

NOTTINGHAM

C.N.D. Bulletin

NOTTM. CAMPAIGN for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT —

MAY 1985 — 20p — (free to NCND members)



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JOIN THE RESISTANCE



WHAT'S ON

MAY

- Thu 2. Co-Ordinating Mtg. NCND 7.30pm.
 Fri 3. Music Gp practice. NCND 7.30pm.
 Freeze Mtg. Friends Mtg Hse.
 8.00pm.
 Sun 5. Molesworth NVDA Training. QWCC.
 10.30am - 5.00pm.
 Mon 6. Channel 4. 11th Hour. 'Site One'
 and 'Can't Beat it Alone'. Two
 films about Nuclear Power.
 Wed 8. MOLESWORTH PLEDGE DAY. Buses 8.30
 Thu 9. Trident Campaign Mtg. NCND 7.30pm
 Sun 12 MEMBERS MEETING. Colin Hines of
 European Proliferation Info on
 Nuclear Weapons Proliferation.
 Friends Mtg Hse. 7.30pm.
 Mon 13 Channel 4. 11th Hour. 'Prophecy'
 Japanese film about Atomic
 Victims. 10.30pm.
 Sat 18 NATIONAL TRIDENT BALLOT STARTS.
 (see page 3).

Sun 19 Bulletin Deadline & Editorial.
 NCND Office. 7.30pm.

Thu 23 Freeze Mtg. Friends M. H. 8.00.
 Mon 27 NATIONAL PEACE PENTECOST. (p 12)
 Wed 29 MOLESWORTH MARCH and GATE PARTY
 Alconbury - Molesworth. (p 5).

JUNE

Thu 6. Co-Ordinating Mtg. NCND 7.30pm.
 Sun 9. MEMBERS MEETING. Friends M. H.
 7.30pm.
 Mon 10 ALCONBURY 7. Start of TRIAL.
 (see page 8).
 Sat 15 Radio-activity. 10.30am-4.30pm.
 Sat 22 STOP TRIDENT MARCH & RALLY.
 Sun 30 Newark Peace Festival. Sconce
 Hills Park. 12 - 5.00pm.



NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

The following groups meet regularly on the day
 in the month indicated. Where no place is
 given, ring Contact for details.

- Aspley: 2nd Tues. 8 p.m. Wm. Crane East.
 Arnold: Every 3rd Tues. 8 p.m.
 Basford: 1st Tues.
 Beeston: 2nd Tues. 8 p.m. Victoria Hotel (upstairs)
 Bestwood: 1st Tues. T.V Library.
 Bulwell: 3rd Mon.
 Bingham: 2nd Thurs.
 Burton J.: 2nd Thurs.
 Carlton/Gedling: 1st Tues. 8 p.m. Frank Wheldon.
 City Centre: 1st or 2nd Wed.
 Clifton: 2nd Tues. 8 p.m. Clifton Library.
 Forest F: 2nd Mon & 4th Thurs. 7.30 p.m. 69 Wiverton Rd.
 Lenton: 1st & 3rd Tues. 8 p.m. Edna G. Olds School.
 Radcliffe: 2nd Mon.
 Raleigh St.: 3rd Tues. 8 p.m. All Saints C.C.
 Sherwood: 2nd Mon.
 Sneinton: 2nd Mon. 7.30 p.m. 26 Lyndhurst Road.
 Stapleford: 4th Tues.
 Wollaton: 3rd Mon. 8 p.m. Wollaton Library.
 W Bridgford: 2nd Tues. 7.45 p.m. Trent Bridge Hotel.
 PAN: 2nd & 4th Mon. 7.30 p.m. NCND.
 Molesworth Defence Group: Every Sunday. 7.30. NCND.
 Women for Peace: Every Tues. 7.45.
 St. Andrews Church Hall.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTEBOOK

CLIFTON GROUP have been doing a PEACE CANVASS.
 They report good results from the doorsteps.

"NOT the Forest Fields NVDA Group" (a Sherwood
 and Lenton Group) are planning action at bases
 to publicise the arms race. Anyone who would
 like to join in, contact Pauline on 609396.

BINGHAM. A thanksgiving service for 40 years
 of peace is to be held at the Parish Church.
 The Peace Group is requesting an invitation to
 participate. Strange, they weren't invited in
 the first place!

The P.G. will, however, be present at the
 Community Fair and are planning a family Picnic
 for Peace at the Cricket Field on July 7th.

BEESTON (BANG) are producing their own leaflet
 to use when Cruise is out. There will be
 Central American Solidarity Campaign speaker at
 the next meeting.

TRIDENT

THE TRIDENT BALLOT

(see April bulletin for general background information)

The first NCND Trident Campaign meeting took place on Tuesday 23 April when six neighbourhood groups were represented. These are groups who want to take part in the Nation-wide Trident Ballot but there are other Nottingham groups who have also expressed an interest in this. The next meeting will be at the NCND office at 7.30pm on Thursday May 9th and ALL groups interested in doing the ballot or helping out with the rest of the Trident Campaign should send a representative.

Feedback from one neighbourhood group showed that quite a lot of interest can be generated by raising the Trident issue in street petitions. It also showed that the word "Trident" is unfamiliar to many people, something we will have to bear in mind in our publicity. Campaigners will need material for their own briefing and visual material on show to the public.

RESOURCES

Fairly detailed information about Trident is available in the National CND broadsheet "Questions & Answers About Trident", available at 10p at the NCND office. A leaflet for handing out to the general public is being produced by the Media Group and will be available by the Ballot period, hopefully a bit before.

TRIDENT BALLOT MAY 17-27

Street balloting will be taking place in various neighbourhoods on at least the two Saturdays during the period and in some cases during the week. It will also be taking place in the City Centre at St Peters Gate and possibly one other site. In the City Centre we will be relying on volunteers from all over and need a rota which will cover the following times:

Saturday 18 May 10 - 4 pm

Mon 20 - Fri 24 May 12 - 2 pm

Saturday 25 May 10 - 4 pm

This rota is now up in the NCND office to be filled in. PLEASE CALL IN OR PHONE TO OFFER YOUR HELP.

The participating neighbourhood groups will be organising their own ballots and counts (May 27) and all results will be amalgamated into the National figures on May 28.

In total we are ordering 10,000 ballot forms from National CND and also a number of posters specially designed to advertise the ballot. The Ballot Form asks the question "Should Britain buy the Trident submarine launched nuclear missile system at a cost of some £11 billion (£11,000,000,000)", has boxes for yes/no/don't know, space for name and address and the following wording:-

"In this street ballot you have a chance to express your opinion on one important aspect of Britain's defence policy. The results of the referendum will be sent to local MPs and the Minister of Defence, and published in the local and national media as soon as possible. IMPORTANT! Please print your name and address. This is to make sure the ballot is fair, with no double voting. Only fully completed forms will be counted. The count will be independently supervised and checked and the forms destroyed afterwards."

On the back is printed in some detail summaries of the main arguments for and against. (the "for" case being taken from government literature).

(More details about the Trident Rally on June 22 and the Trident petition will appear in next month's bulletin.)

STOP Trident Petition

RADCLIFFE P.G. got off to a good start for the collection of signatures in Rushcliffe constituency on a recent Saturday morning.

We set up our usual stall (picnic table) in the village shopping centre with a large notice 'STOP TRIDENT sign PETITION here' to advertise our purpose. In two and a half hours, nearly 150 people had signed and many more had been made aware of the issue. Although 150 is a tiny number, we felt the effort had been well worth while and had brought new local contacts. Several people thanked us for being there. People were particularly incensed at £11,000 million being wasted on Trident, while at the same time the Welfare State was being dismembered and people in the third world were being allowed to starve.

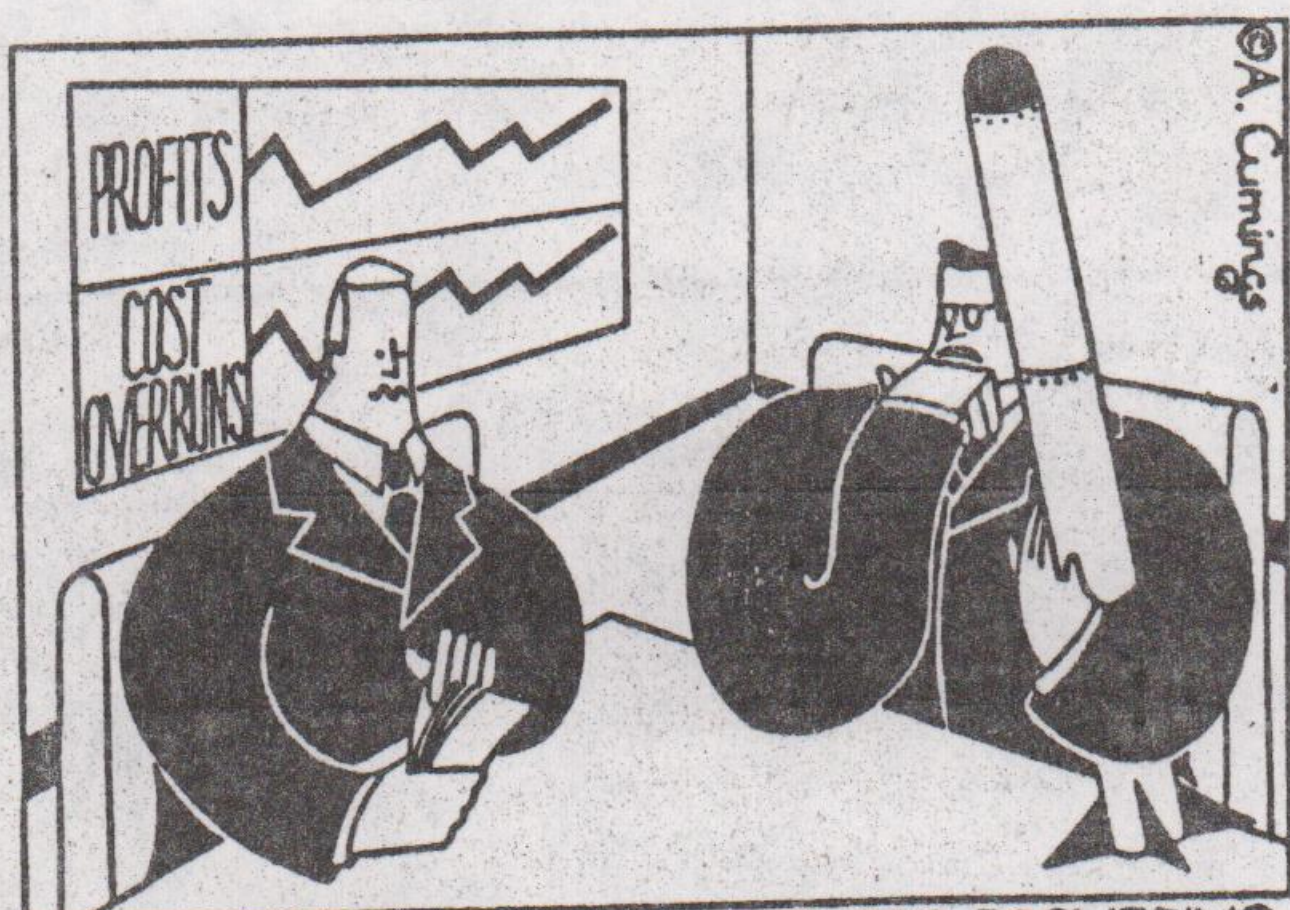
Working with the petition has one very chastening effect, however; it makes one realise how much we still have to do. A terrifyingly large number of people had either never heard of Trident, or hadn't the remotest idea what it was. In spite of resolutions at National Conference, Trident has received nothing like the attention from CND that Cruise has had. It is to be hoped that the petition and the ballot will begin to remedy this.

Trent Poly

The good news is that the students in General Meeting have voted to re-affiliate to National CND. Last term, Nottingham University Students' Union disaffiliated and so we faced predictable opposition from Peace through NATO who hoped that our Students' Union would go the same way. However, support for CND was strong enough for the re-affiliation to be passed without a headcount.

The bad news is that Trent Poly - with over 7,000 students, the third largest Poly in the country - has only 40 paid-up CND members. But, thanks to our core of active members, we have been able to run a stall every week and organise transport to several demonstrations.

We also recently organised two showings of THE BOMB (Jonathan Dimbleby's documentary of the Arms Race).



"I CAN'T SEEM TO SHAKE THESE RECURRING NIGHTMARES OF THE GOVERNMENT ASKING US TO MANUFACTURE SOMETHING USEFUL."

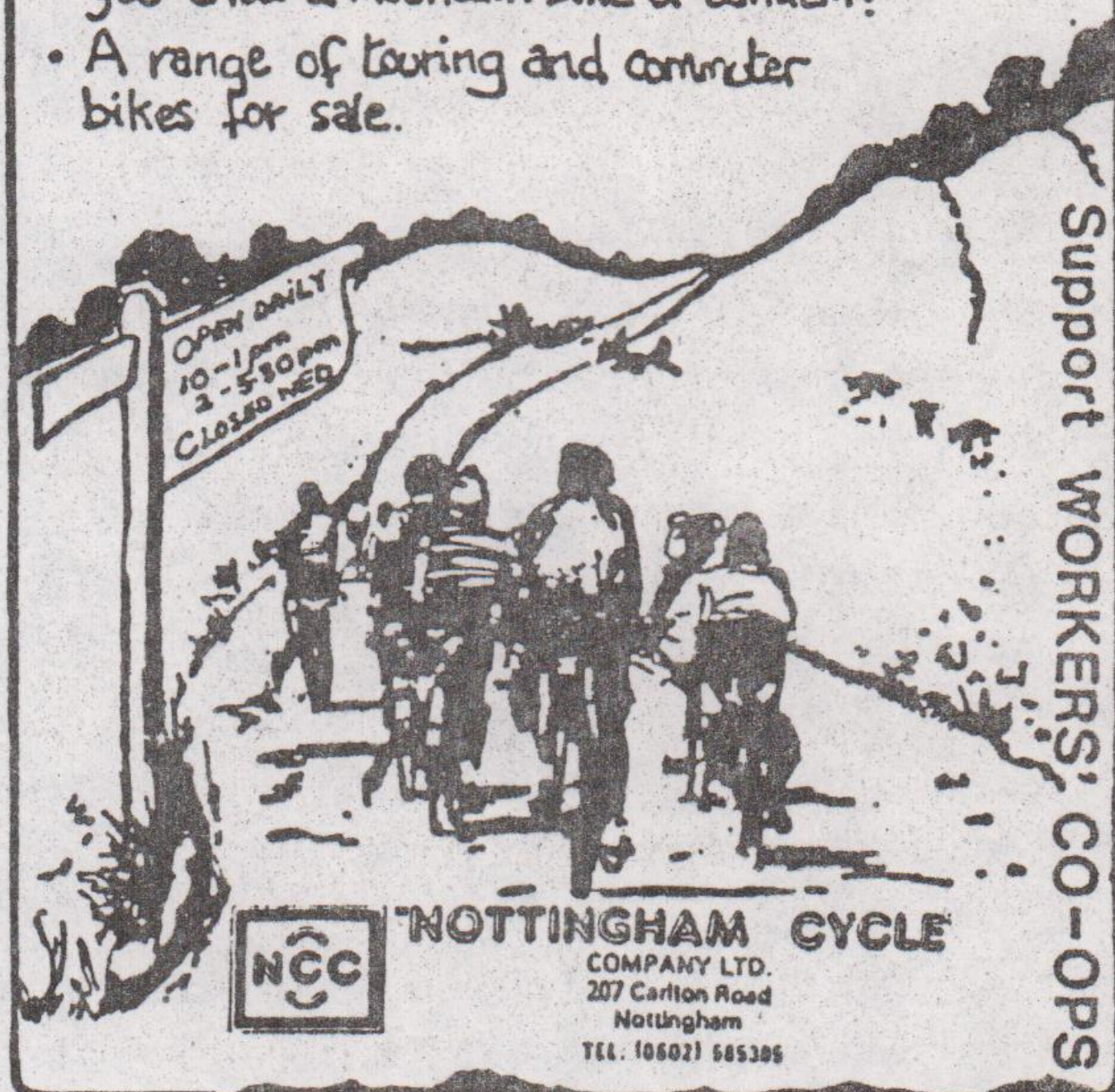
MAINTAINING VALUES IN MARGARET'S REALM.

There is an unease in some less respectful quarters that the rapidly developing linkage between private-sector defence-contractors and the public-sector defence-spenders is perhaps "un-English". It is true that such linkages do not really conform to Victorian values, but they do correspond to even more traditional values, those of some of the greatest in our land just over 200 years ago. Lord Hardwick commenting on Lord Essex's request for a royal pension from the secret service funds, remarked: "I look upon such pensions as a kind of obligation upon the Crown for the support of ancient noble families, whose peerages happen to continue after their estates are worn out." *

*B. Williams "The Whig Supremacy 1714-1760" p.140 in the Oxford History of England, dated Lady Day 1939.

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Dan Smith....

'The Peace Movement'

Phil Asquith... 'The Arms

Industry'

Gwyn Prins... 'The Balance of Power' and more - Interested???

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adult education for social action

JOIN THE MARCH

JOIN THE RESISTANCE

Wednesday May 29th is the regional day of action to defend Molesworth. For the first time since the security fence went up, CND groups from all eight counties in the East and South Midlands, will be joining together to protest against Cruise coming to Molesworth.

The demonstration will take the form of a march from USAF Alconbury to USAF Molesworth (approx 9 miles), finishing with a "gate party" at the Cockbrook lodge contractors' entrance in the afternoon.

(Alconbury is to be the control centre for Cruise missiles deployed at Molesworth) The event provides something for everyone. The march is normal "constitutional" protest, but the "gate party" is partly direct action, since some people will choose to have their party in front of the gate, and so will in effect be blockading.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET JOINED IN THE PLEDGE SCHEME; IF YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COME ON WEEKDAY DEMONSTRATIONS, IF YOU CAN ONLY JOIN ONE MOLESWORTH ACTION THIS YEAR...please come along on May 29th.

We have booked three coaches for Nottingham. Tickets cost £4 (waged) and £2 (unwaged), and MUST be bought in advance please, to save organisational headaches on the day. Coaches leave the old Salutation Inn at 8.30am.

There is a creche available in Nottingham - phone Leila 255146 to book a place for your child. For those who are thinking of joining the "gate party", there will be an NVDA Training afternoon at Queens walk Community Centre, from 1.30 to 5.0-0pm.

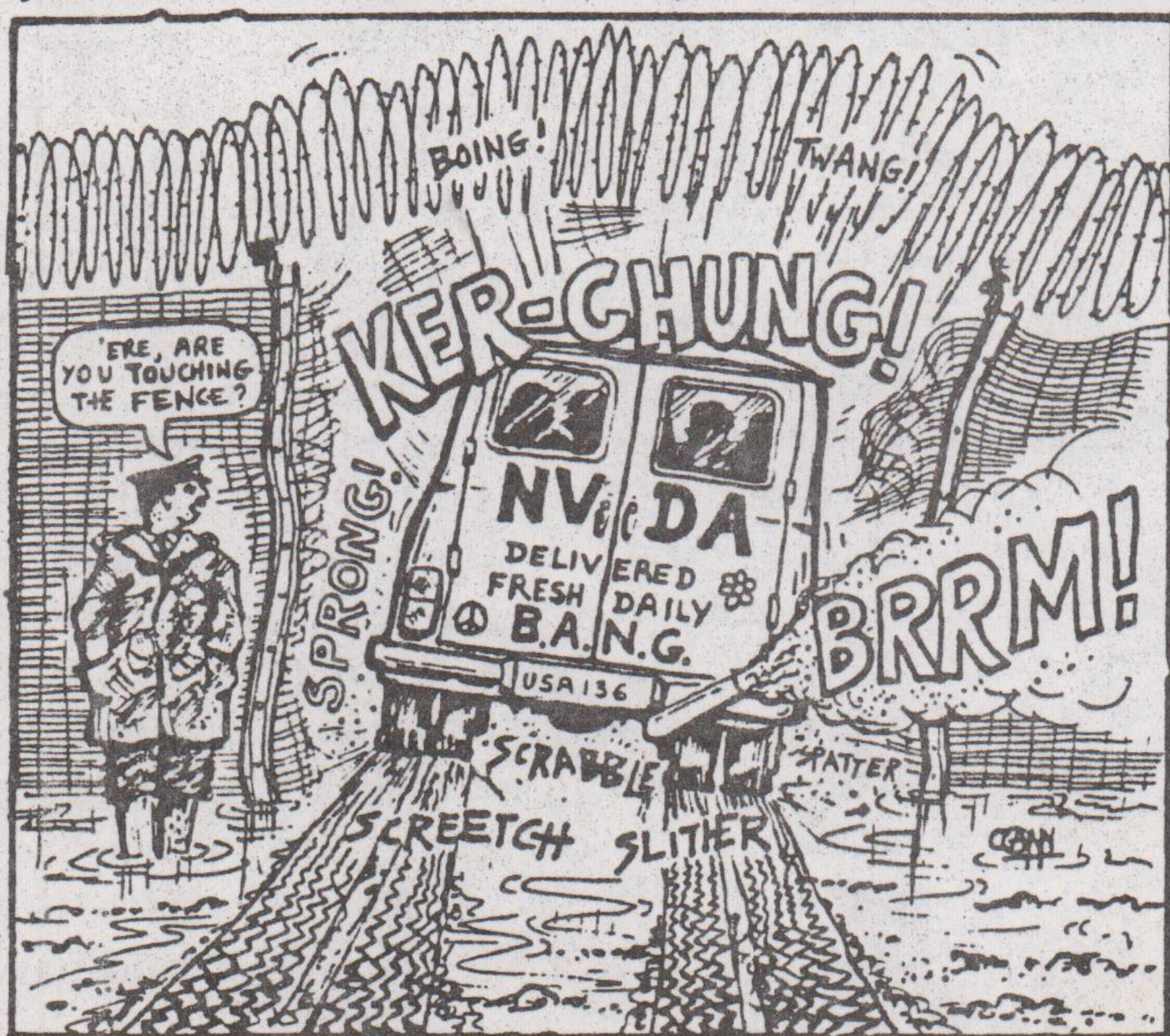
WHAT TO BRING: Musical instruments, streamers, balloons, picnic lunch, jelly, ice cream, funny hats, masks, ghetto blasters, banners, placards, ideas for party games, song sheets, friends, relations, kids, pets, stilts, balls, beanbags, fizzy pop, hair-dye, shaving foam, face-paints, fancy dress... We want the day to be fun as well as having a serious purpose.

There will be opportunities to leaflet local people, and workers at the base. The "gate party" will have a non-NVDA side, as well as an NVDA one, so PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO BE ARRESTED. WE HAVE INFORMED THE POLICE OF OUR ARRANGEMENTS, AND ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THEM ON THE PARKING OF COACHES AND CARS.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE MAY 29TH MARCH TO MOLESWORTH. TAKE A DAY OFF WORK AND JOIN THE RESISTANCE AT MOLESWORTH.

Pete Strauss

BOOGY ON DOWN AT THE BIG B.A.N.G. DISCO!



ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, THE NVDA DIVISION OF BEESTON ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP ARE HOLDING A PUNK-FUNK-SOUL-ROCK-FOLK-CHAMBER MUSIC DISCO AT THE "STAR" INN, MIDDLE STREET, BEESTON. THIS IS TO RAISE FUNDS TO PAY FINES AND BUY A VAN FOR...UH...TRIPS TO THE PICTURES AND PICNICS... TICKETS ON THE DOOR, £1-50 WAGED, £0-75 UNWAGED. STARTING AT 8.00PM.

SO... JOIN THE PARTY !

write to Ann...



Ann Francis has been sent to prison for 12 months for making a peaceful protest at Greenham last July. Why not write to her at H.M. Holloway Prison, Parkhurst Road, London. N7.

80 MILES FOR PEACE

CHILWELL TO MOLESWORTH : THE MARCH.

It had been a long time since I had walked to the corner shop, but five weeks ago the idea of a sponsored walk to Molesworth seemed an exciting prospect and a chance to take a break from humdrum work in Nottingham - a bit more upmarket than your average Raleigh St. jumble! Important though that is. A blustery Wednesday morning found a vast crowd of heroic volunteers and massed media (Jerky Video Collective) ready for the off at Chilwell. Over the next five days we would encounter rain, wind, rain, sun, rain, wind and rain, but we kept our spirits high by drumming, ringing bells, singing, whistling and waving at passers-by.

Our first day was one of the longest - 21 miles to Loughborough via a "reception" at County Hall. Many thanks must go to Loughborough C.N.D., especially to the friends who fed all of us that evening.

The next day we were joined by some equally experienced hikers from the Leicestershire police force walking the A6 to Leicester. That evening we recuperated with hot showers and beer at 40p a pint, not to mention a mutual foot massage.... Despite the night before, everyone was up bright and chirpy for the rally and send-off. Now we knew we really weren't alone, with nearly 300 additional marchers from Leicester as well as the support of throngs of people, waving, cheering and clapping us on.

Personally, exhaustion had set in by the time we reached Market Harborough, but I gradually revived with 3 cups of tea and free Hot Cross Buns. It was Easter after all. Despite, or perhaps because of, some anti-C.N.D. feeling in this conservative market town, the speeches by local peace workers, councillors and churchmen seemed particularly moving.

Suddenly, at our lunch stop on a grassy lay-by, the sun shone, people began to play music and games (non-competitive, of course) and we were joined by the Fall-Out Marching Band for the rest of the march. Their soulful and political kind of jazz music really stirred us on: singing and dancing even with banners and pennants in our hands, the remaining 6 miles to Corby Festival Hall seemed to fly by.

The accommodation provided by Corby Nuclear Free Council was really sumptuous: central heating, carpeted floors, free use of swimming pool and showers and free dinners and breakfasts for everyone.

Sunday morning and drizzle soon turned to a downpour, but we managed to warm and dry off a bit on the radiators of a church at our lunch stop. Accompanied by the Fall-Out Marching Band, we arrived at Molesworth. What a contrast! The M.O.D. had grudgingly lent C.N.D. a quagmire on which to accommodate around a thousand weary marchers, not to mention the many people who had come for the all-night vigil. Mud and confusion reigned.

As well as strengthening my leg muscles, I found the march a really stimulating, heart-warming experience and I would recommend it to anyone (e.g. May 29th March from Alconbury to Molesworth). It was a boon to find the back-up facilities so good - toilets, food and vans to carry our luggage and weary children en route, as well as overnight comforts. The experience of being together for five days and nights brought us 13 from Nottingham together and we hope to build on this affinity.

And many thanks to all those who sponsored us - please pay up!

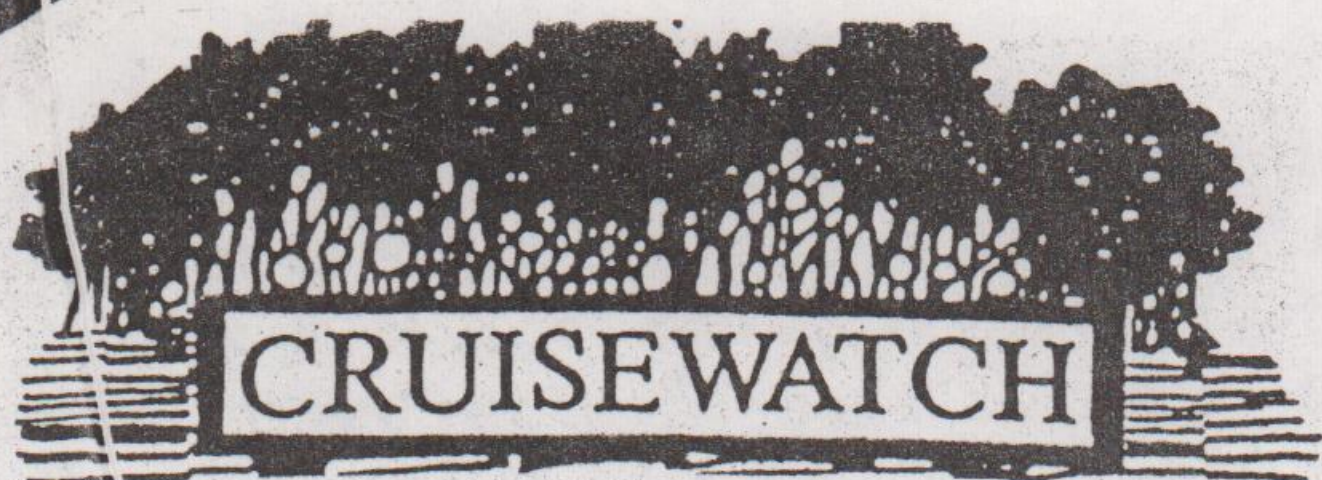
DOROTHY WILSON.

Anti-Nuclear Music

Most people have now seen news reports or Peace Videos featuring people singing or playing instruments - it's not as difficult as you might think! We need your original tunes or lyrics, your tunes learnt from others and your voice or instrumental accompaniment. The "MUSIC" Group (otherwise known as "Four Minute Warning" - the time given to get out of being pressed into joining us) aims to help lift our spirits at demonstrations, making them into a really positive statement of how we feel. We intend to meet at least one Friday evening each month and "perform" at each major demonstration or CND event. Give it a try - we've got tambourines, etc., if your voice is not too good, as long as you can keep time, you'll be OK. For details, ring Rob Wilson, tel.415667 - next practice May 3rd at NCND office.

ANDY D'AGORNE.

NCND.



CruiseWatch invite people from all over the country to DEMONSTRATE PEACEFULLY at a CRUISE DISPERAL SITE during MAY.

If you are interested, contact Campaign Atom, 34a Cowley Road, Oxford. Tel 0865 726441. They hope to be able to give 48 hours' notice of the demo.

CruiseWatch is a CND-backed group of peace campaigners who monitor cruise missile exercises. They exist to show that Cruise is not viable in its declared objective of "melting into the country". They also need financial help for petrol and publicity costs (cheques payable to "CruiseWatch".)

When Cruise is Out

About once a month, a massive convoy of cruise missile launchers leaves Greenham and drives on our roads to a site in our countryside (usually on Salisbury Plain) where they practise nuclear war for about 4 days.

They try to do this in secret. Because of "CRUISEWATCH" they have never succeeded. The media, however, has aided them by giving the minimum publicity to these outings, so that most of us never know that Cruise has been out.

Some NCND neighbourhood groups are remedying this by organising protest demos at traffic highspots during the rush hour.

When cruise went out in March...

WEST BRIDGFORD GROUP were at Trent Bridge at 5pm - more than 20 strong - with a 24 foot banner "Cruise is on the move" and assorted placards.

They invite others to join them next time. Ring West Bridgford Contact to have your name added to the "Cruise Out" telephone tree.

RALEIGH ST GROUP were at Canning Circus at 8am

FOREST FIELDS and SHERWOOD were at MANSFIELD ROAD ISLAND at 5pm for another "Hoot if you support us" demo.

All groups intend to be there next time. WHY NOT JOIN THEM?

***** U.S.A.F. NEWTON *****

WELFARE NOT WARFARE
PICNIC
SUNDAY JUNE 30th.

Join the protest at Nottingham's
Second U.S. Base.

Details in June Bulletin.

DEFEND MOLESWORTH CAMPAIGN
BENEFIT DISCO

Saturday, May 11th. 8-11pm
Italian Community Centre,
Sherwood Rise. 75p./£1.25.
Sounds by Bob and Marco.



Alconbury - Molesworth

Threat to Civil Liberties

Most CND members will by now know that Molesworth is to be the second cruise missile base in Britain by 1987 and that the government has spent over £3m. building a fence round the site and passed bye-laws making it a criminal offence to try to get into the base or even just to decorate the fence by attaching things to it. The 400 Nottingham people who went to the Easter demonstration saw how the Police chose to turn a "blind eye" to technical breaches of the law when pennants, posters and daffodils were attached to the fence. Similarly, when it suits them, women getting into cruise launch vehicles at Greenham have been removed and not charged, presumably to avoid undesirable publicity for failings in security.

Many, however, don't know of the other side of the coin, when police "discretion" is used to put pressure on activists who are seen as persistent offenders, ring leaders or people who can be used as an example to deter others: The "Rainbow Village" people (evicted in the military operation at Molesworth in February) have been systematically harrassed, picked up and held on various minor charges. A group of several villagers who drove towards "Peace Corner" were stopped and subsequently charged (including the solicitor and legal observers) with obstructing a police officer in the course of his duty. Bail was granted - but on condition they stayed at least 15 miles away from the base.

Similar bail conditions on nine protestors who set up a peace camp at Alconbury have prevented them from going near the base for nearly a year. USAF Alconbury will be the control centre for Molesworth. The two bases will operate as one, the missiles being flown in to Alconbury and transported by road to Molesworth. The nine were charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage - no one has been charged with actually causing damage, only conspiring to do it. If convicted, they could serve a prison sentence of 3 - 10 YEARS. After six months of worry, charges against two of them were simply dropped, the remaining seven will appear in Northampton Crown Court on June 10th.

Why have conspiracy laws been used against this group and not against Greenham women, Reclaim Chilwell, Action '84 and local NVDA groups? Is it intended as a way of deterring any permanent protest at Alconbury, to deflect protest towards Molesworth where it will not affect an operational base? Is it to set a precedent for use of conspiracy charges when needed against other protest groups, trade unions, etc? Or is it just to frighten off "respectable" people from supporting non-violent direct action - or even discussing it - so that protest can be narrowed to groups that can be dismissed by the media as "the lunatic fringe"?

We must give wide publicity to this political trial and its implications for civil liberties. Join the Nottingham demonstration on June 10th.

ANDY D'AGORNE.

Support the Alconbury 7

The trial of the "Alconbury 7", charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage at Alconbury and Molesworth, will begin on June 10th at Northampton Crown Court and is expected to last four weeks. This is the first time that conspiracy charges have been brought against peace protesters; if convicted, they could face long terms of imprisonment. Because of this, NCND is organising a local

DEMONSTRATION on JUNE 10th

Assemble: Market Square 12.30

There will be a large petition or statement for us to sign in which we admit that we have conspired for peace. At 12.45, we shall march to the Central Police Station to hand ourselves in for conspiracy.

FACT

The operation to clear peace campers from Molesworth and erect the fences cost £6.5 million. (M. Heseltine: answer in Parliament 26.2.85.)

Doing the Alconbury SWITCH

Look, it's getting predictable ... the police have an early lunch, then pile into their vans to be just in time for the Nottingham party in the afternoon. They don't need inside information.

So Wednesday April 10th, Nottingham's Pledge Day, stretched Molesworth to Alconbury, where the Government wants Cruise Missiles to be flown into this country. "R.A.F." Alconbury is home for one Briton, 3,500 Americans, the Blackbird spy plane SR71 and the Phantom Bomber/Fighter, and is to be the recipient of a \$55 million improvement grant in 1985/6.

Also the new By-Laws don't apply there...

Enough secrecy on our part ensures that this time there is no reception party and plenty of time to negotiate the new, improved razor wire fence; plenty of spring growth there. In no time, there are 20 people spreading out in groups around the base, across runways, past planes and some bemused non-security personnel.

Inevitably, after 5 or 10 minutes, jeeps begin buzzing around and, tired from running anyway, we are rounded up. I see one of the group I was in, climb onto the wing of a plane, get dragged off and kicked in the face and on the body and yet appear smiling a few minutes later. Now we're sitting on the tarmac or lying down, watching clouds float over - it's a beautiful Spring morning, even on the runway of an American Base. Profiled against the blue sky are unsmiling faces, hiding behind dark glasses, chewing gum and spitting on the ground. They aren't pleased to see us.

I suppose they think we hate them for being here - well, we do ask them to leave and take their weapons with them - so for that they hate us. Maybe for these men this is action and we're the enemy and they're trained to hate the enemy. Some of them are armed.

The rest of the day, in the hands of the M.O.D., makes less interesting reading. They tried to punish us in some small way by cooping us up in squash courts, without food and drink for 6 hours, but there wasn't much they could do. We played games, chatted or slept the time away, until they'd decided what to do with us.

The Charge Sheet says: "Arrested, Suspicion Criminal Damage". There wasn't any and nobody saw us enter...

They didn't like what we'd done. Hundreds of police had stood around at Molesworth, with nothing to do. We spoilt their party by gatecrashing someone else's. It will happen again, somewhere else, perhaps. It's important that we keep the police guessing about places and times. This can be done without abandoning the Pledge Scheme. With a little imagination, the whole campaign could be stepped up a gear. Instead of dancing to their tune, let's play our own.

GEOFF YOUNG.



Women's Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer was celebrated by interdenominational services conducted by women in many churches up and down the country, including Sy Mary's Radcliffe.

The text this year was prepared by the All India Council of Christian Women. It included the following,

Is there peace in your country?

Can there be peace when nations are suspicious and afraid of each other? Where is peace when there is a lack of trust and faith? The arms race is affecting every country in the world. A huge proportion of the nation's budgets which should be used for a better life for their people is being used to buy arms. The arms industry is contributing to the escalation of war situations and tensions all over the world.

There is not peace, and the whole of God's beautiful creation is on the brink of nuclear catastrophe.

And more in similar vein. Women were able to take the printed text away to ponder in private. Hopefully some will swell the growing number of Christians who are taking a stand against nuclear weapons

NOTTINGHAM'S PEACE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER at VICTORIA LEISURE CENTRE

Speakers: FRANK BARNABY;
THE BISHOP OF ST. ANDREWS;
CLAIRE RYLE.

Arrangements are underway for the big Peace Conference organized by the Nottingham Nuclear Freeze Council. Three speakers have so far been fixed.

Professor FRANK BARNABY, formerly Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, is well known for his writings on nuclear weapons.

THE BISHOP OF ST. ANDREWS has supported the Freeze movement in Scotland where the main focus has been on cancelling Trident.

CLAIRE RYLE of East-West Reach, was formerly national secretary of MCANW and is currently working at Bradford School of Peace Studies on a handbook of organisations involved in East-West exchange.

We hope also to have a speaker from Greenham.

The conference will be all-day and will provide opportunities for informal discussion. Lunch will be available to the accompaniment, we hope, of folk music. Exhibitions will be on display. There will be a creche.

The conference will be mainly a delegate one, although individuals will also be welcome. We aim to attract people who, while perhaps broadly in sympathy with our aims, have not before been involved with the peace movement. Invitations will be sent to a wide variety of organisations, trade unions, churches, Round Tables, women's groups, professional organisations, political parties, etc.

Personal contact is likely to be very important. Please talk about The Conference to people you meet and, if you belong to any organisation, raise the question of sending a delegate.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

If the same rule applies as last year, NCND will be entitled to a maximum of **TWO** motions to National Conference in November. Any proposals will be discussed at the Policy-Making Monthly Meeting on June 9th. and must be received at the Office by May 20th. in order to appear in the June Bulletin.

In addition to the actual conference, we have drawn up a DECLARATION calling for international action to find a solution to the arms race on the lines of the 5 Continents' Peace Initiative, led by the heads of State, of India, Sweden, Tanzania, Mexico, Argentina and Greece. The following is central to the message.

"We call on all nuclear weapons States to take the necessary first step of halting all testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons to be followed by a continuing programme of arms reduction."

We are seeking to get this declaration endorsed by Nottingham's two twin cities: Minsk in the USSR and Karlsruhe in W. Germany. We are also approaching Madison, USA for endorsement.

Obtaining media coverage for the conference is going to be very important in extending its message to the wider public.

All this clearly involves much detailed organisation. We badly need more helpers, both on the day and, more importantly, at the planning stage. We would welcome anyone interested to our meetings. The next two are on:

FRIDAY MAY 3 and THURS MAY 23

at the Friends' Meeting House, Clarendon Street, at 8 p.m.

For further details contact Nick Armstrong on 280314.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FOR DISARMAMENT

celebrate with

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN FOR PEACE

Fri. May 24 Lunchtime. Market Square

Music Balloons Badges
Our 2nd Newsletter

AND

Sat. May 25 7 p.m. All Saints
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N.C.N.D.



Bread not Bombs

Arms and Hunger : A double threat.

*Huge increases in military spending worldwide are killing poor people by draining resources urgently needed to fight hunger.

*Third World governments are importing almost 25 billion dollar's worth of armaments annually, while over 500 million people suffer chronic malnutrition.

*As many people die from hunger and related diseases every 3 days as perished at Hiroshima.

*In 1984 the Third World bought £1,800+ million worth of military equipment from Britain. If spent on food, this would have bought 13,235,000 tonnes of grain.

WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE
20-26th MAY.

You can help this campaign in Nottingham during this week of action. We hope to have an information stall in Listergate for the week and need volunteers to help staff it. If you have an hour or so to help, please contact DAVID LANE on 816049.

PARACHUTISTS FOR ETHIOPIA

On Sunday, 2nd. June, a group of 12 people including members of Forest Fields Peace Group will be jumping out of a plane at 2000 feet to raise money for the starving millions in Ethiopia.

We are at present writing to firms and companies and approaching individuals to sponsor us for any amount. The money will reach Ethiopia and will be used to feed the poor through the 'Band Aid Trust'.

If you wish to sponsor us or just want more information please ring Jas on 706500.

THESE PEOPLE ONLY WANT TO LIVE



CND/PAN 200 CLUB

The second draw for the 200 Club took place at the Member's meeting on April 14. The lucky winners were:

1st Prize £50	Phil Wilkins
2nd Prize £10	Fred Usher
3rd Prize £ 5	West Bridgford Neighbourhood Group

The next draw will be on May 12th.

IF YOU HAVEN'T JOINED THE 200 CLUB YET, WHY NOT DO SO NOW?

You will have a good chance of winning a prize and, above all, you will be helping CND and PAN raise funds for campaigning. (All proceeds are divided between CND and PAN.)

The 200 Club consists of people who pledge a pound a month. Each person is allocated a number and there are two draws a month, one for the prize of £50 and another for the prizes of £10 and £5.

It would help our administration if you would complete the bankers' order below. However, if you don't have a bank account, a single payment of £12 or twice yearly payment of £6 will do.

You are not limited to one share... if you feel adventurous, why not buy two - or five?

Please return to CND/PAN 200 Club,
Unit B. 14-18 St Mary's Gate, Nottm.

Name

Address

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CASH PAYMENT £12.00/6.00 (delete as
appropriate.)

Promoter: Rob Holland, 33 Church Drive,
Carrington, Nottingham.

PEACE FESTIVAL

Once upon a time, in 1981, there was a Peace Festival, and every year since then a small group of people have gathered to continue the tradition. This year, the fifth, half a dozen of us are trying to put together an event for all of you out there.

As always, the spectre of finance looms large. The purse strings are tighter than ever, and we are unwilling to put any strain on NCND'S hard pressed resources. Last Summer's Festival was largely financed by generous donations from the County and City Councils, and many of the attractions were only made possible by prior knowledge of cash in the bank to pay for them. The restrictions that the Thatcher government are imposing on local government spending means that we cannot count on such help again. This year the festival must therefore be self-financing. We are considering at least one fundraising event, but there are limitations to what we can achieve alone and unaided - perhaps a neighbourhood group might care to volunteer?

You will all soon be receiving our appeal for help during the weekend of the event; a quick response would make our task much easier. We need firm offers for programme distribution, guarding the site overnight, car park organisation, rubbish collection and, perhaps most important, preparing the site for the festival.

At the moment we are awaiting confirmation of the date from the council; we have applied for the Victoria Embankment on July 14th, reserve dates being the 7th and 21st.

Anyone interested in joining our as yet small planning group note that we meet on Thursday 25th April at 8pm in the NCND office, and at fortnightly intervals thereafter.

Peter Zabulis
PEACE FESTIVAL GROUP

Pennies for Peace

A Notts Peace Group recently received a very special donation - £13 - 22 made up entirely of shining 2p pieces.

They came from the local Methodist Sunday School. A recent session was devoted to the theme of Peace. After hearing about the Suffering that war has brought to the world, the children decided to make a collection for peace. They laid out their 2p pieces - all specially polished for occasion - in a long line round and round the borders of the carpet of the Schoolroom until there was over a mile of coins.

They then gathered them up and the Minister brought to the local Peace group.

PEACE PENTECOST

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY MAY 27 1985

What is Peace Pentecost?

Pentecost, the Festival of the Holy Spirit is a festival of hope. The Spirit has the power to heal, to unite, to change hearts, to build bridges of trust. At the first Pentecost the Spirit was revealed as a Spirit of Reconciliation, and those who heard the Good News were called by the Spirit to spread the message of peace and hope among all people.



Come and Celebrate...

London is the centre of government. It is government policy that decides on our nation's priorities. It is the government, in our name, that commits Britain to its part in the nuclear arms race, that chooses to allow cruise missiles to be based here, that plans to buy the Trident submarine system at a cost of £11 billion. We have a duty to preach the message of the Gospels to all people, including those in government. This Pentecost help turn Whitehall into a place of worship and witness for peace.



Encircle.....

Our celebration will begin in Southwark, one of London's nuclear free zones. Like other inner city areas, Southwark is suffering from high unemployment, and lack of resources to tackle housing and other social problems. The arms race is hurting there, as it is in other parts of the world. Our celebration in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park (next to the Imperial War Museum) will be followed by a procession to Whitehall where we will encircle the Ministry of Defence buildings in a ribbon of prayer and hope.

DETAILS: Assemble 12 noon Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, Southwark.
Celebration and Act of Worship—Music—Speakers
2-30pm Procession to Whitehall
3-30pm Encirclement of Ministry of Defence

For further details of Peace Pentecost, including details of coaches contact:
CHRISTIAN CND, 11 GOODWIN ST, LONDON N4 3HQ



Our Housebound Members

We have become increasingly aware, from information received on membership renewal forms, that a number of N.C.N.D. members would like to be more active in the Campaign, but state that they are housebound or disabled, or very senior citizens.

The matter was raised at the Co-ordinating Meeting on 4th April, and it was unanimously agreed that we should inform members who feel they may belong to one of these categories, that this should be no reason for deterring them from offering their services.

There is much work that can be done from one's own home. If you are interested get in touch with your Group Contact, or the office.

Should you wish to attend any C.N.D. demonstration, we will try to make special arrangements. Please let us know if you wish your name to be entered on a list of people who would like such help: Perhaps Group Contacts can help.

Membership Team

The Weight of Nothing

(This piece was given to Pete Strauss by an elderly Quaker lady in East Germany, after and spend some time discussing questions of peace and disarmament).

"Tell me the weight of a snowflake", a coalmouse asked a wild dove.

"Nothing more than nothing" was the answer.

"In that case, I must tell you a marvelous story", the coalmouse said. "I sat on the branch of a fir, close to its trunk, when it began to snow, not heavily, not in a raging blizzard, no, just like in a dream, without any violence. Since I didn't have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the twigs and needles of my branch. Their number was exactly 3,741,952. When the next snowflake dropped onto the branch - nothing more than nothing, as you say - the branch broke off".

Having said that, the coalmouse flew away.

The dove, since Noah's time an authority on the matter, thought about the story for a while and finally said to herself, "Perhaps there is only one person's voice lacking for peace to come about in the world".

EMERGENCY

NCND OFFICE in TROUBLE.

1. We have still not been able to find new premises and will be remaining at St. Mary's Gate till August. Two very suitable places have been "not available" after lengthy negotiations.

Can any member help with suggestions? Contact Ann Kestenbaum.

2. We shall need more OFFICE VOLUNTEERS.

Anyone who can give an hour or so a week on a regular basis, please let us know.

We particularly need volunteers for Tues., Wed. and Thurs. afternoons when we sometimes have to close the office early because of a shortage of helpers.

YOUR BULLETIN NEEDS HELP.

We would welcome helpers at all stages of Bulletin production from writing to delivery.

At present we particularly need

WORD PROCESSOR TYPISTS

If you are a professional typist and have not yet tried your skills on a W.P., here is your chance to learn. The work has to be done during office hours.

We would also welcome help with

1. COLLATING
2. DELIVERING Bulletins in some areas.

Ring Jos on 33 3637 if you can help.

MISSING

Three black plastic books containing photographic slides illustrating nuclear issues are still missing from NCND office. Anyone who knows of their whereabouts please inform us at once. They are urgently needed by NCND speakers.

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