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NATIONAL'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE



DIRECT ACTION GIVEN O.K.

Five S.W. Regional representatives (Rita Thomson, John Somers, Kay Little, David Michael and John Moreland) and delegates from many local groups in the south west region attended the CND National Conference at Queen Mary College, London on 13th, 14th and 15th November.

The most significant result was a near-unanimous agreement to endorse the undertaking of "considered nonviolent direct action" by local and regional groups, in pursuit of the Campaign's aims. Further, the Campaign "would be willing to organise and lead" direct action at a national level if the occasion arose: there was no opposition to this from any of the staff or the elected National Council of the Campaign. This year's development was particularly significant given the conspicuous failure of attempts to get such an endorsement at recent annual

In contrast, some of the policies that were not breaking new ground were the subject of long and acrimonious debate. There was a proposal that in the coming months CND should make it a priority to support the World Disarmament Campaign's mobilisation to pressurise governments prior to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament; there was a counter proposal that CND should have nothing to do with such a "dangerously multilateralist" organisation. Ultimately, the conference wisely decided to adopt neither position.

Both the nature of Youth CND, and the priority to be given to work in the trade unions and the labour movement, brought long debates which often polarised into arguments between party-aligned leftists - especially from the Socialist Workers Party - and others.

S.W. REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Derek Simmonds reports: - Barnstaple 12/12/81

About 30 delegates, from peace groups throughout Devon and Cornwall, slithered and skidded to Barnstaple to deal with an agenda dominated by items concerning the organisation in and representation of our area. Before that the meeting considered such initiatives as the CND Petition (raised by N. Devon CND), an Area Workshop for N. Cornwall and N. Devon and a hoped for Kent vs. Nott debate for S.E. Cornwall (not enthusiastically supported by John Nott).

S.E. Cornwall Peace Action reported that David Ireland (a Tavistock journalist, and colleague of Duncan Campbell in investigative projects) has researched into Civil Defence in this region and hopes to produce a pamphlet "Target South West" based on his findings. The meeting welcomed this proposal, especially if the pamphlet could be made available to the general public. The relevance of this work to next year's Hardrock exercise was noted, and the possibility of/cont.back page The outcome of the Youth CND discussion was to endorse the official status quo: an upper age limit of 21. A 25-year limit would clearly have left it more open to political manipulation. The debate on involvement with the labour movement ended by not accepting this as the priority for CND for the coming year, but as an important area- "Jobs not Bombs" is not to be a major official slogan of the Campaign this year. There was also stress on the need to develop ideas for socially useful alternative work for those involved in the armaments industries.

The conference affirmed its opposition to British membership of NATO, and also re-affirmed its opposition to the "civil" nuclear programme. this connection, it particularly stressed its opposition to URENCO, the British-Dutch-German uranium enrichment and marketing organisation, which is a clear example of the links between military and "civilian" nuclear development both here and abroad.)

Joan Ruddock, a leading activist in the campaign in Berkshire against the siting of cruise missiles at Greenham Common, was elected as CND's new chairperson - the first time that a woman has held the post. A new, large - and quite broadly based - National Council was also elected for the coming year.

Highlights of Conference

- 1. Roger Greenough (Chairman, Exeter CND, with a bad back), leaning over the balcony and shaking his walking stick at Hugh Jenkins, the Chairman of CND.
- 2. A SuP speaker, returning to his seat after being told to stop talking, because he'd gone over the 4 minute limit of speeches, complaining of 'organised heckling' (the SWP had organised speakers, motions, the YCND, and everybody was totally fed up with them).
- Joan Ruddock being elected Chairman/person a breath

CULLOMPTON GOES NUCLEAR FREE

A brand new CND group, still in the throes of organising itself, has pulled off a remarkable diplomatic coup by persuading its local council to declare a nuclear free zone. Cullompton & district CND, which held its inaugural meeting on 8th December (after the NFZ decision) achieved this by personally contacting all their councillors and arguing the case with them. The vote was taken by the councillors after being told by the group that the issue was one of national and international importance and would certainly become the subject of local debate. It is not yet clear what action the council intends to take with regard to civil defence preparations, but the Cullompton group are actively assisting the council to implement the NFZ decision.

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NALGO rejects civil defence

civil defence is out-but so is unilateralism....

The Devon branch of the National Association of Local Government Officers (NALGO) voted to support a motion at their AGM on 4th December condemning civil defence measures. The motion, which sparked off some lively debate, read as follows:

"This Branch condemns as misleading any civil defence arrangements that have the effect of:

- Contributing to the impression that an acceptable survival rate can be achieved after a nuclear strike on Britain.
- Using such spurious claims for possible survival rates to back up an already crumbling military posture of deterrence.
- 3. Conditioning the general public to accept that the proper response to the threat of nuclear war is preparation for survival, rather than working towards new and positive strategies designed to make nuclear war, and Britain's involvement in such a war, less likely.

This Branch therefore resolves to encourage all members to refuse to take part in such civil defence exercises and instructs the Branch Executive Committee to undertake a programme of education and information for members to enable a well informed, probing debate to take place on the subject of nuclear weapons and civil defence."

The motion was carried by 41 votes to 34.

An earlier motion which was essentially a redraught of the resolution carried at National Conference, dealt with unilateral disarmament, unemployment, the siting of Cruise and the purchase of Trident. It proposed industrial action in support of the other aims of the resolution. An amendment to remove this aspect had been submitted by Colin Lomax, NALGO's Devon branch secretary, and this was accepted by the mover of the resolution (Graham Baker of Exeter CND) without debate. Further amendments, aimed specifically at removing the unilateral intent of the resolution were debated at some length and finally lost. Curiously, the motion itself failed by a very narrow margin (50 - 48) which was disappointing to say the least. A full report of the proceedings will be available to NALGO members in the next edition of "Ship's Log", the branch journal.

A Real Trip!

Stoort Hoggart 27/1/81

Drug use among US servicemen at Holy Loch has been a recurrent problem for at least 10 years. Researching a story in 1972, I was offered occaine, LSD, mescalin, marijuena and various forms of 'uppers' and 'downers' by US sailors in the Bay Hotel, Gourock and the Jetty cafe (now gone).

'Hell man, what else are we supposed to do?' said a man on shore leave from the mother-ship USS Canopus (Cannabis, he called it). 'Nobody talks to us. The only girls we meet are whores, or the lowest of the low, and the locals all hate us.

'I used to smoke a little grass before I came in (to the Navy) and when I got here I brought a stash with me. But I score hash in Glasgow now'. Another man said there were at least four dealers on the base selling 'about anything you could wish for'.

A sailor with Shore Patrol armband, night-stick and white helmet said: 'You don't hear about it, but every now and again they bring in special investigation people who act as narks. They work alongside you and then suddenly there's a bust and about six guys are sent Stateside.

'We've got one guy in the brig now. He'll get sent home to see the Navy shrink, and if he plays it cool he'll get a medical discharge, which is almost an honourable discharge. Tehy know the stress we've got.'

A submariner said: 'My life wouldn't be worth living without dope. But you can't sample on a sub, they'd smell it. I do uppers most of the time, but as a special treat, like when I'm on watch, I'll do a little mescalin. It's really a buzz to be tripping out and know that you're cruising the Arctic with Polaris missiles that could wipe out half of Russia - man, that's a real trip'.



First - apologies for the lateness of this edition. I've got a whole fistful of excuses but I won't bore you with them. You may take some solace in the fact that the principal distraction was CND work of other kinds. The cover charge is as per last issue (10p) but the print run is smaller. If you haven't coughed up for last issue, please do so (see treasurer's report).

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Sue Parker of Newquay CND has now assumed the duties of Regional Secretary. Her address is 19 Dale Road, Newquay, Cornwall.

It was decided at Regional Conference to continue the newsletter in its present "marketable" form. What is needed besides sale to CND and peace groups, is outlets from friendly newsagents, sweetshops or shops of any kind. If you know of anyone who may be prepared to sell regional news, get in touch with him/her now and ask for a few extra copies of the next issue (or this one, come to that!)

P.U.P.A.'s War Plan questionnaire, which was sent to every Parish Council in the South of the county, has caused quite a stir - many councils have failed to reply to questions on the grounds that the queries come from non-parishioners. So P.U.P.A. needs help from YOU.

Please contact Stephen Huggett - Plymouth 21312, extn. 5457 for details.

The campaign is extending to West Devon soon, so watch the local press or contact Stephen if you can assist.

New groups are still forming in the region. A new area campaign centred in Cullompton has just formed as a new part of East Devon CND. This group has made quite an astonishing debut, by persuading their local council to declare Cullompton a Nuclear Free Zone - the first in Devon. * See article. Peace 1.

October 24th Demo

I don't think many people will need Regional News to tell them that the biggest protest rally London has ever seen took place on 24th October this year. Most CND and Peace Action Group members will have had first hand accounts of the fantastic spirit of unity and resolve that characterised the event. Mind you - any good Demo tales I'd be glad to hear!

Transit 81 - a game for all the civil defence activists in Devon, went by with moderate attention being paid to it by the press. One member of NALGO refused to take part and the press made several guesses as to who it was. Councillors insisted that the exercise was concerned only with a conventional attack, when the plans say clearly that a nuclear attack was also part of the exercise. The estimated cost to the public was given somewhere as £44 (that's right, £44).

The Devon Emergency Volunteers (DEV) have collected substantial criticism in the press and on local radio this month. Their newsletter contained a number of overtly political references, in spite of their avowed "non political" position. One of their members also suggested that DEV members were "available to kill" in peacetime, if called upon to do so. Devonair Radio presented an exceptionally good article on this and other civil defence issues on their "Devon Day" spot recently.

Shame about the NALGO decision not to follow their National Organisation's lead in condemning Cruise and Trident and supporting unilateral disarmament.

Graham Baker gave a detailed and forceful argument in support of our case and the voting (48 for, 51 against) demonstrated considerable support within local government.



Ex Navy-Captain Peter Tatton-Brown has spent much of his life in the nuclear defence forces of this country, but has decided that nuclear weapons, in the last analysis, do not add to our security. A lengthy interview with Capt. Tatton-Brown was featured in the North Devon Journal and Herald on 1st October this year. It's full of excellent quotable quotes - from someone who knows what they're talking about. I suggest you track this article down.



Laurie Watkinson's Bude newsletters drop through my door with heartwarming regularity. It seems that Bude CND and East Devon CND are having similar problems with their local newspapers, who are resolutely ignoring major events in their area organised by local CND groups. The best advice is, as Laurie suggests, to encourage members to write immediately to the Editor, expressing surprise that such an important local event should be ignored.

Although I've no press cuttings or other details, I hear that Bruce Kent went down extremely well in Newton Abbot on 20th November. He addressed a large audience at the Coombes Head School on the theme "Disarmament is Common Sense".



I was sent a copy of European Nuclear Disarmament (END) newsletter. This is a digest of events and news throughout Europe, and is useful for any group or individual who has undertaken to form twinning links. Copies are available by writing to : END Newsletter, 6 Endsleigh St., London WC1. Tel. 01-380-0532.



Exmouth CND have discovered an offset litho printing service at very low cost for small print runs. Mike Davey wrote to me suggesting this may be of use to other groups. The price he gave me was £4.38 per 100 A4 (double sided). Anyone interested in using this service should contact Mike Davey - 15 Holland Rd., Exmouth, Devon.



My thanks to all the people who contacted me with information during the last 2 months. Apologies to Dartmouth CND for the late appearance of this issue, in which their delightful Xmas cards are advertised - my advice to readers is to avoid the rush and buy these cards for Xmas 1982 - I've got a feeling they'll be just as relevant (or more so) by then!



Send unwanted Christmas gifts, details of CND events, (carol services?) press cuttings etc., to Chris Walkefield, 3. Patteron Close, Alfington, Ottery St. Mary. Devon.

Mike Pentz in Exeter

Professor Mike Pentz, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Open University, and John Somers, East Devon CND, gave a very successful public talk in St. Georges Hall, Exeter on November 29, to an enthusiastic audience of 400 people. Both speakers can be highly recommended.

Westward: pro!

A programme on civil defence in Devon and Cornwall shown on Westward on November 26 turned out to be a unexpectedly critical of civil defence preparations for war and in favour of our position. It has resulted in a number of requests for membership forms in Exeter alone - perhaps we should persuade TV South West (is that their name??) to do a programme on SW peace groups.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

The grand prix for public relation coup of the year must go to Exeter CND who responded to the local Chamber of Trade's decision not to supply a Christmas Tree for the city by offering the council one from CND. It was an offer they couldn't refuse, but they did say it would cost Exeter CND £500. However, the money was raised and Exeter's Mayor turned on the lights a few days ago. It's a beautiful tree, and CND members are singing carols around it on the last 2 Saturdays before Christmas (12th & 19th Dec.) to raise money for Save the Children Fund.

Inter-Regional meeting David Michaels reports

October 24 Demonstration Unanimous agreement that support and organization were superb. The few minor criticisms arose because far more demonstrators arrived than the organizers could reasonably have expected.

Future Plans focussing on Cruise and Trident A week of 'Peace Activities' from April 5-11 culminating in Regional Demonstrations during Easter week-end on a day which best suits the region and form of demonstration.

e.g. Easter Saturday if you want to be seen in a town centre by all the shoppers. Good Friday/ Easter Monday if religious significance

b. National Demonstration on Saturday or Sunday, June 5 or 6 to direct attention on the beginning of the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament on Monday, June 7. A CND delegation will fly to New York to demonstrate and present a petition, forms for which, will soon be sent to groups. The National Demonstration will centre on one or perhaps two important sites, e.g. Greenham Common or Faslane.

c. Instead of repeating the October March there will be a National Campaign to oppose 'Operation Hardrock' a Civil Defence exercise due to take place in October.

- Scottish Campaign Against Trident SCAT Very, very important for all groups and regions to support SCAT in all possible ways. Details and suggestions on Left Centre paig of November 'Campaign'.
 SCAT is gathering massive support in the Strathclyde area from <u>ALL</u> political parties and a wide range of other groups. However, support from farther afield is VITAL - please do all you can to help abort this £7,000,000,000 target.
- Annual Conference Lots of criticisms from all regions mainly about insufficient time for plenary and workshop sessions. A working party is to discuss every aspect of Conference arrangements and try to ensure that next years should be more appropriate to a movement with 1000 groups and a membership increasing by 300-400 every week.
- Regional Representation on National Council Devon & Cornwall will have 5 representatives on the National Council and these will be elected/selected during the next two months. They will need to be able to attend a full council meeting (Saturday and Sunday every 3 months and be prepared to serve on one or more committee. It is expected that creche facilities will be available to enable women to be fully represented. It was the unanimous view that deputies for National Council representatives should not be encouraged because those standing for election/selection should be so committed that nothing, sickness excepted, should prevent attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Despite sending letters to all 21 SWR CND member groups who hadn't paid their subscriptions, the only come these past two months has been subscriptions from South Devon CND. North Devon CND, Calstock Peace Action Group, Penzance CND and Nexus (grateful thanks to you all), and £32.34 for the newsletter sales from various groups (again Outgoings have been £28 for delegates fees to thanks). the Annual Conference (they paid for their own train fares) and £71.50 for the very well produced newsletter. We thus have an overdraft of £23.24 with Exeter CND's bank account, with this newsletter still to pay for. Anybody out there with subscription or newsletter sales money please send it to me as soon as possible (G. Baker, 33 Birchy Barton Hill, Exeter EX1 3EX). As we are a relatively small, poor and well spread out region, it might be possible for National CND to give us a grant -I'll investigate this.

S.W. Literature Bank

The S.W. Region Literature Bank now carries a very comprehensive stock, all at 25% discount to local groups. Write for complete list and order form (enclosing S.A.E. please) to Kay Little, 4 Beechfield Avenue, Yelverton, *

Devon EX20 6DU. Tel. Yelverton 4862.

** Also now at Exeter CND Shop, 4, New Bridge St., Exeter Dewn
and from Sue Parker, 19, Dale Rd., Newquay, Cornwall

A LOOK BEHIND THE CURTAIN

At the beginning of October this year Mrs Rathleen Tachi-Morris, founder president of Women for World Disamament, led a delegation of British women to Fastern Europe. Exeter CND's secretary, Rita Thomson was among them.

A report from Rita Thomson

It is very difficult to be brief when discussing my visit to East Germany and Czechoslovakia - partly because it was such a packed fortnight and partly because just a list of where I went and when is of little interest and value. I decided, therefore, to make it more digestible by giving it to you in two doses.

N.B. These will be very much personal impressions and visiting 3 cities in a fortnight doesn't make me remotely an expert on Eastern Europe.

My week in the GDR was as one of an official party being entertained by the UNA groups in Weimar and in Dresden and was in some ways fairly formal. There was a very full programme of events and conducted tours which did restrict our freedom of movement somewhat. I am quite convinced however that this came from a concern to show us as much as possible of their country and way of life in a short time - and not to prevent us from seeing what we shouldn't.

We were long enough in Weimar to break through the initial barriers of politeness and ask awkward questions - which would have seemed rude initially to people who were so kind and helpful and proud of all their country had achieved in the last 35 years. We also found time to wander around the city and chat to people in coffee bars. I left the Weimar UN Association a file of the work Exeter CND has been doing and brought back the following message:

Members of the local branch of UNA in Weimar, GDR, have met and talked with members of Women for World Disarmament and CND from England, and wish to send greetings and a short message via these friends from England.

We believe that it is more important now than ever before and more urgent, that all people throughout the world who wish for peace, no matter what their nationality, social background, or personal beliefs may be.

As citizens of the GDR we believe that peace should not be a period between two wars, but a necessary fundament in the structures of all societies in the world.

societies in the world. We have learnt in more detail from our discussions that have resulted from this recent exchange of ideas of the efforts being made in England now for disarmament and peace. The citizens of the GDR fully support the words of their chairman of the GDR State Council "never again should a war start from German territory". The people of our country believe that the reopening of SALT 2 negotiations would be a promising beginning for reopening discussions for peace. We believe that such new weapons as the neutron bomb, cruise missiles and other weapons that can only cause mass destruction and misery to all people should be banned from all European countries, both East and West.

The idea of waging a limited nuclear war is both totally unrealistic and ill-informed and can only lead to the complete destruction of all our countries and our peoples. Our common campaign for peace and disarmament, although not an easy task to achieve, is of vital importance, for all of us, our children and future generations. If we all continue our campaign for peace in both East and West, it must be possible to triumph over those who wish to wage war and are presently, and who in the future, making huge financial gains in the arms race.

We sincerely hope that our common aims will be realized in the near future.

Professor Erich Taubert.

They are very interested in twinning with us and I very much hope that, perhaps in combination with Exeter UNA, we can develop some useful exchanges.

Weimar is not unlike Exeter - a similar size - but it is more of a cultural centre (Goethe is to Weimar what Shakespeare is to Stratford-on-Avon). It is an ordered and orderly society. No one is unemployed, no one is homeless, very little vandalism - everywhere is clean and safe. There is no obvious poverty and no obvious wealth and they are justly proud of their social system. There are five political parties which include the Communist Party, the Christian Democrats and the Farmers Party, all of which have their own newspaper. Most of the population is actively involved in local politics - the turn-out at election time is 90% plus. It is impressive but I have to admit it's too drab and uniform for me. As women we were frequently told how women in the GDR had equal opportunities in work (50% of the students in the local civil engineering tech were women). Maternity leave and benefits and provision of kindergartens were excellent. However, all the officials, bar one, who entertained us were men, with the occasional wife in tow. A woman who doesn't want to fit into the mould of wife and mother has little chance of getting a flat and has many social problems. But maybe within a generation the social attitudes will catch up with legislation.

The Russian presence around Weimar is quite extensive but no one seemed at all concerned to hide it. Certainly, the official line is that they are there at the request of the GDR, as their friends. There is a large camp on the outskirts of Weimar which we passed on our way to Buchenwald. Our interpreter (a self-confessed Christian and member of no political party) who was fast becoming a friend, told us that they were very carefully controlled and were allowed very few visits into the town.

We had by now reached the stage where we could ask

"Do you really mean there aren't any SS 20s in E. Germany?". The reply was a totally serious, "No, I'm sure there aren't" then, with a twinkle "we rely on British and US intelligence to let us know what we've got - and if they say we haven't - we haven't". Coming back to Weimar by a different route he gaily pointed out a heavily guarded helicopter base - "there they are again". Buchenwald was a strange experience. They spared us the camp and just showed us the memorial. That was enough. The sense of shame and guilt - though they do have the fascists to blame in E. Germany - is still very real to them. Every school child has to visit one of the concentration camps so that they know what happened in their country - and to underline what we heard so often, their determination that no war would ever again commence on German soil. The visit to Dresden was too brief (and I was suffering from a stomach upset due no doubt to the excess of food we were constantly served). Two main impressions:

one, the obvious area of the fire storm which consumed the centre of Dresden leaving beautiful old buildings around a core of glass, concrete and neon. The other was the official talk given by the Deputy Mayor about the rebuilding of Dresden. He was a boy when the city was bombed and became very emotiona1 when he talked about it - very bitter about the reasons behind the destruction of what must have been an extremely beautiful and historic city. It was bombed while peace negotiations were taking place, four days before the end of the war (shades of Hiroshima and Nagasaki!). Churchill ordered the bombing because the Soviet forces were approaching the border and it was obvious that E. Germany would come under their jurisdiction when Europe was carved up post war (that is fact not propaganda - verifiable by Western sources). I only saw the glass and $^{\circ}$ concrete of Dresden but I saw the beautiful old city of Meissen and if Dresden was like that before it was bombed, I'm not surprised that the Deputy Mayor was choked.

Most of our discussions in Weimar and Dresden were in formal settings - they were great ones for making speeches on all possible occasions - but we were allowed ample opportunity to express our opinions. There is such serious concern about the arms race, horror of the neutron bomb and a very real desire for disarmament. The foyer of the Weimar theatre was given over to an exhibition of about 100 posters for the UN competition





sth Jan . 7.30. at Swarthmore, Motley Plain, Plymith Janet Fookes M.P. on disarmament.

16th Jan. Venue-3s above. P.U.P. A strategy conferenceall day.

Sth Jan. CND Disco. 9-10 pm The Gray. Sop 16th Ten. 2 pm Buller Hall, Jumble Sale.

25th Ten. ExeterCND.AGM. St. Georges Hall Bruce Kent aother speakers 7.30p.ms.

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18th Feb. Bruce Kent 8.00 p.m. venue to be finalisedring Owen Santry-Honiton 850026.

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leading up to the special session on disarmament next June. It was a superb and imaginative collection of posters from all over the GDR - an art form they hold in high esteem. The television that I happened to see on odd occasions had major items on disarmament issues. I don't doubt their very real concern. The GDR government is working for disarmament talks - but the propaganda is one-sided. They see the US as the major villain - particularly since the re-introduction of the neutron bomb and are not prepared to criticise the Soviet Union openly.

TOTNES WOMEN for peace action

i. Helen Caldicott video film "Critical Mass". We are making this available to as many groups as possible throughout Devon. We can provide the video equipment if you can provide a TV (colour preferably). The film is very powerful and stirs people (particularly women) into action. Book it through: Tina Wright, Tel: Totnes 865281 - we only ask for our expenses - i.e. petrol.

2. On March 9 Families Against the Bomb is initiating a nationwide lobby of MPs at Westminster by women and children. Totnes Women for Peace want to contribute to this action by collecting and mounting hundreds of photographs of women and children with messages to display outside Parliament and to attract media attention - Please send photo's of your children or yourself with a personal message to: Jill Nolan, Beenleigh, Harbartonford, Nr. Totnes. And come on March 9 to support us!

3. The next meeting of the Domens Peace Alliance will be held at Newbury - near Greenham Common, on December 13, following a day of protest and action at Greenham on Saturday 12. The action will include a procession to the nearby 1st World War Memorial Chapel and The Greenham Peace Camp wants as much support as possible. Bring food, warm clothes and even a tent if you can brave the cold and want to stay over for the WFA meeting (Women and women reps of groups please for the meeting, but the action on Saturday will be for everyone). Contact Angela Phillips, Tel:

4. Totnes Women for Peace plan to have a <u>Peace Weekend</u> during the last weekend in January – discussion groups on all aspects of the peace movement, hopefully a speaker and a womens theatre performance. Information from: The Womens Centre, Tel: Totnes 864997

peace camp threatened

The peace camp outside Greenham Common Air Base, Berkshire, is threatened with removal by the camp authorities. They say they want to install new sewage pipes under the land adjacent to the main gate where the camp has been since early September.

There was a rumour that the pipes were needed because of the installation of quarters for large numbers of American servicemen who are coming to prepare the silos for the planned cruise missiles there - because local workers are refusing to do the work. But whatever the reason, the occupants of the peace camp have been warned that they'll only have 24 hours notice of when they have to move, though it's not clear what legal grounds the military authorities would have for enforcing their removal from common land outside the base, without taking court action first.

The people at the camp have of course said they won't move. They need plenty of people to be prepared to go to Greenham Common at literally a few hours' notice if they think an attempt to move them is imminent. They want as many women and men as possible who're prepared to nonviolently resist the removal of the camp to be ready to go there. Anyone able to alert other activists in their area in an emergency should contact one of the camp supporters near the base, giving a phone number where they can be contacted duickly: phone Angela Phillips, Newbury 34284; or Lorraine, Newbury 27541.

OXFAM-CND

Speaking in Penzance, Mr. Will Yates, head of Oxfam's Campaign Unit and veteran director of relief operations throughout the world, called upon local members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to join forces with Oxfam, Christian Aid and Amnesty International to fight world-wide militarisation.

Speaking on the these of "The Arms Race and Poverty" to a capacity audience at Penzance CND's meeting at the London Inn, Penzance, Mr. Yates claimed that 40,000 children died every 24 hours from disease and starvation in the Third World while their military governments spent massive amounts on arms supplied by countries like Britain. He accused the British government of using the poor and starving of the Third World to subsidise our own defence programme. "Such is the cost of a new weapons system for our own army, navy or air force that we now have to export them to make them economically feasible. To buy such systems military dictators in the Third World turn land over to cash crops such as tobacco or coffee rather than urgently needed food crops."

He accused Mr. John Nott, MP for St. Ives and Secretary of State for Defence of a 'gross distortion of the truth' when he claimed that nuclear weapons had maintained peace for 35 years. "Since 1945, 25 millions people have died in 130 wars throughout the world," said Mr. Yates. "Shile we have enjoyed a precarious ceace in Europe and the USA, proxy wars have been fought on our behalf in Indochina, Africa or South America." Mr. Yates spoke from his own experience of the effects of mass-bombing in Kampuchea and the use of defoliants such as 'Agent Orange' in Vietnam. He described the example of Yemen, one of the world's poorest countries, which now spends 44 per cent of its gross national product on weapons, yet has the highest infant mortality rate in the world.

Mr. Yates urged members of CND not to think the battle had been won when unilateral disarmament had been achieved. "We should make common cause with the poor. While we in the rich countries fear for our children in a future nuclear holocaust, the children of the Third World are victims now of a daily holocaust of poverty, disease, war and starvation.

CND PETITION LAUNCHED

CND have launched a new petition to put pressure on the British delegation to the United Nations Special Session on Disarmament scheduled for June 1982. The petition, available from National CND (11, Goodwin St., London N4. Tel. 01-263-4954) asks signatories to support "No Cruise Missiles, No Trident Missiles, No S\$20s, No Neutron Bomb. Yes to a Nuclear Free Europe, Yes to World Disarmament".

Boscombe Down petition.

Salisbury CND are running a petition which reads:

"RAF Boscombe Down - Nuclear Bombs or Farm Fresh Food?
We petition Her Majesty's Government about the construction of 34 blast-resistant hangers with ancillary roads and structures on 56 acres of land which was farmland on Boscombe Down (OS Map ref: 90170400). We want the land used for horticulture with a market gardem, glasshouse, and a horticultural college.

We are opposed to the use of these hangers to store manned and unmanned nuclear-armed aircrafts, including cruise missiles. We are concerned because of the risks of nuclear and conventional explosions and aircraft crashes".

This petition has the support of many individuals and organisations, and although it is regarded by some as a local issue, it is part of a MAJOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT.

New information about developments regarding RAF Boscombe Down will appear in the January issue of the "New Radiator".

For details and petition forms, please contact: Bruce Garrand, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts.

Stop Press: Sewage pipe location is now no longer directly through the Greenham peace camp. Camp inmates may still take action against the pipe laying however.



at to write to the peace camp, the s: Women's Peace Camp, outside the s, Greenham Common Air Base, nr Serks.

If you want address is: Vain Gates, (Newbury, Berk

EAST-WEST Peace People

In the January 1981 issue of the "New Humanist" in an article entitled "Humanism and Peace" by Georgina Coupland, mention is made of a little known peace movement, East-West Peace People. The basic idea behind EWPP is that people, not governments, will eventually bring about friendship and peace between East and West, and is attempting to reach behind the Iron Curtain to where the people of the East are waiting for just such a move from the West. Apart from their specially prepared leaflets, with their message of friendship and peace, they have drawn up a Peace Charter, and people everywhere are being asked to sign in support of this. It is interesting to note that one of the leading EWPP committee members is Alexander Shtromas, himself an ex-Russian dissedent, giving credence to the whole East-West idea. The secretary of EWPP is Peter Cadogan, former general secretary of the South Place Ethical Society.

Anyone interested should write, and I suggest that you enclose a stamped addressed envelope, about six inches by nine inches to: The East-West Peace People, 1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3 2PH

30th. PPU Weekend Conference

Harold Kind writes:

The 30th Annual Conference organised by the Devon and Cornwall Area of the PPu and FoR was held at Treloyhan Manor, St. Ives, last weekend and almost 80 people attended, of which a number were not convinced pacifists.

The subject was: "Is Nuclear Disarmament Enough? Should we renounce all War?" and Bruce Kent was the speaker. Unfortunately owing to pressure of work caused by President Reagan's announcement earlier in the week, Bruce was only able to speak on the Saturday for two sessions. He gave a history of the CND movement from its start but warned that unless we progressed from marches, useful as they were at the present time, the movement would decline as it did before. He asked that any new ideas for further progress should be sent to the Head Office so that pressure for the abolition of nuclear weapons could be stepped up. He paid warm tribute to the mass demonstrations all over Europe, without which our effort could not achieve its aim.

For the remaining sessions there was general discussion and for the last session a Brain's Trust was organised.

Torchlight Procession

Plymouth United Peace Action, Plymouth Poly Anti-Nuclear Group and Plymouth Youth CND organised a torchlight procession in Plymouth from Stonehouse Barracks to the Hoe War Memorial on the evening of December 10. It was led by Plymouth's first cruise missile - a full size (18ft.) model. The torches were spectacular and all 180 people on the procession effectively demonstracted their determined opposition to the insanity of the NATO cruise missle decision two years ago. The torches can be ordered from Standard Fireworks.

DARTINGTON COLLEGE PETITION

partington College A.N.G. has devised a petition which they would like circulated to alb CND groups in the South Hams area. Would anyone who lives in the area and is prepared to help, please write to: Sandra Carr, Dartington Students' Union, Higher Close, Dartington College of Arts, Totnes TQ9 6EJ.

The petition urges the SHDC to declare the area a Nuclear Free Zone due to the dangers to life posed by nuclear weapons and radioactive materials generally. Residents in the area can further assist by writing to their councillors - names and addresses can be obtained from Sandra Carr, or from SHDC., Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes.

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning; we will remember them."

Laurence Binyon 'For the Fallen'

1981

We shall not be blind as they who would war are blind: Threats shall not move us to let them condemn all life to dust. For at the going down of The Bomb and in the silent dawning, who will present a service of the silent dawning, Who will remember us?

Marion Jansen 'For the Living'

CornwallCup 1s growing
fast. Attendance October Rally 1980 - 40 1981-500

NO NUKES MUSIC

No Nukes Music and Exeter CHD put on a very successful concert with the Poison Girls and Tony Allen just before the October 24 March, with most of the punks from Devon and Cornwall turning up - nearly 400 in all. the concert, a band called Barbidoll offered their services to any local peace group for a concert. They can be contacted c/o Rob Spilzer on Bideford 4989, or 'Yaz' on Bideford 79518. I have a list of bands who want to play concerts for peace groups, and am trying to fix up a 1 day open air event in Exeter next August/ Spetember. Anybody interested, please contact: G. Baker, Exeter 59935.



East Cornwall Peace Group's "Liskeard Tape" is now at available for general release! The tape - made and record by the Group, with professional help - is a radio scenario on what would probably be heard in the event of a nuclear attack on this country.

The Tape has already earned high praise from several quarters, being described as "incredibly effective" "more moving than 'The War Game'" etc.

It lasts for 25 minutes, and is best played in a darkened hall or room. It provides an excellent beginning for public meetings, group discussions, etc. It is on a normal C60 cassette.

Tapes are £5 (inc. p&p) and are available from Malcolm Mort (Sec.), East Cornwall Peace Group, Trewint Cottage, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall. Tel: 0579 44671. Please allow 2-3 weeks for your copy to be made, and for delivery.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: Available from:

Shelagh Brown, 24 South Embankment, Dartmouth Devon

Prices as follows:

6 cards for 50p + 20p p&p 10 cards for 90p + 25p p&p 20 cards for £1.80 + 30p p&p = 700 = £1.15 = £2.10

Groups may like to order in bulk:

50 cards for £4.00 + 60p p8p = £4.60 100 cards for £7.00 + £1 p&p = £8.00

Cards are printed black on white and highlighted in red and green on orders up to 20.

Cheques made payable to Dartmouth CND.



Films "War Game" - no longer available (worn out)
"The Bomb" - about to be purchased

"Critical Mass" (Helen Caldicott) (VHS colour) contact MCANU, Andrea Lester, 59 Thornton Hill, Exeter 51063 "The Bomb" (VHS & Phillips). Most recent TV programmes available.

Slides MCANW lecture slides - contact Andrea

EAST DEVON CND

Videos, Pentz lecture (VHS colour). Russian armed forces (World in Action, VHS colour). Laser weaponery (World in Action VHS colour)

TOTNES WOMEN FOR PEACE

Video "Critical Mass" (Helen Caldicott)

PLYMOUTH UNITED PEACE ACTION

Slides "The Plymouth Bomb" - tape/slide show available for loan

Exhibitions Poster exhibition available

SOUTH DEVON CND

Video Pentz lecture (VHS colour)

PENZANCE CND

Film "Peace Caravan" (16mm black & white) Dora Russell

TRURO CND

Slides Peace Tax Campaign (slides & tape)

BUDE CND

PHILIPPS VCR 1700 CASSETTES ON CND & RELATED SUBJECTS

Cassettes may be borrowed if you have a suitable machine, or I will bring machine and cassettes to your meeting. You must provide a colour television set, preferably one not more than five years old, and, of course, the larger the screen, the better for your audience.

Source	Date	TITLE AND
Open University	Feb '81	Prof. Pentz. Towards the Abyss. Duration: 40 mins.
Platform 1	May '81	Debate between Robert Kaisser (US) & Vladimir Pozner (USSR) Duration: 2 x 3D mins.
Paperback	23.6.81.	Reviews and discussions by E.P. Thompson, Prof. Neild and Levinson. Duration: 30 mins.
Newsweek	3.7.81.	The Politics of the Bomb
Panorama	18.5.81.	The Rearming of America Duration: 50 mins.
Panorama	Aug '81	The Brandt Report. Duration: 50 mins.
Jonathan Dimbleby	28.8.81.	The Bomb. Duration: 1 Hr.
James Bellini	28.8.81.	Rule Brittannia – The National Interest . Duration: 30 mins.
Jonathan Dimbleby		
In Evidence	7.9.81.	The Eagle & The Bear. Duration: 25 mins
Hindsight	19.5.81.	Canon Collins on CND.

Laurie Watkinson, Regent House, Week St. Mary, Holsworthy, Devon. Telephone: Week St. Mary 254

EAST CORNWALL PEACE GROUP

Tape "The Liskeard Tape" - 25 mins - audio cassette. Copies available for purchase £5 (inc. p&p) from Malcolm Mort Trewint Cottage, Menheniot, Liskeard, Cornwall. Tml: 0579 44621

SPEAKERS

Roger Greenhough

73 Monks Road, Exeter 70873 Specialises in links between nuclear power & weapons but will speak on more general topics.

Duration 30 mins.

(Dr) Richard Seaford

9 Alexandra Terrace, Exeter 33415 (or 77911 Ext 501) Balance of arms or more

general topics

(Dr) John phenherd

12 Thornton Hill, Exeter 74141 Physicist specialises in Cruise Missiles & Neutron bomb, but will speak on more

Fran Jenkin:

48 Portland Street, Exeter 30556 Organiser of teachers group with some very useful material for use in schools (visiting Russian peace groups in Jan 182)

Christian CND Speakers

Contact Liz Snowdon, 50 Wonford Road,

Exeter 78425

Medical Campaign Speakers:

Contact Andrea Lester, 59 Thornton Hill,

Exeter 51063

EXMOUTH CND

Roger Watson

2 Springfield Road, Exmouth 77108

EAST DEVEN CND

John Somers

Pear Tree Cottage, Lower Tale, Fayhembury, Honiton, Devon. Tel: Plymtree 390 Specialises in the moral problem of nuclear weapons & deterrence. Will also speak on general topics

OTHER REGIONAL

Elizabeth Sigmund

Trecannell Cottage, Trehullett, Launceston Civil Defence & Chemical Weapons, Results of Nuclear Attacks on Nuclear Power Stations. At least one month's notice

required

4 Clifton Gardens, Truro 2447 Rik Evans

22 St. Johns Terrace, Devoran 863358 Dr. Tony Perrett Cairn Close, Gaunel Rd, Nequay 71624 Alan Nelson 6 Tregonissey Rd., St. Austell 4581 David Michael Higher Trevarthen, Sancreed, Penzance John Moreland

0736 788993

1 Mutley Court, North Hill, Plymouth Plymouth 21312 Ext 5457 (work) Dr. Stephen Huggett 24 Lisson Grove, Plymouth 261054 Bill Dufton

4 Beechfield Avenue, Yelverton Plymouth 777188 Ext. 218 (work) or Kay Little

Yelverton 4862

38 Churchill Way, Peverell, Plymouth Jim Dimond

32 Monmouth St., Topsham. Devon. (E.N.D. speaker.) Andrew David -

OTHER RESOURCES

Literature Banks

c/o Kay Little, 4 Beechfield Ave, Yelverton, Devon Plymouth

c/o Sue Parker, 19 Dale Road, Newquay CND Shop, 4 New Sridge Street, Exeter Cornwall Exeter

Resource Library

Nuclear Weapons & Energy, Peace Education, Plymouth Chemical & Biological Warfare, Newspaper Cuttings

Press cuttings: Chris Poole, Amara Cottage, Talaton, E. Devon Exeter. Tel: Whimple 822113

Fact Sheets

Exeter END 1. Essential Facts about the Nuclear Arms Race @ 30

Questions & Answers @ 3p

Effects of Nuclear Leapons @ 3p 3. The Myth of Civil Defence @ 3p

The Neutron Bomb @ 2p

The Balance of Arms @ 2p

Peace Pack

For details contact: Fran Jenkin, 48 Portland Street, Exeter

Performers List

For Devon (mostly in Exeter & district) obtainable from: Penny Auty, 22 Mont le Grand, Exeter.
Mid Devon Action for Peace - Theatre Group "Modern Miracle Play". Contact Gail Smith (see contact list)-overless.

DEVON

BIDEFORD CND - David Squires, Fordland Farm, Lenwood Rd, Northam, Bideford, Devon. Tel. Bideford 2276.

CHAGFORD GROUP FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT - Richard Hayter, Batworthy Cottage, Kestor Rock, Chagford, Devon. Te. Chagford 2343.

DARTMOUTH CND - Sheila Brown, "Second Helping", 24 South Embankment, Dartmouth, Devon.

EAST DEVON CND - Owen Santry, 1 Rutts Cottages, Feniton, Honiton, Devon. Tel. Honiton 850026. EXETER CND - Rita Thomson, 19 Thornton Hill, Exeter, Devon.

Tel. Exeter 32163.

EXMOUTH CND - Rosemary Cullan, 32 Bellevue Rd, Exmouth. Tel. Exmouth 74155.

IVYBRIDGE PEACE GROUP - Michael and Kerry Honnor, Wilkeys

Moor, Cornwood, Ivybridge. Tel. Ivybridge 3686. KINGSBRIDGE WDC - Jean Utin, Combe Ridge, Longfield Drive, Salcombe. Tel. Salcombe 2071

MID-DEVON ACTION FOR PEACE - Gail Smith. 2 Moyses Meadow, Okehampton, Devon. Tel. Okehampton 2589.

NEXUS (NORTH DEVON'S PEACE INFORMATION CENTRE - Allan Davies, Ashram, King Street, . Coombe Martin. Tel. Coombe Martin

NORTH DEVON PEACE COUNCIL - John Brickwood, 4 New Buildings, Chittlehampton, Umberleigh, Devon. Tel. Chittlehamholt

PLYMOUTH UNITED PEACE ACTION - Kay Little, 4 Beechfield Avenue Yelverton. Tel. Yelverton 4862.

SOUTH DEVON CND- Margaret Axe, 20 Staddens View, Bovey Tracey, Tel. Bovey Tracey 832343.

S.T.O.P. (Students & Teachers Organised for Peace), Paul Fullerton, 15 Princess Avenue, Ilfracombe. Tel. 62097.

TAVISTOCK PEACE ACTION GROUP - Ray Hainton, Trecorner, Stoke Clinsland, Devon. Tel. Stoke Clinsland 253.

TORBAY CND - Bill Holt, 2 Sandridge Cottages, Stoke Gabriel, Nr. Paignton, Devon. Tel. Stoke Gabriel 478.

TOTNES ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP - Stella Parker, 5 The Mount, Totnes Tel. Totnes 862581.

TOTNES WOMEN FOR PEACE - Sue Knight, Women's Centre, 4 The Plains, Totnes. Tel. Totnes 862555.

Plymouth YCND - Gary McGurk, 10, Kitley Way, St. Budeaux, Plymouth.

CORNWALL

BUDE CND - Laurie Watkinson, Regent House, Week St. Mary, Holsworthy. Tel. Week St. Mary 254. CALSTOCK CND - Colin and Linda Winter, 3 Station Lane,

Calstock. Tel. Tavistock 832732.

CAMBORNE CND - Vince Burton, White Cottage, Roseworn Downs, Camborne. Tel. Camborne 714935.

Chilsworthy

Green

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EAST CORNWALL (contact in Tavistock Peace Action Group)

John Paige, Hatches, Lower Calstock Rd., Gunnislake. FALMOUTH CND - Francis Hewlett, 21 Penwerris Terrace, Falmouth. Tel. Falmouth 314785.

HAYLE & ST. IVES CND - Jane Mitchell, Chapel Cottage,

2 Venton League Row, Hayle. Tel Hayle 754428. HELSTON ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP - Gary Matthews, 55 Wendron St., Helston. Tel. Helston 62869.

LAUNCESTON & DISTRICT CND - C.R. Cross, 4 Reddown View, Egloskerry, Launceston, PL15 8ST.

SOUTH EAST CORNWALL PEACE ACTION GROUP - Alan Gough,

31 Fernside Park, Tremar. Tel. Liskeard 44246. NEWQUAY CND - David Griffiths, 4 Bradley Rd., Newquay, Tel. Newquay 5371.

PENZANCE CND - John Moreland, Higher Trevarthen, San Creed, Penzance. Tel. Penzance 3751.

REDRUTH CND - Blanche & Roy Green, Tranquilla,

Cainmenellis, Stithian, Redruth. Tel. Redruth 860567.; ST. AGNES CND - Maggi Luke, 27 Castle Meadows, St. Agnes,

Tel. St. Agnes 2929. ST. AUSTELL CND - Sue Moss, 14 Treverbyn Rd., St. Austell, Tel. St. Austell 64987.

ST. AUSTELL YCND - Trevor Smith, 11 Higher Woodside,

St. Austell. Tel. 61029. TRURO CND - Sue Wallace/Angela Broome, 11 St. Clements Tel. Truro 70077. Terrace. Truro.

WEST PENWITH PEACE GROUP - Cyril Harnden, Tresanton, 7 Water Lane, Hayle. Te1. Hayle 752547.

Regional Secretary : Sue Parker : 19, Dale Road Newquay, Cornwall, Tel. Mewquay
71584.

Regional Treasurer: Graham Baker, 33, Birchy

Borton Hill, Exeter, Devon. Tel. Exeter 59935.

S.W. Regional conf./cont. from front page approaching National CND Publications Group was considered.

A motion to campaign now for a nuclear-free Devon led to the idea of a Conference of local Councillors (approached by personal invitation rather than blanket invitations to Councils). The dangers in such a project (e.g. would rejection now pre-empt a more constructive response in the future) were uppermost in delegates' minds. Elections next April may produce Councils of a different complexion and local peace groups will be in a better position than the Regional group to assess the political climate in their own areas. The idea was therefore not adopted but the meeting expressed its desire that local pressure and initiatives should be stepped up for now, and a full Regional movement reconsidered in the light of further developments.

John Moorland (Penzance CND), the Regions's principal representative at National CND, gave three reports. Firstly, concerning the recent National Conference, he described how several very constructive and desirable policies had been adopted, even if the Conference had been somewhat chaotic and under-organised (possibly due to the mass London demo being so recently and painstakingly managed).

Secondly, John described the recent National Council meeting. It is proposed to set up a National Executive of 20 highly committed council members to monitor the enactment of council decisions. Operation Hardrock, and the UN Special Session on Disarmament were identified as focal points for 1982.

Thirdly, John reported on the CND International Committee, set up in response to the number of invitations CND is receiving from both sides of the Iron Curtain. He described two recent trips he has made, one to East Germany where the idea of a Euronuclear free zone is popular, as is John's own Peace Caravan project. Disarmament is government policy in Warsaw Pact States. His second trip to Antwerp and Brussels left him with the impression that while a climate of fear (of nuclear horror) may have led popularity of peace groups, a new climate is developing in parallel - a climate that we can take a moral and practical lead, united against the nuclear threat.

And so to Regional organisation. We need to elect five Regional delegates to an expanded National Council (meeting on 17th January), to participate in four annual Council meetings and many working groups and sub-committees as well. Committed people with adequate time are required. A favoured regional breakdown involves five delegates as follows: - 1. from Cornwall apart from 2. S.E. Cornwall, which is linked with S.W. Devon (including Plymouth), 3. N. and Mid-Devon, 4. S. Devon (including Totnes) and Torbay and 5. E. Devon, Exmouth and Exeter. It was emphasised that this division is relevant only for the election and Subsequent collaboration with the delegate links to National Council. Local groups and campaigns remain as before but should now be better represented at

Formal structuring within the Region will be kept to a minimum. Regional AGMs will not be held, but the present pattern of regular Regional meetings will continue, probably on a quarterly basis shortly before National Council meetings, rotating in venue throughout the Region. A secretary is required largely as a contact between National and Regional CND. Sue Parker was appointed and Rita Thomson will assist for the Devon area. The Regional News was commended and will continue in its present format in spite of its financial demands - payment of outstanding bills to the newsletter will greatly offset these problems. Applications to National CND for funds to assist with the newsletter and other projects are being considered.

Finally, preliminary thought was given to an Easter Rally. After some discussion on the desirability of several venues (a military site or a large connurbation), the field was narrowed to Truro or Devonport. The local groups concerned will consider the matter further, bearing in mind the need to maximise numbers attending, media coverage and relevance to the campaign in general.

The next meeting, provisionally on 3rd April, will be hosted by Totnes CND.