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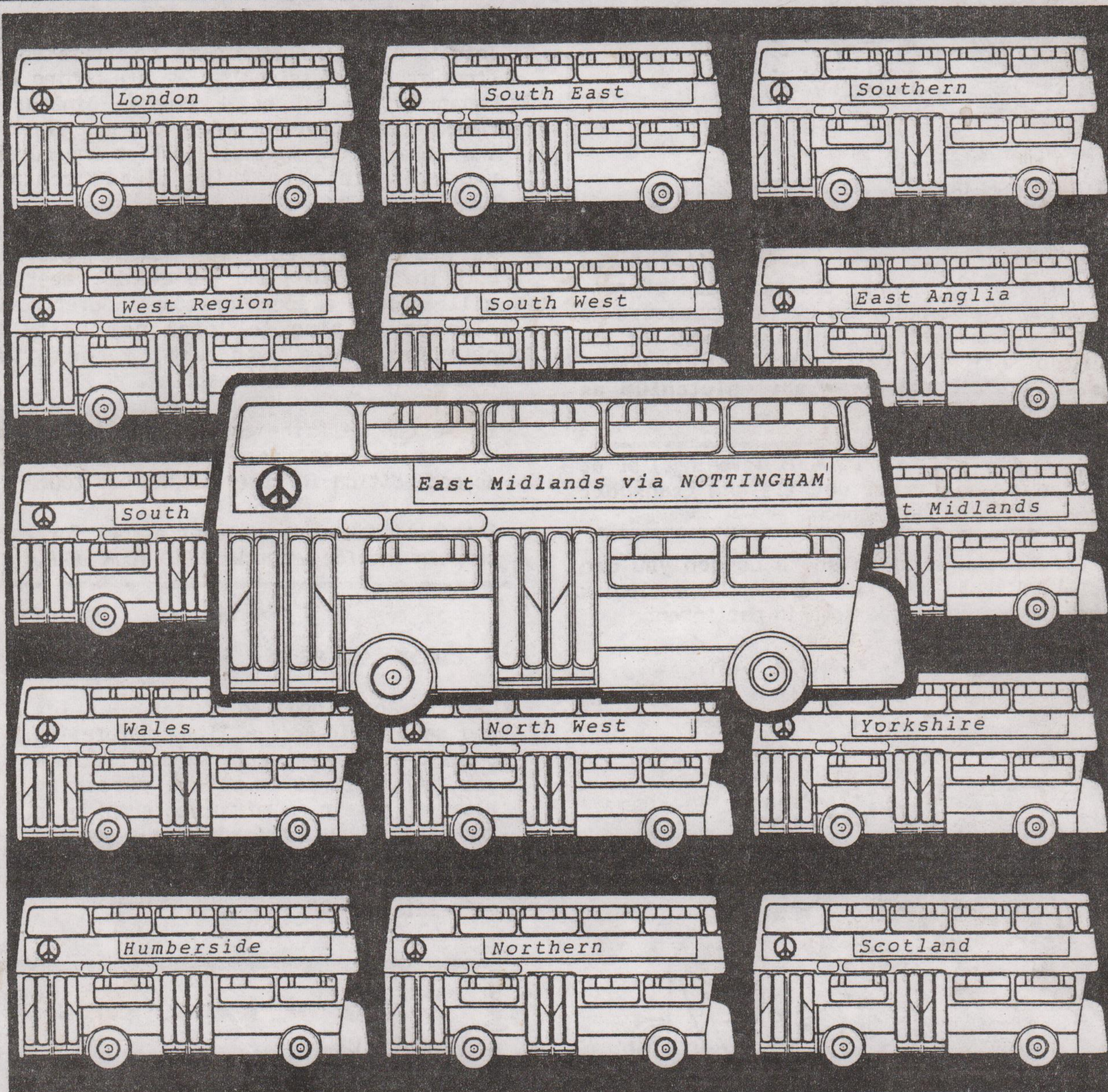
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

FEB. '87

BULLETIN

20P.

THE CND EXPRESS STOPS HERE



FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 6 - 7th.

+ MARCH 6TH.

COME TO YOUR CND EXPRESS D E B A T E

Noticeboard

STOP SIZEWELL B

A nuclear accident
can only happen once every
50,000 years, but unfortunately
this happens to be
the year



LOBBY PARLIAMENT WED. 4 FEB. 2.30 on

The Lobby is being organized by F.o.E. with the support of National CND. A majority of the British public are against the expansion of nuclear power. We must keep up the pressure to prevent the Government giving the go-ahead for the building of Britain's first P.W.R. (which would, of course, produce weapons-grade plutonium as well as power).

Contact Dorothy Wilson on 706571 (evenings) or at Hiziki (day) for further details and transport arrangements by National Coach.

If you are unable to go to London you can still WRITE to your M.P. asking in particular that he demand a free vote in parliament.

GO and SEE your M.P. at his SURGERY.

Oi - where's
your CND
badge?



NATIONAL DEMO

There will be a major CND demo in LONDON
on

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH.

The date has been chosen as

THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHERNOBYL.

CND FILM

"Morning Has Broken"

This is a two-minute cinema advertisement made by front-rank professionals. We are hoping to get it shown in one of the Nottingham cinemas either immediately before or after the bus visit. When the film is on, we must leaflet the queues. If you can help with this, please contact PETE STRAUSS on 704621.

We will be arranging for maximum publicity for both the BUS STOPS and the evening meeting which will include a local newspaper advert. We will also be writing to local community groups, churches, etc. to ask them to send representatives with questions.

If we can sell the copies of Radio-Active Times No.1 in the next few weeks, we may produce a second edition in time for the bus tour.

This all adds up to a major effort for early 1987 campaigning for which WE NEED YOUR HELP.

CINEMA QUEUES & POP CONCERTS

Can you spare half an hour to leaflet and sell Radio-Active Times before the occasional evening performance? Perhaps you could fit it in before something else you have planned for an evening in the city? Find a friend to help you and let us know, so we don't duplicate. We'll also make sure you have the right materials.

FEBRUARY MEMBERS' MEETING

a workshop on

NCND'S ELECTION STRATEGY

Including planning for the CND Express and its follow-up

7.30 p.m. THURSDAY FEB 12th

WEA 16 Shakespeare Street.

THE CND EXPRESS STOPS HERE

The CND Express is a double-decker bus that will tour more than 40 marginal constituencies during February and March. It will be the focus of a major campaign by CND to put peace and disarmament high on the political agenda in the run up to a General Election, which could take place any time this year. The bus is a highly visual campaign vehicle with an exhibition space, video unit and a sophisticated internal and external sound system. Top CND speakers will accompany it and speak at local meetings which the bus will advertise. It will be in our area on

FRIDAY MARCH 6TH., SATURDAY MARCH 7TH.

The next election could be the most important in CND's history. Our Gallop poll showed:

44% thought Britain should give up nuclear weapons regardless of what other nations do

50% thought nuclear weapons did NOT make us safer.

Our challenge is to convince people BEFORE an election is called that there IS something they can do about it: that a vote for nuclear disarmament CAN make a difference.

We have 4 MARGINAL CONSTITUENCIES:

Nottingham South
" North
" East
Sherwood



Preliminary plans for the CND Express are as follows:

MAR 6

BUS STOP 1

CLIFTON SOUTH CHURCH DRIVE SHOPPING CENTRE
10 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Contact Jean Katimertzis on 841666 for details.

BUS STOP 2

OLD MARKET SQUARE 11.30 - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING - PUBLIC MEETING

SAT MARCH 7 BUS STOP 3

BULWELL MARKET 10 a.m. - 11.10 approx.

Contact Pat Robson on 272339 for details.

BUS STOP 4

HUCKNALL MARKET approx 12.00 on

Contact Mark Seabrook on 637375 for details.

MARCH 6th/7th - Daytime

Lots of helpers are needed at the Bus Stops in Clifton, Market Square, Bulwell and Hucknall - staffing the Bus, carrying sandwich boards in its vicinity, leafleting, street theatre, driving a car with loud hailer.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

JAN & FEB

Helpers are needed on Saturdays at the Lister Gate stall and at stalls we hope to run in Clifton, Bulwell and Hucknall. We also want to organise a street questionnaire to give us the opportunity to talk to the public.

MARCH 6th - EVENING

For the evening meeting, we need people to help set up, clear away, steward, run the stall and, possibly organise refreshments after the meeting.

PLEASE PHONE THE OFFICE (472556) OR ANN (602497) WITH YOUR OFFER OF HELP.

PHOTOCALL

12.00 p.m.
Friday 6th. March
Market Square

The CND Express has it's own special CND Express Bus Stop with the caption:

"Stand Here for a Nuclear Free Britain."

At 12.00 p.m., local celebrities will join Paul Johns and AS MANY NCND MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE for a photocall.

PLEASE try to make it.

Nuclear weapons. Where do you stand?

A public meeting of major importance organised by NCND.

Taking part in the panel for the "Question Time" debate will be:

PAUL JOHNS (CHAIR NATIONAL CND)
AND
CANDIDATES FROM POLITICAL PARTIES

7.30 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 6th
YMCA SHAKESPEARE STREET

TEST BAN CONFERENCE

Nottingham 28th February 1987 10 - 4

Friends' Meeting House, Clarendon Street

Now that the Soviet moratorium has finished, perhaps it is time for the West to take a more serious approach to nuclear testing. More pressure needs to be applied to the British government to take an initiative towards a comprehensive test ban - particularly since Britain was party to the abandoned trilateral negotiations.

To discuss ways of applying this pressure, Nottingham will be linked by phone to an international conference, involving centres around the world. This has been organised by the Test Ban Action Group, which includes Parliamentary CND, World Disarmament Campaign, EPIC, Freeze, United Nations Association and Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons. There will be contributions from leading international experts, including Hugh DeWitt & Eugene Carroll, USA; Georgi Arbatov, USSR; Frank Barnaby, UK. The link-up means that Nottingham will be able to discuss issues with these people and other centres.

More details from Roger Gook (255593) or Nick Armstrong (280314).

STOP TESTING START TALKING



Talking to our M.P.

Representatives of Radcliffe Peace Group had a 35 minute discussion with the Rt Hon. Kenneth Clarke Q.C., M.P. at his surgery on Dec.13. Below is a summary of some of the answers he gave to our questions.

Q. Did he agree that a test ban treaty would be an important step towards relaxation of international tension and facilitate an arms reduction?

A. He favoured a test ban treaty provided this was "scientifically verifiable" and did not give advantage to the Soviets. When reminded of the Soviet voluntary ban (then 17 months old) he agreed that a TBT was desirable, though there might be need for occasional testing of weapons in existing armouries. He thought that a 50% reduction in missiles was a worthwhile target.

Q. Didn't U.S. insistence on Star Wars make it impossible to secure a test ban treaty since research was dependent on nuclear tests?

A. Star wars research need not entail nuclear tests. SDI was an American initiative for self defence; it need not be an obstacle to negotiations. BOTH superpowers were developing broadly similar defensive systems.

Q. Who has control of U.S. bases and missiles in Britain? Aren't we hostage to U.S. policy decisions?

A. Our close relationship with the U.S. ensures that our voice is heeded. Mrs Thatcher is able to exert real influence. This is not the case with countries that have refused to have nuclear bases. He considered Reagan's apparent willingness at Reykjavik to dismantle strategic nuclear weapons in Europe "a deplorable aberration" which would leave Europe defenceless. These weapons were an essential defence in the face of Soviet conventional superiority.

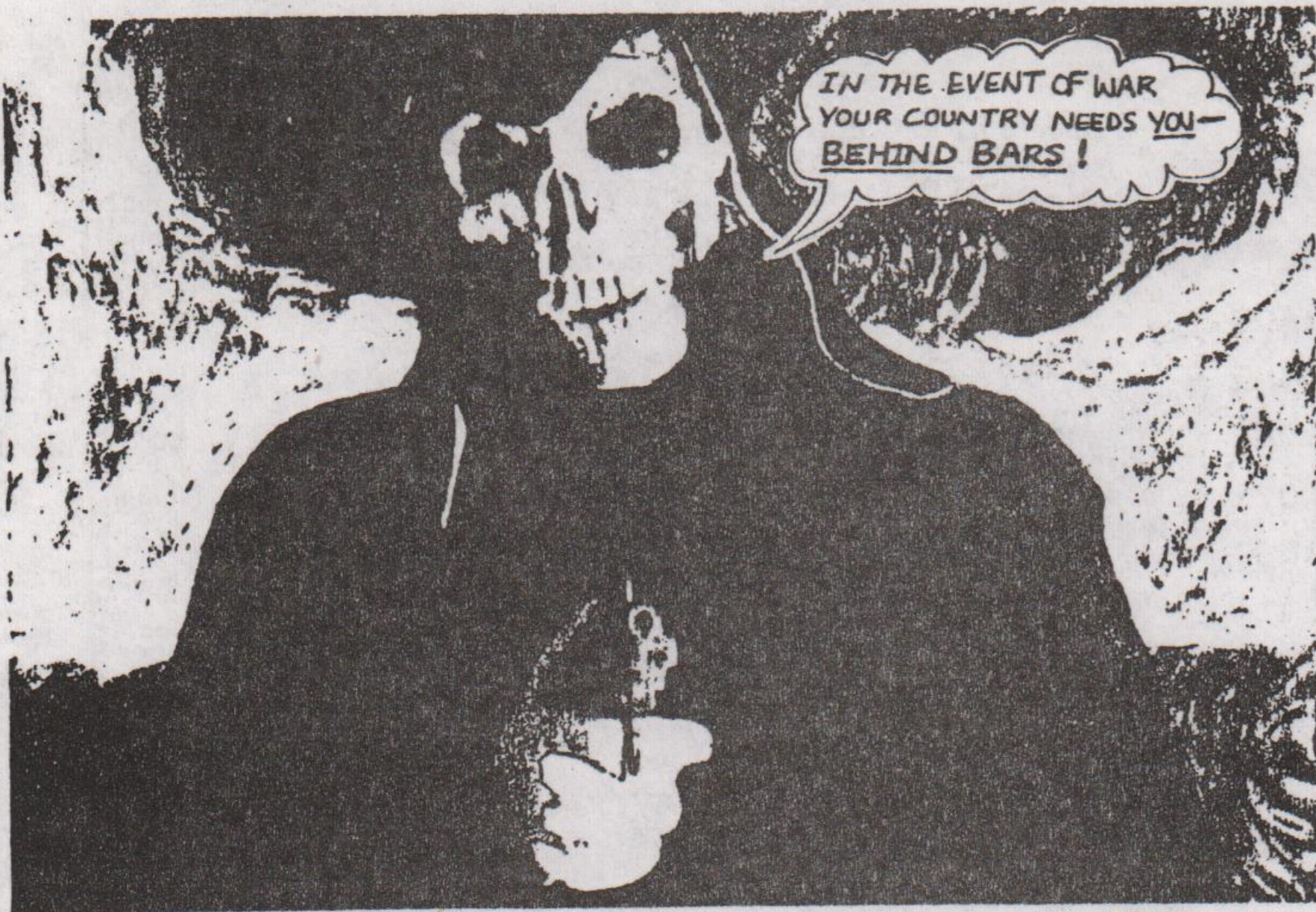
Q. Doesn't our possession of nuclear weapons make us a target and certain to be wiped out in a nuclear war?

A. The consequences of nuclear war are not limited by national boundaries. We would suffer the effects of nuclear fallout etc anyway. An independent British nuclear deterrent was an additional guarantee of our national security.

Q. In what circumstances would he, as our M.P., agree to the use of nuclear weapons by or from this country?

A. He would be prepared to agree to at least the limited use of nuclear weapons in the event of a massive Soviet attack with conventional weapons.

Tony Boden; Phil Hughes; Eric Jessop.



WINTEX '87

SUE YOUNG

Between March 4th and 17th, Nato military commanders and leading civil servants will be taking part in a series of NATO exercises called WINTEX. During this period, they will be rehearsing the emergency procedures which will come into operation in the run up to nuclear war.

Wintex '87 focusses specifically on the measures the government will take to stifle internal dissent during the emergency period. It will also deal with the transition to a wartime government.

Three "Emergency Powers" Bills have already been drafted which will extend the powers of the military and police if nuclear war seems imminent. "Ground Defence Areas" will be declared around bases and airfields within which everyone and everything will be subject to military control. 20,000 "subversives" will be rounded up and interned. As hostilities reach a peak, Parliament will be dissolved and the country will be ruled by Regional Commanders all of whom will be government ministers based in nuclear bunkers.

This exercise does not involve military troops and it is likely that the majority of the public will have no idea that it is happening. It is up to us to draw attention to WINTEX and the ways in which civil defence plans threaten civil liberties.

Ideas for ACTION

- ➔ Send letters to your Regional Emergency Committee or block R.E.C. telephones during the exercise.
- ➔ Write letters to local newspapers. Use radio phone-ins to publicise the event.
- ➔ Picket the R.E.C.
- ➔ Organise an 'arrest-in' - get members of your group to give themselves up at the local police station as 'subversives'.
- ➔ Ask a prominent personality to join you eg MP, Community Leader. Invite the media along.

NCND will be co-ordinating the WINTEX campaign in Nottingham. Ring Karen on 863955 for further details.

The P.A.N. Report

Following the changes to PAN that were outlined in the December Bulletin, further meetings have now happened and PAN has been entirely re-structured. Unfortunately, there is some confusion over exactly what we decided because over the Christmas period we managed to lose our minutes! We've already asked Special Branch to give them back and are still waiting for their reply; meanwhile, here is what we think we agreed.

We drafted out a kind of constitution, which said that PAN should consist of individuals and groups interested in non-violent direct action (NVDA); to assist new NVDA groups to develop, and to service existing groups with skills, resources and an exchange of information; to be a forum for Nottingham-wide discussion, co-ordination and organisation of NVDA.

We also identified jobs which would be necessary for the group to run smoothly, such as treasurer, archivist, communications. People took these on, for periods of only six months, after which other people will take over. This measure is designed to promote learning and skill-sharing, and make it easier for new people to play a part in PAN.

A major change that was agreed is that in future ideas and initiatives should mainly be brought **into** PAN by associated groups and individuals, where discussion and co-ordination could then take place. It is hoped that by being less directive in this way, we can encourage more people to contribute their ideas about NVDA. This report is another part of that process, and we hope that by entering a monthly update in the Bulletin we can create new channels of communication with other CND members, who have previously not been involved in NVDA.

With all this 'office-work' going on, you might be tempted to think that we had very little time to do anything active, but in fact the first action by the new PAN took place on December 20th: the Christmas party inside Chilwell. The planning, legal back-up and media work were carried out by one of the groups, and co-ordination via PAN meant that we were able to get 19 people inside the base, armed with mince pies (vegetarian!), mulled wine, sherry and a Christmas tree! Highlights included doing the conga whilst being chased by the very-frustrated driver of an MoD police van, and a drive out to Beeston police station singing carols all the way-and all the way back, as the civilian police refused to take us out of the MoD's hands! No-one was charged and the media response was excellent, gaining reports on national TV news and in Monday's Guardian. Thanks are due to the hard-working media and legal back-up people, who did an excellent job.

PAN

LATE NEWS.

The blockade in Parliament Square, London, planned for Fri. March 6th has been postponed until May 15th. Details in the next Bulletin.

Letters

It's a shame that Bob Spence has decided, by means of his letter last issue, to involve NCND in the Mushroom dispute. It is even more of a shame that he did not check his facts from both sides before offering his opinion. I am not aware of any other instance when the NCND Bulletin has been used to attack individual members.

The first point of disinformation is that I "left Mushroom". This implies a voluntary decision and, indeed, had I made such a choice I would gladly have gone without expecting a penny. What actually happened is that I was sacked. The letter of dismissal from the other partners is still at my house - Bob is welcome to read it for himself. When I objected to being sacked from an enterprise I myself had jointly set up in 1972, I was sent to coventry, had my wages stopped and the locks were changed to keep me out. This is crucial - I did not "leave"; I was sacked.

Another important point is the conditions to which I agreed to participate in the Community Enquiry, (which was not the first attempt to arbitrate out of court, the others had been sabotaged by Mushroom.) Surely it must be obvious to all that Mushroom have a lot more power (in terms of cash for publicising their side of the story, the number of people they encounter daily, and credibility as a long-standing institution) than I, as an individual, have. Therefore I made it clear before the enquiry began that I was not interested in a head-count (which Mushroom would surely win) but an enquiry which looked at the reasons, principles and issues and which gave priority to people who knew the background.

Unfortunately, although the panel appeared to go along with this before the enquiry, they then changed tack without informing me and their end result was, more or less, a head-count. And what's this "local grassroots democracy"? Mushroom had asked for, and obtained, submissions in support of themselves from bookshops around the country, and even one in Australia!

The £3,000 Bob says I have been offered is, in fact, laess, as I am expected to pay several expenses out of it. Having set up Mushroom on a shoestring of personal savings and subsidized its beginnings by doing cleaning and collating work, I have no wish to attempt to set up a new bookshop with a ridiculously small amount. I also now have a daughter to provide for; thanks to Mushroom sacking me, I am attempting to do so on supplementary benefit

I will not sign for the money in the Imperial Building Society because its ownership is in dispute. Mushroom are already using my share of all the other assets. If Mushroom were so keen to obtain access to this money and resolve the dispute, I would suggest they reply to the letters my solicitor is sending them in an attempt to reach an out-of-court settlement.

Finally, Bob feels that a letter in support of Mushroom deserves a place in the Bulletin because of the support NCND has received from them over the years. Does he not realize that for many of those years I was working at Mushroom and contributing to that support? And since I was sacked I have still been a member of, and supported NCND - though as an unwaged individual I am afraid I'm unable to offer such "support" as loans of a van, raffle prizes etc. Is Bob arguing that NCND should support Mushroom because they are rich and powerful?

It's a pity this issue has been raised in the Bulletin. Before reading Bob's letter I had been intending to write to point out the dangers to CND and all campaigning organisations of the Public Order Laws, which are far more important as they will severely limit our ability to protest. Hopefully someone else will take this up.

Chris Cook

To accept the report of Pete Strauss on the CND Conference as a serious contribution to the cause of CND or a reflection of the problems and tasks we now face is a travesty of common sense or worse. The decisions reported in Ann Kestenbaum's account represent the urgent needs of the campaign: to capitalize on the Russian moratorium when the next American test may end it; intensify the campaign against Star Wars; develop a non-nuclear defense policy; research into the conversion of nuclear weapons production into socially useful products, etc.

I regret that the editorial group should consider an account of such divisive activities worthy of presenting to the membership and the public as a serious representation of our movement. There are enough people who consider us lunatics without helping them with our own publicity.

The heart of the movement is sound and must respond to the hopes and aspirations of millions of people who want peace and security. We must give leadership to that desire in a simple, direct and acceptable way. A discussion on the "Lunatic Fringe" takes us nowhere.

Eric Jessop.

FULBECK

Fulbeck may be out of the news now NIREX is drilling out on the airfield, but the fight is still very much on as Barry Hewis of LAND (Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Against Nuclear Dumping) made clear at a Radcliffe Group Meeting.

The Government, it seems, aims to dispose of nuclear waste on the cheap. NIREX, which has no scientists on its staff, allocates only £100 for the disposal of each cu. metre of waste in comparison with approximately £1,000 spent by West Germany and Sweden. Published geological surveys show an insufficient thickness of clay under the Fulbeck site to prevent radioactivity getting into the natural drainage system, and this in one of the main vegetable growing areas in Britain. Once the site is full, it will be permanently sealed, so that it will not be possible to inspect the containers for leakage. This contrasts with methods used in France and Sweden where containers are retrievable and can be regularly inspected.

LAND still has a caravan with telephone and other facilities at the site entrance and a 24-hour watch is maintained. Visitors are welcome; even more so are people willing to undertake a shift. Ring Fenton Calpole 730 if you can help.

LAND ask people to write to M.P.'s asking them to sign Richard Alexander's Early Day Motion on the Disposal of Nuclear Waste No.159 originating on 21.10.86. You could add this to YOUR LETTER ON SIZEWELL B.

Don't let's slip into the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) Syndrome. Getting rid of the waste-disposal problem is essential to the Government's plans for Nuclear Britain. What happens at Fulbeck and the other sites under investigation must concern us all.

Jos Wood



from Labour Weekly

CHRISTMAS IN LISTERGATE-

The stall went out 10 times in December in comparison with 8 the previous year and takings - sales and donations - were up 50%.

Christmas card sales were terrific. We sold 3,500 of our own cards and a lot of National CND ones too - over 7,000 cards in all. Think of all those mantelpieces from which they spread the message.

T H A N K Y O U

To everyone who gave time - often on bitterly cold days - to ensure the stall went out.

Rob Holland.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A coachload of Nottingham women took part in the Greenham demo on 13 Dec. Transport was organized by Raleigh St. Women's Group.

There were various impromptu blockades throughout the day and several Nottm. women were arrested. Some hardy types braved the cold and camped at the base for the weekend!

Forest Fields Peace Group collected a large number of signatures at shopping centres on 5 large Christmas cards which were sent to MINSK.

Bingham Peace Group distributed their own Christmas card with a leaflet inside from door to door. Some new members resulted.

PUBLIC ORDER ACT

Between January 1st and Easter this year, the PUBLIC ORDER ACT will have been introduced in its entirety, creating several new public order offences, extending police powers and severely restricting the rights of demonstrators and pickets.

PUBLIC ORDER ACT CONFERENCE
Saturday 14th February 1987

The Family Centre (Disabled Access),
Russell Road, Forest Fields, Nottm.
10.30 - 5 p.m.

Speaker: Marie Staunton (NCCL)

(Speaker from the national print unions also invited.)

WORKSHOPS CRECHE

Further details from: Geoff Wade
(703396).

Do You Support The Multinationals?

Despite the apparent diversity of choice offered by the food industry, it is infact dominated by a handful of multinational companies. For instance, the leaders in the so called "Health Trade", Holland and Barrett, and Allinsons, are owned by Booker McConnell, who have massive financial interests in the factory farming system and McVities, K.P. and Wimpys are all owned by United Biscuits. Conglomerates such as these donate thousands of pounds anually to, amongst others, the British Industrial Biological Research Association (experimenters in animal torture) and the Tory Party.

Food is a political weapon

Food is used to keep the "developing" countries dependant upon the west, ie, they are forced to grow "cash crops" such as tea, coffee, bananas, and sugar, under disgusting working conditions, leaving insufficient land for growing their own staple crops... Instead they are sold the dregs of so called civilized society's consumerism, eg. Coke, cigarettes, white flour, digital watches, T.V.'s etc. Behind every one of your favourite brands lies oppression, murder and destruction by companies whose sole concern is profit. These companies push food which is highly refined and adulterated with chemicals, which are known to cause cancer, diabetes, miscarriages and a host of minor illnesses.

Wholefoods

Hiziki and Ouroboros exist to promote the use of wholefoods as a healthier way of eating, to support the growth of vegetarianism/veganism, and to put forward ways of reducing exploitation of people, animals and our environment.

So why support us?

In order to survive we need people to shop with us. Our profits are not invested in weapons and repressive regimes, any profits tend to go in donations/raffle prizes, etc., to local and national campaigns and community groups. We have never sold South African or Chilean goods. We try to support other collectives and coops and give space to causes with which we identify. We do not want to compete with supermarkets and so called "Health Food" shops, but rather to offer genuine alternatives, selling good food as cheaply as possible.

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THE BULLETIN — Are Changes Needed ?

The Executive Committee have discussed the following proposals put to us by PETE STRAUSS & GEOFFREY YOUNG. Our comments follow.

THE PROPOSALS

We believe that the Bulletin should change in a number of ways. We would, however, be the first to acknowledge that there are a number of aspects of the Bulletin that are very positive and which need to be continued: the fact that it has been produced regularly, that there has been a core of hardworking people who write, lay-out, print, collate and distribute it and the fact that it has improved in quality very much over the years ... these things should be applauded.

What we are suggesting is that the Bulletin could be better still. Better in two main areas:

- a) Presentation
- b) Content.

We propose that

1. The Bulletin is printed at Ramoth instead of at 118 Workshop.
2. That the Bulletin is aimed at being interesting not only to the members who receive it automatically, but also to members of the supportive general public.
3. That it is, therefore, made available for sale at a few outlets around the city and that the print-run be increased from the current 1450 to 1600.
4. That the increased cost of professional printing be borne by advertising.
5. That this should in no way compete with the "Chance of a Lifetime" or "Radioactive Times" initiatives.
6. That the launch of the "new" Bulletin should not be attempted until a viable working group has been set up, to "get the job done". This could centre on the current Bulletin team, but would be slightly expanded in terms of numbers to meet the extra work load and would need to meet more often and probably for longer.
7. That clear aims and objectives for the Bulletin be established by the Executive, the Bulletin group and the members at large.
8. That information which is ONLY of interest to the members be inserted as a "pull - out" and that the rest of the Bulletin be folded A3 instead of A4.

The basic idea behind this proposal is that we need to give the Bulletin a higher priority. It is the ONE form of communication between the members; the ONE wide forum for debate; the ONE instrument for maintaining morale and enthusiasm. It could be part of our "public face" and, if it were so, we would have a greater incentive to improve its image and content.

Style and image would inevitably improve with Ramoth's printing (black would be black instead of grey), but also the graphics and the lay-out would improve as the Bulletin increased in importance and raised its profile. There would also be more incentive to sympathetic artists to contribute artwork.

Contact would be broader and more imaginative. Possible ideas are: to include pieces by people who oppose CND; to reproduce pieces from other publications; to have a regular "Diary" column; to commission articles not just about the "hardware" of the arms race, but also about the issues facing the peace movement; to include interviews with prominent or ordinary people; editorials; competitions; etc. etc.

The purpose of the Bulletin and whether or not it should be commercially printed were discussed in depth between February and April 1986, and neighbourhood group opinions were sought. The March 1986 Bulletin was printed commercially as an experiment. The April Co-ordinating Meeting decided that we should continue printing ourselves at 118 Workshop, where a new offset-litho machine had just been installed. The main reasons were:

a)cost - commercial printing would cost about £300 p.a. more than doing it ourselves;

b)flexibility - commercial printing would involve an earlier deadline with no possibility of last-minute additions and a fixed number of pages.

The committee was unanimous in seeing no reason to reverse the April decision.

Financing the Bulletin by advertisements would require someone to act as a business manager and devote time every month to touting for custom and ensuring that payments came in regularly. The number of adverts needed would, of course, reduce the space available for other things.

Geoffrey and Pete's proposals do, in fact, hinge on our being able to draw more people into working

on the Bulletin. As has been frequently stated, the Bulletin Team would welcome more workers. Some of the suggestions in the final paragraph could then be undertaken, although we should not duplicate what can be more effectively done by CND's national monthly magazine, "Sanity".

We think that the Bulletin should continue to be primarily a members' newsletter, with some sales to sympathizers through friendly shops, as at present.

We believe NCND should continue to produce "Radio-active Times", which is printed commercially, for sale to the broad public. We do not think it practicable to sell both publications to the public as well as attempting to increase sales of "Sanity".


As far as editorial policy is concerned, the executive unanimously agreed that all editorial decisions are delegated to the Editorial team, and that a detailed policy cannot be adequately defined. Any individual decision can always be challenged at Co-ordinating meeting.

The executive committee is organizing a telephone questionnaire to a random sample of members. The results will be discussed at Co-ordinating meeting. If you are not one of the sample, you are still welcome to send us your views.

NCND now has its own EXHIBITION BOARDS



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Four lightweight
stands - easy to use!
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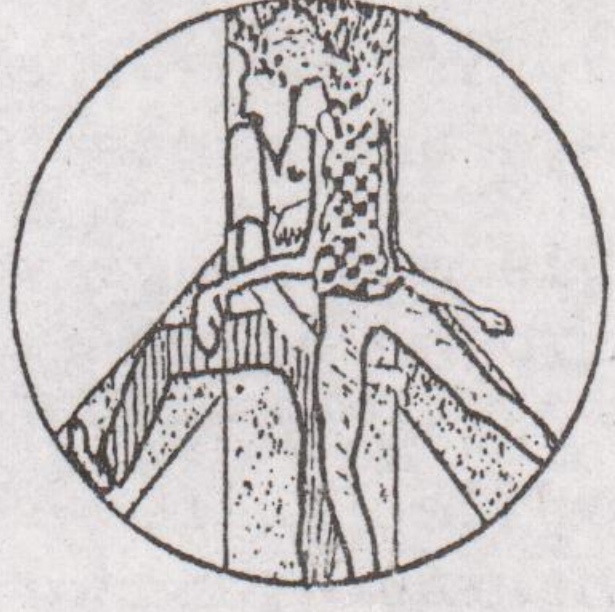


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PEACE
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THE FIVE F DISCO
Forest Fields Fourth Friday Foot-tapper

At the
HYSON GREEN BOYS' CLUB
Terrace Street, Hyson Green



FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY
From 8 'til late
with late bar

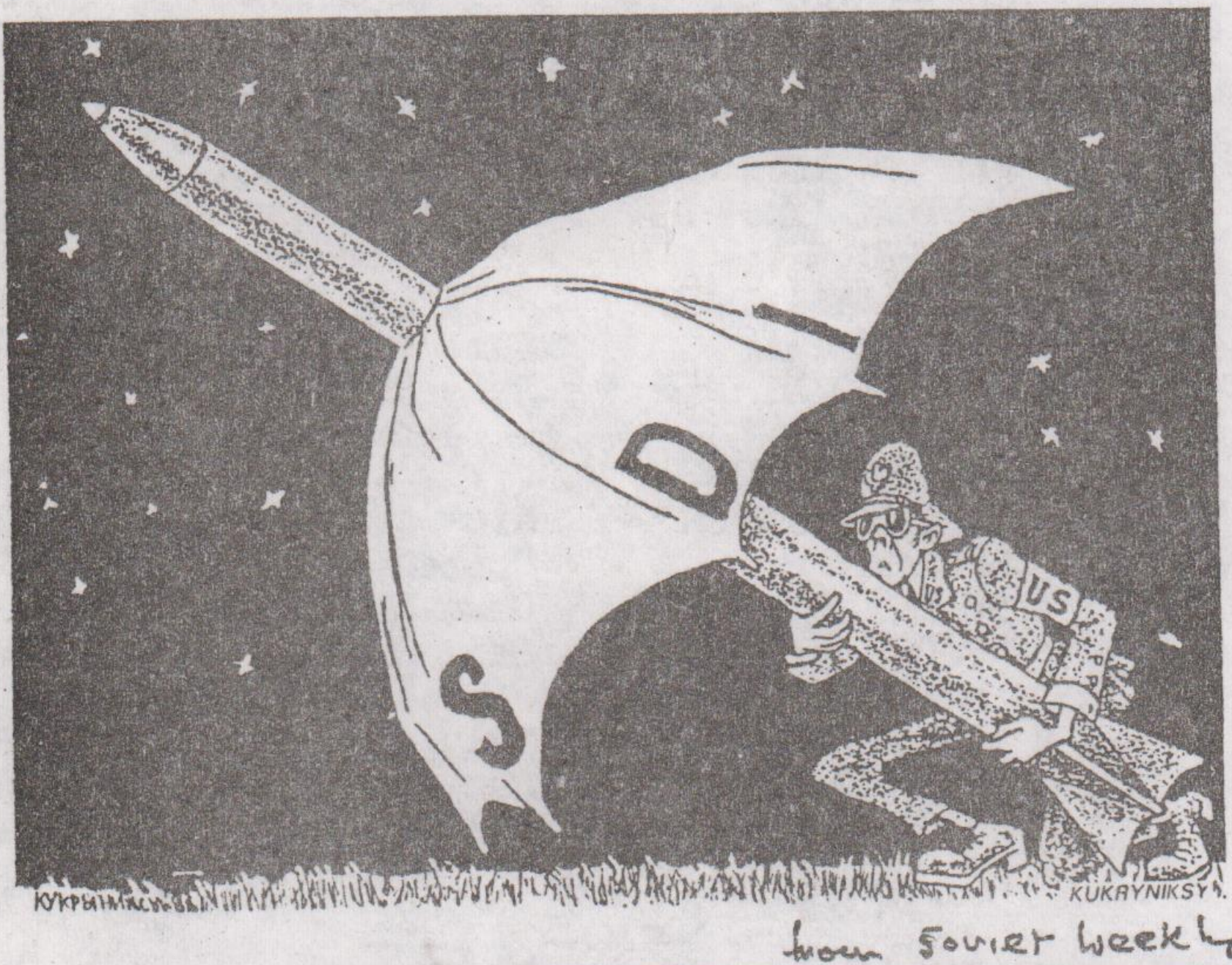
Review

"The Star Warriors" by William J Broad
(Faber and Faber, £4.95)

In this fascinating and disturbing book, the author (an American journalist who specialises on nuclear weapons reporting) describes a week he spent, in May 1984, at the Lawrence Livermore laboratory in California where one of the largest groups working on the "Star Wars" project is based.

There are many books on the market about "Star Wars". The novelty of this one is the emphasis on the human angle, i.e. the scientists themselves who are working on the project rather than the technology which they are creating, though of course some discussion of the latter is included.

We learn that these scientists are mostly very young, practically all under the age of thirty and exclusively male. Many appear to be "workaholics" and there appears to be very little social contact with the world outside the laboratory. Indeed the major social activity seems to be mass consumption of Coca-cola and ice cream (huge stocks of both are maintained at the laboratory) with occasional forays to fast food restaurants.



MARKING THE ROUTE



On November 29th, many NCND members took to the roads to mark the Polaris Convoy routes.

The Trowell Service Station was leafleted, roundabouts were placarded and banners hung in order to alert the public to the hazard of live nuclear warheads on our roads.

The action received good media coverage and an interested response from the public. It was clear that many people had no idea that Nottingham was on a convoy route.

Many thanks to everyone who took part.

We are given ample insight into what motivates these young men to work on "Star Wars". As always, there is a mixture of reasons; some are politically naive enough actually to believe that strategic defence will work, some are hooked on the intellectual stimulation of the work and some are motivated by crude Cold War ideology and extreme hatred of the Soviet Union. For example, one of the leading lights of the group has a lifelong ambition to build a starship and travel beyond our solar system. He believes that, if the Russians conquer the world, they will thwart his dream because of their "anti-technology leanings". Many members of the group cite reading science fiction as one of the major interests in their youth.

One of the most important members of the group is Peter Hagelstein, the inventor of the X-ray laser, who originally developed this concept because of what he saw as its enormous potential benefit to medical science and was gradually drawn (perhaps even coerced) into becoming a weapon maker. A result of this was the break-up of his long-standing relationship with his girl friend who left him to become an active peace campaigner. (The only woman who is mentioned in the whole book!)

An insidious role in recruitment to the laboratory is played by the Hertz Foundation (an offshoot of Hertz Car Rental) which offers enormous cash inducements to bright students at US universities to work at the laboratory. Both Edward Teller (retired director of Livermore and still its eminence grise) and Lowell Wood, the unofficial leader of the young scientists, sit on the board of directors of the Foundation and have played a major role in interviewing recruits.

The book led me to draw inevitable comparisons with Robert Jungk's "Brighter than a Thousand Suns" where another group of scientists, in creating the first atom bomb (many of them, refugees from Nazi Germany who feared that Hitler would get it first) were exploited by the politicians, the military and the more unscrupulous amongst them. At Lawrence Livermore, this time without the excuse of Hitler, we see a similar pattern emerging.

Dave Applebaum.

Information from this book was used in a recent Horizon programme.

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- Wed 4. SIZEWELL B LOBBY (see p.2)
 Thu 5. Coordinating Meeting. 7.30. WEA.
 Thu 12. Members' Meeting. 7.30. WEA.
CND Election Strategy
 Sat 14. Public Order Act Conference (see p.7)
 Thu 19. BULLETIN DEADLINE & Editorial 1.30
 Sat 28. TEST BAN CONFERENCE (see p.4)
 Fri 27. Forest Fields Disco (see p.10)

MARCH

- Wed 4. WINTEX begins (see p.5)
 Thu 5. Coordinating Meeting 7.30 WEA
 Fri 6. CND EXPRESS HERE (see p.3)
 PUBLIC MEETING 7.30 YMCA
 Sat 7. CND EXPRESS in Bulwell & Hucknall.



- Thu 12. Members' Policy-Making Mtg. 7.30 WEA
 Tue 17. WINTEX ends.

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