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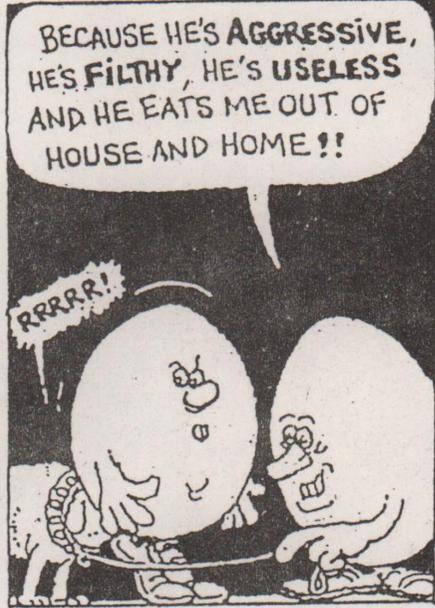
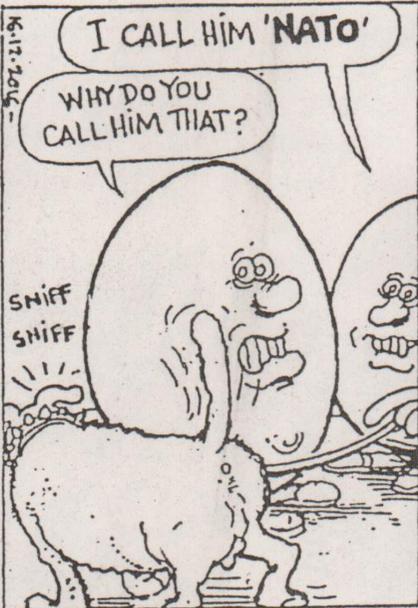
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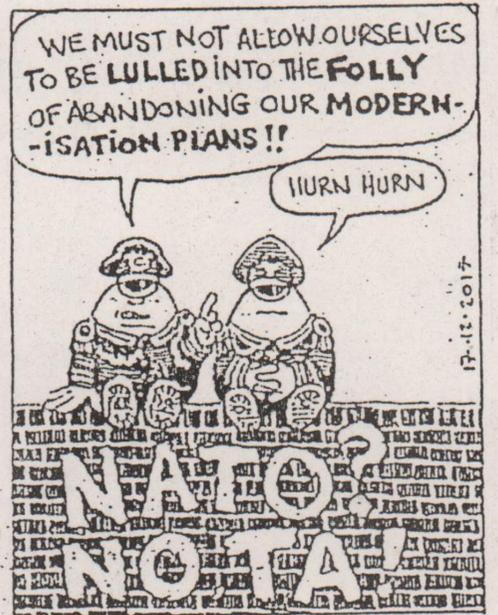
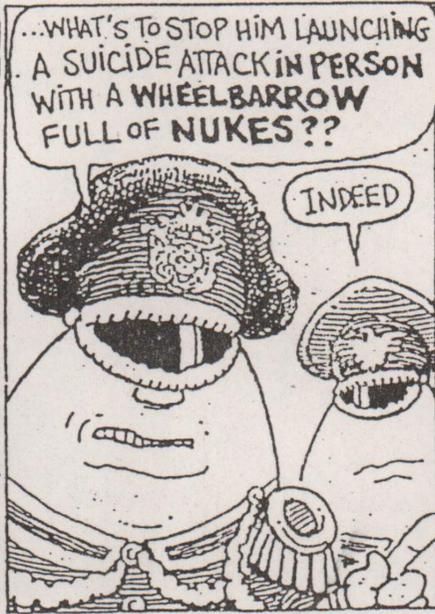
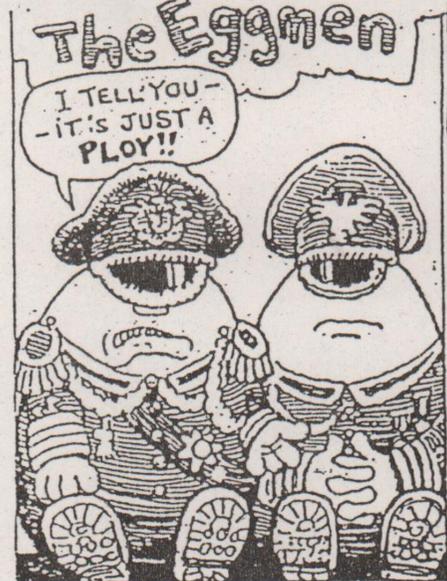
SPRING CAMPAIGN TAKING ON NATO

Steve Bell

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MEANTIME



Special Members' Meeting
 Speaker: James Hinton
 (National CND)
 Feb. 23rd. Details inside.

DIARY

EDITORIAL

JAN.

Tue.31st. Bulletin Editorial, 20 Waldeck Rd.
Sherwood. 8 pm.

FEB.

Mon.6th. NCND Officers' Meeting. NCND Office,
33 Castlegate. 7.30 pm.

Tue.14th. Bulletin Editorial, 20 Waldeck Rd.
Sherwood. 8 pm.

Wed.15th. NCND Executive Meeting, NCND Office,
33 Castlegate. 7.30 pm.

Thu.16th. Public Meeting organised by Bulwell
CND. "Environmental Issues in and
around Nottingham". Cllr. John
Hartshorn (Chair of Nottm.
Environmental Committee.) 7.45 pm.
80 Deptford Crescent, Bulwell.

Fri.17th. April Bulletin deadline.

Tue.21st. Peace Festival Initial Meeting.
7.30. NCND Office, 33 Castlegate.

Tue.28th. Deadline for billboard bookings to
National CND.

Thu.23rd. Members' Meeting. Guest speaker:
James Hinton. 7.30 p.m. W.E.A.
Shakespeare street, Nottingham.

MARCH. *

Sat.18th. Listergate Stall Street Event.
NCND Spring Campaign.

APRIL.

Sun. 2nd. National CND Action, LONDON.
'Hand Over The Money'
Coaches will run from Nottingham.

Wed,12th. Policy-making Meeting. 7.30 pm.
W.E.A., Shakespeare Street, Nottm.

STOP PRESS

Feb 20th-March 13th Disarm the Seas
Exhibition. Radcliffe-on-T Library.
March 4th Banner Workshop. 12.30pm
F.Fields Comm. Centre. Gladstone St.

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS



Please can any other groups who meet regularly
send in details to the Bulletin team.

FOREST FIELDS: Every third Thursday, 7.30 pm.
Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, Wiverton Rd.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT: Every 2nd Monday, 7.45 pm.
R-o-T Library, New Road, Radcliffe.

Sherwood & Mapperley Park. Monday 6th February
8pm. 13 Rufford Road, Sherwood. (Variable date
and venue.)

WEST BRIDGFORD: Every 1st Tuesday 7.30 pm. West
Bridgford Library (side entrance).

WOLLATON CND 3rd Monday each month. 8 pm.
Wollaton Library, Bramcote Lane, Wollaton.

NCND OFFICE OPENING TIMES.

Tuesday 1100 - 1300 hours.

Wednesday 1100 - 1300 hours.

Thursday 1000 - 1430 hours.

Every third Wednesday evening 1700 - 1930 hours.
Saturday - Listergate stall - information &
sales, approx. 1100 - 1400 hours.

It will not have gone unnoticed that even this government offered aid to Armenia (one of the bits of the Soviet Union which would be blown to bits by this government "if necessary"). Coming just after Gorbachev's speech unilaterally cutting Soviet troops, the earthquake has done a lot in people's minds to thaw the cold war. Hurricanes in Nicaragua, earthquakes in Armenia, planes dropping on Lockerbie and the M1 - given the global impact of TV, we feel for the unfortunate people there, they for the unfortunate people here. War becomes obsolete when you no longer hate and utterly illogical when you are collecting money for "the enemy" as so many British people have for Armenia. In consequence, we'd encourage all our readers to contribute to the Armenia appeal - details:

Armenia Disaster Relief Fund
c/o 16 King Street, LONDON EC1M 4AY

THANK YOU

The British Soviet Friendship Society wish to thank the stalwart C.N.D. members who helped to collect £931.21 for the Armenian Earthquake Appeal on December 17th 1988.

**HAND OVER THE MONEY
SUN APR 2**

WHITE POPPIES

White poppies were distributed on the stall in November and donations were taken to a grand total of £26.00 - which as previously agreed was sent to War on Want.

YOUTH CND

Advance notice is hereby given of a future revival of Youth C.N.D. and N.C.N.D would like to congratulate the hard working CND members who are busy providing the raw material!

Congratulations to Rob Holland and Celia Lacey on the birth of Rosie and to Hilary Trengrouse and Pete Strauss on the birth of Holly.

200 CLUB WINNERS

DECEMBER 200 CLUB WINNERS.

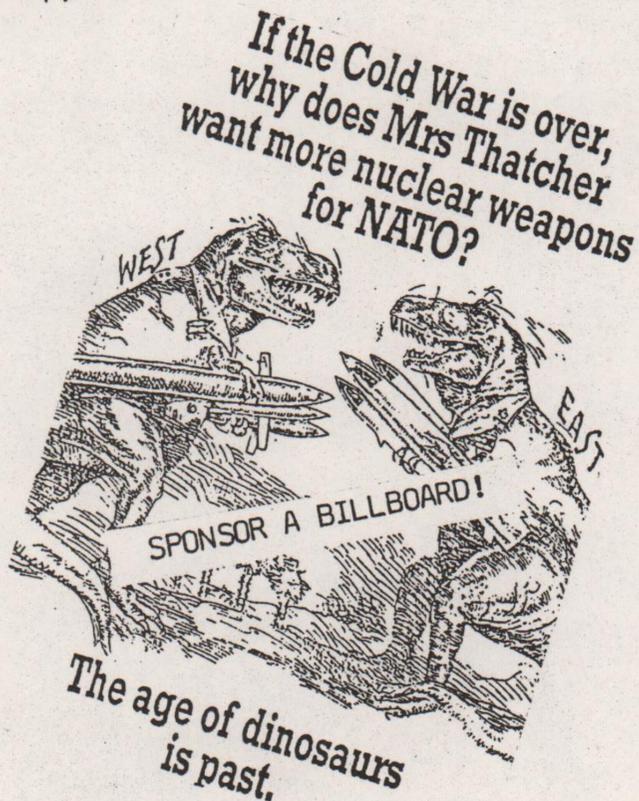
1st prize £50.00 W.E. Edmonds (72)
2nd prize £10.00 Wendy Edmonds (164)
3rd prize £5.00 Sue Pascoe (174)

January Winners.

1st Prize £50 Geoff Caldwell.
2nd Prize £10 Raleigh St. Neighbourhood Group.
3rd Prize £5 Kate Marsden/Ross Bradshaw.

The leaflets cost £6.50 per thousand and experience seems to show that each deliverer should be able to handle about 250 leaflets each (depending on the length of the driveways, of course).

So.....if you are a Neighbourhood Group, please let Nottingham CND know how many leaflets you would like.....if you are someone who would like to co-ordinate the delivery of leaflets in your neighbourhood, please volunteer your services to your local group.....and, if you think you fancy being a deliverer, then, please, get in touch with your group, too.



4. BILLBOARDS. As part of the Spring Campaign against NATO, national CND have arranged with "Changing Minds" (formerly "Peace Advertising Campaign") to run a billboard campaign during the month of April which is likely to be the peak time for government propoganda.

The billboards will be integrated in design with the public information leaflets and will be four-sheet size, i.e. 5' x 3'6". Each billboard costs £60.

Nottingham CND has already booked two sites and several Neighbourhood Groups are booking sites, too. There are three ways in which you can help with the Billboard Campaign.

a) Persuade your own Neighbourhood Group to book a site or, if £60 is too dear, club together with another Neighbourhood Group and share a billboard between you.

b) Sponsor a billboard yourself, as an individual. You can send £60 to pay for a whole Billboard or any amount, no matter how small, to go towards the cost of a site, to Nottingham CND and help us book posters right across the city. Perhaps you are unable to be involved actively in the campaign against NATO, but have a bit of spare cash to help us with this. Donate some money to your Neighbourhood Group, to help them hire a Billboard site.

IMPORTANT. NO BOOKINGS ARE ACCEPTED BY NATIONAL CND AFTER FEBRUARY 28TH. SO HURRY AND BOOK THAT BILLBOARD NOW. You can either book direct through National CND (Cheques payable to CND Publications Ltd.) or through Nottingham CND.

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 7.30 pm

W.E.A., SHAKESPEARE STREET

GUEST SPEAKER: JAMES HINTON

" Britain, Europe and the US.....
What future for NATO?"

In the run up to the Spring Campaign against NATO, James Hinton, linkperson CND National Campaigns Committee and author of 'Protests and Visions', will not only be explaining the ideas that lie behind CND's strategy, but will also introduce a discussion about the changing relationships between Britain, Europe and the USA. Do we still want 'Britain Out Of NATO' or do we wait for it to fall apart under the weight of its own contradictions?

Come along to what promises to be an informative and controversial discussion.

POLICY-MAKING MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 7.30 pm

WEA, SHAKESPEARE STREET

This is your chance, as an ordinary NCND member, to have your say about the local campaign's policy.

Have you got any ideas, suggestions, proposals, criticisms, complaints, strategies, tactics, or plans that you'd like to put forward?

If so then please write down your proposal and make sure it reaches the Bulletin by February 17th. All proposals will be printed in the March bulletin and debated at the NCND Policy Making Meeting on Wednesday 12th April.

PARLIAMENTARY SPOT

We are indebted to Graham Allen, MP, for sending us details of a recent Parliamentary question of his to the Minister of Defence. The question: "What facilities exist for the storage of nuclear weapons in Nottingham?" The answer: "It has been the policy of successive Governments neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons at particular locations". Quite right, too; what if the Russians were to find out?

BULWELL CND - PUBLIC MEETING

THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY

"Environmental Issues

In And Around Nottingham"

COUNCILLOR JOHN HARTSHORN

7.45 pm 80 Deptford Crescent, Bulwell



THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION

This year is NATO's 40th anniversary. For four decades it has been the corner-stone of the military plans and policies of the western European member states, Britain included.

With very little of the old Empire left, Britain's roles within NATO consume about 90 per cent of military spending - £17.3 billion in 1988/9. The fleet of four Polaris submarines and nuclear missiles - which will be replaced by Trident in the 1990s - is primarily assigned to NATO.

NATO's political headquarters is in Brussels. The military headquarters for Europe - is in southern Belgium, 35 miles away. The Supreme Allied Commander Europe, or SACEUR, is always an American general. The current SACEUR is General James Galvin who took over in mid-1987.

Most European members of NATO place forces under SACEUR's command. The major exception is France. Spain's forces are also outside his command, though they carry out roles set by NATO and could be assigned to SACEUR if need arose.

Total spending by NATO states on military activities in and around Europe is roughly £180 billion a year, of which just over half is spent by the USA.

NATO's strategy is known as "flexible response". It was adopted in 1967. The document in which the strategy is set down is secret but its main points are public knowledge.

The strategy dictates that if conventional forces fail to block an offensive, nuclear weapons should be used whether or not the USSR has already used them. If initial use of nuclear weapons fails to stop the war, NATO strategy is to escalate, first by using more nuclear weapons in Europe; if necessary, by using US nuclear weapons to bombard the USSR. The policy of "first use" - the willingness to start a nuclear war - is the strategy's central plank and its most dangerous and controversial element.

All this is planned in the name of deterrence. It is NATO's side of the East-West military confrontation which is enormously expensive, has an awesome potential for destruction and has often been extremely tense. Western European members provide most of the forces currently available to NATO: 90% of manpower and artillery, 80% of tanks and combat aircraft and 65% of warships. There are over 300,000 US military personnel based in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Its allies' military planning depends on US capabilities and commitments. No policy can be accepted in NATO without full support in Washington. Over the years, the USA has become adept at getting its allies to accept its policies whatever their initial reluctance.

The USA is currently seeking three things from its European allies: agreement to deploy new short-range nuclear weapons, more military spending and more involvement in military action outside the NATO area along the lines of 1987/8 naval deployments in the Arabian Gulf.

These demands should be resisted. Getting involved in American actions in the Third World will quickly lead to supporting oppressive regimes in their brutal internal wars. More military spending will have serious economic and social consequences. Like deploying new nuclear weapons, it also risks losing the opportunities which now exist to create a less militarised, safer Europe.

These opportunities have been created partly by the pressure of peace movements, partly by Soviet initiatives in the last two years. It is now possible to plan to wind down military confrontation and move to a new and more co-operative type of security in Europe. This means reducing dependence on the USA and whatever turn its policies happen to take. It means reassessing the role of NATO. It means using the improving atmosphere in world politics to begin the end of the military blocs which have become obstacles to real security.

CND's objective is the dissolution of both blocs - NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Britain should leave NATO and close the American bases here. We campaign with other European peace movements against all US bases and for the mutual dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

THE MEMBER STATES OF NATO

	Joined	In NATO Command Structure?	Nuclear?	Would have access to US nuclear weapons in war?	US forces based there?
Belgium	1949	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Britain	1949	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canada	1949	Yes	No	No	No
Denmark	1949	Yes	No	No	No
France	1949	Not since 1966	Yes	No	No
Germany, Fed. Rep.	1955	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Greece	1951	Yes, except 1974-80.	No	Yes	Yes
Iceland	1949	Iceland has no armed forces of its own.			
Italy	1949	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Luxemb'g	1949	Yes	No	No	No
Netherl'ds	1949	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Norway	1949	Yes	No	No	No
Portugal	1949	Yes	No	No	Yes
Spain	1982	No	No	No	Yes
Turkey	1951	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
USA	1949	Yes	Yes	Obviously	Obviously



NATO Cont.

The North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington on 4 April 1949. It took effect on 24 August the same year. Its central clauses are:-

ARTICLE 3: commits the Parties to "maintain and develop their individual and collective capacity to resist armed attack."

ARTICLE 4: "The Parties will consult together whenever, in the opinion of any one of them, the territorial integrity, political independence or security of any of the Parties is threatened".

ARTICLE 5: "The Parties agree that an armed attack against one or more of them in Europe or North America shall be considered an attack against them all and consequently they agree that, if such an armed attack occurs, each of the ... will assist the Party or Parties so attacked by taking forthwith, individually and in concert with the other Parties, such action as it deems necessary, including the use of armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area."

ARTICLE 6 defines the area to which Article 5 applies - member states' territory in North America and Europe, their islands in the Atlantic north of the Tropic of Cancer and their vessels and aircraft in this area.

ARTICLE 13 gives each Party the right to withdraw from the Treaty on one year's notice.

US MILITARY PERSONNEL IN EUROPE

Based in:	ARMY	NAVY	AIR FORCE	TOTAL
Germany, Fed. Rep.	204,700	-	41,000	241,800
Britain	-	2,300	27,500	29,800
Spain	-	4,500	7,200	11,700
Italy	3,950	n.a.	5,800	+9,750
Greece	470	n.a.	2,700	+3,170
Iceland	-	1,800	1,300	3,100
Netherl's	930	-	2,000	2,930
Belgium	1,160	-	1,500	2,660
Turkey	1,200	n.a.	1,200	+2,400
Portugal	-	400	1,800	2,200
Med'n Fleet	-	20,100	-	20,100
TOTAL				+329,610

N.B. 1] n.a. = information not available.
 2] These figures will be slightly reduced as cruise and Pershing 11 missiles are withdrawn from Belgium, Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy and the Netherlands by 1991; in addition, one Spanish air force base will be closed by 1991.

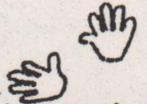


Nottingham CND needs a new banner, behind which we can march at Demos, which we can hang at meetings, stand and sit around at protests and display at festivals and fairs. So, come on, all you people, why not help us make one! There are so many beautiful banners around. They give a group a sense of togetherness. In the early days of CND, I remember my parents' car roof rack carrying a cardboard and papier mache dinosaur and I remember helping my mother making CND symbols on sticks to carry, white paper doves to pin to ourselves. It was great fun.

We hope to arrange a day where all of you can help make a banner. It's good to get together and be creative: we all have it in us. If you have skills, enthusiasm or ideas for the design of the banner, please let us know.

See details below!

HELEN MCHUGH.

 Saturday 4th March 12.30pm 
 Forest Fields Community Centre
 Gladstone St.
 Everyone welcome 
 an afternoon workshop of creativity
 Banners, Placards, street entertainment props
 Plate spinning, Juggling etc etc!!!
 lots and lots of fun 
 for FREE 
 make our  campaigning more fun!

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PEACE FESTIVAL

CND's annual Peace Festival is becoming a tradition in Nottingham. For the past 8 years the stalwarts of the peace and alternative groups have braved the elements to set up stalls, listen to the music, hope to convert the visitors to each cause and possibly make a bit of money as well. Does it work? Well, the fact that the stalls turn out each year must show something. And the elements only really turned nasty last year. Converting people? Well, Peggy does a great job in spotting those lapsed members and even manages to get a few new people to part with their membership money.

So is it worth it? Should CND bother this year? For the people who organise it, the Festival can be hard work leading up to a crescendo of nervous palpitations, but afterwards a glow of exhausted satisfaction.

But is it of any value? Are we just organising it for the already converted? I don't think so, and anyway, were that so, then it's the only time in the year when people can get together and catch up on all the gossip since they met the year before. It is valuable to publicly affirm the ideals of peace to all and sundry, to put aside for one day the hard grind of political pressure, of meetings to be attended, of campaigns to be involved with, and to enjoy a day of chatting, listening, buying the latest rug or t-shirt and learning what other new issues are around.

Do we talk to ourselves? Well that depends on publicity, where we hold it, what is there and what the weather is like. The first being variables that can be changed each year if need be. We CAN attract the non-committed, the curious, the "what the hell is happening" people and we should be working on that.

So that brings me to 1989.

A Peace Festival in the summer. A fresh look at the Festival needs fresh faces, people who would like to do something for CND, but not the constant yearly grind, pushing away at campaigns; instead a few months slog with a bright end in sight, working with others to promote a day which thousands flock to.

It is necessary to get some initial meeting organised to set the Peace Festival in motion. Questions have to be discussed, like, do we want the same formula, are there any other ideas for it, should there be a theme to the day, what kind of music should there be, and to look at what was good and bad in previous years.

There will be a meeting to discuss all these ideas and more on TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY at 7.30 pm to be held at the CND office at 33 Castlegate. If you are at all interested then do come along.

Kate Marsden for CND Exec.

SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS

Some time ago we had a team of speakers who were willing and able to perform the valuable service of talking about C.N.D. to pupils in the classroom by invitation from schools within the County.

This is an essential and rewarding section of our publicity and we wish to develop this service, but alas and alack, some of our speakers have gone to the great school in the sky and others are feeling like following them.

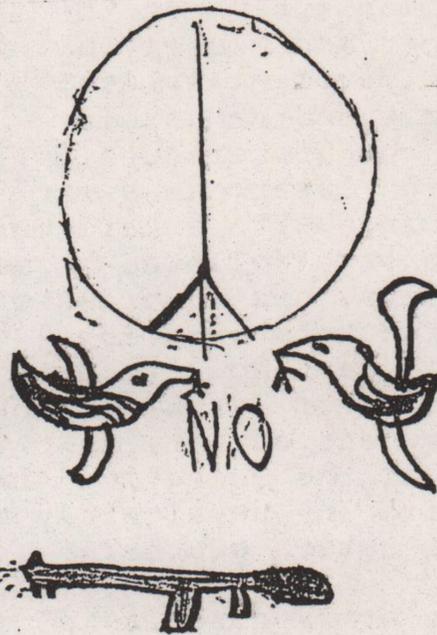
We need a few reliable persons, with transport, who could recommence the service. It is much more important to talk with the pupils with sincerity and simplicity than to bore them with reels of figures.

There are videos available to introduce the topic and followed by question and answer, many aspects can be covered. Sessions generally last about an hour and, with several speakers available, the pupils are split into smaller informal groups.

Can you help? Would you like to try? Even if only to observe for a couple of sessions? With our belief in our aims, we should be able to excel the opposition who are pushing for entry into schools.

We just need a reliable nucleus to get into gear. Come on down, give it a try!

DOREEN GOWER.



BY NICHOLAS

nuclear weapons are bad because they can kill people. nuclear weapons are terrifying people want nuclear weapons so they gold, crystal, oil. The army like having nuclear weapons. they think its necessary so they can rob other countries. Margaret Thatcher wants to have what she wants out of other countries
maggot maggots outoutout!

bynicholas

ALL QUIET ON THE XMAS MARKET FRONT

Once upon a time the idea of holding a Craft Market just before Xmas seemed to be a certain way of raising money for NCND. This year the 3rd Xmas Craft Fair took place in the Congregational Hall on Castlegate right in the middle of the city centre. Just 30 yards from the entrance to the hall thousands of people were in the midst of their Christmas shopping. It was only a case of placing a few large posters near the entrance and potential customers would call into the fair looking for presents.....

Unfortunately the general public were simply not interested in walking 30 yards off the main pedestrian precinct. About two thirds of those who walked to the entrance turned back to the high street shops rather than climb the steps up to the first floor to see the fair.

Realising things were not going too well I spent most of the day handing out leaflets to the thousands of passing shoppers. The stretch of pedestrian precinct between the Broadmarsh Centre and St Peters Gate may be a highway for shoppers but the competition to attract their custom is equally high. No I am not talking about M & S or C & A, etc. As you walked out of the Broadmarsh you immediately met the xmas wrapping paper man closely followed by the 1st street pavement artist; next came the fruit and veg stall pitched close to the busker outside C & A. A few yards later was a man selling gold earrings with a hall marked necklace for £3 a set, followed by me handing out leaflets, next door were six people in donkey jackets shouting "Socialist Worker" next door to two people saving souls for Jesus, followed by the second pavement artist, next to the massed bands of the Salvation Army positioned opposite the usual array of stalls outside St Peters church!

By comparison the atmosphere inside the Congregational Hall was pure peace and tranquility. So at the end of the day NCND did not make much money from the event. More damaging was the poor days trading for the stall holders who although sympathetic to NCND, still need to make a living. Persuading these people to come to a future event may be more difficult next year. After saying this the potential to raise funds through a craft market still remains a good idea given good timing and a good venue. ANY IDEAS???

P.S. The bloke selling gold earrings also had a bad day, he got nicked for not having a licence in the middle of the afternoon.

JOHN MITCHELL

CRAFT FAIR

NCND Executive would like to thank John Mitchell for all the preparation and hard work he put into organising the Craft Fair.

Listergate Stall

CHRISTMAS

The stall went out for a whole week prior to Christmas and took a lot of money, the people of Nottingham, particularly the young, showed their willingness to be identified with CNL by flocking to buy from our wide selection of badges, Christmas cards etc.

It was unfortunate that we were unable to take the stall out during the second week as we were moved on by the police for failing to have a licence.

We still think it was worth the effort as on Saturday, 10th December alone we sold £250 worth of goods. Thanks to all those who made time to help on the stall during the busy Christmas rush. Thanks also to Jeremy Jago who has transferred the stall with new castors so that it runs smoothly and quietly!

NEW YEAR

1989 should be a record breaking year for the stall. NCND and neighbourhood groups have obtained licences to take the stall out on 50 Saturdays. Many thanks to Doreen Gower who achieved this for us.

WHY THE STALL?

Remember we don't just make money at Christmas.

- The first time the stall was out in January we made £50 and we don't just make money on the stall.
- It gives an opportunity to exchange views with the public, to hand out literature people might otherwise not read and, last but not least, to attract new members.

If you can help for a couple of hours on a Saturday, once a month or even less, do let us know. Phone the office and leave a message (588586) or pop down to the stall one Saturday and have a look!

SUN APR 2
HAND OVER THE MONEY

CND CONFERENCE

This is the first Bulletin since CND's annual conference held in November, the copy deadline for Dec/Jan being too early. Still, better late than never. The conference was attended by five from Nottingham CND, one from Forest Fields Peace Group, three from Radcliffe on Trent Peace Group and one from Notts NALGO. We joined about 800 other delegates for a chilly weekend in downtown Salford.

The conference itself was notable for a lack of rancour, in fact a little more disharmony would have excited a bit more interest! The two major areas of debate concerned NATO, and election policy. Regarding the former, activists from Labour CND and the Campaign for Non-Alignment tried hard to get the conference to call a major spring all-out massive demonstration in opposition to NATO. This was lost as people, including the NCND delegates, felt that we simply could not turn out big enough numbers, in any case feeling that the public is very unaware of NATO as a whole, let alone being against it. The alternative proposal, a more educational campaign is described elsewhere as our Spring Campaign. The other area was in election policy. CND Cymru argued that CND should meet with all opposition parties to try to agree on a minimum platform acceptable to all opposition parties, and publicise that in the hope of isolating the Conservatives on defence. This was rejected, NCND vote going with the majority, as people felt that any bottom line agreement would be just so far from any CND position as to render the principle obsolete.

Big debates apart, we had the opportunity of attending around 100 workshops on every conceivable theme related to CND, browse through a large amount of peace-movement stalls and play the old conference game of guessing which meal queue will get served quickest.

CND nationally is holding up, with only a slight fall in membership. Finances have been a problem and staff non-replacements at national office seem to have affected morale a bit there. Attending conference only every second or third year, it is interesting to see the changes. Notably absent were the previously strong NVDA and Greenham element (though many of the individuals involved now run mainstream CND groups) and Greens - now presumably spending more time on their own growing party, and young people - it would appear that at the moment at least Amnesty and Friends of the Earth are making the running there!

JOIN NOTTINGHAM CND

adult £3.75 household £4.50 unwaged £1.50 group affiliations £5 to 50

Name

Address

.....

I enclose £ membership plus £ donation

Please make cheques payable to NCND and return to:

Nottingham CND, 33 Castlegate, Nottingham. NG1 7AR. Tel: 588586.

I came away from the conference much enthused and would encourage anyone to attend should they be able to next, or rather this, year.

Ross Bradshaw

CND NATIONAL COUNCIL

If you feel like getting away from Nottingham every once in a while; would like to rub shoulders with peace movement mega-stars like Bruce Kent and Joan Ruddock; feel there's no business like committee business; and would like to provide a vital life-line of communication between the local campaign and National CND's faceless bureaucrats at the top.... then here's your chance. Nottingham CND desperately needs a delegate to go to CND National Council in London.

There are 3 meetings left to attend this year, each lasting two days over weekends in the spring, summer and autumn. Travel costs are paid by the national campaign, and free overnight accommodation is provided where necessary.

National Council is the body which carries out the decisions of Conference, and oversees the month-to-month developments of the campaign's strategy. It is mostly made up of ordinary people like you or me, representing CND's various regions and areas. There are also about 20 members directly elected from Conference; Specialist Section representatives; officers and staff.... altogether around one hundred or so people.

The format is invariably a mixture of reports from the different CND committees, eg. Publications and Finance; small-group workshops on either the politics or the tactics of the moment; and plenary debates about all the various problems, controversies, crises, and so on that crop up over the CND year.

IT IS CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT THAT NOTTINGHAM CND IS REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL COUNCIL, partly so that we can have a detailed report of what the national campaign is up to, and partly so that we can keep the national office up to date with conditions at grass roots level.

Apart from attending the 3 Council meetings, our delegate would be expected to come to the 3 nearby Executive Officers meetings "back home" in Nottingham, and to provide a written report for the other Notts. groups.

If you think you would be interested in being the delegate, please phone Pete Strauss (625198) or Cath Wakeman (620459) and let us know. WE'RE DESPERATE.

BASLIAPAL - BHOGRAI, INDIA: THEATRE OF DISPLACEMENT THEATRE OF WAR URGENT ACTION

In North Orissa, on India's Bay of Bengal coast, over 100,000 farmers and fisherfolk of the Baliapal-Bhograi area face forced eviction from their homes and lands to make way for the government's National Testing Range - a military base designed to test and launch satellites, rockets and missiles.

The Testing Range, which will cost an estimated US\$ 840 million, is expected to site missiles with a range of up to 5,000 km and is intended for the future testing of delivery systems for nuclear weapons. The Range will consume 400 sq kms. and will cause untold human suffering (due to displacement) and environmental damage.

For the past three and a half years, the inhabitants of the threatened area have resisted the construction of the Range through an organised "People's Movement" which has adopted non-violent and non co-operation tactics. A "People's Curfew" has prevented government officials and armed police from entering the village area - checkpoints have been set up barricading the entry road into the area with bamboo and trenches have been dug to stop approaching government vehicles. The checkpoints are staffed around the clock and conch shells are blown to warn the villagers of approaching government officials. In February 1988, for example, 24 magistrates and 3,000 armed police attempted to enter the area, but were prevented from doing so by 20,000 women, children and men.

In response to the Resistance Movement, the government has offered a rehabilitation plan which would necessitate the forced relocation of the Baliapal-Bhograi residents into model villages and the destruction of their traditional ways of life as they are forced to become unskilled and semi-skilled factory workers. At the same time, the government has deployed 14 battalions of armed police (8,000 personnel) in the area and threatens to conduct a military assault on the area to remove the villagers. The People's Movement has replied by setting up Suicide Squads (now numbering 5,000 people) who are prepared to give their lives in order to prevent their eviction from the land that has nurtured them. As Sasadhar Babu, a movement spokesperson, has stated, "We are ready to give our lives in front of armoured vehicles and tanks. But, if that kind of incident occurs, its protest will not be limited to India alone. The whole world will condemn the Indian government, saying that those messengers of peace have built the missile range on the corpses of innocent Orissa peasants".

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

* Join the International Letter Writing campaign to put pressure on the Indian Government to halt its plans to locate the National Testing Range in Baliapal-Bhograi.

* Make copies of this Urgent Action bulletin and send them to your friends.

* Send letters of solidarity to the resistance movement.

* For more information, contact: Pablo, 389 Mass. Ave., Arlington. MA 02174.

Readers are urged to write to the Prime Minister of India, urging him to stop the National Testing Range in Baliapal and Bhograi and to comply without restrictions with the obligations following from its accession on July 10 1979 to the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights.

His Excellency Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi,
Prime Minister's Office,
7 Race Course Road,
NEW DELHI, 110011
INDIA.

Readers are also urged to send letters of solidarity to*

Mr. Gangadhar Panigrahi,
President,
Ganatantrik Adhikar Suraksha Sanghatna,
Kedar Couri Chhak,
Bhubaneswar, 751001
ORISSA,
India.

Letter to the following newspapers would also be extremely useful:

Chief Editor,
Times of India,
7 Bahdur Shah Zafar Marg,
NEW DELHI - 2,
INDIA.

Chief Editor,
Indian Express,
Indian Express Building,
Bahdur Shah Zafar Marg,
NEW DELHI - 2,
INDIA.

Chief Editor,
Sarvodaya News Agency,
162 Tilak Path,
INDORA - 452004, Madya Pradesh,
INDIA.

LETTER

Dear NCND

I think everyone would agree it would be useful to have the NCND office open at regular times each week and I know this can be a problem when everything is done on a voluntary basis. Would it not be possible to use some of the Dorothy Green bequest money to employ a part-time, regular, worker for a few hours each week, perhaps someone who needs the cash? It would then leave the volunteers to help out and extend the opening hours.

Sue Fox, Arnold

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CAPTION COMPETITION.



Inspired by last issue's locally produced photograph, there has been a rash of entries - all were excellent. The runners-up, sorry pals, included:

"The bird comes home to roost",

"I'm top of the pecking order now",

"John Peck lets loose 100 doves of peace to celebrate his victory" and

"Admirers of Councillor Peck flocked to the square to celebrate his election" and

a long entry, GOOD try:

"Following his election to the committee of Nottingham Pigeon Fanciers Club, John Peck poses in the Square. His victory was assured when the Club A.G.M. agreed to one pigeon, one vote. In a statement, Cllr. Peck said, "This is a victory for socialism and denied that his name helped win some pigeons over.""

But this month's winner - who receives a double ticket to City Lights Cinema - is the following entry.

"The Byron bye-election was actually won by Alan Who?"

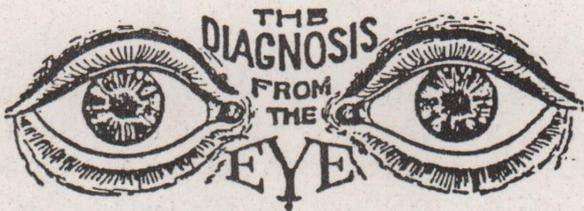
This entry was submitted by Councillor Alan Clark! Congratulations, Alan.

ATTENTION ALL BULLETIN COLLECTORS!

Hopefully by now you will all have been spoken to on the phone but just to reiterate - the Bulletin cupboard starts functioning this month. (Thanks to Pete Strauss for his hard work!). This means that Bulletins can be collected at any time Mon-Sat, 9 am - 5 pm, AS LONG AS YOU REMEMBER THE LOCK COMBINATION NUMBER! If you have selective amnesia and forget, please phone Cath Wakeman on 620459 who will remind you...

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