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EDITORIAL - POLAND

The Polish trade union SOLIDARITY languishes in gaol and Russia is backing a military dictatorship in one of its satellites, just as the USA backs military dictatorships in Latin America or Turkey. Whether the Russians masterminded General Jaruzelski's coup or not is irrelevant - the Kremlin is well pleased with what has happened

That the Polish army's action should be condemned is obvious, that the Polish people and Solidarity need support is equally obvious - but less clear is how the issue relates to disarmament..

For the 'Cold Warrior' its simple - it shows the nature of Soviet aggression and so we need a strong, well armed West to deter Russia. Its an argument that perhaps many Poles would agree with. Yet it is wrong, and the events of the last few weeks confirm it. What earthly use has the West's nuclear weaponry been in preventing the crackdown in Poland - NIL

Our counter argument must look back to the Yalta Conference in 1945 when the 'Allies' - USA/USSR/GB/France agreed to a sub-division of Europe into a 'Communist' Eastern Europe and a 'Capitalist' West. That divide hardened into the Cold War and Russia hung firmly onto its domain in Eastern Europe as protection against yet another invasion from the West (as in the 1st & 2nd World Wars).

As long as the Cold War remains, as long as the USA talks about First Strike and the European Theatre of War, the Kremlin will attempt to hang grimly onto its control of Eastern Europe and many East Europeans in

the more prosperous countries will believe the propoganda about Russia protecting them from the aggressive West.

If we in the disarmament movement can reduce that Western threat then it will increase the opportunities for opposition movements in Eastern Europe to campaign for greater independence and freedom. It will make the old men in the Kremlin less paranoid and more inclined to count the cost to the Russian economy and Russian consumer of its vast expenditure on conventional and nuclear weaponry, and of its bailing out of a wrecked Polish economy.

So we must continue to maintain the pressure for disarmament in the West - countering the arguments of those who would use Poland as an excuse for stepping up the Cold War. But we also need to publically show that we are totally opposed to the suppression of Solidarity - an organisation which whilst it may not publically have talked about disarmament, was effectively challenging the Cold War division of Europe
SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS OF WHAT YOU CAN DO

AND lets not forget that in the event of a nuclear alert our governments war plans are very similar to those General Jaruzelski has just implemented - and we will be the people in gaol

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NOTTINGHAM SOLIDARITY WITH POLAND

MARCH & RALLY

SATURDAY 30th JANUARY

ASSEMBLE	12.30	THE FOREST - Mansfield Rd end
PRAYERS	1.00	
DEPART	1.30	
RALLY	2.00	MARKET SQUARE

**SPEAKERS : SOLIDARITY MEMBERS
LABOUR, CONSERVATIVE, LIBERALS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS
TRADE UNIONS, BERTRAND RUSSELL PEACE FOUNDATION**

SHOW YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
STANISLAW KINTZL Tel 784605**

SUBJECT TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL

PLANNING MEETING FOR MARCH - 7.30 - TUESDAY 19th JANUARY, 2 SHERWOOD RISE,

Nottingham Solidarity with POLAND

Life in Poland under military rule has resulted not only in the suppression of human rights but also shortages of basic essentials eg food/clothing/medical supplies. In this context an organising committee was established in Nottingham on January 4th called NOTTINGHAM SOLIDARITY WITH POLAND (2 Sherwood Rise, Nottingham). The group will utilise the existing machinery of the Polish expatriot organisation to coordinate relief activities and publicise the plight and hardships being experienced by many Poles and especially the trade union Solidarity. The organisation wishes to stress that it has no political ambition and would welcome a positive response from all political factions especially the trade unions. Sbyszek Lyczynski (Tel 625403) of the trades union council in Nottingham has been elected to coordinate trade union support and should be contacted for further information.

WHAT CAN NND MEMBERS DO TO HELP

The relief organisation needs financial support badly in order to buy drugs, dressings and other medical supplies which are currently very scarce in Poland. Distribution of such supplies will be guaranteed by Catholic organisations working in Poland. Donations should be sent to

NND/Nottingham Solidarity with Poland
87 Lenton Boulevard, Lenton, Nottingham

Cheques made payable to Nottingham Solidarity with Poland.

SUPPORT THE DEMONSTRATION

There is also a major demonstration being organised in Nottingham for Saturday 30th Jan. The organising committee have no objections to people showing their own organisations identity, so long as the theme is 'Support for Solidarity'

For further information - Tadge Kowalczyk
of NND/NSP Tel 781204 (home) 56101 x 2206 (wk)

NND's PRIORITIES

Nuclear Free Zone

MONTHLY MEETING

The next open monthly meeting of NND on SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY at 7.30 at FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, 25 CLARENDON ST will be on Nuclear Free Zones. In particular the policies of the 2 local councils have to be critically examined to see how far they are being implemented and what that actually means. The City and County Council are being formally invited to discuss at the meeting what they are doing and its important that we get some senior politicians there in order to see what their commitment really is. Apart from the formal invite we'd like every body to write to their local councillor about this meeting and to Councillor Dennis Pettit, leader of the County Council, at County Hall - stressing the importance of the meeting

Leafletting

Planning continues for the mass leaflet of the Nottingham urban area during the last week of February which is school $\frac{1}{2}$ term. If you aren't already involved in this through a Neighbourhood Group and want to help out then could you contact:-

Mark Cole 333524

Its planned to include on the leaflet details of a major rally type public meeting with a 'big name' speaker, in the city centre in early March.

St Anns Neighbourhood Group have plans to hold a couple of local meetings as a follow up to the leafletting which will be overprinted on the leaflet. If any other group wants to hold a similar meeting(s) and wants the details overprinted on the leaflet could they contact John Waller 411814 by the end of January.

Beeston group plan to show the film 'The Bomb' that week on Thursday 25th and have booked the film for a whole week. So if any group wants to use it for a local meeting could they contact Bob Cann 256604

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1) Could anybody who is prepared to go around their part of Nottingham looking for good Billboard sites contact Ann Kestenbaum urgently 602497

2) In response to a complaint from New Basford Neighbourhood Group its been agreed by the Coordinating Group that women at home without an independent wage should only have to pay the £1 unwaged rate for membership

Conference

Nottingham is the venue for the 1st East Midlands CND activist conference on Sat 6th February. See Page 4 for details. The conference is open to disarmament campaigners from all over the East Midlands (Notts Lincs, Leics, Derbyshire). Its workshop based with one for just about every interest group in the campaign in the morning and discussion about parts of the campaign eg direct action, nuclear free zones etc in the afternoon. Alternatively you can be introduced to the art of making a fool of yourself in public at the public speaking workshop.

The youth workshop should be particularly important as Nottingham Youth Against the Missiles will be trying to get a regional Youth CND federation going.

In the evening we'll be joining with local women who are fundraising for the Nottingham Womens Festival in the Spring. This social will also be at Queens Walk (seperate fee for entrance) and it will probably be a concert with 'Proper Little Madams' - the womens band from Derby who played at our Peace Festival last summer.

Booking would be very useful - send the cut off bit on the form to the NND office

ELECTION FOR NND ORGANISING SECRETARIES

Both our organising secretaries - Ross Bradshaw and Ann Kestenbaum - have decided that work and/or family commitments require that they stand down from their posts though both will continue to be involved in NND. So nominations are now open for both posts - one of which has to be male and one female.

The organising secretaries play a central role in running NND - they are automatically members of the Coordinating group and the finance/admin group. They are expected to keep in touch with most peace-work in the City, region, nationally and to represent NND where appropriate, including with the media. The secretaries (who are unpaid) end up doing a lot of necessary admin work and have to be committed to NND's policies and priorities - in particular this year, nuclear free zones and non-violent direct action. On average 2 evenings a week are needed and some weekend work. Candidates must be (or be prepared to become) members of National CND as well as NND.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 5th February at the Environmental Factshop And an election will be held soon after

EAST MIDLANDS CND

Conference 6th Feb. Queens Walk Community Centre Nottingham

The East Midlands Region of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is holding a conference to try to bring together all those working for nuclear disarmament in the region. The meeting is open to all CND activists as well as those pursuing CND policies through other peace groups, churches, political parties, unions etc. The conference is in workshop form so that we can exchange ideas and experience with people from different parts of the region. Hopefully new federations of people and groups active in particular aspects of our campaign will emerge.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

10.30 Coffee & Registration

10.50-

11.30 Introductory Session—Progress Report on CND Activities & Strategy

11.30 Workshops:

Women	Labour
Christians	Liberals
Youth	SDP
Students	Conservatives
Trade Unions	Neighbourhood Action
Medical	Rural Groups
Scientists	Eco-Party/Green CND
Education for Peace	

12.45-

2.00 Food

2.00 Workshops:

International Work	Public Speaking
Women	Media Work
Direct Action	Street Theatre/Music
Nuclear Free Zones	Nuclear Power
Leaflet and Poster Production	

3.45-

4.15 Coffee

4.15-

5.00 Report back from Workshops

HOW TO GET THERE

Transport will be available from most parts of the East Midlands—Lincs., Notts., Leics., and Derbyshire. Contact your local CND group for details. Queens Walk Community Centre is 15 minutes walk from Nottingham Railway station, at the end of Queens Drive, and there will be signposts from the station. The centre is awkward to get to by car, please ask E. M. CND for a map.

CRECHE

A creche will be run all day by experienced creche workers and some volunteers from the conference. Please notify us if your children have any special needs.

ACCOMMODATION

Overnight accommodation is available but must be asked for in advance.

SOCIAL

There will be an evening social (in licensed premises), please bring any instruments that you may have.

FOOD

The registration fee of 75p includes tea and coffee, and a simple (and cheap) vegetarian meal will be available.

BOOKSTALL

Local groups will be able to pick up CND publications and there will be a bookstall available.

Please return this slip to your local CND group or to East Midlands CND, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham (Tel. 582561), enclosing registration fee of 75p per person (cheques made payable to East Midlands CND).

Please reserve. . . places at the conference.

I/We will also be bringing . . . children (please specify ages)

I/We will need transport for . . . people
or
can offer transport for. . . people

Name.

Address.

Telephone.





NOTTINGHAM FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

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Day School on NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

Nottingham for Nuclear Disarmament and the national Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament are now committed to supporting Non-Violent Direct Action against nuclear weapons. The purpose of this dayschool is to introduce people to non-violent direct action - what it is and what it entails, and how we can organise locally to carry out a successful campaign.

AGENDA

- 10.00 - 10.30 'AN INTRODUCTION TO NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION
- 10.30 - 11.45 DIRECT ACTION WITHIN THE LAW
Someone from the Womens Peace Camp at Greenham Common will talk about their experience at the Camp
DIRECT ACTION OUTSIDE THE LAW
Someone from Bristol Anti-Nuclear Group will talk about how they organised to stop a train carrying nuclear waste.
- 11.45 - 1.00 WORKSHOPS - Options
a) An introduction to non-violence training
b) How do we involve the unions ?
c) How does direct action relate to the media
d) Tax and rate refusal
e) Using elections
- 1.00 - 2.00 LUNCH
- 2.00 - 2.15 WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST
Where are the bunkers ? What are local civil defence plans ?
What nuclear rail transport is there through the County ?
- 2.15 - 2.30 IDEAS FOR ACTION
Suggestions as to what can be done locally
- 2.30 - 4.00 WORKSHOPS
To discuss what we can do locally and how we organise
- 4.00 REPORT BACK - CONCLUSIONS

The cost is 50p (including tea/coffee). A simple low cost lunch will be available extra. There is no need to register in advance - pay on the door.

A creche will be provided - please notify in advance if there are any special needs

A bookstall will be there.

How to get there:- Queens Walk Community Centre is in the Meadows on Queens Drive. It is about 10 minutes walk from the Railway Station going towards the River Trent

Sunday 24th January

Queens Walk Community Centre

Dayschool blurb

"The C.N.D. has done and is doing valuable and very successful work to make known the facts, but the press is becoming used to its doings and beginning to doubt their news value. It has therefore seemed to some of us necessary its campaign by such action as the press is sure to report. There is another, and perhaps even more important reason for the practice of civil disobedience in this time of utmost peril. There is a very widespread feeling that the individual is impotent against Governments and that however bad their policies may be, there is nothing that private people can do about it, This is a complete mistake. If all those who disapproved of government policy were to join in massive demonstrations of civil disobedience they could render Government folly impossible and compell the so-called statesmen to acquiesce in measures that would make human survival possible. Such a vast movement, inspired by outraged public opinion is possible, perhaps it is imminent. If you join it you will be doing something important to preserve your family, friends, compatriots and the world."

The above quote was from Bertrand Russell, writing about the Committee of 100 (the direct action wing wing of the n.d. movement of the 60's). In only one point is it less true now - and that's over C.N.D. itself - which is now committed to supporting nonviolent direct action within and outside the law. Outside speakers from the Sharpness train-stopping group and Greenham will tell us about their experience, and equally important how they organise for direct action, There's also an American film (not mentioned in the programme) on organising a nonviolent direct action group.

The morning has a number of workshops. The women's group will run a workshop on nonviolence training to show people techniques such as role-play to prepare for action. The 'using elections' workshop will see Ross Longhurst and Alan Simpson putting different views on whether we should stand independent n.d. candidates in elections. There are specific workshops on trade unions, the media, the law and Martin Harvey will explore the possibilities in tax and rate refusal. The afternoon sessions will be a discussion on what we can do locally.



Peace camp starts at Molesworth

Another peace camp has started up at an air base perimeter fence: this time at Molesworth, near Huntingdon. Molesworth—along with Greenham Common, Berkshire, which has had a peace camp outside its main gates since September—is one of the planned locations for cruise missiles.

The Molesworth camp started on December 28, following an initiative by members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (the Christian pacifist organisation) which was supported by other religious peace groups including Pax Christi, the Quaker Peace Committee and Christian CND. Up to 20 people have been staying there, but as of last weekend there were only three women there who were committed to a continuous long-term presence.

Although—until every peace activist has a peace camp nearby—the Molesworth

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camp might provide a focus for Christian peace activists, the participants stress that they welcome anyone who wants to go and live there and add to the group. They have also asked for more support people who live relatively close, for caravans, loos, water carriers, fire wood, etc, and for any possible donations of money and food. The project will be directed by those actually taking part.

Neither the military authorities nor the local police have yet taken any steps to oppose the presence of the peace camp. Besides more long-term residents, the campers also welcome visitors: there are discussion meetings at the camp every Sunday afternoon—in particular, Essex CND are planning a large visitation to the camp on Sunday January 17. The site is on OS Map 142, grid reference 085769; it's on the B660 road.

The camp's postal address is: Molesworth Airbase Peace Camp, Old Weston Road,

Brington, via Huntingdon, Cambs; telephone messages via: Helen Lowe, on Clopton 257.

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Meanwhile, there was a sudden scare at the Greenham camp on Monday December 21. Bulldozers turned up and word went out that the camp was under threat. It transpired that they were there in connection with the pipe-laying which had been diverted to avoid the camp (see the December 11 PN). But since the pipes were re-routed, the camp has spread! And the campers may anyway decide to oppose the work which is part of the reactivation of the camp.

Although there seems not to be an immediate threat to the existence of the whole camp, a confrontation could ensue when the bulldozers return. They were expected back this week having quickly retreated for the holiday period when the campers sat in front of them on December 21.

Contact: Peace Camp, Outside Main Gates, Greenham Common Airbase, nr Newbury, Berkshire (phone Angela Phillips, Newbury 34284).

BOOK REVIEWS



DIRECT ACTION AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS: THE LEGAL LIMITS.

This unassuming pamphlet published by Bristol Socialist Legal Group belies its physical size with Tardis-like qualities. The first section clearly and succinctly outlines the sort of offences with which one might be charged as a result of taking direct action. The legality (or otherwise) of occupations, demonstrations, sabotage, leafletting and having a quiet word with a friend (conspiracy) are dealt with.

What emerges is that the 'legal limits' are by no means clear. The statute is so vague that it is technically possible for people to be sentenced indefinitely for virtually no reason, under certain circumstances. (eg, the charge 'unlawful assembly' could probably be foisted on gathering (three's a crowd). If the law wants to get you, it can and will.

Because of being so wide open to interpretation the practical application of the law is governed by historical precedent and the booklet sites recent rulings in specific cases relevant to a campaign of direct action. Particularly the response of the Courts to the C.N.D. action in the 60's is covered. Examples of the sentences that have been doled out for various offences are given, with nutshell resumes of the circumstances surrounding the cases.

Part two is a brief run-down of legal procedures, explaining some of the technicalities of charging and trial. What to expect when taken to a police station if arrested; which offences are the responsibility of which Courts, ie. magistrates/Crown, and their respective sentencing powers.

The Campaign against nuclear weapons is one based on issues of morality and survival rather than concern for the intricacies of the law. However, challenging the State in its war preparations through direct action will necessarily mean confronting and possibly transgressing its laws. It seems sensible, therefore, to at least be acquainted with the way it operates in order to avoid unnecessary arrests. As the leaflet points out "it is very difficult to fight nuclear weapons from inside a police cell."

Richard Ford

FROM PROTEST TO RESISTANCE

'From Protest to Resistance' is the second in a series of Peace News pamphlets published by Mushroom, and collects together articles and interviews, as well as a chronology of events, plus photographs and documents that deal with those members of the late 50's/early 60's peace movement who were involved in civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action. The pamphlet successfully juxtaposes articles written at the time with retrospective views that allow consideration to lessons that may have been learned, and thus what to avoid the second time around.

The two organisations that led the direct action wing of the movement were firstly, the Direct Action Committee founded at the end of 1958, which then overlapped and merged with the Committee of 100 at the beginning of the 60's (of which the President was Bertrand Russell). Russell himself despite his age of 89 was not afraid of direct action and by his arrest in 1961 gained for C.N.D. a large amount of publicity around the world. It is often said that this early C.N.D. movement 'failed' in its objectives and Pat Arrow-smith in her article outlines how she feels too much time was spent trying to deal with the top sections and wielders of power, and that it is the grassroots support (particularly the trade unions) to which we should turn our attention. The Labour party for one brief moment in 1960 actually adopted unilateral disarmament as policy, but one is eventually left with the feeling that Austin Underwood's words "brave words with no meaning" are the best way to sum up the Labour party of this time. North Pickenham, Aldermarston, and Holy Loch were a few of the places in which effective direct action was taken, but the confrontation with the State reached a peak in 1961 when the 'Wethersfield Six' were given sentences ranging from twelve to eighteen months. The Cuban missile crisis followed in Oct. '62 and with it a disillusion that precipitated the decline of C.N.D. as a popular movement. The 'success' of these early activists is that actions did away with much of the secrecy surrounding nuclear weapons, but the fact is that the nuclear danger still exists (potentially hundreds of times more so) and this pamphlet only emphasises how much time we've let slip away since. Austin Underwood urged in 1959 that people take action now; it's over twenty years later and it would appear he's still waiting.

Robert Farquhar

Both publications are available from Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

What follows are extracts from a discussion paper recently produced by some members of N.N.D. suggesting, and outlining possible forms of direct action.

WHAT FORMS OF DIRECT ACTION CAN WE TAKE?

Electoral interventions -

We should adopt nuclear disarmament candidates in all local parliamentary constituencies as a challenge to the other candidates to make it clear where they stand on this issue. Only if at least one of the candidates of the major parties gives a solemn, public and written undertaking to do all he or she could, if elected, to implement our policy would our candidate stand down.

Industrial Actions -

The proposal to campaign for a city-wide token stoppage in support of unilateral nuclear disarmament has already been put forward by the St. Ann's neighbourhood group. Except in the case of public employees it does not directly hit at the state but if successful it would forcefully demonstrate to the state people's strength of feeling on this issue. Such an action can only come off as a result of winning over workers themselves and not just local trade union leaders.

We should also campaign for the stoppage to take place in schools, colleges, etc. as well. Another form of industrial action is to struggle to win over and mobilise workers in firms engaged in armaments production and other war work to refuse to engage in such work, eg. Plessey's. For this to be effective we would have to encourage and help such employees to develop plans for alternative work to occupy them.

Tax and rate withholding -

We should seek to starve the state of the funds it needs for its nuclear weapons programme. Most of us, on PAYE, are unable to withhold that part of the income tax we pay which the state spends on its war preparations. However, the self-employed and those who pay VAT could take this course of action. Another course of action concerns that part of the rates the local authorities spend on civil defence. Although both Nottingham City Council and Nottingham County Council have passed the nuclear free zone resolutions they have so far not declared that they will take the most effective measure they could take; that is, refuse to participate in civil defence

planning. In fact, the County Council is appointing new emergency planning officers, ie. civil defence planners. We must demand that at both local authorities withdraw from civil defence arrangements forthwith. If they do not do so then we should campaign for people to withhold paying that part of their rates, plus an amount for the central government part of the funding, that is to be spent on civil defence.

Occupations of military and government establishments -

We should seek to hamper the smooth running of the warfare state machine by means of mass occupations of various places. If the local councils do not pull out then we should consider occupying their meeting places.

Locally, we could attempt to take over the underground bunkers and any other civil defence stores. Other possibilities are the armed forces recruitment centre on Milton Street, and the ordinance depot at Chilwell.

Communications and transport -

The state and its military wing are heavily dependent on an elaborate network of sophisticated communication systems: telephones, microwaves and radio. We should consider disrupting these systems: mass phone-ins to the Ministry of Defence, Parliament, etc. so as to jam the lines, electronic interference with microwave beams, pirate radio and TV broadcasts on commercial frequencies. Another course of action is to try to prevent any transport of nuclear weapons and nuclear waste through the area by either rail or road.

Disruption of war exercises -

The most obvious possibility in this area is to attempt to disrupt the war planning exercise Hardrock, which involves civil defence, to be held in October 1982.

Locally, we should certainly seek to prevent the frequent military recruiting displays and parades, perhaps by sit-downs and maybe also to remove pieces of military equipment.

Winning support in the armed forces -

This will not be easy and, given the intense indoctrination of service personnel, is not likely to succeed on a large scale. However, if even just a few members of the armed forces resign or take action against nuclear war plans this strikes an important propaganda blow at the state.

Interview - Alan Simpson

Alan Simpson has been heavily involved in NND since its beginning 18 months ago, first as co-organising secretary and now as co-chair person. He is also a member of the Labour Party (LP) and recently was chosen as prospective parliamentary candidate for the Beeston Constituency.

Q. When you agreed to stand for the Beeston constituency you made it clear that you wanted to use your position to raise the issue of disarmament. How do you see yourself doing that in the constituency.

A. I hope to encourage LP branches to put on showings of anti-nuclear films like the War Game, not simply catering for the LP but for the local population too. I would hope to promote the public debate between the Beeston anti-nuclear group and the existing Tory MP Jim Lestor; and I'd hope that the LP can be moved from expecting people to support it to seeing that its important that it identifies with and supports the anti-nuclear movement - for example getting actively involved in the planned Beeston festival in March

Q. And what about the Nottingham Labour Party

A. There seems to be a crying need within the Nottingham area to set up some sort of LP watchdog in relation to Nuclear Free Zones - so that those in the LP with a commitment to disarmament can apply leverage to the City and County Council decision making bodies. There may be a large amount of goodwill within the 2 bodies but I don't think its matched by any great understanding of what to do. We have to start spelling out with and to the councillors the practical implications eg. getting NND material into the schools, libraries and community centres, specifically they should take a lot of copies of the NND bulletin and make it available on the counter in libraries. They themselves should put on public presentations about disarmament as well as sponsoring what NND does. I think the idea of a painted bus decorated with disarmament literature should be taken up.

And in about 18 months we have the District Council elections. If in each ward candidates knew that they couldn't get beyond the first hurdle of selection if they weren't practically committed to nuclear disarmament then you'd see a radical change in the practical commitment being made by local councils.

Q. How do you feel about the possibility of CNL becoming closely identified with the LP

A. I don't think anybody should forget that the LP sold CNL out last time. People who believe in nuclear disarmament ought not to put all their eggs into the LP basket. The LP in power would still need a mass public push in order to translate the paper policy commitments into action. I recognise the validity of peoples suspicions about the LP. It hasn't yet demonstrated that when it comes to the crunch it will deliver the goods. Its going to need both parliamentary and massive extra-parliamentary activity.

Q. But what if when the crunch comes the LP starts to backtrack - will your first loyalty be with CNL or the LP.

A. My first loyalty is to unilateral nuclear disarmament in Britain. If that means fighting the LP from within then I'm quite prepared to do that. And if the LP felt it was something I ought to be expelled for - then that's a problem for the LP, not for me. Its not an issue to be fudged. If some LP members are riding the nuclear disarmament bandwagon I don't think they should be allowed to get off - they should be strapped on right the way down the line.

Q. What if Labour isn't elected, or what if Cruise missiles arrive before the election. What is your view about CNL using forms of Direct Action to achieve its aims.

A. The LP has only got where it has through a massive amount of extra-parliamentary activity as well as getting into power and introducing legislative changes. This has often involved breeches of the law. The whole establishment of parliament only came about through a massive piece of extra-parliamentary action known as the Civil War. I'm very pro the extra-parliamentary activity that CNL is pursuing and expect this will push much further along the lines of direct action. If it got to the stage where Cruise missiles are being introduced then I would not rule out being involved in direct challenges to this.

SANITY.....SANITY.....SANITY.....

The Dec/Jan issue of the magazine of CNL is now on sale at the Environmental Factshop & Mushroom Bookshop. Its 32 pages for 40p and includes Jill Tweedie on missile machismo and an interview with Paul Weller of 'the Jam'

MARY KALDOR SPEAKS

Mary Kaldor - a leading disarmament writer and activist will be speaking in Nottingham on FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12th at 7,30 at the Rainbow Rooms, Coop Education Centre, Broad St. The subject is Detente and Disarmament, admission is 30p and its organised by Labour Weekly

SAFE ENERGY GROUP

In December the Government announced that it was abandoning plans for test drilling in areas which were potential sites for nuclear waste dumping - including the area to the south of Nottingham. This is the background to the issue.

One of the most obvious problems of using nuclear power as a source of electricity has been what to do with the waste. There are three types of radioactive waste from a reactor - high, intermediate, and low level. These three types differ mainly in how radioactive they are. In this article I shall discuss what has been the policy for 'dealing' with high level waste. Most low level wastes are dumped into the sea and air, and most intermediate levels are stored, with some dumped at sea.

At the moment, high level wastes are stored at Windscale in liquid form. They are very radioactive and very hot, and must be continually cooled and stored. This waste will be radioactive for thousands of years and so must not escape into the environment. There was not a great deal of effort put into the waste problem for a number of years after the industry started. It was then decided that the waste would be safer in a solid form, and so the industry started work on a method of solidifying waste (Harvest process) at Harwell.

In 1976, the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's sixth report stated that "There should be no commitment to a large programme of nuclear fission power until it has been demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that a method exists to ensure the safe containment of long-lived highly radioactive waste for the indefinite future." At that time, as at present, it cannot be shown that a safe disposal method exists.

The Government was keen to increase nuclear power's contribution to our energy supply (it contributes 2% at the moment), and so its response to the Report was to transfer responsibility for the disposal programme from the A.E.A. to the D.O.E. The end result has been the bore-hole programme, supposedly for geological research into the feasibility of waste disposal. This was to be carried out by the Natural Environment Research Council and the Institute of Geological Studies in eight different areas in the U.K., including the Widmerpool Basin. At the same time, the E.E.C. was involved in similar studies, and the U.K. was part of this programme. The U.K. part of the E.E.C. programme was to investigate granite. The D.O.E. and I.G.S. stated that the European studies were not relevant to the U.K. and that they would have to carry out their own feasibility studies in different rock structures.

This led the anti-nuclear groups in the country to believe that the Government and nuclear industry were looking for a site to be used as a dump. Every application in the U.K. (except in Caithness) has been turned down by the local councils due to local opposition, and three public enquiries were held. The Government/I.G.S. case was full of holes and eventually on the 16th December 1981, the Government shelved their plans for the bore-hole programme. Mr Tom King (local Government Minister) stated that the principle of storing waste deep underground had been established, but that the Government wanted to consider more research from other E.E.C. countries, which is not what the D.O.E. has been saying.

This was the first major victory the anti-nuclear power groups of this country have had, and it shows that popular opposition can certainly change government policy. So this should encourage us to protest all the more vigorously against all aspects of the nuclear weapons/power question, eg. Sizewell, Cruise, waste transport, Trident, etc.

The next Safe Energy Group meeting will be at the Factshop on Wednesday 27th January at 7.30 p.m. At this meeting, we shall discuss our future plans with other local groups and our merger with N.N.D.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OF ACTION

MONDAY MAY 24th will be a day of action for disarmament by women all over Europe, with particular stress on a nuclear free Europe. Actions will include peace fairs, marches, vigils, theatre and demos at US air bases. In Nottingham we in the WONT (Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology) group are coordinating activities. Before May we want to reach and involve as many women as possible through street parties, schools women's organisations, trade unions etc so we need the help of all women involved in such groups.

At present we are planning for a demonstration at Molesworth Air Base (proposed Cruise site) only 50 miles away. We hope to make a garden there - a symbol of life at the gates of death. We will be asking women reached through the earlier activities to donate plants as symbols of support as well as coming to the demo. THIS DAY IS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO REACH AND MOBILISE MANY WOMEN, SO PLEASE THINK HOW YOU CAN BEST PUBLICISE AND SUPPORT IT IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, AT WORK etc

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Next Meeting 21st January at 8pm at the Environmental Factshop. This may well be our last meeting unless we get more support.

WOLLATON ACTION FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Next meeting 7.30pm Monday 18th January in the longe of the Willoughby Arms, Lamborne Drive, Wollaton

KEYWORTH GROUP

Everyone is asking whether it was Keyworth group which persuaded the Government to abandon test-drilling for nuclear waste dumping. Well, maybe not, but we did encourage the Parish Council to send a letter in opposition, and gathered a good number of signatures on the petition....Our next big event will be KEN COATES speaking on SATURDAY JANUARY 30th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Elm Avenue, Keyworth on the subject of Nuclear Arms and Disarmament. We are still hoping to have a speaker on the government side to make it a lively debate. If you want to influence our programme after that meeting.....JOIN US THERE !

SCIENTISTS AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS

The organisation called SANA was set up in March 1981 and consists of many groups, each based in a different city and working on a specific project that will be immediately useful to the Peace Movement. In Nottingham 11 of us are making a detailed study of the effect of a nuclear attack on the city. This includes realistic estimates of deaths, casualties and damage as well as predicting the effects on services, communications, food and water supplies etc. Civil defence is another subject being investigated, and our calculations reveal just how ineffective the governments present civil defence plans would be. Finding out about civil defence plans has not been easy, and a meeting with County Council reps including a member of the Emergency Planning Committee, showed that they were not very well informed either.

When completed our project will be of use to campaigners in the disarmament movement, councillors, MP's, the media, and for public reference. We hope to present some of it in the form of a display that could go to schools, libraries, shopping centres etc. We will also be discussing our findings with other scientists at the SANA conference in March

DIMINISHING COFFEE PARTIES

Its an idea from the Arnold group to raise funds. The first person in the chain invites 6 others for a cuppa, requesting a donation to the funds in exchange for refreshments. Each of these 6 others entertains 5 others in the same way. These 5 entertain 4 more and so on till the end of the chain. It is hoped to raise a considerable sum in this way with little effort..

Any enquiries about it to Madeleine Wells 264905. Money raised to be sent direct to the NND treasurer Pete Zabulis, 14-20 Victoria Centre Tel 414323.

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JANUARY

SUNDAY 24th - 10 till 4.30 **DAYSCHOOL ON NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION, QUEENS WALK COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

WEDNESDAY 27th - 8.00 - Safe Energy Group, Environmental Factshop

SATURDAY 30th - 12.30 till 2.30 - DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF SOLIDARITY IN POLAND
Assemble 12,30 at the Forest. Rally 2.00 in Market Square

- 7.30 - Keyworth group meeting with Ken Coates, Village Hall, Elm Avenue
Keyworth

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 6th - 11 till 5.30 - East Midlands CND Conference, Queens Walk Community Centre

SUNDAY 7th - 7.30 - NND Monthly Meeting on NUCLEAR FREE ZONES, Friends Meeting House
25 Clarendon St

THURSDAY 11th - 8.00 - NND COORDINATING GROUP, Environmental Factshop

FRIDAY 12th - 7.30 - Mary Kaldor speaking on Detente & Disarmament, Coop Educat Centre

WEEK OF 21st - 28th - MASS LEAFLETING OF NOTTINGHAM BUILT UP AREA

POLYTECHNIC SHORT COURSE ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND DISARMAMENT

Trent Poly is putting on a course of 6 evening classes under the title: Deterrence or Disarmament. The course will be run by Charles Boyle and Tony Claydon (of NND - rumour has it that he's put it specially on so that other people will be genned up enough to be able to take over all his speaking commitments).

It begins on WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY - 7.30 till 9.30. Further details can be obtained from the Centre for Extension Studies, Trent Polytechnic, Burton St or Tony Claydon - work tel 48248 Ext 2576

BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE.....

The Deadline for the February Bulletin is TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY at the Environmental Information Centre, 15 Goosegate.



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