

TUCND



TRADES UNION CND: ANNUAL REPORT 1985/86

Working for Peace



Consolidating the GMB's affiliation to CND: Bruce Kent (CND), Bill Little (Regional Chair, GMB) Alan Millburn (TUCND) listen to Tom Burlison, Regional Secretary, at the Joint GMB Northern Region TUCND Rally in August

Introduction

During the year TUCND further consolidated its standing within the trade union and nuclear disarmament movements. Affiliations and activities increased as did understanding of the need to plan for cancellation of spending on nuclear weapons systems and to promote job alternatives. Our work was met with increased regard across the movement for its practical, realistic and informed approach. We were increasingly consulted and contacted by national and international bodies as an authoritative commentator on the social, economic and political questions raised by the impact of defence spending on jobs. We have continued to try and involve more people in our everyday work at all levels, nationally, in the regions and in local groups and trades councils, providing access as they do to the grass roots of the movement.

Affiliations: Developing the links

28 unions with nearly 8 million members are now nationally affiliated. Major additions in 1985 were AUEW EFCS and GMBATU, which are second and third biggest unions in the country. Affiliation, at all levels, is an important barometer of our support. It is a significant source of income and a channel for campaigning and communication. Most importantly, it is the basis of our democracy and influence with its campaign as a whole. But even more important has been translating this step into solid campaigning activities.

We maintained progress in moving from debate in the conference hall to actions in the workplace. Unions like NALGO published booklets explaining their policies. Others like GMBATU Northern Region ran special union schools. Many others

Scottish Trade Union CND

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Merseyside Action for Peace/Trade Union CND

Merseyside Regional Trade Union CND has functioned actively throughout the year in close co-ordination with Merseyside CND and has participated in all local campaigns during this period.

The EC has met on a regular monthly basis and public meetings have been organised on various topics including the Costs of the Arms Race, Capenhurst and Namibian Uranium Contracts, Nicaragua, Star Wars etc. We were also involved in the organisation of the North-West conference on Defence and Jobs which was attended by nearly 60 delegates from 10 unions.

- John Crowder — Chair
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- Alan Millburn — Treasurer
- Andrew Hewett — Secretary

Trade Union CND

This is the first regional report from TUCND who completed its first year in November 1985. It has been a busy year with us trying to involve the Unions in all local peace issues.

We have encouraged Trades Unions to take part in a range of activities to do with peace issues. We have held a number of meetings and seminars on peace issues.

Not enough people know that there is a Radar Station in Northern Ireland which plays a major role in the NATO strategic early warning systems. On June 22 we organised a mobile caravan to Belfast to 'Rock the Radar', which we did all the way through Belfast.

During the year we were in conjunction with Belfast CND took the initiative in organising a 'What Price Peace' exhibition.

Each new event is greeted with greater enthusiasm by the public and yet our impact has been minimal and we have seen a lot of our work for TUCND is still to be done.

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The approach for the year ahead has to be one of building up the TUCND groups. The recent formation of Shrewsbury and Hereford CND is a good example of this.

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published relevant material in their publications and journals. Yet others like the TGWU recently joined us in a concerted campaign to increase branch affiliation and involvement. Even so, we recognised the potential and the challenges of growth remained enormous. Barely 600 of the tens of thousands of branches, districts and regions have been trapped. But the basis on which to build remains sound. Only in a very few pockets, in the electrical engineering unions, the teaching professions and the civil service (excluding IRSF) does the institutional debate remain to be won. Even here, whilst not totally supported much of our basic policy meets favour. A list of current national affiliates has been reproduced at the end of the report.

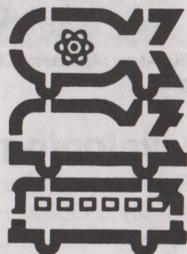
Regional Activity

Executive Committee meetings were held regularly in the regions and the opportunity was taken to meet regional trade union committees. Regional delegates regularly attended all executive meetings and their individual reports are included.

A very successful residential week-end school aimed at developing regional activities was held in March. We intend to repeat this in 1986. We continued to provide seed money to assist regional groups to initiate work with trade unions. Such education and resourcing underpinned the resurgence of Scottish TUCND and helped launch an East Midlands trade union group. Trade union committees are active in Northern Ireland, Yorks and Humberside, North-West and Northern Regions. Manchester and Merseyside have active trade union committees and one was launched in Sheffield in December. Plans for a Wales TUCND are well advanced and plans for the West Midlands and Greater London are being developed.

Arms Conversion

This remained a central feature. Many of the initiatives reported last year continued to be developed. In particular the National Trade Union Defence Conversion Committee (NTUDCC) met regularly. This forum of 7 major unions in the defence industry exchanged views and coordinated campaigning and lobbying activities. Its newsletter "The Defence Converter" continued to be widely distributed by constituents. Several meetings with key Labour Party spokespeople took place and more are planned. A strategy document linking arms conversion planning to Labour's Jobs and Industry campaign was agreed and submitted. This is expected to bear fruit in 1986. Our observer role on the NTUDCC enabled us to make important inputs into its work over the year.



Several sponsored conferences were assisted including one in Manchester sponsored by aerospace and electronics trades unions. Another in Southampton was sponsored by the City Council. Two in London sponsored by the Greater London Conversion Council were aimed at trade unionists and employers respectively as part of the consultation of the GLCs London Industrial Strategy. We also worked closely with the NFZ Councils and developed links with a group of industrial chaplains. We also continued to liaise closely with the work on alternatives to Trident at Barrow and were pleased that this acted as a catalyst for other work around the country.

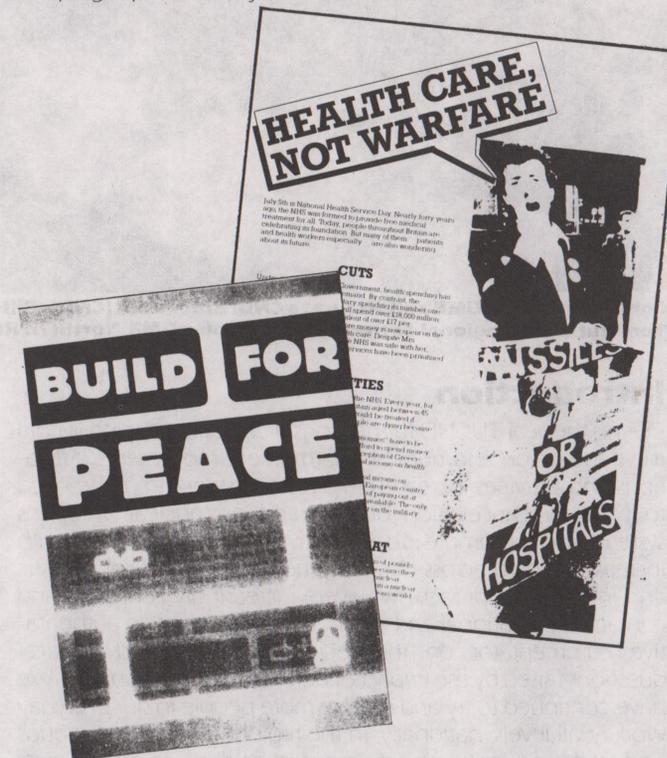
Our sponsored book on arms conversion was well advanced and due for publication in early 1986. A Questions and Answers series pamphlet "Defense Spending and the Economy" was in production and a basic leaflet was published in time for National Conference.

We worked closely with CND's Parliamentary and Elections Committee, lobbying for support on conversion issues among trade unionists at both the Labour Party Conference and in Parliament. Well attended fringe meetings were organised with excellent speakers including Dr. Gordon Adams, a US expert on defence economics and SDI and Alex Falconer, MEP a former Naval Dockyard shopsteward. We also arranged to have Inga Thorsson, author of the Swedish Government's report "In Pursuit of Disarmament" address MPs at the House of Commons.

The point of our activities was to impress on trade unions, political parties and the peace movement the urgency of the jobs issues underlying the coming crisis in defence funding. We cannot allow the labour movement to approach the next General Election without clear and thought out answers to accusations that nuclear disarmament costs jobs. Most of our campaigning on this issue was aimed at placing it higher on the trade unions', political parties' and CND's agendas — at every level.

Jobs with Peace

Our joint activities with appropriate unions enabled the real costs of the Government's nuclear weapons policies to be increasingly understood by trade unionists. Growing spending on the Trident system meant that the nuclear weapons component in the total defence bill of £18-billion last year was increased. We tapped the great potential which exists for illustrating the links between nuclear weapons spending and cuts in the NHS, housing, education, transport, infrastructure and other social investment. In particular we joined with a consortium of NHS unions in a "Healthcare not Warfare" campaign sponsored by ASTMS, COHSE, NALGO and NUPE. In



Joint TUCND leaflets on this theme

CND gets million-strong trade union affiliate

BRITAIN'S third biggest union voted here yesterday to affiliate to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and to work for a strategy of providing alternative employment for members involved in the nuclear arms industry.

By MICK COSTELLO in Blackpool

The decision takes the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union one further step into the mainstream of progressive trade unionism in Britain.

The delegates also totally rejected the US plans for a Star Wars type of armaments system but drew back from seeking the dismantlement now of all nuclear bases in Britain.

In the debates, on the last day of the annual meeting, the US was condemned for its interference in Nicaraguan affairs. The successful resolution from the Scottish region spoke of "blatant United States military aggression."

It was Eddie McArthur from the Scottish region who moved the successful call for CND affiliation, which the executive of the union wanted to be referred back.

In the debate, Northern region boilermaker John Berry won support when he asked why so many bunkers were being built if nuclear weapons were "such a great deterrent."

Conference adopted a resolution containing the union's four priority demands for the next Labour government, with the support of every one of the ten regions covering the country.

They were to end mass unemployment, to bring in industrial change, through democratic involvement of working people and their trade unions, a fairer dis-

tribution of incomes, power and wealth, and an international policy for peace.

Moving these demands, general secretary David Basnett made a strong plea for workers and their unions to have a bigger say in capitalist society.

He argued that it was necessary for Labour to show that its policies were right and that the Labour Party was united behind them.

The defeat of the Tories, he said, must be the supreme objective and "any sectarianism, factionalism, tendency or self-interest which diverts us from the achievement of that objective will not be tolerated or forgiven by the trade union movement."

He called for bargains to be struck involving both sides of industry and the government and insisted that "income determination" should also be planned.

He reflected, as did his second, Northern regional secretary Tom Burlison, the growing mood of confidence in the ability of Labour to win that is coming through at this year's trade union conference.

Mr. Burlison rejected any deals with the Social Democratic Party.

He said: "We have got to start fighting the next general election now, and at the centre of our campaign must be our commitment to freedom from the dole queue, the threat of

nuclear destruction and for the freedom of speech and to join a union."

He rejected the Tory freedoms to exploit other people, pay poor wages, to "deprive the people of the means of living full, happy and healthy lives."

He also called for an increase in public ownership.

In the debate Scottish delegate Duncan Waddell said there must be campaigning on the burning issues now and the building of alliances at national and local level against the Tories.

He rejected the ideas that "middle-of-the-road" policies or those that might be based on the idea that people were raring to respond to Socialist ideas were needed.

Delegates spoke strongly against unemployment, for peace, the need to defend social services and to modernise British industry.

Towards the close of the congress, the last with Mr. Basnett as general secretary, he announced the procedures for the election of his successor.

Election forms go out to the union's branches immediately, and voting will be by show of hands at branch meetings with the majority carrying the full financial branch membership vote for their successful nominee.

All branch returns must be at head office by August 22, will be counted on August 30 and announced publicly the next day.

The three candidates in the field are John Edmonds, national industrial officer with responsibility for local authority manual workers among others; Tom Burlison, Northern regional secretary who is also championing the cause of the low paid, and David Warburton, the union's national officer for chemicals.

CND picks up a seventh major union

BRITAIN'S THIRD LARGEST trade union decided last week to affiliate to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The decision by the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' union (GMB), which has 875,000 members, went unreported except in the Morning Star, but is a turning point for CND.

The GMB vote, at its congress in Blackpool, follows that of another traditionally right-wing union, the 944,000-strong engineers (AUEW) on 24 April. Now all seven of the largest unions are affiliated to CND. The main ones that aren't are the electricians' union EETPU, which remains doggedly multilateralist, and the civil service and teaching unions, which remain insistently 'non-political' (although the Inland Revenue Staff Federation is affiliated).

Both the GMB and AUEW votes went against the wishes of their executive committees. The

AUEW decision can be explained by the incorporation of the Foundry and Construction sections, which were independently affiliated to CND, but the GMB decision represents a big shift since last year, when a motion to affiliate was lost. This year the motion was carried without the vote having to be counted. CND now has 28 national unions affiliated, with a total membership of 8 million.

John Rentoul

Multilateralist stance retained despite shift to left

Engineering union votes for CND affiliation

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

In an unexpected shift to the left the engineering union yesterday voted to affiliate to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament but rejected an outright move towards unilateralism. The engineering union has been one of the few opponents of the CND left in the labour movement, apart from the electricians and the General and Municipal Workers' Union.

The engineers' policy-making national committee voted by a 65 to 57 to oppose neutron bombs, the siting of cruise missiles in Britain, the Trident missile programme, and attempts to fool the public into believing that nuclear war can be won. The union's executive was instructed to "actively promote the aims and objectives of CND and build a publicity campaign to support it." However, later in the day the national committee voted by 65 to 56 to accept the principle of multilateral disarmament.

The union's evident disarray on the issue will probably leave its executive and its delegations to the TUC and Labour Party conference in charge of the union's block vote. All these at present have a right-wing majority, so it is unlikely that the union will immediately switch its vote against multilateralism.

Nevertheless, Mr. Sid Harraway, mover of the successful motion for CND affiliation, said "The move represents a significant shift in union policy. We want to create a new spirit in the union in its attitude to detente and defence."

Mr. Geoff Peppiatt, a member of the Trade Union CND executive, said that the ending of the Rolls, Sir John Neer's decision was "unexpected but delightful." He added: "CND has never been in favour of the simple distinction between unilateralism and multilateralism. By joining

CND the engineers, Britain's second largest union, will be taking a new approach to defence and foreign policy.

Some delegates, particularly from Chelmsford and Plymouth yesterday opposed joining CND on the grounds that it threatened engineers' jobs in the defence industries. Mr Peppiatt said TUCND had been active in promoting arms convention committees at defence establishments, designed to do alternative work for companies involved in nuclear defence.

Before the national committee meeting began the rightwing had claimed the support of nearly 75 of the 124 delegates, but a series of votes has shown that the union's normal tight left-right discipline is being eroded. The national committee has more than doubled in size this year as a result of the engineer's merger with the foundry and construction sections.

A group of Labour MPs is to lodge an official complaint over policing of RAF Molesworth, the proposed site of Britain's second cruise missile base. This follows a visit to the base by 10 Labour MPs yesterday.

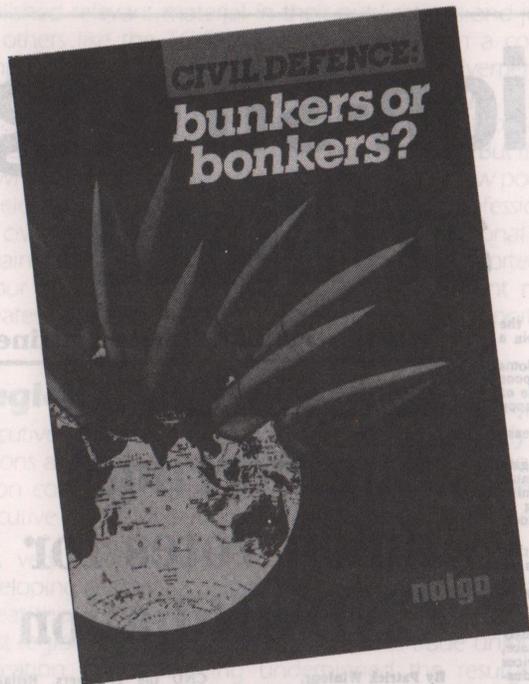
They became angry with police when their car registration numbers were taken. Mr Derek Fatchett (Leeds Central) said that the delegation would be writing to Cambridgeshire's chief constable, Mr Ian Kane.

The legal dispute over the right of women at the Greenham Common peace camp to vote in next week's local elections in the area reached the Appeal Court in London yesterday. A local resident's group asked the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, and two other appellate judges, to overturn an earlier test case decision that the women could vote. The hearing was adjourned until today.

Civil Defence

The construction industry UCATT ran a campaign around the theme "Build for Peace". The publicity material for this sold out of two large print runs and helped consolidate UCATT's affiliation to CND. The key point was that we encouraged unions to develop relevant themes, to work with their members using their own resources. This activity both built support within the unions and developed unions links with local disarmament groups. There remains an urgency to develop similar campaigns in public transport, local government and education.

A series of successful union sponsored schools was held in April. Planned through a series of meetings of officers of national unions the strategy developed was to concentrate on activity in weak areas not supported by NFZ Councils. The York school with nearly 50 students was particularly successful in its spread of union involvement. Unfortunately, this success was followed by a period of heavy pressure on resources due to the conference season and the thread of activities was lost. With the



the session was well attended by representatives from a wide range of unions. It was agreed as a result that we would work toward a major trade union conference in the late spring of 1986 for which we can anticipate wide support, sponsorship and funding. Those will be essential if we are to bring home the economic, political and job implications presented by development of "Star Wars" technologies.

Union Conference Activities

We mounted a great deal of activity this year and we thank both the unions and local group members for their hard work organising and backing up activities. These ranged from a TUC reception with Bruce Kent to the launch of our video "Peace Work" at the TGWU's bi-ennial conference. Lots of fringe meetings, displays, leafleting and handing out of information packs was undertaken including some successful activities at non-affiliated unions' conferences.

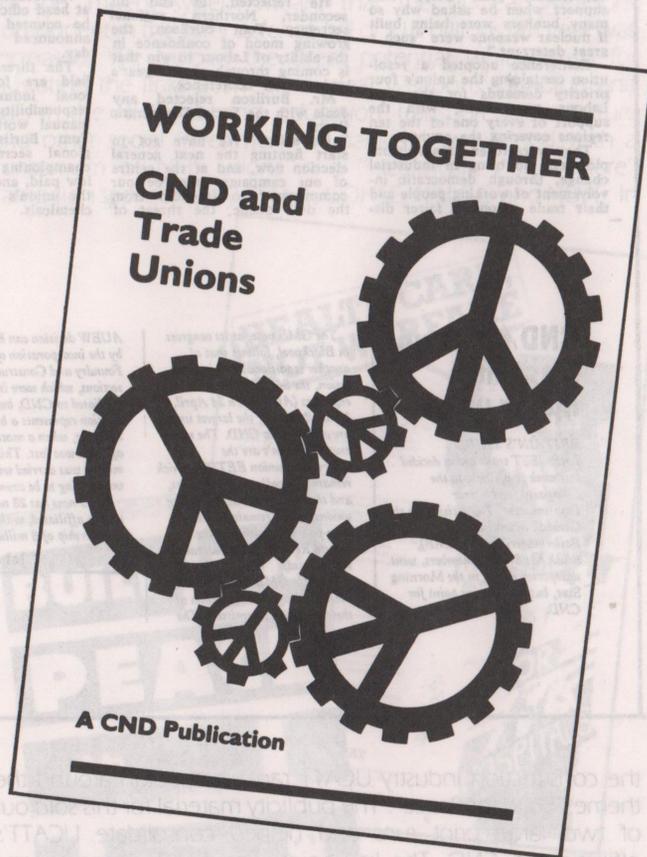
Working with Local CND Groups

Persuading local groups to work closely with unions and trades councils was an important aspect of campaigning and much time was devoted to speaking at meetings up and down the country on this theme. A comprehensive guide on how to go about it, "Working Together — CND and Trade Unions" was published and sent to all local groups. It has continued to result in the appointment of local trade union liaison officers and to a rapid expansion in the demand for TUCND speakers.

Government now moving rapidly to implement its contingency war plans and to coerce local authorities and their staffs to do the same means the need for an active, aware and prepared trade union movement is urgent. Next year, with continued support from relevant unions must see civil defence campaigning as a higher priority.

Strategic Defence Initiative

Our campaigning activity was considerably assisted by a grant from the Rowntree Trust for which we thank them. We arranged for Gordon Adams, Director of the US Defence Budget Project and expert on the economic issues underlying SDI to individually brief many of Labour's front bench, MEPs and leading trade unionists. He also briefed CND Council and a group of trade union researchers. Part of the Rowntree funds were used to provide a briefing session on SDI for national trade union officials. Excellent facilities were provided by ASTMS and



Publications and Resources

A publications and resources working group was continued to oversee our needs. In addition to items previously mentioned our bi-monthly newsletter "TUCND News" was published regularly, including a special TUC edition. Circulation at 16,000 has grown slightly but we recognise there is much room for improvement.

An unfortunate but unavoidable clash of dates when the CND national demonstration and a major TUC rally both occurred the same weekend on 26/27 October required us to publish a special leaflet (which sold out its large print run) publicising both events. Whilst CND's demonstration was very well attended there was a noticeable fall in the numbers of trade union banners. It will be important to avoid repeating such unfortunate overlaps in the future.

In conclusion

All in all 1985 was an action packed year for TUCND. Much remains to be done and much has had to be left unsaid. We once again had a big impact on CND Conference both in debates and on the fringe. 19 national trade union delegations attended Conference in addition to many from local branches. We are on the move in Parliament through our lobbying activity and our participation in the work of the Labour Disarmament Liaison Committee. We have responded to calls to speak on conversion activity at conferences in Geneva and in Italy and provided a major input and organisational effort at the Amsterdam END Convention. We are drawing the links between trade unionists everyday concerns and the criminal delusions of nuclear grandeur being pursued by Government. We are working to ensure the trade union movement plays a full part in campaigning among its members for a government



The current edition of our activists guide to work place campaigning and working within trade unions sold out during the year. A revised, updated edition needs to be prepared. Detailed speakers notes on arms conversion, and working with trade unions have been prepared. These served to support the series of model resolutions we circulated as well as supplementing our other publications and educational activities.

We were able to produce our "Peace Work" video mainly due to the generosity of Joan Ruddock. In 1984 she was awarded the TGWU's "Frank Cousins' Peace Prize" worth £2000 and inaugurated to mark their former General Secretary's 80th birthday. We thank Joan most sincerely for her support. The 23 minute video has sold well and hired out even better. It portrays defence workers and their families talking about their attitude to defence dependence and the hope an arms conversion strategy could bring to their homes, their towns and their regions.

committed to ridding us of this madness. The bottom line is that this could be our last report before a General Election. Before this becomes a real possibility nuclear disarmament must become trade union business.

Postscript

We learned as this report was being drafted that our full-time Secretary Andrew Hewett is to leave CND for a post as a full-time union official with the Society of Civil and Public Servants. Andrew, who has been with us some 2½ years has been at most times a cheerful tower of strength and commitment — except when the Australian cricket team kept falling on hard times. We thank him sincerely and hope the Australian battling improves.

REGIONAL REPORTS FOR 1985

Scottish Trade Union CND

Scottish Trade Union CND was re-activated in mid-August 1985. Since then most of our efforts have gone into setting up a working party of trade union representatives and establishing contacts with affiliates. The working party is made up of a wide range of trade union representatives. At each meeting, in addition to normal business, we try to arrange a specific topic for debate among ourselves rather than have the standard, old, boring trade union type meeting.

For affiliates we have established an irregular newsletter of events in Scotland. We are running an Easter workplace leaflet campaign to link with SCND's letterbox campaign. In this we will arrange for willing stewards committees to leaflet every member in the workplace. We have also arranged a major conference to be held in Glasgow in May for all Scottish trade unionists. Campbell Christie, the new General Secretary of the STUC, has agreed to take part.

Finally, we are beginning to receive invitations to take part in a range of trade union schools and other activities and we hope to develop this area of work.

Bill Clark
Secretary

Northern Ireland Trade Union CND

This is the first Regional Report from NITUCND who completed its first year in November 1985. It has been a busy year with us trying to involve the Unions in all local peace issues.

We have encouraged Trades Councils to launch a campaign to stop the placement of Nuclear Fallout Shelters in the Towns of Omagh, Craigavon and Ballymena.

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During the year we were involved in two Rallies. The first organised in conjunction with Belfast CND took the theme "What Price Trident". It was a success although the crowd was smaller than expected due to the unexpected visit from NUM President Arthur Scargill. The second rally was organised solely by TUCND to celebrate "International Peace Day for Trade Unionists" and although the weather was atrocious it was a great success.

Each new event is greeted with greater enthusiasm by the Unions and yet our impact has been minimal and we foresee a lot of work ahead for TUCND in order to ensure that the conference resolutions become actioned policy on the ground.

Brenda Callaghan

Merseyside Action for Peace/Trade Union CND

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During the past year there has been a number of new affiliations, both nationally and locally and at the same time of the last AGM in September, there were over 50 trade union bodies affiliated, including 5 Trades Councils.

George Strattan

East Midlands Region TUCND

Our first year has been an encouraging one and has laid a good base for developing work in the trade unions in the future. It began in June with a Regional Delegate Conference in Nottingham attended by 40 delegates, coming from 14 different unions and from 4 out of the 5 countries covered by the East Midlands Region.

Since then we have held regular meetings, generally well attended, and are in regular contact with a growing number of trade union organisations throughout the region.

Our main efforts this year have centred around

- consolidating contacts with unions, by visits, speaking at meetings, and regular mailings.
- establishing workplace groups wherever possible
- persuading CND groups to appoint TU liaison officers

In each of these areas we have met with some success.

- We have spoken to a number of trade union meetings, trades councils and CND meetings.
- The number of trade unions affiliated to CND has quadrupled.
- We now have active trade union liaison officers in CND groups in most of the main centres in the region.
- We now have two 'workplace' groups, both in Nottingham, and we are continuing to work on several other possibilities.
- We now have activists in four out of the five counties (Notts, Derbys, Leics, Northants).

Our plans for the next year:- as well as continuing working on the above aspects, we are hoping to develop some campaigning around arms conversion, particularly in Derby (Rolls Royce) and Plessey factories in the Region; and we have plans for some joint campaigning on issues concerning particular industries — such as the health service and civil defence. We are also trying to branch out into Lincolnshire, which is the one county in the Region which is missing out at the moment.

Bronwen Westacott

Chairperson East Midlands Region TUCND

Yorkshire and Humberside Region

Having set our sights high at the beginning of 1985, it was perhaps inevitable that we did not achieve all our objectives. The year has turned out to be one of consolidation: increasing contacts with peace groups and affiliated trade unions; encouraging the appointment of TU linkpersons in peace groups and of peace offices in TU branches; maintaining the flow of information and keeping TUCND issues firmly on the agenda.

As it was my first year as regional TUCND co-ordinator, 1985 was very much a year for learning: about the existing set-up, about the challenges and opportunities, and about how people were thinking. As a result of the contacts I have had with peace campaigners and trade union activists, I have gained a clearer perspective of what needs to be done.

The approach for the year ahead has to be one of building local TUCND groupings: The recent formation of Sheffield TUCND establishes, in my view, a pattern to be repeated elsewhere. It is at the more local level that trade unionists and peace activists can more readily share their concerns and campaign effectively together. The main priority for 1986, then, will be the strengthening of local TU/peace

group links, whilst not losing sight of the fact that we are also part of the large and growing national movement for peace.

Martin Millgate

GREATER MANCHESTER & DISTRICT CND TRADE UNION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (TUCC)

1985 has been a difficult year for the TUCC. The usual problems — not enough people, not enough time, not enough money! The few people actively involved are mainly trade unionists drawn from the Peace movement, rather than the Trade Union movement itself, from where the response to invitations to become involved has been somewhat 'passive'. But despite it all, we ticked along, speaking to a few Peace groups and trade union organisations, putting out the occasional Newsletter (over 4,500 copies of each issue distributed in the area by affiliated Union organisations), running information stalls at some trade union events and generally trying to keep the issues concerning Trade Union CND alive in the area. We made particular efforts locally around NHS Day and the October 26th National Demonstration. However, we recognise that this level of activity is simply not enough to achieve what we want.

1986 has, therefore, got to see a new start, with a reorganisation of the Committee and a fresh attempt made to get active involvement from trade unionists in branches (especially of the affiliated Unions), where much work needs to be done if Conference resolutions are to be converted into positive support by union members.

One of the more disappointing aspects to campaigning within trade unions on nuclear disarmament is the tendency for union activists to believe that once a campaign has received the support of their Union Annual Conference, then the argument is over. Obviously day to day branch activity takes priority, but perhaps in 1986 Trade Union CND Executive Committee needs to consider further, ideas for affiliated branches and sympathetic branch officers and members to use in keeping the issues surrounding nuclear disarmament alive in the workplace.

With over 80 trade union organisations in the Greater Manchester & District area affiliated to CND, the TUCC has a good base for campaigning. Let's hope we are able to make better use of this base in 1986!

Finally, let me express the TUCC's gratitude to Andrew Hewett for his work on Trade Union CND's behalf over the last couple of years. His assistance has been invaluable to the Peace movement and we wish him all success in his new job.

Robert Twigg
Convenor TUCC.

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NATIONAL TRADE UNIONS AFFILIATED TO BRITISH CND

AUEW — Engineering, Construction and Foundry Section.

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