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CHAIN REACTION

OCTOBER 1985

C.N.D NATIONAL DEMO



26th
OCTOBER



CYCLE RIDE

FOR PEACE

Why not join in an enjoyable cycle ride around Telford and help promote the national demonstration on 26th October.

The route begins in Madeley (Anstice Hall), onto Dawley (High Street), Wellington (The Square), Hadley (High Street), Donnington (COD entrance), Oakengates (Market Street) and the Town Centre (Sainsbury's entrance) (for times see accompanying map).

The distance is less than 20 miles so should take $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours giving time to leaflet at points on the route. Join in at the place near your home at the appointed time or earlier to help leaflet. Why not decorate your bike with streamers, posters, penants and balloons. For details of the times and the route see the map on the opposite page or contact
PAUL WOLFE 501218

The more people that take part the better - we could be quite a sight with 20 cyclists around Telford.

If you cannot join in the cycle ride, help distribute the leaflets in the shopping centre nearest you.

SATURDAY OCT 12

**APATHY ACHIEVES NOTHING
PROTEST AND SURVIVE**



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
C.N.D.**

**NO MAN MADE A GREATER MISTAKE —
THAN HE WHO SAID NOTHING
BECAUSE HE COULD DO SO LITTLE**

DONNINGTON

12.15am

WELLINGTON

11.15am

HADLEY

11.45am

OAKENGATES

1.00pm.

**TOWN
CENTRE**

1.30pm.

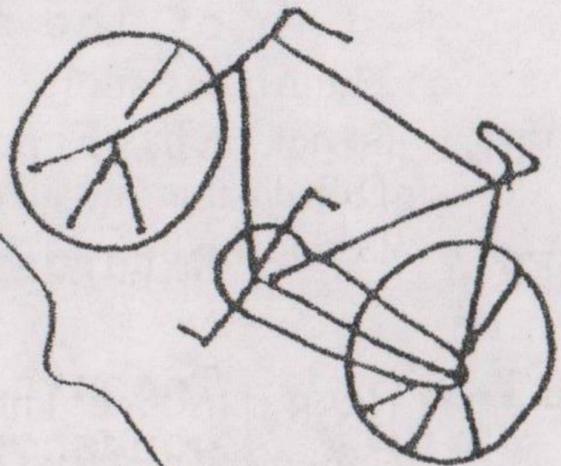
PEACE

DAWLEY

10.30pm.

**CYCLE RIDE
FOR PEACE**

12th OCTOBER



10.00am.

MADELEY

T.A.N.G. AGM

On Wednesday 30th October TANG will hold its Annual General Meeting at the Meeting House, Telford Town Centre, 7.30p.m.

We need your support and ideas for the year ahead, so please make an effort to attend.

Agenda

1. 1985 year review (including financial report)
2. Election of Officers
Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Sec., Press Officer, Literature Secretary.
3. Activities and priorities for 1986.
4. Resolutions for National CND Conference 1985.

STAR WARS SPEAKERS SCHOOL

' Why is the Strategic Defence Initiative such a dangerous development of the arms race'

- WHY To learn about Star Wars and to find out how to use the knowledge for the benefit of the movement.
- WHERE St. Francis Hall, Birmingham.
- WHEN ? Saturday November 30, 1985.
- WHAT ? Technical and political briefings, workshops, speakers materials available. evening public meeting, creche etc.
- WHO ? Joan Ruddock, Edward Thompson, specialists from SANA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION - Contact Dave Lewis, West Midlands
CND 021 632 6909/021 643 4617.
Janet Bloomfield 0525 371823

T.A.N.G AND C.O.D

Chain Reaction readers may have seen the correspondence in the Star recently concerning TANGs view over the Donnington army base.

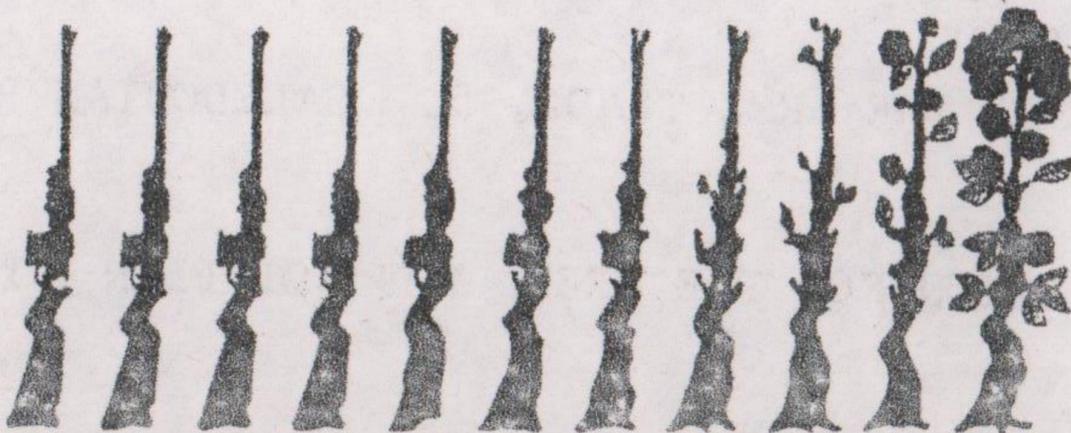
Some Star letter-writers, as well as the Star itself, jumped to the conclusion that TANG doesn't care about the people who work there.

The issue of 'the base' is, frankly, low on TANGs priorities. The main topic of campaigning against Nuclear weapons is paramount. There are also other matters of lesser importance of which COD is one but which are connected with the whole aspect of militarisation in society.

TANG thinks that it is not a good idea for people both military and civilian workers to make their living in the manufacture of weapons of war.

At present CND is paying a researcher to look into alternative uses of the military machine. TANG would like to do this for COD Donnington. In this way, perhaps it would be possible to close the base but replacing the jobs by more socially useful and productive employment.

Watch this space for further development of this concept.
Any comments ?



NO ARMS TO REPRESSIVE REGIMES - A WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST ARMS SALES TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS



7TH TO 15TH DECEMBER

Centaur armoured cars to Chile ... training for El Salvadorean army officers ... rumours of these bring the protests they should. But the British Government and arms industry give support to many other repressive regimes that are less in the public eye - regimes such as those in Iran and Iraq, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, Turkey and Pakistan. It's this encouragement given to so many of the world's most unsavoury governments that has prompted CAAT to make 7th to 15th December a week of action to stop arms sales to human rights violators. That week's been chosen as Human Rights Day (10th December) falls in the middle of it.

- Use the Week to educate yourself and others about the links between British arms sales and repression. Think about the effects of British support for human rights violators. Protest about the arms sales.

CAAT's planning a briefing paper on arms sales to human rights violators, an updated repression trade leaflet, ideas for activities, a comprehensive resources list and other materials. If you can't wait till the next Newsletter for details (and we hope you can't) send a large SAE to the CAAT Office and we'll send you more information towards the end of September.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE, 5, CALEDONIAN Rd, LONDON
N1 9 DX

TELFORD ACTION FOR THE WEEK WHY NOT PLAN SOMETHING ?

A DISTINCT WHIFF OF RAT

A few months ago, much publicity was given to an Amnesty report about tortures performed by the Ugandan army. Everyone was at pains to say that these were almost certainly done without the knowledge or consent of the President, Milton Obote.

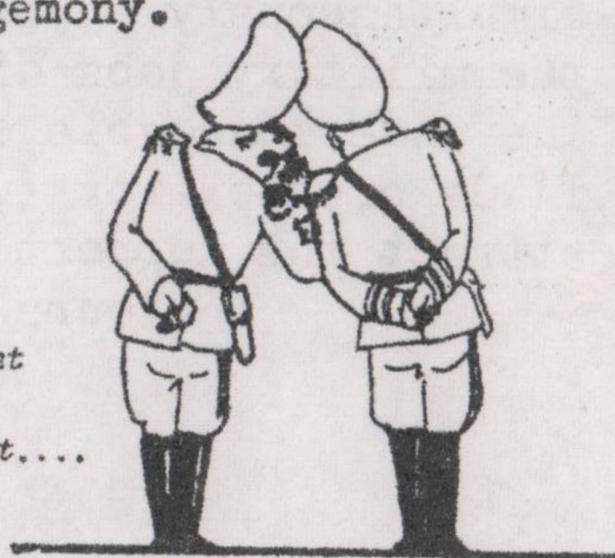
Then, at the end of July, that army deposes the President. Amnesty and the "quality" Press over here fall over each other in their rush to applaud and to exclaim that this will be the end of the despotism.

We do not need to doubt that there was something nasty going on in Uganda under Obote, to be left still with suspicions. There is nothing reassuring in the history of the Ugandan army to justify the optimism of the "liberal" establishment.

The last time Obote was overthrown by the army, Israel later admitted that it and South Africa had planned in conjunction with the British Tory Government. The regime produced was universally regarded as vile.

That last overthrow of Obote was all part and parcel of Cold War politics. It backfired as the West's chosen puppet ruler, Idi Amin, bit the hand that fed him and created an absurd, megalomaniac despotism. But it was caused because Obote was seen as a threat to Nato hegemony.

*Terrible, last night
I dreamt that
peace had broken out....*



As women we have been actively encouraged to be complacent, by sitting at home and revering men as our protectors: we now reject this role. The law is concerned with the preservation of property. We are concerned with the preservation of all life. How dare the government presume the right to kill others in our names?

A Greenham Common woman.

Dear Readers,

May I comment on the letter in last months Chain Reaction, and the subsequent letters to the Shropshire Star, regarding the field-guns outside COD Donnington, and also the editorial comment with the letter. I do share the feelings of the author, R.L., concerning the field - guns but differ on the response to them. Such a display is upsetting but is a typical act of the military mind. My response is that people should attempt to change the thinking and rationale behind such actions. Such a process of change is inevitably slow.

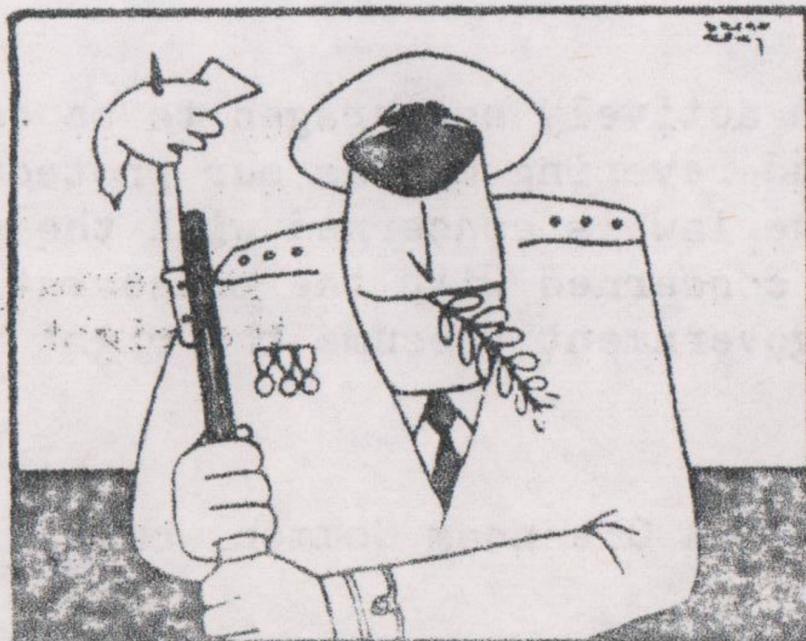
To state that the guns and the base itself should be removed without any qualification or background information is a hasty proposal. While most TANG members would agree with the complete removal in the longterm there are probably some who would support its continued existence but at a lower level of activity, possibly as part of a minimum self defence strategy. I suggest this would be based on conventional weaponry, excluding Nuclear, Chemical and biological weapons.

A more popular and effective proposal would be to progressively rundown the base as military expenditure is reduced, simultaneously enabling people to support themselves as the military jobs disappear.

The understandable statement in the editorial can only TANGs credibility (what there is of it) and ability to attract the support of a wide range of people.

Yours Sincerely

RTCS



The mad few

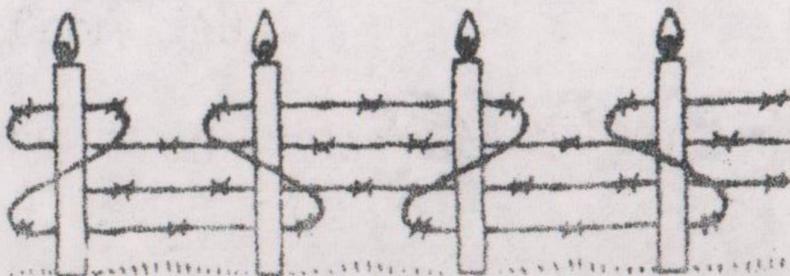
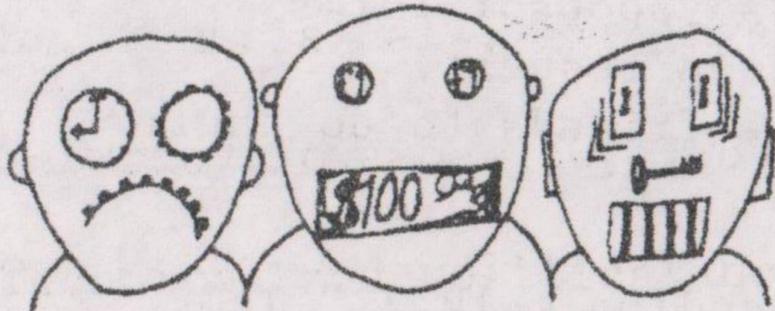
I used to think it was all the
fault of
THE MAD FEW
who rip us off
steal the product of our labour
make laws to protect themselves
strip us and leave us
struggling to get by
scared not to toe the line in case
we get punished

easy, that
to blame a few who
I couldn't see, reach, touch
—something to moan about
nothing to be done

I was wrong—

it is also the fault of
the blind mass of us who
let them get away with it.

from "Knitting and Picketing"
£1.25 plus 13p stamp, from
Mushroom, 10 Heathcote Street,
Nottingham.



PEACE ACTIVIST CHARGED

Vladimir Brodsky, a Moscow doctor and member of the Group for Trust, faces a possible 3 year sentence. He is being framed by the KGB on a charge of "Serious Hooliganism".

On 16th May the Group for Trust had planned to hold a joint demonstration with a Dutch peace group. The KGB prevented this and Brodsky was arrested as he left his flat. However it was not until a couple of weeks later that the KGB decided to accuse Brodsky of acting violently on that day.

The Group for Trust is an independent Soviet peace group. Despite difficult conditions they hold seminars, put on exhibitions in their flats and hold small peace demonstrations. They do not criticise the Soviet government (nor any other) and their peace work is perfectly legal in the Soviet Union. It is precisely for this reason that the KGB must bring false evidence against them.

The Soviets are bringing these charges because they think nobody knows about it. Tell them you do. Letters to:

The Ambassador,
Soviet Embassy,
18 Kensington Palace Gardens,
London W8.

USSR, Moscow, The Kremlin,
General Secretary CPSU,
Mikhail Gorbachev.

USSR, Moscow, Pushkinskaya Ul 15a,
Prokuratura SSSR,
A. Redkunkov.

A WALK

TO THE LONDON DEMO

Two TANG members are spending the five days before the London demo in October walking from Telford to Hyde Park. The aim is to raise badly needed funds for TANG and for Greenpeace through sponsorship. (2/3 TANG, 1/3 Greenpeace).

The two - Laurens Otter and Mark Stokes - will be covering a distance of 150 miles at an average of 30 miles a day. Overnight stops are being arranged through local peace groups on the way. Contact with local newspapers is also sought.

They will be arriving at Hyde Park on Saturday 26th October in time to take part in the national demo, and to catch the TANG-organised coaches back to Telford.

Please sponsor the walk, at your chosen amount per mile or for the journey as a whole. You can ring Laurens on Telford 54728 or any contact person in Chain Reaction to state your sponsorship. There are also sponsor forms available which will be sent on request. Perhaps you can persuade some friends to do their bit for TANG and Greenpeace?

Mark said of the impending walk : " It's a long way to walk day after day, but I'm looking forward to reaching Hyde Park and taking part in the Rally."



WHAT SHOULD WE TELL THE CHILDREN?

What do you think that your child(ren), or anyone else's children, know about the nuclear issue? What does it mean for a child to grow up in a world which always seems to talk about nuclear war?

Even six year olds may be aware of and anxious about nuclear war. It may not be an awareness of the global implications of course, but a realisation that one's parents might not be around to take care of you.

Also, because of limited understanding at a young age, it may be easy for a child to assume that things have actually happened when in fact they are only being talked about.

In older children (and adults too) there may be the desire to minimise the anxiety by pushing it to the back of the mind. Otherwise one may develop a fatalistic view of life which may overwhelm the capacity to think about that or any other subject.

It may be beneficial for parents and older children alike to concentrate on the positive aspects of any situation. Everyone needs to feel secure in their own mind, and taking a small but real step may be more reassuring than trying to forget all about it.

For a discussion about this topic in more detail, the September issue of SANITY pp 14-17 has an excellent article on 'Children and the Nuclear Threat'. Worth reading (W H Smiths have copies).



JOIN TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

I would like to join TANG. Please find enclosed
my subscription; £3.00 waged *
£1.50 unwaged

I understand I will now be put on the mailing
list for 'Chain Reaction', the newsletter of
TANG.

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BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

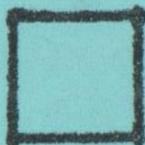
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TEL.

signed

Date



If ticked subscription due

* send subscriptions payable to Telford Anti-
Nuclear Group to
Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford
Shropshire.

WHAT WE CANT
DO ALONE
WE CAN DO
TOGETHER





In spite of the fact that the world can produce enough to feed its present population, around 500 million people are regularly hungry or severely malnourished.

Overcoming hunger and malnutrition is still, therefore, a crucial issue for ordinary people and for their governments.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) was set up by members of the United Nations on 16th October 1945 in order to focus efforts to fight world hunger. At the FAO conference in 1979 it was decided by the member nations to establish World Food Day in order to increase people's awareness of the real nature of food problems, to consider possible solutions to them and to make a combined, international effort to eradicate hunger and malnutrition from the world. World Food Day was first observed on the anniversary of the FAO's inauguration, 16 October 1981 and since then annually on the same date.

On 16th October a meeting will be held at Hadley Methodist Church to examine the problems of hunger and poverty in the world and look at the possibilities for change both locally and internationally.

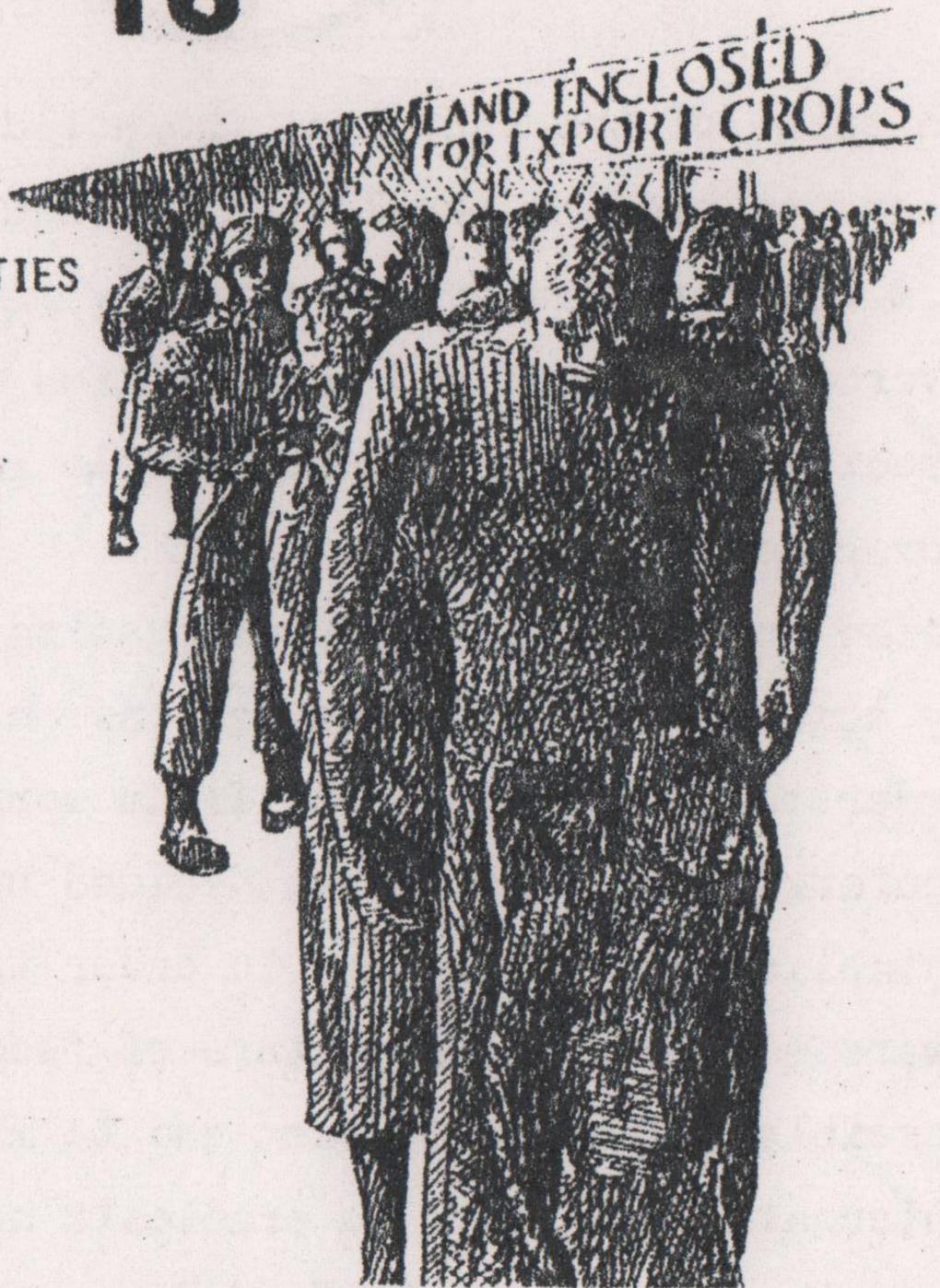
WORLD FOOD DAY

OCTOBER 16

A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE REALITIES
OF FOOD AND FAMINE
IN THE WORLD.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP CHANGE
FOR THE BETTER

AT HADLEY METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH STREET,
HADLEY
7.30 - 7.45pm START



POSTER EXHIBITION

QUESTION AND ANSWERS/QUIZ

FILM

DISCUSSION AND IDEAS FOR ACTION

PRAYER

TRAIDCRAFT, CHRISTIAN AID, OXFAM STALL

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Bomb

Yskin District Council's pamphlet on Civil Defence - previously described (in its draft form) in Chain Reaction will be out early in October.

There will be a public launch meeting on Thurs. 10th. October, @ 8.00 P.M.
in the Small Bar, at the Ice Rink,
Telford Town Centre.

This will be followed, on Fri. 11th. October by a "'phone-in" on Shropshire Radio's Midday News programme

Please make sure your voice is heard both at the meeting & at the 'phone-in, as also in letters to the Press.

There will be a larger public meeting, at a later date.