paper!

The editorial team felt that, due to the still relatively large print run, we should have a trial of using recycled paper. The printers have as yet to try the paper in the offset and there is some trepidation about this, as the 100g. paper has produced such good results... but nothing ventured, nothing gained, and I'm sure the excellent team of printers can tackle anything!

Just to remind readers that the Rainbow Centre on Mansfield Road is a collection point for paper for recycling, so don't forget to take your old Bulletins, newspapers, etc. down there!

CATH WAKEMAN.

NCND OFFICE OPENING TIMES.

Tuesday 11.00 - 13.00
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Thursday 10.00 - 14.30

Every Wednesday evening 17.00 - 19.30.

LISTERGATE STALL

Every Saturday for information & sales 11.00-14.00
If you can help with the NCND stall days please contact the office.

WEST BRIDGFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have decided to discontinue our evening meetings for the moment. Instead we will be "at home" at 33 Castlegate on the last Saturday of each month when we collate the bulletins and take the stall out.

Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.30 - 14.30. Do come and join us.

POLICY-MAKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 7.30 pm

WEA, SHAKESPEARE STREET

PROPOSALS

I propose that Nottingham CND employ a part-time person to work at the CND office at Castlegate. The reasoning behind this is the need to re-energise CND and to revitalise the local neighbourhood groups. A paid worker would be able to co-ordinate campaigns and there would be continuity at the office so that campaigns would go ahead smoothly. A worker could act as a catalyst for other people and groups to react to.

I think that a worker should see their role primarily as one which encourages others to participate in CND rather than strike a lonely furrow on her or his own.

With a regular person in the office this could have a 'knock-on' effect for visitors (members and non-members) to Castlegate. The office would become an active place for volunteers to come to. With any luck a worker could take on with helping to co-ordinate activities throughout the county.

The main problem I foresee is an organisational one. How to find someone, how many hours should s/he be employed for, who actually employs them? There must be a management committee to oversee the work and to be the employer and with whom the worker would meet regularly to discuss the work in progress, any new ideas and any problems. This management committee might or might not be the executive or the officers. A contract is vital so that both sides know what is expected of each other.

What about the money? How much will it cost? Well, this depends on how long we employ someone for, how many hours a week they work and how much we pay them per hour. We can expect very little financial help from National CND, but we have the Dorothy Green bequest which could be used. It is possible that the worker could generate enough new members and to contain the current fall in members to make it financially viable without that.

What kind of person would be wanted? Well someone who can work on her/his own but who is capable of generating enthusiasm to other people. Someone who is articulate and can initiate and develop ideas for CND and, of course, who supports CND's aims.

There is still a lot of work to be done in CND. We cannot let our viewpoint drop from the media but must carry on our campaigns with zest. With the labour party becoming confused about nuclear disarmament and with NATO celebrating their 40th anniversary CND still needs to speak out. I think we can do that better with a part-time worker.

Kate Marsden.

AGAINST - JEREMY JAGO

I've been asked to summarise the case against employing a part-time worker. I'm in the undecided lobby (generally a noisy group). These arguments, some ideological, other practical, come from local group representatives.

- 1) Friction can develop between paid staff and volunteers, who themselves pay in transport and time. This has happened in some Community Programme projects.
- 2) Potential volunteers might be put off altogether and when the worker's term of employment ends, unpaid staff may be scarce. This again, has happened elsewhere.
- 3) We can't agree how to use Dorothy Green's bequest, but some disapprove of using it for wages which would soon drain it dry. Others may think twice before favouring us in their wills.
- 4) To justify payment, the worker would have to do other work for us, like research as well as essential office duties. The limited hours we could afford would restrict this. The members' time needed for supervision might be better put into actual campaigning, research and fund-raising.

It's been said that local campaigns should be driven by commitment alone and shouldn't have to pay people. But, as the supporters of employment rightly point out, there are jobs not getting done, such as reaching the public often enough. So, while there are definite arguments against paying a worker, we must, in fairness to Sue Fox, realise that her suggestion would not have been made unless we had a volunteer problem. It would be absolutely wrong to vote against Ms Fox's idea without putting another solution in its place.

PROPOSAL FOR POLICY MAKING MEETING

"The more nuclear weapons you have the more vulnerable you become."

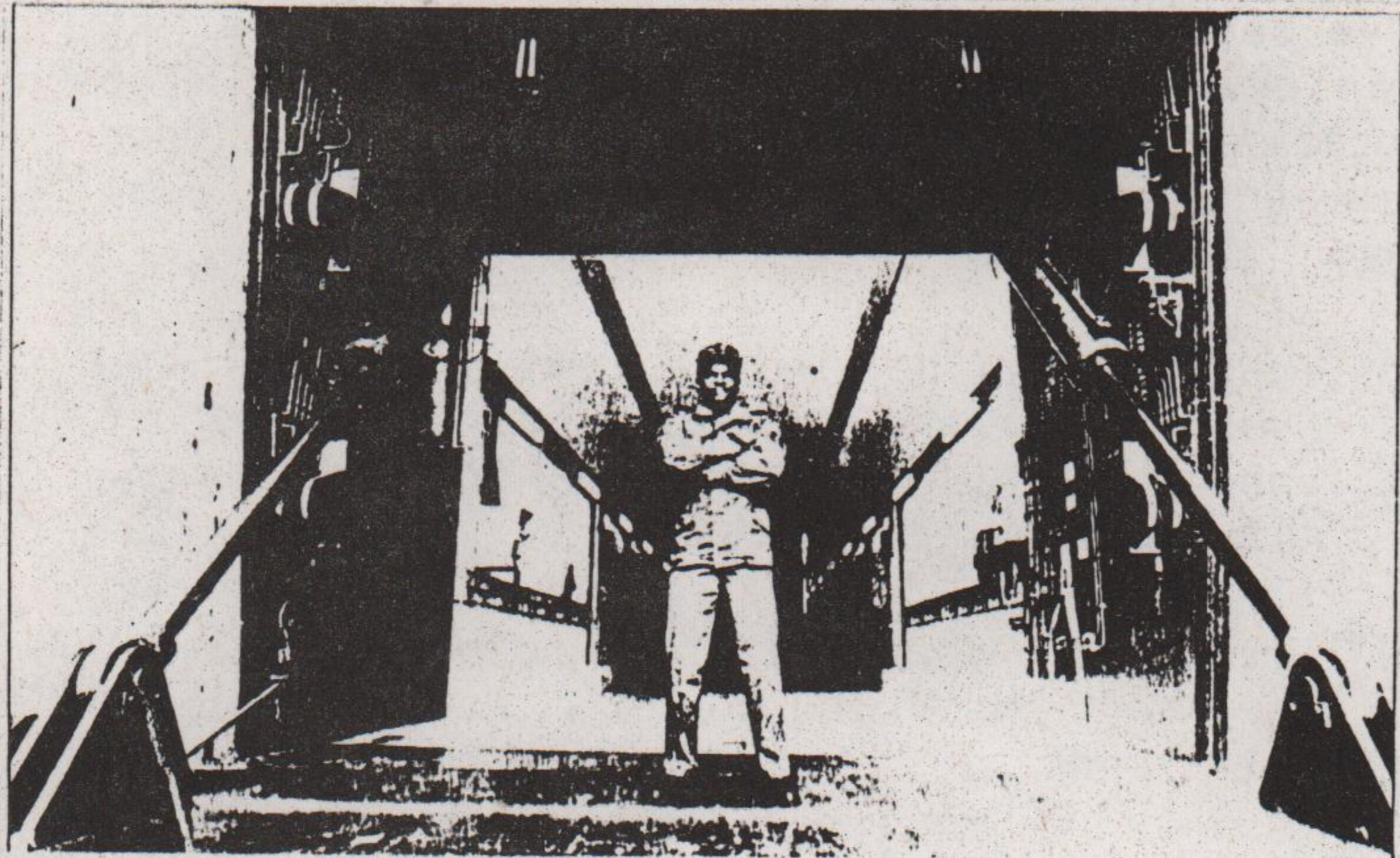
(The Nuclear Age, I.T.V., 13.2.89.)

More weapons = more waste = more danger = and more pollution. Can we, a very tiny and densely populated country, take the risks? Thatcherism and N.A.T.O. have created the image of a need for nuclear weapons because of their need to keep up the illusions of power and imperialism.

If the Labour Party is to re-think its attitude to Unilateral Nuclear Disarmament as stated by Neil Kinnock, then should we, as members of C.N.D., be discussing this issue with local branches of the Labour Party? Should we be sending speakers to their meetings? Should we also try and formulate a simple but effective alternative message against the deployment of weapons in this country, a message that ordinary people can understand and relate to.

SUE FOX.

MOLESWORTH



' Yesterday the cruise missile base at RAF Molesworth, in Huntingdonshire, officially closed. One half-expected to see people protesting against the ecological and economic damage of such a step. But for once, nobody minded at all. There was only one person outside: Marie Dignam, the last resident of the Molesworth peace camp.

She sat quietly in her caravan and watched the top brass drive through the perimeter gates for the final time. The occasion was what the Americans, with their feeling for language, call an "inactivation ceremony".

The colonel commanding the 303rd Tactical Missile Wing of the US Air Force handed over the official colours to his general, barely two years after the wing was first activated. The cruise missiles in his charge had already been dispatched back to Arizona to be destroyed in accordance with the INF Treaty signed by Mr Ronald Reagan and President Gorbachev; they had only been operational for 10 months.

The formalities were brief. The remaining personnel, US airmen and Ministry of Defence bobbies, lined up and saluted. Then the press were allowed through the four inner fences that guard the unholy of unholies, the four massive bunkers where the missiles lived. Now there is nothing to see, merely a set of empty caverns looking like scale models of the Dartford Tunnel. There were supposed to be 64 missiles at Molesworth; only 18 of them ever arrived, merely enough for about 60 Hiroshimas. Now the place is redundant and officials are discussing what to do with it. There is no obvious role: a windswept tract of land with a collection of plain new buildings and eight miles of razor wire. A jail perhaps? A new commuter town for the less particular sort of yuppie? A printing plant for Mr Rupert Murdoch?

Most likely Molesworth will revert to its old role as a half-forgotten annexe of the much larger base at Alconbury.

Marie Dignam does not feel entirely safe yet. She had never intended to stay at Molesworth so long but, what with one thing and another she has just never got around to leaving - and someone has to keep an eye on the Peace Garden. "If I go and something else happens here, I don't think the police would allow us to have another camp," she said. But in the meantime she was planning a small inactivation ceremony of her own with some mulled wine and friends from Cambridge CND.'

Matthew Engel.

From "The Guardian", Tuesday January 31st, 1989.

MOLESWORTH - Farewell to Arms

So the cruise missile base at Molesworth has now been "inactivated". But the question remains: WHY WAS IT EVER BUILT IN THE FIRST PLACE? Not only has this been a white elephant of nightmarish proportions but, more importantly, people must be reminded that the deployment of nuclear weapons can NEVER be morally acceptable in any circumstances. It is horrifying that a genocide base such as Molesworth was ever conceived, besides the fact that millions of pounds of the nation's money was poured into it and that people's creativity and skilled labour was lavished upon it.

Why did the British Government push through the building work so single-mindedly in the last few months of construction, in the full awareness of the likelihood that medium range missiles, such as Cruise, would almost certainly be negotiated away by the INF Treaty?

Why is it acceptable for the British Government's Defence Budget to squander vast sums of money on plans which include the annihilation of innocent millions while budgets set aside for the basic necessities of life, such as having a roof over one's head and access to health care are deprived of adequate funds?

People are being persuaded into thinking that these basic rights are now a luxury that this country can no longer afford and which they can no longer expect to have. Today, the funding of the National Health Service and the provisions for the badly housed and the homeless depend on a budget calculation and not on any moral obligation or necessity. The Defence Ministry, on the other hand, can waste millions of pounds on a morally repugnant and subsequently useless military installation - money which, apparently, can always be found for these purposes.

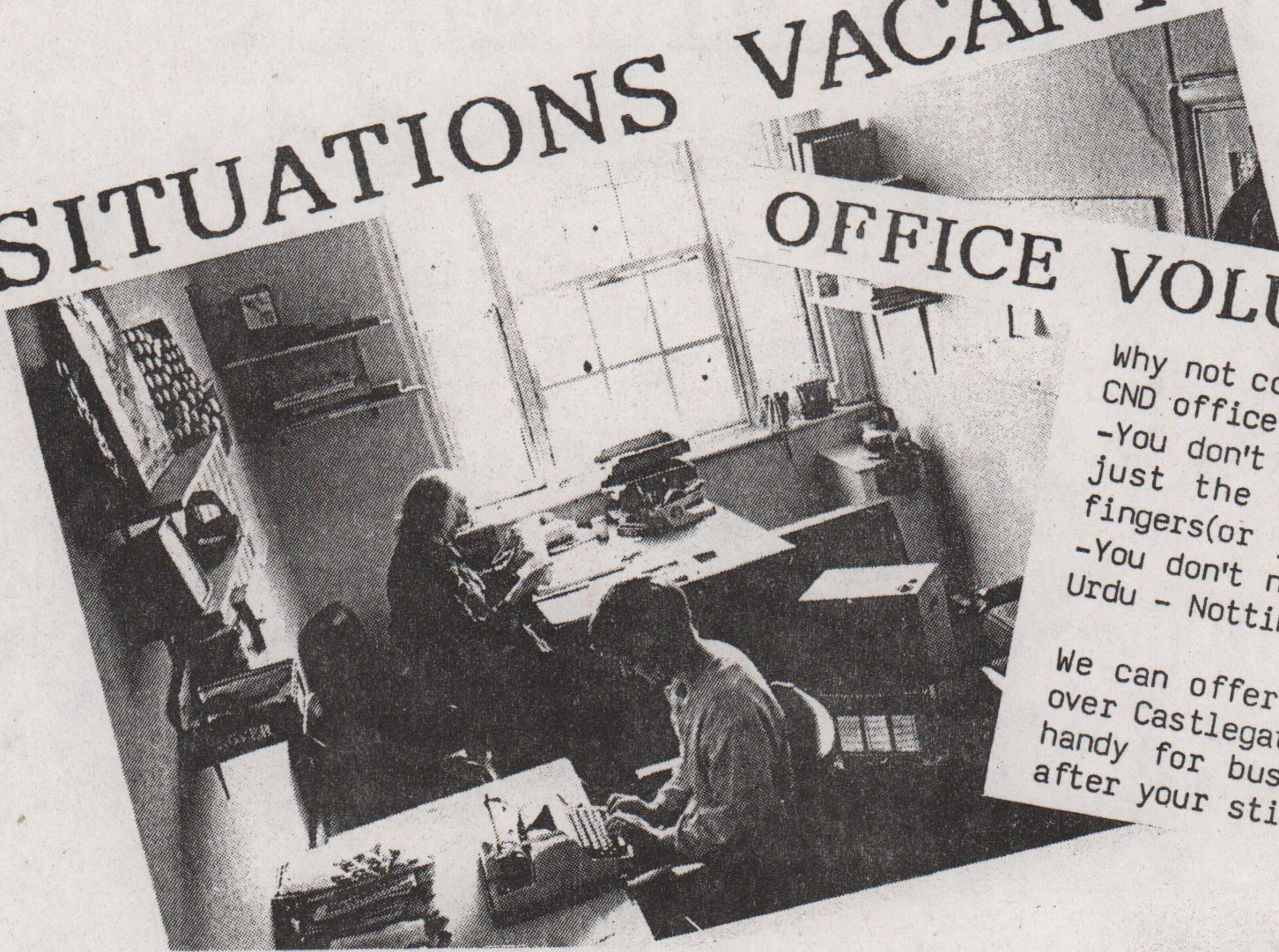
Matthew Engel, in a Guardian article, refers to cruise missiles "living" in concrete bunkers. nuclear weapons are not "living" things - they are tools of death and mass destruction on a scale we can only begin to imagine, whose use would put an end to the precious living creatures of this world.

Politicians put energy and thought into the "reality" of negotiation through strength and the rights and wrongs of multilateralism and unilateralism, but how can this thinking have an ounce of validity in the face of the clear and undeniable fact that nuclear weapons are an obscenity with the potential, by design or accident, to end all life on this planet. We must speak out and say "No! We will not tolerate this and we are not prepared to allow this threat to life to continue in this way."

Cath Wakeman

SITUATIONS VACANT!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Why not come along and join the team of Nottingham CND office volunteers?

- You don't need a degree in economics or banking- just the ability to add up to ten on your fingers(or your toes).
- You don't need to speak German, French, Latin or Urdu - Nottingham Eastwood will do a treat.

We can offer you a nice warm office, with views over Castlegate, in a prime city centre position - handy for buses, the pub and shopping before or after your stint in the office.

Hours are flexible, day shift or evening shift, as long or as short as you like and there's even time to do all the pleasanter jobs you don't have time for at home! Like reading a book or knitting a Kaffe Fassett jumper...

Children and pets are welcome!

Experience the fun of a full mail box where bills are paid by someone else(simply place in the Treasurer's tray) problems are handed on (place in the executive tray) and you can make Peggy Westaway's day by placing all the new and rejoined members' applications in the membership tray!

It may not feel like the hub of activity but what it needs is a few more people volunteering to bring the office alive! Come on down and see if the job might suit you. To quote Milton 'They also serve who also sit and wait'.

Doreen Gower/Cath Wakeman.



If you are interested, but not sure what to do, why not come down and visit the office on a Thursday lunchtime and Doreen Gower can show you what we do. You don't need to make a regular commitment, but can just put down your name as an occasional worker that Doreen can contact.

NINTH ON THE NINTH

There can be no tenth without a ninth. Without a ninth, what should have been the tenth would be merely the delayed ninth. Humankind is obsessed with arbitrary divisions of time - birthdays, anniversaries, jubilees, phone bills....

Ross Bradshaw was a picture of grim determination as he chaired the first meeting of the Nottingham Peace Festival group on February 21st. The 'right-on' radicals had stayed away, preferring to smoke their ideologically sound fags somewhere else. There were too few people to have a big discussion on new ideas, but some assumptions were agreed,

- 1) The Festival is too well-attended to be allowed to die.
- 2) It must be outdoors and the existing site is well-known.
- 3) Potential volunteers and skills can be found.

A small (as usual) team was formed, and the next job was to allocate tasks. The big split is between desk drudgery (from now till the event) and physical labour (mainly four days around the event). Last year the same people did both - so this time we want:

- more local groups to take on a specific job (no matter how small)
- more members acting as drivers, loaders, labourers
- more materials and equipment lent by members and their friends.
- more IDEAS. You've got a criticism or a brainwave but no spare time. tell us anyway - you won't be bullied or blackmailed into helping!

1990's Festival will be the tenth. We want Mikhail Gorbachev to open it if we can negotiate an acceptable fee with his manager. If not, Eric Heffer. It would be depressing to regard the ninth festival just as a step up to the 'big one'. Let's make it worthwhile in itself.

Jeremy Jago

9TH PEACE FESTIVAL - 9TH JULY 1989

NEXT MEETING: TUES. 14TH MARCH, 33 CASTLEGATE, 7.30

MESSAGES: BILL & VERA, 970 822987 JEREMY 621453

NCND DRIVE FOR AFFILIATIONS

Members of the Trades Union and labour movement in Nottingham have a perfect opportunity to react to Neil Kinnock's recent pronouncements on unilateral disarmament (something-for something-ism). What could be more appropriate, more telling or more positive than affiliating their branch to Nottingham CND?

Letters are being sent to all the 300 Trade Union branches and the 20 or so Labour Party branches, inviting them to affiliate to NCND.

The Establishment would have us believe that the Peace Movement is finished... unfortunately for them, we're alive and kicking. There remains much work to be done, to rid our planet of the threat of nuclear war. Even as the Soviets and the Americans are making tentative steps towards cuts in these genocidal weapons, the Thatcher Government is pressing ahead with the Trident missile, a weapon with eight times as many warheads as Polaris. And, just as we say goodbye to the Ground Launched Cruise Missiles at Greenham and Molesworth, NATO is secretly planning to bring the warheads back as air-launched weapons at Upper Heyford and sea-launched missiles at Portsmouth and Faslane.

Now's the time that we need your support and you need to remain informed about the arms race. Please affiliate."

If you attend your Labour Party or Trade Union branch meetings, please look out for this letter when it comes round (with a sample Bulletin) in March or April. Make sure that it is discussed and try to persuade the branch to affiliate.

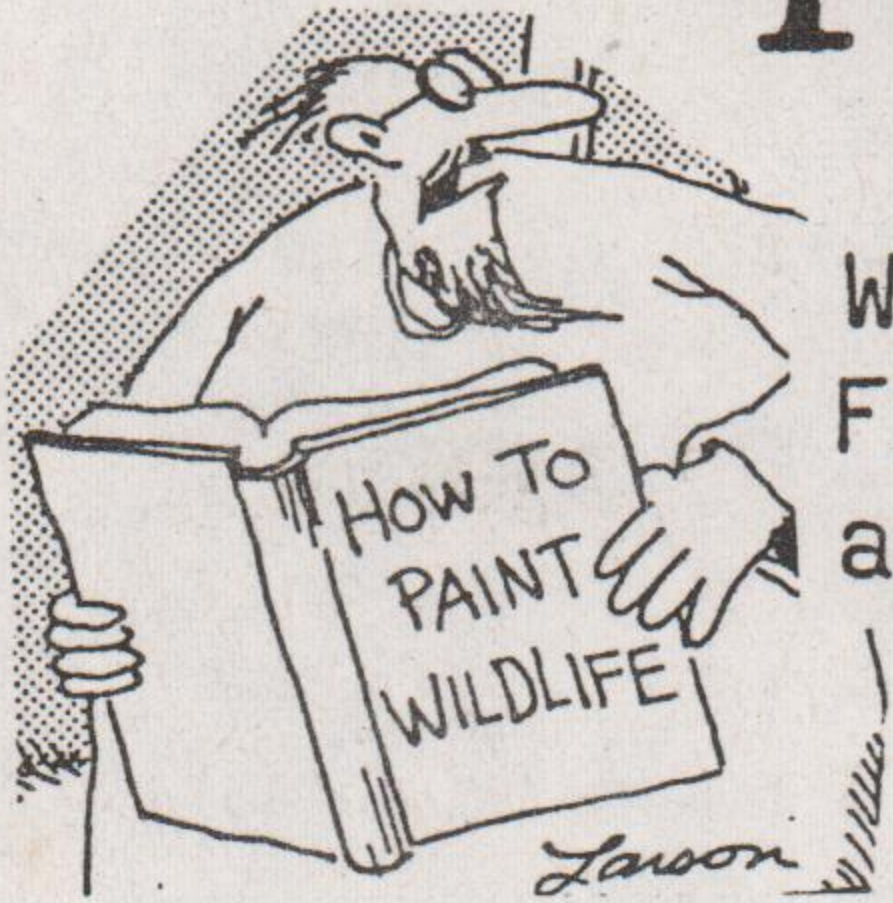
EURO CANDIDATES

Nottingham CND officers have written to all the major political parties to invite them to speak at a public forum on Europe Defence and Disarmament, in the run-up to the Euro-Elections in early June.

As we go to press, the two main candidates - Michael Kilby (Conservative and Ken Coates (Labour) - have both agreed to take part. We are still waiting to hear from the Greens, the Democrats and the SDP, though it is very unlikely that any of them could afford to miss the meeting, given that Kilby and Coates will be there.

The forum will take place in the city centre towards the end of May/beginning of June. Watch out for further details and please be prepared to publicise the meeting as widely as possible, perhaps even putting a poster in the window.

NCND 200 CLUB



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Signed.....

Date.....

CAPTION COMPETITION

CITY LIGHTS C·I·N·E·M·A

The Bulletin Editorial team has deliberately avoided using Neil Kinnock in the Caption Competition. We have felt that to do so would be to have merely joined a knocking campaign, which has been unfair - and also we have felt that, really, Neil was one of ours. Well Neil you've blown it, we've lost patience. You are now fair game. So...captions please. What is he saying and thinking? Answers please by March 21st to the CND office, 33 Castlegate, Nottingham NG1 7AR. The usual reward of a double ticket to City Lights Cinema for the winner. The block votes held by the Bulletin team will decide the winner.



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ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Here are the answers to the Christmas Quiz printed in the December/January issue of the Bulletin. Check your answers here!

Well, we hope the Xmas Quiz kept you away from the Queen's Speech this year. The answers are below.

- 1) CND was formed in 1958.
- 2) Initials stand for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, South-East Atlantic Treaty Organisation, Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile, War Resisters' International, Peace Pledge Union, Anti-Apartheid Movement.
- 3) Spies for Peace revealed the existence of a network of government bunkers.
- 4) Hugh Gaitskill would "fight, fight, and fight again" to save the party he loved, while
- 5) Aneurin Bevan didn't want the British Foreign Secretary to "go naked into the conference chamber".
- 6) R. Reagan announced the bombing of Russia in five minutes and
- 7) Alec Douglas-Home was quite prepared to see the British people blown to atomic dust.
- 8) Disastrous power stations were Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Windscale.
- 9) Fenner Brockway popped his clogs after almost 100 years of anti-militarism.
- 10) The Wobblies were, and to a limited scale are, a militant trade union - the I.W.W. The W.S.P.U. were the suffragist Women's Social & Political Union and White Rose were a group of anti-Nazi Germans.
- 11) The Women's Co-operative Guild established the White Poppy.
- 12) The CND symbol comprises the semaphore code for ND, a broken cross and a circle representing humankind.
- 13) Karen Silkwood and Hilda Morrel were killed in strange circumstances.
- 14) Uncle Ho was Ho Chi Minh, Uncle Sam is America and Uncle Joe is Stalin.
- 15) Pax Christi is the main Catholic peace organisation.
- 16) Meg Beresford joined the Liberals and Bruce Kent Labour.
- 17) NCND has had offices in Goosegate, St. Mary's Gate and Queen Street.
- 18) John Peck is the Communist councillor who is a member of CND.
- 19) Plaid Cymru, the Scottish Nationalists, the Greens and the Communist Party support CND's policy on disarmament and NATO.
- 20) NCND has been active at Chilwell, Upper Heyford, Lakenheath and Molesworth.
- 21) Greenham Peace Camp started in 1981 and the women who set it up walked from...
- 22) South Wales.
- 23) Victor Jara was from Chile, Archbishop Romero was from El Salvador, Daniel Ortega is leader of Nicaragua whilst Federico Garcia Lorca was Spanish.
- 24) Gandhi was active in India, but earlier in South Africa.
- 25) France blew up Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior and
- 26) America invaded Grenada.

- 27) The famous women peace activists were Vera Brittain, Dora Russell and Ethel Mannin.
- 28) Greenham Gates were re-named after colours - blue, yellow, etc.
- 29) "Threads" was made in Sheffield, "China Syndrome" was the other film and the Beeb was none too keen on showing "The War Game".
- 30) OK, you can turn to the back now to check the names of the local groups - if there's one near you, why not ring to offer help?
- 31) The Woodcraft Folk is the youth organisation that supports us.
- 32) The Hibakusha are the Hiroshima survivors.
- 33) The nearest nuclear power station to us is ... how about Capenhurst?
- 34) "Little Boy" was the name of the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima.
- 35) Peace Activists.... Edward Thompson, Martin Luther King and Mohandas Gandhi. But we can't remember E. P. Thompson's middle name! Any ideas?



BOOK REVIEW

STANDING UP TO BE COUNTED

Edited and published by Tim Evans
(Copies £2 from Mushroom Bookshop
or £2.50 incl. post from the author
at 12 Park Crescent, Oadby, Leicester.)

This is a short but interesting pamphlet on the experience of 24 conscientious objectors to World War 2. The booklet comprises responses to two questions: what had led you to being a pacifist in 1939 and what were your present views on peace and war? These questions were put to a group of men who had been "conchies" together, doing alternative service.

Astonishingly, of the original group of 62 men who worked together in the 1940s, 30 of them are still in touch through a circulating letter (actually, a stiff-covered book, now in many volumes) where each writes up his news and sends it on to the next man.

The replies were all thoughtful - some were as committed to pacifism, some quite the opposite. Being about the lives of fellow ordinary people who, more directly than many of us had to "stand up to be counted"; what they have to say is full of interest.

NCND AND TORY MP IN PRESS TUSSLE SHOCK

IT'S YOUR OPINION
CND's praise is for wrong leader

HOW sad it was to read Peter Strauss's letter commenting on the exciting changes in the Soviet Union. Medley true Corb-

PRAISE MUST BE MERITED

Over the last few weeks, a battle has been taking place to win the hearts and minds of Evening Post readers over the question of changes in the USSR and prospects for disarmament. The two protagonists were Pete Strauss - NCND Press Officer - and Michael Knowles - Conservative MP for Nottingham East (and reputed to be a member of the Neanderthal Tendency).

NCND began with a letter under a Post headline of LET US FOLLOW RUSSIAN LEAD. This greeted Mikhail Gorbachev's speech at the United Nations as "encouraging and exciting" and contrasted it with the British Government's response of "stubbornly and stupidly grinding out the same tired old cliches about "negotiation from strength"". It concluded by asking, (perhaps a touch rhetorically), "Is Mrs. Thatcher a disarmer or a re-armer? Will she cancel Trident and work for peace - or carry on and introduce Trident and prepare for war?"

If we are to judge by the size of headline that the Post awards to a letter, they really liked Michael Knowles's MP's reply... CND'S PRAISE IS FOR WRONG LEADER, it barked. If CND had had their way, Britain would have disarmed unilaterally years ago, while the Andropovs, Brezhnevs and the Stalins were still in charge. All CND forecasts and prognostications have been proved wrong. CND always prefer to praise a Soviet leader rather than "give any Credit" to the West. (The Kremlin stooge slur is here to be observed in one of its more subtle formulations. Sadly, Michael's grasp of history is a little rusty, since Joseph Stalin died several years before CND was even formed) .

Quick as a flash came NCND's reply... PRAISE MUST BE MERITED. We asked of our MP: "Has he got the courage to write to this paper and explain why Britain is escalating its nuclear weapons instead of freezing them? Can he explain to his constituents why the nuclear warheads from Cruise missiles which were supposed to be scrapped under the INF Treaty will be brought back into our country to arm air-launched and sea-launched Cruise missiles?"

And the final twist of the knife... a reminder of his statement at a public debate in 1985 that he was personally prepared to "Press the button and launch a nuclear attack".

"DON'T GAMBLE WITH SOVIETS" retorted Michael Knowles (this time with an identically-sized headline as us... perhaps the Post was having doubts). The opening sentence is masterful:- "Peter Strauss's letter once again proves how difficult it is to have any kind of rational dialogue with the CND..." and he goes on to spell out how the Soviet System is "one of the most brutal and bloody-handed" in the world, and argues that even the Labour party is distancing itself from CND now because our "rose-tinted" analysis has proved to be so faulty.

At this point, NCND retired from the fray, only to see the Communist Party of Great Britain and a prospective county council candidate (party--unspecified) step forward to continue the battle. The former asks very pertinently:- "Just what does the USSR have to do in the field of arms reductions before Mr. Knowles is able to rid himself of his anti-Soviet Cold-War mythology?" Prospective-Councillor Teece (heading SCEPTICAL) reviews Soviet history and discovers that the USSR is inherently expansionist. "Perhaps only the replacement of communism in the USSR by a proper democratic society" would make peace possible. (As we all know, "proper democratic countries" don't pose any threat to other nations - we only have to look at British and American history to see that).

And, finally, the return of Michael Knowles (PRUDENCE IS THE BEST POLICY) who is obviously delighted to reply to the Communist Party which was (he is quick to tell readers in case they hadn't noticed) "writing in support of CND".

The final score? Well, it's hard to say. According to opinion polls published recently, Michael Knowles is chronically out of step with public opinion as to the degree of danger posed to us by the Soviet Union... only 6% now believe there to be a serious threat. The gratifying thing is, of course, that Michael Knowles felt NCND's opinion was important enough to answer and that the Evening Post let the debate run in its pages over several weeks.

Lessons? The Letters Page: if the Evening Post is read by tens of thousands of people every day, it's very important that as many of us as possible write in when there is an opportunity to comment on a development in the arms race... even if we are rose-tinted, irrational, fully-fledged exporters of Soviet bloody-handed tyranny!

DON'T GAMBLE WITH SOVIETS
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LET US FOLLOW RUSSIAN LEAD



ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION

A wide range of Jewish and non-Jewish people are being brought together to plan a major exhibition: "Anne Frank in the World, 1929-1945" in Nottingham in October 1989.

The YMCA on Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, is going to house this large exhibition, a bookstall and other events such as talks, films, etc. The exhibition has been assembled by the Anne Frank Foundation in Amsterdam which has preserved the annexe where Anne Frank and her family lived in hiding until they were arrested. They are committed to the struggle for a better world and are opposed to all forms of racism and discrimination.

The exhibition takes a broad view of historical events in Germany and Holland during the Nazi era and narrows its view to look at daily life and the personal history of Anne Frank's family. It seeks to raise the important question of individual choice, since the Nazi era demanded that people choose to collaborate, resist or remain passive. The final panels of the exhibition examine the emergence of neo-fascism since the war and the continuation of racism and anti-semitism.

The exhibition has been shown in most cities in Britain and other countries during the last 3 years. In Birmingham, 74,000 visitors went to see it and 40,000 in Glasgow during its 4 week stay.

The exhibition has been used extensively by school parties. In Sheffield, 4,000 pupils aged 9-18 from 200 schools made visits. Some cities have arranged for a teacher to be seconded for 6 months to develop an educational programme around the exhibition. Lots of excellent material has been produced to be used as preparation follow-up for visits to the exhibition. In Sheffield, volunteers acted as guides to school groups answering questions and bringing out the issues.

The main goal of the exhibition is to provide information on the times in which Anne Frank lived and to stimulate discussion of the problems then in relation to our own time. Fascist ideas are far from dead; so-called democratic countries violate human rights and large groups of people are still regarded as inferior on the basis of their race. The reality and meaning of the holocaust must be inscribed on our minds.

Please telephone Marian Morrigan on 94 (Langley Mill) 602534, if you are interested in being involved or write to: Anne Frank Steering Committee, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham.

BOOK REVIEW

I'M NOT COMPLAINING by Ruth Adam.
(Virago) £4.50.

Being interested in local history, I started reading Ruth Adam's book, "I'm Not Complaining" about a teacher in a Nottinghamshire school during the Thirties, to see what I could glean of what it was like then.

In fact, the book could have taken place in any midlands or northern industrial town during the Depression: the tales of children not eating enough, of the problems of teaching them and the intrigues between the teachers.

The irony of the book lay in the attempts of the local Curate, Mr. Gregory, fired with righteous zeal, to highlight the suffering of the unemployed when their dole is cut by a shilling and to promote a walk to London to ask for work in the area. He is, first of all, ridiculed in the press as a Red menace, then becomes a local hero in his fight to bring jobs to this town. However, the world turns upside down for him when, due to his campaign, one of the old factories is to be re-opened - and turned into a munitions factory. As an ardent pacifist, he was caught in the dichotomy that, in helping to provide work for his parishioners, he has brought death to others.

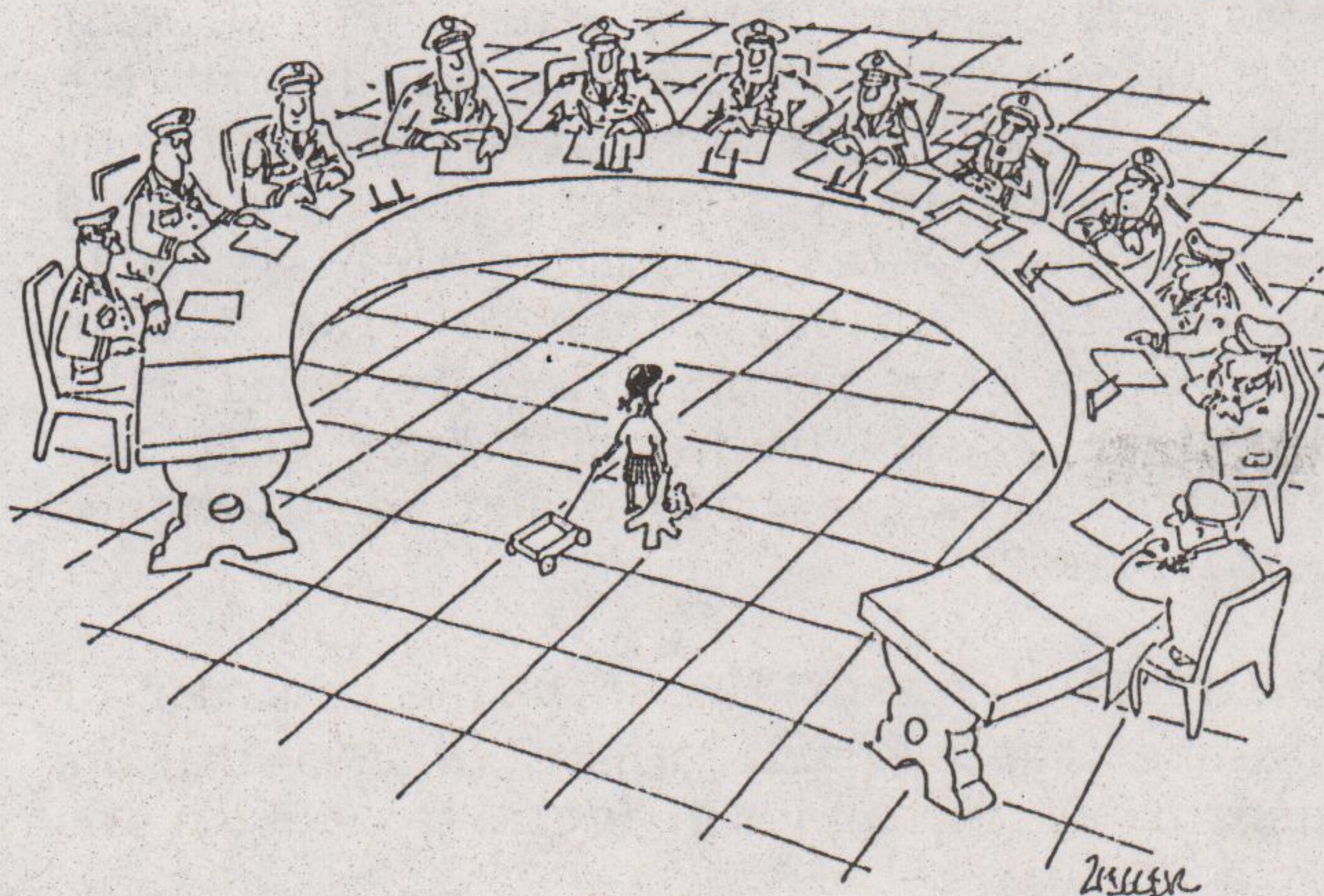
"The children of this particular town can now be fed and clothed and their food and clothes are to be earned by their parents preparing implements to tear other children, limb from limb, to put bullets in their lungs, to burn them alive with liquid fire, to suffocate them with poisonous gas and to mutilate them, so that their own father and mother cannot identify them. I feel that every word I have spoken in the last months has succeeded in so far that some other child will finish its life prematurely in frightful agony, in some other town, some day."

"Munitions aren't only meant to kill children; they're for soldiers in the first place."

"No, but, as you know, the children have a knack of getting in the way."

In a sermon, he advises the unemployed to refuse the factory, but is heckled and, later, attacked. He is denounced as a traitor to the working class movement and disowned by the community. Swimming against the tide has never been easy!

KATE MARSDEN.



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MEMBERSHIP

There has been a glimmer of encouragement on the membership front recently. After a prolonged period of declining numbers, NCND membership has slowly started to climb again. However, with 650 or so members, compared with over 2,000 in the early 1980s. the problem has by no means gone away.

The Officers' Committee and Executive Committee have drawn up a five point plan to reverse the decline and a target figure of 1,000 members has been floated.

1. From now on, every member who fails to renew membership will be telephoned and given a reminder. (An experiment, with about 40 members who lapsed during the summer, yielded 20 new members! Over 90% said they had lapsed because they had forgotten to re-join.)
2. Increase the drive for new members from the Lister Gate stall. From now on, every member of the public who approaches the stall, whether to browse or buy, will be offered an attractive specially-designed NCND membership form and invited to join. The stall is the only real public face of the organisation and the obvious focus for membership recruitment.
3. Seek affiliations from the Trade Unions and Labour Party (see Page).
4. Neighbourhood "Blitzing". Unfortunately named, this refers to a tried and tested technique of concentrating on one specific neighbourhood group area and calling round on every lapsed NCND member from the last few years during one weekend afternoon. A group of volunteers divides the neighbourhood up according to grid-squares on a Nottingham A-Z map and simply knocks on doors and asks people to rejoin. The "Blitz" has been tried in, at least, two areas recently and usually yields excellent results of about 50% rejoins (of those who are at home). If you would like to nominate your neighbourhood for such treatment or especially if you would like to volunteer to help one weekend, please phone 621453 and talk to Jeremy.
5. To try and build in a membership drive component to every campaign that NCND runs. We are still a little unclear on the details of how to do this, but if you have any ideas (i.e. for the Spring Campaign TAKING ON NATO), contact Pete Strauss (625198) or John Mitchell (787269).

Since this is a five point plan, there is no Point 6, but it goes without saying that the best ways to recruit members is by personal contact with friends, neighbours, relatives and workmates. If we all recruit one new member, we would not only crash through the 1,000 members' target, but would earn £2,437.50p for NCND funds.

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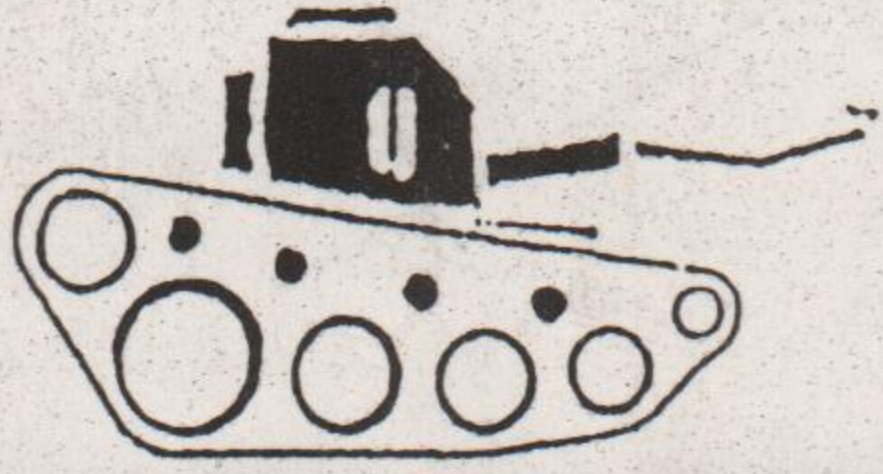
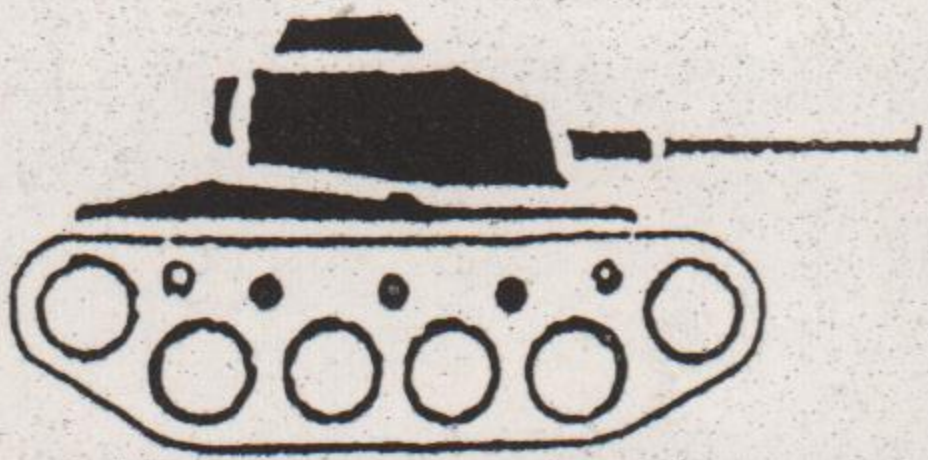
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