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January Bulletin

- SATURDAY 10 Jan 9.30am onwards - mass leafletting in West Bridgford - meet at West Bridgford Library
- 10 Jan 11.30 - DEMONSTRATION in opposition to Nuclear Waste Dumping in Notts - from Market Square to County Hall. Called by Safe Energy Group and Womne Opposed to Nuclear Technology
- SUNDAY 11 Jan 8.00 - Gedling Group meets at 15 Station Rd
- MONDAY 12 Jan 8.00 - Beeston Group meets at Victoria Hall, Dovecote Lane, Beeston
- WEDNESDAY 14 Jan 7.30 - Trade Union Group meets - International Community Centre
- THURSDAY 15 Jan 8.00 - W.Bridgford group shows the War Game at Thomas Beckett school Wilford Lane - entrance free
- FRIDAY 16 Jan 7.30 - Raleigh St group meets at ASRA centre, Raleigh St
- MONDAY 19 Jan 7.30 - Sherwood/Carrington group meets at 39 Compton Rd
- 19 Jan 7.30 - Resources/Media group at Environmental Factshop
- 19 Jan 8.00 - Events Group - Environmental Factshop
- TUESDAY 20 Jan 7.30 - Election Campaign Group - Environmental Factshop
- WEDNESDAY 21 Jan 8.00 - Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology - Womens Centre
- SATURDAY 24 Jan 12.00 till 3.00 - Day of Petitioning - Market Square
- SUNDAY 25 Jan 8.00 - Meeting about Summer Peace Festival - Environmental Factshop
- MONDAY 26 Jan 8.00 - Forest Fields Peace Group - Russell Rd Family Centre
- TUESDAY 27 Jan 8.00 - Planning meeting for 'Christians for Nuclear Disarmament' St Andrews Vicarage, Chestnut Grove, off Mansfield Rd
- SUNDAY 1 Feb 7.30 - NND Open Meeting - Friends Meeting House, 25 Clarendon St
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- SATURDAY 28 Feb 10am till 1pm - Bulwell Market - Mass leafletting + street events
- SATURDAY 18 Apr 11am - DEMONSTRATION IN NOTTINGHAM AGAINST MISSILES

Neighbourhood Groups

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NOTTINGHAM FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT POLICY

NND is opposed to all nuclear weapons, East or West. We want Britain to renounce possession of such weapons and to close all nuclear bases. We see a nuclear weapons free Britain as an essential step towards a nuclear weapons free Europe and World and the end of nuclear alliances. The only defence against nuclear war is nuclear disarmament.

Information

Our office is one room at the Environmental Information Centre, 15 Goosegate, Tel 582561. There you will be able to get hold of some of the materials listed below as well as have a look at the library of information.

● LEAFLETS....LEAFLETS.....LEAFLETS.....LEAFLETS...

In the course of the next few days there will be available in bulk 2 leaflets for groups to use.

- a) a leaflet about civil defence
- b) a basic case for nuclear disarmament based around a map of Nottingham and what would happen to the city if a bomb was dropped on the centre.

These leaflets cost NND about £6 a thousand to produce and where possible we'd like payment but we'll always consider reduced rates (or even free) for small impoverished groups - or perhaps - use now and pay when you've got some money. Coming soon will be 2 more leaflets:

- c) an advertising leaflet for the War Game with space to fill in local details. Posters for this are already available.
- d) an introduction to NND for newcomers - to be handed out perhaps at public meetings

● POSTERS....ACTION NOTES.....FACTSHEETS.....BADGES

- A) Posters:- as well as the War Game poster there is also available a general NND poster (free), a Kiss Your Kids Goodbye poster (30p or reduced rate to sell in bulk), a 'This is a Nuclear Free Zone' miniposter (5p)....PLUS....some Anti-Nuclear Maps of Britain (£1)
- B) Action Notes:- Price 10p - these give advice on what to do as an individual, how to set up a Neighbourhood Group and include a directory of campaigning resources in Nottingham. A real bargain at 10p
- c) Factsheets:- the highly rated factsheets on nuclear issues are currently out of print but are being rewritten to be published in glossy form by Spokesman Books in Mid February.
- d) Badges:- NND ones price 20p but groups can take them to sell at a discount. The Factshop also has many other anti-nuke badges and stickers

● SPEAKERS

If you want a speaker from NND for a meeting then contact Susannah White, 9 Tavistock Drive, Mapperley Park, Tel 609105 who is coordinating which speaker goes to which meeting (there's a list of people prepared to give talks etc)

● TAPE AND SLIDE SHOW

This is of the Oct 26th London Demo with many NND campaigners featuring. Its available from the Arts & Craft Centre, Hyson Green, Tel - 782463 - charge negotiable

● NND OPEN EVENING

As of Monday 12th January the NND office will be open every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. So that:-

- a) Newcomers to NND - can come and find out more about it, meet others involved, discuss ideas etc
- b) Neighbourhood Groups + individuals - can obtain or pass on information about what's happening.
- c) Some of the people who will be at the office will be getting on with making a proper NND exhibition

All offers of help in staffing the office on a rota system every Monday evening will be gratefully received -even if its just once every couple of months.

● THE WAR GAME

Our own copy is now virtually booked up till Mid March - ring the office for details. The rate is variable for hiring it - anything from free for a tiny group with no money to perhaps £50 for a rich ? student union. Just remember to:

- a) Pick it up and bring it back on time - fines for late return because you'll have messed up another showing
- b) Make sure you've got a projector and projectionist - ask at the office if you need help finding either of these.
- c) Collect leaflets/badges/petitions/posters etc from the office to give out or sell (sale or return) Mushroom Bookshop will provide pamphlets/books to sell

Local Events

After the confusion of the January monthly meeting the Events Group came to the following decisions at its meeting about Easter Events.

1. SATURDAY 18th APRIL (EASTER SATURDAY) - 11am - LOCAL DEMONSTRATION

There's loads of practicalities to be worked out and a lot of organising to be done but we see this demonstration as acting as a focus for all the neighbourhood group activity etc. We think that if we can get 900 or so to go to London then we should be aiming for thousands in a local demo. We're writing to every disarmament group in the East Midlands informing them and inviting them, if they wish, to join in to make it a regional demonstration.

2. In the last bulletin there were details of the Trans Pennine March at Easter. The latest we've heard is that it will start in Leeds on Wednesday 15th April and finish in Manchester on Saturday 18th. The organisers are urging groups to organise local or regional events to coincide with this all over the country (as we are doing). But if any individuals fancy a walk across the Pennines (sponsored to raise money ?) could they contact the NND office for more details as we get them.

3. Linked in with the above is a demonstration in Brussels on Easter Sunday at the Nato Headquarters - combined with discussions/workshops about developing the internationalism of the anti-missile campaign. Groups in Holland, Belgium, Britain and Germany are supporting this so far and accommodation is being arranged in Brussels. There are a number of people interested in going from Nottingham, probably via minibus and hovercraft. Investigations are being made into costs etc (£20-25 ?) Watch out for more details.

4. There's a demonstration in Rugby on Easter Monday 20th - transport may well be arranged for this - again watch out for further details.

● A SUMMER PEACE FESTIVAL

There's going to be a meeting to discuss the practicality of NND organising a Peace Festival in the Summer - or perhaps linking in in some way with the Hyson Green Festival. It will be on Sunday January 25th at 8.00 at the Environmental Factshop All welcome.

● PETITIONS - The Last Chance

The petition organised by National CND is to be given to the government as a "Valentines Day" present - on Feb 14th. So anyone with completed petitions (its the one that went out with the November newsletter) please return them to the NND office by the end of January - or at the very latest bring them to the February monthly meeting. The Events Group is asking people to make a last minute effort to do more petitioning. On Jan 24th from 12 - 3 (regardless of weather !). You can pick up petitions and clip boards at the Council house end of Market Square and do some street petitioning. Please come !

● FUNDRAISING

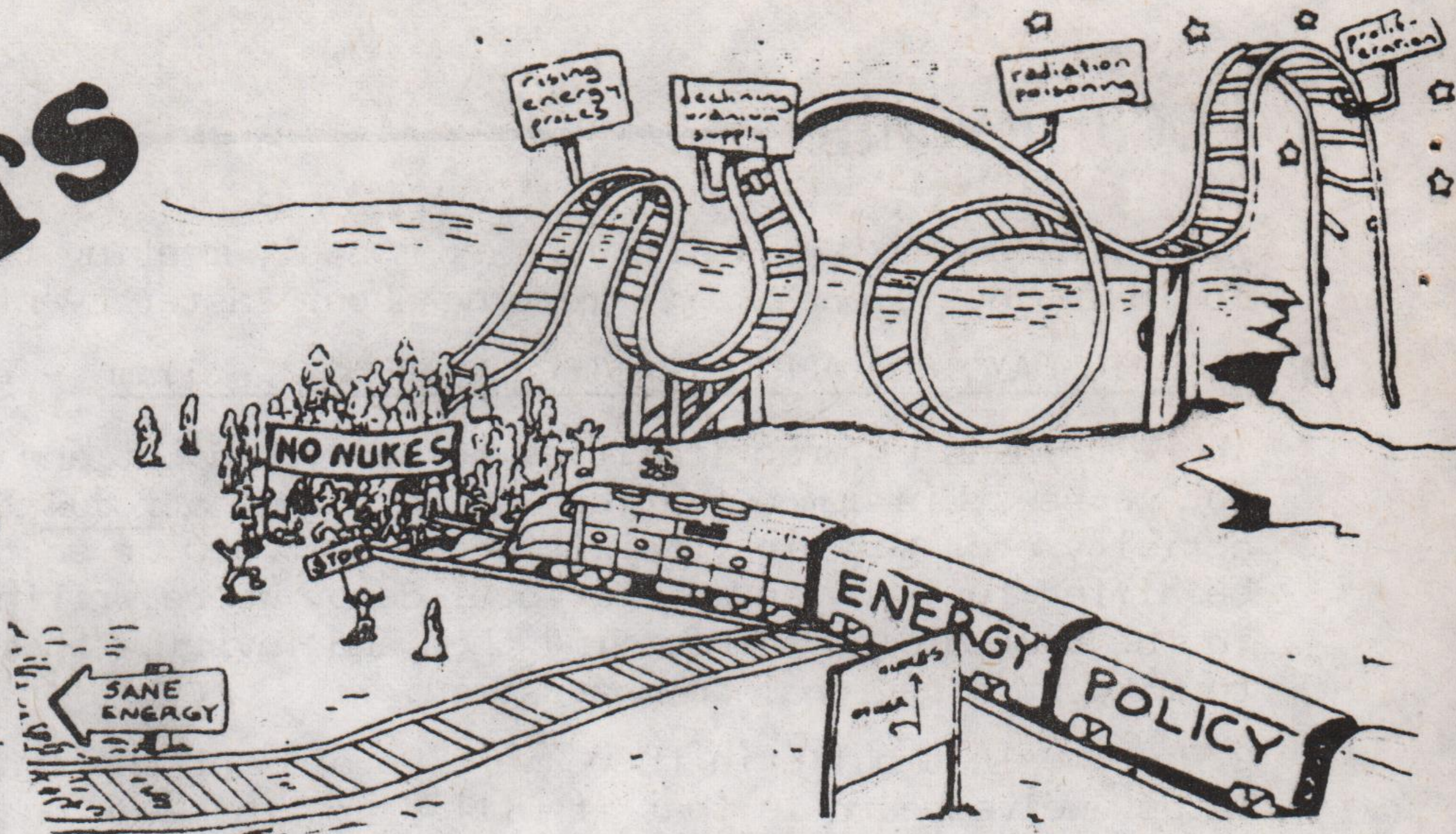
Sheffield CND contacted us to say that a pop group (what kind?) called the Buzzcocks were prepared to do benefits for disarmament groups for expenses only. The Events Group decided to book them for Mid March and we're currently investigating premises. Anybody who has got experience of organising benefits and would like to help - contact Pete Zabulis - 414323 - or come to the next Events Group meeting.

● CRASS

Crass and the Poison Girls have offered to play in Nottingham for NND (Crass have for years been playing at disarmament benefits and the slogan 'Fight War, not Wars' which CND uses, was taken from one of their records). They will play for expenses only. They need to know by the end of February and would play in March. Crass and Poison Girls will play in any type of hall - church hall, working people's clubs etc., but need room for 300. If we want them we need to book now - if you know of any suitable hall, ring Bob Cann of the Beeston group.

REPORTS

THE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION



Well, it looked as if it would be a disaster. Initially the idea of a torchlight peace parade seemed great but we got more and more nervous the nearer it came. Won't be able to get into town from work in time, that's just when we put the children to bed, there's a meeting at school that night that I've got to go to... The last week before the event people were dropping like flies - would there be anybody there? There weren't many torches anyway - we'd asked people for their baked bean or cat food tins (used) to make torches out of but either people don't use tins these days or they thought we'd gone crackers asking for empty kitecat tins. The working afternoon held at the same time as the kids party was good - we made loads of placards, folded 2,000 leaflets, made a wreath and some of the torch equipment. But the nearer it got..

It rained all day. We'd finally got some cans and there were four of us finishing them off - would there be 30 - 40 turning out. The publicity was poor - 150 posters had gone out but where to?. Certainly not very noticeable. It rained harder.

At six o'clock a few people drifted into the factshop. Better start, the rain had stopped. 10 minutes later there were hundreds of people in the square and the Carrington group had arrived - 35 of them had their own march into town. All the people who'd said they weren't coming did. Good grief - we'd forgotten the NND banner poles - quick - rush back to the factshop. 417 people were counted leaving the square. (Pat Shammon was probably counted twice because he had to run back to the square to pick up the wreath which we'd left lying about). More joined late - some passers by joined in. 500 of us. Short march through the town and back to the square.

We just didn't expect so many people so we were quite unplanned. What'll we do? Dorry said 'Well there's this song, I've got the words here, shall I sing it?' 'Four minute warning' she sang, with no amplification and an impromptu accompaniment by the council house clock. Excellent! - then some anti-nuclear carols courtesy of song sheets provided by the womens group - but there weren't enough so those who had them waved them in the air and others clustered round. We sang, We had a minutes silence (almost ruined by young Beth who grabbed the megaphone) and laid a wreath for all nuclear victims. We chanted 'all we are saying is give peace a chance' Announcements, a few comments, NND Xmas Cards sold. Those foul smelling torches were put out and we drifted away slowly. It had been good.

Oh yes, and the NND children's party was packed out. Exhausted adults, happy children The adults party didn't have so many people but it started at 8.00 and ended 6½ hrs later so it can't have been bad.

Ross

EDITORIAL NOTE:- Ross is much too modest - the NND Events group of which he is part worked very hard for that procession and the parties. We meet fortnightly with a 'hard Core' (horrible phrase) of 10 - 12 people. Our meetings are generally quite practical and we try to emphasise working cooperatively and everybody taking a share of the organising workload. And events happen, more or less as planned - elsewhere in this bulletin is details of some of our plans for the next few months. But it remains a lot of work and responsibility for a relatively small number of people. SO we aren't asking people who already have many other commitments (NND or otherwise) to come along but if there are people reading this who've got some spare energy and want to put it to practical use - then COME ALONG TO THE EVENTS GROUP.

Neighbourhood Groups

● SHERWOOD AND CARRINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

We are intending to collect signatures for the CND petition on 24 January in the Sherwood and the Carrington shopping centres from 9.30 to 11.30 am and then to go down to help petition in the city centre. Our next meeting is on 19 January at 39 Compton Rd.

● BEESTON ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

The next meeting of BANG is on Monday 12th January at 8.00 pm at the Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston. Nick Armstrong of Safe Energy Group will talk on the links between nuclear power and nuclear weapons. Regular meetings of BANG now take place on the second Monday of every month at the Victoria Hotel. We hope to show The War Game in Wollaton and Beeston on the 19th and 20th February, assuming I can get the * * * projector to work. To publicise this, we are arranging for Arrow Theatre to put their show "Protect and Survive" in several local pubs.

● BASFORD GROUP

Angie Wooster is looking for some friends with energy in Basford to help her get this group off the ground. contact 789758

● RALEIGH STREET NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

Its next meeting is on the 16th January at 7.30pm in the ASRA Community Centre, Raleigh Street. After that the meetings will be on the first and third Fridays in every month. with one meeting on business and the other discussing issues involved. The 16 Jan meeting will discuss nuclear deterrence. Also the War Game is being shown at the Community Centre during the last week of February.

● LENTON GROUP

This meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 8.00 in the upstairs partitioned section of the 17/21st Lancers pub on Willoughby St..

● KEYWORTH AND PLUMTREE GROUP

They are showing the War Game on Saturday February 7th and would welcome help during the day to publicise via leafletting, the showing. Offers of help to Audrey or Tony Latham - Plumtree 4249

● NEIGHBOURHOOD "EVENTS"

By the time you get this bulletin West Bridgford Shopping Centre will have been leafletted with 4000 leaflets on Saturday 10th Jan - advertising amongst other things a showing of the War Game in the neighbourhood. Hopefully people from elsewhere in the city will have turned up to help the West Bridgford Group. The intention is to have similar neighbourhood events, roughly one a month, all over the city and especially at shopping centres. Bulwell and St Anns groups are looking into the possibilities in their areas. The Events Group has agreed to act as the coordinators of this - by which we mean that we'll take responsibility for getting an NND stall and exhibition in the shopping area, maybe get Arrow Theatre along if they are free maybe show the NND tape and slide show in the back of a minibus etc. So if you think such an event might be relevant in your area contact the Events Group ie - send a member of your neighbourhood group along to one of our meetings.

● STOP PRESS:

NND IN BULWELL DAY -- SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY

TIME: 10am to 1.00pm

REPORT TO: Stall outside Horse & Jockey, Bulwell Market (catch any bus to the Market

WANTED: Placard holders for 3 main roads, leafleters, signature collectors etc

NND IN ST ANNS - Sometime in March

Around the Groups

● TRADE UNION GROUP

We're holding a public meeting - Wednesday 14th January - 7.30pm - International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield RD which will be advertised by leaflet and via the Trades Council mailing to affiliated union branches. This will be an organising meeting to discuss how we develop support for nuclear disarmament in trade unions and workplaces. Topics to be discussed will include spreading the example of Nalgo against the Nukes (see below), getting Arthur Scargill to come and speak at a public meeting, the national Labour Movement Conference against the Missiles in March. A related issue is the threatened closure of Wilford Power Station - one of 22 old coal fired power stations around the country which are due to close in the summer to make way for our nuclear powered future. As well as the jobs lost at the power station (150 ?) it could mean closures in Notts pits that supply it. For further details ring Julian Atkinson 622666.

● NALGO GROUP

They have managed to get showings of the War Game at both County Hall and Gedling District Council offices. Dates:-

County Hall - Tuesday Feb 3rd - 12 till 2 (two showings) and 5.15 onwards
Gedling - Carlton Office - Wednesday Feb 4th - lunchtime plus after work

Their next meeting is on Monday 9th Feb - contact Roger Vaughan 606915 for details

● MEDIA - INFORMATION - EDUCATION GROUP

This continues to meet fortnightly - next meeting on Monday January 19th - 7.30 at the Environmental Factshop. We have decided on several projects eg.

- a) a Dayschool in May
- b) a mobile exhibition
- c) systemisation of all our resources

We have some new members but more are always welcome.

PLEASE RETURN

Could anybody who has borrowed an item from the NND resource collection please return it by January 19th. We are hoping to have a library student by that date who will help us catalogue the collection. Also if you have any newspaper articles, tapes etc you wish to contribute then please get them to the Environmental Factshop by the 19th

EXHIBITION

Now that the NND office is open Monday evenings, the time could be used to work on building the long awaited NND exhibition. Urgently needed are newspaper cuttings on war and peace, cartoons which could be redrawn in large size and photos. Lots of people have taken photos of NND events - where are they? Etc. Etc.

● SCHOOL STUDENTS

The school students group has had its first meeting and 12 people came. With the holidays and mock 'O' levels its been difficult to get organised but the group hopes to get organised by the summer.

● BRUCE KENT - "CHRISTIANS AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT"

Bruce Kent, general secretary of CND, will be in Nottingham on 18th March to address a meeting on the above. A planning group is to meet at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 27th January at St Andrews Vicarage, Mansfield Rd, to decide what form this meeting should take and to organise it. If you want to see the churches do more towards nuclear disarmament and would like to help set this up, please come. We need people from all the churches to get involved. Contact Barbara Lacey tel: 604961

Elections

ELECTION CAMPAIGN GROUP

The County Council election is in early May. How can we make nuclear disarmament an issue?

A group will be meeting for the first time at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th January at the Environmental factshop to discuss this with a view to making suggestions for action by neighbourhood groups and other group or individual supporters of NND. THIS IS IMPORTANT. If you can help, please come.

As a contribution to this discussion - some ideas that came out of one of the workshops at the monthly meeting

- * Write to individual councillors asking whether they would be prepared to take part in a debate (radio- public hall or both)
- * Follow this up with a questionnaire prepared by NND sent to each election candidate
- * Neighbourhood Groups to work on Constituency Candidates
- * An NND leaflet to be produced focussing specifically on the election.

THE LABOUR PARTY AND CIVIL DEFENCE

Still on the subject of the County Council elections, Labour Party members interested in affecting what their county party says about civil defence in their manifesto should attend the LP open forum on Sunday 1st February at 2.30 pm (Labour Hall, Priory Rd, Mansfield Woodhouse). The county party working paper on Public Protection is to be discussed and so far that paper says nothing whatever about the existing county plans for civil defence. An amendment which includes it has been proposed.

PACIFISTS GROUP

Some NND activists who are also keen to get involved in general anti-militarist activities are thinking of setting up a pacifist group. There's a meeting on 23rd January, 8.00 at the Crescent Family Centre, 34 Waterloo Rd (off Forest) to discuss whether a Pacifist Group should be set up. If unable to attend or for further information ring Ross at Mushroom (582506 - work hours)

NND MEETS THE ECOLOGY PARTY

On Wednesday 21st January an NND speaker will be addressing the Ecology Party at the Albert Hall Institute at 7.30.

TECHNOLOGY AND WAR

Ken Coates of Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation fame is speaking on the subject of 'Technology and War' on Thursday 15th January at 12 Noon in the Arkwright Lecture Theatre in Trent Poly

NND ANTI-WAR BOOKLET

"Your Own Stuff" press, the Nottingham local publishing group, plans to work with the neighbourhood groups in producing an anti-war booklet. It is hoped that the booklet will be very much a representative collage of one city's wide-ranging reactions to living within the shadow of the bomb.

Any contributions are welcome. So if you have any designs for the cover, satire, imaginative stories, poems, memorable sayings, headlines, overheard conversations, illustrations, non-radioactive recipes, lists of emergency rations, significant facts, arguments, photomontage, collage etc - then please send them to David Jackson, 13 Mona Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Tel: 866015

SCRAPS FROM THE DEVIL'S WORKBOOK

Compiled by TONY CLAYDON

"Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair."

PART THE SECOND

From Home "Defence" to Lethality

HOME "DEFENCE": Ummm, a confusing term. Technically home defence refers to the defence of the home base. In conventional military terms the home base is the supply and logistic support of the army. In nuclear weapons terminology defending the home base means ensuring the survival of the state whilst most of the population die. The government often interchange home defence with civil defence (civil defence meaning defending the civil population). Some cynics think that the government use the term civil defence in order to fool us into thinking that they're spending a lot of time and energy on protecting us (whilst they are protecting their own interests). More recently the term home defence is being used by some people to mean civil defence. Now, are you confused?

In the name of civil defence (or home defence) the government have published a pamphlet called *Protect and Survive*, telling you what to do in event of a nuclear war. What could be cosier than the prospect of two weeks or more in the cellar or under a table in the company of your family or friends and, if he happens to be calling when the sirens sound, the man from the Pru? If you're short of cellars and tables, then you probably don't deserve to survive; but even *you* have been provided for the government's plans. Your protection against nuclear attack will be a bucket of whitewash (painted on windows to reflect some of the nuclear flash)—white wash is, after all, an essential ingredient in any CD policy.

HYDROGEN BOMB: Nuclear fusion is the process by which the sun generates the heat and light that makes life possible on Earth. Hydrogen atoms are fused together to produce helium, and vast quantities of energy are released. Man's unbounded ingenuity has mastered this process and transformed it into an instrument of death, called the Hydrogen (H-) Bomb. The H-Bomb is, weight for weight, more destructive than its uranium and plutonium brothers, which operate by nuclear *fission* rather than fusion. Fission involves the splitting of the atomic nuclei of uranium isotope 235 or plutonium isotope 239 (then described as fissile). When a large enough mass of either material is assembled—the "critical mass"—it spontaneously explodes in a chain reaction. So a nuclear warhead carries perhaps three pieces of fissile material, which are slammed together upon detonation to exceed the critical mass, and...

Reprinted from Peace News
To be continued

Hydrogen bombs are called *thermonuclear* because the fusion process can be triggered only in conditions of extremely high temperature (millions of degrees). The necessary heat is provided by exploding a nuclear (uranium or plutonium) bomb. So a fission bomb is used to trigger the fusion bomb. Clever, isn't it?

INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE: A missile, carrying one or more nuclear warheads, that is fired by rocket motors into a trajectory that takes it out into space, then back to earth under its own momentum. ICBMs are designed to strike very distant targets. One ICBM par excellence will be the MX missile which will fly up to 7,000 miles, measure 66 feet in length and weigh 88 tons.

KILOTON: New terms have had to be coined to describe nuclear weapons' explosive power, or "yield". A one kiloton (1KT) bomb has a yield equivalent to 1,000 tons of TNT. The Hiroshima bomb was of 12 kilotons; it killed 200,000 people. Modern nuclear weapons vary in yield, from so-called "mini-nukes" devised for battleground use (0.3 KT upwards) to giant-size strategic warheads (up to 25 megatons; 1MT equals one *million* tons of TNT).

Soviet militarists have a propensity towards bigness that dwarfs even Texan ambitions. The Soviet SS-9 ICBM is reckoned to carry a warhead of between 18 and 25 megatons, which is between 1,500 and 2,000 times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb! Such whopping weapons make little sense, even militarily. Destruction is much more efficiently wrought by multiple warheads of more modest size and greater accuracy. The US Trident missile, for example, carries 8 warheads, each of 100 KT.

LETHALITY: This is the measure of the ability of a warhead to destroy its "hardened" target (ie a target sheltered and strengthened against nuclear attack, usually by installation underground, beneath layers of reinforced concrete and soil). Lethality, or "kill capacity" is indicated by the letter K and increases dramatically as the *accuracy* of the warhead increases. By increasing the yield of the warhead 10 times, lethality rises only 4½ times; but increase the accuracy 10 times and lethality rises 100 times. US militarists seem to have cottoned-on to this neat little formula first, and initiated a technological push to improve accuracy (by refitting existing missiles with new guidance systems and multiple warheads, and deploying extremely accurate missiles, such as Trident, Cruise and MX). Consequently, the lethality of US nuclear forces zoomed during the late 1960s and early 70s. The Soviets responded in the late 70s. The Americans are counter-responding and may quadruple their K capacity between now and 1985. As Michael Pentz points out in *Towards the Final Abyss*, this would be "by far the largest step ever in the escalation of the nuclear arms race".

Monthly Meetings

The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday February 1st at the Friends Meeting House on Clarendon St. It will start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.30pm.

As those who attended the previous meeting will know, we got into quite a muddle about agendas, what we should be talking about, ways of taking decisions. It was therefore agreed that the NND officers should prepare an agenda for the next meeting which would go into the bulletin and also should prepare some thoughts on the structure of NND. The proposed agenda is:-

1. Introduction of the proposals on structure .
2. Discussion of these proposals in small groups with an especial emphasis being given to the question of how the neighbourhood groups relate to NND and monthly meetings, how does NND support its neighbourhood groups etc
3. Resumption of plenary (large group) with announcements. Anybody with an announcement should check with the chairperson beforehand - if possible writing it down so that the chair can make the announcement.
4. Report backs from small groups - ideas, amendments to proposed structure, alternative proposals. Followed by general discussion, individual contributions. As has been practice up till now within NND we will be striving for consensus but voting may be necessary - indeed thats part of the whole discussion concerning the relationship between consensus decision making and voting.

PROPOSALS FOR STRUCTURE

For the Monthly Meeting:-

This should primarily be a forum for the discussion of ideas and the exchange of information. Each meeting would have a topic for discussion, started off perhaps by an outside speaker, a film, or something prepared by one or more NND people. Some ideas for topics might be:- what is NATO strategy ? What is happening in Europe? What is the History of CND ? what are the alternatives to Nuclear Defence? etc. These discussions can be in full or small groups and can be freed from the constraint of feeling that a policy decision has to come out of them. People should be able to ask questions as well as give opinions. Ideas for action that come out should be referred to a Coordinating Group when there is obvious major division of opinion in order for it to structure a fuller debate throughout NND.

For the Coordinating Group:-

This should meet at least once between monthly meetings to coordinate and recommend action (within a week of the meeting).

It should plan the agenda of each monthly meeting.

It should consider what has come out of each meeting together with information about whats going on locally and regionally and nationally and initiate as well as coordinate any necessary action.

It should have overall responsibility for deciding what goes into the bulletin.

It should be made up of:-

The 2 Chairpersons

The 2 Secretaries

The Treasurer

1 permanent representative (perhaps for a set period of time) from each neighbourhood group of more than 6 members

1 similar representative from each of the Resources, Events and Trade Union Groups

1 representative of the Bulletin production/editorial group

The coordinating group should be open to all supporters of NND to attend, observe and speak but in the event of a decision where opinion was divided and a vote was necessary only the above would have voting rights. The above people would also get priority in speaking.

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This proposed structure came out of a discussion amongst NND officers and some members of the Resources & Media Group. It was the result of a general but not total consensus (one person present objecting in particular to only certain people having voting rights on the coordinating group). However, as should happen with the consensus approach, opinions changed during the discussion and we'd invite neighbourhood groups and individuals to give serious consideration to these proposals and be prepared to suggest alternatives.

NOTTINGHAM FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

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Nottingham

BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE.....BULLETIN DEADLINE

The Deadline for the next bulletin is Wednesday 4th February at the Environmental Factshop . BUT....if people could hand stuff in earlier - the monthly meeting perhaps - then it will make life easier for the people who produce it.
All offers of help producing this bulletin (especially typists) gratefully received

NOTTINGHAM FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT - SUBSCRIBE

All members of NND get this monthly bulletin delivered to their door - by GPO or neighbourhood contact. They pay £2 a year for the benefit. If you are one of the people who has bought a copy in a shop etc then why not pay £2 to become a Member of NND and make sure you get the bulletin. Tear off the slip below and send it to Susannah White, 9 Tavistock Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham
Cheques made payable to Nottingham for Nuclear Disarmament

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