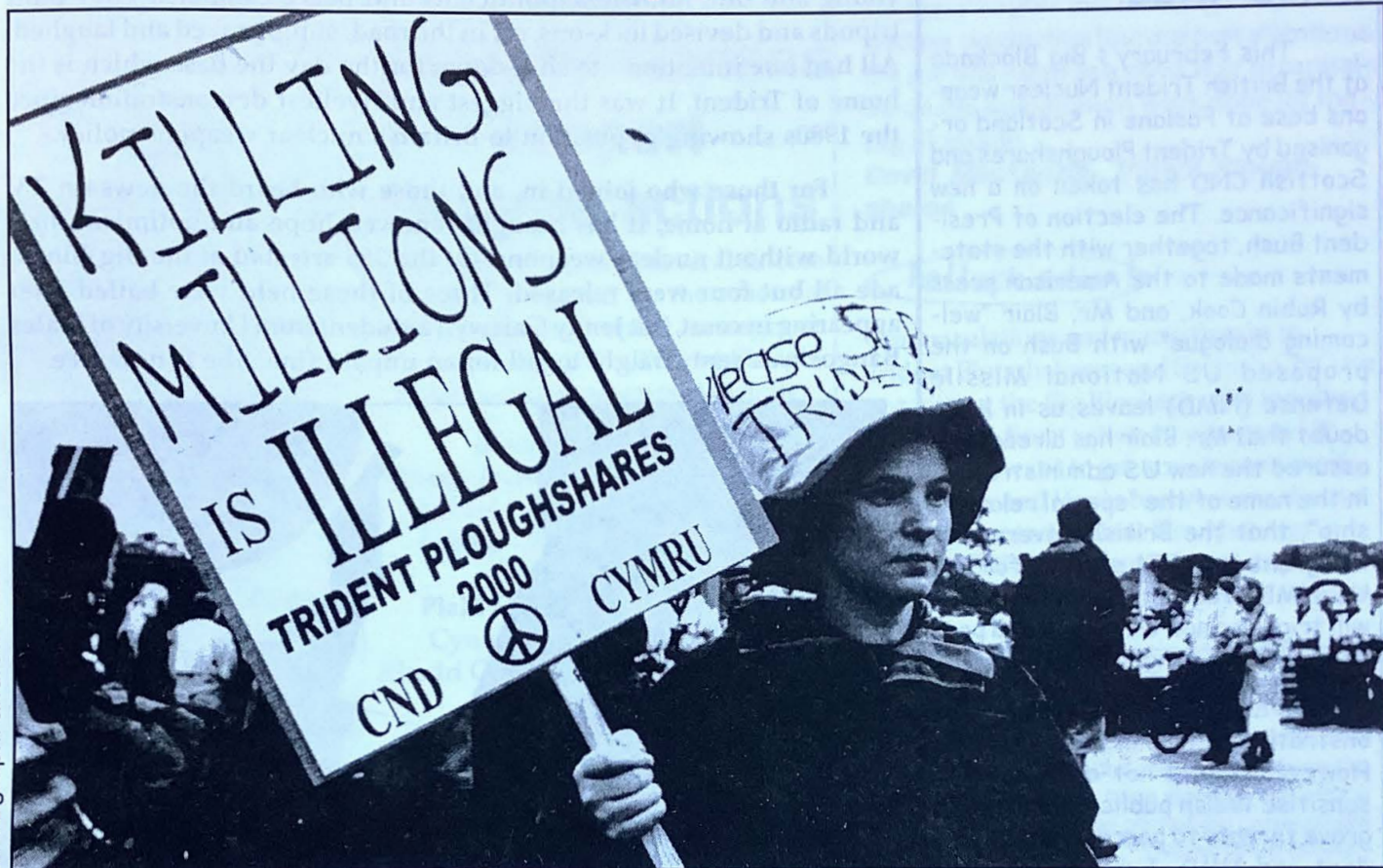




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***"When these protestors peacefully stand outside the gates of the base, they are not only expressing their opposition to the nuclear weapons, but are also expressing their care and support for the human race and the environment.***

***They are acting in peace for peace."***

**Dr Richard Edwards Labour Assembly Member for Preseli Pembrokeshire speaking at the National Assembly for Wales**

**inside:**

Bruce Kent's message for Tony Blair ★ Ray Davies' journey from Caerffili to Palestine  
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**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**

## comment

### The Trident threat: not distant but world-wide

This February's Big Blockade at the British Trident Nuclear weapons base at Faslane in Scotland organised by Trident Ploughshares and Scottish CND has taken on a new significance. The election of President Bush, together with the statements made to the American press by Robin Cook, and Mr. Blair "welcoming dialogue" with Bush on the proposed US National Missile Defense (NMD) leaves us in little doubt that Mr. Blair has already reassured the new US administration, in the name of the "special relationship", that the British Government will grant the USA support for the US NMD program. Such a program will trigger a new arms race and pose an additional danger to peace.

Welsh support for the demonstration at Faslane was welcome. However, it did not do enough to sensitise Welsh public opinion to the grave threats to peace posed by Trident and NMD. I would appeal to each of our members not to leave the campaigning to others. The CND Cymru membership is in danger of engaging in peace demonstrations by proxy. If CND Cymru is to increase its influence on Welsh public opinion it is important that while some of our peace activists are engaged elsewhere in non-violent protest, there must be an opportunity for peace lovers and sympathisers with our cause to engage in acts of solidarity in Wales.

Faslane is for most people somewhere in Scotland, at what seems a safe distance from Wales. Even the danger appears remote. The threat of nuclear disaster from Trident is not distant. It is world-wide. Chernobyl should have taught us that.

**David Morris**  
Chair CND Cymru

## faslane

### The Really Big Blockade!

On 12th February a group of campaigners from Wales joined nearly 1,000 activists who converged on Faslane nuclear weapons base; young and old; ministers, politicians and peace campers.. They built tripods and devised lock-ons, sat in the road, sung, prayed and laughed. All had one intention - to shut down for the day the base which is the home of Trident. It was the biggest and liveliest demonstration since the 1980s showing opposition to Britain's nuclear weapons policy.

For those who joined in, and those who heard the news on TV and radio at home, it has brought renewed hope and optimism for a world without nuclear weapons. Of the 385 arrested at the Big Blockade all but four were released. Three of those held were bailed after appearing in court, but Jenny Gaiawyn a student from University of Wales Bangor was sent straight to jail for an unpaid fine. She is now free.



Carol Naughton

### See you next time!

This was the salutation at the wind-up of the Big Blockade at Faslane in February, by word of mouth and e-mail messages. My response is ambivalent. The event was hugely successful in sharing energy all around with a huge potential for movement growth spin-offs. Yet we don't want the Faslane blockades to become some kind of institution. That would imply an acceptance that Trident is going to be with us for the foreseeable future. The very core of the Trident Ploughshares stance is a complete refusal to accept the criminal status quo. So we have to do what we can to ensure that all these megawatts of people power don't just make the lights burn brighter for a while but actually get the disarmament wheels turning faster and more urgently.

This point was made to me recently by Sylvia Boyes, who along with River was acquitted at Manchester Crown Court in January by a jury on charges of conspiracy to commit criminal damage to HMS Vengeance. I asked Sylvia whether the fact that 1.9 million people had seen the powerful Everyman programme, which told the story, was some compensation for not getting to the submarine with her hammer. "A little," she said "but I am still disappointed. What I set out to do was to put that submarine out of action."

## Will the Lordships come up to snuff?

The Scottish High Court judgement on the Lord Advocate's Reference looms. In October/November this court had a nine-day hearing in which arguments for Trident's illegality and the rights of ordinary citizens to intervene were closely examined. The judges have already been a long time at their homework and some see this as a good sign but we have already decided that we will have a very active response to whatever that judgement amounts to. After all, we are not waiting submissively for enlightenment from the court as to whether we are right or wrong. Although we ought to be humble enough to accept that enlightenment can come from anywhere, it's really an intriguing wait to see whether their Lordships come up to snuff.

We return to Manchester Crown Court on 3rd April for the trial of Rosie James and Rachel Wenham who damaged HMS Vengeance way back in February 1999. They had one trial in Lancaster in January last year, which came to nothing, and another in September when they were acquitted on one charge, a minor one of criminal damage, and got a hung jury on the more serious charge. In spite of the fact that this has dragged on so long the women are looking forward to yet another opportunity of putting the case against Trident before a jury.

## 1170 arrests so far

No date yet for the trial of the Jubilee Ploughshares 2: Susan van der Hijden and Martin Newell who damaged a Trident warhead convoy vehicle in November last year, although the guess is late April or early May. Susan and Martin are our only two campaigners in custody at the moment and their contact details are given on page 8.

We have had altogether 96 trials and another 27 are already set while many, many more are in the pipeline. Campaign arrests have reached 1170 and 1010 days have been spent in jail (not counting police cells). Many cases have been adjourned until the judgement from the Lord Advocates Reference is issued and

## Welsh parliamentarians support Faslane actions

CND Cymru received several sincere messages of support for the actions at Faslane. Those who sent messages or who have signed the Trident Ploughshares petition of support include:

### Assembly Members:

**Liberal Democrats** - Kirsty Williams, Michael Bates and Karen Sinclair.

**Labour** - Richard Edwards and John Griffiths.

**Plaid Cymru** - Dafydd Wigley, Cynog Dafis, Geraint Davies, Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Jocelyn Davies, Elin Jones and Helen Mary Jones.

### Members of the Westminster Parliament:

**Plaid Cymru** - Dafydd Wigley, Simon Thomas and Elfyn Llwyd

**Labour** - Martin Caton and Paul Flynn

### Member of the European Parliament:

**Plaid Cymru** - Jill Evans

Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Wales and Professor Ken Booth (Aberystwyth) are also supporters.

others are awaiting various appeals. There are currently about 40 cases still to be heard at Helensburgh and Dumbarton Courts with citations for last August still going out before they even think about the Big Blockade.

Planning is underway for the camp at Aldermaston from 10th to 15th May when we mean to give this first stage in the nuclear production line our best attentions. We see this camp as a good way to capitalise on the mobilisation work done for the Big Blockade.

**David Mackenzie. Trident Ploughshares**

## heddwch action!

Congratulations and warm thanks to Trident Ploughshares and Scottish CND for organising the Big Blockade. Get involved in the next direct action (see page 4)! If you do not want to get arrested yourself; supporters and legal observers are always needed. Contact Trident Ploughshares (01324) 880744 email: tp2000@gn.apc.org; Ray Davies or Jill Stallard (Contacts page 14)

### Below:

Ray Davies CND Cymru Vice Chair recounts:

*"We jumped off the bus and walked down the road towards the base singing - the police thought we must be part of the cabaret! We sung "Cwm Rhondda", "Gwaed ar eu dwylo"; "Hen wlad fy nhadau"; "Internationale" as we walked down to the Main Gate, others including George Galloway MP and Tommy Sheridan MSP joined us and we all walked over and sat in the road in the gateway with our Welsh banners and flag. David Morris pinned statements of support for our actions from Welsh Assembly members on the fence of the base. We locked on. Around 7.30am the police leaped in and after some hard work, extracted us from the heap and we were finally arrested."*



Carol Naughton

## Aldermaston

### Join in the disarmament!

The shock of Faslane is seeing Trident submarines in the breathtaking beauty of the Loch. Aldermaston AWE has the opposite effect - the very normality of the place is disturbing.

The AWE is about ten miles from Reading, near the M4. Locals drink and play sport inside the fence. The AWE gives to local charities, and even has a nature reserve within the grounds. In fact, it's so integrated with local life that plutonium has shown up in green beans grown in the area. But despite a new logo and slick slide presentations to local groups, Aldermaston AWE remains a nuclear bomb factory. Since the 1950s it has been the birthplace of Britain's 'independent' nuclear bombs - WE177 free fall bombs, Polaris, Trident. And the men and women who work there will develop the next generation of weapons too. The latest Annual Report outlines research to upgrade the warheads - in their own words, to 'get a bigger bang for your buck'.

Warheads are manufactured in the high security A90 building. They are taken for final assembly to the Burghfield site six miles away, where they are loaded on to lorries and driven up to Faslane.

The privatised management of the AWE was awarded last year to a consortium of BNFL, Lockheed Martin and Serco - a group with a record of nuclear mismanagement and poor safety controls.

Like Faslane, Aldermaston has its peace camp - a once a month women's camp which has helped challenge the normality of the AWE for 13 years. The local Nuclear Awareness Group (NAG) too has tirelessly monitored contamination and convoy safety, and voiced concerns over leukaemia clusters and other health risks. NAG has brought about a judicial review in the High Court in England of the legality of the AWE's license to discharge nuclear materials. The court heard arguments that the Environment Agency failed to consider the legality of Trident when it granted AWE's licence. The outcome of that review is still awaited.

Aldermaston AWE can never be 'shut down' - it will remain a contaminated site forever. A vision for the AWE's future is of an establishment dedicating the undoubted expertise of its scientists and technicians to developing safer storage and decontamination, decommissioning nuclear warheads and verifying British and international compliance with nuclear weapons treaties.

AWE Aldermaston is still little known - the site does not appear on any map. If the AWE is to change from a place which researches and manufactures warheads, we need to raise the level of debate in the area and step up our challenge to the normality of mass destruction.

*heddwch action!*

Join in the next TP Disarmament Camp at Aldermaston, May 10 - 15. Sing, dance, sit in the road, cut the fence, leaflet, put Trident on trial in Reading town centre, pray, vigil, plan for more action. Scotland knows there's a monster in the Loch - let's remind England that AWE Aldermaston manufactures death.

heddwch 4

## news round up

### Tireless and broken: the nuclear submarine in Gibraltar

The Foreign Minister of Spain, Josep Pique recently created a stir by calling Gibraltar 'a duty free shop.' If so it is a duty free shop with a monster on its shelves, courtesy of the Royal Navy. HMS Tireless, the British nuclear submarine with faults in its cooling system is still under interminable repair in Gibraltar since May 2000.

Britain has agreed with Spain that it will remove the HMS Tireless from Gibraltar by May 19th. The submarine docked there ten months ago after a crack was found in the cooling system of its PWR nuclear reactor, prompting widespread protests in the colony which lacked any facilities for such specialised repair. Rumour in Gibraltar and Spain are that the faults to the submarine's cooling system, currently undergoing repair, may have even threatened nuclear meltdown at one point. The Royal Navy now plans to tow the submarine to Britain if it cannot be repaired by the May 19 deadline. Campaigners in Gibraltar have linked an apparent rise of cancer cases over the past five years to the nuclear submarines berthed in the colony and share their concerns with residents of neighbouring Andalucia.

### US Stealth Bombers flying over Wales

It is reported that US contractors are upgrading the USAF base Fairford in Gloucestershire in preparation for the arrival of nuclear capable US Stealth Bombers. The US is looking at ways to use its Stealth Bombers more effectively and wishes to "reposition" the aircraft at three overseas bases (Guam, in the Pacific, Fairford, England and Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean). An official request from the US has yet to be made to the British Government, but British Minister of State for Defence Geoff Hoon has replied to questions concerning the Bombers by saying "We have no obvious objection in principle. And we would be sympathetic to this request when it arrives... nobody should be surprised by this. We have a history of playing host to American aircraft over the years." Concern at the plans has been expressed by many Labour Party MPs as well as by Ministers at the Russian Duma.

*heddwch action!* USAF Fairford is the US base closest to the English border of Wales. Future actions may well take place there. If you would be interested contact CND Cymru.

Helen Harris

### Peace Postcard Packs!

10 assorted peace & justice postcards  
£3 inc. p&p (payable to CND Cymru)  
from: CND Cymru Trading  
72, Heol Gwyn, Yr Alltwen, Pontardawe  
SA8 3AN (01792) 830 330



I want to grow up not blow up.

## Britain commits £1.9 billion for new military aircraft to terrify children in Wales

Military air exercises over Wales this year have brought renewed calls to a stop to this outrageous imposition on our lives. Some groups are rightly concerned because of health and safety implications of continuing to use ageing aircraft in military exercises. However, CND Cymru is adamant that no military aircraft should be training for low flying anywhere and that 'high flying' would be as unacceptable.



When the screaming Harrier jets leave our Welsh skies something even meaner and equally offensive has been found as a replacement. The MoD is planning to purchase 150 US joint strike fighter military aircraft to equip the Royal Navy. Lockheed Martin & Boeing Co. are competing for the contract to develop the jet. Meanwhile, The Japan Council against A&H Bombs has renewed its campaign to oppose low altitude flight exercises by US military aircraft as part of their campaign to get US military bases out of Japan and for a nuclear free Japan.

## Chernobyl: frying pans and fires

Fifteen years after the disaster at the nuclear power station at Chernobyl, the last of the reactors may have finally closed, but it leaves behind a horrific legacy of radioactive contamination. Ignoring the health and environmental effects, authorities still persist with a "psychological clean-up". Press reports about the reactor closure last December often appeared to generate a mood that now, at last, "everything is alright". The International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA) is in the business of promoting nuclear energy, not discouraging it and has persistently attempted to downplay the consequences of the 1986 accident. A 1991 IAEA sponsored study reporting that Chernobyl's health effects were mainly "psychological" completely failed to consider the health of the emergency-response workers or of the evacuees from the 18-mile exclusion zone, 13,000 of whom are now known to have died from radiation-related diseases. The study also failed to mention the lengthy latency period for observed cancer incidence.

The president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has recommended that Ukraine receive a \$215 million 'loan' to complete construction of two new nuclear reactors 'needed' to replace the Chernobyl facility. The future will judge us harshly for allowing this to happen.

Every country is now suspected as having been permanently contaminated to some degree by the accident. One child in three in parts of Belarus and the

Ukraine and Western Russia are sick and cancer rates are rising. We ignore the cost of the Chernobyl warning at our peril. 230,000 sheep on nearly 400 sheep farms in Britain are still subject to restrictions for a further 10 to 15 years.

The truth is that we may experience a little but we will never know the true biological, ecological, psychological and economic dimensions of Chernobyl's radiation bomb.

### heddwch action!

When CND Cymru activists took aid from Wales to highly contaminated zones of Belarus in 1995, mothers of very sick children were anxious that we returned to Wales with the message that we must work to ensure that no other families would ever have to suffer from the same plight and to "stop all nuclear plants and weapons systems". The Chernobyl Children's Project works with the people of the countries most affected and helps with health, social and recuperative projects.

To contact them in Wales: Aberystwyth (01970) 832382 Carmarthen (01267) 222819. Cardiff (029 20) 864793 Llandinam & Newtown (01686) 688181

## Lord Mayor of London to scrutinise Jack's CND design

Jack Scivens, a pupil at St. Ilan Comprehensive School, Caerffili has won two rounds of the 11-13yrs section of the Lions International Peace Poster Competition. His design, featuring a CND symbol as the centre of international understanding and reconciliation is on display at Mansion House, London and is to be judged by the Lord Mayor of London later this Spring. Congratulations Jack!

## Double Appeal from Menwith:

### For funds:

The Women's Peace Campaign at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire is appealing for contributions towards buying a vehicle to be used in their visible protest and as 'an alternative media focus' on the US spy base at Menwith Hill. They are hoping that supporters will be able to make donations or fill in a banker's order to assist with running costs. More information from and donations to: Helen John (01943) 468 593, PO Box 105, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG3 2FE. (Cheques payable to *Womenwith Hill Women's Peace Camp*)

### For Action:

Womenwith Hill Women's Peace Camp has made an appeal for all groups to go to their nearest US Base on the third weekend of each month. It is hoped that this will strengthen the protest against the prospect of a deadly arms race in space and become a national, visible campaign against the US ambition to ultimately govern international financial transactions, trade, communications and political decisions.

Since Brawdy and Caerwent closed there are no US bases in Wales itself but US base nearest Wales is Fairford (Gloucestershire) Contact (01943) 468 593 or CND Cymru.

As Helen John says: "The buck stops with all of us".

## US National Missile Defense

# Mr. Blair: have the courage to say "no"



General Howell M. Estes III

is not a man to mince his words. As head of the United States Space Command, he believes that the Command's role is to dominate "the space dimension of military operations, to protect US 'interests and investment'" while "integrating Space Forces into war fighting capabilities across the full spectrum of conflict". That's not difficult to understand. Indifferent to its obligations under the United Nations Charter, the United States intends to dominate the world economically and militarily, and it now has a President, George Bush, who believes that such aims are possible.

That is why the proposal to make Fylingdales in Yorkshire a key Star Wars II radar station presents the British Government with a critical opportunity. It could go along with the George Bush view of the world. Indeed, Defence Minister Geoff Hoon rather suggests that our government might do just that. "We might well consider it," he replied to a question in the Commons about the involvement of Fylingdales in the hundred billion dollar US 'Star Wars II' programme.

On the other hand Tony Blair might just listen to the courageous advice of Peter Hain and others, and say "No Thank you" to the Americans. That would be a move towards a world evidently serious about the elimination of nuclear weapons, and which intends to make mutual security its goal. In 1982 Olof Palme's Common Security report, said that "Countries must recognise that in the nuclear age nations cannot achieve security at each other's expense. Only through co-operative efforts and policies of interlocking national restraint will all the world's citizens be able to live without fear of war and devastation..."

The Bush/Pentagon Star Wars II dream leads us only to a disastrous dead end. It is another step in the direction of cranking up a dangerous and expensive arms race. It is ludicrous to try to justify it on the grounds that some minor so-called 'rogue states' are so indifferent to their own survival that they might lob nuclear weapons at the world's last 'superpower'.

Star Wars is in fact rightly seen by Russia and China as an attempt to neutralise the nuclear arsenals of both countries. The consequence of deployment can only be that they, and probably other countries as well, will try to increase their nuclear retaliatory power, and at the same time find ways of avoiding Star Wars countermeasures. If they cannot manage that they will find others ways of further expanding the currency of terror. To give permission for the use of Fylingdales is to say "yes" to a world without hope of a solution to the problem of war. To say "no" would be brave, but would give encouragement to millions who reject the Bush vision of American power and plan in different ways for a less militarised world, equipped with the institutions that can make common security a reality.

By giving priority, as it has done, to the early ratification of the International Criminal Court Treaty, our present government has shown far more independence from the US administration than the Thatcher world ever demonstrated. Though the Conservatives are loud now in defence of British sovereignty in the face of Europe, they were always ready to sacrifice British sovereignty to Pentagon power.

In November 2000 even the United States in the UN General Assembly First Committee was pushed into agreeing that "a nuclear weapon free world will ultimately require the underpinnings of a universal and multilateral negotiated legally binding instrument..." - in other words a nuclear weapon elimination treaty. That means entering into multilateral negotiations which, despite all the years of claptrap, have never so far even started. It would take courage, but while refusing Fylingdales, Blair could offer to host a nuclear abolition conference to which all the existing nuclear powers including Pakistan, Israel and India would be invited. At a cost of over a billion pounds a year Trident is a futile and expensive status symbol. If the world is to escape from nineteenth century notions of security, someone has to show courage and initiative. Why not Britain?

**Bruce Kent**

the above article first appeared in *Red Pepper* January 2001

Write to Robin Cook at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Whitehall, London SW1 2AH, express your disquiet about NMD and ask him which of his concerns express his true feelings on the issue. Any letters to the Prime Minister or your MP, MEP or AM about NMD would serve to show that this extremely important issue is very much in the minds of the electorate.

**Editor's note:** No British Government has ever been involved in negotiations to reduce or abolish British nuclear weapons.

For more information either contact CND Cymru (see Contacts page 14) or British CND (020) 7700 2393. Or visit Yorkshire CND's useful website: <http://www.gn.apc.org/ndyorks/>

# Fantasy futures - the story unfolds...

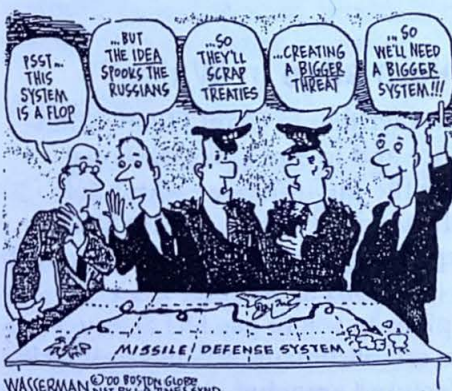
Russia has said that it will end all its military cuts and scrap all arms control agreements if the US NMD system goes ahead. Russia and China are negotiating their first joint treaty since the end of the Cold War. In February, Russia told NATO that it wants Europe to create its own missile defence shield. NATO Secretary-General George Robertson, in Moscow for talks with President Vladimir Putin, said he welcomed Russian proposals to deal with "the same kind of perceived threat". China has denounced the US plans as a menace to world peace, saying they could "sabotage" the global strategic balance.

As *Heddwch* goes to press, President Bush has still not openly "popped the question" to Prime Minister Blair about using Fylingdales for US National Missile Defense, and our Government employees have been told to duck the real issue in their replies to our letters on this issue. Foreign secretary Robin Cook has voiced reservations about British involvement in the US National Missile Defense system, saying it would clash with the European Rapid Reaction Force and could drain British defence budgets (The Independent, The Times and Daily Telegraph 19.02.01). Yet only a short time before during his visit to Washington D.C. it was reported (The Financial Times (08.02.01)) that he felt that US plans for a National Missile Defense could deliver a "net gain" in international security.



Lib Rowland Hughes recently sent a copy of the *Heddwch* (winter 2000-1 shown below) cartoon concerning the US Missile Defence System, to Tony Blair. Much to her amusement she received the reply: "The views expressed have been carefully noted".

So, somewhere, in a filing cabinet... (marked *Sell Out*) deep in the bowels of number 10....



With profuse apologies to any version of

## 'Where are you going to my pretty maid?'



"Where are you going to, my pretty Hoon?"  
"I'm not quite sure - but we will pretty soon... (will pretty soon, will pretty soon...)"  
I'm not really sure, but we will quite soon."

"Will you go with Them, my pretty Hoon?"  
"I expect we will - when they ask a Boon..."  
(ask a boon, ask a boon...)  
And they probably will - in May or June."

"Who's paying the piper, my pretty Hoon?"  
'Cause he's the chap who calls the tune...  
(calls the tune, calls the tune...)

(presto) 'Cause-he's-always-the-chap who calls the tune!"

"What are you waiting for my pretty Hoon?  
Perhaps it's for a Hot-Air-balloon...  
(..air-balloon, air-balloon...)

(presto) For a get-quick-escape in a hot-air balloon)"

"But They haven't yet asked us!" said my pretty Hoon  
"Not Blair, not Spellar, nor me - Geoff Hoon -  
(-not me Geoff Hoon!! not me Geoff Hoon!!!)  
...However I'xpect they will do soon!"

(repeat last verse ad libitum)

Lib Rowland Hughes

## campaign updates

### Eugene Carroll

Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll, US Navy (retired), Vice President of the Center for Defense Information in Washington visited England in February at the invitation of CND to help raise awareness of the dangers of the proposed US National Missile Defense System (NMD). Eugene Carroll pointed out that NMD is the "single urgent issue which stands out as being the basis for significant test of great importance to the security and well being of British citizens...." He said that "the time is now right to employ the special British - American relationship as the basis for telling a new US President with a tenuous grasp on security issues that the US appears intoxicated with its role as the only superpower. Mr. Bush should be cautioned with a candid appraisal that it is time for a sober reassessment of critical military plans that directly affect the security and well being of Britain."

### Jubilee Ploughshares

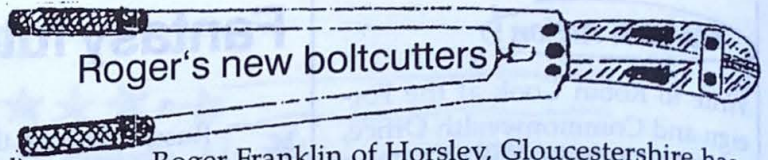
In the early hours of November 3rd, Father Martin Newell of London and Susan van der Hijden of the Amsterdam Catholic Worker Community entered RAF Wittering Air Base in Cambridgeshire with the intention of symbolically disarming the "special vehicle convoy" that transports nuclear warheads between Burghfield (Berkshire) and the Trident nuclear weapons site at Coulport.

Martin and Susan disabled a Trident warhead carrier, hammering on the dashboard and other equipment in the cab. They painted the words: "The Kingdom of God is among you", "Drop the Debt, Not the Bombs" and "Love is the Fulfilment of the Law" before going in search of security guards to tell them of their actions.

Susan van der Hijden, who lives and works with refugees in the Netherlands, stated: "I have lived with the victims of international violence for seven years. It is high time to go to the roots of the problem - the rich exploiting the poor - and Trident plays a major part in that."

Susan and Martin have been in prison on Remand since last November.

The Jubilee Ploughshares Support Group is offering to speak at group meetings and can be contacted for further information or for donations: (07947) 569577 c/o 38, Twinflower, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7LH. Cheques payable to Jubilee Ploughshares. Write to Susan & Martin; tell them about yourself and what you are doing: Susan van der Hijden, EN 5880, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London N7 Fr. Martin Newell, EM6780, HMP Bedford, St.Loyes Street, Bedford MK40 1HG



Roger Franklin of Horsley, Gloucestershire has found a novel way of keeping out of prison. Roger is a well-known peace activist who has been imprisoned on several occasions for his direct action. He now owes £721 in fines and has developed a ploy which could keep him out of prison while raising the profile of Trident Ploughshares. He is asking supporters who are not in a position to take part in direct action, to pay his penalties and he will pay an equal amount to Trident Ploughshares.

**heddwch action!** Roger asks that supporters send cheques of exactly £15 made out to The Clerk of the Justices, accompanied by an (polite) anti nuclear letter to his home: Tickmorend House, (Nuclear Free Zone), Horsley, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 0PE. Each week he will send one of these cheques and the message, to the Court. If supporters are unable to afford £15, he will send cheques off in bundles of £3 or £5 from various people. Roger says that since £15 will buy a good pair of boltcutters the donations to Trident Ploughshares will be very useful.



### Not Guilty of Conspiracy: third 'not guilty' Crown Court verdict for Trident Ploughshares

On 28th January 2001, a jury of six men and six women at Manchester Crown Court found two Quaker Trident Ploughshares campaigners not guilty of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. The verdict came after the jury heard how Sylvia Boyes and River entered the dockyard at Barrow in November last year with the intention of disarming the fourth Trident nuclear submarine. The result shows that when ordinary people are told the facts about nuclear weapons and British 'defence' policy, they are willing to be led by their conscience on the right to take peaceful direct action when the government is refusing to act. Sylvia quoted Kathleen Lonsdale, Quaker scientist and pacifist: "The real horror is not that we may be bombed, but that we should ever think of dropping the bomb on anyone else."

### Depleted Uranium sites in Wales?

CND Cymru has written to Geoff Hoon, Minister of State for Defence and to Sue Essex, National Assembly Minister for the Environment asking for information about the whereabouts of sites in Wales contaminated by depleted uranium (DU). We have yet to receive replies to questions of whether there has been or if there are plans to test or use DU at any military or industrial establishment in Wales or if DU weapons are manufactured anywhere in Wales.



It is known that Depleted Uranium was used at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Llanishen in Cardiff in the manufacture of Trident nuclear warhead casings. It is also believed that CHARM ammunition which includes Depleted Uranium is to be manufactured at the British Aerospace factory at Glascoed near the town of Usk. Ammunition with DU casings may also have been assembled at RAF Sealand. It is not known whether Depleted Uranium has been involved in military exercises and/or testing at the Pendine, Castlemartin, Aberporth or Sennybridge (Mynydd Epynt) Ranges.

Depleted Uranium is one of four major contaminants at Cardiff AWE, Llanishen, a site situated in a suburban area of Cardiff and is currently being decommissioned. It has been admitted that 174 tonnes of "low level waste" from this site has been transported along public roads to licensed landfill sites. What risk does all this pose for local residents, to populations downwind and to emergency service workers in the event of fires at landfill sites or during transportation?

Questions were asked by Janet Ryder AM and Helen Mary Jones AM in the National Assembly and Jocelyn Davies AM and Jill Evans MEP have also taken up the issue. There have been no replies so far, only the well publicised resumption of testing of DU weapons by the MoD at Eskmeals, England and the Solway Firth in Scotland.

CND Cymru is concerned that whatever the truth about the dangers of these weapons, the "Sustainable Wales" precautionary principle embraced in the setting up of the National Assembly for Wales should be adhered to and that all production testing and use should be halted.

If you live near one of the places mentioned above, or indeed near a

local landfill site, please write to Your local MP, AMs and/or Environmental Health Department asking for information. Please send copies of replies to CND Cymru.

## nuclear power stations

# Oldbury & Wylfa

## We have never been in greater danger

BNFL's January 25th decision to abandon the development of MAGROX fuel raises serious questions about the future of Wylfa (Anglesey) and Oldbury (on the Chepstow -facing bank of the River Severn) nuclear power stations. In May 2000 the plan to extend the lives of these stations to 2013 (Oldbury) and 2016/2021 (Wylfa) was said to be dependent on the proposed use of MAGROX fuel, which could be reprocessed through Sellafield's THORP plant.

Although BNFL is desperate to operate Wylfa and Oldbury for as long as possible, it cannot rely on them for much longer. Apart from the 'superheater weld' defects at Wylfa which have kept the station out of action for the last eleven months, both Wylfa and Oldbury have suffered greater corrosion of their graphite cores than any other stations on the system. Before it is 35 years old in two years time, Oldbury will have lost nearly half the graphite in the worst affected blocks. Wylfa is considered only marginally better. These predictions are made in confidential nuclear industry documents which survey the possible state of the Magnox reactor cores at the 'end of life'. The 'failure' of parts of the graphite cores is predicted before 2006 in the case of Wylfa, and 2003 at Oldbury. The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate has thus far (26/2/01) been unwilling to confirm that it has copies of the documents.

The implications of such failures at Oldbury were outlined by Hugh Richards of WANA at a well attended public meeting in Chepstow on February 23rd. Jill Evans MEP and Mike German AM, Liberal Democrat leader in Wales both expressed their concern. Huw Edwards, Labour MP for Monmouth is to raise the public concerns expressed at Chepstow with Peter Hain MP, Minister responsible for nuclear safety.

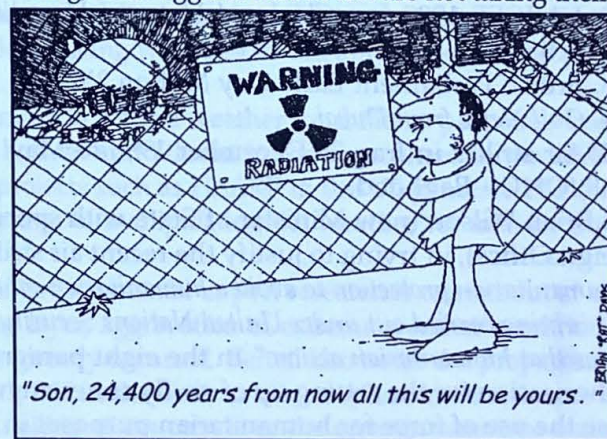
A pipe burst in a reactor at either Oldbury or Wylfa would inject steam directly into the core at over twice the pressure of the carbon dioxide coolant. A physical shock to any of these reactor cores could very easily displace the most unstable graphite blocks by more than the 50mm necessary to prevent the control rods entering the channel to shut down the reactor. Displaced graphite blocks would also lead to a build up of heat in the blocked channels, and may damage the fuel elements leading to the possibility of fuel ignition and meltdown.

Meanwhile at Wylfa, BNFL has decided to use external bracing to stop the superheater pipes 'popping out' of the reactors (*Nucleonics Week* - February 8, 2001 page 13). This is a deplorably deficient 'sticking plaster' solution which will not stop the welds actually bursting, and suggests that BNFL are not taking their responsibilities seriously.

**Hugh Richards**

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Keep writing to your AM and MP expressing your concern and calling for the permanent closure of these dangerous nuclear power stations.



In early March, British Energy made the outrageous announcement that it plans to replace its 7 Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors with new nuclear power stations after 2014. Anti-nuclear & environmental groups must be actively engaged in preventing such a scandal.

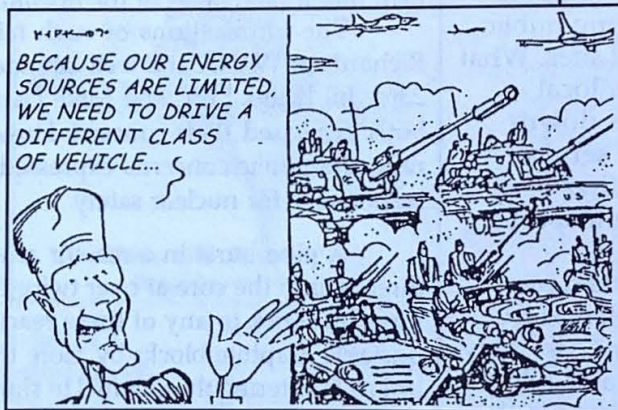
# 2001 : a sad odyssey

This year marks eleven years of sanctions against Iraq. Something Arthur C. Clark never foresaw in his film 2001 was that Britain and the USA would conduct a campaign of Genocide<sup>1</sup> towards the civilian population of Iraq. Deliberately denied clean water, medicine and adequate food; Iraqi children have died in their hundreds of thousands. No one will ever know how many but in a conservative estimate UNICEF in 1999<sup>2</sup> said that 500,000 children under the age of five alone had died in the first eight years and 5,000 to 6,000 have perished on average every month since. Some months this figure has reached a staggering 12,000.

In December 1998 when this slaughter of the innocent was not achieving the British and the USA's desired ends they launched Desert Fox, four days of intensive bombing, which has continued on an almost daily basis ever since, costing the British tax payer £4m a month<sup>3</sup>. So far 317 civilians have been killed and 936 wounded during two years of bombing<sup>4</sup>. When in 1999 Joanne Baker and myself met Hans von Sponeck in Baghdad he gave us a survey of the current Bombing situation which showed that 41% of all air strikes had resulted in civilian casualties<sup>5</sup>.

Blair decided to mark the tenth anniversary of the Gulf War not by lighting a candle for the dead of that war but by setting fire to the outskirts of Baghdad. In this entirely unlawful bombing (there is no UN mandate, no moral code, no religious tenet, no traditional accepted rule of international law under which such a policy can be legal or moral<sup>6</sup>.) The Prime Minister was letting us know what to expect if we are unlucky enough to see this government re-elected, allowing them to continue with their unethical foreign policy.

As I write, Blair is visiting Bush in the White House, discussing Iraq and the US missile defence system. During Gerald Ford's 1976 presidency an executive order was passed to prevent the president from assassinating Heads of States through the CIA. The Bush administration is now endeavouring to rescind this restriction<sup>7</sup> Could this be why Tony is sucking up to Bush?



Dave Rolstone

## Notes

1. Humanitarian consequences of sanctions: UN Sub-Commission resolution 2000/1 E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/L.11 (14 August 2000) Paragraph 71.
2. UNICEF 1999 *Iraq Child and Maternal Mortality Surveys*. [www.unicef.org/reseval/iraq.htm](http://www.unicef.org/reseval/iraq.htm)
3. British Parliament Early Day Motion 252,
4. *Gulf News from Dubai*.
5. Air strikes in Iraq 28 December 1998 to May 1999. Prepared by security section- UNOHCI- Baghdad.
6. Brian Wilson (new Minister of State with special responsibility for Iraq at the Foreign Office), in trying to justify the recent air strikes said. "It is being done as a policy of humanitarian protection to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe over or under, the no-fly zones. It is being carried out under United Nations Security Council Resolution 688 which authorises that humanitarian action." In the eight paragraphs of UNSCR 688 there is no authorisation for the setting up of no-fly zones anywhere over Iraq. Nor does it authorise the use of force for humanitarian purposes in Iraq. And most certainly it does not authorise the use of force by US or British aircraft in pre-emptive attacks to maintain their safety during supposedly humanitarian patrols.
7. Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.) Proposed bill - House Resolution 19 - which would allow American presidents to assassinate foreign leaders.

# Wales People's Disarmament Hearing

On 31 March 2001, at the beginning of the UN Decade for the Culture of Peace, campaigning groups will come together to build a co-ordinated action agenda for disarmament in Wales.

The Hearing is open to individuals and groups, whether their primary focus is peace and disarmament or wider activity.

The Hearing will be held at video-linked sites in Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff, allowing cam-

paigners from across the country to participate in a joint Hearing With the intention of bridging the geographical divisions between us.

The Hearing aims to carry forward the wide ranging recommendations from the People's Special Session on Disarmament last year in

Birmingham with three main themes :

1. The UN Small Arms Conference in June 2001;
2. Ten years review of 'An Agenda for Peace. Preventive Diplomacy, Peacemaking and Peacekeeping' by Boutros Boutros-Ghali.
3. A call for a UN Fourth Special Session on Disarmament.

Places will be limited, so please register as soon as possible (£3.50 or £2.50 low income). UNA Wales, The Cross Community Centre, Pontardawe SA8 4HU 01792 869 267

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## books

### Taking direct action for peace at your local library

This is a simple idea that anyone who uses a public, college or university library can use. Go to your local library with a small list of books about peace, anti-nuclear issues or disarmament. If a book is not available on the shelves, request that the library obtain it for you (by inter-library loan or by purchasing the book for the library). My local library will purchase the book if it costs below £20, and charges me £1.10 for the service. I recently ordered 'Bloody Hell' by Dan Hallock (Plough Publishing House 1999 ISBN : 0-87486-969-2 £5.50). This book, with a remarkable foreword by the Welsh ex-soldier, Simon Weston records personal testimonies by British and American troops thereby exposing the immense mental and spiritual damage suffered by those who join the armed forces. My library also obtained the excellent Noam Chomsky's 'The New Humanitarianism - The Balkan War' for me. For £4 or £5 it is possible to order 4 or 5 books worth £25 - £50, and not only have personal benefit from them but also ensure that others can be similarly enlightened! I know of one woman who created a complete "Peace and Disarmament" section in her local library, enjoyed the books herself and created a resource for others in the process.

Malcolm Sutcliffe

## Peace is Possible

Frederik S. Heffermehl (ed.) International Peace Bureau

This book of essays is based on the experiences of individuals who have or are continuing to work towards the elimination of war. The thirty three contributors, including Mikhail Gorbachev, Joseph Rotblat, Scilla Elworthy, Nelson Mandela, Kate Dewes, the Dalai Lama and Jody Williams give lively accounts of their personal experiences. The book provides a panorama of efforts inspiring hope for a safe and peaceful world order.

In addition to the primary purpose of reaching "the person in the street" the focus on achievement is potent encouragement to keep on struggling. This book reminds us of our strength and is eminently suited for use in peace education and study groups.

*"Not one of us knows what effect we may be having or what we may be giving to other persons. It is hidden from us and shall remain so. Often we are permitted to see a little portion of this so that we may not become discouraged. Power works in mysterious ways."*

Albert Schweitzer

"Peace is Possible" is published by the IPB with the support of UNESCO.

It is available from Bruce Kent, 11, Venetia Road, London N4 1EJ Price £5 includes p&p (cheques to Bruce Kent).

## Planet Earth : The Latest Weapon of War

A Critical Study into the Military and the Environment Rosalie Bertell Women's Press 2000 £12.99

*"Some people don't want to hear this, and it sure isn't in vogue... but -absolutely - we're going to fight in space."*

(Commander in Chief of US Unified Space Command, 1996)

Rosalie Bertell's book is the missing plank between the environmental and the peace movements. While we are carefully teaching our children to recycle paper, the military, led by the US, is assaulting the balance of the Earth's life sustaining mechanisms through ill informed research and experimentation, huge misappropriation of scarce resources, and devastating long term pollution - all in the name of what the US Joint Chief of Staff's vision for the year 2020 calls "full spectrum dominance".

Bertell explains clearly for beginners like myself what is known so far about the Earth's atmosphere and magnetosphere, and its vital function in regulating climate and weather, and protecting the planet from harmful radiation and electrically charged particle. She writes with a scientist's fascination, but never loses the perspective of common sense, commenting of one space project to Jupiter "while the information sent back to Earth was interesting, it also cost almost \$2 billion".

Her overview of major space research since 1945 reveals both the persistence of the military desire to dominate, and the breathtaking arrogance of experimentation. In 1961, 350 million copper needles were launched into the ionosphere in an attempt to improve radio communication, while atmospheric nuclear testing was used to disrupt the protective magnetic layer high in the atmosphere known as the Van Allen belts.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the book is the chapter on attempts to control weather for military purposes, from Project Skyfire in the Vietnam War to the experimental dumping of barium and lithium in the ionosphere in the 1990s. Despite the 1978 UN Convention prohibiting such experimentation, projects such as HAARP in the US generate ELF (extremely low frequency waves) to 'heat' the ionosphere with the intention of manipulating the weather for military purposes.

It is difficult to assess the impact of this military activity, since if environmental impact research is carried out at all, the results are kept secret. However, substantial damage to the ozone layer, aggravation of extreme weather conditions, and an increase in earthquakes, are all probable outcomes which have already occurred. Bertell also notes the propaganda accompanying such projects, from the crude cover ups associated with DU in the Gulf, to more sophisticated attempts to ridicule investigation into this area. I would add to this list the channelling of concern over the environment into exclusively civilian issues. Until major treaties and conferences, such as the Earth Summit, end the immunity given to military activity, the true environmental, health and social cost of the military research and war will neither be known nor challenged.

This book should prove as a wake up call to both environmentalists and peace people on the urgency of what Bertell calls, with typical optimistic common sense, 'phasing out the military'.

Helen Harris

# general election

## Voting for disarmament

CND Cymru asked all political parties in Wales four questions based around nuclear and defence issues. While it is not possible here to print full replies from the parties, the answers can be summarised as follows. If you would like full copies of the replies please contact Jill Stallard (Contacts page 14).

### CND Cymru survey

#### The questions:

#### 1. British Nuclear Weapons.

In view of the 1996 World Court Decision regarding the illegality of nuclear weapons what is your political party's view on scrapping Britain's Trident nuclear weapons system?

#### 2. Nuclear Power

Considering the dangers now clearly inherent in nuclear power, the dire condition of Oldbury and Wylfa Nuclear Power Stations and the fact that there is no consensus on dealing with the long term storage of nuclear waste, what is your political party's position on continuing to use nuclear power for electricity generation?

#### 3. US National Missile Defense

When, as seems likely, the Bush Administration requests the agreement of the British Government to use sites in Britain as part of the U.S. 'National Missile Defense' programme, what is the policy your political party towards the decision, considering that if British Government assented it would make Britain more vulnerable to first strike attack?

#### 4. Depleted Uranium Munitions

Given that the British Government adopted the Precautionary Principle in May 2000, and that such weapons contribute nothing towards building confidence in a safer world for the children and grandchildren of all people, what is the view of your political party towards the manufacture, testing and use of such weapons in Wales or anywhere in the world?

#### excerpts from replies:

	Liberal Democrat Party	Wales Labour Party	Plaid Cymru	Wales Green Party	Independent Wales Party	Welsh Socialists	Welsh Conservative Party
<b>British Nuclear Weapons</b>	<i>...whilst other states possess nuclear weapons..Britain should continue to deploy a minimal nuclear force.</i>	<i>...we will ensure that Britain maintains a minimum credible nuclear deterrent. (policy)</i>	<i>..If Britain is to be truly committed to a nuclear free world, we should give a lead...by scrapping the Trident system.</i>	<i>We call for the scrapping of the British nuclear weapons system.</i>	<i>..will withdraw from all nuclear weapons systems and agreements committing us to their deployment</i>	<i>...We would scrap all nuclear weapons, starting with Trident</i>	<i>Remain fully committed to Britain's independent nuclear deterrent. (Policy)</i>
<b>Nuclear Power</b>	<i>...Ensure nuclear industry....bears full lifecyclecosts of de commissioning and waste disposal. Phase out all existing nuclear power stations..</i>	<b>no reply</b>	<i>...nuclear power is not an acceptable alternative to fossil fuel.</i>	<i>Wylfa must stay closed and there must be an end to nuclear power.</i>	<i>..will replace nuclear power with alternative renewable forms of energy production.</i>	<i>...We would close Wylfa immediately and make safety at Wylfa and Trawsfynydd a top priority.</i>	<b>no reply</b>
<b>US National Missile Defense (NMD)</b>	<i>...deeply concerned and ..believes that Britain should take advantage of its close relationship with the USA to warn against such a programme.</i>	<b>no reply</b>	<i>...Military activity should be centered on peacekeeping and relieving the causes of war...we will be pressing the British Government to reject any request to use British sites</i>	<i>We whole heartedly oppose this lunatic scheme.</i>	<i>...will have no need for US NMD which is just that - to defend the US.</i>	<i>...we would actively campaign against Bush's plans for US NMD.</i>	<i>...would build support for the development of US NMD. (policy)</i>
<b>Depleted Uranium Munitions</b>	<i>MoD should conduct full investigation into possible long-term damaging consequences of using such weapons.</i>	<b>no reply</b>	<i>...extreme precaution until the full health &amp; environmental risks are known.</i>	<i>We totally oppose the manufacture, testing &amp; use of such weapons &amp; support a call for a world-wide ban.</i>	<i>...will not permit the testing, manufacture or use of depleted uranium munitions anywhere within its borders.</i>	<i>...We would campaign against any link between Wales and depleted uranium.</i>	<b>no reply</b>

# What do you want from this election?

Let me say from the outset that the last thing we want from this election is to send to Parliament a man or woman who has won your vote by pretending to agree with you and saying what he or she thinks you want to hear. Unfortunately, the 1997 election produced many such men and women who refuse to stand up to be counted on specific issues once in Parliament. Any wonder that we in the peace movement are still facing such a huge task?

The believe-in-everything-support-nothing politicians are something I thought that I had left behind in Africa. I was wrong. Although the way governments are changed in Africa differs from the way it is done in Britain, there are certainly similarities in the relationship between the leaders and the led in Africa, and the situation in Britain.

Back in my former home in Africa, as in many parts of the developing world, getting rid of a government, which has not lived up to its promises can be a very simple matter. It can be as simple as quietly talking to and agreeing with your own tribesmen/women and others with whom you share the same religion, marching to and taking control of the main television station, the main post office and the Central Bank, and announcing the arrival of a new administration. No fuss! The last time Britons tried this short-cut method was during the days of Oliver Cornwall and of Guy Fawkes. Since then, the people of this country have gone along the route of elections to change their governments. Such an election is just around the corner.

Having said that, I am pleased to inform you that since my arrival in this country some twelve years ago, I have found new tribesmen and women in the nuclear disarmament movement, and a new religion in the promotion of international peace and security. Instead of physically marching along with my new tribesmen to the House of Commons and applying violence to overthrowing Tony Blair and his team, we shall soon have the opportunity to tell prospective Members of Parliament who ask for our votes to commit themselves to the promotion of our religious and tribal values.

For me, these include:

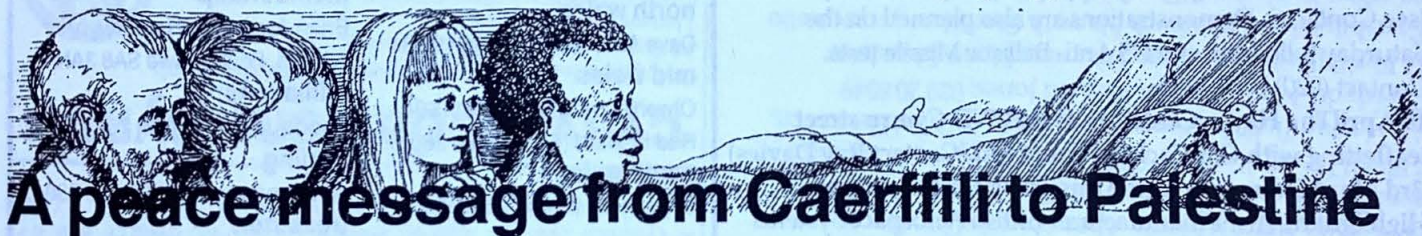
The elimination of all nuclear weapons

The abolishing university tuition fees

The unconditional cancellation of all Third World debts

The introduction of legislation to abolish the sale of small arms to the Third (Majority)World

**Sam Akaki**



## A peace message from Caerffili to Palestine

In February, members of Côr Cochion Caerdydd and religious organisations from South Wales travelled to Israel and the Occupied Territories with Councillor Ray Davies to attend a peace conference organised by Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre. The Conference involved Jewish, Muslim and Christian groups working together to examine how peace might be achieved.

The Conference focussed on how people around the world can advance the peace process and stop the escalating violence perpetuated by extremists on all sides. Events included a Justice Walk in Bethlehem, a Peace Rally in Ramallah at which they carried the Welsh flag and placards, and a Candlelit vigil in Jerusalem. Ray Davies, representing CND Cymru, contacted the Israeli Peace Group who expressed hope that we could work together, particularly on nuclear issues. Ray spoke to young Israeli soldiers at check points and with Palestinian and Zionist protestors. Ray spent the night at a small town which had been bombed for the previous twelve consecutive nights. While in Ramallah, a Palestinian medical group told the visitors that there had been deaths every day this year and spoke movingly of the urgent need to stop the violence.

Ray took with him medical supplies for the refugee camps in Gaza, and while in the occupied territories he wrote to CND Cymru: "Thankyou from the bottom of my heart for your support in sending me to convey the deep concern of the Welsh people at the injustices and violence being perpetrated in this holy land and to witness this human tragedy unfold. Together we will redouble our efforts to try and find a way to peace in this shattered community called Palestine. True security will only come from genuine efforts to live in peaceful coexistence."

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Ray, with the help of The British Council, is collecting specialised medical equipment for the hospitals of the Occupied Territories known to be suffering from a crisis of shortages. If you would like to help please contact him (029) 20 889 514.

# Greenham 1981 - 2001

It is almost 20 years since that legendary march left Cardiff on its way to Greenham Common in Berkshire to protest about NATO plans to base nuclear armed US cruise missiles in Europe. Plans are underway to celebrate but also to remember that nuclear armed cruise missiles may have left Europe but Britain and other countries are still an "unsinkable aircraft carrier" for the USA. There are still 150 US nuclear weapons based in Britain, and a new arms race is underway with the development of the US 'Missile Defence' systems. At present 3 commemorative events are planned: August 27th the placing of a plaque at the Temple of Peace, and another at the Community Church in Newport where the walkers spent their first night (contact Ruth Osborn (01633 251548) for confirmation). A Premiere of a film in English and in Welsh made by Atomic Mirror to mark the final demolition of the fence at Greenham last year. These events are totally inclusive of all those involved in or supporting any Greenham protest, we would like to share planning, ideas, resources and energy with any interested groups or individuals.

## Diary Dates

**31 March 10am - 4pm UNA Wales People's Disarmament Hearing**, Building action for disarmament in Wales Venues at Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff will be linked by video conferencing. Open to all groups and individuals.

(see page 10) Details from Helen Harris:

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**2nd April All Wales meeting of Cynefin y Werin Ty Bethseilun**, Stryd y Morfa, Aberystwyth

Contact: benica@gn.apc.org (01286) 882359

**7th April Henry Richard (1812 - 1888. Peace campaigner and MP for Merthyr Tydfil). Commemorative Event.** Temple of Peace, Cardiff. Details from Richard Jones: 029 20 22 8549

**14th April (Saturday) 12 pm. 'Just Say No to Star Wars' Demonstration Downing Street, London** protesting against US intentions to use Britain in its disgusting plans for war in space. Organised by British CND (020 7700 2393) If you are interested in sharing transport please contact CND Cymru (see Contacts). Demonstrations are also planned on the Saturday following any US Anti-Ballistic Missile tests. Contact (020) 7700 2393.

**14 April The Hayes Cardiff 11.45am CND Cymru street leafletting with Cor Cochion Caerdydd (Contact Ray Davies)**

**3rd May (Thursday) Anti Arms Trade action London.** Highlighting Arms manufacturer British Aerospace Systems AGM. Organised by Campaign Against the Arms Trade : (020 7281 0297.

For possible action in Wales : Ray Davies (see Contacts)

**4th - 6th May Leeds : International Conference on US "National Missile Defense"** organised by Yorkshire CND (01274) 730 795 cndyorks@gn.apc.org

**12th May Saturday 11.00am Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance (WANA) Meeting**, Cardiff County Council Headquarters, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff.

Details from Hugh Richards: (01982) 570362

**15th May International Conscientious Objector's Day**

**10th - 18th May (Friday - Friday) 10- 15 May The Real Conspiracy Trident Ploughshares Disarmament Camp and Actions at Aldermaston.**

To get involved telephone 01629 700680 or TP Message Line 01603 469 296. For co-ordinated transport from Wales 'phone Ray Davies or Sarah Isaacs (see Contacts).

**4th - 11th August National Eisteddfod, Denbigh. We need you!! Welsh speaking and learning volunteers wanted to help in the Pabell Heddwach in exchange for free entrance. Please contact Rod Stallard as soon as possible (see Contacts on this page).**

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## Do you have any photographs, leaflets or badges from Greenham?

We are trying to create a small archive of photographs and material from Greenham - the march, the camp, the wonderful and huge protests and even of any protests which took place in the 1960s. This material would be carefully copied and returned to its owner. We hope to devise a small informal exhibition for any 20th Anniversary events due to take place later this year. Eventually further copies would be given to the peace archive at the National Library of Wales.

Please send material, clearly marked on the reverse side with your name and address to Jill Stallard (see Contacts below)

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