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**RECLAIM CHILWELL                      SUNDAY JULY 1ST**  
**OPPOSE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN BRITAIN**

*"We fought World War I in Europe  
We fought World War II in Europe  
And if you Dummies let us we'll fight World War III in Europe"*

**U.S. Admiral Gene La Rocque**

# THE CIVIL DEFENCE FRAUD

Civil Defence is the name given to Government planning preparations in the event of nuclear war. You would assume from its title that these preparations consist of plans to protect and defend the civilian population of Great Britain. You would be wrong.

The Civil Defence plans include no provision to attempt to safeguard ordinary people. They do include the exercise of deceiving people into believing that medical and other essential services will be available in post-nuclear Britain. But since medical, technical and scientific evidence from both Governmental and independent sources reveals that there is no realistic chance of survival after a nuclear attack, we know that plans to defend the population are a complete fraud.

The primary aim of Civil Defence is to protect Government and to keep the population under control. To this end plans include: setting up road-blocks to prevent people in cities moving to escape nuclear blast and fall-out; shooting looters; disconnecting all private telephones; arresting and imprisoning all likely "subversives" (peace campaigners and opponents of the Government); stock-piling essential supplies for military and government consumption. The list could go on. You can be sure that members of Government, higher civil service and top military personnel will be in the deepest most fortified bunkers possible. One defence plan for the privileged, no defence plan for the ordinary people.

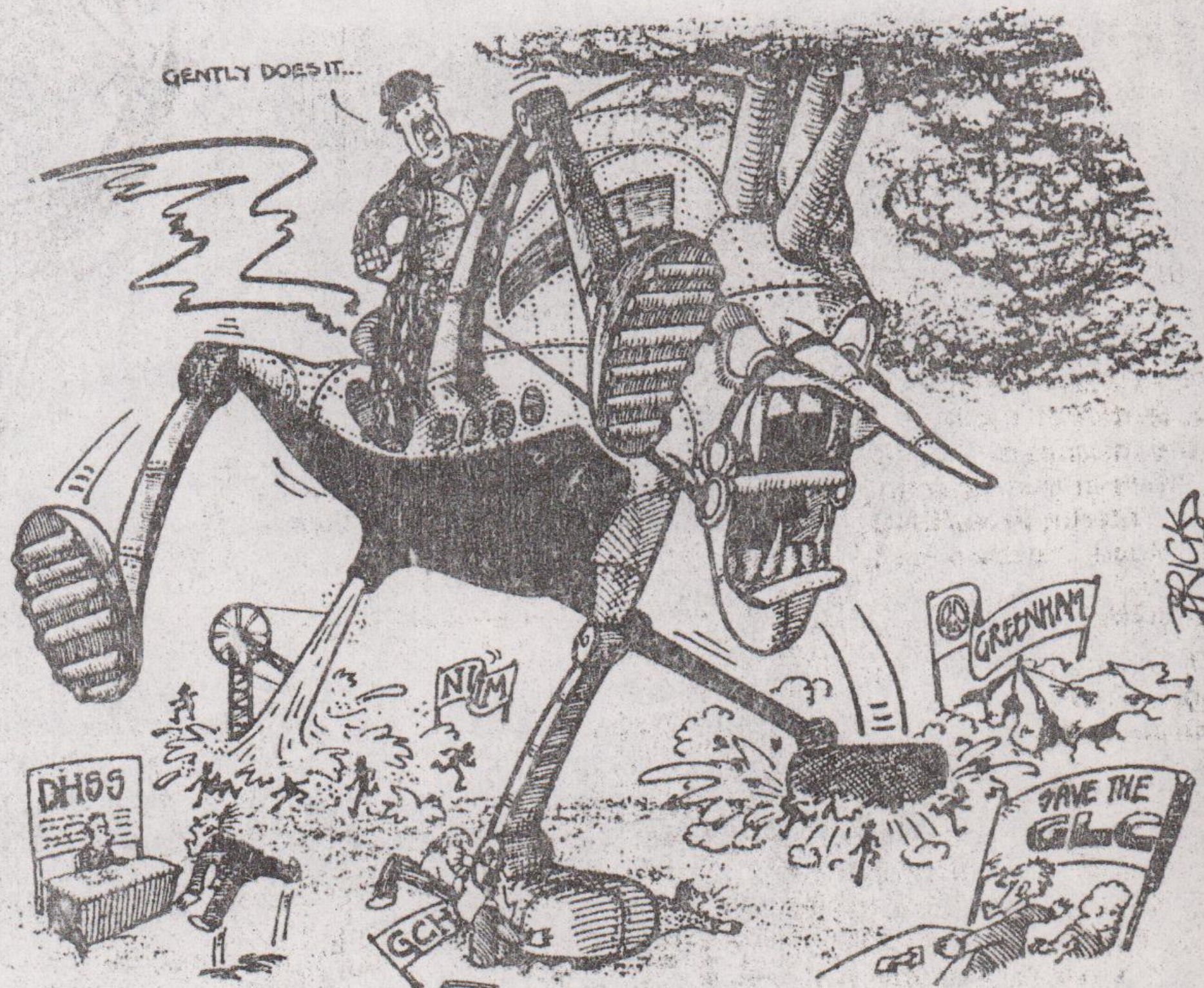
But what is more worrying is the logical implication of Civil Defence planning. It is proof that the Government is stepping up its preparations to fight a nuclear war. It is attempting to lull the population into believing that a nuclear war is fightable, winnable, and survivable. It is proof that in preparing for nuclear war, the Government is prepared to risk the lives of millions of innocent people.

No side can win a nuclear war. Yet both sides continue to increase their huge arsenals of nuclear weapons, despite already having enough to destroy the world many times over. The greed, hatred and distrust of the NATO Alliance and Warsaw Pact countries are exemplified by the continuing build up of nuclear weapons.

If a nuclear (or any) war is not survivable then it is only humane and just for any country to ensure that it never engages in nuclear war. The only way of doing so is not to prepare for it: not to have nuclear weapons and to abandon policies of war. To pose no threat to anyone else. The longer Britain continues adding to its total of nuclear missiles and preparing for nuclear war, the nearer we approach nuclear destruction. Many countries have decided not to develop nuclear weapons, Britain could decide to do the same.

But Britain will only decide to do so when the people of Britain demand it. There is no reason good enough to suggest that a nuclear war is justifiable. It can never be justified. The only way forward to avoid such a disaster is for more and more people to unite together and oppose the nuclear weapons, oppose the civil defence planning and all war preparations.

For further information on Civil Defence read "War Plan U.K." by Duncan Campbell.



## THE WAR HORSE

## WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FREEZE PROPOSALS ?

A new slogan is being advocated by certain sections of the Peace Movement - the slogan of nuclear freeze.

Allegedly this programme offers a new way forward for the movement. But does it? Not in the opinion of this writer. So what's wrong with Freeze? In this article I quote from "The Times" advert of 28/9/83 placed by the Freeze campaigners.

Freeze is simply the first stage of consciousness of anyone wishing to fight the war preparations and avert the danger of war. It calls for the two superpowers to "adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and of new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons."

Clearly as such it is now even as radical as the position of the warmongers. Heseltine, for instance, says that "we must all press, with all the energy we can muster, for genuine and balanced reductions in armaments" (Sanity Jan '84, p5), and the views of Heseltine reflect the public utterances of the leading warmongers e.g. Reagan, Thatcher, Chernenko etc.

It is because it is so airy-fairy that Freeze can safely be supported by anyone - even the warmongers. Thus it has been supported by the Soviets; by the U.S. Congress; by Edward Kennedy; by the United Nations and so on.

A Freeze would simply "freeze" the existing level of nuclear weapons. Yet the existing level of nuclear weapons is equivalent to about 1,000,000 Hiroshima bombs, enough to blow up every man, woman and child several times over. Therefore, to demand a Freeze is tantamount to an innocent man demanding to be shot by a cannon instead of by a tank! Our demand must be not to be shot at all.

Furthermore, Freeze is only aimed at nuclear weapons. The conventional, chemical, biological, laser-beams and what-have-you weapons of the two superpowers are not included (not to mention the weapons of the other imperialist and social imperialist powers). Thus Freeze is a big step back even from the present position of C.N.D. which demands disarmament of all nuclear weapons, mutual dissolution of N.A.T.O. and Warsaw Treaty and is against all chemical/biological weapons as well.

Freeze would allegedly be the prelude to "drastic reductions". But then why campaign for it? If as soon as a Freeze is agreed upon you fight for "drastic reductions", then why not fight for those reductions now?

The supporters of Freeze would argue that this strategy has not worked. But why on earth should Freeze work? Since the U.S. Congress voted for Freeze, they have;

1. approved money to develop Reagan's MX missile system;
2. deployed Cruise in Europe;
3. continued to deploy about eight new missiles per week in the U.S.

Similar activities are going on on the Soviet side. What is being frozen there?

In fact one of the problems of the Freeze argument is that it accepts the deterrence propoganda of the warmongers. Supporters of Freeze say that traditional negotiations have failed to stop the nuclear arms race and that Freeze offers a practical way of stopping the race. This presupposes that the warmongers want to stop the arms race. However this assumption is far from the real situation

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## FREEZE (cont.)

Firstly, the negotiations are done largely for purposes of demagoguery - an attempt to mislead the people into thinking that the superpowers actually want peace. Secondly, for the superpowers to wave the nuclear baton at their "allies" and the rest of the world enabling them to get their way by threats. Thirdly, the negotiations act as a meeting place where the superpowers agree to cut up the world according to an organised plan, affect this or that stance with their allies etc. Of course, there is also genuine contention between the superpowers.

Freeze is to some extent favoured by the superpowers themselves because it objectively puts the initiative back into the hands of the vicious imperialist warmongers, by trying to line up the peace movement behind the negotiations of the warmongers and by having us wait on their good offices. Freeze limits people's thinking and activity to what is acceptable to the warmongers, to reliance on their reasonableness, sensibleness, etc.

Therefore, Freeze objectively freezes the development of the anti-war movement and precisely at a time when the anti-war movement is increasingly breaking out of the bounds set for it by the warmongers. Last year at the CND AGM in Sheffield one of the speakers said that if CND adopted Freeze it would be marching in step with the American Peace movement. Yes, in step alright, but a step backwards!!

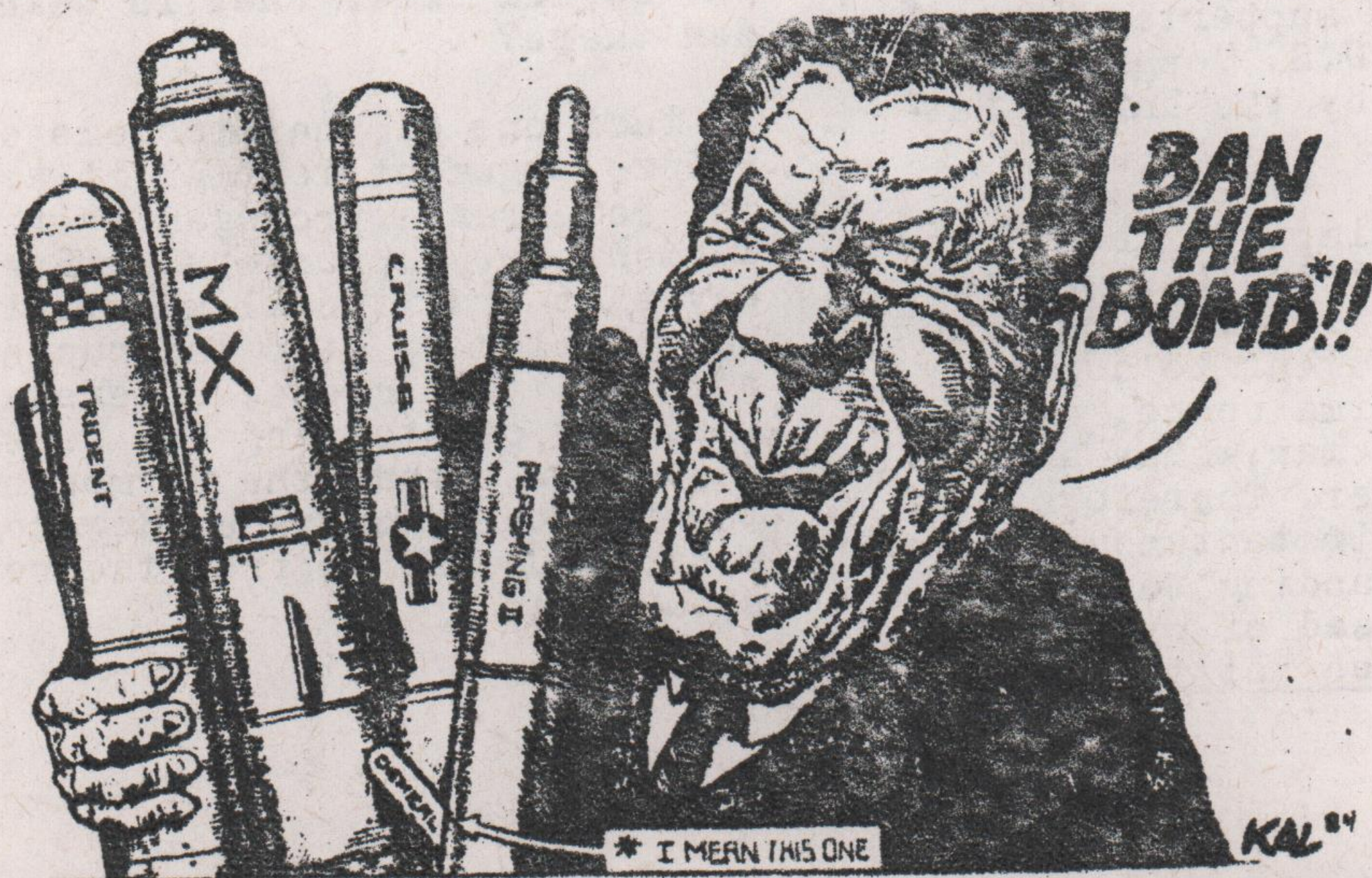
The demands of the anti-war movement are not for a freeze out for an end to all war preparations of the two superpowers, the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union. Not a Freeze but Britain getting out of NATO, the dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Not a Freeze, but no U.S. bases, troops or missiles in Britain; neither should the British forces stationed abroad be frozen there but they should come home, post haste.

Lastly, the peace movement calls for not a "frozen", partial peace, but genuine lasting peace. And to accomplish this we do not rely on Freeze - at best suspension in limbo for the peace movement - but red hot activity by the genuine forces for peace, relying not on the phoney negotiations of the warmongers, but on our own magnificent, indomitable efforts.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Letters and articles for the Newsletter about the arms race or the peace movement are most welcome.

If you would like to contribute something or would like to make a financial contribution to the Peace Group, please contact us at the Neighbourhood Centre.



## CRUISE TRANSPORTERS

### ON THE ROAD

Thursday 29th March - another day of harassment at Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp. During the previous morning evictions had taken place. Very tired after a hard day the remaining women tried to get some sleep. As with the previous Cruise convoy outing on March 9th about 100 police surrounded the sleeping women. At 12.40am the Cruise convoy leaves Greenham heading along the M4 to RAF Lyneham. Peace groups around the country were immediately notified and started to assemble to make their way to Greenham to attempt to blockade the vehicles. At 2.41am the convoy was sighted heading back home. Before 4.00 it was back at Greenham. The convoy was met by a two car blockade and was delayed by three minutes. Four very brave women flung themselves in front of a vehicle and were dragged away by police.

Peace Group member Julian says "I think the Americans are so frightened of the Peace Movement they are very worried about whether they will ever be able to get the Cruise system to its fully operational status." The Cruise system needs a full 18 hour excursion to test its real ability. "I think we have won a victory and the battle if they never come out on a full training exercise. If, however they do, we will be ready to deal with them"

Helping to stop the possibility of nuclear war by stopping the Cruise convoys does not mean you have to blockade the vehicles with your car or risk your life. Leaf-letting is just as important. For further information on ways you can help please contact Julian at Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre.

## ANTI-CRUISE DEMO

In the event of a Cruise launcher and convoy leaving Greenham, there will be an instant demonstration in Nottingham.

Protestors are asked to assemble in Old Market Square at 5p.m. following the news of the Cruise launchers leaving the base. A mass Die-in will commence at 5.30p.m. Everyone is asked to take part to demonstrate local opposition to the siting of U.S. Cruise missiles in Britain.

## PUBLIC MEETING

On Wed 28th March a talk was given by Dr Angus Nicol of the Nottingham Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons. Forty people attended the meeting.

Dr Nicol highlighted the horrifying effects of nuclear war and described the ludicrous Government plans devised to control and "care for" the civilian population in the event of nuclear war. A lively discussion followed and several new people joined the F.F.P.G.

## MAY DAY STALL

On Mon 7th May the F.F.P.G. will be running a food stall at the Queens Walk Community Centre as part of the May Day celebrations.

It is hoped to raise a lot of cash for the Peace group and members are asked to donate vegetarian food. Quiches, pizzas and sandwiches are the best sellers. Please leave your donations with Paddy and Cathy (tel 788655) or at the Neighbourhood Centre. Buy something from the stall too - helpers welcome.

## CHILWELL PROTEST

Sunday 15th April 1,500 people took part in a demonstration at Chilwell which has recently been handed to the U.S. Air Force, making it their 103rd base in the country.

It was good to see so many people in the F.F.P.G. on the march, especially the new members. Our persistent chanting livened up what would have otherwise been a very dull procession. At the base the scene was decorated with balloons, banners and posters before we moved to the Recreation Ground for various speeches and where over a fund was raised for the Reclaim Chilwell campaign.

On the way back a group of 30 protestors broke onto the base and occupied several tanks. Nine of them refused to leave the base and were taken to Spondon some 10 miles from Nottingham. Here the police tactic backfired when the nine protestors blockaded the police van until their demand for a lift back to their own transport in Beeston was met. No charges were brought against any of the protestors.

## FFPG MEETINGS

The Peace Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Thursday of each month. Our next meetings are:

Wed May 9th at 8p.m.  
Thurs May 24th at 8p.m.

Meetings are at the Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre.

## DISCUSSION GROUP

May 23rd 8p.m.  
Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre

### Topics

U.S. MILITARY- INVADERS OR ALLIES?

THE PEACE INITIATIVES OF THE SUPERPOWERS - GENUINE OR A SHAM?

EVERYONE WELCOME

The next event at Chilwell is the mass trespass on July 1st to Reclaim the base. This is a major demonstration with national CND backing. It is expected that thousands of people from all over the country will take part in the action.

As well as being involved in the planning of the action the F.F.P.G. is forming its own affinity group to participate in the trespass.

The events of the demonstration of April 15th indicate that July 1st is going to be a successful and enjoyable day. More details in the next Newsletter.

## NATIONAL CND DEMO

There will be a national demonstration calling for a Nuclear Free Europe in Coventry on Saturday May 26th. The march and rally will be followed in the evening by a spectacular concert with bands like The Style Council, Aswad and General Public.

The F.F.P.G. is running a coach to Coventry for this event and will be returning after the concert at approx 11.30p.m. Those of you who do not wish to stay for the concert will be able to book transport through Nottingham CND.

Further details will be issued to F.F.P.G. members shortly. Estimated cost for the trip is £2.00.

## REAGAN VISITS BRITAIN

President Reagan is due to visit us from June 6th - 9th. CND is organising a massive demonstration in London to denounce Reagan's tactics of war and to demonstrate our fierce opposition to the U.S. military presence in Britain and in particular the Cruise missiles based at Greenham Common.

Transport details will be available in the next issue but make a note in your diary now so that Reagan gets the biggest and loudest message he's ever had.