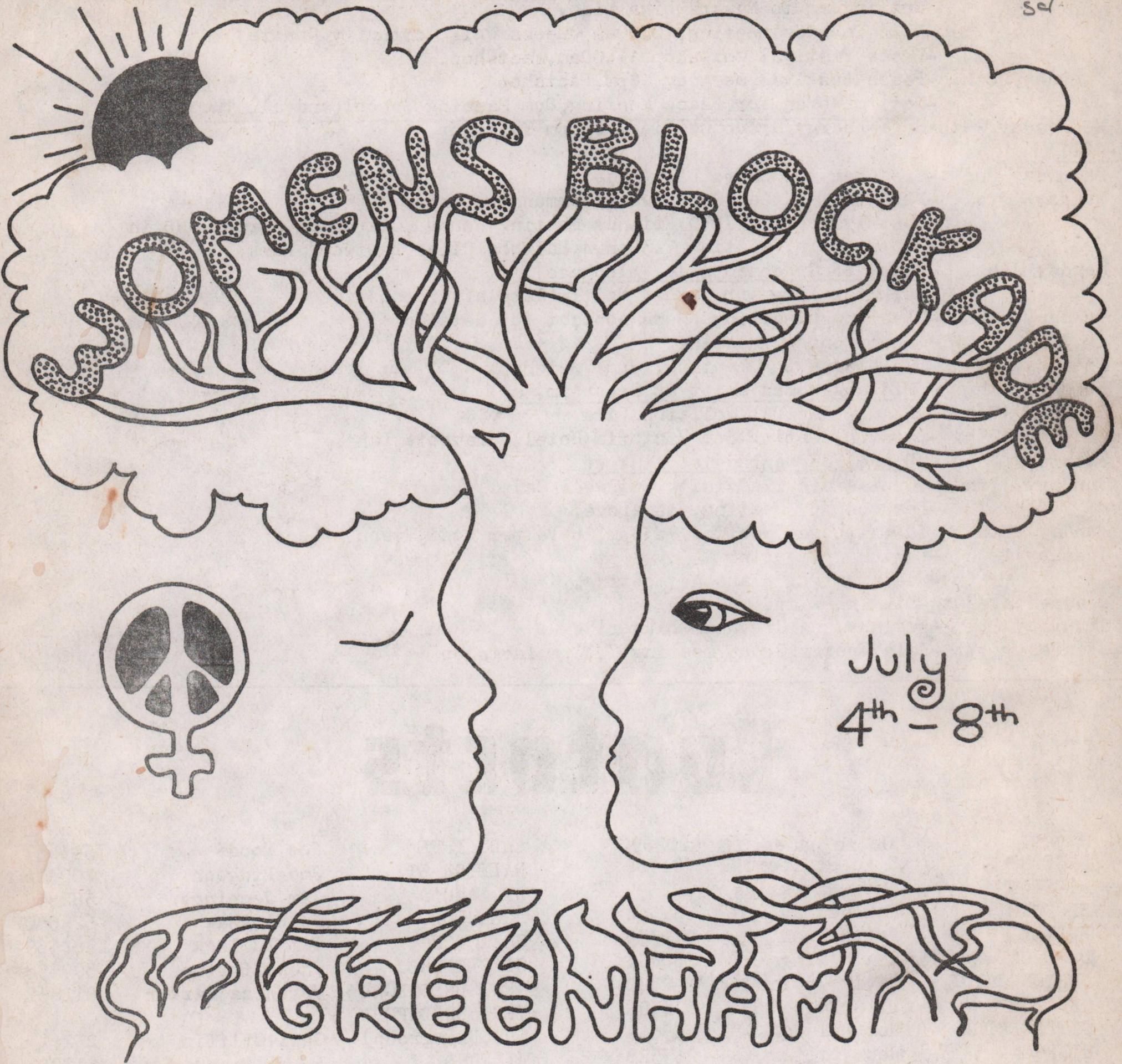


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WHATSON!

JUNE

- Thursday 23rd -Peace Festival meeting.8.00pm.Factshop.
-Nottingham Women For Peace Greenham Preparation meeting-
7.30,34 Waterloo Crescent
- Sunday 26th -Peace Picnic at RAF Cottesmore,2pm
-Nottingham to Newark bike ride.
-NVDA Tactics meeting,10.00am Queens walk Community Centre
-Peace Festival workshop 11.00am,Factshop.
- Tuesday 28th -Peace Festival meeting, 8pm,Factshop
-Nott'm Women for Peace Meeting,8pm Manning School(and all Tuesdays)
- Wednesday 29th-Safe Energy Group meeting,7.30pm Factshop.

JULY

- Saturday 2nd -Greenham to Comiso bike ride.
- Sunday 3rd -NVDA traing,10am Queenswalk Community Centre
-Monthly meeting 7.30 Friends Meeting House ,Clarendon Street-CND in *83
-Bestwood gp. meeting 7.30pm,4 Raithby Close,Bestwood Park
- Monday 4th -Start of Greenham 4 day blockade
-Walk for Life arrives in Nott'm(late afternoon)
- Tuesday 5th - Lenton gp.meeting phone contact for details.
- Sneinton gp. meeting, " " " "
- Thursday 7th - Co-ordinating meeting, 8pm Factshop.
- Friday 8th - Midland Women shift at Greenham.
- Sunday 10th - PEACE FESTIVAL Wollaton Park
- Tuesday 12th -Beeston meeting 8pm Victoria Hotel, Bramcote Lane.
- Saturday 16th - USA & USSR embassies link up
- Sunday 17th - Cruise missile visits Bullwell Gala
-Beswood gp. meeting, as above.
- Monday 18th -CND Airborne meeting 7.30pm,26 Belper Road,Hyson Green.
- Tuesday 19th -Lenton gp.meeting
-Sneinton gp. planning meeting.
- Weadnesday 20th-St. Annes gp. meeting
- Saturday 23rd -Faslane and Greenham bike ride
- Wednesday 27th-Safe Energy Group meeting,7.30pm factshop

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A Walk for Life...

Mon. 4th & Tues. 5th July

Nottinghamshire County Council will be welcoming the walkers with a 'Civic Reception.' On going to press the time and venue has not been confirmed.

The walkers will arrive in Nottingham around 5.00 pm, Monday 4th July and will be entering the city down Mansfield Road and going out to Colwick Race Course which is the campsite for the two nights they will spend in the city.

The Monday evening is centred around an 'Independence from America' theme (4th July being American Independence Day) and everyone is invited to come down to the campsite, bringing food and sharing a communal meal. Please try and encourage ethnic groups in your area to participate. Fancy Dress is also an interesting option!!

There will be a procession from the campsite, leaving at 9.30 am on Tuesday 5th July arriving at Slab Square for 11.00 am. Local groups are URGED to come along and participate in or bring along activities such as stalls, music, theatre, dance, leaflets, etc. etc. (We'll leave it up to you!) The walkers will leave the square at approx 5.00 pm, returning to the campsite for about 6.30 pm.

The evening's activities will centre around the idea of a 'Celebration for Life' and it is hoped that local people will come down and discuss, in an informal atmosphere, the nuclear question. Everyone will be welcome for an evening of fun and enjoyment.

The walk will set off, leaving the campsite around 9.00 am, on the morning of Wednesday, 6th July.

For further details, posters, etc., please contact the NCND office on Nottm. 581948

COMMENT

THE STRUGGLE GOES ON (A message for faint hearts and armchair bulletin readers)

As the Election results came in on Thursday night, a feeling of despair must have come over many of us in CND. The electorate had seemed to reject all that we had been campaigning for over the past years. What was the point of carrying on?

The answer was provided for us at the national rally held at Wembley on Sunday, June 12th. Over a thousand CND members went to hear speeches from Joan Ruddock, Bruce Kent and many others. Spirits were revived by the message that came across: the threat of nuclear warfare is still there. Rather than give up, we must increase our efforts even more.

CND must continue the struggle to convince the people of this country of the insanity of the nuclear arms race. To do so, we must redouble our efforts to counter the weight of government propaganda. We can do it, but only if everyone is prepared to play their part - distributing leaflets, holding public meetings, showing films, lobbying M.P.s and so on.

Non-Violent Direct Action will also play a major part in the coming months. The blockade at Upper Heyford successfully captured the attention of the media. It is a tactic however which requires commitment on the part of the participants.

Everyone must decide what part they are going to play in CND. Members cannot sit back in their armchairs and be content with just reading their bulletins. The success of CND depends on the combined efforts of all its members. Everyone must play their part.

So, come out, all you bulletin readers! Come to your local or monthly NCND meeting and find out what's happening and what you can do to help.

Remember: "BULLETIN READING IS NOT ENOUGH!"



July 4th — 8th

International Blockade at Greenham to stop cruise

Our aim for the action is to seriously disrupt all work being done there, in preparation for the siting of cruise missiles. Their arrival is rumoured to be more imminent than December this year.

Six months after embracing and blockading the base, we want to bring our collective energies back together in another mass action at Greenham.

We will start the blockade on July 4th and continue it day and night until July 8th. Women will be needed equally for being legal observers, supporting and blockading. We will need approx. 3,000 women for each day. We are hoping that women from each region will commit themselves to covering the blockade for 24 hours and organise that day together.

Women from the North of England and the Midlands are being asked to cover a 24 hour period from 6am on Friday July 8th to 6 am on Saturday July 9th.

Suggestions for the weekend are welcomed.

We'd like you to come on your day, but if this is impossible, come whenever you can. Preparation for the action is essential, as is the forming of affinity groups, -so that we feel united and are aware of our own strength. Training sessions, including legal briefing, are being held on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm at the family centre, 34 Waterloo Crescent Nott'm and on July 3rd (Sunday) at Queenswalk Community Centre, Queens Drive (NEAR Midland station) from 10.30am to 4.30pm. If you are not free on either of these dates, please go to the Women For Peace meeting on Tuesday 28th June at the Manning School at 8pm, where other arrangements may be made for you to join an affinity group, or training may be provided on that evening.

TRANSPORT

Minibuses will be leaving Nottingham at approx 6pm on Thursday 7th July; one of them will be returning by approx. midnight on Friday 8th; the others will be back in Nottingham by approx. 2pm on Saturday the 9th.

COST

A seat on a minibus costs £7. If you are in paid employment, we suggest you pay between £8 & £10, if not, or you are on a low income, we suggest £5. It is hoped that those who would like to support the action, but are not free to take part in it will make a donation towards the cost of transport. If you cannot afford £5, please contact me on the number below.

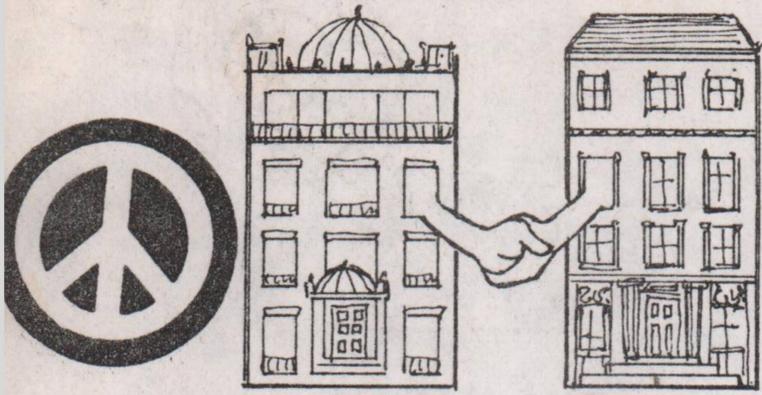
You will need a sleeping bag, candles or a torch etc and a tent (or space in one).

The theme of the action is 'music for Life', so bring your musical instruments and learn some peace songs.

It is essential that this action gets massive support; and the women of Greenham deserve all the help we can give them. PLEASE do all you can to ensure the success of the action.

For further details ring Nott'mCND on 581948 or Ann on Radcliffe 4379*

SATURDAY 16 JULY

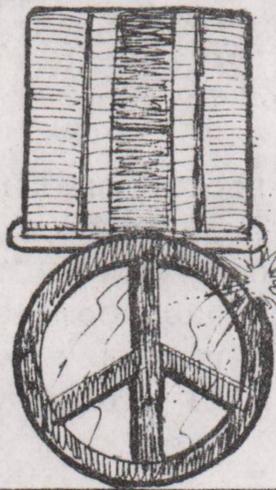


EMBASSY LINK-UP US and Soviet Embassies

Come to Hyde Park on Saturday 16th July to link the Soviet embassy, in Kensington Gardens with the United States embassy in Grosvenor Square.

At 2pm a globe will be passed along the chain to each embassy, symbolising the super-powers capacity to destroy the world and its peoples. A picnic for peace will follow in Hyde Park at 3.30pm.

Coaches are going from Nottingham, cost £4.50 waged, £3.00 unwaged. Available from the NCND office.



EX-SERVICES CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

In March this year a new National CND group was formed of people who have served in the Armed Services. This group has a crucial role to play in countering the smear campaign which will grow as the nuclear issue becomes more pressing.

A national demonstration is planned in London on the anniversary of the declaration of the second World War - September 3rd.

We would welcome the formation of a Nottingham section, and, if there is enough interest, to arrange for a Nottingham contingent to join this national demonstration. Anyone interested, please contact the NCND office.

PEACE FESTIVAL



By the time some of you receive this bulletin the Peace Festival will have come and gone, in which case, please ignore this article. Needless to say, the response from neighbourhood groups has not been overwhelming, this is your last chance to book a stall so get it together. Remember to bring your own table, as this will save us the hassle of collecting up to 100 of the silly things, an almost herculean task. The success of this Festival, as with all CND events, relies upon the grassroots and not upon the so-called hierarchy.

Power to the People

Rob Nicholls

STOP 'THE CITY' SEPT 29th A DAY OF RECKONING

London Greenpeace are co-ordinating a blockade of the 'city' of London. It's 'the city' where profits, power and the finance for war are concentrated. People once lived there - now it is full of banks, company headquarters, government buildings and places like the stock exchange. September 29th is the day when the profits for the summer are reckoned up - A DAY OF RECKONING!!!

People who work in the city are being asked to strike for the day and to consider how their labour contributes to the war machine.

Contact: Stop 'The City'
Care of London Greenpeace
6 Endsleigh Street
WC 1

NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION - FUN?

Reports in recent bulletins on Burghfield/Greenham - Lakenheath - Upper Heyford give some idea of the challenges, frustrations and fun of 'NVDA.' Perhaps you thought it all a bit too strenuous, risky, pointless; maybe you heard about it too late or were too busy to go.

National CND and Nottingham CND are committed to supporting selective NVDA wherever it can be used effectively to achieve a specific goal.

NVDA is not about getting arrested just for the sake of it; but is part of a broad campaign to open up dialogue with the military, the police and the population as a whole about the nuclear issue and the part they play in sanctioning it.

NVDA STRATEGY - JUNE 26th

Situations continue to change and we need to decide how we will respond to them. To this end there is to be a meeting at the Queen's Walk community centre on June 26th between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. We will be discussing previous actions, e.g. Upper Heyford, as well as planning future ones. Please come and share your ideas.

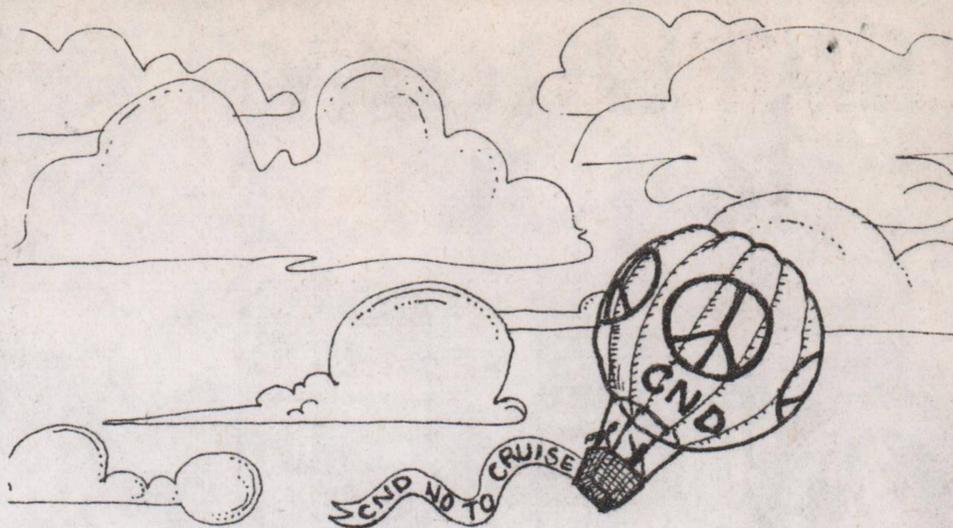
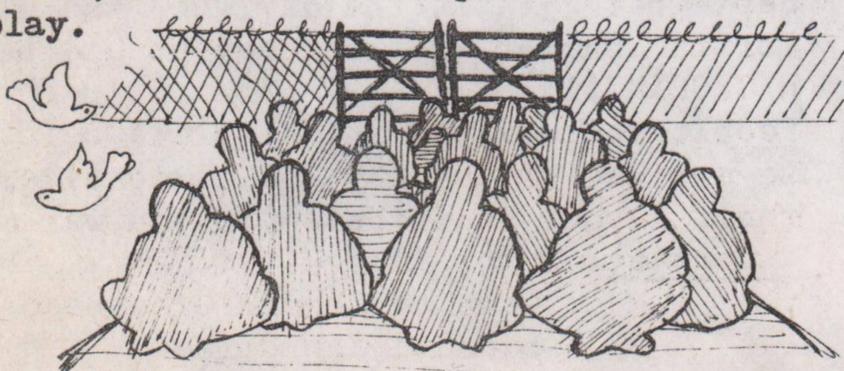
PREPARING FOR NVDA - JULY 3rd

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Any protest carried out as part of a group could involve conflict with the police, or even fellow protesters. Preparation or "training" gives a chance for participants to meet each other beforehand, discuss problems which might arise and find out how other people will react to that situation. This is important.

"Training" is important for all - whether a 'seasoned blockader or someone considering Direct Action for the first time.

This will be a day when we build on existing experience, with more in-depth discussion and role-play.



CND AIRBORNE

By the time you read this article, the Glastonbury 'Airborne' Raffle will have taken place. Our bank balance could have increased by up to £4,200!! We are not expecting that we will get the full amount (though obviously wishing for it) but hope to raise around £2,000. If we get this amount our bank balance will stand at approx £4,000.

This figure is about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the amount we need before we can order the balloon, so we are planning to send a circular to every local CND group in the country asking them to sponsor a segment of the balloon. We are hoping that this will bring in further funds to enable us to reach the target figure of £10,000.

CND Airborne thanks the Wollaton neighbourhood group for the £60.50 raised at a coffee evening in support of the appeal.

The next CND Airborne meeting is on Monday 18th July, 7.30 pm at 26 Belper Road, (Off Bentinck Road) Hyson Green. Everyone interested please come along because decisions on the purchase, design, etc., of the balloon will probably have to be made.

For donations, please make cheques payable to 'CND Airborne' and send to the NCND office.

JULY monthly meeting

July monthly meeting is about "where do we go from here?" - hopefully not backwards!

We need to talk about plans, ideas, motivation for the hard campaigning we'll have to do from now on.

what's been going on

RUDDOCK TOURS INC.

~ PRESENTS ~

NOTTINGHAM IN A DAY¹

This years star holiday bargain² for the seasoned campaigner is a whirlwind tour of the little known sights of Nottingham, the bookstall capital of the East Midlands.

SPECIAL TREAT

Not just one, but TWO radio interviews at NO EXTRA COST.

To give you the full flavour of the city, we'll take you to four traditional markets where over the ages (or in one case for the first time) the tribes of NCND have gathered to sell their wares;

Riverside CLIFTON, famous for the red badges worn by its inhabitants.

Bustling SHERWOOD, renowned for its musicians and displays of cruise lorries, radiation suits and multi-coloured balloons.

The leafy glades of ST. ANN'S, where you can stroll down tree lined avenues, enjoying a cold drink and gentle discourse with the local folk.

And you won't be able to resist returning to fabulous LISTERGATE where your tour started- the lure of buskers, pavement artists, more bookstalls, more photographers, more peace canvassing.....

And everywhere the chance to meet the people of this fair city. WE GUARANTEE³

-a young Tory shop assistant who won't change their views

-an SDP voter

-a couple who think nuclear weapons are god's tool for bringing about the salvation of all true believers

-and many, many more who share your views on the vital issues of the day

All too soon it'll be time for the main entertainment of your visit-joining like-minded doctors, lawyers & christians in spreading your message; what more inspiring scene than the fabulous RAINBOW ROOMS and the lively sound of questioners to complete your memories?

PLUS FREE SURPRISE invitation to a party- but only if you remember to book early!

NOTES

1. 4th June 1983-no repeats possible.

2. We reserve the right to exaggerate wildly throughout.

3. Believe it or not, it's true.



THANK YOU to Joan Ruddock, Roger Spiller and Paul Johns for coming and to Paul for driving and accomodating Joan. Also to John Hollins, John Hodgson and Barbara Lacey for speaking, Robin Protheroe for chairing the meeting and everyone who did so much, so co-operatively to make the day a success.

Brought to you by NCND Promotions-

courtesy of k. Ravnkilde.

Lakenheath

The peace campers at Lakenheath have been busy recently. They have been strolling onto the USAF base with flowers and banners, giving out leaflets, blockading, picnicing on the base, but despite being detained on the base, none of them have been arrested or charged.

The F1-11's from Lakenheath are soon off to Sculthorpe while the runways are "hardened". A new peace camp is being set up at Sculthorpe (Norfolk) while the F1-11's are there.

Women's PEACE FENCE

May 24th was International Women's Day for Disarmament & there were large demonstrations all over Britain.

Here in Nottingham, we used the occasion to begin our 5 day event at St. Petersgate. We had a stall, from 8.a.m. to 8.p.m., with leaflets & badges & several displays about nuclear weapons, civil defence, & an exhibition of photographs from Greenham Common.

The main event was the creation of a Peace Fence, on the church railings. There was a beautiful banner, made by Nottingham Women for Peace, decorated with figures holding hands in a circle. Next to it was the Peace Fence on which were pinned the many photographs, pictures, pieces of writing, and children's clothing that were brought to us by women from all over Nottingham.

The response throughout the 5 days was very good. Women brought articles for the

Peace Fence, signed, and wrote messages in our "Peace Book". We received some very generous donations of money from people and had a steady flow of interested and sympathetic passers-by. For those who wished to learn more there was a video by Dr. Helen Caldicott, shown at the Midland Group twice a day. After the video was shown people stayed to discuss what they could do and many new members were recruited for Nottm. Women for Peace.

At lunchtime each day, there was a band playing, which added to the atmosphere of peace and happiness and attracted people going by to stop & hear our message. Everyone who helped at the Peace Fence, or visited it over the 5 days will have been aware of a real strength of feeling amongst people, to overcome their fear & speak out now for peace.

Nott'm Women For Peace.



Michael Bombertime

Mr. Heseltine was greeted by a small group of peace campaigners when he arrived at the George Hotel last Tuesday for a Tory party rally. His visit was secret until very shortly before his arrival - even the press with a brief to follow Mr. Heseltine during the election campaign were given only 48 hours notice of his visit to Nottingham. Hence the small number of protestors (we urgently need volunteers for a telephone tree for occasions such as this). Attempts to present him with an invitation to the Peace Fence by a group of Nottingham Women for Peace were frustrated by Mr. Heseltine's blatant lack of interest. His version of this in answer to a question by a local reporter was that the women were not ready to talk to him. The group of protestors had grown to around 30 by the time he left, but attempts to get just 4 minutes of question time were met with dismissive handshakes & a quick dash to the waiting car; as the photo's show he could not blame a lack of readiness to talk on the part of the peace campaigners.

Nott'm Women For Peace.



UPPER HEYFORD

The first day of June started with thunder and torrential rain. 40 Nottingham people finally boarded a coach to Upper Heyford. There was plenty to do on the coach; briefing sheets to be read; legal observers had to ensure that they knew everybody; phone numbers for lawyers, etc.

When we arrived we found we were to blockade with a group from Milton Keynes CND. There was a strange sense of expectancy as we marched to 'our' gate, an F1-11 took off from the other side of the barbed wire.

For 10 minutes nothing much happened. A couple of the police made a 'sheep pen' on the verge from crush barriers. The inspector became more nervous - talking into his radio and looking anxiously at the 50 people sitting in the road.

After half an hour things eventually started happening. Blockaders were bodily moved and put in the police-lined 'sheep pen,' while the convoy of vehicles inched forward.

This set the pattern of events, with a blockade forming every time a vehicle approached. A few of the Forest Fields group were arrested for rejoining the blockade. The penned up blockaders were then warned that they would be arrested immediately if they sat down before 5 pm.



I tried to use a public phone box to contact the Nottingham radio stations - the door was blocked by a policeman who informed me the phone was on M.O.D. land and that it was not for public use!

On my arrival at the Hazel gate (officially gate 10) it appeared the 'Nottingham' blockade had just started - at the end of the road leading to the gate.

A cement mixer had just arrived behind the row of policemen and a rather agitated police inspector told the legal observers to warn everyone that they would be removed once, if they returned they would be arrested.

About 40 of the group were prepared to risk arrest to re-establish the blockade. As one person sprinted off to try and stop a car from entering this group sat down. The Inspector again warned them, then individual officers moved in and after another warning people were arrested.

After the first 20 arrests, the police vehicles were full and there was a queue of arrestees waiting for transport.

It took another 20 minutes before more vehicles arrived and the other blockaders were arrested.

cont.→



From about 4:30pm onwards there was only a handful of support people, and a police presence, left on the gate - no blockading (but then there were no vehicles either). A portable radio passed to the police proved to be a suitable peace offering (England-Scotland Home International) and for the next hour protesters and policemen exchanged jokes, chatted about how each group saw each other, did we achieve anything by getting arrested? The police then posed for a group photo in the light of the setting sun. We did manage to pick up most of the arrested protesters at Banbury Police Station before we returned to Nottingham at 5am the next morning.

Andy D'Agorne.

THE ARREST

Once arrested we eventually spent an hour or so sitting in the police mini-buses at an emergency arrest documentation centre; unknowingly awaiting sneaky Polaroid snapshots of ourselves. From there we were taken to Banbury Police Station, to be detained for up to 2 hours in a concrete garage. Then on into the police station itself for a little bit more form filling. We were then detained in the police gymnasium (at times 100 or more prisoners) while we waited for charging and bailing. It was a long wait (mine was 12 hours). The police did what I took to be their best to look after our needs although 5 gallons of chicken soup was not welcomed by a room full of vegetarians.

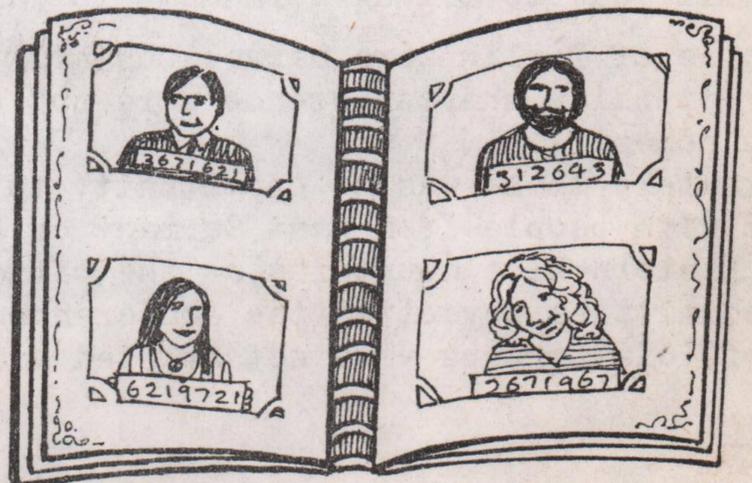
Having being charged with obstruction and bailed I was released to find that the Nottingham coach had left. So, the last of us Nottingham arrestees were transported back by work-con.

Robert Laxton

THE COURT APPEARANCE

I was bailed out to appear in court on Monday 13th June. We arrived at court, myself and Chris Blunsdon at about 10.00 am and waited about an hour to appear along with other CND members. I was given a legal briefing sheet from a girl from the peace camp. Apparently some people who pleaded guilty last week had an application against them from the police to pay costs but the magistrates refused costs and they were only given a 1 year conditional discharge. While we were waiting in court we heard a few cases and one in particular was quite funny. A man was fined for hitting another man and he was also fined £10 for not having a dog license! I was the first CND member called up and had the charge of obstructing the highway read against me and was asked how I pleaded. I said "guilty" The facts of the case were read out, the magistrates consulted and I was ordered to pay £25 costs and was given a conditional discharge. Chris Blunsdon was also ordered to pay £25.

John Shelton

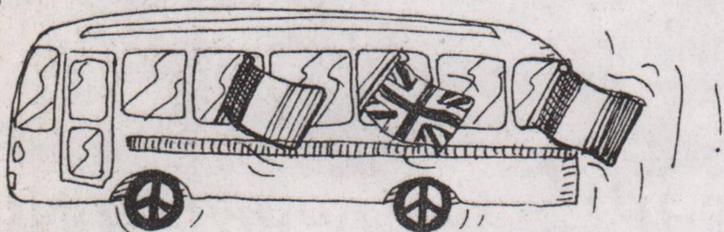


Berlin.....

A coachload of assorted peace campaigners from various parts of Britain left Nottingham on 9th May with a 30 hour journey ahead-destination Berlin.

We joined some 3000 peace campaigners from all over Europe at the second European Nuclear Disarmament Convention.

Many good things came out of the convention-links were made and experiences shared in the conference halls and coffee bars. We heard about the successes of the peace movement in Denmark, whose parliament has refused its contribution to the expenses of cruise and Trident, the German peace movement organising their first peace camps, the plans of the peace camp at Comiso.



There were no votes, no resolutions-in line with thinking that no one resolution could suit all the different countries, with their varying political and military climates. Instead, a lot of ideas for peace campaigning were discussed and some of these will hopefully take place Europe-wide, for example the boycotting of Tarmac International and all subsidiary groups (who stock DIY shops).

Personally I felt it was a refreshing and broadening experience-after months of focussing mainly on Cruise, it was good to have other aspects of peace (not just peace as absence of nuclear weapons) brought into prominence.

Running alongside the urgent demand for a halt to the

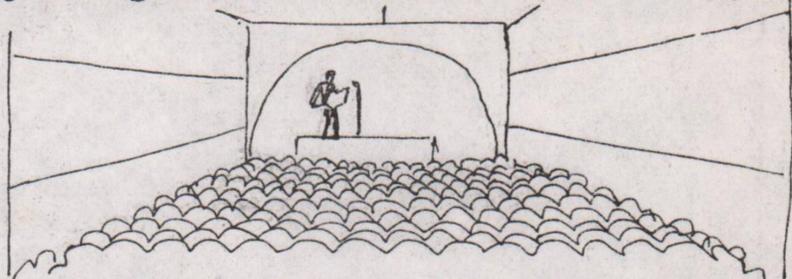
nuclear arms race was an emphasis on long term peace-peace that has to be worked at through changes of attitude; the only kind of peace which will lead to a long term halt to war.

The people of Berlin were marvellous-all the people attending the conference were put up in private homes.

Unfortunately there was no opportunity to have contact with people from East Germany or any of the Eastern bloc countries, as the official peace committees boycotted the conference and the unofficial groups were not granted exit visas.



The grumbles I have about the conference were in fact to do with the problems of success: huge conference halls with simultaneous translation facilities, platforms where 'experts' spoke and people delivered set speeches rather than joining in constructive discussion,



workshops of 200-300 people-a far cry from my experience of the small informal groups in which useful discussion takes place in the peace movement at grass roots level. Much of the most useful discussion did in the end take place in small breakaway groups and in the coffee bars. One thing which impressed me very strongly was the urgent need for mutual support among peace campaigners not only throughout Europe but also between Europe, America and the Eastern bloc. It is only by strength through mutual support that we will combat the powerful forces against us-after all, they combine to fight us. See below for ways in which we in Nottingham CND could help:-

COMISO-the International Peace Camp in Sicily is asking people to buy land in square metre lots for the site of the peace camp-£5 a square metre. Once bought this would confound the authorities who would have to follow up all the owners to get a compulsory purchase order.

NON-CO-OPERATION-Lynne Jones called for an international boycott of Tarmac and withdrawal of money from Government saving schemes. The money withdrawn could go into a peace fund.

THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE APPEAL-aims to change the false impression which many Americans have of the European peoples attitude to Cruise and Pershing-that we want them in Europe to protect us.

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE stamped on bank notes, cheques, all official documents-confounds the authorities as papers stamped in this way have to be processed by hand.



TRIPLING OF CITIES between people of cities in Europe, East Europe and America.

See next Bulletin for progress report or come along to meetings to discuss these ideas.

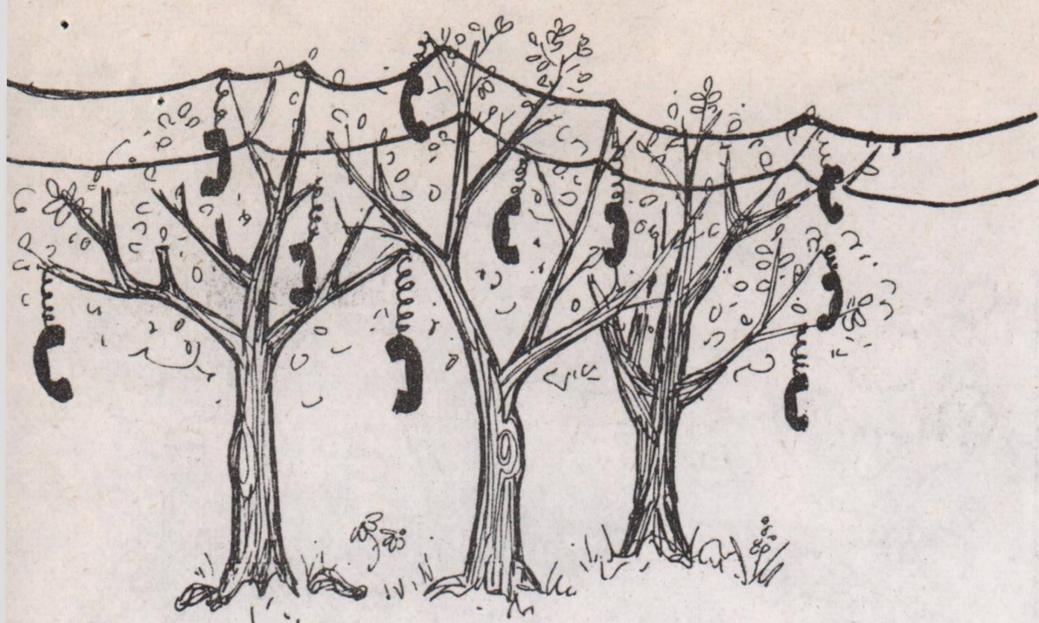
In Peace,
Hilary Trengrouse.

PEACE SHOP

Some time in the near future, within one year, the lease on 15 Goosegate will expire. This is not another rumour, it is a fact. We must begin now to consider alternatives to the accomodation we have at the moment. One idea that has been put forward by a member of CND is that we buy a shop with office space. Now that you have picked yourselves up from the floor, I shall continue. There are many reasonably wealthy members within CND who could afford to make a relatively small investment of approximately £3,000 in a peace shop. If ten people were interested in such a project, we could raise £30,000, a realistic amount in my opinion. As I have said, the money will not be a donation, it will be an investment. The legal details have not been worked out yet as there is little point until we have discussed the matter fully in neighbourhood groups and co-ordinating groups. Please discuss this proposal seriously and soon. It is a viable proposition and can work. For more details contact me at the office.

Power to People

Rob Nicholls



TELEPHONE TREES

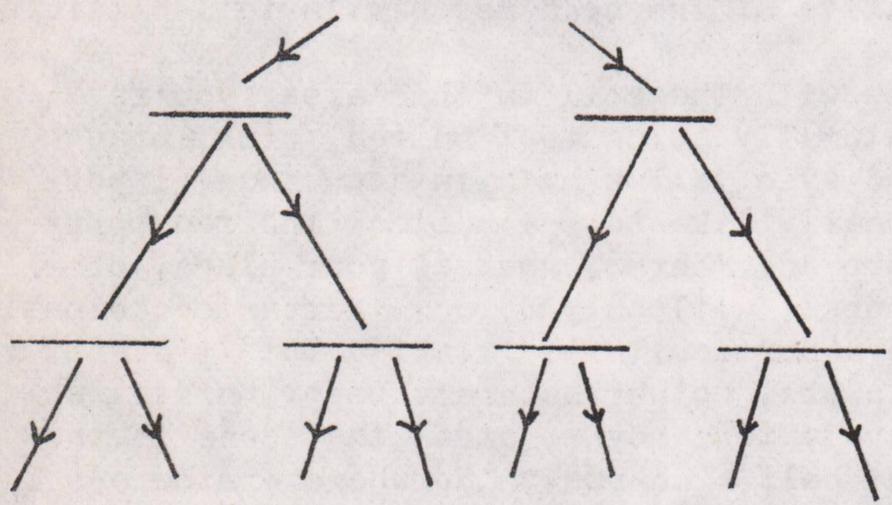
Recent events (June 9th, June 12th, etc.) have highlighted the difficulty of rapid communication to our members about actions, meetings, etc., arranged at short notice.

It will become evermore vital to overcome this problem, and one way is for each neighbourhood group to have its own 'rapid-response' system so that information can be passed and events arranged quickly.

All members with a 'phone can volunteer to their neighbourhood contact to be part of a telephone tree. Those without 'phones can link in with the nearest telephone point.

It works something like this:

Contact



When everyone is available each person need only make two calls. If someone is not at home, simply 'phone their two contacts.

No doubt we will soon be forced to use this system - so get in touch with your contact as soon as you can.

It will help to have someone at the bottom of the tree 'phone the contact back to ensure the message wasn't distorted.

Cruise attack

'Ey up, we're the Durham bikers' was the first thing said by four lads who staggered into the office on Tuesday 31st May.

They were the members of a band called Cruise, who were biking from Co. Durham to London, doing benefit CND concerts on the way.

They had just pedalled from Sheffield and after a few cups of tea, found their way to the Narrow Boat on Canal Street and set up their gear (transported by van - they aren't masochists) for a NCND benefit/Have a good trip Upper Heyford protesters' concert.

They were good. A little loud due to being in a small room, but nearly everyone (unfortunately due to short notice not many members turned up - all washing their hair or something) asked, liked them.

Sadly no financial benefit - we broke even, but we intend getting them back sometime. Thanks to Mark for putting them up for the night.

Robert Layton

* While we're on the subject of music, catch the Fabulous Dirt Sisters sometime - they're brilliant.

wholefoods

"Ouroboros Wholefood Collective" was set up in 1976 and began as a group of four people. Since then we have expanded, and now employ eleven people. The original premises on Mansfield Road is still our retail outlet, and now have a whole-food warehouse called "March". The warehouse is in its third year of operation. We are a non-profit making organisation.

As individuals, we have vastly different reasons for being involved in "Ouroboros". There are however a number of things which we pledge our support for as a collective.

Firstly, there is our commitment to providing whole, unadulterated food as cheaply as possible. When available, we try to provide organically grown produce. This is food which has had no agro-chemicals used on the soil from which it comes. This commitment extends into the politics of food. On the one hand, we oppose the manipulation of food production and distribution by multi-national companies for their own profit-making motives; and on the other hand, we refuse to sell the produce of certain countries, such as South African fruit, or Chilean goods.

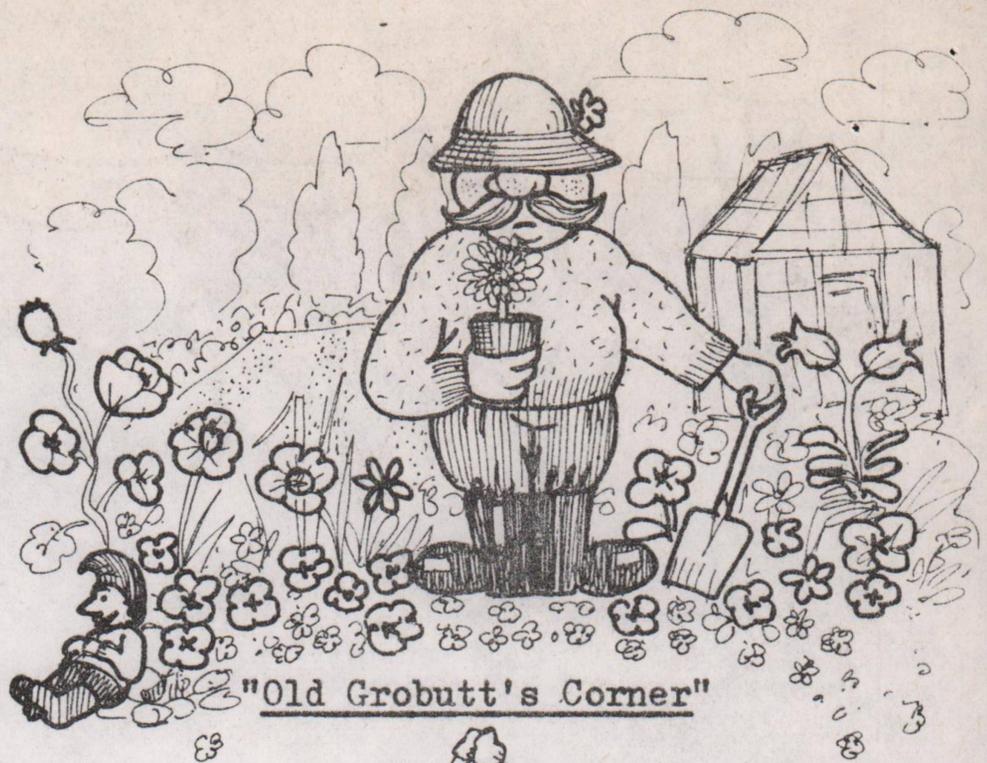
We are also committed to the politics of Collectivism. We see this as taking as taking the responsibility for our work and our co-workers into our own hands. We work equal hours for equal wages, and resist hierarchical structures by replacing them job rotation and consensus decision-making.

Child-care commitments are taken into consideration, and we attempt to be flexible in providing time etc. for people involved in child-care.

As regards womens issues, the collective attempts to provide a framework for equality between the sexes. There is no difference between men and women in the various jobs and responsibilities in the collective.

We provide advertising space for, among others various anti-nuclear groups in the city, and we see it as important to give over window space to publicity about these issues. On occasion we have shut the shop to attend anti-nuclear demonstrations as a group.

We feel that these collective commitments along with others, all hang together, and we see the way in which we have chosen to work as a furtherance of these aims.



Bulletin's own gardening column

Life's funny, isn't it? Death's not; and that's why I joined CND some time ago. But, you know, it's fascinating, the similarity between CND and looking after your own little horticultural patch.

For example, recently I was pottering about the allotment when I was struck by the proliferation of red flowers the red monthly perennials, I call 'em. Well now, I've got nothing against the colour; it's an indispensable part of the horticultural spectrum, but take my word for it, if you want a successful garden go for a lovely mixture of blooms, something more representative of the seed merchant's full catalogue.

Now with the soil in this area, you're naturally going to find red, pink, orange and even yellow hues in abundance (I personally like to see a black and red poppy here and there), whereas your blues, of course, will only be come across occasionally as a horticultural freak. But it's your red flowers, mother nature's opportunists, which have a tendency to steal the scene if they get half a chance. So whenever there's a decision to be made about the layout and future of your garden, up they'll crop and make the choice for you.

This brings me to this week's topical tip: Get stuck in first Sunday in the month with a liberal application of participation. Go in for a bit of co-ordination too, and you won't go far wrong People get the garden they deserve, I always say.

Cheerio,
Old Grobutt 🌸

(Interview arranged by Patrick Hatton)

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTEBOOK

CRUISE MISSILE HITS SHERWOOD.

On Saturday, June 4th, Sherwood and Carrington Shopping Centres witnessed the arrival of a "cruise missile" followed closely by Joan Ruddock, chairperson of National C.N.D.

A stall had been set up at 12:30 and doing a brisk trade outside Sherwood Library. Badges and balloons were selling well in the afternoon sunshine.

When the "cruise missile" arrived from Eastwood we began to march from the Carrington Co-Op to Sherwood Shopping Centre. About fifty marched under the Sherwood and Carrington banner.

At 2pm Joan Ruddock arrived to meet local C.N.D. members and to canvass the shoppers.

Altogether, it was a most enjoyable and successful day. Don't worry too much if you were not able to be there. There will be plenty of activities put on by the Sherwood group in the near future!

Paul O'Brien

Sherwood & Carrington C.N.D.

SNEINTON CND held a public meeting about Cruise on 2nd June which was also attended by the four election candidates for Nottingham East. One interesting point raised was the effect Cruise will have on our civil liberties; much embarrassment was caused to the Conservative camp by the production of a leaflet from T.A.C.T. - Tories Against Cruise and Trident which has 5 million supporters.

A quick way to make £2,000!

Wollaton Group held a coffee evening with stalls and a raffle for CND Airborne. Over £60 was raised. There are 40 groups in Nottingham. If each group could raise £50 it would quickly put £2,000 to our hot air balloon fund.

BINGHAM

We showed "The War Game" on May 19th and Tony Simpson led a discussion on the film and current issues. About 45 people came, of whom 20 agreed to set up a brance of Nottingham CND and meet regularly.

Our next "event" will be a stall on The Summer Fair on June 11th.

Bulletin Team

This months Bulletin was put together by pretty much the same team as the last one; however we would like to say thank-you to Mike for his assistance.

MORE MONEY

On Saturday 11th June, Lenton for Nuclear Disarmament held a jumble sale on behalf of NCND. It made a profit of £13.75; There is no truth in the rumour that the next NCND Executive meeting is to be held in Switzerland.

RESOURCES

Translation into Braille - phone Liz 584569

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

5/6/83

No matters arising from minutes of previous meeting, Hilary Trengrouse gave a report from the Berlin Conference. It was suggested that the July co-ordinating group meeting discuss sending a delegation to the Italian vice-consulate in Nottingham concerning the siting of cruise missiles at Comiso. It was suggested that we invite representatives from the U.S. and U.S.S.R. embassies to a monthly meeting to discuss both countries attitude to nuclear disarmament.

NCND Executive

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LETTERS

It's bad enough having a constant stream of anti-Russian propoganda coming from the Tory press without being subjected to articles like Mike Carter's in the June Bulletin.

Does he not know that the Russians were on our side in the last two wars? Why should they want to invade us now?

I've been to the Soviet Union and the ordinary people there are more concerned than anyone else about peace. Why? They had twenty million people die in the last war.

So let's stop knocking the Russians. Forget the propoganda. Only by talking will we ever learn how to share this planet and live in peace together.

Yours in peace,

Jo Steele

BULLETIN ADVERT

NUDGE (Nottingham Unilateral Disarmament Group) is proud to announce that it's first bullyton will soon be available. For an alternative view of the disarmament issue, send large SAE to NUDGE, 110 Exeter Road, Forest Fields, Nottingham. You won't stop laughing!!

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the promotion of CND as a peace group. The constitution of CND clearly states that CND ".... is opposed to.... nuclear, chemical and biological weapons...." On several occasions prominent CND members have supported the use of conventional weapons and, from a personal point of view, I think it is imperative that we maintain some form of defence. Realistically, we cannot afford to ignore the evil regime in Russia.

CND at the moment seems to be pre-occupied with its image of non-violent action. Very commendable, but I'm afraid the police have their tactics worked out (Upper Heyford, for example) and it's now time to move away from marches and sit-down protests, towards a more direct approach, maybe involving violence to property.

I don't like violence, I don't like vandalism. But if we face up to it, CND has to become more militant and direct in its approach. It won't be pleasant - but then the government's tactics towards CND are not pleasant, neither are the effects of nuclear weapons.

What I have proposed will no doubt upset a lot of people and, hopefully, promote discussion. I don't see it as the only course of action. There is a place for NVDA, education, marches, leaflets, etc., but CND a peace movement? No!

Simon Chuda

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Without a doubt, the two most important issues in this country at the moment are the impending threat of 'limited' nuclear war annihilation and the massive unemployment situation.

With Tomahawk cruise missiles looming on the horizon, and the proposed spending of £11 billion of our money on the Trident programme the scenario of nuclear war becomes even more probable.

As the dole queues approach 4 million + as a result of Maggie's monetary experiments, it's obvious that our money should be more wisely spent.

Alternative Employment should be the order of the day especially when you think that the money spent on creating ten jobs in the armaments industry could create 30 jobs of any other nature.

For this reason money should be spent creating more socially useful products rather than spending huge amounts on weapons of a 'slightly' anti-social nature!

The questions of unemployment and nuclear weapons are unquestionably linked and this should be borne in mind when campaigning against one or the other, because you are campaigning for the one issue.

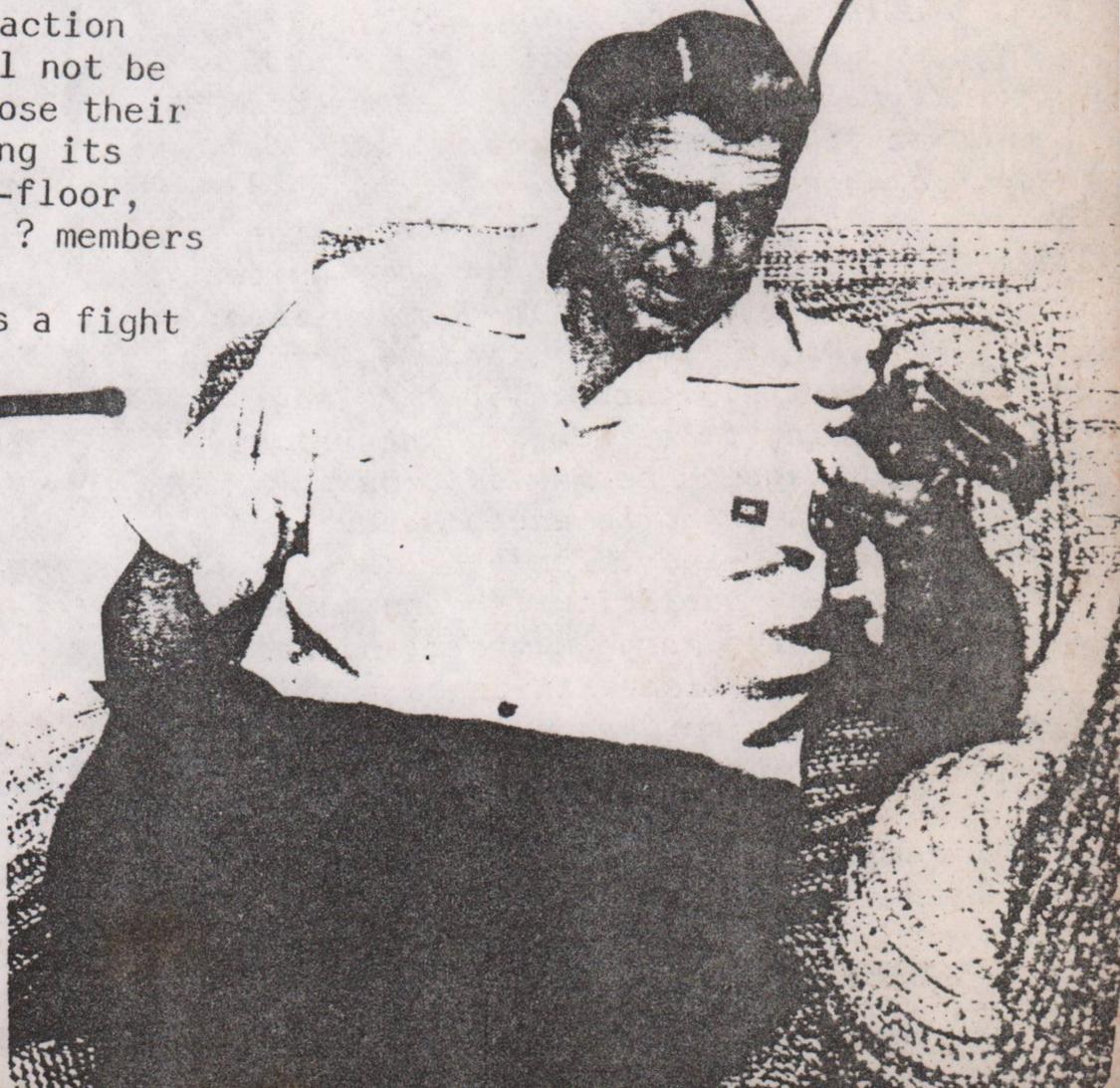
The slogan 'Jobs not Bombs' is a very relative one and far more effective use should be made of it.

It should be realised that the task of removing nuclear weapons from our soil will never be achieved without the support and action of the workers. And this support will not be received if people think they will lose their jobs as a result. CND should be aiming its arguments at the workers on the shop-floor, some of whom are already unknowingly ? members of CND through affiliated unions.

The fight against nuclear weapons is a fight for JOBS.

PAUL the PROLE

Following complaints about plagiarism, extremism and irreverance in last months pages, we assure our readers it was all done in the best possible taste!



NON-VIOLENT SURRENDER

The Upper Heyford blockade took place between 31st May and 4th June and resulted in approx. 750 arrests, was it worth it? I, and other members of Nottm YCND think it definitely wasnt.

Firstly, the idea of Direct Action through mass peaceful protest has for years been the corner stone of CND's campaign strategy, a strategy that has produced and developed a mass following. However the actual task of producing the nuclear disarmament that CND wants requires the education and convincing of the masses which is vital if direct action is to challenge the planned installation of Cruise missiles, as opposed to just winning publicity.

The very idea that training is needed in the arts of Direct-Action is plainly ridiculous. D.A and civil disobedience traditionally means protest sit-downs or blockading nuclear bases. That does not require sophisticated training.

The whole approach implies that D.A is for a minority of specialists with the knowhow and commitment to engage in civil disobedience. The kind of mobilisation needed can only be built by going through all the arguments of how we can stop the Bomb, and taking those arguments to where people are already organised-the workplace, schools-colleges etc. etc.

Secondly, CND are talking about 'non-violent' DA. It's simply not possible to say whether any action will be violent or non-violent until it has actually happened. Anyone who has seen on TV the women from Greenham Common Peace Camp being dragged along the ground by their hair when they refused to move from the base will know that the police are quite prepared to use violence in dealing with protestors. Don't misunderstand me, I am not advocating violent D.A., but to say action is going to be non-violent before it actually happens seems ludicrous.

If D.A is to be anything but publicity, stunts-and I don't believe in the saying 'any publicity is good publicity' it has to involve large numbers and has to involve confrontation with the authorities. We are not going to change the policies of those in power by individual acts of martyrdom and CND is not going to make strides forward when it is constantly held back by burdens such as the terrific legal costs of 750 needless arrests!

TRACEY

Where Do We Go From Here !

With the victory of the Conservative party on June 9th the whole campaign strategy of CND is up for review. In short CND has failed to win the hearts and minds of the British People to disarmament. The concept of all publicity being good publicity showed itself to be an error with the manipulation of the media. What does CND do now? There is a government in power which CND can not hope to convert. Democracy has taken its course and Heseltine and Thatcher have won. Is this the end? No! But CND has to do a lot of thinking. The dynamism of Greenham Common, the linking of womens oppression in capitalist society to the threat of nuclear war brought about by the same system, was replaced by the same old status quo of 'VOTE FOR THEM', on the CND election leaflets. Almost ironical that this kind of call, to parental instinct should replace the progressive anti-gender role stand of the Greenham Women.

In the end actions not words influence the ruling class. At a time when Labour went down screaming of Falklands War slaughter (when at the time they had attacked Thatcher for making a bodge-up job) and the only effective insult for Heseltine was 'fascist' from a CND busker on one of walkabouts, CND partially tongue tied by law and its ineffective strategy (i.e. Upper Heyford) failed to effect a landslide of a victory.

If we do not believe the war drive is because Thatcher and Reagan are loonies, but much worse because Nuclear weapons are the only effective way they have of defending their system, then why do we continue with moral arguments. To stop Thatcher you must stop her system, that means stopping industry, that means.....
.....STRIKES. What I don't need to tell you is that the working class (yes they are a class) are under attack. Union 'reform' and TUC sell out mean that Thatcher stands to slowly dismantle the Trade Union Movement, also CND has failed to orientate to workers, or even relate Nuclear war in the abstract to the struggle against unemployment which pre occupies the majority of the class.

Monsignor Bruce Kent is not Ghandi, he has no militant peasantry and working class to barter with imperialism. Middle-class CND will go down singing "We Shall Overcome" unless we act now, an orientation to the Trade Union movement, not merely the bureaucrats, but the rank and file, is called for. JOBS NOT BOMBS must be the

Scott the trot.

TO BE CONTINUED