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The walk
goes on....

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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

Cardiff - Greenham August 1981

Common people acting with common sense

Ann Pettitt

The two questions I most commonly get asked about Greenham (not that I do get asked a lot) are - "Did you expect it to be so successful when you started out?" and "What did it achieve?" The answer to the first question is, basically, yes, because we felt we simply couldn't afford to fail. Not making much of an impact wasn't an option. That was why a march became a women-chain-themselves-up, became a peace-camp, in the first place, because just doing our own little Long March was having no impact. We were ignored, so we had to step things up.

That still leaves plenty of room for being agreeably awe-struck by the strength of the response when it finally got going, but no, I wasn't surprised by the fantastic creativity and energy of the women who made that protest in those first few years. It was something I had always suspected was there. O.K, bring on the violins. I shall never forget being stuck in a traffic-jam on the M4 of coaches and cars, a single-sex traffic jam, a motorwayfull of laughing waving singing shouting women, on December 12, 1982. Walking at night through the delightful woods (Greenham Common, one forgets, is actually a very lovely place) by Green Gate a year later, I gradually realised that sitting huddled round all these little fires (it was freezing) were women from all over the Western world - here Americans, there Australians, now Dutch, German, French... "How did you get here?" I asked one lot "We chartered a plane" they replied casually. Just like that. And there we were, wanting to go to Russia and still struggling to pay the phone bill and find baby-sitters.

There was a definite, unique quality about a women's protest, at its best a real kind of magic. What dances, what songs so funny they made you weep and pee at the same time, what music of chanted voices and haunting singing (can anyone who was there forget the spirit song sung round the nine miles of fence, in that eerie misty whiteness of a winter's dusk, later on of the traffic jams?) what inspired playing of Irish jigs, of saxophones and guitars and pipes, what guts of those who clambered over razor-wire, what stamina of those who rebuilt their camps after the daily evictions. Greenham in its expansive, growing phase, was definitely, hugely inspiring.

The answer to the second question would take several books; will, in the end, take many books, none of which will reach the same conclusion. On one level, you could say we didn't get very far towards the banning of nuclear weapons. As I write, protesters are still inside the Menwith Hill base. Looks like we're going to have to revive leg-warmers as a fashion this winter, and associated activities. SDS, NMD, or whatever new letters they've chosen to call it is just a monumentally silly idea thought up by ignorant numbskulls as a job creation project for the U.S. armaments industry.

But to short-term, US-centric thinkers whose priorities are their own careers, it's actually quite a clever idea, because you can easily sell it as an image to a naive public fed on a diet of Hollywood. My bet is that not all Americans will turn out to be as ignorant and compliant as that, and there may be surprises in store for us. Last year I seem to recall reading a little notice in a paper about how the nuclear-owning states had agreed to get rid of nuclear weapons. It was a sort of little foot-note, like the way an announcement of monumental importance would have been buried in the back of Pravda, back in the USSR. But there was no time-table, and clearly no real intention, so why did they bother? It's bizarre.

There was a peace movement, a huge spontaneous thing, literally a movement, like a wave, a moral force that moved in and through millions of people in Europe and to a lesser extent in America. What Greenham did was provide a focus. Cruise missiles were ridiculously vulnerable to popular protest, hence unworkable in a democracy. But if we want to gauge effectiveness in stopping the arms race (that was the idea) we have to look at the peace movement as a whole. As Greenham women came to be seen as a substitute for the peace move-



Ann Pettitt 1984

ment, so attitudes hardened into arrogance and compelling arguments became trivialised into discussion - if you can call it that - of Greenham women as lifestyle. This degeneration was mirrored in the peace-camp itself, where intolerant women would scream at the occasional male well-wisher who might arrive, complain about the lack of vegan options in donated food, or waste time arguing about how to spell the word "women". An uncritical attitude bordering on devotion on the part of some in the peace movement didn't help.



The truth I believe is, that Greenham was at first very effective at getting people to sit up and really think about nuclear technology - both nuclear power and nuclear weapons - and about hidden dangers like radiation. I think we see the legacy of this today in many people's reaction to GM foods. It got many ordinary people involved in shouting at those in power "This thing you call MAD, it really is mad - you've got to stop" and women's creative talents were released by the complete informality of the peace-camp to devise many new forms of communicative protest. This effectiveness lasted about three years, quite a long time really, then began to dwindle - inevitably.

But, yes, as part of a movement to stop the arms race, we made a difference. To say, as the right-wing historians do, that the USSR would have climbed down and offered to make unilateral cuts in nuclear weaponry anyway, because of their failing economy, and we could all have stayed at home and had none of those huge demos, none of those marches, need not have written a single letter, could have not bothered with all those candle-lit vigils etc etc., is to subscribe to a strangely deterministic view. It is view based on the notion that reasonable men in the politbureau, armed with full and objective information regarding their own and the West's economic performance, sat down and said "Look guys, face it - this isn't working, the economy can't cope with another phase of weapons development. Admit it, this Cruise thing's got us licked - what say we send Mikhail to make some offers of big cuts? Then we can do what we've always wanted, and open up a factory making washing machines and tampax and get a few refrigerated trucks to carry the meat and milk around the country." I think not, somehow. I think Gorbachev got ideas, ideas that were flying around at the time, like yeasts, like pollen.

And anyway, is this the point - what difference did it make? We protested against the arms race because it was putting the whole world in deadly peril and the human race in serious danger of committing mass suicide - how would we feel about ourselves if we had done nothing? Who makes history anyway? The Chartists can't think why they bothered; any reasonable land-owning person would have let the common people have the vote anyway, given enough thinking time. Ditto for the suffragettes - any reasonable man can see that it's absurd to deny women the vote - all that fuss for something that would have happened anyway!



No, if history teaches us anything, it has to be that people who wield great power are often blinded by their own delusions, and common sense resides within the common people who need in every generation to reinstate the values of justice and care for the common good.

For life on earth

Twenty Years ago this August a mixed age group of about 35 women, children and men set out from Cardiff City Hall under the banner of "Women for Life on Earth" to walk to the US Air Base at Greenham Common in the South of England. Two Women, Ann Pettitt and Karmen Cutler planned the long walk in Ann's Llanpumsaint kitchen with the intention of drawing public attention to the fact that US nuclear-armed Cruise Missiles were to be based in Europe. So began an extraordinary campaign, set in the wider context of a struggle against Government plans for a new generation of nuclear power stations, attempts to 'dispose' of nuclear waste in holes in parts of rural Britain and increased tension between the USSR and the Thatcher/Reagan inspired 'West', and of course, the blossoming feminist movement. The walk itself received meagre press coverage despite the attempts of the organisers. Walkers were hosted on the way in Church Halls, meeting houses and in the homes of supporters - church and chapel and Labour Party Members, Quakers and others. On arrival at Greenham some women chained themselves to the Main Gate, the women agreed to set up a Peace camp - and the rest is, as they say, 'history'. The story is told in different ways by each of the hundreds of thousands of women who visited, stayed at, prayed for and supported the camp and actions that took place there.

We find, astonishingly, as we move around in our lives that our Greenham sisters, their friends, relations, children and grandchildren are in fact still everywhere and are still feeling their strength. Twenty years on - those of us who had young children then are becoming Grandparents and we fear perhaps for the future of those babies and their children even more than we feared in the 1980s. Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged in 1989 that the Greenham protests were in no small part responsible for the demise of the Berlin Wall. Retired US Admiral Eugene Carroll has recently underlined establishment feelings about Greenham by calling for 'new Greenham' protests against plans for US 'Missile Defense'. No, the Spirit can not be killed.

Jill Stallard

"I believe the actions at Greenham Common against Cruise and across Europe against Pershing Missiles were an important contribution to the total public resistance to those dangerous developments. It was democracy in action in the most direct way possible. Fylingdales could be the new Greenham Common."

Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll

former director of US military operations for all US forces in Europe and the Middle East . 2001

news round up

Deadly cargo off Welsh coasts

Swiss authorities have resumed shipments of nuclear waste to Britain, more than a year after Switzerland stopped sending spent nuclear fuel rods to the Sellafield reprocessing plant when the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate criticised slack safety procedures. Greenpeace activists held up the convoy by chaining themselves to lorries containing the rods but eventually the seven rods were transported by ship from Dunkirk to Sellafield up the Irish Sea. Seven more nuclear shipments from Switzerland are expected to pass up the Irish Sea before March next year.

Chernobyl remembered

In April, Plaid Cymru MEP Jill Evans used the 15th Anniversary of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl to call upon the European Union to learn lessons from the catastrophe. She told a press conference in Brussels: "*In my own constituency of Wales, following contamination from the Chernobyl disaster, 147 farms are still under restriction; 212 have partial restrictions and about 180,000 sheep are still subject to movement restrictions. There has been continuous monitoring of sheep for radioactivity for 15 years.... Nuclear power is no solution to climate change. Nuclear power at its source of electricity production does not produce CO2 but the nuclear fuel cycle does - during the mining and enrichment of nuclear fuel as well as during the construction of power stations, transport and waste disposal. It is only after 7 - 10 years that a nuclear power station produces electricity with a lower level of CO2 emissions per kWh than a gas fired station.... To suggest that nuclear power is the answer to climate change is clutching at straws.*"

On Chernobyl day, CND Cymru, FoE Cymru, Greenpeace, the Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance and Pobl Atal Wylfa B (PAWB) issued a statement calling for the closure of Wylfa which has still not been given the go-ahead to re-open after closure by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate in April 2000. A spokeswoman from CND Cymru said: *The Chernobyl disaster has left one in three children in Belarus sick and contaminated huge areas of Belarus, Western Russia and the Ukraine. Restarting Wylfa is a risk too great to take. Nuclear power is past its sell-by date, unsustainable and certainly not the way forward for a nuclear free Wales.*"

Trecwn

This ex MoD 8 square mile site which was sold to the company Omega Pacific at the 'knock down' price of £323,000 and the promise of employment for local people is said to be worth many millions now. Due to disagreement amongst the management, Omega Pacific has recently issued contradictory statements about its intentions to store intermediate level nuclear waste at Trecwn. However, the latest news is that a German company is intending to purchase the site to use it to 'refurbish' weapons. Certainly not the sort of industry CND Cymru would have hoped for in Wales, but we know enough now to only believe it when we see it!

Powys withdraws from Nuclear Free Forum

Powys, once one of the most enthusiastic local authorities in its support for the Nuclear Free Zone movement has withdrawn from membership of the Association of Nuclear Free Local Authorities.



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to express your concern. For more ideas and contacts please see page 13.

Submarines - the bad and the ugly

At the beginning of June there was only one operational 'hunter-killer' Trafalgar class submarine in the Royal Navy. In May HMS Tireless, the broken nuclear submarine controversially stranded in Gibraltar for a year sailed back to Britain. The main repair had been completed but there remained a problem with a valve in the coolant circuit, which hadn't been fixed. After a few hours it returned to Devonport for the outstanding repair which was expected to take a few weeks. The British Navy will now remove all 12 of these 'hunter-killer' submarines from service for alterations following the generic fault which came to light because of the demise of Tireless.

The carelessness and lack of vision of the MoD has been highlighted by discussions about the fate of the nuclear reactors of nuclear submarines. The degenerating redundant vessels remain tied up along the banks of the Tamar (Devonport) and at Faslane. The MoD would be pleased to 'dispose' of their permanently radioactive problem as cheaply and quickly as possible. It had been rumoured that Trecwn in Pembrokeshire could be earmarked as a possible interim storage site. CND Cymru and Pembrokeshire Anti Nuclear Alliance have been present at the continuing MoD consultation exercise ISOLUS (Interim Storage of Laid Up Submarines), which named Loch Ewe near Aultbea, Ross-shire as a possible site for the storage of radioactive materials from decommissioned submarines. Friends of the Earth Scotland is rightly suspicious of any outcome of the ISOLUS consultation which claims to be sensitive to the opinions of environmental pressure groups. A FoE spokesperson said "It seems clear that the only justification for considering a site at Loch Ewe is that it is seen by official mandarins to be a long way away and might give rise to fewer risks of public reaction." An old tale which rings true to those of us living in the remoter areas of Britain.

The issue now is where to store 27 empty but contaminated reactor compartments (including Trident). Other related issues are the refit of Trident submarines that will create waste now and waste later; and the outrageous idea that hulls can go into scrap metal. Di Macdonald of the Nuclear Information Service says: "A solution has to be found for this problem, but criteria should include stopping producing any more submarine waste by ending the Astute Class programme and not contracting out the storage project to profit-making companies". No actual sites have been identified for storage although Rosyth, Devonport and Barrow are probable locations.

The end of Dounreay as a nuclear plant

Dounreay's days as Scotland's nuclear waste reprocessing plant are over and a contract to reprocess 25 tonnes of radioactive waste has been blocked by Brian Wilson, the newly appointed UK energy minister. The potentially lethal plutonium fuel will instead be stored at the site for several decades. The UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) a government agency which runs the plant and senior officials at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in London were taken by surprise by the announcement as they had previously demanded that the reprocessing go ahead. This has also surprised many in the anti-nuclear movement who are concerned about Wilson's well-known support for nuclear power. Reprocessing, which involves dissolving and chemically separating the different materials contained in nuclear waste pollutes the sea and the air with radioactivity. The environment ministers of both Denmark and Norway have been urging the British government not to proceed with reprocessing because it contaminates their shores with radioactive waste. Dounreay has become a powerful symbol of the dirty and dangerous legacy we are leaving to future generations. It is now at the start of an operation which will cost taxpayers over £4 billion and initially take at least 60 years. Now Wilson should take his policy to Sellafield which contaminates the Scottish, English and Welsh coasts and land with its radioactive discharges. Radioactive pollution from Sellafield has been recorded as far away as Canada.

Firefighters tested for effects of DU

The Fire Brigades Union is concerned for its members who have been exposed to burning Depleted uranium (DU). Any firefighters who have been exposed are to be monitored for any adverse effects. DU is not only used in weapons but also in lifts. Army ranges may be contaminated and firefighters could be exposed when attending grass fires, as well as at armaments factories such as Glascoed, near Usk. Depleted Uranium is known to be one of the contaminants at Llanishen AWE, currently being decommissioned. Meanwhile, this July Defence Minister Lewis Moonie called a halt to the testing of weapons containing DU on the military ranges in Kirkcudbrightshire in the face of public concern about the health implications for local people.

Cancer Cluster near Oldbury

Oldbury nuclear power station lies on the opposite bank of the River Severn to Chepstow. One of the most significant leukaemia clusters in Britain has been discovered among children living near the nuclear power station. New research by Dr. Chris Busby has shown that people living near the river are twice as likely to die of cancer than people in other areas. Children in the area are 11 times more likely to contract leukaemia. Dr. Busby, who has also advised the Irish Government on the health effects of radionuclides in the Irish Sea, said: "This is a discovery of a new child leukaemia cluster site. The high level of myeloid leukaemia suggests that radiation is the cause". Michael Holmes MEP for the South West had commissioned the research.

The Low Level Radiation Campaign is urging people to

write to MPs calling for the leukaemia figures around Britain to be published so that a full picture of the situation can be built up.

BNFL in Court over Hinkley

BNFL Magnox was fined £100,000 following a court case for discharging of dangerous doses of radioactive waste from Hinkley nuclear power station into the Bristol Channel in 1999. The unauthorised discharges were caused by a failure to maintain filters. Amongst other radionuclides, Caesium 137 was allowed to escape into the estuary. Caesium 137 has a 30-year 'half life' and affects muscles and reproductive organs in particular. Decommissioning plans for the Magnox station at Hinkley are proceeding.

BNFL has recently won a total of 36 ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) awards for safety. Each careful day, as employees busily carried their scissors with the pointy end down, washed their hands before lunch and didn't run in the corridors, its Sellafield reprocessing plant gaily pumped out its daily 2000 million gallons of radioactively contaminated water into the Irish Sea. Well done ROSPA!

More information from Shut Hinkley,

Jim Duffy, 01984 632 109 or Valerie:

val.stophinkley@care4free.net

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BNFL have announced that a new visitor route is to be established so that visitors can view some of the decommissioning work. Such work will be creating a new danger of radioactive dust particles in the environment surrounding the plant. The Snowdonia National Park is calling for a Public Inquiry into BNFL Magnox's proposals for an interim storage facility for intermediate nuclear waste.

New Zealand 'offenceless'

In a leap of imagination and vision New Zealand has scrapped its airforce as a fighting unit. The airforce now has only six elderly maritime patrol aircraft and transport planes. Military pilots have warned that they will now seek mercenary work overseas! The navy is also to be cut back to two frigates and 2 fishery protection vessels.

British Government to be taken to tribunal

The Irish Government is to take the British Government to arbitration at an international tribunal over plans to open the Sellafield Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) reprocessing plant at Sellafield. According to Ireland, the British Government withheld details of the MOX plant, which Ireland needed to assess the justification to open the plant. Britain has claimed that the information is confidential. The action is being taken out under the OSPAR convention covering pollution in the North East Atlantic. Conciliation between the two countries must be attempted before the Tribunal goes ahead.

National Missile Fraud

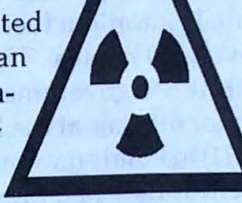
When a project is being pushed against common sense, it's always worthwhile to look for hidden reasons, and fraud. The FBI, on the demand of 53 members of Congress, in investigating 'serious allegations of fraud and cover-up in the (US) National Missile Defense Program'. Dr. Nira Schwarz has charged that the arms contractor faked tests of the system, and fired her when she protested. A missile expert Dr. Theodore Postol claims that the system will work 'an elaborate hoax'. Many of the most fervent advocates of NMD have received enormous 'contributions' from the weapons industry. Secretary of 'Defense' Rumsfeld is on the Board of the Center for Security Policy, a leading pro 'Star Wars' think-tank heavily funded by arms manufacturers.

(Advertisement placed in the New York Times by California Peace Action)

Chevaline and Trident tracked

Chevaline nuclear warheads, fitted to Polaris Missiles in the 1960s have now all been moved from East Anglia (RAF Marham and Honington) to the nuclear weapons factory at Burghfield for decommissioning. Nukewatch has been monitoring the transportation of these warheads since October 1998. A celebration is planned by Nukewatch east to mark the completion of yet another Citizen Verification task. Monitoring of Trident warheads continues. A June convoy stirred up local anger when it became known that up to six 100-kiloton warheads had been ferried along the notoriously dangerous A66 Scotch Corner to Penrith road instead of along its normal route. The warheads were being taken from Burghfield where they are assembled to Coulport, where they are stored before being deployed on submarines. Nukewatch campaigner Andrew Gray said: "Anyone from North Yorkshire or the North-East knows how dangerous the A66 is and the thought that lorries are carrying a deadly mix of plutonium, tritium and explosive along that road is truly frightening."

New nuclear power stations?



British Nuclear Fuels Limited (BNFL) has produced a corporate plan to build seven new nuclear power stations on existing nuclear power station sites in Britain. It says that it wants to do this in order to contribute to the Government's commitment to reduce global warming. It mentions nothing of the problems associated with the production of nuclear fuel, the decommissioning of reactors or the storage of the huge amounts of nuclear waste produced. The power stations would use Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) and BNFL says that it has the necessary designs. It wants the Government to guarantee that the plants could be built as a continuous rolling programme without public inquiries and without the need for public participation and environmental impact assessments.

In view of new Labour's 2001 Election Manifesto Statement "...nuclear energy currently plays an important role in ensuring diversity in our sources of electricity production." We must ensure that our Government is made aware of our opposition to BNFL's plans.

In order to reduce global warming problems and to ensure diversity in our electricity production industry, we must encourage our Government to be serious in their promotion of non-polluting renewable energy systems. A 1990 report from the Department of Energy agreed that the cost of producing electricity using ave power is almost half the cost of its production using nuclear power (without even considering decommissioning and waste storage costs associated with nuclear power).

Remember our MPs and our Government are our employees. They must be told to listen to our fears and our preferences.

Rod Stallard

Greenham Women walking for landmine clearance

Karmen Thomas and Ann Pettitt are to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Cardiff to Greenham Women for Life on Earth March by trekking the Namibian Desert between 9-15th October to raise money for the (Land) Mines Advisory Group. This is a charity which clears landmines and helps ordinary people rebuild their communities after being caught up in violent conflict. The women have drawn attention to the links between the indiscriminate nature of both nuclear weapons and landmines.

In the 1960s the rights and health of the indigenous people of Namibia were overrun by the South African Government and Rio Tinto Zinc for the mining of Uranium.

no to cruise Women walk for peace

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An Auction sale of Ann's paintings and drawings made on journeys in Ireland, Morocco and at home was held in Carmarthen in June. She also sold copies of some sketches made during a two-week stay at Greenham Common in 1984 and a series of 6 extraordinarily powerful photographs by Olivia Elliot.

Ann and Karmen are hoping that CND Cymru members will want to support their Namibian Trek by sponsoring them. Some copies of the Greenham pictures may still be available.

To donate money or for more information phone 01559 384 671 or 01269 826 215)

Smart bombs and the death of smart sanctions

The ever-evolving face of war has always to change its form in order to survive. Smart sanctions are the latest form of war.

As I write this report accounts are coming in of the latest smart bombing mission by British and US war planes against Iraq. The attack on Qadha' Talla'far in the northern Nineva Governorate (a predominately Christian area) took place on the 19th June. The planes attacked a football field killing twenty-three people aged between four and thirty and wounding another eleven. One woman lost four of her sons. This is just the latest episode in the largest and most destructive bombing campaign in history against key infrastructure targets such as water treatment and electrical power plants. That is compounded by the effects of almost 11 years of enforced neglect because of the sanctions.

Meanwhile Britain endeavours to increase the odds against Iraqi children surviving the sanctions by renaming them smart sanctions and making sure that there will be no lifting of the almost complete ban on foreign investment, necessary to rebuild Iraq's infrastructure and economy. Having failed in their attempts to push the British draft resolution through the United Nations Security Council, the US and British representatives then succeeded in persuading the Security Council to approve a one month extension of the Oil for Food programme, as opposed to the normal six month term. The Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ordzhonikidze made the Russians opposition clear and declared: "We cannot agree with such a draft resolution... In essence, it freezes the current state of affairs, maintaining sanctions with unacceptable consequences for Iraq's people and economy in the absence of any progress on disarmament." The threat from Russia to veto the measure will result in the US and Britain not proceeding with this resolution. There now exists a grave concern that if the UN Security Council fails to adopt a sanctions policy to their liking, the US and Britain will resort to more unilateral and militaristic policies as they did in December 1998.

As the normally conservative "Economist", said "The British proposal of 'smart sanctions' offers an aspirin where surgery is called for"¹. There were too many banned items in the new proposal. While the Secretary General has clearly called for the allowed list of items to include everything not on the so-called "1051 list" of possible dual-use items which might require end-use monitoring or outright bans,² the new proposal had a new 30-page list of banned items, which Security Council members were only recently allowed to see.³ At the present time, the US and Britain have \$3.71 billion in goods on "hold," preventing them from reaching the Iraqi people.⁴

France and Russia have tired of toeing the U.S. line on Iraq and are tired of bearing the economic costs of the sanction's regime. Currently, 25% of the proceeds from Iraq's oil sales are diverted to the UN Compensation Commission (UNCC) which processes claims for damages by victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. One previous 'victim' was the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, which was awarded \$15.9 billion in October 2000. Several British and U. S. multinational corporations also have claims before the Commission.⁵

The new British proposal would have resulted in 30% of the proceeds from oil sales being diverted to the UNCC⁶. This would take-away more revenue desperately needed by Iraq for the reconstruction of basic infrastructure. Britain says that this extra 5% is to create a fund to "compensate Iraq's neighbours for future losses." Sanctions-breakers have helped Iraqis to obtain medical treatment. The necessary drugs were not available because of sanctions and had to be smuggled in. Britain and the US are now intent on stopping this necessary cross border trade and hence the need to compensate the neighbours. Denis Halliday and Hans von Sponeck, both of whom resigned as UN Co-ordinators of the Humanitarian Program in Iraq in protest over sanctions, recently issued a joint statement to the press claiming that the "smart sanctions" are "tightening the rope around the neck of the average Iraqi citizen"

The problem with 'smart sanctions' is that they would have had the same effect on the Iraqi people as smart bombs did during the Gulf War. No matter whether the weapons are dumb or smart, the targets - the Iraqi people - will continue to die.

Dave Rolstone

1. The Economist, 24th February 2001.

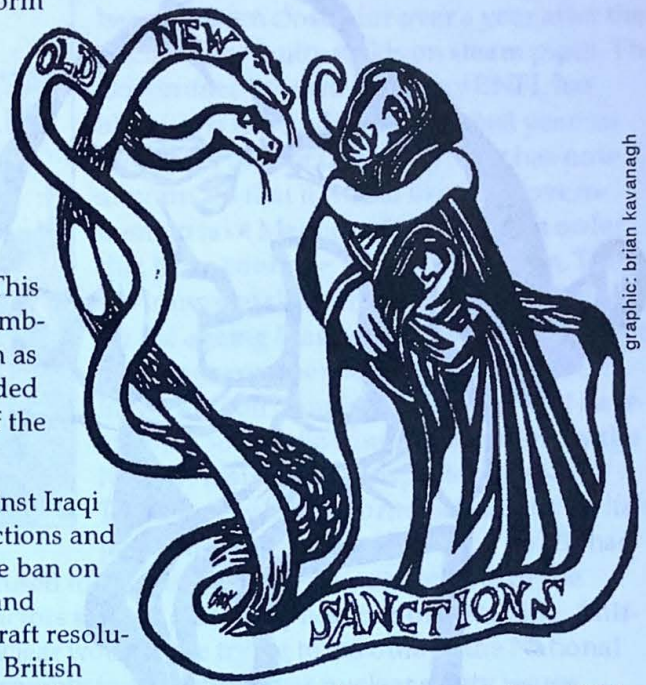
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and paranoia between nation states...Nuclear Weapons are being researched, built and deployed in my name and it is my moral duty to obstruct these disgusting preparations for mass murder."

Wendy Lewis in Court

Wendy Lewis of Bedwas, South Wales was 'number 1' to be arrested at The Big Blockade in February. She is to appear at Helensborough District Court on the 12th September charged with breach of the peace and, curiously, resisting arrest. Wendy told *Heddwch*:

"I was amongst the first to be arrested - I had come to ask my husband who was engaged in peaceful protest, if he was all right; and I was picked up bodily (not too difficult, as I am 7 stone 10) singing, by a policeman, and walked to the van. I was fully co-operative, and told him I was there for the sake of my children- Carwyn, 6, and Tad, 7. I was then in a solitary cell from 8 am until 6 p.m. or so. It was not a pleasant experience but being bored for 10 hours seems a small inconvenience compared with the dangers faced by children in third world countries who have the misfortune to be born Iraqi, or Palestinian, or Serbian, or whichever country is considered at the time a rogue state and therefore a valid target for these nuclear warheads."

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October 22nd 7.00am Blockade of Faslane Non Violent Direct Action training, transport and legal support. Some overnight accommodation available. Contact Scottish CND (0141 423 1222) or

Trident Ploughshares, 42-46 Bethel Street, Norwich NR2 1NR
email: tp000@gn.apc.org (0845 45 88 366)

Church of Scotland supports 'illegal' non-violent protest

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has called for more demonstrations where conscience demanded - whether they broke the law or not. It has passed a motion that essentially calls for the government to work towards decommissioning the entire weapons business. At its General Assembly, the Very Rev John Cairns, whose parish was most affected by the Faslane protests in February which led to the arrest of seven ministers, said it was part of a proud heritage of principled dissent which eventually had led to change. In South Africa under apartheid, protesters had suffered torture and murder. *"The church has long supported such protests. It would seem to me to be a tragedy if the church cannot understand that eventually people's consciences sometimes drive them to be in breach of the law. Sometimes, the consequences are more than a night or two in Greenock Jail"* he said. Patrick Hodge QC, the Kirk procurator, warned commissioners that they would be encouraging breaking the law, but they went ahead anyway. The Rev Alan McDonald, convenor of the committee, said each of the four Trident submarines could carry destruction equivalent of 750 Hiroshima bombs. He said he had been warmed by the support of people at the protests at the stance that the church and its ministers were taking against nuclear weapons. The Assembly also backed a ban on all British weapons exports.

Now for the Church in Wales to follow suit!

Continuous action in Scotland

Seamless campaigning against Britain's Trident nuclear weapons system continues in Scotland. At an encounter at the nuclear weapons store at Coulport at the beginning of a Trident Ploughshares Week of Action, 5 activists caused considerable disruption to Depot work by locking on before an early-morning shift change. All five were arrested.

In June, an international group of anti-nuclear activists stopped a nuclear weapons convoy comprising three trucks loaded with Trident nuclear warheads and a number of support vehicles on the Stirling to Dumbarton Road, leading to the arrest of 11 people by Strathclyde and Central Scotland Police. Eleven protesters were arrested. A Nukewatch spokesperson who was in court to support the activists as they appeared in the dock said: *"For years local people have been alerting the police, the council and politicians to the dangers of these weapons of mass destruction and the fact that they regularly pass through Stirling. They have done absolutely nothing. When responsible citizens take action to draw attention to what is going on they are banned from the area. It's the bombs that should be banned!"*

Court cases also continue, with cases still being heard from actions, which took place at the beginning of last year. Each case is often an opportunity for a campaigner to state their case. Mary Millington from Newport, Gwent spent 1 week in prison for charges relating to non-payment of fines levied for her action in February 2000. Mary said: *"Britain's Nuclear Weapons System is obscene, immoral and illegal. It threatens millions of innocent civilians and the environment of everything living on this planet, every single day. The war preparations themselves are polluting the earth and create fear*

Star Wars Demonstration in London



British CND held a 'No to Star Wars' protest in London in April. After a demonstration and blockade outside Downing Street the campaigners walked to Trafalgar Square. Participants attended from all over Britain and included actress Emma Thompson, Caroline Lucas MEP, author Iain Banks and Darth Vader himself.

Aldermaston

An assortment of anti-nuclear campaigners from Trident Ploughshares, the Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp and CND groups spent a long weekend in May taking part in an action against the Aldermaston nuclear weapons factory. In response, an equally assorted mix of police forces arrested 51 people and a dog - and were accused of abuse of process for using spurious charges, later to be dropped.

Campaigners suggested that the local police should take advice from the Strathclyde police, who have had considerable experience of policing Trident Ploughshares at Faslane.

heddwch action! To be kept in touch with events contact Trident Ploughshares, 42-46 Bethel Street, Norwich NR2 1NR email: tp000@gn.apc.org (0845 45 88 366) Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp c/o 157, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, Sussex (07808 553 778)

Bread not Bombs Ploughshares

Father Martin Newell and Susan van der Hijden have both been released from prison having served 6 months of their 12-month sentence for causing damage to a convoy lorry carrying nuclear warheads from RAF Wittering in Cambridgeshire. The two protestors have received overwhelming support for their action from many people from all walks of life. Father Martin said "We had tried all legitimate means like writing to the government, but there was no response. Today, all the politicians need is your silence and your taxes."

heddwch action! See: www.geocities.com/londoncatholicworker or contact Ciaron O'Reilly: (07947 569 577)

Wylfa wobbles

Wylfa, BNFL's largest nuclear power station has now been closed for over a year after the discovery of faulty welds on steam pipes. The Government owned company BNFL has blamed its loss of £210 million last year on the loss of production at Wylfa. It has now announced that it would like the Government to take Magnox off its hands in order that it can continue with privatisation. The environmental decommissioning liabilities for the ageing Magnox reactors would be too great for a commercial company to bear. BNFL are still claiming that Wylfa will be re-opening soon following examination by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII). There is very little information about Wylfa's problems in the public domain. The NII has

refused to answer questions about the state of the reactors and the safety implications of restarting. Anti-nuclear workers are trying to encourage the National Assembly to assert itself over nuclear safety issues, especially in the light of the seemingly pro-nuclear stance of the New Labour Government. In November 2000 a concordat was agreed between the Health and Safety Executive and the National Assembly which stated:

"Nuclear Safety is a matter for HSC/E but the Assembly has an interest because of the part it would play in a nuclear incident and because of the connection between nuclear safety and the protection of the environment, which is a matter for the Assembly." It would not be helpful if this issue were to become party political when the most important outcome for the health of communities and their environment is the closure of Wylfa and no building of any new nuclear power stations on the site.

heddwch action! Write to one or more of your AMs. Ask them to put pressure on the Assembly Environment Minister Sue Essex to discuss Wylfa and the role of the National Assembly for Wales on issues of nuclear safety. Useful Contacts: Rod Stallard: (see Contacts page 16) Dylan Morgan PAWB: (01248 750 218) Hugh Richards WANA: (01982 570362) Bridget Woodman Greenpeace: (020 78658248)

Kleine Brogel war crimes inspection

On April 16th, eight Trident Ploughshares pledgers were among the 850 activists who entered the Kleine Brogel air base in Belgium where US nuclear weapons are deployed. Described as a 'War Crimes Inspection' the action was organised by Forum for Peace Action (Flemish branch of War Resisters International) and For Mother Earth. Altogether 1500 were present and the aim was to get the issue of these weapons into the Belgian courts. The action had considerable political support.

heddwch action! More information from the For Mother Earth website at www.motherearth.org

UNA Cymru: working to promote arms control and disarmament

The United Nations Association (UNA) is running a three-year campaign to promote a global disarmament agenda for the 21st century. The British UNA are adopting a holistic approach, arguing that there can be no real and sustained disarmament programme without poverty reduction/eradication, sustainable development, environmental protection and human rights implementation on a world-wide basis and, equally, no poverty eradication, sustainable development, environmental protection or human rights implementation without sustained disarmament. As part of this year's plans Disarmament Hearings were held in Wales this spring. These Hearings, involving over 60 participants in Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff, raised awareness of the issues involved and emphasised the need for joint action. In early July, a Disarmament Lobby of Parliament was held and MPs were approached and asked to promote and support measures for greater governmental action on arms control and disarmament.



heddwch action! To get involved in the UNA and the Disarmament Programme please contact UNA Cymru worker Helen Harris (01792)869 267 email: helen.unawales@commonwealth.net

Nuclear waste protestor arrested at Barrow

The first shipment of German waste to be sent to Sellafield for three years arrived in Barrow Docks in April following a protest-filled journey from Germany. It was greeted by two brave campaigners. Martin Forwood was arrested after locking himself on to the dock gates. It took two attempts by two fire engines to free him. This delayed the transport by at least one and a half hours. The Barrow Evening Mail reported:

"It was pleasing to see just one man prove that with a little skill and determination - helped by some slight lack of attention to duty by the authorities - overcome everything the mighty state had managed to muster on this occasion to ensure that its controversial cargo of nuclear waste was moved without a hitch. Without doubt it was a brilliant lesson in the art of protest - and it caught completely off-guard those who were meant to prevent anything untoward happening."

With the re-commencement of spent nuclear fuel transport to and from mainland Europe, a further 200 flasks will have to be shipped to Sellafield over the next four years. The transportation of this material alone represents a considerable threat to all of us living en route.

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Particularly if you live in areas around the coasts of Wales, contact your local Unitary Authority Environmental Health and/or Public Protection Office and ask what plans there are to protect the environment in event of an accident involving one of these ships carrying nuclear materials. Send a copy of the letter to your local Councillor and the Chair of the Council. If you need help with names and addresses please contact CND Cymru (see Contacts page 16).

US groups sue US Navy

A coalition of three peace and environmental organisations have filed a 60-day notice against Naval Submarine Base, Bangor (SUBASE, Bangor). Violations of the Endangered Species Act arise from the Navy's rework of the base for the TRIDENT II (D-5) missile upgrade without prior consultation under Section 7(a) of the ESA. Since the decision was made to base US Trident nuclear armed submarines at Subase, Bangor in Connecticut much more is known about the dangers of the missiles and the threats posed to the area. New information also shows an increased threat of tsunamis and earthquakes in the Puget Sound Region. The civil society coalition itself is a new direction for the campaign and they hope to be successful in proving that environmental safety and the Trident submarine system are mutually incompatible.

heddwch action! To support, or for more information contact Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo WA 98370 Web site: www.gzcenter.org

Sorry!

Our apologies to Socialist Labour Party Wales for omitting them from our pre-election survey of Welsh political parties. The position of the Socialist Labour Party on the issues covered in *Heddwch* is:

1 British Nuclear Weapons

All nuclear weapons should be scrapped immediately.

2. Nuclear Power

All nuclear power stations and the storage and recycling facilities at Sellafield should be closed immediately.

3. US NMD

The legality of US bases in Britain should be tested in the courts. We should not allow ourselves to be front-line targets for the US.

4. Depleted Uranium

We totally oppose the manufacture, testing or use of weapons carrying this material.

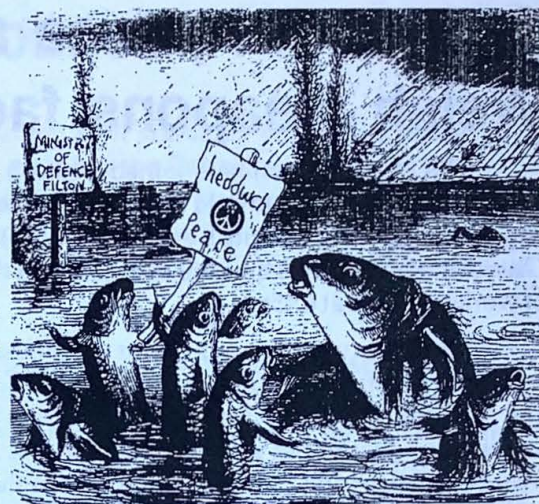
Their manifesto states: *"The Socialist Labour Party is committed to turning 'swords into ploughshares'. We would free the billions currently spent on all weapons of death and destruction, putting the monies to use in building/renovating homes, schools, hospitals, re-building our industrial infrastructure, creating millions of jobs - including jobs for those currently employed in the defence industry."*

For more information contact Secretary: Liz Screen, 3 Waterloo Road, Cardiff CF23 5AD Tel: 029 20 491144

Karen Sinclair Labour AM Clwyd South

We would also like to apologise to Assembly Member Karen Sinclair who is a Labour AM and not, as printed on Page 3 of *Heddwch* number 25, a Liberal Democrat! Karen was one of twelve AMs who supported February's Trident Ploughshares action at Faslane.

Wading about at the Filton Hilton MoD Weapons Procurement Centre, Bristol



The MOD building at Filton Abbey Wood is a gleaming white multi-million pound palace, where the MOD does all the purchasing for the British military. Many people in Bristol have no idea about the building's function - or that it does the procurement for depleted uranium, the Trident nuclear submarine system, and other radioactive weaponry that can destroy life for thousands of years. The group Depleted Action Against Militarism and Depleted Uranium (DAAMDU) decided to organise a visit, to raise some awareness of the link between Bristol MOD building and the horrors of DU in Iraq and the Balkans.

Several dozen of us showed up on the day. Bristol ex-Services CND was there, along with DAAMDU members, Trident Ploughshares protestors and anti-nuclear activists, Quakers, and members of the Green Party. Placards about the effects of DU, and banners protesting against 'Star Wars' went up on the low railings by the ornamental pond fronting the road, where motorists could see, and honk their support. While a trumpeter played, MOD workers coming off the trains received our leaflets. Others were handed out in nearby shopping centres. Later a group ran down the road and hung a huge banner from a road bridge. "MOD - MINISTRY OF DEATH," it read, with big black and yellow radiation symbols either side.

At about eight a.m., Councillor Ray Davies from Caerffili and David Rolstone from Pembrokeshire, both veteran peace activists and campaigners against Iraq sanctions, joined us two Bristolians in clambering over the railings and getting into the ornamental moat that half-surrounds the MOD building. The water was deep, and so cold, it actually made breathing difficult at first. Once we got moving, though, it all got much easier, and fortunately the moat is quite clean. (Ironically enough, the MOD prides itself on its "environmentally friendly" site, host to a great variety of wildlife!)

MOD police appeared and stood watching, as we swam across, towing a banner that read: "MOD - Purchasers for Nuclear Death." We secured it to a bridge, where they'd need a boat to take it down. Workers, who were crossing the bridge to work, looked down at us curiously as we tied it on to the security lights. After swimming back and emerging on the bank, we stood shivering while we gave interviews to the media, then headed for the nearest source of hot coffee. The main group, meanwhile, continued with the assembly by the roundabout and concluded with a picnic. Before we ended our gathering, Dave Mowat, our trumpeter, played Last Post, as we stood in silence facing the busy road, the banners and placards around us. There seemed to be a good deal of sympathy for the protest - from drivers and passers-by, and from the Avon and Somerset police.

We felt that we had succeeded in raising awareness about the sinister function of Bristol's MOD building. (It has also, no doubt, highlighted for the MOD some of the vulnerable points in its security!) This certainly won't be our last protest at the MOD Filton Hilton. We hope the next one will be larger, and even more effective. Keep watching this space...

Margaret Jones

Mary Crofton (Mary-Troops-Out) of Newport, Gwent

We had taken for granted that this life-long campaigner for peace and justice would be with us on 27th August to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the famous walk from Cardiff to Greenham Common which resulted in the establishment of Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp in 1981. Mary had joined the walk at Newport and walked with the women, men and children to the US Base at Caerwent. But on May 4th, Mary died of a coronary after a short illness. She was 82 years old. Her death represents an inestimable loss to the peace movement in South Wales.

As a child in Limerick, Mary experienced the stresses of war very close to home as the Black and Tans fought the IRA in the Civil War (Ever since Bloody Sunday, Mary was actively involved in the 'Troops Out' Movement - hence her nickname). Fleeing a violent marriage, Mary moved to South Wales with her three children, finding employment at Burghfield assembling munitions using TNT. She was pregnant at the time, and when her fourth child was born with a disability, there was no doubt in her mind that it had been caused by the chemicals. Mary became active with Trade Unions and the Health Service in trying to uncover a leukaemia cluster around RAF Caerwent where TNT had been also been used in weapons manufacture. She was also passionate in her opposition to the arms trade and nuclear weapons. In the 1980s she demonstrated at such places as Greenham, Molesworth and Burghfield. Only a year ago she took part in the blockade of AWE Aldermaston organised by Trident Ploughshares. Even those who met her once found Mary quite unforgettable, as she held warmth and kindness for everyone and an endless fund of stories of her own struggles.

Nor had Mary by any means retired from struggle: between January and April this year she supported victims of racism with the Wales Assembly against Racism and attended meetings of the Palestine Solidarity campaign and the Socialist labour party. Mary died the day before a 'Troops Out' event in Cardiff commemorating the hunger strikers. This annual event became a public tribute to Mary's involvement over the years, and an expression of love and admiration by family and friends.

In the midst of their grief and sorrow, Mary's family must feel very proud of her high principled, loving and productive life. She was a jewel of the peace movement, and a woman in a million.

Mary Millington (with the assistance of Jackie Hill)

Actions for peace at Welsh weapons factory

CND Cymru members joined Penarth Campaigners Against the Arms Trade to hold a vigil and service on Good Friday at the gates of the British Aerospace (BAe) factory (ROF) Glascoed. The vigil was timed to coincide with the changeover of workers' shifts at 6.45am.

This factory produces shells for medium-sized guns and acts as a distribution centre for small arms such as pistols, rifles and machine guns. The purpose of this vigil was to bear witness to concerns about arms sales to countries that suppress their own populations and to developing countries that need all precious resources to be devoted to the real needs of the people. The group is concerned that 90% of people maimed and killed by weapons are civilians. David Morris, Chair of CND Cymru, addressed the vigil and spoke of the need for Christians and non-Christians to work together in the cause for Peace.

Although the group had hoped to meet with a representative of the management to discuss issues surrounding the manufacture and sale of armaments, the campaigners were told that no one was available. Instead, the campaigners handed in a letter asking for clarification about some aspects of production at Glascoed including the use of Depleted Uranium and the dangers to the local population.

At an action in May, organised to coincide with BAe's Annual General Meeting campaigners stopped and leafleted vehicles entering the factory. David Morris and Ray Davies were amongst those who talked to the workers about the environmental and political dangers of arms sales. It was emphasised that important skills could as well be used in manufacturing items for peace, not war.

Ray said later:

"The whole picket was peaceful, effective and worthwhile. All of the violence around the world - east Timor, Palestine, Macedonia ... is in some way fuelled by the British trade in armaments. It

seems extraordinary that the source of such horror can be here in the beautiful Welsh countryside."



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Contact Ray Davies (see Contacts page 16) to be kept informed of future actions at the BAe factory. To get involved in the Penarth CAAT Group please contact Alison Norris (20 21 4555) or Clive Bate (01446) 737 440.

Sustainability down the drain on Mynydd Epynt



The area of Mynydd Epynt in Mid Wales occupied by a military range together with huge areas of land and water courses far beyond were further abused this Spring when the range was chosen as a site for the burning and burial of foot and mouth casualties. The choice was made because the site is easily closed off and all activities can be kept away from public and media scrutiny. Contaminants and particulates were thrown up into the air by the massive fires; to come down who knows where. The geology and drainage of the area proved to be entirely unsuitable and pollutants soon leaked into the watercourses and no doubt the soils and subsoil, despite assurances from the Assembly and other authorities that all would be well. All was not at all well, and the 'disposal' was stopped, leaving many tons of still smouldering ash - the remains of animals, plastics and serious disinfectants still on the mountain.

During this disgusting episode it was sad but interesting to watch the quick disillusionment of the local people with politicians; the reactions of their political representatives and the slow realisation amongst ordinary people that yes, they did have some power of their own. The distance in understanding between the people and Cardiff and Westminster was much greater than anyone had previously understood.

Interesting too for those of us campaigning to stop the social and environmental damage caused by war preparations was the declaration by Environment Agency Wales monitors. They reported that it would not be possible to assume there was no dioxin pollution already on the Range before the carcass burning, because of the military activity which normally takes place there. It was also revealed that the Army had, in the past few years been told to halt burning their wastes on the Mountain as it was dispersing high levels of dangerous pollutants. The whole sorry episode has revealed rather too much of human greed, lack of compassion for animals, total disregard for our environment, a dismissal of people in rural communities and a blind subjection to globalised markets. Our Assembly has been made to look like the insensitive puppet of Westminster and 'Sustainable Wales' like a piece of music hall. Not at all a good foundation on which to build peace and justice and not what we had hoped for the future of Wales and its people.

Jill Stallard

Bridgend CND takes on the Council

Bridgend Borough Council is being urged to reconsider its' position after suddenly pulling out of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Forum after 20 years membership. A picket of the Council by members of Bridgend CND failed to get the Labour Group to remove a last minute 'whip' on its large majority. Only 48 hours before the vote Labour leader Jeff Jones told his group that the Council could not afford its annual subscription of £1200 and did not think the NFLA was value for money. (Bridgend's estimated expenditure for the coming year is almost £200 million)

The U-turn by Bridgend Council has baffled many councillors as well as local environmentalists and members of CND. Leader Jeff Jones was once an active supporter of the Nuclear Free Glamorgan campaign against the Bridgend bunker and was expelled from the Labour group. After 20 years support for Nuclear Free Wales it was expected the council would automatically renew its membership. But at the Labour Group the leadership took a hard (New Labour?) line in reportedly supporting Trident and DU weapons and even voicing fears the opposition would attack them for 'mis-spending public money'.

In the event CND successfully lobbied both Plaid Cymru and the Liberal Democrats and though the Liberal Democrats support Trident both groups called for the recommendation to be deferred. Several Labour members broke ranks with their own party including senior Councillor and past delegate to the NFLA Cllr. Dick Powell who spoke up for the NFLA. He argued that the decision 'gave the wrong signals and could be disastrous for Bridgend' especially if there were problems at Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station in Somerset only 20 miles away.

The NFLA Wales Secretariat, currently held by Rhondda Cynon Tâf Council, said it was surprised at Bridgend's decision and would be contacting the Council. Bridgend CND has been re-launched, new members have been attracted and the group's campaign was given a large photo-story in the Glamorgan Gazette which also carried letters attacking the Council's decision. "The U-turn may have been a failure of nerve' said Tony Simpson. "Disappointed though we are, it has highlighted the issue and increased our vigilance. We cannot take anything for granted. We are confident that when councillors consider the issue carefully the decision can be reversed and Bridgend will be a nuclear free Borough again'.

The Nuclear Free Local Authorities organisation (NFLA) has 100 member Councils, including 16 out of 22 Councils in Wales. Apart from Bridgend, the following Welsh Local Authorities are not members: Wreccsam, Blaenau Gwent, Vale of Glamorgan, Powys and Conwy.

Tony Simpson

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- If you live within an Authority which has not renewed its membership to the NFLA CND Cymru or Bridgend CND can offer advice on lobbying your Councillors. Please contact Tony Simpson (01656 721441).

- The NFLA are urging Councils to bring forward resolutions opposing US 'Missile Defence' plans and 'space weapons' and to send these to MPs, local government organisations and the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Government. Contact the NFLA (below) for further information.

The Annual NFLA Conference on The Proliferation and Transportation of Plutonium will take place in Glasgow on October 25th. For more information please contact Stewart Kemp (0161 234 3244) email:nfzpsc@gn.apc.org



Thanks to Sarah Isaacs

Farewell to dear Sarah... who has left Llangammarch to live in Australia. She worked very hard for us in lobbying elected representatives, took part in direct actions - at Faslane, Criggion and Aldermaston, gave talks to student groups and made some important contacts for CND Cymru. This woman will be dearly missed but we wish her well in her shiny new antipodean life! Perhaps she'll be spotted campaigning outside Pine Ridge, the Australian, southern hemisphere equivalent of the Menwith Hill spy base which is part of the US "Missile Defense" plans.

Welsh MPs express grave doubts about US 'Missile Defense'

Please write to your MP asking her/him to sign (or support if they have a ministerial post and are unable to sign) Early Day Motion (EDM) no. 23 'Missile Defense' if they have not already done so. Enclose the text of the EDM (as below) in your letter. The EDM endorses the conclusion of the Foreign Affairs Committee chaired by Swansea MP Donald Anderson. 253 MPs have so far signed.

That this House expresses concern at President Bush's intention to move beyond the constraints of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in developing missile defence; and endorses the unanimous conclusions of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, which recommended that the Government voice the grave doubts about NMD in the UK, questioned whether US plans to deploy NMD represent an appropriate response to the proliferation problems faced by the international community and recommended that the Government encourage the USA to explore all ways of reducing the threat it perceives.

Welsh MPs who have signed EDM 23:

Hywel Francis (Labour Aberavon), Paul Flynn (Labour Newport West), Jackie Lawrence (Labour Preseli Pembrokeshire), Roger Williams (Liberal Democrat Brecon & Radnor), Lembit Opik (Liberal Democrat Montgomeryshire), Ann Clwyd (Labour Cynon Valley), Martin Caton (Labour Gower), Alan Williams (Labour Swansea West), Ian Lucas (Labour Wreccsam), Albert Owen (Labour Ynys Mon) Llew Smith (Labour Blaenau Gwent), Win Griffiths (Labour Bridgend), Raymond Powell (Labour Ogmored), Dai Harvard (Labour Merthyr Tydful and Rhymney), Betty Williams (Labour Conwy), Elfyn Llwyd (Plaid Cymru Meirionnydd Nant Conwy), Martyn Jones (Labour Clwyd South), Chris Ruane (Labour Vale of Clwyd), Huw Edwards (Labour Monmouth), Julie Morgan (Labour Cardiff North), Kevin Brennan (Labour Cardiff West), Denzil Davies (Labour Llanelli), Simon Thomas (Plaid Cymru Ceredigion).



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diary dates

August 6th Hiroshima Day

Cardiff, Roath Park - 8pm commemoration event with Côr Cochion Caerdydd (contact Ray Davies (029 20 889 514))
Llandrindod Memorial Gardens - 11.30am for 12.00pm tree planting in the Memorial Gardens with the Mayor. Please turn up if possible. (contact Sian Meredith (01597 823 547))
Denbigh, National Eisteddfod commemorative event planned for the Maes (contact Awel Irene (01766 771 100))
Swansea, Ornamental Gardens, Singleton Park 8pm assemble at the Dove Tree contact Fiona or Mike Hayes (01792 367 807)

July 27th until August 11th Peaton Wood, Couplort:

Trident Ploughshares summer disarmament camp - blockades, fence cutting and painting, workshops on campaigning skills with international activists! Contact (0845 45 88 366) for more information and a briefing pack. www.tridentploughshares.org

August 4th - 11th Peace Tent National Eisteddfod Denbigh Help Please! Welsh speakers, learners and everybody welcome! Free entry to volunteers Contact Rod Stallard (see Contacts).

August 9th Nagasaki Day

Cardiff, The Hayes 12pm - 1pm Commemorative singing Côr Cochion Caerdydd. Non-singing Leaflet distributors urgently needed (contact Ray Davies (029 20 889 514))
Denbigh, National Eisteddfod commemorative event contact Rod Stallard (see Contacts)

August 27th Greenham Celebration!

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the 1981 Walk from Cardiff City Hall to Greenham Common US Nuclear Cruise Missile Base!

11.00 am assemble outside Cardiff City Hall then walk to the Temple of Peace, Cathays Park Cardiff.

An opportunity to get together, meet old friends, celebrate our successes, to acknowledge the threat to peace posed by the US plans to fight wars in space using British US bases and to reaffirm our commitment to a nuclear free future. Beautiful Commemorative Greenham Walk plaques are to be officially unveiled in Cardiff and Newport.

All friends welcome: first marchers, their families, Greenham peace campers (of all epochs and all gates), Greenham Women everywhere and all peace campaigners. Information: Sue Lent (029 20493 980)

6pm Evening Greenham commemorative event at Community Church House, Eton Road, Newport (the first Greenham March 'stop over')
more information: Ruth Osborn (01633 251 548)

September 15th - 16th British CND Annual Conference
University of London Students' Union Contact British CND: (020 7700 4524)

October 6th CND Cymru Annual Meeting 11.00am. Resolutions invited (by August 31st)
Nominations needed for Chair, 4 Vice Chairs and Treasurer, (by September 7th) Please send to: Brian Jones (see Contacts) Please check venue with Rod Stallard (see Contacts)

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From Wrecsam to Cardigan, Bangor to Newport, anti war direct action, rallies, vigils and public meetings organised by individuals, anti-war groups, communities and religious organisations continue to take place all over Wales. As the war story in the media changes, our message remains constant in time of atrocity or interim 'peace': without true justice there will be no true peace. It is important that our message calling for justice is heard consistently and clearly. We must each act to inspire and empower others to act and to see war and all violence for what it is - a product of a militarist culture and a history of oppressive injustices.

- * CND Cymru wholeheartedly condemns terrorist atrocities anywhere in the world. Nothing can justify these terrible crimes.
- * We oppose military retaliation against Afghanistan, Iraq or any other countries. War can not and will not reduce the risks of terrorist attacks. The root causes of terrorism must be addressed. Violence breeds violence. War and preparation for war cause massive environmental damage, increase the sense of injustice felt by the oppressed and disempowered world wide and create a fertile environment for terrorist recruitment. Real security for all people of the world can only come from justice, co-operation, understanding and respect and not from ever mounting military expenditure.
- * We believe that the United States and Britain should proceed on the basis of international law, following the UN Charter, and working through the normal channels of extradition law, to bring the perpetrators of any atrocities to justice. The process of law, not the process of war would be a far more intelligent solution.
- * There must be an end to anti-Muslim attacks and prejudice and an active programme to encourage understanding between groups and individuals within Wales and worldwide.
- * We reject the erosion of our civil liberties in the name of anti-terrorism. We cannot defend freedom by destroying it.
- * We are committed to campaigning against this 'war' solely by non-violent means.

ALL WALES ANTI-WAR RALLY - ABERYSTWYTH

January 26th 12pm (to be confirmed)

BE THERE!

please phone CND Cymru or your local group for more information

Act for peace and justice!

1. Letter writing:

Keep writing to your AMs, MP, MEPs and/or Prime Minister (addresses below). Express your feelings using some or all of the points on this sheet and more of your own. These political representatives are our employees.

2. Tell the press and media:

The message needs to be put across to the press at a local and a national level. Keep messages short and clear, keep writing - don't let them think we no longer care! Get involved in radio 'phone ins' and discussion programmes.

3. Vigils, demonstrations and meetings:

Anti War groups have been set up all over Wales - get involved!

A selection of weekly vigils and meetings:

Mondays:

Bridgend: 5-6pm vigil in York Place (George Crabb 01446 774452)

Bangor: 6pm - vigil outside the Memorial Arch, Deiniol Rd.

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(Ben Gregory 01286 882359)

Llanelli: 5.30pm - vigil - Park United Reformed Church, Murray St
(Kathryn Price 01554 772488)

Newport (S.Wales): 5pm - vigil - Cenotaph; 7.30pm
(Theresa Goss 02920 499579)

Newport (S.Wales): Coalition meeting - Old Rising Sun
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Cardiff: 7.30pm - *The causes and consequences of the war on Afghanistan* A series of open seminars on key issues Friends Meeting House, 43 Charles Street

Swansea: Quaker silent vigil - 10-10.30am Page Street
(01792 299532)

Tuesdays:

Abergavenny: Peace and Justice Group meeting 7.30pm -
North Street Church Hall. (Stephen Kay 01873 853384)

Wednesdays:

Machynlleth: vigil - 11am - town clock (Lisa Brown: brown@harlech.ac.uk)

Newport, Pembrokeshire: vigil - 6.30 - 7.30
(Maureen Bennett 01239 820793)

Crymych: vigil - 6.30-7.30

Thursdays:

Aberystwyth: vigil 6-7pm Siop y Pethe (Olwen Davies 01970 611994)

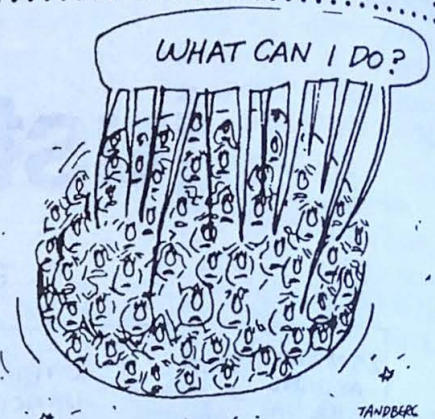
Fridays:

Cardiff: 5pm - vigil at Nye Bevan statue (Ray Davies 02920 889514)

Saturdays:

Swansea: 10-11am - vigil - Quadrant (01792 830330)

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