

Diary  
Dates

IMPORTANT DATES  
TO NOTE.

- October 5/6 N.Y.C.N.D. Annual Conference.  
Typographical Hall, Bath Street,  
Birmingham 4.
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- October 7 Kent Officers Meeting at 21  
Branblehill Rd. Faversham.
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- October 13 Kent Y.C.N.D. Regional Council Meeting  
at F.M.H. Canterbury 2.30.
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- October 19/20 C.N.D. Annual Conference.
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- October 21st Sanity Order in today.
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- October 25 THE BULLETIN press day.
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- October 27 Kent Regional C.N.D. Council Meeting .  
F.M.H. Canterbury at 2.30. followed  
by speakers school.
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- November 3 YCND Informal discussion conference  
on group organisation. F.M.H.  
Wheeler Street, Maidstone. 10.30am.  
C.N.D. and Committee 100 welcome to  
go and take part.
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- November 13th Sanity Order in today.
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- November 14/17 FALLEX 63.
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- November 23/24 B.P.C. Peace Congress at  
Islington Town Hall.
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# THE BULLETIN

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REPORTS  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR  
C.N.D. CAMPAIGNERS.

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WHO ARE WE :  
IN C.N.D.? :  
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A survey of opinion amongst active campaigners in C.N.D. is being conducted by THE BULLETIN. We are not confining our sample to Kent and we intend to put our questions to over 100 active supporters drawn from all over the country. We will be asking opinions on Civil Disobedience, faith in Political Parties, faith in our success, Unilateralism, Non Violence, campaigning against all weapons, the make up and influences in CND. The results of this survey will be published in THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN ON SALE ON NOV. 1st.

1st MONTH OF  
GEORGES  
SENTENCE

## You Can Get THE BULLETIN Early.

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DONT JUST SAY YOU WILL WRITE to the BULLETIN - do it now. You can't agree with all the reactionary/revolutionary (take your pick) twaddle we write in THE BULLETIN each month. All manuscripts not used will be put to the most appropriate use....

FINISHED? - NO!  
JUST STARTING



BUT...HERE'S 3 SUGGESTIONS TO  
THINK OVER.

WORK                      DEMOCRACY                      PATIENCE

We are sorry to disappoint the State's servant - the 'free' British Press - but the plain fact is that the 'orrible old corpse is still twitching. In fact let's not be modest - C.N.D. is more alive, more virile and more active right now than it has been for the past 18 months. But we must realise one or two things if we are to continue the trend of increased influence which has started this summer.

WORK. It's just got to be said - WORK HAS NEVER BEEN OUR STRONG POINT IN C.N.D. We mean real work, sustained, methodical, sometimes rather boring work, month in, month out, year in and year out. How many readers of these words are prepared to commit themselves to that? You would like to but you have so many other commitments? You just haven't got the time? You can't get anyone else to help you? O.K. - point taken; just so long as we realise where our priorities lie. But for the rest who do consider the elimination of nuclear weapons as the main priority in their lives - we must work in such a way that we make up for those others who are content to come to meetings, join in discussions and march at Aldermaston - and what the hell will they do next Easter?

Why has the Campaign never solved its financial problems? Simply because money raising means work. It means the sort of careful planning, self discipline and sheer hard grind which to many people is no substitute for a Sunday afternoon frolic at the local R.S.G.! Or to another type of person it takes up time which they won't spare; time which they will only spare for an anaemic discussion on Civil Disobedience and how damaging this "irresponsible younger element is".

Work is being done in the Campaign, in fact there has been more of it this summer than perhaps ever before. But with the majority of campaigners the idea has not really caught on yet. We think it will - why not try it?



D E M O C R A C Y . Yes - we think that the Campaign - or at least a section of it - will be prepared to work if shown the WAY.....BUT...DON'T FORGET THAT "WORKING DEMOCRACY". We address ourselves here to the National Council and Executive. As reported on page 6 Kent Region has condemned the methods used to change the organisation of Annual Conference. We agree; and of the N.C. we ask: WILL YOU NEVER LEARN? We do not disagree with the changes themselves and indeed feel they will greatly improve the Conference. But would they not have been all the better for discussion by Regions first? As long ago as July 27th the E.C. asked the General Secretary to prepare for the September N.C. a memo. of the organisation and arrangements for Conference. This was done and the N.C. after making a few amendments accepted the paper and suggestions complete.

BUT NO-ONE ASKED THE MOVEMENT WHAT IT THOUGHT. This method of doing things is bound to make one ask: WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT "INJECTION OF WORKING DEMOCRACY"? referred to in Tell Britain? Some of us felt, in June, that the Tell Britain spirit was something more than just a method of working with sub-committees. Surely we were not wrong? Surely we were not deluding ourselves?

P A T I E N C E . Many of us in the Campaign are without any previous experience of political campaigning. As a result we are sometimes apt to be far too impatient for victory. IT WILL NOT COME QUICKLY. We must try to remember this and refrain from casting aside an idea just because it proves fruitless once. We have sometimes done this a number of times and appeared to fail each time. We are then forced to a halt and the plaintive cry goes up "WHAT CAN WE DO NOW?" We feel that because we have tried a thing a number of times and we still have the bomb that we must find A NEW METHOD OF CAMPAIGNING. This isn't necessarily true, although in some cases it is.

Finally, to sum up , we can say that the campaign needs WORK. It needs the sort of work which actually makes converts to Unilateralism - and can be seen to do so. We must each ask ourselves, as we hurry from one meeting to another, just how many individuals we have brought into the campaign in the past week? THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS INTELLIGENT WORK - THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS SUSTAINED WORK - THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS MORE OF THAT WORKING DEMOCRACY - THE CAMPAIGN NEEDS PATIENCE. AND IF WE HAVE ALL THIS IT DOESN'T MATTER VERY MUCH IF THE CHAIRMAN IS CANON COLLINS OR CHRISTINE KEELER.

F A L L E X I N .  
K E N T  
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Poor old Kent.  
We must suffer, it seems, for being such a pillar of strength to the Campaign that Carthusian Street refuses to bomb us in Fallex. Here we were all ready to put on a "jolly good show" (weren't we?) for FALLEX 63 and now the sad fact emerges that most of Kent Region will have nothing to do in the project.

The position is that the only attack on Kent during the FALLEX 63 project is with two 1 megaton bombs on Manston (Thanet) aerodrome. Manston is the only runway in Kent long enough to take the V. Bomber force and consequently the only logical target in the attack planned by the C.N.D. Scientist group. The effects of this attack in fire and blast reach 8 miles in any direction from the explosion so that neither Herne Bay, Whitstable, Canterbury or Deal will be affected at all. The wind is assumed to be the prevailing one for the time of year which is a SW wind at 15 mph (note this means blowing from the SW) which will blow all the fallout off the coast and out to sea.

In N.W. Kent there will be blast and fire damage - just about - from the attack on London and some Fallout effects from the 1 megaton missiles on S.E. Region at Gatwick and Tangmere. This will affect Dartford, Bexleyheath and Crayford. Groups not affected by FALLEX are Herne Bay, Whitstable, Deal, Dover, Canterbury, Faversham, Ashford, Medway Towns, Maidstone, Aylesford, Gravesand. Tonbridge and Sevenoaks may just catch the Fallout from S.E. Region - this will be clear when the maps are available.

It is, of course, vital not to use FALLEX material unless it is applicable to your area. If you say with leaflet or poster "FALLEX 63 - DANGEROUS FALLOUT HERE" it obviously must fit in with the published plan of attack.

The only publicity the above groups could give to the project would be bound to publicise the fact that their area is considered by C.N.D. to be A SAFE ONE!

(A picket will form up outside 2 Carthusian St very soon : we should think demanding "More Bombs For Kent")

"We ain't got a bomb,  
No bomb! What bomb?  
We ain't got a bomb to ban.  
It ain't gonna drop and Kent wants  
to swop,  
With London Region's Plan."



# REGIONAL

The meeting of Regional Council this month was on 22nd September at Maidstone F.M.H. Groups present were :- Ashford, Herne Bay, Faversham, Maidstone, Aylesford, Gravesend, Dartford, Bexleyheath, Sevenoaks, Kent Y.C.N.D.

The Chairman asked if the Council wished to take any action regarding the sentence passed on GEORGE CLARK. It was decided that a strong letter of protest should be sent to the Home Secretary and that a letter should also be written to the National Council for Civil Liberties.

Fallex 63 was discussed and Maurice Patterson said that he had been visiting groups talking about the project. Groups visited so far were Maidstone, Thanet, Dover, and Dartford by Maurice; Whitstable by June Patterson and Bexleyheath by David Swaffer. Deal and Herne Bay were to be visited soon.

Discussing the event for December the Chairman reported that some of the officers had felt it might be a good month to organise some sort of activity which would raise money. It was finally decided to organise a social evening in Maidstone and the officers were asked to see to the arrangements for this.

It was disclosed that at the NATIONAL COUNCIL meeting there had been a complete rearrangement of ANNUAL CONFERENCE. After studying the changes the meeting agreed that they were an improvement and would make Conference much more useful. There was dissatisfaction, however, with the method used to make these changes. The Ashford delegate said that the Standing Orders Committee should have been made up of 1 person sent by each Region and not picked at random by the Central administration. In any case the delegates agreed that before making the changes Regions should have been given a chance to discuss them. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of protest on behalf of the Region to Carthusian Street. This was unanimously agreed by all groups delegates.

It was reported that the BRITISH PEACE COMMITTEE PEACE CONGRESS would take place on 23/24 November. Cyril Beresford reported that it had been decided that the congress would be divided in to three parts which would deal with (1) Disarmament - Disengagement; (2) The Economics of Disarmament and (3) Action for Peace.

The conference would concentrate mainly on the British aspects of the questions.

# COUNCIL

Cyril suggested that Kent should try to win support for this from other organisations. We should circularise bodies such as Trade Councils asking them to send delegates. Local groups should be asked to send delegates. The Bulletin editor should be asked to publish these details.

All of these suggestions were agreed to. The Chairman asked if the Region should mandate its delegates to put forward the policy agreed to in resolutions at the Kent A.G.M.. The meeting decided however that this would not be the correct procedure and finally the delegates were given an open mandate to vote and speak as they thought fit on behalf of the Region.

The delegates elected were Cyril Beresford and Maurice Patterson.

It was not possible to receive a TREASURERS REPORT as the treasurer was not present and no communication had been received from him.

Reporting on his attendance at the Y.C.N.D. Regional Council meeting Maurice Patterson said that they had decided they would like their Bulletin to be produced jointly with The Bulletin each month. They had explained that although they had tried a few times to get their own publication started it had not been a success and they found difficulty in getting anyone to do it. Maurice said that there were one or two difficulties in the idea which would have to be gone into before we agreed to the request. In any case he felt that The Bulletin should not be the expression of one person as it was now and he asked for permission to try and get someone to become joint editor. This was agreed to and it was also agreed that the joint editors would then arrange to meet two of the YCND and discuss the various problems of a joint publication.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOW BE ON 27th OCTOBER AT CANTERBURY AND NOT ON THE 13th AT ROCHESTER AS ARRANGED. This is due to the fact that Fallex will not now be on the 27th and the 13th is not available at Rochester FMH



## "UNILATERALISM"

Does Our Umbrella Need Re-Covering?

By  
Kenneth Lee

A short while ago in Maidstone the umbrella like functions of C.N.D. were referred to. The umbrella had to be elastic enough to cover many views, it had to be flexible and it had to be a spearhead for action. Even Caesar would have quailed to have such an engine of war in his armoury - for fear someone might use it. What is this umbrella and how can we use it for peace?

At first CND was a movement. It grew out of a protest movement against this country testing nuclear weapons and once it had tested them, CND came into being to protest against their use, and against policies dependent on them. Unilateral withdrawal from the nuclear race was and is a credible policy for this country, though in terms of traditional power politics, the voice of a country with power is heard more clearly than that of one without. The protest was really not so much a thought out protest against a policy as a moral protest against having anything to do with a weapon, the patent immorality of which caused a revulsion of feeling in all sensitive people. This was a movement, not an organisation.

The people who have traditionally believed in unilateral action have been the conscientious objectors and pacifists, most often the religious pacifists, who refused on a moral basis to take part in war no matter what the immediate consequences. This also is a legitimate position.

Not all those in CND would take this position. Those who do not should examine their own motives and fundamental beliefs to find the foundation on which they really stand. Indeed most are doing so. As they do so they will be forced to see the positive side to their protest.

An attitude of protest alone becomes an unsatisfactory and an unattractive one if held too long without the backing of a positive policy to go with it. Will it be possible for the CND to work out a positive policy that will be shared by most of those who have shared the umbrella of protest?

Such a policy would provide the solid foundations for CND as an on-going organisation..

(We hope that Kenneth Lee will be developing this theme in future issues. Editor)

## "UNILATERALISM"

No Third Way.

By Gordon Skene.

Following on the discussion of "unilateralism" I must first state I entirely agree with Cyril Beresford and in rejecting Dave Swaffer's ideas suggest the following reasons may have assisted the growth of this point of view.

It must be faced that without the advent of Marxism no Cold War, or proposal for Co-existence would have ever existed, in fact it is just such an all embracing philosophy that has saved us from nuclear holocaust so far.

The C.N.D. has always prided itself on non-alignment between East and West, by equally condemning both sides, and this policy has not unreasonably appealed to many of diverse beliefs. CND therefore has appeared to offer a "Third Way" without giving too much offence to people who agree with the political and economic system of the West, and in consequence emphasising an anti-communist attitude yet eager to gain all support from every quarter.

Unfortunately this policy, though understandably brought about in an environment hostile to peace and communism, initiated by the Capitalist governments, nonetheless runs the very grave risk of becoming a pseudo-philosophy which must, by its very nature, condemn and belittle all that CND has helped to achieve so far, namely the prevention of a nuclear war and the signing of the Partial T.B.T.

Unlike Dave Swaffer purports, unilateral action, like sit-downs, sit-ins, fasting, etc. are purely tactical matters to achieve an object. To advocate otherwise is to fly in the face of reason of objective reality. It is in fact flagrant opportunism, unwittingly supported by some, and can be a subtle expediency to use CND for purposes other than as a non-party, positively developing, peace movement, which is implied in the last two paragraphs of Dave Swaffers contribution.

This controversy must be used by CND to give people a clearer idea of the way to attain peace and at the same time to show up how easily, by oversimplification of a very complex matter, this partisan policy could be accepted which could fragment the world peace movement, playing directly into the hands of those who wish to make it weak, if we are not constantly on our guard and FAR MORE active to win greater support for CND's sole purpose - PEACE.







THANET

(Sec: Mick Wilson,  
235 Northdown Rd., Cliftonville)  
A well attended joint meeting  
of the group was held this

week and after some strong argument and interesting ideas a future programme of activities was thrashed out. The group is taking immediate steps to put the Civil Defence campaign into operation. We have already interviewed a Civil Defence official who gave us no real information but who produced some really extraordinary remarks.

Extrast from Conversation:-

Us: What about the effects of firestorm then?

CD: (Rather earnestly and with very reassuring smile) Oh you need'nt worry about firestorm - no you neednt worry about that. You see there wont be any fire storms after a nuclear attack.

Us: (Rather dubious) Why won't there be any firestorms after a nuclear attack?

CD: (Triumphant - thinking he's gained a point) Well.... everything will be so flattened that there'll be nothing left standing to burn.

MORAL: WE DONT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FIRESTORMS.

We are hoping to meet the C.D. supervisor for the Thanet area this week and will ask him the questions from the CND questionnaire. Armed with the answers to these questions we shall discuss them in committee with a view to writing a letter to the local press. We also hope to hold a public meeting in which we shall invite CD to give their views, after which we shall give ours.

We aren't happy about FALLEX. We feel that the idea of a mock war will be looked upon by ordinary people as a cranky idea, and will create bad publicity for CND. We also feel that the timing of FALLEX is wrong - almost immediately after the test ban treaty when the international political atmosphere is quiet. We want to make people realize that the test ban treaty is only a small beginning; we want to make them aware that nuclear war could break out any day and that existing weapons, NATO and all military alliances still threaten our country with total devastation. These things FALLEX does not do.

Our group finds Model Programme No.2 acceptable as far as Press, Civil Defence and the enquiries to Hospitals, Councillors Fire Officers etc. We also hope to sell the Civil Defence pamphlet on Saturday afternoon and we will distribute the final leaflet.

In the September "BULLETIN" Mamrice Patterson states that freedom of speech is an 'extremely important issue for CND' and goes on, 'It could be very dangerous if we became so conditioned by the beaurocratic methods of the State that we automatically assume we need (police permission to act as politically aware individuals'. Few would argue with this but it may be also that CND faces another danger which is as serious but which is not aired quite as often.

First of all let us be honest and grant that 'free speech' is not the easy clear issue it sometimes seems to be; not for us and not for our rulers. Mosley and Jordan have taught us this. Most of us, it is to be hoped, would like to stop the soap-box orator whose theme is 'Niggers, go home' - but if he will not argue, what do we do? Beat him up? What of the religious crank who honestly believes that the Jews are the cause of the worlds misfortunes? How do we prevent him from propagating the fruits of a twisted brain? Put him in a home? Whatever we do we are impeding 'free speech'. Let us, then, admit that though we know we are right it is quite possible for someone sincerely to believe that we are wrong and that we should be silenced for the common good.

The method of silencing us will be in the hands of the police. Once more, let us be honest and sensible. When they try to silence us the police do a job; many of them do not like it but do it because it is a part of their whole job. That there are bad policemen scarcely needs to be said in the England of Millicheap, Streets and Woolf but for Sanitys sake let us not forget that there are also some good ones.

It is in this possible forgetting that there lies the danger that CND may soon face as a national organisation - some individuals and small groups face it already. The police are not our natural enemies. All right - no one has said they are - yet. But look at the cartoon in the "BULLETIN". Why, for example, has the policeman been given pidgeon-toes? A tiny, trivial thing; but isn't ridicule symptomatic of hatred? Why have so many campaigners adopted the quasi-criminal slang 'the law' when referring



