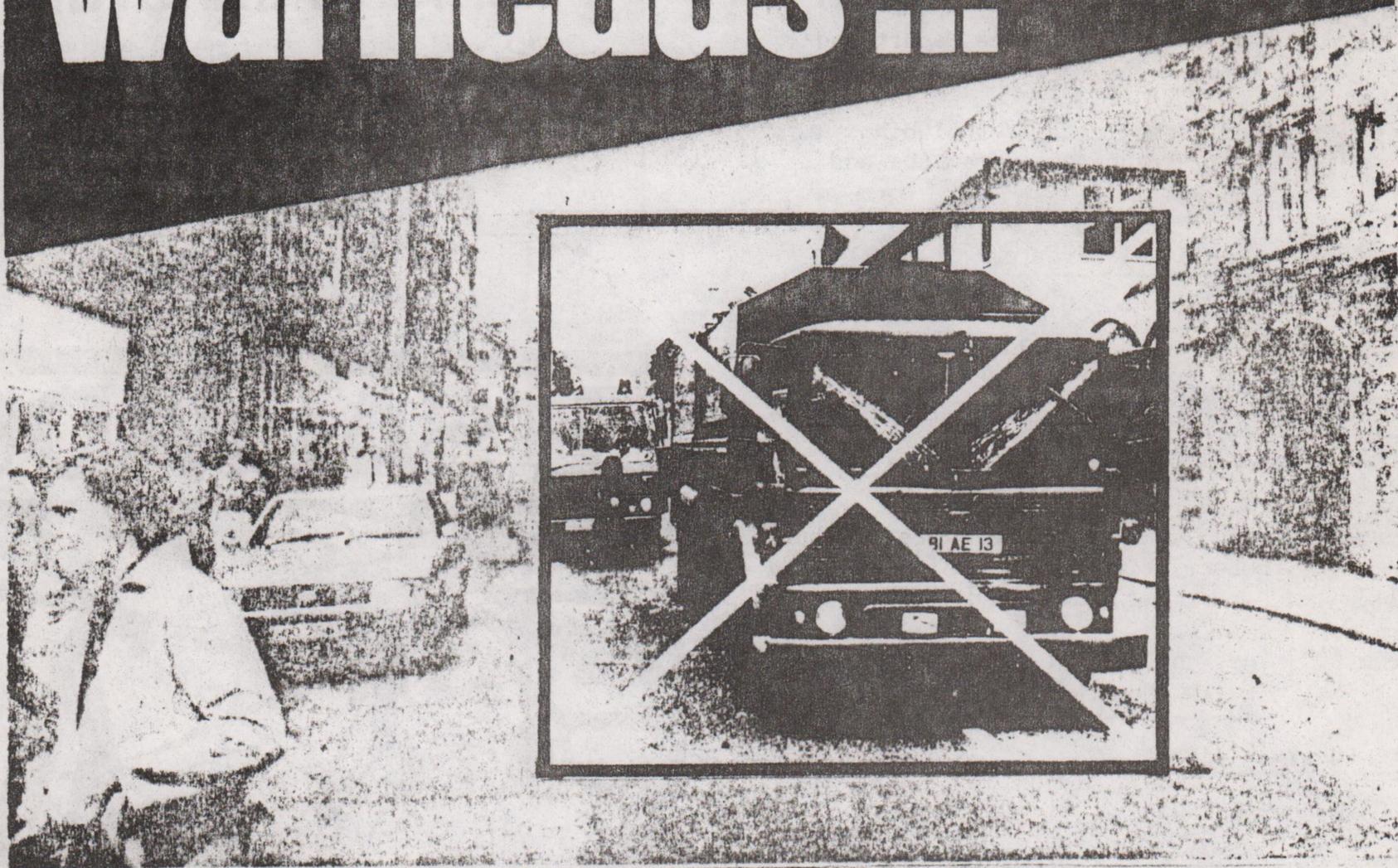


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# Live nuclear warheads ...



# ... on our roads

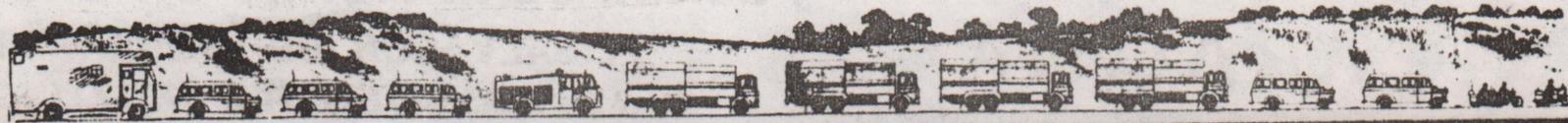
**MARKING THE ROUTE**

**29TH. NOVEMBER**

This lorry carries *live nuclear warheads* in special military convoys – on our country's roads. This one crashed in Helensburgh in June 1985. Luckily it was a minor accident. If this vehicle were to catch fire a situation similar to Chernobyl would occur.

Nuclear warhead convoys regularly cross the country from one Ministry of Defence establishment to another:

- through heavily populated areas!
- through Nuclear Free Zones!



# What's On

## November

- Sat 1 Free Namibia Demo. 11.30 a.m. Market Square
- Thu 6 Co-ordinating Mtg. 7.30 p.m. WEA.
- Sat 8 White Poppies in Listergate 10 am on.   
11 a.m. Christian CND Service.  
NVDA Conference 10 - 4 p.m. I.C.C.
- Thu 13 Members' Mtg. Discussion of National Conference Issues and mandating delegates.
- Sat 15 NCND Craft Fair. 10 a.m. on...  
Congregational Centre, Castlegate.
- Thu 20 Bulletin DEADLINE & editorial.
- Sat 22 Demo against Nuclear Power at Sellafield (Calder Hall) (See p.5.)
- Mon 24 PAN Mtg (See p.6) 7.30 p.m. WEA
- Fri 28 L.A.N.D. Review "No No Nirex" at Newark Palace Theatre.

Sat 29 Marking the Routes (see p.3)

## December

- Thu 4 Co-ordinating Meeting. 7.30 pm. WEA.
- Sat 6 Nicaragua Party.
- Thu 11 Members' Mtg. Conference Report and other topics to be arranged.
- Sat/Sun 13/14 Greenham. Demo: details including transport arrangements from Sue and Chris on 604119.
- Wed 17-24 Christmas in Listergate.

## January

- Thu 15 DEADLINE for Jan/Feb Bulletin.

## FULBECK

The campaign continues. LAND welcomes visitors to the site, subscriptions, (£1.00 which includes a newsletter), and donations. Send to:

PAT HEWIS The Wharf, Trent Lane, Nottingham  
Tel. - Newark 892627

A date for your diary:

Nov. 28th Palace Theatre, Newark

"No, No, Nyrex" with John Gorman  
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## NICARAGUA

## PROTEST RALLY AGAINST STRIP-SEARCHES.

Intimate strip-searches of women prisoners are being used increasingly by the police in N. Ireland. This form of harassment against women could well spread throughout the U.K. and be used against peace protesters.

The National Labour Women's Committee is organizing a LONDON DEMO on SAT 15 November, 2-6 p.m.

COACH from NOTTINGHAM: leave Maid Marion Way at 9.30 a.m.

Contact Tina Yemn (703671) to book and for further details.

## Christmas Stall

NCND will again be running a special, pre-Xmas Stall in Listergate during the week before Xmas.

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.



## EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

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SATURDAY NOV 29

# MARKING THE NUCLEAR WARHEAD CONVOY ROUTES

There will be a national day of action to mark the route taken by the Polaris nuclear convoy. Live warheads are transported by road from Coulport in Scotland over 350 miles, to Burghfield near Reading, where they are overhauled. An accident involving a fire would create a Chernobyl-like radioactive cloud.

On Saturday November 29th, Nottinghamshire CND groups will be demonstrating along the M1 from Junction 29-24 and along the A1 from Harworth to Long Bennington.

Nottingham neighbourhood groups have been asked to cover the area between Junctions 26 (Nuthall) to 24 (Keyworth) on the M1 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. We intend to hang banners on bridges, leaflet the motorway services and nearby villages and have placards pointing the way to the nuclear convoy route approach roads.

Leaflets and placards will be available in the NCND office. A group will be making banners on Saturday 22nd November, 10.30 - 3.30 at the Community Arts Centre on Gregory Boulevard (hopefully). Many hands make light work - please come if only for half an hour.

One of our tasks, as the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, is to educate the public about the nuclear policies of this government and therefore the frightening risks that are taken every time a Polaris convoy is on our road.

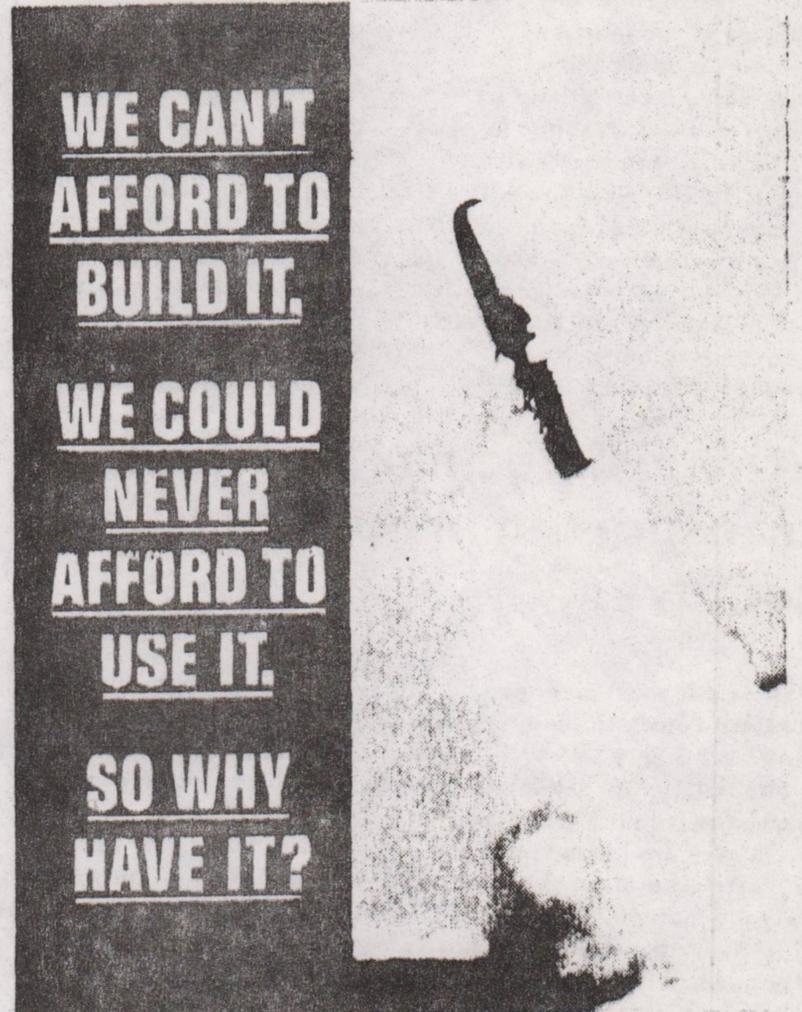
For more information, contact Barbara (625198) or Jackie (626659).



## Watch out for this poster

Our posters are going up on the 9 sites listed in the last Bulletin for the month of November. Find ways of drawing people's attention to them.

If you see any defaced, please inform NCND Office (or Ann Kestenbaum) without delay.



### PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN NO.2.

\* VOLUNTEERS PLEASE \*

1. To sell RADIO-ACTIVE TIMES at lunchtimes in the City Centre, to cinema queues, to people and groups in your workplace and neighbourhood, etc.
2. To buy and sell CAR STICKERS and to display them on your cars throughout the Autumn.
3. To help out on the LISTER GATE STALL throughout November and December. This will supplement the city-wide leafleting being done by neighbourhood groups and will help distribute our wonderful carrier bags.

Please contact the office with any offers of help.



Nuclear weapons  
could cost us  
the Earth.

## Nuclear weapons convoys – a brief history

NUCLEAR weapons convoys have been moving around this country since the first weapons were produced, although in less obvious ways than the ones seen today.

Before 1981 the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force had autonomous control over the ways of transporting their own nuclear weapons around, using mostly civilian ships and trucks.

One leg of the journey between Coulport and Burghfield was carried out by sea, but this was scrapped in 1978 for fear of terrorist attack in the Irish Sea. Now the entire trip takes place by road.

The movement of nuclear weapons by road has always been shrouded in official secrecy. However, the first sightings were logged in April 1982.

## Why are nuclear warheads transported around the country?

NUCLEAR warheads need constant refurbishment because they have a very short 'shelf life'.

The Polaris/Chevaline warheads are fully activated when they are loaded onto a submarine before it goes out on sixty day patrol. During that time the radioactive materials play havoc with the electronic equipment in the warhead.

Added to this are further problems with tritium and plutonium. Tritium, used inside the warhead, has a short 'half-life' of 12.3 years which means that it decays rapidly and needs constant replacement.

Some of the plutonium (241) decays with a 'half-life' of 15 years to the element Americium, Americium in large amounts can cause 'undesirable heating of

Faslane and Burghfield peace camps began to put together a picture of convoy movements.

Since the initial route between Coulport and Burghfield was discovered, others have been found, most notably to East Anglia and the South West of England.

In November 1985 CND set up its first national tracking network to gather and publicise the movements of the convoys and in March 1986 the nuclear free zone councils joined in the tracking network.

Over 100 sightings have now been logged and new information comes in with each track. On September 1 a new overnight stopping place for the convoy was discovered at Swynnerton south of Stoke on Trent in Staffordshire.

warheads fissile core'. So plutonium inside the bomb also needs constant refurbishment. All these problems are common in the H-Bomb.

Similarly, RAF nuclear weapons when fully activated have a life expectancy of about 30 days in which time they must either be used or sent back for refurbishment.

All refurbishment is done at ROF Burghfield near Reading. Basically, every time a warhead is taken to Burghfield it is stripped down into all its component parts. All the parts which need replacing are then replaced and the warhead is rebuilt. The new warhead is then sent off to a weapons store to replace the old one.

## Dangers from the convoys

AN impact of a warhead could detonate a large conventional explosion scattering plutonium. The conventional explosives which are packed around the bomb core are extremely volatile, although not in a way to spark a nuclear explosion.

The dangers of transportation are very hard to evaluate when both the design of a weapon and the weapons carriers is so secret.

Well educated guesses are based on documents from the USA where the information about nuclear warheads is more freely available.

In 'Nuclear Accident

Contamination Control' by the United States Army, it is stated that: 'The hazards surrounding nuclear weapons and special nuclear material are similar to those of conventional weapons and hazardous chemical' and 'the high explosive contained in most nuclear weapons constitutes a major hazard in a nuclear weapon accident'... 'detonation of a high explosive component may pulverise plutonium into minute, invisible particles that are dispersed in smoke and dust which can cause contamination over a large area'.

The Americans use a 610

metres radius around the accident site as the 'Initial Exclusion Area'. A 1979 study by the US Congress General Accounting Office predicted that under typical atmospheric conditions, a severe nuclear weapons accident might generate a radioactive plume extending for 28 miles and spreading across 2.5 miles.

Scientists from Aldermaston carried out tests on Maralinga, codenamed 'Vixen B', in the early '60's. They were trying to find out what would happen to a nuclear weapon damaged in transit. These tests required a radiological safety zone of 35 miles radius.

The Special Safety Organisation have a 300 metre radius around the accident site as the minimum 'Initial exclusion area'.

The convoys are controlled by the RAF Special Safety Organisation and wherever the convoy goes the Special Safety Organisation provides a radiological team on standby, known as the Base Support Team (BST). The BST includes a 'Medical Centre' team, which ensures control of entry to and from the 300 metre radius safety zone, monitoring personnel.

## Accidents do happen

The most publicised accident to a nuclear warhead convoy happened on Thursday June 20, 1985 to a Polaris convoy returning from Coulport to Burghfield.

As the convoy passed along Helensburgh High Street, about 10 miles south of Faslane, one warhead carrier ran into another carrier, when a clutch gave way.

Previous incidents have included alarm when a gas main near Cardross had exploded minutes after a convoy had passed and another when two of the carriers slid off Peaton Hill Road in winter conditions.

## Holding vigils as the convoy passes

THESE convoys carry live nuclear warheads. Therefore, when holding vigils, safety is of the greatest importance – mistakes could cause an accident!

■ Hold vigils at the places where the convoy slows down e.g. roundabouts, road junctions and town centres. Make sure that the drivers can see at least 100 yards ahead of them. Observe the convoys first to get some idea of speed.

■ Choose fine and clear weather conditions and wear bright clothing and/or cyclists' reflective strips.

■ Make all messages clear, short and legible so that drivers can read them without much distraction.

■ DO NOT throw or drop anything on the convoy while it is moving.

■ If you are making a banner for a bridge, again make sure the message is short and clear. Weight your banner at the bottom before hanging it over the bridge and make sure the weights are firmly secured to the banner.

Please be careful at all times.

## Security

ACCORDING to documents leaked to the 'New Statesman' magazine, the convoys are 'completely self-sufficient regarding the security and safety of the load being escorted'. They are accompanied by a 'convoy support vehicle' which carries arms and ammunition, rations, communications sets, radiation measuring and decontamination equipment as well as a spare motorcycle for the accompanying police escorts.

Although the convoy is under RAF control, armed security guards are provided by the Royal Marines Commando Company, a special security force formed in 1980.

The convoy is fitted with advanced communications equipment, with which it can contact any force in whose area it is travelling. The convoy commanders and support vehicles are fitted with long range high frequency radios with which 'the convoy is in constant communication with its MoD Control, which continuously monitors its progress'.

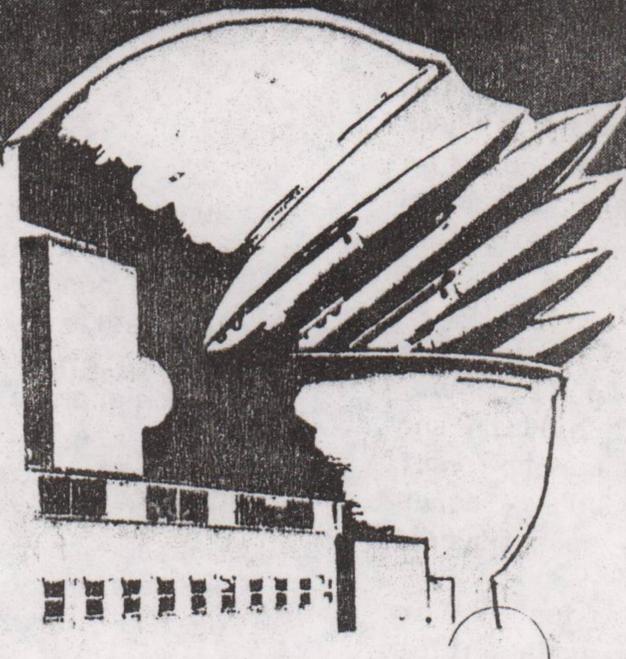
The convoy uses four special codewords to identify itself: CUBAN, ODDLY, SOLID or HURRY. In the event of an accident, the nuclear convoy must broadcast the secret codeword 'OLDHAM', followed by a number.

OLDHAM 1 means the convoy is halted after an accident, but no radioactive material has been spilled.

OLDHAM 2 is worse; safety may be at risk.

OLDHAM 3 is the signal to the police that bombs have been damaged and radioactive material may have been spilled. If the convoy undergoes armed attack the relayed word is BILBO.

**IT COSTS MILLIONS  
IT KILLS MILLIONS  
IT STARTS AT SELLAFIELD**



**DEMONSTRATION, RALLY AND WALK ROUND B.N.F.L. SELLAFIELD**

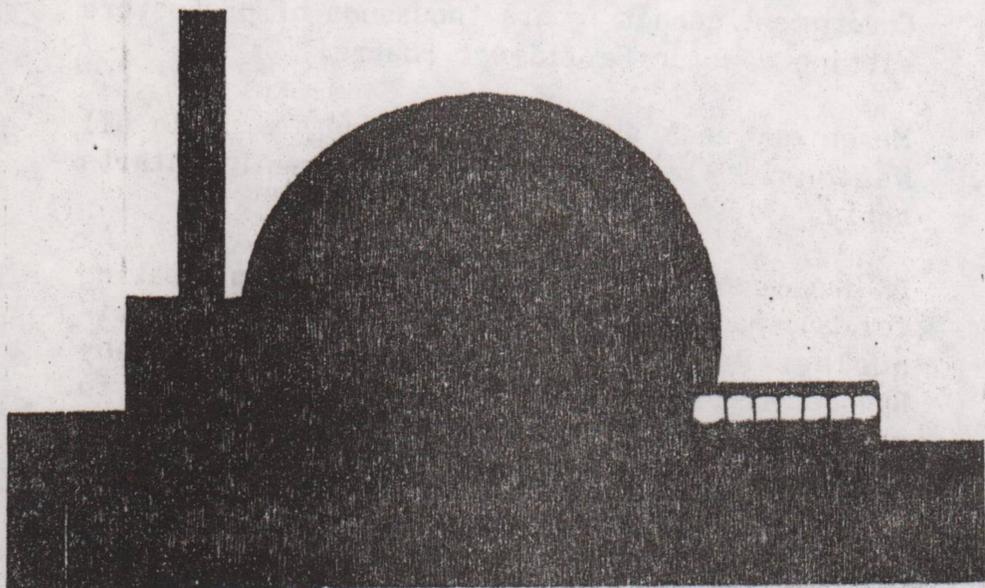
**SUNDAY NOV. 23rd**

**SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

**JOAN RUDDOCK** (C.N.D.) **JIM SLATER** (N.U.S)  
**STEWART BOYLE** (F.O.E.) **LINDY WILLIAMS** (Green Party)  
**RODNEY BICKERSTAFFE** (N.U.P.E.)  
**TONY ALLEN** (Alternative Comedy) **PLUS LOCAL SPEAKERS**

**RALLY AT 1 p.m. MAIN GATE  
ASSEMBLE FOR WALK 9.30 a.m. MAIN GATE**

**SPONSORED BY: WEST CUMBRIA PEACE GROUP, CUMBRIANS FOR PEACE, NATIONAL C.N.D.**



**SHUT ME DOWN  
OR I'LL MELT DOWN....**

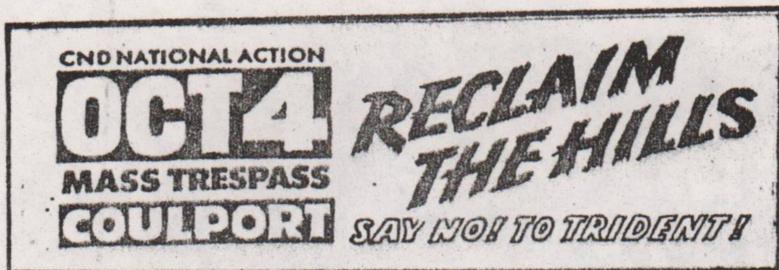
**SELLAFIELD DEMO**

Minibus transport is being organized from Nottingham. For details contact:

**DOROTHY WILSON** 505523 (work)  
70657 (home)

A parallel Demo will take place at SIZEWELL on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd, from 11 a.m. Speakers will include Meg Beresford.

Full details from NCND office.



Coulport Mass Trespass and Arms around Scotland  
 October 4 & 5 1986

**COULPORT MASS TRESPASS**

The trespass started at 10.00 o'clock with the banner passed over the fence followed by streams of people. After a sleepless night on the coach, the Nottingham C.N.D. contingent seemed glad to be moving and was soon out of sight on the Coulport Hills.

Over 3,000 people went on to the M o D land in a good humoured show of opposition to Trident. The Trident programme will cost £12 billion and we saw where some of this has been spent - vast construction compounds, rows of JCB's - acres and acres of mountain had literally been moved.

Work had been stopped for the day, just a few police and workers stood in the compounds whilst demonstrators wandered over the moorland, congregating slowly on the highest hill with banners, kites, sandwiches and coffee. A stream of fresh arrivals plodded up the hill in the warm autumn sunshine ..... the contrast was stark and ugly: people chatting in the grass and heather amidst the preparations for genocide.

With only one Nottingham person arrested (for sitting on a JCB) we were driving away soon after the end of the demonstration.

Saturday night was spent in a school made available by Glasgow City Council (NFZ) except for 86 year old Liz Wheat, who was offered hospitality by a Glaswegian member.

Dave Dickinson



**ARMS AROUND SCOTLAND**

Sunday saw what is probably one of the largest demonstrations seen in Scotland. An estimated 45,000 people stretching arm to arm, from coast to coast. Twenty eight miles of human beings, of which about forty yards consisted of Nottingham citizens. The message was simple. There are too many weapons in the world, we need arms for linking in friendship, not arms for dividing and destroying us. To underline this message there was a citizen of Washington on the western end of the chain and a citizen of Moscow on the eastern end of the human chain.

Press coverage of the Arms around Scotland was good, but the mass trespass received little coverage. More persons than ever now do not believe in the inevitability of war and are prepared to come out and publicly say so. That is what, with your help, we were doing that weekend.

**Anti Nuclear Parliament**

In March, during the first sitting of 1987, there will be an opportunity for the anti-nuclear movement to take our worries and our anger to the House of Commons, the Seat of Democracy? Instead of leaving it to the politicians, we will have our own Parliament, an Anti-nuclear Parliament where we, the people, will have our say about our nuclear fears. The Government cannot ignore thousands of protestors sitting down in Parliament Square.

March may seem a long way off but, as with all National demonstrations, the planning starts early.

On November 24th, PAN is organizing a meeting for anyone interested in the idea of an Anti-nuclear Parliament. Jimmy Johns and Tony Rhodes will be coming from East Anglia CND to share their ideas.

MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER WEA LECTURE HALL 7.30 pm.

CND NATIONAL COUNCIL are proposing a NATIONAL DEMO in London in April to mark the anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

Starring: ALEXI SAYLE,  
 BRIAN GLOVER,  
 JONATHAN PRYCE,  
 HAYLEY MILLS....AND  
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# WE ARE WINNING

GALLUP POLL FOR CND

21-25 August 1985, 945 interviewed.

Do you agree or disagree that Britain should get rid of its nuclear weapons whatever other countries do?

Yes : 44%    No : 46%    D.K. : 10%

Do you believe or not that Britain's nuclear weapons keep you safe?

Yes : 40%    No : 50%    D.K. : 10%.

Do you expect that the current arms talks will or will not help to reduce the numbers of nuclear weapons?

Yes : 32%    No : 53%    D.K. : 15%.

Would you be in favour of or opposed to a European nuclear bomb, jointly controlled by Britain, France and West Germany?

Yes : 22%    No : 68%    D.K. 10%.

Do you agree or disagree that nuclear power should be phased out?

Yes : 56%    No : 34%    D.K. 10%.

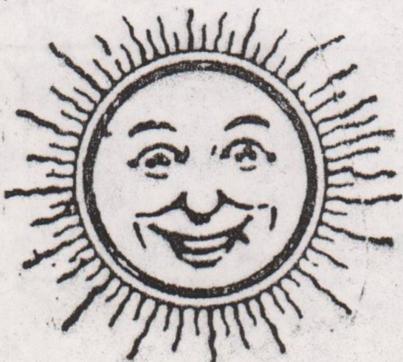
Britain depends on its nuclear power programme to make nuclear weapons. Do you now agree or disagree that nuclear power should be phased out?

(Asked of all those who agreed that nuclear power should be phased out at the previous question.)

Yes : 85%    No : 7%    D.K. : 7%.

Immediately after the 1983 election, the percentage agreeing with CND that Britain should get rid of its nuclear weapons was only 16% (NOP Review July 1983).

GIVE YOURSELF A SUNSHINE SMILE!



## Radio-Active Times

20p

NCND's Public Information Newsheet No. 2

This news sheet on the British Bomb is orientated towards the public as opposed to the Bulletin which is aimed primarily at members. Help to get it in circulation. We ask you to take at least two; one for yourself and one to pass on to somebody else - or put somewhere where others may read it.

From the cover

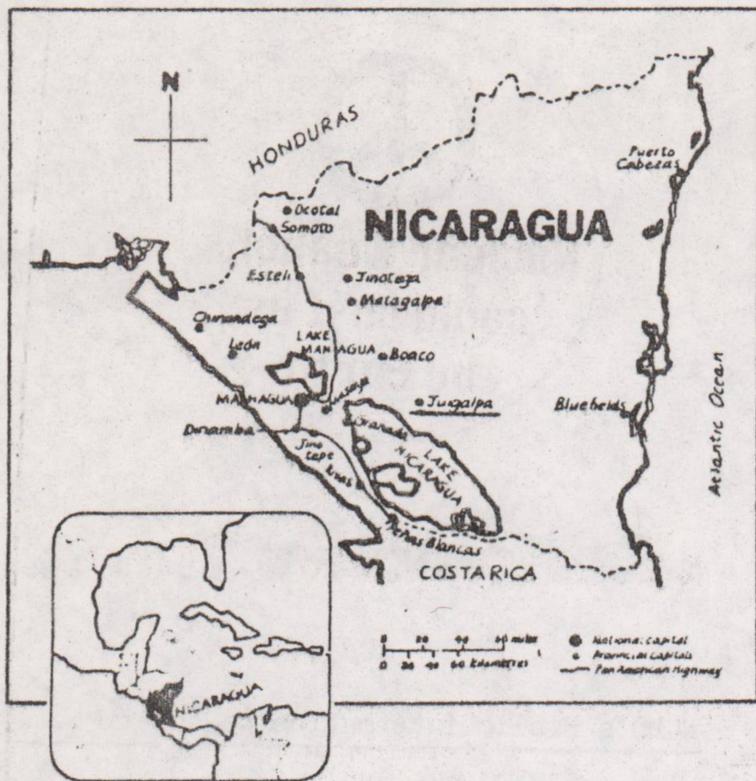


"I'm all for Britain getting rid of its nuclear weapons because they kill when they drop - and kill for ever more. If anyone takes it into their minds to drop enough of them, they could wipe out the lot of us.

Youngsters arguing against nuclear weapons are campaigning for their futures. If somebody was going to dump rubbish in your back garden, what would you do? The same principal applies on a totally different scale over this issue."

BRIAN CLOUGH

**Nuclear weapons could cost us the Earth.  
We're better off without them.**



## Nottingham goes to Nicaragua

In January I shall be travelling with seven other Nottingham people, with a variety of building and engineering skills to Juigalpa in Nicaragua. We shall be staying there for three months to build and set up a workshop/technical college for the development of the production of roofing tiles.

Nicaragua receives a fair amount of attention from progressive organisations. Nevertheless it takes more than that to make 8 people decide to leave jobs, families and friends for three months.

In 1979, the US-backed dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza was overthrown after a struggle which cost over 50,000 lives (in a country with a population of 3 million). Since the revolution, the Sandanistas - the main political party (FSLM) - have brought about improvements in health care, education and democracy. In the 1984 election, where international observers were present and in which 75% of the population participated, two thirds voted for the FSLM out of 7 political parties.

Despite these advances, there are still desperate needs for housing, agriculture, education and industry. The efforts of the Sandanistas have not been helped by a continuous guerilla war waged by the US-backed Contras. Recently the US Congress approved President Reagan's plan to send \$100 million to arm the Contra war effort. The problem of housing has been increased with the need to provide accommodation for refugees from the war zones. The government estimates that 250,000 dwelling units need to be built.

Against this background, it may seem that 8 Nottingham people will make little impact. However, we shall not be alone. Numerous volunteers from all over the world are working in Nicaragua.

The work that the Nottingham Building Brigade does will carry on after it leaves. We shall work with Nicaraguans to improve the design and production of roofing tiles. Since over 50% of Nicaraguan building costs go on roofing and support structures, our contribution may be by no means small.

I feel I can contribute something, however small, to what is part of a very large struggle. All over the world, the brutal acts of an aggressive superpower are justified with lies about freedom and democracy. Campaigning with CND, we have come up against American bases and American control of our country. American cruise missiles are at Greenham and are planned for Molesworth. It was American F-111s that took off from Upper Heyford to murder Lybian civilians. We have all, as a movement, campaigned against these bases. I, along with many others, have been arrested and jailed. I cannot separate our struggle from that of the Nicaraguan people. I feel that the least I can do is to help provide basic needs for a people who are struggling against tremendous odds for a better life.

If you can help, please do. The Building Brigade needs £20,000 to pay for tools (which will be left in Nicaragua), materials and travel. Donations (money or tools) should be sent to:- Building Brigade Project, 133A Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Tel.412681. Cheques to "Building Brigade Project".

THANK YOU.

DAVE DICKINSON.



# The Chance of a Lifetime

This January, the Soviet Union issued a step-by-step plan to rid the world of nuclear weapons by the year 2000. Here is what they are proposing.

## STAGE 1

5 to 8 years, beginning in 1986.

The United States and the Soviet Union will set an example for the rest of the world by:

- ★ Reducing by 50% the strategic nuclear arms within reach of the other's territory (and this means no space-strike, or Star Wars weapons, either),
- ★ Eliminating all US and Soviet medium-range missiles from Europe as a first step to making Europe a nuclear-free zone, and
- ★ Stopping all nuclear tests.

## STAGE 2

5 to 7 years, beginning in 1990.

The other nuclear powers will join in the disarmament process by:

- ★ Freezing their nuclear arms,
- ★ Agreeing to prohibit space weapons, and
- ★ Stopping all nuclear tests.

All nuclear powers, including the United States and the Soviet Union, will:

- ★ Eliminate all short-range (tactical) nuclear arms, and
- ★ Ban development of non-nuclear weapons whose destructive capacity is close to that of nuclear weapons.

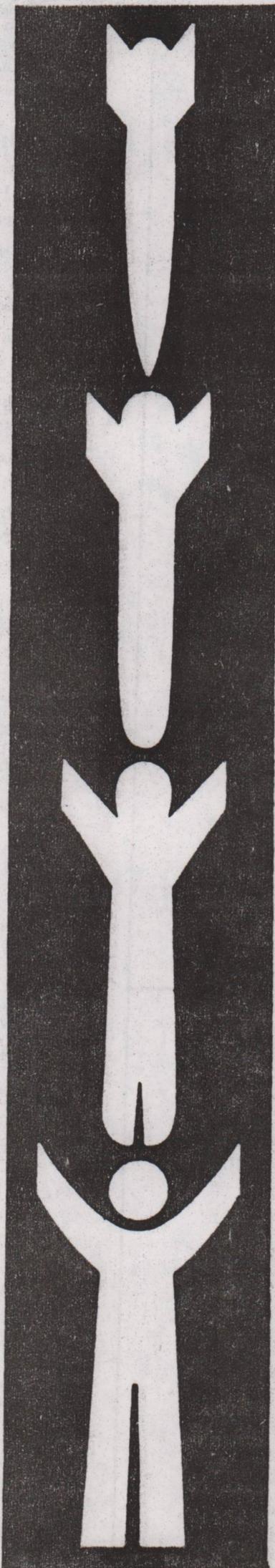
The United States and the Soviet Union will complete the 50% reduction in nuclear arms agreed to in Stage One.

## STAGE 3

Beginning no later than 1995 and ending in 1999.

All remaining nuclear stockpiles will be destroyed.

By the beginning of the year 2000, there will be no nuclear weapons on Earth, and all nations will agree never to allow them to exist again. The process for destroying the nuclear stockpiles will be agreed upon by all nations and will be verified by the usual means of planes, satellites, and seismographs, as well as on-site inspections.



In addition to this blueprint for ridding the world of nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union also announced that it

- Extended its unilateral *moratorium on nuclear testing* (begun on August 6, 1985) until April 1 (to 6 August 1986 or until the U.S. test again);
- Supports a negotiated *ban on underground nuclear tests*;
- Supports a negotiated *ban on chemical weapons*;
- Supports *reductions in conventional weapons and troops in Europe*, including a reduction in troops involved in war games.

So far the Reagan administration has responded to this proposal for a nuclear-free world by

- ▶ Refusing to join the nuclear test moratorium;
- ▶ Refusing even to consider stopping the trillion-dollar plans for Star Wars;
- ▶ Adding \$34 billion to the 1987 military budget and cutting \$22 billion from human needs programs; and
- ▶ Suggesting that the Soviet Union take the "first step" by cutting its medium-range missiles in Europe and Asia, while the United States would cut US missiles in Europe but continue to supply missiles to its NATO partners.

The Soviet proposal for a world without nuclear weapons by the year 2000 is one the United States and its allies cannot afford to ignore or refuse. Tell the US and NATO governments to join the call for a nuclear test ban and put an end to the programme to weaponize outer space. Demand they come up with their own plan to eliminate nuclear weapons if they will not accept the Soviet proposal. For more information contact:

### WORLD PEACE COUNCIL

Lönnrotinkatu 25A/6  
Helsinki 00180  
Finland

Following Reykjavik, Gorbachev's Jan '86 Peace Plan takes on added significance. Here is a useful summary to keep for reference.

"SECRET FALL-OUT" by ERNEST STERNGLOSS  
published by MacGraw Hill (available from the  
Nottingham County Library).

This book describes the struggles of Professor Sternglass to get publication of his researches on the terrible effects of fall-out from Nuclear Weapons Tests on health before the Partial Test Ban Treaty. Attempts to block his work included giving him incorrect statistics from Government sources, refusal to print what he had found out and constant attempts to discredit him.

Fortunately for the human race, Professor Sternglass won, and later went on to research the effects of radioactive discharges on human health, and to study what happened to people who lived near the Three Mile Island reactor after the accident.

Some of his findings are indeed alarming. For example, he found that the number of low birth-weight babies rose and declined in exact synchronisation with the measurements of radioactive gases from reactors and re-processing sites. He found that after the Three Mile Island accident, the numbers of children who were cretins doubled within 40 miles of the reactor. Iodine 131 and 133, discharged in quantity from Three Mile Island, and also from Chernobyl, affect the thyroid gland of the foetus especially.

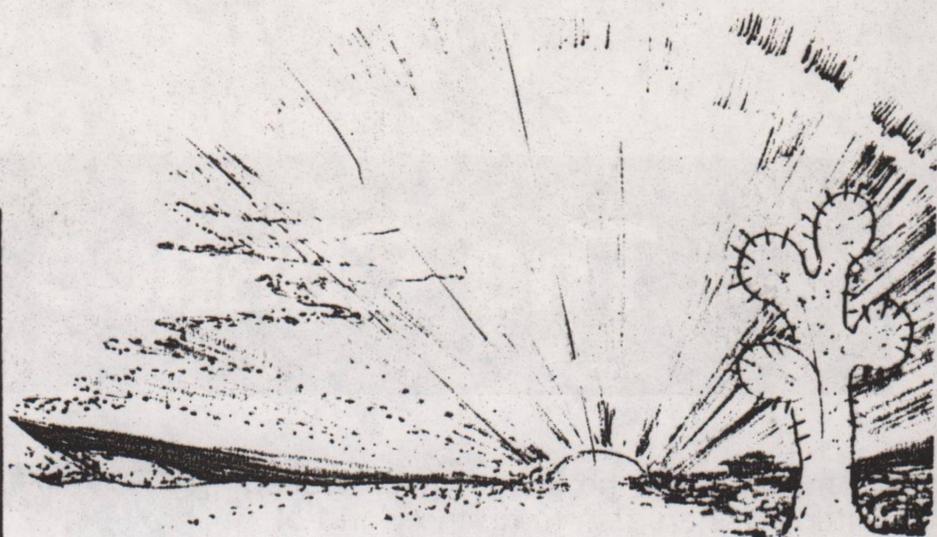
Most people have heard of Strontium 90. Has anyone heard of one of its daughter-products: yttrium? Yttrium concentrates in your pituitary. Doctors have discovered that its effects on the new-born are catastrophic. Acting on the pituitary gland of the foetus, it stops the release of chemicals which prevent the lung from collapsing.

Marjorie Brown

## Doctors' Survival List

A few years ago, few would have expected the B.M.A. (the Doctors' "Trade Union") to be, perhaps, the most effective anti-nuclear campaigner in the country. They calculate that half the population - 26 millions - would die in a nuclear attack. The Home Office denies that it was worked out a short list of the essential categories that would be afforded the limited medical treatment that would be available (market gardeners, police, nurses, etc.). The B.M.A. is, therefore, proposing to do the job for them and is getting to work to produce a list of those who would be essential for the survival of the community. Doctors themselves would be fairly low on the list since most are helpless without their equipment. Amongst those who would have to be denied treatment would be many children, since the community would only be able to afford a limited number of dependents.

Roll on publication day!



## OUR EARTH

One thing I know - when strife has ceased  
And guns are stacked and still  
And all the gods of war and hate  
And greed have had their fill -  
Then good old earth will send forth buds  
Where shells are bursting now;  
The stark and devastated lands  
Shall feel again the plough.

The sun will set on blood red plains -  
The rays of morning greet  
The hills that thundered to the tread  
Of countless marching feet,  
With heralds of a better dawn;  
And men at last shall find  
Despite the havoc of their hate  
Old Mother earth is kind.

Eugene.



### CND XMAS CARDS

Design details are in National CND's Christmas catalogue which you should receive with this Bulletin. (Spare copies at the office.)

If you want to save the postage, buy your national Christmas cards in Nottingham, at:

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# New Policy

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED AT THE NCND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 9TH 1986

1. NCND resolves to continue its forms of advertising and publicity, but to try to ensure that we have a reasonable respect for the local environment.
2. Following the agreement between the NUJ and the Evening Post, it is proposed that NCND reverse its policy concerning the boycott of the Post. (Emergency Resolution)
3. Chernobyl has focused public attention as never before on the dangers arising from the mis-handling of nuclear materials, both civil and military. The strength of the campaign to prevent the dumping of low-level waste at Fulbeck indicates the depth of concern people feel when they consider themselves directly threatened. NCND in its forthcoming campaign on Britain's Bomb should give far more attention than it has done so far to health and safety factors, and to making clear the similarities and links between nuclear energy and nuclear weapons.
4. This meeting welcomes the latest extension of the Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing, and calls on NCND to contact the US embassy immediately, urging the USA to respond positively at the Reykjavik talks by agreeing to a test ban treaty. (Emergency Resolution)

## NEW EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES (for Organization or Liaison).

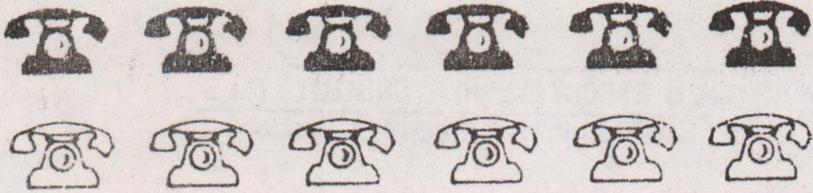
Ann Kestenbaum	Chair, office, media, Parliamentary monitoring, liaison with County and City Councils, nuclear power, basic case.
Jackie Jezewski (626659)	Chair, neighbourhood groups.
Rob Holland (604986)	Treasurer. Fundraising (including Listergate Stall, sales and stock), Peace Festival.
Jos Wood (33 3637)	Bulletin Editor, "Campaign".
Barbara Coulson (625198)	PAN Liaison, media, National CND liaison. Long-term Planning.
Andy Househam (705657)	Fundraising, minutes, Cruise exhibitions, "Sanity".
Jaz Singh	Membership, neighbourhood groups, Cruise, Peace Festival, fundraising.
Cath Wakeman (620459)	Neighbourhood groups, Cruise exhibitions, "Sanity".
Karen Winfield (863955)	Minutes, trade union liaison, Notts. Region CND liaison, Civil Defence.

### PAN MINI BUS - NOW WELL AGAIN

During the past month, much time and money has gone into getting the bus back in working order. The minibus fund, built up from donations by user groups, is now exhausted. We URGENTLY need further donations to pay for the road tax, which is now due, and to keep the van on the road. Raleigh Street CND have donated £15, but help from other groups is needed.

Details about using the bus from John Mitchell (787269) or Jos Potts (626659). Donations to the NCND office (payable to PAN Minibus).





BULLETIN HELPERS NEEDED

We would welcome help at all stages of production. At present, badly-needed is help with layout and printing. No previous experience needed. Come and learn!

Collating remains a problem. (We use a collating machine at 118 Workshop.) Any volunteers?

The editorial meeting is held during working hours at the office for convenience. But the time could be changed if anyone who is not free in the afternoon would like to help with the work.

Contact Jos Wood on 33 3637.

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Owing to Christmas holidays, it is not possible to produce a Bulletin for the beginning of January. A Jan/Feb issue will be ready towards the end of January.

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