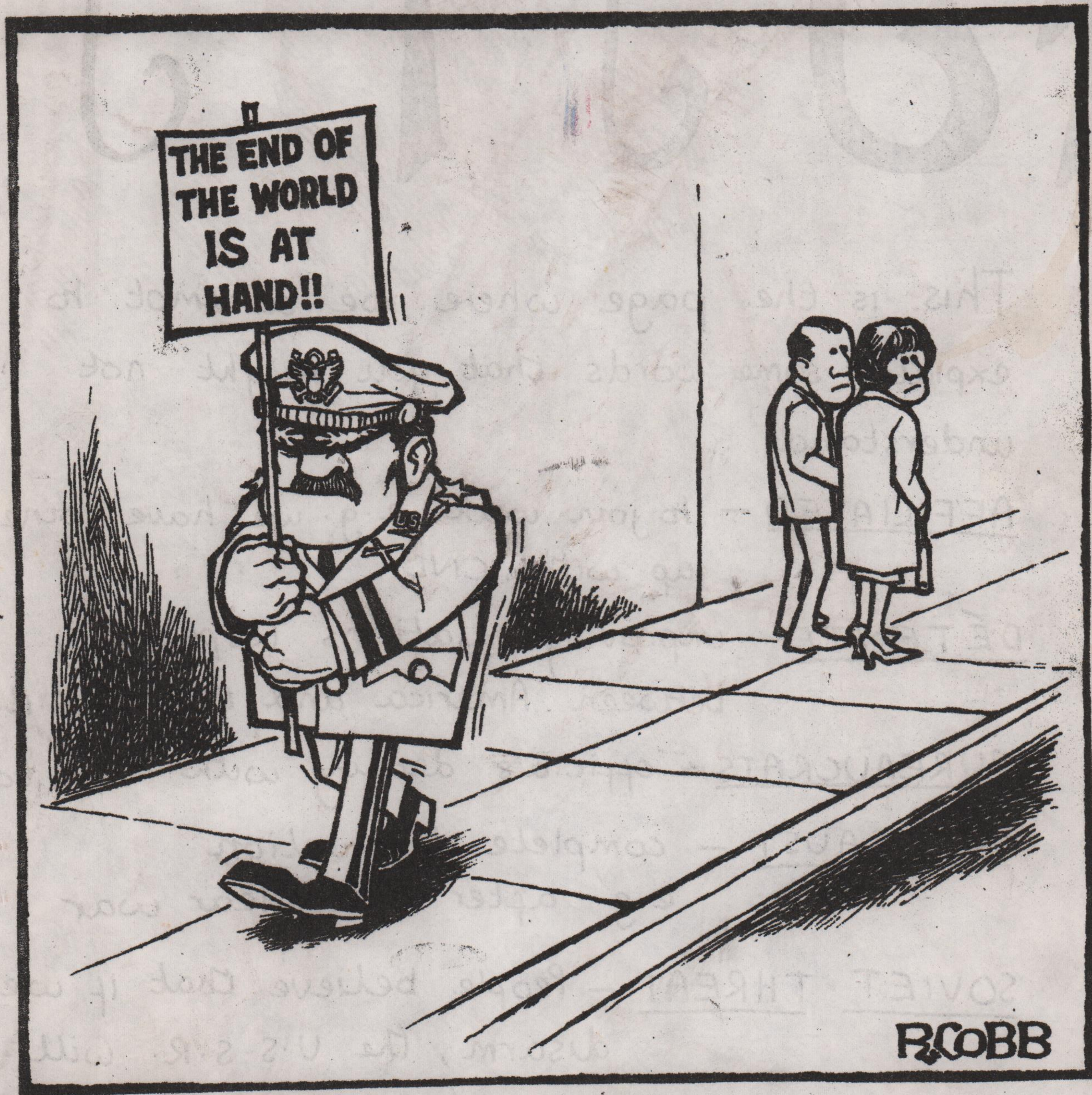


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THE jargon page

This is the page where we attempt to explain some words that you might not understand.

AFFILIATED - to join with. e.g. we have joined up with CND

DÉTENTE - improving relations (especially between America and the U.S.S.R.)

BUREAUCRATS - officials dealing with "red tape"

HOLOCAUST - complete destruction
e.g. after a nuclear war.

SOVIET THREAT - People believe that if we disarm, the U.S.S.R. will move into our country and make it a communist state.

IMPERIALISM - when one country dominates another (or tries to!)

Y.A.M. SO FAR

Since Youth Against the Missiles was founded in January of this year, it is now recognised as an independent group attached to Nottingham for Nuclear Disarmament, and also as part of Youth C.N.D. Our numbers have grown and are continuing to grow. To date we have produced a magazine which was generally well received, and which encouraged more people to join us; we have participated in rallies and marches, and are in the process of organising a fund-raising benefit at the Ad Lib club.

In the future we are intending to take part in the Nottingham Peace Festival in August. We will have a stall selling our now popular badges and various types of literature on nuclear disarmament. We hope, in our future meetings, that representatives of various political parties, i.e. Labour, Conservative, Liberal, Ecology etc. will inform us of their opinions on the arms' race. This does not mean that Y.A.M. will be run by adults, or strong political forces.

We intend to keep the emphasis on Youth. OUR opinions and ideas are what matter in Youth Against the Missiles. These ideas and opinions are better formed if we are aware of what we are actually fighting.

If you are not already a member of Youth Against the Missiles, think about joining, and starting a group in your school. You may think "What can Youth do?" Well, if enough of us join together, we can insist on having some say in what, after all, is our future. Remember, if it wasn't for the women in 1912, to whom nobody wanted to listen, only a quarter of our population, i.e. men, would have a say in our future. So, if you are not already a member, come to our Saturday meetings at 118 Mansfield Road, at 2.30 p.m. and help us fight for our future.

REBELLION SPROUTS IN BRUSSELS!

On Friday, April 17th, about 20 coaches left Dover for Boulogne and after travelling overnight, arrived in Brussels early on Saturday morning. We spent until noon distributing leaflets among the shoppers and then performed some street theatre in which we attempted to simulate the effect of a nuclear attack.

In the afternoon we assembled in a square some distance from the NATO headquarters along with an estimated 10,000 demonstrators. Addresses were given by representatives from many countries and nationalities, including the United States, France, Britain, West Germany and the Basque. There were banners from Turkey, New Zealand, Eire, Sweden, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium.

During the actual march a police helicopter kept flying low along the street filming the demonstrators, while the police were hidden in the streets lying parallel to

the march. An hour later we arrived 2km from the NATO headquarters - the nearest we were allowed to go. Road blocks of barbed wire had been erected and the police were there in full force with water cannons, tear gas and riot shields together with horses and dogs.

More speeches were made and then a delegation of fifty people from all over Europe were allowed to deliver a declaration to NATO in opposition to the siting of nuclear weapons in Europe.

Later that night there was a social event which included a BBC film on American preparations for a nuclear war and a really good reggae band.

The following day a conference was held at the UCL Medical School where the question of a European Nuclear Free Zone from Portugal to Poland was discussed.

EUROPEAN NUCLEAR-FREE
ZONE . . .
from Portugal to Poland

Our Public Meeting ---

On April 23rd this year at the Friends' Meeting House, Clarendon Street there was a public meeting of YAM with an open invitation for all to attend. The meeting was well attended and a number of speakers put their views. First, Helen from Oxford Youth CND outlined the general anti-nuclear feeling of youth today and cited some of the structure and policies of the Youth CND movement, to which YAM is now affiliated.

Then one of YAM's organisers Andy spoke about the need for YAM and outlined its formation and general aims. This was followed by another YAM member Liz who talked about the setting up of YAM groups in local schools and colleges.

Before going to this meeting my friends and I did show some scepticism for the organisation but after the meeting it became clear for the need for such a group. The speakers were both impressive and made sense.

It is a group of young people who are opposed to nuclear weapons and are dedicated to the fight to make people aware of the horrific facts about nuclear war- a concept which is abstract to most people. This youth organisation and others like it are important- the views of the youth in the world must be put forcibly forward to fellow youth and older people alike. It is young people who will miss out most in a war, and it is only fair that older people who have lived most of their lives already should be aware that young people will not tolerate their ~~xxxx~~ evils war-mongering, and will not allow their future to be blown apart by the immorality of nuclear weapons.

To be effective we need to build a mass organisation of youth against the missiles. We need as many people as possible out on the streets in large numbers to show that disarmament groups means business and that we will not be fobbed off with half-hearted measures. A statement ~~xxx~~ often voiced by young people is "Well if the bomb drops it doesn't matter anyway". This and other similar statements are just stepping stones to complacency. We can form a mass organisation and influence government policy on nuclear weapons, but we need lots of young people willing to organise and protest against nuclear weapons.

To achieve this, YAM will help any groups of people to start groups in their neighbourhood areas and actively support them.

We can disarm and groups like YAM go a long way towards achieving this.

Neil

A SOVIET THREAT?

Many people believe that the government is justified in spending billions of pounds on more and more sophisticated nuclear weapons because we need to 'defend ourselves from the growing Soviet Threat'.

What Soviet threat?

Russia has made numerous proposals over the last 35 years to end the arms race and to stop further development of nuclear weapons. But these were totally rejected by the West. In 1958 the Supreme Soviet authorised a permanent end to nuclear tests, unilaterally, if other nuclear States also agreed to stop development of nuclear weapons. They also proposed, in 1960, a further step towards nuclear disarmament - destroy and ban all means of delivering nuclear weapons i.e. rockets, launchers, nuclear equipped vessels and to destroy all nuclear bases. Russia has made many proposals like these but all have been rejected by the Western powers, so what is this mysterious 'Soviet threat'? We have been brainwashed and frightened into believing in the Soviet threat.

WHO LEADS THE ARMS RACE?

The government would like us to believe that Russia is leading the arms race, but this is not so. America first introduced the Atom bomb in 1945 - Russia did not have any until five years later in 1950.

A few more examples are:-

WEAPON	Year of introduction	
	USA	USSR
Hydrogen bomb	1953	1954
Missiles (ICBM)	1955	1957
Nuclear submarines	1956	1962
Re-entry vehicle (MIRV)	1970	1975

I could go on, the list is endless but it is clear that America has lead the nuclear arms race and that Russia has felt compelled to keep up with them, and it is not surprising because at the time when America alone possessed the nuclear bomb, a nuclear attack was planned on Russia. Operation Trojan, scheduled for January 1st 1950, envisaged the bombing 100 Soviet cities. A plan called Dropshot was intended to destroy about 85% of Russia's economic potential by dropping 300 nuclear bombs on Russian cities. So Russia was forced to have nuclear weapons in view of these threats from the West.

Russia are as keen as we are to have peace, so it is up to us to persuade our government to get rid of nuclear weapons in Britain.

THE WAR GAME ...

On 2nd April, the film 'The War Game' was shown at Manning School. A group of us at Manning had tried to start a YAM group before this but it was difficult to get people interested. We thought this was because many school-students do not realise how terrible nuclear war would be.

The headmistress gave her permission for us to show the film in school and we hired the film from NND. We decided to have two showings - one at 4.00pm and one at 7.00pm so that some parents could come.

A group of us set up a stall in the room where the film was to be shown. We sold books, stickers, badges and leaflets and we put up a big display.

During the film some people had to go out because they were so upset by what they were seeing. It was the first time I had seen the film and even though I already knew a lot about nuclear war it still disturbed me. The film made me aware of many things I had not considered before. I had only thought about the actual blast and the enormous amount of death and destruction that would follow it. The film made me realise the terrible suffering the people who survived the blast would have to face. The survivors had severe burns and little medical aid to relieve the pain. There would be widespread starvation and many riots would break out as people tried to get food.

After the film had been shown we started a discussion and it appeared that the audience had learned a lot from the film. The second showing went off just as well, but more adults turned up to see the film. We did make some profit and the evening was a success but the most important thing was that we made more people realise the truth about nuclear war. Some of these people have joined us in our fight for

PEACE!!!!

THIS EDITION'S
MERRY

WHEEZE...



NUCLEAR WAR
FADES
YOUR GENES!

BE NOTE THE APPARENT
LACK OF COLOURATION
IN THESE LOWER
BODY GARMENTS!

THATCHER AND REAGAN'S THREAT OF WAR

In the last two years Margaret Thatcher's Tory government has been elected here and Ronald Reagan has won the US Presidency. These two senior politicians of the West have a lot in common politically, and this can be seen in their strategy for solving the crisis that we are in. Both are intent on imposing hardship at home and making the West a 'force to be reckoned with' abroad. This two-pronged strategy is designed so that you and me get fewer opportunities/lower standard of living in order to pay for their crisis, and that abroad the people of the underdeveloped countries (currently controlled by the West) don't get any unreasonable ideas like wanting a decent standard of living and civil rights. The leaders of the West hope to achieve this by decreasing social spending (closing hospitals, bread-line benefits, sacking workers in the public sector) and increasing defence spending.

It is in this light that we should view the enthusiasm of Thatcher and Co. for the sighting of Cruise missiles here. It is a response to the dissatisfaction of the people of the underdeveloped countries with domination by Western Imperialism. The workers and peasants of most of Africa, Asia and South America are worked to the bone by Western companies. It is hard for us to imagine what the life of a Bolivian copper miner or an Indian tea-picker is like. But they are worked to premature death by the nice-mannered gents who are 'captains of industry', Tory MP's and by the system they represent.

For the past 20 years or so, the people of the underdeveloped countries have been uprising against their exploiters. Western domination has been overturned in Vietnam, Angola,

Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Iran, Zimbabwe, Nicaragua and Cuba. There are intense popular liberation struggles at the moment in El Salvador and Namibia. The people who control our lives also control the lives of millions in the Third world. They need these countries as a source of raw materials, cheap labour and as a market for goods produced by Western capitalism.

Any country making a break from the ties of imperialism has to look somewhere for arms and trade. The only country willing to do that is the Soviet Union. In fact the bureaucrats of the Kremlin are generally far too reluctant to offer aid to national liberation struggles in the Third World, partly through fear of upsetting US presidents and thus threatening detente, and also because they are worried that these organisations of the oppressed may pose a threat indirectly to the bureaucrats own political power.

Hostility to the potential aid of liberation movements and of countries where the interests of Imperialism have been overturned is at the root of Ronnie and Margaret's threat to blow up the world. They can see that the West's 'influence' is weakening, and so they're building up masses of nuclear weapons to intimidate the Soviet Union and the Third World.

Reagan intends to increase spending on nuclear bombs by 25% over the next 2 years. His military strategists are convinced that the US can win a nuclear war in Europe with the Soviet Union. NO ONE will win a nuclear war. Least of all you and me.

NND MARCH- A GREAT SUCCESS!

In April, Nottingham witnessed the largest display of public protest for many years when almost 1500 people gathered in the Market Square for the culmination of the NND march. People from every level of Nottingham's society took part in the march in order to show their concern over Nottingham's part in the Government's nuclear weapons policies.

The march, which was on Sat. April 18, started at the Forest and finished in the Market Square, where the crowd stood for over an hour listening to various speakers. Banners denouncing the arms race were thrust into the air and protesters chanted slogans as the march made its way through the streets of Nottingham. Traffic was held up by the demonstration and had to be directed by traffic police until the march had passed. The organisers had originally forecast a total of 500 marchers but this was shown to be an underestimation of the strength of public opinion when almost four times this number turned out for the march.

The Nottingham Youth Against Missiles group was well represented by a highly vocal group of members carrying their official purple and white banner, in fact there were many young people at the march carrying placards and chanting anti-nuclear slogans.

In the market square speakers were greeted warmly as they presented their arguments. Speeches were given by people from movements such as N.N.D., the trade unions, the church and Women Against Nuclear Technology.

The march was organised by N.N.D. in order to show the council the large number of supporters behind the objectives, in full these are that:

- 1/ No nuclear weapons are manufactured or based in Nottingham.
- 2/ No nuclear waste is transported through or dumped in Notts.
- 3/ Nuclear weaponry research in local factories and colleges is ended.

N.N.D. believes that if these demands are met, it will be another step towards a nuclear free Britain. Already 60 other local councils have declared themselves nuclear-free, including Derby, Leicester and Sheffield, and before long Nottingham could follow suit. In June a resolution went before the city council on whether Notts should be nuclear free.

Nevertheless, neither NND or YAM or any other peace group can afford to become complacent now that the Tories have lost their majority. NND must ensure that Labour Party policy in favour of Nuclear Disarmament is carried out by the new Labour Council.

Pressure must be kept up until all of our demands have been fully and permanently met and Nottingham becomes a completely Nuclear free county.

PHILIP GORSKI