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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP.

TOGETHER WE CAN STOP THE BOMB!

24th October is the date set for the massive national demonstration in demand of nuclear disarmament. 100,000 will converge on the capital from all parts of the country, emphasising again the irrisistable demand of people for an end to the arms race.

Those who went from Telford last year will recall the tremendous sense of solidarity and fullness that such demonstrations create. This strength of feeling has clearly frightened the military minds who seek to display new methods of mans destruction here in Europe.

T.A.N.G. is planning to organise coaches to the rally leaving Telford on the rally morning of the 24th and returning that evening. We hope to make this a family event to which all people will feel able to come. Fro tickets and information please contact:-

Paul Wolfe, Ivy House, Chaple St. Dawley, Tel. 501218.

Help make this a huge demonstration of our demand for a world free from the nuclear t.reat.

START THE STEPS TO SURVIVAL!

The Float took the form of a D.I.Y. fall-out shelter as recommended by the government in their booklet 'Protect and Survive'. It took alot longer than four minutes to bulid the shelter as instructed from old doors, packing cases, sandbags, etc., and to equip it with all the essential items listed, such as food, buckets of water, radio, and games to while away the statutory 14 days!

We were awarded 2nd prize for our efforts but perhaps more important the fact that 8000 people were made aware not only of T.A.N.G.'s existence, but also of the farcical nature of the governments civil defence arrangements.

The first reaction of onlookers was to laugh, the second to shake their heads. Chances of surviving a nuclear attack in such a shelter would be nonexistent. By trying to deceive us that survival is possible, the government is making nuclear war more exceptable and there fore more likley.

WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN

This is progressing slowley, but some areas of the constituency are still not covered, and some other people who initially volunteered have decided not too when asked to do their bit. The actual response in signing the petition has been good, over 50%.

It has been well received in general and a great deal of interest has been created through the personal contacts made.

If you've always wished to do something for disarmament then take the chance before the end of this year (when the petition finishes) Ask Paul Wolfe (501218 evening) or Peter Nias 619393 ext. 223 (day).

ROSELEY CARNIVAL WINNER (EARLY)

At Broseley Carnival on August 31st T.A.N.G. made it presence felt both by running a stall on the field and by entering a float in the procession. As well as badges and Literature, home-made produce such as jam and cakes were on sale.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING!

On September 1st 1981, T.A.N.G. held their monthly meeting at the Elephant and Castle pub, Dawley. T.A.N.G. showed a slide show called 'The Devestation of Hirashima and Nagasaki 1945'. This slide show now belongs to T.A.N.G. and shows the effects of the Atom Bombs that were dropped on these two cities. Along with the slide show was a narration which is being put onto tape, and T.A.N.G. hopes to show the slides with the tape marration to several groups, organisations and schools. If you know of any group or organisation which would like to see these slides please contact one of the names at the end of 'Chain Reaction'.

After the slides, T.A.N.G. held a discussion and it was decided that an open Annual General Meeting should be held to elect vital officers, to ensure the smooth running of the Group. This A.G.M. will be held at the November monthly meeting at the Elephant and Castle pub, Dawley, so if you wish to put some ideas forward please come along, at 8pm on November 3rd. Along with the A.G.M. will be a film, and later in the evening a Disco to celebrate T.A.N.G.'s 1st Birthday, so come along and help to make the evening a fun one.

WASHINGTON U.S.A.

All main hospitals throughout the U.S. have been asked by the pentagon to keep a proportion of their beds free at all times to receive "decontaminated" casualties from a nuclear attack in Europe, as part of a programme of U.S. N.A.T.O. Civil Defence measures. It is belived that 1000,000 beds or more are ready for use. The plan is based on the ieda that any future big war will involle the heavy use of tactical nuclear weapons, and both U.S. and European medical facilities throughout Europe will be overwhelmed.

From July addition of Protect and Survive monthly.

POLICY MEETING.

8pm. on October the 6th T.A.N.G. will hold a meeting at the Elephant and Castle pub, Dawley to decide on policy. In the past the T.A.N.G. had done without a manifesto, but it seems vital that we stand on some basic issues. For instance, are we opposed to Nuclear power as well as Nuclear weapons? Do we think Britain should withdraw from N.A.T.O. or stay in as a Nuclear Weapon free state? What tactics should be used? Should we just pass on the facts to people, or should we organise demonstrations, even civil disobedience. These things need to be decided democratically, so we hope everyone who cares will come.

DIARY

- 6th October - Monthly Meeting , and Group policy discussion. Elephant and Castle, Dawley.
- 10th October - Survival demonstration of the government shelter to be held in Dawley centre.
- 24th October - London C.N.D. March.
- 3rd November - Annual General Meeting, at the Monthly meeting, with film and Disco.
- 7th November - Jumble sale at Dawley Christian Centre.

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