

# NOTTINGHAM CND

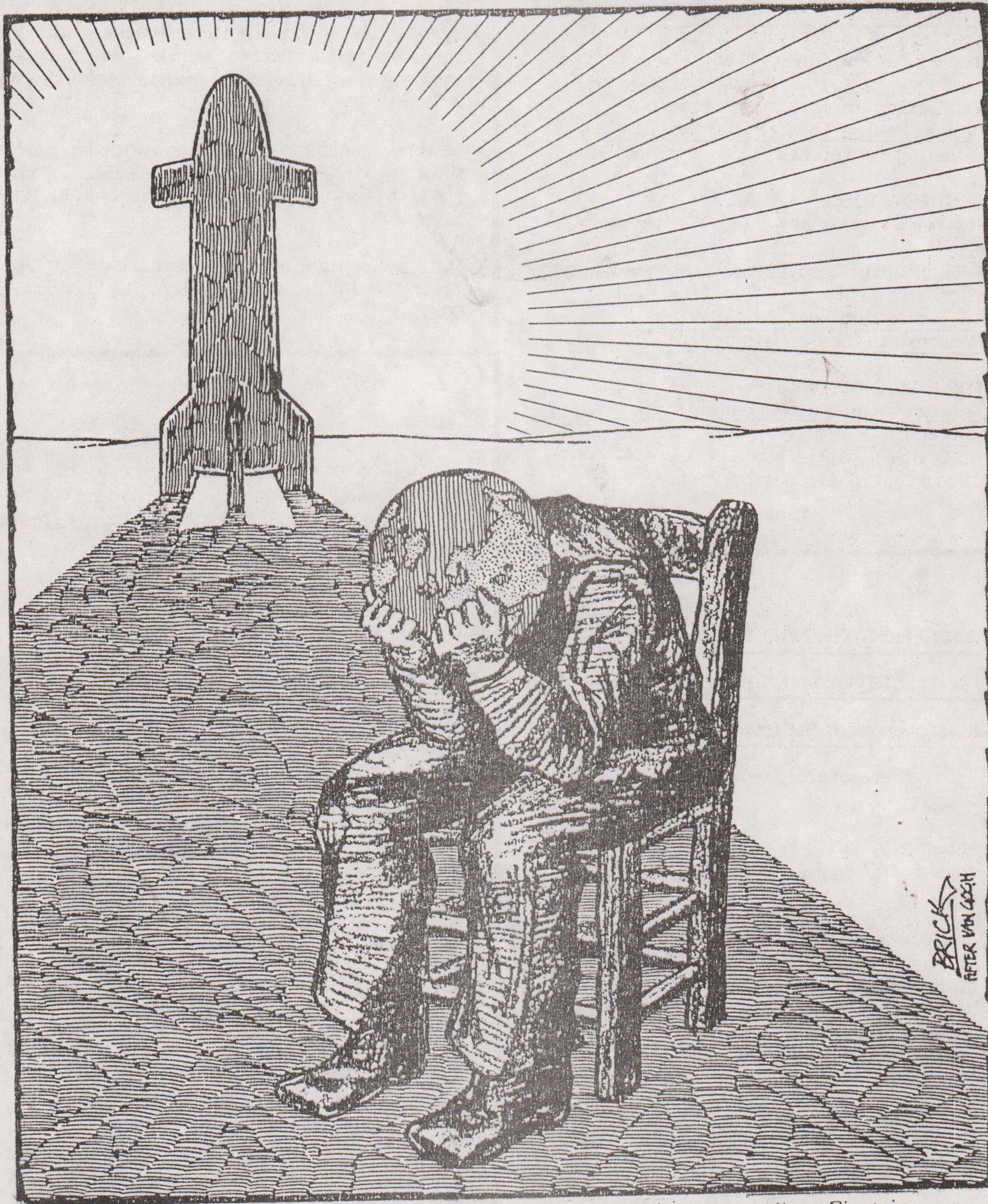
## BULLETIN

20p

(free to NCND  
members)

OCT. '86

NOTTM CAMPAIGN for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

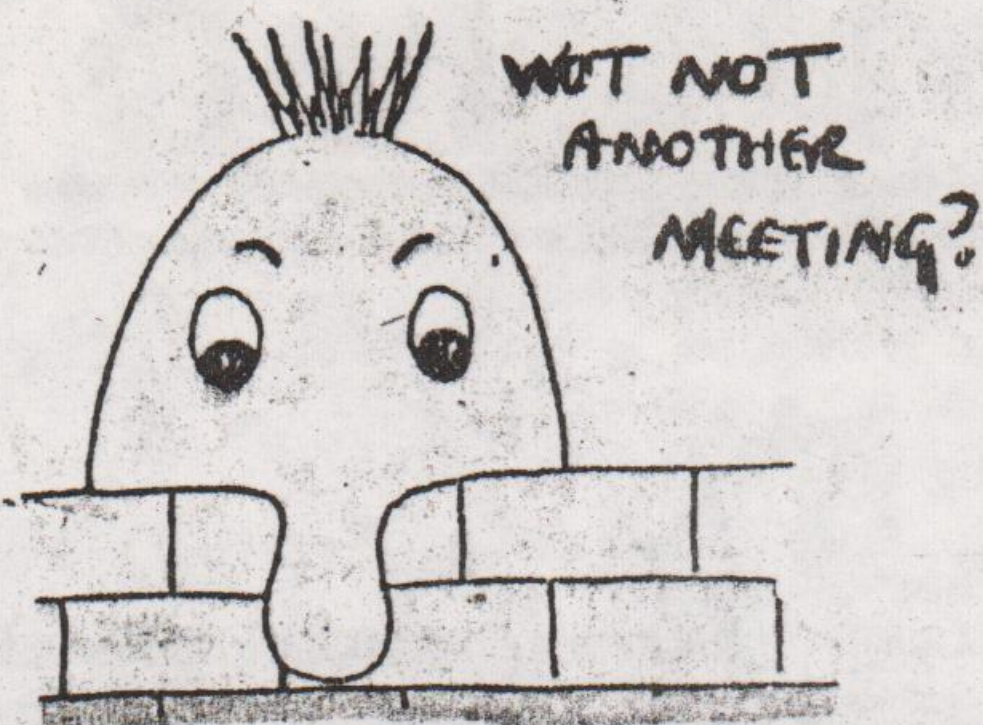


If I had known, I would have been a locksmith.

Albert Einstein

REMEMBRANCE DAY - SAT. NOVEMBER 8TH.  
WEAR A WHITE POPPY - on sale at Listergate stall





## WHAT'S ON

### OCTOBER

- Thu 2. Co-ordinating Meeting. WEA 7.30  
 Sat 4. "RECLAIM THE HILLS". COULPORT.  
 Thu 9. A.G.M. WEA 7.30  
 Sat 12. Leafleting in Carlton (see p.3)  
 Wed 15. Denzil Davies, M.P. "Labour's  
 Defence Policy". County Hall 7 pm.  
 Sat 19. Leafleting in Bilborough (see p.3)  
 Fri 24. "Peace Making in a Broken World"  
 Evening Conference (see p.8)

- DEAD BEAT DISCO see p.6  
 Fri 31. Hallowe'en Knees Up see below

### NOVEMBER

- Sat 1. FREE NAMIBIA Demo. 11.30 a.m.  
 (see p.4)  
 Thu 6. Co-ordinating Meeting. WEA 7.30  
 Sat 8. Remembrance Day on Listergate  
 (see p.2)  
 PAN NVDA Conference.  
 Thu 13. Members' Meeting (Mandating Conference  
 Delegates) WEA 7.30  
 Sat 15. NCND CRAFT FAIR. 10 - 4.  
 Congregational Centre, Castlegate.

### NOMINATIONS FOR NCND EXECUTIVE

TO BE ELECTED AT AGM. THUR 9 OCT

WEA, Shakespeare Street, 7.30 pm.

Proposer		Seconder
CHAIR (2)		
Ann Kestenbaum	J. Guillon	E. Murphy
Jackie Jezewski	G. Young.	A. Kestenbaum.
TREASURER		
Rob Holland	A. Kestenbaum	S. Pascoe
BULLETIN CO-ORDINATOR		
Jos Wood	L. Jessop	L. Geary
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (6 required)		
Barbara Coulson	G. Young	H. Trengrouse
Lawrence Geary	P. Westacott	L. Jessop
Andy Househam	P. Griggs	R. Raynham
Jaz Singh	A. Househam	A. Kestenbaum
Cath Wakeman	J. Jezewski	A. Kestenbaum
Karen Winfield	C. Piper	S. Mathews

## Noticeboard



WHITE POPPIES.  
 for  
 REMEMBRANCE DAY  
 SAT NOV 8.



White poppies are now widely understood as symbols of peace and disarmament. We want to see many, many people walking round Nottingham wearing them over Remembrance weekend, Sat/Sun, 8/9 Nov.

Several groups are holding working parties to make poppies for the Listergate Stall, where we shall offer them to the public and invite donations.

(White Poppies are also available at 30p each from the P.P.U., 6 Endsleigh St., London. WC1H ODX)

### COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS.

There are now 8 notice boards in the City on which we CAN flypost. Make sure that any near you always have a CND poster up. Here are the sites:

International Community Centre,  
 Mansfield Road.  
 Alfretton Road (Independence St.)  
 Norton Road, Radford.  
 Radford Road, nr. Lindsey Walk.  
 Maid Marion Way (Friar Lane Subway).  
 Marcus Garvey Centre, Corporation Oaks.  
 Afro-Caribbean Centre, Hungerhill Rd.  
 Dryden St. (Nr. Poly Library).

### NCND Fundraisers announce:

HALLOWE'EN KNEES UP plus "Working  
 Party" October 31. 8.30 - 12.  
 Hyson Green Boys' Club. £1.75 waged,  
 £1 unwaged or Fancy Dressed.

Raffle and prize for most interesting  
 fancy dress  
 and

### NCND CRAFT FAIR

November 15 10 am - 4 pm

Congregational Centre, Castle Gate.

Wide range of top-quality local work.

Get your Xmas Goodies here.



# Britain's Bomb

CND PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN NO.

## CAR STICKERS

"Nuclear weapons could cost the earth"  
(as on the billboards)  
Ready sometime in October  
Badges also available.

## "RADIOACTIVE TIMES"

Our new magazine and sequel to "Chance of a Lifetime", similar format with BRIAN CLOUGH on the front. Price 20p. Volunteer street vendors needed.

## CARRIER BAGS

5,000 Plastic bags with the message "Nuclear weapons could cost the earth" on one side and "Nuclear Weapons We're better off without them" on the other are to be given away to supporters amongst the general public during the campaign.

## MARKING THE CONVOY ROUTES DAY OF ACTION NOV 29TH

Focus on the M1 and A1 service stations and approach roads in particular. Co-ordination with other CND groups in region as our part of this national action.  
More information next month.

## BILLBOARDS.

During November, billboard posters will be up at 9 sites in Nottingham.

Site 4329 37 Highbury Rd., Bullwell.  
1056 69 Colwick Rd., Sneinton.  
5109 710 Woodborough Rd.  
715 166 Radford Boulevard.  
497 Sherwood St.  
530 33 Alferton Rd.  
6006 377 Aspley Lane.  
6011 Russell Hse/Gordon Rd. W.Bridgford  
5123 722 Mansfield Road. Woodthorpe.

## Leafletting

Carlton - Sat. 12th. Oct.  
Bilborough Sat. 19th. Oct.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
Contact the office.

One new leaflet is already available at the office. A second, using National CND material, will be ready at the end of October.

## APPEAL TO MEMBERS

The next year of campaigning is vital. With a general election looming, perhaps within 9 months, we need to pull out all the stops to affect the outcome. The world simply cannot afford another British government wedded to the idea that Britain needs nuclear weapons.

Since the 1979/80 decisions on Cruise and Trident, we have been campaigning to get these decisions reversed, to inform and influence public opinion and to achieve a majority verdict that NO nuclear weapons make sense.

For years it seemed that we were hitting our heads against a solid wall of four. Yes, Britain could do without Cruise or Trident, the majority of people felt after our very effective protests and information campaigns. But still only 20% believed that we could safely get rid of our nuclear "deterrent".

That has now changed. It may be because of Libya, because of Chernobyl or because persistent and determined campaigning finally pays off.

Two years ago, only 20% supported CND's position on nuclear disarmament. That support is now 44%. The division now cuts right through the political middle ground and is the breakthrough we've been looking for.

Over the next three months, in our second extended public information campaign (EPIC), we shall be challenging Britain's so-called "independent" nuclear weapons.

If you are not involved in neighbourhood group activities, please phone the office (or drop in) and let us know when you could be available. It may be for leafleting, helping run a stall, selling our new magazine . . . .

After years of hard work we need YOUR time as much as ever, if not more. This is the time to put the pressure on as much as we possibly can.

ANN KESTENBAUM,  
NCND Chair.

**Nuclear weapons could cost us the Earth.  
We're better off without them.**





# "Ours is a Common Struggle"

So writes National CND chair, Paul Jones, in "Anti-Apartheid News" on the need to publicize and confront not only South Africa's developing nuclear capacity "the Apartheid bomb", but also the dependence of the British nuclear industry on uranium from Namibia, a country under illegal, military occupation by South Africa.

Namibia borders on South Africa and has been occupied by foreign forces for over a hundred years now. The Germans invaded in 1884 and instituted a system of exploitation and repression that was enforced by widescale slaughter. After the First World War, the League of Nations mandated South Africa to develop and prepare Namibia for independence in the best interests of the Namibian people - but South Africa in fact annexed it as a fifth province and have themselves only been able to maintain their rule there by using massive army and police forces. Not only did they continue the brutality of the Germans, they imposed apartheid and Namibians have lived as strangers in their own land, denied any benefit from the basic agricultural and mineral wealth of the land. Although the United Nations is committed to organising and supervising democratic elections in Namibia, the South Africans will never allow these to take place. They know and openly admit that any such elections would be overwhelmingly won by SWAPO, the Namibian people's liberation movement.



President Botha's regime stubbornly ignores the legal declarations of the UN in 1966 and of the International Court of Justice in The Hague in 1971, which state quite clearly that their denial of Namibian independence is in contravention of international law. Why are they so desperate to keep control of Namibia? And how can they get away with it still?



There is a simple answer. Namibia has a vast mineral wealth and important sea-ports. Namibia's uranium resources mean that countries like Britain and the US are reluctant to bring any real pressure to bear to get the UN rulings implemented and get South Africa out of Namibia. Their nuclear industries profit from the exploitation of Namibia and its people. Between 1978 and 1984, over 50% of the uranium imported by the CEBG has been supplied from Namibia by Rio-Tinto Zinc.

Namibia's exploitation has also helped provide

the basis for the development of South Africa's own nuclear weaponry, backed up with finance, equipment and technology from the US, Britain, France and Germany. It is believed that Israel and South Africa secretly carried out a nuclear test explosion in 1979 and are collaborating on the development of a cruise missile.

Botha's government is obsessed with the "communist threat" and the need to ensure the survival of the white Afrikaaner race at any cost.

The South African information minister Mulder said in 1977: "...if we are attacked, no rules apply at all if it comes to the question of our existence. We will use all means at our disposal ...we have just completed our pilot plant...we have major uranium resources."

Comments like these lend even greater weight to Bishop Desmond Tutu's dramatic warning earlier this year: "If, as most of us believe, they do have a nuclear capacity, I don't put it past them to have their own version of a scorched earth policy".



Botha's nuclear blackmail is one that we must unite to resist. Now, at a time when publicity for the struggle against apartheid in South Africa is at its highest for a long time, is the best opportunity to get these other lessons across to broader layers of people in Britain. Now is the time to point out the common ground in the campaigns against apartheid and against nuclear proliferation. Now is the time to let the people of Namibia know that we will not tolerate their suffering without protest.

We hope many members and supporters of CND will come to the "Free Namibia" Demonstration.

We shall also be collecting items of material aid for Namibian refugees, so bring an item or a collection from your group to the Market Square.

GEOFF MORRIS.

FREE NAMIBIA! END APARTHEID!

DEMONSTRATION  
organized by Nottingham Anti Apartheid

SAT NOV 1ST 11.30 am  
Old Market Square

Bring your Friends and

Bring your Banners.

AMANDLA!



# NUCLEAR POWER & NUCLEAR WEAPONS

## THE LINKS

Every cloud has a silver lining. The silver lining to the terrible tragedy of Chernobyl is that a majority of the population are now alert to the dangers of nuclear radiation and many make no clear distinction between the hazards of nuclear power and nuclear weapons.

Most of us non-scientists have difficulties in keeping clear in our minds the differences between the various reactors and how they are linked to the production of plutonium for nuclear weapons. This is an attempt at an outline non-scientific "guide", aided by "Campaign" and "Sanity".

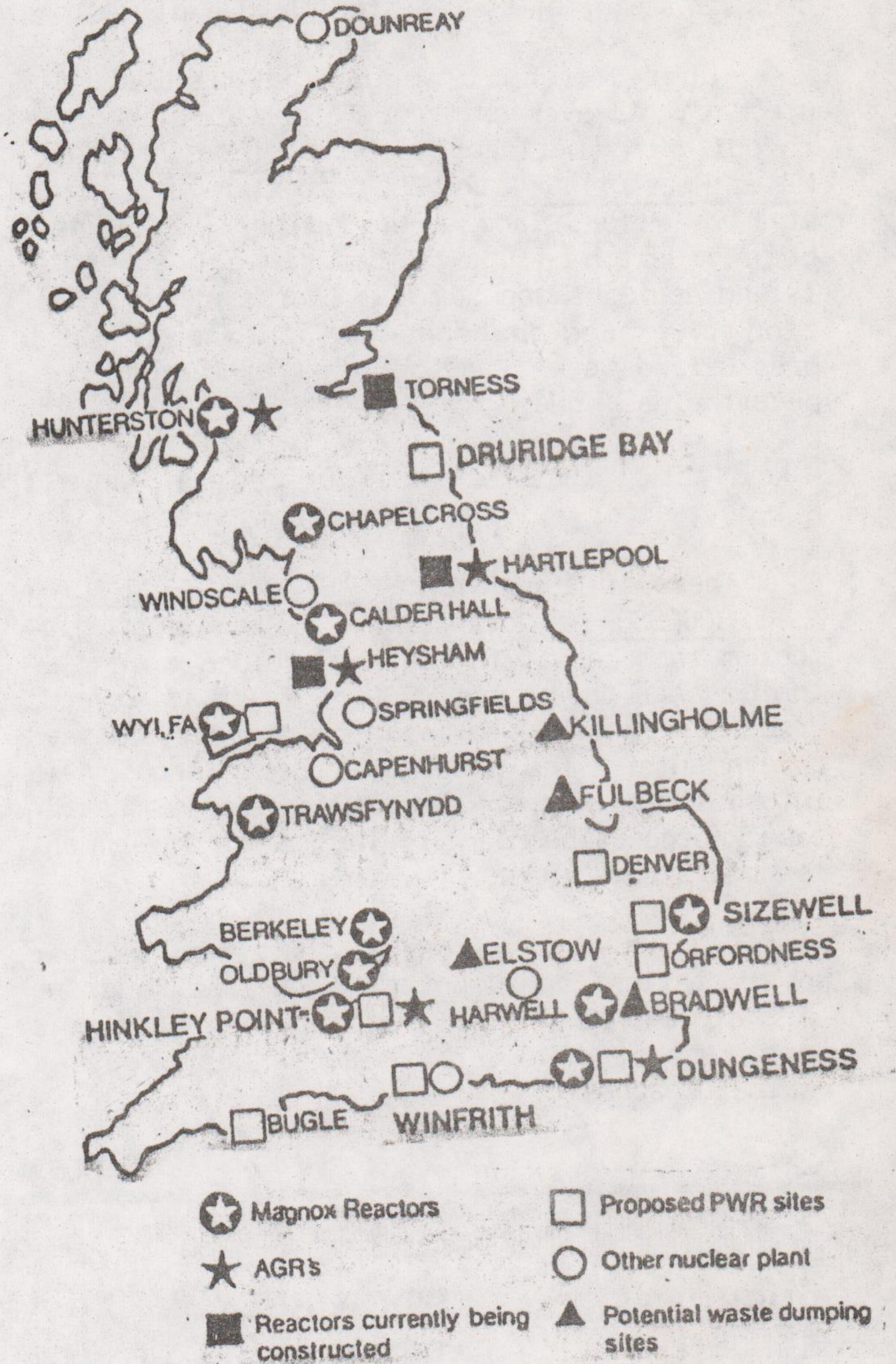
1. The first nuclear reactors were military ones built to produce plutonium. Plutonium, which does not occur in nature, is made by burning uranium in a nuclear reactor. There are two types of plutonium: weapons grade and reactor grade (suitable for burning in a fast breeder reactor).

2. The first two British reactors were M.O.D. ones at Windscale (Sellafield); it was at one of these that a disastrous fire took place in 1957. Both were subsequently shut down.

3. The next British reactors were again built for the MOD at CALDER HALL (near Windscale) and CHAPEL CROSS. Their main purpose was to produce weapons grade plutonium following the "successful" testing of the British bomb in 1952. Calder Hall was opened by the Queen in 1956; its military purpose was camouflaged by the publicity given to the fact that it fed a small amount of electricity into the national grid.

Calder Hall and Chapel Cross are now run by the C.E.G.B., but their main function remains the production of weapons grade plutonium. They are Magnox reactors.

4. In the late 50's/early 60's, the C.E.G.B. built nine more MAGNOX REACTORS (see map), so-called from the magnesium alloy used to contain

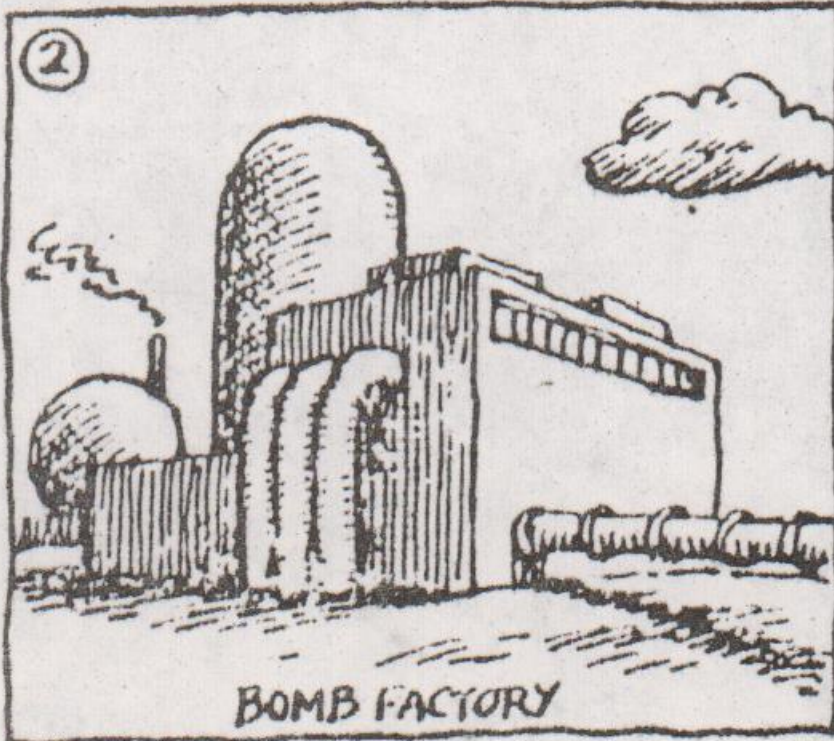
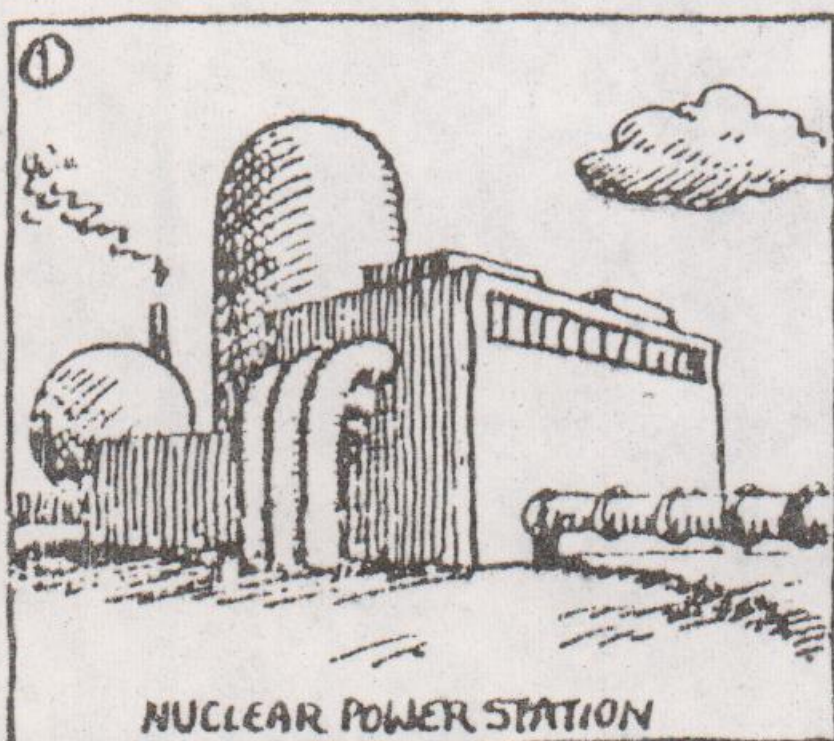


the uranium. They are gas-cooled and all are capable of producing weapons grade plutonium, although the C.E.G.B. claims that they are not used for this purpose. However, Ros Hesketh, a C.E.G.B. engineer who was subsequently sacked, discovered evidence that 4 tonnes had been exported to the USA.

5. To obtain plutonium, and other by-products such as Tritium, the waste from a nuclear reactor has to be re-processed at Sellafield (Windscale). This produces even more waste for which no-one has yet found a safe method of disposal. This is, of course, where FULBECK comes in.

6. In the mid-60's, the C.E.G.B. started to build AGR's (Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors). These were of British design but proved expensive and complicated. One of their less publicized "disadvantages" was that their spent fuel cannot at present be reprocessed to obtain plutonium. However, a new facility to do this at present being built at Sellafield. This is THORP (Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant.) One "advantage" is that gas is a safer coolant than pressurized water. Lord Marshall spoke the

*Spot the Difference!*





truth when he claimed that a Chernobyl type accident could not happen in Britain. A hydrogen explosion such as that at Chernobyl could not occur in a gas-cooled reactor. This does not mean, of course, that AGR's are safe.

7. Lord Marshall should have added "at present". As everyone knows, the CEBG now wants to build an American type P.W.R. (Pressurized Water Reactor) at SIZEWELL, similar to the one at Five Mile Island. No further P.W.R.'s have been ordered in the States since the 5-Mile Island accident and some in course of construction have been abandoned. Chernobyl was a pressurized-water reactor of a different, but nevertheless modern, design.

A key fact is that the plutonium from a Sizewell B type reactor would be 60% weapons grade.

8. There is a prototype FAST BREEDER REACTOR & REPROCESSOR at DOUNREAY. F.B.R.'s burn plutonium instead of uranium and produce more plutonium than they burn; 98% of which is weapons grade. Very handy devices for nuclear-obsessed governments! The present Dounreay enquiry is into building a much larger European Demonstration Reprocessing Plant. The French government is understandably very interested.

Finally, let us never forget that every nuclear power station could act as a nuclear landmine in the event of the conventional war - or even a terrorist attack. They are as dangerous as nuclear weapons.

JOS WOOD.

## RUSHCLIFFE CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

**Defending Britain  
the Modern Way**

**Denzil DAVIES M.P.**

LABOUR FRONT BENCH SPOKESPERSON ON  
DEFENCE AND DISARMAMENT

**Paddy TIPPING**

RUSHCLIFFE LABOUR PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY  
CANDIDATE

**WED 15 OCTOBER**

**7:00**

**COUNTY HALL**

**WEST BRIDGFORD**

**FULBECK CRUISE DISARMAMENT TRIDENT**

## Irradiation of Food?

Many experts have now acknowledged, and many lay people have also come to the same conclusion, that at least 50% of our illnesses are caused by environmental pollution.

People have become particularly aware of the dangers of adiation from no matter what its source.

I am asking anyone who is concerned to support the campaign of protest against the proposals to use irradiation of food as a preservative. Individuals and pressure groups are at the moment engaged in a postcard protest to the addresses below:-

D.H.S.S.,	The Minister of Health,
Alexander Fleming House,	House of Commons,
Elephant & Castle,	Westminster,
London SE1 6BY	London. SW1A 0AA

and your M.P.

Here is an example of one of the postcards that have been sent:

"I am writing to protest against the possibility of food being irradiated. I understand that irradiation destroys a proportion of the vitamins in food. Also, having become aware of the effects of radiation on health, I do not wish to eat irradiated food.

"I would ask, therefore, that if this form of preservation is used for some goods adequate labelling is introduced, so that the basic human right to choose is protected."

The deadline has been extended till Oct 31, because of the unexpected number of protests so far received. GET YOURS IN!

"Radura". This is the sign that is borne by foreign irradiated food. This is supposed to be a symbol of quality. Commonly irradiated foods are strawberries, potatoes, peppers, onions, garlic and shallots.

CHRISTINE GORDON.

DARE YOU come to the Sherwood & Carrington CND...?

DEAD BEAT DISCO!  
on

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER  
6.30 'til late

at the  
FEDERATION HOUSE SOCIAL CLUB  
CLAREMONT ROAD  
SHERWOOD RISE

Tickets: £1.50 waged - £ 1 unwaged.





Letters and other signed articles - express the viewpoint of the author, which is not necessarily that of NCND.

It has recently come to light that there have been three rapes connected with Molesworth in the last year.

The most important point is that these rapes were committed by men from the peace camp known to the women and not by some stranger attacking women alone at night which the conventional stereotype of rape brings to mind. A survey published last week in Woman's Own brings this point home. They found that in well over 50% of rapes, the woman knew the man raping her; in 15% of these cases the rapist was her husband or boyfriend.

The peace movement can't afford to avoid the issue of male violence and sexism. I am shocked and angry that CND groups can continue to campaign around Molesworth pretending nothing has happened. The links between the (male) violence inside the fence and male violence outside the fence are too fundamental to ignore. If we misunderstand the roots of our problems and campaign only around some of the symptoms then the causes remain -- as do their human cost in women and children raped, battered, murdered.

I would like to suggest that every CND group takes some time to talk about rape, male violence and sexism. Don't look on such a discussion as a "diversion" from anti-nuclear campaigning - it is the same strands of violence in our society that hang the threat of rape over every woman's head and the threat of nuclear annihilation over all our heads. Women's Aid and Rape Crisis Centres can barely find the funds for a part-time worker while the military gets all they ask for and more. We have to start unpicking the threads of violence from our own lives if we hope to unravel them from the whole world.

Yours in peace and anger,

Viv Kendon.

Dear All at Nottingham CND,

Your faces and the events of yesterday have filled my mind constantly and I felt I just wanted to write to you, to thank you for all you are doing from Nottingham to agitate and be part of the national conscience.

I went with you yesterday, partly to observe and partly to add a small contribution. I am married to a vicar and am responsible for leading a group of thirty teenagers. These are thinking youngsters, all with a keen Christian faith and a concern for the world in which they live. One girl recently said to me that every night she lies awake thinking about the nuclear situation and that some nights she can't sleep because

she is so scared. She is an extreme - and actually a highly musical and artistic girl - but she is not untypical I think. Prompted by this and by the American action against Libya I wanted to join you at Molesworth. I also felt that I could no longer urge creative thinking about Christian attitudes to world situations, unless I was willing to put my faith into some sort of active participation.

I admired what I saw enormously and you gained my respect. I was reassured by Kathleen's words on the coach that there was no group pressure to act the same as everyone else, but that I was an individual with an individual conscience and that I should do what I could. However, once confronted with the lorries and the desperate overwhelming from the police, I felt condemned by being unable to throw myself in front of moving lorries like some of you were able to. Keep yourselves free from judging those who are not able to act and think like the majority of you, and keep the bonds of unity with one another and with those who accompany you - as they wouldn't have troubled themselves unless they felt keenly and deeply, as you do. I know you hold this as a principle - but in the heat of the moment, it is easy to forget.

God's peace be with each one of you.

Ros Harding.

It seems to me that there are issues by the Hiroshima Shadow Project that ought to be publicised. The first Nottingham Shadow Project last year met with direct police repression and actual violence. Due to the tremendous amount of work done by Les Parsons and others, an effective response was made in the publication of a dossier of events, the forcing of a full police enquiry and the dropping of the charges against the accused.

The action taken against the Shadow project this year by the authorities has been less dramatic, but certainly effective and potentially more sinister, yet we have failed to respond to this threat.

The facts as I understand them are these.

1. Despite Council approval of the shadows, a decision was taken within the Department of Technical Services to deploy staff to remove the shadows immediately.
2. On the night of 5/6 August there was direct co-operation between DTS staff and the police in locating shadows, suggesting that talks had taken place between the police and DTS management prior to 5 August without the knowledge of the Council.

These facts put a rather different light on the "Disgraceful cost to ratepayers" monologue that has gone on in the letter page of "The Post".



## Letter

Quite simply, it is a waste of ratepayers' money to send out staff on double time to clean off symbolic paintings that will go with the rain.

More importantly, it raises the issue of who really is in control; is it the elected representatives or an alliance of police and management staffs? We may find that it has become the latter because we did not speak up when we had the chance.

Dave Dickinson.

## CND AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

"TALKING TO PEOPLE WILL SHIFT VOTES  
- NOT DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
FENCE CUTTING."

This was just one of the thought provoking opinions expressed by James Hinton of CND National Executive at the September members' meeting.

James pointed out the contrast between the level of activity in the campaign and what is going on in people's minds. The peace movement overall is now operating at a much lower level of intensity than just before the deployment of Cruise, yet the latest opinion poll commissioned for CND shows a decisive swing in our favour. Before Cruise deployment the number of people questioned who were in favour of Britain getting rid of all nuclear weapons stayed consistently at about one third. The current position is that approximately half those questioned are in favour of independent British nuclear disarmament.

He suggested a number of reasons: the delayed impact of our campaigning, including the possibility that it was easier for public opinion to accept British nuclear disarmament while the association of CND with "wierdos" was less to the fore in the media; the improved standing of the Labour Party; and of course, Libya and Chernobyl. In discussion, the impact of the Soviet year-long moratorium on nuclear testing was added and even the Basic Case Campaign (!)

James stressed the importance of the solid work being done by parliamentary and other workers at CND Head Office where there are now 40 full-time workers being sought by M.P.s of all parties as well as the press.

While the Thatcher government remains in power, many people, justifiably perhaps, feel that demonstrations will get nowhere. CND should be preparing for the general election now with the emphasis being on persuasion and education rather than protest and resistance. After the election, demonstrations would again be important to ensure that the incoming government fully understood the strength of popular feeling for nuclear disarmament. The National Executive are suggesting that a mass demonstration should be called in London one month after the General Election.

Jos Wood.

# Peacemaking in a Broken World

An Evening Conference

FRI. 24 OCTOBER. 7.30 p.m.

TRENT BUILDING: UNIVERSITY.

Speakers: Michael Hare Duke, Bishop of St. Andrews & Dunblane, Consultant on Peace issues to the World-wide Anglican Church.



Joanna James, Lecturer in Strategic Studies, NATO; Fellow and Adviser to the Scottish Churches on Peace Issues.

She has visited military establishments in both East and West.

The meeting has both arranged by the Churches of the County as a contribution to One World Week. Anyone can attend; coffee provided; free admission with a collection to earn expenses.

MALCOLM GOLDSMITH.

ARRESTED  
CHARGED  
IMPRISONED

## DIARY OF A PEACE PROTESTER

by Jerry Deacon.

75p

It's different, being a peace-prisoner, as Jerry admits in his introduction: different, that is, from the experience of the other inmates of Lincoln jail. For him, having a CND supporter as a cell-mate and the knowledge that close friend, Les, was a few cells away made things bearable; at times when friends could be together, even enjoyable. Take away those supports and the oppression and degradation of prison life would have weighed much more heavily. One can't forever amuse oneself with the thought of how good prison porridge would be for flyposting!

Jerry's diary, written as letters from prison, is an account of his experience, thoughts and feelings during his two week sentence for actions at Molesworth.

ANN KESTENBAUM



# Molesworth Blockade September 16TH

PEACEFUL BLOCKADE AT MOLESWORTH HALTS  
CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE  
HUNDREDTH DAY!  
GOVERNMENT IS FORCED TO CLOSE BASE!

Okay, so the headlines weren't quite like that, but from the energy and positive feeling at the blockade of Molesworth on Tuesday September 16th, I can believe that one day it will happen.

Protesters disrupted virtually every vehicle that went into the base; police had to divert vehicles and protesters responded by making quick decisions to send people to Molesworth gate, which had been opened up, and to be mobile and to move to the new road which the traffic began to use for the first time. Protesters spoke to construction workers as they were stopped (some of whom showed their support) and people were peaceful and good-humoured throughout.

We tied in the blockade with people all over the world at 12 midday when we joined in UN International Year of Peace "Million minutes for Peace", forming a circle and standing together in silence. I found this a strengthening and moving experience - even the police fell silent as we stood.

About 60 people from Nottingham were joined by small groups from all over England, and local groups who had not been approached directly, but had seen the blockade advertised and felt they wanted to join us. Six people were arrested, singled out as "ringleaders"! They have been charged, five of them with Obstruction of the Highway and one under the Bye Laws; most were released very quickly. (Jackie has another story!).

I think our only casualty was Fran, who in her haste to avoid a copper came a cropper!

Thanks to Liz who let us use her house in Molesworth village and to Doreen who kept everything going at the Rainbow Centre.

Cath Wakeman.

## WATCH OUT! There's a (Trouser) Thief About!!

On September 16th at Molesworth I was arrested for obstruction and taken into the base to be processed. My detention began quite normally. My details were taken (name and address only, of course), and a WPC was left to search me and go through the contents of my bag. All went well until the WPC came across my waterproof trousers! A certain look of gravity came over

her face as she looked and looked again at the label and then looked at me. She seemed to be searching for something in my eyes. Guilt? Madness? She then summoned the Sergeant and my arresting officer who joined in this strange close examination of my leggings. The three of them then scurried out to be replaced moments later by a man I rightly took to be a plain clothed detective. (You can spot 'em a mile off).



WATCH OUT! THERE'S A TROUSER THIEF ABOUT.

He picked up the trousers.

"Do you know what this means?" he solemnly pointed to the symbol on the label of the trousers. Well, it wasn't Marks & Spencer or C & A, that was for sure. I had an inkling that there was something about that label that was just about to get me into trouble.

"It means GOVERNMENT PROPERTY". (I was right.)

"I'm afraid you are now arrested under suspicion of stealing a pair of Government property MOD police foul weather waterproof trousers, serial no.8405-99-571-7237. Do you have anything to say?"

Funny how my mind went blank.

All I could do that moment was wrestle with an image I had of myself being sentenced to life imprisonment for theft of a pair of waterproofs, thrown into a dark empty cell with just a bed, a blanket, and a plate of gruel pushed under the cell door. What a nightmare! When I came to, the WPC who had discovered the offending object was seated behind the desk ready to record every detail of what now turned into an interrogation - just how had I managed to procure the said waterproofs?

My mind raced in a thousand directions. I'd borrowed them from my husband John - but where had he got them from? I didn't know. I couldn't remember. Stay calm, I thought. Say nothing. Thank goodness for the NCND legal briefing pack!! I could remember its words clearly now - "You do not have to give any



information except your name and address".  
O.K., I thought. I'll say nothing.

The detective began to fire his questions at me, interspersing them with threats and insinuations.

"You're being very edgy, you know" he said, "makes me think they must be stolen. We'll have to keep you in for the night if you don't tell us where you got 'em".

Hysteria wasn't far away. I decided to reconsider my decision to say nothing - I'd tell them all I knew!

The detective left in triumph to check my story; as though he'd just scored a confession from the most wanted trouser stealer in Britain.

For the next two and a half hours, I awaited the outcome. I had visions of John fainting at the sight of policemen bursting into his office, dragging him away under suspicion of conspiracy, of them searching our home, going through cupboards and drawers looking for stashes of MOD waterproof trousers! Was this thing absurd or was I really going Bananas?

I looked at the trousers lying innocently on the table and thought of the many ways I could ceremoniously destroy them when I got home.

Meanwhile, back in Nottingham, two detectives were visiting John at work.

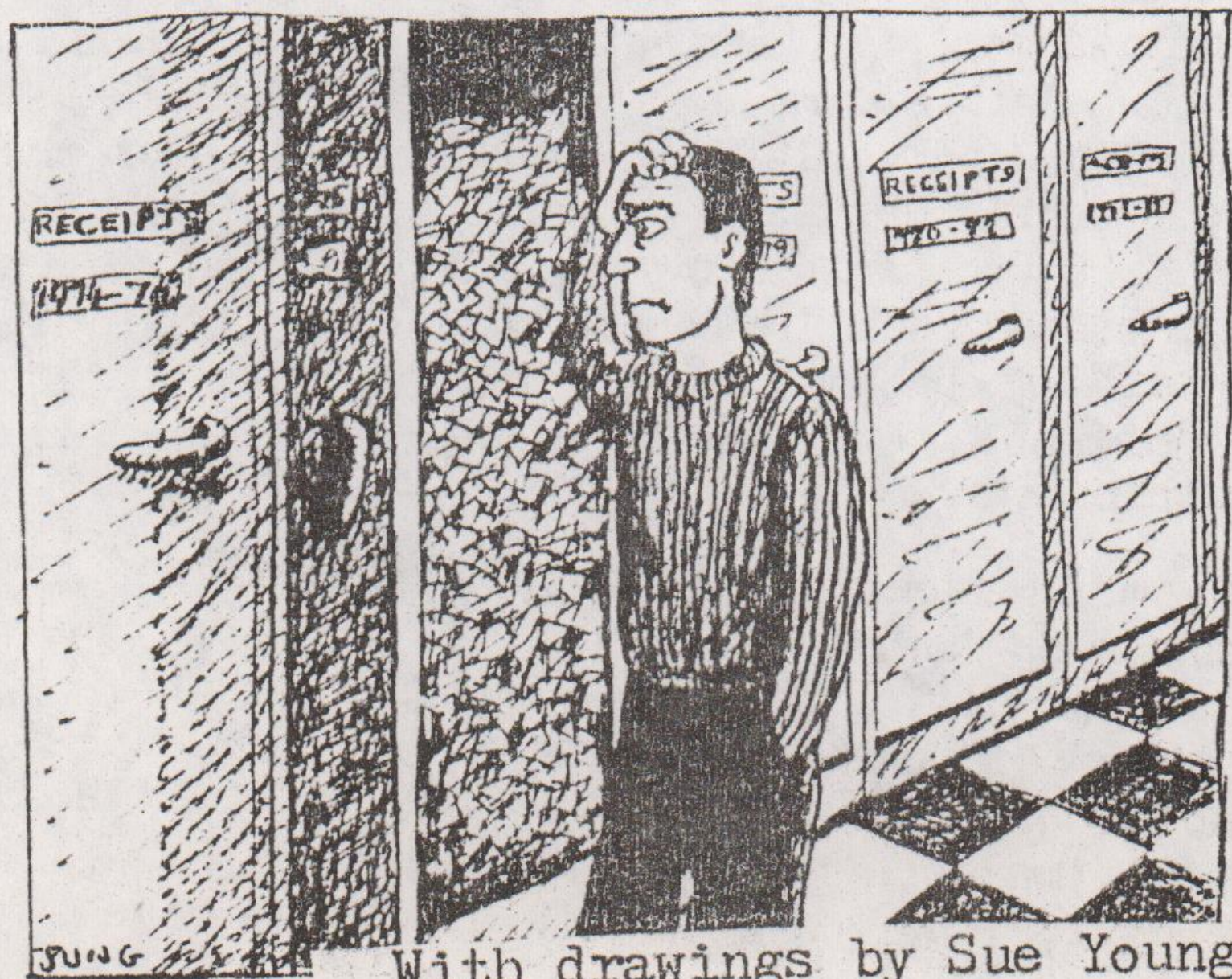
"We have to tell you that your wife has been arrested for obstruction, but is now also being held for possession of a pair of MOD waterproofs."

John quickly smothered his laugh.

"We'd like to know how you got hold of them".

So John explained. He'd bought them from Wakefields back in 1977. Wakefields, the Army and Navy store. The place every day thousands of people flock to buy their waterproof trousers. Not only waterproof trousers but ordinary trousers, kagouls, boots, hats, macs, all of them presumably bearing the dreaded symbol - GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

The detectives looked deflated. Not exactly the crime of the century after all. There was only one question left to be asked: "I don't suppose you have the receipt?"



With drawings by Sue Young

Silence ...

"I bought them in 1977..... no," said John.

The detectives left. If they weren't embarrassed they should have been. And so the case of the waterproof trousers was solved. After being held for five hours, I was reunited with my waterproof trousers and released. Now it's all over, the whole thing seems ridiculous. But the story has a serious side for those who want to think about it. How easily a simple arrest turned into something else.

I think I will do something to those trousers. Non violently, of course!

BY JACKIE (WATCH YOUR WAISTBANDS) JEZEWSKI.

PINK BUNNIES LEAVE MOLESWORTH SUPERINTENDENT  
"HOPPING MAD".



At 4 am on 6 September, 15 peace activists made final adjustments to their preparations for the latest secret action at USAF Molesworth: last-minute checks that ears, tail and pink furry suits were complete, that the beagle had found her green sunglasses and red beret, and a final consensus that the brown cat was definitely a cat and not a bear.

The action was organised by Sherwood/Carrington affinity group to draw attention to the blockade of Molesworth on Tuesday 16. A previous visit to the base had established that security on the gates was practically non-existent: the gates were left constantly open for the large numbers of contractors' vehicles to pass through with only 2 MoD police on duty. Our plan: to drive through the gates at Cockbrook Lane up to the water tower inside the base, and then for some of us to climb the tower and hang banners publicising the blockade from the top.

The 2 drivers were dressed to look like contractors. The rest of us lay in the back of the van, keeping give-away ears and tails out of sight. A running commentary from the driver brought us closer and closer to the open gates... and then we were through and driving right up to the water tower. It seemed that the



• police on the gates didn't realise anything particularly odd was happening until numerous pink rabbits piled out of the back of the van.

Five people got up the ladder of the tower before some embarrassed MoD police appeared and detained the rest of us. The five stayed on top of the tower for four hours when they came down of their own accord.

There was good press coverage and we drew further attention to the construction work at Molesworth. We also caused a certain amount of delay to the work at the base. For the rest of the day the gates were closed between vehicles causing long queues of traffic.

Hilary Trengrouse.

#### NICARAGUA BUILDING BRIGADE PROJECT.

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John Mitchell on Nott'm 787269  
or Jos Potts on Nott'm 626659

\*We're not necessarily looking for skilled mechanics - just anyone who can help us fix the Minibus!!



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Alconbury 9:  
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