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REMEMBRANCE VIGIL  
at Listergate on  
—SATURDAY, 9th Nov.

# **DIARY**

## November.

- Fri 1. Raleigh Street Halloween Shindig. 8.00pm, 16, Portland Road.
- Mon 4. Hiroshima Shadowers in court supported by Bruce Kent. (see page 4).
- Thurs 7. Co-ordinating Meeting, 7.30pm. ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE, Shakespeare St.
- Fri 8. FFPG Disco by Second Saturday Sounds. 8 til late at Italian Community Centre, Sherwood Rise. Adm. £1.50/50p.
- Sat 9. REMEMBRANCE DAY VIGIL (see page 3).  
**CRUISE RESISTANCE CONFERENCE** 10.30 - 5.00pm. Queens Walk Community Centre. (Discussing Feb 6, Cruisewatch, Men's Gathering at Molesworth in December, Greenham and Polariswatch).  
 Lunch, Creche, All Welcome.
- Tues 12. VIDEO SHOW. "A Better Road to Peace" and "The Peace Game" + discussion. Edna G. Olds School, Church St. LENTON. 8.00pm.
- Thurs 14. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. YMCA, Shakespeare Street. 7.30pm. (see page 5).
- Thurs 21. December Bulletin Deadline. Editorial Meeting 4 - 6pm. NEW OFFICE.
- Fri 22. "Strategic Dance Initiative". FFPG Disco 8 'til late. Italian Community Centre, as Nov 8th. Adm. £1.75/£1.00. Come and do the "Star Waltz".

## County Council Grant

Nottinghamshire County Council, after deciding to grant NCND £1500 for each of the four years before the next local election, made the subsequent decision to give the lot in one lump sum.

We have now received it and are grateful to the Council for their very generous support.

Mon 25. Nicaraguan Co-Op workers in Nottingham (see page 6).

Wed 27. CIVIL LIBERTIES Meeting (see page 7).

Thurs 28. More Hiroshima Shadowers in Court (see page 4).

## December.

- Thurs 5. Co-ordinating Meeting, Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St. 7.30pm.
- Sat 7. Parliamentary Monitors Workshop. (ring Office for details).
- Sun 8. Arrest and Custody Workshop. (p 7)
- Thurs 12. Members Meeting. YMCA. 7.30pm. National Conference Report Back.
- Sat 14. "Basic Case" Conference.
- Sun 15. (see page 5).
- Mon 16. Special CND Stall in Listergate. onwards. Weekdays until Xmas Eve.

## Molesworth-Feb. 6th. -Regional Meeting

The next national CND demonstration AFTER October 26th will be a Mass Blockade at U.S.A.F. Molesworth on Thursday February 6th. This action is backed by National CND, who have set up a special Working Group, based in Nottingham, to co-ordinate the planning. Regional Meetings are being arranged throughout the country during November.

The Meeting for the East Midlands and South Yorkshire will be on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12th, 7 pm - 9.45 pm, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE (I.C.C.), MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM.

We would like as many groups as possible from this region, to be represented at the meeting. There is not much time between now and February 6th (the first anniversary of Heseltine's invasion of the Rainbow Village). It is important to make contacts and build networks NOW.

For more information, please contact CND MOLESWORTH WORKING GROUP, C/O RAINBOW CENTRE, 180 MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM. (0602) 581178.

# Remembrance Day Vigil

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

10.00am to 4.00pm

LISTERGATE

ARMISTICE DAY

THE WAR TO END WARS ...  
TEN MILLION KILLED ...  
TWENTY MILLION WOUNDED ...  
SEVEN MILLION MISSING ...

On Armistice Day the world looks back and remembers them. It looks back and remembers the sixty million who died in the second world war. But does it look forward to mourn the millions who will die in the next war?

For will remember the dead from a nuclear war? Who will play the hymns? Who will march in time? Who will lay the wreaths? Who will sell the poppies on the corner?

NO-ONE WILL REMEMBER...  
NO-ONE WILL BE LEFT TO REMEMBER !!  
AFTER...THE WAR TO END ALL WARS!!

There will again be an effective CND presence in Listergate to remind the Saturday crowds of the hundreds of millions who would die in a nuclear war.

On the wall below St Peter's Church will hang wreaths with white poppies brought by neighbourhood groups and others.

Below them we shall stand wearing black - or other dark clothes - in

## SILENT VIGIL

White poppies will be on offer to the passing crowds.

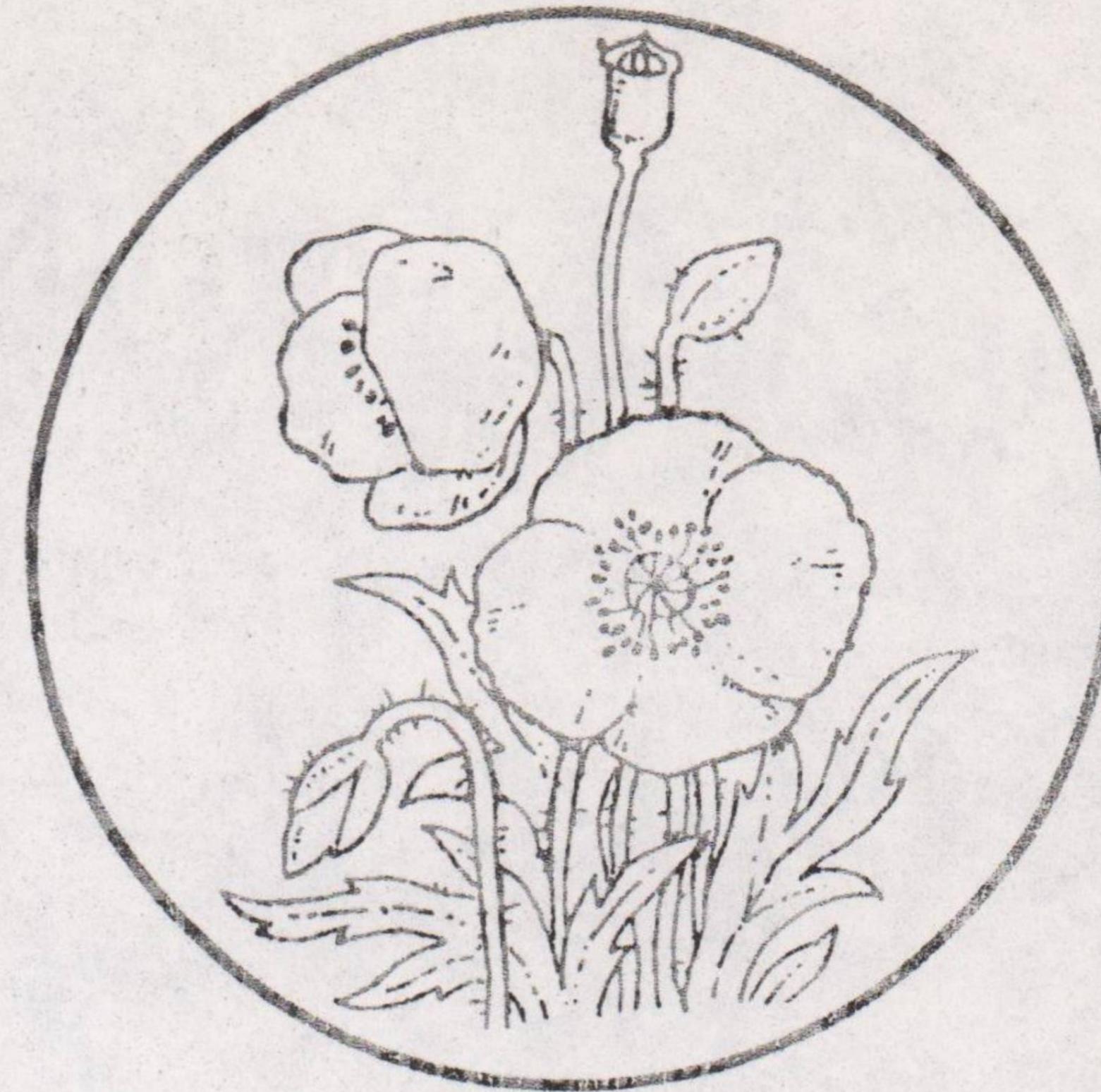
PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

At the end of the day some groups will take their wreathes to local war memorials: the remainder will go to the Victoria Embankment memorial.

To ensure continuity, neighbourhood groups have agreed to be present at particular times but

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY TIME.

At 12 noon there will be a PEACE SERVICE arranged by Christian CND. Those wishing to take part are asked to arrive at 11.45am.



A specimen wreath will be on display in the new office from November 1st for anyone needing ideas on wreath-making. Neighbourhood groups are asked, wherever possible, to bring wreathes in to the office in advance so that they can be on display all day.

Some groups are making white poppies for the staff. More would be welcome.

For further information contact:

Hilary Trengrouse on 202692 (evenings) or via NCND office.

## New NCND Office

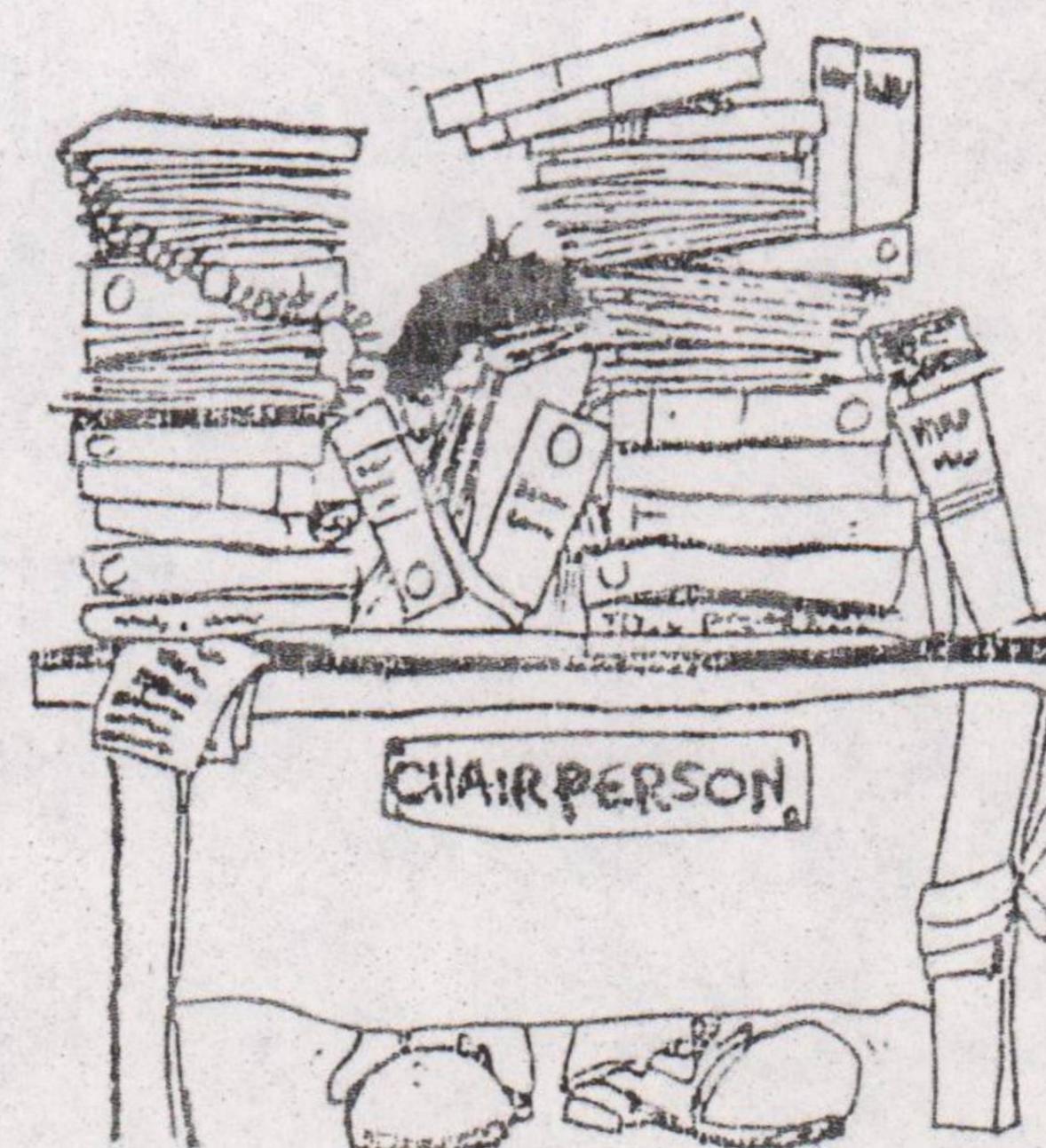
From 28th October

SUITE 16 + 17, QUEENS CHAMBERS, KING STREET

Telephone: 472556

(Pleasant, light and airy Offices overlooking the Market Square. Third floor above Findley's Tobacconists, corner Long Row and King Street).

PLEASE COME AND VISIT!!



# HIROSHIMA

## THE RIGHT TO PROTEST IS ON TRIAL

On October 2nd, 10 Nottingham peace campaigners appeared in court, accused by the police of causing a disturbance amounting to a breach of the peace. As is now well known, the charges arose following our participation in the International Shadow Project on August 6th, in memory of the 40th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima.

Sadly, two months after the event, the police were not prepared to bring their case to court and succeeded in getting all cases adjourned, despite opposition by those of us in court who had been specifically summonsed to answer the police complaints on October 2nd. John Cooke, Malcolm Todd and I will appear at Sandfield House Court.

Despite the adjournments, October 2nd was a positive and important day for our peace movement. Support for those of us on trial was excellent, both inside and outside court, and local media coverage was considerable and sympathetic. The significance of the case was highlighted by Bruce Kent's attendance on the day in support. Afterwards, in a brief speech, he condemned emphatically the police decision to seek summonses for participation in a worldwide, peaceful commemorative event that had proceeded unimpeded in so many communities, and expressed his sense of outrage at the fact that, having taken such a decision, the police were not prepared to argue their case in court, and instead more public time and money would be wasted through further court proceedings.

Bruce Kent's personal support had already been endorsed by a National CND Council resolution of support that expressed regret at the police action. It is appropriate that CND has become actively involved. The Shadow Project WAS a

# SHADOWS

significant international and peaceful event, intended deliberately NOT to break the law or disturb the peace, but simply to remind all our communities of the horror that was Hiroshima 40 years ago, and of the terrible urgency of the need to remedy a nuclear arms race that leaves all communities threatened by that horror. It was for these reasons that CND actively supported the Project and co-ordinated participation in many cities and towns in Britain. In reality, then, it is CND that has been taken to court: it is our peace movement, nationally and locally, that is accused of causing a disturbance amounting to a breach of the peace. If the police complaint succeeds on November 4th, it will have repercussions affecting all peaceful direct protest in Nottingham and elsewhere.

That is why we must unite as a movement in support of those of us in court on that day and in opposition to the outrageous summons. We will do so in the knowledge that we are not alone - CND's active support, further enhanced by Bruce Kent's decision to come to Nottingham again on November 4th - is matched by confirmed support by the leaders of both Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils and many other prominent local politicians. Such support is invaluable, but when a peaceful commemoration of the horror of Hiroshima leads those involved to be summonsed to court, accused of causing A BREACH OF THE PEACE, it should be of concern to all in the peace movement anyway. Perhaps it should be a concern for the whole community - in an open letter, Councillor Alan Simpson expresses his belief that the police decision was motivated more by political rather than legal rationale.

For reminding our community of Hiroshima on August 6th, we will be in court on November 4th and, if the police win their case, we will be required to be bound over to keep the peace. If we refuse - on Hiroshima day, we were acting to preserve peace, not breach it - WE COULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO PRISON, FOR ANYTHING UP TO SIX MONTHS. On October 2nd, we went into court, moved and strengthened by the support we were receiving.

PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE ON NOVEMBER 4TH. 9 a.m. onwards, outside Sandfield House, Mansfield Road (opposite Tesco's).

## Mushroom Book Event

Dorothy Rowe

(author of 'Living with the Bomb' and  
'Depression - a way out of your prison'.)

will be speaking at the WEA, Shakespeare  
Street, Nottingham on

Thursday, November 14th. at 7.30pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

LES PARSONS,  
Forest Fields Peace Group.

# A.G.M.

Thursday, 14th. November

at the YMCA, Shakespeare St. 7.30pm.

**Agenda:** Reports, Election of Officers, Debate of Motions for National CND Conference.

NCND must decide whether and how to mandate its delegates to conference (Ann Kestenbaum, Rob Raynham and Bronwen Westacott). Details of all motions are to be found in your September Campaign. (Please bring this to the meeting if possible).

Because we won't have time for full debate on every motion listed, the Executive will have selected for discussion those most likely to be controversial.

## NOMINATIONS

(as received at time of printing)

Chair: Ann Kestenbaum.

Treasurer: Colin Piper.

Executive: Celia Lacey.  
Les Parsons.  
Pete Strauss.  
Karen Winfield.

Bulletin: Jos Wood.

that only 23% agree that "Britain should rid itself of nuclear weapons while persuading others to do the same". (1984 British Social Attitudes survey). In Bruce Kent's words, "Until we convince the majority of voters in this country that nuclear weapons do not defend them, we will not have a government committed to nuclear disarmament".

Two groups are showing the way forward. One is the Forward Planning Group of National Council. In their recent report they wrote that the crucial issue to get across is that something can be done and that CND knows what. They suggest that the entire campaign should be called the "Make a Difference Campaign". It could be based on a series of Extended Public Information Campaigns (EPIC's). Each could last up to six months and concentrate on a particular aspect of the basic case (eg the positive results of British Nuclear disarmament, the fallacy of nuclear deterrence...) but all EPIC's would use the following themes:

Britain can make a difference  
CND can make a difference  
You can make a difference  
I can make a difference.

The approach works on the basis of consistency and repetition; of clear analysis of our audience and methods, and of solid evaluation.

The Forward Planning Group have come up with a number of suggestions as to how National CND might operate such a campaign. However, the work of the second group mentioned above shows that we at local level don't have to wait for this.

Bristol CND have developed a "Chance of a Lifetime" campaign over the past year which has proved the strength of the integrated approach to basic arguments. It is described in some detail in October's Sanity, so I won't go into that detail here. The main benefit of the Bristol campaign from our point of view is that there is now some considerable experience that we can draw on.

We intend to do just that. We are organising a "BASIC CASE STRATEGY WEEKEND" on December 14/15th (venue to be arranged) and all members of NCND should seriously consider coming along to it. The importance of this sort of forward planning can't be overestimated. Dan Plesch and others from Bristol CND have agreed to be there. We shall be using the weekend not only to pick their brains but to draw from local members the feelings, experience and inspiration necessary to plan our basic case campaign.

Ann Kestenbaum.

## basic case ►►►►►

You will have realised by now from articles in Campaign and Sanity, from discussions at Co-ordinating Committee and other feedback from National Council, that there is an important new current of thinking in CND. It stems from the recognition that our fragmented campaign against the different components of the nuclear arms race is no longer adequate. We do need to argue and protest against Cruise, Trident, Star Wars and the rest; but perhaps more important than anyone of these, we need a well thought-out, integrated campaign designed to convince the public about the basic arguments for unilateral nuclear unilateral disarmament

It's no good our repeating that more than 50% of the British people oppose Cruise missiles and then wondering why we lose again at the next general election defence debate. The fact is

## ***Unions on the Move***

The last few months have seen TUCND really take off, both in Nottingham and in other parts of the East Midlands.

It all started with the Regional Conference held in June to set up East Midlands Region Trade Union CND, which was well represented with delegates representing most of the major Trade Unions in the area, and from all but one of the five counties covered (Notts., Derbys., Leics., Northants.) - the exception being Lincolnshire. Delegates heard Neil Milligan, Assistant General Secretary of ASLEF, talk about the ways Trade Unions and CND can co-operate with each other and, after some discussion on workplace campaigning, attended workshops on arms conversion, with a speaker from Barrow in Furness.

Already we have had discussions with most of the main unions in Nottingham as well as quite a number from other areas. Many unions now receive a regular mailing from TUCND including details of CND events.

Our main emphasis at the moment is on workplace campaigning. In addition to the NALGO peace group (as far as we know the only workplace peace group already functioning in the East Midlands), we have had discussions with a number of trade unionists with a view to setting up peace groups in their workplaces.

We are always willing to speak to CND meetings or Trade Union meetings about the work of TUCND and about how your group/branch can help to improve links.

### ***RALEIGH STREET CND HALLOWEEN SHINDIG!!***

Once again RAND brings you a social event to beat the lot!!

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#### ***HALLOWEEN SHINDIG***

at

16, Portland Road (off Alfreton Road)

at 8.00pm.

on Friday, November 1st.

**BONFIRE TOFFEE, PARKIN, APPLE DUCKING, TOFFEE APPLES, TURNIP LANTERNS, MUSHY PEAS + MINT SAUCE  
BRING A BOTTLE.**

'Be there or be square!!'

- \*\*\* Suggest your CND group appoints a trade union liaison officer
- \*\*\* Suggest your trade union branch appoints a CND liaison officer.
- \*\*\* Invite a TUCND speaker to your CND or TU meeting.
- \*\*\* If there are several CND supporters at your workplace, call them together to set up a peace group. (We can provide speaker if needed).
- \*\*\* Make sure your union is affiliated to CND.
- \*\*\* Make sure peace is raised at your TU by submitting motions, making sure any correspondence from us is properly discussed and acted upon, etc.

If you are interested in helping with the work of Trade Union CND or feel that you can do something within your own workplace or trade union, please contact either Gail Squires (816094) or me (606776).

BRONWEN WESTACOTT  
(Chair: East Mids. TUCND).

## ***Christmas Stall***

As last year, we hope to have a CND Christmas Stall in Listergate EVERY DAY (excluding Sundays), SAT.14 DEC. till XMAS EVE.

We shall need YOUR HELP to keep it going. Any one who can help - for however short a time - please contact the NEW OFFICE. T.472556

### **NICARAGUA**

#### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

A group of Co-op workers from Nicaragua will be in Nottingham on MONDAY NOVEMBER 25. Day and evening meetings are being arranged. Watch out for posters. For further information, contact:

Charles Cattell, Nottingham Co-operative Development Agency, (705700).  
John Truscott, 118 Workshop. (582369).

# public order law

In May 1985 the White Paper on Public Order was published. The Public Order Bill is expected in November and will be passed into law within weeks.

If the government's public order proposals become law basic freedoms won in the last century — to assemble, to march and to act in solidarity (to picket) — will be swept away.

## Marches and demonstrations

You could be arrested for:

- organising a demonstration without police permission;
- taking part in a demonstration which has been banned;
- ignoring police conditions, for example, laying down the route;
- ignoring police directions during a demonstration.

Spontaneous demonstrations will become illegal.

## Pickets and rallies

- Static demonstrations and pickets will be allowed only on conditions set by the police — for example, location, size and duration.
- The police will be able to limit the size of any static demonstration, and say where it should take place, and how long it can last. They could do this whether the demonstration was at a factory, shop, embassy, etc.

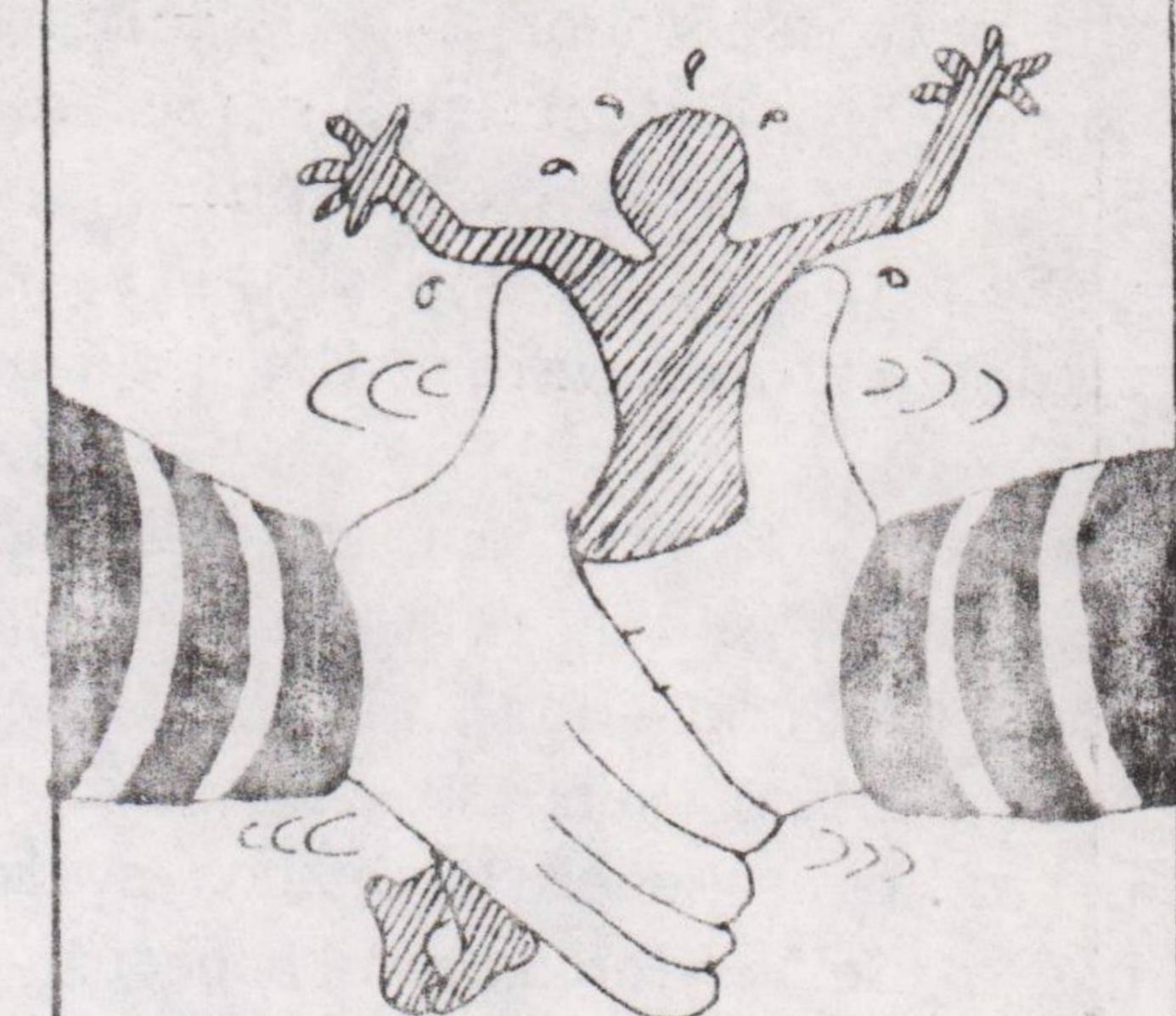
## New offences

- Ancient common law offences like riot and affray will become statutory, making it much easier to get convictions in court.
- The scope of 'breach of the peace' will be widened.

## Paying for protest?

- Organisers of demonstrations where police conditions had been breached could be liable to pay the cost of policing.

"...the law must ensure that people are not so harassed ... that they are no longer free to come and go without fear of coercion and intimidation..."



### NCCL PUBLIC MEETING

The Government plans new legislation which could drastically curtail CND's right to demonstrate.

We urge members to support National Council for Civil Liberties who are organising a public meeting on WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 7.30pm. Place to be announced.

For details contact Jules Griffiths on 703396.

## ARREST AND CUSTODY WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

10 am - 4 pm

Queen's Walk Community Centre  
The Meadows, Nottingham

The workshop has been organised because of the increasing number of local peace campaigners whose peaceful, direct protest exposes them to risks of arrest, detention in police custody and, sometimes, criminal charges.

Recent experiences, e.g., the Hiroshima Day Shadow Project, confirm that such a risk now extends beyond those of us committed to non-violent direct action/civil disobedience. The experience of those detained on August 6th also reveals that treatment by the police may well be very unpleasant.

We hope that the Workshop will have specific relevance to all those who may participate in CND's next national demonstration, the mass blockade of USAF Molesworth, next February 6th.

Topics covered will include: arrest and custody procedures and rights; charges that peaceful protest can lead to; matters that need to be attended to before involvement in protest and strategies for coping, at an individual and group level, with arrest and custody. Material will be available on dealing with Courts and the new Police Act.

CRECHE. Tea, Coffee and Food.

If you intend to come, to assist planning, please contact one of us as soon as possible:-

Cathy Carstairs, 96 Burford Road, Forest Fields (788655) or Les Parsons, 51 Birkin Avenue, Hyson Green.

# Freeze Conference

Nuclear Weapons researcher, Professor Frank Barnaby warned that the arms race was now accelerating and was likely to move very fast in the next decade or two. Microprocessors, electronic communications, efficient fuels, motors and explosives are changing the rules of the game. (A cruise engine fits into a hand; the cruise warhead weighs the same as a man).

The worry is not just the destructive power now available, which is MAD, but the development of accuracy and short flight times. This means that nuclear weapons will increasingly be targeted on the enemy's weapon systems rather than his cities which sounds hopeful, but at the same time there will be a premium of striking a knockout blow first. The required speed of decision-making will be such that it will have to be handed over to computers, and once that happens man will have lost control. FREEZE aims to stop this process by stopping testing and developing; there is still time but only 5 years.

Michael Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews, opened with the story of Jesus asking a cripple - do you really want to be healed? Do we really want to stop blaming somebody else (the Russians) for what is going wrong with our society? "The Image of the Enemy" is a game politicians play, one which suits the multinationals; we must encourage people to see alternative truths. The Freeze was a useful first step.

Chris Drake, one of the Greenham women, spoke about the experience of being at Greenham, the hazards and the hardships, the comradeship and the goal. She was not particularly bothered about rational cases; weapons to kill thousands and thousands of men, women and children were an abomination and must be eliminated.

Why not take a look at the

RAINBOW CENTRE SHOP

for your Christmas Presents?

We stock pottery, paintings, photographs, prints of Nottingham, kites, greeting cards, postcards, badges and peace jewellery.

RAINBOW CENTRE,  
180, Mansfield Road. (585666).

Open 10 - 5 Mon - Sat.

All proceeds to Nottingham's Peace Centre.

After lunch, Claire Ryle, founder of "East-West Reach", talked about "citizen diplomats" (Eisenhower's phrase). Americans who initiate contacts on all sorts of levels and for all sorts of purposes with Soviet citizens. The Soviet Embassy in the USA has had to appoint an extra diplomat to deal with USA-USSR contacts. We in Britain often see only the actions of the American government without realising that in many ways the USA is a much more free and open society than Britain. In Britain, Russian studies and the teaching of the Russian language has been cut back so that output of graduates in Russian is now only 100 per year.

Finally, Sijke Faber from the Dutch Peace Movement and Haima Hasters from the Green Party in one of Nottingham's twin cities, Karlsruhe in West Germany, spoke about the peace movements in their respective countries, having been welcomed by City Councillor Gill Haymes to our Nuclear Free Zone City.

David Wood.

## New Policy

At the October monthly meeting attended by 60/70 people, the following policy decisions were taken:

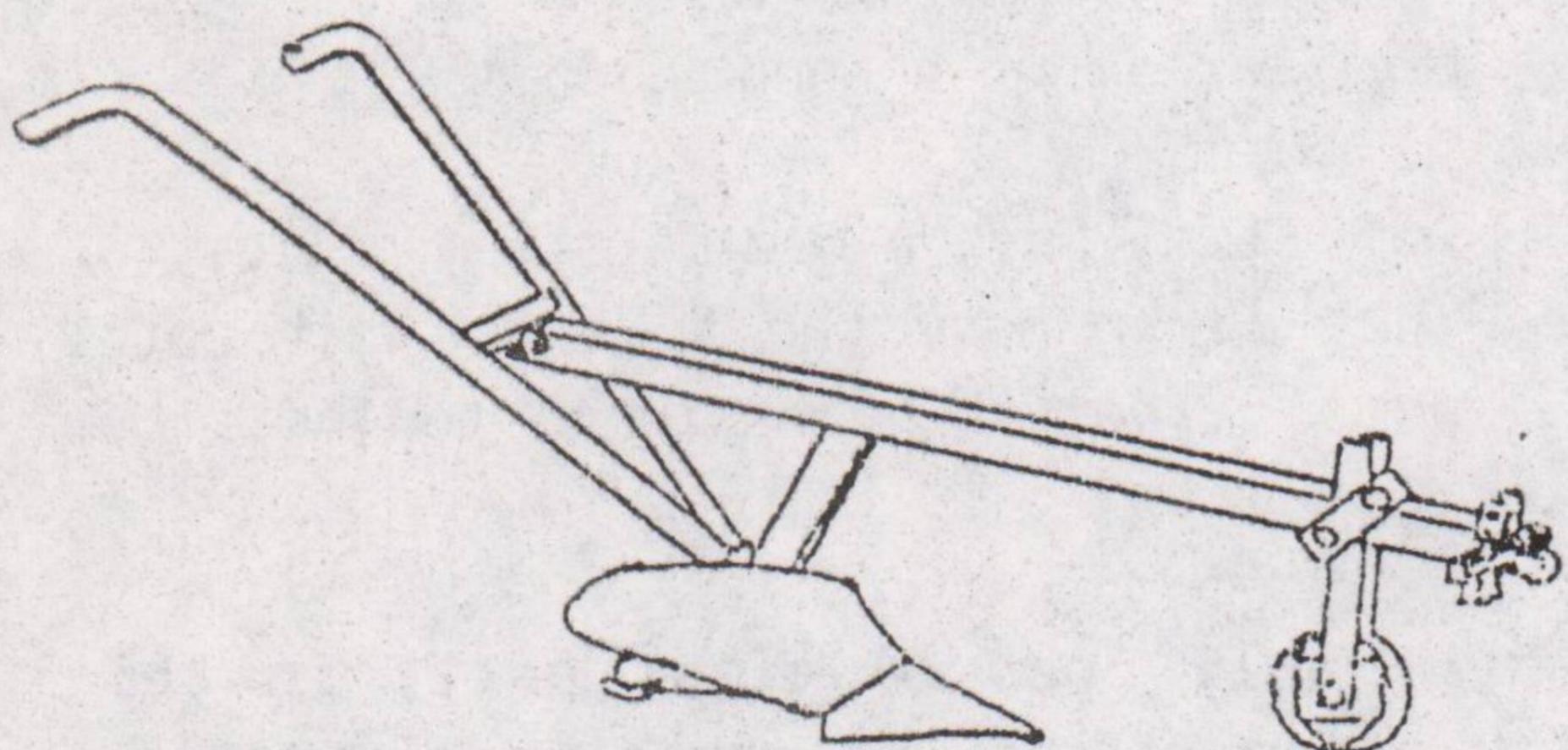
1. NCND will continue its boycott of the Evening Post
2. NCND will organise a public event - perhaps a debate - aimed to answer the question: "Can Britain be defended without nuclear weapons?"
3. NCND can have 2 female chairs but not 2 male chairs.
4. NCND Bulletin Editor will from now on be an elected post on the Executive.
5. Regional Delegate to National Council (if from Nottingham) will be a co-opted post on the Executive.
6. Each member of the Exec with specific responsibilities will submit a brief written report to each Policy Making Meeting.
7. All NCND resolutions to be recorded in easily accessible Resolution Book.
8. NCND Exec to make effort to find meeting venues with disabled access.
9. NCND should not stand candidates in parliamentary or local elections. Resolution to be circulated to other CND groups in Nottinghamshire.

## Tools for Eritrea

"Tearing down fences, occupying the land, blockading workers - all this may stop cruise, but will it help to build a more long-term campaign? Will it convert people to the way of peace?

A campaign of Ghandian non-violence, conducted so as to reach rather than alienate ordinary Thatcher-voting Tories, could begin to create a general openness to change that would go far beyond the campaign of Molesworth itself".

(Molesworth Ploughshares, September 1984)

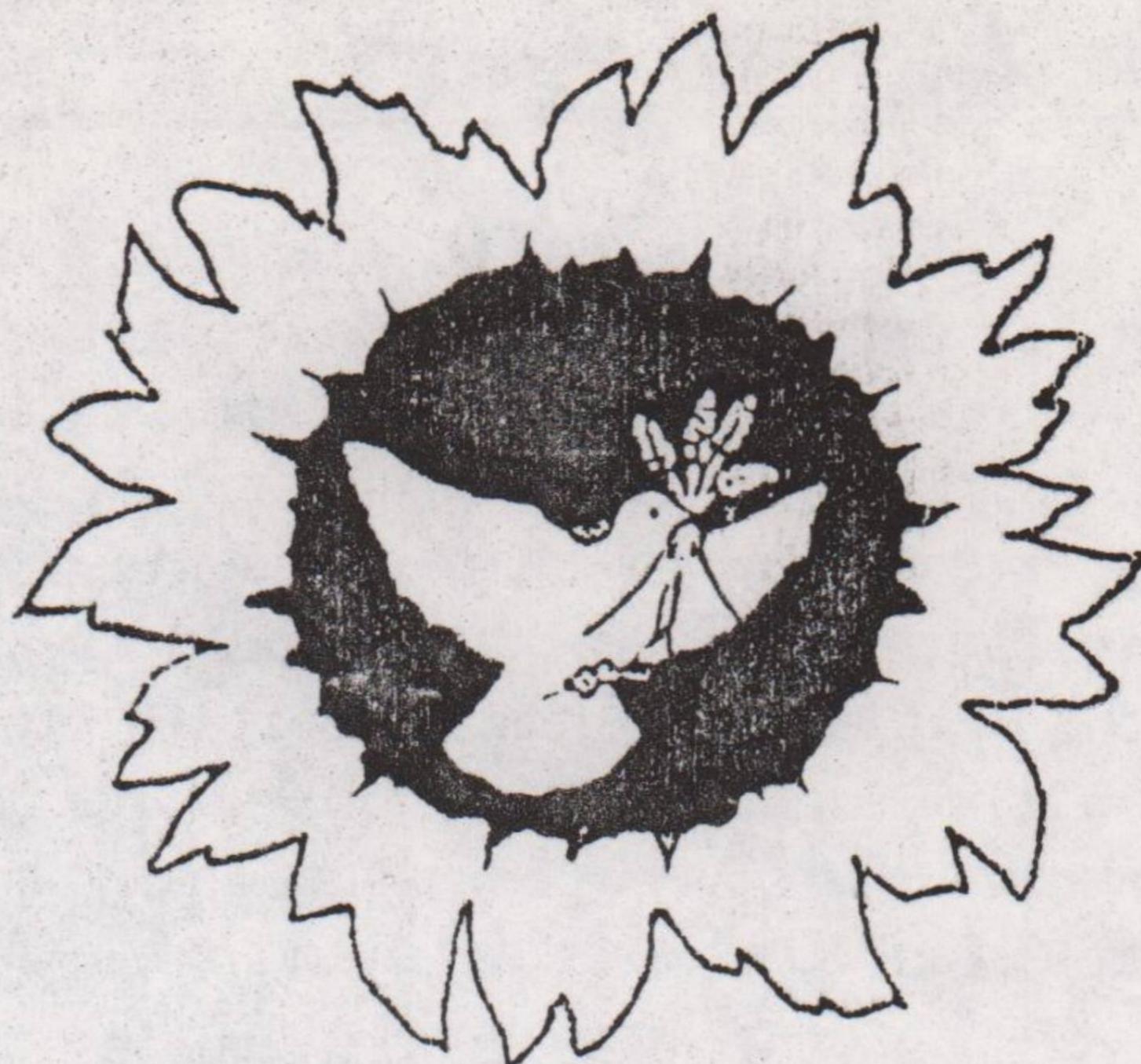


Since the first symbolic sheaf of Molesworth wheat was harvested in September 1984, nearly 150 tonnes of wheat for emergency famine relief has been sent from Molesworth to Eritrea, plus thousands of blankets and children's clothing. When the rains finally began there in May of this year, the Molesworth Wheat Fund was able to contribute over £10,000 worth of seeds to help the Eritreans to plant their first crop in three years.

Now what they need most are agricultural tools to retain their self-reliance in food production and to prevent future famines. They have asked us for spades and hoes as well as animal drawn implements.

We need help with fund raising, leafletting, door-to-door tool collection, tool re-furbishing and general help in running the campaign. We particularly need donations of old and not-so-old tools.

It is hoped that all of the tools collected will be used first at Molesworth in a symbolic digging of land at present dedicated to destruction. These actions will begin at Easter 1986, with a "diggers" walk to Molesworth carrying the tools that people have prepared for digging the base and sending to Eritrea.



To maintain the spirit and approach of the campaign all those taking part will need to have participated in non-violence workshops prepared specifically for this event.

It is hoped to set up a Nottingham group soon. In the meantime anyone interested is invited to a meeting on Wednesday November 20th, 7.30pm at Leicester CND office, 13 Welford Road, Leicester. (tel 0533 554684).

If you are unable to come, but are interested in the project, please contact me c/o Leicester CND so that we have some idea of the extent of interest there is.

Chris Hardy  
Molesworth Ploughshares  
"Tools for Eritrea" project.

### Hunger Strike

Members may have read about Jayne Withers's Hunger strike in The Trader. She is now home - and recovered - after completing a further 9 days' hunger strike at H.M. Prison Styal. In July, Jane completed 5 days without food at H.M. Prison Risley, making a total of 14 days.

Jayne was sentenced to two periods of imprisonment following non-payment of fines for trespass at Molesworth.

The many friends who sponsored her are urged to pay up the 14 days as soon as possible. The money will be split between War on Want and the CND Defence & Aid Fund. Send contributions to Jayne Withers, c/o NCND, Queen's Chambers, King St., Nottingham. (MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO JAYNE WITHERS.)

# LETTERS

Last month, NCND decided to support a new direction for CND: the 'Basic Case Campaign' which involves switching CND's emphasis away from specific issues like cruise and Trident. Instead we are urged to campaign against the idea of nuclear deterrence; we should try and convince the British public that Britain can be defended without nuclear weapons; and that nuclear weapons, whoever possesses them, make you just as defenceless as not having them.

I am uneasy about this because it implies that we want, if possible, to get rid of all the nuclear weapons in the West immediately and regardless of the response of other nuclear weapon states, especially Russia. But, as Bruce Kent wrote in "Protect and Survive", it is necessary to start from where people are, rather than from where you would like them to be. The new wave of support for CND has been a reaction to Civil Defence plans, to cruise and to Trident. That is still where people are today - even those in CND: according to "Crisis over Cruise" (1983), "the majority probably favour a freeze and unilateral reductions".

CND has not succeeded yet in banning a single bomb, but if we can concentrate on the specific issues where we have majority public support and unanimous agreement within our own movement, we can succeed. There will be a time and place for the 'Basic Case campaign', once we have got rid of cruise and Trident.

BOB SPENCE.

The letter from Chris Bucko in the October Bulletin raised some important points, especially the view expressed, "For goodness sake, put politics aside" How can anyone in CND put politics aside? Politics affect our everyday life, but most importantly, politics and elected politicians will affect the success or total failure of our campaign.

Of course CND is a single issue, non-political campaign and long may it continue to be so, but that doesn't mean the campaign and individuals within it can put politics aside, not even party politics.

Where, for instance, would NCND be without the grant aid received from Labour-controlled County Council? A recent decision taken to grant £5,250 over the next four years makes one hell of a difference to our campaign here in Nottingham. The Labour Party manifesto for the County Council election last May had the follow-

ing pledges:- (a) the appointment of a nuclear free zone officer; (b) road signs into Nottinghamshire marked nuclear free zone and (c) council vehicles and stationery marked nuclear free zone.

Let's now look at the current British situation. The Tory party obviously support nuclear weapons and oppose us in every way they can. The so-called Alliance parties walk down the middle of the road, but if anybody heard the Liberal MP Paddy Ashdown - sorry, Ashdown - speak at the Liberal Conference recently, it is obvious that on this issue (and many others) the Liberals will sell out to David Owen and the SDP, and remember David Owen is in favour of Cruise missiles, albeit with dual key, which the Americans say is technically impossible, - again, a fudge. Not a lot of hope for us if the SDP/Liberals win a future General Election, or create their dream of a hung parliament.

The Ecology Party have a nuclear free policy, of course, but do we have the time to wait until they become a realistic challenge to the other political parties?

There is only one political party in this country which offers the campaign for nuclear disarmament any hope whatsoever and that is the Labour Party. Since 1984, Labour Party policy is quite clear. We believe nuclear weapons offer no defence and indeed threaten our very existence. We will campaign with this policy at the next General Election and, upon winning, this policy will be implemented.

On the international situation, policy is again quite clear; we will call on both the United States and the Soviet Union to stop deploying their nuclear weapons. We call for NATO to adopt a no-first-use declaration and we will remain in NATO to pursue this policy. On a lighter note, let us remember that Neil Kinnock is the first senior British politician to visit America and inform them that they are "off their prams", unlike most British politicians who are afraid to disagree with the atomic cowboy, Mr. Reagan.

To summarise, we must all remember that the only way that our campaign can be successful is that an elected government takes the decision to rid this country of these evil and dangerous weapons and, therefore, we can hardly put politics aside, many will disagree, but this is the reality and time is running out.

WOODY WOODYATT,  
Labour CND.

## Peace Balloon

CND's Peace Balloon\* has visited about 30 towns from Falmouth to Glasgow over the last two years, covering about 9,000 miles of travel.

Highlights have included landing, purely by chance, on the front lawn of Locko Park in Derbyshire where Lord Somebody-or-other apparently didn't share our views and tried to impound the balloon. He was just about to sit down to a banquet with, amongst other glitteratti, Mark Phillips.

Photographs taken from the balloon of Glastonbury Festival were enlarged to poster size and produced in Court, resulting in a judgement allowing the continuation of the festival which contributes tens of thousands of pounds each year to CND. The photos proved there was no encroachment on surrounding land and fire-lanes were kept clear. We think this admittedly accidental bonus could arguably have paid for the cost of the balloon several times over.

West Region have produced a poster of the festival taken from the balloon which, when all sold, will benefit them by £1,600. Surprising that we haven't received a penny from them as yet. In fact, they wouldn't even supply us with the posters to sell.... so I guess they're going to give us a donation as a big surprise.

Peace groups around the country have made over £2,500 from their sales of our kites, badges, postcards and raffle tickets. We're glad to have helped NCND. By the sale of kites alone, you have made £75.

Those bastions of liberty at Lloyds quoted us £7,500 a year for insurance as opposed to a normal quote of £750. After a lot of effort, it looks promising that the broker who gets Greenpeace insured will be launching a new scheme for insurance in the ballooning world which will lose Lloyds thousands of pounds.... One of our mottoes is "If you can't join 'em, beat 'em".

Personally I think balloonists are a bit barmy.... I've only flown in it twice. Dave Smith, who now lives at Menwith Hill Peace Camp in Yorkshire (along with Rachel Hughes who, by the way, went to prison this year and is another stalwart of our group) has just passed his pilot's examinations, so we should be more independent now.



Of the 300 balloon pilots in the country, 30+ were prepared to fly the balloon and it's been a unique opportunity to meet the other 270 and, without proselytizing, show that CND is, contrary to the media hype, composed of "normal" human beings. Perhaps CND should form dart teams, football teams, chess teams... even golf teams.

A pro-CND balloonist in Bristol had the initiative and faith to produce expensive but very fine enamel badges of the balloon. We've been amazed at the numbers of non-CND balloonists buying and actually wearing them. We've sold 200 at £2 each!..... mainly to non-CND-ers.

There will not be space to print all the news, so I'll write soon with the other fascinating facts on "The Molesworth Scandal" and "How we still owe £4,000 on the balloon".

Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Authority has given us permission to tether the Peace Balloon in Hyde Park on Oct. 26th. So hope we'll have seen you there. Keep your fingers crossed for calm weather.

PATRICK AND THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF  
THE PEACE BALLOON.

\* "CND Airborne" is a bit militaristic, so we're gradually changing it to the "Peace Balloon" ... echoes of "Windscale"? We still need helpers... but it is hard work.

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