

**NOTTINGHAM C.N.D.**  
**Bulletin**  
SPECIAL NOTTS. EDITION  
CND NATIONAL ACTION  
**BLOCKADE**  
**MOLESWORTH**



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**FEB 6**  
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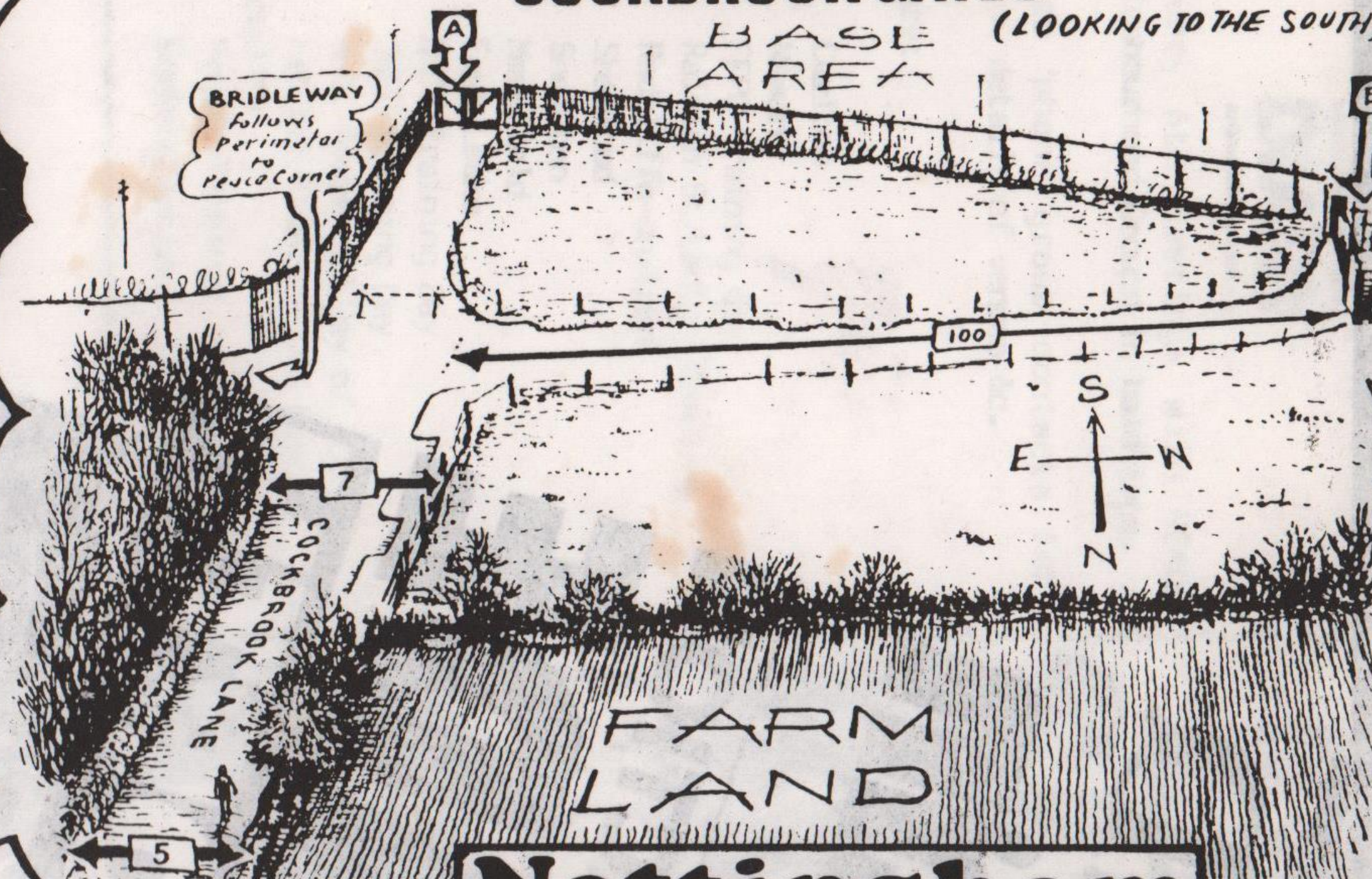
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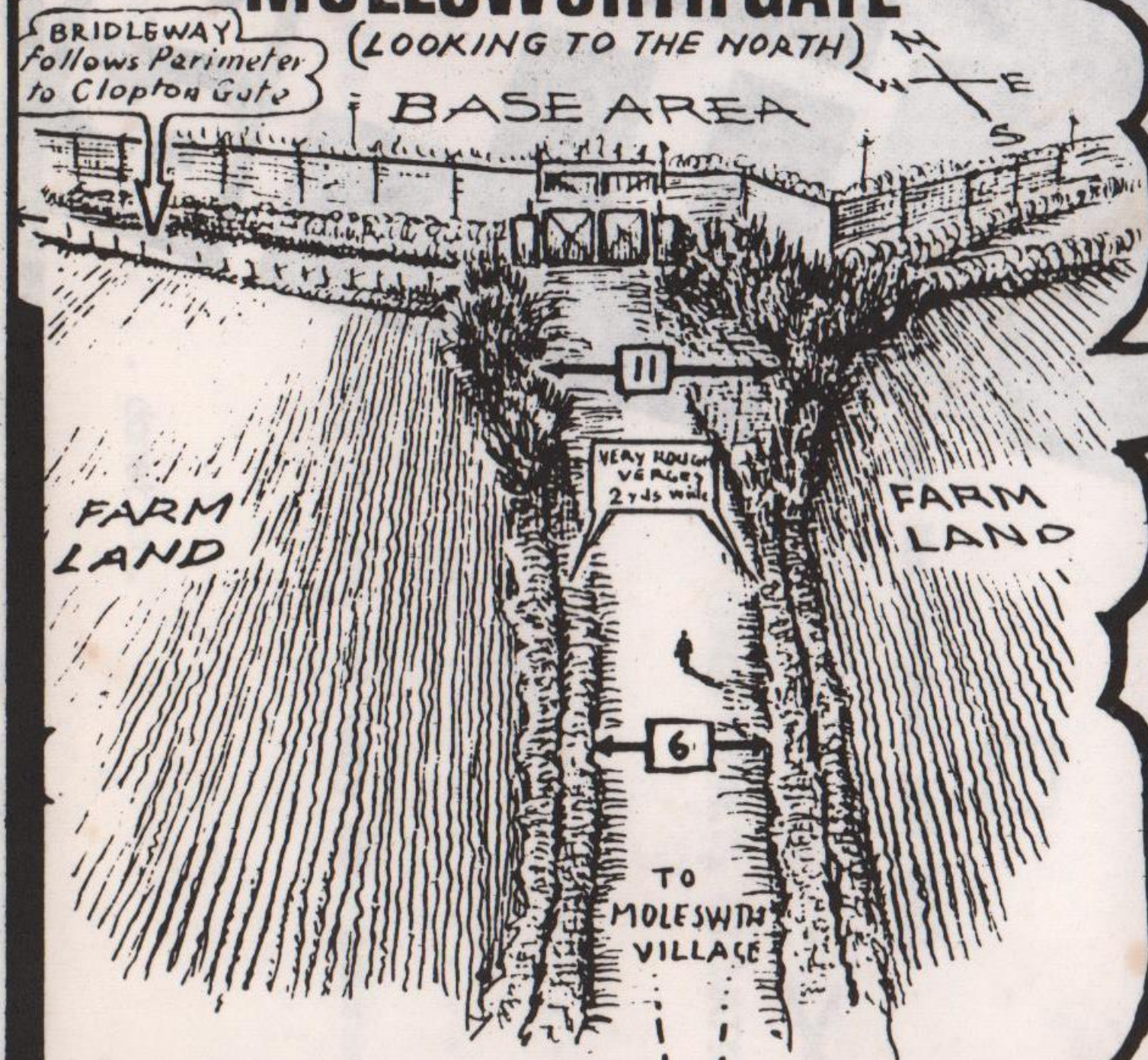
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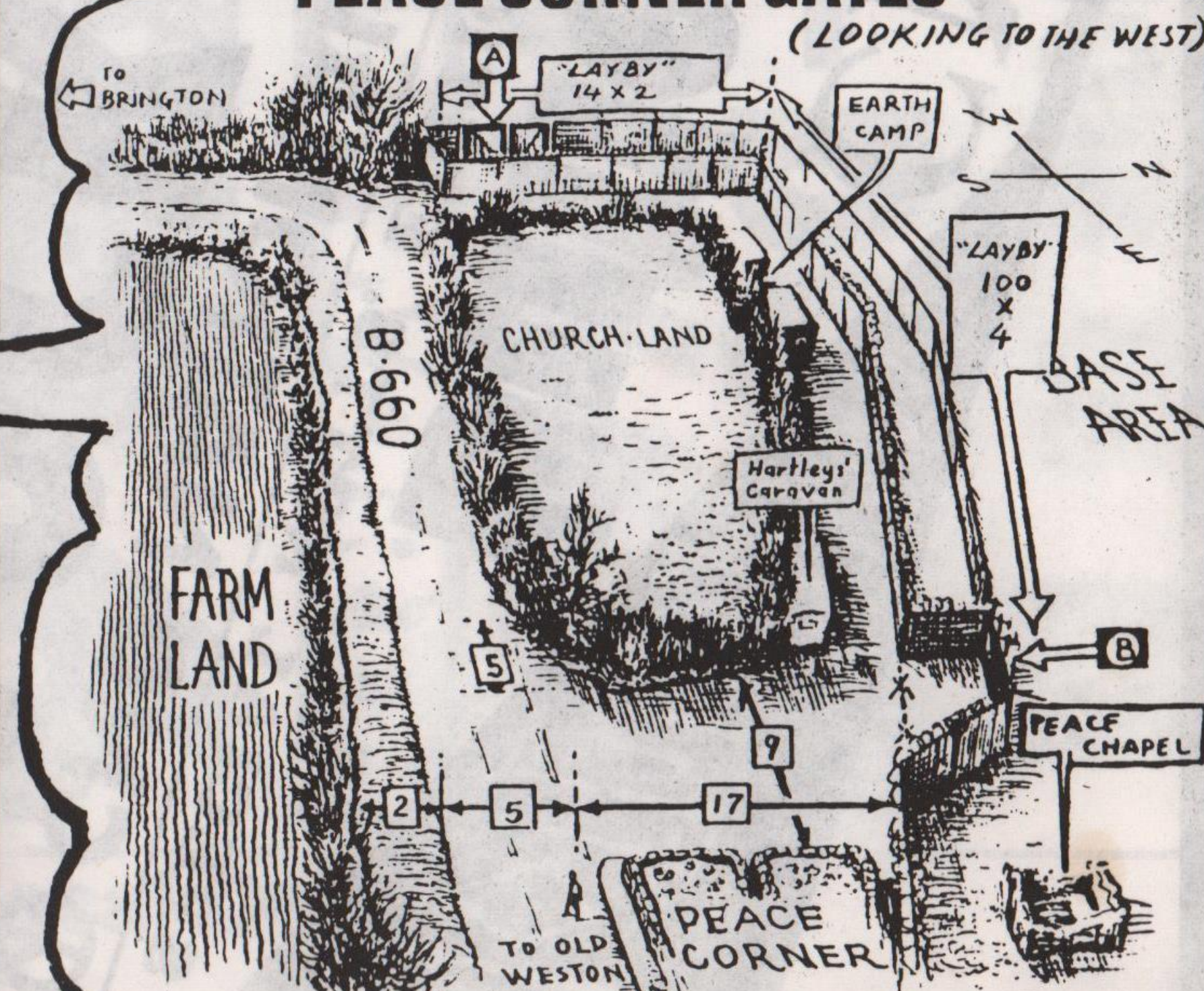
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# MOLESWORTH GATE



## PEACE CORNER GATES



DIMENSIONS IN YARDS

jimmy johns



# A Message to Michael Heseltine

Below we reprint part of the speech that Pete Strauss made at the October 26th demonstration in London. We hope that it explains the background and the reasons behind the Molesworth blockade on February 6th.

"I have been asked to speak to you about the NEXT national CND demonstration.

A couple of hours drive away from here, there is a place where a terrible crime is being committed. They are building an extermination camp. It is to be a base for 64 American Cruise Missiles. These missiles will have a total killing power of 1000 Hiroshima bombs. The place is called Molesworth.

Nine months ago, on February 6th., our so-called "Defence" Secretary, Michael Heseltine, put on his flak jacket and, in the dead of night, sent 1500 troops to forcibly evict the peace campers, Quakers and Rainbow Villagers who had made their home at Molesworth. After they had evicted the dissidents, they built a ten foot high fence around the place. The wheat for Eritrea which had been planted at Molesworth, was trampled underfoot. The Peace Chapel which had been built at Molesworth, was covered in more barbed wire. Their aim was to extinguish our resistance.

**But it didn't work. Our resistance carries on.**

CND's next national demonstration will be a mass blockade of Molesworth on the first anniversary of that invasion.....February 6th.

We have a message for you Mr. Heseltine, if you're listening. You can put up your three million pound razor wire fences; but we're not going to go away. You can surround your bases with police and dogs and searchlights, but the majority of British people will still be against Cruise. You can even bring in oppressive and ridiculous new laws that make it a crime to attach a leaflet or a ribbon to the perimeter fence, but we're still going to carry on complaining and resisting. And so.....on February 6th.....a year after you thought you'd got rid of us, we're coming back to blockade the base.

And if you feel like turning round and telling us that we're wrong to sit in the road, that we are criminals and law-breakers, then understand this Mr. Heseltine; it is not something we do lightly. Yes ... to blockade Molesworth is **CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**. But it is **CIVIL OBEDIENCE** that has brought

our whole planet and our whole species to the very brink of disaster. Forty years of your **OBEDIENCE** has only brought us more fences; and behind the fences, more missiles. Forty years of lies. Forty years of hypocrisy. Forty years of obedience. Forty years of nuclear madness. The crime is to allow such bases to be built. **Not** to blockade them.

And understand this also: you can put up your fences, but you can't lock out our dreams and hopes of peace. You may be able to evict people, Mr. Heseltine, but you can't evict ideas.

Let all of us here today agree to meet again ... to re-assemble on February 6th at the Molesworth Blockade. Let us show this government and the American government and the whole world, that they can put up all the fences they like, but our campaign of resistance to nuclear weapons will continue and will grow. See you on February 6th. Thank you."

# Why I'll Be at Molesworth on FEB6

I've decided to take part in the Feb 6 blockade because I want to make a public statement of my horror and hatred of nuclear weapons. I suppose that I state this already in different ways - by being a member of CND, joining demonstrations, giving out leaflets, talking to people, but, ever since I first joined CND, the direct action of the women at Greenham has been a source of inspiration and hope for me, as for so many other people. The fact that there are people who will take such personal risk gets things into proportion for me; that these laws, fences, soldiers aren't any danger, or anything to respect, in comparison to the threat of nuclear extinction. The Greenham women are a constant reminder of what's important, as is the Molesworth blockade.

I think that blockades and other forms of NVDA aren't enough by themselves to rid the world of nuclear weapons; other means of campaigning are equally important, but I feel that by making this particular public statement of my fear and hatred of nuclear weapons, I'll contribute a small part towards getting things into proportion.

Hilary Trengrouse,  
Arnold CND Group.

I have never been involved in I have always left it to others. This is partly out of fear of arrest but also because I have doubted the effectiveness of the sort of small scale actions there have been up until now. I think Feb 6th. and the idea of mass civil disobedience has mobilised people. It has mobilised me because I feel better about confronting my fear of arrest when I know that hundreds of others will be doing that with me. I also know that there is no sense in supporting the notion of mass civil disobedience if, on the day, I am watching it on TV.

There is clearly a particular urgency behind this action. Cruise is coming to Molesworth. My anger at this fact makes my fear of arrest pale into insignificance.

I know that the success of this action comes down to people like me. Knowing this, I could not possibly fail to be there on February 6th.

Jackie Jezewski,  
Sherwood CND Group.

NOTTINGHAM DEFEND MOLESWORTH GROUP

presents

## FEB6 FRENZY

Saturday 1st February  
8.00 'til late  
(late bar applied for)

CARLTON HOTEL, NOEL STREET

Admission. 75p unwaged  
£1.50 waged

Disco Equipment:  
Second Saturday Sounds





# The Journey from Chilwell to Molesworth

Nottingham has had a direct involvement with the sometimes complicated developments which have led to CND's next national demo being a mass blockade of Molesworth. Notts. activists have been in the forefront of peace resistance in the country ever since Reclaim Chilwell. Chilwell was the first ever national action organised entirely at grass-roots level. The organisers of this event went on to become deeply involved in the Defend Molesworth campaign and published TACTICS FOR MOBILISATION - a widely-read resource pack which suggested ways of building support for the campaign. A number of videos were also produced, recording the campaign and actions around Chilwell, Newton and Molesworth. These have been distributed all over Britain and even in Europe.

The idea of the Feb 6th Blockade arose partly out of Nottingham's involvement. The proposal to hold the action was passed unanimously by CND's National Council. CND's Project Committee decided (for the first time) to set up a regional working group to prepare for the action. This group has a full-time office in Nottingham.

## NOTTINGHAM CND AND NVDA.

**Easter 1983: Burghfield Blockade:**  
100 people from Notts. take part. No arrests.

**June 1983: Upper Heyford:**  
100 people from Notts. take part. 35 arrests. 7 refuse to pay fines and subsequently serve short prison sentences.

**Winter 1983: "Upper Heyford 7"**  
go on speaking tour throughout the county, leading discussions on NVDA.

**Dec. 1983: Forest Fields Peace Gp.**  
set up the first neighbourhood affinity group in Notts. Organise occupation of Army Recruitment Office on anniversary of NATO Cruise decision. Excellent media coverage. No arrests.

**Dec. 1983: Cottesmore Trespass:**  
40 people from Notts. take part.

**Feb. 1984: Cottesmore:**  
Occupation of navigational aid towers. Seven arrests. Local, national and international (!) news coverage.

**Feb. 1984: Reclaim Chilwell Group:**  
Established to plan for mass trespass at latest US base. Campaign lasts for 5 months and has support of CND, NFZ's, Labour Party and Trades Unions.

**July 1984: Reclaim Chilwell:**  
5,000 people come from all over UK (including approx. 1,000 from Notts.) 1,500 successfully trespass, despite Molesworth-style "invasion" by army. First big mass trespass since Kinder Scout in 1935.

**Aug. 1984: Peace Action Network:**  
set up in aftermath of Chilwell to co-ordinate NVDA in county. Involved in actions at Chilwell, Upper Heyford, Menwith Hill, etc.

**Aug. 1984: Alconbury Blockade:**  
80 people from Notts. take part. 33 arrests.

**Nov. 1984: Notts Defend Molesworth.**  
is established. Builds up local campaign so successfully that ...

**Feb 6th. 1985:**  
250 people from Notts. protest at the base on Wednesday after Heseltine's invasion.

**March 1985:**  
Defend Molesworth Group and E. Midlands region CND successfully trespass, despite new fence. Also "return" a section of the inner perimeter to Ronald Reagan and Michael Heseltine.

**April 1985:** Same again.

**May 1985:**  
Controversy and scandal (and acute embarrassment at MoD) when Channel 4 "Diverse Reports" film Notts. campaigners successfully trespassing over new 10ft. high top Security Fence at Molesworth.

**June 1985:**  
250 East Midlands campaigners march from Alconbury to Molesworth and hold "Gate Party" at main contractor's gate. Gate closed for duration of "Party". No arrests.

**June 1985: Picnic/Trespass:**  
at USAF Newton outside Newark. 200 successfully trespass. One arrest.

**July 1985: Bye-Bye-Laws:**  
at USAF Molesworth. 150 people from E. Midlands join mass "breaking" of every single new by-law at Molesworth. Thirty-five arrests.

**Sept 1985: National CND**  
agrees to requests for mass direct action at Molesworth on Feb 6th. 1986. National CND Working Group set up and based in Nottingham.

**Feb 6 1986: FIRST EVER**  
unequivocal mass NVDA organised on one day and backed entirely by CND.



"The choice has been forced back so that we have to make it now BEFORE war comes. In the past, we had to decide not to become war criminals. Today, we have to decide to become peace criminals or else become war criminals by default."

NICHOLAS WALTER, 1963.



# The Theory and Practice of Non-Violence

"Considered non-violent direct action" has been an agreed part of CND's strategy for several years now. But what do those words actually mean and how does NVDA fit in with our broad campaign for nuclear disarmament?

Each individual will have his or her own understanding of what constitutes non-violence, so it would be impossible to offer a final and absolute definition. These are therefore just a few ideas intended to promote thought and discussion, rather than provide true answers.

The **non-violent** part of NVDA means refusing to use or threaten to use any aggression or violence whatsoever. Shouting abuse at policemen or tearing down a fence in an uncontrolled fury are just as violent as throwing a brick or punching someone. Thus non-violence should include the refusal even to "fight back" if we are threatened or provoked ourselves. One scene in the film "Gandhi" shows this refusal to retaliate at its most extreme. One small group of protesters after another walk quietly up to the British troops guarding a salt factory. As they approach, they are viciously clubbed down, yet they do not even raise an arm to protect themselves. As one group is beaten, another group steps calmly forward. The journalist who witnesses this, reports to his paper that "on this day, the British have lost all moral right to rule in India".

This classic "turning-the-other-cheek" is how we should react to any violence while we are taking part in NVDA. If we remain completely non-violent, then no matter what happens, we will win the moral and the political argument. They, the State, on the other hand, can only lose their authority and their legitimacy if they choose to use violence against peaceful protestors. The practical way to apply this principle at a mass action like Feb. 6th is for **everyone to sit down and refuse to move**. This tactic is far and away the most powerful and effective available to us. If, at any sign of trouble everyone sits down, then we ensure our own non-violence, and completely expose and isolate any violence from outside.

The "direct action" part of NVDA means taking control ourselves of what we do. It means asserting our rights and demands in a forceful and provocative way. (Our non-violence **doesn't** mean being passive and obedient.) The "direct action" means **we** set the terms; we march where we want to march and blockade where we want to blockade - **we** call the tune!

Naturally, the police can physically stop us if they choose to. On February 6th for example, they can set up roadblocks, or try and turn buses back or fly in workers by helicopter or even arrest every last one of us. The state always has that option. But our "direct action" means we do our very best (non-violently, of course) to achieve our aims. That's all we can ever do.

The way in which all this fits in with the rest of our campaigning is the third big area to think about. Non-violent direct action is not an alternative to constitutional protest or to basic education and propaganda. NVDA is just one tactic: one strand within a rich tapestry of protest and resistance. It is not more or less important than leafletting or marching or fund-raising. All aspects of our work for peace depend on one another and are reinforced and enriched by one another. It is only with this wide ranging and varied strategy of both education and resistance that we can win.

"The principle of non-violent action is that of non-co-operation with everything humiliating".

GANDHI.

"More and more I feel that the people of ill-will have used time more effectively than the people of good-will. We will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the hateful words and actions of bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. Human progress never rolls in the wheels of inevitability. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right".

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

"Letter from Birmingham Jail".

We forget sometimes our own power. In this country, every penny spent on armaments is money WE subscribe, every acre of grass behind every barbed wire fence round every bomber base is an acre of OUR land, and every decision taken by every Minister of State is a decision made on our behalf by a representative elected in OUR service. If those we entrust to manage our affairs adopt strange policies; if they turn out, in office, to be double agents - one hand to pat our babies, the other raised in salute of the Bomb - then we have the right and the duty to dismiss them as unfit. What happens when an irresistible force meets a MOVABLE object? Why, it moves."

NICHOLAS HUMPHREY

"Four Minutes to Midnight".





# TRAINING - What's the Point?

"Training" or "Preparation" for non-violent direct action sounds rather daunting, and perhaps even sinister, but in fact it is quite straightforward. The idea behind training is that direct action makes different demands on us from what we are used to in our other campaigning activities. Therefore we need to spend time before an 'action' to learn from one another and to share skills, ideas and worries. There are the practical questions that people might have, for example - "what will happen to me if I am arrested?" and "what will I need to bring?". Also, there are the wider issues of non-violence and the "affinity group".

National CND are very keen that as many people as possible take part in some form of training. Experience has shown that it really is well worth the effort involved and that such sessions can benefit the group in all sorts of other ways too by bringing them closer together and so on.

There are three possible ways of taking part in NVDA preparation (or training) for February 6th.

1. The big training days at Queens Walk Community Centre.
2. Ask Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group to provide "trainers" for your own group's special Preparations Days. All you need to do is to book a large-ish room (school, church hall, community centre) and we'll do the rest.
3. Arrange an NVDA Preparation session at your normal Neighbourhood Group meeting.

Here are a few ideas for how to organise a Do-It-Yourself NVDA session.

It is best to have an agenda to work through, preferably with a facilitator to keep discussion on the right track.

## a). Getting to know each other

If you don't already! Try a simple name game and maybe ask everyone to say a bit about themselves.

## b). Outline the Action

Ask someone to explain what it's all about. There may be questions. This could be a good point for everyone to say what they want to do on the day.

## c). Legal Briefing

Get some copies of the Feb 6th legal briefing from Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group (180, Mansfield Rd: 581178). If anyone wants to do more detailed homework try the **Legal Advice Pack for Nuclear Disarmers** from Mushroom Bookshop.

## d). Practicalities + Planning

Decide who is going to do what. Go through a check list of everything the group will need on the day.

## e). Group Decision Making

Talk about possible situations and what you will do. More importantly talk about the whole question of making decisions together in groups rather than just as individuals.

## f). Non-violence

Talk about staying non-violent; dealing with provocation; dealing with anger; perhaps practice "going limp" and being dragged, or even set up a simple role-play of blockaders and police.

# NVDA Preparation Days

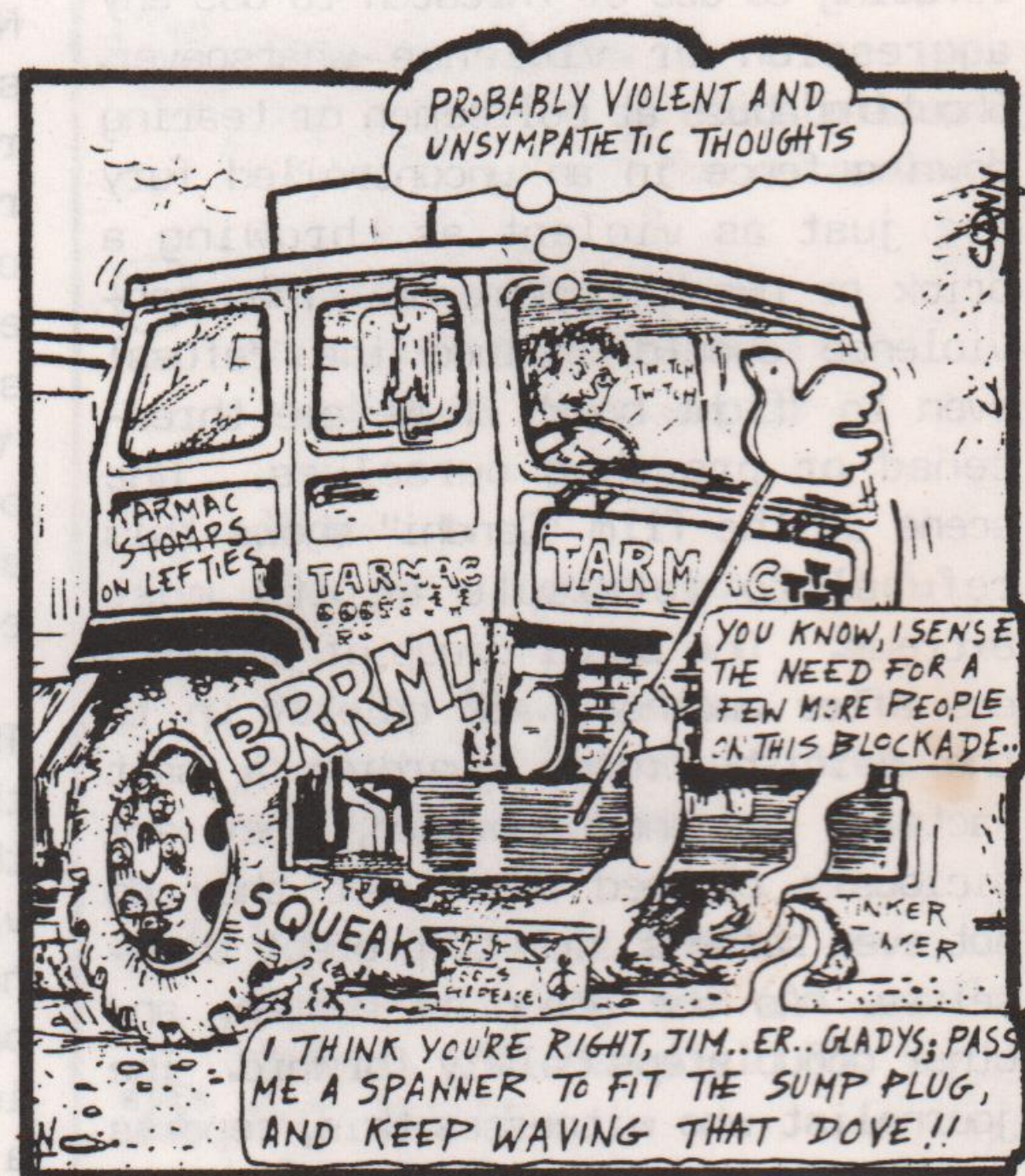
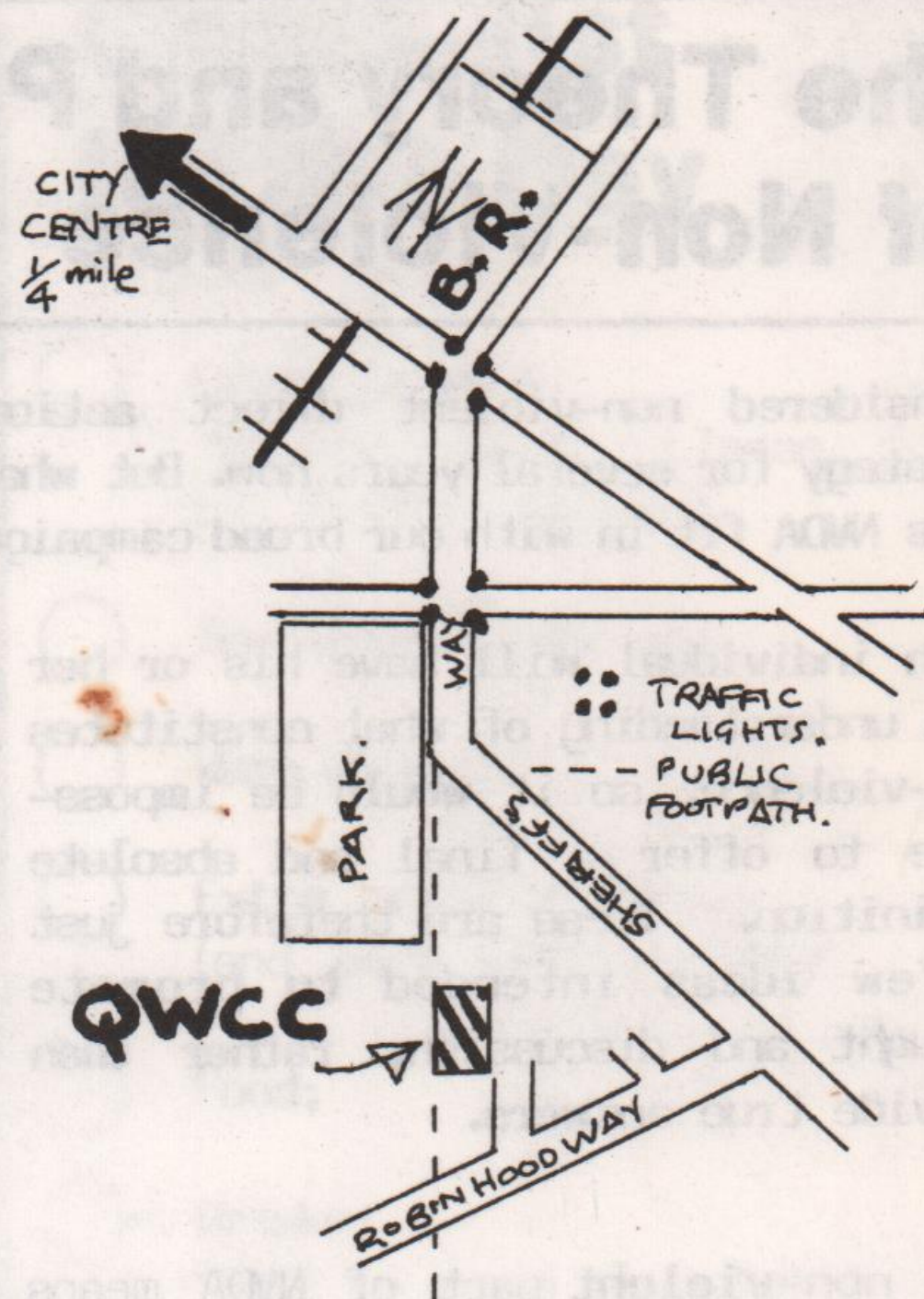
There will be Non-Violent Direct Action **PREPARATION DAYS** on:

**Sunday January 19th**  
**Saturday January 25th**

at Queen's Walk Community Centre,  
The Meadows, Nottingham

from 10.30 until 5 p.m.

If you need a creche, please phone 581178 in advance. Tea, coffee and biscuits available. Please bring and share lunch.



"Our apologies, good friends, for the fracture of good order, the burning of paper instead of children, the angering of the orderlies in the front parlour of the charnel house. We could not, so help us God, do otherwise.. We say killing is disorder, life and gentleness and community and unselfishness is the only order we recognise. For the sake of that order, we risk our liberty, our good name. The time is past when good people can remain silent, when obedience can segregate men from public risk, when the poor can die without defence."

**FATHER DANIEL BERNIGAN.**

Speech in court after  
anti-Vietnam war action.

"Remember your humanity and forget the rest".

**ALBERT EINSTEIN.**





## Women at Molesworth

One of the gates to be blockaded on Feb 6th will be women only. It will be the Molesworth (Air) Gate on the South West of the Base (see maps). The same timing waves will be in operation at the women's gate as at the mixed gates. This means that Nottingham women will arrive for the 6.00am start with women from other parts of the country. There will be fresh waves of women arriving at 9.00am and again at 12.00 noon.

Ideas for the blockade include:

### Women and Music.

bring wind instruments (flutes, recorders &c); instruments that need women's wind (trombones, saxophones &c); and those which use the wind (bells, tambourines, maraccas &c).

### Women and light.

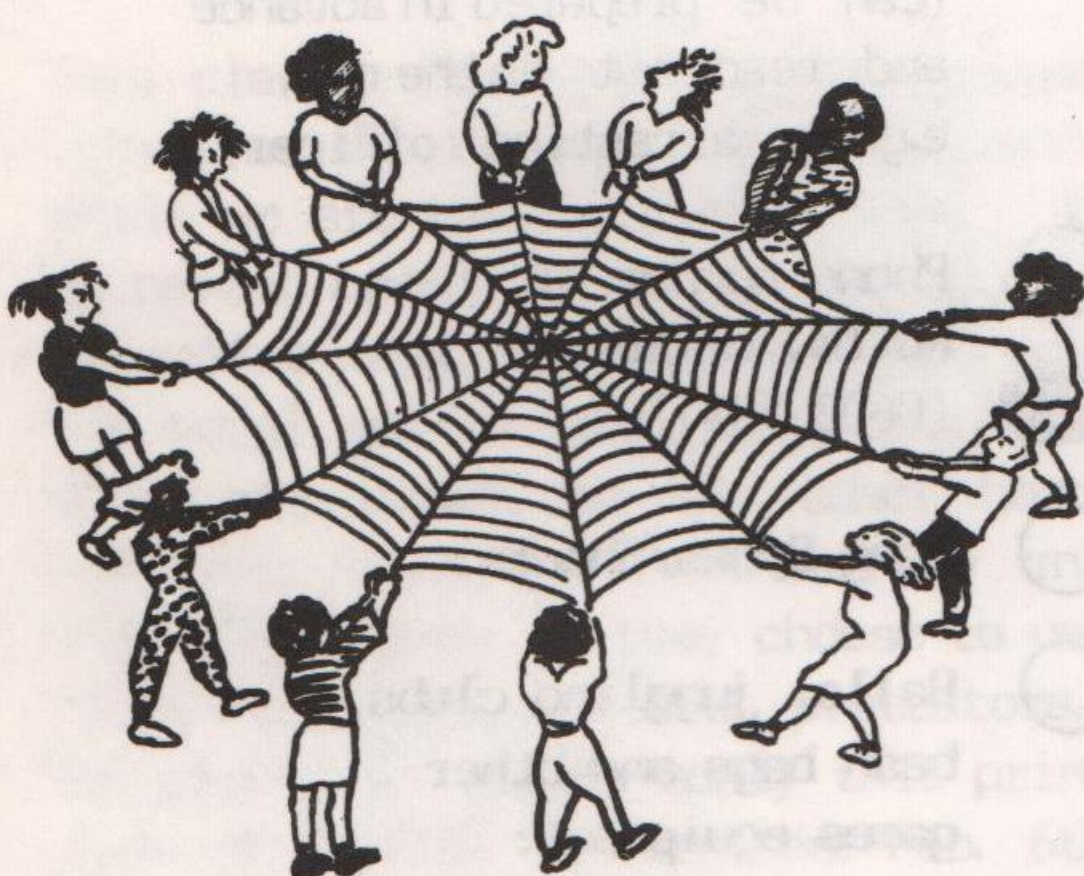
bring torches or candles in plastic bottles to light up the early morning.

### Women and warmth.

bring hot food and drink, warm clothing and something to sit on.

### Women and Air.

bring kites to fly; streamers and ribbons to tie.



Women living at Molesworth Peace Camp have asked for background support like that which works at Greenham. Houses nearby are needed for women to take a break; **more women** are needed to support the vigils at Air Gate on **every third Friday of the month**. If you or someone you know can provide such support please write to:

Gill,  
People's Peace Camp,  
Warren Lane,  
Clopton,  
Molesworth.

## Taking Women's Message Through the Air

There will be a balloon release throughout the day. Each balloon will carry a message from individual women about Molesworth and the Feb 6th blockade. Women who cannot be at Air Gate on Feb 6th can show support by sending a donation (50p per balloon to Feb 6th Office, 180, Mansfield Rd) which will ensure their name is written on a card and sent off with a balloon.

For further information about the womens gate contact Barbara or Melissa at the Feb 6th Office, 0602 581178.

HELP **GREENHAM**  
SURVIVE THE WINTER;  
THEY NEED MONEY,  
SLEEPING BAGS, HOT-  
WATER BOTTLES AND  
LOTS OF FIREWOOD (TO  
SUPPLEMENT THEIR  
ELECTRIC STORAGE  
RADIATORS!!!)

phone **JILL**  
(222578).

She already has a load  
of WOOD, so -if your  
travels take you south,  
why not take some  
with you?

## meanwhile.. at Greenham

M.O.D. SECURITY IS RAZOR  
SHARP. TONITE, WE FIND THE  
WOMEN FORCED TO USE **EXTREME**  
**STEALTH** TO CARRY OUT A  
DESPERATE MISSION...





# Everything You always Wanted to Know About How to Keep Warm on a Cold Winter's Day ..... (but were afraid to ask).

Sitting down on the road, in midwinter, for three hours, before dawn — is bound to be very, very cold. Please remember to bring lots of extra woollies, gloves, scarves, hats and waterproofs. Also, plenty of Thermos flasks of hot drinks and loads of high-energy food, like chocolate, Kendal Mint Cake, boiled sweets, fruit cake, peanuts, etc.

It might be a good idea to bring something to sit on: newspapers in a plastic bag or a small block of polystyrene. Your affinity group could even bring a large plastic sheet between them.

## Ideas of What To Do

The best ideas for keeping the blockade feeling alive and well are the ones that come out of the neighbourhood and affinity groups. Here are two suggestions that all of us in Nottinghamshire can perhaps follow.

1. If every one of us brings a torch or a candle (in a plastic rather than glass container), we will be able to create a fantastic effect. It will be pitch black when we arrive and if our blockade is lit up by dozens and dozens of flickering flames and lights, it could look fantastic! Apart from the beauty of the scene, it would above all be a dramatic expression of our togetherness, our common purpose and our unity.

2. If we also all bring something to make music ... a whistle or simple drum or guitar or scraper, shaker, rattle, whatever, we might be able to produce some good sounds at our gate. Playing together isn't easy... but surely it can be done. At demonstrations in other countries, it is common for everyone to make some music or rhythm and the effect can be surprisingly good. Again, it would help to bring us all together and affirm our unity and our strength.

## Back-up on the Day

As always, for Nottingham CND's direct actions, there will be a full system of back-up resources available to all Nottingham blockaders.

Everyone will be asked to fill in a **REGISTRATION FORM** before they get on the coach. There is a very good reason behind this bureaucracy.... it makes it possible to keep track of everyone and find out if anyone is missing or lost. A copy of the **REGISTRATION FORM** will go to the **NOTTINGHAM OFFICE**. This office will be staffed throughout the day, partly to keep Nottingham Press informed of developments and partly to co-ordinate the transport home.

On each coach, there will be one **STEWART** who will be able to give out information: legal briefing sheets and, hopefully, answer folks queries.

If any blockaders are arrested and miss their coach back to Nottingham, the **STEWARDS** and the **OFFICE** between them will be able to call on **LATE-NIGHT** and **DAY-TIME DRIVERS** to come down from Nottingham and collect our people from police stations.

This system can only work properly if everyone fills in the **REGISTRATION FORM** and remembers to inform a **STEWART** or to phone the **OFFICE** as soon as they are released from custody.

All this may sound boring and cumbersome, but it actually helps to ensure that our blockaders will not suffer any unnecessary inconvenience or hassle during the day, through missing coaches or getting lost.

Thanks for your co-operation!

**FACELESS BUREAUCRATS  
AGAINST THE BOMB**

**SUB-COMMITTEE (2/374)  
Ref. PJ/8172/gen. comm. /LX34.**



## Check-list for the Day

- ☐ **Coach Ticket:**  
(please, please, please, buy them in advance)
- ☐ **Something to sit on:**
- ☐ **Warm clothes:**
- ☐ **Extra warm clothes:**  
(and more warm clothes)
- ☐ **Food:**
- ☐ **Drinks:**  
(best to avoid glass bottles)
- ☐ **Torch or candle:**  
(you can cut a plastic bottle to form a shield for a candle)
- ☐ **A book to read:**  
(can make a police cell much more interesting)
- ☐ **10ps:**  
(for public phone box)
- ☐ **Musical Instruments:**  
(nothing better on a blockade than cheerful music)
- ☐ **Legal Briefing Sheet:**  
(available from Feb 6th Office, 180, Mansfield Rd. 0602 581178).
- ☐ **Personal Statement:**  
"why I'm here today"  
(can be prepared in advance and read out on the day, e.g. to arresting officer)
- ☐ **Phone number of Nottm. Office:**  
(0602 581178)
- ☐ **Song Books/Sheets:**
- ☐ **Balls, juggling clubs, bean bags and other games equipment:**
- ☐ **Distinctive hat or headband for your group**
- ☐ **Pen and Paper:**





# LEGAL BRIEFING FOR CND BLOCKADE OF MOLESWORTH, FEBRUARY 6 1986

There is a full legal briefing produced by CND specially for the Molesworth Blockade and copies of this are available on request direct from the Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group. What follows is only a very general introduction to "the law" as it will affect us on February 6th. Anyone who wants more detailed information should get themselves a copy of the full Feb. 6th Legal Briefing.

Everyone who takes part in the Blockade (and even those who choose to support rather than sit down) risks being arrested. It is important that we are all prepared for the possibility of arrest.

If you are arrested, you might be taken to some sort of "holding centre", but, if the police decide to press charges, this is likely to happen at a police station. The main thing to remember, while in police custody, is to say nothing apart from giving your name and address. The right to remain silent is very important, since the police can (as they say in the movies) take down anything you say and use it against you in court. In particular, the police might want to know your date of birth. This is to enable them to cross-reference your name on the computer.

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE YOUR  
DATE OF BIRTH.**

Try and remember ...  
name and address only

## IN THE POLICE STATION.



### Telephone Call.

You can ask to make a call to the CND contact number, so that "support people" know where you are and what's happened to you.

### Fingerprints.

After Jan. 1st, the police will have the power to fingerprint suspects with or without consent.

### Photos.

Police may try to take your photograph, but they have no right to force you, if (for example) you decide to cover your face or turn away.

These are the bare facts of the whole procedure, but it isn't by any means the whole story. To give an impression of what it's like, it's perhaps best to begin at the beginning.

If you are arrested, you should find out what the charge is and make a mental note of the arresting officer's number. Either go limp and allow yourself to be carried to the van, or walk. The police will probably want to gather some information about you (see above) and may want to fill in a form with your personal details (e.g. appearance, etc). They may search you and put all your possessions in a sealed bag, to be returned on release. This is the time to ask if you can keep your book/newspaper, sandwiches, etc.

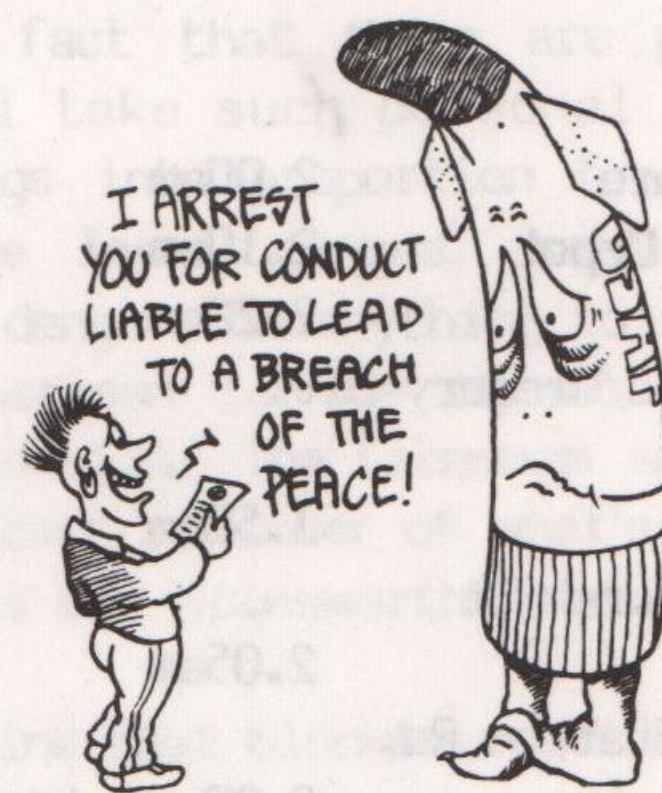
If you are charged, the offence is likely to be a very minor one which can only be tried in the Magistrates' Court. It is extremely unlikely that you would be sentenced to anything worse than a small fine of £30-£50 or a binding over.

### 1. Obstructing The Highway.

This is the likeliest charge for anyone sitting down in the blockade. A "highway" can mean a grass verge or a footpath - not just a road.

### 2. Obstructing A Police Officer.

This is a bit of a "catch-all" charge, which can be widely interpreted by the police. It could be used against people trying to intervene during someone's arrest.



### 3. Conduct Likely To Lead To A Breach Of The Peace.

### 4. Breach Of The Peace.

These are less likely charges and, again, are wide open to imaginative interpretation. The offence is meant to involve some form of abusive, insulting or threatening behaviour.

If there are hundreds of arrests, you are bound to be kept with other blockaders. This should help make the time go more quickly, because often, the most remarkable thing about police detention is that it's **SO UNSPEAKABLY BORING!** Eventually, they will either let you go free or formally charge you. The charge sheet will have a date to appear in court (probably a few weeks hence) and then you'll be allowed to leave.

The whole experience of being arrested can be a little scary the first time around. Try and remember why you're there. Being with lots of other blockaders can actually be quite good fun. The main thing is that being arrested is a big **UNKNOWN** for most of us. Once we demystify it, by understanding our rights and actually going through the experience ourselves, it really is far easier to cope with.

Henry Thoreau once went to jail as part of his protest against slavery in America and he said he never felt so free in all his life, as he did when he was locked up for a day!



## TRANSPORT

Nottinghamshire has been asked to cover the 'first shift' of the Blockade, from 6am. until 9am. (though we can obviously stay longer if we so choose). The gates have been divided between different regions of the country and our gate is PEACE CORNER GATE (near Eirene - the Peace Chapel). In order to arrive at the blockade in time to make it as strong as possible at 6am, we will have to leave Nottingham VERY, VERY EARLY in the morning.

Salutation Inn,  
Maid Marion Way at

2.45am.

There will also be a number of pick-up points around the city. These are as follows:

Daybrook Square 2.00am  
Sherwood Bus Depot 2.10am  
Savoy Hotel, 2.20am  
Mansfield Rd/Gregory Blv.

Stapleford 1.50am  
Derby Rd/Church St  
Beeston 2.05am  
Queens Rd/Station Rd.  
Lenton 2.20am.  
Derby Rd/Canning Circus.

West Bridgford 2.50am  
Trent Bridge Inn.  
Radcliffe-on-Trent 3.15am

Top of Bingham Road.  
Bingham 3.30am  
Market Place.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE TIMES.  
THE COACHES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WAIT.

If you require more information about transport arrangements please 'phone the Feb 6th Office number:

☎ 581178

### Coming Home

Coaches will leave Molesworth as and when required up until the time that we begin to use our **late night drivers** from Nottingham to get people home.

### Legal Support Lists

It will be much easier to get the coaches off on time in the morning if **your affinity group can prepare a LEGAL SUPPORT SHEET in ADVANCE**, and hand it in to a steward as you board the coach.

### Overnight Arrangements

Two ideas:

\* If you live a long way from either Maid Marion Way or the pick-up points, we can arrange for you to stay the night of 5/6th with someone living nearer. Please call 581178 for information.

\* Why not arrange with your group to spend the evening/night in the same place and set off together in the morning?

### Child Care

Because of the unusual times of this action we would suggest that you make arrangements with friends in your group to help with baby-sitting and other child care jobs. If anyone is short of such help, please 'phone 581178, we will try to sort out any problems.

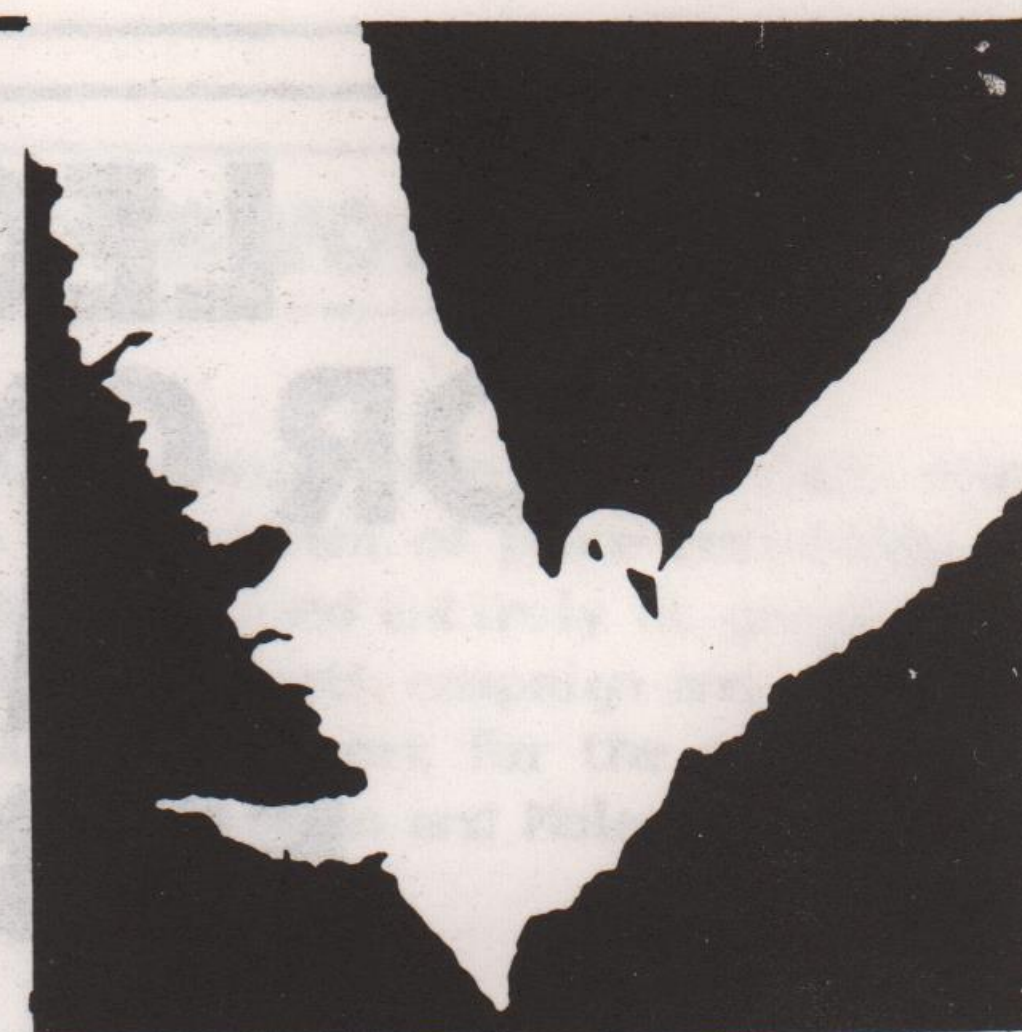
FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION  
(Day or Night)

☎ 581178.

# RESIST CRUISE



## ON FEB 6



"Does a free society put harmless cranks in prison? Perhaps we aren't harmless. Perhaps our society isn't free."

NICHOLAS WALTER.

"For us as individuals, the only immediate defence against official delinquency lies in our own actions. The concentration camps and the atom bombs are the fantasies of psychopaths. They become realities when other individuals are ready to acquiesce in them ... there is no delinquent policy in any contemporary culture which could be carried out in the face of a sufficiently widespread public resistance."

ALEX COMFORT, 1949.

Come and thaw out, dance, drink, chat, tell tall tales, relive experiences, meet friends and

**CELEBRATE THE BLOCKADE!!**

at the "Blockaders - Bop"

Queen's Walk Community Centre

Saturday February 8th, 8 'til late.

**LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD**

Come to join in an evaluation of the February 6th Blockade (and October 26th).

Thursday February 13th  
W.E.A., Shakespeare Street  
7.30 - 9.30  
NCND Monthly Meeting.



# NCND IN 1986

1986 is the year of CND's new integrated approach to campaigning, an approach which will see nationally produced materials co-ordinated with a carefully planned rolling campaign of local activity.

NCND's Basic Case Workshop on 13/14th December gave 30 of us an invaluable opportunity to explore the full implications of these plans with the Regional Organisers of West and West Midlands CND Regions. We were able to take stock of our strengths and weaknesses and to explore in some detail what we might do in the coming year. We were also able to find out much more about the successes and failures of Bristol CND's 'Chance of a Lifetime' campaign last year.

As many of you will know, National CND plans a series of 'Extended Public Information Campaigns' (EPICS), one of which will roll onto the next. Each would last several months and have an overall theme to which all campaigning activities, be they door-step leafletting/discussion, direct action, public debates or whatever would relate in some way.

The first of these EPICS, with a theme along the lines of 'Britain Can Make A Difference' will be launched on -

April 12th.

Please mark that date in your new 1986 diaries **right now** and keep it free. It is the date when local action will parallel a National 'famous personalities' press launch.

In the months preceding April **EVERY MEMBER OF NCND** must be galvanised into preparation, not just for the activity of that day but, more importantly, for the activities of the following months.

The key words that emerged again and again at our workshop as we explored the different needs of our campaign were **personal contact**. We have to generate an almost evangelical imperative to reach out to inactive members and all of us to the people beyond.

At our workshop we brainstormed objectives...in X months, leaflet and then **talk** to N thousand strangers (each NCND member approaching 2 strangers per week maybe...?)

Now this sort of thing won't happen as a result of this article, that's for sure. We need to do a lot of work to help create the organisational structures that make it possible. But we have made a start. We now have a working party of a dozen people who will be meeting once before Christmas

and fortnightly thereafter. This group includes the NCND Executive plus a number of others. If there is anyone else who wants to join us, please get in touch with me. We face a great challenge and the more the initial input of energy and enthusiasm, the better we'll do it.

Ann Kestenbaum

## LABOUR CND

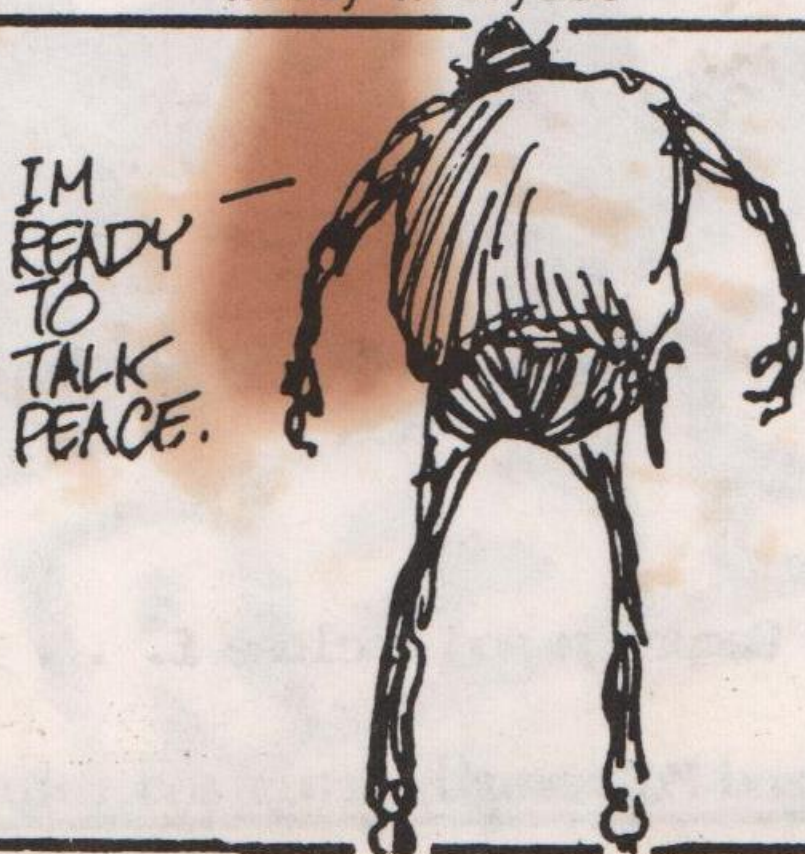
Calling those people who are members of the Labour Party and of CND. Nationally Labour CND have instigated a country wide campaign to present the Labour Party's non-nuclear defence policy, which of course easily equates with the CND Basic Case policy.

There has been a tendency at every level in the Labour Party to believe that our unilateral disarmament policy is unpopular with the electorate and therefore the whole issue has been almost "ducked". When for instance did **your** Branch newsletter carry an article on nuclear disarmament? Did **your** Branch make an issue of the Nuclear Free Zone policy at the last County Council elections?

The task now facing us is to explain what our policies are and, most important, why we have adopted them. If we fail to do this we will allow the Tories and the so-called Alliance Parties, both of whom are in favour of nuclear weapons, to lay the claim that a Labour Government, if elected, would leave Britain defenceless. Remember what damage that allegation did to us in 1983!

So please come along to the WEA at Shakespeare Street at 7.30pm on Thurs, 30th January to discuss this issue and put forward your view on how we carry the campaign to those who will make the final choice - **the Electorate**.

Woody Woodyatt



### Letter to the Bulletin

It has been interesting to read the correspondence in recent issues of the Bulletin about NVDA. As someone who has not taken active part in civil disobedience, yet fully supports those who do, I'm disappointed that the energy of NVDA activists has been brought into question in the Letters Page.

Most of us in the peace movement will be well aware of the high level of planning, preparation and commitment that goes into NVDA in Nottingham and elsewhere. We are also aware of the high profile it receives in the media.

Let us not discourage the NVDA activists from their enthusiastic and spirited protest. To suggest that they should concentrate more energy on other aspects of campaigning is, in my mind, missing the point about what is the main problem facing CND and the peace movement. It is not a question of changing the style and emphasis of those already active in the campaign. It is a question of mobilising those who are inactive, to take on the huge amount of work that has to be done at all levels, if we are to succeed in ridding this world of the threat of destruction posed by the suicidal arms race.

I shall be at Molesworth on Feb. 6th, prepared to risk arrest. But more than this, I hope to copy the energy and commitment of the NVDA activists in every aspect of my campaigning throughout 1986.

That's my resolution for the New Year. What's yours?

In peace,

Paddy Carstairs,  
(Forest Fields Peace Group).

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## DIARY

February 6th Meetings with NCND  
Neighbourhood Groups in **bold type**.

Please 'phone group contacts for  
details of venues &c.

January:

- 7. **Carlton**
- 8. **Newark**
- 12. FFPG training day  
Raleigh St/Lenton Training
- 13. **Radcliffe-on-Trent**  
**Sherwood**  
**Sneinton**
- 14. **Mansfield**  
**East Leake**
- 19. QWCC Training Day
- 25. QWCC Training Day  
Anti-Apartheid Day of Action  
Feb 6th Frenzy - DMG Disco.

February

- 1. Feb6 Frenzy - DMG Disco
- 2. **Workshop/Retford**



# JOIN US



# SIT-DOWN BLOCKADE

## MOLESWORTH

# FEB 6

Local Details

## Coach Tickets + Support

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Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: (home) .....(work) .....

I would like to help with support work on February 6th. (please tick box)

DAY-TIME DRIVING:

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NOTTM. OFFICE VOLUNTEER:

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LATE-NIGHT DRIVING:

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CHILD CARE:

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COACH STEWARD:

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LOAN of VEHICLE:

☐

OTHER: (please specify)

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATION:

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(please return to Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group, 180, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW).

COACH TICKETS + DONATIONS \*\*\* COACH TICKETS + DONATIONS \*\*\* COACH TICKETS + DONATIONS \*\*\* COACH TICKETS + DONATIONS \*\*\*

Name: .....

Address: .....

Please send me ..... £4.00 waged tickets and ..... £2.00 unwaged tickets for the February 6th. coaches.

I enclose £. .... total.

I would like to help fund the Defend Molesworth Campaign and enclose £. .... donation.

(please make cheques payable to Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group and return to 180, Mansfield Road, Nottm; NG1 3HW).