

### Campaigning Materials

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### Campaigning Diary

Please send details of events for the Campaigning Diary to Muriel Wood, CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.

#### Regular events

**First Tuesday of every month**

**Burghfield.** Vigil outside the main gate of AWE Burghfield, 7:30—9:30am.

**Second Saturday of every month**

**Aldermaston.** Women's peace camp, Falcon Gate, AWE Aldermaston, Berkshire. Contact 0865-771046.

**Last full w/end of every other month**

**Sellafield.** Sellafield women's peace camp. Contact 0706-371387 for details.

**Every Friday**

**Cardiff.** Women's vigil at nuclear weapons component plant, AWE Cardiff (formerly AWE Llanishen), 7—8am. Contact 0222-753961.

**Every day (and night)**

**Menwith Hill.** Women's peace camp now permanent! Contact 0943-468133.

#### Forthcoming events

**Thursday 2 February, Northfield**

Northfield CLP, 'an evening with Bruce Kent', Bristol Suite, King George V pub, Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham. Admission: £2/£1.

**Saturday 4 February, London**

Active Resistance to the Roots of War (ARROW). To find out more, join us for tea, videos etc, 3—6pm, Torriano Meeting House, 99 Torriano Avenue, NW5.

**Tuesday 7 February, Woking**

Woking CND meeting, Friends Meeting House, Woking, 8pm. An Iraqi doctor will give a personal view of conditions in Iraq.

**Tuesday 7 February, Bath**

Bath CND meeting on the arms trade with a showing of the John Pilger programme, 7:45pm, Manvers Street Baptist Church, Manvers Street, Bath.

**Wed 8 February, Epsom & Ewell**

Epsom & Ewell CND meeting, 'Making the UN work — achieving an effective and equitable global system', with speaker Anna Rehin, 81 Hook Rd, 8pm.

**Saturday 11 February, London**

Labour Action for Peace AGM, 10:30—5pm, Quaker International Centre, Byng Place, London WC1.

**Saturday 18 February, Yorkshire**

Menwith Hill Day school with Richard Norton Taylor & Duncan Campbell, Leeds Civic Hall. Contact Liz Westmorland, Leeds City Council, 0532-474340.

**Saturday 18 February, Canterbury**

Canterbury CND stall, City Centre, 10am, on the World Court Project.

**Tuesday 21 February, Leicester**

Leicester CND AGM, Nuclear warheads on our roads, with Kate Witham, Friends Meeting House, Leicester, 7:30pm. Contact 0533 705604

**Wednesday 1 March, London**

Ash Wednesday vigil at the MoD. Contact Pax Christi on 081-800 4612.

**Wednesday 8 March**

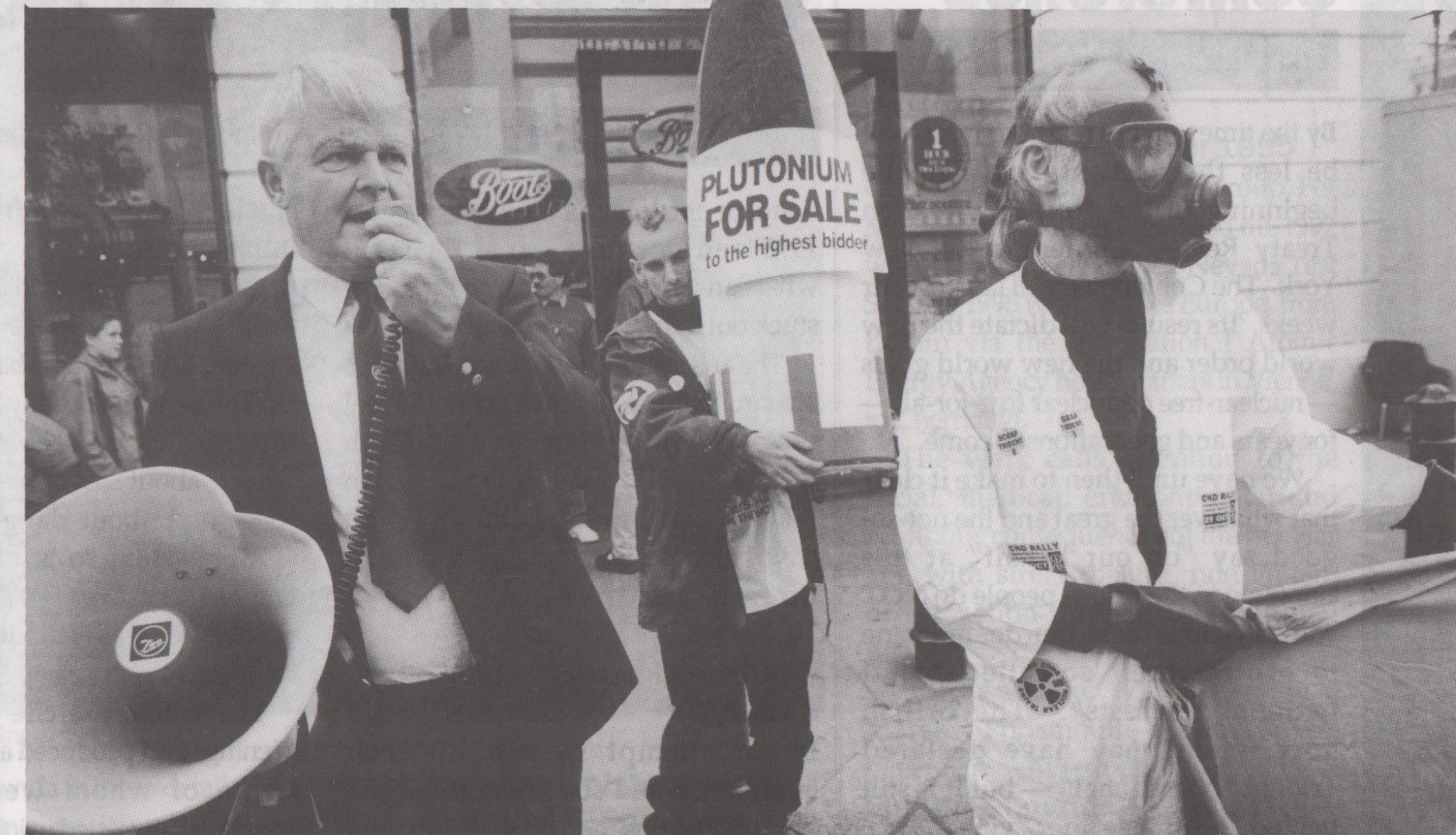
International Women's Day. 'Women and Militarism' events nationwide coordinated by the National Peace Council. Please support : Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp, (0635-253231), Burghfield Women's Peace Camp, (0703-554434), Menwith Hill Women's Peace Camp, (0943-468133), Sellafield Women's Peace Camp, (0706-371387).

**Saturday 25 March, Leicester**

Conference, 'Real Security — Development not Deterrence', with Ken Coates MEP, Bruce Kent, and Professor Mary Mellor. Tickets £7.75 (inc lunch) and £6.00 concs. Contact 0533-577368/527144.

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Pssst... want to buy some second hand plutonium? Bruce Kent and friends highlighting the proliferation of nuclear material and technology. Photo: Nick Cobbling.

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## Stopping nuclear proliferation: Britain's role Lobby of Parliament, 8 February 1995

Holly Kreider, Christian CND

Christian CND is organising a Lobby of Parliament on 8 February 1995. The focus is nuclear proliferation, especially in the light of the forthcoming Non-Proliferation Treaty Renewal Conference at the UN in April/May 1995. It is vital that the UK and other nuclear states recognise that the NPT commits them to nuclear disarmament, and that if they do not fulfil this obligation non-nuclear states may not feel obliged to keep their side of the bargain, a commitment not to obtain nuclear weapons.

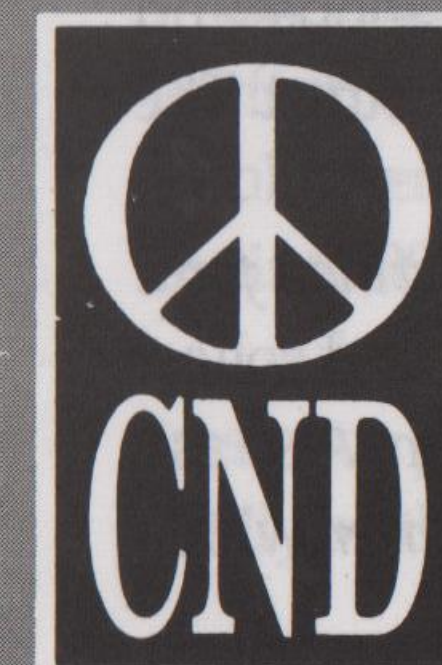
Major disarmament measures are needed to avoid global proliferation, so, specifically the lobby is calling for:

- a commitment to negotiate a Treaty to ban all nuclear weapons;
- a genuinely comprehensive treaty, at the earliest possible date, to ban all nuclear test explosions;
- a cut-off of all production of fissile materials which may be used to construct nuclear warheads;
- a genuine willingness to forego Britain's own nuclear capability (whether unilaterally or multilaterally) in the interest of stopping nuclear proliferation.

This year's lobby is organised by CCND in association with nine other Christian peace organisations and the support of at least eight other groups and Christian denominations, including Action of Churches Together in Scotland and World Disarmament Campaign (churches' work).

The lobby will begin at 2:30pm and will be preceded by worship in the Crypt Chapel, Westminster Cathedral at 1:15. A speaker meeting will follow in the Grand Committee Room of the House of Commons from 3:00—4:30pm. Speakers will include Dr Mohammed Shaker (Egyptian ambassador to Britain), Professor Frank Barnaby, church leaders, and MPs from each of the major parties. A crèche will be available.

All are welcome to join us on this lobby. Please write to Christian CND, St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4QZ for a lobby pack containing more information about how to lobby your MP.





# editorial Countdown to NPT Conference

Eirlys Rhiannon, Vice Chair

By the time you are reading this, it will be less than seventy days to the beginning of the Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in New York. The Conference will last for four weeks. Its results will dictate the new world order and the new world goals — nuclear-free or nuclear free-for-all — for years and generations to come.

We have until then to make it clear that whatever the great and the not-so-good say "on our behalf" at this Conference, the British people do NOT want a vicious mass-murder machine to protect their so-called "vital national interests". The British government may have declared Trident "operational" — but it is still neither "justifiable" nor "viable".

These could be the most important seventy days of our lives. Every opportunity to get another signature for the "Petition for a nuclear weapons-free world", to send another postcard to Boutros-Boutros Ghali, to speak to people about Trident and the NPT, to protest at Faslane and other Trident bases — to physically stop this nuclear madness. . . **Every single opportunity must be taken!**

At CND's conference last December, CND's Chair, Janet Bloomfield, spoke of her vision — of seeing the last nuclear warhead convoy taking the last nuclear warhead to the last lab to be dismantled.

**WE** must make that vision a reality. Good luck with all your campaigning!

■ For copies of the Petition and postcards, please use the form on page 7 or call the campaigns team on 0171 700 4524. For details of protests planned at Faslane Peace Camp, on the frontline against Trident, please call 0436 820901.

# Local group campaigning: what your group can do!

Malcolm Reid, Campaigns Worker

Some people may be thinking "I know 1995 is an important year for CND but what can we do to make any difference stuck out here with a small group?"

The answer is — plenty. Many groups are small but some have achieved real successes in recent months. This month we feature two local groups, Saffron Walden and Bromley, both of which have had success campaigning on both local and national issues.

## Saffron Walden spreading the message

In an attempt to pep up their information and communication with schools, particularly 6th Form and GCSE classes and other adult networks the group decided to send the *Blueprint* to various community groups.

The groups were not necessarily those which might support our aims and included all political parties, libraries, churches and schools, as well as groups like FoE and UNA.

The letters were jointly signed by the local Chair and Janet Bloomfield and pointed out the need for debate and dialogue, particularly with groups who may not be supportive.

In the month since the letters were sent there have been replies and meeting dates set up with schools and community interest groups and the local library is considering stocking the *Blueprint*.

The original letter can be copied for your group and Janet is happy to co-sign a letter with your group. Contact me on 0171 607 5013 if this would be helpful.

Hopefully these meetings will provide a sharp focus and encourage some lively local debate, as well as

promoting CND's campaigns!

## Nuclear trains: catching the public interest

Between August and October 1994 Bromley CND leafleted and door knocked all the houses backing on to the rail line between Bickley and Shortland.

According to Group Secretary Anne Garrett, about 85% of people were very concerned about dangerous nuclear waste travelling so near to their homes. The fact that over 50% did not know about these trains made it even more valuable.

The whole exercise took about 5 evenings and produced about 20 people (some of whom were old CND members) interested in joining CND and other similar organisations.

The difficult part is in the follow-up. As with many groups, Bromley is small and this takes some time. They have plans for joining with Orpington CND to organise a public meeting with local councillors, as well as a local press campaign.

**However, this is where national office can help.** The 20 original names have been sent to national office and they are being contacted with a view to joining CND. Linking national resources with local knowledge and commitment may reap some real benefits.

## New materials, new campaigns!

● Order the new leaflet *Seven Deadly Myths about Nuclear Weapons*. It is snappy and well produced and designed to be placed in shops and libraries or distributed on the street. The cost is £1 for 50.

● Order copies of our *Petition for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World* and collect as many signatures as you can. Also ask local groups to sign the *Charter* which



Don't quit stalling...

sets out our agenda in more detail. How about sending petition forms to members with your newsletter? The date for return has been extended to the end of March.

● UN postcards. Again send them to members, put them on your stall. They can be sent by individuals for the cost of a stamp or returned to this office and Janet Bloomfield will deliver them to New York.

● Set up a letter writing campaign by using the enclosed issue of *Lobby*, (order more if you need them) or use extracts for your newsletter. This is very important. Ask your MP to sign EDM 271 or even 161 which may be more attractive to Conservative or some Lib Dem MPs. In the case of Lib Dems, don't forget to remind them that their party policy after last year's Conference is exactly as stated in EDM 271.

● Order the CND exhibition. This is perfect for stalls, libraries and other public venues. It was in constant use during 1994 and it is available again.

Look out for our street leaflet and poster on proliferation. They should be ready by the end of February.

## Lobbying and persistence work

As a result of national lobbying and submissions combined with letter writing from *Lobby* network members and *Campaign* readers, CND scored a first when Janet Bloomfield and Martin Jones appeared before the all-party Foreign Affairs Commons Select Committee on 11 January.

The Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into weapons proliferation and asked us to present our case for a limited renewal of the NPT and its replacement by a complete Global Ban on nuclear weapons. CND was the only organisation not supporting the government line invited to appear.

This was a unique opportunity to establish ourselves, at times in the face of hostile questioning, as having a valuable and unique contribution to make to the debate surrounding the future of the NPT.

As committee member Denis Canavan said afterwards, it is vital that CND's position is officially recorded.

■ For a copy of CND's written submissions, phone 0171-700 4524.

# Walk across Europe for a nuclear-free world

Nicola Butler, Campaigns worker

## Brussels—Moscow 12 January—12 October 1995

Organised by Belgian Peace Group, For Mother Earth, which organised the 1992 walk across America to the Nevada Test Site, the 1995 walk crosses Europe, from Britain via the International Atomic Energy Agency headquarters in Vienna, to Chernobyl.

The walk calls attention to the social, medical, environmental and economic consequences of the nuclear age with street theatre, non-violent direct action and an international petition.

British section, 17 February to 3 March. Portsmouth—Basingstoke—Greenham—Aldermaston—Reading—Slough—London—Greenwich—Canterbury—Northfleet—Sittingbourne—Ramsgate.

The 150 walkers will arrive at Portsmouth on 17 February, visiting Aldermaston on 22 February and then follow the route of the old Aldermaston march into London. There will be welcoming meetings in Reading and Canterbury. On Saturday 25 February the walk will cross London, arriving at Tavistock Square for a reception/rally at 3.00pm. On Sunday the walk will go on to Greenwich.

## What your group can do:

● Support the walkers, join them along the route and collect signatures for the CND petition for a nuclear weapon-free world and the postcards to the UN.

● Join the march on Saturday 25 February for the last stretch into London, leaving Turnham Green at 9am, Hammersmith High Road at 9:45am, or join the rally at Tavistock Square, 3pm.

■ For further details please ring David Polden on 071-607 2302



## Changing European Union non-proliferation policy

Martin Butcher

The European Union agreed last summer to co-ordinate its participation in the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review process under the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). This means that in NPT negotiations the EU Presidency, currently France, will speak for all 15 EU countries.

France will consult with its partners, and will then make speeches and conduct talks on their behalf. Support will be provided by civil servants from the European Commission. The Commission staff will rely on a report currently in preparation by the European Parliament (EP) Foreign Affairs Committee as their reference and negotiating guide. The EP report will be crucial in framing EU policy.

Currently, the EU is committed to an indefinite and unconditional extension of the NPT, and has stated that a CTBT and a halt to production of fissile material for weapons purposes are essential to prevent proliferation. The MEP charged with writing the report is Jan Wiersma, a Dutch socialist and former anti-Euromissiles campaigner, who is open to peace movement ideas, and is keen that EU policy should be a broad package of measures to prevent proliferation.

After talks with peace movement

groups he is arguing for supporting disarmament by the UK and France; supporting greater openness on nuclear weapons and production facilities; a test ban this spring and an end to production of any fissile material, not just that for weapons.

Mr Wiersma won't get his way without support from outside the EP. In order that positive ideas from documents such as CND's *Blueprint* are included in the EP it is essential to lobby UK MEPs on the Committee. This is vital since this report will directly influence how the EU acts in New York. If your MEP is on the committee ask for an appointment to discuss this issue — most MEPs return to their constituency each weekend and the CND office has addresses. Put the EU to work for disarmament.

British MEP's on the Foreign Affairs Committee are Richard Balfe *Labour, London South Inner* ● Bryan Cassidy *Conservative, Dorset East and Hants West* ● Peter Crampton *Labour, Humberside* ● Wayne David *Labour, South Wales* ● Edward McMillan-Scott *Conservative, North Yorkshire* ● Stan Newens *Labour, London Central* ● Barry Seal *Labour, Yorkshire West* ● Gary Tittley *Labour, Salford* ● Peter Truscott *Labour, Hertfordshire*.

■ Martin Butcher is the Director of the Centre for European Security and Disarmament

## Artists for nuclear disarmament



Victor Tesser

Following its very successful 1994 art exhibition and sale, Artists for Nuclear Disarmament is pleased to be able to offer a selection of original limited edition silk screen prints.

Artists whose work is on offer include Lynn Chadwick, R B Kitaj, Eduardo Paolozzi, Victor Pasmore, Roland Piche, John Piper, Joe Tilson and Gerd Winner. Prices start from £450.

If you are interested in viewing a portfolio of the works please contact Victor Tesser on 081 883 4351. A framing service is also available.

All proceeds go towards CND's campaigning.

is now the same as CND's.

We are also in the process of mailing local Green Party branches. Again local support can make all the difference!

We need to show that there is widespread public concern about proliferation. The best way is to get thousands signing and showing their support.

Remember... if you are invited to speak to a branch, ring myself or Lionel Trippett on 0171 607 5013 for speaker's notes and other proliferation materials.

## THORP contracts — BNFL floundering?



Protesters against THORP in Carlisle. Photo Jonathan Becher, Cumbrian Gazette

Nigel Chamberlain, Cumbria & North Lancs CND

The New Year's message to BNFL from German utilities is that reprocessing is an expensive and unnecessary technology. Now that the German government has amended its

laws on nuclear waste management, it is highly likely that others will follow the two utilities which announced their withdrawal from their THORP contracts at the end of December.

BNFL was unable to make an immediate response as it desperately endeavoured to come up with a suitable 'no panic' line. The loss of 550 tonnes of spent fuel, £360 million of business, represents a 17% reduction in BNFL's contracts for the second ten-year period of THORP's operations.

Of much greater significance is the recognition that direct 'disposal' to dry storage is a viable alternative to reprocessing, a form of waste management consistently ridiculed by BNFL management and trade unions at Sellafield.

Meanwhile, John Guinness (Chairman, BNFL) and Roger Hayes (Director-General, British Nuclear Industry Forum) continue to ignore international concerns that THORP will exacerbate the problem of nuclear proliferation and declined to respond to CND's Nuclear Review submission.

## Trident proliferates

John Ainslie, Scottish CND

Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, the First Sea Lord, looked away as he drove past a group of peace protesters at the gate to Faslane in November. He was taken on board HMS *Vanguard*. At the very moment when sailors slipped the ropes tying the submarine to the berth, he heard a message over the radio — "HMS *Vanguard* this is Greenpeace, we have placed obstacles in Rhu Narrows". There was no response.

From the conning tower the First Sea Lord saw the Greenpeace ship *Solo* moored in the narrow channel which leads out of Faslane. He

watched for two hours as the submarine was delayed by the protesters' inflatables. Although most of the action was carried out by Greenpeace, Faslane Peace Camp and Scottish CND played a key role by tipping them off about when the vessel was due to sail and by supporting the action both on land and in the water.

*Vanguard* then spent 13 days at Coulport loading nuclear warheads onto the missiles. On 13 December the submarine slipped out to sea in the dark without ceremony to begin its first patrol. Protesters gathered on the shore near Helensburgh as it sailed. Only 6 days later did the Ministry of

The nuclear industry is now encouraging the Labour Party to change its policy on nuclear power, in case it wins the next General Election.

It may be just a matter of time, after some vigorous lobbying, before Dr Jack Cunningham (MP for Copeland in West Cumbria and shadow DTI Minister) announces an expanding role for nuclear power as part of Labour's industrial strategy.

Now is the time to be asking the Labour Party for its position on THORP and nuclear proliferation.

It is now more than a year from the date when THORP was given permission to start operating. 180 tons of nuclear fuel should have been reprocessed in the first 14 months, but to date not a single ounce has emerged.

This is ironic, given the fuss BNFL made a year ago about the urgency of getting the go-ahead, the arguments that a public inquiry would cause delay and have "serious financial consequences in both the long and the short term", viz £2 million per week.

Write to John Gummer requesting that he review his authorisation for THORP and stop the plant operating before it is too late to do so. The address is: The Rt. Hon. John Gummer MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, 2 Marsham St., London SW1P 3EB.

Defence admit that it had left.

Protesters from Cumbria & North Lancs peace groups demonstrated on the bridge at Barrow as the second Trident submarine, HMS *Victorious*, was commissioned on Saturday 7 January. It was due to sail to Faslane one week later but was delayed by bad weather. HMS *Victorious* is expected to carry out 2 missile tests in the US over the summer and will probably be operational by the end of the year. The convoys which are travelling to Scotland this year will be bringing up nuclear warheads for *Victorious*. The third submarine, *Vigilant*, is due to be rolled out of the shed in Barrow any time now.

## Coming to the party

Malcolm Reid, Campaigns Worker

National and regional CND offices have recently sent letters co-signed by Janet Bloomfield and Peter Hain MP to constituency Labour Parties (CLPs). These ask for their support for our campaign for a ban on nuclear weapons in 1995. They are asked to sign the charter and/or the petition and to send CND postcards, as well as writing to Labour's policy forums - which are meeting throughout

February asking for positive proposals for the NPT conference and to retain the present policy to phase out nuclear power.

Our CLP coverage is patchy. Your group can help by contacting them and offering a speaker or reinforcing the letter.

In the case of the Liberal Democrats we are hoping to get Simon Hughes to sign a similar letter. Again, please contact your local party if you can, pointing out that Lib Dem NPT policy



# Slow progress towards a test ban as UN debates disarmament priorities

Dr Sean Howard

A special session of test ban negotiations took place at the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in November and December in Geneva. Negotiations first opened in January 1994, amid a general expectation that they would be complete by 1995. This hope has been disappointed — necessitating these unscheduled deliberations — largely because of French, Chinese and British footdragging and a confused and unimpressive US negotiating performance.

Most importantly, the scope of the Treaty has not been agreed, with China holding out for so-called peaceful nuclear explosions, France and Britain for safety tests, and the US, UK, France and China for hydronuclear tests (laboratory tests almost impossible to detect).

Various other states want preparations to test and computer simulated tests banned and test sites closed. Other key areas yet to be decided are entry-into-force, the implementing agency (IAEA or new body) and the scope and cost of the verification regime.

The intersessional negotiations dealt only with verification. The theory seems to have been that making progress on the 'nitty-gritty' of the verification text and protocols would clear the way for consideration of the main treaty articles when the CD resumes on 30 January.

Little progress was achieved. Russia did concede ground on its (minimalist and low-cost) verification preferences, resulting in almost complete agreement on the technologies needed to supplement seismic monitoring. Deep divisions remain, however, over the financial and technical responsibilities of States Parties, and political responsibilities (for interpretation of data) of the implementing agency. The US is widely regarded as taking a particularly unsympathetic view of developing states' concerns over their



British MPs call for a nuclear test ban

much lesser resources and expertise.

The group of non-aligned CD states also strongly criticised the US proposal for an 'easy exit' clause, under which states could withdraw, at a Conference to be held five or ten years after entry-into-force, without having to satisfy the standard criterion of a threat to supreme national interests. The US is believed to want to retain the option to withdraw temporarily to conduct safety and reliability tests. This flawed plan, which is supported by no other state, begs the question of what the purpose of hydronuclear tests would be.

## UN First Committee and General Assembly vote

The UN First Committee on Disarmament and International Security held its annual debate between September and November 1994. Its resolutions were duly endorsed by the General Assembly on 14/15 December.

Two CTB resolutions were passed: one unanimously, urging all speed in concluding negotiations at the CD; and one passed by 116 votes to 4 (Israel, Russia, UK, US) urging a special meeting of the Amendment Conference of the Partial Test Ban Treaty to convert it into a comprehensive ban.

A resolution requesting NPT States Parties' legal interpretation of options available for extending the Treaty,

proposed by Nigeria, was passed by 103 votes to 40. The main point of legal controversy is the uniqueness or otherwise of the 1995 extension conference and decision: i.e. can a second decision be referred to a second conference.

A resolution urging conclusion of a new, binding agreement on negative security assurances was passed with no votes against and only three abstentions: France, UK, US. 168 states voted for the resolution, including Russia and China.

A resolution, proposed by Japan, praising the NPT and reiterating that its ultimate objective was a nuclear-weapon-free world, was passed in the General Assembly by 163 votes for, none against and eight abstentions including the UK. UK Foreign Office Minister of State David Davis explained that Britain had abstained because the resolution "could be seen to cut across existing initiatives in the sensitive area of nuclear arms control".

Finally, a resolution requesting an advisory ruling from the World Court on the legality of the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons was passed by 78 votes to 43.

■ Dr Sean Howard is Editor of the fortnightly update, *Nuclear Proliferation News*. For details of subscription rates, contact him on 0274-738388

## Muriel's Grapevine



### Pardon me, guard – Is this the BNFL choo-choo?

Pat Arrowsmith and David Polden of London Region CND were arrested and charged after sitting in front of a train taking nuclear waste from Bradwell to Sellafield, when it stopped to change crews at Stratford station. Demonstrators with banners were

leafleting outside the station and there was good media coverage.

### October 29 report back

Many CND newsletters gave reports of their members' support for the October 29 demonstration.

### US/UK nuclear co-operation continues

Nicola Butler, Campaigns Worker

The secret 1958 US/UK Mutual Defence Agreement was extended in December. An unannounced amendment to extend it was tabled under the obscure parliamentary Ponsonby Rule. This allows MPs 21 days to spot what is going on and then, subject to various conditions, demand a debate.

Llew Smith MP noticed it. Alan Simpson MP demanded a debate. Tony Newton MP, Leader of the House, argued the rules didn't allow it. Alan persevered and a debate was held - at 2am.

The Agreement, which the MoD accepts is crucial to the expansion and modernisation of the UK nuclear weapons programme, has never been debated before. It covers information exchanges on warhead design, exchanges of nuclear materials such as plutonium and tritium and the UK's use of the US Nevada test site.

All this, through Alan, is now on the record, together with his concern that this US/UK co-operation breaches NPT Article 1 which precludes the "transfer to any recipient whatsoever of any nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices... directly or indirectly."

North Cumbria reported hundreds of tourists photographed their march around Parliament Square from BNFL Headquarters to the Rally. West Midlands filled a coach. Nottingham was there *en masse*.

The Canterbury CND contingent included an encouragingly large number of students from the University. The men women and children of Salisbury CND displayed their eye-catching banner. Drenched but determined Petersfield CND clustered round their banner, along with Wimbledon CND and Mitcham CND together with their banners.

Orpington, Golders Green, Merseyside, Wallasey, Wanstead & Woodford, Hereford and Newham were among many of the other groups who took part. Comments varied from those who were heartened to see a balanced spread of ages represented, to others who said "where have all the marchers gone?" All were much impressed and moved by Adi Roche and encouraged by Youth CND.

## Conference '94

Nicola Butler, Conference Organiser

For me and many others the high point of Conference 1994 was Jane Tallents' inspirational speech outlining ten years of protest at Faslane, ending with her call for us to step up our anti-Trident campaigning in 1995.

Conference debated and determined 1995 campaigning priorities: Trident, followed by the NPT, Hiroshima and nuclear threats, THORP, CTBT and the Peace Dividend. A constitutional amendment cuts each region's Council representatives from 5 to 3. Janet Bloomfield was elected Chair, Mathew Pelling, Treasurer and Dave Durham, Eirlys Rhiannon and Martin Jones, Vice-Chairs.

Retiring officers Jenny Maxwell, Heather Williams, Claire McMaster and General Secretary Gary Lefley were thanked. All have promised to remain active within CND.