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At the National CND Rally in London on October 26th., E.P. Thompson exhorted us to "feel our strength". Exeter CND did not then exist. Now, 3½ months later, we have over 700 members, many of them talented and influential people, and for us his words have acquired a new relevance.

We have been through the tedious and time-consuming task of setting up the Group and now have a thorough and enabling constitution and six elected Officers. We have a healthy bank balance, much of which is already earmarked for various new projects. Our leaflet "Nuclear War and You" has been commented upon, very favourably, at a National CND Council Meeting, and is being adapted for their use by a large number of other Groups throughout the Country.

Many of our newer members, particularly those who for one reason or another have been unable to attend their Area Group Meetings, might well be feeling still rather uninvolved and uninformed. Please bear with us. The administrative task of setting up a Group of this size has been enormous, and much of the "fine detail" may well have been overlooked. Please take the initiative - if you have offered help that has been ignored, or made a request that has not yet been answered, try again now that the organisation is (we hope) running more smoothly. As you will see, there are jobs for everyone, at whatever level of involvement best suits them and their circumstances.

Working Group A (responsible for the production of literature and propaganda) will shortly be producing some Information Fact Sheets for members. The first of these will include details of the way in which Exeter CND has been organised, which should help clarify certain issues for new members.

A lot of positive decisions were made at the last Council Meeting on Monday February 9th. The Minutes of this Meeting have been distributed to co-ordinators for the next Area Group Meetings, and can be seen on request to your co-ordinator. However, it would be useful to bring to your notice certain points that involve the co-operation of all members.

#### 1. Easter Peace March

There will be a March through the centre of Plymouth on Easter Saturday (April 18th) to a Rally (on the Hoe, if Plymouth Council will decide to allow it, Central Park if not). The Rally will be addressed by Lords Philip Noel Baker and Fenner Brockway, a local Church Leader and possibly Liz Signund. There will be a short silent vigil for peace and a variety of musical entertainments.

We are hoping to fill 20 coaches - 15 are already booked - as we would like the Exeter and district turn out to be really impressive. Tickets will be available soon, at £1.40 and 70p for OAP's, students etc. If for any reason you are unable to come, could you sell a ticket to a sympathiser to come in your stead. If you can come, bring your friends and family. It will be the first time for years that such a demonstration has taken place in the S.W., and it is important to make it as large and as newsworthy as possible.

N.B. Volunteers are needed for stewarding the March.

## 2. The Shop

The Pennsylvania Group have been running a CND Shop at 4, New Bridge Street (bottom of Fore St.). This has been an extremely useful and successful enterprise, and, at their request, it is now becoming the general responsibility of Exeter CND. A working committee is being set up to run the shop, so if you feel that you have the time and ability to help could you contact Melanie Small (39854). The ordering and distribution of literature, badges etc. is being taken on by Dave Patterson (71012). The Committee will be organising a rota of people who are prepared to man (or woman) the shop. So if anyone can spare a morning or afternoon a week (even on an irregular basis) could you let Melanie know. The shop helps pay its way by also selling bric-a-brac, books, records etc (not clothes), so if you have anything to donate or sell on a profit-sharing basis it would be very helpful.

## 3. Special Working Groups

Churches Any member wishing to help with a church-liason group, please contact Liz Snowden (78425).

Schools If you are a school teacher, or have a particular interest in this branch of education, could you contact Fran Jenkin (30556) who is co-ordinating the Schools Group. Could you let her have your name and the school at which you teach, even if you have no time to attend meetings.

Information If you can help with the collecting and collating of newspaper and magazine articles and letters to provide a central information library, please contact Tim Reuter (59719).

Newsletter Barry Webb (52079) would like volunteers to help him with the production of subsequent Newsletters.

Regional Contact A volunteer is required to liase with other CND and Peace Groups in the S.W. Region (Devon and Cornwall). This is an important job, as National CND is looking to us to co-ordinate the Region and set up Regional Meetings. If you are interested, ring me (Rita 32163)

Trade Unions Is there someone who is prepared to list CND members who are Union Members (names and Union) and co-ordinate approaches to Trade Union Branches and liase with those who might affiliate.

## 4. Fund Raising (Working Group C)

There is a great deal everyone can do to make the Spring Fair a tremendous success. It will be held in St. George's Hall on Sat. April 25th. The Area Groups are taking responsibility for various stalls:

St. Matthews	Books and Records
Heavitree/Belsloe	White Elephant
Whipton/Barton/Pinhoe	Bottle Stall
N.E. Villages	Fancy Goods and Crafts
S.W. Villages	Produce and Third World Crafts
Pennsylvania	Toys and Games
Rougemont	Food (Cakes etc.)
W. of River	Plants and Flowers
St. Leonards	Side Show
Topshan	Will do the catering.

If you can provide anything for any of the Stalls, it will be gratefully received. Celia Shepherd, 12, Thornton Hill, (74141) has agreed to act as a "clearing house" for any goods that might be useful to a stall other than the one opted for by your Area Group. Celia would also be grateful for wool, material, stuffing for soft toys and stamps.

Urgently required - Prizes for the Grand Draw. If you or your Area Group can provide a largish prize (or if you know a Shop owner who might be persuaded to donate one), could you let Colia know as soon as possible. We hope all members will sell as many Draw Tickets as they can as soon as they are available.

N.B. There will be a Coffee Morning, to raise money for Draw Prizes, at 12, Thornton Hill, on Friday 27th. of February at 10.30.

#### 5. County Council May Elections

Individual members are asked to attend meetings to question prospective candidates about their attitudes to nuclear disarmament and question the use of ratepayers money on Civil Defence. Working Group A is to prepare guide-lines to help individual members in writing to Local Councillors.

#### 6. Bristol CND National Speakers School

Council has agreed to pay the fees for 5 of our members to attend the Bristol School. It is to be run in conjunction with Bradford School of Peace Studies and will consist predominantly of workshops, covering a wide range of subjects. It should be valuable experience for any of our "activists". Some of the 5 places have already been taken up: the rest will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Anyone can apply individually to go if they are prepared to pay the £5 fee and there are still places available. Accommodation will be provided.

#### 7. E.P. Thompson Visit

Due to the pressure of his many commitments, he will have to delay his visit to Exeter until May/June. That will give us more time to make it a really big event.

### DATES

#### February:

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| Fri. 20th.   | War Game showing in Tiverton. St. Georges Hall St. Andrews St. 8.00p.n. followed by a discussion.  |
| Sat. 21st.   | N.E. Villages Social Event. The Castle Hotel, Bradninch.<br>Easter Peace March Planning Meeting. 1.30 Plymouth Polytechnic, Large Conference Room in Students Union. |
| Tues. 24th.  | War Game showing in Crediton. Q.E.S. Lower School 7.30 and 9.00p.n.  |
| Wed. 25th.   | Pennsylvania Group Meeting. 92, Pennsylvania Rd. 8.00  |
| Thurs. 26th. | War Game showing in St. Marks Church Hall, Polsloe at 7.45p.n.   |
| Fri. 27th.   | Fund Raising Coffee Morning, 10.30 to 12.30 at 12, Thornton Hill.  |

#### March:

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| Sun. 1st.  | E.U.N.D.G. (University Group) Benefit Concert. Devonshire House at 7.30p.n. Thompson Twins, Jazz, Folk and many other attractions. Admission by Programme (£1). Not just for students, all welcome. |
| Mon. 2nd.  | Rougenont Group Meeting. Thornlea Annex. New North Road (opp. Imperial Hotel Car Park). 8.00p.n.  |
| Tues. 3rd. | Crediton Group follow-up Meeting. Q.E.S. Social Area, 7.30 to 9.00p.n.  |

- Tues. 3rd. War Game showing. St. Luke's Main Lecture Theatre, at 7.45p.m.
- Wed. 4th. Dartington Film Theatre. "Hiroshima Mon Amour". Barn Theatre, 5.00p.m.
- Thurs. 5th. Heavitree/Pelsloe Group Meeting. Room B30, Curriculum and Resource Centre, St. Luke's.
- 6th.- 8th. Bristol CND National Speakers School.
- Mon. 9th. Exeter CND Council Meeting. Oddfellows Arms, New North Road (upstairs room) at 7.30p.m.
- Tues. 10th. Whipton/Barton/Pinhoe Group Meeting. America Hall, Pinhoe at 7.30p.m. John Shepherd to talk on the present state of the Arms Race.
- Tues. 24th. CND Members Social Evening and Disco. The Quay Club 9 to 1.00a.m. 50p on the door.
- Sat. 28th. CND Labour Movement Conference in Manchester.

April

- Mon. 6th. Exeter CND Council Meeting. Oddfellows Arms 7.30.
- Sat. 18th. Easter Peace March and Rally in Plymouth. 1.00p.m. Details of Coaches later.
- Sat. 25th. Spring Fair and Craft Market. St. George's Hall, Exeter. 11.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.

May

- 1st -15th. "No Nuclear Weapons" Photographic Exhibition booked from Half Moon Photography Workshop. Available for showing in Schools, Church Halls etc. If you would like to use it for a few days out of the fortnight, contact Mark Robins (38464)

Y.C.N.D.

There is now a thriving Youth CND which has been meeting every other Friday at the Friends Meeting House (opp. Eye Infirmary). For details and the date of the next meeting, contact Andy Pratt (79607)