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NOTTINGHAM CND BULLETIN AUG '83



Contents: Hiroshima/Nagasaki — Actions
Reports: Greenham, Walk For Life,
Peace Festival, lots, lots more!

W H A T S O N !

JULY

Wednesday 27th-Safe Energy Group meeting,7.30 at the factshop

AUGUST

- Tuesday 2nd -Sneinton monthly meeting
- Lenton group meeting,8pm Edna G.Olds school
- Wednesday 3rd -Media group meeting,7.30pm at the Factshop
- Saturday 6th -HIROSHIMA DAY-local actions in the City,contact NCND office for details
- International T.U.day of action
- Sunday 7th -Monthly meeting,Policy making,Friends Meeting House,7.30pm.
- Tuesday 9th -NAGASAKI DAY-local actions,contact the office for details
- Beeston group meeting,8pm Victoria Hotel
- Thursday 18th -Media group meeting,7.30pm,at the Factshop

SEPTEMBER

- Thursday 1st - Media group meeting,same time,same place
- Sunday 18th - Ken Coates leads meeting on Russia's Peace Movement,Friends Meeting House

OUT OF CITY CONTACTS:-

MANSFIELD
NEWARK
RETFORD
SOUTHWEL

WORKSOP
WARSOP
CHESTERF
DERBY
ILKESTON

ARNOLD
BASFORD
BEESTON
BINGHAM
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BESTWOOD
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38 YEARS AFTER.....

HIROSHIMA

On 6th August 1945 at 8.15 am the Enola Gay dropped it's cargo of death on Hiroshima.

Some of you will be reading this before August 6th 1983 - if you are, please take this opportunity to add your support/presence to the 'actions' in Nottingham on that date.

There will be vigils, die-ins, phone-ins, marches, readings, etc., all designed to make people AWARE.

NAGASAKI

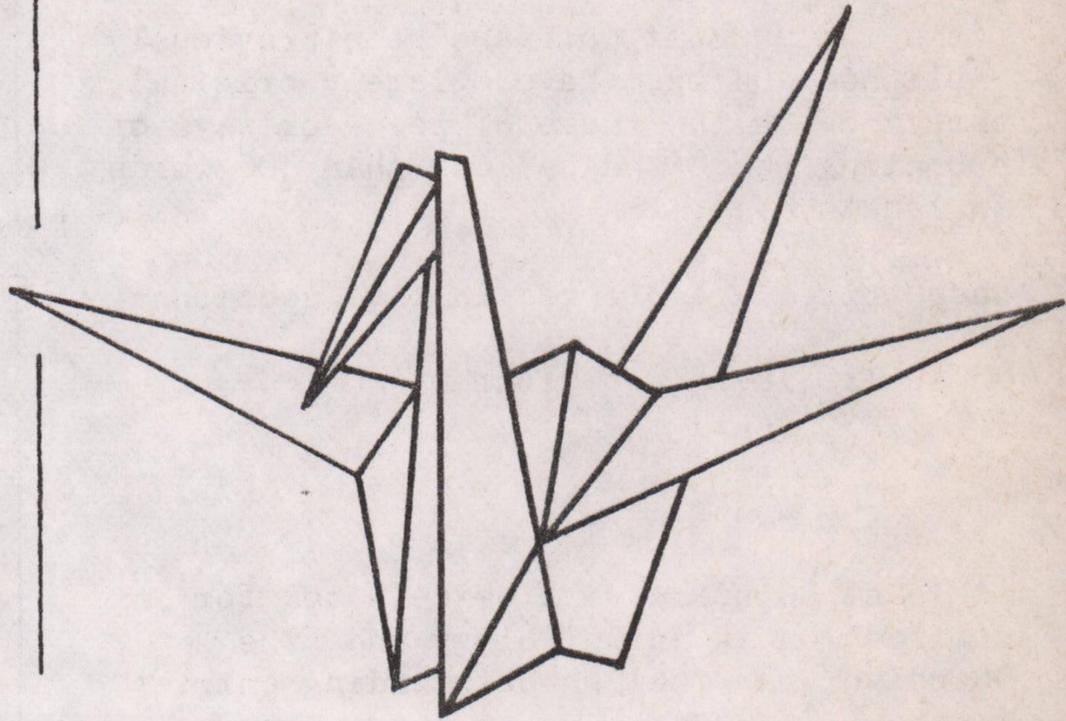
At 11.02 am on 9th August 1945, Nagasaki suffered the same fate as Hiroshima. This day will also be marked in Nottingham this year.

If you wish to know more about how you can be involved on these dates, contact the NCND office.

This is the symbol of the Hibakusha, - the surviving victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Hibakusha movement calls for an end to all nuclear weapons.

Come along to the Old Market Square on the 6th and 9th and learn to make this simple symbol for peace.



THE CAMPAIGNER'S GUIDE TO THE COMMENT

Comment: to make remarks or criticisms.

The Bulletin comment is written by one or more of the 'Bulletin team' and is a personal or shared view of what's going on.

In no way is it meant to be taken as policy of Nottingham CND.

O.K. we now know that people do read the Bulletin - This month the office has received the resignations of two NCND members who took offence at the last Bulletin comment (see letters page).

This is regrettable. The piece concerned was written by one person, re-written by another and finally approved by myself as the co-ordinator of the Bulletin team.

I still approve of the comment.

Every member must do all they can to aid our cause. If all they feel able to do is read their Bulletin, fair enough; but most of us are able to do much more.

Robert Layton

COMMENT

Most people are now getting used to the idea of 5 more years of Toryism (assuming they don't start lobbing bombs at anyone). However, there is still a lot of discussion, even aggravation about the election. Party politics seems to have cropped up as a destructive, not constructive force. The strength of CND is its single issue, all party or non-party stance.

The election showed a drop in votes for the Tories and people actively voted for unilateral disarmament in large numbers. The establishment managed to avoid the issue by concentrating on obscure detail. If we are to change policies we must still change ways of thinking, challenge the government in such a way that they can't avoid the real issues about how we're going to make it into the next century. This can't be done by party politicking within the movement, but by commitment to the aims of CND and to each other and using that strength to change those who don't understand or don't want to know. We must win the people to unilateral nuclear disarmament, CND is already committed!

Paul Newham

Write a.. Poem for Peace

£650 in PRIZES
Over 50 Poems will be Published..

CALLING ALL POETS

Sheffield CND and "Sanity" are launching a
National Peace Poetry Competition

Poems, which must not have been previously published and must be completely original, should be on the theme of peace or ways of promoting peace and be less than 400 words in length.

Cash prizes are offered in five sections:

General: 18-25 age-group
14-17
11-14
under 11

At least 50 poems will be selected for publication in an anthology and "The Guardian" may publish outstanding entries.

Entrance fee: £1 per poem (waged)
50p (unwaged)

Entries to Sheffield Peace Shop,
51 Leopold St., Sheffield, S1 2GY by Friday
September 23rd, from whom copies of the
competition rules can be obtained. (See
also July issue of "Sanity").

WHY WE NEED AN EVENTS GROUP

In the not too dim and distant past, there used to be a jolly bunch of people who spent every Monday night organising demonstrations, benefit gigs, discos, parties, etc. Since the demise of the group very few fund and fun raising events have been organised. Several people have expressed an interest in re-establishing the events group, not as it was in the past but very much an integral part of NCND. The last sentence may sound a little strange but the events group was accused of being too autonomous and we would not wish to be labelled as such again.

For those interested in taking part, please contact Rob Nicholls at the office.

Power to the People,

Rob Nicholls

NEJ TIL ATOMVÅBEN
(NO TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS)

NEWS FROM DENMARK

Items borrowed from the newsletter of The Danish Grassroot Movement, Nej Til Atomvåben (No to Nuclear Weapons).

A GROUP OF 8 Danish women who had participated at the December 12-13th action at U.S.A.F. Greenham Common kept a 24-hour vigil in front of the British Embassy in Copenhagen on February 14th 1983, in support of the 44 women who appeared in court on February 15th. Some of the Danish women were arrested for leafletting in close proximity of the Embassy. About 500 Copenhageners showed up during the vigil for varying periods of time.

ON MARCH 12th NEJ TIL ATOMVÅBEN organised demonstrations in order to support the independent peace groups in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. These demonstrations, held in Denmark's three major cities, urged the rights of any peace group to work without governmental interference.

PALM SUNDAY SAW 40,000 Danes participating in the Easter marches for peace. Despite rain and snow, this was almost double last year's number.

MUSIC GROUP

We are reforming as a group to entertain at the October London Demo. Instrumentalists of all kinds needed, and singers. There will be five rehearsals; August 26th, September 9th and 23rd, October 7th and 21st. Please join us at the NCND office, 7.30.

NCND Executive

Val Harris	chairperson	42802
Kris Ravnkilde	chairperson	222699
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Peggy Westaway	membership	33-3046
Andy D'Agorne	dogsbody	c/o 581948
Dave Smith	publicity	c/o 581948
Rob Layton	bulletin	c/o 581948

MONEY POWER!

PEACE TAX CAMPAIGN

Not another tax! No - this campaign aims to persuade the Government to introduce legislation to allow objectors to the payment of taxes for armaments to have the appropriate portion of their tax re-directed into a special Peace-building Fund to finance non-military solutions. In the nuclear age when technology has taken over from large armies, conscientious objection must extend to money which is used to pay for that technology.

The Campaign is organizing a 'Register of Support' and lobbying M.P.'s as a prelude to the raising of the issue in parliament by sympathetic M.P.s. It also acts as a support network for the 'tax diverters' who are involved in direct action by withholding of the relevant portion of their tax or paying it to special accounts. This has achieved publicity for the cause and brought the arguments in the case home to staff at the Inland Revenue.

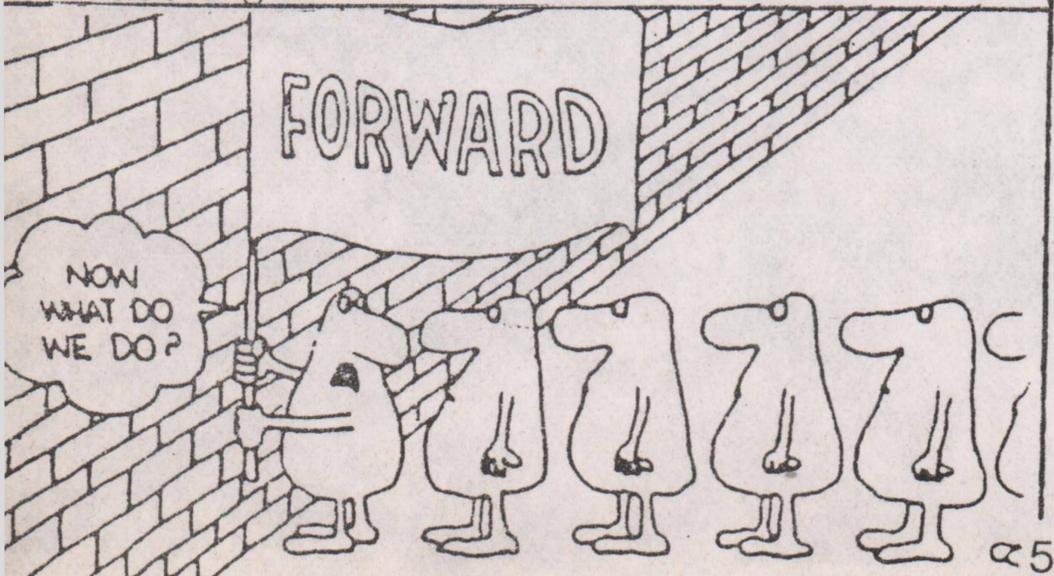
The Campaign now has three full-time workers and is about to move into office accommodation. Because of this and the completion of its 3 year grant from the Quakers, it now needs many more supporters - there are at present 1,300. There is no membership as such, but all supporters are asked to take out quarterly standing orders for what they can afford.

Further details of the campaign can be obtained from:

Margaret & Stanley Moore, 26 Thurlow Rd.
Leicester, LE2 1YE.

or locally:

Martin Harvey, 94 Russell Drive,
Nottingham.

LAND PURCHASE FOR PEACE

Buy a square metre in Comiso (the proposed site for Cruise missiles in Sicily)

The peace camp in Comiso has a lot to contend with: there has been some very heavy handling by police - at one blockade a woman had her arm broken by police and others had handfuls of hair torn from their heads - and the Mafia is an interested party in the introduction of Cruise missiles. The Peace Camp has launched a campaign aimed at securing the existence of the Camp - the purchase of a site. The money is being raised by selling land in square metre portions. If thousands of individuals from many different countries are registered as owners of the land it will confound any attempts at compulsory purchase of the site.

If you are interested in helping to safeguard the future of the camp, please send £5 to buy a square metre of land in Comiso to:-

IPC
via G. Morso 29
97013 Comiso
SICILY

POSTAL AUCTION

Many thanks to all those who have supported the auction so far. Patrick Hatton is the proud owner of the Elsie Tanner wooden spoon and Jessie Guillon outbid everyone else for the excellent photograph of Glenda Jackson.

This month's item is a pair of slipper/socks donated by Julie Christie, with a hand-written letter of authenticity. Julie, of course, is a great friend of CND and recently donated a sizeable sum of money to the Airborne project as well as the auction contribution.

Bids to start at the incredibly low price of £1.00, and sent to the usual address, envelopes marked 'Postal Auction.'

Address: 15 Goosegate, Nottingham.

Simon

what's been going on

July 4th — 8th

International Blockade at Greenham to stop cruise

Nottingham's shift was Friday 8th, the last day of the blockade. Three minibuses set off and arrived on Thursday night.

After little or no sleep we were up at 4.30 for our shift at 6.00am at the blue gate. We had been warned that there were a lot of arrests on the Thursday, and that the police were rough.

The convoy was expected in our gate at 7.30am. We were singing and dancing and prepared to block the main road by forming chains. Meanwhile, further along at the indigo gate, over 100 women had pulled down a section of the fence—diverting the police and preventing the convoy coming through. About 40 women were arrested—some at random charged with criminal damage, the others with obstruction.

This delayed the convoy for about 1½ hours.

Finally it seemed the convoy was about to attempt to enter through our gate.

The road was closed to other traffic (by the police) 10 mounted police and many vans were opposite us. The tension was high. Suddenly the horses stormed us—and a special

convoy of heavy police piled out of the minibuses.

The police were shouting, we were singing—everything was confused.

The horses were dangerously close, their riders trying to urge them through the bodies, but prevented from doing so by women lying in the road, who the horses refused to tread on.

Even so, three women had to be treated for injuries inflicted by the horses—and it was potentially much more dangerous.

The police behaved in what can only be described as an unnecessarily brutal manner some of them kicked women in the stomach, other women were hurt when thrown to the ground or by having their arms twisted behind their backs—and police were shouting insults at us.

It was very frightening and shocking. But we kept singing and supporting each other.

Once the convoy got through, two hours late, we collected together—many women crying—all of us shocked.

Five women from Nottingham had been arrest-

Nottingham Women at Blue Gate



Photo: Sylvie/Rentasnap

ed-(one charged with obstructing a police officer, the others with obstruction, we did not see them again until 5pm)

We talked and calmed each other down-I was shaking for a couple of hours. We then prepared for another convoy at 11.30-but this time they entered through the Indigo gate.

All day our spirits were not crushed, but grew-we sang and danced and relaxed.

At about 5pm the convoy came out.

We left feeling that it had been a successful day over 1000 women had arrived, and we

had worked together well. Keeping each others spirits high and undefeated.

Rachel, Nott'm women for peace.

* The convoy referred to is a convoy of vehicles containing workers for the base, assembled on Newbury race course and driven through the women at each change of shift.

(See also page 17)



"CYCLISTS AGAINST THE BOMB"

On Sunday 26th June, several hundred cyclists made the journey from Nottingham to Newark on the Great Nottingham Bike Ride. Among those present were several members of "Cyclists Against the Bomb," riding on behalf of NCND.

With about 45 miles of pedalling in front of us, nobody wanted a heatwave. Instead a warm and gentle breeze helped us on our way to Newark where we arrived for lunch. There we dismounted for liquid refreshment at a very pleasant hostelry. Then it was time to re-mount and earn the rest of our sponsor money on the road back to Nottingham.

There's something very therapeutic about a ride in the countryside - the smell of the hedgerows and the charming old villages. It takes your mind off all those nasty things like Mrs. Thatcher and Cruise Missiles. Instead you appreciate more what there is to be saved.

P.S. Sponsors beware: Now that our tired limbs have recovered we're after your money!

Mike Carter

NVDA

The planned NVDA discussions and training which you might have read about in the July bulletin took place-although due to popular demand not in the form advertised.

The strategy day became a planning day for future NVDA actions ie. Hiroshima Day. Lots of ideas were generated.

There is an NVDA group beginning to emerge (new members welcome) which will organise a number of local stunts and actions.

The following meeting involved training, and discussions of likely situations and further actions. This was followed by a mock blockade in the car park, as psychological preparation for those going to the Greenham blockade the following week.



A Walk for Life...

THE WALK FOR LIFE CAME AND WENT.....

I sometimes wonder if I am wasting my time. Here I am again writing another article for the Bulletin. I have written articles for the last 3 Bulletins publicising the visit last Monday and Tuesday of the Faslane to Greenham Common Walk for Life. The details of the walk were announced at the last two co-ordinating meetings, all neighbourhood group contact had an up to date circular with times, etc. What happened.....? About 50 people were at the Forest to welcome them!! At the campsite the communal meal was a farce. A big thank you to those people who brought food, but virtually no-one came down and there wasn't enough food to go round. On the Tuesday in Slab Square there wasn't 1 stall/event by a NCND neighbourhood group. The Women for

Peace had an excellent information stall and the Fabulous Dirt Sisters, who had played the walk to County Hall, provided music during the afternoon. Thank you to them and all the individuals who came down to the Square to help. But WHERE WERE YOU ALL??? Please write to the Bulletin if you can tell me what went wrong. We should have given these people a much more encouraging reception whilst they were in Nottingham.

To inform those who didn't take part in any of the activities here's an account of the two days activities.

Monday 4th July. About 30 people gathered on the Forest on the hottest day,

On route to County Hall



Photo: Mark Salmon

so far, of the year. The walkers had spent the night at Mansfield and had decided to walk 'the long way round' from there. They passed through Kirkby and Sutton-in-Ashfield and by the time they reached the Forest they had already walked 18 miles. They were preceded on to the Forest by the 'Scottish Peace Bus,' which had been suitably painted up for the walk. As the walkers arrived drinks and food were available and one or two looked as if they were ready to drop!

But we had arranged a fairly tight schedule and after a 15 minute break we all set off for the walk to County Hall. The interest received as we passed through the city centre was very gratifying with 'hoots' of support from passing cars and leaflets were being read as they were handed out. We arrived at County Hall at 6.30 pm to be welcomed by the chairperson of Notts. C.C., Councillor G. W. Chambers and other members of the County Councillors Labour Group. Unfortunately the Tory councillors declined to attend.

We stayed till about 8.00 pm during which time drinks and snacks were served. The emergency bunker was opened and guided tours were conducted by the councillor in charge of it. He was heard to comment that under no circumstances would he remain in it if a nuclear attack seemed imminent!! He also pointed out that it was approx. 6 ft. below the level of the river Trent and had, on occasion, flooded in the past!!

We left County Hall and walked to the campsite arriving around 9.00 pm. The walkers, tired and footsore, were grateful to find showers waiting for them nearby.

The idea was a 'communal meal', but unfortunately very few people came down and only one or two brought food. A bit of a shame as we had asked the council not to provide food in the expectation that members of NCND would provide an interesting and wholesome meal. But for those who did come down to the campsite an interesting and pleasant evening was had by all.

Tuesday dawned sunny and hot. the walkers decided to go to Slab Square in the Scottish Peace Bus, rather than walking, due to the weather, and perhaps as a result of the exertions of the previous day!

They were welcomed into the square by the presence of the Women for Peace info. stall and the NCND stall.

They held a half hour silent vigil, followed by an hours drumming vigil. This created great interest and was received warmly by those in and around the square. We received no complaints (contrary to the impression given by the City Council).

They then performed some Street theatre, handed out leaflets and talked to people in the square. The information stalls were busy, and the whole day proved to be a success.

The walk left Nottingham on the Wednesday morning travelling to Ilkeston via Watnall. The walk is arriving at Greenham on August 5th, in time to join in the Hiroshima memorial actions on the 6th.

Luv & Peace
Dave Smith



From June 21st to 26th the "World Assembly for Peace and Life, against Nuclear War" was held in Prague.

I was sent as an observer on behalf of NCND.

Over 3,000 people from organisations and countries world-wide attended and spent 5 days making and listening to speeches.

National CND sent 2 observers who were there not merely for the assembly, but also to have informal meetings with the Czech Peace Committee, the Soviet Peace Committee and dissident groups - namely Charter 77.

These actions caused a lot of unrest among the British participants and anti-CND feelings ran riot.

The assembly itself, while a great propaganda coup for the Eastern bloc countries, did not, in its 'official' form, do much constructive work for world nuclear disarmament.

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

On Sunday 18th September there will be a special members meeting at Friends Meeting House, with Ken Coates on 'The U.S.S.R. and the Peace Movement.'

However, representatives of many peace groups met informally and a lot of information and ideas were passed around.

The assembly was divided into 2 day 'dialogues,' each attended by up to 250 people, with simultaneous translation into 7 or 8 languages.

It didn't really matter which of the 11 dialogues I attended, the speeches were all basically the same, even though the dialogues had different titles and should have been on different themes.

One bright spot throughout the assembly was the women's centre which was run much more informally and was a pleasure to sit in.

Unfortunately I find it Very difficult to give a concise report as there was a lot going on - a lot of which began to effect me personally. For those who are interested there is a more lengthy report available from the office.

Robert Layton.

picnic in the path of a Tornado

On Sunday June 26th, members of the Radcliffe-on-Trent NCND Neighbourhood Group (complete with banner) journeyed south to "Picnic in the Path of a Tornado" at RAF Cottesmore.

Leicester CND who organised the event, had also set up their Peace Camp that day - initially to last one week. They were delighted to welcome us and told us they had chosen this form of demonstration as a gesture to their children who deserved an afternoon of fun after all the Marches they had been on and all the speeches they had endured.

What a volatile group they are!

Family dogs roamed freely, children ran barefoot, parents danced and sang and joined in the organised games. There were refreshments, music provided by a one man band, and an inflatable to exhaust the young.

We were interviewed and photographed by a member of the local press who was most surprised to find a group of "middle-aged" ladies in the midst of the activities.

During the afternoon, everyone took the opportunity of visiting the chained perimeter gate to view the apparently unending rows of armament bunkers. RAF Cottesmore is currently training Tornado pilots. Tornado will be capable of carrying Cruise missiles. Two van loads of police faced us, looking rather bewildered it seemed at being called upon to confront such a group of happy people.

We spent three hours there in the heart of rural England. We heard no speeches. We actually forgot such things as megatons, holocausts, fall-out, etc., but what we did experience was the utter joy of being alive. Reason enough surely for redoubling all our efforts and ensuring that CND DOES SUCCEED.

Peggy Westaway.

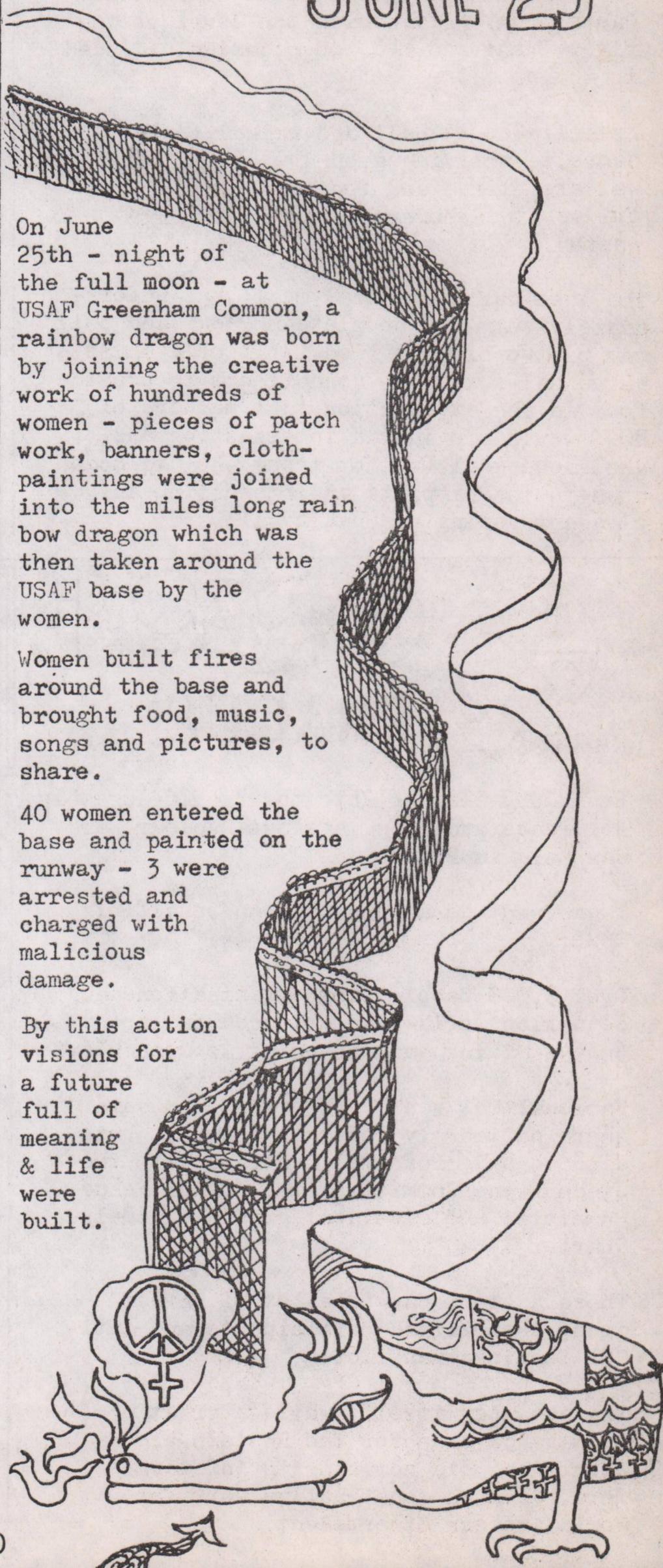
DRAGON FESTIVAL JUNE 25TH

On June 25th - night of the full moon - at USAF Greenham Common, a rainbow dragon was born by joining the creative work of hundreds of women - pieces of patchwork, banners, cloth-paintings were joined into the miles long rainbow dragon which was then taken around the USAF base by the women.

Women built fires around the base and brought food, music, songs and pictures, to share.

40 women entered the base and painted on the runway - 3 were arrested and charged with malicious damage.

By this action visions for a future full of meaning & life were built.



PEACE FESTIVAL

DIARY OF A PEACE
FESTIVAL ORGANISER

THURSDAY 7th JULY 8.00 pm

Last meeting of the organisers at the NCND office, most of which was spent putting serial numbers on 3,000 programmes.

FRIDAY 8th JULY

Pick up a sound level meter in my lunch break from the City Council and discuss with their Mr. Westerman the potential problems of noise from the Festival.

Meanwhile Val Harris and Rob Nicholls collected the scaffolding for the canopy from S.G.B. Val's roofrack expired and will be given a state funeral at Lenton tip.

Also in the afternoon Pete Zabulis was moving our stage to it's temporary home.

SATURDAY 9th JULY

2.00 pm meet Rob and Mick Shepherd (our transport driver for the weekend) together with the Woodcraft Folk at the Festival site to erect the marquee. We then stood around waiting for volunteers to assist with the marquees erection. Despite appeals being made at co-ordinating and monthly meetings only two people turned up. After attending a monthly meeting at which several loudmouths proclaimed their status of CND activist, my mood was one of anger (rare for me) as we struggled in a temperature of 80°F to get the marquee up. If the Woodcraft Folk had not been accompanied by their families, we may not have had cover on Saturday night for the Mushroom Bookshop's stall - stock together with a host of equipment required on Sunday, which it was simply impractical to transport on the day. Whilst the marquee was going up, Rob and Mick shuttled back and forth collecting items of "Festival Hardware." They too could have done with some assistance as man-handling the stage in particular is barely possible by two people.

At five o'clock I had to shoot off down to Leicester to collect Geoff and Chris from Leicester CND together with their all important canopy. Although accommodation had been arranged for Geoff and Chris at the Lenton Holiday Inn, they chose to sleep in the marquee together with Ross and Kate from Mushroom, Pat Shannon and last but not least Murphy the dog.



Carter and Jones. "The New York Freeway is closed man...."

Photo: Mark Salmon

SUNDAY

8.00 am. I go to pick up Pete Zabulis, the most organized of the organizers. Pete, as you may know was the stalls co-ordinator as well as booker of bands and all purpose "event wizard." We had to queue to get in the park at nine am. in company with those strange people, joggers and fishermen. Breakfast was given to our campers and work then began in earnest to get things together, again frustrated by lack of assistance.

Disaster of Disasters! At 10.00 am. Mick's VW van expired, obviously Saturday had been too much for it. Luckily Kenning Van Hire's office on Castle Boulevard opens on Sunday morning and so at 11.00 am we had some new and bigger transport at our disposal. At 11.30 am the first stall holders had arrived on site and by 11.45 things were going well. The electrical generator arrived on site; weighing half a ton, this had to be pushed from John and Maureen Hind's house, (members of NCND Wollaton group) for a distance of nearly one mile. Thank you to the eight or so who undertook this arduous task. Close examination of the generator revealed it did not possess the appropriate connections required for it to supply our P.A. system. So myself and Rob Breen, our designer of posters, stage manager, fellow organizer and part time bus driver, had to partially dismantle it in order to supply 240 volts at 40 amps maximum to the aforesaid P.A. system. I looked at my watch to discover the Festival should have started ten minutes ago, I was sorely tempted to board the 12.45 pm departure from Wollaton International Airport for Australia, but no! my conscience won and the P.A. system staff continued setting up. At twelve thirty we got thumbs up from the sound control van. And the Festival proper got under way at twelve forty with an opening speech from Val, co-chairperson of NCND. The few of those in attendance that actually bought programmes will have noticed that the published timetable underwent major surgery to compensate for the late start. We were equipped with citizen-band walkie-talkies to begin with, mainly to maintain contact with our stewards back at the old stable block. These were discarded after a couple of hours, mainly because of the presence

An Unprogrammed Performance:
The Fabulous Dirt Sisters

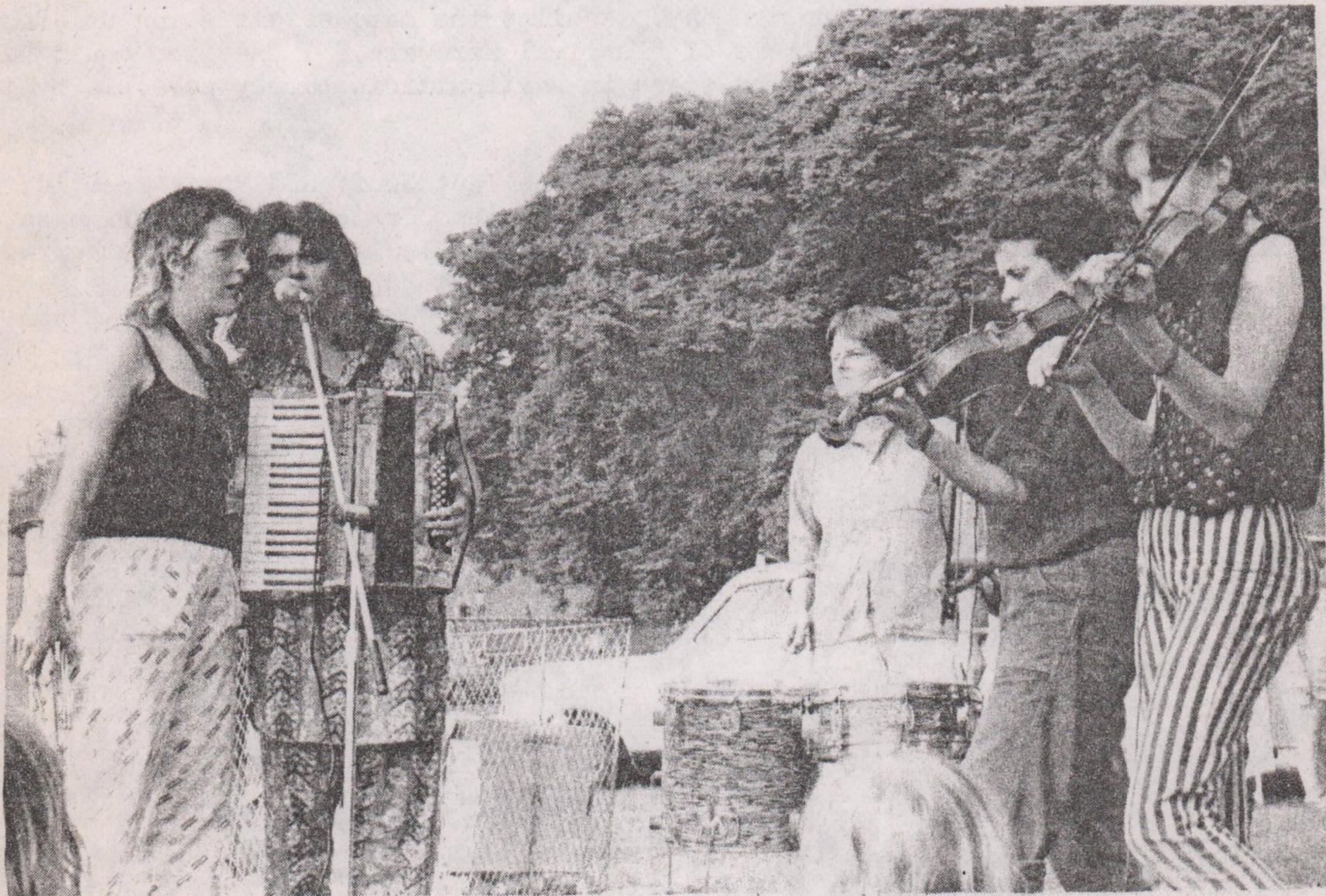


Photo: Helen Bridges

on whichever frequency we chose to use of primitive life forms whose innane conversations and animal like noises jammed our feeble attempts to talk sense.

In retrospect, the Festival went smoothly, although for us poor organisers there were several instances of minor panic. The happiest moment for myself was at about 3.30 pm when Mr. Westerman presented me with the news that after checking the sound levels at all of the park's boundaries we could not be heard, with the exception of a low class housing development

to the west of the Festival known as "Parkside." There wasn't much "bovver" during the afternoon, apart from a certain band's drunken groupies misbehaviour and the stupid taunting of our sole police constable by yet more drunks. The resolve and self control of this P.C. has been reported to Beeston "cop shop" from whence he came by myself.

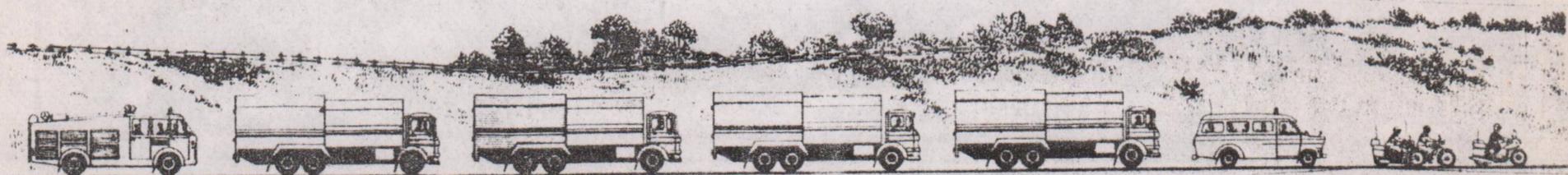
The Festival ended at around six thirty and after an appeal for volunteers the work of dismantling everything began, this time with an adequate number of people. Many thanks to everyone who undertook the boring job of picking up rubbish, as in order to use Wollaton Park for future events we had to leave it as we found it. By eight pm all that was left at our site were the litter bins, assembled in the centre of what was the site of our Festival. I had to return Geoff, Chris and their canopy to Leicester, while Mick, his replacement van and many helpers distributed the rest of the hardware to their sources or temporary homes for Sunday night.

MONDAY 11th JULY

Time to tie up loose ends. I returned a sound level meter the Environmental Health Dept. had loaned us and it was again confirmed that we had not been a nuisance "soundwise" during the Festival. I did not have a chance to use the equipment during the Festival as I had to do amongst other things a fair amount of work as "Master of Ceremonies" (I was the tall, bald twit with the sexy feet). Myself and Rob Nicholls returned the scaffolding to S.G.B. at Colwick and were told that it was free! Good old S.G.B., many thanks. I went to NCND's office and was told to write an article about the Peace Festival for the Bulletin. This is it!

Special thanks to Suzanna who co-ordinated programme sales, the programme sellers, the staff of the NCND stall, Nottingham City Council, Wollaton Park staff and many, many more. (I hope this epistle hasn't sounded too self righteous or critical of people who fail to turn up when they are needed.)??

Paul Day



Calling all budding 'Bomb Spotters' ...
don't miss this one!

GLASTONBURY

Badges, T-shirts, beef-burgers, records, jewellery, "acid" and herbal tea were all available in large quantities as Glastonbury Festival 1983 got under way on Friday 17th June. The only thing that was unobtainable was the official programme - in their wisdom, the organisers decided that only 7,000 should be printed. Glorious sunshine bathed the Festival site, making it a pleasure to get up at 6.30, although the first band didn't appear until around 12.30.

The Enid played 'Land of Hope and Glory' and the 'Dambusters' theme, prompting Ian Campbell MP to call us 'Heseltine's dupes.' Ah well, makes a change from the usual. Marillion played an excellent set, but spoiled it by hurling verbal abuse at The Enid. Melanie completed the day, but by this time the



cider had taken over! In the cinema tent, I caught the last half hour of a strange film called 'Zardoz' and attempted to watch 'The Great Rock'n Roll Swindle' but was beaten by a rowdy audience and the effects of even more cider!!

Saturday's bill was very strong, although the day got off to a bad start when it was announced that 'The Beat' would not be appearing. I missed A Certain Ratio, Jean-Phillipe Rykiel, Moving Hearts and Tom Paxton due to other commitments. Aswad managed quite well without their vocalist, then it was onto the theatre tent to watch Flying Pickets and Greatest Show on Legs, before emerging to see the last act on the main stage, UB40. Alexei Sayle compered for most of the day in his inimitable style.

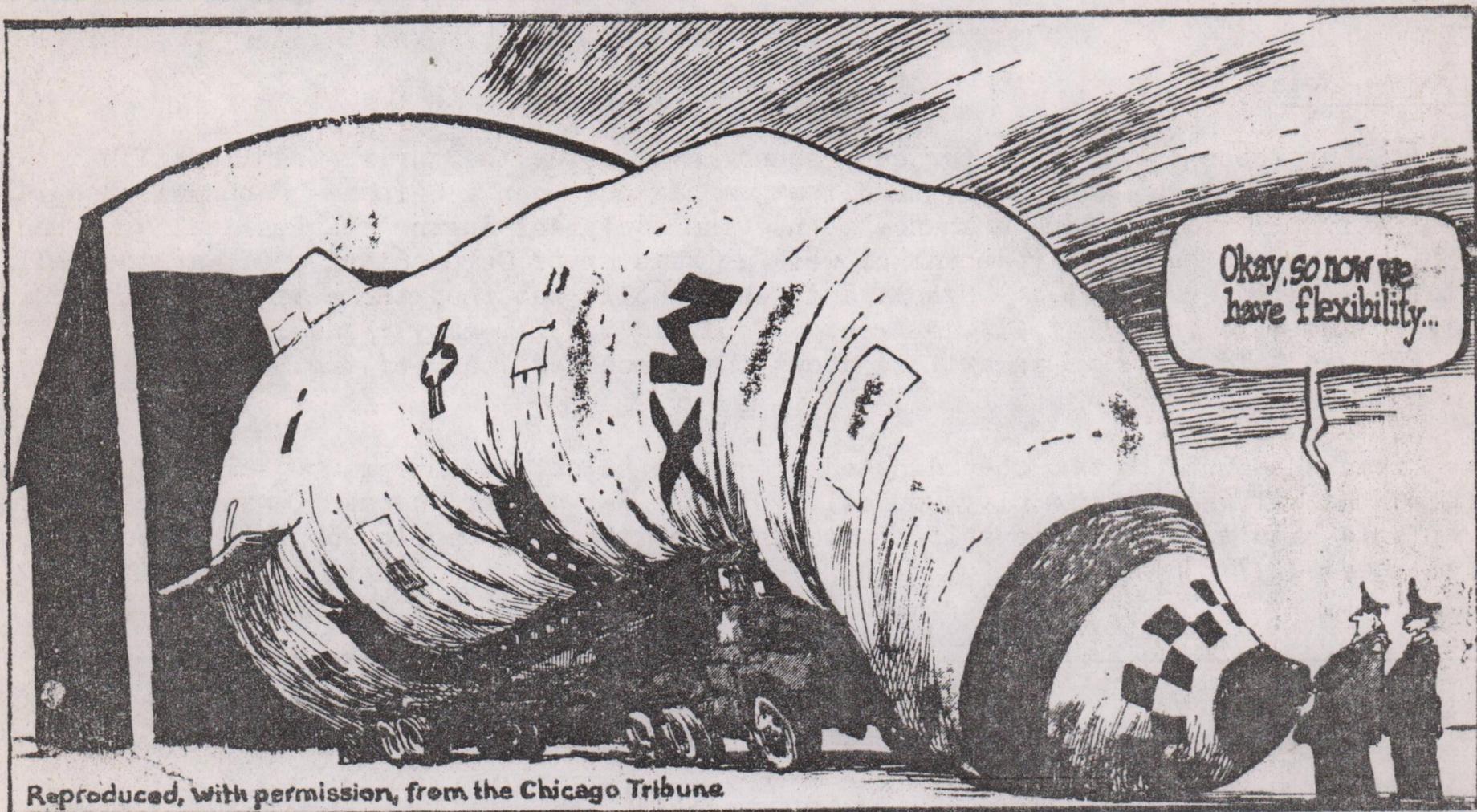
And so to Sunday - the glorious weather continuing to give my skin a very painful dose of sunburn. I was disappointed to miss Alexis Korner and Dr. John, but was most impressed with The Chieftains and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, for me the most enjoyable act of the Festival. A great performance by Poly Styrene in the Hari Krishna tent kept me away from Fun Boy Three. Another liberal dose of cider before Curtis Mayfield appeared and the

night was rounded off by King Sunny Ade who didn't particularly impress.

My lasting impressions of Glastonbury are the lasers, CND Airborne tearing around like bulls at gates and the friendly, caring atmosphere despite the obvious shortcomings (notably the primitive sanitary conditions).

ROCK THE BOMB

Simon Chuda.



AIRBORNE SAYS "PUT NOTTM. CND FIRST"

Thanks again to Wollaton for raising £60. If each of Nottingham's groups did the same, Airborne would have £2,000 towards its target; we're bowled over by this donation, but we'd prefer £10 from 1,000 groups to £2,000 from 50 groups. We are a national group. If you want to do something, please think about donating half the proceeds to Nottingham CND, which is skint. We do put CND before CND Airborne, but think we have something to offer, i.e. publicity, fund-raising for all CND's actions.

Our latest scheme is to write to 1,000 groups and ask them to sponsor a panel of the balloon for £10 or from an individual - £5. They will then be able to feel an association with "their" balloon.

We went to Glastonbury and worked ourselves into the ground. I'll say quickly that we broke even... but read on...

We learnt a tremendous amount from this first attempt; including the fact that next year we will make at least £500 for National CND. Here's why....

We printed too many tickets but now know the score (saving £250)... We had to engage another pilot at the last minute, incurring £120 extra costs... We found that people bought tickets if they were asked personally; with 80,000 people there you need more than a handful of helpers. O.K., so the potential for fund-raising is there.

The hired balloon was piloted by a British Champion balloonist and we were delighted to see his wife wearing a CND 'Give Peace a Chance' badge by the end of the Festival. A pilot in her own right, she has offered us a free balloon appearance and also help in flying CND's own balloon.

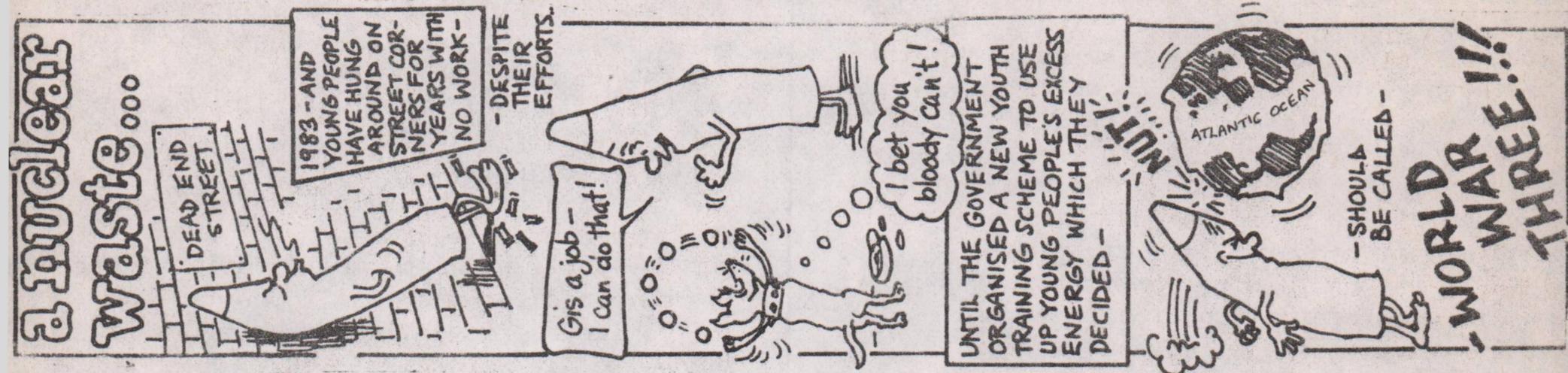
The reaction of the crowd was one of delight when the 60 ft. high, "unfortunately bare of a CND message" balloon

flew over the site... Proof of the charm and appeal of hot-air balloons.

One of the invites we have received is from the Sheffield Show. We're going to run a raffle, utilising the free flight offered, with the first prize again a flight. The flight will take place in September at a mutually convenient time

to both winner and pilot. If you fancy selling some tickets you can keep up to 50% of the proceeds for your group. We'll supply the tickets, the prizes, the lot. Contact Dave or Paul at the office.

If anyone would like to come along, there'll be a CND Airborne meeting on September 12th at 26 Belper Road, Hyson Green.



CND MUST GO INTO THE FACTORIES

While it is clear from opinion polls that CND enjoys massive support - around 14 million Britons support unilateral disarmament - it is also clear that the majority reject our arguments. What is more disturbing is that CND's support may have reached a "ceiling." It is conceivable that CND has already attracted all those who are ordinarily concerned with political affairs. If so, unless CND changes it's emphasis of 'attack,' it's support can only decline.

It was for this reason that the University group has shifted it's emphasis from staging events (such as debates) on campus to leafleting and encouraging meetings at factories. So far we've leafletted 4 factories - Raleigh, Player's and Marathon in Lenton, and Plessey in Beeston. Besides presenting CND's arguments on the basis of Jobs not Bombs, the leaflets advertised a film or meeting. The idea being that the few interested enough to come to the meeting could form the basis of a CND group within the factory.

The Raleigh CND group now has around 40 members and meets every Friday lunch-time at The White Horse in Ilkeston Road. A small contingent were at the Women's Day of Action on the 24th May coming down to Old Market Square in their lunch hour, and the group plan to visit Greenham Common in late June or early July.

The Player's group has yet to get off the ground but it seems likely that it soon will.

However, it is not all good news. The Plessey group is struggling and that at the Marathon Factory disappeared without trace.

Nevertheless, we feel that our decision taken at the beginning of the year has been vindicated - around 7,000 people are now exposed to this direct source of CND information. Thus, the factory CND groups are not just centres of activity that workers can relate to but, more importantly, issue information that draws worker's attention to facts that CND tends to assume people realise. For example it is painfully obvious that most workers at the Raleigh Factory do not know what a Cruise missile is, despite all the publicity given to Greenham Common. It is hardly surprising then that CND's more complex arguments are not accepted.

Factory CND groups can be a major means of overcoming this problem of communication and should be established throughout Nottingham. We shall continue this during summer. However, our ambitious plan can only be fulfilled by all regional groups contributing.

We must determine where the major factories are, whether any members have any friends working in these factories and who is willing to help leaflet, etc.

Please contact:

Hugh Potter,
c/o The Environmental Fact Shop.

INFORMATION

What do you say when you are out campaigning, talking to someone at work, in the pub, waiting for a bus or outside a school etc... and you are confronted by an angry member of the public, or even someone you know who trots out one of the anti-CND slogans which the media appears so fond of?

Are you always able to think of the right reply, which is logical, reasonable and capable of convincing people that you are right? Or do you find yourself at a loss for words, relying on alternative slogans, or starting to develop an argument you heard someone else use except you can't remember all of it.

All the members of Nottingham CNDs media and information group have had this experience and so we have decided to try to produce a page each month for the bulletin which will provide factual materials about a particular missile, and ideas and information about how you could answer some of these awkward questions.

Inevitably the main subject for attack is CNDs unilateralist stand, since this is the least understood aspect of our campaign (as shown by the peace canvass returns!) and the main item of anti-CND propaganda which appears in the media. So we have decided to start this series with :-

WHY UNILATERALIST? argument:-

- the main questions are likely to be
1. "unilateral disarmament" would leave Britain defenceless and at the mercy of the Russians.
 2. "unilateral disarmament" would mean letting down our NATO allies, while at the same time sheltering under the nuclear umbrella of the Americans
 3. The nuclear industry provides jobs; unilateral disarmament would result in a massive increase in unemployment
 4. "remember the 1930's" someone had to stand up to Hitler in his plans for world domination. Now in the 1980's someone has to stand up to the Russians.
 5. the nuclear balance of terror has kept the peace for 38 years this proves that deterrence works. Unilateral disarmament will destroy this balance.
 6. we must keep our weapons so we can negotiate from a position of strength.

When we came to try to work out the answers to these questions there was so much that could be said we were not sure where to start; so what we have done is to list some of the possible responses and we will be developing them in the next bulletin

1. Many Generals have admitted that a limited nuclear war is impossible; a build up of conventional forces is needed; (see Generals for Disarmament publication)
2. If nuclear weapons are a deterrent why do we need more weapons when we can destroy over 100 Russian cities already. (How to argue against the bomb (Peace Pack)).
3. Weapons being built are offensive rather than defensive, (several CND publications eg The Yellow Book)
4. The U.S. could scrap half its weapons and still have enough to defend itself (CND Yellow Book)
5. Any form of retaliation would leave Britain devastated.
6. Why don't we allow third world countries to have nuclear weapons if they are so effective at preventing wars; ref to the non-proliferation treaties.

So as to make this page as useful as possible for our members to use when talking to people, writing letters etc. We want to know what sort of information to provide; do you want ideas and book references so you can follow them up yourself, or do you want more detailed information and arguments produced for you to read. Please let us know care of the office.

FACTS ABOUT TRIDENT.

This new phase of Britain's Nuclear weaponry will come in to action in the early 1990s. replacing Polaris as the main Independent Deterrent! At a cost of around £10 billion (current estimate) Britain will build 4 new submarines, and buy 16 missiles for each from America.

These submarines will be 600ft long and 44ft wide and will weigh some 19000 tons. The missiles are 42ft long and weigh 63 tons and as they have a range of 6000 miles they would be able to hit Moscow from most of America; the coast of Angola from the West Indies. Using American satellites to guide them the 14 warheads from each missile (separated 600 miles up) are accurate to 100yds and would detonate some 30 minutes after launch. (each warhead having the destructive power of 450 ktons.

The total destructive power of the fleet is sufficient to kill some 70 million people although when compared to Polaris the chances of knocking out a particular silo are increased from 4% to 92%; making it doubtful that these are aimed at the Russian people, it is more likely that they are directed at the Russian missiles to reduce the effects of a counter strike, following a Western "first strike".

The flash that lit the skies that night
was of no natural beauty bright.
No rainbows nor the Northern Lights
could match the aurora of that sight.
No galaxies of sunburst might,
of that which man had seen before
could compete with the atom war.

The flash was made by human hands
whose minds created atom plans.
Politicians, men of power,
said never dawn that fateful hour
when in an instant, with one press
the world would see all human death.

Defend ourselves, at all costs make
more of the bombs or all is lost.
The final deterrent within grasp
will make for world peace, everlast.
No one thought of Hitler you see
or Idi Amin or Gadafi.

Even the fools were not surprised
when they saw the flash that lit the skies.
Children like cinders across the world,
the one's that were left
were whispering these words.

"Mummy and Daddy, why do this to me?
Have I been naughty? I'll try to be good"
Then screaming they cried
"Mummy and Daddy, I'm burning like wood
Save me, save me, I'll try to be good."

Flash, followed by blast and fireballs of sand
finally radiation that killed off the land.
The earth now floats by
a dead moon in the sky
battered with bomb blasts
by a race now unknown
and all that is left
are the echoes of moan.

If you listen closely
to the winds of that place,
You can hear the death cry
of the whole human race.

"Mummy and Daddy, we'll try to be good,
but please can't you stop us
from burning like wood.
Mummy and Daddy, we won't ever lie,
you don't really want us all to die."

After the first war
men united did say
No more fighting
Till our dying day.

After the second
came similar lines,
No more fighting
not in our time.

After the third
united they lay
dead-dust-no sound-
no men-no decay.

greenham

What follows is a subjective account of
Greenham; most of my memories are tinged
with emotion.

A few experiences I will never forget;
the breaking of the blockade ay the blue
gate on Friday, July 8th, with police ever-
ywhere, dust, TV cameras, mounted police,
rapid movement and my fear as the convoy
of vehicles momentarily halted in the
midst of the seeming chaos; the tranquility
& beauty of the camp in the woods; and the
openness and strength of the women.

As on previous occasions when taking part
in a blockade, my thoughts were, "this is
what life should be like, people being open
honest and supportive of each other, work-
ing toward a common morally acceptable
goal".

The divisions within Nottingham CND, and
the movement as a whole to which I was
to return were exasperating in the ext-
reme. We must not forget that we have a
common aim, even though we differ on
political, religious and philosophical
grounds.

Greenham was also instructive; I became
aware of divisions within the police, of
the unease of some of the policewomen &
the incompetence of the policemen (over-
worked and under-trained?); I was aware
of the use of psychological techniques
and knew when a blockade was about to be
broken (I was there for 4 days).

Where do we go from here? Will it be Water
Cannon in the City on September 29th?
There's a lot of discussion going on in
small informal groups.

What obviously must not happen is a split
in the movement between those prepared to
take direct action and those who prefer
to work through the existing political
system or workplace etc.

Whatever happens, we must surmount our
differences and go on in strength.

PEACE & LOVE,
ANN.

APPEAL*APPEAL*APPEAL

We urgently need someone with a little
free time to learn the mysteries of
offset litho printing. No experience is
needed, just a desire to print our leaflets.

← This was written, a while ago by a
local young person, whose name we
unfortunately don't know.

LETTERS.....

Dear Friends,

When was the last time you went to a monthly meeting? Yes, I know they're boring, but consider this: the May monthly meeting was about the jolly old U.S.S.R. So was June's. July? Yes, that was about Prague, but to some that means Russia. And next month's Policy Meeting is to rabbit endlessly until we finally completely disagree on a policy toward the Soviet Union.

There will be 30-40 people there, and they will decide what your policy is (all 1,960 of you) on you-know-who. Nobody voted for them. They represent no-one. The Eastern bloc isn't the only hobby horse in the playroom, but it's the favourite ride at the moment.

For a single issue campaign, it all sounds pretty party political to me. We're not all going to agree to love/hate or be unsure of the U.S.S.R., because that's not why we're in CND. It's the East-West confrontation which fuels the arms race. It is not in anyone's interests to encourage them. The Americans and Russians and the British come to that, are only people, after all, and we'll all fry together if we don't live together.

One people, one planet (I hope).

Paul Newham

I recently read with interest and amusement the Bulletin's gardening column, 'Old Grobutt's Corner.' I agree red can be a dominant and demanding colour. It can also be a cheerful, lively, positive colour, lifting up peoples spirits. It can also make people think. Remember the red poppies in Flanders Fields. Of course all of nature's colours are necessary, important and attractive in this beautiful world of ours.

Best Wishes,

Red Poppy.

* We do not print letters which carry pseudonyms; in this case, because the writer is known to us, we are doing.

Dear CND,

A reminder to renew my NCND membership came with the July Bulletin. This Bulletin contained, on page 3, an exhortation to "armchair Bulletin readers" to do more and not just sit back and read about the activities of others.

I have been one of these "armchair Bulletin readers" and I am not going to renew my membership. Here's why -

For my own personal reasons - call them personal inadequacies if you wish - just to subscribe to a cause I believe in, so as to be counted as one of the thousands (or millions) in favour of the aims of the organization, is all I can do. An attempt to do more makes me ill (I've tried it, not in CND, but in another similar campaigning organization).

But, believing that my cash and one more head to be counted might help, if only a little, I joined NCND.

Repeatedly being told in Bulletin articles that the likes of me should do more than this compounds my personal feelings of inadequacy. NCND has no tolerance of those who, for reasons like mine, or other reasons that are good enough for themselves, cannot do more. We are told that "Members cannot sit back in their armchairs and be content with just reading their Bulletins."

As you do not show, in your repeated exhortations to work for CND, a tolerance of those unable to do no more than subscribe, I resign my membership. I return my membership card.

Yours in peace,

Graham Lansdell

P.S. I am willing for this letter to be published, but I doubt that I will see if you have the courage to do so, as my subscription soon expires.



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"SCOOP!!"

"A FINAL WORD FROM THE EX-TREASURER"

It's 2.00 & 45 secs into a new morning and I've just finished your books.... well, I didn't start till 12.00.

Look, I'm finishing doing this job soon, so like the Yorkshire Chief Constable, I've decided to tell my story. I might even show my chest on page three of the next "Bulletin."

O.K., so you want an expose on the financial machinations of Nottingham CND - Here it is, the full truth at last....."It's spent quite well actually."

Like every treasurer before me I've been saying "We're skint" but the loonies just didn't seem to take it in; they thought, "Oh, it's just a treasurer's caution." The more I said "We're skint" the louder they laughed. "Honest" I said, "Ho, ho, ho!" they said.

Looking back over the last year's books I'd say the funds have been put to good use, with very little waste and where minor mistakes have been made, the lesson has been taken in.

Nottingham CND does, however, insist, through it's over-enthusiasm, on working from the line which divides red from black, and often from in the red. We're in the red now by £200; I'd like to hand over to the new bookkeeper (the only word in the English language with two consecutive K's.... live and learn with NCND) with the books in the black. So I'm asking you to send just 50p

each to NCND now, maybe as a way of saying thanks for all those 2.00 am sessions on the books, maybe as a way of recognising that the subscriptions of NCND are unrealistically low compared to other areas, maybe as a way of saying "Sorry I've been a mean ***** for all these years...." Who knows? Goodbye and God bless you all.

Patrick Hatton

P.S. I am serious. Please let's put our CND in a position to act. Without your 50p it is going to be hamstrung.

Yes, I am giving my 50p. No, it doesn't count if you gave something 3 months ago.

Here is my reluctant contribution to NCND

NAME..... AMOUNT.....

I hereby declare that my conscience will be free for the next three months.

SIGNED.....

Please send to 15 Goosegate or hand to neighbourhood contact. Mark your envelopes "Patrick Hatton is appealing."

*Since this article was written the monies from the Peace Festival have started coming in; therefore at time of going to press we have about £300 credit, 50p donations will still be appreciated as this will not last.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTEBOOK

EASTWOOD held a barbeque to celebrate its first birthday. Guests included Dennis Pettit, leader of the Nottingham County Council Labour Party and our Ashfield Labour MP, Frank Haynes, who donated 2 half bottles of House of Commons Whisky....Hic, Cheers Frank.

In the year membership has risen from 7 to about 60.

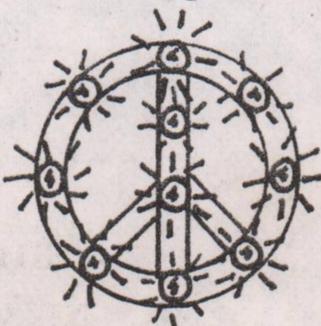
Next Eastwood Meeting:

Wednesday September 7th
Eastwood Library.

CLIFTON

DISCO, September 3rd
at Green Lane Youth
centre.

30p on the door.
7pm to 11pm.
We need some funds.
Please support us.



LISTERGATE STALL

The Saturday stall on Listergate continues to be our main source of income.

It also continues to be a head ache, as there is a continual shortage of volunteers to run it.

Anyone who fancies a couple of hours in the sunshine selling badges, do please contact the office and volunteer your services.

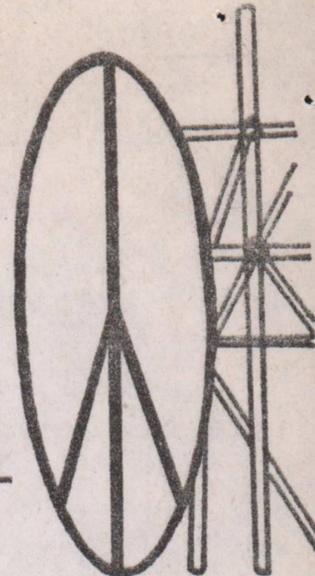
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THANK-YOU

We would like to thank Broadsheet Press for carrying out the processing of photo's for the last few bulletins, including this one. This service has been provided free of charge.

SGB SCAFFOLDING

Thank you to SGB Scaffolding for providing us with - surprise-surprise - scaffolding, free of charge, for use at this year's Peace Festival - so if your house is falling down, go to SGB. The scaffolding was used to hold the stage and canopy together.



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NOTICES



Free with this bulletin you will (theoretically) find the brand new NCND sales list. There are two stop-press items. TACT and No SS-20 badges. The No SS-20 badge is the brainchild of 'Airborne' and at the moment all profits on this badge go to them.

This is the first badge of its kind to be made available nationally and looks like being a huge success.

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HIROSHIMA DAY-AUGUST 6th.

On August 6th to commemorate Hiroshima Day, there will be a lot of activities in Nottingham's Old Market Square, and indeed the whole City.

It is hoped that church bells in and around the City will be tolling on the hour every hour.

It is also anticipated that the council will assist in bringing home the message by sounding the early warning system (the '4 minute warning') at 1pm.

The timetable as it stands at present is as follows;

In the Square

From 11.00am- Paper chain making and crane (the symbol of the Hibakusha-the survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) making

12 noon to 1pm-Silent Vigil lead by Nott'm Women For Peace

To be followed by music.

Throughout the day the Medical Campaign display will be on view
Leafletting will also be taking place-to inform the public of what is happening and why.
There will be a CND information stall in the square

Other activities

During the day the NVDA group will be staging 'die-ins' around the city, with the intention of arousing the public's interest and making them aware of the reality of nuclear weapons.

From two minutes past eight-the time the bomb was exploded over Hiroshima-there will be a vigil outside St. Peter's church, lasting all day.

Please try to be involved on this day-whether by helping to make the paper chains to represent the dead, taking part in the silent vigil (it needn't be for the whole hour), being part of the 'die-in' -a planning day for this is to be held at Queens walk community centre on the 31st July from 10am-everyone is welcome, or just by wearing a black armband.

THE EVENING

We will be gathering on the steps of the Trent embankment at 8.30pm for a short procession-please bring torches and candles as the visual impact should be very effective.

Afterwards there will once again be live music.

NAGASAKI DAY -AUGUST 9th

Once again we shall be in the square, from 11am, please come along if you can to help us to mark this day.

Latest*Latest*Latest*

The County Council are going to be opening the emergency (Nuclear) bunker at County Hall-this could be your big chance to go and see how your local Emergency planning Officer will spend his last few minutes, for details please ring the office-581948.

PLEASE WEAR BLACK ARMBANDS ALL DAY AND BE PREPARED TO TELL PEOPLE WHY