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On that day Hiroshima took the brunt of nuclear war in an infernal and scorching blast. Since that day she has been calling for an end to nuclear weapons, praying for a lasting peace for mankind...It is now time for us to call for solidarity for all mankind and to shift our common path away from self destruction towards survival.

Hiroshima peace declaration

By David Pallister

Students who demonstrated against a visit by the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, have been harassed and threatened by a group of policemen, it is claimed.

Allegations of violent police behaviour during the demonstration at Manchester University students' union, in which 33 people were arrested and 40 injured, have led to an internal police investigation and an independent panel of inquiry set up by Manchester council's police monitoring committee.

A number of students have made private statements to the panel headed by Mr John Platts-Mills, QC, claiming that they have been stopped repeatedly on the streets by policemen who make veiled threats based on information about their private lives and political opinions.

Different statements, from students unknown to each other, have mentioned in particular two plain clothes officers who drive a W registration red Ford Cortina.

One student says he was detained, stripped, assaulted and taken naked in a cell for an

hour, ostensibly for a drugs search, and interrogated about his politics.

Mr Steven Shaw, a 22-year-old politics and philosophy student, has also had his house broken into; the only thing missing was material for his thesis on police technology. At one stage, on the advice of his tutor, Professor Roger Williams, he was provided with safe accommodation on the university's Whitworth park campus, paid for from the university registrar's special fund.

These events coincided with two suspicious burglaries at Manchester and London council offices where documents relating to the students' inquiry have been tampered with. Last week, the chairman of Manchester's police monitoring committee, Mr Anthony McCardell, said he could not rule out the involvement of MI5 or the special branch.

Policemen 'persecute students',
who protested against Brittan

When Unilateralists have reacted to Hilda Murrell's murder as demonstrating that the nuclear state, far from defending freedom, destroys it, we have been accused of paranoia. "The police" it is said "have never been accused of doing that". (A view which may be news to the Black community.)

The belief that the bomb is there to defend freedom & democracy from the Stalinist threat has been fully answered in Edward Thompson's "Writing by Candlelight".

The report of the actions of Manchester police reproduced from the Guardian, (and a similar report in the previous days Observer,) once again demonstrates that democracy is not preserved but threatened. Moreover when it is remembered that Miss Murrell died of hypothermia, not of the stab wounds and considers what the effect of the treatment given in this article would have on an elderly woman, it can be seen that attributing her murder to the police would not be that much out of character.

C.N.D NATIONAL DEMO

On October 26th CNDs national demonstration will take place in London. The 26th will also mark the opening week for the United Nations peace year.

The demonstration will focus attention on our governments unwillingness to contribute to the disarmament process concentrating attention on Britains reluctance to include its nuclear weapons in the arms negotiations, and its massive escalation of the arms race with the purchase of Trident. It will also draw attention to the destabilising effect on the international scene with Britains acceptance of potential first strike cruise missiles.

The demo will be circular in nature to symbolise people all over the world who are caught in the spiralling arms race.

Plans are not yet complete but its believed the demo will start at Hyde Park go past the Russian and American embassies and then return to the park. A series of activities are also planned on the hour, (die-in, sitdown, hands link,) and a range of platforms and entertainments.

Tang is organising a coach down to the demonstration on October 26th if you wish for more information or to book a seat please contact one of the following.

Barbara Lamplugh, 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley
Tel 598452

Maria Wakely, 15, Fellows Close, Little Dawley
Tel 594842

Laurens Otter, College Farm House, Mill Lane, Wellington.
Tel 54728



**"REST IN PEACE THE SAME MISTAKE
SHALL NOT BE REPEATED**

"Space superiority is required to ensure that our space-based assets are available to support theatre forces. Superiority in space will require a robust force structure and the capability to destroy hostile space systems".

Quoted in UPI Wire, January 6, 1983.

"The Prime Minister yesterday gave an unequivocal pledge that she would push the button to fire Britain's Polaris missiles at Soviet cities in the event of a major Russian attack on this country".

Report in The Guardian, 1 June 1983.

"The Soviet armed forces and the armed forces of the other Socialist countries must be prepared to deliver massive retaliatory nuclear strikes by strategic means against the military - economic foundations, the system of government and military control, strategic nuclear devices and groups of armed forces of the imperialist bloc."

V.D. Sokolovskiy

Soviet Military Strategy

"Supported with nuclear or chemical weapons small forces attacking at high speed can achieve the same success as larger forces supported with conventional fires".

US Army Field Manual 100-5, Chap.8.



RAINBOW WARRIOR

- GREENPEACE APPEAL

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"I JUST TOLD THEM THAT IN THE EVENT OF A WAR, CORONATION STREET WOULD END!"



"HOLD THE FRONT PAGE! ... PRINCE SCRATCHES NOSE IN PUBLIC!"

Gallup poll gives hope

For the first time, more than half the British people think the Government is spending too much on defence, according to a recent Gallup poll (*Sunday Telegraph*, July 7th).

The proportion has risen by 7% to 53%. Meanwhile most people think too little is being spent on roads (63%), education (74%), the NHS (76%) and pensions (70%).

TELFORD ANTI - NUCLEAR GROUP

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ON SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

AT COLLEGE FARM HOUSE,

MILL LANE, WELLINGTON.

commencing at 4.00pm

Admission - £2.00 waged

£1.00 unwaged

free

- children under 12 years of age.



Oxfam under threat

Disarmament and development is the theme of a recent Oxfam pamphlet. And it's getting Oxfam into trouble.

An organisation called the Committee for the Free World (UK) (Chairman: Lord Chalfont, Honorary Executive Director: Lady Jacqueline Wheldon) has written to a number of its friends asking them to sign a form letter to the Charity Commissioners, calling for Oxfam's charity status to be withdrawn.

A sample reads:

'The pamphlet proposes a campaign against "the arms race", meaning, as its examples show, our own disposition to arm ourselves, and to sell arms internationally. By a one-sided collection of examples, it suggests that "injustice" and "poverty" are the result of our military spending...'

Get the flavour? Letters of support to Oxfam, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 7DZ.



DIARY

August 5th & 6th - Brooklands Anti - Nuclear Group
Hiroshima peace service and vigil. Christ Church
Wellington. 7.30p.m - 12.30a.m

August 6th - Shrewsbury Prayer for Peace Group,
Hiroshima vigil and procession. St Chads Shrewsbury.
8.00a.m - 8.00p.m. At 7.30pm a procession will make its
way to the Quarry where a wreath will be laid.

Tuesday 6th August - Shadow Project in Shrewsbury see
June newsletter.

Wednesday 7th August - TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive,
Stirchley Telford. 7.30p.m

Thursday 8th August - A talk on the peace Tax Campaign
by Martin Howard. Telford Centre Meeting House 7.45p.m

Friday 9th August - NO MORE HIROSHIMA'S & THE LOST
GENERATION. Two films to commemorate the 40th anniver-
sary of the atomic bombings in 1945. Fighting Cocks
Oakengates. 11.30a.m & 7.30p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Wednesday 14th August - Brooklands Anti - Nuclear Group
meeting. 30, Stokesay Road, Wellington.

Wednesday 21st August - TANG meeting, 7, Burton Close,
Dawley, Telford. 7.30p.m ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 28th August - Brooklands Anti - Nuclear Group
meeting. see 14th

Saturday 31st August - TANG barbeque, College Farm
House, Mill Lane Wellington. see newsletter.

Wednesday 4th September, TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive,
Stirchley. 7.30p.m ALL WELCOME

END TO APARTHEID

The Western powers have supported South Africa through thick & thin in the past because South Africa (and Namibia) are the major sources of Uranium for the west.

It is possible of the powers to become convinced that that they can no longer rely on Prime Minister Botha, that they may decide they can safe guard their uranium supplies better by doing a deal with "moderate blacks".

Following the incredible insensitivity that allowed the South African Government to commemorate Sharpeville with another massacre, just at the time it was trying to convince the world that it had reformed and was dismantling the apartheid system, there has been such an outbreak of resistance as to cause some - perhaps over optimistic commentators to forecast the end of Baaskapf (white supremacy) and the birth of democracy in S.A.

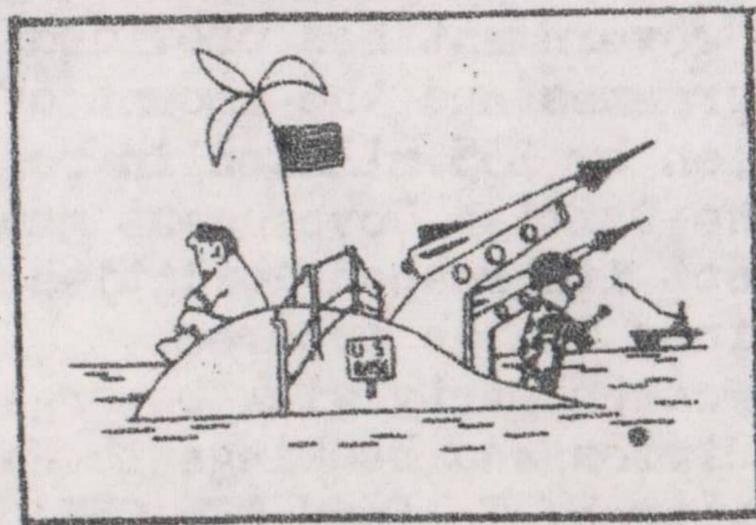
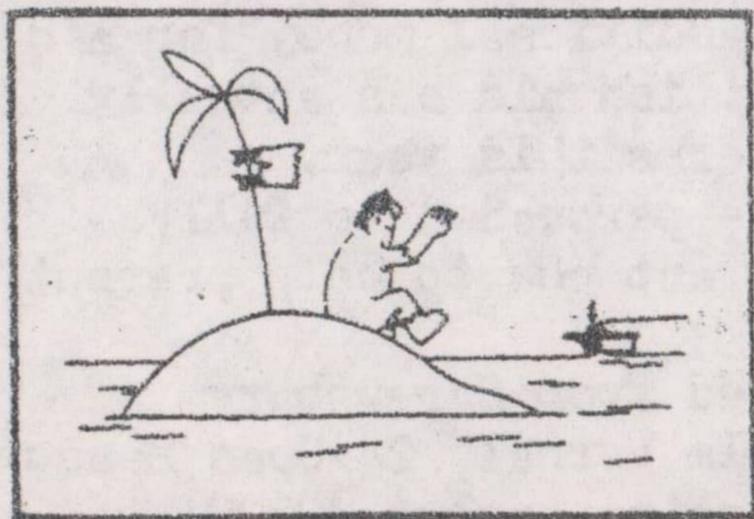
Not only has the resistance meant that spontaneous riots break out regularly amongst urban Blacks; not only has the mood of resistance brought pressure on three streams of African political life; (those who thought they could use the Bantustan institutions of SA to build areas of black power; the traditional "liberal" left of the ANC, UDF & some church men; & the newer younger "Black consciousness" activists;) but it has also led the exile ANC - whose activity for years has been chiefly directed at winning support away from Africa - to turn back to immediate involvement in internal events. It has been the ANC, (that almost out of the blue) called for escalating action & the final overthrow of the regime

It would be nice to think that ANC's (exile section) call comes from clear knowledge of the South African position. That Afrikaner nationalism really is on its last legs. (or that it was bitterly internally divided between the Botha "Liberal" Nationalists, & the Treurnicht-Marais Rightists, that these will allow their divisions to prevent them fighting to suppress democracy.) Even though, in that case, the exile ANC shift of policy would look a little opportunist & belated.

Certainly South Africa is seeing the most determined resistance for quarter of a century. Certainly the "reforms" in Apartheid, and the need for the Botha Government to present a liberal face to world opinion has made combination & action easier & more effective.

However, - as a perceptive Observer columnist showed (May 26) - the reason for the "reforms" in Apartheid, is that Afrikanerdom is no longer a purely rural movement. Now there are sufficient Afrikaner urban capitalists, (wanting a settled urban work-force, & so finding the Bantustan policy an hindrance,) that Apartheid in the old form no longer serves the needs of white-rule. To assume that the split within Afrikaner ranks will go far enough to disarm the Racists, is to assume that these "Liberal" capitalist - Nationalist will risk a social revolution rather than accept the continuance of the Bantustans.

This is not to say, of course, that resistance cannot be successful, just that racism is not prepared to bow out gracefully. The gains that are likely to happen, in the short term, are considerable, if short of freedom in South Africa itself. Resistance in South African townships may well force the regime to recall its troops now used in action to destabilize Angola, Mozambique and other front-line African states, on the borders of SA, to develop undisturbed. This would obviously do much to bring eventual liberation to South Africa, & it might well - even in the immediate future - transform the situation in Namibia.



NORTHWOOD ACTION

On the 30th September there is going to be an act of civil disobedience at the Northwood base, north-west of London. The action will be directed at the workers entering the base & it will be primarily a protest against Polaris missiles which are controlled from Northwood.

The action is being organized by the MoD affinity group for the Fellowship of Reconciliation's act of witness on May 7th, and will be a follow-up to the Christian CND action at Northwood which took place in June.

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday 1st Sept at the Catholic Chaplaincy 111, Gower street, London. All those intending to support or take part in the action should meet together on Sunday 29th September (London venue to be arranged). Overnight accomodation will be provided.

For more information contact: Roger Hallam, 29, Great James Street, Holborn, London WC1N 3ES. tel 01 242 7130

FIGHT WORLD POVERTY

On Tuesday October 22nd a mass lobby will take place at the House of Commons

The mass lobby on 22nd October is the chance to show your concern about Britains policies towards the worlds poor.

The pictures of famine in Africa have stirred the British public to unprecedented generosity. In contrast the government has provided no additional money for aid programmes and the amount of British aid has actually fallen by £35 million in real terms this year.

The British Government must be persuaded to fully accept its responsibilities and act now to help prevent famines in the future.

A coach party will be organised from Shrewsbury enquiries and bookings to Malcolm Verral, 24 Span Meadow Shawbirch, Telford TF5 0NF. (evenings only) 40820.

THE SECOND SUPER POWER

The Soviet threat is a standard phase used repeatedly in any discussion of the Soviet Union, preventing a greater range of judgement and understanding. The essays in this important new book go beyond the rhetoric evaluating the Soviet Union as it is today. The book examines the relationships of the Soviet leadership to the military, Soviet foreign policy, Soviet nuclear weapons, the Soviet position on arms control and trends in Soviet thinking. Contributions come from Mary Kaldor, Jonathon Steele, Fred Halliday, George Crossley. The authors include Mary Kaldor, Jonathon Steele, Fred Halliday and CND's new General Secretary Meg Beresford. Available from: CND SALES, 227 Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2DA. £2.75 inc. postage

SIR, THE POOR ARE
OUTSIDE PROTESTING
THE BUDGET CUTS



IT'S TIME THEY
LEARNED TO
HELP THEMSELVES



AND THE MILITARY
NEEDS ANOTHER
\$ 30 BILLION



TELL THEM TO
HELP THEMSELVES



LOCAL EVENTS

6th - 9th AUGUST



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7.30pm - 12.30am

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8.00A.M - 8.00P.M

August 6th - Shadow Project in Shrewsbury - joint action
with Shrewsbury Peace Group.

August 8th

Martin Howard of the Peace Tax Campaign will
arrive in Telford as a part of his extensive cycling
and public speaking tour. Telford Town Centre meeting
House. 7.45pm.

August 9th - Two short films showing at the fighting
Cocks, Oakengates. No more Hiroshima's and The lost
generation show the effects of the atomic bombings
40years ago and the clear message they hold for todays
world.

Two showings 11.30am & 7.30pm

CHANGE OF VENUE FREE ADMISSION

see leaflet

The impossible meditation

What is Trident?

Trident is the end of the world.

What do you mean?

Trident is a nuclear submarine being built now, which will be able to destroy 408 cities or areas at one time, each with a blast five times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb.

Trident is 2,040 Hiroshimas.

One Trident submarine can destroy any country on earth.

A fleet of Trident submarines (30 are planned) can end life on earth.

I don't understand.

A submarine which equals 2,040 Hiroshimas.

How can anyone understand that?

Begin with a meditation:

To understand Trident say the word 'Hiroshima'.

Reflect on its meaning for one second.

Say and understand 'Hiroshima' again.

And again.

And again.....

2,040 times.

Assuming you're able to understand Hiroshima in one second you'll be able to understand Trident in 34 minutes.

That's one Trident submarine.

To understand the destructive power of the whole Trident fleet it would take you 17 hours devoting one second to each Hiroshima.

Your meditation is impossible.

To understand Hiroshima alone would take a lifetime.

You DO understand.

Hiroshima was the end of our ability to imagine our destructive power or to measure its consequences.

Trident is the end of the world.

How does one live at the end of the world?

By beginning a new one.

Stop Trident.

Stop the world in an end-time and build a new world.

Jim Douglass, Bangor, Washington State, USA.

THIRD WORLD WAR CONFERENCE

Have nuclear weapons kept the peace or have they held a hostile stalemate in Europe? whilst intervention and war rages in the third world? Is there a connection between these wars in third world and the nuclear arms race. What causes these wars and could one of them be a flash point for World War three.

This is the question being discussed at a conference that is to be held in Birmingham in October. It will look at nuclear proliferation, nuclear testing & dumping in the Indian & Pacific Ocean and at the new U.S & N.A.T.O strategy in Europe. There will also be speakers from Central America & Asia.

Registration fee £7.00. Third World War conference
c/o END Southbank House. Black Prince Rd, London SE1 7EJ

Birmingham

OCT 26th



TANG SPONSORED WALK

As a part of TANGs fund raising activities several members of the group will stage a sponsored walk from Telford to London. The walk will take place during One World Week October 20th - 26th and will hopefully end in London on the 26th which is the day of CNDs national demo. You can help us by sponsoring one of the

walkers and/or collecting sponsors for us, sponsor forms are available from ; Laurens Otter, College Farm House, Mill Lane, Wellington. Or Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford. Laurens Tel 54728.

WREKIN AND THE BOMB

Well, what would happen if a nuclear bomb hit C.O.D. Donnington? To be sure, no one would stand around watching as people did during the massive fire there two years ago. And the least of our worries would be the asbestos from the roofs of buildings which caused (and perhaps is still causing) so much concern at the time.

A booklet called 'Wrekin and the Bomb' will attempt to describe the effects and outline what anyone left afterwards will have to cope with.

This booklet is being produced by Wrekin Council as part of the debate on nuclear issues and particularly the contribution of civil defence towards alleviating the situation. It will be published in the autumn.

There are coloured maps and diagrams, photographs and written material. It has been carefully researched over some nine months by people with specialist knowledge in a variety of fields. It includes a description of the effects (as far as they are known) of the nuclear winter.

TANG has ordered a number of copies and hopes to sell them to anyone interested. The September Chain Reaction will include a reminder of the publication and an order form, although that doesn't stop you from putting your request in now to any of the contact names in this current edition of Chain Reaction.

We are looking to sell a large number, and also hope to take part in the Wrekin-wide debate which will be stimulated.



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my subscription; £3.00 waged *
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Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford
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WHAT WE CANT
DO ALONE
WE CAN DO
TOGETHER

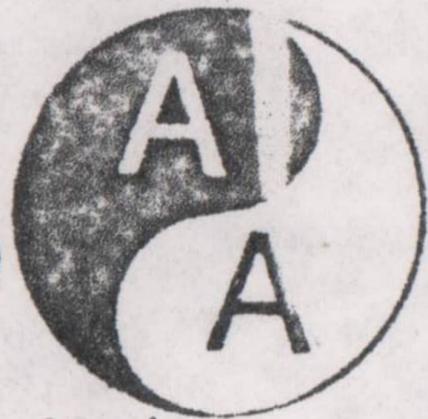




FRESH FROM THE SUN 1984



BOYCOTT SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS



WATCH THE LABEL and boycott these
WATCH THE SHOP - many shops sell South African goods under their own brand name

By law the country of origin must be on the package

Canned meats

Apex
Armour Star
Union
S&B
Bull Brand

Canned fish

Glenryck
Armour
John West
Puffin
S&B

Fresh/tinned/dried fruit

Cape
Outspan
Golden Jubilee
Gold Reef
IXL
Koo
Silver Leaf
Del Monte
Goddess
John West
Sharwoods
S&B

Gants

Turban
Libbys

Wines & spirits

Zonnebloem
Lanzerac
Koopmanskloof
Rembrandt
SA Sherry
SA Hock
SA Burgundy

Pet food

Happy Pet cat food

Health foods

Shapers
Koo
Rooibosch

WATCH OUT ALSO FOR - tights, socks, other hosiery, mens and women's clothes

BOYCOTT PRODUCTS OF APARTHEID!

This is the appeal that black South Africans have made to people throughout the world as the most simple and effective way in which we can contribute to the cause of freedom in South Africa.

The system of apartheid has been universally condemned. The United Nations has declared it a 'crime against humanity'. It means that black South Africans have no rights in the land of their birth: they experience the degradation of racial discrimination every day of their lives. And yet, every possible means of bringing about change has been blocked by the South African authorities.

If you buy Cape fruit or Outspan oranges, dried or tinned fruit from South Africa, drink South African sherry or wine, eat South African tinned fish or meat, or wear South African clothes, then you will be benefiting directly from this evil system of apartheid. In the words of a former prime minister of South Africa, 'every time a South African product is bought it is another brick in the wall of our existence'.

BREAK DOWN THE WALL OF APARTHEID

The black people of South Africa have repeatedly called for this boycott. There are three main reasons why we appeal to British people to support this call:

- the black workers who produce these goods live in conditions of semi-slavery and are paid starvation wages
- the boycott of South African goods contributes towards the total isolation of South Africa, by means of which the apartheid regime will be denied the economic and military support it needs
- 'every effort to isolate South Africa adds strength to our struggle' - the words of Nelson Mandela, the most famous of African leaders in South Africa, still serving life imprisonment

HELP THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM NOW - NEXT TIME YOU SHOP
BOYCOTT THE PRODUCTS OF APARTHEID!

Join WAAM

Please return to: Dell Sanderson, WAAM Convenor,
32 St. Davids Close, Malinslee, Telford.

- I would like: More information about WAAM
 To join WAAM

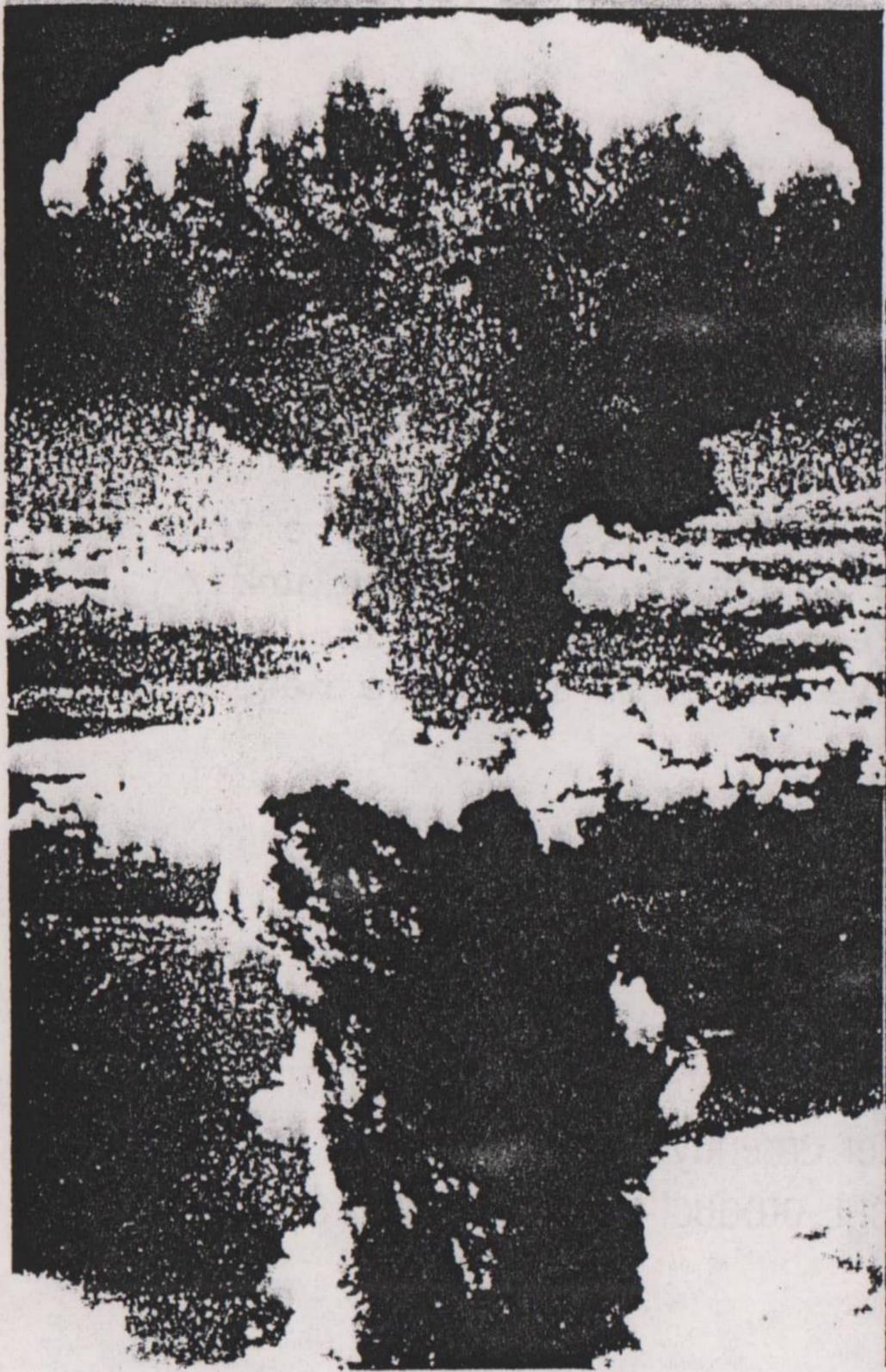
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I enclose £..... for membership/donation.

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS THE LOST GENERATION



TWO FILM PROGRAMME SHOWING AT
ST. LEONARDS CHURCH MALINSLEE

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 7.30^{PM}

ADMISSION FREE

Forty years have passed since the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the end of the Second World War.

In spite of the intense desire of the A-bomb survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the people of all the world that such tragedies must never be repeated, nuclear weapons over one million times more destructive than the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs are now stockpiled, the result of the on-going nuclear arms race.

The use of nuclear weapons will destroy the whole human race and civilization. It is therefore illegal, immoral and a crime against the human community.

Humans must not coexist with nuclear arms.

The nuclear deterrent is not the answer, we believe that mankind must do better, than to continue cowering under the perpetual threat of nuclear annihilation. The resources required to continue the arms race are needed for more essential human needs.

There must never be another Hiroshima anywhere on earth.

There must never be another Nagasaki anywhere on earth.

Now is the time to call for the complete prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons. Let us work together urgently to achieve a total ban on the use, testing, research, development, production, deployment and stockpiling of nuclear weapons.

THINK GLOBAL ACT LOCAL (what you can do)

1. Come to the film show on the 9th August
2. find out more information from TANG
3. discuss the issue with friends and relatives

LAURENS OTTER, COLLEGE FARM HOUSE, MILL LANE, WELLINGTON
TEL 54728

MARK STOKES, 7, BURTON CLOSE, DAWLEY, TELFORD.