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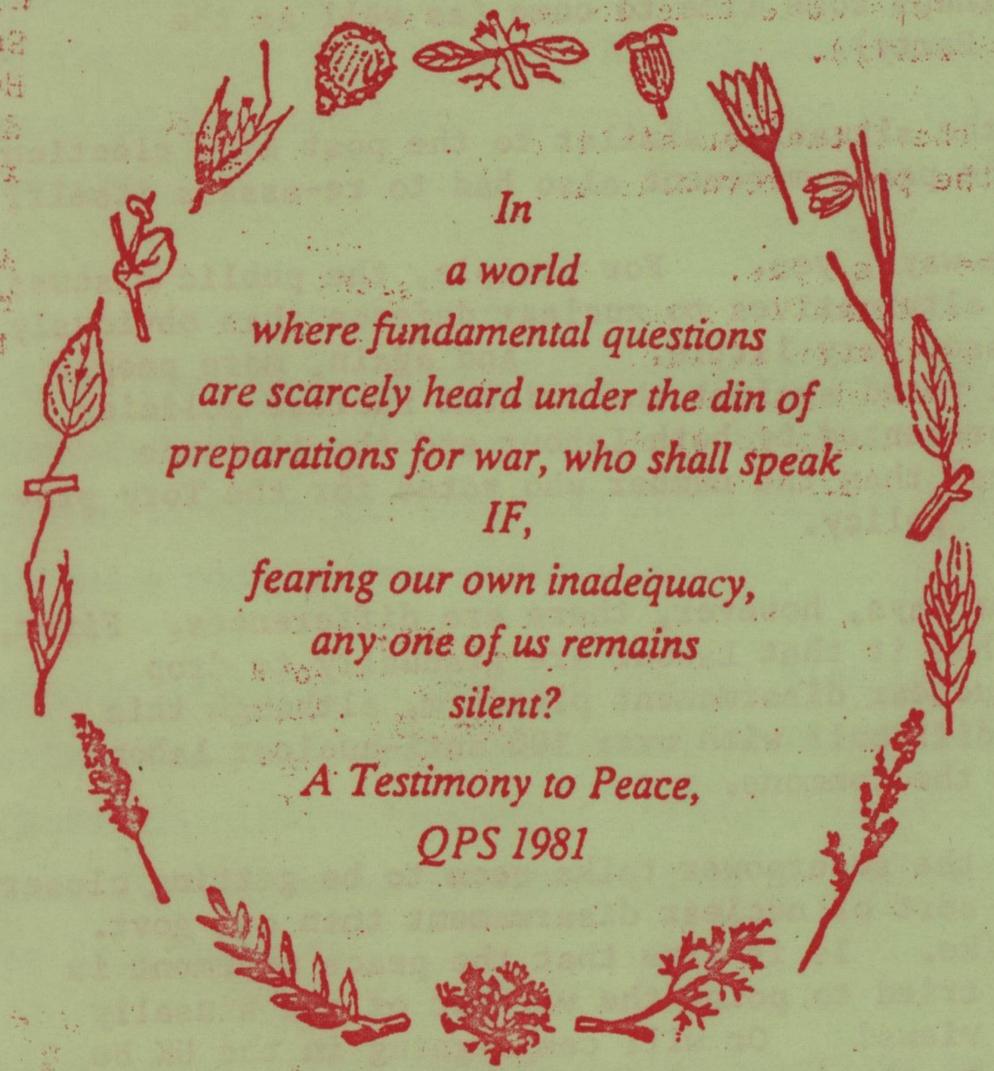
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WHAT WE CAN'T DO ALONE WE CAN DO TOGETHER.



# CHAIN REACTION

JULY 87



In a world where fundamental questions are scarcely heard under the din of preparations for war, who shall speak IF, fearing our own inadequacy, any one of us remains silent?

A Testimony to Peace, QPS 1981

# A DEFEAT FOR ANTI-NUCLEARISM?

While the general election has resulted in an anti-nuclear M.P. being returned for the Wrekin constituency, nationwide the impact has been considerably different.

It was unfortunate (at the very least) for Mr. Kinnock to undo his careful work on defence issues by a careless form of words ('occupation') which the Tories joyfully exploited. That one utterance has arguably disadvantaged the peace movement for perhaps some time to come (as well as the Labour Party).

So is the situation similar to the post 1983 election when the peace movement also had to re-assess itself?

In some ways, yes. For example, the public discussion on the alternatives to nuclear defence has obviously progressed very little. And again, more people in total voted against the Trident nuclear policies (as represented by both Labour and the Alliance policies) than the number who voted for the Tory pro-Trident policy.

In other ways, however, there are differences. First, rumour has it that Labour are gradually to drop their nuclear disarmament platform, although this may be difficult with over 100 anti-nuclear Labour MP's in the Commons.

Second, the superpower talks seem to be getting closer to some sort of nuclear disarmament than our govt. would like. Is it time that the peace movement in Britain tried to point the way out of our usually insular views? Or will campaigning in the UK be limited to the increasing problems between the haves and have-nots in the country?

# SUPPORT NUCLEAR-FREE N.Z

On June 4th, New Zealand's (Aotearoa) parliament passed a bill banning nuclear weapons from Aotearoa (NZ).

The decision was the result of years of work by Aotearoa's peace and anti-nuclear groups and acts as a great source of hope to the worldwide peace movement.

Pressure has been and still is being applied to the Aotearoa's government by the United States and its allies to drop its nuclear free policy. Already they have been expelled from the Anzus defence alliance by the U.S. and Australia.

Although Aotearoa's nuclear free policy is far from perfect, it remains a remarkable example of what can be done through hard campaigning it also acts as an inspiration to those who work both for a nuclear free Pacific and a nuclear free world.

In September Aotearoa is facing a general election. It is possible that the Labour government of David Lange could lose the election because of its unpopular economic policies. If the Labour government goes so will the nuclear free policies.

Peace movement Aotearoa (NZ) is urging people in Britain to write to New Zealand newspapers so that New Zealanders

will encouraged to be proud of their nuclear-free status and realise the extent of international interest and support for it.

They ask people from small cities and towns to write to newspapers in key marginal communities of the same size in New Zealand, and for women to write to publications aimed at women, farmers to farmers etc. ( eg I come from..., a town the same size as Hamilton; as a farmer from...) If writers have been to New Zealand or have friends or relatives there, this should be mentioned.

If you want to help preserve Aotearoa's (New Zealand's) nuclear-free example, NOW is the time to act. Write to one or more of the following addresses:

Hamilton (pop 105,000) The Editor, Waikato Times PO Box 44 Hamilton.

Masterton (pop 21,000) The Editor, Wairarapa Times Age, Chapel St, Masterton.

Nelson (pop 44,000) The Editor, Nelson Evening Mail, PO Box 224 Nelson.

Major Cities: Auckland - New Zealand Herald, Box 32, Auckland  
Wellington - The Dominion, PO Box 1297, Wellington

Sunday News PO Box 1327, Auckland.

Business People: National Business Review, Box 9344 Wellington.

Women's publications: NZ Women's Weekly Box 56064 Auckland 3 (very widely read)

farmers: Straight Furrow, PO Box 1654, Wellington

Unionists: Public Service Association Journal, private bag, Wellington.

## HIROSHIMA DAY PLANS

TANG is planning its action for Hiroshima and Nagasaki days on August 6th & 9th. One idea which was used two years ago was the International Shadow Project. The aim of the project is to help people visualise the consequences of nuclear war on human beings.

When the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima many people were instantly vaporised leaving only their shadows behind on walls and pavements. Groups will work at night painting the shadows (with non-permanent paint) so that as the nuclear bombs dropped without warning, people will awaken to the surprise of shadows scattered throughout towns and cities.

The shadows project will take much planning and will need a small group to organise the action.

Please contact Mark- 501263

# COPYDATE.



The deadline for the next copy of Chain Reaction is Wednesday July 15th. All contributions are welcome and should be sent to Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford. Tel 501263.

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# WEM PEACE FESTIVAL

Wem Peace Group are again holding their highly successful Peace Festival on Saturday July 11th at the Corn Exchange, High St, Wem, between 10 and 4. Jane Kemp, Shropshire Radio personality will open the festival. There will be crafts, produce, lots of things for kids (puppets, balloons, painting corner), refreshments, music, information .... Something for everyone!

We're going to round off the Festival with music and song at the Castle Hotel, Wem, from 8.p.m onwards. John Edgar and Dave Stephen will help to entertain us and the floor will be open to all comers.

There will be a £1 charge at the concert and part profits will go to the Snowball benefit.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Chris Lord (for Wem Peace Group).

## PUBLICATIONS

**BE STILL AND KNOW**, by Thich Nhat Hanh. Published by Pax Christi and the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1987. Available from Pax Christi, price 95p plus 20p post.

"That they may be one." These words of Our Lord, uttered on the eve of his passion, are the source and inspiration of those who work to help him bring about the peace he came to give, in a world divided by ideologies and religions and threatened by increasing violence and polarisation.

There is a growing awareness that the West can learn from the East in the area of prayer and meditation, and a hunger for the deeper things of life, that is not new. The absence of a meditative element in much of the peace movement is sometimes a cause for concern among Pax Christi members who feel that the present escalation of violence and gradual anaesthetising of conscience due to the nuclear debate is beyond mere human means to counteract. Hearts can only be changed from within, and that is the work of the Spirit. Without this, external action, however well-intentioned, may only serve to entrench others in their position.

Because we believe that the Peace of Christ can be realised more quickly by more 'ordinary' people doing 'ordinary' things *consciously*, that is, in union with the Spirit, Breath of our breath, we have asked and obtained permission to produce a shortened, inexpensive version of a book, *The Miracle of Mindfulness*, by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist monk,

friend of Thomas Merton and collaborator with Daniel Berrigan SJ, in exploring the possibilities of Christian-Buddhist awareness. The new booklet, called *Be Still and Know*, shows how 'meditation' and 'life' come together in 'awareness', and offers some simple practical means which can give a new dimension to the 'little things' of life.

Sr. Joyce Blackwell

Pax Christi, St Francis  
of Assisi Centre,  
Bottery Lane, London  
W11 4NQ.



## COs ON TRIAL IN USSR

The WRI's Broken Rifle reports that Lev Krichevsky 26, has been forced into the Soviet army although he is blind in one eye. His family do not know what has happened to him since he was drugged and made to sign military papers. Mikhail Kopot, a Pentecostal pacifist, will be tried in June, in spite of the fact he is entitled to exemption from military service as his parents are invalids and he is the breadwinner. Protests to: Mikhail Gorbachev General Secretary Communist Party of the Soviet Union, The Kremlin, Moscow, USSR.

## U.S. HOSPITAL PLANS

An article in Chain Reaction, (July 86,) gave details of an agreement made between the U.K. & U.S.A. which stated that during times of crisis or war conscripted British labour would be available to U.S. forces. It was also reported that under the secret U.S.-U.K. lines of communication agreement (USUKLOC) medical facilities in Britain would be made available for U.S. casualties in an European conflict.

Under its terms up to 30 NHS hospitals, or 40,000 civilian hospital beds would be emptied of their patients under Special Emergency Powers (laws to prepare for U.S. military casualties.) Although the Government admits that such plans exist, details remain classified.

The medical campaign against nuclear weapons (MCANW) is trying to discover which hospitals will be handed over to U.S. forces in times of crisis, how many beds will be lost & which staff will be allocated to treat U.S. casualties.

The medical campaign has also discovered (in Hansard) that the Government has given permission for two more U.S. contingency hospitals at Winston Barracks (near Glasgow) & Ritchie Barracks (near Edinburgh). These & 8 other contingency hospitals - built under the Host Nation Support Agreement - (providing 6,5000 mothballed beds for use by U.S. forces in time of war;) have been built and the agreement allows for a further five. (At a cost of £300,000,000.)

The programme will be completed by 1992. R.A.F. Cosford has been named as a possible site for such an hospital. For more information contact MCANW, Tress House, 3 Stamford St., London S.E.1 - 9.N.T.; (local contact, Dr Eve Clevenger, 1 Wrekin Course, Wellington.)

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SHROPSHIRE PEACE ALLIANCE CO-ORDINATOR

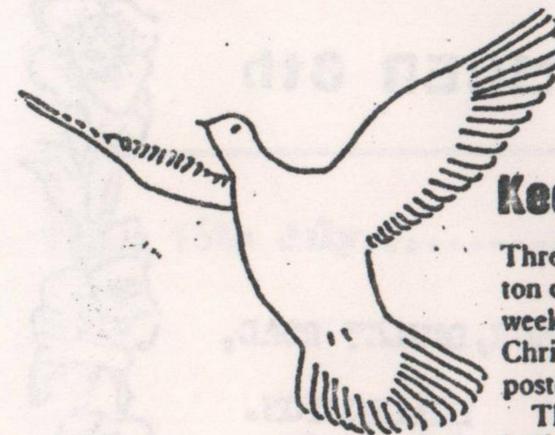
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" The possibility must be faced that the underdeveloped nations which have nothing to lose will point their nuclear pistols at the heads of the passengers in the first class coaches who have everything to lose".

Robert Heilbroner, 1974.



### Keeping the home fires burning

Three and a half years of lugging a ton of firewood to Greenham every week has inspired photographer Christine Hillier to produce a new poster of the Greenham women.

The posters, 70 of which sold in half an hour at the national demo on April 25, will raise money for more firewood. The poem on the poster was written by Daphne Phillips, a Dominican nun, who visited Greenham Common and

felt the fire was a symbol of the women there. Christine Hillier hopes the poster will remind people that the Greenham women are still there, and will stay there.

The glossy A3 poster is available for £1.50 from the CND bookshop at 22-24 Underwood St, London, at radical bookshops, or by contacting Christine Hillier, 10 Herbert St, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 5HW.

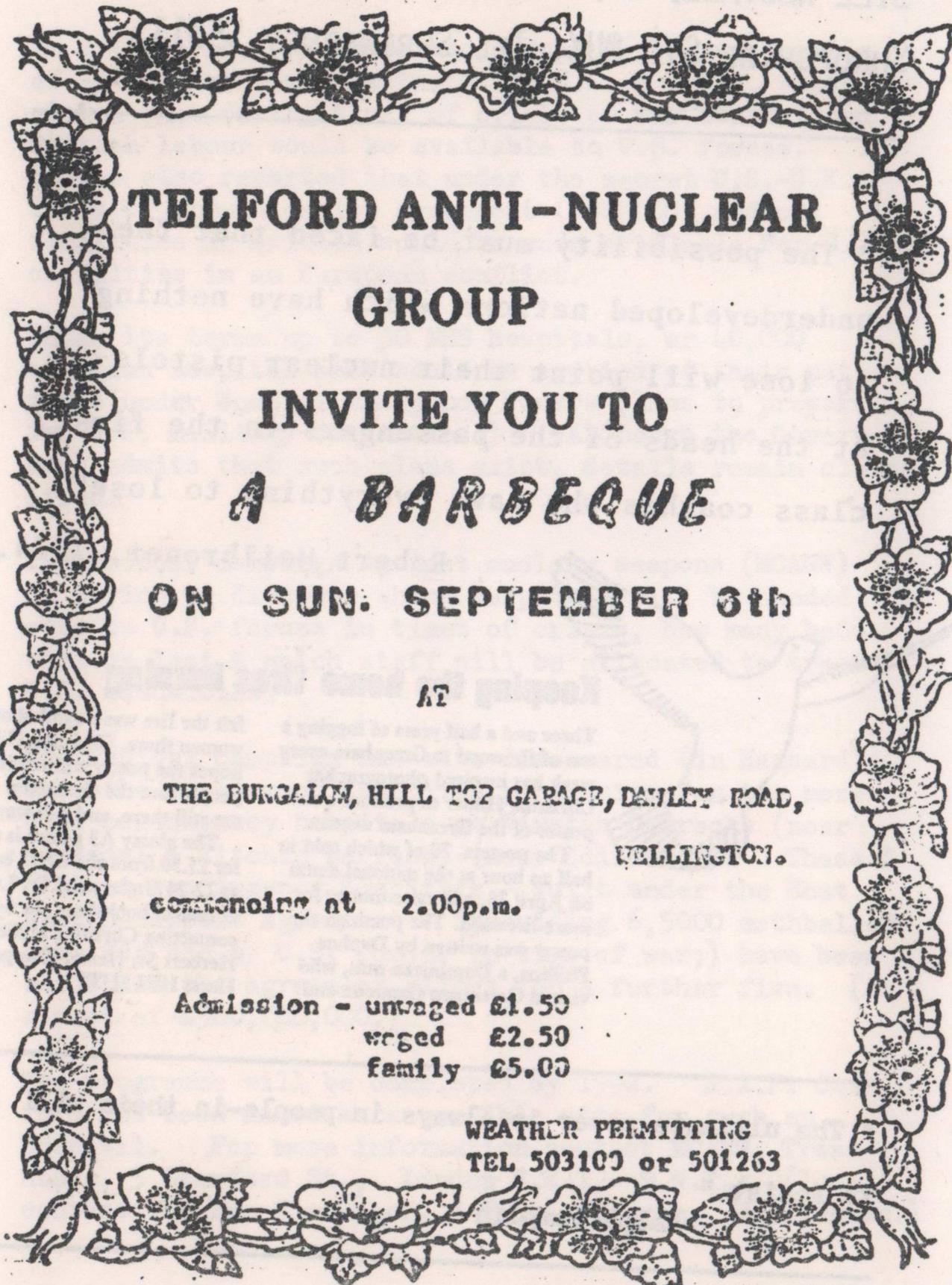
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" The ultimate power is always in people-in their will to resist."

Ralph Templin

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# DIARY



## TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP

### INVITE YOU TO A BARBEQUE

ON SUN. SEPTEMBER 6th

AT

THE BUNGALOW, HILL TOP GARAGE, DAWLEY ROAD,  
WELLINGTON.

commencing at 2.00p.m.

Admission - unwaged £1.50  
waged £2.50  
family £5.00

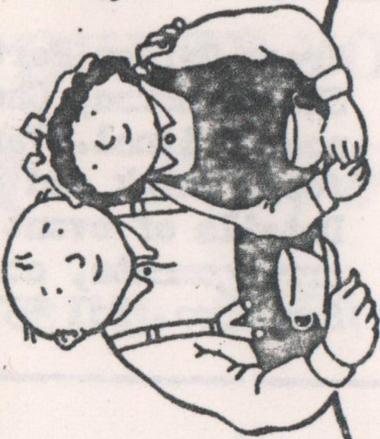
WEATHER PERMITTING  
TEL 503100 or 501263

- Wed. 1st July..... TANG business meeting, 16,  
Linley Drive, Stinchley.  
7.30 p.m. ALL VERY WELCOME.
- Sun. 12th July..... Capenhurst Snowball Number 7  
cut at ENFL plc also support-  
ing action. See newaletter.
- Wed. 15th July..... Chain Reaction meeting. 7,  
Burton Close, Dawley, 7.30pm  
All welcome.
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- Sat. 11th July..... Green Garden Party at  
Sheene House, Sheriffhales,  
near Shifnal. Various stalls  
food, drink and entertainment.  
Details of event /transport  
arrangements, contact Robert  
Saunders Tel 55705.
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- Tue . 16th July..... Vietnam Committee meeting,  
College Farm House, Mill  
Lane, Wellington. 7.30 p.m.  
All welcome.
- Sat & Sun. 18-19 July..... USAF Fairford, Local Peace  
Group holding major demo  
during international air  
tattoo/arms trade event.  
Support needed . Details  
from Sue Vercher, Mallen  
Haters, Fairford, Glocs. Tel  
0285 - 712663.
- Wed. 5th August..... TANG business meeting, 7,  
Burton Close, Dawley. 7.30pm.
- Thu. 6th August..... Hiroshima Day. See newsletter.

Based on the bestselling book by  
**RAYN AND BRIGGS**

# WHEN THE WIND BLOWS <sup>PG</sup>

The tragi-comic tale of the Bloggs and the Bomb



'A horribly funny  
and courageous work'  
**Guardian**

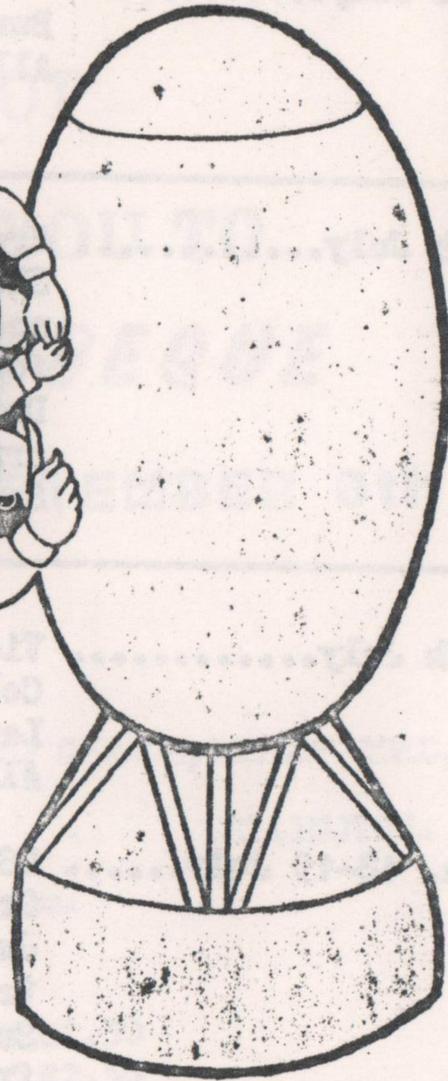
THE VOICE OF  
**PEGGY ASHCROFT**

THE VOICE OF  
**JOHN MILLS**

THE VOICE OF  
**DAVID BOWIE**

THE VOICE OF  
**ROGER WATERS**

THE VOICE OF  
**IAN HARVEY** AND **JOHN COATES** AND **JIMMY T. MURKIN**



**23RD JULY**

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**COURT CINEMA MADELEY 8PM**

Over seventy people were in the Dawley Town Hall to hear Bruce Kent on the 3rd of June. He gave an admirably simple exposition of campaign policies & a critique of the arms' trade, sufficiently comprehensive that one person who said he had come with many questions & objections to raise, said that all of these had been covered by the main talk.

That did not prevent a lively question & answer session. Contributions to collections were generous, TANG receiving nearly £45 for its general funds and Brooklands' group a further £17-59 for Greenham Common.

A nuclear accident  
can only happen once every  
50,000 years, but unfortunately  
this happens to be  
the year



CAPENHURST SNOWBALL NUMBER SEVEN WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY JULY 12TH, AT THE BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS PLANT CHESTER.

DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM CAPENHURST SNOWBALL

18, SHAVINGTON AVE, HOOLE, CHESTER PHONE CHESTER 350966.

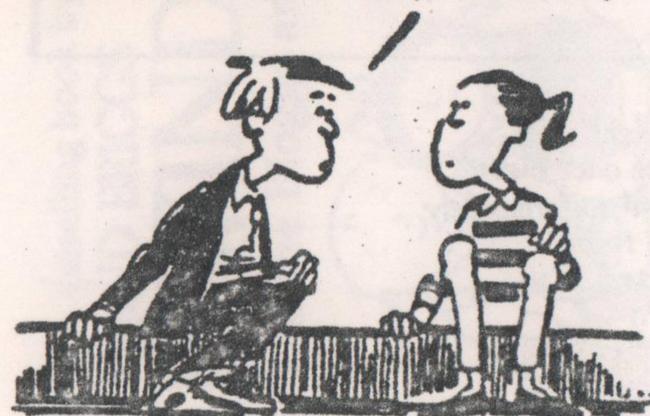
DID YOUR PARENTS LET YOU WATCH THE TELEVISION SHOW ABOUT NUCLEAR WAR?



YEAH - AND THEY WERE THE ONES WHO GOT SCARED



WHAT PART MADE THEM SCARED?



THE PART WHEN I ASKED THEM WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT



The Guardian June 17<sup>th</sup> 1987

Dan Wasserman: LA Times Syndicate

# TANG MEETING.

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday 1st July at 16, Linley Drive Stirchley. We will be discussing Hiroshima Day action, Shropshire Green Week, Shropshire Peace Alliance and other local and national events. ALL VERY WELCOME.



WED 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST ~ DAWS HILL ~  
 ~ HIGH WYCOMBE ~ NAP HILL ~  
 ~ THAME ~ THURS ~  
 ~ GCHQ CHELTENHAM ~ 2<sup>TH</sup> ~  
 ~ OXFORD ~ FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> ~  
 ~ SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST ~ MALVERN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST ~  
 ~ GLOUCESTER SUN 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST ~

CHRISTIAN CND - FOURTH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE.  
 We will seek to bring the message of Peace to USAF DAWS HILL - CHELTENHAM GCHQ - MALVERN RADAR EST. - the people of HIGH WYCOMBE - THAME - OXFORD - CHELTENHAM - GLOUCESTER and all those whom we meet on the way.

*It is the time of harvest. We speak for bread not bombs, and for the uses of resources for life instead of death. We speak for those who have already died from nuclear power and weapons and for those who because of what we sow will reap a terrible harvest.*

We speak of Christ's message of Hope  
 That all things will be renewed  
 Join us to sow, reap and gather in a Harvest of  
 PEACE, JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION.

summer pilgrimage for peace and justice

# FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK WITH US FOR ALL OR PART OF THIS PILGRIMAGE.

If you cannot walk with us join us at one or more of the following events.

Wed. Aug. 26th 11.00 Daws Hill 12.30 Nap Hill  
Vigil, worship & commissioning of pilgrims.

Sat. Aug. 29th 10 a.m. Vigil GCHQ Cheltenham.

Mon. Aug. 31st 10 a.m. vigil Malvern Radar Est.  
1 p.m. Gathering, Worship and Picnic  
Malvern Hills.

## CHRISTIAN CND'S HARVEST CELEBRATION.

*There will be other events as well en route - write for watch out for info nearer the time.*

*If you would like to walk all or part of the way with us or would like more information about events en route please fill in the form below.*

*NOTE. The pilgrims will be accompanied by support vehicles ALL the way to carry luggage and tired walkers. Children and others who cannot walk the whole time are welcome.*

*Also people willing to drive these support vehicles part way. The average walking distance per day is 12 miles (Oxford to North Leach will be by coach). Accommodation will often be on hall floors but some bed accommodation is likely to be available most nights.*

I/We intend to join the Summer Pilgrimage. I/We enclose £5 (£3 unwaged, children) registration per person.

Name(s)  
Address

Phone No.

I will arrive Wed. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Thur. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Fri. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_  
Sat. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Sun. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_

I will depart Thurs. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Sat. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_  
Sun. am \_\_\_ pm \_\_\_ Mon. (tick when you intend to join us & leave)

I/we are bringing children aged.

I am willing to do some driving (age over 25 clean license)

I would like more information about pilgrimage events times and venues as it becomes available.

Name  
Address

Please return forms to  
Angela Needham, (CCND Cochair) 7 Furnace Cottages, Crow Edge,  
Sheffield S30 5HF.

Friends of the Earth will be having an Energy Workshop at the Centre for Alternative Technology near Machynlleth in Wales in the autumn.

Their campaign will be changing over the next twelve months and will be moving into new issues in the nuclear and non-nuclear fields. The annual energy workshop is an opportunity to discuss this, learn new skills and hear presentations about a wide range of topics.

The workshop is on Fri-Sun 23-25th October 1987 (the start of half-term week). The cost of accommodation at the Centre is £16 inc all meals. You can take your own tent or ask for local B & B accommodation, in which case the cost of meals only is £12. (unwaged prices £10 and £8 respectively).

Please inquire and book through FoE at 377 City Road, London EC1V 1NA soon as places are limited.



# TANG'S GAG RELEASED

Last month's Chain Reaction described how TANG could not even say why we could not distribute a leaflet during the general election period.

We had not mentioned any political party. All we were proposing to say was :

" Ask any election canvassers who visit you just what their party plans to do about nuclear weapons and nuclear energy."

So even asking people to think about the issue, in the context of an anti-nuclear leaflet, was technically illegal during the period (unless the cost of the leaflet is borne by one or more of the election candidates' expenses.

## FIGHT THE 'GOOD' FIGHT?

Women in the British forces are seeking the right to be on an equal basis with men, including having combat status. At present women are barred from this role.

Is this a feminist issue? And what should the peace movement be saying about it?

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# TANG MEMBER IMPRISONED

TANG member Mark Stokes was sent to prison for 11 days by Telford Magistrates on June 12th for refusing on principle to pay a fine imposed on him for 'criminal damage' to the perimeter fence at the Capenhurst nuclear fuel enrichment plant near Chester.

Mark had, along with many others from across the country, attempted to cut the fence as part of the Snowball Campaign. This was in July 1986. He was fined at Chester magistrates in October but declined to pay. Only now has his case been referred to Telford.

Although not given a chance to say so in court, Mark was sending the amount of the fine (£57.45) to the Oxfam Mozambique Famine Appeal.

Members and supporters of TANG were present in the courtroom to hear Mark's case. He was later taken to Shrewsbury Prison to serve his sentence.

Mark was released after serving five days in Shrewsbury prison. He would like to thank all those who supported him at the courts and for all the letters and cards he received whilst inside.

