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Forward Planning-

JULY.

- 4th. Co-Ordinating Mtg. NCND
7.30pm.
7th. Def Moles. 7.30pm. NCND
Office.
10th. Molesworth Pledge Day.
11th. Monthly Mtg. YMCA.
Shakespeare St. 7.30pm.
Speaker - Marjory Thompson.
14th. 5th Nottingham Peace
Festival. Victoria Emb. 12
noon 'til 8pm.
15th. Bulletin Deadline/Editorial
7.30pm. NCND Office.
21st. Defend Molesworth. 7.30pm.
NCND.

WHAT'S ON

- 28th. Defend Molesworth. 7.30pm.
NCND.
31st. Molesworth Pledge Day.

AUGUST.

- 6th. 40th. Anniversary. HIROSHIMA.
9th. 40th. Anniversary. NAGASAKI.

SEPTEMBER.

- 21st. Nottingham Peace Conference.

OCTOBER.

- 26th. NATIONAL DEMO LONDON.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

The following N/G's meet regularly
on the day in the month indicated.
Where no venue is given, please
phone contact for details.

- Aspley: 2nd. Tues. 8pm. Wm. Crane
East.
Arnold: 3rd. Tues. 8pm.
Basford: 1st. Tuesday.
Beeston: 2nd. Tues. 8pm. Victoria
Hotel.
Bestwood: 1st. Tuesday.
Bulwell: 3rd. Monday.
Bingham: 2nd. Thursday.
B. Joyce: 2nd. Thursday.
Carl/Ged: 1st. Tues. 8pm. Frank
Weldon.
City C. 1st. or 2nd. Wed.
Clf/Mdws: 2nd. Tues.
F/Fields: 2nd. Mon / 4th. Thurs.
7.30pm. 69, Wiverton.
Lenton: 1st & 3rd. Tues. 8pm.
Edna G. Olds School.
R.o.T: 2nd. Monday.
Ralph St: 3rd. Tues. 8pm. All Sts.
Community Centre.
Sherwood: 2nd. Monday.
Sneinton: 2nd. Mon. 7.30pm. 26,
Lyndhurst Road.
Stapld: 4th. Tuesday.
Wollaton: 3rd. Mon. 8pm. Woll
Library.
W. Bridg: 2nd. Tues. 7.45pm. Test
Match Hotel.
P.A.N: 1st. Mon. 7.30pm. NCND
Office
Def Moles: Every Sunday. 7.30pm.
NCND Office.
W.F.P: Every Tuesday.

IT'S HAPPENED AT LAST!

The Meadows and Clifton have joined together to
form a new CND neighbourhood group. Lots of
enthusiasm and ideas emerged from our first
meeting, e.g. Stall at Peace Festival,
recruitment drive, Shadow Project in Hiroshima
Week and lots more!! Anyone living in Clifton
or the Meadows is really welcome; please come
along to our meetings:-

Tuesday 9th July, 8.00 p.m. at the Clifton
Library, Southchurch Drive, Clifton.

Then

Tuesday 13th August, 8.00 p.m. at 140A Wilford
Grove, The Meadows.

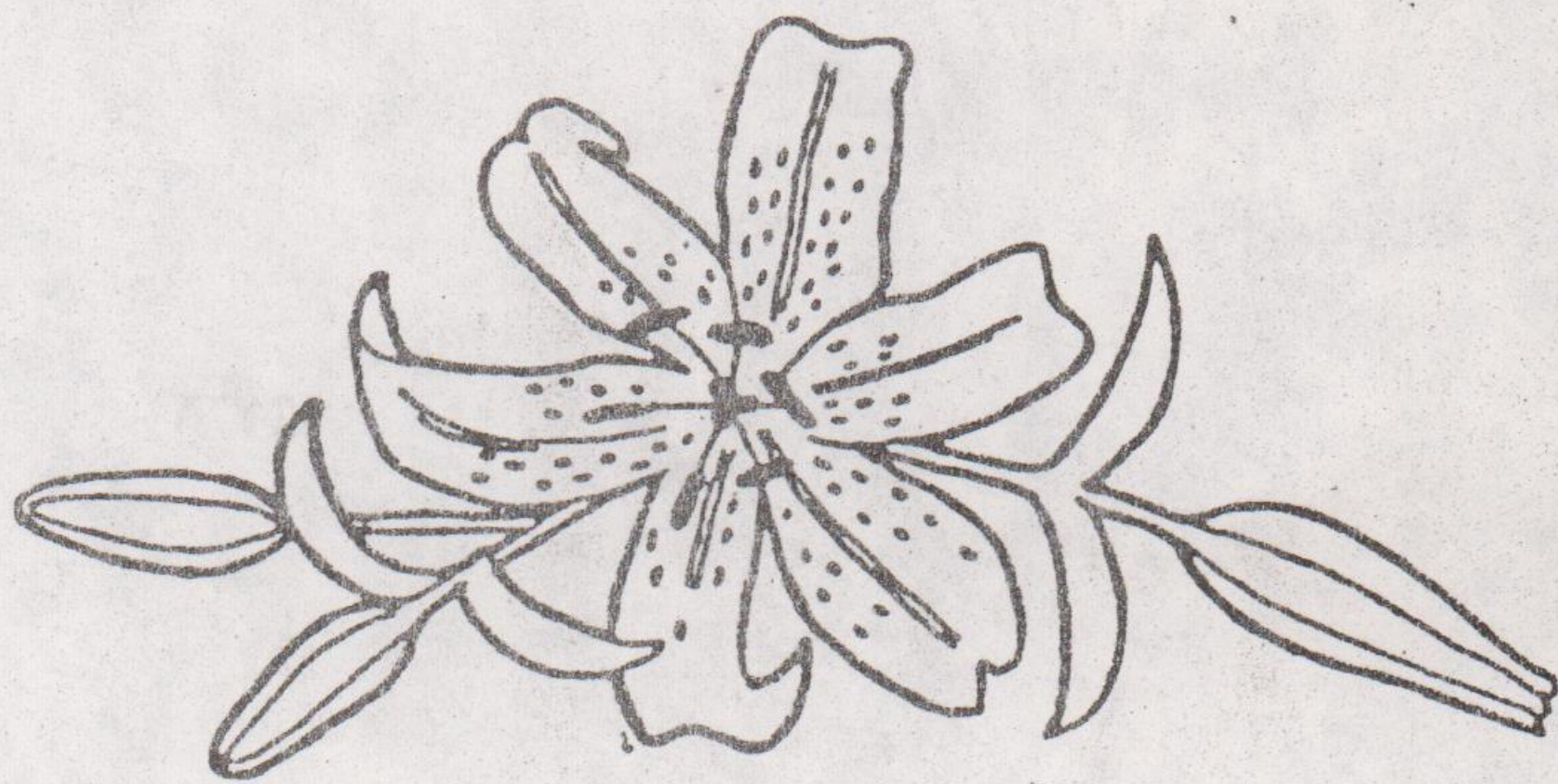
For more information, contact Karen Winfield,
Tel:863955.

RALEIGH STREET CND PICNIC.

The Raleigh Street N/G will be
holding a picnic for it's members
in the Arboretum during the
afternoon of Sunday, August 4th. We
thought this would be a nice way to
get our less active members along
to meet everyone. Perhaps other
groups would like to try this as a
means of getting to know folks you
don't normally see.

PEACE FESTIVAL

JULY 14TH 12 TO 8PM
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT NOTT'M



PEACE: a state of quiet: freedom from disturbance: freedom from war: ease of mind or conscience: tranquillity: silence: stillness...

FESTIVAL: a joyful or honorific celebration: a feast: a season or series of performances of music, or plays, or the like...

As I write this article, three weeks before the fifth Nottingham peace festival I wouldn't mind a little bit of what the dictionary defines peace as!

The state of play at the moment is that everything is falling into place with the main problem being keeping track of who is doing what, where, when, and occasionally why. The stalls are rolling in, 63 so far and many many more promised but not sent in their forms. The posters and leaflets are done and the piles of them in the CND office are going down nicely. The shocking pink car stickers have arrived and there's one attached to this bulletin to put in your car or house window. The badges are ready - same design as last year. We've got somebody to lay out the site and found all the canes, ropes and bunting from last year. Somehow we have a choice of 4 stages for the performance area when last week we had none. All of the bands are ready and only two have had to be replaced - one group split up and another groups' drummer broke her wrist.

Over in the childrens' festival another panic is going on - all the grant applications are going wrong and budget trimming has to begin.

The good news there is that the Woodcraft Folk have offered to help the Peace Pledge Union co-operative sports and games team and some of last years' childrens team are coming back.

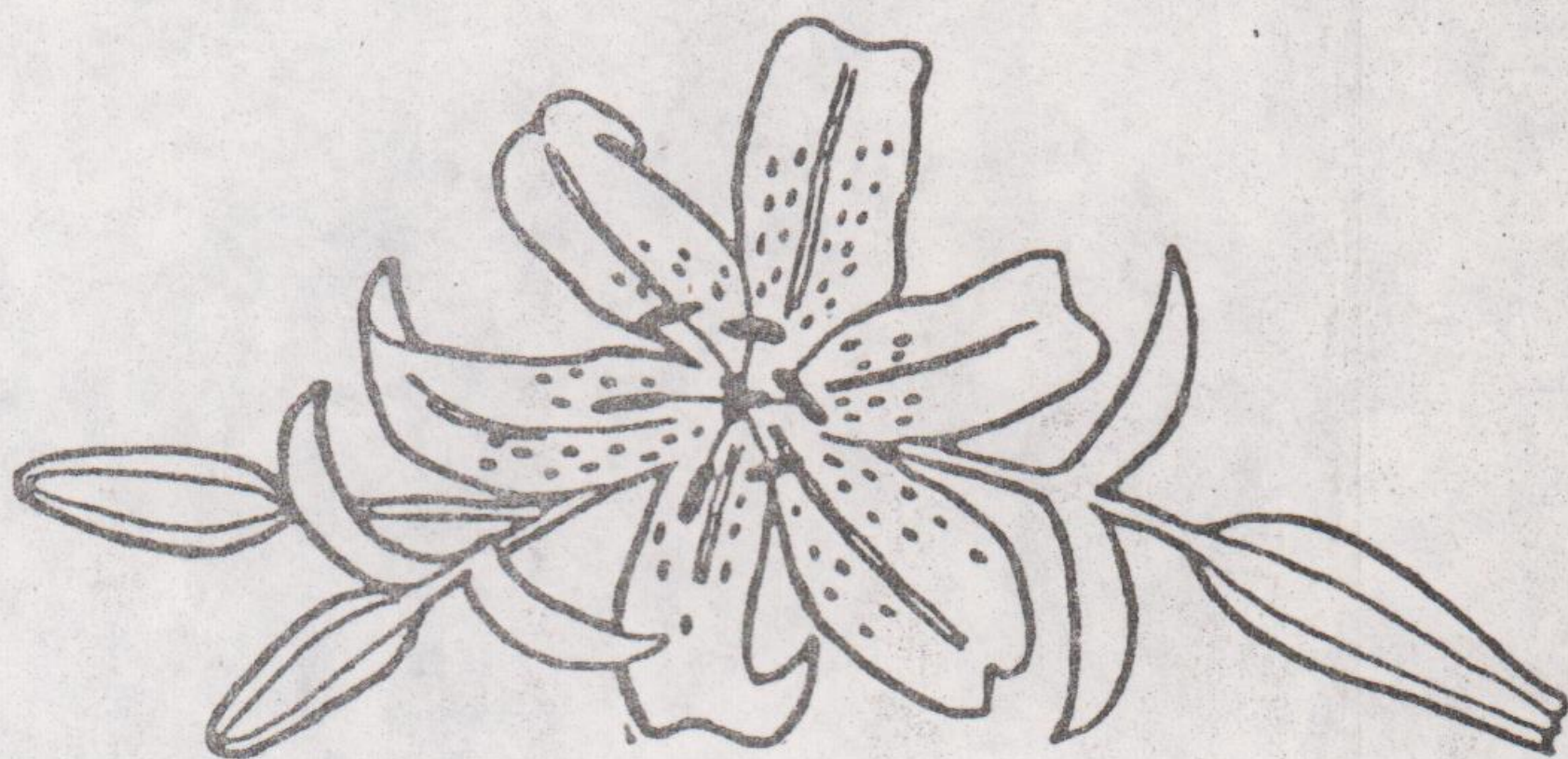
Exhibition boards... oh dear, here's a list of eight more places to try as last years' are not available. Was it Red Cross or St. Johns we booked? Why are there only two in Nott. CND with a class 1 heavy goods licence? Do we budget for Portaloos or will the County Council find there's? Well, the City Council are to give us £500 but did you see or hear the news about some charity being turned down for a grant at the same meeting? And the Tories and the Post are suddenly so concerned about the handicapped - that's where the Council should be spending their money, our money they say. But who is destroying the welfare state and replacing it with Trident? Anyway we'll ring the charity and offer them a free stall.

Peace: quiet: silence - the dictionary writer must be a real joker!



PEACE FESTIVAL

JULY 14TH 12 TO 8PM
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT NOTTM



Here's the last minute arrangements:

STALLS: Booking forms are in the CND office or are available from Celia or Rob (604986 eves.) to whom all stall enquiries should go. If you're having a stall and not yet booked act today please as it's impossible to lay out the site without knowing the number of stalls.

PUBLICITY: There's large colourful posters and leaflets at Mushroom Bookshop and at the CND office, and more of these shocko pink car stickers. Please take what you can use. Help will be needed especially on Sat. 13th leafletting in the town centre - go to the stall at St. Peters Church to pick up a pile.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: All general enquiries please to Ross (582506 day, 623182 evening) not to the CND office please.

CHILDRENS: We have at the moment only a slender chance of running an all day creche as we simply do not have the numbers of people to cope with the hundreds of children who went to the creche last year. The emphasis will therefore be on entertainment not childcare. We may still be able to run a creche for stall holders children - ring Chris on 626543 to confirm. We will need considerable assistance on the day to mind the inflatables and so on - again ring Chris or offer on the day.

VOLUNTEERS: We need more muscle on the day before the festival, from very early on the day of it, at the end and first thing the day following. We need people on the day to sell badges, give out programmes, work with children, hold one end of bits of string, stand about waiting on a job and very very important, help Basford CND clear up the rubbish at the end. If you know you're free, ring Rob or Celia on 604986 evenings. Or find the main CND information point on the day, or ask anybody on the day with a nervous tic if you can help out. You too can then roam about looking worried but (self) important!

SPOTZ: No, not a skin complaint but Nottingham's very own alternative cabaret will be performing under canvas on the site on Sat. evening. The best and worst of local musical and comic talent will appear in this fundraiser for £1 (50p unemployed etc.) tickets on the door. The perfect way to start the festival - bring your own fine wines and vintage port.

Well that's about it. We'll see you at the festival.

Peace and freedom. Festival Group.

ps. we'd be very pleased to receive your written comments (send them to the CND office) so that next year we can ...

NO MORE HIROSHIMAS

A Nottingham Peace Conference

Invitations are now going out to Nottingham organisations to ask them to send delegates to the Nottingham Peace Conference on September 21st. Speakers at the conference will include Professor Frank Barnaby (ex-Director of the Stockholm Institute for Peace Research and now Director of the World Disarmament Campaign, Claire Ryle (co-founder with Jim Garrison of "East-West Reach"), the Bishop of St. Andrews (Michael Hare Duke) and a woman from the Greenham Common camp.

The City Council have given a grant to cover the cost of the Victoria Leisure Centre. It has also agreed to endorse a Peace Charter drawn up by the Nottingham Nuclear Freeze Council and to send copies of this to Nottingham's twin cities in the USSR, West Germany, Yugoslavia and elsewhere. Nottingham is also approaching New York, where a Congressman who helped get that city declared a Nuclear Free Zone is interested in a Nottingham-New York peace twinning link. With the joint endorsement of at least some of these cities, we hope to be able to publish the Peace Charter for the 40th anniversary of Hiroshima Day in August.

The Peace Conference will be open to individuals as well as delegates and publicity materials will be available soon. For further information just now, please contact Nick Armstrong (280314) or Ann Kestenbaum (602497).

FORTY YEARS ON

Hiroshima/ Nagasaki - Shadow Project

A lot of people have shown interest in the Shadow Project idea, but as yet this has not been translated into a group who are willing to take it on. It will be discussed at the next co-ordinating group meeting and hopefully the relatively small number of people necessary to carry out the work will come together in time to plan the action and work out the details about materials etc.

LONDON DEMO

OCT. 26 SAVE IT!

NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th.

National CND are again mounting what promises to be a massive public demonstration against Nuclear Weapons this October in London.

Nottingham CND will be there in vast numbers. We will be taking down TWO TRAINS this time, each holding 350 people. There will be food and drink available on both trains provided by local wholefood caterers and, as usual, a multitude of items for sale, information of all suitable kinds and, hopefully, nice weather. Tickets will be available soon price £10 waged and £6 unwaged, children under five travel FREE.

There will be more information on the theme of the demo., train departure times, publicity materials for Neighbourhood Group use etc. in forthcoming Bulletins.

The trains will cost NCND over £5,000, 10% of which we paid on booking and the balance to be paid a full TWO WEEKS before we go. So you can see it is imperative that we have enough ticket monies in to cover this huge outlay. I know we say this every year but please....

— BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY. —

We will be pushing hard over the next four months so START SAVING NOW!!!

*** STOP PRESS *** STOP PRESS ***

Tickets will be available at the Peace Festival on Sunday, July 14th. from the NCND Info. Stall.
Bring your cheque books!!!

Rob Raynham.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

National CND membership numbers are rising. In 1984, they went up from 75,000 to 110,000, an increase of nearly 50%. In Nottingham, during 1984, CND membership went up by only 5%. There may be all sorts of reasons why this happened, but the fact is that almost ONE THIRD of the membership of Nottingham CND at the beginning of 1984 DID NOT renew their subscriptions.

You might say "Oh well, let them go, they don't want to be members of CND any more", but, in fact, a lot of these people were still delivering Bulletins, going to CND meetings, demonstrations, etc., or were even Neighbourhood Group contacts! At the moment, I cannot see any reason for people who were once interested enough to join Nottingham CND to think that things have got so much better that they aren't bothered about the campaign and don't want to be members again.

I have found that invariably people let their membership lapse through nothing more than forgetfulness, possibly because of other commitments. If we want to get these people to become members of Nottingham CND again, there is only one thing that is required: KNOCKING ON THEIR DOORS. It's as simple as that. In my experience, almost every person rejoins, there and then, and will be grateful that you have made the effort on their behalf. Besides the fact that you will be doing your bit for Nottingham CND, making contact with people in this way is FUN. Try it.

Of course, you'll find that people aren't always at home, but if you go out with a list of, say, 6 names and addresses, you'll probably come home with at least 2 or 3 new memberships, paid up, and you'll feel it was well worth it. Also, you might find that people have moved or left the area. In the first case, if a new address is given, it can be passed on to the contact for that area. If they've left the area altogether, then at least we'll know why their membership lapsed, as long as the information is passed on to the NCND office.

It is helpful if Neighbourhood Groups share the work amongst themselves; if possible, maybe set up a rota or a membership group. Several of the Neighbourhood Groups in Nottingham already have their own systems of maintaining their membership and hardly ever lose people at all.

So that Neighbourhood Groups can plan at their meetings before the event, it's been decided that it would be a good idea if SEPTEMBER should be MEMBERSHIP MONTH, when most people have come back from their holidays, but when the weather is OK. So start planning NOW ...

Lists of Lapsed members from 1984/5, joining forms, as well as an information sheet to fill in will be circulated around the Neighbourhood Groups soon. Let's aim at 100% contact - there are hundreds of NEW MEMBERS to be gained.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY - JULY 12 & 13

Dan Smith ... speaking about

"The Peace Movement"

and

Scott Sinclair ... leading a session on

"Development Education for Adults"

and more !!!

Cost: You only need to pay for coffee, lunch and tea.

If you are interested, contact:

Paula Allman - work phone 506101 ext.2291
or home phone 9585-481.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

USING THE MEDIA WORKSHOP

Sunday August 18th.

Queen's Walk Community Centre,
10.30 - 5.30

This dayschool is open to anyone in the Peace Movement who is interested in learning about press releases, being on telly or doing radio interviews.

Please bring your own lunch.
Creche facilities will be available.

For more information, please contact Pete Strauss at 704621.

BYE BYE BYE-LAWS

SUNDAY, = JULY 28TH. =

"Break the Byelaws" Day at Molesworth".

When a democratic protest, such as that made by miners during their national strike, begins to threaten the sort of government Britain has at the moment, the automatic response seems to be CHANGE THE LAW. This now seems to apply to the Peace Movement.

Although it is quite legal to trespass onto M.O.D. or U.S.A.F. land, exceptions were made when, on April 1st, Byelaws were introduced, under Part II of the Military Lands Act 1892, making trespass, amongst various other things, illegal at Molesworth and Greenham Common. As these are the two bases where Cruise missile deployment is planned, it appears that protest against Cruise missiles has become illegal anywhere near the deployment site. In the case of the Cruisewatch protest, almost any activity near Cruise transporters makes protesters liable to arrest.

Although the Byelaws will undoubtedly be applied to bases other than Molesworth and Greenham, the initial decision to apply them to Cruise bases only was designed purely as a method of preventing legal protest against a weapon that is not wanted by a majority of people in this country.

The new Byelaws make it illegal, not only to trespass onto the base, but also to fly kites and balloons, decorate the fence with ribbons and leaflets or allow your dog to wander through a gap in the fence.

On Sunday, July 28th, the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group aims to break every single one of the Byelaws.

Your group can choose which one to break and how to break it - there are many which you can break without risking arrest. Even the police have realised how ridiculous they are and the aim of the action is to highlight the stupidity of these laws and to protest against the criminalisation of normal political dissent, as well as emphasising the new oppressive legislation will not make the Peace Movement go away.

The following is an exact copy of the Byelaws introduced on April 1st:

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No persons shall:

- (a) enter or leave or attempt to enter or leave the Protected Area except by way of an authorised entrance or exit.
- (b) enter, pass through or over or remain in or over the Protected Area without authority or permission given by or on behalf of one of the persons mentioned in byelaw 5(1).
- (c) cause or permit any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or over or to be or remain in or upon or over the Protected Area without authority or permission given by or on behalf of one of the persons mentioned in byelaw 5(1).
- (d) remain in the Protected Area after having been directed to leave by any of the persons mentioned in byelaw 4.
- (e) make any false statement, either orally or in writing, or employ any other form of misrepresentation in order to obtain entry to any part of the Protected Area or to any building or premises within the Protected Area.
- (f) obstruct any constable (including a constable under the control of the Defence Council) or any other person acting in the proper exercise or execution of his duty within the Protected Area.
- (g) enter any part of the Protected Area which is shown by a notice as being prohibited or restricted.
- (h) board, attempt to board, or interfere with, or interfere with the movement or passage of, any vehicle, aircraft or other installation in the Protected Area.
- (i) distribute or display any handbill, leaflet, sign, advertisement, circular, poster, bill, notice or object within the Protected Area or affix the same to either side of the perimeter fences without authority or permission given by or on behalf of one of the persons mentioned in byelaw 5(1).
- (j) interfere with or remove from the Protected Area any property under the control of the Crown or of the Service Authorities of a visiting force, or in either case, their agents or contractors
- (k) wilfully damage, destroy, deface or remove any notice board or sign within the Protected Area.
- (l) wilfully damage, soil, deface or mark any wall, fence, structure, floor, pavement, or other surface within the Protected Area.

There will be a Training Day for this action on Saturday, July 20th, 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m., at Queen's Walk Community Centre, in rooms 1 & 2. There will be creche facilities.

On Sunday, July 7th, there will be a Defend Molesworth Group meeting at the NCND office, at 7.30 p.m., to discuss this action.

Coaches will leave the Salutation Inn at 8.30 a.m. Tickets IN ADVANCE PLEASE, cost £2/£4.

THERE WILL BE NO NORMAL PLEDGE WEDNESDAY ACTION AT MOLESWORTH IN JULY.

Apologies to those who were looking forward to doing something there on that day, although you can still go if you want to organise it yourself. The reason is partly that the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group didn't want to overstretch itself and partly that we wanted to provide something for those who can't go to Molesworth on Wednesdays.

NOTTINGHAM DEFEND MOLESWORTH GROUP.

MAY 29th.**— A LOOK BACK...**

For the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group, the Gate Party & March must be counted as one of their most successful protests at Molesworth. I can imagine it took some a long time to realise that, what with the day being one long Carnival.

I felt it was disappointing that one of the coaches was only half full, but for many it was their first time at Molesworth and Alconbury. The criticism most often levelled at the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group is that they appear to cater only for direct activists, but May 29th certainly showed that they are quite capable of organising 'constitutional' type demos.

Three hundred-ish people, coming from all over the East and South Midlands, walked the ten miles from USAF Alconbury to USAF Molesworth, through picturesque country lanes. I know we didn't attract much attention, apart from the locals of Alconbury and Alconbury Weston, who looked on with bemused smiles!, but I felt it gave me a chance to make the link personally between the two bases and to have ample opportunity to listen to other people's views on nuclear disarmament. Anyway, bases like these get put in the countryside so that, amongst other things, only a small number of people are aware of their existence ... which is partly why we were there. It was also a chance to meet some great people!

What a sight the march was: balloons galore, multi-coloured banners, brightly dressed people, with singing and music all the way. The weather certainly helped to make the day a great success, bright blue skies, with temperatures in the 70s.

The Gate Party was excellent - balloons, streamers, party poppers and hats, face masks, whistles and even custard pies and crazy string flying about, all at one time. Games were played by those who still had some energy left (and those who, like me, think they're big kids still!!) For those who felt too tired, there were certainly a lot of unusually interesting things to watch. Plenty to eat, too, thanks to Veggies.

A symbolic blockade spontaneously happened at the end - a huge circle of singing people - did anybody have a tape recorder with them?

What did the day achieve? Lots, I think. No traffic came out of the Cockbrook Lodge Gate, the contractors' gate, for the 3 hours we were there, so we effectively delayed construction work on the base. There was no intensive police presence and no arrests.

I know that I am an idealist, but why can't there be a Gate Party at Molesworth every day - unrealistic, I know, but what a great way of protesting at the siting of Cruise missiles at Molesworth and a simple way of stopping the lorries using the main gate.

July 28th, - here I come.

KAREN WINFIELD.

Defence and Aid Fund

One of the unavoidable problems facing those involved in Direct Action, especially since the new Byelaws were introduced at Molesworth and at Greenham, is the paying of fines.

Although some people are willing to face prison sentences, many are not, but they are unable to pay the fine and have to go to prison anyway.

A lot of the people who take part in Direct Action are young and unemployed and having to find between £25 and £100 to pay a fine can be a big problem. Most people would agree that the idea of people who have been arrested for demonstrating against the siting of Cruise missiles in this country, especially young people, having to go to prison because they can't pay their fines, is totally unacceptable.

So much money is required to actually maintain a Direct Action campaign, that it becomes very difficult to put any into a Defence & Aid fund. At the moment, this fund is very low in Nottingham and needs contributions. It is absolutely vital that the fund is able to pay some people's fines in the future.

If you or your group would like to make a donation to Defence & Aid, please send it to the Peace Action Network Defence & Aid Fund, c/o NCND, Unit B, 14-18 St. Mary's Gate, Nott'm. Please make cheques payable to Peace Action Committee. Thank you.

Geoffrey Young.

The Case for the DEFENCE

As some of you who read the pages of Sanity will know, the debate about the future direction of National CND's campaign goes on unabated. One of the ideas which have come up recently suggests the need for a "Defence Charter" and this idea is being talked about in various quarters. On this page is printed a draft of what such a charter might be. Below is some of the thinking that lies behind it.

We are perhaps two years away from a general election. The disarmament movement lost out in the last election because we allowed the Conservatives to set the agenda for the debate about defence in such a way that we couldn't win. They made it appear to the electorate a simple choice between nuclear weapons or defencelessness (and part of the Labour Party went along with that). If we don't address that claim head-on, they will do it again and win again. Our resistance to individual new weapon systems is essential, but if we continue to concentrate on that alone and avoid engaging with public opinion on the subject of defence v. defencelessness, shifting the agenda, so the choice becomes seen to be nuclear escalation v. proper defence, we will again be marginalised.

An essential part of winning majority support for unilateralism will be our successful insistence upon the proposition "Britain can be defended without nuclear weapons". To insist that Britain does not need to be defended is to ignore both the evidence of polls and our own experience of talking to people when leafleting, balloting and holding public meetings. We must not underestimate people's belief in the need for defence. It has much less to do with any real fear of Russian invasion than with much deeper nationalistic feelings that don't necessarily identify any particular enemy. Polls show quite clearly that most of the people who oppose Cruise and Trident, still do not support unilateral nuclear disarmament.

This does not mean that CND should advocate any particular defence strategy and it would be wrong to do so. It does mean that we play a more forceful part in creating the climate in which alternatives to nuclear defence are discussed and found plausible. The purpose of the Defence Charter is to attract in the form of a campaign around it (e.g. through Chartist meetings?) a section of the public much broader than the existing peace movement. It would not be CND-led, but CND-supported.

Feedback, please, through neighbourhood groups to July's co-ordinating committee, or direct to Ann Kestenbaum.

(For a fuller version of these arguments, see James Hinton's article in April's "Marxism Today".)

A British Defence CHARTER

DEFEND BRITAIN WITHOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Peace with security is the first object of a genuine defence policy. No country can preserve itself indefinitely by threatening to annihilate another. Nuclear threat and counter-threat have brought humanity to the brink of self-destruction. The central aim of Britain's defence policy should be to diminish the risk of nuclear war, while providing a reasonable level of security.

Defence is not simply a military question. Military reform is essential, but so is a responsible foreign policy. Everyone in the world today depends on everyone else for their safety, freedom and economic welfare. The gross inequalities between North and South are as potent a source of global insecurity as the rivalries between East and West. We hold our security in common with all other human beings. Safeguarding that common security must take priority in our national defence.

We call on any future British Government to:

1. Stop competing in the nuclear arms race, by sending back cruise missiles and cancelling Trident.
2. Introduce an effective and non-provocative defence system, which does not rely on the threat to use nuclear weapons.
3. Support United Nations Proposals for international disarmament and take active measures to reduce East-West tensions.
4. Adopt the long-term goal of ending the division of Europe between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, so that all foreign troops may eventually leave Europe.
5. Promote international reconciliation and the global economic reforms needed to reverse the growing impoverishment of the peoples of the Third World.

contd...

The true defence of Britain requires that we cherish and enhance our open and democratic way of life. Defence policies which lack widespread public support can only serve to undermine peace and security. With this Charter, we, the people of Britain, reclaim responsibility for the defence of our country.

Trident Rally

As a follow-up to our recent success with the Trident Ballot, we held an anti-Trident March and Rally on Saturday, June 22nd.

At about 11.00am. several hundred people were gathered on the Forest Recreation Ground. There were colourful banners from CND groups all over the city alongside those from Peace groups from outside Nottingham.

In intermittent sunshine and undeterred by the high wind and the threat of rain we set off for the City Centre along Mansfield Road and Upper Parliament Street into Slab Square via St. Peter's Gate and Wheeler Gate. This new route enabled far more of the Saturday shoppers to see the March as it passed through the central area.

We were greeted by live music played by Patio Doors as we filed into Slab Square and they continued playing until everyone was comfortable. The speeches, from Ann Kestenbaum on behalf of NCND; Peter Whincup of MCANW; Jean Stansfield from NALGO; Connie Lloyd of the World Development Movement and John Cooke, Methodist Minister and University Chaplain, were kept short and all made very pertinent points about Trident's intimate link with Government cuts in health and social services, poverty, Third World Aid and the immorality of Nuclear Weapons.

After the speeches, the Fabulous Dirt Sisters played the Rally out whilst the collection tins went 'round. We collected over £70 in all.

Although the demonstration didn't attract as many people as we would have liked it was still a valuable opportunity to visibly show our opposition to this Government's one-sided escalation in the Nuclear Arms Race.

CND/PAN 200 CLUB

CND/PAN 200 CLUB Winners - June-

1st. Prize £50 - Gill Aldridge.

2nd. Prize £10 - Simon Chuda.

3rd. Prize £5 - Bronwen Westacott.

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

I would like share/s in CND/PAN
200 Club at £1.00 each.

Total per month £

To Bank

Branch address ,

Account Number

Please pay on receipt of this order the
sum of £ and on the first day
of every month thereafter to:

Co-operative Bank, Nottingham Branch,
Friar Lane, Nottingham, to the credit of
CND/PAN 200 Club A/C 50526877.

Signed Date

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

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

DIFFERENT DRUMMERS

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

HENRY THOREAU.

It seems that there are a few people within Nottingham CND who are a little unhappy about non-violent direct action (NVDA). I don't really know how many of them there are or even what it is exactly that they are unhappy about. No-one has so far confronted me with their criticisms. I tend to just hear the odd rumour or passing comment. I believe that disagreements of this kind are best brought out into the open, so that we can all discuss them together as friends. What follows is a personal defence of NVDA and its role within the Peace Movement.

First a definition....NVDA means taking direct personal responsibility for your feelings of dissent and protest. For example, instead of asking someone else (an MP or shopsteward or delegate) to do something on your behalf, you actually do it yourself. NVDA does not necessarily involve breaking the law:- going on strike is direct-action, but it isn't illegal (yet!). NVDA that does specifically choose to break or defy the law is Civil Disobedience.

Non-violent direct action isn't new. It's been around for centuries. Many of our more democratic institutions exist today precisely because our ancestors took direct action of one sort or another to win them for us.

Non-violent direct action is one tactic within a whole wide rich strategy of securing nuclear disarmament. It is part of National CND's programme and has been for many years. Bruce Kent himself has committed civil disobedience by refusing to pay a proportion of his tax to the Inland Revenue.

So what's all the fuss about? To be honest, I really don't know. It saddens me, actually, that people are sometimes so quick to find fault and criticise. Those of us who take part in direct-action aren't out-of-step with National CND, since CND supports NVDA. We often become involved in this area of campaigning for intensely personal reasons, which we try not to force down anyone else's throat. Surely, those

feelings should be respected? I don't criticise other peace activists for helping with the stall, or organising a jumble sale, or going on a march. Indeed, I do all of those things myself, too. I try and take an active part in my Neighbourhood Group, I helped with the Trident Ballot, I've organised a Public Debate with a local Tory MP, and I've been involved in negotiations with the Council around the question of hiring an NFZ-worker.

I'm not showing off or asking for thanks or praise. There are many, many other people who do far more than me. The point is that there are lots of us in PAN (Peace Action Network) who help out with the mainstream day-to-day work of the campaign. But people often seem to forget that. Those of us who become active in NVDA seem to get typecast. That saddens me and I feel it is unjust.

How many of us have seen the film "Ghandi" or watched documentaries on TV about Martin Luther King? How many of us felt moved to tears when we watched those films? How many of us have been filled with respect and admiration for the men and women involved in those campaigns? Well, they were direct-activists! If what they did was right and good, then why should we be judged to be wrong? It is often so...it seems easier to identify with controversial figures from history than with controversial figures of today. The point is that today IS history, too. I don't want to wait until after we have abolished nuclear weapons to have your support. I want it now.

The most important task facing humanity is to rid the world of nuclear weapons. That shouldn't even need saying in a CND Bulletin, but sometimes I think that we can forget that most simple fact. It is more important than all of our differences, our political, religious, ideological, philosophical or moral differences. I sometimes think that we forget that. The international movement for nuclear disarmament is so rich, so diverse and so varied: it is like a huge tapestry of a thousand colours and patterns and textures. I believe that we should have respect and tolerance for all those different strands. And I believe we should treat one another with friendship and kindness. (Kindness is the most under-valued political weapon in history.

The Peace Action Network is a loose coalition of affinity groups and individuals in the

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Nottingham area, who meet together on a regular basis to co-ordinate and plan for direct-actions for peace. The meetings are open to anyone who would like to come along. They take place on the first Monday of the month in the CND office from 7.30 p.m. We are happy to send speakers on NVDA to any Neighbourhood Group and to organise direct-action Training Days for any group who wants it. We produce a regular newsletter which will be sent to anyone who wants to join our mailing-list. We also have access to a 15-seater minibus which is available for hire to any Peace Group round about. We organise occasional actions, the most recent of which was the Picnic at "RAF" Newton on June 30th.

I hope this has cleared up a few misunderstandings and brought the debate out into the open. I expect the debate will go on, but I think it would be nice if it could happen in public; for example, in the pages of this Bulletin. Let's at least keep talking to one another.

PETE STRAUSS.

Radio-activity Dayschool — Report.

The dayschool was arranged by the Media Group primarily to encourage armchair activists with telephones to become more involved in the campaign for Peace by taking part in radio 'phone-ins. Thousands of local people listen to these programmes, so obviously it is a freely available means of getting the disarmament message across.

Helped by Jeremy Younger of Radio Nottingham, we began by listening to recordings of past 'phone-ins, analysing the approaches individuals made to their subject and the role taken by the interviewer. It became clear that it is important when 'phoning in to have a few points you wish to make and to stick to them - not allow the presenter to lead the discussion away from the topic or to broaden it to the detriment of your intentions. A lot depends on the radio presenter, whether the person is sympathetic, of course, but also whether he (it is invariably a 'he' on Radio Nottingham!) is inclined to get you bogged down in a complex and difficult argument. Clearly, lofty intellectualising doesn't make good popular radio, so if this is the case it may be an excuse to get rid of an awkward customer.

Much of local radio is to do with the banal: certainly it seems they like to trivialise matters, but a careful approach pays dividends and a serious subject, broached in the right

manner, can lead to an interesting and persuasive debate.

After lunch, we went on to discussing the problems of doing radio interviews. Everyone had some experience of the difficulties involved and felt comfortable talking openly about them. We did some role plays, taking it in turns to be interviewer and interviewee, so to speak. This proved invaluable in giving us a chance to assess how the confrontational nature of interviews has a bearing on the quality of the thirty seconds or so which eventually goes on the air. It became clear that the psychology of human interaction plays a big part - the notion of standing close, answering difficult questions by speaking openly and personally to a stranger, feeling uncomfortable with microphones and tape recorders, being inhibited by the brisk, sometimes intimidatory presence of the interviewer. These inevitable facets of an interview can be overcome, to a degree, by experience and also by talking the difficulties out, using role plays as a tool to help. Our experience made us feel more comfortable with, and more positive towards, the radio medium.

Several ideas came out of the day; firstly, that of condensing the dayschool into a two-hour package which would be a meetings option for Neighbourhood Groups. Certainly, this would enable the possibilities opened up by this day to be made more accessible to NCND members. Secondly, that we should think about a small group willing to be spokespeople who would work together and be available to handle CND's work with the media. The third, and nicest, idea was that folk should 'phone in to request suitable music dedicated to people taking part in demonstrations, etc. This is a simple way of drawing attention to an event - a step in the right direction!

ROB RAYNHAM.

... an Invitation ...

FROM THE M.O.D. TO ATTEND THE
ALCONBURY MILITARY AIR TATTOO
BEING HELD *inside* THE
USAF ALCONBURY AIRBASE ON
SUNDAY 21ST JULY.

Entrance is via the main gate! (no fence climbing involved).

Admission charges only! (£1 per pedestrian, £5 per car load, £15 per minibus, £30 per coach.)

A minibus is going from Nottingham.

Is anyone interested in going?

For further details contact Karen, Tel 863955 immediately.

PACIFIC WOMYN FOR A NUCLEAR FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC

After hearing the amazingly powerful and moving words of Chailang and Titewhai (the Pacific Womyn who recently toured Britain), a group of us have been meeting to work out what to do to support Pacific peoples' struggles.

So far we've had several informal meetings in which we've shared ideas about what we could do. Some of the ideas we've come up with (and there's always room for more) are:

- Making a poster, raising awareness,
- Making links with other similar groups,
- Direct action/pickets, sit-ins of tourist agencies, companies, etc.,
- Producing a leaflet, leafletting,
- Self-education, sharing/learning information,
- Linking the issues involved,
- Showing 'Nightmare in Paradise' (tape and slide show of the Pacific holocaust),
- Finding books and information available,
- Producing an information pack,
- Writing to Pacific women's groups and to Chailang and Titewhai,
- Attend the anti Japanese-dumping demo in London in September,
- Produce newsletter/bulletin,
- Compile a mailing list.

We decided that the priorities at the moment were self-education, sharing information, learning from each other and finding out about books. We all thought that we needed to know more before we could do some of the other things.

We each agreed to find out about a particular subject and that we would talk about these at future meetings; racism and colonialism, Japanese dumping, the Aoterean (New Zealand) treaty with Britian, effects of radiation, testing in the Pacific, Uranium mining, multi-nationals, deployment in the Pacific, religion and the Church.

OUR MEETINGS - 2nd and 4th Monday of each month
 - W.E.A., Shakespeare Street,
 - 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

SEE YOU THERE. All women welcome.
 Disabled access.

For more details, phone: Carol 822095 (p.m.)
 or Alison 506101 ex 3657
 814288 (p.m.).

If ou can babysit or need a babysitter,
 phone Izzy 412098.

N.I.F.P. NETWORK

This group is part of a network of groups throughout the country; representatives from these groups meet together about every six weeks.

There are several groups and issues that the NFIP network would like CND's support in:

- 1) Hiroshima Day August 6th - Focus of the campaign for a comprehensive test ban treaty;
 Focus on what is happening in the Pacific NOW and not just what happened in Japan in 1945. We need to encourage the government to:
 - Compensate Christmas Islanders for British testing and clean up contaminated areas.
 - Compensate Australian Aboriginal people for British testing and clean up contaminated areas.
 - End testing in Nevada upon Nauajo people's lands.
- 2) Resolution to CND Conference - Local groups are allowed to send 2 resolutions by 3rd July to the annual conference. Try to get a pro-NFIP resolution debated and passed. We suggest the following wording:

'CND resolves to assist the implementation of the Pacific people's charter for a Free and Independent Pacific by giving the following practical support for Indigenous Pacific people to come to Europe:
 financial help, publicity, setting up meetings, disseminating information from the Pacific, active involvement with Pacific campaigns.

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Pacific Waste Dumping Action Alert !

The Japanese government intends to begin dumping Nuclear Waste into the Pacific immediately following the LONDON DUMPING CONVENTION in September this year (23-27th) at International Maritime Organization Building.

They had planned to begin their dumping program in 1982, but have been prevented by wide spread protest throughout the Pacific. Now, finding it impossible to 'win over' the people, they are looking to the LDC for the bureaucratic nod. And there is a strong chance, with the British and US governments backing them, that they'll get it!

The Pacific peoples believe that Japan is only the fore runner and will be followed soon after by the US and Britain (the world's largest oceanic dumper!). They are also concerned that with the US controlling foreign policy for Micronesia that their voices will not be heard.

The campaign against dumping in the Pacific has become a high priority of the movement for a NUCLEAR FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC. They are calling for international solidarity and for assistance to get their campaigners to London in September.

For the Micronesian people, already suffering from extreme radioactive illnesses due to the contamination left by the US testing program in the 50s, the threat of nuclear waste dumping in their waters is causing great fear.

YOU CAN HELP!!!

* Money is once again needed to bring women to Britain to attend the LDC - send cheques marked PACIFIC FUND to Newbury Building Society, Bartholomew Street, Newbury, Berks.

* Approach organizations, companies, NFZ Councils, etc. asking them to contribute an airfare. Contact: NFIP Resource Cent re, 7 Furnace Cottages, Crow Edge, Sheffield, S30 5HF, Tel.766310.

* Educate yourself, your friends, lobby your MP, get the local paper to do a story. Information from NFIP (Br). & Greenpeace & Zohl, Greenham Common.

* Send letters of protest to:
Japan - Mr. Nakasone, PM of Japan,
Nagatacho 2-3, Chiyodaku, Tokyo.

Britain - Mrs. Thatcher, 10 Downing Street,
London.

Sect-Gen, IDC International Maritime Org.,
HQ Bld, London.

Mr. Williams, Sect Gen OECD/NEA, 2 Rue Andre-
Pascal 75775, Paris Cedex 16 Fr.

* DEMONSTRATE: Sept. 23rd outside
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Building, 4 Albert Embankment, S.E.1.

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JULY 11th

Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meetng will be on THURSDAY JULY 11TH., at 7.30 p.m., at the Y.M.C.A., Shakespeare Street. Our guest speaker will be MARJORY THOMPSON, National C.N.D. Parliamentary Monitor. She will be talking about lobbying M.P.s and is said to be a very lively and interesting speaker. We hope that many of you will take advantage of our new, hopefully more convenient, day and venue for our monthly meetings and come along to this one. It is an area of campaigning about which we have done very little so far.

(N.B. There will be no August meeting, but another very interesting one on September 12th., when Malcolm Dando of the Bradford School of Peace Studies will talk about "Star Wars".)

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER ??

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER
PROGNOSIS FOR A RADIOACTIVE EARTH
by Rosalie Bertell

Published by The Women's Press
Price £5.95

The title of the book is ironic. It repeats the assurance which is given every time there is a nuclear accident or escape of radiation. The real meaning of the book is that there may be no immediate danger of people becoming extinct, but the production of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons has already begun the death crisis of our species.

Basing each step of her argument on scientific research, Dr. Bertell makes available to readers of her book how it is that 16 million casualties have already been caused by nuclear activity. How many more will pass into History before ordinary citizens assert their right to survive?

How is it that pro-nuclear scientists have been allowed to carry out genetic engineering on vast populations unable to make any meaningful protest? Dr. Bertell traces the way in which the Frankenstein monster of nuclearpower was able in the name of "national security" and "military necessity" to take incredible risks with the health of mankind, setting "acceptable levels" of radiation ten times too high, stressing always the dangers from "natural background radiation" to which we are all exposed. This natural background radiation causes us to "age gradually". Increasing our background exposure will accelerate the ageing process. Says Dr. Bertell: "The wear and tear caused by radiation results in the gradual accumulation of mistakes in the body's mechanisms; for example, we may no longer be able to produce an antibody to counteract some environmental irritant, so we become "allergic" or we cannot produce natural insulin so we become diabetic, or our cells multiply and we get a tumour".

Dr. Bertell gives some definitions which should be in the vocabulary of everyone in the peace movement. Nuclear technology began with efforts to change the nucleus of an atom. Splitting atoms is really splitting and freeing the neutrons which form part of the nucleus. Splitting or fissioning a uranium atom releases 300 different radioactive chemicals. Any of these may be eaten, ingested or inhaled into human bodies, with subsequent cell damage.

In tracing the history of Nuclear Technology, Dr. Bertell has researched cases too numerous to mention here of suppression or loss of records relating to people exposed to radioactivity. It will be interesting to see what records the French keep of the victims exposed to the latest nuclear test.

After reading this book, one must abandon, alas, the notion of "a nuclear free zone". There is no such thing. Ionising radiation does not respect boundaries: leaking of radioactive elements into the food chain is likely to turn up anywhere.

Dr. Bertell sees the only hope for the future as the political awakening of women. "Women, less hampered by society's economic and social censures because they have less to lose in those areas, are freer to speak and mourn for the dying earth system".

Neighbourhood Groups

After having visited over half the Neighbourhood Groups in Nottingham CND during the past six months as part of our Executive responsibility area, we are leaving our diaries open until the end of August. However, we are not idling, far from it; we are planning a new approach and will be arranging return visits this Autumn to those N/G's we have already seen. We will be continuing to contact flacid groups in an attempt to rejuvenate them too!

We feel we have been reasonably successful with the groups we have seen - certainly many of the meetings went really well, generating a lot of enthusiasm and encouraging new ideas. This is fairly close to what we had in mind when first setting out on this project and we hope to continue along similar lines after 'half-time', so to speak.

Be seeing you soon,
Celia Lacey, Rob Raynham.

August Bulletin

It was suggested that there should be no Bulletin in August, due to holiday commitments etc., but instead of this there will be a shorter Bulletin, based on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days. Because of its different format and size, we thought it would be a chance to print a larger number and try and circulate it around the public as well as NCND members. As the smaller number of pages will balance the cost of printing extra copies, we thought it could be a free issue. People are quite likely to make donations anyway !



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