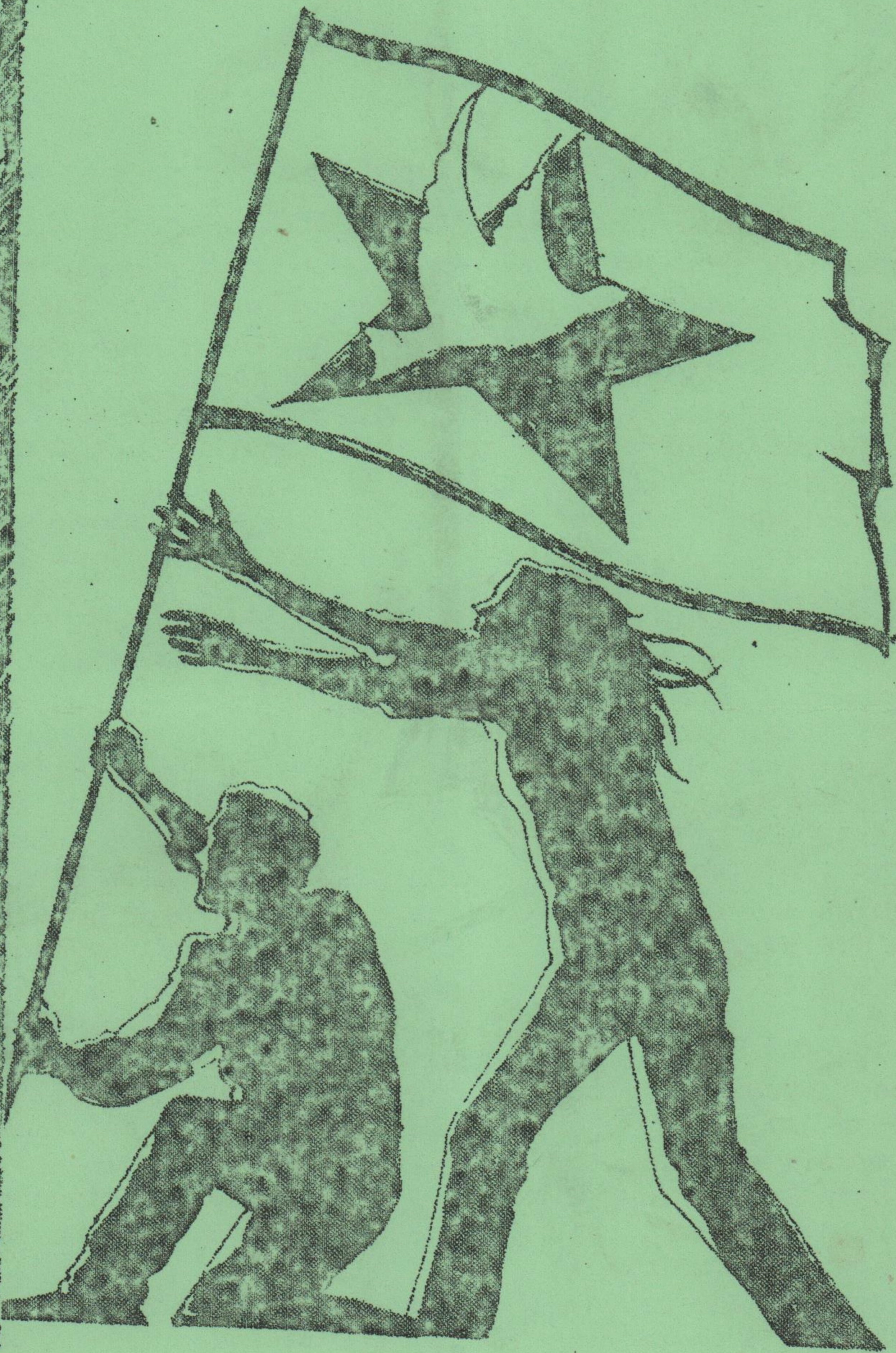


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~FASLANE PEACECAMP'S NEWSLETTER~

MOLESWORTH RAPE

Early in January of this year, someone told me that a woman had been raped at Molesworth Peace Camp. I was sickened and very angry, but, upon being told that the woman did not want anything made public about it, I kept quiet. It was very easy to forget about, living 3 hundred miles away. I am sorry now that I kept quiet, sorry that I listened to a third-hand report saying that this woman did not want the truth known - it doesn't heal anything to say that I am sorry, but I have also learned. When I hear of a woman who has been raped saying that she doesn't want anyone to know, I will try to find out the truth and I will try and support that woman in whatever way I can. But hindsight has 20/20 vision, as the saying goes.

Two more women have been raped by Molesworth peace campers.. but these too remained a secret until the women who'd been raped, and women who supported them, finally confronted the situation at Molesworth. They demanded that the men at Molesworth leave; they destroyed benders where women had been raped; they spray-painted 'Rape' on the caravans. THEY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED PROPERTY IN ORDER TO ALERT PEOPLE THAT WOMEN'S BODIES AND MINDS HAD BEEN DAMAGED AND DESECRATED BY RAPE. Some waves of anguish and anger and soul-searching have been generated by what the women did at Molesworth; but the great controversy centered and still does focus on what the women did to Molesworth, rather than what some men at Molesworth did to women and what little was done about the rapes. Women have been raped at Molesworth but there are people in the peace movement who say that these women are lying, that one of the women has 'allegedly' been raped. This kind of denial makes me re-define for myself who I see belonging to the peace movement. Two of the rapes have been shrugged off by some as simply 'misunderstandings within relationships.' Is a battered wife someone who is simply 'misunderstood' within her marriage?

I was at Molesworth the second time the rape survivors and their supporters came there - they took down some benders and spray-painted and demanded that the men leave. It was only the second time I'd been there, the first having been for the Feb. 6th blockade. I didn't want the camp to close; I thought there must be some way to work things out. But since then, since I have heard that there are people involved with Molesworth who deny that the rapes even occurred, my mind has changed. I cannot physically force anyone to leave there, but I cannot support the idea of the camp remaining there. As long as there is one person there who denies the terrible truth of women being raped at Molesworth, I cannot support them.

This was written by one woman who lives at Faslane and does not necessarily reflect how everyone feels at camp.

Jeanne

After we'd heard about the rapes at Molesworth, we had a meeting on camp. We tried not to talk about Molesworth, but about Faslane and what the rapes at Molesworth meant to us as a mixed peace camp. It's difficult to report on this kind of meeting -so many things come up at once. How would we deal with it if a woman was raped at Faslane? How do we make the camp a safe place for women?

There are right now six women and eight men living at the peace camp. This is in itself a great change, for a long time, there were only two permanent women residents and often as many as sixteen men. The situation was terrible, sometimes women would visit and there would be no woman to talk to, if both women resident were away or busy. There was no separate caravan space for women, so that if a woman visitor wanted to spend the night, she had to sleep in a man's caravan. Two years ago, when there were a few men on camp who harassed women visitors, it came to a crunch point. Those few men were asked to leave, a women's caravan was set up, and the open door policy was changed to a semi open one. People who wanted to come and live at camp were asked to visit a few times and to ask everyone on camp if they could come and stay. It's been hard to follow this policy - no one really likes having to think that they can tell someone if they can stay here or not, but it seems to have helped calm things down a bit and the people who have stayed are committed to working at the camp. The women's caravan provides both a space for visiting women to sleep in and a space for women's meetings or just a place for women to go when the communal caravan is packed out. These measures in themselves do not guarantee a woman's safety but they create an atmosphere which offers relative safety. There's no place in the world that a woman can totally be free from fear.- but work can go towards making a place as safe as possible and that's what we've tried to do. We talked about being open to women's fears about certain men-that if a woman on camp felt uncomfortable or threatened by a man on camp, she should be able to call on the men at camp to help her, even if it meant asking that man to leave. Rather than being told by men that her fears were ungrounded, men should

be able to respond to her fears and try and put themselves in her shoes rather than shrugging it off and saying that "he's alright, just a little bit sexist / funny / aggressive, ect"

Having tried to make the camp as safe as possible, what would we do if a woman was raped here? Would we tell everyone? Would we close the camp? This was, obviously, very hard to talk about. No woman has ever told us that she'd been raped at Faslane. How do we know it hasn't happened in the past? How would we respond to that? We would of course acknowledge, we wouldn't deny what she said, but how would this affect the camp now? Could we explain to her that we've put a lot of effort into making the camp as safe as possible? Is an explanation enough? These were all questions we asked ourselves at the meeting- questions we didn't have any clear answers for, questions we hope we don't have to answer in the future. If they are ever asked we hope we can face them honestly. For now, we must keep reminding ourselves that no place is perfect and this includes peace camps- we can only keep working to make this place safe. Complacency is the product of lying to oneself and lies erode the roots of any practice of non-violence.

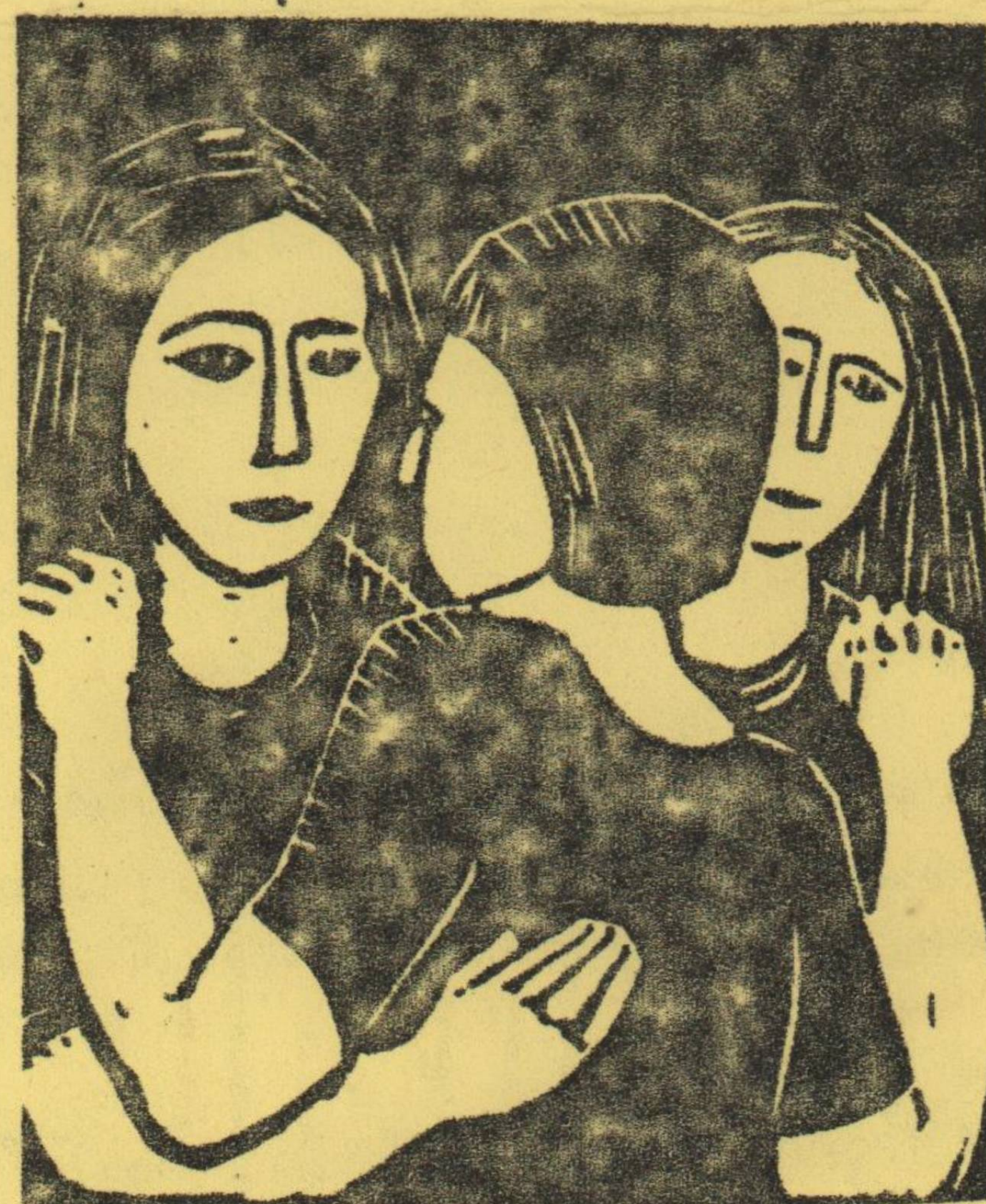
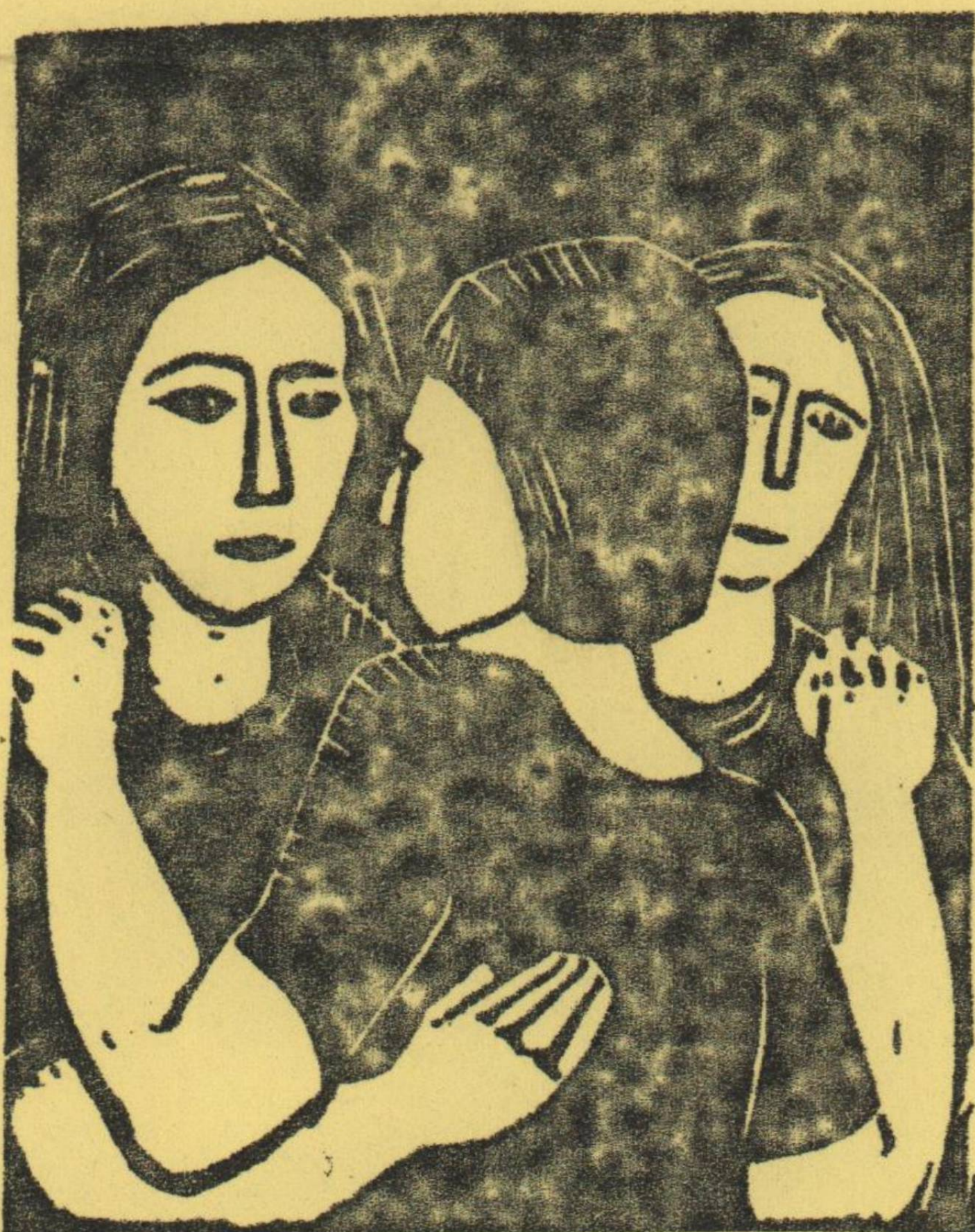
JEANNE



I've found it very difficult to write about the rapes at Molesworth. I lived at Peace Corner at the time of the first rape and I know all the people involved. Everyone who was living there at the time of rapes should take on the responsibility of allowing the situation to arise in which the rapes occurred. People should take on the responsibility of trying not to let it occur in the rest of society..

I wish this could be the last word and the place closed. People have been making the same sort of mistakes I made a year ago and continue to make. Do people think that by calling the women who were raped liars, by criticising them, patronising them and putting them on trial they are helping them take back control of their lives-?? Some people are worried about violence to property saying that peoples homes were destroyed. They are denying the women the right to be angry. How can the women that were raped at Molesworth return there, a place that was once their homes and feel safe? People that protect and support the precious peace camp and all its illusions have not let the women take control of their lives and have told them to go away and not to bring up this nasty subject again. Do it for the greater cause of peace..... A man at this camp felt that perhaps Molesworth should remain open so that people could not forget what had happened. However, the people still living there don't seem to have faced up to what happened.

Another man at this camp thought that the issue of whether Molesworth should close or not was getting further and further away from the issue of rape. The closure of Molesworth is relevant to the rapes. The peace camp there must be closed, perhaps ultimately for one reason and one reason alone— because the women who were raped want it to close. Women who are raped lose control of their bodies and their lives. It now seems clear to me that it is so important that they take control of their lives again. If people really care about the rapes they should listen to the women who have been raped. Perhaps then the healing can begin.



We have discussed whether or not to write a collective statement from Faslane Peace Camp about the rapes at Molesworth, but, we have decided not to. This is partly because to write something which everyone will agree to could end up as a fairly wishy-washy compromise. There is a strong consensus about the basic issues no-one here defends rape or doubts the words of the women who were raped at Molesworth, but, other aspects such as the attitudes to the present camp there and the various roles are harder to work out. Also we have different reasons and emotions about things which it is impossible to put into a statement. To talk about rape without emotion is impossible..

Lastly we think it is all too easy to publish a statement saying all the right things and then forget it. We don't want rape to be forgotten - and it isn't here at Faslane-- the discussion continues.

We don't want to tell anyone what to think except to say that to all women rape is an important issue and everyone in the peace-movement should talk and think about it. The extra pain that the women who were raped at Molesworth have had to endure by insisting that the peace-movement hears them must not be in vain.

Sara



IN COURT

Well, we still don't know whether the new Military lands byelaws are legal or not. Sheriff Kelbie managed to dodge having to make a ruling on that matter by saying it has to be left till every one of the 23 separate trials of people contesting the byelaws validity.

We had managed to get a debate on one of the twenty three points we had raised and this took all day to fully debate (especially since we had 8 lawyers and 7 of us defending ourselves.) It ended up with us saying the Secretary of State for Defence - Heseltine - did not consult people or consider their objections. The Procurator Fiscal couldn't tell the court, what, if anything, Heseltine, had done to consult folk and although this lack of preparation on the P.F.'s part made us fairly optimistic about the outcome, Sheriff David Kelbie still managed to dodge having to make a controversial decision.

He ended up by saying that "the facts" of what Heseltine had done had to be left till our trials, now adjourned till March. We all automatically appealed and the legal validity of the byelaws won't be known till the appeals are heard in the High Court in Edinburgh.

Kelbie's decision means that anyone could be arrested, fined or imprisoned for committing offences that should not be in the law books.

Anybody who knows Kelbie will know he has been under considerable scrutiny by his "superiors" when in the early days of the Peace Camp he commented that he respected people who broke the law because of their beliefs, and will also know of his close connections with Friends of the Earth.

Any controversial decision over the byelaws will put his career at stake, and now, as he said himself in court, he won't be at the trials to make any decisions as he has just been promoted to a court in Aberdeen.

We suggest to anyone arrested on Oct 4th for breaking the byelaws that they should raise the question of their validity and we are willing to help to do this for anyone arrested and charged with byelaws.

John Bugg who first challenged the validity of these bye-laws brought in at Mildenhall and managed to get the magistrates there to agree that they were not valid is now on Remand,

Please write letters of support to

John Bugg
Prisoner on Remand
H.M. PRISON BEDFORD
Bedfordshire
England

|| STOP PRESS : The High Court released him! ||

SUPPORT LIFE CAMP

The news is that Life-Camp - at the north gate of Faslane - has just been given permission" in principle " by Strathclyde Regional Council. We already had five years planning permission from the local District Council, however, finally Life Camp after over a year of indecision, prosecutions for trespass and moving it around a-bit, we are now legal.

The sting in the tail is that in a months time the M.O.D. are due to compulsory purchase the land we are on for the Garelochhead By-pass which is meant to join Faslane with Coulpport for Trident. Life camp is on one of three very small pieces of land that the M.O.D. needed to build on for Trident that they do not own. All three are owned by the council, but, as soon as they have been compulsory purchased we expect eviction..

The first time at Faslane...

We are asking people to come and show support for Life-Camp, which has been a Christian witness for peace for the last six months, by staying at the time eviction is due - sometime in the first weeks of December.

We are also drawing up a phone tree to alert the peace movement when it gets evicted and if you can't stay at the camp it would still be good if you could come out as soon as the eviction starts to try and make it last as long as possible - we are planning an eviction party...

THIS IS URGENT AND IMPORTANT WE DO NEED HELP.....

EVICT TRIDENT

NOT PEOPLE

LIFE CAMP

The autumn frost has broken, the sun is shining on hills and their reflections in the Gareloch, smoke from the chimneys rises straight to the blue sky where there is just enough rain for a perfect rainbow over Glen Fruin.

We now have three caravans, seven souls (plus two away at present), spare cylinder and almost enough pellets to keep out of the mud and the waterfall leaps silver down the rocks like the overflowing streams of justice foreseen by Isaiah.

All this, and planning permission too...

Life camp has been getting soft...enjoying the simple life and forgetting that we are not supposed to have a permanent home down here.

But our adversary seeketh ever to devour us...now that the MOD have their precious fence (13m, up to five or more, according to whose figures you accept) you would think a small peace presence would not still upset them. After all, the price of one panel of weldmesh would buy up all the clothes, books, furniture, fittings and spare food here - and leave a good bit over for Oxfam.

However, the monolithic seriousness of defence must not be subjected to the irreverence of youngsters who are inclined to write "Food for the hungry, not fences for the paranoid" on matt green weldmesh, thereby spoiling the whole aesthetic effect.

Don't worry there are a hundred million Russians out there just waiting to move in on us! Unfortunately, the only Soviet citizens I've ever met were extremely concerned that we were intending to invade them - and quite insistent that all they want is peace.

Personally, as they were normal sane people, like myself, I see no reason to credit them with a desire for annihilating other nations. I don't feel that way - why should they?

But one must not question the monolithic monstrosities of the MOD. And - obviously and visually - even one small scruffy Peace camp does so.

Like the sirenes around us, autumn gales have left the Life camp a trifle tatty - loose plastic sheet here, broken windows there, lots of wet washing. It reminds me of Thor Heyerdahl's view of the Kon Tiki from the air: "rather like an untidy hay rick in the middle of the ocean." All one can answer is that inside - thanks to cotton and paraffin heaters we are as warm and snug in our rugs as the bugs would be if we had any (we haven't!)



For those who have not yet heard of us, we are called Life camp, because, in the final choice, we are for life, now - ever untidy, inconvenient or ridiculous, rather than the ascetic nobility of Nephistopheles.

This, we believe to be the only attitude allowable for a Christian; since Rome was threatened with deastation at the hands of the barbarian hordes and the church fathers expressly forbade suicide as an alternative to rape or slavery, Christians have held that it is the prerogative of Divine Providence alone to decide who is sent for, and when.

We may not call any fate "worse than death", because of Him who endured the worst of deaths for love of us.

So we intend to live, and fight - non-violently of course - for the right to live here rather than the back streets of the Ghetto schemes which all of us at present are refugees from). Now there is the real hardship of the present day....

I have a waiting list of four people desperate to get out here....

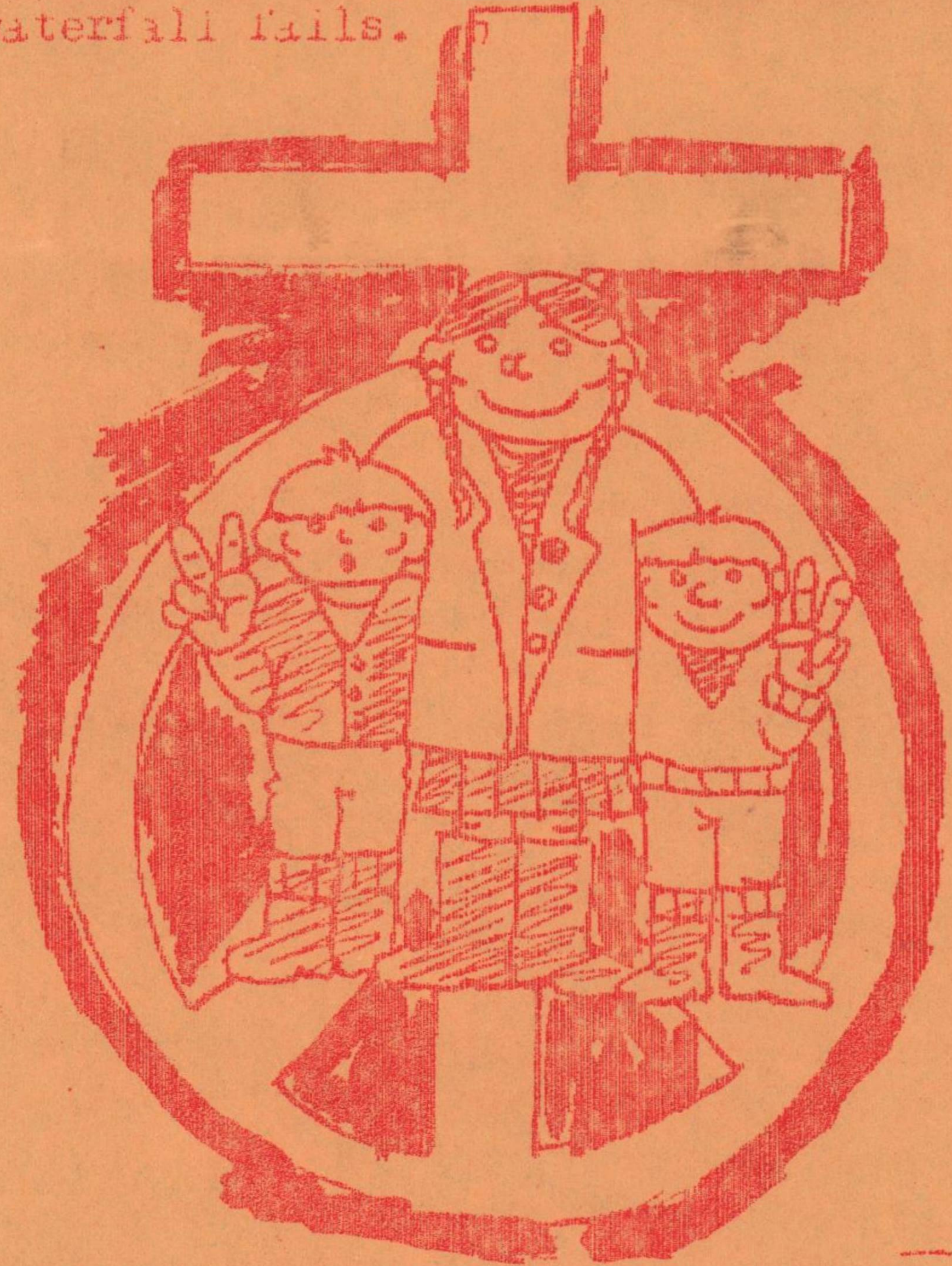
As for those who would like to support our stand, but whose responsibilities or lack of money prevent them coming here - do pray for us and write if you have time (suggestions for activities always welcome). If you ever can manage out let us know first (we may be out). We can accomodate visitors, prepared to snare (wimmin & child caravan) plus plenty of food....

Anyone passing, will please drop in for tea (Indian), coffee (Nicaraguan), peppermint or camomile tea, barleycup or fennel, and have a blether....

But we have heard that the MoD plan to take over our roadside verge under compulsory purchase on the specious grounds it is essential for road widening.

Well it isn't really. Yesterday, I was surprised to see a young man digging busily in the stony heap next to our rubbish pit. Hurring over to offer my assistance (I thought he was from the Enviromental Health) I found it was British Telecom that had sent him out to mark the line of the new kerb. It misses us by a few feet.

Of course, no one minds moving fifty feet down the verge (I don't want to be on top of a dual carriageway either!), but - we all feel a Peace presence is essential if this country is to continue to call itself a democracy. Which, after all, is what we are supposed to be defending anyway, so - here we are and hereabouts we stay till the government changes, the world ends or the waterfall fails.



This is Mark speaking (aged 10), at the Life camp. I like staying here with my aunt althou she does do odd things for instance saying prayers at the north gate and tries to cut the fence with a axe saw blade, and painting the fence as well.

(Here he got tired writing - he likes the local school (although some people pick on him for being a peace camper), the outdoor life and country walks.

And cannot understand looking at the sky and sea, why adults buy bombs instead of lots of sweeties....

The Year Ahead at Faslane

In the last Faslane Focus we wrote that the reclaiming of the hills on October 4th, was only the latest action in the non-violent campaign to stop Trident and that we - in the Peace Movement - must continue to work to stop the MOD's plans. There are many places in Scotland and the rest of Britain, that are being affected NOW by the billions of pounds being poured into Trident.

Trident needs to be taken on by the peace movement, the work going on here is an example of how rapidly the MOD's plans are being put into effect - and the MOD are inventing schemes to commit large amounts of money - our money - to the Trident programme to make it as hard as possible for any future government to cancel Trident. (The Glen Fruin road can only be explained in this way). The Trident programme is massive - it means the development of bases and MOD establishments throughout Britain, it's scale is reflected by the ten-fold increase of the Coulport base, by the end of next year the MOD are predicting the beginning of the peak of construction work here - we cannot just leave the issue of Trident 'til polling day at the next General Election. We must work to STOP TRIDENT NOW.

Put, we mustn't forget the scale of the Trident work will also cause massive problems for the Ministry of Defence - just as the area of land needed for the new base at Coulport is impossible for the MOD to police effectively. Already Trident is possibly 18 months overdue, and there are many rumours that many of the separate projects for it here are vastly over budget.

The next action for the Rainbow Campaign will be a series of Rainbow "Marches" (we're trying to work out an alternative not so militaristic word for them...) which will leave six of the establishments connected with the development and building of Trident, Porrow-in-Furness is now overshadowed by the massive Trident hull building hall; Chapelcross, owned by BNFL, near Dumfries is producing tritium gas for Polaris and Trident; Rosyth, soon to be privatized with expected redundancies of over 1000, is being developed for the servicing of Trident; Glen Garry to the north of Faslane is being dug up to build an extra-low frequency transmitter to communicate with submarines to give the order to fire their ballistic missiles and HMS Vulcan, next to Dounreay, where the PWR for Trident is being tested, and the new MOD building in Glasgow.



We hope that people will come and join the six marches, each having a colour from the Rainbow, to make the links between these different places, and to draw together the many different campaigns against the different aspects of Trident. We haven't worked out the routes or any details - we are not even sure when next year it would be best to do it. We want these marches to join up somewhere in Dumbarton and to walk through Glen Fruin as a single Rainbow March to end up at Faslane or Coulport to take part in some sort of direct-action.

If you can help with publicity, energy, ideas, accommodation, money, woolly socks or anything else that might be useful - you would be very welcome !

PHIL

DECEMBER 6th & 7th

A friends of Faslane meeting is being planned for the week-end of Dec. 6/7th and is intended as an opportunity for people connected with the camp; past, present and future, to get together and discuss what sort of direction people feel the camp should take now. This coming year will be the most intensive year in terms of construction work for Trident and it is important for us to get an input from people out-with the camp in terms of future campaigning - with Oct. 4th over and several thousand people having seen the proposed Trident site and the base first hand, we have a much larger number of people who could become involved with the camp and its future activities.

We hope to see a lot of people there.

Alan.

WINTER GATHERING

A year after the new bye-laws were introduced (2 years after the Molesworth bye-laws and the eviction) the camp is having a winter gathering over the weekend after February 5th. We want to turn it into a festival with bands and some theatre - EVERYONE WELCOME

VIGIL FOR PEACE

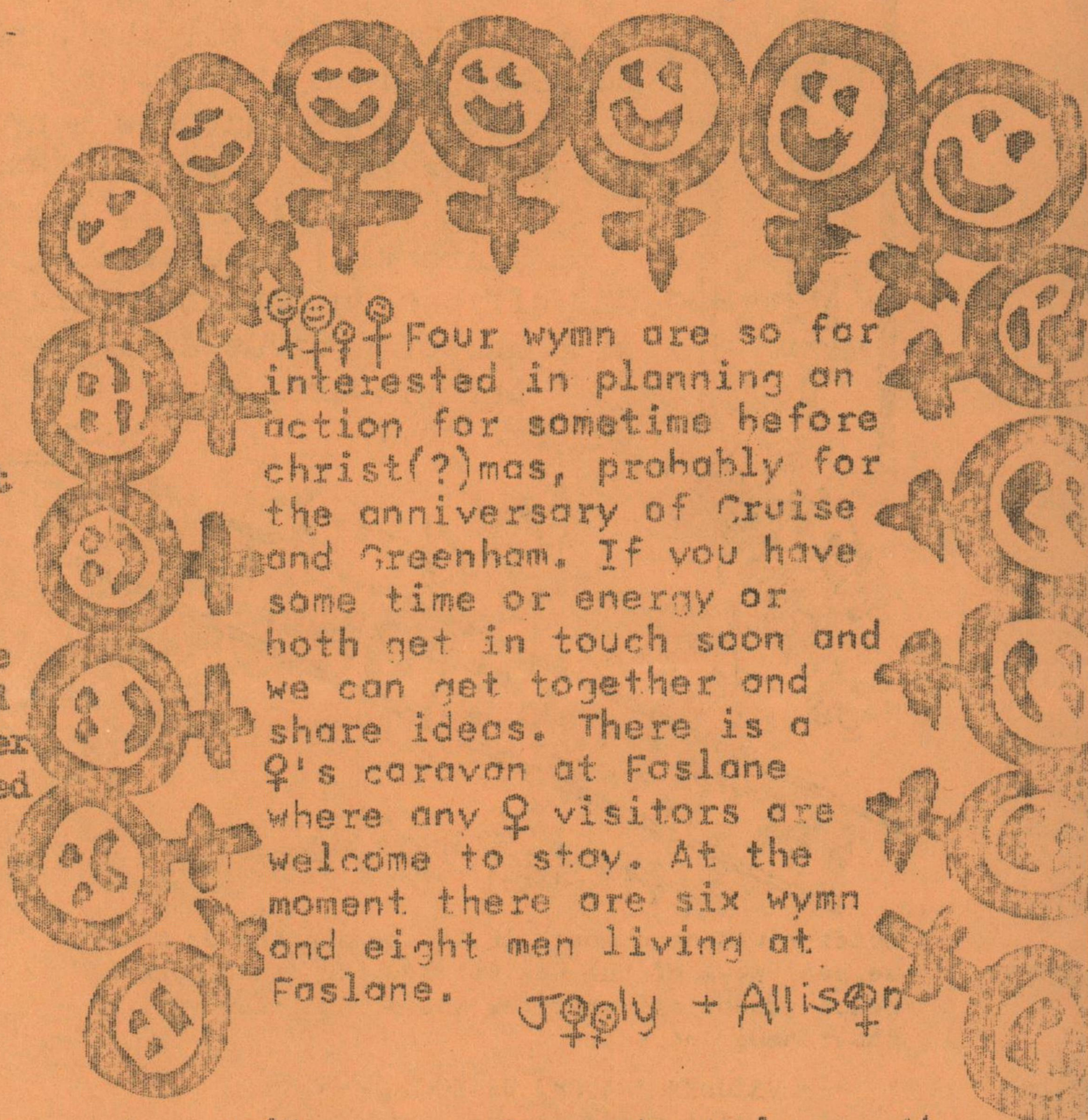
A regular Vigil for Peace began on Monday, November 3rd and it is hoped that it will continue until Trident is cancelled. Around the period of the morning shift change (7:30 - 8:15 a.m.) people from the camp will vigil at the South gate of the Faslane base, initially with a general theme of 'vigiling for peace' but with the intention of making certain occasions more specific.

It is hoped that through this we can create dialogue with both workers at the base and with the M.O.D. police.

A vigil is already underway at the North Gate and has been for some time.

Additional bodies will always be WELCOME!

Alan



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October was demo month in Europe and the US too -- we sent news of the Oct 4th and 5th demos here to peace groups all over the world, and they sent us their news and support.

--- FRIEDEN BRAUCHT BEWEGUNG ---
(Peace needs disarmament)

In West Germany, 200,000 people surrounded the US cruise missile base under construction at Hasselbach/Hunarück on October 11. There was a motorbike ride/rally from Stuttgart to Hasselbach two days earlier and the rally itself included a rock concert with major German rock stars among the performers. Thanks to Barbara of the Friedensinitiative Vaihingen for this report, and to Sabine of the Friedensbüro Göttingen, Berit from the Friedensbüro Saarbrücken, IDK in Berlin and the Anti-WAA-büro for further details and messages of support.

In Hungary, the "4-6-0" group sent greetings and support: "We are against armaments both in East and West. Your 'Reclaim the Hills' campaign is a brave and responsible initiative and encouragement for peace activists here in the 'East'. Hope that our work here in Hungary is also encouraging for you in fighting such monstrous new weaponry like Trident."

The "4-6-0" peace group is independent but recognised by the Hungarian government. Hungary has no nuclear weapons on its soil, and of all the "Eastern Bloc" countries it has the most "social freedom." "4-6-0" refers to the number of years in the first, second and third - if it happens - world wars.

We won't go into a blow-by-blow account of the day's events as we hope you were there and have your own tales to tell, but we'd like to say thanks to everyone who came along and brought life and colour to the Trident site, everyone who helped out with the stewarding (some at very short notice), to all the others whose help along the way made the day possible and enjoyable.

Let's hope that now many more people have seen for themselves the horrors we've been writing and talking about for so long and that the next Rainbow action will bring hundreds back to Faslane.

There will be a meeting to evaluate the demonstration at the London CND offices on November 23rd - if you want to come along, get in touch with us, or drop us a line with your thoughts and impressions.

Any pictures you'd like to send along to us of October 4th would be welcome too!

How

In the US, demos were held around the weekend of the 25-26th Oct, we have no direct reports yet but we got a lovely letter of support from Tom Hastings of Citizens for Alternatives to Trident and ELP, in Webster, Wisconsin:

"The resistance to Trident and all of its control systems continues here in North America. People are in prison for doing direct disarmament of Tridents and for dismantling the command centre for the first-strike seagoing forces, Project ELP. Here in northern Wisconsin and Michigan states where ELP is located, there is one man in prison until next August, and three more headed there after September 23rd sentencing before a federal magistrate in Michigan. Lately several women have gone over the fence at ELP and face a month in jail. In one bold act, the Wisconsin facility was locked down with kryptonite bicycle locks for three hours by three women.

October 4th is the birthday of our friend Helen Woodson, in prison for 18 years for her act of direct disarmament of a Minuteman II missile in Missouri. This summer my wife Cassandra (one of the women recently acting at ELP) and I have had the opportunity to care for several of Helen's children. Her love and sisterhood comes to you from across the miles.

Well, my friends, we may not know what we're doing, and we may be pissing into the wind as they say, but what else can a bunch of life-loving fanatics do in response to the sociopathic arms race?" (shortened)

--- ARMS ARE FOR LINKING ---

Louisa, who has been at the camp these last few months has just left to return to Australia (and will be missed by all...) a link for peace stretching halfway round the world. She has gone via Menwith Hill peace camp for the demo on Nov 11. Menwith Hill is a US spy installation, and there is another US base identical in everyway at Pine Gap in Australia. Nov 11 is the anniversary of the sacking of Whitlam and his Labour Government -- officially by the Queen -- but unofficially arranged by the CIA, through Pine Gap. The Nov 11 demo at Menwith is a coordinated action at several European peace camps -- reports in the next Faslane Focus (probably!)

IS THERE LIFE AT CAMP ???



THE FISH NE ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP

This is a relatively new group at Faslane but a thriving one.

Only last night Row got knotted - he is learning Macrame. While Jeanne gets to grips with circular needles (4mm) she seems to be making socks. hood on (sorry) hold on a minute, it may turn out to be mittens. Kitt, was in stitches practicing her techniques (Icelandic stitch) on what could be described as naked bird wire. Louisa finishes a sock which she is now wearing. Jim is into a little known thing called Tunisian crochet which resembles knitting but is about 3" thick. Ian is the 'Constable' of wool making pictures on jumpers.

Julie is making a patchwork quilt which she says should be ready any day. She also practices art in her spare time - mostly still life though I have seen Sheriff Kelbie move in court.

The group is growing as more closet crocheters come out - well done Allan, hats for xmas.....

We sit alone together in the van at night
We look at yesterday's dinner, not a pretty sight
Someone makes an apple crumble
We say this is dead nice

but no answer is the stern reply
this man is very humble

Tom Robinson sings somewhere

to be gay he is glad

I sit alone here w/ you

you laugh at my puns and i am sad

a politician may come one day

to the cinema for a telly play

he wants to be an anarchist

and wear friendship things on his wristsies

Follow a scent and cross the channel no 5

wash your face and use a flannel

We sit alone at night

sometimes we fight

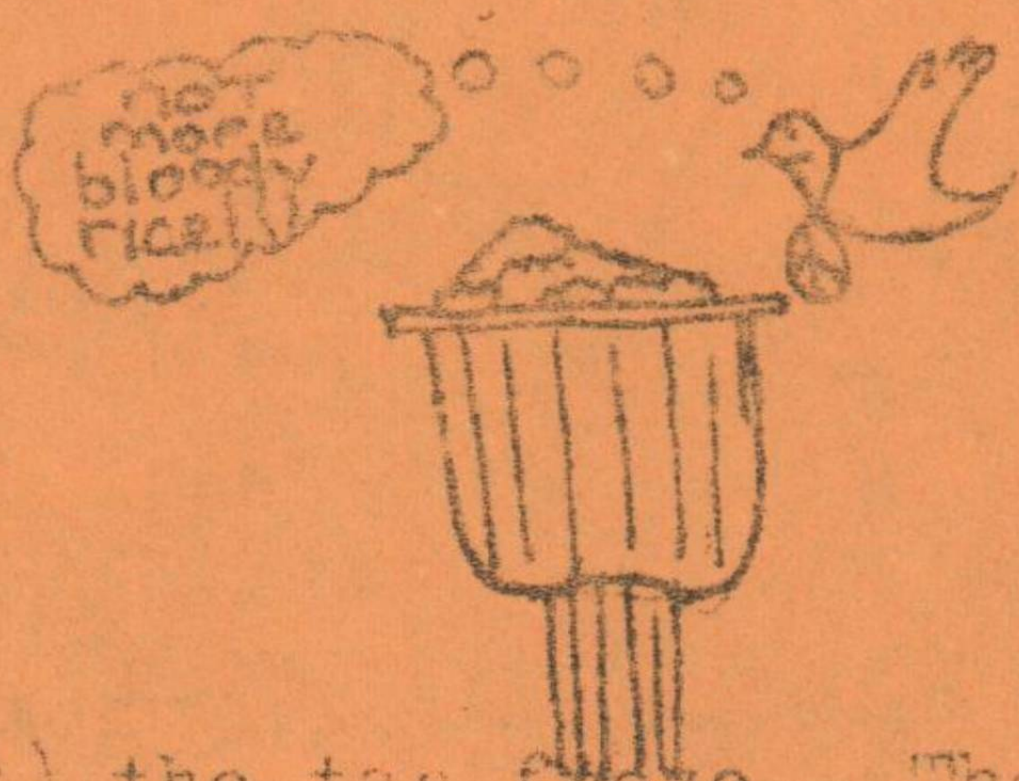
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and we don't care

coz we're rebels

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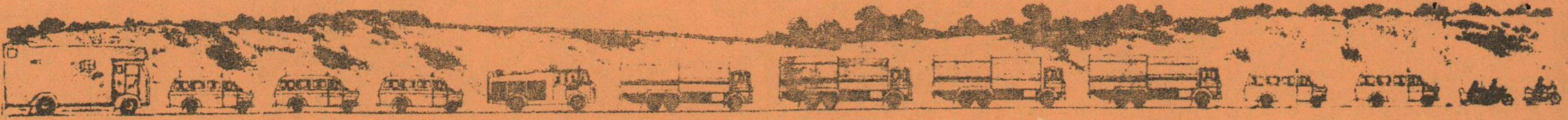
Kitty



BIRDS

Today (Nov. 2) the tap froze. The fork bent trying to break up the food on the bird table. Winter is officially at Faslane. Winter can devastate animal and bird life so help them out with a little food. Nothing fancy like three course meals; bread and scraps do a hell of a lot for survival.

Thanks, R.

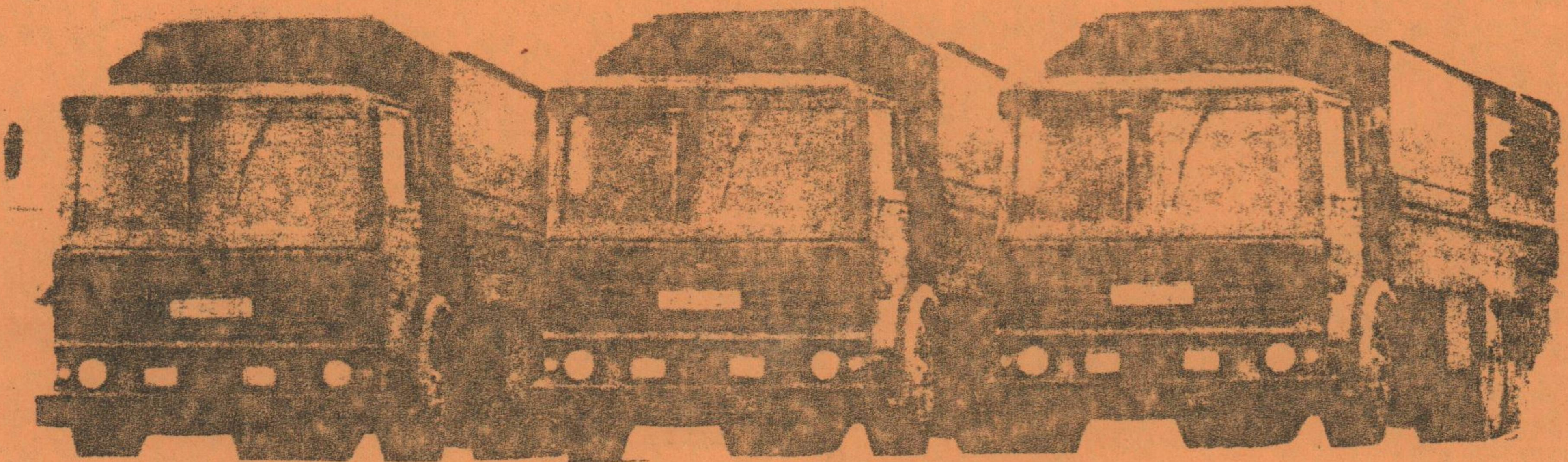


POLARISWATCH

On Nov 29th C.N.D is calling people to mark the routes of the convoy - and so are we so if you live in Scotland please contact us for information if you want to get involved or phone Janet Convery of National C.N.D on 01 250 4010.

The Polaris Watch phone tree is growing and various bits and bobs are turning up. Recently peace - campers went to R.N.A.D Beith which is at present being extended and developed at a cost of \$4 million - even then we managed to drive around one of the weapons complexes which was nearly finished. Beith deals with the Royal Navy's torpedoes and at the time of our visit lorries from Glen Douglas were parked in the canteen car park. 18 months ago the convoy was seen leaving it and so it is used for irregular stops.

We also now know that Longtown - the nuclear warhead convoy's overnight stopping place is to be closed in the next 2 years which certainly explains the high security car park being built near to Newcastle and exposed by Duncan Cambell in the New Statesman not so long ago. It's even better to know that this already becomes the focus for the Peace - Movement with the fence due to be put there at the last Snowball action - is that what you call being one step ahead of the N.C.D.....



We would be interested to hear any information anyone has about an American supply ship called the Vega that has been seen in the Holy Loch in the last 2 months. The Vega was converted to carry the Trident war-heads does anyone know more???

Also along the same lines, the Polaris Convoy has not been seen as regular as it was last year. We don't think we are missing it but another American ship the T.A.K 262 has been seen in Coulpport. The T.A.K (known affectionately as the total arse kicker by the sailors in the Holy Loch) is the supply ship for the Holy Loch and carries the Poseidon warheads there from America. What was it doing in Coulpport? We know of one sighting of the convoy in Portsmouth or Southampton....

Do groups in Portsmouth or Southampton know the T.A.K-? Could it be just a coincidence or have the Royal Navy borrowed the T.A.K to bring Polaris warheads up?

If you know anything please let us know.

If you ever see the convoy

ring us on

0436 820901

or

Janet Convery on

01 250 4010

Lastly we have a slide show and a display which we will take anywhere to talk about the convoy at anytime.....

Phil

THE WELSH CONNECTION!

On Oct 3rd the M.O.D replied to claims made by C.N.D. Cymru that the Royal Ordnance factory in Cardiff deals with not only the manufacture of nuclear warhead casings but also that it refurbishes contaminated casings returned to it after they had had the radio-active core removed.

The M.O.D's reply states that R.O.F Llanishen does not deal with "second hand stuff" which has already been applied to weapons, but goes on to say that components from the factory are supplied to other establishments like Burghfield where every British nuclear warhead is assembled and are only returned if found to be defective. Which suggests that while there is not a regular practise of refurbishing the used warheads casings from Polaris, R.O.F Llanishen does deal with those casings that sometimes become defective and or contaminated.

We know for sure that 2 days after Chernbyl workers inside Coulport had to be evacuated from one of the process buildings because a container that warheads are transported in was contaminated by a "fingerprint" of radio-activity.

Warhead casings obviously become contaminated by plutonium which makes up the nuclear part of the bomb but as to the question of whether warhead casings are returned directly from Coulport to Llanishen we cannot be so sure.

A possible answer to this "mystery" could be the sightings at both Coulport and Llanishen of a convoy comprising of two Range-Rovers with Atomic Energy Authority Police signs and a light blue boxvan which sometimes carries radiation symbols.

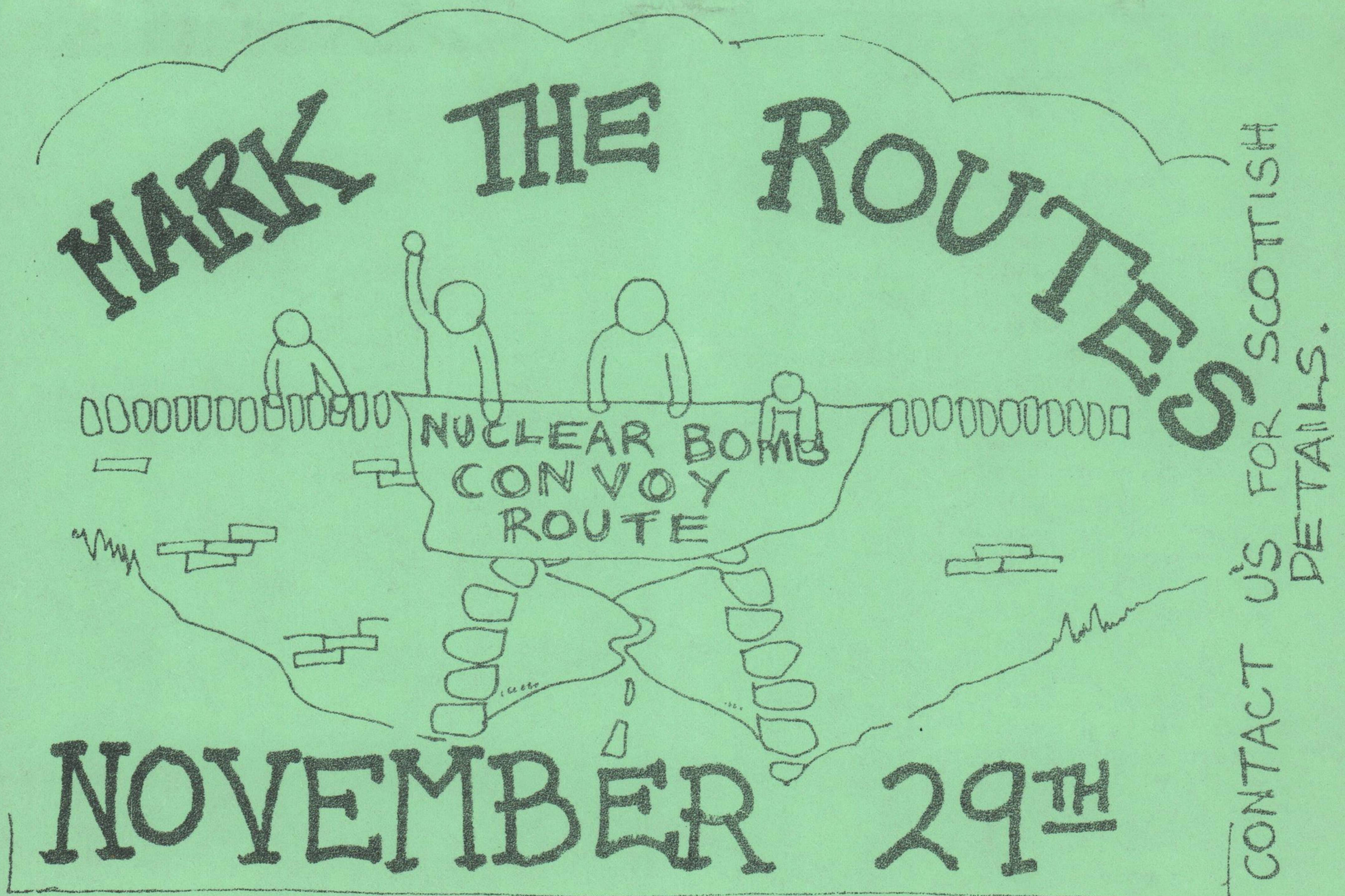
Coulport has only limited facilities to service the warheads but could the M.O.D. be transporting radioactive contaminated casings to Llanishen from Coulport?

Have they not admitted as much as they could?

If you see the convoy described above please let us know where and when as soon as possible--- thanks.

For info about the R.O.F. in Llanishen contact

TONY SIMPSON of C.N.D. CYMRU on 0656-721441.....



Stalkergate - covering up the killings

All prisoners will be segregated
the terrorist from the criminal
Loyalists and republicans separated
the extremist from the radical

They all parade in military style
defiant toward the 'brit'
showing hate, being hostile
no one will submit
FIREBOMBS! THEY CRY!

Searchlights, blinding shafts of light
powerful on top of prison walls
chasing shadows on a starless night
or, on windows they sometimes fall
like fingers, accusingly pointing out
some notorious dissenters
Both captive and captor shout
obscenities at their tormentors
RASTAFARI! BURNER! C!

For both the Irish and the brit
political prisoners are
both have made a sacrifice
both will bear the cost
The soldiers are but sticks
wielded by a government
in the name of politics
and suffer the innocent.

These three verses are a basic attempt
at putting my thoughts on paper. They
were written some years ago when, as
a soldier, I began to see through the
glossy propaganda that the military put
out. Trying to get people to understand
to believe even some of my experiences in
Ireland was difficult and I gave up trying.

Then along came the 'Stalker Affair'
Here at last, was a public statement about
the dark, secret side of the military
operations in Ireland.

Basically, John Stalker was to investigate an alleged 'shoot to kill' policy
by the RUC. What he in fact unearthed
was a nest of vipers - hit squads, 'U5'
bugs, special units, etc. He discovered
that people with no terrorist connections
had been set up to be shot and that the
whole event was being monitored by surveillance equipment. He discovered that
explosives being watched by the 'security'
had not only been moved but had been used
to kill at least one person.

Between July 1972 and March 1978 I done
over four tours in N. Ireland. Towards the



end of the 70's I was doing
a job which gave me access to
information I wouldn't see as an
ordinary soldier.

ONE OF THE CA' I PROV

however I have told people long
before John Stalker made it public...

I was aware of the bomb watching during
the late 70's - long before it became
public this year. Basically what happened
was that 90% of bomb makers were known to
the security services. Watches were kept
on certain houses from which bombs were
loaded into cars. The soldiers on the
ground were given the vaguest of 'clues'
as to what they were looking for yet had to
stop a car bomb being taken into Belfast
city centre - this wasn't always successful.

A patrol of people I knew were shot at
and I found out later that the army undercover
were watching both the gunman and
the patrol but did nothing to stop the
shooting (in case their cover was blown).
It also came to light that, on a subsequent
search, the rifle had the wrong
ammunition in it which stopped the rifle
from firing anyway.

From bits and pieces, a picture emerged of guns being supplied to the IRA through 'some source' with not only sights altered but they were bugged. In the area I was in there were 7 such weapons (armalites) which at first were in the one place. It was easy to know when they were being lifted/moved because someone would arrive from Army HQ with a black box. Eventually these weapons were dispersed within the community. It wasn't always easy to track them down but no doubt the 'secret agencies' built up lists of who handled them, where they were stashed, etc. The theory as I understood it was that recovering these weapons would mean much more would be found with them and on one search I was involved in we got ammunition and explosives as well as IRA sympathisers.

John Stalker has only scratched the surface and look at the campaign mounted against him.

Realising the undercover work that was going on and no doubt still is was more of

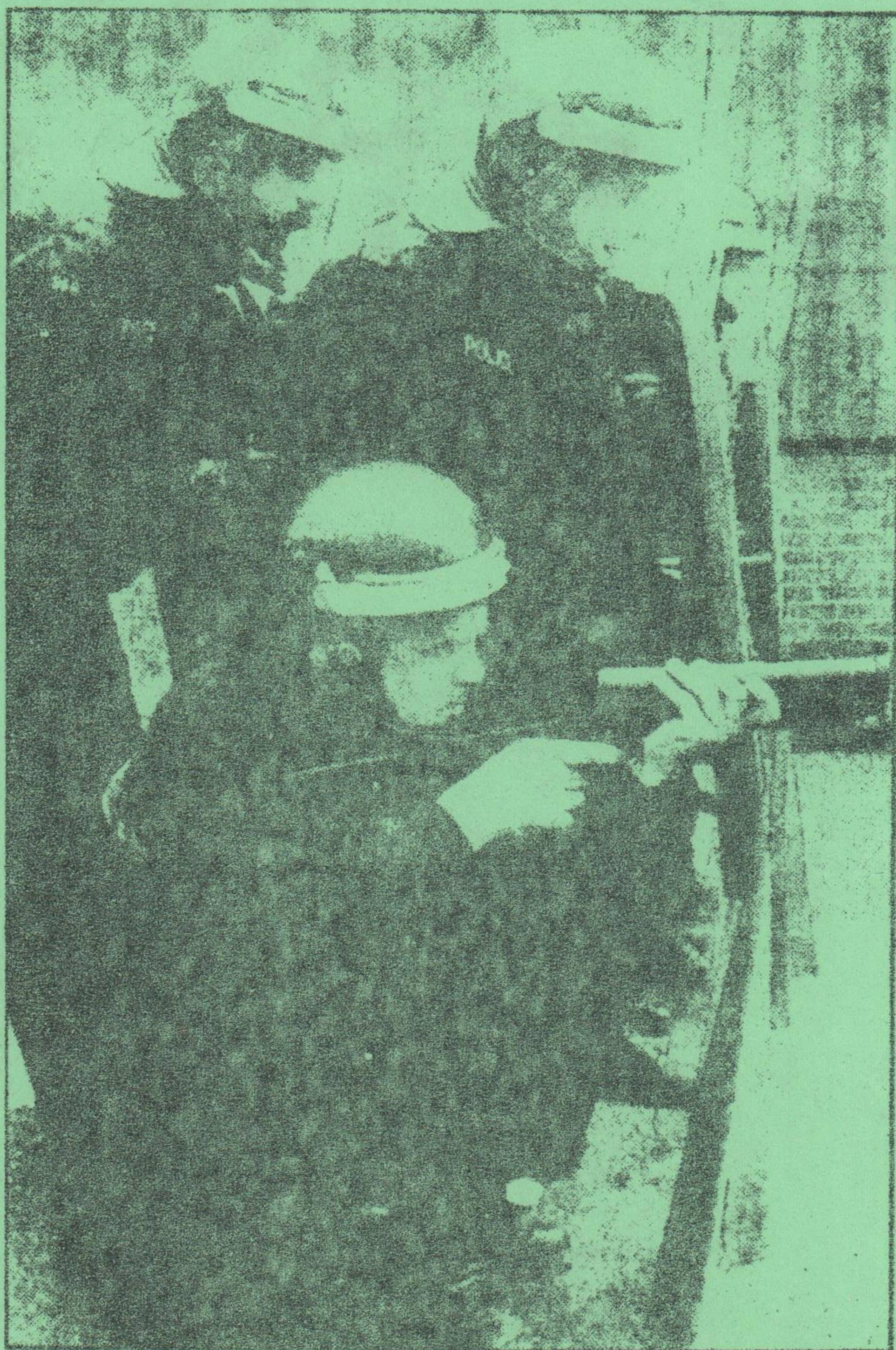
a shock to me than some of the other stuff I experienced.

People have been killed and are being killed, both security forces and civilians, needlessly. N.Ireland, I found, is a training area for both soldiers and police. Compare present day police tactics with N. Ireland.

Rules laid down by the authorities were altered and amended as and when they saw fit. Guidance for shooting people was different depending on who was being shot at - Unionists I found were given warnings to leave areas, Republicans were simply shot at. Whenever I read about sectarian killings I look for the military's hand.

The things you protest about are being done by the same people who 'run' N. Ireland. They are sick people playing sick games - on the one hand, they offer security.... with the other, they strangle you! Jim C.

PLASTIC BULLETS



West Midlands police firing plastic bullets during a demonstration of riot control tactics

We've all heard of Plastic Bullets (those things they shoot kids with in Northern Ireland) Yes? Well, they are being made in Scotland by the fireworks company "Brooks" - those nice people who bring so much joy to our kids every Nov 5th-.

On Oct 6th five campers went on the annual picket of the Brooks factory at Sanquhar in Ayrshire, which is organised by the United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets. People turned up from Belfast, Glasgow and Durham N.U.M., about 25 of us stayed for an hour until all the workers had left. A lot of them took leaflets but they were rushed out really quickly and we were unable to talk with them, but they knew why we were there.

Now that British police on the mainland have Plastic Bullets I thought I'd just remind you of a little bit of their history..

They were introduced into Northern Ireland as "minimum force" weapons to control riots. Since 1970 about 15 people (half of them children under 18) have been killed by Plastic Bullets or their forerunners Rubber Bullets. Countless others have been maimed, blinded or otherwise seriously injured by them, mostly in non-riot situations. Maybe when children are killed on the streets of Birmingham, Manchester ect, the "Great British public" will at last do something to bring about the end of the use of these murderous weapons. Blue

DON'T RUN GLEN FRUIN



Amongst the 3,000 folk who signed our petition were some who said they were working on the Glen Fruin road. It all seems to contract and make a mockery of statutory procedures that the Sec. of State has to go thru before any work can be done.

We only recently had the notice of proposed construction and have only sent off our objections, so how could anyone be working on something which, in theory, has only been proposed?

One possible answer is that there is a continuing road improvement on the Loch Lomond side of Glen Fruin. The main road starts on this road so work could start but appear to be part of the Loch Lomond improvements. This is not simply paranoia on our part, we're dealing with the MoD who, in the past have shown little regard to local opinion. Plainly from the gloss proposal book that the PMA gave out the Glen Fruin dual Road is a reality, forget any objections, all we get is lip service while the work begins.

So, on Nov 18 there will be a public meeting in Alexandria. There will be invited speakers and we hope that from this meeting, a Glen Fruin action campaign will be formed.

BIG BROTHER GLENS 11.15.85

What a shock I got when I walked along the fence today. The poles and stands for 17 (yes 17) infra-red cameras are in place. There are probably 6 or 7 of them operational just now. In between each camera are sets of infra-red lights.

Do we really justify this expense? On the last snowball people were told that they committed £760 damage to one sheet of wire mesh. The cost of security (cameras and fence) is somewhere between £3m and £4m. No terrorist needs to go anywhere near their target to blow it up - security isn't for them. Spies can use satellites, the security isn't for them. That leaves us, the peace movement as the only people who would want to get into a military base.....

Jim

It's only when enough of us feel strong that we'll be able to remove the destructive power that the MoD have. Until then we should take on the MoD at every opportunity.

AFTER THE FOX

("TALLY-HO")
AND ALL
THAT CRAP!!

The hunting season, and therefore the hunt-sabbing season, has begun. The first hunt of the Renfrew hunt had about 120 saboteurs, including 5 people from the camp, there. We were successful in preventing a kill; however, the hunt and their terrier men (Hired Heavies!) caused injuries using spades and pick axes to several hunt-sabs, including three who had to be taken to hospital by ambulance. As a result, several charges are being pressed.

This was my first hunt-sab and it is extremely difficult to express on paper the mixture of emotions that I felt - a mixture of sadness and anger at what we could see happening. (this cannot detract from the feeling of exhilaration when we spoilt an attempt to kill by splitting up the hounds and the warmth of feeling hearing lots of voices calling the hounds away from the huntsmen.)

Seeing unprovoked violence, and the senseless waste of animal life, combined with the realisation that the 'Tally-Ho' brigade still exist, combined to create a situation which was very difficult to cope with.

Hopefully the numbers of hunt-sabs will continue to be large, and their actions continue to be successful.

ALAN

SNOWBALL NEWS

The last snowball at Faslane was on November the 2nd. The theme of the day was Halloween, so many folk turned up dressed for the occasion with witches hats, broomsticks and such like.

9 people were arrested at Faslane for cutting the fence and then quickly whisked away to Helensburgh to be charged with vandalism. Nobody was put in the cells, we just had to sit in the police vans for a few minutes while they processed us.

The next snowball will be in roughly 3 months time. If you want to take part in direct action but have never done so before because of fear of getting arrested, then the snowball is the best place to start. If you'd like more information on the snowball or what it's like getting arrested then write to us, better still come and visit us here at the camp. Come for a cup of tea and a chat. You can also contact the snowball organisers at : Snowball campaign, 3rd floor left, 420 Sauchiehall street, Glasgow.

THE Pilgrims

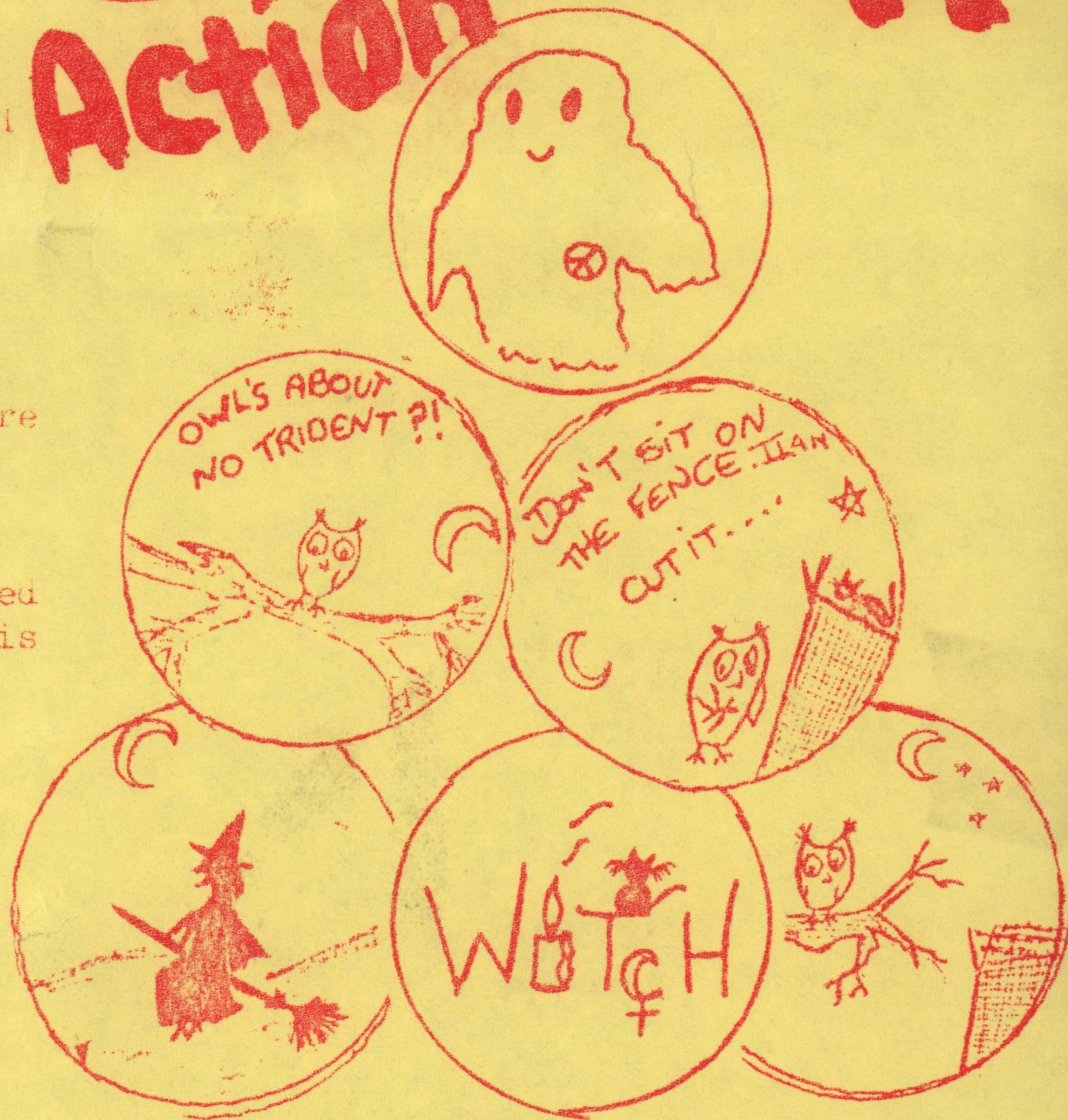
On the weekend beginning the 24th Oct a dozen pilgrims completed a walk from a Grain store in Dumfries, to the south gate at Faslane.

The walk was organised by S.E.A.D with the purpose of drawing the links between arms expenditure and poverty.

A reception was held in the council chambers in Dumbarton which several people from the camp attended. There was a warm atmosphere, despite many of the pilgrims being exhausted after a long walk in gale force winds, and there was folk music of many different countries. On their arrival at camp they held a short vigil at the south gate, before having a well deserved rest.

ALAN

SNOWBALL Action



FOCUS

This may be the first time we have sent a Faslame Focus to you or your group. If you would like to receive copies in future (it usually comes out every six weeks or so) please write and let us know - it's one way we can keep people throughout the country in touch with developments here. So write to

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STOP POLICE
Congratulations to Jenny and Tommy,
ex-North Campers on the arrival of a 7th
baby girl.



IF YOU WANT
THESE BADGES
YOU'LL HAVE
TO VISIT THE CAMP
HA! HA!

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WHEN THE ANARCHISTS RAN THE BUSES



AT LEAST THEY RAN ON TIME