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PEACE FESTIVAL

This year's Peace Festival on July 4th turned out to be a resounding success for NCND's Events Committee. There was a total of fifty stalls set up in Woodthorpe Park and most of them took a substantial amount of cash on the day. NCND managed to make a small profit, though the precise amount hasn't been calculated because not all the equipment rental bills have been received yet. But every penny we make is a much needed boost to funds.

The Festival officially kicked off later than planned, at about 12.40, thanks to technical difficulties with the electricity supply and PA system. There were bands playing all afternoon as well as various other entertainments scattered about the park. Over half of NCND's neighbourhood groups managed to put on stalls which included such things as books, jumble, records, handicrafts, soft drinks, teas (indian, cream & herbal), hot baked potatoes, cakes & scones and much more. An NCND information stall had a highly profitable sideline in balloon sales. There were various other organizations (affiliated to NCND) who also took part. There were stalls from Oxfam, Amnesty International, the Labour Party and others. There were also several commercial stalls who took part (and gave appropriate donations from their takings) including more books, hamburgers, ice-cream and waffle stalls. The afternoon went very well until after five o'clock when it began to rain quite heavily. By that time, however, most stalls were getting low on stock and so nearly everyone started to pack away. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Regrettably, however, there's one big complaint: people who promised to assist but didn't show up! WHERE WERE YOU? In the end the Festival's overall direction, organization and transport was left to a handful of people which meant that they did double the expected load and worked themselves into a frazzle.

The same is true of certain neighbourhood stalls who were expecting several people but only one or two turned up. A complaint too about a certain street-theatre act which proved totally unsuitable for a family event. However, that problem was solved with the removal of the amplification plug.

To non-NCND participants, special thanks is due to the Arts & Crafts Centre (for general assistance), to the Woodcraft Folk (for the marquee and assistance in raising and removing it) and to Leicester CND (for assistance with the stage canopy).

To NCND participants, there are a lot of you who deserve special thanks one way or another, but I'll just mention: Pete Z, all the NCND Office staff, Paul (Lenton), and everyone who assisted with the generator and PA. And thanks again to every neighbourhood group that took part.

Mark Page

PEACE FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Winning raffle numbers are:

- (1) 0274
- (2) 0983
- (3) 0788
- (4) 0814

Prizes to be collected from N.C.N.D. office, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham.

Mary Donnelly of 5 Allington Avenue, Lenton, was the winner of the Treasure Hunt organised by the Radcliffe group.

U.N. Disarmament Session

Depending on your expectations, the second UN Special Session on Disarmament can be seen in two quite different ways.

For anyone who was naive or optimistic enough to expect any actual concrete progress toward disarmament, the results must be very disappointing.

The first two of the five weeks of talks were public sessions and politicians were queuing up to declare their commitment to peace. But in the final three weeks of private sessions things fell apart. Thatcher and Reagan, of course, just made the expected justification of their own hawkish positions. Representatives of some governments even came over as being positively belligerent.

There were three objectives to the Special Session:

- To produce a comprehensive disarmament program
- To review progress since the 1978 first session
- To establish a world disarmament campaign

The first objective failed. Over the last 3 years a document had been produced, but it was "almost unintelligible" because of disputed clauses in the text which meant that it could not be finalized. Attempts to iron out the disputes got nowhere.

The second objective failed. Almost everyone agreed that no progress had been made, but attempts to apportion the blame led to the USA pointing an accusing finger because of Afghanistan, and the USSR pointing an accusing finger because of Trident and Cruise. So there was no progress on the progress report.

The third objective may have failed. Everyone agrees that there should be a world disarmament campaign, but no one

could agree on how it should be run.

The outcome was a somewhat meagre campaign that may prove to be politically hamstrung.

However for anyone who had more realistic expectations of the Disarmament Session, there were some signs of progress.

There were large numbers of Non-Government Organisations present at the UN and they did a huge amount of lobbying and pressurizing their official government delegations. The NGO's from many Peace and Religious movements demonstrated that there is a huge grass roots movement behind the call for disarmament. (CND was represented by Bruce Kent and Joan Ruddock at the UN.) The NGOs were possibly amongst the most inspiring element of the whole 5 week session.

There was also the rally where 800,000 people descended on New York calling for a freeze on nuclear weapons.

Other positive aspects were that a UN public education scheme was launched and that there is to be financial backing of the World Disarmament Campaign by Japan, India and Sweden. There is also of course the Soviet commitment of no first use of nuclear weapons.

At the end, a document was produced which attempted to speed over the failures and concentrated instead on continued multilateral negotiations.

So, in the end, in spite of little official progress, there was a lot of unofficial progress at the UN Special Session. Bridges were built between the peace organisations of different countries, and the peace organisations demonstrated that they speak more for their people's wishes than the official government delegations do.

Mark Page

F.A.B. PEACE CAMP

LATEST

Eviction

On Monday 28th June during dinner two men approached the camp, the camp was in disarray due to the thunderstorm which was filling the roof with water, and nailed a summons to a live tree (in a conservation area!!). The landowner Lord Iveagh, named a local woman (one of our best supporters) as the defendant. At first we laughed it off as we believed that he couldn't evict a non-resident! We showed the summons to three solicitors, the camp solicitor and two others, who told us we didn't have any defence as a fairly new law, specially for squatters, names residents as 'and all others in occupation'. We went to the court on Friday 9th July, with an undertaking to move from the land, thus exempting us from incurring costs and damages. Whilst three families went to London to attend court, talk to the press, etc., the people left behind at the camp had the daunting and physically exhausting job of moving camp. We had done a quick reconnoitre and chose a site which the locals believed was council owned, but on our first day there we discovered from a visit by Mr. Black (insipid Henry) that the land is owned by Lord Iveagh too. We don't know what we are going to do. There is a distinct possibility that we will ask him not to bother with court but tell him that we'll move. Where to we don't know. We will not leave Lakenheath. All this has made a big physical and financial drain and we need help with this

Non-Violent Direct Action

We had organised a day of direct action for July 4th, the open day at Lakenheath air base. We had spent £80 on food for the day, and succeeded in making all our visitors welcome and included. There was a huge queue of traffic, which at 10.30 we started leafletting. Dozens of people and thousands of leaflets were on the base all day, despite the fact that we were repeatedly surrounded by USA officers, rounded up and ejected from the base by the British police. Some people were thrown off as many as eight times.

At 1.30 in the day we had a brief talk on what action we should take. There were about 80-90 people present and it was quickly decided that 28 of us would sit down on the run-way during the air display. The other people held a vigil at the gates and leafletted the base. At three o'clock 20 adults and eight children ducked under the cordon (on the sounding of a klaxon) and walked quickly about 150 feet towards the run-way and sat down displaying CND symbols and started singing and shouting anti-war slogans. We sat in a circle with arms linked with the children in the middle. We were at once surrounded by security police (USAF). After about three minutes security cars tried to hide us from the spectators, so we got up and moved about thirty yards so that people had a good view of us. At no point did any of the American officers make communication with us.

The planes stopped taking off for approx. ten minutes and the British police arrived after about fifteen minutes. We were at once asked to leave, which we refused to do, and carried on singing. The Wing Commander of the base appeared and informed us that we were placing the children in a very dangerous position, as we were on the emergency skid-way, and asked us, very politely to leave, to which we replied that we felt the very existence of the air base endangered not only our children, but the lives of many others, and again refused to leave. Altogether we refused to leave four times and when our protest had been going for 30-40 minutes, we quickly and unanimously decided to leave - to save arrests for bigger and more daring actions.

We were told that we would not be allowed to leave without an escort and waited about another ten minutes until a USAF coach arrived. We cheered and got on to the bus, displaying our placards in the windows, and were driven from the base. Once outside the police asked for names and addresses and as they could only get our

surnames as FAB, initials of the camp, and the camp address, they gave up and let us go. I should point out that during the day the gates of the base were open, with no security and after our protest at each gate there were a number of police who had been brought in from as far as 60 miles away. The police were pleasant to us at all times, leafletters were slowly being herded off the base with escorts.

We held a vigil at the gates, held placards, sang, and leafletted cars, and got an incredible amount of abuse from people leaving the base. We did this for three hours until 7.00pm, made the police refreshments, and left to go back to camp.

We were all very elated and felt that the day was a huge success, especially considering the little organization that went into the actions.

As a result of the action, the headline for the base's open-day read: 'Peace protestors storm runway on Lakenheath open day', in many local papers and with some good pictures too.

If and when people from Notts. visit the new camp we would like to organise actions for people to participate in. No one will be expected to take direct actions, only those who wish to, but there are still plenty of supportive actions which do not lead directly to confrontation, and we see both roles as equally important.

We are desperate for finance. We would ask groups to support us; if necessary have singular money raising events for the camp. We really need it and are willing to talk at meetings, etc.

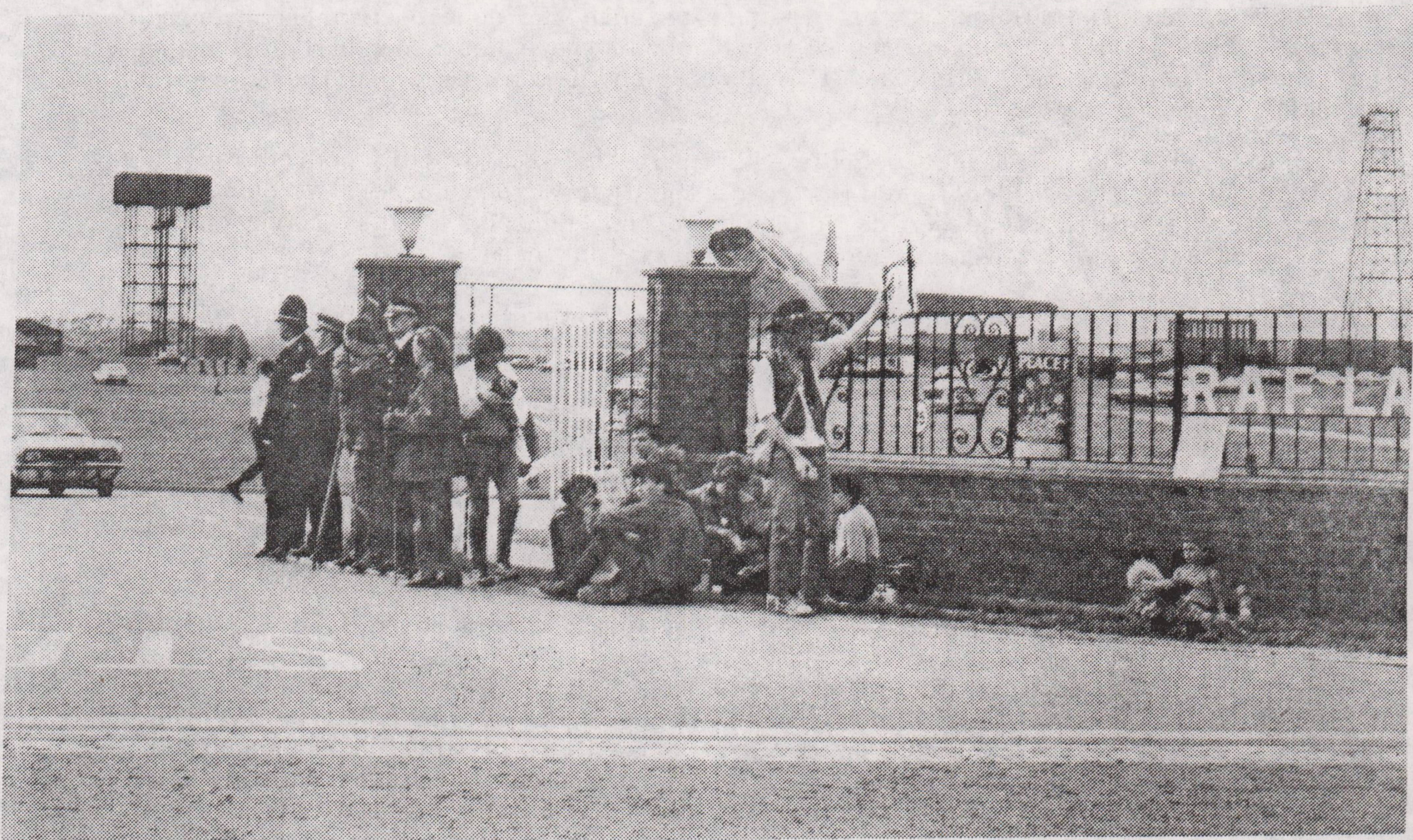
All contact with the camp should be made through Mandy and Bernie on 0638 716556. or through ringing Ann on Radcliffe (33) 4379.

This is only a fraction of the news.

Yours for Peace and Freedom

FAMILIES AGAINST THE BOMB

p.s. Lord Iveagh, a member of the Guinness family, also owns the land on which three Suffolk villages stand and rents the base to the U.S. Air Force (possibly through the R.A.F.) for a "reported" rent of one dollar a year.



A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS

The weekend of 2-4 July saw the gathering of about 1,000 peace activists in Brussels for the first European Nuclear Disarmament Convention. They came from more than 20 countries, from a broad range of political, social and trade unions organisations, from peace movements and churches, for an occasion which was one of the objectives that the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation had in mind when it launched the END appeal in April 1980. It was the bringing together of activists from every corner of Western Europe for a sharing of experiences and ideas for the future.

There had been some controversy within the planning committee as to whether the convention should be open to the Peace Committees of Eastern Europe, the outcome of which was to limit this first convention to the West but to admit observers from the East. To do full justice to the arguments on both sides would take an article at least as long as this. It seems likely, however, that the next convention will encourage participation from the whole of the continent.

I found the experience of this weekend quite extraordinary. There we were during the daytime luxuriating in the facilities of the EEC - comfortable seats and instantaneous translation between as many as six languages on our headphones. And there we were at night in an old sugar refinery, moving between four floors for food, drinks, bands, videos, exhibitions and debates (T.Benn and R.Bahro, C.Jacobsen and Z.Medvedev . . .). The second venue was more in tune with the ethos of the peace movement than the buildings of the EEC and it was there that a lot of the intermingling of the nationalities, the swapping of experience and ideas went on. I spent a couple of hours there talking to the three people from Karlsruhe (Nottingham's twin town) who enlightened me about the structure of W.German politics and Karlsruhe's in particular. A Nuclear Free Zone resolution will be presented to Karlsruhe's predominantly conservative council in the near future (in response to Nottingham's request). Their council will certainly not invite anyone from here to attend, but the Green Party (of which our three friends are members and which has two councillors) will issue the invitation on the basis that it would be seen to be extremely rude for the Karlsruhe council not to ask a Nottingham councillor to speak if he just happened to be in Karlsruhe at the same time!

But the fruits of the convention came out of the formal sessions as well as the informal discussions like ours and that was despite the technical difficulties involved. The programme was deliberately weighted towards workshops and the plenaries were centred on reports not resolutions. Yes, many of the speeches and reports in plenaries and workshops were repetitive polemic and the formality of the workshops necessitated by the required access to headphones was very inhibiting and yes, there was a predominance of men (partly because the contingents from certain countries almost entirely consisted of men). But there was a general acceptance that these criticisms are valid and there was a commitment to avoid these problems next time as much as possible.

Which brings me to some of the concrete, definable results of this convention (I say definable because the value of putting heads together across borders at our level, not just at the levels of academics and politicians, must be a vital component of any really "European" peace movement, but isn't easily defined) -

- 1) There will be a second END convention. It will take place in Berlin for a week next May and it is proposed that massive rallies will be organised in both West and East Berlin at the end of it.
- 2) The timetable for the installation of Cruise missiles is first, Greenham Common (Dec. 83) and second Comiso in Sicily (April 84). International support for and participation in the action at both these sites is urged. An International Peace Camp is being set up at Comiso on 20 July (despite Mafia-backed opposition) and well over half of the population of Sicily has already signed a petition against the base.
- 3) The Scientists' workshop has laid the groundwork for something like a "union of concerned scientists" in Europe.
- 4) The Medical workshop identified a common problem in getting constructive identification with the peace movements on the part of medical practitioners concerned about nuclear war. In Italy, however, a large committee of eminent doctors and scientists has been able effectively to call for support outside the Catholic, Socialist or Communist peace groups.

5) The Trade Union workshop has established itself as an on-going provisional TU committee for END which will reconvene before Berlin and in the meantime exchange information and convene workshops. It supported the idea of a 5 minute strike across Europe on Hiroshima day.

6) Another proposal for action before May was a co-ordinated demonstration in Europe and the USA in Spring.

I should add as a postscript to all this that one issue which spanned both formal and informal sessions was the Falklands War. Why, those of us from Britain were asked, could of Peace Movement mobilize $\frac{1}{4}$ million people on 6 June and yet only 7,000 against the Falklands task force? The question perhaps provided a useful starting point for analysing the differences between the various European movements. It is a massive task for all these different movements to move forward together towards the common aim of a nuclear weapons free zone in Europe. I think that the feeling of the great majority at this convention was that it had provided an extraordinarily successful contribution to that.

Anne Kestenbaum

WADDINGTON PEACE CAMP

The Peace Camp has been the source of quite heated debate in the village of Waddington, and the local parish council has approached the Lincolnshire County Council in an attempt to have us evicted. The parish council claims that the camp constitutes a health hazard, although this has been denied by the North Kesteven District Environmental Health Authorities who have visited the camp several times to investigate the sanitation facilities.

North Kesteven planning authorities will be preparing a report to submit to the district council within the next couple of months. Although we will also be given an opportunity to submit a report to the council, we are asking for letters of support to be sent to the Director of Planning, North Kesteven District Council, Eastgate, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

The camp sits outside the Transmitter Gate at R.A.F. Waddington, 4 miles south of Lincoln along the A 607. We welcome visitors and donations, but we are making a special appeal to any women who would be interested in spending some time at the camp. We would like to take advantage of the summer to schedule a number of activities, but we need the support of many more women to make these activities a success. Our contact numbers are: Jan 051 722 5389; or Jenny 0522 34855. Letters should be addressed to Women's Peace Camp, Camp Lane, Waddington, Lincs.

Lil Semoff for the
WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP.

EVENTS GROUP

Our next meeting is on Monday 26th July 8.00 PM at the Fact Shop. For the last few months, since Christmas in fact, an average of three people per meeting have turned up. With an NCND membership of over one thousand, it does seem a little ridiculous when two or sometimes one person arrives. Come along, feel a part of NCND and make a positive contribution.

EVENTS GROUP

We sometimes receive complaints about the social events which are arranged. It isn't easy catering for such a wide age and taste range. If you have any suggestions, do let us know.



The Unmaking of Mankind: 3 million years of evolution to produce . . . the short haircut

BOOK REVIEWS

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS: The Way Ahead

Ronald Gaskell, Menard Press, £1.20

A short essay divided into eight sections, its main aim, as the author states in the opening section, is to question Britain's membership of NATO and its need for nuclear weapons. Both these issues have long been taken for granted yet in its Defence White Paper published in April 1981 (Statement on the Defence Estimates 1981) the government appears to be trying to justify its behaviour. Gaskell starts by picking holes in the arguments for nuclear weapons presented in the White Paper. He then goes on to discuss the pros and cons of any possible alternative approach to defence in Britain. In each section he deals with a different aspect of the issue: Russia, Europe, the Third World, and so on. One of the sections discusses the moral argument against nuclear arms. But while his basic argument is that the only realistic defence policy for Britain must be based on unilateral disarmament he has no illusions about the potential problems involved. He suggests possible solutions to what he thinks would be the main problems. There is also a section on how money saved from buying Trident could be put to much better use. At the back of the book there is a list of references which contains important sources of information and possible further reading. The book is extremely well written, well balanced and well informed. It can be read in a couple of hours and is ideal for anyone who wants to strengthen their argument against nuclear weapons.

THE WAR MACHINE

James Avery Joyce, Hamlyn, £1.50

Another highly convincing argument against the arms race and against nuclear weapons in particular. Joyce uses plenty of facts, figures and good quotes to back up his argument. He emphasises throughout that America and Russia are equally to blame for the arms race. If anything it is the Americans who are the real "baddies" although they assume that Russia will be first to press the button. By contrasting the amount of money spent by the West on nuclear arms with the poverty of the Third World the author stresses the immorality of such spending. He discusses the problem of whether disarmament would cause unemployment, a particularly relevant issue in Britain at present. Apparently it is a myth that military spending is actually good for a country's economy. Money spent on industry rather than arms would create more jobs. In the final chapter of his book, Joyce stresses the need for peace education, especially in schools and universities. At the end of the book there are two useful Appendices - 'A' 'A short history of arms pacts' and 'B' a list of organisations in this country and abroad. Finally, there is a further reading list. 'The War Machine' is a very readable book full of useful facts and information. The author is, among other things, a Consultant to the United Nations on Disarmament and Human Rights. He is clearly deeply committed to ending the arms race and in this book he succeeds in communicating the strength of his feelings to the reader.

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Deadline for the next bulletin is Thursday, 26th August. Any 'copy' (newspaper talk) to be handed in to the NCND office at the Environmental Information Centre. Help is still urgently required with the Bulletin.

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The government has cancelled its civil defence nuclear exercise 'HARD ROCK'. This is clearly a major victory for CND.

On July 14th, in his statement on the cancellation of Hard Rock, William Whitelaw said,

"The key factor has been the failure of many local authorities - especially county councils - to pay more than lip service to civil defence. ...That is why I am informing Parliament today that we are urgently considering the need to amend the planning regulations made under the Civil Defence Act 1948 (3)."

But this sounds like a cover up. By referring to Hard Rock as "essential training" for local authority staff, all staff would have been required to participate, under existing legislation (whether they are in a Nuclear Free Zone Council or not). The official word is that Hard Rock has been postponed for a year, not cancelled. But in view of the above, this seems unlikely.

The government has known for a long time that CND has been planning its 'HARD LUCK' answer to Hard Rock and that it is a well prepared campaign based on a S.A.N.A. (Scientists Against Nuclear Weapons) scenario, the results of which are both devastating, and largely indisputable. The governments own scenario used in Hard Rock was found to be not only politically adjusted but also sloppy and technically very dubious. (This was suggested by Owen Greene, the SANA spokesman at the CND National Council meeting on July 18th.)

In view of the considerable freedom of information, it would appear that Hard Rock was intended from the start to be a public relations exercise as well as a civil defence exercise. So it would seem that the government, foreseeing a failure in the publicity battle with CND, thought it wisest to cancel the operation.

It is also worth considering the possibility that there might be an

autumn election. If so, it would certainly be beneficial to the government not to have a large scale, vociferous CND campaign while they are trying to build up public support. Hard Rock would have been an embarrassing fiasco.

The almost unanimous opinion expressed at the National Council meeting was that CND's HARD LUCK campaign is a relevant campaign whether or not the civil defence Hard Rock exercise goes on. So THE HARD LUCK CAMPAIGN IS GOING AHEAD. The idea needs driving into the public's consciousness that civil defence is both futile and immoral (futile because of the scale of weapons and the total holocaust that war would mean, and immoral because civil defence suggests to our military that with a sheltered population, a nuclear war is thinkable). So the campaign is going ahead, though of necessity it will have to be a modified campaign, with the removal of the publicity attack aimed at the Hard Rock exercise.

Attention should be drawn to the governments plan to run a civil defence exercise in a years time, which will inherit the name Hard Rock. But even if the actual plan is to try a surprise reinstatement of Hard Rock at a short notice, CND will be well prepared for it. The Scientist's scenario will have been used in this October's campaign, but there is nothing to stop it being used again in the future (as the public memory of any media or publicity campaign tends to be very short).

So CND with the help of the Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities, has won quite a victory. But in the light of the governments clear intentions to force councils into obedience, it is hoped that every member of Nottingham CND and its neighbourhoods will write to Nottingham City and County Councils, not only to thank them for passing the nuclear free zone resolutions, but also pushing them to oppose as strongly as possible the proposed revision in legislation.

Mark Page

VISIT BY FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP TO LAKENHEATH PEACE CAMP

Almost apologetically we arrived at the Lakenheath Peace Camp last weekend armed to the teeth with excuses and explanations why we hadn't been to the camp earlier and envisaging that we were possibly the last Nottingham Neighbourhood Group to support the campers. How wrong could we have been? Apart from a spirited fund-raising exercise by the Basford Group we were the first group to offer any support at all.

The first impression which immediately struck us on arrival was the excellent community spirit which was fostered on the camp - amazing since our appearance coincided with the last concerted effort to transfer the camp to a new (temporary) site and everyone was completely 'knackered'. The move from one site to another in fact highlights the scarcity of resources, particularly transport, which meant the removal of only a few miles took over 20 hours to complete.

However, within a short time the newly adopted camp took on some semblance of order and everyone was able to settle in reasonably comfortably. The site itself is less than ideal being away from the public eye and off the beaten track. There is no convenient water source and, therefore, regular trips into the village have to be made to replenish the many containers.

The crux of the campers' problems is that too much time and energy has to be spent on actually surviving and too little on the whole objective of the exercise, i.e. taking direct action to publicise the horrendous and immoral consequences of basing Cruise missiles in this country in general and Lakenheath in particular.

We can all help the campers. The very presence of supporters and visitors increases morale but the in-put of practical resources is vital to the continuing success of the action. Needless to say, money is scarce. Some campers hitch-hike to Nottingham fortnightly to sign on. Food, tools, games and toys for the kids are urgently needed.

If you decide to visit the camp either as a group or individually (and I appeal to you to do so) then please try to make as many donations as you can. Raise as much cash as possible. Take as much food with you as you can - most campers are vegetarian so bear that in mind. Hunt through your cellars/attics/tool-boxes for any tools you can afford to donate (especially nails, screws, chisels and drills) and take them with you.

Staying at the camp is not a holiday - there is a lot of work to be done. But it provides a feeling of purposefulness and reward, unity and strength, fun and honest endeavour which are never part of any vacation. Which would you prefer? And when you've been once I'm sure you'll feel the same as us - that you want to and intend to go again.

Paddy Carstairs
Forest Fields Peace Group

HELP REQ'D

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The cartoon says it all. If you've got the time and inclination then we've got a job for you. Payment is by way of an occasional cup of coffee, plus a clearer conscience regarding your part in the fate of the world. You don't have to be skilled or talented, though a modicum of literacy might help. (If you do have a particular skill or talent though, so much the better.) It is important that your commitment is on a regular basis however. We need:

- At least one additional full time member of staff
- One person who can give half a week per week
- More staff to take on particular projects/responsibilities (half a day per week would probably be adequate)
- People to write articles for the Bulletin, send in book reviews etc.

- An Editor for the Bulletin
- Specialist advice - Solicitor, Accountant etc.
- Another Typist (available at short notice)
- Assistance for the Events group
- Anyone interested in any form of drama
- To start a new News Watch team

The more assistance we get, the better. If we have sufficient people we may be able to expand, which is essential for the nuclear disarmament cause if we're ever going to win.



START TALKS

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STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TALKS

NCND receives periodic press releases from the American Embassy. These are filed in the Office and are available for reference to anyone researching or otherwise interested in the USA's Disarmament (?) proposals. This article is a description of the situation based on these press releases.

In the past year or so, after rejections of arms reductions by both(?) Superpowers, many people have become disillusioned by their intentions. However, eight months ago President Reagan proposed a series of negotiations on the reduction of nuclear arms and conventional military forces. These are to be called Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START i.e. SALTS new name).

Reagan, with the help of President Brezhnev wishes to reduce both the USA's and USSR's Ballistic Missile Warheads by at least a third at equal ceilings. (Can we believe this?) To aid stability, Reagan would like no more than half of these to be land-based (Of course a large percentage of USA's ballistic missiles are already submarine launched but only a small percentage of the USSR's missiles are) He will also attempt to reduce the United States and Soviet Union's Intermediate Range nuclear missiles to zero level. (Who decides which missile is tactical and which is intermediate?) This would include the cancellation of the Cruise and Pershing programme, if the Soviet Union dismantled their SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 missiles (probably more advantageous to the USA than to the Soviets).

The reduction of ground forces in Central Europe to 1.6.m. men each is a major feature in Reagan's programme. This would be subject to NATO and Warsaw Pact agreement.

In his speech in Berlin this year Reagan proposed several measures to enhance confidence and to improve communications. These would include the notification of strategic exercises, of missile launches and expanding the exchange of strategic forces data. With these proposals Reagan hopes to reduce the secrecy and ambiguity which surround military activities (SOME HOPE!). Maybe the growing Peace movement in the States has influ-

enced this so-called change in direction of Reagan's views.

We must hope that IF these talks take place they are not as quickly abandoned as the abortive SALT Treaties of the 70's. But, regrettably, analysis at present suggests that the talks are nothing more than a sop to the Peace Movement.

P. Spear.

HIROSHIMA

REMEMBER HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI PEACE VIGIL

Where -

outside St. Peter's Church
(next to M. & S. - as last
year)

When -

Fr. 6 Aug. 8.15.a.m. - 5.p.m.
Sat. 7 Aug.9.0 a.m. - 5.p.m.
Sun. 8 Aug.9.0 a.m. - 5.p.m.
Mon. 9 Aug.9.0 a.m. - 11.a.m.

Any VOLUNTEERS to hold the
BANNER - ring Ann (from
C.A.N.A.) on 755172, or we'll
see you there.

POEM

THE VISION OF A CARLTON HOUSEWIFE.

White-coloured flares illuminating the skies,
Multi-coloured patterns dazzling the eyes,
The clouds turning yellow, then crimson, then flame.
Then darkness.
Then fog.
Then light-falling rain.

Children, with charred faces, gasping for breath,
Mothers, with flame-filled lungs, begging for death,
Fathers, bald and toothless, vomiting blood.

Survivors -
Turned cannibal,
Killing for food.

War lords, laughing insanely, delighting in the vision
Of neutron bombardment caused by pure fission;
Man, dying in agony, lamenting his fate,
Snivelling his last words:

*Alas! Too late!"

W. M. Hall. 12.7.82.

P.S. AND ALL BECAUSE THERE WAS NO C.N.D. GROUP IN
CARLTON.

For those members of NCND who feel a little lost as to what is happening at national level (don't we all), here is a brief resume of some of the issues raised at the meeting of the National Council held on the 17/18th July at County Hall London.

Financially, the CND national organization is presently in the red to the sum of £54,519. This has led to the suspension of all funding apart from the September relaunch of SANITY as a monthly as opposed to bi-monthly production.

There are now 26 full time paid members of staff besides all the voluntary help. This has been a considerable jump in the last few months, with Sanity editorial staff and regional workers being added onto the payroll.

The national demo in Hyde Park on June 6th LOST £10,000. This is attributed by National Executive to the illegality of sales in the park.

Glastonbury festival reaped £50,000 all of which is apparantly already

allowed for in the figures.

It was agreed by Council to introduce a kick-back scheme for National CND members, whereby anyone joining National CND from the Nottingham (or other appropriate) area should join through their local CND organization and a proportion of his/her subscription would be channelled back to their local group.

A discussion document presented by Dan Pletsch and Gus Scott proposing CND's endorsement of particular parliamentary candidates at the next general election, was unanimously rejected on the grounds that the proposals would take CND away from its non-party political stance.

National CND Council voted to continue with HARD LUCK this autumn (see the article titled VICTORY) and also to press immediately for a follow up on the discrediting of the governments civil defence proposals and hinted future legislation (also see article on suggested future policy).

Mark Cole
East Midlands Delegate
(This article has been edited.)

PROPOSED EAST MIDLANDS FULL TIME WORKER

For some time now there has been discussion within the East Midlands as to whether or not the region should apply for a full time worker, similar to those already appointed in Scotland, West region, Wales etc. For those who do not know, the worker would be one appointed at £6,000 PA or a job sharing scheme, paid for for one year by national CND and thereafter by the region. It is important that the NCND representatives on the East Midlands Co-Ordinating group know the feeling of NCND members on this issue. Discussion of the issue should therefore be held at the next monthly meeting, or the Co-Ordinating Group meeting as the East Midlands Co-Ordinating meeting next meets to discuss the issue on Saturday, August 14th.

Mark Cole

C.N.D. CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Would all members of national CND please take note: -

The National Council meeting on July 17th and 18th has recommended changes to CND's Constitution that mean that individual members will not be entitled to a vote at Conference. This Constitutional amendment is expected to be passed at the start of the National Conference (26, 27, and 28th November), though the resolution has already been approved by council. Members will not be informed of this change to their rights as this would entail a postage cost of £6,000.

Members of Nottingham CND are reminded that they will be represented through Nottingham's delegates at Conference, and through East Midland's delegates at Council.

The following is a syllabus for a course that Tony Simpson is running at the W.E.A., Shakespeare St., with the first of 20 sessions starting at 7pm on Wednesday 29th September:

The Struggle for Peace in the 1980s

Syllabus (provisional)

Tony Simpson BA M.Phil.

Apocalypse soon? - or can we find the will and the ways to keep the peace? Can it be true that nuclear weapons prevent nuclear war? Are we safer with or without cruise missiles? What use our local authorities compiling plans for dealing with nuclear devastation? What actually happened at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and what is its legacy? How much is the arms race costing?

Recent and current wars around the world demonstrate the fragility of international peace, reveal nation's readiness for war, and lay bare the difficulties for international mediation through the United Nations. They have also confused and confounded many activists and supporters of the British peace movement. In the nuclear era we cannot afford mistakes, and yet the appetite for armaments, and even for war itself, on the part of so many states, rich and poor, seems undiminished. How did we get into this bind and what should we seek to do about it?

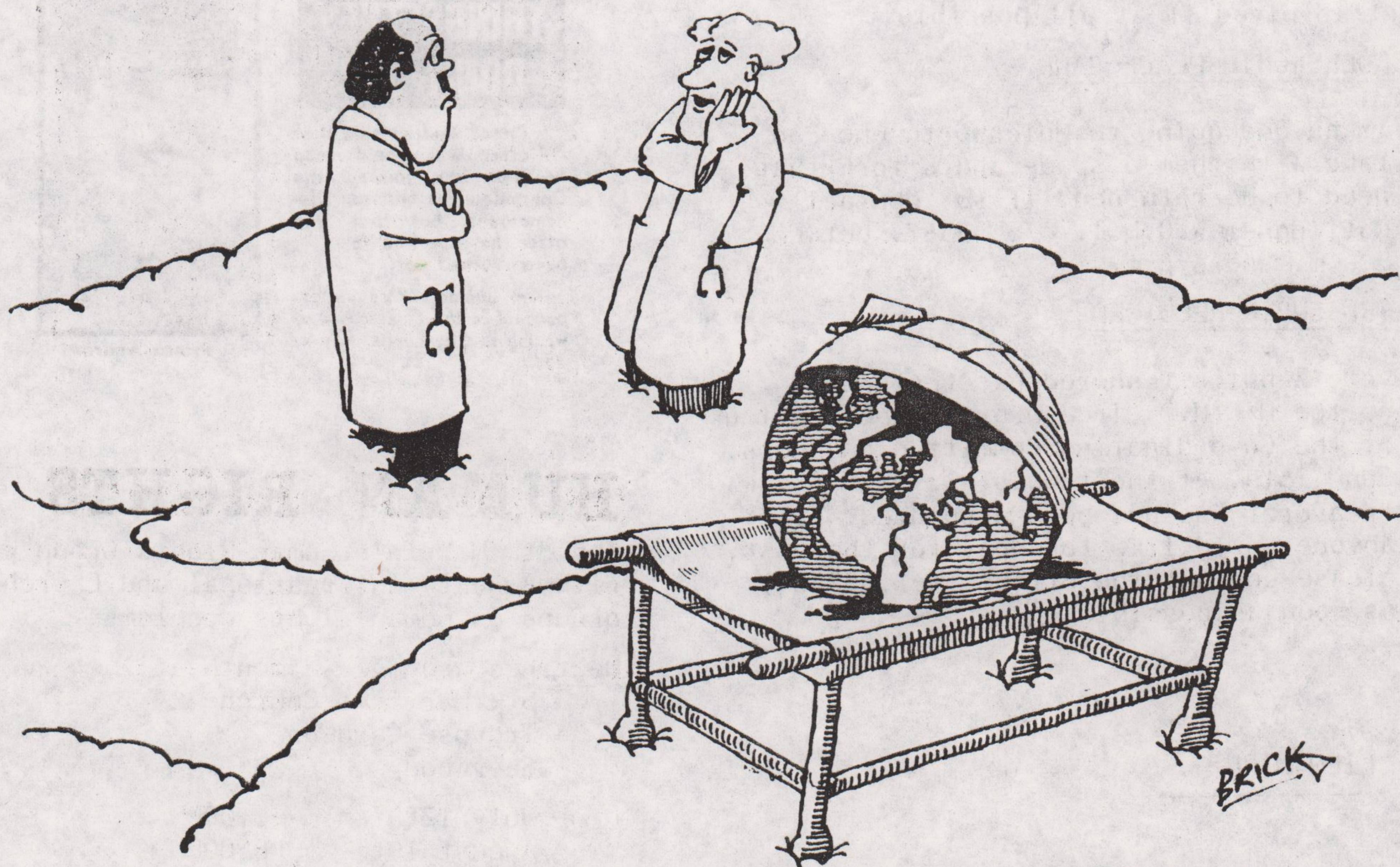
AIMS

Given that we have the opportunity over twenty sessions to look in depth at nuclear disarmament and associated matters of acute popular concern, the aims of this course can best derive from the concerns and interests of group members who've opted to dig deeper in these matters by joining the class. Many themes that group members will want to explore will have been suggested by the extensive literature generated by revival of the peace and disarmament movement in the UK. From many we can list some of the most central ones: the arms race; nuclear war-fighting strategies; civil defence and emergency planning; nuclear proliferation; arms control negotiations. Certainly we shall touch on a number of these and others besides, and in two or three cases we may explore the issue at length. But I do not propose to set an exhaustive syllabus until the class has met and members of the group indicated their concerns and interests. Some less central but nevertheless vital issues might provide our subject for investigation, and I would certainly urge that we include issues arising from the new chemical arms race in our schedule, and offer that as an illustration of ^aparticular theme not often enough the subject of close scrutiny, ~~h~~ though preparations for Europe's chemical battlefield are well advanced.

METHOD

I propose that this class deem itself to be a reading/study group, determining together our programme and schedule, and where possible that we explore common texts, at least for some of the time. Though the WEA library can probably furnish us with one or perhaps two copies of a given text, the need will inevitably arise for class members to buy one or two pamphlets and books. Fortunately there is an extensive, cheap pamphlet literature in this field, much of it under £1.

Topics for our reading and explorations depend on the preferences expressed in the group, though I have also made some suggestions which I hope will be popular enough for us to pursue. As a prelude to our discussions I propose that^{at} an early stage we compose a list of topics within the broad compass of "the struggle for peace in the 1980s.", and from there that we seek to decide a line of march for the first part of the course at least. Of course, in one or two instances group members might want to go beyond reading and discussion to some kind of written or/and illustrated project.



NORMALLY I'D RECOMMEND TREATMENT BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT MIGHT BE KINDER TO HAVE IT PUT DOWN.

ARNOLD/WOODTHORPE GROUP

Advance notice: Sat. September 25th

Arnold Leisure Centre - Social & Disco
Tickets £1.50 waged, 75p unwaged

All NCND members welcome

LONG EATON GROUP

Advance notice: Fri. September 17th

Folk Evening. If you can sing, recite, or play a musical instrument and are free on the date given please ring Joy on Long Eaton 68729.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEACE CAMP

A support group is to be set up to enable N.C.N.D. members to become more involved in the peace camp. It is to be a very informal group (adjourning to, or gathering in the pub?) which will concentrate on practicalities - putting people without transport in touch with those of us who have transport so that more frequent visits can be made to the camp, organising fund raising events, etc. Supporters to meet as and when required but 1st meeting to be on Saturday, 31st July, 12 noon, at The Environmental Factshop, 15 Goosegate. If you can't make that date ring me (Ann) on Radcliffe (33) 4379. The camp needs more support from N.C.N.D. members so do get involved if at all possible.

MOLESWORTH PEACE CAMP

Is anyone going to Molesworth who can take with them a spade and a fork that need to be returned? If so, contact Nottingham W.O.N.T. c/o 53587, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

TREASURER REQUIRED

Pete Zabulis tendered his resignation as the N.C.N.D. Treasurer at the meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee on Thurs. June 15th. At the time of writing a new treasurer has not been appointed. If anyone would like to apply for the post, please contact the office (tel. 582561) as soon as possible.

FILM HIRE

To help keep costs down would neighbourhood groups wanting to hire films and share the cost with other groups please give details to the Office - Film, date etc.

NEWS FROM FOREST FIELDS

Recently we have been trying to consolidate local support by mounting a display in Hyson Green Library. Staff were very helpful and provided display boards and a shelf for leaflets which we have left there. We are also mounting a poster campaign in Hyson Green to see if any residents want to join our group, with a view to eventually forming another group.

There are several activities already planned.

... AND THE THINGS THEY DON'T SAY

Prince Andrew said that after what he'd seen he felt like joining the Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament, but that was after the tape had been turned off.

Kim Sabido, IRN's correspondent in the Falklands war, writing in City Limits, July 9-15.



Prince Andrew

HUMAN RIGHTS

The St. Martin's Human Rights Group work with Amnesty International and Church groups on human rights problems.

Meetings are once a month at:

St. Martin's Church
 Trevoze Gardens
 Sherwood

July 12th	8.00PM
August 10th	8.00PM
September 14th	8.15PM
October 12th	8.15PM

For further details contact:
 Margaret Kesterton
 Tel. 788963

THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to the person who anonymously donated £100. 00. to N.C.N.D. Its really appreciated.

"WANTED"

We would like to start a "for sale, wanted, etc." column, so send in your ads. to the office as soon as possible.

Does anybody want to live in the Victoria Centre? It is expensive, but handy for the buses and potential suicides. Contact Rob. Nicholls on 414323.

MARATHON RUN FOR N.C.N.D.

Alan Simpson, co-chair person of NCND, successful entrant of the London Marathon held earlier this year has generously offered to run in the Nottingham Marathon to be held in October, the money raised to be given to N.C.N.D. Alan has made the suggestion that each neighbourhood group raise a total of £100. in sponsorship money on his behalf. He is of the opinion that more money could be raised if only one, or possibly two or three, people were to run on behalf of N.C.N.D. rather than through a lot of people offering to do so. He thinks it would have more publicity value. Do please support Alan in his generous gesture. If the 20 or so neighbourhood groups could raise £100. each it would further the campaign tremendously.

Sponsorship forms will be appearing in a later issue of the bulletin.

BUMPER BULLETIN

The reason for having such a large Bulletin is that it is having to cover a two month period. Our usual printing facilities will not be available in August so all possible information has been entered into this edition.

EDITORS

The Editorial Team that produced this months Bulletin was:

Mark Page, Anne Wood, Rob Nicholls

Our thanks to everyone who helped or contributed articles. Also our appologies for any mistakes - but as usual it was a rush job.

Wanted: A typewriter. Any would be acceptable, though we'd love to get a carbon ribbon typewriter. Phone the NCND Office 582561.



A Soviet map, published in 1980, showing military locations, both British and American, in Britain

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

The decision has been made that Nottingham C.N.D. is going ahead with its HARD LUCK protest even though the government has cancelled its HARD ROCK Civil Defence exercise. (See the article "VICTORY"). However this will of course be in a modified format. A lot of the peripheral activities have been scrapped but the DIE-IN is going ahead on October 16th.

As planned this will be a march from the Forest with cardboard missiles, placards and mock-up fallout shelters. In Slab Square a large scale street theatre is being planned to symbolise the build-up of armaments, an "accident" followed by a nuclear attack, a four minute construction of "fallout shelters" and medical classification of the dying.

At least 100 bodies are required and neighbourhood groups have been asked to sign up to give an indication of support. There will hopefully be media publicity.

If you can possibly spare the time, will you please sign up as volunteers. Neighbourhood group representatives on the Hard Luck Committee are still collecting names. For further information or to volunteer assistance contact your group's rep or phone Mark on 31-3962 or Michael on 31-3275.

SANITY

Anyone who would like to order a years subscription of the now monthly national CND publication "NEW SANITY", please get in touch with the NCND Office. CND feel that this is an important venture that needs mass support. It's a chance to get the unilateralist idea into every bookshop, and hopefully most homes in the country, but regular CND support through subscriptions is essential to get the magazine launched. The cost is £6 for the first twelve issues.

The 18th July edition of News of the World carried an exposee of SEX AND DRUGS at the RAF Greenham Common Peace Camp. The suggestion of orgies every night and cannabis/cocaine available at £1 (though how much, no one knows), sounded like standard News of the World material. However the people that we've asked about the Greenham Camp showed surprise at the idea, and then said things like : "Oh dear, what have I missed out on, maybe I'll visit again."

So we suspect that the whole thing is just a plan to get a lot more visitors to the camp. The carefully contrived rumour in the right ear has meant News of the World has probably done their next six months of recruiting for them. (It is a pity that we didn't start the rumour first for our Lakenheath Peace Camp.)

VISIT THE PEACE CAMP VISIT THE PEACE CAMP

We want people to visit and help out every weekend. It is essential that there is continued support if the Peace Camp is to be a long term project, as intended. If you are going by car, or want to go, please contact the Office so that we can fill up car loads/minibuses etc.

A DAY TRIP for a bus load of visitors is planned for SEPTEMBER 19th.

All who are interested please get in touch as soon as possible (but by SEPT 4th latest). Provisional cost of the trip is :

£4.50	wage earners/ students on grant
£3.00	unemployed/ under 16's

A SUGGESTED POSSIBLE PROGRAM FOR AUTUMN 1982

In this article, which incidently is not policy but merely a discussion paper, it is hoped to suggest a few ideas for the NCND campaigns in the autumn, suggestions which if they are found to be acceptable need much forward planning in order to ensure their smooth running and success.

Campaign 1

A series of public meetings in those areas of Nottingham which presently lack neighbourhood groups. A possible initial suggested list is:

Eastwood
Calverton
Bilborough/Aspley/Strelly
Rise Park/Top Valley/Bestwood
Park
Carlton/Gedling

In some cases it may be possible to carry these out in August, but with the schools being closed and also the general holiday season, it may be as well to wait until early September. Hopefully our members already living in these areas can form the nucleus of any new neighbourhood groups.

Campaign 2

A campaign designed to support and supplement the Peace Education Syllabus being introduced by Notts County Council in schools in the next academic year.

This might comprise of the following:

Letters and lobbying of Headmasters and School Boards of Governors to implement Peace Studies in their School.

If possible, meetings in schools on CND related issues, to combat Home Office propoganda which has been circulated and also to enhance the program of Peace Studies if they are being implemented in that particular school.

Meetings could obviously be arranged for the evenings, but where possible should be during the daytime in order to maximise the number of pupils attending. Obviously this

would have to be with the full acceptance of the Headmaster and the Board of Governors.

Campaign 3

A campaign throughout our present neighbourhood areas and also in areas which have as yet no CND group to educate the public as to the pointlessness of civil defence and point out why the likelihood of a nuclear holocaust is increasing thereby introducing NCND and the general public to the campaign issues of Cruise and Trident.

In order to carry out this campaign a package of leafletting, visual display and simple to communicate details on the issues will be drawn up. This will be based on information from national S.A.N.A., local S.A.N.A., and Nottingham Medical Campaigns, compiled information on the issues eg. a possible ward by ward breakdown of casualties etc.

All of the above campaigns are hopefully to be carried out during the autumn '82 and spring '83, with the very necessary lead into the anti-Cruise campaign which is vital to the cause in 1983.

In all these above issues it is vital to present the arguments without totally disillusioning ones audience or over feeding them with information. Rather it's best to give some strong guide to both our members and to the general public of how we might positively combat the issues and win.

All these ideas are put forwards with the vision of NCND going out to the public and changing minds, rather than waiting for the public to come to us.

Hopefully the above can be discussed in as wide a forum as possible at the next monthly meeting on Sunday, Aug 8th at 7.30 PM. Should any one member or group of NCND have suggestions to put to this meeting could they send copies to the office at Goosegate, so that a rough agenda can be drawn up.

Mark Cole

comment

A LETTER TO MRS THATCHER

Dear Madam,

The other morning I awoke to the sound of Mr S Locum clearing his lungs, Mrs Locum struggling with her roll on girdle, and of someone digging in my back garden. I arose from my Swedish style Winfield cot and looked in the direction of the digging sound. Wiping the sleep from my eyes, I saw a man armed with several garden implements making a complete mess of my treasured azalea patch.

I immediately hung a dressing gown over my shoulders, rushed down stairs and into the back garden. I asked the gentleman, in a very civilized manner, exactly what he was doing. He ignored me. Being a fairly passive person I am not accustomed to raising my voice, but on this occasion I felt duty bound to assert myself. "Hey you!" I said in my 'Oliver Reed' voice, "What are you up to?" The gentleman turned slowly toward me. There was madness in his eyes, or a piece of kedgerie. "This here bit of land has been designated as a Cruise missile site." he said in vague English tones. My jaw dropped and my toupee slipped two inches to the left. I was agast. "But why my garden?" I asked, "Couldn't you put it next door, or in the next street, or how about Greenland?" "Look here buddy," he said in his 'W.C.Fields' voice, "You're getting protection for life from the Russians, the Chinese, the Germans, the British..." "Wait a moment," I interjected, "This is Britain." "Aaaah s**t, another damn cock-up!" he said, throwing a spade at my one and only courgette plant. "Well I ain't moving it now kid." "Look here," I said trying to appeal to his better nature, "What am I going to do about my azaleas?" "Go f**k your azaleas, this site is staying put." With that he picked up his copy of 'Biggles Does It In A Pig Sty' and walked off down the road whistling 'He Ain't Heavy, He's My President'. That was the last I saw of him. Needless to say the Cruise missile site

is still here, and my request to erect a garden shed has been turned down for the third time. In future I would appreciate it if you would ask my permission before allowing foreigners to trapse all over my garden. The answer, of course, will be NO.

Yours Disgustedly
Norman E Gluss

This letter has been reprinted with the kind permission of the Bradford Argus.

Editors Note - Apologies to anyone who may think that the above article is unsuitable for our Bulletin, but it was the only even vaguely suitable letter received for publication.

POSSIBLE NCND MOVE

In view of the difficulty of selling anything from the Goosegate Office, NCND is considering the feasibility of moving. Will anyone with contacts who have expertise in commercial property rental, or possible sources of cheap yet central accomodation etc., please contact the NCND Office with details.

PEACE STUDIES

It has been strongly suggested that NCND members should lobby their local Labour school governors to support the introduction of Peace Studies in the school curriculum.

TELEPHONE TREE

Each neighbourhood group should if possible let the Office have phone numbers to contact THREE people so that important action can be called quickly when needed.

ONE WORLD WEEK
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On Saturday, 23rd October, NCND is running a demonstration on behalf of the 'ONE WORLD WEEK' Organization. It is hoped that there will be massive support from as many members of NCND as possible. This event comes only a week after the HARD LUCK DIE-IN, and you may feel that two Saturdays on the run is asking a lot - but we feel that if we want to win the disarmament issue, then we need to ask a lot.

The demonstration consists of a march from the Forest ground to Old Market Square, followed by a rally in the square. Other organizations within the 'ONE WORLD WEEK' Organization will also be participating eg. Oxfam, Third World First, Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, Amnesty International etc. NCND is hoping to provide a speaker for the event, and there will be information/sales stalls set up in the square. The angle that NCND will use will probably be "Bread Not Bombs" which is in keeping with the spirit of the one world principle.

If you would like to help in the planning of this event, please contact the Events group via the NCND Office. Neighbourhood groups are also asked to get an idea of the number of participants that can be expected from their neighbourhood and then forward that information to the Events group.



'I feel secure if you feel secure.'

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JULY

- MONDAY 19th - 7.30.p.m. - Bullwell Group. 21 Highbury Walk, Bullwell.
8.00 p.m. Events Group, Environmental Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- TUESDAY 20th - 8.00 p.m. Basford Group, 66 Maud St., Basford.
7.30.p.m. Radcliffe Group, 3 Wharf Lane, Radcliffe.
8.00 p.m. Arnold Group. Arnold Library. "Hardrock" discussion.
- WEDNES 21st 8.30 p.m. Raleigh St. Group. 120 Portland Road.
8.00 p.m. Burton Joyce Group. 19 Crifftin Road, Burton Joyce.
8.00 p.m. West Bridgford group. The "Wolds", Loughborough Rd.
- MONDAY 26th 8.00 p.m. Events Group, Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- FRIDAY 30th 7.30 p.m. Long Eaton Group, Community House. "Speaker"

AUGUST

- MONDAY 2nd Meadows Group. 13 Phoenix Close. no time given.
- TUESDAY 3rd 7.30 p.m. Sneinton Group. 26 Lyndhurst Road.
- FRIDAY 6th to MONDAY 9th. PEACE VIGIL outside St. Peters Church. "Remember Hiroshima & Nagasaki"
- SUNDAY 8th 7.30 p.m. Monthly Meeting. Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon Street.
- MONDAY 9th 8.00 p.m. Events Group, Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
7.30 p.m. Mapperley Group. 604 Woodborough Road.
- TUESDAY 10th 8.00 p.m. Beeston group. Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane.
- THURSDAY 12th 8.00 p.m. Co-ordinating Group, Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- TUESDAY 17th 10.a.m. - noon. Meadows group Stall. Bridgeway Centre.



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