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WAR PLAN U.K.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CIVIL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

Speaker: DUNCAN CAMPBELL
(New Statesman and City Limits)

and 'NOTTINGHAM AFTER THE BOMB'.

Speaker: NICK ARMSTRONG
(Nottingham Medical Campaign
Against Nuclear Weapons)

26th JANUARY @ 7.30

at: Friends Meeting House
Clarendon Street

Meeting sponsored by Nottingham CND, Russell Peace Foundation, Mushroom Bookshop and Nottingham University Peace Studies.

THE WAY AHEAD

Nottingham C.N.D. is entering its fourth year of campaigning, albeit under a different name from when it commenced. So far we have achieved a great deal in as much as the government is extremely worried by the growing support for C.N.D. and was forced to abandon the farcical 'Hard Rock' exercise. One thing we haven't changed yet, and I doubt that we will, is the way the automatons of Whitehall and the House 'think'. The powers that be are doing their utmost to discredit the peace movement, mostly by lying, but unfortunately a great deal of people believe those lies, and until we mount our own anti-anti-campaign, people will continue to believe.

Three years ago the peace movement witnessed its own metamorphosis and has been developing ever since. Emerging from the womb of post Vietnam and civil rights movements, C.N.D. has severed its umbilical cord with the intellectual element, encompassing a wider spectrum of the population, and learned to stand on its own two feet. So far, so good. We have built the campaign to include at least 50% of the country, now we must think in terms of how we can make use of this support. Non-violent Direct Action immediately springs to mind, or perhaps it seeps osmotically into the old grey matter. We have had marches and film showings galore but now our whole way of thinking has to change in respect of the type of activities we organise. I don't wish to pre-empt the activists conference, therefore I'll leave you with the thought 'less organic, more dynamic'.

THE NUCLEAR DEBATE

A list of selected books is now available from Notts County Council. A leaflet, called 'THE NUCLEAR DEBATE' can be collected from your library. It is easily recognisable with a diagram of nuclear fission on the front, and lists reading material across the political spectrum from 'Protect and Survive' to 'Facts Against the Bomb'.

SANDWICH BOARD PROCESSION

Meet at the Factshop at 11.45am
Saturday 29th January.

It is intended to walk around Slab Square from 12.00 noon until 2.00pm approx. We have a few boards but would ask you to make your own. Strong card is quite adequate. Original slogans are required!!

We are publicising this event so YOU are required to participate. It should be very effective with a LARGE number of people.

GOV'T PROPAGANDA

The films 'Better Road to Peace' and 'The Peace Game' are still available for you to book on 7th & 10th February.

It is important to know the Warmongers arguments so that you can answer them effectively. Alternately, just view the films for a cynical laugh.

So contact the NCND office to book the films now. Tel 581948.

STALL

Volunteers for the stall wanted for every Saturday in February. Neighbourhood groups with willing members to participate, even for just a couple of hours, please let the NCND office know.

JUMBLE

At the Green Community Centre,
Hyson Green

Sat. 19th Feb. @ 2.30pm

Please give us your Jumble

Thanks

Please ring for collecting jumble:-

Jessica Wensley - 783889

Justine Butler - 605047

All contributions welcome!

Y.A.M.

- ROCK vs CRUISE

Saturday March 19th. There will be rock bands, NUM and youth speakers. YAM would like as much support as possible. Full details in the next bulletin.

ADVERTISEMENTS

NCND have decided to start putting classified advertisements into the Bulletin. The Bulletin at present has a circulation of 1250 copies per month. If you would like to advertise, please contact the NCND office Tel 581948. The rates are -

2½p	per word
£2.00	quarter page
£5.00	quarter page for 3 months

N.C.N.D.

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WHO DARES WINS???

A LESSON TO BE LEARNT

The film Who Dares Wins has been showing at a major Nottingham cinema since November last year. For successive weekends members of the Forest Fields Peace Group have been leafletting outside the cinema in opposition to the loaded political content of the film which blatantly attempts to discredit peace movements in general and C.N.D. in particular.

This trashy film gives a fictitious account of how the S.A.S. tracks down a terrorist faction, which has infiltrated C.N.D. in order to pursue its murderous, violent strategies. But more importantly "Who Dares Wins" attempts to convince the cinema-going public that C.N.D. cannot be trusted, that it is at the mercy of extreme left wing organisations. It implies that C.N.D. is a tool for foreign subversive powers which manipulate the campaign for anti-British purposes. But most significantly the film serves to try to persuade people not to oppose nuclear arms policy - that retaining a nuclear arsenal is the only sure way of retaining world peace.

Clearly any form of action against the film had to be inconspicuous enough not to attract it extra publicity. But the F.F.P.G. also felt that this war propaganda had to be opposed and therefore decided to leaflet and talk to members of the public as they entered the cinema to see the film.

The success of this action was unqualified (barring a few threats and police interruptions). In excess of 100 people decided not to see the film once they learnt what it was about. But more importantly the exercise provided an opportunity to talk to people about the broader issues of nuclear arms policy, to listen to what arguments and ideas they produced and to counter or match them without our own. And people, in the main, were keen to talk.

There is little point in hoping that C.N.D. will grow stronger and carry more weight unless the present series of assaults on the campaign are resisted and opposed.

Every day on the press we read reports of politicians attacking C.N.D. from all sides or editorial lines blatantly trying to undermine the peace movement. Recent events have indicated that the Govt is increasingly worried by the swelling ranks of C.N.D.: the imprisonment of Greenham Common women, the withdrawal of John Pilger's film "The War Game" and the new pledge for multilateral disarmament being only three examples. Unless these attacks are positively resisted then there is little chance of C.N.D. growing.

Equally, taking the nuclear debate to people, confronting people with the issues at stake and talking, debating and arguing has got to be one of the principal activities of all members of C.N.D. It is futile to hope that by ignoring anti-C.N.D. propaganda it will simply disappear. Inviting people to share their views on deterrence, Cruise, Trident and Civil Defence is the most significant way of exerting influence, winning arguments and attracting new members. And this has to be achieved if C.N.D. is to grow and have some chance of attaining its goals.

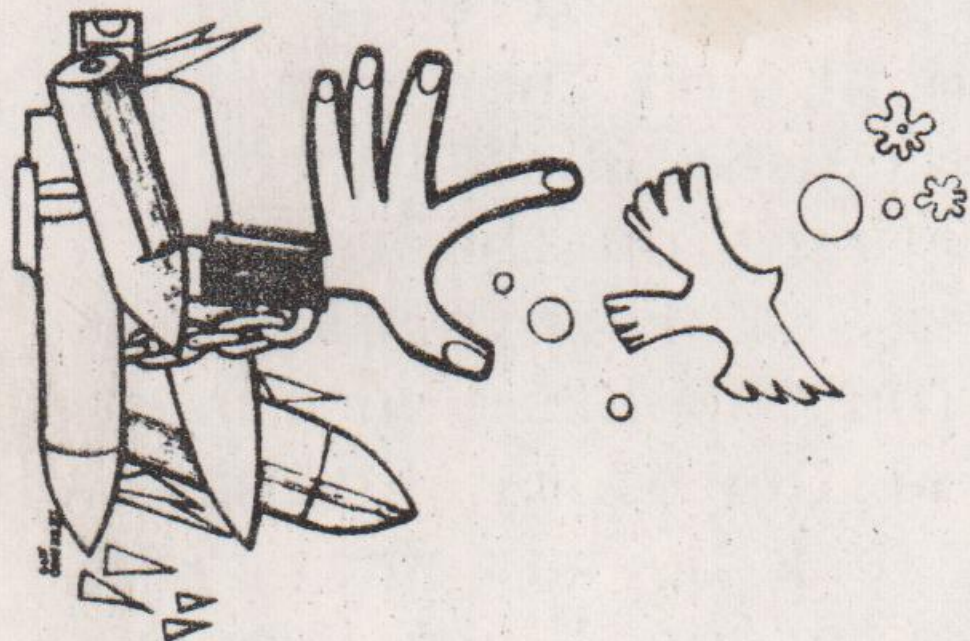
That was the lesson of leafletting "Who Dares Wins": that people are prepared to talk, to debate and to listen to others' points of view; that the personal contact of sharing views is one of the most motivating factors for people to become involved. People are, without choice, involved in the nuclear arms issue. The choice, and the decision we must urge people to make is do you want to be actively involved in trying to get rid of nuclear weapons or do you prefer to be a passive victim of them?

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(1) PHOTO'S OF GREENHAM

We have a lot of photo's of the ^{action} Greenham Common Dec. 12/13th at the office. It has been suggested that we should make prints and sell the best of these at a reasonable price. If anyone is interested please contact the office.

(3) EASTWOOD DISPLAY

Eastwood have an exhibition of 20 boards comprising material from Derby C.N.D. and National C.N.D. and some of their own which can be hired from them at a cost of £5., to place in local libraries. It is said to be an excellent exhibition so make a booking quickly. As well as Eastwood's exhibition there are other materials for display, which we can let you know about at the office.

(4) MUSIC

There's going to be another go at getting people together to provide music at demo's, festivals, etc. Look out for details in next month's Bulletin.

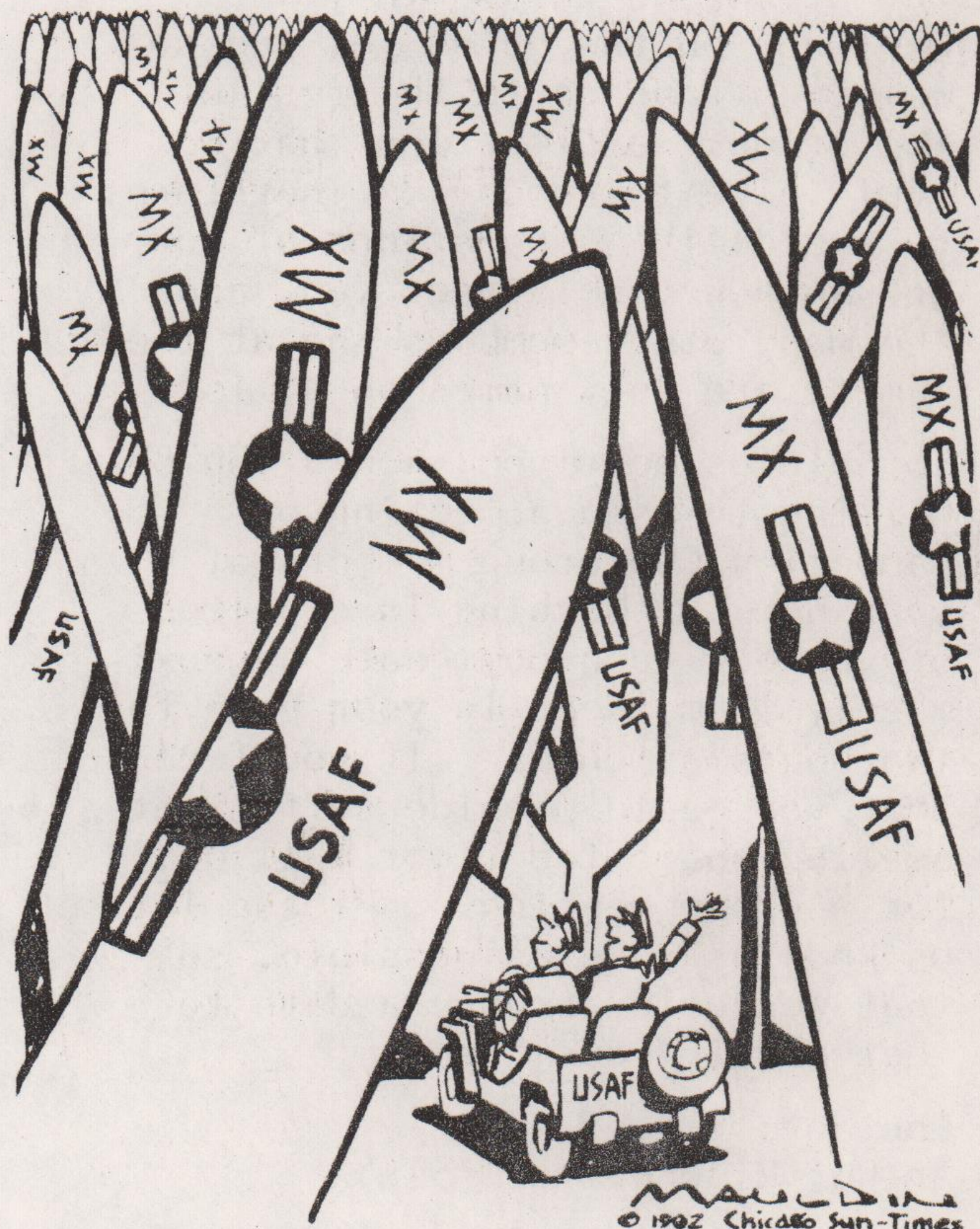
(5) GENERAL & COUNCIL ELECTION STRATEGY

Neighbourhood groups have been asked to discuss General & Council Election strategy and to try to come up with ideas for the next co-ordinating group meeting. Please have a good think about this very important matter.

STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS....

The Sizewell inquiry started on 11th Jan. The Government have spent £5 million preparing their case. Friends of the Earth desperately need £250,000 to carry on the fight. Please send donations c/c Friends of the Earth, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham.

This is not a double edition Bulletin. We are calling it Jan/Feb because with our present schedule for writing, printing, collating and delivering the bulletin, it may be nearer February before some members receive their copies. The next bulletin will be the March bulletin. The deadline for this will be February 3rd. Can anyone with contributions please ensure that they are received at the NCND office by that date.



'Millions of missiles. They can't hit 'em all.'

SIR, THE POOR ARE OUTSIDE PROTESTING THE BUDGET CUTS

IT'S TIME THEY LEARNED TO HELP THEMSELVES



AND THE MILITARY NEEDS ANOTHER \$30 BILLION

TELL THEM TO HELP THEMSELVES



LETTERS

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Dear Member,

MAPPERLEY CND

Our group is the third largest group within the Nottingham area, comprising of approximately 56 members and the numbers are rising each week. The group meets every 4 weeks on a Tuesday evening and we would love to see you at our monthly meetings. However, it is appreciated that many members, for various reasons, cannot attend the monthly meetings on the dates set and so remain strangers to the rest of the group - a situation that we would like to remedy. Therefore, we would like suggestions of how and when we could meet you, and the many other members who at the moment are only names on a list.

To help us meet you, would you be willing to hold a meeting of Mapperley CND group members at your home. Nothing is expected of you but to accommodate approximately 12 members in your home for two hours a month. If you feel that you could provide sufficient seating space the floor will do, for a group meeting. Please let us know as soon as possible, so that we could arrange a date to meet you in your home.

Contact:

Arthur Mitchell - 51842

HELP

TRAVELLERS

LONDON or EVESHAM

Can anyone who travels to either London or Evesham by car on a regular basis please get in touch with the NCND Office (Tel: 581948 for Mark or Simon). We would love to have your services to periodically collect stock for us.

Dear Friends,

Last week I discovered my seven year old son and two of his playmates engaged in a game which they called 'nuke the Pope'. Needless to say, I was rather shocked and dismayed. I asked Jodrell, my son, where he picked up such a notion. He hesitated for a moment and then replied, 'the dustman'. I was somewhat incredulous at first, but on reflection the retort seemed to hold water. For several years now I have had serious doubts concerning the political persuasion of my dustman. For instance, last week he was waering a badge with the inscription 'More Cheese For Nazis'. This worried me, so I decided to make a few discreet enquiries into the background of this man. I discovered that he came from a mixed marriage, his father was a man and his mother was a woman. In his 23rd year, he had a wart removed from his right knee-cap, an operation which left him with a complete lack of spacial awareness. This, of course, can have disastrous consequences when emptying dustbins. Yesterday he tipped the entire contents of Mrs. Okapi's dustbin over himself complaining bitterly that he had no control over his own destiny. This was the final straw as far as the City Corporation was concerned, he was sacked on the spot.

Perhaps my son may be allowed to play in peace from now on.

All the best in your struggle,
Mr. F. Bank.

Nottingham CND are looking for a lorry that we can use on Saturdays so that we can mount a travelling anti-Cruise Missile demonstration.

We would be very appreciative of any information you may be able to give us that would help our search. Ideally we are looking for a 3-ton open-backed lorry (on which we intend to mount a life-sized replica of a Cruise, among other things). However, a larger or smaller vehicle could also be used, indeed anything from a 'Sherpa' upwards could be used.

Please contact: Mark
Tel. 581948

BANG! BANG!... WE'RE ALIVE!

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and kicking the local council!

Beeston Anti-Nuclear Group applied to hold a bookstall in our Square one Saturday in November - one of the few not taken by double-glazing firms. The Planning and Development Committee "decided" to refer the question of political groups in the Square to Policy and Resources as it had never arisen before...Not unexpected, really, so we co-operated by showing them samples of literature and both local and national constitutions to prove (not at all conclusively) our non-party status. We also wrote another letter of explanation to be read to the P&R committee meeting.

So three of us turned up on the evening ready for almost anything but the misinformation and muddled thinking we heard. For a start, the Chair refused to read out our letter as it was "not relevant" - they were only discussing Policy. They then proceeded to discuss

A prominent Councillor (no prizes for guessing which party controls Broxtowe Borough Council, by the way) asserted that we are affiliated to the Labour Party, later admitting to us - outside the meeting - that he had no proof and had said it to make sure that we were refused because he feared we would be too effective. Others stressed the right of the "normal" public to shop in peace (!) and that the Square was for commercial use - never mind that we wanted to sell our stuff!

On the other side it was argued that Parties should not be allowed (quite right!) but pressure groups should not be limited in their right to free speech in public so long as good order etc... Of course it didn't succeed but it did teach us that we should have briefed our supporters on the council and generally been better prepared.

They "decided" to set up a working (!) party and then adjourned for coffee - not bad for 40 minutes and maybe 30 people. Democracy in action, and how.

Since the original date has long since passed we have applied again and await developments with bated breath. We are also going to lobby the working party and keep the issue in the press - good reports in the Trader, Recorder and Post so far, the latter without any contact on our part. We might use it in any local elections too.

Kristian Ravnkilde

F.A.B. PEACE CAMP - LATEST

12th - 16th Dec. The camp moved onto its 4th site, only to find themselves back on land owned by the Guinness estate. An offer was made to buy the land but this was immediately refused.

25th Dec. Following an action during which 160 ft. of fence was removed from the back of the U.S. base at Lakenheath one of the residents of the camp was arrested and detained in police cells for 24 hrs. No charges have been made as yet but Ted has to report back to the police next month. The action was peaceful and followed attempts to fraternise with the security personnel at the base; the attempt was unsuccessful, the security men sat in their 15 vehicles directing the headlights of the vehicles onto the campers.

MAGAZINE A magazine is being produced by the camp. It consists of poems, drawings and art work and it is hoped to produce a magazine on a monthly basis.

RESOURCES REQUEST

It is vital that we intensify the campaign against Cruise IMMEDIATELY. In order to do so we must pool all available resources within N.C.N.D. We are asking all neighbourhood groups to discuss & assess the potential they may have amongst their members, eg. use of projectors, video recorders, video cassettes, exhibitions, speakers, musicians, cheap sources of materials for demo's & festivals, offers of transport, camping equipment, and anything else you may think of. We would be grateful if you would return all information before the NEXT co-ordinating group meeting, 10th Feb, either to the office or to me - Peggy Westaway, 11 Fernwood Dr. Radcliffe on Trent. tel 33-3046. We intend to file all the information and send copies to each neighbourhood group.

12th Feb. The camp hopes to put on a festival on this date. Plans have not been finalised so ring the camp's telephone contact for further details (Mildenhall 716556).

BLOCKADE OF U.S. LAKENHEATH

The residents of the F.A.B. Peace Camp are in favour of a blockade of the base in the near future. The proposal to blockade the base was made at the last monthly meeting on Jan. 9th and a majority voted in favour of the proposal. Anyone who is interested in helping organise the action should contact N.C.N.D.

LANDROVER The camp wishes to convey its grateful thanks to N.C.N.D. and its membership for the donation which enabled them to purchase a Landrover. It played a vital role in the move to the new site and will be invaluable when they have to go "mobile".

In Peace & Freedom,
F.A.B. Peace Camp.

WAR PLAN UK - by Duncan Campbell.

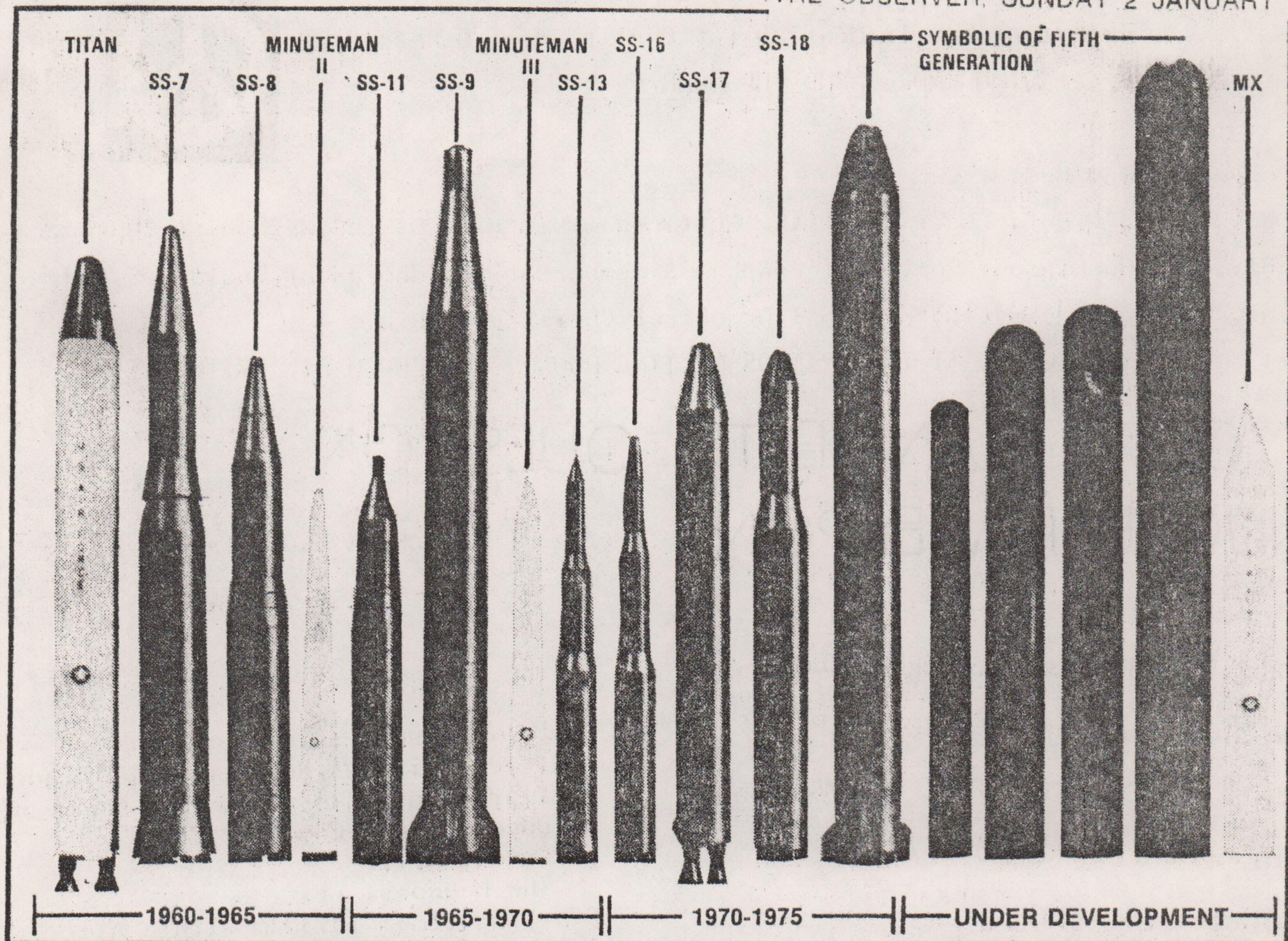
This book is a must for every C.N.D. supporter. However, as it costs £6.95. N.C.N.D. have arranged with Mushroom to buy 12 copies at a 10% reduction. The aim is that each neighbourhood group should buy one so that its members can borrow it. If your group is interested please contact the office as soon as possible. The price to groups will be £6.25.

It is so important that we all know the facts about the "myth" of Civil Defence and the plans that the government have for us, the general public, in their war preparations.

p.s. Don't forget the Public Meeting with Duncan Campbell on 26th Jan (see Diary for details).

LIES, DAMNED LIES & STATISTICS

THE OBSERVER, SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 1983



THE BLACK AND WHITE MISSILE SHOW: this array of models of Soviet and American missiles, purporting to show that the Russians are ahead in the missile race, is being used by the Pentagon to justify President Reagan's decision to go ahead with the new MX missile writes Ian Mather.

But the message it conveys—that over the years the Americans have built only four types of missiles (painted white) whereas the Russians have or are producing 13 types, many of them larger—is misleading.

First, all these missiles are land-based. Both superpowers maintain a 'triad' of land-based, submarine-

based and aircraft-based strategic nuclear weapons. The Russians have 72 per cent of all their strategic missiles on land, whereas the Americans have only 24 per cent: 25 per cent of US strategic weapons are based on bombers and no less than 51 per cent on submarines.

Taking strategic forces as a whole, there is a rough balance. The Soviet Union has more delivery systems (approximately 7,000 against 6,920 American) but fewer warheads (about 7,300 against 9,268 American) because the Americans are more advanced in the art of multiple warheads on single missiles.

In addition, the model gives the Americans the benefit of the doubt over which missiles are included and

which are left out. It does not show two earlier versions of the Minuteman, which became operational in 1963. On the other hand, it does include the Soviet SS-16, banned under the SALT 2 agreement, never deployed by the Russians, and believed to have been a complete failure in tests.

The line-up also ignores cruise missiles, thousands of which will be deployed in a strategic role on American bombers, ships and submarines.

The Russians have also tended to be less successful at getting their missiles right first time and have had to develop several different types. The Americans, on the other hand, have stuck with the successful Minuteman and continued to develop it.

GREENHAM T.U. BOYCOTT

Fren De'ath (Tel: Bristol 44167) has names of companies involved with Greenham Common missile silo works. She needs help to follow this up so that relevant unions can be asked for their support in the campaign against Cruise. She has already had some success with unionists picketting the Greenham works entrance.

NCND INVITATION

Please feel free to call into the NCND Office at any time. We are now open between 10.30am and 5.30pm six days a week. (If the shop is shut just ring the bell). We'd be pleased to give you information leaflets, lend you books from the office library or sell you booklets, badges or stickers. We're also receptive to any suggestions you may have for local CND action.

PUBLIC MEETING

Feb. 24th 7.30.p.m.

An Important Public Meeting for Christians & Others.

THE CHURCH AND THE BOMB



Speakers include:

Rev. Brian Greet: Chairman of the Nottingham District of the Methodist Church.

Rev. Ben Hopkinson: Rector of Lowdham & member of the Church of England Synod.

Ms. Barbara Eggleston: National Organiser Christian C.N.D.

THE MEETING WILL BE AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, CLARENDON ST. NOTTM.

YOUR CHANCE TO QUESTION NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

A PUBLIC DEBATE BETWEEN BRUCE KENT
AND MICHAEL BROTHERTON (TORY M.P.
LOUTH) HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR MARCH
7TH. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

THE RAINBOW ROOMS
CO-OP EDUCATIONAL CENTRE
BROAD STREET

IT WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US
TO QUESTION GOVERNMENT POLICY ON
CRUISE AND TRIDENT AS WELL AS MORE
GENERAL NUCLEAR ISSUES. IT WILL
ALSO BE AN IDEAL CHANCE TO QUESTION
THE GOVERNMENT'S LACK OF RESPONSE TO
THE SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVES.

27th February
Sunday

Due to the success of last year's
conference it was decided to hold another
similar event this year. The venue will
be Queen's Walk Community Centre,
Queens Drive

The Meadows.

Starting time: 10.30am with a half
hour introductory talk followed by
workshops until 1.00pm. Following
lunch, the afternoon workshops commence
at 2.00pm and finish at 4.00pm. From
4.00pm to 5.00pm there will be a
reporting back session.
Lunch will be provided, comprising
soup and sandwiches at reasonable prices.

The workshops will consist of:-

- 1 Publicity/media
- 2 N.V.D.A. in Nottingham
- 3 Council and General Election Strategy
- 4 Public Speaking
- 5 Answering and asking awkward questions.
- 6 Drama
- 7 How to organise groups and meetings

A creche will be provided.

Name.....

I would like to reserveplaces

I would like to order lunch for

people

NOTTINGHAM CND

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WELCOMES SOVIET PEACE INITIATIVE

"The Soviet Union...have suggested an agreement renouncing all types of nuclear weapons - both of medium range and tactical - designed to strike targets in Europe... (Alternatively) The USSR and the NATO countries reduce their medium-range weaponry by more than two-thirds...We are prepared, among other things, to agree that the Soviet Union should retain in Europe only as many missiles as are kept there by Britain and France - and not a single one more."

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has learned, over the years, to be very dubious of the 'Peace initiatives' proposed by both the USA and the USSR - more often than not they are mere propaganda, and will never be put into practice.

However, this latest Soviet proposal (as quoted from a Novosti Press release detailing Andropov's December 21st report to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) seems far too good to ignore.

It seems incredible that both the American and British governments' official responses to this have been out-of-hand dismissal of the Soviet proposal. Do they think the Soviet proposal is too little or too much? Can such a dismissal really be in keeping with representing the best interests of the American and British peoples?

No! The ever increasing frenzy of the arms race, which has created a highly unstable and unbalanced 'balance of terror', has brought us close to annihilation. One mad general or one computer error could cause hundreds of millions of deaths, and any attempt to stabilize the situation must be snatched up.

CND wants all weapons of mass destruction - nuclear, chemical and biological - BANNED. The Soviet proposal is only one small step in that direction, but at least, if genuine, it is in the right direction. Perhaps the officials who are negotiating at Geneva do have trouble trusting each other; perhaps the Soviet proposal is not genuine; but at least the Soviet proposal can now be used as a basis for serious negotiation. Any step, however small, towards reducing the massive nuclear overkill of NATO and the Warsaw Pact has got to be in the interest of all the people of the world.

Nottingham Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will continue to raise awareness about these issues. We will show Mrs. Thatcher that it has become politically impossible to accept Cruise missiles.

BULLETIN MEETING

THE NEXT BULLETIN MEETING IS ON
FEBRUARY 3RD, 8.00PM AT THE NCND
OFFICE. WILL ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
HELP PLEASE COME ALONG.

NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE FACTSHOP ON
WEDNESDAY, 2ND FEBRUARY AT 8 PM IN ORDER
TO SET UP A N.V.D.A. GROUP. IT IS PLANNED
TO SET UP TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND USE THE
GROUP TO CO-ORD AND PLAN FUTURE ACTIONS
BOTH IN NOTTINGHAM AND OTHER TARGETS.
E.G. GREENHAM, LAKENHEATH ETC.

DO COME, AS IT IS FELT THAT N.V.D.A. IS
GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE
ANTI-CRUISE CAMPAIGN IN 1983.

ONE POUND

SUBSIDY SHOCK!

Hello Members,

Being as not everyone seems to read their bulletin, I've asked for some extra emphasis for this article, designed to tickle your interest. My name's Patrick and I'm your Treasurer.

You know, I'll bet you think that having joined N.C.N.D. and paid your £2.50 or whatever, you've done your bit for the peace of the world . . . well I've been adding up ever since they gave me the nice books, and Oh My! you're subsidised! . . . yes, a surprise to me too . . . it doesn't add up.

It seems that a few nice people are digging into their pockets, or helping to run the stall, or making sure that you get your shiny, late Bulletin, or tickets to Greenham, or helping with events or marches, or selling literature, or collecting donations, or . . . just a minute - donations . . . I meant to tell you about that. The recent appeal has brought in

£1,182.91 !

Magnificent! But without it, N.C.N.D. would be bust. What? You didn't send anything? Well 66 people did, but that must leave you in the subsidised 'gang of a thousand'. Your cosy glow is visibly dimming. All along you thought you were a goodie, but now you find out that you're one of nature's well-meaning ones.

Now the good news . . . I still love you . . . and my coffers are still open for all of you who are a little remiss. (Those who are skint please turn to the next article.) The lowest donation we received was for 10p. To this donor, N.C.N.D.'s thanks. The highest donation, from a couple whom I happen to know aren't rich, was for £450.00. To this couple, N.C.N.D.'s very grateful thanks.

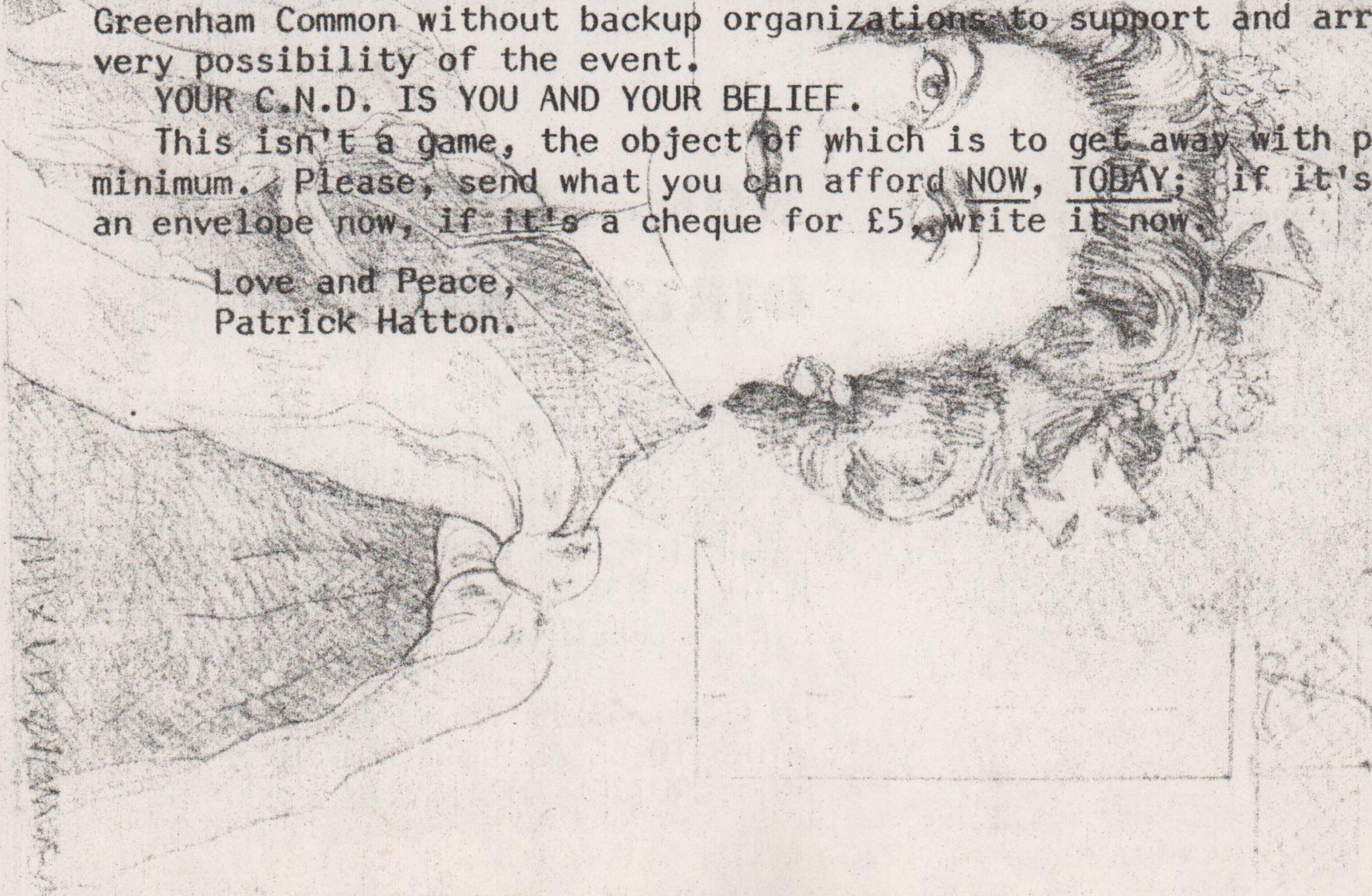
I would like to point out that you can be a member of National C.N.D. for £6.00 per year, for which they'll put your money to good use. I support and am a member of National, but you won't get a bulletin or information, or feel as if you can take a positive part for your £6.00. The reason your £2.50 with N.C.N.D. is such good value is that you get more than you give. It is set up that way so that those with little income shall not be debarred from being part of us.

The cause of C.N.D. is winning; you must have noticed! Now is not the time to sit back and see what happens. 30,000 people did not get to Greenham Common without backup organizations to support and arrange the very possibility of the event.

YOUR C.N.D. IS YOU AND YOUR BELIEF.

This isn't a game, the object of which is to get away with paying the minimum. Please, send what you can afford NOW, TODAY; if it's 50p, get an envelope now, if it's a cheque for £5, write it now.

Love and Peace,
Patrick Hatton.



C.D. REGULATIONS

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NEW CIVIL DEFENCE REGULATIONS - THE BACKGROUND

In July 1982, Home Secretary William Whitelaw announced the "postponement" of the civil defence exercise "Hard Rock" which would have taken place in Sep/Oct that year. The reasons given were the lack of co-operation of Nuclear Free Zone local authorities coupled with the apparent apathy of many non-N.F.Z. authorities and the claimed limitations of the existing regulations to force local authorities compliance with civil defence preparations.

Mr Whitelaw is now trying to close the "loopholes" by which local authorities could refuse to comply with government policy by amending the Planning Regulations under the 1948 Civil Defence Act. These new regulations are being hastily pushed through Parliament and will likely have been debated and in force by April, but there is no intention of allowing local authorities a chance to see the draft regulations before they come before Parliament.

In attempting to justify civil defence, the government has tried to discredit objectors by calling them "inhumane". However the degree of commitment and cynicism of this government towards an effective civil defence policy can be measured by the fact that, despite a supposed expansion programme plus the avowed intention of forcing councils to comply with preparations, the nationwide funding for all such defence projects will only be £13 million next year (i.e. less than 25 pence per person).

THE NEW REGULATIONS

Local authorities will not have an opportunity to properly comment on the composition of these regulations before they come before Parliament. This is in sharp contrast to previous procedures. Instead of a draft, a superficial consultation document has been circulated by the Home Office which gives little hint of the actual details of the new regulations.

The most important expected changes in the regulations are below, though of course it should be emphasised that these have been gleaned only from Whitelaw's speech and from the Home Office consultation document.

GOVERNMENT POWERS

In future the Home Secretary or the Secretary of State for Scotland will be able to give individual councils specific directions on how to carry out their duties. Failure, or refusal to comply with a directive would then allow the government to take over the job and charge costs to the defaulting councillors.

COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

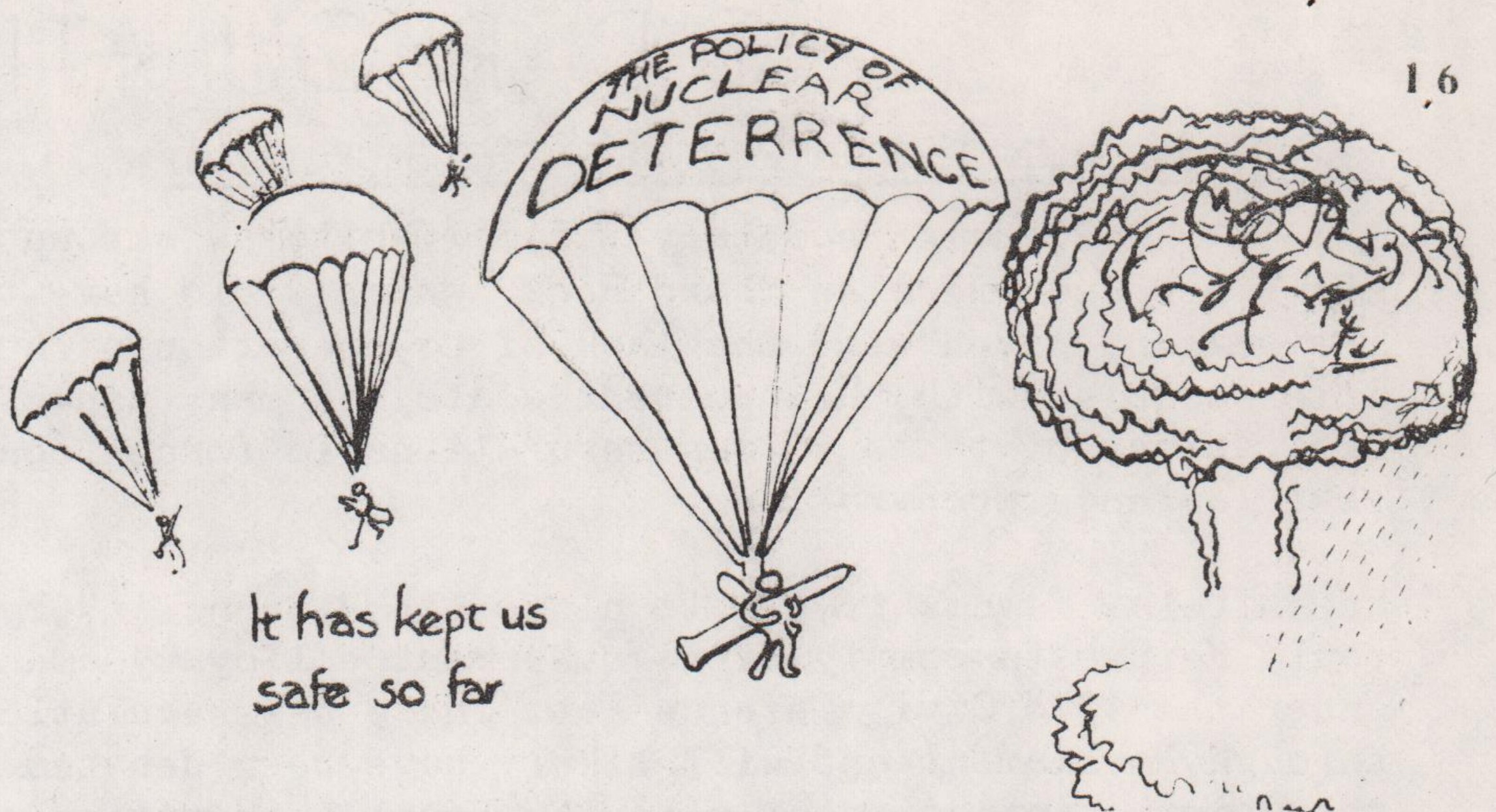
A previously unused provision of the Civil Defence Act (Section 5) will be used to compel any local authority employee to take part in training and any form of civil defence recognised as appropriate to their normal work.

WARTIME HEADQUARTERS AND EQUIPMENT

For the first time local authorities down to district level will be expected to provide suitable wartime headquarters and to equip them with "communications and other equipment necessary to the effective operation" of such headquarters.

VOLUNTEERS - VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

County and regional councils will be obliged to plan for the use of "civil defence voluntary effort" in war, as well as arranging local peacetime training and exercises for volunteers. The effort that will be put into the wooing of organisations such as St. Johns Ambulance Brigade and the W.R.V.S. is as yet difficult to assess.



FINANCE

Most local authority civil defence functions are presently grant-aided at the rate of 75%. Under the new regulations further 'approved' local authority civil defence expenditure on training and exercising staff and volunteers, on H.Q.'s and provision of related equipment will be completely reimbursed.

However, before we start congratulating the government on this supposed upgrading of civil defence potential, we must remind ourselves that "directions by the Secretary of State will have the effect of containing performance of local authority civil defence functions within a total expenditure of about £13 million a year".

IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW REGULATIONS

1. The new regulations make severe inroads into the democratic autonomy of local government in favour of political policies imposed centrally, using the power of law.
2. Even more sinister than this is the degree of conscription which may be imposed on local government employees without recourse to contractual stipulations and without prior consultation with their unions. This means that people will be forced to co-operate with the government's sham war plans whether they agree or not and is a further escalation of the militaristic thinking which attempts to pervade our everyday life.
3. More than this local authorities are being compelled to plan for something without official information on what they should be planning for. The Home Office is evasive as to the projected scale or effects of a nuclear attack, has failed to make public any detailed study comparable to the recent one by Scientists Against Nuclear Arms and C.N.D. (which estimated 40 million deaths in Britain), and attempts to blur the distinctions between a nuclear attack and one using conventional weapons.
4. District councils are also conscripted and have similar responsibilities placed upon them as upon county authorities - a further assault on local democracy.

CONCLUSIONS

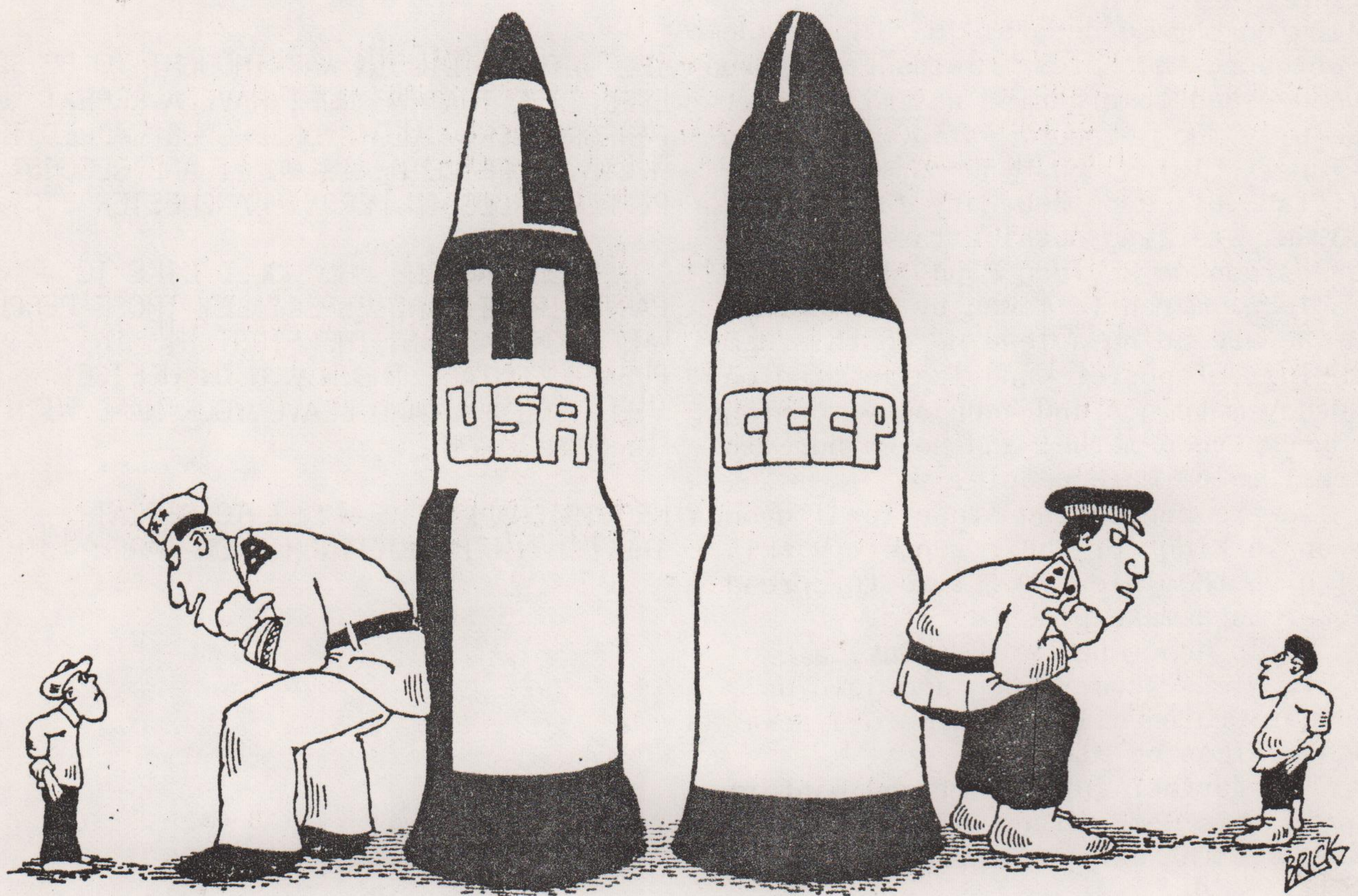
Now, as ever, it must be stressed that C.N.D. opposes Civil Defence preparations for ~~WAR IN~~ a nuclear war in a nuclear weapons state because there can be no realistic preparation for it. S.A.N.A. figures estimate that 80% of Britain's population will perish in the event of nuclear attack. Civil Defence is therefore a complete fraud. It consists of building one-man observation posts and bunkers for the privileged and rich. There is no defence plan for you or me.

C.N.D. opposes this government's stance on Civil Defence because it is an attempt to delude the nation that such a war could be survivable, thinkable and fightable. Britain has many nuclear weapons. It would not have them unless it was prepared to use them. The new Civil Defence regulations are clear evidence that the Government is actively planning for their use. And that will be the death of us all.

CIVIL DEFENCE IS A FRAUD - IT MUST BE OPPOSED.

**SAY YES TO LIFE
SAY NO TO CRUISE**

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*'YOU MUST APPRECIATE, THEY SPEND TWICE
AS MUCH AS WE DO...'*

DEMONSTRATION

Saturday February 12th 11.30.pm

**Meet at the Cricket Players Pub
on Radford Road, Hyson Green**

please bring banners for rally and speakers

WE CALL ON ALL C.N.D. SYMPATHISERS TO SUPPORT THIS DEMONSTRATION

FOR DETAILS CONTACT PADDY OR CATHY ON 788655.

FOREST FIELDS PEACE GROUP.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

LENTON meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at 46 Bute Avenue (8.p.m.)

On Feb. 9th Lenton will be having a film show (see Diary).

Sherwood & Carrington has revived itself and is back in action, after 3 well-attended meetings and a jumble sale they have a Disco at "The Gladstone", Loscoe Rd, Carrington on Sat. 29th Jan. Tickets at £2. (£1. unwaged) include a selection of delicious foods, are obtainable from Pete or Jean on 625590 or Roger and Tina on 622588. The next meeting is on Mon. 31st Jan, at 7.30.p.m. at 33 Church Drive.

BEESTON had a profitable and fun social evening with a fine jazz band and lots of lubrication We also had a less successful film show, but we've learnt from that too. We are now trying to involve our passive members and become more effective for '83. Several of us went to Greenham Common and came back high and eager to do more, and we're busy planning our Anti-Cruise Activities in and in addition to National and N.C.N.D. efforts. One of our forthcoming activities is a visit to all our members to get them to join in and find out what they can/will contribute.

CARLTON/GEDLING now meets every 1st Tuesday in the month at the Frank Wheldon School at 8.p.m. (see Diary). Applications have ~~to~~ been made ~~to~~ have a stall on Carlton Hill every Saturday. In January councillor John Hepple gave a talk on "Notts - A Nuclear Free Zone". In February someone from the Medical Campaign will be giving a slide show/commentary on "Hiroshima After The Bomb". In March we will be showing a film. The highlight of spring/summer 1983 will be an "Open Forum"; Councillors, Church Leaders, Politicians, Scientists & Medical people (etc.) will be invited to speak. Issues relevant to the public, eg. Cruise, Civil Defence, etc., will be discussed in detail.

BESTWOOD So far it has not proved possible to organise a formal neighbourhood group in the district, but as local membership of N.C.N.D. is increasing we shall try again. In the meantime, your local contact is Heath King on 260481.

EASTWOOD have an exhibition that started on Jan. 17th at Eastwood Library. On Sat. 22nd Jan., in conjunction with Heanor C.N.D. are (were?) doing a shelter building show outside the library. On Monday 24th Jan. we are showing "The Bomb" at Walker St. School, with Alan Simpson as speaker.

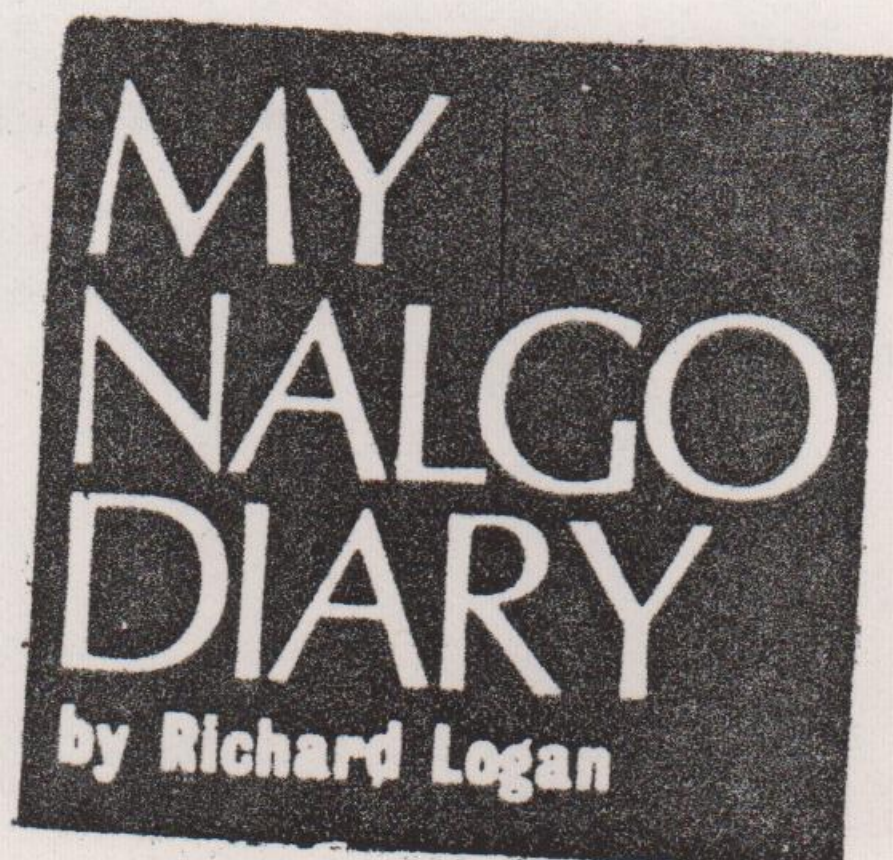
BULLWELL hold their A.G.M. on Jan 25th - contact for details.

MAPPERLEY are holding a demonstration on Woodborough Road on Jan. 29th - contact for details. Next meeting is on Feb. 1st.

FOREST FIELDS are having an Anti-Cruise March & Rally on Feb. 12th. Their next meeting is on 9th Feb - contact them for details of both events.

BE PREPARED

"When the bomb drops, Eynsham will be ready. The parish council has appointed Mr. K. J. Sheffield to liaise with Southern Electricity so that power can be restored quickly after a nuclear strike. Council chairman Mr. David Wastie explained, "If any of the villagers notice anything unusual, they will alert Mr. Sheffield and he will contact the electricity board." - Oxford Star.



DIARY

JANUARY

- 24th Leafletting Meeting. 8.p.m. Factshop. 15 Goosegate.
Eastwoodgroup, "The Bomb", a film. Speaker Alan Simpson. 7.45.p.m.
Walker Street School.
- 25th Bullwell A.G.M. - phone contact for details.
- 26th "War Plan UK" a talk by Duncan Campbell at Friends Meeting House,
Clarendon Street. 7.30.p.m.
- 29th Sandwich Board Procession - Market Square, 12 noon.
- 29th Mapperley Group Demo. Woodborough Road.
Sherwood & Carrington group Disco. Gladstone Hotel, Loscoe Rd.,
Carrington. (tel. 625590 or 622588)
- 31st Sherwood & Carrington meeting. 7.30.p.m. 33 Church Dr. Carrington.

FEBRUARY

- 1st Carlton/Gedling group. 8.p.m. Frank Wheldon School.
Mapperley CND. 206 Wells Road, phone contact for details.
Lenton group. 8.p.m. 46 Bute Avenue.
- 2nd Arnold/Woodthorpe film "Peace Game" - phone contact for details.
- 3rd Radcliffe "War Game" - phone contact for details.
- 6th N.C.N.D. Monthly Meeting. 7.30.p.m. Friends Meeting House, Clarendon St.
- 8th Film show at Friends Meeting House, "Better Road to Peace" & "Peace
Game". 8.p.m.
"War Game" plus "After the Event" - Midland Group.
Bang (Beeston) 7.30.p.m. Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Ln, Beeston.
- 9th "Better Road to Peace" & "Peace Game", 7.30.p.m. All Souls Comm.
Centre, Ilkeston Road.
Forest Fields group meeting - phone contact for details.
- 10th Co-ordinating group meeting. 8.p.m. Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- 11th Beeston group films - phone contact for details.
- 12th Forest Fields Anti-Cruise March & Rally - phone contact for details.
- 15th "The Day after the Event" - Midland Group.
Lenton group meeting. 46 Bute Aven. 8.p.m.
- 24th "The Church & the Bomb". 7.30.p.m. Friends Meeting House.
- 27th Activists Conference. Queens Walk Comm. Centre. The Meadows. 10.30.a.m.

MARCH

- 1st Lenton meeting. 46 Bute Ave. 8.p.m.
Carlton/Gedling meeting. Frank Wheldon School. 8.p.m.
- 6th Monthly Meeting 7.30.p.m. Friends Meeting House, Clarendon St.
- 7th BRUCE KENT DEBATE. 7.30.p.m. Rainbow Rooms.
- 10th Co-ordinating Group Meeting. 8.p.m. Factshop, 15 Goosegate.
- 15th Lenton group meeting. 46 Bute Ave. 8.p.m.
- 19th EASTER EVENT, DIE-IN, SANDWICH BOARD PROCESSION, LEAFLETING &
LOTS MORE.
- 24th "A Better Road to Peace" - Arnold/Woodthorpe group, 8.15.p.m.
Arnold Methodist Church.

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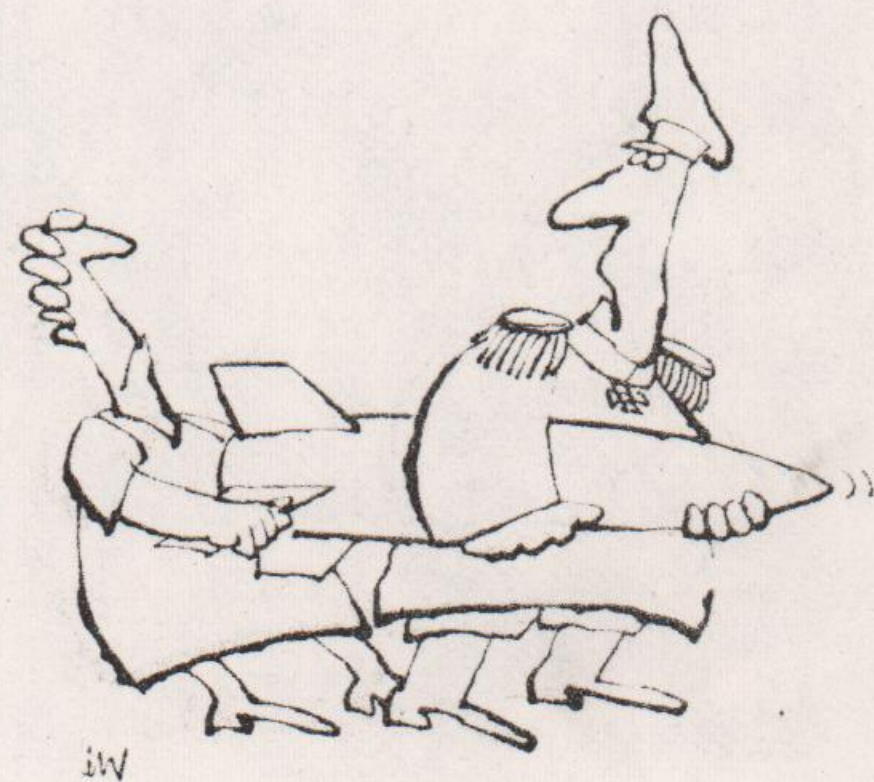
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C.N.D. NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

National Council spent most of the weekend of January 15 & 16th sorting out the mundane bureaucracy of the campaign, including budgets, the composition of committees, and the priorities for paid workers.

However, items that deserve special mention are -

- Support for a 5 day blockade at Upper Heyford (financial and organizational assistance is to be available from CND).
- YCND can affiliate to CND for just £5 which means they will be fully represented at the next Conference. Also YCND reps are to be entitled to sit on Regional CND committees to try to ensure that YCND effort and CND effort are more mutually complementary.
- Student CND are forming a human chain from the Ministry of Defence to the Dep't of Education and Science on Feb 12 (highlighting the education cuts connection with increased armaments spending).
- CND National Raffle will shortly be launched with a (donated) MG Sports Car as first prize.
- A General Election Strategy is being prepared and a lot of ideas raised at Council are going into a comprehensive CND Information Pack. The major effort in the runup to an election should be the 'Peace Canvas '83' which will make the connection in people's minds between their vote and the disarmament issue.
- There will be a mixed sex blockade at Burghfield at Easter and a women's blockade at Greenham. There will also be a human chain link up between Greenham, Burghfield and Aldermaston.

PUBLICITY/PLANNING/ELECTION MEETING

A representative from each neighbourhood group (hopefully willing to commit the group to doing some work) would be very welcome at this meeting -

FEB 3rd 7.30pm at the NCND Office.

THE GREENHAM PLEDGE

-BATTERED BUT NOT BROKEN !

It was extremely unfortunate that nothing came of the 'Greenham Pledge' at CND National Council. Council did not allow sufficient time to properly hammer out an acceptable policy on the Pledge.

The one positive proposal that was presented was deemed unacceptable, and, despite Conference's approval, was voted out. (Very Unconstitutional!)

The proposal did indeed have various weaknesses. No provision had been made for a possibly necessary escalation of the campaign from peaceful picketting to NVDA blockading. The proposed Pledge was also planned for a limited time and was somewhat inflexible regarding when it could be launched - and these were weaknesses. But most of all the Pledge fell because the women at Greenham hadn't been given a say in the planning.

Helen John of the Women's Peace Camp spoke against. Having talked to Helen afterwards, she is still concerned about men getting involved at Greenham. She also thinks that Greenham is successful enough already.

However, what Helen, and some other people at National Council do not realize, perhaps because they are far removed from the general CND grass roots support, is that Greenham is the centre of our immediate battle. The Greenham Cruise deployment is imminent. Whether rightly or wrongly, it has become the Mecca of the Peace Movement and almost EVERYONE seems enthusiastic to help in some way at Greenham. And so -

THE PLEDGE IS GOING AHEAD !!!

Enthusiastic proponents of the idea will work out the details of how, when, what etc. independently of CND and in consultation with the Women's Peace Camp. Further details in the next Bulletin.

Mark Page

THE GREENHAM COMMON/ALDERMASTON DEMONSTRATION 31st March/1st April.

THURSDAY 31st MARCH.

It is proposed to blockade Greenham Common (Women only) and also Burghfield (Mixed). The blockade will start at 6.00am so it is necessary to arrive the day before . We shall be organising Vans & Mini-buses which will leave Nottingham at 6.00pm on Weds 30th. These should return either Friday evening or Saturday morning. This is because there is a Festival on the Friday evening and dependent on whether people wish to stay for this we will arrange which day they return . The cost should be £6.00 .

FRIDAY 1st APRIL.

It is proposed to link Greenham Common with Aldermaston and Burghfield with a HUMAN CHAIN. The time of this is to be 1.30pm so , in light of the time difficulties last time! , it is proposed to leave Nottingham at 8.30am returning at 8.30pm the same day . The coaches will leave The Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way and the cost will be £4.00 waged and £3.00 unwaged.

Due to problems of hiring coaches over Easter we need to know the numbers of people who wish to come by the 1st of March. (For the last Greenham Demonstration we hired 3 extra coaches in the week before.(in fact 1 the DAY BEFORE.)). THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE THIS TIME.

SO, IF YOU WISH TO GO, PLEASE SEND THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW, WITH YOUR CHEQUE TO THE OFFICE, (sae please) or call in to the office, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

GREENHAM COMMON/ALDERMASTON TRIP. 31st Mar/1st April.

BLOCKADE 31st March.

Minibus/vans leave 30th
at 6.00pm the Salutation
Inn, Maid Marion Way.
Return either Friday pm
or Saturday am.
Cost £6.00.
No tickets. -----

HUMAN LINK 1st April.

Coaches leave at 8.30am return
8.30pm , The Salutation Inn, Maid
Marion Way.
Tickets (waged@ £4.00). -----
Tickets (unwaged@ £3.00) -----