

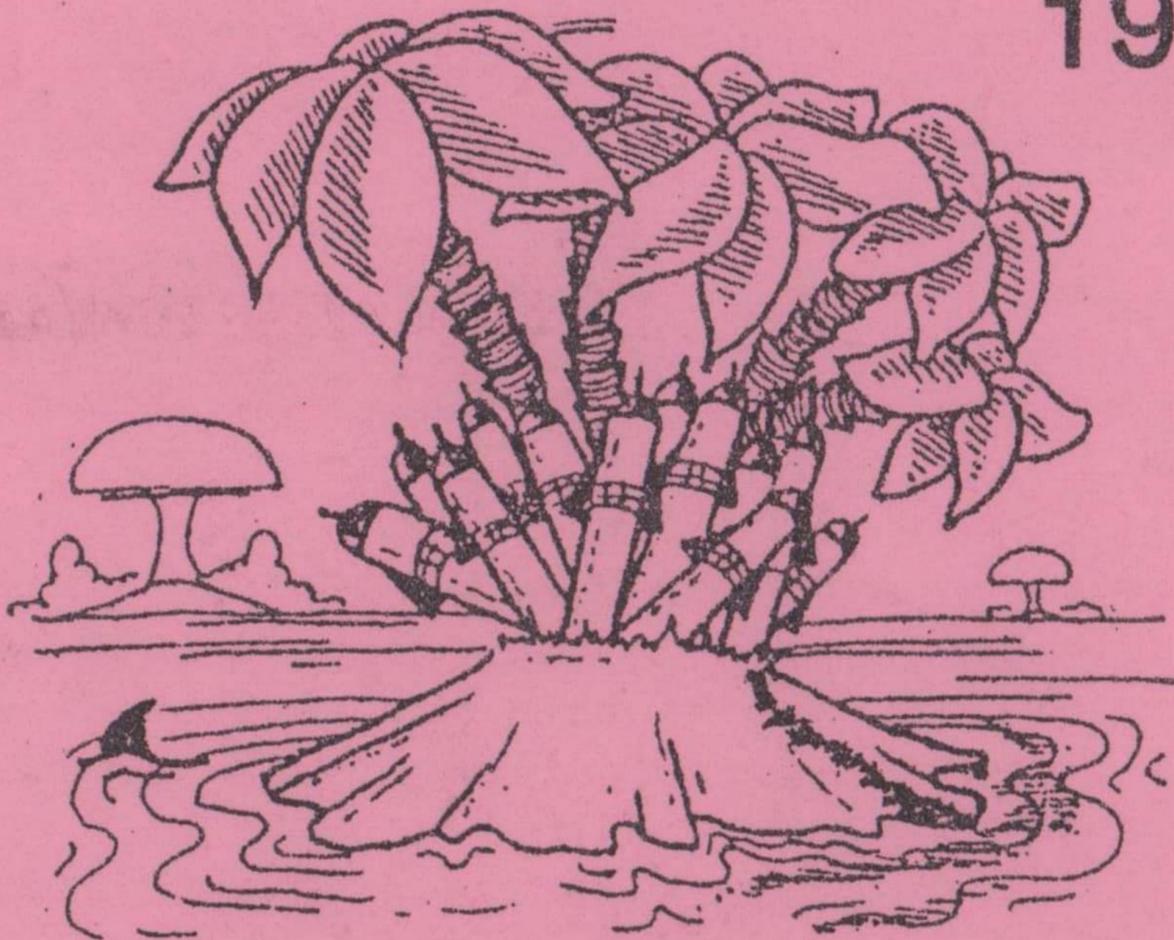


CHAIN REACTION

JULY/AUGUST 1986

HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

1945.



TODAY,
THE PACIFIC

The Deadly Experiment continues . . .

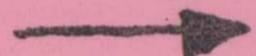
On August 6 1945 the American Air Force dropped the A bomb on Hiroshima. As if the devastation of this was not enough another was dropped on Nagasaki on August 9. The consequences of these events created a global horror with no precedent in the violent history of mankind. The immorality of such an act should surely have created a lasting lesson.

41 years on we count the cost of human misery - Hiroshima and Nagasaki was just the beginning of hundreds of nuclear experiments on human beings ?

As "developed" countries scrambled to join the nuclear arms race they sought to test their new deadly devices far away from their own populations and lands.

Since 1946, the United States, Britain and France have tested over 250 Atomic and Hydrogen bombs in the region, France continues to do so. The costs of the tests to the peace loving peoples of the Pacific have been enormous. Many of their islands have been obliterated or so badly contaminated that they are no longer habitable. The cost to their health is even greater.

The people of Rongelap were exposed to fallout from the "Bravo" tests in 1954, today they suffer high rates of Leukaemia's, the highest rate of thyroid tumours in the world and frighteningly high numbers of mutated still births. Finally due to the callous indifference of the U.S. government the Rongelapese with the aid of Greenpeace abandoned their contaminated island and relocated on nearby Jejato. Today they struggle to rebuild their lives and recreate their independence.



The exploitation of the Pacific people and their lands continues, the Pacific contains the worlds largest military bases, the worlds biggest nuclear arsenals, and the worlds deadliest weapons systems. Preparations to fight a nuclear war are now being made at the expense of the Pacific peoples lives, the environment and their civil rights, although resistance is growing they need our help in publicising their plight, they also need our financial assistance.

As part of our Nagasaki day events (Sat August 9th) we will be leafletting in Wellington Sq on the subject, we will also have a display. At a later date we hope to obtain a tape and slide show on the Nuclear Free Pacific Campaign.

LOCAL EVENTS

6 & 9TH AUGUST

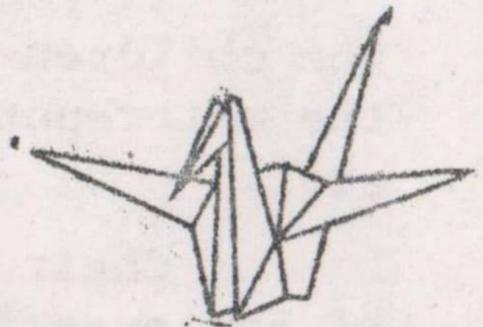
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6th - leafletting in Cosford (door to door)

Meeting at Cosford station 11.00 a.m.

Train from Wellington 10.30 a.m.

" " Telford 10.40 a.m.

If you can help please contact Laurens 54728.
Mark 501263



SATURDAY AUGUST 9th - leafletting in Wellington Sq & TANG stall. 10.30 a.m.

HELP REQUIRED.

ANYONE FOR A WARM SUMMER GLOW?

Going to North Wales during the summer? Why not visit a nuclear power station and ask those questions which you can never normally put to anyone?

If you wish to see a recently 'leaky' reactor, visit Trawsfynydd nuclear power station near Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 4DT. Pre-booked tours only and no children under 14. You will be charged for the privilege of visiting (probably around £1 per person).

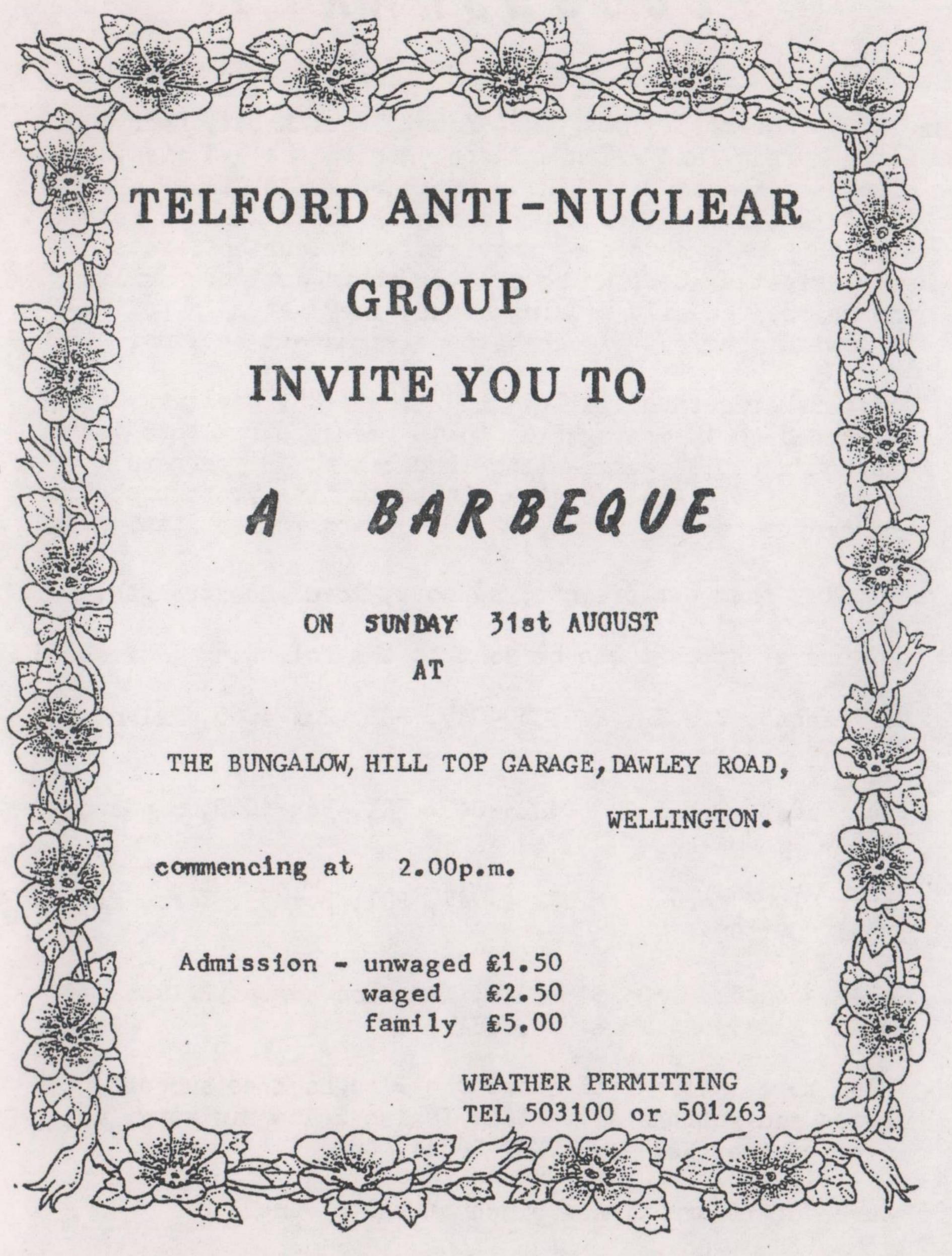
The Central Electricity Generating Board also do tours of Wylfa Nuclear Power Station in Anglesey (Phone Cemaes Bay 710471) but you need not pre-book for this one (tours at 10.15 & 2pm only, Again no children under 14. NOT Saturdays) 85p per adult.

Leaflets obtainable from Tourist Information Centres in the area. Picnic areas adjacent are available!

If you are suspicious of the reasons for the children rule, the rule also applies to the water-powered Dinorwig Station in the same area.

Chain Reaction would be interested to hear of any experiences, and of the answers given to questions (eg. What are the plans for the area around if there is a leak?).





TELFORD ANTI-NUCLEAR

GROUP

INVITE YOU TO

A BARBEQUE

ON SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

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**

PLOUGHSHARES

On November 12, 1984, Carl Kabat, Paul Kabat, Larry Cloud Morgan, and Helen Woodson entered the N-5 missile silo near Kansas City Missouri, in order to disarm a minuteman II missile. After damaging the silos concrete lid, they held a worship service. The four activists were arrested about an hour after their action. Calling themselves the silo pruning hooks, they acted in solidarity with previous Ploughshares disarmament actions.

After being found "guilty" in March 1985, Carl was sentenced to 18 years, Paul to 10 years, Larry to 8 years, and Helen to 18 years - later reduced to 12 years in prison. Also, each was given three to five years probation and ordered to pay pat 2,932,80 dollars in restitution.

We offer them our prayers, support, love and strength.

Letters of support can be sent to the following addresses:

Carl Kabat, O.M.I., * 03230-045, FCI, Box 1000, Milan, MI 48160 USA.

Paul Kabat, O.M.I., * 03229-045, FCI, Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072, USA.

Larry Cloud Morgan, * 03232-045, FCI, Box 33, Terre Haute, IN 47807, USA.

Helen Woodson, *03231 - 045, Alderson Womens Prison, Box A, Alderson, WV 24910, USA.

For more information about the Ploughshares support groups and actions write to : Isaiah Peace Ministry, 66, Edgewood Ave, New Haven, CT 06511, USA.

source of information A pinch of salt (June)

A WAY FORWARD ?

Two problems face the peace movement, getting people to support measures of disarmament, and getting those measures implemented. There are people in the peace movement who regard the second of these tasks as fairly straight forward. Having persuaded people to support peace policies you remind them at election time to 'vote for peace'. They vote for peace and nuclear disarmament begins. Unfortunately this is to confuse genuine democracy with British democracy. In genuine democracy the people would decide what they wanted to do and it would be done. In British democracy the people choose candidates, and the candidates decide what should be done.

Thus it was that in late 1983 a 'democratic' government brought in Cruise against the wishes of the majority of the people. Likewise in future governments may hang on to nuclear weapons in defiance of the people.

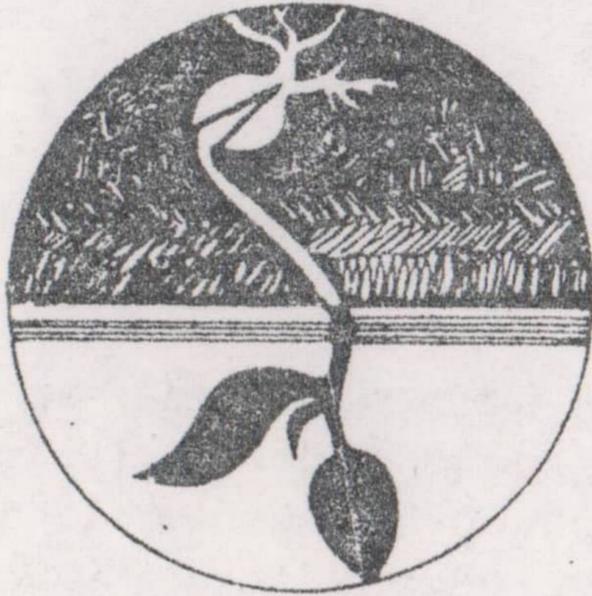
Clearly it would be preferable to have true democracy. A way to get it would be through direct action. The people would force the implementation of the majority will. But how could they ? Not, I think, through some massive confrontation at seats of power, government or military. After the failure of CND to find a parliamentary path to nuclear disarmament in the 60s, the Committee of 100 went in for such confrontations. Their failure was almost inevitable. Non-violence faced the full repressive force of the state in the roads. The likely outcome was obvious, so most people who supported nuclear disarmament did not come along to be caught up in it. Civil disobedience at bases is effective as a means of winning popular sympathy, but not as a means of coercing governments.

Where ordinary people have real power is not in confrontation in the streets, but in action at workplaces. If a majority of people wanted nuclear disarmament they could get it through not working ! Faced with the undermining of the states economic foundation a government would have to comply with the majority or fall.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF CHAIN REACTION IS
AUGUST 20th. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME AND SHOULD BE
SENT TO MARK STOKES, 7, BURTON CLOSE, DAWLEY, TELFORD
SHROPSHIRE. TEL 501263.

There is no such thing as being too late. Over the
bleached bones of numerous civilisations are
written the pathetic words: "Too late". If we do
not act, we shall surely be dragged down the corridor
of time reserved for those who possess power with-
out compassion, might without morality and strength
without sight.

Martin Luther King



Michael Davies

Brute repression may succeed against crowds of direct
actionists, it is very unlikely to do so faced with a
nation which refuses to co-operate. As well as striving
to convert people to support nuclear disarmament. We
should be campaigning now for the use of the general
strike against governments which refuse to carry out the
people's will.

SALT II IS DEAD

SALT II is dead according to President Reagan, for once again he has threatened to abandon the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT).

LIMITATION

Negotiations on SALT II began in Geneva in February 1975 the talks aimed not so much at reducing nuclear arms but limiting the development and deployment of new nuclear weapons systems. As signatories to the treaty each party had undertaken to limit Intercontinental ballistic missiles, ballistic missile launchers, submarine ballistic missile launchers, heavy bombers and air-to-air ballistic missiles to 2,250. The treaty also allowed the development of one new so-called 'light' Intercontinental ballistic missile.

SUSPENDED

SALT II was signed by President Carter and Mr Brezhnev on 18th June 1979 it was almost immediately attacked by 'hawks' on both sides of the U.S. Senate. On December 25th 1979 before SALT II could be put to the vote Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan & the president suspended ratification.

FATALLY FLAWED

In 1979 President Reagan described the unratified treaty as 'fatally flawed'. He argued that it left the US in a position of inferiority to the Soviet Union and that it did nothing for nuclear disarmament.

ALLEGATIONS

Although the spirit of Salt II has been followed both the Soviet Union and the United States have made continuous allegations of breaches of the SALT II treaty. President Reagans threat to abandon the agreements is based on such allegations which have of course been denied by the Soviet authorities. If SALT II had been ratified then problems of compliance to such arms agreements could have been ironed out, as it is the open ended agreements have allowed each side to accuse the other

of breaches of the treaty. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute has pointed out that the bulk of the charges made by the two superpowers concern issues of relatively minor military significance.

FINAL NAIL

One can only conclude that President Reagan is now determined to put the final nail into the lid of the SALT II coffin thus limits to the development and deployment of new nuclear weapons will have been lifted and a new arms race will result. It can be argued that the treaty would have done nothing for nuclear disarmament, but what it represented was a corridor for further communication and trust building which is conducive to disarmament agreements. As it is the abandonment of the treaty will result in further mistrust and a consequential buildup in nuclear arms.

Britain must oppose President Reagan SALT II must be adhered to and built on.



" And I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things on the ground, and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, so that all living creatures may lie down without fear."

HOSEA (ch 2, v. 18)



by Dai Owen.



The worlds arsenal of immensely powerful nuclear weapons is capable of erasing several times the whole of mankind. The danger of a technical or supervisory miss leading to an accidental ignition of a nuclear war is a strong reality. Is mankind entering the road to self-destruction Time is pressing. People of goodwill from all over the world should now give ears to the voice of Nagasaki, open their eyes to wisdom, and stand up with actions and efficient means to stop the proliferation of nuclear arms and to make a reality the total ban of wars.

Nagasaki Peace Declaration

CRUISEWATCH

The ability of the Cruise missile convoys to "melt into the countryside" has proven to be an absolute failure.

Thanks to the vigilance and courage of the Cruise Watch groups every cruise excursion into the British countryside has been tracked and disrupted. Cruisewatch is a CND backed group of people - including CND members, Greenham women and peace campaigners from all over the South and West of England.

SURPRISED

The effectiveness of the protests have been acknowledged by the U.S. military. General Charles Donnelly in an American publication "Aviation Weekly" said the U.S Air Force were quoted as 'surprised' at the persistence of anti-nuclear protests especially at Greenham and that exercises were limited to 'one five day period' each month because of the expense of providing civilian police to protect the system from protestors.

LAST EXERCISE

The last convoy exercise in late May this year was repeatedly stopped by protestors who sat in the road, climbed on the launch vehicle and decorated the convoy with a variety of coloured paints.

RESISTANCE WILL GROW

If Cruisewatch activities are to continue and resistance to cruise grow than we must be prepared to support the Cruisewatch groups. The anti-cruise actions impose heavy burdens on time and finances (cost of petrol & phone calls). Donations towards costs are very welcome, but best of all are regular monthly/ 1/4 ly /yearly standing orders however small, details available from

CRUISEWATCH, PO BOX 28, NEWBURY, BERKS.

Due to the difficulty of getting down to Greenham at short notice it may not be possible for TANG to take part in tracking the convoy, but there are actions we can take

as a group and as individuals.

- (1) Demonstrate at the convoys hiding place or route back: about a days notice can usually be given.
- (2) For those who can't get out theres a long list of phone nos they can keep ringing from home(or work) to inform & protest that yet another American convoy of over 250 Hiroshimas is on our roads. Phone numbers can be found on the personal action cards in last months Chain Reaction or from TANG.
- (3) Publicize the convoy locally, regardless of where the convoy goes each time: by means of local protest (at local army recruiting office/nearest RAF/USAF/MOD base/MPs house/market Sq/busy junction etc)

Could you help in blowing the cover on cruise, TANG is informed of the convoys movements by way of the telephone tree its up to us to plan our response can you help! contact TANG.

We hope to get a speaker from Cruisewatch to a TANG meeting in september and show a video on Cruise watch actions details in next Chain Reaction.

Cruisewatch has produced a Postcard Pack for sale to anyone with an eye on the US Senate. The pack contains a list of Senators on the Armed Services Committee, addresses, tips on the kind of message to send, four postcards and four stamps.

It's up to you what to write on the cards, but a snappy question you might care to put would be something like "Would you allow *British* missiles in one of your National Parks?"

The Postcard Pack costs £1.50 and is available from 59 William Street, Totterdown, Bristol BS3 4TY. (Cheques/P.O.'s payable to "Cruisewatch" please.)

A-BOMB

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE

Fr. George Zebelka was the former military Chaplain to the Airforce crews who dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

In the 20 years following his discharge in 1946, he came to realise that what he had done during the war had been wrong, that his silence and the silence of the church in the face of what he called the utter moral corruption of the mass destruction of civilians had drew into question his own position as a priest and a Christian. And he said it had cast light on the distortion of Christs clear message on violence and enemies. Seventeen hundred years of Christian terror and slaughter culminated on August 9th 1945 when catholics dropped the atomic bomb on Japans largest and first Catholic city, Nagasaki.

Fr. Zabelka came to believe that the only way he could be a Christian was to be a pacifist. He became actively involved in international peace making and held seminars and workshops on nonviolence.

His message to Christians was clear, he said

'Until membership in the church means that a Christian chooses not to engage in violence for any reason and instead chooses to love, pray for, help, and forgive all enemies; until membership in the church means that all Christians may not be members of any military - American, Polish, Russian, English, Irish et al; Until membership in the church means that a Christian cannot pay taxes for others to kill others, and until the church says these things in a fashion which the simplest soul can understand - until that time humanity could only look forward to more dark nights of slaughter on a scale unknown in history. Unless the church unswervingly and unambiguously teaches what Jesus teaches on this matter it will not be the divine leaven in the human dough that it was meant to be.'



PUBLIC MEETING

Rob Green Nephew of the murdered anti-nuclear campaigner Hilda Murrell will be speaking in Telford on Saturday October 11th. Rob will be talking about his search for the facts of Miss Murrells murder and his theories on who committed this horrendous crime.

DAWLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE
7.30p.m.

"Indeed, the keynote of government is injustice. With the arrogance and self-sufficiency of the king who could not do wrong, governments ordain, judge, condemn, and punish the most insignificant offenses, while maintaining themselves by the greatest of all offenses, the annihilation of individual liberty."

EMMA GOLDMAN



TANG MEETING

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday 6th August at College Farm House, Mill Lane, Wellington. We will be discussing National CND demonstration, One World Week and other local and national events. Please bring along your ideas.

OCTOBER 4TH

CND's next national demonstration on Oct 4th will be the opening event for CND's second information campaign on the British bomb.

The major action will take place at Cullport Scotland with a mass trespass on the site of the proposed Trident submarine facility.

During the same day demonstrations will take place at several other sites involved with development and deployment of the British bomb these include Llanishen in South Wales and Capenhurst Cheshire.

TANG will be organising a coach to one of the demo's (probably Capenhurst or Llanishen).

More information will be available in the next Chain Reaction.

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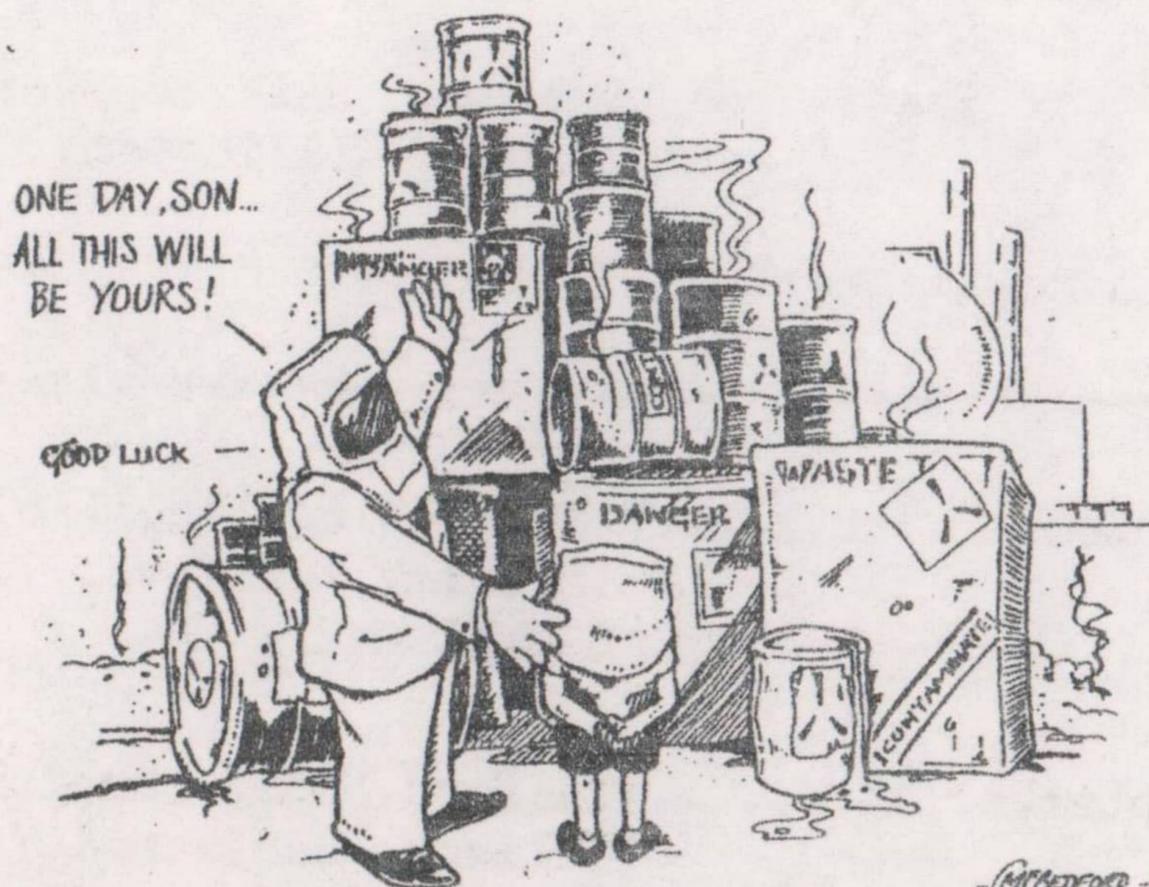


SOVIETS REPLY TO TANG

TANG wrote to the Soviet Embassy following the Chernobyl leak, expressing sympathy for those injured and bereaved and saying that use of nuclear power stations was criminally irresponsible, as well as condemning the secrecy which we acknowledged to be an equal problem in this field in Western countries.

To our surprise we received a reply from the Embassy. It ignored our heavy criticism but accepted our sympathies. The reply included a copy of Gorbachyov's TV address (which was reported in Britain at the time) reiterating that they wanted to continue with the development of nuclear power.

Not much comfort there, but at least we made our protest. If anyone else wishes to write, the address is:
The USSR embassy, 13 Kensington Palace Gardens,
London W8 4QX.



DIARY

- Wed. August 6th.....Hiroshima Day. Leafletting in
Cosford. see newsletter for
details.
- Wed. August 6th.....TANG meeting, College Farm House
Mill Lane, Wellington. 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME.
- Sat. August 9th.....Nagasaki Day. Leafletting and
TANG stall in Wellington Sq,
10.30 a.m. Help needed contact
Mark 501263.
- Wed. August 20th.....Chain Reaction meeting, 7,
Burton Close, Dawley. 7.30 p.m.
Deadline for contributions for
September newsletter.

TANG BARBECUE, TO HELP RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR
THE GROUP.

A CHANCE TO MEET EACH OTHER, RELAX AND HAVE FUN

SUNDAY AUGUST 31st - The bungalow, Hill Top Garage,
Dawley Road, Wellington.

Details in newsletter.

Contact Mark 501263

Wed. September 3rd.....TANG meeting, 16, Linley Drive,
Stirchley, Telford. 7.30 p.m.
ALL WELCOME.

Sat. September 13..... Telford Show. Shropshire peace
Alliance caravan & TANG stall.
Help required on day. Contact
Laurens 54728

SNOWBALL AT CAPENHURST

On Wednesday 21st May I attended the talk given in Telford by Charles Worth of Christian Aid about Namibia. I found it very interesting and highly relevant because of my involvement with the Snowball campaign at the Capenhurst uranium enrichment plant in Cheshire. At Capenhurst there is a URENCO plant, and also an M.O.D. plant. Both import uranium from Namibia, which as Charles pointed out, is in defiance of the U.N. Decree No 1 which makes it illegal to import raw materials from Namibia whilst it is being occupied by South Africa. The URENCO plant provides fuel for nuclear power stations and the M.O.D. plant is to make highly enriched uranium to fuel Trident submarines, and also for nuclear weapons.

T H R E E R E Q U E S T S

The Snowball campaign at Capenhurst is part of a campaign which started at U.S.A.F. Sculthorpe in Norfolk when tree people cut one strand of the perimeter fence. At the next there were nine, then twenty - seven, etc. The snowball then spread to other military and nuclear sites throughout the country.

Each of the snowballers goes to the police and hands in a statement explaining why s/he cut the fence. Each promises that the Snowball will stop if one of the three simple requests is answered.

(1) That Britain starts voting in favour of multilateral disarmament proposals at the U.N. regardless of how the U.S. votes

(2) That Britain publicly supports a comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

(3) That Britain takes some independent step towards a freeze or reduction of arms such as not buying Trident, sending Cruise back or rejecting U.S. proposals to store chemical weapons in this country.

If the government does not take some step towards stopping the arms race the snowball will continue to grow and grow.

EVERY THREE MONTHS

The actions take place every every three months, and in the intervening time every snowballer undertakes to write at least three letters about the campaign, either to figures of authority, other organisations or personal friends. This is also an important way in which people can get involved who do not want to cut the fence but want to support the campaign. Another important way is fundraising, especially to help pay finds.

Each local Snowball has its own character and emphasis depending on the site and the people involved. The Namibia connection, its immorality and illegality is quite a major feature of the campaign at Capenhurst. There is also a weekly vigil, which is already changing attitudes of the people working at the plant. Anybody who wishes to be involved can contact Snowball, c/o 18, Sharington Ave, Chester CH2 3RD.

Alison Taylor, Shrewsbury Peace Group.

SNOWBALL BENEFIT CEILIDH
PICNIC & FOLK EVENING.

2 - 5pm

STYCHEHALL, MARKET DRAYTON
SATURDAY 19th JULY.

ADULTS - £2 Children free and welcome.

contact Nancy Stewart, Market Drayton for further details
4346.



DON'T BELIEVE THE NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS

TANG's public meeting on 'Chernobyl : could it happen here?' heard Dr. Arnott, a former consultant to the International Atomic Energy Authority, say , " The Chernobyl disaster has changed the world's outlook on nuclear power."

"Britain is planning to build nuclear power stations with the same basic design faults, namely using pressurised water (PWR stations)," he said. " These are the most dangerous because even a tiny leak has devastating consequences within seconds."

Dr. Arnott suggested three main lessons from the disaster :

- 1) Stop the PWR at Sizewell from going ahead,
- 2) Never leave nuclear experts alone as they have their own interests in promoting nuclear power rather than questioning it,

- 3) Local authorities should be prepared to do their own radiation monitoring because the National Radiological Protection Board has only 12 monitoring sites in Britain and these cannot adequately measure local 'hot-spots' . Also, the public would find it easier to get some information from most local authorities than the NRPB.

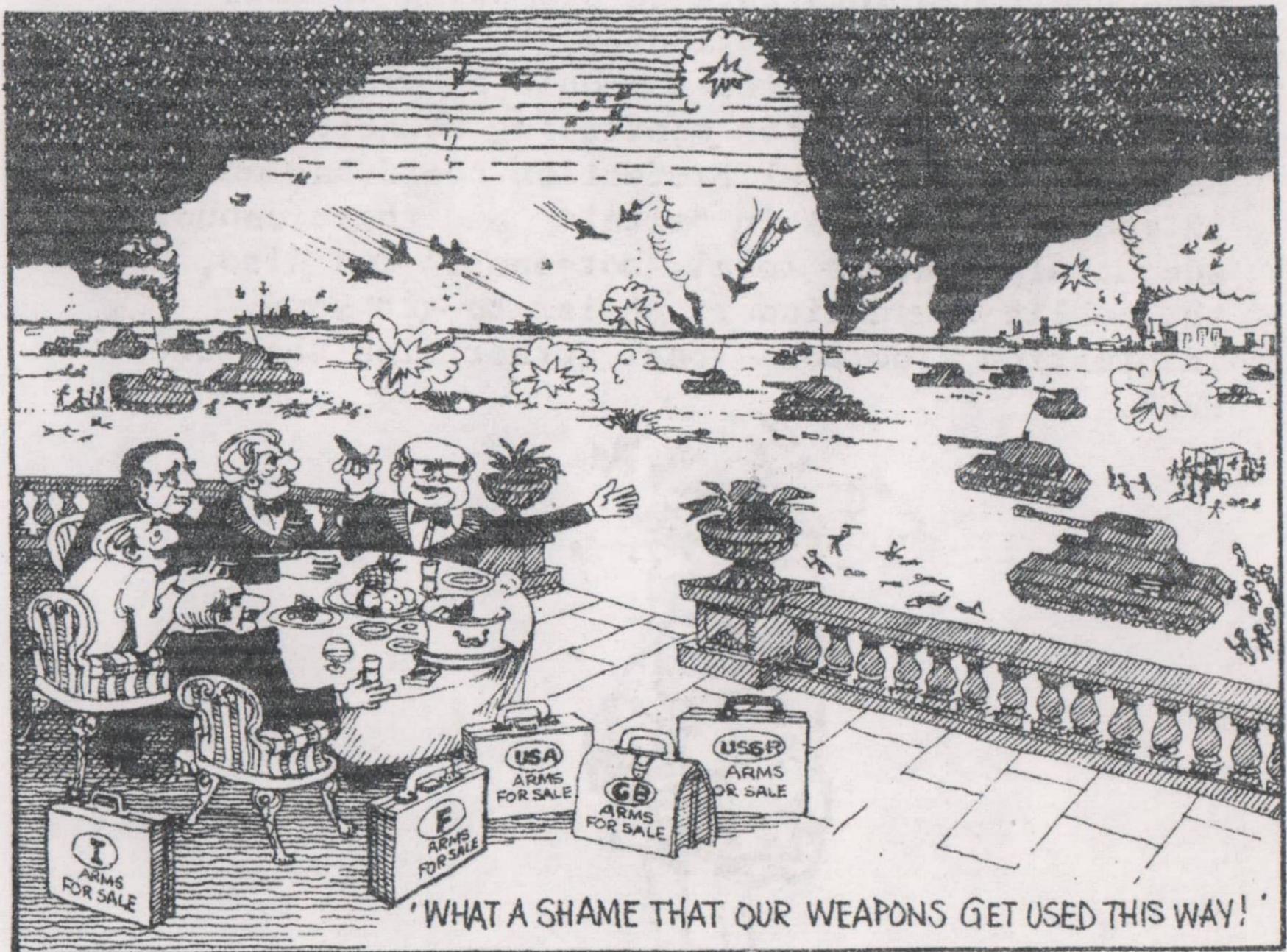


World military expenditure exceeds £500 billion a year, the arms trade is big business. Much bigger business than aid and development, which receives only 5% of the amount the rich countries spend on military budgets.

The UK government's Defence Exports Services Organisation (formerly the defence sales organisation) employs some 150 people promoting military equipment and negotiating contracts with overseas customers. Three-quarters of our arms exports go to the Third World countries, including some of the poorest like Sudan, Nepal and Kenya. We also sell arms to countries where conflict is rife, such as Chile and Indonesia.

During 1984, as the African famine crisis unfolded, five UK defence sales visits were made to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Arming the world
Oxfam Hunger for Change



Hands off Greenham!

The future of the womens peace camps at Greenham is seriously threatened by a **Land deal** between the Ministry of Defence and Newbury District Council, giving the MOD the land at Green and Yellow Gates to become part of the base

There is increasing **Violence** against women
Evictions are nastier and more frequent
Women are under **Threat** from orders banning them from Greenham

Women are needed to stay at the camps
Contact for more information.....

National CND

22-24 Underwood Street,

London N1 7JG

Tel 01 250 4010.

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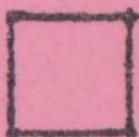
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WE CAN DO
TOGETHER

