
NOTTINGHAM CND



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DIARY

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- Thu 5th Non-violent community of the Ark.
An illustrated talk by John Gyte.
International Community Centre,
Mansfield Road, Nottm. 7.30 p.m.
(See page 9+10)
- Thu 5th Ann Frank Exhibition, public discussion.
"Combating Racism & Anti-Semitism".
Friends' Meeting House, Clarendon St.,
Nottingham. (See page)
- Sat 7 & Pacific Awareness Gathering, Nottm.
Sun 8. Women's Centre, Nottingham.
(See page 2)
- Sat 21 Petition Day. "Nuclear-Free Air, Land
& Sea. Listeregata. 11am - 2 pm.
- Mon 23 NCND Officers & Executive Meeting.
33 Castlegate, Nottingham. 7.30 pm.
- Thu 26 NCND Policy Making & Annual General
Room 3, International Community
Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham
7.30pm. (See map on page 7)
- Sun 22 - ONE WORLD WEEK.
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* **Bulletin Editorial Meetings:** Dates not fixed at
time of printing: please contact Cath (620459) if
you would like to join us.

NOVEMBER

17 - 19 CND NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

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**PACIFIC AWARENESS GATHERING
NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S CENTRE
7 to 8th. OCTOBER, 1989.**

Organised by WWNFIP.

All women are invited to come
along; on SATURDAY EVENING
there will be a social/benefit
from which all profits will go
to Pacific radiation
victims; EARLIER ON SATURDAY
there will be workshops,
videos, literature, music and
art; on SUNDAY there will be
plenty of space for discussion
and videos and literature will
still be available.

GENERAL INFO:

Access limited, help provided.
Good, cheap food will be
available at TWIGGS CAFE in
the Women's Centre.
Accommodation can be provided
for 50p a night and there will
be a free creche on Saturday
(10am to 10pm, except
mealtimes) and again on
Sunday (10am to 4pm). CRECHE
FACILITIES MUST BE BOOKED IN
ADVANCE.

To register please contact
Sian or Cas, at FLAT 2, 27
MAPPERLEY RD., NOTTINGHAM NG3
5AJ.

There is no registration fee.

AUTUMN CAMPAIGN :

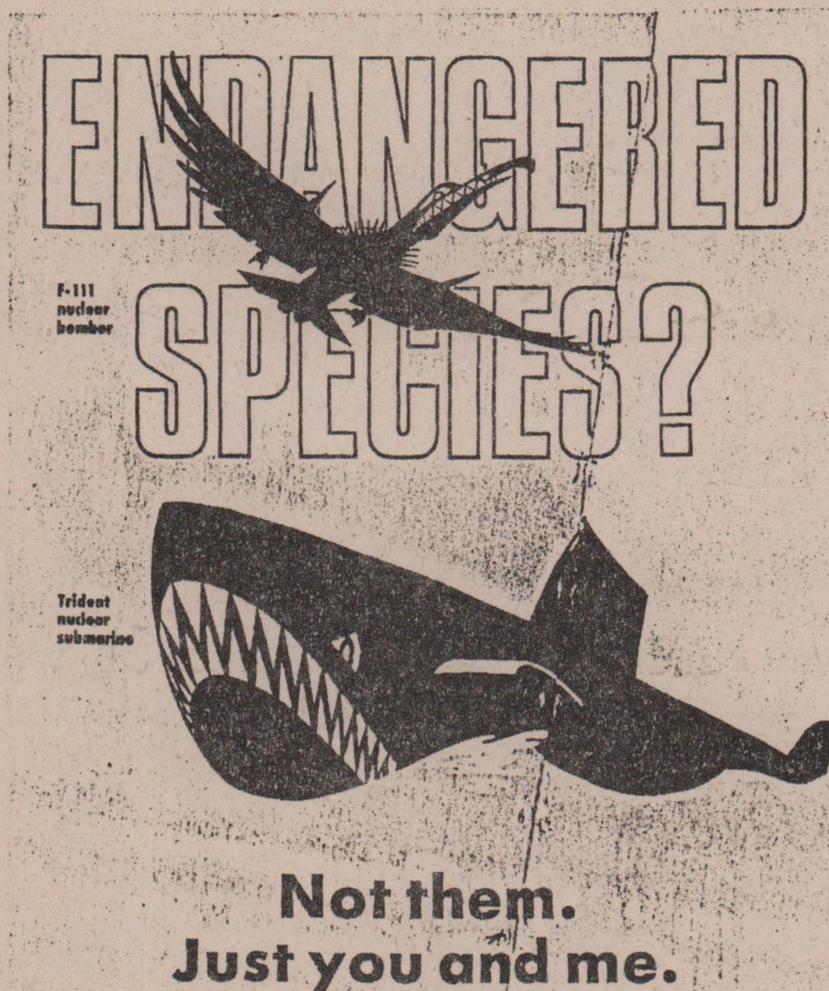
NO NEW NUKES

ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST NOTTINGHAM CND WILL BE HOLDING A DAY OF ACTION IN NOTTINGHAM CITY CENTRE. We will be collecting signatures for the national NO NEW NUKES petition, and handing out leaflets at various sites. The leaflet shows Trident as a shark and F1-11 bombers as vultures, and portrays them as Maggie's Protected Species and you and me as endangered species.

The day of action is designed to get across to people that we are all the victims of a confidence trick. The I.N.F. treaty which was supposed to get rid of Cruise and Pershing, won't be worth the paper it's written on, if Thatcher's huge nuclear re-armament programme goes through on the quiet.

All that our people know is that one type of medium-range land-based missile has been scrapped. What they don't realise is that the warheads are going to be re-cycled and used in NATO's air launched and sea-launched weapons systems, based at places like Upper Heyford and Plymouth.

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS. We will meet at the Listergate stall from 11.00 onwards and will spread across the city centre in groups to collect signatures and hand out leaflets. We will also try to arrange a photo-call with local press when we deliver the completed petition forms to the local Tory Party HQ.



DAY OF ACTION
OCTOBER 21ST

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NEW CAMPAIGNING IDEAS

FROM NATIONAL CND

Why not help out with CND campaigning, in one of four ways, being organised by National CND? They are schemes which will keep you involved, are very necessary to the campaign but which don't take up too much time and can be fitted in with other activities. The four schemes are:

- 1. POSTER PEOPLE.**
You will get a poster to put up in your window three times a year. All you have to do is stick it up! We send the poster, you have nothing to do! The service is free, but CND asks those that can afford it to make a donation of £3.
- 2. LEAFLETERS.**
You will be sent 100 leaflets three times a year; Autumn, Spring & Summer. You can give them out door-to-door, as and when you are able. CND need to charge £5 a year for this service.
- 3. BRUCE'S PRESS GANG.**
You promise Bruce Kent that you will write to the press four times a year. In return you get a quarterly bulletin which suggests the topic and provides information about it.
- 4. 20-MINUTES.**
You will get five postcards a year. That's all! The postcard suggests a topic and provides information so that a short twenty minute note can be written to your local MP. 500 people are already on the books: CND need more!

There is no charge for 3 or 4, but CND would welcome a £3 donation to help cover costs.

When you have chosen the scheme for you ... WRITE to LAURIE GIBSON at CND, 22-24 UNDERWOOD STREET, LONDON.N1 7JG, tell him which scheme you are interested in and make donation cheques out to CND.

JOIN THE ARMCHAIR CAMPAIGN NOW!!

MODERNISATION

NATO'S NEW

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

In 1987 the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, intended to ban all their ground-launched intermediate-range missiles. Now the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) plans to bypass the treaty in a move which will actually **increase** the number of nuclear weapons in Britain.

The INF treaty banned all ground-launched missiles of a range between 500 and 5,000 km. This covered the US cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in Europe as well as Soviet SS-20s, but went further than originally expected to include some shorter-range missiles, such as the Soviet SS-23 and the West German Pershing 1A. The treaty does not cover missiles launched from aircraft or ships, nor does it cover shorter-range ground-launched missiles.

Although the treaty is flawed, it is still historic for two main reasons. One is that it deals with modern missiles and these will be dismantled in large numbers, whereas previous treaties have only banned weapons that were already out of date. Secondly, it involves detailed inspection of bases by each side, taking the ability to "verify" disarmament a huge step forward.

Even though there will still be thousands of other kinds of nuclear weapons left in Europe - such as artillery shells and bombs on aircraft - the INF treaty does cut out one complete category of land-based missiles and is certainly causing problems for NATO's strategy of "flexible response". Flexible response involves being willing to use nuclear weapons first and to have a wide range of different nuclear targeting options in time of war.

Consequently, many NATO officials are now extremely concerned that the INF treaty might be just the first step down the road to a nuclear-free Europe. Not only are they anxious to avoid more nuclear arms control negotiations, but they want to try and bypass the INF treaty by bringing in new weapons to "fill the gap" left by the removal of the INF missiles. This is being called a programme of nuclear "modernisation", even though it actually involves entirely new nuclear weapons which certainly break the spirit, if not the letter, of the INF treaty.

MODERNISATION

Two new nuclear weapons are the key to this strategy. The first is a replacement for the ageing Lance battlefield missile. With its range of about 120 km, Lance is not affected by the INF treaty, and its replacement - called the Follow-On To Lance (FOIL) - would have a range of 1480 km, just under the range banned by the treaty.

The second is a new air-launched cruise missile called the SRAM-T (Short Range Attack Missile - Tactical) which will be deployed on F-111 nuclear bombers based mainly in Britain. Since it is not ground-launched, it doesn't directly break the INF treaty. But, in combination with the aircraft carrying it, the new missile will cover the same range as cruise and Pershing missiles. It will add greatly to NATO's nuclear targeting and probably start a new nuclear arms race in Europe.

Both these weapons were being planned by NATO before the INF treaty in 1987, but they have become much more significant since the treaty as symbols of the determination of dominant NATO countries, such as the US and Britain, to avoid nuclear disarmament in Europe.

Moreover they are not the only new nuclear weapons being deployed over here. Others include the Tomahawk sea-launched cruise missile, the W79 artillery shell and, probably, the new B83 nuclear bomb.

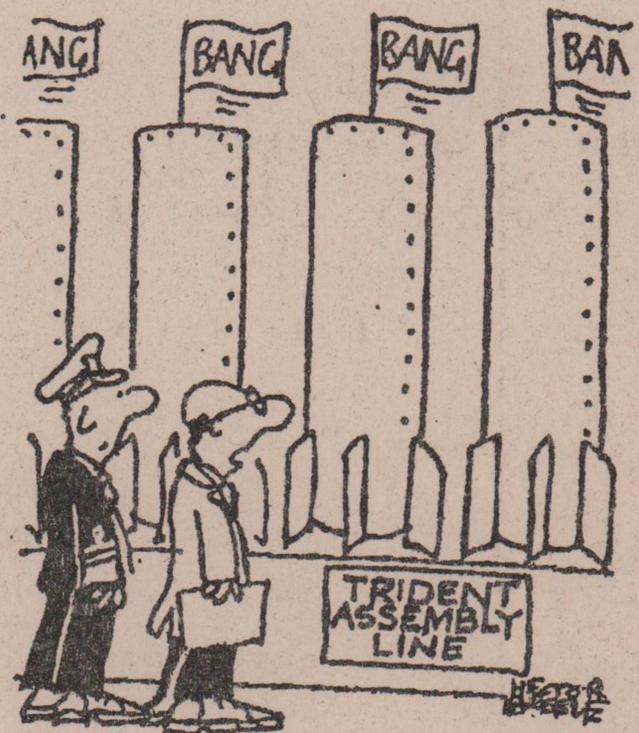
PUBLIC REACTION

Already, in much of Western Europe there has been strong public reaction against modernisation. The main supporters of modernisation are the United States and especially Britain, together with NATO's nuclear planners. Most other NATO members are at least dubious, with the West Germans currently insisting that negotiations on further nuclear arms agreements to cover shorter-range missiles should start in the near future. There would cover Lance and its replacement, together with Soviet equivalents, but it still leaves open the development of the new air-launched missile, SRAM-T.

Many analysts now believe that the Lance replacement will never be deployed in Europe as the West Germans will simply not allow it to be based there and West Germany is the only possible location. This means that attention will then focus on the air-launched SRAM-T missile and, for this, Britain is the key country.

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HECTOR BREEZE



"It's just a temporary measure while we're waiting for the warheads"

MODERNISATION AND BRITAIN

It is expected that several hundred SRAM-T missiles will be built, most of them to be carried by F-111 and new F-15E nuclear bombers based in Britain. Deployment is planned to start in the early 1990s. With the West Germans and many others in Western Europe now so opposed to new nuclear weapons, NATO's nuclear planners and the Pentagon are having to turn to the only reliable nuclear addict left in Western Europe - the Thatcher government.

A two-step expansion of US nuclear forces in Britain is likely. Firstly, around 50 F-111G bombers will be moved in by the end of 1990, followed over about three years by SRAM-T missiles and F-15E bombers. Britain will end up having far more US nuclear weapons based here than in the days of cruise missiles at Greenham and Molesworth.

Moreover, this comes on top of Britain's own massive expansion of its nuclear forces with the Trident programme. It is even expected that Britain will base around 100 additional SRAM-T missiles on its own Tornado nuclear bombers. So much for arms control and INF treaty.

WHAT CND BELIEVES

The INF treaty is an important first step towards a nuclear-free Europe. Now the West Germans have rejected new missiles in their country and public opinion throughout Western Europe is turning against NATO's nuclear policies. Instead of increasing the number of nuclear weapons in Britain, the Government should reject "modernisation" in any guise, including its own Trident programme, and get rid of its existing nuclear weapons.

August 1989.

FURTHER READING

NATO - IN OR OUT? Peace Movement Views on the Atlantic Alliance by Sheena Phillips, Mike Gapes, Jonathan Steele & Isobel Lindsay. Price £3.20 inc. p&p.

OVER HERE: The US Military Presence in Britain by Paul Rogers. Price £2.20 inc. p&p.

Special offer - buy both for only \$4.80 inc. p&p.

FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE by Meg Beresford and Diana Shelley. A general introduction to CND's ideas. Price £1.80 inc. p&p.

MODERNIZING NATO'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS by Oliver Ramsbotham. Macmillan 1989.

Information from National CND's new "In Brief" leaflet series.

NUCLEAR-FREE
AIR, LAND
AND SEA



OFFICERS REPORTS

OFFICERS REPORT

I have had responsibility for two areas over this last year: Press and Campaigns. The former has been pretty successful and I would strongly

suggest that we continue to have a nominated press officer in future years. I have monitored local media; supplied press releases to accompany our events and campaigns; written letters for the Post's Opinion page and conducted radio interviews.

Campaigns has been rather more tricky. In the last few months, the work has been spread out amongst other officers, particularly Kate, who organised the Hiroshima Day ceremony. My feeling is that there is enough work in this department to keep a small working group busy (as happened for the Spring Campaign, with myself, John Mitchell and Barbara Coulson). On the whole, I think it has been useful to have named portfolios attached to each individual officer. The problems have been: not enough officers for portfolios and collapsing neighbourhood group structure.

Pete Strauss

OFFICE REPORT

NCND approaches its first year in the Castlegate HQ. The ground floor rooms are conveniently near the Listergate stall area and are easily accessible for staff and visitors. The front office is big enough for executive and similar meetings of about ten.

We owe thanks to the regular volunteer staff, especially Doreen, Peggy and Dorothy who surely do more than anyone else to keep daily business and membership organised, even filling in where others fail to arrive. More regular volunteers are needed urgently.

Office users comment on the good working atmosphere, and we have friendly relations with the upstairs tenants, and since a series of six or seven burglaries, the police. Sealing and barring the windows encouraged the known juvenile intruders to enter instead via the roof. The police have implemented Home Office security measures resulting in no break-ins for some time. The situation unfortunately suspended progress on converting the large rear room into an exhibitions and meetings area. It is a worthwhile project which could also benefit other like-minded organisations in Nottingham.

Jeremy Jago.



BULLETIN REPORT

Much to the present editor's surprise the Bulletin has emerged each month this year-sometimes it seemed very close to not happening! But thanks to the hard work and commitment of a few members it made it.

The Bulletin has changed in some respects it is now printed on recycled paper, which 118 now have in stock, the editorial has ceased to be and it is tending to be shorter, due to difficulty getting people to produce articles.

Delivery of Bulleting has continued to be problematic in some areas, not helped by the fact that fewer neighbourhood groups are functioning. However collection has been helped enormously by the Bulletin cupboard, built by Pete Strauss, which has facilitated access to the Bulletins. The majority of Bulletins do at least leave the cupboard!

The Bulletin still feels a very important part of NCND's work; maintaining contact with membership and keeping them informed, but at the time of writing it is not clear in what form the Bulletin will continue next year.

Cath Wakeman.

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NOTTINGHAM CND

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

MANSFIELD ROAD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th

7.30 PM

AGENDA

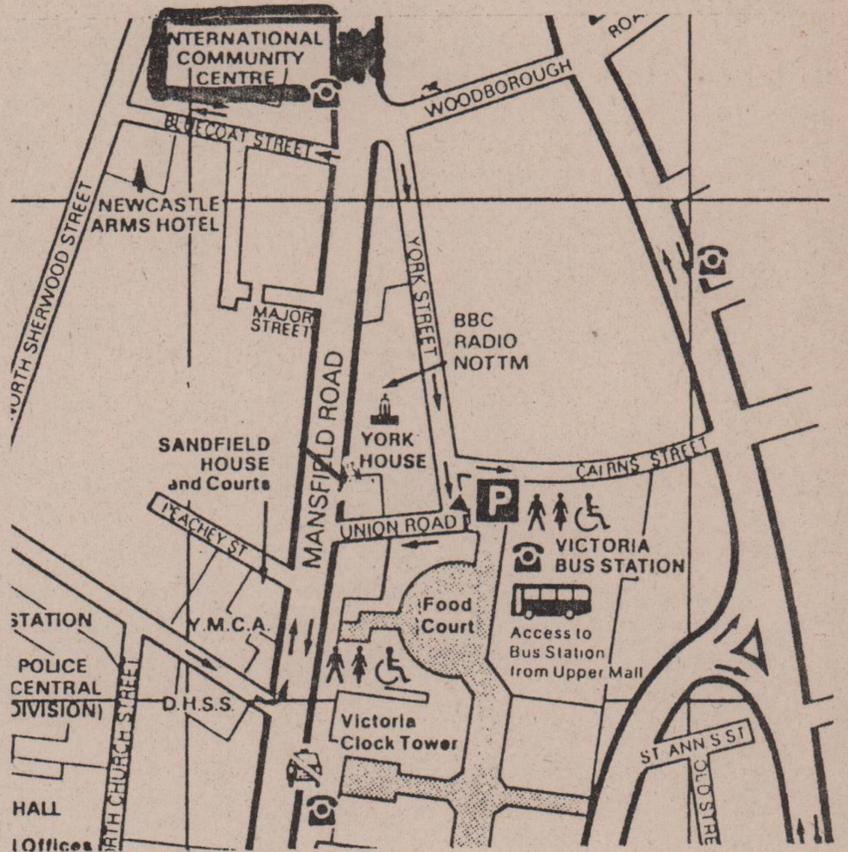
1. Introductions
2. Officers Reports and Questions
3. Organisational resolutions:
 - a) That NCND officers should be elected for 15 months, every 12 months, to allow for overlap.
Proposed: Peggy Westaway
 - b) Ratification of merger of executive and officers meetings
 - c)

Discussion of whether the present NCND constitution is appropriate to our present difficult situation. Should we instruct the officers/executive to draw up a more streamlined constitution over the coming 12 months.

Proposed: Cath Wakeman

Seconded: Pete Strauss

- 4) Policy Resolutions
- 5) Elections
 - a) Treasurer
 - Bulletin co-ordinator
 - 5 officers
 - b) 5 delegates to National conference.
 - c) Representative to National Council
(from January)
- 6) Conference resolutions-discussion
- 7) DISCUSSION - How are we going to cope in 1990?
- 8) Minutes of last AGM
- 9) Guest speaker from Faslane Peace Camp (provisionally)
- 10) Any Other Business & Announcements.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The theme for the conference this year is **Nuclear-Free Air, Land and Sea.** Saturday morning will be spent debating constitutional amendments and hearing reports. Saturday afternoon there will be group development workshops, information sessions and discussion meetings. Sunday will be spent debating resolutions, which will set our priorities for the coming year. On Saturday evening there will be a cabaret, poetry reading, and folk-singing.

At Nottingham CND's Annual General Meeting on 26th October we will discuss a selection of motions which are to come up at National CND. We will also be electing five NCND delegates to National Conference on our behalf, so if you are interested in going to the National Conference come along!



ONE DAY,
THIS COULD BE A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE.

COLIN "MR. BIG" MOYNAHAN TO CHAIR LOUSE PROBE

The Sports Minister has been chosen to act as chairman of a parliamentary enquiry into fleas, it was disclosed yesterday. His name presented itself as the obvious choice after he scored a spectacular own-goal in "talking-out" a bill designed to enable two wrongs to make a right, intended to ease the forthcoming air privatisation bill. He spoke for a scintillating 4 hours on the urgent need to abolish the G.L.C., having apparently brought the wrong notes. "Actually," confided a party spokesman, "giving him the flea chair was the only way to get rid of him".

In preliminary debate, Teresa Gorman, M.P., advocated a market solution (flog them) and Mr. Heseltine favoured early nuclear option or the use of mace. Dr. Owen's suggestion of calamine lotion was, as usual, more palliative than preventative, while Dennis Skinner asserted, to cross-party groans, that government initiatives hardly came up to scratch. He was suspended, pending an apology.

Time to get to the point - you'd have skipped this article if it were headed, "Volunteers Wanted for 1990 Peace Festival", right? What more is there to say, anyway? The process of finding people has already started (better than beginning next February as before). The event will be the tenth and as big and different as possible. So, if you're able to organise people or have useful skills, have any suggestions or are prepared to drive and lift things ne or Bill and Vera Haines got fleas, tell Colin.

Jeremy Jago

ACTION LINE!

01 490 4037

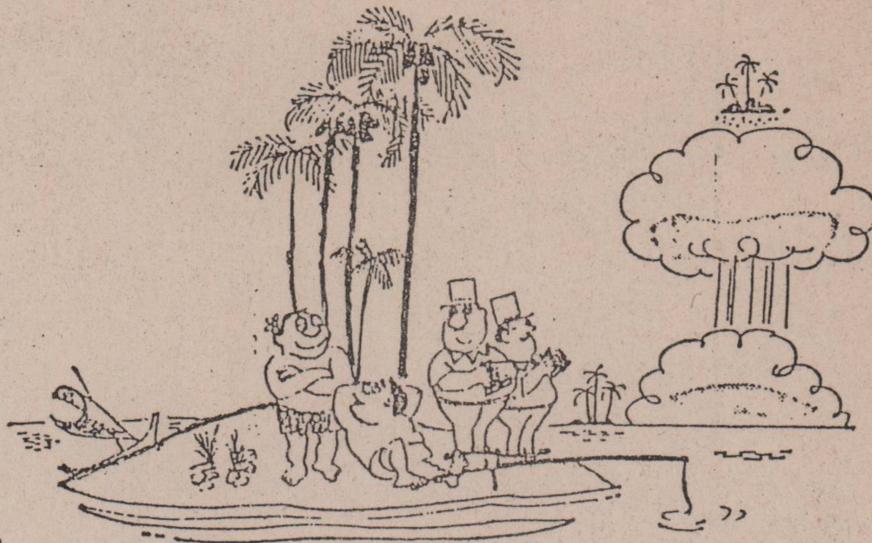
From 18th September 1989, CND's Actionline comes into operation. You can call the above number 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for three suggestions for anti-nuclear action. It will be regularly updated and will also give information about short notice demonstrations.

NEW VIDEO

CND has commissioned an educative video that will be ready for distribution to schools and colleges at the beginning of the autumn term. The script has been written by Alan Plater, famous for "A very British Coup" and will feature the TV personality, Jill Gascoigne. Team Vid, who are producing it, expect many schools to request the video and accompanying teachers' notes through their wide distribution networks.

OPEN DAYS

Why not find out more about what happens at CND's national headquarters? There will be an open day at Underwood Street on Wednesday 1st November 1989. Contact Sophie Hobby (01 250 4010) for further details.



"WHEN WE GET THE BOMB,
WHEREABOUTS IN FRANCE SHALL WE TEST IT?"

WHY I JOINED THE PEACE MOVEMENT

Being asked to say when and why I joined the Peace Movement took me back to my earliest recollection. At the tender age of four in 1915, I was taken screaming into the Bradford Royal Infirmary to have my tonsils out.

It was at a time when the hospital was full of wounded soldiers and brave men in blue uniforms, i.e. walking wounded were everywhere.

I was told that I had to be brave and, if I was a hero, I could wear a soldier's cap. I didn't want to be brave or a hero or wear a soldier's cap. In spite of my protests, authority took over and I was duly operated upon. So I had a flying start in hating war and all that it stood for: hospitals, wounded soldiers, uniforms and authority.

An early belief in Christianity and a tour of the Great War battlefields organised by the Y.M.C.A. with thousands of names on the MENIN GATE and rows and rows of white tablets marking Allied graves and black crosses to mark German graves made me realise not only the horror of war but the futility of it.

Meeting people like Frank Allaun around 1935 brought me in contact with the Anti-War Movement and from that moment to this, in one form or another, I have never been far from the Peace Movement. It's true in the course of the years my commitment has taken on board many allied issues, all of which started the day I was taken into the Bradford Royal Infirmary under protest that I didn't want to be brave or a hero or wear a soldier's cap.

ERIC JESSOP.

COMMUNITY AND PEACE



Ever since Plato's Republic, many proposals have been put forward for an ideal social order. The democratic regimes of today are clearly an improvement on the Divine Right of Kings and feudalism. The search for the ideal society continues, however. One alternative is to live and work in small communities where people would learn to cooperate in peace and harmony. Their example would, it is argued, lead to the withering away of the State and the violence associated with it.

The nonviolent Community of the Ark in Southern France shows perhaps one way in which this could be achieved. It was founded just after World War II by Lanza del Vasto after his encounter with Gandhi in India. He saw nonviolence as a development of the Gospels neglected by the Church. Members of the Ark are committed to the practice of nonviolence in all its aspects. The land they work with horses provides a living for some 150 men, women and children. They grow wheat and vegetables organically. They keep cows, chickens, make their own dairy products. They are vegetarian. Important decisions are taken only after all members have come to an agreement. The Ark stands in solidarity with all who oppose injustice and oppression and has taken part in various struggles (against civil and military nuclear power, for instance) and Third World development projects. There are sister communities in other parts of France, in Italy, Spain and Canada.

What is the secret of the Ark's success? John Gyte, an English member, will hopefully enlighten us in an illustrated talk at the International Community Centre on October 5th at 7.30 p.m.

ROGER RAWLINSON.

Editor's Note: Roger Rawlinson has worked in the Ark community for short periods in the past.

"GLASTONBURY A PERSONAL VIEW."

This is an attempt at a preliminary answer to some of the questions posed in the article. (Nottingham CND August Bulletin.)

1. The Police presence - yes! "over" presence; via reports from people who attended the festival. But, nowadays, they hold the power. If no police on site, then no festival, that's their line.

What then can CND do about it?

2. Why no reduction in ticket prices for UBAO, Single parents, pensioners, etc? The answer to this one lies with West Region CND, the festival organisers. I have sent them a copy of your article for reference and comment. I don't know how much feed-back they get from festival goers; it's up to us all to inform them of ideas and improvements.

Contact via:-

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109 Ashley Road,
BRISTOL.
B56 5NU (Tel:0272 540672).

FOD LANGFORD,
(Bulletin Team).

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I enclose £ membership plus £ donation

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

THE FRENCH NON-VIOLENT
COMMUNITY OF THE ARK
"A NEW WORLD IN THE MAKING"



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY JOHN GYTE

(Followed by questions and discussion)

**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE
61B MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM.**

OCTOBER 5th., 7.30 p.m.

(door open 7.00)