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## EDITORIAL

Ken Coates - Many congratulations - a result we needed but hardly dared hope for. Can we count on a continuing flow of contributions from "our" man in Brussels, to these pages?

We will continue to support you in our struggle to make sure that Kinnock's U-Turn on unilateral nuclear disarmament is reversed and the Labour Party can continue to strive for a safe nuclear free world. 2nd prize £10 Pauline Wareham 3rd prize £5 Rob Raynham

## DIARY

JULY		
Tues	4th	Bulletin editorial Meeting,
		8.00pm 20 Waldeck Rd,
	an and a ser	Sherwood.
Sun	9th	Ninth Nottingham Peace
		Festival. Victoria
		Enbankment. 12 - 5pm
Tues	18th	Bulletin editorial meeting
		8.00pm 20 Waldeck Rd,
		Sherwood.
Thur	20th	Bulletin deadline.
Mon	24th	NCND Officers & Executive
and the second		Meeting. 7.30pm NCND
		Office, 33 Castlegate.
Sat	22nd	Bruce Kent begins his
		sponsored walk.
29th-	30th	Manchester non-violence

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Manchester non-violence 2Jui-Juli resistance gathering. 2 days of discussion and planning. Info: David Polden c/o CND 22-24 Underwood St. LONDON. AUGUST Hiroshima & Nagasaki Sun 6th Crane Floating Ceremony. 8.30pm, University Boating Lake, University Boulevard. OCTOBER West Midlands CND Concert Sun 22nd Birmingham Town Hall. B.S.O. play Mozart. (contact:021 643 4617) NOVEMBER CND National Conference. 17-19th City University, London.

Join Nottingham CND on Sunday August 6th to commemorate the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to remember the victims and to say never again, no more Hiroshimas, no more Nagasakis.

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Join us at 8.30pm at the Nottingham University boating lake. There will be music, food and a crane floating ceremony with paper cranes and lights being floated on the lake.

Use the instructions in the bulletin to



make your own crane...or cranes will be supplied on the evening.

Further details contact Nottingham CND, tel: 588586.



# SHADOWS OF HIROSHIMA



## PEACEBELLS HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI

For the Japanese peace movement, the little bells from Nagasaki are as much of a peace symbol as the peace cranes. (An old Japanese belief says that whoever is able to fold a thousand cranes will recover. Sadako, a child who suffered radiation sickness after the dropping of the nuclear bomb, had folded 983 cranes when she died. From then on the peace cranes have been a symbol of the peace movement.) In Japan it is a custom that people exchange little bell tags when they visit one another. On these tags you can write a message of peace, a wish, a prayer or, why not, a declaration of love. A bell with a tag can be hung outside or above a door. When the wind rings the bell, people are reminded of their prayer, friend or lover. Or in the Buddhist tradition, the wind takes the prayer/wish over and prays in your place. Thus your prayer/wish will last forever.

The peace bells are sold in Britain by CND (and available from Nottingham CND), via Florennade and profits shared between the Japanese peace movement, Florennade and CND. Florennade is a peace house two miles from the site of American cruise missiles deployed in Belgium. Since its creation, in December 1984, many non-violent initiatives have been taken against these weapons of mass destruction. There have been blockades of gates, trespasses on the base, fence-cutting and many other creative non-violent actions. Because of unseen repression by Belgian authorities against peace activists - with lots of people being imprisoned - Florennade soon became a symbol for non-violent direct action and civil disobedience in Belgium.

When the nuclear bomb destroyed Nagasaki, the bells were silent for a month. Later they were dug up from the ruins by some young people. The bells had fallen from a height of 50 metres, but were not broken. With a lot of trouble, they were put back. Bong....bong....bong...the clear sound of the bells was back again. Their message of peace and blessing sounded over the whole of the (destroyed) city. Never again should there be a time when they don't ring.

In Hiroshima the bells on the hill in front of the harbour were, after the dropping of the nuclear bomb, constantly sounded. The ringing of the bells was a sound of hope, a sign of life for all the people around. Later a peace bell was hung in Hiroshima as well as Nagasaki. In Nagasaki a Christian bell, in Hiroshima a Buddhist one, as a sign of peace.

Today, after the historic INF agreement, peace activists around Florennade continue their campaign for a non-violent alternative for the future. The bells are sold to pay for the house, to cover working expenses and make actions possible.

Florennade, Route Charlemagne 20, 5526 Rosee, Florennes, Belgium.

## FOLD A PAPER CRANE FOR PEACE Materials: 1 sheet of 6" X 6" paper



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Fold in half into a square, creasing well.

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Unfold completely.

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Fold top down, creasing well.

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Continue to pull point B up as you fold edges in to center line and flatten into an elongated diamond, reversing upper creases.

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Turn paper over.

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Fold edges in to center line.

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Unfold back to diagram 17.



Pull point A up slowly until you can see upper crease.

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Continue to pull point A up as you fold edges in to center line and flatten into a diamond.





Fold edges in to center line.



Fold head down about one-third the length of head and neck.

Fold top layer of left side back to the right.

Slide head out at an angle, pinching top together.



Pick bird up, and pull wings straight out.



Turn bird over, and inflate by blowing into small hole in stomach.

Fold top layer of left side to the right.

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Fold point D up as far as it will go.

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Fold top layer of right side back to the left.

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### CHANGES IN NOTTINGHAM CND EXECUTIVE

### & OFFICERS MEETINGS

At the last meeting of the Nottingham CND Executive Committee, it was agreed to change, once again, the arrangements for meetings by elected officers and representatives from Neighbourhood Groups. The Executive did meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30. The Officers did meet on the third Monday of the month at 7.00. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO COMBINE THE TWO MEETINGS AND TO MEET ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30 p.m.

This decision will naturally need to be discussed and either ratified or revised, at the next NCND Policy Making Meeting.

The reason for the change is that there is a widespread feeling amongst those of us who attend these meetings, that there needs to be a drastic shake-up in the organisation of Nottingham CND. In many ways, we are a movement that is struggling with the realities of 1989 conditions, but is equipped with a 1983 approach. Our first step in that direction is to combine the Officers and the Executive Committee. My own personal view is that we need to go much further than that ... we need to wipe the slate clean as it were and look at all our areas of activity as if we were seeing them for the first time in these 1989 conditions. My view is that the street stall is the most important thing we can do since it brings us regularly face-to-face with the public. The Bulletin will need to be cut back to possibly a quarterly journal, since there is far less activity to report on and our remaining 600 members are the well-informed and committed enough to do without. The only campaigns we should attempt are the spoon-fed ones, organised from London. Our press-interventions need to continue, but membership-servicing can also cut back in line with the Bulletin. I'm not sure about the office.

As I say, these are only my personal views. I hope very much that a debate can begin within the pages of the Bulletin, so that we can discuss

What I mean by that is that we tend to operate as if we still had 2,500 members; as if there was still a huge enthusiasm amongst that membership to get out and DO SOMETHING for nuclear disarmament; as if we still had active neighbourhood groups, willing and able to join in and publicise our activities. We all know this is no longer true. We now have about 600 members. There is no longer a driving enthusiasm amongst those members, the commitment is still there, but much of the energy and the urgency has gone. Our network of neighbourhood groups barely exists any more.

It is not hard to understand why this change has come about. In 1983 most people in this country were very frightened. We thought there was a very real chance that there could be a nuclear war. The Cold Warriors of East and West were not only ostentaciously piling on the missiles, but were piling on the rhetoric, too. Today, in 1989, the missiles are being sneaked in, rather than piled on, and the rhetoric is not one of cold war, but of disarmament and peace. That is why the urgency exactly what our priorities are and how we can restructure our organisation.

PETE STRAUSS.



has gone.

Nottingham CND is needed today as much as it ever was. Indeed, it was we, and people like us, who helped create the conditions that allowed peace to break out between the superpowers and who forced the British and American states to adopt a covert as opposed to overt re-armament programme. The point is, however, that unless we face up to the changed conditions and adapt our approach to campaigning, we will be swept aside by these changes.

We need to trim back our work drastically and concentrate on the areas of campaigning that we feel to be the most vital. We need to devise campaigns that are not terribly labour-intensive and do not require a sophisticated and effective neighbourhood group system in order to succeed.

### THE CASE FOR RESIGNATION

At the last CND officers' meeting, this mag's theme was being discussed. The idea was to ask various people with different views to write about the Labour Party: whether members should stay in or resign after the defence policy changes. Would the writers have actually to have been members of the party at any time? The prevailing view was a bit surprising; "Not necessarily..."

With this in mind, could I put in my fourpence worth by suggesting that, in view of recent events, now is definitely the time to RESIGN from the Conservative Party? Better still, resign and form a splinter-party, fielding "Independent Conservative" candidates. You could call them "Contras", short for contradiction in terms.

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Alas, the Tory party offers dim prospects for the hopeful resigner. The main trouble is the lack of any real split over policy, its policy being so basic. Demolition is a simple craft, needing only strength and elementary safety precautions, whereas building raises the challenging problems of design, purpose and source of materials - all area ripe for dispute. But wherever it is practised, resignation has traps for the beginner.

The first is called by seasoned hands "shooting your bolt" and is best described by analogy. Before I was born, my parents had a fussy neighbour who objected to bonfires by slamming his window shut. The trouble was, with it shut he couldn't tell whether he'd been heard and had to open it again for re-slamming. Each subsequent re-slamming had progressively less impact, quickly degenerating into childishness. Obviously in politics, re-resignation is out - you've shot your bolt. So you're left with the tepid half-measure of THREATENING to resign - a ploy much used by Lenin, a friend told me. This is political Superglue: it's messy, usually ineffective and very quickly goes stale.

## QUIT THE LABOUR PARTY IF IT BACK-TRACKS ON THE BOMB

"Unilateralism" - that cumbersome, over-used, sometimes misused, plainly Latin-derived term - is more than merely a frequently misunderstood word. It is a term that indicates a whole philosophy of life - a charity-begins-at-home, DIY-now approach. In relation to nuclear disarmament it implies that the weapons in question are so dreadul, so potentially devastating, that they simply must not be retained for one moment longer, since their retention would imply their potential use, otherwise there would be no point in keeping them.

Implicit in the term, too, is the notion that the action concerned (in this case, nuclear disarmament) is actually viable for the potential performer - that is, Britain cannot legislate for other countries, only for itself: we can renounce our own armaments but not other people's; we can

Much of the appeal of resignation is its shock value, but here the trap is self-delusion. You flatter yourself to believe that your absence would be noticed and regretted - and, of course, once you've gone, you're in no position to gauge reaction. Who knows? They could very well be celebrating.

All these drawbacks sound discouraging, which isn't my aim. Resignation can and should be satisfying, fulfilling ... yes, even creative, if pursued carefully.

(A) Don't just do it - you must tell everybody about it, at the time in print (the Guardian preferably) and afterwards in pubs.

(B) Have a convincing reason - personal disillusionment is in, at the moment, preferably through a slow process of realisation, crystallised by some sudden disagreement.

Resignation from the Tories is frustratingly difficult, however. The local parties are said to be really only fundraisers with no politics to confuse things. You can't imagine the local Tory branch being suspended for failure to reach an acceptable selection policy for jumble sales or the national party imposing its own candidate to open the garden fete. quit NATO ourselves, but not compel other NATO member-states to do so, much less dissolve the Warsaw Alliance, to which we do not even belong.

The Labour Party's "defence" Policy Review, by proposing to backtrack over unilateral nuclear disarmament policy (albeit the policy was never, in fact, unequivocally unilateral since it did not require Britain to quit NATO independently) would inevitably allow for the possible use by a future Labour Government of nuclear weapons - with all the appalling, totally unsocialist consequences that would ineluctably ensue.

Those who believe that the possible destruction of the earth through nuclear war and nuclear winter, being a matter of life and death for all inhabiting the planet, is of supreme importance and an issue that takes precedence over all others, must surely think twice about belonging to - perhaps even voting for - a party with a nuclear button-pushing policy; more particularly to a party that, having renounced such a policy, now proposes to revert to it.

Those who feel that they could not stay in the Labour Party if it abandoned its nuclear weaponfree policy should make this known NOW, before it is too late; for this is surely the time when annual conference delegates and even perhaps some

The true political radical feeds on isolation and finds CND less attractive now that its policies are more popular publicly. I could be happiest at the next election by becoming a disgruntled esmember of the Labour Party. I would abstain from voting (principled abstention is sweeter than plain defeat). I would witness another Thatcher term with detachment, turning away with folded arms, saying, "Not my fault!" Why compromise? It's better to wait for it all - for ever, if necessary.

For this dream to come true, I'd have to be a member in the first place - so the urge to join was irresistible - literally.

JEREMY JAGO.

of the leadership just might still be influenced by the possibility of large-scale defections from the party, were it finally to renounce unilateral nuclear disarmament.

> PAT ARROWSMITH, Member of Hornsey & Wood Green Labour Party, CND Vice-President, Member of London Labour CND and Member of Hornsey CND.

#### Editor's Note:

The editorial team hopes to publish other articles around this debate, including an article from Martin O'Neill, from the Labour Party, but as yet we will await the article.

# EURO-ELECTION DEBATE

The NCND Euro-Election debate on "Europe:- Defence and Disarmament" took place on Thursday June 1st at the County Library on Angel Row. The debate was extremely well-attended,...it's a long time since we've held a meeting that has put so many bums on seats that the caretaker's been worried about fire regulations.

#### Global Threats and Global Solutions.

The four candidates each spoke for about ten minutes, then there was time for questions, and finally each speaker had a couple of minutes to sum up. (The whole evening being competently chaired by Ann Kestenbaum) Sue Blount for the Green Party questioned the conventional understanding of words like "security" and "defence", and argued that the real threats we faced were global ones requiring global solutions, not military ones requiring military solutions.

The quintessential European Radical



Ken Coates - for the Labour Party - came across as possibly one of the most European candidates in Europe....never mind Nottingham! Co-launcher of the E.N.D. appeal...shoulder-rubber with Roy Medvedev in the U.S.S.R. and a famous leader of the democracy movement in China.... one had the impression of Ken as the quintessential European Radical with a track record on peace issues that is second to none. Interestingly he didn't say a word about his Party's actual policies on defence!

#### Belligerent First Strike Attack

Michael Kilby, for the Conservative Party, got it into his head at the beginnning of the meeting, that everyone in the room was a CND member! In point of fact, this wasn't the case, but having started off under this misapprehension, he obviously decided there were no votes for the winning that night, and proceeded to launch a pretty belligerent first-strike attack on nuclear disarmers. The audience responded mildly enough to the onslaught, only to break into laughter when Kilby stunningly re-wrote history to the effect that the Russians had started the nuclear arms race in the first place. The general hilarity that greeted this claim was interpreted by Kilby as a sign of the audience's supposed slavish

approval of all things Soviet, which led to more laughter, and so on....

#### Mind-Numbing Delivery

Andrew Swift was possibly the most boring speaker ever to appear at any public debate in the entire history of the world struggle for peace, freedom and injustice. He announced that defence had nothing to do with this Euro-election anyway, but since he'd agreed to come along, he would read out extracts from the Democrats' foreign-policy paper. This he did with the mind-numbing delivery of a man reading out entries from the telephone directory. If the audience were bored by him, he was also obviously bored with us and made no attempt to hide this fact.

The most interesting thing about the evening was perhaps the political complexion of the spectators. I had the impression of a generally pro-disarmament audience, but not by any means a "hard-core" CND members one. It appeared that



most people there had come to hear Ken and Sue, for it was they who could be expected to explore the questions surrounding Labour's abandonment of unilateralism and the future prospects of disarmament. Unfortunately, that debate never got going. Perhaps it is one we shall have to stage in the future.

PETE STRAUSS.

# A CHRISTIAN CND ACTION MAY 13TH 1989

Mrs Thatcher's claim - to be a defender of British sovereignty - must be the most doubtful of all her claims, when nuclear bombs controlled by a foreign power lie waiting in all parts of the country. We are still not a province of the United States, in spite of all appearances. "RAF" Waddington is a good example, it is an early warning aircraft base, and in the event of international tension would become a bomber base for the US Air Force. In the network of nuclear war preparations, it has a vital role.

As a long time supporter of Christian CND I decided to join their action at Pentecost. Christian CND rightly claims that preparations for nuclear war, which themselves could start one accidently, fly in the face of everything that Christians stand for.



Pentecost, or Whitsuntide, is traditionally a Festival when Christians celebrate the time when the first Christians were filled with joy, and with the courage to preach their new Gospel. It is a time for symbolic gestures to show that, in spite of signs of hopelessness, the Spirit of Peace is still alive.

Our protest began in Lincoln, a city surrounded by military bases like Waddington. A service was held in the magnificent Cathedral. It was built in the time of Saint Hugh. He should be living at this hour. He was a Christian who refused to pay taxes for war, believing, like many Christians today, that the money would be much better spent on the poor and homeless. Incidently, he did not blame their plight on their own sins, as is so common today.

As a Christian leader, Hugh would surely have found words of protest which seem to be lacking in Church leaders today. Their silence over our Government's part in impeding progress to end the Cold War are becoming an embarrasement to all, not just Peace loving Christians.

Our worthy successor to St. Hugh addressed our

The song which we sang at Waddington, as part of our act of witness, was one of the most satisfying ever set to music. As we sang:

gathering in Lincoln Cathedral. This was Father Ben Moraleda, an Anti-Nuclear activist from the Phillipines.

Our flame coloured banners, a symbol of the flames of Pentecost, fluttered bravely as we walked through the busy city of Lincoln on our way to Waddington. Most efficiently, transport was on hand for those like myself with elderly legs, who could not walk so far and needed a bus, and, for those with very short legs, who could not walk so far and needed their prams. Either way, the brilliant sunshine seemed to give a blessing to our journey.

No amount of sunshine could brighten the dark Satanic bunkers of Waddington, like sinister monsters lying in wait for their terrible contents, nuclear bombs.

"Every plane and every bomb And every boot and gun And every blood-stained battle dress Will be burned in the fire to come"

we went forward and burned our paper missiles, exchanging them for candles, blessed in the Cathedral, symbols of hope in a gathering darkness.

MARJORIE W. BROWN.

### WHY I JOINED THE PEACE MOVEMENT

#### Not "Why", but "When".

When I was asked to write an article on why I joined the peace movement, the first problem was not "Why". but "When". Quite simply, I feel that opposition to nuclear weapons has been an integral part of my life from birth. But it must have been sparked by something, but "What".

Perhaps I was born into a pacifist family? Definitely not. On the contrary, only ill health prevented my father from becoming a regular member of the armed forces. But it was he who unwittingly planted the first seed. He was a senior Civil Defence Instructor for Derbyshire and at what must have been an very early age, "I was allowed to sit in on a training film which included newsreel footage of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. When I saw it again recently, its naivete staggered me, but then it seemed the most terrifying thing. I simply could not believe that people could think of doing that to other human beings. Worse, much worse from my point of view, my father expressed the opinion that Civil Defence was now obsolete; if donia, lambs severely malformed by fall-out from nuclear testing - after all, I planned to produce children - and I found it impossible to believe that what could damage unborm lambs would not also damage unborn babies.

#### Anti-nuclear to anti-war.

Some years later, whilst in Hospital after the birth of my daughter, I read one of those little adverts which ask several questions and tell you to contact them, if you give the right answers. Thus was the realization forced upon me that my stance had progressed from that of anti-nuclear to that of anti-war and I signed the Peace Pledge and became involved in the P.P.U.

#### Lunatic government.

Cruise & Greenham brought about the next major change in my attitude.



WORLD WAR III started, it was curtains for us all. I suppose that it was at that point that I subconsciously joined the anti-nuclear movement.

#### Winning anti-nuclear debates.

By the age of 16, I was leading and winning antinuclear debates at my School and when, at the age of 18, I went to Teacher Training College, it seemed a foregone conclusion that I would help to form a CND group there. That is, I guess, the answer to when I actually joined the peace movement. In the early days, I had agreed with the stance of the Committee of 100 - from a distance. I got as far as writing to them to express my support, but action was not for the faint-hearted like me.

The Greenham women and the threat of Molesworth changed that forever. I realized that the only way I saw to make our lunatic Government look up and take notice was to break their immoral laws and take whatever might ultimately be the consequences.

#### Broken rifle.

For many years, I had known members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation - wonderful people, with a commitment far greater than mine. Only after I had been to Court and been charged could I finally feel able to wear my broken rifle with pride. So, today I am a member of F.O.R., but my loyalty remains primarily with my roots - C.N.D.

Now perhaps I, as well as readers of this article, have an answer to "when" as well as "why" I joined the various branches of the Peace Movement and how I come to be holding the views I do today. Or should I have given a little more credit to God, who just happened to put me in the right place at the right time?

My already fixed opinions were given a considerable boost at about the same time by being show, on a visit to my husband's uncle's farm in SnowCOLLEEN EDWARDS, Ilkeston.

### PARLIAMENTARY SPOT Thursday 25 May 1989

\*Q33 Mr Graham Allen (Nottingham North): To ask the Prime Minister, if she will make it her policy to publish an indicative list of the circumstances in which Her Majesty's Government would authorise the use of the strategic nuclear deterrent.



No.

(Answered by the Prime Minister)

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