

NOTTINGHAM CAMPAIGN

FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

MARCH '87 BULLETIN - 20P.



IF YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE, SAY SO!

**WAR
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MARCH FOR A NUCLEAR FREE BRITAIN

NO MORE CHERNOBYLS

NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS

APRIL 25th



ASSEMBLE: 11am VICTORIA EMBANKMENT LONDON WC2
 RALLY: 2pm HYDE PARK
BE THERE



NATIONAL DEMO.

Tickets: £4.50 (concession £3) from NCND and other outlets.

A 3-pronged March/Cycle relay, starting during the preceding week, will converge on London on the day of the Demo.

Nottingham is on a CYCLE RELAY ROUTE on Tues. 21 from Sheffield to Nottm, and from Nottm. to Leicester on Wed. 22

Volunteers: please contact Barbara on 625798 or Cath on 620459.

Panorama is making a programme about organising the Demo.

More details about local arrangements next month.

NOTICEBOARD

SPRING CRAFT FAIR
 CONGREGATIONAL CENTRE
 CASTLE GATE, NOTTINGHAM.

SAT. 9th MAY, 10 am - 4 pm.

Further details and bookings:
 Rob Holland, 15 Robinson Road, Mapperley

HUCKNALL CND EXPRESS SOCIAL
 - Live Band & Disco -

SAT. MARCH 7th 8 pm.

Plough & Harrow, High St.

Waged £1.50 - unwaged £1.00.

CND EXPRESS

FRI. 6 March.
 10 am. Clifton. Congregational Car Park,
 Green Lane.

11.45 am. Old Market Square.

4.15 pm. County Hall.

SAT. 7 March.
 10 am. Bulwell Market.
 1 pm. Hucknall Market.

HELPERS WANTED AT ALL VENUES.

NOTTINGHAM'S DEFENCE DEBATE
 with Paul Johns, Parliamentary
 candidates and Professor Regan.
 Questions to the Panel
 No set speeches.

FRI. 6 MARCH 7.30 pm.

YMCA, Shakespeare Street.

**** STOP PRESS ****

Cinema Ad 'Morning Has Broken'
 to run ODEON 1, March 6-19.
 Contact NCND office if able to
 leaflet.

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



Take to the Streets!

If there is an election this summer, it is vital that we maintain an **effective street presence** in the months before it.

Our **SATURDAY STALL IN LISTERGATE** is going to be **very important** during the coming months in **getting our message across and doing something to counter the rubbish that Fleet St., Wapping and the Tories will be throwing at us.**

The most important thing we can do at the stall is TALK TO PEOPLE - show them that we are friendly, ordinary and have a common sense viewpoint.

The Stall will be used as a focus for various street activities...

leafleting
petitions
a questionnaire
Street Exhibitions using our new display boards
Selling "Radio Active Times" and "Sanity", etc.

Each Saturday a different neighbourhood group takes responsibility for getting the stall out (usually from 10 to 4).

To be really effective, **MORE HELPERS** are needed than just the group in charge.

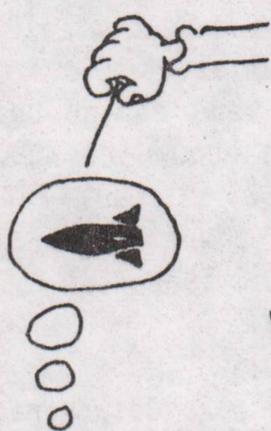
If you have half an hour or so to spare, come along to Listergate on a Saturday. If you can ring the office and say you are coming, that would be helpful, but if you can't, just turn up. If you haven't done the stall before, we promise you, you'll find it interesting - and you'll enjoy it.

We also need more stalls in other parts of the City.

REMEMBER NOTTINGHAM HAS THREE MARGINAL SEATS.

Radio-Active Times

The 3rd issue which is now out gives the answers to



SEVEN
DEADLY
MYTHS
ABOUT
NUCLEAR
WEAPONS

"The bomb has kept the Peace for 40 years".

"Nuclear weapons are so terrible they will never be used".

"You can't disinvent the Bomb" (true - but because we could destroy the planet, doesn't mean we have to).

"Nuclear disarmament would leave us open to 'black-mail'".

"Only the Bomb Stops the Russians from invading Western Europe".

"Only by being strong can we get the Russians to bargain with us".

"Nuclear Disarmament would split NATO and let our allies down".

We ask all members to buy at least one copy - and pass it on to someone else.

- 20p -

"This fits here.... I think"

Lawrence Geary takes to the streets with the new CND stall.



Every Saturday and for the week prior to Christmas CND tries to bear witness outside Saint Peter's Church here in the centre of the City. Perhaps you have seen us. Perhaps you have helped.

There is a belief that the more volunteers you have the easier it is to follow the instructions to erect the new stall. This is not true. It is far better to send spare bods to collect new stock from the office whilst two of you push the contraption downhill from its weekly resting place. This Mark 3 version has many refinements and when CND achieves its aims will need minimum conversion, except for a bingo blower, to become a mobile disco for the pub and club circuit. The day I was in charge it came complete with a toilet roll but no Elsen.

On arrival on site you must apply the brakes, otherwise you will find yourself in the midst of Marks and Spencers by the time you are set up. Remember to put the items of stock facing the passers-by and not, as I once saw, facing those in charge of the stall! There is a wide range of goods to sell: booklets, trinkets, Bulletins, scarves and of course badges. These range from the simple plea "Our peace group needs you" through the jokey "Reluctant housewives against the bomb" to the clever "Chernobyl Never Dies".

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During slack periods one of the helpers should stand idly in front looking at our display. A member of the public will soon feel that it is safe enough to come and look as well, and off you go with another chat. Always ask people to join; many will. You are never alone because there is always company - usually the animal rights campaigners, but we have seen numerous pavement artists and the Brighton Bottle Orchestra. It is impressive to see how much is simply put into our Donations Tin. People have even been known to contribute to our funds in the mistaken belief that they are Saving the Whale - still perhaps we are.

Of course it takes all sorts, and you get them here. One religious person suggested that our campaign was pointless and we must leave everything to God to resolve. They had no answer however when asked if there was therefore any point in anybody bothering to get up each day.

You can contemplate the inner meaning of the Water Sculpture and decide whether to give permission for a large-scale drawing in chalk on the Church wall. I decided against this, so refused.

Can I, on behalf of NCND, say a big THANK YOU to all those people who turn up to man the stall, many of you several times a year and include our gratitude to the people who garage it for us but, please, more helpers are always needed. The rota is kept at the office. Pick a date soon and, who knows, perhaps you might achieve the impossible by selling a hessian bag.

At this point the rain became persistent so we packed it in. It took my coat two days to dry out.

Lawrence Geary.

White Poppies in Leningrad

As I was visiting the USSR for a short holiday in January last, it was suggested that I take along a wreath of white poppies to lay at the Piskarevsky Memorial Cemetery as a tribute to the 470,000 Leningrad citizens buried in these mass graves and to the people who survived the 900-day seige of Leningrad during World War II.

Elena, our guide in Leningrad, explained my intention and the significance of the white poppies to a number of the hotel staff, who smiled their thanks and waved me off in the coach.

The laying of the wreath created a lot of interest; at least two members of other British Peace groups wished that they had done likewise. One English voice, not of our party, was heard to pass favourable comment, whilst a strident American female voice exhorted Hiram to "take it, take it".

Back in the coach, Elena thanked those who had left the warmth of the coach to visit the cemetery, in particular thanking Nottingham CND for the deeply appreciated gesture. She then told us how twice during its short existence, the USSR had

been completely devastated and that, apart from not wanting war, it just could not afford the loss in persons and materials again.

The weather was very bad, - 19C, with fine snow cutting the face like needles, so the wreath would have a very limited visible life, but the gesture was well worth any effort involved: a gesture that, I hope, will be copied by other members travelling into "enemy territory".

As an afterthought I also took a card made by Geoff Young, for Operation Christmas Card, with about 30 signatures. This, I presented to the House of Friendship in Moscow, where it was received with great warmth and gratitude. I wished that the members of Forest Fields Peace Group, who collected some 300 signatures on similar cards in December last, had been with me to appreciate how their cards would have been received in Minsk.

I would plead for Operation Christmas/New Year/Easter/Anniversary Card to gain momentum. The USSR will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in November next; why not make a start for that?

DOREEN GOWER.



Lobby of Parliament

WED. 4 FEB.

We also serve who only stand and wait to see our M.P., even though our elected representative is too busy to see us. We queuers were exercising our democratic right to try to persuade our M.P.'s that Government policy on nuclear power is hopelessly wrong, and building Sizewell B would be a catastrophic mistake.

Friends of the Earth know how to get the media out in force so that even the humblest banner carrier has a chance of being photographed, even though very few appeared on T.V. or in the press.

An exhibition in the Grand Committee Room simplified the horrendous statistics of the nuclear industry. Present, too, were benign nucleocrats like Colin Sweet, who writes about the accounting of the nuclear industry, and Dr Michael Flood, long-time researcher on nuclear power. They were ready to field the questions of those of us bothered by becquerels.

I am back in Nottingham more determined than ever to put the anti-nuclear case before it is too late. I shall continue my campaign to get supplies of sodium iodate tablets into schools to protect children in case of a British - or French - Chernobyl. I shall also continue my own somewhat eccentric diet which tries to avoid radionuclides. Details of diets to help block the uptake of radioactive substances can be obtained from me through NCND.

Marjorie Brown.

DISARMAMENT and PUBLIC OPINION

The latest round of disarmament negotiations in Geneva start from where Reykjavik ended. Both sides are prepared to talk about a 50% cut in strategic weapons (missiles and bombers) and the US has proposed eliminating all ballistic missiles within ten years, though keeping some bombers. Both sides are prepared to discuss removing all long-range nuclear missiles (cruise, Pershing and SS-20) from Europe.

But the Soviet Union insists that there can be no agreement in either of these areas unless the US sticks to a strict interpretation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. For its part, the US government made it clear at Reykjavik that it interprets the treaty to include testing Star Wars (Strategic Defence Initiative) systems in space.

The main area in which agreement could be possible without solving the conflict over Star Wars is nuclear testing. While the USSR has stated its intention to abandon its eighteen month test ban, Gorbachev has expressed their willingness to negotiate. Reagan, however, refused to consider a total ban, proposing merely progressive reductions in the numbers of tests and their yields.

In an opinion poll recently commissioned by CND (Gallup Polls, 7-12 January 1987), 72% of those questioned believed that the US should agree to stop testing now. Public pressure on this issue is essential.

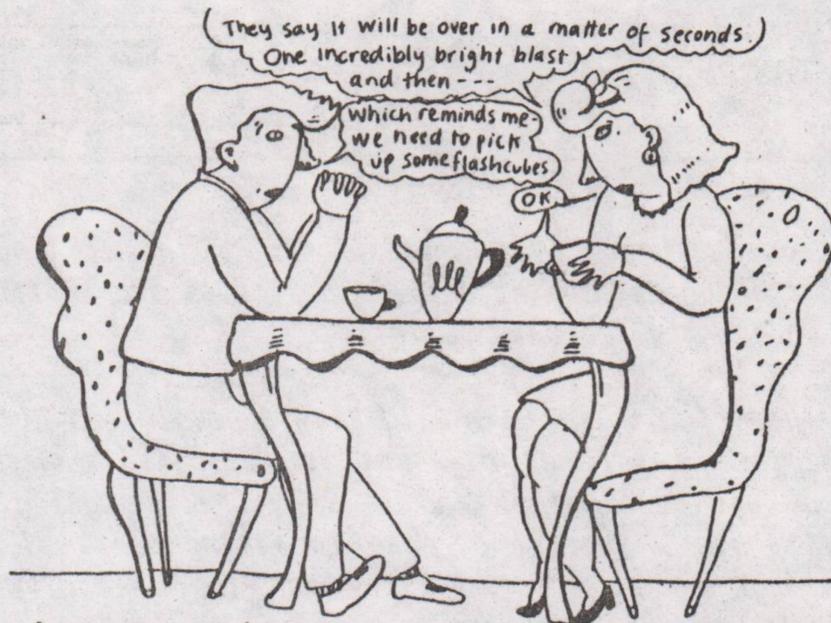
Pressure is important, too, on the issue of Intermediate Nuclear Force reductions - the "zero-zero" option which would remove cruise, Pershing and SS-20 from Europe. 64% of those questioned in CND's opinion poll believed that this should be agreed regardless of progress in other areas. While this possibility seemed strong before Reykjavik, NATO military chiefs have come out openly against it and there is opposition in some political circles in the west.

While the future for all these negotiations is uncertain, there is a lot still on the table. Discussion is even shifting from arms control towards arms reduction. With this in view, and with the real possibility of returning a disarming

THIS MONTH'S QUOTATION

"Since Hiroshima and Nagasaki war has ceased to be a continuation of politics. The human race has lost its immortality. It can only be regained by destroying nuclear weapons."

M. Gorbachev.



A Nuclear Holocaust is often number one on the list of things people say they are afraid of. Yet very few people can get themselves to feel really scared of it even when they try their hardest. This is the funny thing about Nuclear Holocaust.

LYNDA BARRY, ISTHMIUS, MADISON, WISCONSIN, USA

government in Britain this year, the peace movement must keep up the momentum. Opposition to testing and support for the zero-zero option are growing; we must make sure the message doesn't go unheard. Would they be talking at all if it were not for the peace movements of the world?

(Reprinted from Sanity".)

Join the debate. Read

Sanity

VOICE OF CND

Last month's "Sanity" contains amongst other good reads an important article by Clive Ponting on "The Rocky Road ahead for a Disarming Labour Government"; an article on the 5th birthday of Nuclear-Free Wales; and a "USSR Bulletin" concerned with some aspects of the new policy of openness. (copies still available).

Why not take Sanity regularly? Only £4 p.a. to NCND members living in areas where the Bulletin is delivered by hand.

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

Agree 44%
Disagree 46%
Don't know 10%

(Gallup, Aug 25, 1986)

'Should we send Cruise missiles back to the US?'

Should 52%
Should not 39%
Don't know 9%

(Gallup, Oct 1, 1985)

'Do you think that having our own independent nuclear missiles makes Britain a safer or less safe place to live?'

Safer 52%
Less Safe 29%
No difference 13%
Don't know 6%

(Gallup, Nov 25, 1986)

'Do you think the siting of American nuclear missiles in Britain makes Britain a safer or less safe place to live?'

Safer 37%
Less safe 44%
No difference 11%
Don't know 7%

(Gallup, Nov 25, 1986)



I would like to make the following points in answer to the suggestions made by Pete Strauss and Geoffrey Young in the February Bulletin.

I think the Bulletin should stay a newsletter. It is helpful as well as pleasant for members to have a link with each other and to know what is going on. It serves a special purpose in making one feel one belongs to a group, reminds one that activity is going on and encourages one to be active. A magazine does not have the same function. If people want a magazine they can buy "Sanity". Surely many of the ideas in the last paragraph of Pete and Geoffrey's article are covered in "Sanity".

For a newsletter I think the reproduction is adequate, and money would be better put to funds for activities rather than printing. The Bulletin is and has been produced by a small group of very committed people (to whom members are grateful). They have in the past asked for extra people to help without much success, so is it realistic to expect any great change in this respect?

I don't agree with giving those who oppose CND room in our Bulletin to express their views. We get enough of that outside our own Bulletin.

I very much enjoy getting my Bulletin and do not want any great changes. Certainly I would like its present function to continue.

Nancy Lane.

Though I don't think that the bulletin is the place to air the details of the dispute between Chris Cook and Mushroom, it seems to me that the central issue - i.e. whether Chris should have the power or the right to force the shop to close - is an important one for local CND members.

As Chris points out, the Mushroom collective has offered practical support to NCND since its inception. Mushroom is the only bookshop in Nottingham which has consistently promoted literature important to the peace movement. If Chris achieves her aim of forcing Mushroom to close NCND can only be impoverished by it.

It seems to me that the conduct and implications of this case raise issues which are relevant to the peace movement. The establishment of the Community Enquiry was a genuine attempt to find positive solutions and to reduce the adversarial nature of the dispute. For me, the Community Enquiry's report demonstrates clearly that it did more than just

conduct the head-count that Chris accuses it of. Chris has rejected the proposed settlement, perpetuated the dispute and insisted that her view of what should happen to Mushroom should overrule the views of all the other members of the collective (and the Community Enquiry). Whilst it may be convenient for Chris to suggest that the dispute should not be widened, the matter became a public one when both sides agreed to a public meeting; Mushroom's survival is a matter of public concern, as submissions to the Enquiry demonstrated.

Mushroom is not "rich and powerful", as Chris knows. After 15 years of trading, members of the collective still earn less than the Low Pay Unit definition of 'poverty pay'. If they were "rich and powerful" Chris would not be able to invoke the threat of closure which lies behind her demands. At a time when dozens of radical bookshops are going down because of commercial pressures, it will be ironic if Nottingham loses its radical bookshop under circumstances like these.

Chris Hall.

This correspondence is now closed, Ed, Team.

I am very sorry that Eric Jessop took such deep offence at my article on CND Conference. I feel I ought to explain that the piece which finally appeared had been cut so much that the original tone was quite lost. It had started off partly as a gently teasing account of some of the eccentric carryings-on at Blackpool, and partly a tongue-in-cheek spoof of the Guardian-style self-important analyses that usually follow our conferences. (I am not blaming the Bulletin team for this cutting; the piece came in late and was crammed in at the last minute when most available space had already been allocated.)

I completely agree with Eric that sectarian sniping is one thing our movement must resist at all times.

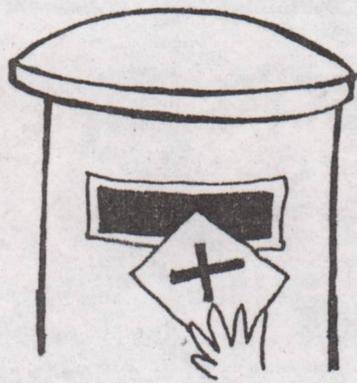
Pete Strauss.

PAN/200 Club Winners.

Jan.	£5	200	W/F. Mullan
	£10	94	R. Harvey
	£50	143	Raleigh St. N.G.
Feb.	£5	47	T. Birchall
	£10	151	Gill Selwyn
	£50	90	Sandy & Jeff Parker

POSTAL

VOTES



A fairly large number of people are entitled to vote by post. Many of them, however, do not know this, do not register for a postal vote and consequently do not vote.

The main categories entitled to a postal vote are:

- 1) people whose work makes it impossible for them to vote during polling hours, such as long distance lorry drivers.
- 2) people with a permanent disability. (Many old people qualify under this.)
- 3) those who are temporarily ill - (pregnancy qualifies here).
- 4) blind people.
- 5) for Parliamentary elections, many people who have recently moved to a different constituency.
- 6) NEW - FOR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ONLY.
People on holiday at the time of the election:
apply to your Electoral Registration Officer for a Form RPF9, as soon as the election is announced if you are going to be on holiday on Polling Day.

Postal Votes are likely to be very important in the City Council Elections on May 7th.

Just a few votes could tip the balance and give the Conservatives control. Our work would become much more difficult without a friendly nuclear-free zone council to license the Listergate Stall, grant us parking space for exhibition buses on the Square, etc., etc.

If you know of anyone who you think is entitled to a postal vote and has not registered for one, do investigate. Details of the Regulations are available at the NCND office.

Hopefully, all CND members ARE on the electoral register. If you are not, make sure you are put on the next one. EVERY VOTE MATTERS.



CONGRATULATIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to Pete Strauss who has been elected by National Council on to CND's National Executive Committee.

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL

June 19, 20, 21.

CND are calling for volunteers to staff gates, control traffic, etc. Anyone interested, please contact NCND office.

Members' Meeting

March 12th

1. RESOLUTION

"This meeting reaffirms its commitment to the Peace Festival as a major part of NCND's calendar of activities. The meeting notes that the impending City Council's elections may change the political make-up of that Council to one which is unsympathetic to CND and the Peace Festival; the meeting also recognises that the Council may be subject to rate-capping and unable to offer any grants to the Festival.

This meeting therefore resolves to make a grant of £2000 towards the Peace Festival costs on the understanding that:

- a) all the profits made by the Festival will be returned to NCND after the Festival
- b) the Peace Festival Group will keep NCND members informed of the Festival's progress and success through the Bulletin and at co-ordinating and monthly members' meetings."

Proposed: Val Harris.

Seconded: Rob Nicholls.

2. NATIONAL COUNCIL REPORT & DISCUSSION.

(This will include important new Research Findings on Attitudes to CND.)

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME TO

THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

GENERAL SECRETARY OF PAX CHRISTI, UK,
IN NOTTINGHAM
THU. 19/FRI. 20 MARCH

Fr. Owen Hardwicke, General Secretary of Pax Christi, UK. will lead a series of talks, discussions, prayers and meditation at the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Lauder Street, The Meadows.

This event is open to all who are interested in working for peace; people can attend or leave the proceedings as they wish.

Fr. Hardwicke's first engagement will be a local BBC radio interview. The planned programme will start at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, with a mass for peace, followed by a talk and discussion on "Pax Christi and its work for peace".

Between 10 and 4 on Friday, there will be discussion on peace issues, a shared lunch and a meditation with an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be an evening session, 7.30 - 10.00, with a mass for reparation and peace, and a final talk and discussion.

For further information, contact Mike Jennings at 4 Briar Close, Keyworth or ring 375318 after 5.30 pm.

IN DEFENCE OF FREEDOM ?

Margaret Thatcher has published a book of her speeches: *In Defence of Freedom* (Aurum Press £8.95.). According to the cover it is about Britain's relations with the world. What do we find when we journey into the heart and mind of Margaret Thatcher?

The first part of the book hardly touches on defence and foreign policy. The early speeches are all about domestic politics: about the Three Great Selves; self-discipline, self-restraint and self-respect. She talks of the evils of nationalisation and Labour collectivist policies and above all she talks of the overwhelming and critical importance of the INDIVIDUAL.

Thatcherism sees the British Labour Party and Soviet Communism as being different parts of the same whole. There is a huge battle raging all round us; the battle between good and evil; freedom and tyranny; democracy and communism; conservatism and socialism. It is the battle between Us and Them. We are inherently better than Them because We care about the individual. They care about nothing but power. "Their creed is barren of conscience, immune to the promptings of good and evil. To them it is the system that counts and all men must conform." Here she is talking about the Soviets, but it is clear that these judgments could just as easily be applied to any socialists anywhere, including the British Labour Party.

According to the Thatcher vision foreign and domestic policy are one and the same. When she fights the Cold War battle with the Soviet government she is also fighting the ideological battle with her parliamentary opposition. Each and every salvo on one front simultaneously explodes on both. "Socialism in any true sense, even when watered down to fit into a democratic and parliamentary framework, is in the end inevitably in some sort of tension with freedom." She herself quotes Andropov, but the following words could just as easily have been uttered by her herself: "A struggle is under way for the hearts and minds of millions of people on the planet, and the future of mankind depends to a considerable extent on the outcome of this ideological struggle."

It is essential that the Peace Movement understand what is going on here. Thatcherism's belief in nuclear deterrence cannot be understood (and so defeated) simply on military grounds. It is a belief that is part and parcel of an entire ideological and emotional vision. She believes that the best way to keep the peace is to ensure that the ideas of democratic capitalism triumph. In other words a vote for Labour is a double betrayal; it allows Soviet tanks to come rolling in unopposed by removing our deterrent, and it allows home-grown socialist tyranny to take root here once again. The bomb in this scenario is a political weapon that is targeted as much on socialist ideas as on Soviet silos.

There are two great armies ranged against each other. On the one side are the Kremlin, the I.R.A., Colonel Gaddafi, inflation, Sandinistas, Kinnock, SS20's, nationalisation, the Gulags, economic mismanagement, the K.G.B. and the Labour Party. On the other are peace, freedom, prosperity, human rights, human dignity, individual responsibility, security, order, Trident, Cruise and Conservative Government.

She demonstrates what a flexible tool deterrence theory is. The war with Argentina was not really a war at all. Neither was the bombing of Lybia actually bombing as such. It was deterrence. We did what we did to show Bad People everywhere that we were willing and able to do it. Bad People must never be left in any doubt that we are prepared to fight them. So to avoid having to fight Bad People, we have to have fights with them every so often. If we don't stand up and fight them we might find that we have to fight them. What a brilliantly mind-boggling theory!

Thatcher's views on the Soviet Threat and arms reductions also boggle my mind. The Soviets are way ahead in the arms race. They are inevitably expansionist, not just because they are communists, but because it is in the Russian national character to invade other countries. Furthermore, they are totally without conscience and have no sense whatever of right and wrong. Having said that, Thatcher believes fervently in balanced and verifiable arms reductions. Boggle boggle boggle....

If you start your negotiations with the belief that the other side are liars and cheats who are only concerned with world domination and whose every utterance is only a "propaganda posture", how can you possibly reach an agreement with them?

Thatcherism has grasped that people have powerful emotions about nuclear deterrence. Thatcherism addresses, and so helps to form and shape, these emotions. That is the art of successful politics.

If at the next election the Conservatives can touch the emotional triggers that underpin British people's belief in nuclear deterrence, while the Labour Party totally ignores these deep complex feelings, the Conservatives will win. I very much fear that the Labour Party has made a huge miscalculation in restricting their defence policy to the practical and military-strategic arguments. Nuclear Weapons (especially British nuclear weapons) are political weapons. By refusing to address the political and emotional questions that underpin our continued possession of nuclear weapons, the Labour Party is in danger of leaving intact the foundations that have allowed deterrence and the Cold War to continue for over 30 years. In my view this would not be sensible or pragmatic or moderate. It would be idealistic and electorally disastrous.

Pete Strauss.

This article has been slightly shortened.

The PAN Column

So far, 1987 has been a quiet year for non-violent action, (but there's plenty coming up). The only NVA Nottingham activists have participated in was the Snowball "blockade" of MoD offices, which was attended by people from Beeston, Forest Fields and Sherwood affinity groups. Six of them went dressed as city gents, wearing suits and plastic bowlers, and sat down on the pavement. The crosswords in the newspapers they carried helped pass the time when they were arrested, promptly, for obstructing the highway.

Press coverage of the action was sympathetic and widespread and, more importantly for local egos, starred a photo of four of the Nottingham "gents" in The Guardian, and another of a smiling Beeston activist being hauled off, on the front page of The Independent.

Among several issues that PAN still has to work out (for itself) is whether we can set up a telephone tree. The most recent Polaris convoy would have caught us on the hop if it had come near to Nottingham (it went down the M6, stopping overnight just south of Stoke - which is within our range, if we want). We also need to look at how we can encourage new affinity groups to develop, and build up a local network, whether to invite action groups from outside the peace movement, and discuss questions of general accessibility and accountability.

PAN meets on Sunday March 8th (8.00 pm, Rainbow Centre, Mansfield Road) to settle as many of these questions as possible. If you really can't make it, but want to be involved, write to PAN, c/o NCND.

PEACE ACTION NETWORK.

NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION AND SOCIAL CHANGE.
Wednesdays, 7 pm. from March 4.

This new course at the Nottingham Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare Street, should be of particular interest to NCND members and supporters.

Guest lecturers who have already agreed to come include Michael Randle from the Bradford School of Peace Studies; a veteran of peace protest in the '50s and '60s; Bob Overy, a leading theorist of NVDA; Geoffrey Ostergaard from Birmingham University, an expert on Gandhi; Roger Rawlinson who has made a study of the Larzac Peasants' resistance to the French military; and Bill Lomax from Nottingham University's Sociology Dept. who is a specialist on Eastern Europe.

Two new films from CONCORDE "Nonviolence in Action" will be shown. They analyse the question of NVDA with examples from Northern Ireland, Israel, Greenham, Molesworth, Nicaragua, the Phillipines, South Africa, etc.

To enrol for the course, contact Nottingham WEA at 14-22 Shakespeare Street (tel:473022). For more information, contact Pete: 704621.

Nottingham Defend

Molesworth

Group-Statement



We, the members of the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group (NDMG), feel that there has been some confusion over the aims and activities of the group and feel, therefore, that a brief statement of these would help clarify the situation.

(1) The NDMG was established by members of NCND about three years ago **to concentrate on issues surrounding the proposed siting of Cruise Missiles at Molesworth**. It has undergone several changes of personnel and now consists of six individuals (but always welcomes new members),

(2) Our activities have involved campaigning against Cruise coming to Molesworth using a variety of methods: NVDA, other forms of protest at the base, public information, petitions, fund-raising, publicity campaigns, etc.

(3) The **NDMG totally condemns the crime of rape** and feels shock and outrage at the rapes that took place at Molesworth peace camp last year. The issue of male violence within the peace movement was discussed within the group (and amongst Neighbourhood CND groups). The group fully acknowledges the fundamental link between the patriarchal society and the horror of the nuclear arms race.

(4) NDMG has **never had any direct links with the Molesworth peace camps**, neither in the organisation nor the running of the peace camps, and has always campaigned totally independently from Nottingham where we are based. The men involved in the rapes have since left the peace camp and we feel **unable to make a definite statement** as to what form the peace camp should take, i.e. mixed or women only or whether it should continue at all, as the group itself is divided on this.

(5) The future: we feel Molesworth is a **crucial element** in the nuclear debate and as such we plan to continue campaigning against the deployment of Cruise Missiles there, involving amongst other things, future mixed actions at the base.

We would like to arrange a **workshop/public meeting to discuss the crucial area of sexism and male violence** in relation to the peace movement and the arms race. We would welcome suggestions on the form that this should take.

We feel that the name, "Nottingham Defend Molesworth", is in itself rather confusing, although it was appropriate when first chosen before the fence went up, and so we propose to change our name to **NOTTINGHAM FOR CRUISE-FREE MOLESWORTH**.



BULWELL

I'm afraid this is going to sound rather like an annual report, but as Bulwell Group hasn't had an AGM for some time, perhaps it's a good idea to take stock and peer into the future. Our 'empire' stretches from Warren Hill (on the extreme northern boundary of the city) to Hempshill Vale and Cinderhill (to the south west) - a good 3 miles as the crow flies - and from the A610 eastwards to the Hucknall Road - about 1 1/2 miles as the crow flies.

Our membership is not large but is up on last year. Six of us help to distribute the Bulletin, our own monthly newsletter and "Campaign!" (we now distribute 14 copies - a factor in maintaining our group morale), and keep contact with members.

Since Autumn 1985 we have tried to meet on the third Thursday of every month. We now alternate between Tuesday and Thursday. In the first half of 1986 our meetings were mainly concerned with the basic case and would have been extremely dull for visitors. Certainly we did some useful door-knocking during the spring and summer, but then lost our impetus after the Peace Festival and Bruce Kent's walk, when we raised about £90 in sponsor money. Many useful contacts have been made and we now need to find ways of following them up effectively.

We have always given high priority to running the Listergate Stall four times a year, as this is the shopwindow of NCND. We also run a flea market stall at Bulwell or Arnold about twice a year, - mainly with good bric-a-brac, which we collect all the year round. Sometimes we have sold things like beds and valuable small items through advertising in our local paper or the Post.

We have never had problems in raising money and have had some quite large donations from some members, so we have been able to pay for leaflets, etc, supplied by NCND. It is really a question of asking for and collecting goods or money regularly. Our Christmas social did not come off, but we are planning a big birthday party to honour Mrs Elizabeth Wheat, 86 in October and still a great battler for peace.

This year our January meeting was a joint one with Christian CND. We have number of committed Christians among our members and some Church members are also showing interest in our cause. We are able sometimes to get suitable notices put on church notice boards. In spite of the bad weather we had a reasonable attendance at the meeting and a useful

exchange of views. Christian CND are to put on a short event when the CND bus is in Bulwell. There are, I am sure, many in the churches who are concerned about peace. We must find ways of letting them know what we are doing without expecting them to agree with us 100%.

The next few weeks are going to be especially busy with the bus coming to Bulwell, leafleting the week before and supporting it fully on the day. We are personally inviting all sorts of people to visit the bus, have arranged for the Woodcraft Folk to sing, and are advertising it fairly boldly in the Hucknall and Bulwell Dispatch for two weeks.

We have arranged separate public meetings with all the prospective parliamentary candidates for Nottingham North. Arising out of these meetings, we hope to develop a debate in the columns of the local paper.

Looking ahead to the National Demo on April 25, we shall offer extra subsidies, paid by our group, to family parties and to the unwaged, so that no-one who wants to go will be prevented by lack of money.

We know there are many people interested in our work. Somehow we need to get into regular contact with them more quickly, and then our movement will take off.

Pat Robson.

Our thanks to anyone who can help on Sat, 7 March at Bulwell Market Place. We already know of 6 or more coming from Sherwood.

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EVENTS

MARCH

- Thu 5 Co-ordinating Mtg. 7.30. WEA.
 Fri 6 CND EXPRESS in NOTTINGHAM.
 SAT 7 (See p2 for details.)
 Thu 12 Members' Policy- Making Mtg. 7.30 WEA
 (See p. 7 for Agenda.)
 Tue 17 Graham Allen. Labour prospective
 parliamentary candidate for Nottm.
 North will speak on his party's
 Defence & Nuclear Disarmament
 Policies.
 Henry Mellish Sc. Library, Highbury Rd
 (opp. Highbury Hospital. 7.30 pm.
 Organized by Bulwell Group as one of
 a series. (See p. 10)
 Thu 19 Bulletin DEADLINE & editorial. 1.30
 NCND Office
 Thu 19/ Pax Christi Events. (See p. 7)
 *Fri 20
 *Fri 27 Forest Fields P.G. DISCO. Hyson Green
 Boys' Club. 8 till late.
This is a monthly event.
 Sat 28 Women's Demo for a Nuclear Free &
 Independent Pacific at Americal
 Embassy, Grosvenor Sq. London. 1-4 pm.
 *Wed 25 Peace Festival meeting. Rainbow Centre
 8 p.m. All welcome

APRIL

- Thu 2 Co-ordinating Mtg. 7.30 WEA
 Tue 7 Sumal Fernando, SDP prospective
 parliamentary candidate for Nottm.
 North will speak on his party's Defence
 & Disarmament Policies (organised by
 Bulwell Group: Venue as above.)
 Thu 9 Members' Mtg. Letterwriting workshop.
 Tue 21 Members' Mtg. Letterwriting workshop.
 Wed 22 National Demo Cycle Relay passes thro'
 Nottingham (See p. 2)
 Sat 25 NATIONAL DEMO in LONDON (See p.2)

Forward Planning-

MAY

- Thu 7 CITY & BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS.
 Sat 9 NCND Spring Craft Fair (See p.2)
 Sun 31 Major Youth CND Demo and Festival in
 London.

JUNE

- 19, 20, 21 GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL is ON
 (Tickets £20 from CND Festival 22-24
 Underwood Street, N1 7JG
 20 -28 Bread not Bombs Week.

JULY

- Sun 12 Peace Festival.

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