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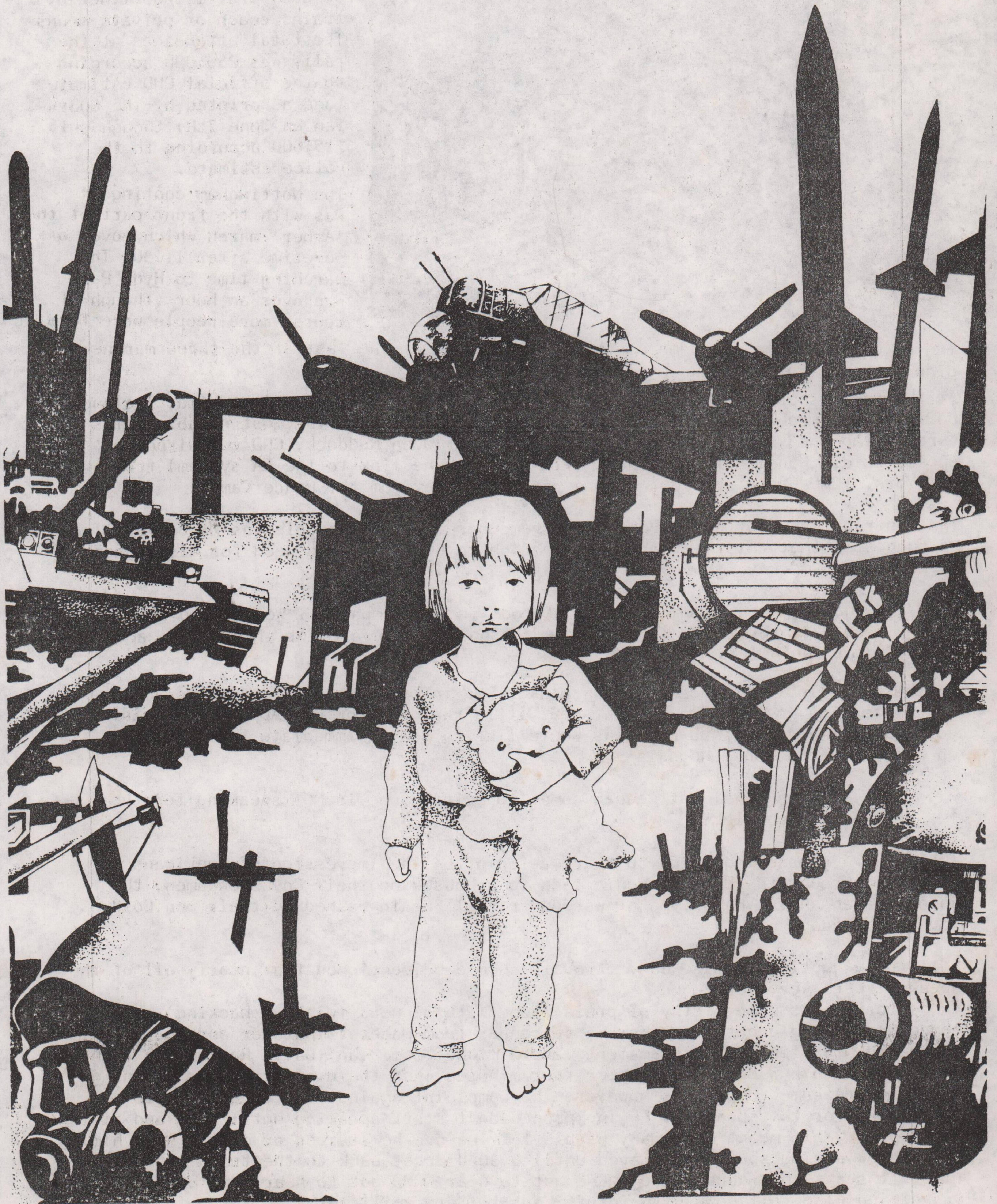
NOTTINGHAM CND BULLETIN



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MUCH MUCH MORE.

JUNE 1982

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LONDON DEMO



Well it was very pleasing to have another large, peaceful, successful demonstration. The Nottingham contingent numbered 800, travelling either by train, coach or private means. The total attendance at the rally was 250,000 according to the official CND estimate (and as printed by The Guardian on June 7th) though only 115,000 according to the Police estimate.

The Nottingham contingent was with the front part of the 'Amber' march which moved off sometime after 11.30. The marching time to Hyde Park was over an hour, though of course more people were form-

ing up all the time which meant that the tail end of the last of the three marches didn't arrive in the park until 3.00pm.

At the rally there were speakers from the United States, Japan, Australia, Iceland, Holland and Sweden, as well as from many parts of Britain. The most notable names were EP Thompson, Arthur Scargill and Tony Benn. Joan Ruddock, CND's chairperson spoke, as did Monsignor Bruce Kent (via a telephone link to the PA system) from New York. YCND had a speaker, plus a representative from the Peace Camps.

The contribution that will probably be remembered by most people was Mr Scargill's. He suggested that while we are demonstrating to publicize the need for disarmament world leaders merely ignore us. He said

"We have got to become more vociferous in our campaign. We have to embark on a campaign of civil disobedience to show that we are not prepared to accept total annihilation."

Another highlight was the American speaker. He informed us that while the American Peace Campaign is still in its infancy, it is rapidly growing. Apparently opinion polls show that 70% of US citizens would like to see an immediate freeze on all nuclear weapons. He said

"...so when President Reagan comes to Britain, he is NOT speaking for the American people."

(This was a reassuring thing to hear, as so often the impression of Americans received through the British media tend to be based on their Gov spokesmen; the Ronny Reagan and Al Haig type of warmonger, self brain-washed by their own Cold War propaganda.)

While only quoting from the above two, it should be mentioned that nearly all of the speakers were very very good.

The entertainers were worthy of praise too, with singers (without backing) and comedians. Among other items were appearances from Margaret Thatcher and the Queen, both calling for disarmament, and a midget comedian (David Rappaport) with a discourse on how best to use your four minutes when the nuclear attack sirens go.

There are some complaints however. The complaint against CND organizing is of bad timing for the speakers. EP Thompson didn't start speaking until 5.15 and finished at 5.30. This meant that many people left before he started or didn't hear him out. A few daring souls who stayed until 5.30 did get back to the train on time. It seems that nobody from NCND got to hear NCND got to hear Tony Benn. CND Organizing also fell down with insufficient toilet facilities.

The main complaints however are against the authorities. The Dept of Environment decided to ban music, which seems exceedingly petty. The Police kept a flying a helicopter overhead which meant that those directly beneath couldn't hear. This caused several angry mass howls from the crowd before some rapid behind the scenes negotiation managed to get it removed. Also not many demonstrators were aware, but a police film crew started filming members of the crowd and an officer threatened to arrest one woman who voiced her complaint. CND is to make a formal request to Scotland Yard for an explanation of the film crew's presence. The average, fairly co-operative, not unfriendly bobby who lined the marches has a lot of public relations fence mending to do to compensate for these incidents..

Sunday evening's BBC TV news coverage also left a lot to be desired, but most CND supporters have probably come to expect this by now. (You may like to know that the Man Alive 'Nukes Out' on BBC2 16th June will give the Beeb a chance to mend hurt feelings. But will they?)

Overall then a very good demo. The hot sticky morning and showers in the mid-afternoon did nothing to dampen enthusiasm. None of the points on the complaints list were unbearable, and most of the points on the the praise list were a definite plus. There really was a great deal of good feeling and mutual support created at the demo. For those who came - see you there again next year. For those who didn't - come next year, you'll find it a very positive experience.

Mark Page.

PEACE FESTIVAL

Woodthorpe Park. July 4th Noon - 7pm

There will, after all, be a Peace Festival but it was very interesting to note which neighbourhood groups couldn't be bothered - I suppose they'll be watching the TV or something. Could you all please take note of the following.

- 1) The Festival will be situated on the Mansfield Rd side of the Park - there is no access for cars at this entrance. Groups can always deliver items at this gate and then park any cars at the main car park on Woodthorpe Drive.
- 2) All groups should have organised their own trestle tables, a very limited number will be available on the day.
- 3) Transport. If you need any help please tact Pete Wade at Nottm 609774 - deadline for this is 28th June.
- 4) All funds raised by neighbourhood groups from this event will go directly into our main account.
- 5) Stall holders should arrive at least 30 mins before the start in order to set up.

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BILLBOARDS

Nottingham CND has at last managed to finance two billboards, which are at present situated in prominent sites in the city. One is positioned at the corner of Woodborough Rd/Mansfield Rd (opposite the magnificent piece of graffiti for the June 6th demo) and the other is on Lower Parliament Street. These are the only two for this month but it is hoped to get more in the future and situate them in even more noticeable positions.

FRONT PAGE

The front page of this month's bulletin is the front page of a new NCND publication called 'In Safekeeping'. The Bulletin had hoped to bring you a review of this along with some more of its illustrations, but time and space being what they are we'll have to wait until next month.

F.A.B. PEACE CAMP



We've done it! We've set up a Peace Camp. The most daring and, hopefully, one of the most positive steps taken by members of N.C.N.D. However, during the few days before we set off for Lakenheath (the secret is out) there were moments when we all felt rather apprehensive (especially following the TV screening of the eviction at Greenham Common and the rough handling of the female protestors by the police). But, we have successfully established a camp almost directly opposite the main gate of a very large American Air Force Base. Despite the four months of planning we couldn't quite believe that it had happened late that first evening (Sunday, 30th May), the result of a long exhausting day, no doubt. The "Families Against the Bomb Peace Camp" is now one of ten permanent and three semi-permanent camps scattered all over England & Wales and we hope that, with your support, it will grow in strength and purpose.

The last few days of May were very hectic ones, especially for the permanent campers who had to arrange to be away from home for an indefinite period. A leaflet had to be designed and printed, a mini-bus had to be arranged at the last minute (some fool forgot to book the Arts & Craft mini-bus). Someone had to make out a shopping list for food and go out and buy it for a large number of people to last over a Bank Holiday week-end (and our first meal was cooked for us the day before - Thank you, Louise). A large tea-pot and two cauldrons were purchased, as was heavy duty plastic, elsan and two oil drums for the disposal of effluence (We've got one of the best loo's on any peace camp and it had had to be partly built before we set off). On the Saturday a lorry was filled with tents, a teepee, tools and miscellaneous pieces of equipment and six of the campers left for Suffolk.

Despite rising very early on the Sunday it was 11.a.m. before some of us left Nottingham; fitting everything and everyone into and onto a mini, a van and a mini-bus was rather like packing 17 people into a mini but we managed it. We arrived in Suffolk at different times, we had arranged to meet at the home of our telephone contacts and were pleased to find nine people from the Molesworth Camp who had come over to support us on the day. Greetings were exchanged, a hasty cup of tea was consumed and we set off - a very strange looking convoy of vehicles - under cover of the annual air show at Lakenheath. The police were kept occupied coping with the very heavy traffic all around the base.

We arrived at our site at 5.p.m. and within two hours ten tents, & the teepee had been erected, a fire had been made, water collected and we were eating our first meal. Richard had already contacted some of the media. So far, so good.

However, at 8.30.p.m. two police cars were seen approaching the camp. The cars carried two policemen and an American who immediately earned himself the nick-name of "J.R." because of his big hat, boots, belt and checked shirt. They informed us that we were on private land (the land wasn't registered) and asked us to leave. They were informed that we wouldn't leave until legal action was taken against us (there is another site to which the camp could be moved) and we promised to be very careful of the fire which we needed for cooking and heating water. They went away a lot happier than when they had arrived, despite refusing to listen to our arguments in favour of Nuclear Disarmament. It was a beautiful evening, we had set up camp and survived our first confrontation with the police.

Most of the following day was spent contacting the media (thank you for the use of your phone, Bernie & Mandy, its much easier than feeding 10 pences into a phone box). I did a taped interview for Radio Norfolk over the phone and we were visited by the "East Anglian News", who wrote a very sympathetic article with a large picture. To my knowledge, articles have appeared in the "Guardian", the "Telegraph" and The Morning Star and the camp has been featured on regional TV. Radio Trent & Radio Nottingham carried bulletins on the camp throughout most of the day on Tuesday, June 1st.

Unfortunately, I had to leave that evening, back to a boring "nine to five" job. I reluctantly left the people whom I had got to know very well over the last few months. It had been a marvellous week-end and very inspiring. They created such a warm and friendly atmosphere; decisions were made quickly, democratically and without rancour; tasks were shared instead of a few people doing all the work ((N.C.N.D. please note)).

Since my return the campers have leafletted parts of Lakenheath & Mildenhall, have asked the Camp Commander for an interview, have put up posters in the area and have organised a "die-in" to co-incide with a full-scale Nuclear Alert at the base. The camp and the banner (courtesy of Bernie & Mandy) have been moved nearer the road for ease of access and for publicity value and a structure is being built, in which to meet during bad weather. They survived heavy thunderstorms last week.

The camp has started to receive support in East Anglia but it needs more support from N.C.N.D. members in the form of people willing to stay at the camp, either permanently or for a few days at a time. Transport can be arranged and anyone will be given a warm welcome. We have set up a camp and have obtained quite a lot of publicity through doing so but it is time the "real work" of a Peace Camp began - persuading the civilian and service personnel at the base to dis-continue work on the apparent expansion there (there are what appears to be 20 or 30 silo's under construction). If you are in need of transport contact me on the number given below or ring the office.

To N.C.N.D. and to those individuals and groups who have already given support to the camp, many thanks. We couldn't have done it without help. But, do visit the camp, and soon. The next few weeks could be vital for the campers. The camp needs to expand if it is to do more useful work. More people are needed to help with the day to day running of the camp, to keep up contacts with the press, to find more support in that area and to organise and participate in forms of direct action.

In Peace & Friendship,

Ann. telephone Radcliffe (33) 4379

telephone contacts in Suffolk -

Bernie & Mandy. Mildenhall (0638) 716556.



THE CRUELLEST CON

CIVIL DEFENCE: THE CRUELLEST CON by Phil Bolsover A5, bound, 64pp, 80p.

"The Govt. is worried. It did not expect this kind of protest ... it reacted sharply, announcing an anti-CND propaganda offensive."

Bolsover, A Sanity journalist on CND national Council has updated and extended his 1980 pamphlet which then summarised the awful effects of nuclear attack. A major improvement in the new edition is the design and production which includes Ralph Steadman cartoons and a Peter Kennard photomontage. There's a map on which Square Leg was based and details of a Royal Observer Corps radiation measuring post. Photos include four stages of a house exploding under nuclear attack, and scenes from 'The War Game' and Hiroshima.

There are three entirely new chapters. One examines Duncan Campbell's New Statesman revelations about Square Leg; another probes the propaganda drive towards parish councils and voluntary organisations. The extracts on the feeding process - or, rather, the studiously measured lack of it - from the West Sussex plans are particularly graphic, and the decision to include material like this reflects a turn in editorial priorities. This is made explicit in the new Chapter 5, where Bolsover grasps the nettle and assesses the basis of Government policy as fear of people and alludes to Britain's colonial tradition (an underrated aspect of home defence). This section is a fascinating account of some of the parish plans. There's the surrealist, Bed-Sitting-Room-like advice that Ward HQs communicate by bicycle messengers and waving coloured flags to each other. While the good volunteers are doing what England expects, forced labour is busy instilling "a sense of purpose" into its no doubt grateful victims. And a network of street informers is on the alert for anti-social elements - fate not clearly specified, but it ain't probation.

Bolsover has abruptly changed the line of his dominant emphasis. As the above outline suggests, he has now - to his credit - come off the fence on the authority question. The victims of attack will have to cope with not just burns, cholera, lice and leukaemia but a dictatorial state too. It wasn't like that in the first edition which viewed home defence as inadequate rather than autocratic. Bolsover then systematically ignored the wealth of material, viewing the subject from libertarian perspectives.

But why this change? The new context in which the subject matter has been placed is not so much a U-turn as "getting in lane". It's instructive to consider the years in which CND has been out of lane. In the early years, the CND leadership was dripping in respectability. It never had enough disdain for the "Committee of 100" direct-actionists. But CND has grown in confidence and knows that it can now act, and Bolsover reflects this change. The original pamphlet was afflicted by substantial chunks of the "isn't it terrible ... final abyss" sort of whimpering. But the new edition has been efficiently edited so that virtually all text is both relevant and informative, without losing its emotional appeal.

CND's dexterous handling of defence issues has earned it a position of authority on the national scene (consider the panic-stricken attacks being showered upon it). This is leading to an enhanced confidence all round in its ranks. Thus Bolsover is not afraid to attack Lady Pike for fostering acceptance of nuclear war and to poke fun at Francis Pym over an indiscreet admission made on TV. This bolder sense of purpose, this natural assumption of ascendancy is consolidating all the time and is a very welcome feature of the last two years. It's well reflected in this pamphlet and long may it continue.

Bolsover is now linking to the populist approach a usefully critical stance of the home-defence state apparatus; it's a productive combination.

John Batchellor

(This article has been edited)

HARD ROCK - DETAILS SO FAR

NCND's answer to the Civil Defence Operation Hard Rock : Operation 'Hardluck/Hard Rock'. We are still in a fairly early planning stages of this project, but things will have to start coming together pretty soon, because this is a big project, and because so many people will be away during the summer.

The Civil Defence 'Hard Rock' starts on Sept 29, so sections of the project will also start then though it will end in a street theatre type DIE-IN in Slab Square on Oct 16, (All dates and ideas mentioned are still provisional at time of writing and have not yet been confirmed by the Hard Rock committee).

These are the initial sections of the project:

- 1) Whitewash windows. Whitewash a window and draw in CND symbol. 29 Sept to 6 Oct.
- 2) Phone hassle. This could disrupt the Civil Defence exercise (if we can get the phone nos.) 29 Sept to 6 Oct.
- 3) Distributing leaflets
- 4) Organizing a petition.
- 5) Highway placards. 29 Sept to 6 Oct.
- 6) Neighbourhood demos. This may be a live rehearsal of the DIE-IN. 9 Oct.

Again let's emphasise that this is just a provisional list and good new ideas are very welcome.

A lot is going to depend on the response that NCND Committee gets from you, particularly for the main event itself, the DIE-IN. And this is why your neighbourhood rep on the Committee will soon be bringing this up at your group's meetings and looking for a VERY VERY firm commitment to help or to participate.

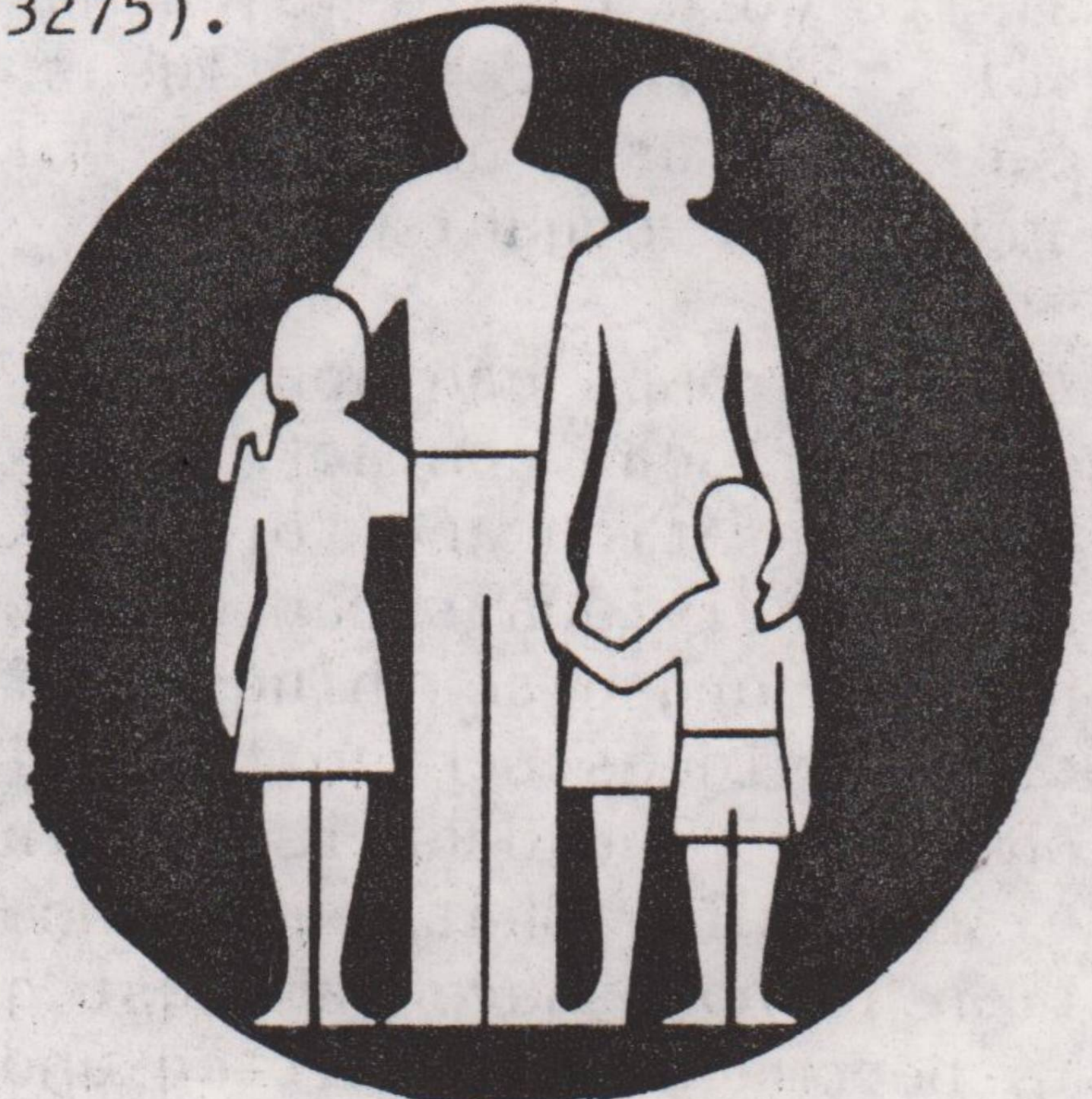
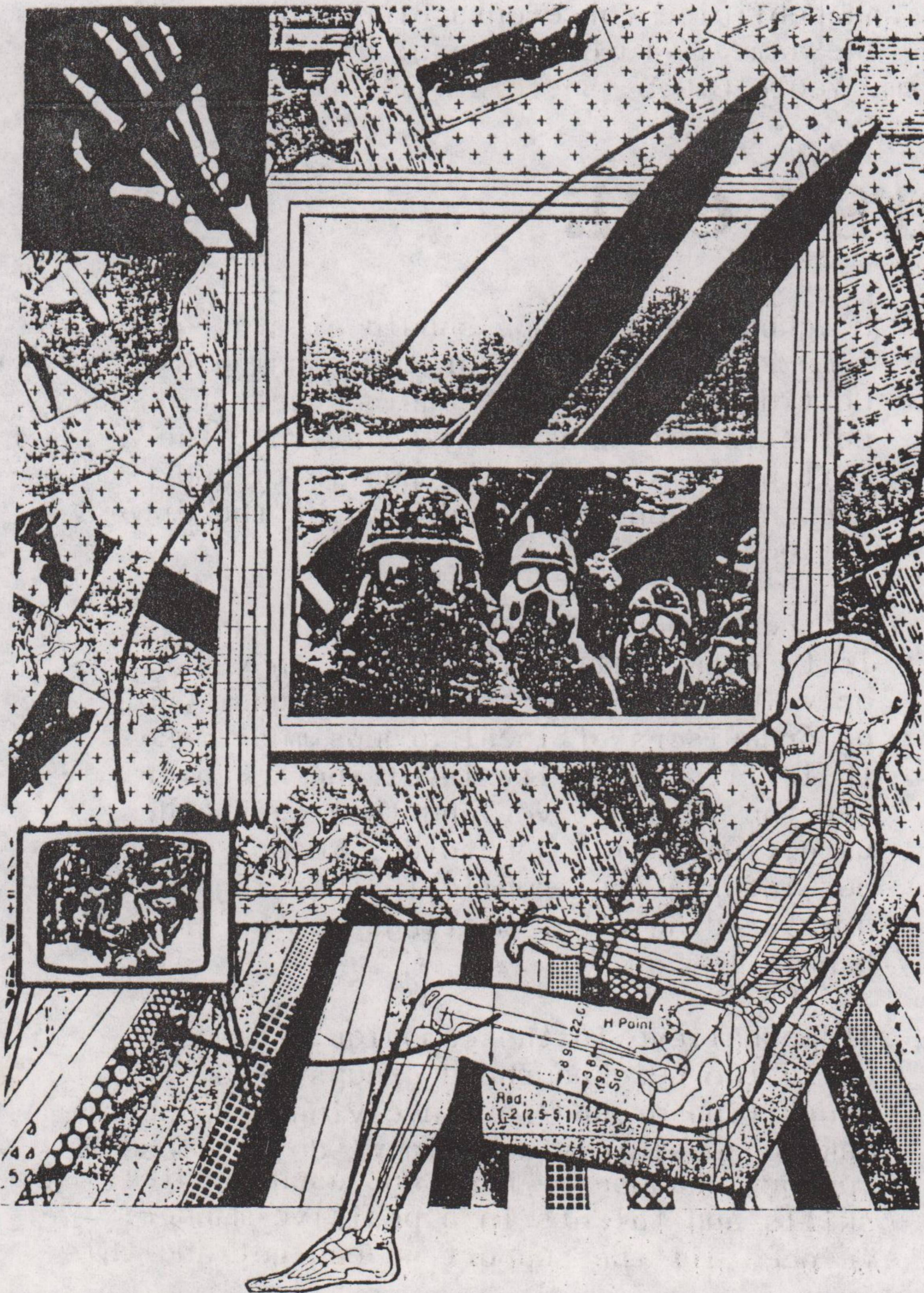
The main event - the DIE-IN - on Oct 16 will require the following;

- 1) A march (probably Forest ground to Slab Square). We will want everyone from NCND if at all possible.
- 2) DIE-IN teams to break into two camps (USA & USSR) or three (+ GB).
- 3) Certain very minimal mime/acting ability may be required on the part of 3/4 characters from each camp.
- 4) Other characters will be almost passive bystanders, except that they will eventually be required to lie down and play dead.

We are intending to really polish the planning/choreography of this to make sure that it works well. We'll also obviously need the proper back-up ie. PA system etc. So both help and participation are both very much required. Let's face it, a mere dozen or so people marching around and then lying down in Slab Square could end up looking like prats. We don't want that so we intend a planned and highly stylised performance, with hopefully 200 people taking part. Unless we can get at least 100 people then we may have to think again about this.

So when your neighbourhood group rep on the Hard Rock Committee asks - please volunteer. With your help this can be a really first class protest project.

For further information or to volunteer assistance contact your group's Hard Rock rep and then rep (or phone Mark on 31 - 3962 or Michael on 31 - 3275).



Youth C.N.D

Dear C.N.D.,

I would like to make a complaint on behalf of Nottingham Youth C.N.D. We organised a gig last night to raise money for our group. Although all of us had exams, 'O', 'A' or internal ones we managed to turn up at The Ad Lib Club. Where were C.N.D.?

The difficulty that we always face is the one which all youth face today when they try to stick up for their rights. We have, none of us, any income of our own and so, are dependant on parents who frequently forbid us to go to meetings, demo's or gigs because, more than likely, they dislike their children becoming politically aware.

The fact that we have no income means, also, that we are dependant on the good-will of adults to give us bankers orders or support us at gigs and benefits.

But here we come up against yet another problem, those people who unlike us disbelieve in the positive contribution youth can make in the Disarmament movement. We have shown time and again that it is the youth of this who will lead this fight and are most ready to get out on the streets to shout their protest against Thatcher & Reagan. It is they who are at the forefront of demonstrations.

The comment that the East Midlands Youth C.N.D. Demo on April 3rd, was "disappointing" I thought was disgusting. It took us only two months to organise, which we did virtually every minute of the day. The rally on the Forest was disappointing only because not enough neighbourhood groups were prepared to spend a bit of time getting some sort of a stall together. And where were C.N.D. when it came to fly posting and leafletting schools, colleges and the town centre which we did every Saturday four weeks before the demo?

Considering most of the youth were from Nottingham because C.N.D. groups in Derby, Leicester and Burton-on-Trent couldn't be bothered to help newly formed Youth C.N.D. groups leaflet, publicise and generally encourage them. Fifteen hundred on the demo is excellent, especially as most were young people. In the event anybody could have gone - there was no age limit.

Nottingham Y.C.N.D. leaflet, support and publicise for events other than ones we've initiated. So lets see C.N.D. doing the same in future please!

Anne Donnelly. Nottm. Youth C.N.D. Secretary.

Controversy ctd.

'Which Way Nottingham CND?'

The May Bulletin correspondence from Bob Cann and the reply from Mark Cole is an indication of the need for all of us to recognise that the way the organisation and campaign is run is as important as running them. It reflects tensions and misunderstandings as to the purpose of organising along neighbourhood lines which need to be aired and discussed widely if we are all to work towards a common goal effectively. Here are some ideas which I feel can serve as a basis for building a strong and active organisation.

Neighbourhood groups can appeal to a local audience; use local contacts and knowledge to spread information and form workable groups where individuals can get to know each other and organise things easily. These were the ideas behind their initial establishment. The dangers lie in groups becoming so insular that experiences and information is not shared amongst groups, activists become over-committed and groups become dependent on a few people.

Neighbourhood groups should also accept some responsibility for the running of Nottingham CND and recognise that it does not exist without them; certainly the Nottingham wide events, publicity and presence cannot succeed without the effort of local groups.

If the number of people actively involved is to grow, all activists, be they officers or volunteers in central Nottingham CND, or organisers of local groups must make their first priority involving newcomers and the less active, and this can be done by giving them a job to do, such as finding out information, publicity, booking rooms or attending other meetings on the group's behalf.

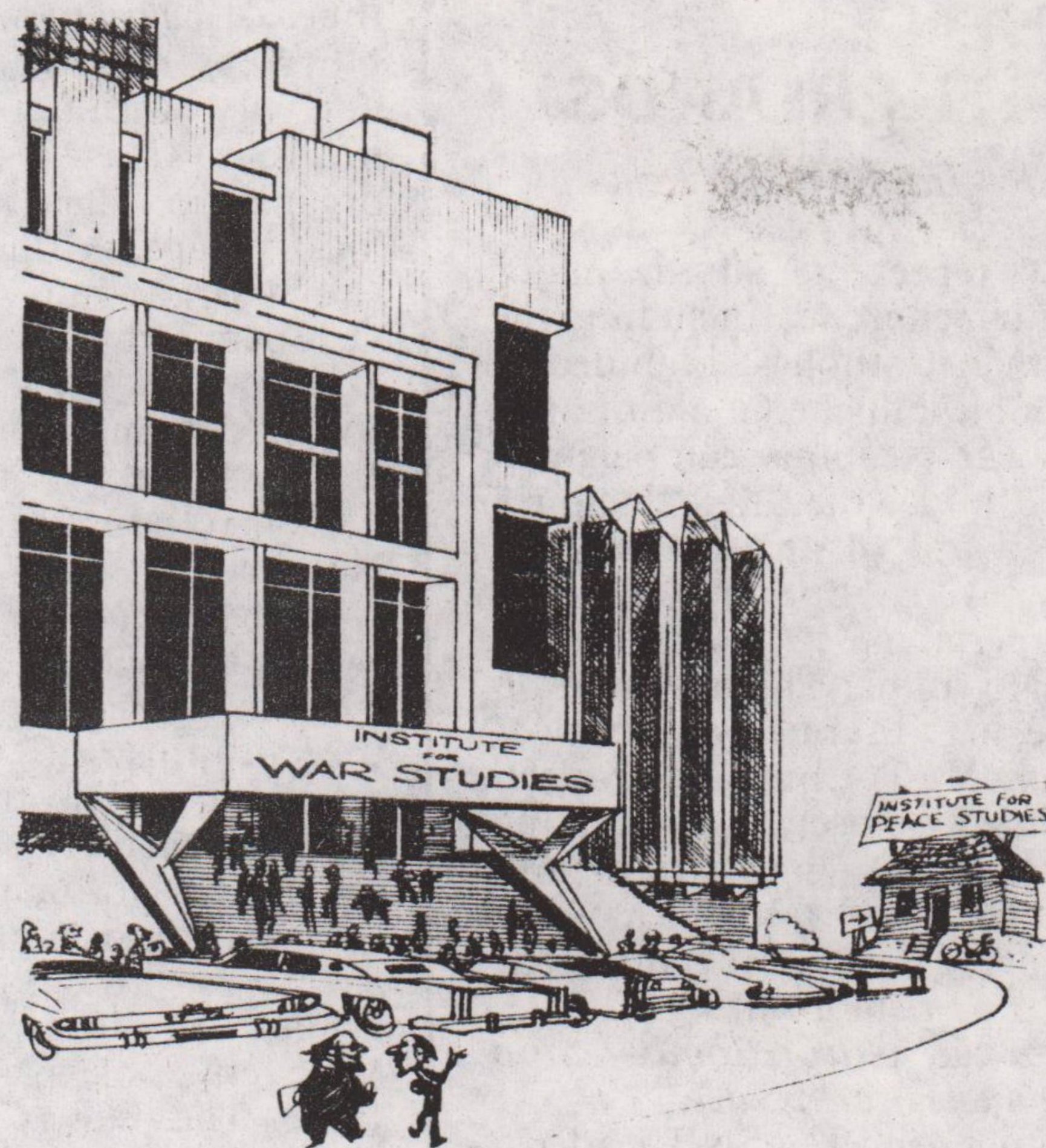
If we believe in the campaign, we must build the neighbourhood groups as a recruiting ground for involving more people, making absolutely certain we do not lose support because we have not used people's skills and talents in a positive manner. We need all the support we can get and this

means that we should be aiming to get and keep people involved by ensuring that they feel part of an active campaign.

Whilst we must be prepared to risk trying new approaches we need to be clear of the importance of doing things efficiently so as to maintain support and credibility. Everybody involved feels that they are doing all the work and no one else is bothered. We need to believe that mass support is there and consciously look at ways of mobilising it. We are now approaching the time when we must choose between negative self-criticism and despondancy or positive dynamic action, with an added sense of urgency now that Cruise missiles arriving is less than a year away.

ANDY D'AGORNE

Lenton for Nuclear Disarmament



County Council

To the NCND Bulletin:

On Wednesday, 2nd June, the Policy and General Purposes Committee of Nottingham County Council responding to a request from NCND for financial help of £500, approved grant aid to NCND of £1000. This will enable NCND to establish a mobile exhibition, print leaflets, etc to counter the pro-nuclear arguments of the Government. Labour members of the Council realise that to ensure Gov Defence policies do not go unchallenged it is essential that we positively help groups like NCND, with similar sentiments and objectives as our own.

Concern had been expressed by NCND members that although we had stated our policy in Sept not to enter into Nuclear War Planning, we had made no definite statement on Hard Rock. At the same committee meeting we clarified this by making it quite plain that non-participation in Hard Rock is Council policy, so strengthening our nuclear-free zone resolution.

The report on Peace Studies has finally been drafted, and will be placed before the Education (Policy and Standards) sub-committee on 10th June and will, I am certain get the full support of all Labour members.

I must say I found the reference to Labour councillors "overweening desire to stress that the issue was not political" in the May Bulletin was a little misleading, seeming to imply that councillors did not understand the important political implications of the document. We did,

however, try to strike a 'balance' to ensure that both or all sides of the argument should be available to our students. We are not developing a curriculum for Peace Studies to adopt a similar line to this Government churning out one-sided propaganda for our schools. Instead we are trying to establish the opportunity for children to hear all the facts, discuss them fully and openly, think and then make their own decisions. I have enough faith in the strength of the anti-nuclear case to believe, given all the facts, they will reach a similar conclusion to my own. In a civilised society however, there should be an abhorrence of war and a bias towards peace and our children must be taught to appreciate this just as they are taught the difference between good and evil.

The recommendations in this report, if implemented, will make available resources to implement Peace education involving teachers in all departments.

The Labour group is continuing to liaise with members of NCND looking at further ways to be of assistance. Some times the speed at which proposals are implemented must try the patience of NCND members but to put an idea into practice through the Council is often a slow process. We hope that our actions since Sept and what we try to achieve in the future convince you of our commitment to the concept of a Nuclear Free Zone, a Nuclear Free Britain and a Nuclear Free Europe.

County Councillor John Heppell

Who's who in the European Peace Movement?

THE NETHERLANDS.

Dutch Inter-Church Peace Council (IKV)

IKV represents all the major Dutch churches including the Roman Catholics. Founded in 1966, it launched a major anti-nuclear weapons campaign in 1977 under the title: "Help rid the world of nuclear weapons — let it begin with the Netherlands." IKV has 400 local groups. The organisation doesn't favour withdrawal from NATO but is European minded, closely co-operating with END in Britain and hosting European-wide meetings of 'like-minded' disarmament groups.

Stop the Neutron Bomb — Stop the nuclear arms race.

Founded in 1977, SNB headed a successful campaign to delay the basing of the Neutron bomb in the Netherlands and Europe. SNB collected over one million signatures for its petition in a country of only 14 million. SNB has no membership scheme but has dozens of local working groups and has been active in calling large demonstrations against the 'new' missiles: Cruise and Pershing-II. Like IKV, SNB has broad support.

November 21st 1981.

IKV, SNB and several other peace organisations called the biggest ever disarmament demonstration to be held in Europe. Half a million people jammed the streets of Amsterdam.

BELGIUM

Committee Against Nuclear Weapons (VAKA) and the National Committee for Peace and Development (CNAPD)

These two organisations (the first Flemish, the second French speaking) act as umbrella groups for a variety of peace organisations including the Belgian groups of the War Resisters International and Pax Christi, as well as political party peace groups. The peace movement in Belgium appears weaker than in most other countries, but because of a severe economic crisis Belgian governments are also weak and short-lived.

NORWAY

No to Nuclear Weapons.

Launched in October 1979, *No to Nuclear Weapons* set out to oppose Cruise, Pershing and SS-20 missiles. The organisation aims to force a reduction and then elimination of nuclear weapons East and West; to ensure that no nuclear weapons are based in Norway either in

times of peace or war; and the Norwegian government to actively pursue a Nordic nuclear-free zone. The organisation has around 300 local groups. Affiliates include the Norwegian TUC. On October 24th *No to Nuclear Weapons* staged a 10,000-strong demonstration in Oslo. It was one of the largest demonstrations ever seen in Norway.

Norwegian Labour Party

Before losing office in October 1982 the NLP government, with the support of the Social Democratic and other political parties actively sought to establish a Nordic nuclear-free zone encompassing Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Discussions between Prime Ministers took place in May 1981. The new Conservative government is less keen on the idea.

DENMARK

No to Nuclear Weapons.

No to Nuclear Weapons, the main Danish anti-nuclear weapons group, was launched in January 1980 with similar objectives to the Norwegian No to Nuclear Weapons. In May 1981 No to Nuclear Weapons presented the Dutch Prime Minister with 85,000 signatures on a petition entitled 'Protect Denmark Against Destruction.'

Women for Peace

In the summer of 1981 a cross-Europe peace march was organised by a group of women based in Denmark. The march ended up at a rally in Paris.

SWEDEN

Svenska Freds och Shilijedom. (SFS)

The largest Swedish peace group, SFS has over 2,000 members. There are also local autonomous groups in almost every town and city. Swedish peace groups tend to support the 'neutralist' position of their government and have been active in promoting the idea of a Nordic nuclear-free zone.

ICELAND

Peace campaigning in Iceland is conducted by students' organisations, churches, political parties and the labour movement. Their main concern is to rid the island of American air and early-warning bases. Peace activists are also pressing for Iceland to be included in the Nordic nuclear-free zone plan.

FRANCE

The French peace movement is lagging behind the movements based in other European countries. France is not a full member of NATO, so Cruise and Pershing missiles will not be based there. All the major political parties, including the Government parties — the Socialists and Communists — support France's own nuclear 'deterrent'. Attempts at organising peace activity have been hindered by friction between the political parties.

ITALY

Comiso

The Italian peace movement experienced rapid growth following the government's announcement on August 7th 1981 that 112 Cruise missiles were to be based near the town of Comiso in Sicily. Since that time the proposed base has been something of a focus for a diverse, but large, movement. There is no coordinating body in the country. Most peace campaigning takes place through the political parties, especially the Italian Communist Party, Radical Party and PDUP, Church organisations and trade unions.

In October 1981 over 500,000 people demonstrated in Rome against the Cruise missiles and the SS-20s. Because of the famed instability of Italian governments, the Italian movement has one of the best chances of any of the European movements to pressure their government to refuse Cruise.

WEST GERMANY

Aktion Suehnezeichen Friedensdienste, (ASF). Deutsche Friedens Gesellschaft (DFG). Bundesverband Burgerinitiativen Umweltschutz (BBU), Pax Christi, Green Party, Women for Peace, Youth Wings of the Social Democratic and Free Democratic Parties.

All eyes are on West Germany. The US plans to base 108 Pershing-II and 96 Cruise missiles there. It was the West Germany government within NATO which pressed for the basing of the new systems in Europe — in the pre-Reagan era — and the attitude of the Bonn Government will be crucial if Cruise and Pershing are to be cancelled. There are over 500 peace organisations in West Germany. Like Italy, there is no single co-ordinating organisation. The 500 organisations called the October 10th demonstration in Bonn which attracted over 300,000 people. Many West Germans in particular will turn up to CND's June 6th demonstration in London.



E.N.D. CONVENTION

An invitation to come with us from Nottingham.
EUROPEAN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT CONVENTION, BRUSSELS 2 - 4 JULY 1982.

Dear Friend,

The END Convention in Brussels at the beginning of July represents a mustering of Europe's many peace movements, from Poland to Portugal and from Iceland to Italy, under the banner of our common call for a nuclear-free Europe. The Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, taking the responsibility of circulating the appeal for European Nuclear Disarmament, has for two years worked to gather support for it's goals and aspirations, so that July's Convention will see Europe's Peace movements, in all their cultural, professional and political diversity, at work together to avert the holocaust in our countries and get rid of the nukes.

There will be a group from Nottingham travelling to the Convention, leaving the City on Thursday, 1st July and returning late on Sunday, 4th July. If you are at all interested in joining the party, please contact me at Russell House for more details, particularly crucial ones like costs, accommodation, workshops, programme, etc. If you return the attached slip I will at once send you a leaflet and information sheet about the convention, together with registration papers.

Take the plunge and sign up for the train very soon. It's cheaper than you think.

Yours disarmingly, Tony Simpson.

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ADDRESS

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poem

HEY MR. REAGAN

Hey Mr.Reagan, do you know who I am?
I'm old mother Europe, the friend of Uncle Sam.
Hey Mr.Reagan, I hear you've got a bomb
To save me from the big bad bear, when he comes along.

Yet Mr.Reagan I would just like to say
Your SALT won't get me through the day.
The day you send the big bear on a Yankee Cruise
It's not the boys in the Kremlin but us who's going to lose.

And Mr.Reagan a reminder if you will
When you send out your Trident, it's me you will kill!



STOP THE FALKLANDS

Nottingham Stop the Falklands War Committee is an adhoc group made up of pacifists CND members, Christians, Communists, Socialists and many people who don't belong to any group. So far we have held a daily vigil outside ST Peter's Church by Marks and Spencers, Broadmarsh with leaflets and petitions, and organised a demonstration on May 22nd where 400 people marched through Nottingham to a rally on the forest. A british military victory may not be far away, but we feel it's important to continue our campaign against the needless loss of life being incurred in this war. The vigil is still going on - 5pm-6.30 every weekday evening and 11am - 3pm Saturdays: join us there. We are also planning other methods of campaigning, such as lobbying MPs, letter-writing campaigns and public meetings. The next meeting of the Committee is Wed. June 16 at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, at 7.30pm. For any details phone Nottm 53587 (daytime) or 43482. Your support will be welcomed in this campaign.

DIARY

June

- SUNDAY 13th - 7.30 - Monthly Meeting. Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon Street
- TUESDAY 15th - 8.00 - Hard Rock group. Environmental Information Information Centre.
- 8.00 - Basford group meeting. 58 Maud Street.
- WEDNES 16th - 7.30 - Burton Joyce group meeting. Old School, Burton Joyce.
- 8.00 - West Bridgford group meeting. 'The Wolds', Loughborough Rd
- THURSDAY 17th - 7.30 - Radcliffe group meeting. 3 Wharf Lane.
- FRIDAY 18th - 7.30 - Long Eaton group meeting. Community House.
- 8.00 - Co-ordinating group. Environmental Information Centre.
- FRIDAY 18th
- SATURDAY 19th GLASTONBURY C.N.D. FESTIVAL
- SUNDAY 20th
- MONDAY 21st - 8.00 - Wollaton group meeting. Wollaton library. Discuss Peace Festival.
- TUESDAY 22nd - 8.00 - Arnold group meeting. Ring contact for place.
- THURSDAY 24th - 8.00 - Lenton group meeting. 30 Faraday Rd. Lenton.

July

- SUNDAY 4th - Noon to 6.00 - PEACE FESTIVAL. Woodthorpe Park.
- TUESDAY 6th - 8.00 - Beeston group meeting, Victoria Hotel. Dovecote Lane.
- MONDAY 12th - 7.30 - Mapperley group meeting. 23 Corby Rd.

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Deadline for the next bulletin is Wednesday July 7th. Any 'copy' (newspaper talk) to be handed in to the NCND office at the Environmental Information Centre. Help is still urgently required with the bulletin.

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Molesworth Trial

Great fun was had by all concerned (apart from the stipendiary magistrate) at the Trial of the Molesworth Nine on May 27th at Pathfinder House, Huntingdon. The charges were (1) obstructing the police in the course of their duties and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. The charges were brought because residents and supporters of the camp had resisted the ploughing up of the garden which was planted on March 21st.

Over one hundred people crowded into the courtroom to support the camp and the people who had been arrested. When one of the defendants was asked to plead, she, picked up her guitar and started to sing peace songs. Another defendant when asked to plead recited poetry.

At one point in the proceedings the magistrate left the court, unable to cope, without adjourning the court.

The Nine received fines of £15. 00. each with £25. 00. costs. They have stated that they will not pay the fines or the costs.

The Molesworth Camp is going from strength to strength. A total of forty campers were in residence over the Whit. Bank Holiday week-end. Included in their number were people from France (members of the Ark of the Covenant), from Germany and the six members of Lincoln C.N.D. who were walking to London to meet up with the June 6th Demo (congratulations to them. They made it, and during a heat-wave).



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