

# NOTTINGHAM CND

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## SUPPORT CND'S AUTUMN CAMPAIGN



AT USAF UPPER HEYFORD  
OCTOBER 15TH!

# EDITORIAL

"Remember why we're here."

Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been, for so many of us, a time to reflect on what **DOES** happen to people when a nuclear bomb is dropped on them. It's not a hypothetical vision, it's real.

This year, two important events occurred on these days. On Nagasaki Day, a large number of CND supporters met at the University boating lake and were moved by the words and music, the dusk falling and our lights on the water - from the floating paper cranes. It was a time to reflect on "why we're here."

The second event was a relatively small one - a passer-by intervening to justify the actions of our shadow-painters on Hiroshima Day. A few succinct words to a city litter warden, who was about to stop the painting, reminding him what the event was about and then she disappeared into the crowd of Saturday shoppers.

We are grateful for her intervention but, more importantly, it also indicates how much Hiroshima still means to so many different people.

Bulletin Editorial Team.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

September 7th	NCND monthly meeting (Jean Lambert)	WEA	7.30
September 19th	Bulletin deadline		
September 21st	NCND Executive meeting (The Way Ahead)	WEA	7.30
October 5th.	NCND monthly meeting (Peggy & Doreen)	ICC	7.30
October 13th	NCND AGM	The Yorker	7.30
October 15th	National Demonstration at U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford (see p.3)		
November 18/20	CND Annual Conference (see p.2)		

## CND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference takes place at Salford University from 18-20th. November. The deadlines for registration are as follows:

**October 10th.** Registration deadline for delegates requiring accomodation

**October 28th.** Registration deadline for delegates not needing accomodation.

Would members who are interested in going this year please contact the NCND office.

The fee for registration will be £15 per delegate, with concessions of £8 for individual attenders (not group delegates) who are unwaged and £6 for delegates from Youth CND groups.

Any National CND members wishing to attend as delegates in their own right should apply to Martin Jones at National CND, 22/24 Underwood Street, London, N1 7JG.

All forms have to be in by Friday 28th. October.

## NCND AGM

This year's AGM will be held upstairs at the Yorker on Mansfield Road, on October 13th, starting at 7.30 p.m.

The Agenda:

Approve minutes of 1987 NCND AGM

Elect NCND officers

(Vacancies: Treasurer

Office Organiser

Stall/stock person

Demonstration organiser)

Resolutions

AOB.

There is a bar upstairs at the Yorker.

Resolution for AGM

It is especially important at present during a period when significant changes are going on in International relations, for NCND to use every opportunity to remind the public of the continuing threat to peace posed by the policies of the Thatcher Government.

We, therefore, propose that NCND should in some way mark Remembrance Day and again have white poppies on sale at the stall on the nearest Saturday available before November 13th.

Proposed by Radcliffe-on-Trent Peace Group.

## MONTHLY MEETING

JEAN LAMBERT

(Green Party National Council)

speaking on:

**Nuclear Disarmament and Green Politics**

Wednesday September 7th. 7.30

WEA Shakespeare Street.

The October NCND monthly meeting will feature an illustrated talk by Peggy Westaway and Doreen Gower, on their recent visit to the Soviet Union.

The NCND Executive meeting on September 21st. will have as its main topic a discussion about the future for CND both locally and nationally.

This meeting will be open to **ALL** members of NCND as well as the officers and neighbourhood group reps.

The meeting will be held at WEA Shakespeare Street and will begin at 7.30 and end at 9.30p.m.

# AUTUMN CAMPAIGN



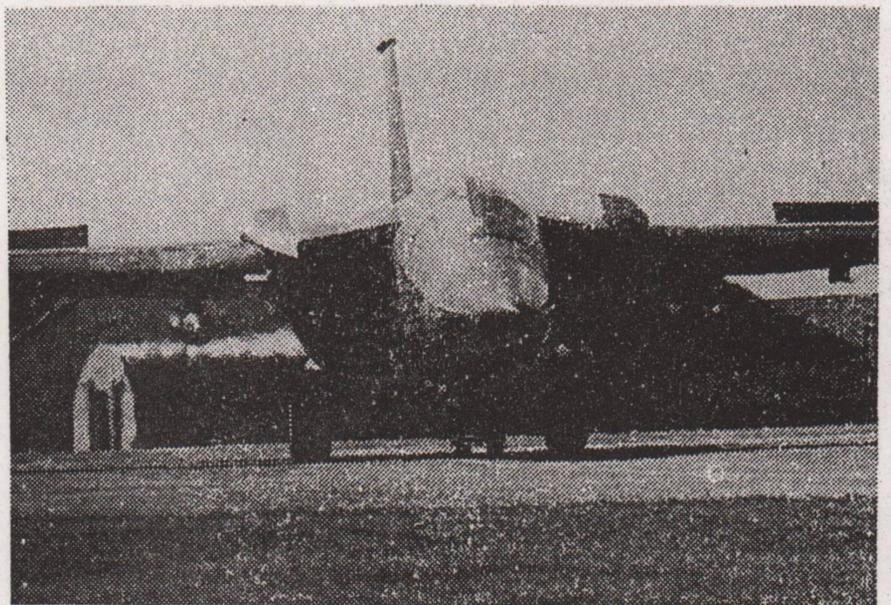
## AT USAF UPPER HEYFORD OCTOBER 15TH.!

### U.S.A.F. UPPER HEYFORD

First used in 1928, the air base was handed over to the American Air Force in 1951. Covering over 1,200 acres, the base is staffed by 7,000 American military personnel who, with dependents and civilian employees, live in or near the all-American "township" within the base.

In 1987, 76 F-111 strike aircraft and 13 EF-111 radar-jamming aircraft were known to be based at U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford. During week-days these aircraft are tested by taking off and landing - each take-off costs in excess of £35,000.

Each F-111 can carry 6 nuclear warheads. Each warhead is approximately equivalent to 14 Hiroshima-type bombs.



At all times, at least 10 F-111s are maintained, fully loaded, in the Quick Response area of the base.

One EF-111 flying with four F-111s makes them invisible on radar.

Also planned for U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford in the 1990s is the introduction of chemical weapons via the "Big Eye Bomb."

CND's Autumn Campaign will focus on the theme "No New Nukes". It will include 4 demonstrations on one day, **OCTOBER 15th.**, backed up by public information campaigning.

The demonstrations will take place at 4 bases in Britain, at all of which escalations in direct opposition to the spirit of the INF Deal are planned:

**Faslane** - where Trident is to be deployed.

**Fylingdales** - a communications establishment which is being modernised as a part of Britain's effort towards the "Star Wars" project. (This event was planned before CND chose October 15th and is not being organised by National CND.)

**USAF Upper Heyford** - where air-launched Cruise missiles will be deployed in 1989 or 1990.

**Portsmouth Docks** - where U.S. ships carrying sea-launched Cruise missiles are based.

Nottingham CND has chosen USAF Upper Heyford as a focus for its October 15th. activity as it's not **TOO** far away (95 miles).

The demonstration is intended to last from noon until 4.00 p.m., with different groups organising activities all the way around the perimeter fence. Most of the fence is accessible by public rights of way and the rest by narrow paths at the edges of fields.

Nottingham CND is planning both NVDA and non-NVDA activities for the day. A follow-up meeting to the one mentioned in last month's Bulletin will have taken place on August 23rd., setting up groups of people who will work organising all aspects of the demonstration. If you were unable to attend and want more information or want to help in any way, please contact either the NCND office (472556), Geoffrey Young (625820) or Cath Wakeman (620459).

A group of people has already been to U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford to look round the base and will be putting forward ideas for October 15th. at the above meeting.

A major publicity campaign will be set up in Nottingham to ensure that large numbers of people will take part in the events of October 15th., but make a start now by talking to friends who might be interested. Look out for publicity material, which should be available in September and, if you can, go to the meetings and get involved with your nearest local group who are going to the demonstration. If you don't know which groups are going, contact the numbers printed above.

## JOIN BRUCE KENT'S 'PRESS GANG'

If you read Bruce request last month in the NCND bulletin and wanted to join his Press Gang, here's your chance. Just fill in the form below and send it off!

Please fill this slip in, tear it off and return to **Bruce Kent (LETTERS) c/o CND 22-24 Underwood St, London, N1 7JG**

Dear Bruce, **Yes, I am happy to promise you that I will write four letters per year to the local press and I will consider the subjects that are suggested in the quarterly bulletins.**

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  3. Send me the quarterly letter-writing bulletin.

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\* Please accept a donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the expenses. (We suggest at least £3)

\* Sorry, I cannot afford a donation but I do want to join the network. (Delete as appropriate).



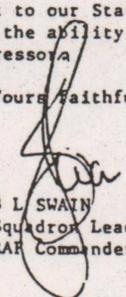
The following article was published in Southern CND's newsletter "Resister" (no.25):

### "Not A Fun Fair"

We have reproduced these disturbing badges together with the complacent letter from U.S.A.F. Upper Heyford to show the results of a group from Oxford Christians for Peace who ventured into the Upper Heyford Open Day.

Jean reports ... "we spent some time looking at the wares on sale and picking out these items. We then formed a semi-circle and began prayers for the victims of war while one of our number handed out leaflets saying This is not a fun fair: it is a nuclear base. Within a short time police vans arrived, told us to get in and drove us out of the base with the threat that we would be arrested under the bye-laws if we tried to re-enter."

At the Evening Mass on the base the following day, some members showed the badges to the chaplain who apparently "became very uncomfortable." Jean wrote to the base commander complaining about the badges on sale and also a mug inscribed **Warsaw Pact Central Heating - installed in three hours** - Jean has relations in Poland. She is now in the process of replying the the commander's letter.

 <b>ROYAL AIR FORCE</b> Upper Heyford Oxford OX5 3LN <small>Bicester (0869) 234828</small> Telephone: <del>Upper Heyford (086982) 4828</del>	
Ms J E Kaye 52a New Yatt Road Witney Oxon OX8 6PA	Please reply to Royal Air Force Commander Your reference  Our reference UH/351/PR Date 21 June 1988
<p>Dear Madam</p> <p>Your letter dated 6 June 1988 concerning items on sale at our Sky Pageant has been passed to me for action in my capacity as RAF Commander of RAF Upper Heyford.</p> <p>Whilst we make every endeavour to monitor items being sold at this sort of event we cannot be totally responsible for items sold by civilian vendors, unless of course they break the law. The sort of patch you describe does not break the law and I might add is very popular not just at RAF Upper Heyford but also at civilian events of all kinds. The solution for those who disagree with the sale of such items at any event is to either boycott the event or simply not to buy the items on sale.</p> <p>Finally, I trust that you enjoyed your visit to our Station and that at the end of the day you felt reassured as to the ability of the NATO alliance to defend the West against any aggressor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully</p> <p style="text-align: right;">   <b>B L SWAIN</b>          Squadron Leader          RAF Commander       </p>	

# GEORGE'S STORY

A LETTER FROM PALESTINE.

Nottingham CND member, Pete Strauss, has been spending some weeks working in Palestine. The Bulletin has received this letter from him and print it without comment. We hope, when Pete returns, to have a further piece about the Middle East.

## GEORGE'S STORY.

George is a Palestinian. He works at a hostel in Jerusalem's Old City. He provides breakfasts and evening meals to the tourists passing through and does it "freelance" - keeping all the profits, doing all the work. George is 30 years old. He has three brothers and four sisters. His father died 12 years ago. His mother and the younger brothers and sisters live in Bethlehem, about 10 miles from Jerusalem, in Israel's occupied West Bank.



## Notable Sights.

Yesterday George took me and my friend, Allen, with him on his daily visit to the family's land. As the car we'd hitched a lift off drove out of Jerusalem towards the old 1967 Jerusalem border, George pointed out all the notable sights along the way ... refugee camps surrounded by 15 ft. fences, with roads blocked by oil drums filled with concrete; army camps; villages where there had recently been "trouble". We passed several road blocks, checking on the cars coming into Jerusalem and saw several patrols or jeeps of soldiers all tooled up in their full riot gear. It was General Strike day as well as the Moslem holy day, so the military were expecting trouble in the city.

## They build in stone.

Eventually, George asked the driver to stop and we pulled over by a neat dirt road that led into the hills.

The first thing George showed us was a group of about 5 or 6 big new houses being built on a hill to our right. This was an Israeli "settlement". "They build in stone, not concrete. This means it is permanent. They are saying they will be here for ever. That is why they build in stone." George swept his arm across the range of hills: "They took this land for their settlement. This was our land. Not my family's, but our neighbour's. They took it. First they said the land was for military purposes, so they could take it. Then, after four weeks, they gave it to the settlement." He paused. "People sometimes say to me, we should go to a judge. I say, No. What is the point? The judge, he is my enemy. There is no point."

We continued slowly up the road. To our right, a large swathe of grapevines had been trampled into the earth and killed. Here, George explained, the settler had cut a new road up to his buildings. But why couldn't he use this road that is already here? we ask. Rather than avoid the Palestinian's vines, he bulldozed them.

Further on, we find our road is blocked by enormous rocks and boulders. "He did this, the settler. He came with a bulldozer and with soldiers and he closed our road. Now we can only reach our land by walking. We can drive round the back way, but it is 10 km. further." George is still speaking calmly, gently, patiently. We are appalled.

## Quiet pride.

And then we are on George's land. The hill is now named after George's dead father. George begins to show us round. With obvious but quiet pride, he takes us from plant to plant, explaining the small differences between them, moving easily amongst them, telling us of his plans, praising the richness of the soil, explaining how he cultivates, harvests and markets the plants. To my inexperienced eye, the soil looks dusty, rocky and infertile, but everywhere there are flourishing fruit and vegetable plants, grown without any irrigation - grapes, tomatoes, courgettes, aubergines, cucum-

bers, sunflowers, olives and figs. We came across a few lines of grape vines that didn't bear any fruit and George told us that five years ago the soldiers came and trampled them all.

George seems completely at home here; more relaxed and talkative and easy in his movements than at the hostel where he appears tense and is sometimes bullied by the hostel manager and hassled by the tourists.

#### No future.

We meet his younger brother, Dahood, who is here working most days. "It is better to be here than in Bethlehem. There it is dangerous because sometimes when it is tense, the soldiers impose a curfew and then go to all the houses, interrogating and beating the boys and young men." Dahood and George never sleep the night on the farm any more, though they used to. At night it was dangerous even there, for they were afraid the settlers would come and attack them. It does happen. Dahood has applied to emigrate to Australia to join his sister in Melbourne. There he will study and get a job. Here there is nothing for him, no future.

George's family used to have a mule, but two years ago the settlers shot it in the foot and the bones were so badly smashed that it had to be killed.



Israeli soldiers arresting a Palestinian girl during demonstrations in Jerusalem. (Al Fajr - Jerusalem Palestinian Weekly).

#### Heartbreaking.

George calls over to Dahood and the four of us head off to one of the pieces of land with picks and a couple of bottles of water. It's not a very big piece of land, but it is completely littered with rocks. The four of us make a start at it, laboriously moving the rocks to one side. It is heart-breaking, hot and tedious work and we feel exhausted in less than an hour. Perhaps George notices this because he calls a halt and we go back to their cement block shed for a cup of tea. They light a fire with small branches of olive wood and scrub and we sit down in the shade to chat. We're all relaxed and happy and the conversation ebbs and flows easily as the afternoon passes quickly by.

The four of us sit down together in the cool of the concrete shed to eat chicken, salad and bread, followed by an enormous water-melon. Inside the shed is a huge old fridge serving as a cupboard, an old tractor which is out of action with a broken clutch, a couple of benches and a makeshift table. There is no electricity or running water and George would have to pay a fortune to have them piped up from the village. Needless to say, the settlements all get water and electricity automatically.

#### "This is my home"

We stand looking out over the surrounding country: very beautiful, very peaceful, very quiet. "The Israelis, they don't have wisdom. They treat us badly and they think they can keep their power, but they only make people hate them. If they had come here to live side by side with us, in peace and with justice, after some time people would have forgotten their struggle. But, because they are not wise, there is always fighting, always Intifada. I think this country is finished. There will never be peace here." We stare again in silence, out over the sea of terracing towards the horizon. "What about you, George?" I ask him. "Do you hate them?" "Before, I did not hate them. But they are always grabbing our land. That is why people learn to hate them." I see no evidence of any hatred in George. He says he's not interested in politics. He wants an easy life. I ask him why he doesn't emigrate, go away. "It is difficult to go away. I have my family here. This is my home. I still have my land. If I have nothing, then maybe I go away, if I have nothing to lose."

Soon after we finish our meal, the rest of the family arrive in the car, having driven the long way around. They report clashes between youths and soldiers in the village below and in Bethlehem. George decides that it's probably wise for the three of us to head back to Jerusalem now and we say our goodbyes, leaving the family to load up the car with 40 or so chickens to sell in town that night.

#### Fear.

On reaching the main road again, we notice a lot of military traffic on the road to Bethlehem. Most Palestinian cars that come along stop to see where we are trying to go, but they are all going to Bethlehem and George thinks it's dangerous for us to stop there. Israeli cars never stop for



Israeli soldiers outside Qalandya refugee camp north of Jerusalem. (Al Fajr - Jerusalem Palestinian Weekly).

George. The military slow down as they pass and the soldiers look us over, but none of them stop. I feel myself tense up with fear each time one of them comes past.

After ten minutes, a mini-bus pulls over and the driver agrees to take us most of the way to Jerusalem. George pays him the same as he would pay a taxi-driver and passes grapes round to the occupants of the van.

On the road back to Jerusalem, there are several squads of soldiers in riot-gear. I reflect idly as we pass Bethlehem that, if Jesus was alive today, he would be being interrogated and beaten by soldiers, along with all the other young Palestinian men in his town.

**A gentle man.**

Finally, back in Jerusalem, Allen and I thank George for a wonderful day. The horn sounds to announce the beginning of the Sabbath. Armed police stand at the entrance to the city, checking the I.D.s of the Palestinians passing through. George hurries into his kitchen to begin organising his evening meals and Allen and I are left to reflect on the day. I remain with the impression of a gentle man whose people have - he himself has - to cope with every manner of injustice, petty cruelty and organised and systematic robbery and brutality; who, in the face of it all, remains a kind and gentle man with no bitterness or hatred. He has no hope for the future, but he continues to find simple pleasure and fulfilment in working the land that remains to him. Around him on the tops of all the hills, the new, big, white, angular settlements, with their watch-towers and their fences, are closing in, getting nearer week by week. George says he will stay until there is nothing here for him. I wonder how long that will be. I wonder if no-one will prevent it.

PETE STRAUSS.

# A BETTER READ FOR A BETTER WORLD

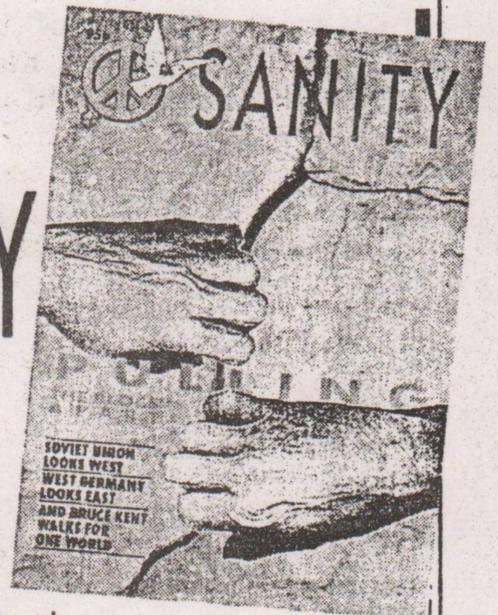
The peace movement today is about much more than simply opposing the bomb. It's a whole new politics of alliances with independence and human rights movements, aid and development organisations, women's groups, the greens, the anti-racist movement and the unions.

Analysis, imagination, outrage, perseverance, courage and humour: they're all part of the peace movement, and they're all in SANITY. Be informed and get involved - read SANITY.



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# KATYA KOMISARUK

Henry Thoreau once wrote that it would be better that a just person choose imprisonment sooner than be free in an unjust society. This was the choice made by Katya (Susan) Komisaruk in June of last year, when she entered the USAAF base in Vandenberg and destroyed the NAVSTAR computer system.

Reputedly, NAVSTAR (navigational systems time and ranging) is a very sophisticated guidance system using 18 GPS (global positioning system) satellites to target missile silos in the USSR, thus providing the possibility of a "first strike" by the U.S. using Trident II missiles. The U.S. air force claim this to be untrue and that the system is merely a navigational aid for aircraft and shipping.

Katya was not apprehended on the base, but the next day she gave a press conference at which she recounted her action and gave her reasons for taking it. Subsequently, she was arrested and brought to an initial court hearing on October 26. The presiding judge chose to ignore totally her motives for the action and insisted on keeping purely to the "letter of the law". At the second hearing, in November, Katya's defence lawyers alleged that the NAVSTAR system was illegal under International law which is incorporated into U.S. law (Article VI of the constitution) and, therefore, as the system is illegal, it is deemed "contraband" and not entitled to protection under traditional property rights.

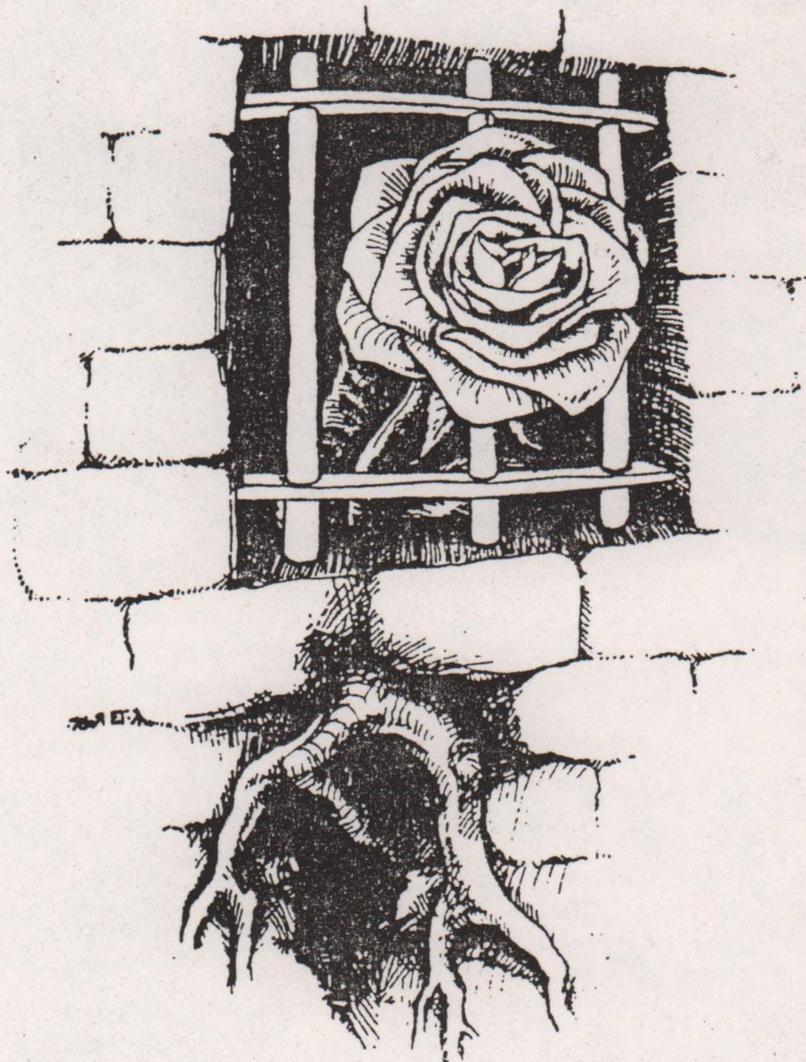
This argument was ruled out; indeed, all references to International laws, nuclear missiles, etc. were banned, as was the evidence of a former Trident engineer and the eminent nuclear physicist, Michio Kaku (author of the book "To win a Nuclear War - the Pentagon's Secret War Plans". Katya was thus rendered totally defenceless.

On 16th November, the jury took less than one hour to find her guilty of "destruction of government property".

At the sentencing, in January of this year, it seems that the Judge chose to ignore the hundreds of letters he received from all parts of the world pleading for justice, but instead paid heed to but one letter from the base commander pleading for a very stiff sentence to be imposed, thus providing a deterrent to other peace activists.

The Judge sentenced her to five years plus a fine of \$500,000 dollars in restitution - this as a deterrent to the possibility of Katya making money from any book or film project!

Katya was eventually incarcerated in Camp Geiger, a minimum security prison. But her attorneys are still working on appeals with dates fixed for court hearings throughout this year. The support for this continuing legal battle comes from the White Rose Support Collective, which has raised interest and consequently funds, worldwide.



Even the finest arms are an instrument of evil  
An army's harvest is a waste of thorns  
—Lao-Tzu

The Collective takes its name from a group of German students who, under the name of The White Rose, chose to resist Hitler by trying to alert their fellow countrymen to the atrocities being committed in their name. After a quite legal trial, they were executed by the German government. A recent book, "At the Heart of the White Rose: Letters and Diaries of Hans and Sophie Scholl" gives a very poignant picture of ordinary people caught up in the horrific situation of Germany under Hitler and how they reacted, not out of bravado, but of conscience. Do try to read it.

Anyone wishing to write to Katya should send their letters to:

Katya Komisaruk,  
PO Box 19202,  
Spokane, WA 99219  
U.S.A.

Donations and letters of support to:

The White Rose Collectives,  
1716 Felton Street,  
San Francisco,  
CA 94134  
U.S.A.

**Note:** At the time of writing, I have received no further information since April 1988.

Bill Haines

# HIROSHIMA SHADOWS

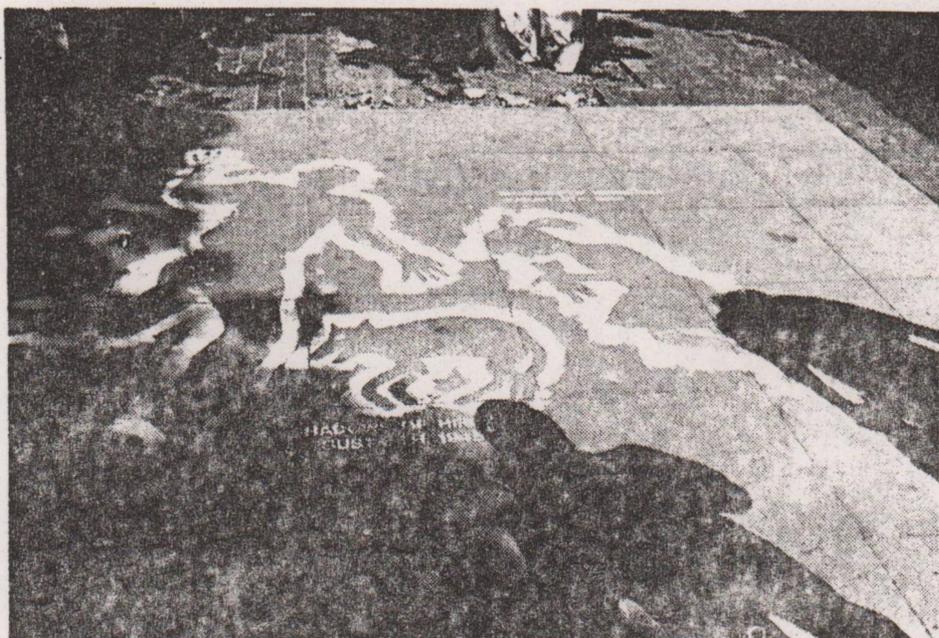
On Saturday August 6th, a friend and colleague in NCND and I painted shadows in central Nottingham to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of the Hiroshima Bomb. We were helped by another person who wants peace who gave leaflets to people as they passed by. This is how I feel about what it was like.

The day was very sunny and clear - rather like that day in Hiroshima - there was a bright blue sky and the sun, although the hour was still early, was hot and the streets were full of people hurrying here and there, going about their business.

My mind wanders momentarily. There is a terrible weight hanging over us. No matter where we run, there is no place to hide. No matter how we scream, there is no-one to hear us. No matter how we cry, there is no-one to comfort us. I find my understanding of the word "alone" has a wider and more significant application.

Why did we paint those shadows? Painting them was warm and thirsty work (I went to the pub afterwards!) I was sweating. I got covered in paint. I was nervous at the beginning because I thought I might be arrested. We all felt the same.

Painting shadows is more than a gesture - it is a positive personal statement. I felt good painting them. I felt like I knew why I joined CND all those years ago, why I became active, why I understand how desperately we must struggle to stay together and stay in touch with our inner belief - the belief which binds us. I felt I was striking a blow for all those innocent victims, asserting that people will never be allowed to forget. I felt strong because I knew thousands of people all over the world were doing the same small things. I felt a bond with those people - simple people who don't want to die as martyrs to some politician's ideological belligerence.



We are all busy. Many of us have jobs (it takes up a lot of time and energy, mental and physical) or have family responsibilities which take up more time and energy. Many people work in other ways. We shed our feelings day-by-day and close our eyes to the horror.

And we ask ourselves, continually, "What can I do?"

**Shadows** have given me things to remember and take heart from. The embarrassment of the parents whose children asked probing questions as they passed us and saw what we were doing - one day they must face the truth. The decisive intervention of a complete stranger when a petty council official tried to make us stop - there are people out there who are right behind us whom we will never meet.

I no longer ask myself, "What can I do?"

BARRY OTHERMAN.

## HIROSHIMA SHADOWS pt.2

This year I was at the Woodcraft Folk's International Camp on Hiroshima Day. The Folk are (is?) a youth organisation long connected to the peace movement so it was no surprise that many of the 3,500-plus children and adults were commemorating Hiroshima. Thus, in the grounds of the stately home where we were camping, "Hiroshima Shadows" appeared on the walkways. Many of the Folk "Villages" had made paper cranes - floating in the paddling pool, hanging from trees and one group had decorated a summer house with nightlights, candles and cranes. It was exciting and encouraging to see children taking up this issue - fully aware of the bomb and concerned with peace and other international issues.

ROSS BRADSHAW.

# NAGASAKI SADAKO MEMORIAL

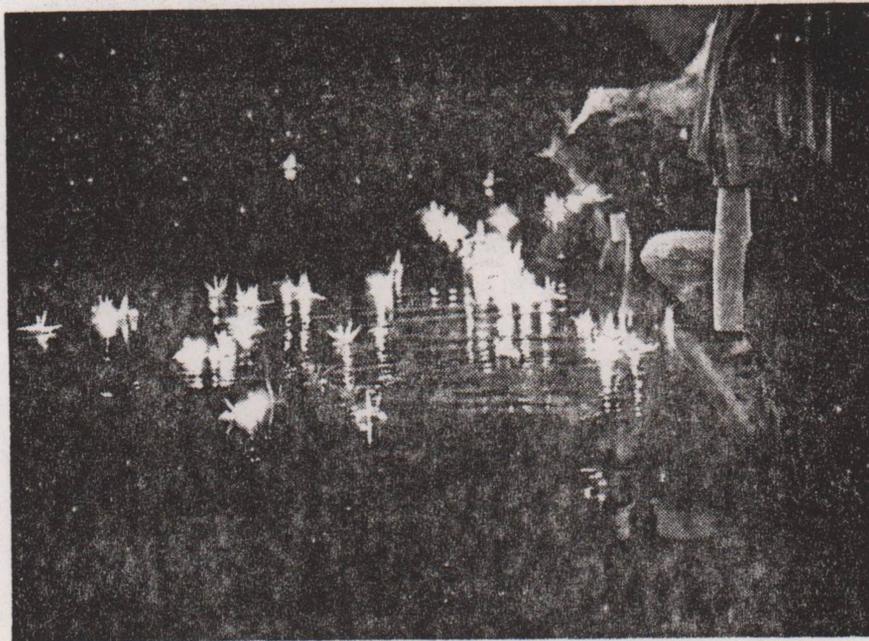
Crane's Ceremony, August 9th

Report by Jeremy Jago

On August 6th 1945, after the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, many people died instantly. Sadako Sasaki was one of the survivors. She was two years old. Nearly ten years later, she showed symptoms of radiation-induced illness and died late in October 1955 after nine months of suffering.

The Japanese regard the crane as a symbol of good fortune. An ancient belief states that someone who folds a thousand paper cranes will have a wish granted. Sadako Sasaki managed 645. Now each year, people place paper cranes around the Children's Monument, a Japanese memorial to the young who were harmed by the bomb.

All over the world during August, people were commemorating Sadako and Hiroshima. Over 100 were doing so in Nottingham at the University Boating Lake. Cath Wakeman had planned the event, mass-producing a large number of cranes, helped by Tom, Ursula and niece. The folded cranes were cemented to tiny Balsa rafts, each carrying a night-light. We set them out along the steps and waited until dusk approached. They were then lit and launched on the lake.



Barbara Lacey explained to the gathering the aim of the ceremony- that it was a tribute to a specific individual as well as a remembrance of all Hiroshima victims. She quoted contemporary Japanese writings concerning the tragedy. Bronwen Westacott continued the theme as she performed songs portraying the thoughts of Japanese survivors.

As we all know, there remains a residue of WWII contemporaries whose hardened attitude allows them to justify the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. All members who have been to any commemorative events will remember people who can express open support for the bombing. There seemed to be no one like that this time, though one stranger, when told what it was about, made a very speedy withdrawal.

Thorough organisation provided for the retrieval of all remains and volunteers with large and small nets and two rubber dinghies cleared the lake of all traces. Everyone agreed that the attendance was very encouraging.

Ceremonies of remembrance have little point unless they also look to the future. This is expressed on the Children's Monument:

"This is our cry, this is our prayer:  
Peace in the world."

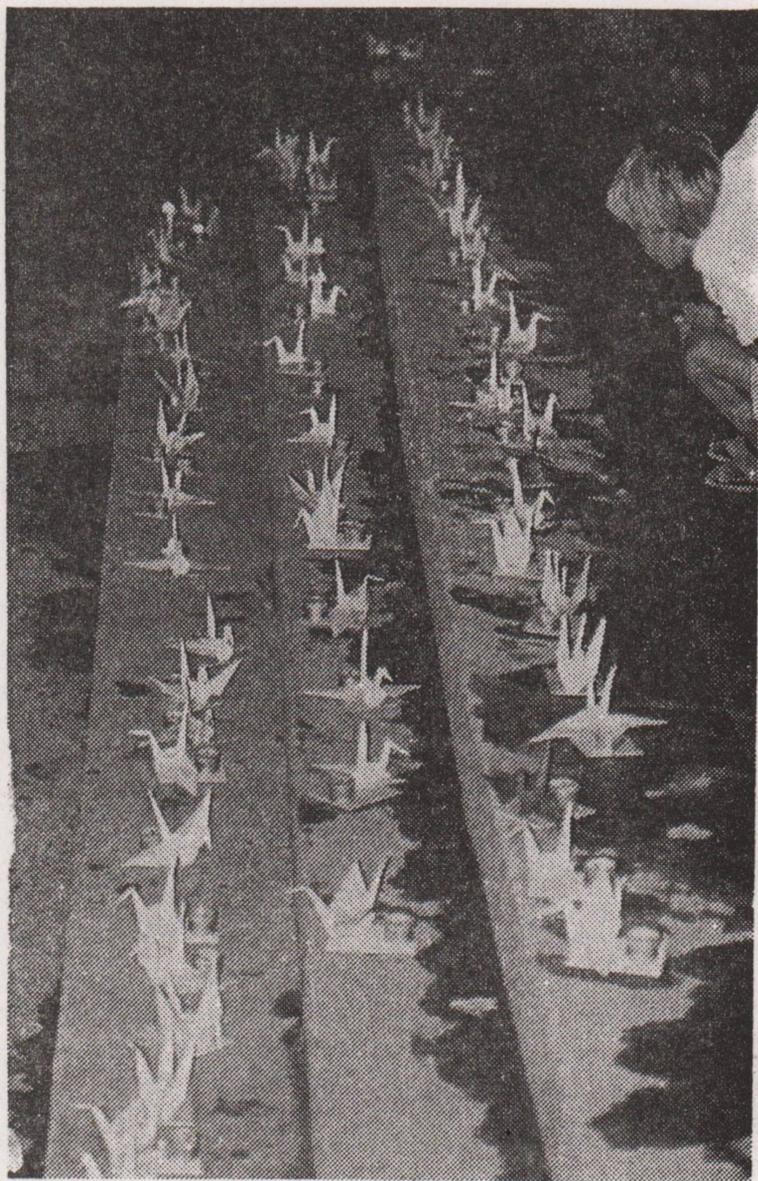
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## Sadako's Paper Cranes

On May 5, 1958, the Monument to the Children of the Atomic Bomb was dedicated in the Hiroshima Peace Park. On top of the 19.6-foot monument stands a life-size likeness of Sadako Sasaki supporting a large stylized crane. On the sides of the monument are the flying figures of a boy and a girl. Inside the monument is a bell and directly under it, carved in black granite, are the words of a junior high school student from Hiroshima: "This is our cry. This is our prayer. For building peace in the world."

Each year approximately 4 million paper cranes arrive in Hiroshima from children throughout Japan and from all over the world. They are strung chiefly in garlands of a thousand and placed at Sadako's shrine as well as at other monuments in the Peace Park. The park is located directly beneath the site where the atomic bomb exploded.

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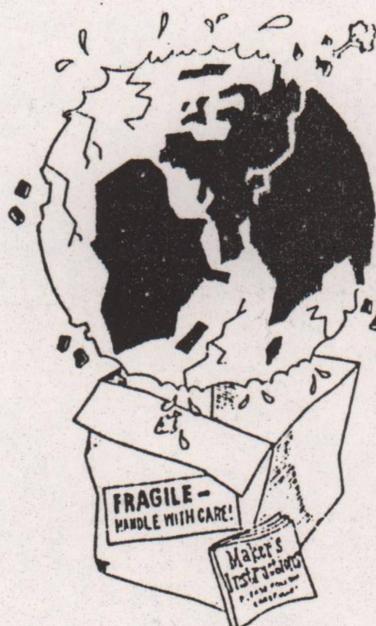
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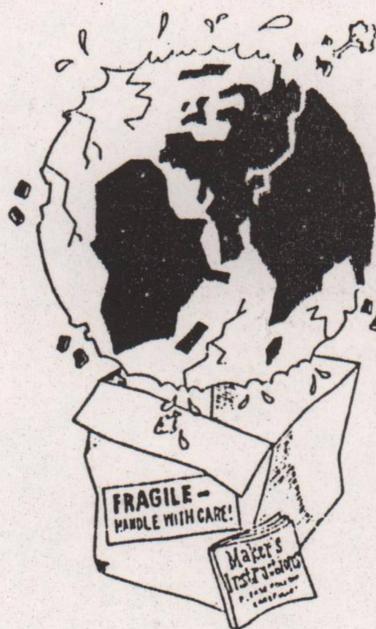
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There was more publicity for the preparation of the visit than for the actual event. On the 8th. June, journalists were invited to see the preparations. A solitary launcher and missile minus war-head were paraded and women used leaflets and banners to draw attention to the fact that war-heads were not included in the Treaty, and the idea of "citizen verification". Security, i.e. watching for women cutting holes in the fence was carried out from private cars outside the fence so that the press wouldn't notice.

The real event happened on July 19th. Twenty Soviet inspectors arrived by plane. They were taken around the base in 2 USAF coaches and 10 left by coach for Molesworth the next morning while the remaining 10 did an inspection of the gamma area, spending 10-15 minutes in each silo. All the launchers and control vehicles lined up round the gamma building were watched and photographed by women while other women got into the base. Later, women also got to the Soviet coach on its travels and almost to the aircraft and there were a substantial number of arrests. Women were charged with suspected criminal damage and then released.

A banner in Russian and English - "What about the warheads?" - placed in a sensitive spot, was cut in half by the police, several women nearly losing their fingers in the process. Banners from all around the base were taken, including one saying "knickers to the bye-laws". At Woad Gate, on the second day of the visit, the women had to call the MoD police to explain to the Thames Valley civilian police that the bye-laws are unlawful and they had no right to take the banners off the fence! Women went to Newbury police station to make a formal complaint and surprise, surprise, their banners were mysteriously found and returned to them.

After the visit, a press statement from Orange, Blue, Emerald and Violet Gates was delivered to the base commander, Col. Richard Riddick, and a

copy sent to the Soviet Embassy. Lynette is now in the process of sending copies to Sir Michael McNair Wilson, MP for Greenham, Euro MP Caroline Jackson and to Lord Jenkins of Putney, who is sympathetic to Greenham women's views. The statement is reproduced below.

"Because the exchange of inspection teams to verify nuclear disarmament is not just a matter between the military of opposing camps but is firstly the concern of the citizens of the world who have struggled against these military establishments, East and West, we deeply regret that no opportunity has so far been given to us to meet the Russian Team. The only view they have been allowed of the Women's peace movement at Greenham has been of the police struggling to keep us away. Indeed, the police have tried to blot out as far as possible evidence of our continuing peaceful presence, e.g. by illegally ripping down and destroying our banners throughout the visit. We suggest that a verification process that excludes communication with those most actively and passionately concerned, is a farce. We therefore request that at their next visit we should be given the opportunity for communication so sadly missed on this occasion".

### COMMON LAND ISSUE

Since the announcement in the House of Commons on April 29th that all buildings built on the base since 1958 are unlawful, building work has stopped at Greenham. Women are now trying to stop repair work also, to save taxpayers' money spent on fence mending.

On July 21st a public notice appeared in the **Newbury Weekly News** inviting Commoners to two meetings, one for Greenham Common, one for Crookham Common (the Eastern half of the base), to start the process of trying to extinguish the Commoners' rights by offering them compensation. The choice of time when lots of people are on holiday is an indication of the MoD's lack of confidence.

The MoD's appeal against the bye-laws being declared invalid is being heard in the High Court together with a similar appeal relating to Fylingdales. So far the MoD have not brought in any new evidence.

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# CORRECTION

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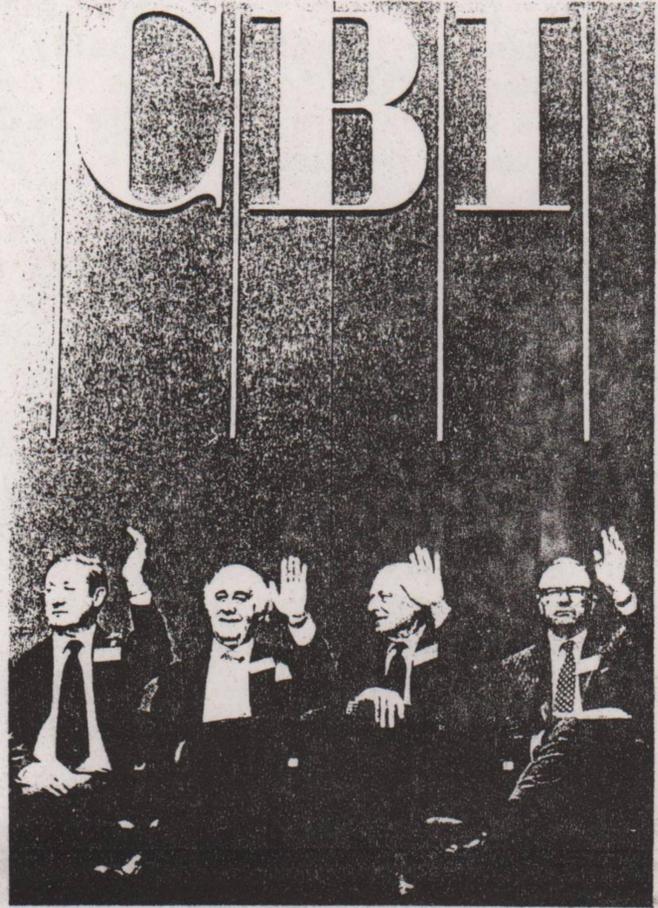
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# CAPTION COMPETITION

## WIN FREE FILM TICKETS! CITY C·I·N·E·M·A LIGHTS

Not quite so many entries this month. One from a cat, however, known as "Gorby" - another first for the NCND Bulletin:



"Tax cuts anybody?"

Pretty good try for a cat, we thought. Also, once again all the way from Hickling, Bill Haines had another bash with:

"Yes, we have no bananas."

A worthwhile effort Bill, even though we couldn't quite grasp the underlying meaning. Keep it up.

But the moment you've all been waiting for, this month's winner of the caption competition is, at his first attempt, Republican running partner to George Bush, Danforth Quail! His entry:

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Danforth's film choice? Apocalypse Now. Next month's picture, two more champions of something:

