

Regional News

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...BASE TO
RED LEADER....
RETURN TO BASE
PLEASE... REPEAT...
RETURN TO BASE
...THE U.S.A.E.
IS GOING
HOME!

SOMEWHERE OVER
THE U.K.

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TOGETHER WE CAN STOP THE BOMB

Take the
STEPS TO
SURVIVAL

OCT. 24TH

SPECIAL: "Don't Miss
the Bus" Guide-page 4.

CND. National Demo.
...more details in-
side!!

SWRCND REGIONAL CONFERENCE ★★★★★★★★★★

A full agenda faced the 29 delegates from 20 local groups at the 2nd Regional Conference held on 12th September at Plymouth Polytechnic. After introductions from Kay Little regional finances were reviewed (see separate article). Kay Little reported that the literature bank was doing well but it needed an injection of cash in the form of a loan in order to buy non CND publications. £150 was the sum required. Stella Parker of Totnes group generously pledged £50 towards this sum. A system of collection points for literature was mooted - Exeter CND shop being an obvious one but others may be required. Rita Thompson agreed to propose the shop as a collection point at Exeter CND's next council.

Newsletter - The R.N. was given the A.O.K., but regional HQ felt that references to BMA, RHA, UKAEA, BNFL, CEGB, CND and so on made it a MFISOAB to read easily or for younger readers to understand. The editor, suitably chastised, took note of this. A larger edition of the "News" was agreed as the last edition was in short supply.

TAUNTON MARCH & RALLY

Three hundred people marched through Taunton on the morning of 19th September, ending up at the county's war bunker. Banners from a wide area were carried, including Exeter, Plymouth and East Devon. The march was followed by a packed meeting at the Corfield Hall in the centre of Taunton. West Somerset CND (who organised the day) performed their new play (details from Nether Stowey 732921) and James Hinton from END and John Somers of East Devon CND spoke to an attentive and concerned audience. A lot of new members were enrolled and the peace cause given a big boost in Somerset.

Arrangements for the National Demo on 24th October absorbed much of the afternoon. (The finalised details appear in this edition of R.N. - Ed.)

Report from National Council

John Moreland of Penzance CND represents S.W. Region at National Council. John reported back on the plans to expand the National Council to 100 members - giving greater representation to local and regional groups. A larger regional committee, he argued, would make for greater continuity in policy planning.

The remainder of the meeting centres on discussion of the constitutional changes by which National CND hopes to make the movement more coherent. The problem here is that every local group wants to carry on doing its own thing but the potential of the movement is lost through poor communication and bad organisation.

Representatives for annual CND Conference were nominated. These are Rita Thompson (Exeter CND), Sue Parker (Newquay CND), Kay Little (PVPA), John Moreland (Penzance CND) & Chris Wakefield (East Devon CND). The meeting decided that in the absence of a constitution the delegates would not be mandated, but decide among themselves how to cast regional votes.

The meeting was closed before completion of the agenda, due to shortage of time.

★ If you need FACTS...
You need Exeter CND's **factsheets**...
available from the CND shop - 4 Lower Bridge St. Exeter.

Laymans guide to CND's Annual Conference

This is to be held on Friday 13, Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 November, 1981 at The Great Hall, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London E1.

'Official' National CND pronouncements have been given in the July/August and August/September issues of "Campaign" which should be circulated to all CND Groups.

Hopefully this article will explain what representation etc. local CND groups and National members are entitled to. In order not to complicate matters, Regional and specialist groups (e.g. Labour CND) have not been included.

CND Local Groups

The voting entitlement of each group depends on the number of NATIONAL CND members who are also members of that group - therefore your total membership is not relevant. Group secretaries or those in charge of membership should therefore keep records of their group's National members for this, and future, conferences. The voting entitlement is as follows:

Groups with 5-9 National members - 1 vote
Groups with 10-14 National members - 2 votes
Groups with 15-19 National members - 3 votes
Groups with 20-24 National members - 4 votes
Groups with over 25 National members - 5 votes

Each Group should appoint ONE delegate to attend Conference who will exercise the number of votes to which the group is entitled. Forget what was said in the July/August issue of Campaign as to how many delegates may be sent - the arrangements have been amended. No matter how many votes each group has, ONE delegate only is to be appointed. * See bottom of column B2.

It is seemingly up to each Group to find out how many votes it is entitled to - the National CND office is beyond breaking point at the moment.

National Members

Each National CND member is entitled to attend the Conference and should have received details direct from National. In his or her personal capacity, a National member has one Conference vote.

Registration

In order to attend, a National Member, AND LOCAL GROUP DELEGATES, must have returned a completed registration form to National CND by November 6. National members forms have been sent direct - local groups' delegates should register using the form in the July/August issue of Campaign (as above, despite the form, only one delegate per group).

The fee for a delegate or National Member is £4.00. REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL, otherwise your entitlement is lost.

Resolutions

The date for submitting these has passed. For the record, each local group was entitled to propose up to 2 resolutions, any number of amendments to resolutions, and one set of nominations for the National CND elections.

If a group has submitted a resolution(s) it is entitled to submit amendments until October 23.

National Members should have received details direct.

Nominations

These must be in to National CND by October 9. The form to use is in the July/August issue of Campaign. The elections are for the places on the CND National Council.

Accommodation

This should be available free of charge, by courtesy of London CND members. The forms for registration of delegates and National Members should be filled in accordingly. Creche facilities for children are to be provided.

Timetable/Agenda

No details are yet available, but are likely to be in the next issue of Campaign.

PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND SO THAT ALL GROUPS IN THE REGION ARE REPRESENTED IN ANY DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE POLICY, ETC.

* Unbelievably, this has since been recommended to the original arrangements i.e. 1 delgt. per Nat mem.



★ This bumper edition of the Regional News is priced at 10p to enable regional funds to benefit a little out of selling them. So flog them as hard as you can and possibly we may be able to finance the next edition. Publications' Officers! - take some with you on the train/coach to London on Oct. 24th. Order now from Kay Little (PVPA), tel. Yelverton 4862.

★ The emergence of peace education courses at Plymouth and Teignmouth is a welcome development. If you have any information regarding other peace education efforts please contact me.

★ Simon Parkins of 'Atomic Times' wrote to me enclosing a copy of the latest issue of A.T. (Thanks, Simon - Ed.) If you are concerned at all about the nuclear issue, power or weapons, 'Atomic Times' is a must. It condenses information from a wide variety of published sources, providing as many as 150 references and summaries in each monthly issue. Simon says in his letter he will send a trial copy FREE to anyone who sends him a stamped addressed envelope (how can you lose?). Bulk rates are 15p per copy. Contact Simon Parkins, 'Atomic Times', Virginia House, Palace Street, Plymouth.

★ Salisbury CND have been in touch with Rita Thomson with details of their plans for a Southern Region CND publication. It sounds quite an impressive affair with 16 pages of regional news and articles & a 12 page supplement for Salisbury itself. The first issue will be available from Salisbury CND by 17th Oct. price 25p. Details from Rita or Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, nr. Salisbury, Wilts. Tel. (0722) 24104.

★ I've been trying to find out if Ben Wilbyn, the 16 year old from Truro who volunteered to walk around Cornwall's coastal path to raise funds, is home and dry yet. The best I could manage was that he was still "out there somewhere". Well Ben, if you made it, Well Done! Write and tell me about it for the next issue of Regional News.

★ An item which cropped up at Regional Conference was collection points for the Regional Literature Bank. The suggestion was to set up one or two points to which Literature Bank stock could be dispersed. Local groups would then have only to collect what they required without having to travel a long way, or burden regional funds with the cost of postage. Exeter's CND shop as a collection point is an obvious first move. We shall hear more about this shortly, I'm sure.

★ John Moreland (Penzance CND) asked me to draw your attention to National CND's request for speakers. They are compiling a speakers' list for CND meetings and events. They have issued a form for willing orators to fill in giving details such as the topics you would cover and the area in which you wish to operate. I suggest you contact National CND direct (01-263-4954) or ask John for a copy of the form I referred to above (Penzance 3751).

★ A letter from Dr. John Shepherd (of Exeter CND) and Professor Michael Berry concerning the role of the physicist in weapons research programmes and associated problems was published in "The Physicist" magazine recently. The letter argues forcefully for physicists to refuse to participate in weapons research.

★ I attended a "Home Defence" lecture the other day, organised by the Devon Emergency Volunteers, a so-called non political body who act as a civil defence training corps. The DEV is perhaps unique in that it is the only private organisation which enjoys public funds without the problem of accountability to the public.

★ To all National CND Members - you may well be an active member of your local CND group already, but if not, take a look at the contact list elsewhere in the "News". There is almost certainly a local group who would welcome



"BUTAIN has spent nearly £100,000 on a complex nuclear warhead called 'Chevaline' which, if it works at all, will see service for less than a decade. Japan meanwhile, is preparing to fork out £200,000,000 for inspired research which may produce a wonder computer for the future but is certain to produce many useful electronic innovations which its electronics industry can harness." - Thus starts an editorial in the "New Scientist" (16-8-81). Are the two nations' the article continues - living in the same world?" - Atomic Times

Regional Meeting (Cornwall)

Just a brief note on our Regional Meeting held at Truro on September 8. Groups attending: Truro, St. Austell, Camborne, Helston, Bude, Newquay.

Items discussed were the Demo on October 24 and train to London. National CND Conference, a few members are going up independently. The Literature Bank for Cornwall was mentioned, it was again stressed that if groups want to keep it going will they please use it as much as possible.

If anyone has information about installations in Cornwall re: Nuclear Power, weapons, radar and all related subjects would they please pass on the relevant information to Gary Matthews, 55 Wendron Street, Helston (62869). A book is being compiled with regard to the above.

Plea for help from Luxulyan, reaching a critical point as C&GB must complete their test drills. Support at the site seems to be slipping.

David Penhaligan (MP Truro, Liberal) has agreed to meet St. Agness & Truro CND at St. Agnes Village Hall on October 8 at 7.30 p.m. 'The Bomb' will be shown first. The more people there, the better!

Ed's Notes contd....

you into their circle. Many groups have special arrangements for admitting National Members (for example - E. Devon will enrol national members, or members of any other CND group, for 50p instead of the normal £2 membership fee.) Local groups need your support - see if you can give them a hand.

★ Sue Parker (Newquay CND) spent some time trying to discover whether the "blessing of weapons" service was to be held at St. Columb this year. She found no evidence of any intended service - so the alternative "service for peace" originally planned for 23rd Oct. is now cancelled.

★ My chairman tells me he will break both my arms if I don't mention the one day christian conference entitled "Christians & Nuclear Weapons" to be held in the Kings School, Ottery St. Mary, Devon on 17th Oct. from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Sir Richard Acland and representatives of other denominations will be debating the position of the churches in relation to nuclear weapons. Everyone, particularly members of the clergy and their congregations, welcome. Details from Cath Simmonds, Honiton 850615.

Now that the long dark evenings are coming, you will almost certainly get boxed. Believe this by writing to Regional News, 3, Patteson Close, Alfrington, Ottery & Mary Devon.

UP THE BUNKER

The last few weeks have been a little harrowing for David Macklin, D.C.C.'s Chief Executive and his emergency staff. The Exeter Weekly News was treated to a trip around the "bunker" at County Hall and reported its findings on 11th September. One particular point which emerged was that the Devon County War Plan was being kept secret in spite of a Home Office statement saying that there was no reason to keep it so. The next week saw a tide of angry letters asking why the plan was being kept from the public and also a letter from Lt. Col. Bob Pope, the Assistant County Emergency Officer, explaining that the plan was not "secret" but "restricted". He had given as a reason the story of a similar plan which named various pubs as marked for requisition in time of war, and the consequent request, once it had been made public, by the Brewery for rate reductions. This was only one of many reasons, he said. But he didn't say what the other reasons were.

Well, another week went by and on 25th Sept. the Exeter Weekly News was back again this time with a story about the "War Game" film which was to be shown to top officers of the authority and discussed as to "its validity". Nothing unusual here except that David Macklin had previously banned a showing of the film at Coaver Club (the local government officers social club) on the grounds that it might be used as a political platform. In a memorandum headed "Personal" and signed by Mr. John Basson, the County Emergency Officer, it states "As you will know there have been a number of showings of this film by organisations interested in discrediting the Home Defence arrangements made by central and local government". Strong stuff for an official memo. The "War Game" will be on show in the committee rooms at County Hall on Oct. 28th. Could it be that the Emergency Staff are wary of public debate of civil defence issues. Chances are they are still licking their wounds after the debate between themselves and John Shepherd on Devonair Radio a few weeks ago when they were well and truly routed.

I've a feeling there will be more to come from this - particularly when, as I hear there will be, questions are asked at next Tuesday's (6th Oct.) Policy meeting at County Hall. Watch this space

See also

PEACE EDUCATION

At least two new courses connected with nuclear issues have commenced recently (or will begin shortly) in the region.

In Plymouth the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) have organised a Peace Studies Course consisting of 10 sessions, covering a wide variety of peace related topics. The course has been put together by Bill Dufton and is running at Martins Gate School, Bretonside, Plymouth. Enquiries to Frank McLean, (Tutor Organiser), WEA, Martins Gate School, Bretonside. Tel. Plymouth 664981. The course begins on 7th Oct. 7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m. The fee is £6.

In Teignmouth, Geoff Cox, the adult tutor at Teignmouth Community College has put together a course called "Surviving the Nuclear Age". It is an evening course of seven sessions focusing on the political and historical factors affecting the nuclear issue. Speakers from both sides of the debate will be discussing on civil defence, deterrence theory, arms and the third world, power and energy, balance of power and pressure groups. Enquiries to Geoff Cox (if you can find him!) Adult Tutor, Teignmouth Community College. Tel. Teignmouth 4091 or 6657. The course begins on 14th Oct., 7.30 p.m. at the College.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON

EAST WEST
ACCORD



SPEAKERS
ADMIRAL JOHN MARSHALL LEE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
WEAPONS EVALUATION AND CONTROL
WASHINGTON

ARTHUR MACY COX
NEW YORK TIMES STAFF JOURNALIST

MARTA DANIELS
LEADING MEMBER OF WOMEN'S PEACE MOVEMENT

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON EAST-WEST-ACCORD IS AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION AIMED AT IMPROVING EAST-WEST RELATIONS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF ARMS CONTROL, AND TO ENCOURAGE EAST-WEST PROGRAMMES IN SCIENCE, CULTURE AND NON MILITARY TRADE.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 7.15 p.m.

EXETER CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT



19 THORNTON HILL EXETER - EXETER 3146

Macklin has put his foot in it again... according to press reports this week he said that members of wartime executive would be allowed to bring their families into the County Hall Bunker! He omitted to inform the Council of his decision!!



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Money Matters ... (YES IT DOES!)

NEWS FOR ALL GROUP TREASURERS

As Treasurer of Exeter CND I've dealt with income and expenditure so far this year of over £6,000, and negotiations with my Tax Inspector have revealed the following situation which should prove of interest to other treasurers. We are regarded as 'unincorporated associations' by the Inland Revenue, and as such are liable to 40% corporation tax on all taxable profits in our defined tax year (January to December for Exeter, but you can choose when it starts and ends). Profit is simply income - expenditure for that year. Donations are tax free; but it is not clear whether annual subscriptions are - it depends very much on individual circumstances (whether they are just to make a profit or are used to finance newsletters, fact sheets etc., for members), and our Inspector will decide after he's had our first accounts whether he will allow subscriptions to be tax free. Corporation tax starts from a basis of zero profit, so the aim in any year must be to make no taxable profit, i.e. all profit must be accounted for by donations, with any excess spent on literature, badges, etc. Discussions with National CND Treasurer and friendly accountants reveal that the Inland Revenue don't really know how to clarify peace groups and their income - what we are definitely not are charities, unfortunately. If any group's Inspector has classified subscriptions as tax free, could you please let me know, as one local decision can be used to influence another one.

Graham Baker - Exeter 59935

WOMEN FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT

Mrs. Kathleen Tacchi-Morris as the Founder President of Women for World Disarmament International is very keen that there should be an active group in the West of England. The International Organisation, founded November 1950, is affiliated to the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Special NGO Committee on Disarmament (Geneva) and the National Peace Council (UK). It is an organisation presenting the most important objective of the UN, general and complete disarmament, through the machinery of the UN, with adequate safeguards which are within its jurisdiction.

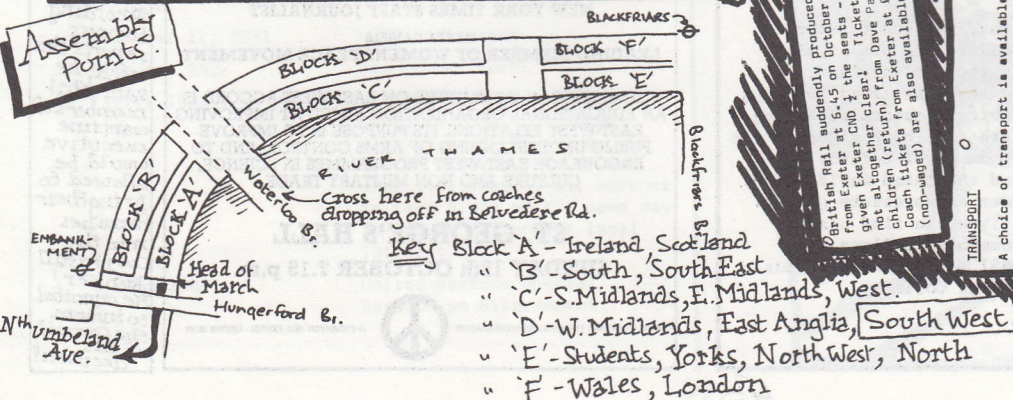
WWD enables women to express their concern at the long delay in implementing world disarmament, and to assist in alerting the public mind to its urgent need and its possibility.

Organised as a region, in addition to having films and lecturers supplied by the UN, we can work to raise the consciousness and increase the involvement of women for disarmament. There must be thousands of women who are emotionally committed to disarmament but who have not yet found any channel through which to direct their considerable energies. Working with other women offers opportunities for support and confidence which they may not otherwise find.

Could you bring the attention of women in your area to the WWD Organisation and tell anyone who is interested in becoming involved in a regional group, in any way, at any level, to contact me:

Fran Jenkin, 48 Portland Street,
Exeter EX1 2EQ
Telephone: Exeter 30556

as soon as possible.



Don't Miss The Bus ... Oct. 24th WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO DO!

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE WAITING TIME AT VICTORIA EMBANKMENT. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THERE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERABLE DELAY BUT PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE AT THE SUGGESTED TIMES.

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Please send details of all organised contingents to the organisers at CND South Devon Office. We have not yet solved the problem of coach drop off and pick up points, details of these will be sent to coach organisers. We are doing all we can to avoid the confusion that happened at the end of last year's demo.

STEWARDS

Each organised contingent to be self-stewarding (at least 2 stewards per 50 marchers).

In addition we will need large numbers of people to be stewards on the march, at the festival, for the collection and to sell *Steady and CND* badges etc. This is going to be a very large demonstration, to make a real impact. Where CND regions can organise numbers of stewards the organisers will attend briefing meetings in the regions before the demo. We would like all stewards to be available for the whole day, except for contingent stewards who should remain with their contingent at Victoria Embankment.

AD. We need as many stewards as we can muster.

MARCH FROM VICTORIA EMBANKMENT TO HYDE PARK

ASSEMBLE ON VICTORIA EMBANKMENT

HEAD OF MARCH MOVES OFF AT 11:00 AM

MAIN SPEAKERS WILL NOT START TILL ALL THE MARCHERS HAVE MOVED OFF (PROBABLY 12:00 PM)

In order to minimise the waiting time at Victoria Embankment we are asking organised groups from different regions to arrive at different times:

- Ireland, South
- England
- South Midlands, the West, East
- Wales, South, East
- Anglia
- South-West, Yorkshire, North
- Wales, North-West, London Region

To be at assembly point by 10:30 am.

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South Devon

South Devon CND have started to organise coaches for the national demo in London on October 24. The fare will be £5 wage and £3.50 unwaged. Because of a severe cash shortage the coach cannot be ordered until we have sold the seats. So money, please, with your order as soon as possible for a seat on the coach to London to P.J. Frost, 63a, Queen Street, Newton Abbot, tel 69513.

Cornwall

Arrive	07.13	07.22	07.36	07.48	08.06	08.22	08.35	09.00
Paddington 12.21								
Penance								
St. Erth								
Redruth								
Truro								
St. Austell								
Bodmin Road								
Liskeard								
Plymouth								

You may catch any train back from Paddington after the Rally, as long as it is the same day.

Price: two for the price of one, £7.50 return, needs people will have to go in pairs.

Bookings: Jan Beecroft, Tree Tops, Blase Hill, Bideford, Devon (864607)

We are going to book a carriage, which consists of 80 seats. Seats will be bookable through Jan Beecroft for a deposit of £1.70. Tickets will be issued and £1.50 refunded on the train on production of said ticket. We are keeping 20p for admin costs.

East Devon

One coach (45 seats) leaving from Honiton. Times & details from Owen Santry, 1, Rottis Cottages, Feniton, Honiton. Tel. Hon. 850026.

Exeter

Tickets will be available from your area group co-ordinator, from the Shop and from Chapter & Vague Bookshop, Princetown. All enquiries to Dave Patterson (71012).

NaB. It is vitally important that those people organising the transport know as soon as possible how many seats on the train and coaches to book. Therefore please contact your area group co-ordinator NOW to let them know which tickets you want and how many.

Area group co-ordinators should contact Dave Patterson (71012) to give him approximate details of transport requirements for their group by 26th September if possible.

TRANSPORT

A choice of transport is available on October 24th.

(i) **By Train:** Tickets £5 return for adults & £4.50 return for children. Leave St. David's 6.45 am - Arrive Paddington 9.30 am. Leave London 6.10 pm.

(ii) **By Coach:** Tickets - £4.80 for waged persons and £3.20 for unwaged persons. Leave Exeter Coach Station 7.00 am. Leave London 6.30 pm.

N.B. These are details of transport arrangements to London as they stand on going to press. Some groups may have made other arrangements. If in doubt, contact your group secretary. If your left without transport - try one of the groups mentioned here.

Profess & Survive

Profess and Survive The AGM of Christian CND, Coventry Cathedral, September 12

Two years ago this event was held in somebody's sitting room, last year 50 people gathered in a London crypt - this year around 1000 people crowded into Coventry Cathedral - a promising progression!

After a welcome by Canon Berry, Vice Provost of Coventry Cathedral, Paul Destreicher delivered the first speech. He described the aim of Christian CND as the need to succeed in the struggle against the concept of (military) strength as the only means of survival. For now, he said, it is clear that the morally right thing to do is also the realistic thing to do; Thatcher, Reagan and Brezhnev ("a bunch of crooks") are the idealists, they may genuinely want Peace, but their methods of sustaining it are unrealistic. Unilateral disarmament is both morally right and realistic. the MOD are scared of debate he asserted; they know the strength of the CND argument. (Loud cheers!) He attacked the grass roots of the Church "who take the Daily Telegraph as their Bible" and called on all Christians to regain their faith in common humanity.

Sue Dowell, feminist author and campaigner for the ordination of women, spoke next. Sue paralleled the roles of the Church and women throughout history as holders of moral values, on whose behalf men have killed supposedly to defend the values of purity and honour symbolised by them - an obscenity which both women and the Church must reject.

There followed a series of reports from various regional groups, all of whom reported rising memberships and a surge of interest in Christian CND. The technical adviser to CND National Council gave a horrifying account of the latest "advances". One example - Suitcase Atomic Demolitions Munitions (Suitcase ADM), buried in the ground and designed to be detonated in the path of advancing troops, "moving the earth around" and thereby hindering further progress! Apparently Beyond the Fringe did a sketch in 1961 along similar lines - yesterdays satire is today's American defence policy!

The morning concluded with a speech by Jan van Veen of the Netherlands' Inter Church Peace Council. He attacked the concept of the 'Just War'. To uphold this concept, he said, is to 'demonise' the enemy, and yet all people are the children of God. He stated five points in support of unilateralism; one, multilateralism hasn't worked; two, MAD has been replaced by Counterforce strategy so that the achievement of a first-strike capability is now the stated aim of US 'defence'; three, the increasing autonomy of the technical/military/economic process; four, the Arms Race is controlled as much by internal politics as by external conditions (e.g. the Kennedy vs. Nixon Presidential campaign); five, the need to spread the Christian message of peace and love by example.

The afternoon session began with delegates dispersed between various workshops such as Non-violent Civil Disobedience, The Military Church, Theology, Christians in CND, and Unilateralism versus Multilateralism.

The Conference closed with an address by Bruce Kent. He made pleas for the wearing of badges at all times (whilst recognising that Christian nudists may experience a few difficulties!) and for attendance - with banners - at the National Rally on October 24. His "new pet" is the campaign for a European Nuclear Free Zone and his statement "CND belongs to all people, all humanity" received loud cheers. He felt sure that our ideals are echoed in Russia - "it is absurd to think they are the devil incarnate." He called on all regional groups to start a dialogue with the Church hierarchy, advising that Bishops (who may be shy) should be approached cautiously from the front! His message was love, peace and justice. He received a standing ovation.

-Gail Simmonds

SWRCND Treasurers Report

Since last newsletter, I've received contributions from Mid-Devon Action for Peace, Launceston CND, Tavistock Peace Action Group, Truro CND, Bude CND (twice!), giving total income of £80. Outgoings total £44.90 so far, including £20 for registration for 5 regional delegates at the National Conference, but excluding about £30 for the last Newsletter and this one. Any more contributions, therefore, would be very gratefully received: G. Baker, 33 Birchy Barton Hill, Exeter EX1 3EX

Peace Ad goes up in Newton Abbot

A massive peace poster is going up in the centre of Newton Abbot on October 1.

South Devon CND paid for the billboard advert on the busy East Street site for the whole month of October through the Peace Advertising Campaign. The six foot by ten foot poster shows a family with a shopping basket full of nuclear weapons with a caption that states that the average British family spent £16 a week on arms last year.

It is not too late for other groups to book billboards for the same month. The more that are up at the same time the greater the effect. All that is needed is for the group to select a site measuring six foot by ten foot (the standard size for single hoardings), make a note of the owners name and serial number which appears on the frame of the billboard, decide what month the advert is to go up and then send all the information to:

Peace Advertising Campaign,
P.O. Box 24,
Oxford OX1 3JZ

PAC will book the site and once they have received payment they will arrange for the poster to go up.

A month's advert, claim PAC, will cost £25. This must be taken as an approximate figure. The Newton Abbot hoarding cost £33 because, PAC say, of the demand in the area for such sites. South Devon CND will be following up the advert with a street leafletting session using their own leaflet. The leaflet will be a reduced reproduction of the poster with more information on the cost of the arms race on the back.

Spiceland Fayre

Saturday, August 29 was a hot sunny day, just right for an event like the Country Fayre held at the Spiceland Quaker Meeting House and its grounds near Uffculme. About 5-600 people visited the event which was organised by a special planning group, most of whom are not CND members.

The Pink Spots provided music for listening to, while a local band got people dancing. Burt Hollocks clowning around, teas were served and all kinds of stalls, competitions and games were available along with food, drink, produce and plants, crafts, kites, demonstrations of work, an exhibition of paintings, tug of peace, coconut shy - in fact all you could wish for at a country fayre. The whole affair was looked down benignly upon by a demonstration model East Devon CND kite which stayed up all afternoon.

The funds raised totalled £380. The expenses incurred came to a marginal £50, leaving about £240 for East Devon CND and £90 for Quakers for Peace. In return for this large donation, East Devon are organising a showing of "The War Game" in Uffculme to generate interest and support in the area.

During the post-event euphoria there was talk of having another fayre next year, but this is not certain yet.

Chagford Meeting

When is a Deterrent not a Deterrent? When it could frighten an adversary into pressing his button first. This stage we are fast approaching.

Such was the gist of a talk by Captain P. Tatton-Brown R.N. (Ret'd) at the Chagford July meeting. In his work at the Ministry of Defence, where he prepared papers on "Detrence", he had seen the strategy of "Mutual Assured Destruction" - the basis of deterrence - giving way to "Counterforce", the pursuit of the "First Strike" capacity to knock out completely the opposing nuclear forces. With it came the NATO concept of fighting "limited" Theatre Nuclear War in Europe. This he regards, like Earl Mountbatten, as "absolute nuclear nonsense". Once war starts "common sense and humanity go out of the window". Limitation is impossible.



Popa is circularising all the parishes in their area with a letter asking specific questions about the implementation of the Parish War Emergency Plans. Copies of the letter are available from P.U.P.A.

NUCLEAR FREE ZONES

Manchester City Council has arranged at Conference on 'Nuclear Free Zones'. This will take place in Manchester on October 21, 1981.

All local authorities have been invited to send a representative

Has your local authority received its invitation?
Have the councillors discussed it?
Is a representative attending the conference?
If so, who is going?
If not - why not?

THE BRANDT REPORT

Laurie Watkinson of Bode CND writes...

We have received the following message from Harry Ireland: "It is vital that the tremendous success of the Mass Lobby is followed up in the key period of September and October just before the Cancun Mexico Summit. The organizations involved with the lobby are therefore organizing a massive campaign of writing personal letters to MPs for them to pass on to the Prime Minister for her reply. The aim will be not just to mobilize all those who came on to the lobby to write a personal letter but also tens of thousands of others who care about the world's poor and might be persuaded to write just a short personal letter in this key period as a sign that they care. Full details will be sent to you at the beginning of September but perhaps you can start working out now how you can mobilize most of the members of your local church or other groups to write their own individual letter to this MP".

Since one of the important planks of the World Disarmament Campaign is that money and resources wasted on arms ought to be diverted at least in part to relieving poverty in undeveloped countries, this initiative should appeal to many of our members.

Can We Trust the RUSSIANS??

If we give up 'the bomb' what is to stop the Russians invading us?

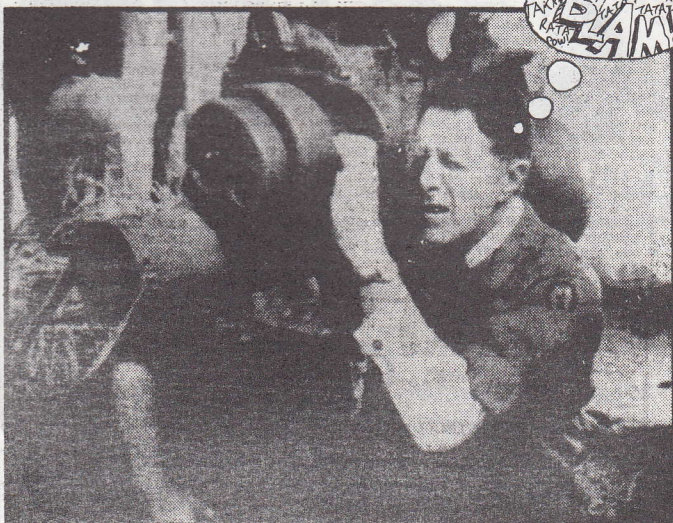
Doesn't the Russian threat make arms reduction impossible?

These and other related questions are frequently asked. If you want to be able to make a well informed, convincing response, then read

'THE RUSSIAN THREAT'

Written by and obtainable from:
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Get a copy for yourself and your group.



Mr Weinberger fires a laser transmitter at an army base in Hawaii

The Neutron Bomb

President Reagan's decision to reactivate the neutron bomb project is causing consternation throughout the World. It should come as no surprise however in the light of Reagan's avowed view that the US should equip itself with any weapon that its technology can produce and his policy of dealing with the Soviets from what he calls a position of strength. At this rate several years negotiation will be required to reduce the levels of weapons to where they stood before the prenegotiation build up started, a question of two steps forward (towards disaster) and one step back.

John Somers attended Exeter CND's promptly organised seminar

Enormous interest was shown in this meeting held at the Central Library, Exeter on August 25. Over 200 people packed the room with more standing outside on the balcony. Dr. John Shepherd (of Exeter University) gave a masterly outline of how the neutron bomb is an extension of the terrifying arms race. Three vital points emerged from his talk.

Firstly NATO already has many times the number of highly accurate, electronically guided anti-tank weapons required to knock out the tanks which could be used in an attack by the Warsaw Pact countries. (These anti-tank missiles were the accurate weapons used by Israel in the Yom Kippur war to such deadly effect - hence the 6 day war).

Secondly the radiation dose received by tank crews would not bring immediate death, thereby allowing the advance to continue for days. There is a further sick twist here since some commentators view as a bonus fact that semi-radiated tank crews returning to base for assistance will die horribly and slowly in front of their comrades with telling effects on morale.

Thirdly as an allegedly 'usable weapon' the neutron bomb lowers the nuclear threshold. As a genuine nuclear weapon its first use will almost certainly lead to the holocaust, but as a field weapon it makes more likely the opportunity for some idiot to use it.

It is pretty clear that the neutron bomb's only practical use will be in Europe, and, despite the statements that the weapons will be stockpiled in the USA until need, it is fairly obvious that Casper Weinberger has been exploring the possibility of its deployment in Europe during recent talks with European leaders. It's all part of the USA's 200,000,000,000 dollar programme to strengthen American 'defence'.

Peace on Earth

Other aspects. Since any attempt to gain military advantage from an attack with the neutron bomb would involve a vast barrage of hundreds (or thousands) of warheads, and since these nukes are enhanced in neutron radiation but still releasers of blast and heat to the tune of 50-60% of total energy release, many of the weapons that fail to detonate at the 1500 ft. airburst threshold will devastate the area where they are used (so much for the no harm to buildings or civilians guarantees). Furthermore in view of NATO's existing possession of highly effective anti-tank weapons, many commentators have queried whether there may not be other, even murkier motives for resurrecting the neutron bombs. Professor Buhrop in the CND pamphlet on the subject describes the warhead as the 'weapon par excellence of the aggressor,' you just irradiate an enemy town to death and then march in with your occupation force a few weeks later when radiation levels are acceptable.

Three publications strongly recommended if you want to find out more:

1. You should already have Exeter CND Fact Sheet 5 - The Neutron Bomb. If not spare copies are available.
2. Eric Buhrop - The Neutron Bomb (CND publication).
3. Craig McFarlane (of Scientists Against Nuclear Arms) - 'Neutron Bomb, No Respector of Property'.

NEXT ISSUE Revised & updated Contact List/ Resources List/ National Dem reports/Poems/ and your local news - Send me your newsletters, cuttings from local papers. Chris Wakefield, 3, Patten Close, Alington, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

EVENTS

Oct. 11th.

Trade Unions Nuclear Power Conference at Carworgie Manor Park (near Indian Queens). Start 10.00 a.m. Speakers, films and workshops till 4.00 p.m.

Oct. 12th.

Joint meeting of Oxfam and CND organised by Penzance & District CND. Bill Yates of Oxfam speaking on disarmament London Inn, Causeway Head, Penzance, 8.00 p.m. Details: John Moreland (0736-788993)

Oct. 14th-19th.

(Bude, Truro, Falmouth, St. Austell). Visit to Cornwall by Quaker Peace Action Caravan.

"The War Game" - Exmouth. (14th) Details from Exmouth CND.

Any Nuclear Questions? Town (14th) Hall, Truro, 7.30 p.m. Speakers from UKAEA, CEEB, BNFL & three local heroes. Chaired by Julian Williams (Chairman of C.C. Council)

Oct. 16th.

Forthwall Theatre Co. Bodmin Public Rooms, 7.80, "Freedom Ain't No Bowl of Cherries"

Oct. 17th.

Tony Perrot on medical risks of radiation. Peter Taylor on Political Ecology, Richard Lander School, Truro, 8.00 pm.

Oct. 17th.

"The Fourth Wall" - Anti Nuke show from New York City - St. Luke's College, 7.30 p.m. Political comedy revue.

Oct. 17th

"Christians and Nuclear Weapons" - one day conference at The Kings School, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. Speakers include Rt. Rev. John Bickersted (Bishop of Bath & Wells) & Sir Richard Acland. Coffee. Lunch 50p.

10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Details and enquiries: Cath. Simmonds, Honiton 850615.

Oct. 18th.

American Committee for East-West Accord - St. George's Hall, Exeter 7.15p.m. Speakers - Arthur Macey Cox, Admiral J.M. Lee - Admission free.

Oct. 19th.

Dr. John Shepherd speaking on The Arms Race to Exeter students against Nuclear Energy - 7 p.m. University.

Oct. 20th.

"No Nukes Music" present an evening of music, mixed media, films and slides featuring **Poison Girls & European**

* Theatre of War, with a film and local support band. St. George's Hall, Exeter, 7.30 p.m. £1 admission.

* Replaced by Tony Allen - Alternative comedian.

Oct 21st.

Nuclear Free Zones - conference organised by Manchester City Council. All authorities invited (is one of your councillors going?)

"The War Game" - Seaton Town Hall, 7.30 p.m. (Oct 22nd.)

Oct. 22nd.

Exeter CND Barn Dan ce, Broadclyst Village Hall, 8.00 p.m.

Oct. 23rd.

Final date for amendments to conference resolutions to reach CND National Office.

Oct 24th

National CN March and Rally in London (*see article on p. to check your travel arrangements - Ed.)

Oct. 27th.

"The War Game" - Village Hall Branscombe, Devon, 7.30 p.m.

Oct. 28th.

"The War Game" - Upottery - details still to be finalised

Oct. 28th.

Public Meeting - Jubilee Hall Chagford - 7.30 p.m. - Mid Devon Action for Peace will present its morality play & also: speakers - Rev. John Scott - vicar of Newton St. Cyres and Sir Richard Acland on "The Christian Viewpoint" & "The Present State & Future Prospects of Disarmament Movement". Also (!!) Tish Stubbs and Sam Richard. (sounds like quite an evening -Ed.)

Oct. 31st.

March Across the Sky - National CND.

Nov. 6th.

Final date for registering delegates for conference.

Nov. 9th.

"The War Game" - Plymtree Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

LATE NEWS

Pops-Car Treasure Hunt.
Oct 11th. Contact Stephen Huggett for details - Plymouth (0752) 21312 Ex. 545

New YCND group in Plymouth. Contact Gary McGurk, 10, Kitley Way, St. Budeaux. Plymouth.

Nov. 13, 14, 15th.

CND Annual Conference.

Nov. 20th.

S. Devon CND - Bruce Kent speaking at

Nov. 21st & 22nd.

Peace Pledge Union & Fellowship of Reconciliation - 30th Annual Conference led by Mgr. Bruce Kent "Is Nuclear Disarmament Enough - Should We Renounce All War?" Trelohan Manor, St. Ives, Cornwall. Information from Harold King, 18, Penventon Terrace, Redruth TR15 3AD, Tel. Redruth 215648. Last date for booking - 2nd Nov.)

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