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Nuclear Waste coming home to roost?

Trecwn, Parys Mountain, Mid Wales ...

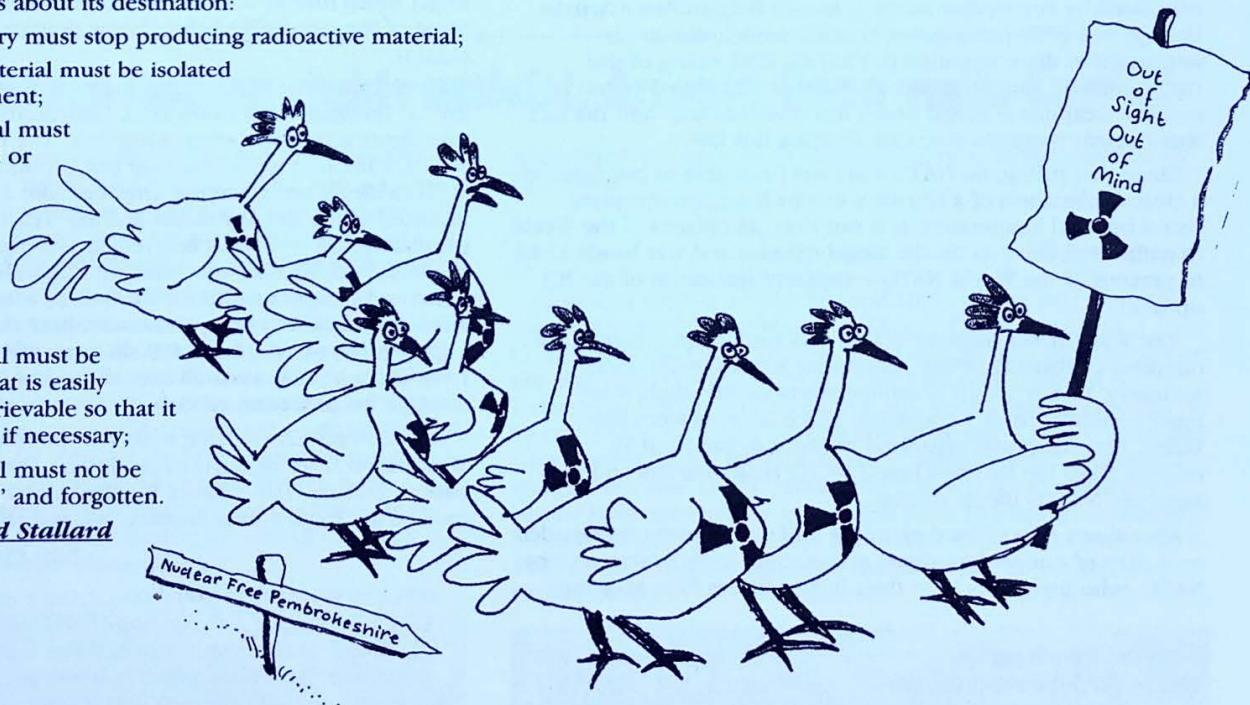
In the mid 1970s, the civil and military nuclear industry realised that its Achilles heel was its waste materials. It started to look for places to dump this nuclear waste. Up until now its plans have been thwarted by the fact that people realise that nuclear waste can be harmful to their lives and to the environment.

We were not surprised to hear of the recent proposal by Omega Pacific to use Trecwn in North Pembrokeshire as a nuclear waste dump. CND Cymru was conscious of the possibility when the MoD closed the base as a munitions store in 1995.

Radioactive materials, once released, know no boundaries. Nuclear waste is a huge health and environmental problem. There is no answer to these problems. However, we must be clear in our demands about its destination:

- the nuclear industry must stop producing radioactive material;
- the radioactive material must be isolated from the environment;
- radioactive material must not be transported or reprocessed;
- all radioactive material must be stored at the site where it is produced;
- radioactive material must be stored in a form that is easily monitored and retrievable so that it can be repackaged if necessary;
- radioactive material must not be buried or 'dumped' and forgotten.

Rod Stallard



On November 1st around 1,000 demonstrators met at Trecwn to protest at the plans by Omega Pacific, the Anglo/Irish company who has bought the redundant naval depot, to store low to intermediate nuclear waste in the 58 tunnels on the site. Ribbons were tied to the perimeter fence. A long term campaign is planned by local people and pressure groups, and the protests will continue until the proposals for nuclear waste storage are scrapped.

Contact the Pembrokeshire Anti-Nuclear Alliance c/o Martin John, West Wales Ecocentre, Lower St Mary Street, Newport SA42 0TF. Tel: 01239 820235. Email martin@ecocentre.org.uk

CND Cymru works for international peace and disarmament and a world in which the vast resources now devoted to militarism are redirected to the real needs of the human community

Walking in the steps of Vanunu

During a week-long international vigil in Israel calling for the release of Mordechai Vanunu and a Middle East free from weapons of mass destruction, a demonstration took place at Israel's Dimona nuclear facility. After the demonstration, a small citizen's inspection team began to walk along the road towards the nuclear reactor. They carried two banners which read "warning - nuclear weapons made here" and "UN arms inspector Butler - Dimona Nuclear Weapons Plant - this way". When challenged by the police they asserted their responsibility and obligation under international law to carry out their inspection. When finally stopped they sat down, linked arms and continued to explain their purpose to the police: Dimona's connection to Israel's nuclear arsenal as revealed to the world 12 years earlier by Dimona technician-turned-whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu. When the inspectors were asked to leave they steadfastly refused and 10 were arrested and held for 4 hours. They were released without charge.

Vigil was kept outside Ashkelon prison where Vanunu has been held since 1986, at the Ministry of Defence, the President's residence, Prime minister Netanyahu's office and at the Indian Embassy. Public Meetings were held and Bedouin families, evicted when Dimona was built, were visited.

Thanks to Felice Cohen Coppia

Please send a card or letter to
Mordechai Vanunu : c/o Ashkelon
Prison, Ashkelon, Israel.



The Citizens War Crimes Inspection Team at NATO Headquarters. July 1998

"there exists a legal obligation [on the nuclear weapons states] to move to a general and complete nuclear disarmament".

World Court Ruling July 8th 1996

The "Citizens' War Crimes Inspections" took place between the 1st and 12th of July, on the outskirts of Brussels. It was organised by *For Mother Earth*, a mainly Belgian Peace Activist Group, and CND participated because we felt that it was important to draw attention to the July 1996 ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) - that "the threat or use of nuclear weapons is illegal under international law" and the fact that nuclear weapons states are flouting this law.

Since that ruling, no NATO state has been able to put forward a clear explanation of a situation in which nuclear weapons could be used legitimately. It is our duty, as citizens of the World to gather information on the illegal missiles and war heads and to present to the World NATO's apparent ignorance of the ICJ opinion.

The War Crimes Inspection Unit was camped in a park on the outskirts of Brussels, a site generously lent us by the local authority. In our group of around thirty people there were representatives from 7 countries. Three activists were from Wales. The camp was organised in order to carry out an inspection of the Brussels based NATO Headquarters and to highlight NATO's illegal arsenal.

After three days of hard planning and organisation we decided on a plan of non-violent direct action, only to be beaten to it by NATO, who invited us in to their headquarters for a meeting.

On the "Abolition Day", we first held a press conference and then walked the short distance to NATO Headquarters where four representatives including David Morris MEP, Chair of CND Cymru, and a Belgian MEP, met NATO officials in order to discuss the illegality of their weapons. The Inspectors were disappointed with the poor outcome of the meeting and decided to re-enter the premises with bolt cutters to gain the necessary information. These inspectors were arrested by the National Police.

Meanwhile outside the compound, other members of the Peace Camp enacted a play highlighting the way in which NATO has so far avoided the various laws proclaiming Nuclear Weapons to be illegal. Other activists held banners, and distributed leaflets to passing cars. Those of us both inside and outside the Headquarters felt that while our message was easily communicated to the general public, the NATO officials did not

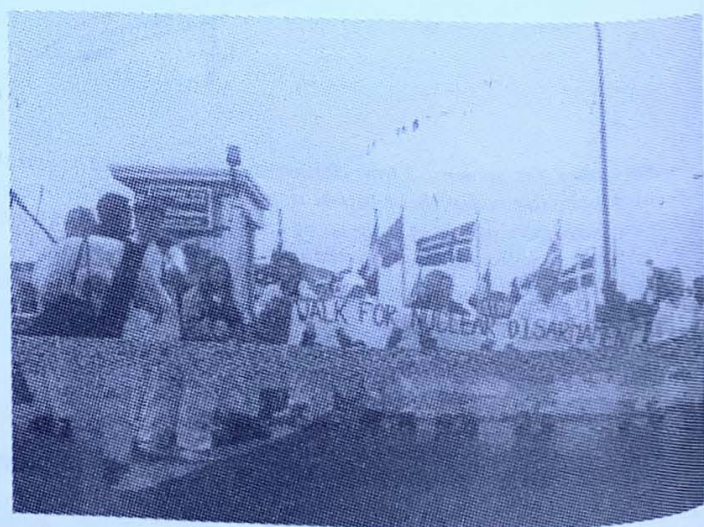
seem to have listened. Later that day all the arrested inspectors were released with no charges being brought.

The following day, two teams of inspectors complete with shiny new bolt cutters planned to re-enter the NATO Headquarters for a "surprise inspection". Both groups managed to get much further into the HQ, even managing to question some of the employees before being dragged off by the police (again).

I had joined the Peace Camp in Brussels having just finished my "A" levels at Ysgol Pantycelyn, Llanymddyfri and this initiation into direct action was some adventure. The camp was a success, not only because we felt that we had brought the issue of NATO's illegal activity to the forefront (the actions were well reported in the Belgian media and Sky Television), but for me personally, the week was heartening and exciting. To work and live with people of all ages who are intensely motivated to build a just and peaceful world for the future, who are unwilling to allow the world to run by those who have the biggest wallets was a great privilege and delight. If there are young people like those I worked with that week all over the world, I know that the struggle for peace can succeed.

As the Peace Camp came to an end on July 12th the Peace Walk began from Brussels to the British Trident nuclear weapons base at Faslane. The news of the illegality of nuclear weapons took to the road, a long journey, but one absolutely worthwhile.

Ben Freeman, CND Cymru



Unleashing Vengeance

Labour Launches fourth illegal Trident Submarine

On Saturday 19th September the fourth Trident submarine was rolled out in Barrow shipyard with 200 CND campaigners protesting loudly that this weapon of death should not be launched.

The launch was officially conducted by Sandra

Robertson, wife of the Minister for Defence who had himself once been a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. The first Trident submarine, Vanguard, was launched in 1992 by Diana "Princess of Wales". A Citizen's Inspection Team of peace campaigners were denied access to the site. The team unfolded a large "wanted" poster of Tony Blair.

There will now be four Trident submarines based on the Clyde in defiance of the will of the people of Scotland.

Lindis Percy, a Yorkshire campaigner was not able to attend the citizen's inspection as she was arrested in the shipworker's car park. The police threatened to smash the windscreen of the car in which she was sitting and to spray her with CS gas. They moved the car with her in it, with a forklift truck. She was dragged from her car, handcuffed and charged under the vagrancy act. She has since been released.



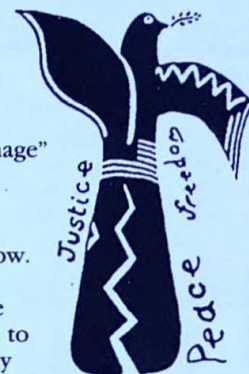
Swedish Ploughshares activists in English prisons for attempting to disarm Vengeance

Three Swedish Ploughshares "Bread not Bombs" activists, Ann Britt Sternfeldt, Annika Spalde and Stellan Vinthagen are in prison on remand in England charged with "conspiracy to commit criminal damage" after an attempt to disarm the fourth

Trident submarine, Vengeance, a week before it was due to be launched at Barrow. They were arrested within the perimeter fence where they had begun to dismantle military equipment, but had been unable to enter the hall containing Vengeance. They carried a declaration with them which stated:

"With the help of nuclear weapons, the rich countries are able to install, organise and protect the unjust world order of today... It is our common and individual responsibility to disobey the laws and power, the misuse of property and money, that produce and serve the Trident system."

They will not be tried until early next year.



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Please send letters and cards of support to: **Stellan Vinthagen** (BT8233) HM Prison Preston, 2, Ribbleton Lane, Preston PR1 5AB, England. **Annika Spalde** (BE 8940) and Ann Britt Sternfeldt (BE8941), HM Prison Risley, 617 Warrington Road, Risley, Warrington WA3 6BP, England. Remember to put a return address on your envelope.

East Timorese human rights activist, Arsenio Beno visits Cardiff

On 21st October members of CND Cymru and CND Caerffili demonstrated outside the Welsh Office to call for a stop to the selling of military equipment to Indonesia. They joined over 40 young people mainly from Cardiff University who took part in a die-in on the steps of the Welsh Office, in support of the people of East Timor.

Current Arms export licences are expiring, and new ones are being re negotiated. The campaigners insist that we must lobby our MPs and MEPs to force the Government to live up to their 'Ethical Foreign Policy'. Arsenio Beno, Timorese human rights activist attended the demonstration, calling for a halt to all arms exports to Indonesia. He thanked the Welsh people for their continuing support and said that his people lived in hope because of the commitment to peace and justice shown by British campaigners. A letter demanding the end of the arms trade was handed in to the Welsh Office.

In August, there was a much publicised withdrawal of 1,000 Indonesian troops from East Timor, which is illegally occupied by the Indonesians. This withdrawal seems to have distracted world attention from the fact that 8,000 additional Indonesian troops have since been moved into the country including 3,000 who entered across the border from West Timor. On October 9th during Indonesian military attacks on guerrilla fighters in Viqueque, seven East Timorese were detained. The whereabouts of these seven people is unknown.

The people of East Timor are at this time demanding a referendum to determine the future status of East Timor. The Indonesian Government apparently believes that by destroying the armed resistance it can break the will of East Timorese opposition to annexation and pave the way for acceptance by the international community of East Timor's integration into Indonesia.

Wider consultations about East Timor have begun at the UN. The next few months are crucial. Derek Fatchett MP has

underlined 'the urgency of finding a solution to the problem of East Timor'.

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As well as writing to your MP and MEP, please also write to Derek Fatchett MP, The Minister of State, The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SW1A2AH. Ask for information on the safety and whereabouts of 7 East Timorese detained by the Indonesian forces on October 9th, and asking through the UN or by diplomatic methods, for pressure to be put on the Indonesian Government for the immediate withdrawal of all Indonesian troops from East Timor. Stress your concern about the above issues. More information is available from The British Coalition for East Timor: PO Box 2349, London E1 3HX. (0181) 985 1127. Cardiff Stop the Hawks to Indonesia can be contacted c/o (01222)889514.

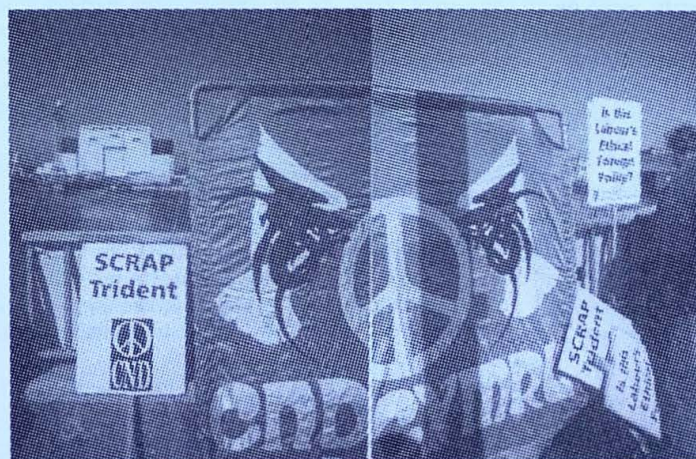
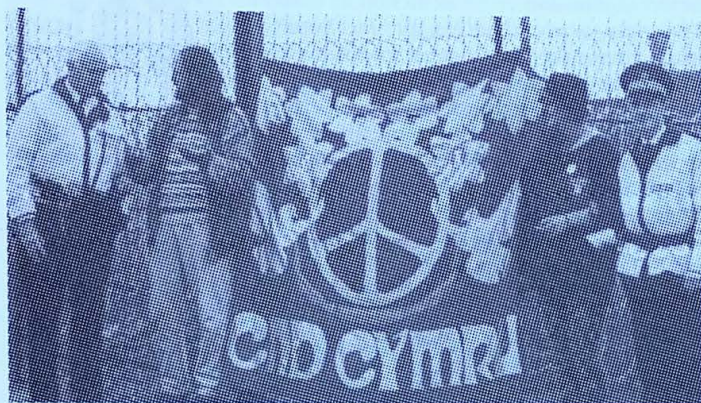


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Trident Ploughshares 2000 Bait the Gareloch Monster

While England and Wales enjoyed a brief August heat-wave, the west coast of Scotland was the place to be. It rained incessantly, the mire at Faslane Peace Camp got deeper everyday, police were swarming everywhere - and Trident was baited in its lair by 100 Ploughshares activists with bolt cutters in their hands and the iron law of humanity in their hearts.

The opening rally of Trident Ploughshares 2000 was blessedly dry and superbly staged. Singers including Leon Rosselson belted out a succession of anti-Trident anthems and a blacksmith demonstrated the biblical prophecy of beating swords into



SID JEFFERIES. ANGELA LOVERIDGE AND FRIENDS

ploughshares. A letter was also read out warning the base commander to stop his illegal activities, and activists solemnly affirmed the Trident Ploughshares pledge to prevent nuclear crimes.

The rally set a high tone which carried through to brilliant support work at the camp, maintaining all the invaluable back-up, from the communal kitchen to the media caravan, for the NVDA (Non Violent Direct Action). Actions started within hours of the rally but with over £1million worth of extra police, even cutting the fence required careful planning.

One of the best planned was the mass action on the first Sunday, when about 75 people were refused entry at the main gate of the Coulport weapons store. At a signal, bolt cutters started work everywhere until there were at least 18 holes of different sizes in the gate and fencing. In the pouring rain, with Christian CND keeping up a catchy chorus, people lying locked together, soaking wet, blocking the road for three hours, someone cutting another 17 holes up on the hill, and a total of 37 arrests which attracted wide media coverage, we underlined our point very forcefully.

All the while, people went round chatting to the police, explaining the novel reality that our actions were legal, theirs in preventing us were abetting war crimes. We had established this rapport with the police from the first and as a result we were treated with respect and genuine warmth.

One trio finally got quite close to the Trident submarine by swimming the numbing Gareloch, and repeated it again and again, evading all the patrol boats. An MOD policeman with fifteen colleagues in the room told one of the protestors, "I doubt if there's anyone in this room who doesn't agree with you."

Despite over 100 arrests during the fortnight's camp, there were very few charges. Yet even in the minor courts, expert witnesses insisted on the rule of international humanitarian law, confounding the magistrates who reluctantly imposed reprimands "because not to do so would be to convict the British government of war crimes."

The purpose of Trident Ploughshares 2000 is to enforce the World Court Opinion that the threat of use or use of nuclear weapons is illegal in



PHOTO: SID JEFFERIES

SWEDISH PRIEST FREDERICK IVARSSON GOES OVER THE FENCE

any conceivable circumstance. The Government is extremely reluctant to test this Opinion in the British Courts while Trident Ploughshares is extremely eager to do so. A full jury trial is only possible after thousands of pounds worth of damage has been done. This may be easier through Trident Ploughshares' aim to target every other Trident-related site in Britain, but the Coulport camps will also be continued every 3 months until the year 2000.

Sid Jefferies

As we go to press this November, Trident Ploughshares actions are taking place once more. If you would like more information about future events, or would like to be involved in or support Trident Ploughshares 2000 please contact them at 42-46, Bethel Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NR (01603) 666879 email: reforest@gn.apc.org

Scottish Magistrates refuse to think the unthinkable

Seven Ploughshares activists had been kept on remand in Scottish prisons following their actions at Faslane. All defendants submitted that they were attempting to disarm a weapon of mass destruction and were operating to uphold international law. The defendants, from Finland, the Netherlands, England, Scotland and Australia were congratulated on a well presented case by the Scottish Magistrate J.P. Stirling, but told that arguments about international law had to be disregarded, for to do otherwise would mean that he would have to accept that the British Government were guilty of committing war crimes. All defendants were found guilty, admonished, and freed.

Five women who had been kept on remand in Cornton Vale Prison, Scotland had suffered abuse by the authorities while in prison. Their complaints are being investigated by CID officers and is the subject of a resolution to the European Parliament being tabled by David Morris MEP, challenging the treatment of the women on humanitarian grounds.

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To keep informed about Ploughshares activists in prison please contact Jill Stallard (01550) 750 260 or Trident Ploughshares (see above). Support for and letters and cards to our brothers and sisters in prison are always welcome.

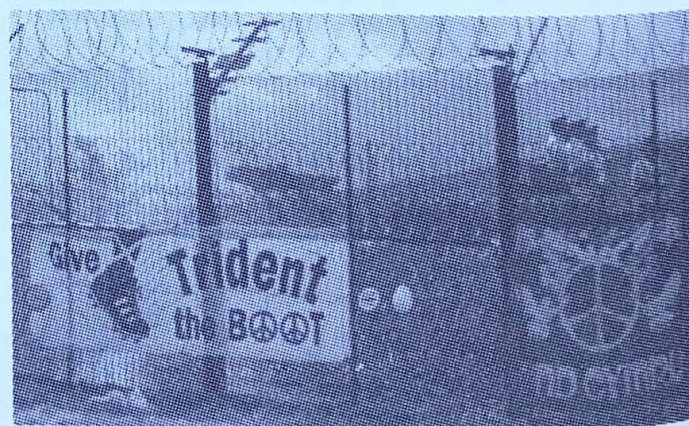


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FASLANE, AUGUST 1998



Trawsfynydd 'Safestore' Planning Application

British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) Magnox Ltd has at last submitted its planning application to the Snowdonia National Park Planning Authority for a 'safestore' at Trawsfynydd decommissioning nuclear power station.

Alan Ellis, the station manager, has had three meetings with the planning authority to promote the plan. There has been no independent open public appraisal of any alternatives to the proposal.

Since 'consultations' were carried out earlier this year amongst selected members of the Trawsfynydd community, alterations to the proposals have been made. The safestore is now to include the so-called 'low level waste store'.

At a meeting at Caernarfon on 15th October 1998, CND Cymru was one of the environmental groups agreeing that a full public inquiry into the proposal with a full independent appraisal of alternatives, should be called.

CND Cymru and with the Wales Anti Nuclear Alliance feel that, following this public Inquiry, any final decision concerning the nuclear waste at Trawsfynydd should be made by the democratically elected Welsh Assembly, due to be in place in 1999.

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Please write to your MP, The Welsh Office and the Snowdonia National Park Authority calling for a public inquiry emphasising that this is not only a local issue. Decisions made now about decommissioning Trawsfynydd may well set a precedent for the decommissioning of other nuclear sites in Britain and world-wide. For more information now, or when further developments take place please contact CND Cymru, or The Wales Anti Nuclear Alliance (01982) 570362.

Addresses: The Chairperson, Snowdonia National Park, National Park Office, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6LF.
Secretary of State for Wales, Welsh Office, Cathays Park CF1 3NQ. Your MP, The House of Commons, London SW1A0AA.

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If you are interested in becoming involved with Melangell or Trident Ploughshares2000 please contact Kath, Tan y Coed Canol, Ceunant, Caernarfon, LL55 4RN, Trident Ploughshares 2000 (01603)611953 or CND Cymru.



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Criggion: enough to make your hair stand on end

CND Cymru joined members of Wales' Trident Ploughshares 2000 group, Melangell, for a very successful War Crimes Inspection of Criggion Radio Station, near Welshpool, on October 1st. This was part of a global programme of inspections of illegal nuclear weapons related sites.

Tim Slocombe, Station Manager at Criggion was very friendly despite Melangell's open confessions to the police at Brecon that they are conspiring to sabotage transmissions at Criggion. Mr Slocombe explained that the site was run by British Telecom for the MoD and that, like Rugby it broadcast Very Low Frequency (VLF) transmissions "all around the world".

Submarines can receive VLF by towing large antenna buoys. It is a very crude signal, and penetrates to depths of 30 - 40 feet. VLF is one of the communications systems used by the Trident Submarine fleet.

There are health dangers associated with Very low frequency signals. Mr Slocombe admitted that VLF can make your hair stand on end and your muscles twitch (and not only when the instruction to fire nuclear missiles is sent). The War Crimes inspectors explained to Mr Slocombe that the World Court Advisory Opinion of 1996, had declared the threat or use of nuclear weapons illegal in any conceivable circumstances. Mr. Slocombe agreed to distribute leaflets to his staff outlining the Nuremberg Principles which impose a legal duty on everyone involved in such action to be prepared to disobey orders if they conflict with international laws.

Sid Jefferies

Headless chickens

Radiation tests carried out by County Councils in North Wales (Flintshire, Denbighshire and Wrexham) on meat, fish, soil, mud, silt and seaweed, has been halted. These tests were first introduced in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster when no information about radioactive fallout was available. Airborne radiation screening will continue. Dr. David Assinder of Bangor University has warned that the move to stop the testing of meat, soil and coastal samples is potentially dangerous and said that it provided a base set of data useful in case of future emergencies. Pollution from Sellafield needs to be monitored and comes by sea, not air. Dr. Assinder commented: "if we don't know what is going on then, if something happens, we will be running around like headless chickens". Gwynedd Council has also stopped testing levels of radiation in the atmosphere after a computer used for the work was stolen last year. Bangor University checks some levels on Ynys Môn and passes the information on to the Ynys Môn Council. Welsh Office monitoring and restrictions of sheep in North Wales is to continue.

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If you live in one of the above Counties, write to the Chairperson of the Council, and/or the Chief Executive and ask for clarification, making Dr. Assinder's points as above.



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Nuclear power in decline: is the prophecy at last coming true?

In 1986 Åsa Moberg said "Since there is hardly any new talent entering the business, nuclear power seems doomed. It will most likely be phased out between the years 2010 and 2020. This will occur slowly and will therefore never be front page news.

The technology will die out quietly along with the generation that now defends it. The waste will then be left for future generations as an everlasting monument to, and a reminder of, the mistakes of the 20th century industrial society."

Recent reports state that 1998 is the first year for forty years that there has been a decline in installed nuclear power capacity world-wide. We must continue to campaign to make this prophecy come true.

The incoming German Government has announced that all its nuclear power stations are to be phased out. They have not yet stated the time scale for phasing out nor declared any decision about reprocessing (which would have implications for Sellafield).

Chernobyl safer than Cumbria

Published results from Radiation monitoring around Sellafield, England and within the Chernobyl exclusion zone in the ex Soviet Union by Greenpeace Germany have brought calls for radiation signs to be erected in those parts of the Lake District most

contaminated by radionuclides from Sellafield. In the Ukraine, Belarus and Western Russia, the public are banned from exclusion zones around Chernobyl.

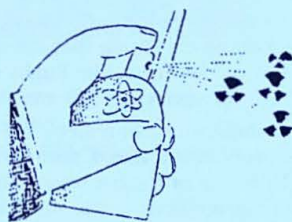
The Greenpeace findings show that environmental contamination from Americium 241 around Newbiggin and Muncaster, 11km from Sellafield, is 400 times greater than that found at the same distance from Chernobyl. Other areas in West Cumbria show levels of Caesium 137 and Cobalt 60 at above Chernobyl levels. Such levels would be illegal in BNFL's customer countries such as Germany, BNFL's largest European reprocessing client. Environmental groups have called for an immediate halt to reprocessing. BNFL have condemned Greenpeace's findings as scaremongering.

Childhood leukaemia on the Irish Sea Coast

Research published by Green Audit this Summer shows a greatly increased risk of leukaemia near the Welsh Coast. It is suggested that this provides clear evidence that discharges from BNFL's operation at Sellafield are having a profound and irreversible impact on health.

Along the Irish Sea coast of Wales, risk of leukaemia in children under 4 years living within half a kilometre of the sea is 4.6 times the national average rate. The trend of decreasing risk with increasing distance from the sea is consistent, except for a few wards which received heavy rain during the passage of the Chernobyl cloud in 1986. The researchers contend that this supports the conclusion that radioactivity is the agent. There are leukaemia clusters around other reprocessing plants and nuclear sites and the disease increased after Chernobyl. The National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB), which advises that levels of dose are too low to induce so many cases is being called into question. An increasing body of scientific opinion is critical of the NRPB's model on which their estimation of risk is based. This model relies almost exclusively on studies of external irradiation, ignoring ingestion or inhalation of isotopes.

While there is any doubt, all emissions from all nuclear plants should be stopped.

**Universal health costs 3% of military expenditure**

According to this year's UN estimates, the cost of universal health care services would be \$25 billion a year, that is 3% of the \$800 billion currently devoted to military expenditure.

Sellafield MOX plant - an obstacle course for BNFL

In October, the Environment Agency recommended that British Nuclear Fuels Limited (BNFL) be given the go ahead to start up a new plant producing mixed plutonium and uranium (MOX) fuel. CND is calling for a full public inquiry into plutonium based fuel and Britain's policy of dealing with plutonium stockpiles before any final decision is taken.

BNFL denies that weapons useable plutonium can be extracted from MOX fuel rods, a view opposed by many international experts. MOX fuel cannot be used by British nuclear power stations. All MOX fuel is to be transported abroad (some by air).

The manufacture and use of MOX fuel has both environmental and political, proliferation implications, yet although it is clearly a serious issue there has been only 2 hours of backbench parliamentary debate on the matter. The Environment Agency itself has expressed disquiet about the manner in which BNFL has handled the affair and about on going secrecy. Last year, 9 independent international experts concluded that "...there is no reasonable justification or identifiable social benefit in the continuation of plutonium separation and the launch of a MOX fuel programme...". Plutonium is extracted from spent fuel rods at the THORP plant and is then to be incorporated into the MOX fuel at the new plant. Forthcoming decisions by the incoming German Government may involve cancellation of THORP contracts, this and BNFL's commitment to reduce radioactive discharges, reviewed waste implications resulting from the findings of the House of Lords Select Committee on Nuclear Waste Management Policy, together with an expected economic review of the company, all show that MOX is proving a bit of an obstacle course for BNFL.

Happy Birthday WISE!

The World Information Service on Energy is celebrating its 20th anniversary and the 500th issue of its newsletter News Communiqué. This magazine is one of the most steady, regular publications on international nuclear and anti nuclear news which encourages better communication and exchanges between activists. Issue 500 is dedicated to celebrating 20 years of amazing campaigning work, its successes particularly in the creation of the political, social and psychological atmosphere in which it is impossible to build new nuclear reactors in many western countries!

Congratulations to WISE from CND Cymru!

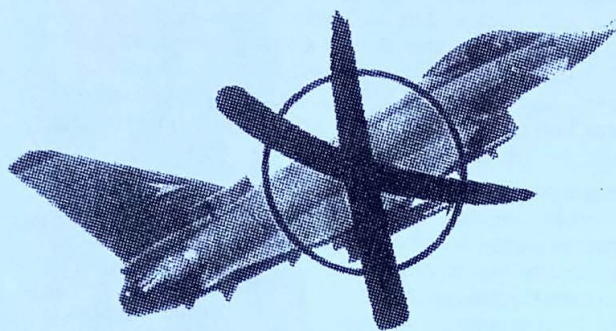
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Eurofighter : did the German people vote against it ?

The changing tide of German politics may leave plans for the Military aircraft Euro-fighter 2000 (now renamed Typhoon) high and dry. The parties in opposition to Chancellor Kohl had rejected the Eurofighter outright. In the past, the Chancellor elect, Gerhard Schroeder (SDP) has, taken an anti militarist stance. Let us hope that his government will see off the idea of this huge, lethal and highly dangerous waste of billions of pounds. We do not want to see this horrific aircraft practising in the skies over Wales for the international bullying which seems to be the method favoured to serve British (and European?) interests these days.





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Help the Eurofighter on its way out by writing to:

Chancellor Elect Gerhard Schroeder c/o Bundestag, Bonn 53113, Germany;

Oskar Lafontaine (Finance Minister) at the above address;

J.Fischer (Green) also at the above address

make the following points:

- it is a white elephant ;
- 80% of the German people are opposed to it;
- in a debate on November 26th 1997 the vast majority of the opposition parties voted against it including the SDP and Green members of parliament ;
- ask what it is its purpose as there is no 'enemy'- only the "misuse of resources for aggressive purposes.

More information is available at <http://www.dfg-vk.de> or phone (019420894862

Malcolm Sutcliffe

Mariam Hanza - back in Iraq

Mariam, the four year old girl brought to Britain by George Galloway MP for treatment for her leukaemia, is now home again in Baghdad. With a depressed immune system, Mariam is returning to a country where the entire infrastructure has collapsed ; with a near lethal water system and where soil samples show radiation levels up to 22 times the expected level. These levels have been linked to the use of depleted uranium as a coating for weapons used by the US and Britain during the Gulf War. In some areas leukaemia has increased in frequency by over 70%. In the farewell letter Mariam delivered to 10 Downing Street, Mariam thanked Tony Blair for allowing her into Britain and wrote "please remember all the other children of Iraq".



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Voices in the Wilderness continues to press the Government for the dropping of sanctions against Iraq, and also arranges for consignments of medical aid to be taken into the country. For more information contact them at Stanhope House,!, Hertford Road, London N2 9BX (0181) 444 1605

Kosova: self determination, like peace, is a process.

CND Cymru called upon the British Government for a withdrawal of the threat of NATO violence against Yugoslavia in October. Sadly, despite many years of non violent struggle on the part of the Albanian Kosovars against monstrous human rights violations, it is only with the eruption of violence that Kosova has moved to the centre of international attention. It is difficult to see what the future holds for the region but one thing is

certain, and that is that the use of aggression by any faction will not bring long term peace. It is to be hoped that the OSCE (Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) will be generously resourced in order that it can take a longer term role in resolving the conflict.

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A clearly written and excellent paper written before the recent escalation of violence in the region: Everything will finish with Kosova: a background paper on seeking peace in the Balkans compiled by Bob Aldridge of Pacific Life Research Center, is available from PLRC 631 Kiely Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA95051, USA. email: janbob1@yahoo.com

John Hume and David Trimble, men with vision and hope

CND Cymru congratulates John Hume and David Trimble on their joint honour of the Nobel Peace Prize. John Hume in particular has worked for many years for peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland and in other areas. Behind and side by side with these men stand a host of extra ordinary individuals and groups who have devoted their lives to help the factions within Northern Ireland to become reconciled and to live in peace. The vision has been immense, the journey will be long and difficult, but the dream is achievable.

The Campaign for a Nuclear Free Belarus

The nuclear lobby in Belarus - a country suffering from the effects of 90% of the fallout from the Chernobyl accident - is increasing its activities. To counter this an anti-nuclear campaign "For a nuclear -free Belarus" was launched this summer. Activists marched through the regions where nuclear reactors may be built (Mogilev and Vitebsk), informed the public and performed street theatre. The march was effective and contacts for further action made.

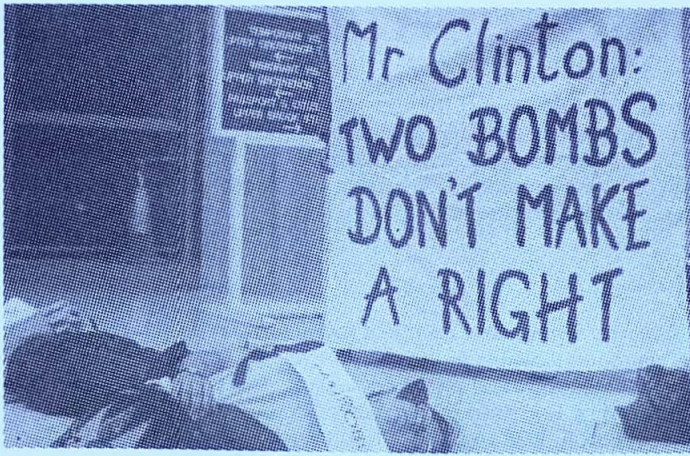
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Moral (and financial) support is always welcomed: Contact WISE-Minsk, 220027 p/o 53, Minsk, Belarus and/or: Veselka, PO Box 500, Moscow 107061, Russia.

CND Cymru Annual Conference September 1998

Our Annual Meeting , held this year at the splendid Environment Centre, Swansea, was addressed by Larry Ross from the New Zealand Nuclear Free Peacemaking Association. In an interesting address Mr. Ross told the meeting that environmental and military threats to the planet were growing and that "faced with an ecological crisis on the scale of a nuclear war, we still choose to expend our money, technology and lives, to kill". The United States spent \$264 billion on its military budget in 1996 which was more than the combined military budgets (\$229 billion) of the next six top military spenders - Russia, Japan, France, Britain, Germany and China. There have been 250 wars so far this century resulting in 109,756,000 war related deaths - more than the total current population of France, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. More than 90% of war casualties are non-combatants. Mr. Ross went on to point out that these trends would clearly be reversible but would depend upon a huge input of political will and financial resources on behalf of individuals and states.

Congratulations to the CND Cymru officers elected for 1998-9: Chair David Morris MEP, Treasurer: Jean Bryant, Vice Chairs: Ray Davies Olwen Davies, Dave Andrews and Rod Stallard. Everyone was thanked for their hard work and commitment over the previous year.



ANDREA NEEDHAM, SHORTLY BEFORE ARREST, PROTESTING AGAINST US MISSILE ATTACKS ON SUDAN AND AFGHANISTAN 24TH AUGUST 1998 ON THE STEPS OF THE US EMBASSY, LONDON.

Mr. Clinton: two bombs don't make a right

CND Cymru joined others in condemning cruise missile attacks launched by the US government against targets in Afghanistan and Sudan, and the British Prime Minister's endorsement of these attacks.

In London, on 24th August, members of ARROW (Active Resistance to the Roots of War) were arrested for a 'breach of the peace' while engaged in a die-in on the steps of the US Embassy in London.

Mikhail Bakunin said, before being dragged away by police: "The US government engages in state terrorism and gets away scot-free. We protest peacefully against their criminal acts and the police arrest us for a 'breach of the peace'". The activists were released without charge.

Heddwch Action: ARROW can be contacted at (0171) 607 2302 or (0181) 4441605.

CND Cymru Lobby Network - get involved from the comfort of your own home!

Sarah Isaacs is co-ordinating a lobby of all 40 Welsh MPs and MEPs through a network of members in each Welsh constituency. If you can give a very small amount of time, once or twice a month, to write to your MP with points provided by CND Cymru, please contact Sarah! (See contacts list).

Many MPs in Wales are sympathetic with nuclear disarmament, peace and environmental issues - they need encouragement from those they represent! The British CND publication "Lobby" is available free of charge, from British CND, 162, Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. (0171) 700 2393.

"Nuclear Chocolate" - another reason to boycott Nestle

Nestle have launched a new chocolate bar in the US "Nuclear Chocolate: The Chocolate Chain Reaction". 'Free' cards included inside the pack show snaps from the film "Armageddon". Let's hope the company don't imagine that they can use this dismal marketing ploy on the British.



Liberal Democrats and Nelson Mandela call for nuclear disarmament

At their Annual Conference this Autumn, the Liberal Democrats overwhelmingly rejected the leadership's line and adopted a strongly anti-nuclear defence policy. The new policy states: "Conference believes that Britain should become the leading world advocate of disarmament and that it must lead by example". Donnachach McCarthy, a member of the Party's National Executive said that this policy "establishes a clear line between the Liberal Democrats and Labour".

This is a policy that those of us calling for nuclear disarmament must build on as it may serve to put increasing pressure on the Labour Party and the Government.

The decision followed a plea made by Nelson Mandela during the same week at the UN General Assembly, for the nuclear weapons states to honour their commitment to disarm - a plea reiterated to the Liberal Democrat Conference.

Richard Livsey, Liberal Democrat MP for Brecon & Radnorshire told CND Cymru that the policy has his full support and that "*No weapon or weapons should be exempt from discussions in the international disarmament process.*"



NELSON MANDELA IN CARDIFF JUNE 16 1998

Calling Labour Party members!

Trident and the National Policy Forum

The Labour Party National Policy Forum is due to discuss Defence next year - as part of the Britain in the world policy forum. An interim report will be given at the 1999 conference and the final document is due to be approved in 2000.

Trident, should, of course be scrapped, only then will Britain be in a position to promote global nuclear disarmament. This is what CND and Labour CND will be arguing strongly.

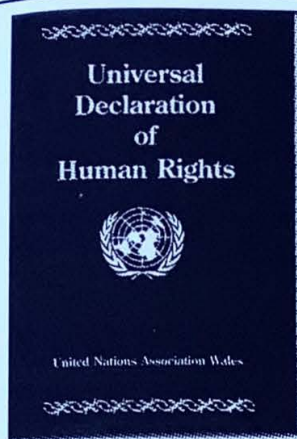
It is therefore essential that during 1998-9 Constituency Labour Parties (CLPs) pass resolutions to be sent to the Policy Forum on this theme. CLPs should be prepared to make more detailed submissions on the preliminary document when published. At the 1997 Conference, the Trident vote lost by a mere 5.59%. It was supported by a majority of CLPs and lost only because UNISON voted against it.

The tide of public and party opinion is with us. This is what matters in the long run. The new Labour Party structures must not be allowed to defeat those calling for the scrapping of Trident.

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The Peace Shop new address is now at:
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From New York to Pencoed - 50 years of Human Rights!

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Richard Gwyn Jones, Executive Officer, Welsh Centre for International Affairs explains why the Centre decided to republish the Declaration this year.

On the 10th December 1948 in New York, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and published the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet, fifty years later, rather than decreasing, human rights transgressions are on the increase. How relevant therefore is the Declaration, and has the United Nations the power and the will to

ensure better human rights for every individual?

Muriel Davies of the United Nations Association, believes it is inevitable that the campaign for human rights will continue and, in her opinion, the UN is the most appropriate body to ensure an improvement in human rights. Although acknowledging that the UN has not always succeeded in its attempts, she emphasised the importance of UN successes in enforcing human rights, for example, in South Africa, where the apartheid system was defeated.

Similarly, the Declaration has led to substantial gains in the area of children's rights. The "Convention on the Rights of Children" which was signed by 191 of the countries of the world (all but two) allows organizations such as UNICEF to work to safeguard children from being conscripted to fight in armies or forced to work in dangerous environments.

But while we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary, we must remember those that continue to fight for the basic human rights of their fellow human beings, such as José Ramos Horta from East Timor. The people of East Timor have no rights under the present system - not even the basic right to 'life, freedom and security' - and since 1975, more than 200,000 innocent citizens have been killed.

There are many examples in Wales of people who are working for the rights of people in other countries.

Moonira Allen, a woman from Cardiff, is campaigning for the release of 600 Kuwaitis who were not returned to their country after the Gulf War, but remain imprisoned in Iraq. The Wales Western Sahara Campaign was founded recently to support the demands of the people of Western Sahara for a referendum on independence.

With such contempt for human rights, it can be difficult to see the value of the Declaration. But remember that the Declaration is a goal to aim for, not a legal document. It is ambitious and it is a powerful weapon in the defence of basic human rights. Every country that is a member of the UN has stated its commitment to respecting human rights. By learning about human rights, we can defend our own and, at the same time, defend the rights of those who are unaware of what their rights are.

This, therefore, is what impelled the Centre to republish the document, in bilingual form, in order to ensure that the people of Wales know, or are reminded of, their rights.

In evaluating the Declaration, it has to be admitted that side by side with its strengths, there are weaknesses. What reference is there to the environment? What about our obligations as well as our rights? It's also worth considering the relevance of a document formulated by Western countries to the developing

countries of the Third World. Although the essence of the Declaration remains contemporary, as the United Nations assesses its rôle in a fast-changing world, shouldn't it also consider trying to seek a world-wide consensus on standards of human rights?

HOW CAN WE MAKE A STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?

HERE ARE THREE SIMPLE STEPS:

Read the Declaration and select one Article, for example, Article 19, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and freedom of expression".

As a community, a chapel, a group, school or club, set about learning about examples of human rights violations, and organize an event to get media coverage

Write a letter of complaint to a newspaper or go a step further and write to your local MP. (Although one letter won't change the world, the South African example shows how public opinion can influence government policies and defeat injustice.)

Remember that there are individuals throughout the world campaigning for the same objectives and that you will never be alone.

For further information about the campaign to promote human rights, contact Richard Jones, UNA Wales, Centre for International Affairs, Temple of Peace, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3AP.

Book review:

Ray Newton: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?

The social history of a left wing activist - a case study

I have often thought what a pity it is that there is so little information available on the great campaigns waged by the peace movement in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, and on the people who made them all happen.

So I was delighted to receive a copy of the life story of Ray Newton - an Englishman who became a leading figure in the Scottish peace movement - and that is unusual for starters!

The details and observations that pepper the text are as significant as the very sequence of events. It is these descriptions that feed the senses and embellish the story, as the author illuminates some of the most important political happenings of the century - those that turned out to be the protocol of whole industries of change, the roots of the socialist peace and green

movements. This he achieves by capturing, in personal terms, the euphoric mood of the times.

Those who were there will find themselves reliving their memories, those who were not will be able to imagine themselves into those formative times.

It is not only the ideals, though, but also the failings of such aspirations which are explored. However, Ray is not one to plunge into gloomy contemplation; rather, he marches on towards the millennium, with the simple desire to carry into the future the lessons of the past.

Pat Allen

You can get your copy by sending £8.99 (p&p included) to Radical Books, 10 Buckstone Way, Edinburgh EH10 6PN. Tel: 0131-445 2967.

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Diary Dates

1 December *have you sent a Christmas card to Tony Blair?* OK so you've done it beforeask him to make 1999 the year his Government scarps the illegal, expensive, polluting and obscene Trident nuclear weapons system. CND Christmas cards available from CND Cymru Trading (see contacts) or British CND (0171) 700 2393

10th December *50th Anniversary of the adoption of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.*

Until December 31st *Landmines exhibition* in The Temple of Peace and Health, Cathays Park, Cardiff for information about opening times contact Stephen Thomas (01222)228549 or 395664

1st January 1999 Warm wishes for a happy and peaceful new year - and have you bought your 1999 Housmans Peace Diary? Available for £6.95 including p&p (cheques to "Housmans" from Housmans, 5, Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX, England.

2nd January *Côr Cochion sing for the UNA & UNICEF Anti Landmines Campaign* phone Beattie Smith (01222) 886 113 or Ray Davies (see contacts) for more details

February 1999 *CND Cymru Cyngor* (Council) date to be finalised. 11.00am Friends' Meeting House, Llandrindod. All members and delegates of affiliated organisations welcome. Come and join in the campaign! For more information Phone Jill Stallard (01550) 750 260.

11th-16th May 1999 *Hague Appeal for Peace and the Abolition of War International Citizen's Peace Conference*, The Hague, The Netherlands for more information see enclosed leaflet or contact The Hague Appeal for Peace 11, Venetia Road, London N4 1EJ (0181) 347 6162

22nd May 1999 *Citizen's Assembly for the Abolition of War* Westminster Central Hall, London - a follow up to the aforementioned Hague Conference.

31st July - 7th August *National Eisteddfod*, Llangefni, Ynys Môn. Welsh speaking volunteers needed to co-ordinate CND Cymru's campaign tent. Support and help with preliminary arrangements will be given. Contact Rod before March 1999.

Ongoing : *Campaign against the storage of nuclear waste at Trecwn* - to keep in touch with the campaign contact Paul Hawkes, Teifi/Preseli CND: (01239)614856; Val Jones, Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth (01646) 641390 or CND Cymru.

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Menwith Hill : 1st Saturday of every 2nd month, 2pm Quaker meeting for worship- next camp 5 December Contact Anni (01943) 466405. Also:

Menwith Hill : 3rd weekend of every month : weekend gathering (01943) 468593.

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Aldermaston, Berkshire: Women's camp at Falcon Gate : 2nd full weekend of every month next : 12-13 December. Contact (01943) 468593.

Sellafield: last full weekend of every other month. Contact Tracy 0113 262 1534

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