

Nottingham CND Bulletin

MAY 1984

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ECONOMIC SUMMIT On June 9

- Ronald Reagan will be in London.

Will you?

COVENTRY CND MARCH + RALLY

COVENTRY
SATURDAY MAY 26

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May Wed 2 'From Hitler to MX' 8.00pm St. George's Church Hall Netherfield
Thurs 3 Media Group. 8.00pm 15 Goosegate
Fri 4 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Working Group. 8.00pm NCND office
Sat 5 Loughborough March and Rally. Southfields Park 12.30pm
Sun 6 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Steering Group. 11am NCND office
Mon 7 Trades Council May Day March Market Sq. to Queens Walk C.C.
Sun 13 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Training day. Queens Walk Community Centre
10.30 - 5.30pm
'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Steering Group. 7.30pm NCND office
Member's Policy - making meeting Friends Meeting House. 7.30pm
Mon 14 BULLETIN MEETING. 7.30pm 15 Goosegate.
Thurs 17 Co-ordinating Meeting. 15 Goosegate 7.30pm.
Media Group 8.00pm
Sat 19 NON-VIOLENCE training for July 9th. 10.00am - 5.00pm
Queens Walk Community Centre. See article.
Sun 20 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Steering Group. 11.00am NCND office.
Thurs 24 International Women's Day for Disarmament. See article.
Fri 25 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Working Group. 8.00pm 15 Goosegate.
Sat 26 CND National Demo at Coventry. 9am to 7.30pm.
Sun 27 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Steering Group. 11.00am NCND office
Thurs 31 Media Group. 8.00pm 15 Goosegate.
June Sun 3 'RECLAIM CHILWELL' Steering group. 11.00am NCND office.
ADVANCE NOTICE
Sat 9 NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AND DIRECT ACTION DURING REAGAN'S VISIT.
SEE ARTICLES.

NATIONAL DEMO

During Economic Summit & Reagans Visit

MASS DIRECT ACTION - JUNE 9TH
US EMBASSY, GROSVENOR SQ.
LONDON

June 9th

National CND are organising a blockade of the US Embassy on June 9th; Ronald Reagan and other world leaders will be in London at that time for an Economic Summit.

CND want every person who is able to participate in this action. Direct Action helped India gain its independence, let's use it to gain our independence and get rid of our own nuclear arsenal.

A few thoughts on taking Direct Action:-

1. YOU DON'T HAVE TO RISK BEING ARRESTED. LEGAL OBSERVERS are needed WHO MUST NOT BE ARRESTED as they are responsible for finding the whereabouts of those who have been taken into police custody, finding out when and where they will be released and informing their families and the press of the arrest.
numbers, not names given to press.

2. PRACTICAL SUPPORTERS - these people also should not be arrested as their main task is to look after people's belongings and make sure that blockaders don't go hungry or thirsty.

3. DIRECT ACTION IS FUN and good for the morale. You work in small, supportive groups where everybody's thoughts and feelings are equally valid. You make new friends, become a better listener and a more effective peace campaigner because you have to plan for any eventuality during an action.

4. Will we ever get rid of nuclear weapons through the present political system? Will the Labour Party or the Alliance ever be powerful or committed enough to oppose the financial institutions and the military (and the links between them) and our powerful ally, the USA, and disarm unilaterally? I think not.

5. If every member of CND and every member of any peace group were to persistently take direct action we could get rid of those appalling weapons.

See you at the 'Training Sessions' (details below) and on June 9th in Grosvenor Square. Power to the People.

TRANSPORT - 7.30am SALUTATION INN
MAID MARIAN WAY

RETURN TO NOTTINGHAM BY APPROM. 5PM

COST - WAGED £5.00

UNWAGED £2.50

TRAINING - SAT. MAY 19TH
10AM TO 5PM

QUEENS WALK COMMUNITY CENTRE
QUEENS DRIVE
THE MEADOWS

COFFEE AND TEA PROVIDED. BRING FOOD.
PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE BY RINGING
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p.s. Getting arrested can be quite amusing if you know what to expect and what your rights are.

In Peace, Ann.

TOGETHER WE
CAN STOP THE
BOMB



June 9th

MARCH and RALLY

LONDON DEMO

During Reagan's visit to London there's to be a National Demonstration as well as Direct Action outside the US Embassy.

The details are as follows :-

MARCH &

RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE

We've booked 10 coaches and it is the NATIONAL DEMO so buy your tickets soon - there were 400,000 of us in London last year so don't let us allow the press to say that we're losing support in this crucial year for CND. BE THERE, with your placards, your face paints and your fancy dress.

There'll be more details in next month's Bulletin - this demo is being organised at short notice by National CND.

So if you've got children, or for some other reason cannot take Direct Action, be there. The theme of the demonstration is to be 'RETURN TO SENDER', which refers to Cruise Missiles and other American controlled nuclear weapons which are based in our 'fair country'. We've booked 10 coaches (there wasn't enough notice to book a train) and want to fill them all so buy your tickets as soon as possible and take this opportunity of supporting this national action. Reagan & other world leaders will be at Lancaster House, in London, for an economic summit so let's get our message across by being there in large numbers.

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Under a new group subscription scheme we are able to offer a special reduced-rate annual subscription to "Sanity" of £4 (i.e. 30p per copy) for paid-up NCND members only. The normal bookstall price remains at 50p.

"Sanity" provides the best means of keeping you up-to-date and informed on peace issues. To be effective in argument and discussion **CND** members need "Sanity."

Fill in the tear-off slip below and hand it to your "Bulletin" deliverer, neighbourhood contact or **NCND** office. "Sanity" will be delivered with your Bulletin.

You must take out a full year's sub to qualify for the reduced rate since the scheme depends on building up regular orders. Moreover we must ensure we do not prejudice sales at bookshops and newsagents. We regret we cannot offer the reduced rate to members who receive their Bulletins by post.

If you are already taking "Sanity" via NCND at the full rate, you can, if you wish, obtain the relevant refund. We shall, of course, be grateful if you don't claim it!

Neighbourhood Groups

Co-ordinating Meeting decided that £1 of each £4 sub should go to the neighbourhood group. Here is a simple way of building group funds as well as "Sanity" circulation.

CONTACT ALL MEMBERS

I am a fully paid-up member of NCND and wish to take out a special £4 annual subscription to "Sanity."

I enclose cheque/cash (cross out whichever does not apply).

Name Date

Address

Neighbourhood Group

NATIONAL DEMO COVENTRY

NO CRUISE! NO PERSHING! NO SS20!

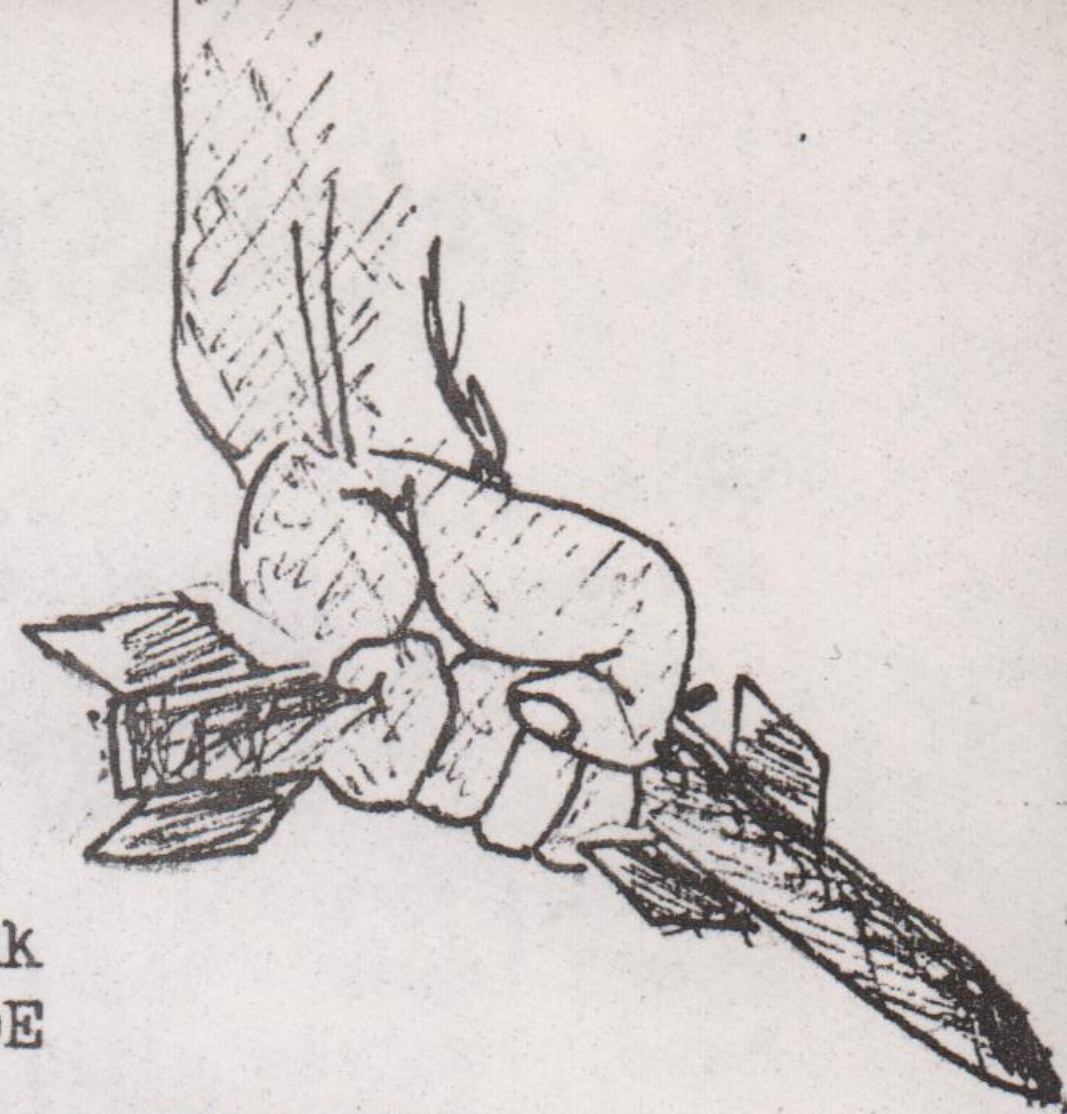
COVENTRY SAT. MAY 26TH

This is the first of two National CND supported events in the early summer. It will be a demonstration and festival under the title 'Free Europe from Nuclear Weapons'. With public attention on Europe in the run up to the EEC elections that slogan must be brought to their attention. East or West Europeans have a common interest in survival.

Coventry symbolises Europe's memory of war - the destruction of a city. Like many areas the cost of the arms race is clear in terms of unemployment and social decay. On May 26th Coventry will put peace into the politics of Europe.

MARCH

ASSEMBLE 11.30AM
AT EDGWICK PARK, FOLESHILL ROAD
OR HEARSALL COMMON, HEARSALL LANE
OR STOKE GREEN, BINLEY ROAD



RALLY

AT MEMORIAL PARK
SPEAKERS INCLUDE

JOAN RUDDOCK EP THOMPSON
RON TODD ALAN BLEASDALE

EVENING ROCK CONCERT

TOP FLIGHT BANDS INCLUDING

GENERAL PUBLIC (EX BEAT)

COACHES WILL LEAVE NOTTINGHAM
(SALUTATION INN MAID MARIAN WAY)
AT 9.00AM AND RETURN ABOUT 7.30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM NCND OFFICE
581948 15 GOOSEGATE

WAGED £2.00 UNWAGED £1.25

FOREST FIELDS COACH TO COVENTRY
LEAVES NOTTINGHAM 9.30AM BACK
FOR 1.00AM ON THE SUNDAY.

50 PEOPLE CAN GO TO THE GIG

MAY DAY RALLY AND MARCH MONDAY MAY 7TH

10.30AM
ASSEMBLE IN THE MARKET SQ.

11.00 MARCH LEAVES THE
SQUARE AND WALKS TO QUEEN'S
WALK, THE MEADOWS.

NOON ONWARDS - STALLS AND SPEAKERS.
CND IS HAVING A STALL AND OFFERING
A SPEAKER SO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
OF SPREADING OUR MESSAGE AND TAKE
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD BANNER, YOUR
PLACARDS AND YOUR GOOD SELVES.

THE THEME OF THE DAY IS TO BE
OPPOSITION TO CUTS IN THE HEALTH
SERVICE SO PLACARDS RELATING TO
SOCIALLY USEFUL JOBS RATHER THAN
JOBS IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRIES
WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

SEE YOU THERE.

GLASTONBURY CND FESTIVAL

22ND, 23RD & 24TH JUNE.
WORTHY FARM, PILTON, SHEPTON
MALLET, SOMERSET.

HEAR THE THOMPSON TWINS, WEATHER
REPORT, BLACK UHURU, SMITHS,
HOWARD JONES, IAN DRURY,
GENERAL PUBLIC, DR. JOHN,
FAIRPORTS, JOAN BAEZ, BILLY
BRAGG, PAUL BRADLEY, AMAZULU,
CHRISTY MOORE, STAPLE SINGERS

PLUS THEATRE, CABARET, CHILDREN'S
WORLD ETC.

TICKETS

£13.00 FOR A THREE DAY TICKET
CHILDREN UNDER 14 ADMITTED
FREE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM NCND
NEARER THE DATE

15 GOOSEGATE...

We have to find other premises before mid-June and the Exec. have been given the task of finding suitable office space at the cheapest possible cost. Our biggest problem to date is that nothing is available on a short lease - the Rainbow Centre may have premises within the next 6 months and we will be moving into it when it opens. If any member of NCND knows of any office space that is available on a short lease will they get in touch with a member of the Exec.

Thanks

Ann Wood Co-chairperson

NB. WE NEED 400sq. ft. and must have one room large enough to hold the 20 or so people who attend co-ordinating meetings.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOR DISARMAMENT - THURSDAY MAY 24TH

Nottingham Women for Peace plan a day of local action to celebrate IWDD.

A Bike Ride (with a band) to leaflet shopping centres.

A morning stall at St. Peter's.

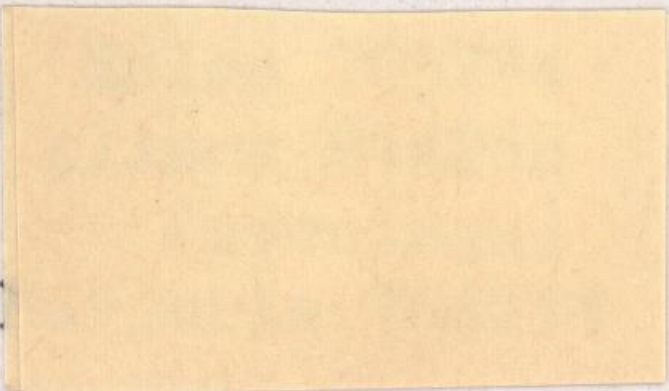
Music and dancing in the Square late afternoon.

A social evening.

Events will be WOMEN ONLY

We invite all women to share the celebrations with us.

Further details from:



BE THERE

The first time Cruise came out, 300 of us made it to Slab Square as arranged and, along with the occupiers of the Army recruitment office, made an impressive demonstration of our feelings. I'm afraid the same can't be said of the second outing.

Partly this was because so many of us were in London for Stop the City and Democracy Day and it is bad that office arrangements fell down as a result - no criticism of those who did their best to take over under difficult circumstances. However, a large part of it was that people just didn't turn up.

This isn't meant as an attack on 'arm-chair members', I know there are many who can't be full-time or part-time activists for all sorts of good reasons. But there MUST be more who once in a while, can drop everything and come to Slab Square for a couple of hours. 300 is about a seventh of our membership - by the law of averages (or something!) that should be possible any day of the week.

The state is using huge amounts of effort and money - OUR money - trying to demoralise and get rid of us, especially the Greenham women. It's a sign of our and their strength that it's not worked. We can't give them the propaganda victory of poor turnouts, allowing them to claim (they'll try anyway) that Cruise has been 'accepted' by the public.

So next time, and all the times after, do make the effort to come to the Square if at all possible.

Activities are being planned for each occasion, we just need your bodies, your banners and placards and most of all

YOUR DETERMINATION

Kristian Ravnkilde



TWO MONTHS TO GO to CND's biggest show of the year with several thousand people (hopefully) turning up / taking part.

Most NCND groups have now been visited, and county groups written to, as have all City Liberal and Labour Parties.

Herewith a list of some of what groups have undertaken so far:-

Stapleford: Food stall; Peace Camps Exhibition.

Wollaton: video show in Exhibitions marquee.

Aspley: help guard site; programme selling; donation £10.

City Centre: Decorations - eg. banners.

Carlton/Gedling: stall; help with creche.

Bulwell: offer to do anything useful.

West Bridgford: leaflet 3,000 houses in area; donation £50; + help with Festival Parade (hopefully).

Long Eaton: stall; speaker for Speakers' Corner.

Bestwood: W. Bridgford Day Group; Beeston Mothers Against Cruise: Children's Festival.

Music Group: make music; music workshop; music on Festival Parade.

Airborne: The balloon will be there. Raffle with balloon trip as 1st (or last?) prize.

IF YOU'RE NOT YET INVOLVED. . .

The message is, Panic now rather than later.

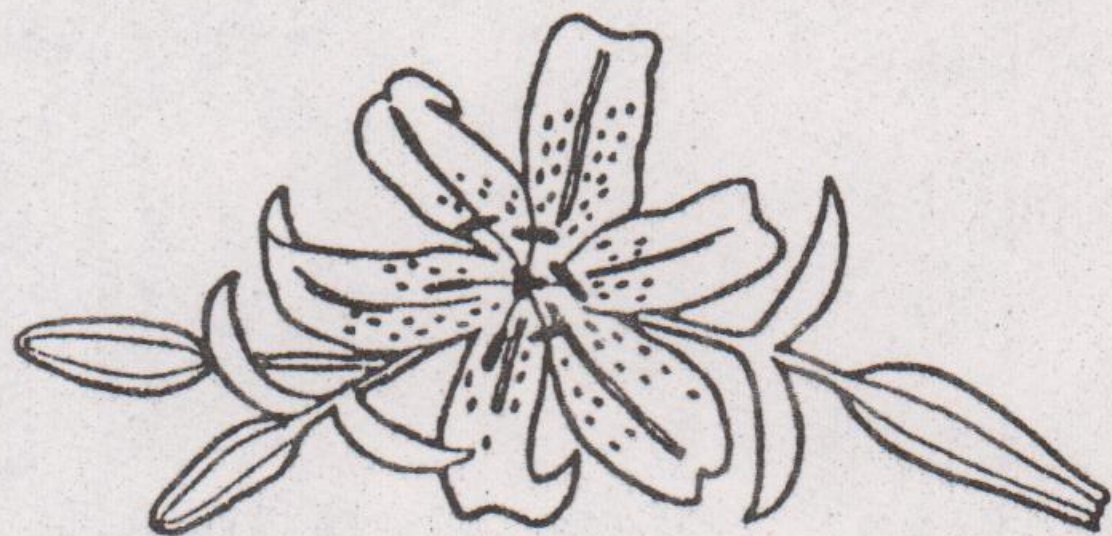
GROUPS Please discuss what you can do; Exhibitions and events involving people are the most helpful. If you want a stall, ring the co-ordinator. Other info. available from the numbers below.

INDIVIDUALS - There is lots to do. People with muscle (and intelligence) still badly needed. People with theatrical/musical talent needed to play either in performance or as strolling players. RING NOW.

NUMBERS TO RING

PEACE FESTIVAL

JULY 8TH 12 TO 8PM
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT NOTTM



Leaflets and Posters now available at CND office. If you need large numbers please ring as early as poss. Badges ready soon.

EVERYONE please help to get material OUT !

We appeal to anyone interested in getting involved in organising the Festival - especially N.G. reps - to come to our fortnightly meetings. Next meetings: WED 9 MAY. 1.30 PM
" 23 May NCND Office
" 6 JUNE

FESTIVAL FUND - RAISING

In the past the festival has been a fund-raiser. This year, as we are going for a very big, exciting event, we have to raise money in advance. The expense (hiring marquees, stage and canopies; transport; publicity; the children's festival;) means that we are having to ask for donations and to run some fund-raising events beforehand.

The first - with striking originality- A Sponsored Walk from Victoria Embankment to Beeston Lock and back. SUN 17 JUNE.

All welcome. Whatever your walking ability there's plenty of time to finish. FORMS for sponsorship from Kate/ Caroline/ Ross at Mushroom Bookshop, Heathcote St.

Also on 17 JUNE is The Great Nottingham Bike Ride organised by PEDALS.

You can be sponsored for this, so if you prefer it, 'on yer byke' please. Details and forms from Mushroom.

Later there'll be a ceilidh (details next month)

RECLAIM CHILWELL

Talks.

Has your group invited a speaker from Reclaim Chilwell yet ? If not please do.

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Training.

Do you want to take part in the DIRECT ACTION on July 1st ? We would rather come out to groups and help run your own training day (the minimum number of people would be about 8). But for individuals not in groups we are running a series of open training days. The first is on Sunday May 13th, Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows, 10.30 - 5.30, creche provided, bring food. Please let us know in advance if you come so that we can arrange other training days as needed.

The Build up.

Can you help with the following ?

Leafletting
Badge selling
Flyposting
Public meeting in the Chilwell area

The Day.

Can you be a :-

Steward
Messenger - foot/bike
Driver
Photographer
Phone contact

or

Staff the NCND office for the day?

Can you provide

CB's
Music
Entertainment
Food
Drink
Cars/vans/mini-buses
Phones
Toilets in local homes
Accommodation for the night before the action and possibly after
Ladder
Mattresses
Bolt cutters
Carpets/Rugs

Anything else?

To raise funds for the campaign the Reclaim Chilwell Group is collecting SHELL MAKE MONEY TOKENS!

Please send in tokens to Reclaim Chilwell c/o NCND

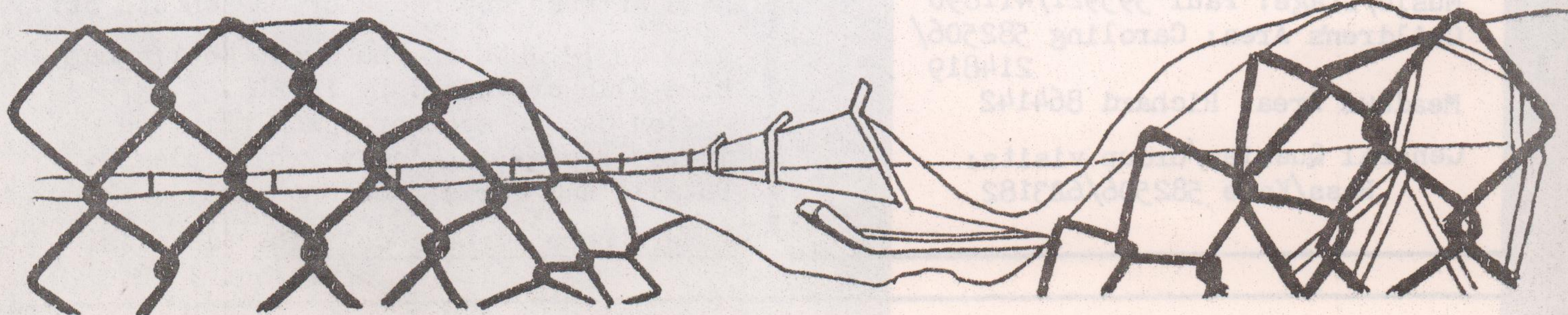
I CAN HELP THE RECLAIM CHILWELL CAMPAIGN
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:-

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

PLEASE RETURN TO 'RECLAIM CHILWELL'
c/o NOTTINGHAM CND



RECLAIM CHILWELL

STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....DEMONSTRATION FRIDAY MAY 4th. TOWN HALL

FOSTER AVENUE, BEESTON. MIDDAY ONWARDS. To support CND's case against the US sale of Chilwell at the Public Enquiry for Broxtowe Development Plan.

The campaign against the US take-over at Chilwell gains momentum. The Mass Trespass on July 1st is the next landmark. It is going to be the biggest peace demonstration ever seen in Nottingham.

Along with the rest of the steering group I seem to be spending most of my life at the CND office, 118 workshop or at the base itself. The days begin to merge and a full night's sleep becomes a luxury.

Up at six to leaflet Boots, Plessey, County Hall....printing leaflets, typing briefing sheets, attending meetings, giving talks, writing letters telephoning, selling badges, drawing maps.....

Then it all begins to pull together. There is still a long way to go yet but things are taking shape. National CND backing is confirmed; Essex CND sending transport; Derby CND, setting up their own working groups; Women for Peace, sending out their own publicity; Beeston Mums against Cruise, offering a creche, Requests for speakers are flooding in from as far afield as Chesterfield, Derby, Grantham, from Labour Party Branches. Donations from the TGWU, Derbyshire Peace Federation, individuals, Neighbourhood Groups; letters of support, offers of help, successful training days.

With each encouragement the confidence grows. The knowledge that we are not alone, that on July 1st there will be many thousands at Chilwell gives us hope and drives us on. WE ARE GOING TO RECLAIM CHILWELL.

If the reaction of the authorities on April 15th to the 'mini trespass' is anything to go by the day should be an enjoyable success. The potential is there, it is up to each one of us to grasp it. July 1st is going to be a day when for once we are in control. I know that so often I feel totally impotent challenging the might of the arms race. Despair always seems to follow anger and I have to remember each time that I am not alone, that together we are strong.

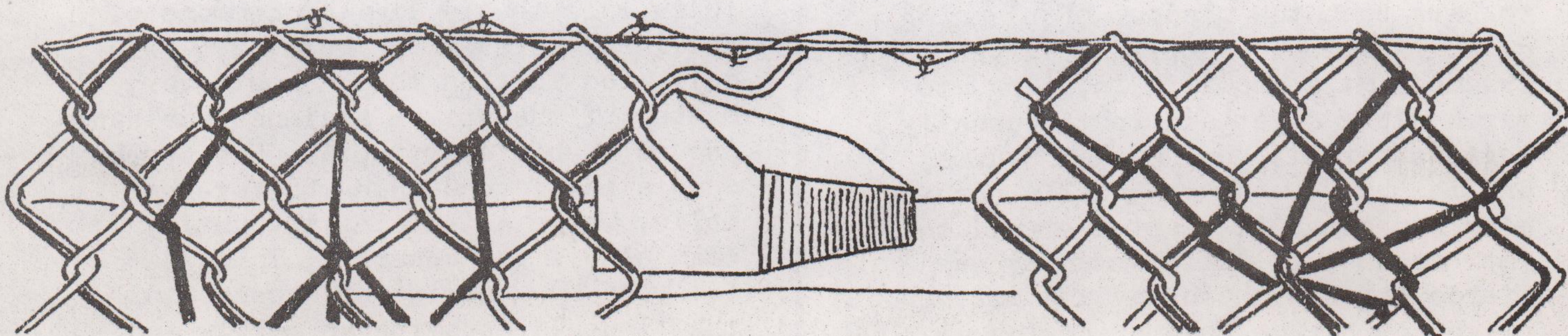
But that means work and effort, it means talking and understanding, planning and preparing, we must build our strength and use it wisely or we will achieve nothing.

The success of the Mass Trespass depends on US, Nottingham CND. We will be the backbone of the action on July 1st. In a way it is going to be the contributions of those of us in NCND who don't take part in the action itself who are really going to ensure the success of the day.

There are 101 things to do, overleaf there is a list of just some of the things that are going to be needed. If you think you can help fill in the slip and drop it into the 'Reclaim Chilwell' pigeon hole at the NCND office.

Finally if you would like to contribute more to the campaign, time and willingness is what we desperately need. Come to any of the meetings in the listings, you'll be most welcome and there's as much or as little to do as you want.

Dave Dickinson



LETTERS

Dear Bulletin,

We'd like to complain about Andy D'Agoyne's 'Nature Notes' in the March Bulletin. We find it offensive and extremely sexist. Surely the Greenham women have enough problems challenging the male media stereotyping which is used to kescredit and undermine them without having to see this same MAN-ipulating stereotyping promoted in the CND bulletin. I realise his article was supposed to be humorous and not serious but I find nothing funny in equating women with birds and insinuating that Greenham women are mindless and irrational and only at Greenham to show off in front of male television crews. Men should be working to support women in their and our struggles against sexism and patriarchy rather than promoting these damaging and idiotic stereotypes.

Pat Shammon and Chris Cook

It was with some enjoyment and no little relief that I participated in the successful demonstration at USAF Chilwell on Sunday April 15th; enjoyment because I sensed a resurgence in spirit amongst local peace groups and it was refreshing to see so many people there; relief because for once there seemed to be a semblance of organisation and planning towards the days events, and people were not left standing around feeling like Wallies, as is so often the case.

It has troubled me that on many, if not most of CND organised events there seems to have been the minimum of planning or preparation. People are urged to assemble at a specific location, to march along a certain route (usually a tedious stroll round Market Square) and then.....what? Usually nothing else happens. An event designed to impress on our local community our fierce opposition to any and all aspects of the arms race ends up having a minimal effect.

Some may argue that the resolution of this problem lies in the hands of the membership, and that events would be much better if more members offered

their services.. Whilst this is undoubtedly true I do not think it is very realistic, nor would it be conducive to consistent and effective demonstrations when their planning depended on the voluntary (and haphazard) contributions of members.

Much rather that our democratically elected Executive Committee seize the initiative to plan, prepare and publicise events in the cause of nuclear disarmament and peace. To do so requires only some boldness, forethought and inventiveness, qualities I'm sure the Executive does not lack.

For example when the Cruise launcher next leaves Greenham (as it surely will) let us not gather in the Market Square and lie on the ground before going home cold and dispirited. Let the Executive (well in advance) organise a group of speakers, get hold of an adequate PA system, prepare leaflets, devise a demonstration route which does not include the most sparsely populated areas and pick specific targets/actions to express our opposition. This can all be done quite simply and thoroughly and providing it is a constructive attempt to facilitate the expression of local feeling against the arms race, then I'm sure the Exec. would have the full support of the membership. In Peace P Carstairs

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Dear friends,

I am one of the few people with the dubious distinction of having been present at the member's meeting addressed by Mr. Poseliagin of the Soviet Embassy. The meeting, for me and at least four other people I have spoken to, was a complete waste of time. Mr. Poseliagin was unfortunate to be suffering from a bad case of nerves and inability to express himself fully, due to his limited command of English. However, he must have been delighted to find that almost every member of the sparse audience was hanging on to his every word. His speech consisted of condemning US foreign policy while attempting to justify that of his own country. This was followed by a series of questions that I would describe as polite and biased toward him.

LETTERS

Mr. Poseliagin was correct in his condemnation of US involvement in Nicaragua. However, when asked to explain the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan (a question greeted with groans from the pro-Soviet lobby) he proceeded to whitewash his country's action while spouting a blanket condemnation of Mr. Reagan and his foreign policies.

I am a member of OND because I abhor the existence of nuclear weapons, and believe that someone - whoever it may be - should start dismantling them. I am still astounded at the naivety of those people in the movement who try to defend Soviet ownership of the Bomb. I wish one of those people who groaned at the question on Afghanistan would explain to me why we should place complete trust in a nation whose record in Human Rights is obscene, and which has never hesitated to use military force.

Yours, in the fight against all nukes,

Simon Chuda

MEDIA GROUP

This is not another one of those repetitive appeals for the membership to get off its (seat) and do things; we need people to stay in their seat and do things!

The Media Group was set up to promote the image of CND in the media, and to inform and educate the membership; yet a lack of support means some things are not happening.

Writing anything needs to be done from accurate information, and more needs to be done to gain this. There are a number of publications available, but this is a maze of dubious reward - will hours of reading supply the correct answer anyway? If you have time and library tickets to read books, make some notes on the type and quality of information you find and pass them on - it WILL help.

A successful project was to publish in the Bulletin a series of articles, giving the basic facts on most topics in the nuclear debate. This appears to have been useful to many people, and several groups have used them in discussion to sort out arguments in their own minds. Ideas for further articles ARE needed.

Other important tasks are to write leaflets and press releases. The leaflet writing needs to be carefully thought and planned in order to put arguments over convincingly; whereas press releases need to give details of events and necessary background information. The same information may be required, but press releases require long spells of writing at short notice.

Sending out a press release is no guarantee of coverage. The coverage obtained needs to be monitored (even for other events not actioned by NCND). This will tell us who is on our side and who is against us. Effort spent on a press release is more rewarding if a favourable response is achieved. Comparisons between papers could be done to show what coverage we are getting.

A little used tactic (at the moment) is that of letter writing.

Complaints or praise will affect editors or writers egos so they will be more favourable to our cause. Watching the Media will highlight who to write to.

IF YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT THE MEDIA GROUP.

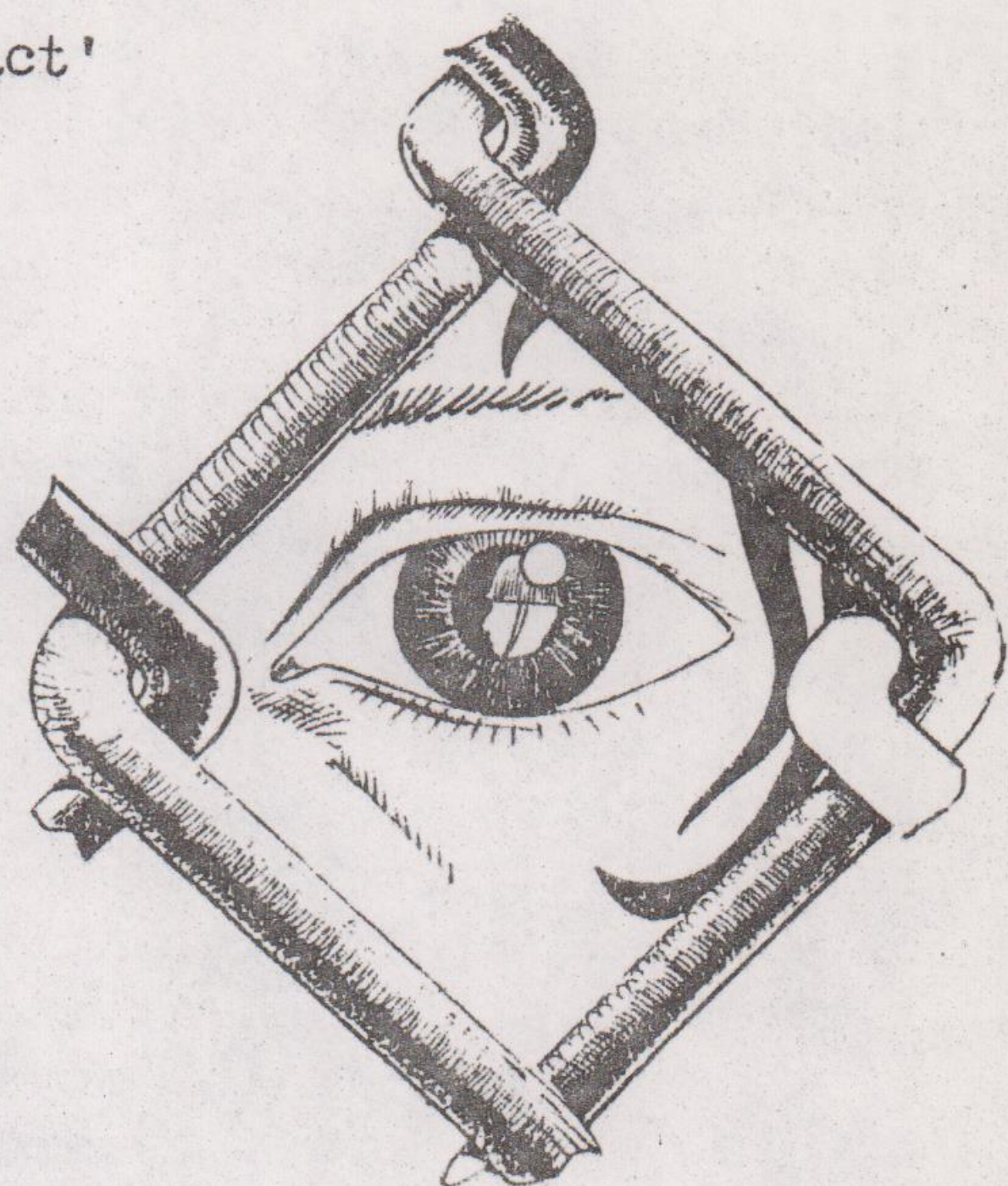


DO NOT LOOK.

(Service men at U.S.A. Bases are told to avoid 'eye contact' with the women of Greenham Common.)

Do not look at them.
Do not catch their questing eyes.
It could remind you that they are human.
Worse - it could remind you that you are human,
The very same species,
Although your homes
Are half the world away.
Remind you there is not corner of the earth
Where women, with their irreverent
motherly gaze
Will not reject the purpose of your training,
Pitying your blindness, hating what you do,
And despising them that sent you.

Connie M. Ford.



MOSCOW GOLD!

ONE WHOLE KOPEC was raised
by the appeal for the Defence
and Aid Fund at Chilwell on
15th April. So was £60.66
plus £63.90 for Reclaim
Chilwell - THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO GAVE.

Both still need money.

Keep on giving. Cheques to
'NCND Defence and Aid Fund'
and 'Reclaim Chilwell'
c/o the office

ANTI-TRIDENT PETITION

Radcliffe group used the Freeze
Council's 'Cancel Trident' pet-
ition in conjunction with a Sat-
urday stall in the village
shopping centre. Over 100
signatures were collected in less
than 2 hours. The petition
provided an excellent way of gett-
ing into conversation with members
of the public.

The following letter was brought in to
the NCND office on 28th March.

TO THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE

I am a teacher who lives in Kansas
Missouri, USA.
I want to express my deepest apologies
to the MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN of
Europe for our government placing Cruise
and Pershing missiles in your homeland.
There are thousands of people in the
United States who want to stop this
INSANITY, unfortunately we have not
had enough impact yet! A few rich
people control our government and they
are out of control!
May the Lord forgive us for this nuclear
crime against the people of Europe.
May we all continue to WORK and SACRIFICE
for PEACE.

BARRY BALDWIN
CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

SOVIET SPEAKER

Last autumn, our member's policy-making meeting decided to invite the US and USSR embassies to a Sunday night meeting. The Americans refused. For the USSR Mr. N. Poseliagin attended the April meeting.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of Mr. Poseliagin's talk was the emphasis he placed on aspects of Soviet foreign policy that have received little or no attention by the British media. He, for example, referred to a six-point declaration on foreign policy by Chernenko on March 2nd. that meant nothing to us.

Delving through back numbers of 'The Times', I discovered on March 3rd. the headline 'STUMBLING CHERNENKO IS LOST FOR WORDS.' Our most reliable (?) newspaper seemed to be more interested in the fact that the Russian leader had lost his place in his text, than in what he had had to say on his first public statement after taking office. There was no mention of the six points. The 'Guardian' was rather more informative, but made no suggestion that this was an important policy statement.

Mr. Poseliagin pointed out that the Reagan administration soon after coming to power had ended bi-lateral negotiations with the USSR on chemical weapons, on weapons in outer space, on the limitation of operations in the Indian Ocean and on the supply of arms to Third World countries. This has of course received no publicity and is not listed in the chronology given in the NATO handbook.

On Afghanistan Mr. Poseliagin referred to a long friendly relationship as a neighbour state going back to 1919, when Afghanistan was the first foreign country to recognize the new Soviet Republic. A treaty of co-operation had been signed with the Afghan monarchy and had remained in operation despite changes of government.

He referred to the claim that the USSR made the control of nuclear weapons difficult by refusing inspection as a 'legend' and cited over ten years of successful operation of Salt I as evidence of Soviet co-operation. If a general disarmament agreement could be

reached the USSR would agree to universal inspection, but while agreements were only for partial disarmament, it could not afford to allow the USA access to all its armaments factories.

In response to a question on the threat of a Russian invasion, he said that a Soviet audience would be angered at such a suggestion. The USSR had not been able to fulfill the potential of the Soviet system because of wars imposed upon it from outside - the wars of Intervention 1919-21; Hitler's invasion of 1941. The aim of Soviet foreign policy was to ensure that 1941 was never repeated.

Again in answer to a question, he said that if any country with nuclear weapons targeted at the USSR - he gave China not Britain as an example - gave up those weapons, Soviet nuclear weapons targeted on it would immediately be removed.

He remained adamant, however, that the USSR must maintain nuclear parity with the USA. If it did not, the USA would be able to impose unacceptable conditions. Simply having the means to inflict unacceptable damage was insufficient deterrent.

Jos Wood

Reading Matter



The Death of Deterrence

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Lenton NVDA group & STOP THE CITY

Four members of Lenton group went to the 'Stop the City' protest as a small 'affinity group'. We decided that we could make a more effective protest by avoiding arrest and concentrating on getting the message over to the people in London that day. Explaining by leaflets and placards why the protest had been planned. We chose as a theme the financial and employment implications of the Trident Missile Programme and the threat it poses to peace in Europe. To attract attention and visually make the point, I became a 'Trident missile' for the day, (radiation suit and round 'warhead' over my head - with holes cut to see where I was going!). We also had a 'builder' (thanks Paul for the hard hat) and a scientist (thanks Ivan for the lab coat) with sandwich board type placards explaining relevant facts about alternative jobs that could be created. We had 2000 factual leaflets prepared - at first we wandered around handing out leaflets to anyone who would take them - lots of be-suited closed minds - but later found more success standing on a street corner opposite a crossing; giving people a chance to read our placards while waiting for the lights to change.

At the same time the GLC demonstration against 'rate capping' and attacks on local government was proceeding towards the Jubilee Gardens and so we went over to meet it on its route. Needless to say the placard

'AXE TRIDENT NOT LOCAL SERVICES' got warm support and we distributed over 1000 leaflets in half an hour as the march passed. We felt that this was a more valid exercise than leafletting the City since a wide range of people on the march were against Local Authority cuts. The participants included many miners, firemen and local government union officials who will hopefully become more aware of CND and its significance to Trade Union issues.

As for 'Stop the City' itself we were disappointed that the event (and media coverage of course) had been largely 'dominated' by self-styled weirdos (claiming to be anarchists) who reacted violently against the police and indulged in pointless window-smashing.

This can only severely damage the popular impression of anti-war protest. The only way to tackle this is for CND and Animal Rights protesters to publicly dissociate themselves from the use of violence and for future events to be staged at specific locations, perhaps throughout the year on a 'peace camp' style - there are enough Londoners to set up a rota for regular 'picketing' of specific companies or institutions. 'Stop the City' has got itself a bad image which I fear will only be self perpetuating in any future such events.

Andy D.

FOUR MINUTE WARNING ?

The infamous CND Music Group has a name! Four Minute Warning now practise on a SUN. night so there's no excuses about it clashing with your social life. For the time being we meet at 14/10 Victoria Centre (go in the clock tower entrance and up in the lift to the 14th floor).

Thanks to those who put their literary skills to work we now have one or two new lyrics and tunes.

You've heard us now at Chilwell (what do you mean you weren't there?).

Next time we promise to print more song sheets if you promise to sing.

HELP

By the time you receive your bulletin NCND may be homeless and broke. We need cash urgently, for NCND's main account and the defence and aid fund. We have had many expenses recently and as the campaign heats up will have a great deal more in the near future. Forget that extra pint, packet of cigarettes, bet on the horses etc., give the money to CND and live a healthier life. Power to the people

Rob Nicholls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP!

There's only me left to produce next month's Bulletin (a slight exaggeration as we should have some printers). I need help with the layout and with editing. Paul has decided to concentrate on other things and Jos will be away, so somebody had better come forward or there won't be a Bulletin. It's great fun and very rewarding (especially when people continually hand in articles after the deadline). Ha! ha!

Ann Wood

S O C I A L E V E N T S

Sun 6 May: GOURMETS AGAINST THE BOMB UNITE for Forest Fields P.G. Vegan meal at 69 Wiverton Rd (Off Sherwood Rise. 7 pm. Tickets only in advance. Contact Paddy & Cathy on 788655.

Fri 11 May: ARNOLD/WOODTHORPE Social at 17 Fairview Rd. All welcome.

Fri 15 June Forest Fields P.G. Social at Italian Centre, Sherwood Rise. Contact P. & C. on 788655.

ASPLEY AREA Group meet every second Tuesday of each month at the WILLIAM CRANE SCHOOL, East Gate, Aspley (top of Hilcot Drive) 7.45 pm. Members from adjacent areas welcome.

PEACE SURVEY

Because of the mass leafleting planned for May, Co-ordinating Meeting decided to postpone the Peace Survey (canvass) and launch it at the Peace Festival.



The Effects of a Bomb
on Bulwell.

Public Meeting with MENAW speaker.

Thursday 24th May 7.30pm

Henry Mellish School
Highbury Rd.

LOUGHBOROUGH CND

MARCH AND RALLY FOR PEACE
AND DISARMAMENT

SATURDAY MAY 5TH

SOUTHFIELDS PARK
ASSEMBLE 12.30pm

Speakers, Bands, Stalls, Food,
Beer Tent, Refreshments,
Entertainment and Fun!

TAKING LIBERTIES PROMOTIONS

Following its policy of presenting multi-media events at low ticket prices Taking Liberties Promotions has a new date lined up at Nottingham's newest major venue :

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY

MARCUS GARVEY CENTRE
LENTON BOULEVARD
NOTTINGHAM

CRASS
FLUX OF PINK INDIANS
ANNIE ANXIETY
D & V
FILM - CHOOSING DEATH

7.00 - 10.30

TICKETS : £1.50 on the door, or
available from Mushroom and Ouroboros.

PROCEEDS TO PEACE NEWS AND CLAIMANTS
ACTION NOTTINGHAM

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BINGHAM
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BURTON J
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COTGRAVE
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EASTWOOD
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NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

New Meeting Arrangements.

FOREST FIELDS. Now 4th Thursday
as well as 2nd Wednesday.

ARNOLD. Now meet at Arnold Leisure
Centre. Next meeting Tuesday 15th
May 8.00pm.

NEXT BULLETIN

DEADLINE for contributions and
Editorial Meeting:-
MONDAY 14TH MAY

Typing: 15 - 18th May
Layout: 19 & 21 May
Printing: 22nd 23rd and 24th May
Collation: 25th, 29th May

COME AND GET IT 30TH NEW HELPERS
WELCOME AT ANY STAGE

RAINBOW

The Newsletter of the Rainbow Centre.

This is the first issue of our regular newsletter to keep you informed of our progress towards establishing Nottingham's Peace Centre.

At the moment we hold monthly meetings for anyone who is interested in the centre and these are the main policy making meetings; in between times a lot of work is carried out by small working groups.

Premises

One group of people spend most of their time walking around looking skywards for inspiration and To Let signs. They have found a couple of possible buildings for which we have made offers; they are still looking for suitable premises, so if you have seen anything which is near the city centre, let them know and they will investigate.

Publicity

Then there is the publicity group who are trying to get the idea of a Peace Centre known, particularly to those groups and individuals who are most likely to be using the facilities that the centre will be offering. This group is busy writing letters, producing posters, handouts etc.

Information

One of the main ideas behind the setting up of a peace centre was the need to provide a place where anyone who was interested in finding out about local and national campaigns, organisations and events, particularly concerned with peace, world development, environmental and conservation issues etc, could go to find out the relevant information.

A resources group has recently started to tackle what sort of information should be stored in the library, how it should be displayed, indexed, issued and so on. It is writing to various grant giving bodies to try to attract financial assistance etc.

Rainbow Trading

One of the sources of income to keep the centre going is the profits that the Rainbow Trading Company will be making. The idea of Rainbow trading is to provide a mail order service to various groups; our first venture was the Reclaim Chilwell badges which we designed and had made, these were supplied to local groups who sold them to raise funds. We have lots of other ideas, for Tee Shirts, a vegan cookbook, a peace colouring book for children, other badges and car stickers etc.

Cooperatives

One of the other aspects of the centre is to provide a base for a number of workers co-operatives, who will be independent of the centre but will pay rent and provide a service to people using the centre, and hopefully will also attract more people into the centre. At the moment there is a group looking at setting up a print co-operative, another a whole-food cafe/restaurant; other people have said that they are interested in second hand books, old clothes, or recycling various products.

It would be nice to hear from any other co-ops who might be interested in trading from the centre, or from people who wish to join the existing working groups.

Socials

If we get a big enough building we hope to have space for groups to hire for gigs or fundraising socials, as well as meeting rooms, offices and the ideas mentioned already.

Well?

We would like to hear what you think about our ideas for the centre, and welcome you to join in any of the working groups. We are now registered as a secondary co-op with the Registrar of Friendly Society, with limited liability; when we get a building it will be run by a users group under our rules.

What can you do?

WE need YOUR help now, if the centre is to start; either by giving us some time or by making a donation. We need enough finance to be able to pay 3 months rent in advance if any of our offers on premises are accepted, so please give whatever you can, if you can manage a bank order, so much the better, but all help is gratefully received.

All offers of help or enquiries to 45 Teversal Ave Lenton, tel 472802.

We will be having a stall at the Peace Festival and would welcome any offers of plants to sell. We also need people prepared to deliver letters to colleges of F.E. in the Nottingham area.

Meetings...

Trading.. if you have any ideas for designs or you can draw up ideas then come along; every other Wed. starting 9th May.

RAINBOW CONTINUED...

Premises group; contact Geoff Young at the NCND office, meet every Wed about 1pm at the Office.

Publicity... meets every 3 weeks approximately, next meeting is May 21st.

Library / Resources group... roughly fortnightly meetings, from May 2nd but best to check beforehand.

All meetings start at 7.30pm at the NCND office, 15 Goosegate; you are welcome to attend any you wish; the next main Peace Centre meeting is May 14th.

Please help in whatever way you can, its so important that we have a new home when the factshop closes in late June.

in peace
the Rainbow Collective.



Above right:
Chilwell demo April 15.
About 1,000 turned up
for the March & Rally.
Later, 20+ people sat on the tanks.

PHOTO: MARK SALMON

Right: Stop The City
City March 29
10 local people
were arrested.
But not these
two ?



PHOTO: PAT SHAMMON