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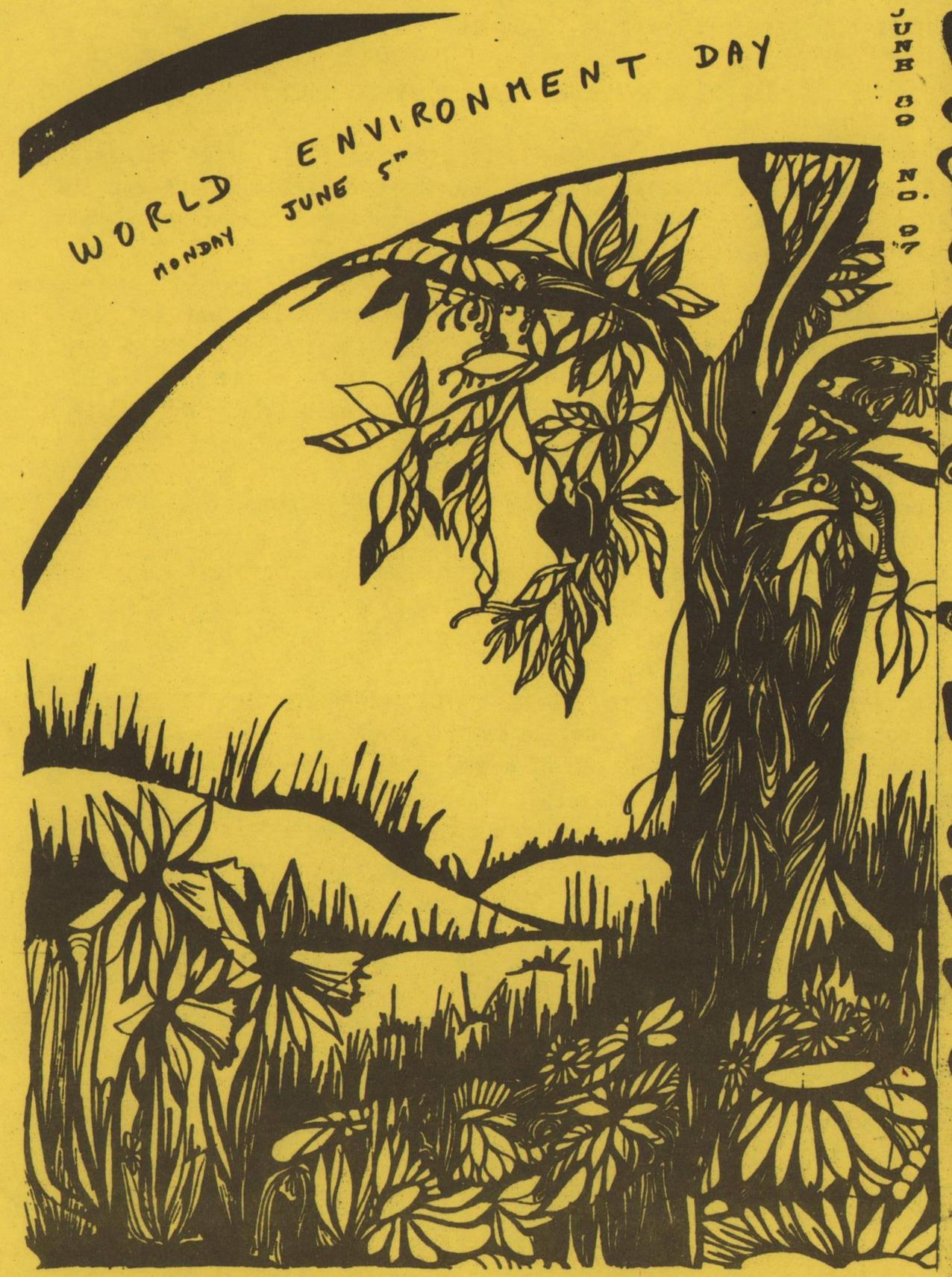
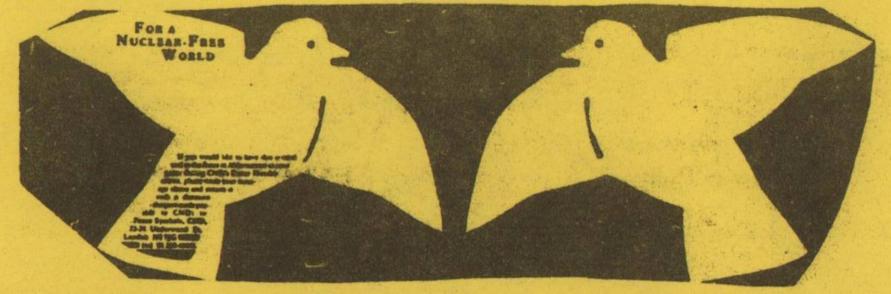
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Election Statement from the Green Party.
(Other parties have not asked us to publish their material)



Making Europe a Green and pleasant land

On June 15th we all have the opportunity to vote for a Green Europe in the Parliamentary elections. This is the third direct election and the level of Green representation is likely to increase beyond those MEPs already present from Belgium & Germany.

The European Greens have already made their common statement for the 1989 election, adopted on March 11th/12th in Brussels. This shows the commitment amongst Greens from different countries to work together towards a Green Europe, reflecting the common threats facing the people of Europe and the world as a whole.

The common statement sets out agreed thinking & policies on:

- creating a genuinely sustainable economy;
- international solidarity with the poorer countries' peoples;
- protecting & enhancing the environment;
- developing ecologically benign energy supplies, & closing down nuclear power/processing facilities;
- promoting a wide public debate on biotechnology, while closely limiting the research & development, given the serious public consequences, for all life forms, of mistakes; transforming the Common Agricultural Policy into a means of promoting organic farming, protecting livestock from intensive husbandry, & benefitting small farming enterprises, at the disadvantage of big industrial-farming corporations;
- creating a society that gives real equality to both sexes;
- enhancing work opportunities & the quality of that work, in conjunction with employees' rights;
- promoting human rights for all residents & political asylum for refugees, and opposing the recent growth in racism & neo-fascism;
- forming a nuclear, chemical & biological weapons-free Europe of East & West, building on the growing desire of European peoples for genuine peace;

Greens throughout Europe are campaigning on these issues, & will work together in the European Parliament to achieve these aims.

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Election Statement by the Green Party- continued
You have the opportunity to choose the Green way, consciously and democratically. It is an opportunity that needs to be grasped now, given the possible future political upheavals as a consequence of the ecological threats facing us.

Choose to demonstrate your solidarity with the earth, with the poor and with future generations. Join the growing movement to turn our grey earth green.

Green Party



Robert Saunders
Green Party Candidate for the
European Elections for the
Shropshire & Staffordshire
Constituency.

P.S. Readers interested in obtaining a copy of the Common Statement &/or the Green Party European Election Manifesto please write to Shropshire & Staffs. Green Party, c/o 23 Saxon Court, Leegomery, Telford. The election campaign needs offers of physical and financial help - please contact Robert at the above address.

Shorts

Heseltine has just suggested - in his role as Tory "moderate" - that in order to placate Chancellor Kohl, Britain should offer to host the additional nuclear weaponry that the Germans do not want on their soil. No doubt it has never dawned on him that we might already have a surfeit of the stuff, and this could be asking for an accident.

Those who read Paul Wolfe's article in last month's Chain Reaction will be pleased to know that the May Day demo was the best held in the Wrekin for at least seventeen years. It was well organized, there was no Tory-minded comedian telling sexist jokes, no attempt by a minority to take over credit for the whole demo, and the weather was the best we've had for years. Let it be an omen.

Greenham Press Release: (yellow gate)

Yellow Gate Greenham Common Women's Camp
British Soldiers' rifles aimed at non-violent women.

Two cruise missile convoys were deployed from USAF Greenham Common from Wednesday, February 15th to Wednesday February 22nd., they were practising mass murder in Imber Village, Salisbury Plain, (Imber Village also has a pretend West Belfast village built within it, where the British army train before they go to Northern Ireland.)

Three yellow gate women were arrested inside USAF Greenham Common as the two convoys left the base. They were all charged with trespass under military bye-laws.

On Friday night, 17th February, 3 yellow gate women walked 4 miles on military land, to be arrested at Imber Village. Because the women were shouting & singing, and were arrested so close to the working convoys, the military had to switch the convoys off, as they practised generating the power to fire the missiles. This group of women had rifles pointed at them from a dug-out. The third non-violent direct action by three yellow gate women was taken on the night of Monday, Feb. 20th., despite intensive security the three women were detained by British soldiers when they were inside Imber Village within yards of the working convoys.

Katrina Howse says: "I heard the 'click' of safety catches being taken off rifles & saw two British soldiers standing up, aiming rifles straight at us. I called out quickly: 'We are non-violent women' several times. By this time we had stopped walking. The taller soldier said: 'don't move or I'll shoot'. He ordered us to sit down, which we did. I told him we weren't going to move, repeatedly, & that we were going to do some shouting. We shouted & sang against the convoys - but all this time they still had their rifles trained on us. For what seemed like several minutes as we waited for the M.O.D. police, the taller soldier, in particular, had his gun pointed at us, as we sat singing on the ground. It was a very dangerous and life-threatening situation. Later on - when we were charged with trespass - I made a complaint about this use of guns against non-violent women."

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Greenham Common Press Release,.....continued

Anica Jones continues: "Yellow gate women have non-violently stopped the nuclear convoy exercises on Salisbury Plain consistently. By getting through the British & American armies in the deployment area - breaching their security & forcing the exercise to stop - we constantly remind them of their war-crimes, shouting 'blood on your hands' when we get up to their convoy."

Allison Lovell adds: "the police & military are being encouraged to use violent means when dealing with 'problems' (i.e. those who oppose the injustices of the state.) They use physical violence & degradation. The two soldiers were told we were non-violent, yet still aimed their rifles at us, ordering us to sit on the floor. We demand an end to the state violence & degradation against us. This is one more incident where our lives have been threatened."

Send letters of protest to Chief Constable, Ministry of Defence police, Empress State Building, Lillie Rd., London SW6 1TR

SUPPORT MORDECHAI VANUNU

Mordechai Vanunu is a 34 year old Israeli nuclear technician. He gave evidence of the manufacture of nuclear weapons in Israel to the Sunday Times newspaper. He did so because he felt his people had the right to know and because of the threat to world peace.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT :

Campaign to Free Vanunu : Cambridge Support Gr.

P.O.Box 1328

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London NW 6

SUCCESS

The sending of Christmas cards by supporters of TANG resulted in a reply this year. One was sent to an organisation in Israel called 'Yesh Gvul' ("There is a limit") which is a movement of Israeli reserve soldiers who question the right of government to call them to a war they considered illegal.

The page-long reply letter gave details of the movement and of those jailed for refusing to take up arms against the Palestinians. It said:

" We wish to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of sympathisers and well-wishers who have offered their support, whether material or moral. One such soldier, Rami Hasson, has just been jailed for 28 days for refusing to serve in the occupied territories."

TANG hopes that this will encourage others to write messages of support, at any time of year. Addresses regularly appear in Chain Reaction.

THIS MONTH'S SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION

- 1) Get a friend to join CND nationally today , see coupon elsewhere in this issue.
- 2) Sponsor Bruce Kent on his walk circling around London from Aldermaston to Burghfield. Or even better, join him for part of the way. (Dates: 24th July - 6th August)

DIARY

Telford Greenpeace meetings: contact Jacqui Derbyshire, 32 Majstic Way, Aqueduct , for dates and places.

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| Sat 27th May
- 4th June | Disarm the Seas Week
Phone Laurens (641852) for details. |
| Mon 5th June | World Environment Day |
| Weds 7th June
7.30 pm | Chain Reaction Meeting
6 Myford Cottages, Horsehay |
| Fri 16th June
-18th June | Glastonbury Festival.
Infoline: 01 251 0028 |
| Weds 21st June
7.30 pm | TANG business meeting .
16 Linley Drive, Stirchley Park.
All very welcome. |
| Sat 24th June
- 25th June | Weekend rally in Vincennes , S.E. Paris
for the rights of man. |
| Weds 5th July
7.30 pm | Chain Reaction Meeting
6 Myford Cottages, Horsehay |
| July 6th-9th | 1989 Convention for END
Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain |
| July 23rd-27th | Christian CND summer camp,
Douai Abbey |

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Please send or give your letters or articles , in whatever form, to any of the following:

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Peter Nias,	48 Victoria Road, Madeley . Tel: 587532
Laurens Otter,	College Farm House, Mill Lane, Wellington. Tel: 641852

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