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## Mayday... Mayday... International Emergency!

### New Government

**M**ay 1st 1997, the British Election of 1997 will go down in history as the election where the two "main" parties had such similar policies that the result was based on a desperation for change and on the personalities of the two leaders – whether the "proven nice guy" or the "new broom" would be Prime Minister.

### New Labour

CND Cymru was extremely frustrated because neither of these two parties would discuss the future security of our people. This was despite the World Court ruling in July 1996 that the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is illegal; Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty committing the signatories to nuclear disarmament and the Geneva Convention Protocol 1977 prohibiting attacks on civilians and "methods of warfare which.....cause widespread, long term and severe damage to the natural environment."

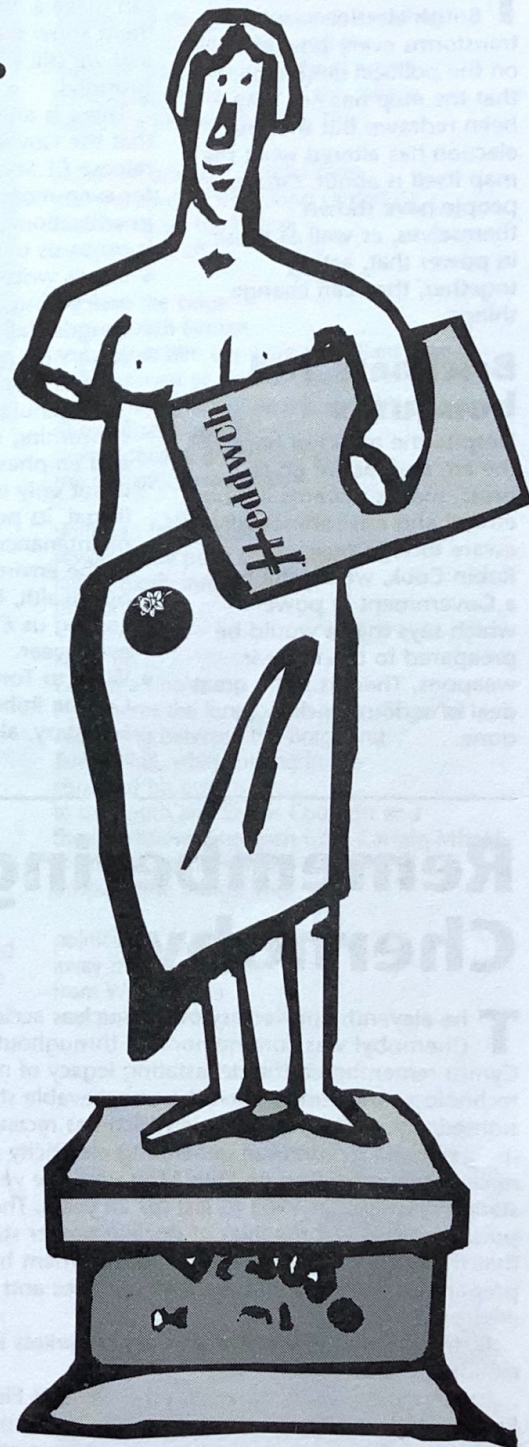
Both the Tory and New Labour Parties support the deployment of the Trident nuclear weapons systems as well as the use of nuclear powered submarines. New Labour does say that they would be prepared to enter Trident into international disarmament negotiations, but only when the USA's and Russia's nuclear weapons are reduced in number to hundreds rather than the thousands as at present. The Liberal Democrats have a similar policy to Labour. However, Plaid Cymru has repeatedly advocated the scrapping of Trident in order to pay for improvements in the security of our future through good health and good education.

### Now Ban the Bomb

The pre-election lobby of prospective parliamentary candidates by CND Cymru revealed that as well as Plaid Cymru and Green Party candidates, many Labour candidates were opposed to nuclear weapons. Our work in the Welsh anti-nuclear and peace movements has made it clear to us that Wales says "no" to Trident. We must now tell our Welsh MPs that they should use their traditional party-related humanitarian concerns to insist that the British Government immediately halts this insane waste of resources by the civil & military nuclear industry and gives a moral lead to the world by scrapping Trident.

Orders issued to a Trident submarine commander on patrol include that he should "be at 15 minutes notice to fire missiles". No Government or individual should command that sort of power – it must be stopped now as a matter of urgency.

*Rod Stallard*



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

## Post – election action

Share your hopes and dreams with your elected representative

It has been said that the British election result transforms every possibility on the political landscape; that the map has not only been redrawn but that the election has altered what the map itself is about. Ordinary people have shown themselves, as well as those in power that, acting together, they can change things.

### Brickbats and bouquets

Despite the mood of hope in the air, and, as we go to press, moves towards a more ethical and environmentally aware foreign policy by Robin Cook, we do still have a Government in power which says that it would be prepared to use nuclear weapons. There is still a great deal of serious work to be done.

### This is where you come in

Riding on the wave of optimism sweeping Britain, we should remember that letters to those in power do change minds – and you too can make a difference. Let them know we are still here and we still feel just as strongly!

There is an excellent way that the Government could release £1.5bn a year to pay for even more improvements in education and health – it is up to us to remind them.

- Please write to your MP, welcoming and/or congratulating him or her. Letters do not have to be long or inspired – express your genuine feelings concerning disarmament – and emphasise that Trident is not only immoral and illegal, its possession and maintenance is damaging to the environment and our health, but it is also costing us £1.5 billion every year.
- Write to Tony Blair and George Roberston, Defence Secretary, along the same lines.

CND Cymru has written to all Welsh MPs:

### CND Cymru congratulates you on your successful election to the House of Commons!

We join you in a celebration of having a “Tory Free” Wales! The three political parties now representing Wales in Westminster have a tradition of supporting anti – nuclear moves and have the genuine interests of ordinary people in their hearts.

We hope that we can work together to make Wales genuinely nuclear free; to influence the British Government to scrap Trident, which is costing us £1.5 billion a year; to stop the obscene arms trade, and to look at new, non – violent ways of resolving international and internal conflict.

You are central to any fresh vision for a future without fear for us, our children and our grandchildren’s children.

## Remembering Chernobyl

The eleventh anniversary of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl was commemorated throughout Wales. CND Cymru remembered the devastating legacy of nuclear technology and condemned the unbelievable short-sightedness of Magnox Electric which has recently been given the go-ahead to continue generating electricity at the Wylfa nuclear power station on Ynys Môn until the year 2004. This station was built in 1963 to last for 20 years. The commercial pressure to extend the lives of nuclear power stations means that the nuclear industry and the government has been prepared to take mortal risks with our lives and our environment.

In Aberystwyth Library and in supermarkets in South Wales, exhibitions were displayed.

Ingenuously, just 5 days from the General Election, Teifi-Preseli CND took the opportunity to invite all the prospective party candidates in Ceredigion to a demonstration outside Cardigan Guildhall. The group were drawing attention to



radioactive pollution in the Irish Sea. All four candidates supported the event. Felix Aubell (Conservative) said “I support in principle, every effort to eliminate radioactive pollution of our local coast and rivers.” Hag Harries (Labour) called for an immediate review of Sellafield and the effects of low level radiation, Dai Davies (Liberal Democrat) said he was in favour of alternative energy sources and Cynog Dafis (Plaid Cymru) called for renewable, clean energy to be given the highest priority.

*He had grown up in a country run by politicians who sent the pilots to man the bombers to kill the babies to make the world safe for children to grow up in. Ursula Le Guin*



■ Rally at Faslane June 1996. Photo: Scottish CND  
 ■ Right: CND protestors swimming out to a Trident Submarine. Photo Scottish CND

## Faslane Peace Camp – a powerful symbol of protest

A meeting of the Argyll and Bute Council has agreed to evict the 14 year old Faslane Peace Camp. This is a new local authority which recently succeeded Dumbarton District Council and Strathclyde Regional Council, which not only allowed the Camp to exist, but provided water and drainage for the protesters. The evidence produced to make a case for eviction included a petition of local residents collected in 1983! A more recent survey carried out by Scottish CND has revealed that local residents are not now opposed to the camp.

Pleas to save the Peace Camp were received by the Council from all over the world – including Wales. Faslane Peace Camp is a powerful symbol of our democratic right to protest. Argyll and Bute Council is suffering from a shortage of money and community services are under threat. April's decision to evict included an expensive plan to fence off the Peace Camp area. If the Government redirected funds spent on Trident to the local Council they could afford to keep open threatened public services and fence off the Peace camp area which would be no longer needed!

John Ainslie, of Scottish CND said "considering both the risks to the local population of any accident and the ruling by the World Court, it is the Trident submarine base that should be closed and not the Peace Camp."

### # ACTION:

Write letters of support for the Peace Camp to:  
 James McLellan, Chief Executive, Argyll and Bute Council, Kilmory, Lochgilphead PA31  
 8RT Scotland Fax: (01546) 604349

Send messages of support and money to the Peace Camp:  
 Faslane Peace Camp, Shandon, Helensburgh G84 8HT Scotland

News about the Camp is available at:  
<http://ds.dial-pipex.com/cndscot>

David Mackenzie of Stirling CND was inspired to verse by Labour MP Chris Smith. In the summer of 1996 wrote of the delights of walking on the Scottish hills not far above the Faslane Trident submarine base, Coulport bomb store on Loch Long and the Loch Goil submarine trials area.

### Away from it all

He is on a boulder  
 high above Gleann Mor,  
 Where the sky grassy mounds huddling  
 round the trickling burn and the  
 industry disguised in lazybeds are all  
 the clearances have left of this village,  
 beyond a hidden absence. This

politician breathes in relaxation  
 and the relief of fresh long carried  
 well being on the breeze –  
 away from it all.

He is on the ridge  
 above Strath Finnan  
 and before him the wide compliant moor  
 veils its forest of wasted stumps,  
 cattle roads in invisible ink, idiot lines  
 of ownership and its  
 deep disorder, giving him only  
 the romantic space. This

politician feels himself  
 restored, the petty squabbles  
 falling nicely into  
 proportion.

Now, on  
 Cruach a Chaise  
 he admires the long bottle-green finger of  
 Loch Long between the Brack and  
 Tulloch hill, while lurking in the  
 corner of his eye,  
 to the South and East is Coulport and  
 the disembowelling gash from Carrraig Mhaol  
 to Port an Lochain where they hide  
 unspeakable things. This

politician is glad to be  
 away from it all, away  
 from Westminster  
 and politics.



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## Plutonium in Space – another great idea from NASA

### Probing for what?

**O**n October 6th 1997, the US Space Agency, NASA intends launching a Titan IV rocket carrying a space probe to Saturn, as part of the Cassini Project (*Casini* – nasty to us (Welsh)!). This rocket will carry 72.3 lb. of deadly plutonium.

In August 1993, a similar rocket exploded over the Pacific showering large areas with debris and nuclear material. Since the 1960s, 24 devices containing nuclear material have been sent into space – three have met with accidents.

### Population control?

NASA have admitted that this probe contains the largest amount of nuclear material ever to be launched into space and also admits that if there is an accident then 5 billion of the world's 8 billion population will be affected.

### UN (US) Control

All space – faring nations have signed up to a protocol in the UN under the heading "Principles and the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space".

This Declaration was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 14th December 1992. The Declaration states that "the use of nuclear power sources in outer space shall be restricted to those space missions which cannot be operated by non-nuclear energy sources in a reasonable way". Cold comfort to those of us on earth.

### # ACTION:

Write to the Secretary General of the UN Kofi Annan, UN Headquarters, New York, NY10017 USA, insisting that space is nuclear free.

Write to your MP (House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA) and MEP (addresses available from CND Cymru) insisting that our new Government and the European Parliament state their opposition to this insanity. More information about Cassini is available from CND Cymru and Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice, PO Box 90035, Gainesville, Florida 32607 USA

## Nuclear waste dump on Ynys Môn?

**I**n April this year, the Government turned down an application from the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive (NIREX) for an "Underground Rock Characterisation Laboratory" (read nuclear waste dump) near Sellafield. Now NIREX will be looking for alternative sites.

In 1990 it was first suggested that the mine at Parys Mountain, Ynys Môn, run by Anglesey Mining plc, was a possible site. This mine was sunk in 1988 by Cementation Mining Company who are contractors for NIREX at Sellafield and Dounreay. It was proposed to extract 6.5 million tons of ore for the production of copper, zinc and lead. Since completion of construction works, nothing has been extracted. There is a convenient deep water harbour nearby at Amlwch as well as convenient rail links which exist to service the Wylfa Nuclear Power Station.

Officially it has been denied that this site is being considered, but who knows?

It is becoming generally accepted that there is no safe dose of radiation. In August 1958, a White Paper was presented to the British Parliament by the Medical Research Council, in it at paragraph 44 it was stated that "there is no threshold dose of radiation below which genetic mutations do not occur".

It is the policy of CND Cymru and the anti-nuclear movement in general that we continue to campaign for the stopping of the production of all nuclear materials and that any existing waste should be stored at the site of its production, above ground, in a monitorable and retrievable form.

**Rod Stallard**

Thanks to Corporate Watch, Bill Pritchard and Chris Grimshaw

### # ACTION

Ask questions of your MP and MEP, and local authorities, alert local media and press of the dangers.

• Other useful addresses: UK NIREX Ltd., Curie Avenue, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 0RH. Cementation Mining Ltd., PO Box 22, Bentley House, Doncaster S. Yorkshire DN5 0BT. Anglesey Mining plc., Parys Mountain, Amlwch, Ynys Môn LL68 9RE (01407) 831 274.



The Children and War Project aims to expose and challenge the influences on the young which make war acceptable. Envelope labels are available from the Peace Pledge Union 41b Brecknock Road London N7 0BT. tel 0171 424 9444 Labels available for £3.80 for 200.

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## Abolition 2000 – a global network working to abolish nuclear weapons



The National Steering Committee of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) has issued a briefing to all of its member councils entitled *Nuclear Weapons Abolition: Present Opportunities and Future Trends*.

This document gives advice to local authorities on what they can do to support efforts to achieve a nuclear free world. Local Authorities are also being urged to endorse the Abolition 2000 statement together with the British Abolition 2000 Local Authorities Resolution.

### ⚡ ACTION:

The briefing is available from Liz Westmoreland, Leeds City Council Peace & Emergency Planning Unit, 4th Floor, Civic Hall, Leeds LS1 1UR.

Contact your local Councillor and ask them to support the idea in their Unitary Authority. More Citizen's Pledges are also available for individuals and other organisations – contact George Crabb (01446) 774452

## Enlightenment in Newport

Intense lobbying and campaigning by local activists in and around Newport has paid off this Spring: Newport Borough became the 21st Unitary Authority to affiliate to the Wales Nuclear Free Forum. The Borough also agreed to join the British Nuclear Free Zones organisation. These organisations foster co-operation between affiliated authorities, seek to increase accountability in the nuclear industry and to protect the public from ever increasing nuclear hazards. Pembrokeshire has yet to join all the other Welsh Authorities in these organisations. Dyfed had been the first Council to sign up to the Declaration for a Nuclear Free Wales in 1981.

### ⚡ ACTION

If you are interested in being involved in a summer campaign to lobby Pembrokeshire Council to affiliate to the Nuclear Free Zones organisations please get in touch with Ray Davies (see Contacts list).

## A nuclear waste dump in South East England

Following the discountenancing of NIREX and the proposed nuclear waste dump in Cumbria, it has been revealed by British CND that there is a radioactive dump at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment of 4,500 tonnes of nuclear waste. Old machinery and buildings on the site being decommissioned will double that amount. The CND report

which draws on information from the Department of the Environment and the Health & Safety Executive, concludes that the only solution is to stop nuclear warhead production immediately.

### ⚡ ACTION:

The CND Report is available from British CND (0171) 700 2393

## The EU votes for the abolition of nuclear weapons

In March, the European Parliament passed a resolution on Nuclear Non-Proliferation which included the phrase "calls on member states to support the commencement of negotiations in 1997 leading to the conclusion of a convention for the abolition of nuclear weapons." CND Cymru lobbied all Welsh MEPs on this and we understand that all those MEPs supported the resolution.

## Ploughshares disarmers presented with international peace prize

Our Chairperson, David Morris MEP, represented CND Cymru at the presentation of this year's Sean MacBride Peace Prize to the four British "Seeds of Hope" disarmers. They were arrested and imprisoned for 5 months in 1996 after taking direct action against Hawk military aircraft due for export to Indonesia. After a sensational court case in Liverpool which did much to draw attention to international complicity in the Indonesian subjugation and murder of East Timorese people, the women were released.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate José Ramos Horta, an East Timorese was present at the ceremony.

The Sean MacBride Peace Prize is named after the former International Peace Bureau President and Nobel Laureate and awarded each year to a person or group who has acted outstandingly for peace and/or human rights.

## Whoops – another Trident cost increase

Although the building of the Trident refit yard at Devonport (Plymouth) hasn't yet begun, it has already run £113 million over estimate. Apparently, the original costings failed to include stores, spares and security.

## Watchett, Somerset bids for its own nuclear missile

This is not a joke. The Town Council at Watchett – a delightful spot on the Bristol Channel where Wordsworth and

Coleridge composed some of their Lyrical Ballads in the late 18th Century, is desperate to attract more tourists. Their latest plan is to buy a redundant Polaris missile to put on the prom. This has forced many of us to cancel this year's holidays to Somerset.

## The Millennium Timebomb – a comforting thought...

Computer buffs are already tensing themselves for the moment when their machines have to change their dates at midnight January 1st 2000. Some fear that all the information on their machines will be lost forever. A new book "The Millennium Timebomb" by Simon Reeve and Colin McGhee (Vision Paperbacks £8.99), predicts that at that moment:

- US Missile Systems will fail;
- British military systems may go the same way, even after a £100 million bug-fix programme;
- planes will crash as satellite positioning systems go awry;
- nuclear power stations will get catastrophically confused.

The book also predicts that if we survive all that, the collapsing of information technology systems around the world will lead to a global slump. There seems to be some kind of natural justice here!

## Cuba and Chernobyl

Since 1986 15,000 children from the Chernobyl region in the Ukraine have received treatment at Tarara Hospital/School Eastern Havana, Cuba, free of charge. Treatment from stress counselling to liver transplants is carried out on children of all ages. Cuba also provides health care for those in need in several parts of the world in spite of the shortages caused by the US trade blockade.

- If you are interested in contributing, or finding out more about the Cuban initiative please contact Sybil Newton (0181) 660 3007

## Aberystwyth and Chernobyl

1,500 children are being brought to Wales from Belarus this year as part of the Chernobyl Children's Project. They will be staying in areas all over Wales to have a holiday in a relatively uncontaminated environment. If you want to know how you can help please contact Olwen Davies (see contacts list), Louis Friedman (01559) 370 211, or Myrfa Eastland (01222) 864793.

## Nuclear convoy halted at Scottish border

Nine anti-nuclear Scottish flag waving campaigners were arrested on the

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Scottish/English border recently. They had halted the Trident warhead convoy on its way from Aldermaston to Coulport.

The nine were charged with public order offences having stopped the convoy with saltire and drums. Thirty five campaigners chained themselves to the vehicles.

John Ainslie of Scottish CND said: "We are standing on the site of Hadrian's Wall to keep Trident out of Scotland. We have come here to show that Scotland will never accept these barbaric and illegal weapons of mass destruction."

Some are wondering if a Scottish Parliament would ban Trident on environmental grounds. If so, we've been guessing: where in England would the voters be happy to see Trident based? Westminster Bridge?

### "Radioactive" bank notes and blackcurrant juice

In Turkey, thieves recently robbed several banks around Ankara by persuading them that their money was contaminated by radiation. The three men entered banks wearing protective suits, informing staff that due to a leak of radioactivity at the National Mint, all their bank notes had been recalled. A manager explained that they were told that if they didn't comply the bank staff would turn blue, so they handed over everything in the bank. The thieves then sprayed the staff with "decontaminating liquid" which turned out to be blackcurrant juice. A government official commented "We do not, nor have we ever used nuclear power to make bank notes."

### Euratom Directive 96/29

This new directive recently adopted by the European Commission, and now being considered by the European Parliament, allows each country to police its own radioactive discharge limits from 2000AD. Any one can now discharge radioactive materials (within agreed limits) without having to give notification, and it seems that nuclear waste can be recycled into domestic goods. It may also lead to the setting up of certain states as radioactive waste disposal centres in the European Union. More info: Chris Busby, Low Level Radiation Campaign (01970) 611226.

## European issues and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Talks

At the recent Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Preparatory Committee in New York, there were calls by New Zealand and Canada for France and Britain "to commit immediately to not increasing their (nuclear) inventories and to engage in nuclear disarmament talks among the five Nuclear Weapons States, in parallel with START III".

### African concerns at the expansion of NATO

South Africa expressed serious concern about the expansion of NATO. Such an expansion, it said "would increase the number of non-nuclear weapon States which participate in nuclear training, planning and decision making and which have an element of nuclear deterrence in their policies". The British representatives at the meeting argued that the issue was irrelevant to the NPT and was indignant at suggestions that NATO nuclear sharing arrangements might violate NPT articles I and II.

### CND meets Sir Michael Weston

Sir Michael Weston, the British negotiator at the talks, met representatives from the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament,

Sir Michael pointed out that:

- Britain is unwilling to discuss a timebound convention for the elimination of nuclear weapons as that would be impractical and unrealistic;
- the statement by the Admirals and Generals made last year, calling for nuclear disarmament was interesting but not profound;
- nuclear weapons are important to maintain a place at the top table and influence the debate;
- Britain would be unhappy at including Tritium (used to enhance explosive power) in any discussions about an agreement to halt the production of fissile nuclear materials.
- the US and Russia should be left to agree on nuclear disarmament measures before the other smaller Nuclear Weapons States discuss reductions;
- no serious thought has been given by the MoD to considerations to a replacement for Trident, or to the policy on disposal of reactor cores and spent fuel, following the refusal of permission for NIREX to construct an underground nuclear waste dump at Sellafield.
- that the Permanent Secretaries in the British Government will be ready to implement any changes in policy from the first day of a new Government.

Also at the part of the NPT meeting which discussed Nuclear Free Zones, Belarus presented its proposal for a nuclear weapons free space in Central and Eastern Europe. Poland dismissed the creation of such a zone "before the NATO enlargement question is solved".

### ⚡ ACTION:

A CND report "The UK's Record on Nuclear Disarmament" which was widely circulated at the NPT meeting, is available from British CND, (0171) 700 2393.

CND Cymru is part of a network set up by Project on European Nuclear Non-Proliferation (PENN). PENN has been set up to promote nuclear disarmament in Europe; disseminate and analyse information on these

issues and to create political hurdles against developments which could lead to a nuclear armed Europe. It is supported by the W. Alton Jones Foundation. The Project publishes an useful and interesting newsletter - available free of charge from BITS, Rykestrase 13, 10405 Berlin, Germany.



## Welsh anti-militarists surprise the British army on the Epynt

On April 5th, the army were caught unaware by a group from Cymdeithas y Cymod (Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales) who held two services on the army occupied Epynt. This beautiful upland area of land adjacent to the Brecon Beacon National Park, was compulsorily purchased by the War Ministry in 1941 for military training. A community of over 40 families lost their homes but believed they would one day be able to buy back their farms and return. Instead, the ranges seem always to be expanding in area, and £7 million has recently been spent on building a fake village in which soldiers learn to play war games.

A religious service was held in the remains of Capel Babell. This Methodist chapel had been destroyed by the military and now, only low walls and a graveyard remain. A noticeboard in the graveyard has recently been erected by the military range administration with excuses for the treatment of the Epynt inhabitants. This military notice says that the "Battle of the Falklands was won on the hills of Epynt". That Battle was justified by Margaret Thatcher partly as a fight for the rights of the Falkland Islanders' "self determination". The British Government showed no concern for the self determination of the Epynt communities; has replaced farm names on the ranges with numbers and taken away the right of local people to travel freely along roads in the area. Local communities have to put up with sights and sounds reminiscent of living in an occupied territory.

Following the Chapel service, about 30 people including several church and chapel ministers, followed a wooden cross to the fake village. The fake village was in use by soldiers hiding in the "houses" with automatic weapons. Despite warnings by the MoD police not to proceed, the pilgrimage



continued. At the mock church in the village, the protestors sung songs, prayed and bore witness to the millions of innocent people who have been killed in wars this century. The numbers of victims killed in wars world-wide were inscribed on the fake gravestones.

Armed soldiers in the village were unable to answer the questions as to whom they were training to kill. The protestors left after making it clear that training to kill in the hills of Wales, or anywhere else is not morally acceptable.

The whole event was recorded by the BBC and broadcast twice the following day on Radio Cymru.

Rod and Jill Stallard

(Photos by Guro ap Gwynfor)



## Trawsfynydd Lake – don't let your children near it

### Inflatable bananas

The National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) was recently asked to assess whether people building, operating or using leisure facilities on Trawsfynydd Lake would be exposed to radiation. The conclusion drawn was that Trawsfynydd Lake did not give rise to any unacceptable radiation to members of the public. The station manager said "Trawsfynydd Lake is hazard free."

### Increasing discharges

The Lake has been used since the 1960s to provide cooling water for the station's two nuclear reactors, currently being decommissioned. At the same time discharges of

Americium 241 (with a half life of 458 years) into the Lake are too be at record levels this year. Over the next 30 years, due to the decay of large amounts of Plutonium 241 dumped in the lake since 1985. The levels of Americium 241 will increase dramatically.

### The truth

In a recent report looking at the NRPB figures, the Welsh Anti Nuclear Alliance (WANA) says; "Caesium 137 discharges are currently at a post-shutdown high resulting in over double the "usual" dose to anglers. Instead of repeating the most thorough survey of lake sediment, undertaken by the Central Electricity Generating Board

in 1986, which revealed far more radioactivity, down to a depth of 30cm, than had been expected, the NRPB took limited samples down to 22cm. This confirms that radioactivity has sunk into the mud and that it is all contaminated."

The North Eastern area to be used for "leisure activities" is probably the most contaminated part of the lake. It is the part least disturbed by streams entering the lake. It has been suggested that the Caesium 137 is dissolving into the water, and that is why Magnox Electric are not including swimming in the list of proposed uses of the Lake.

If inhaled one millionth of a gram of Plutonium is sufficient to cause cancer. WANA is calling for the immediate halting of discharges of radioactive material into the Lake, and for the lake to be restored to its pristine state.

### ⚡ ACTION:

If you want to make up your own mind before you take that ride on an inflatable, tip up your dinghy or sit at the lakeside taking the air while your children paddle in the shallows, contact WANA, PO Box 1, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 5AA. The NRPB Report NRPB - M755, is available free of charge from the Publications Office, NRPB, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon. OX11 0RQ.

# Fly your kite!

## Action Weekend against the Low Level Military Jets: July 19-20 1997

**C**ND Cymru and Freedom of the Skies are jointly promoting a weekend of action against military low level jet training – and it will be a chance for everyone to unroll their kites from the cupboard, unravel the knots and have a day out in the open air.

June/July is also ACTION TIME for writing to your new MP asking for a statement on the problem and what he/she intends to do about it.

Low level military flying is an international problem, an European problem and a national problem so we intend to look for an international solution. The action includes Wales, Scotland, England and the Isle of Man. We are contacting other groups and individuals around Britain so if you have any friends in far flung places who are bothered by military jets, please let them know about the Action Weekend.

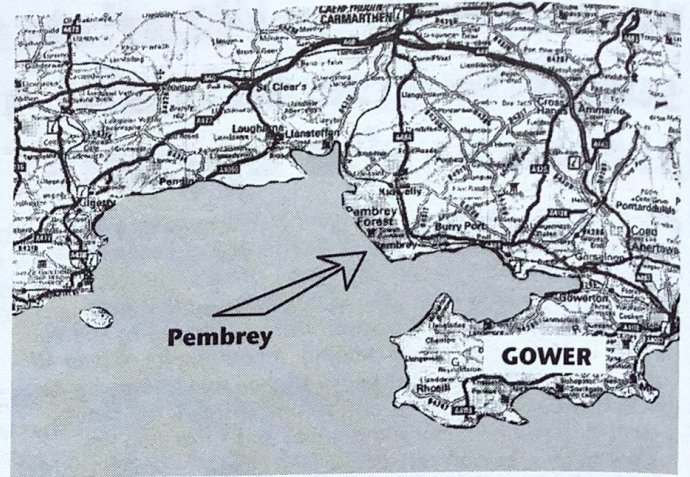
As this is an ACTION weekend, we need to let local press and radio know what is going on and so some advance publicity in your own area would be valuable. It is up to you to publicise and organise your own event :

### Aims

- To celebrate the freedom of the skies ( the jets don't fly low level at weekends)
- To ask local MPs and MEPs\* for a statement (\*Since the MOD has freedom of the skies over Britain, many European NATO jets come here to do military tactical training which they are not allowed to do in their own country)
- To raise awareness and publicise the damage/danger/problems/expense of low level military flight training
- To call for a British Government decision to abandon military low altitude flight training below 1000 feet at speeds above 420 knots in British airspace and abroad.

### Some of the problems and arguments

- Noise is a stressor and sudden bursts of high level, high frequency sound cause extreme physical stress, damaging the immune system and resistance to disease, raising blood pressure and causing trauma which affects the most vulnerable people in our communities. We now have scientific proof that military jet training can cause permanent hearing damage in very young children.
- Britain is the only European country to allow unrestricted military jet training at 100 feet over rural communities. Military jets from airforces worldwide come here to practice.
- There are no international, national or local authority laws to safeguard us
- Cost. Astronomical. You know how much it costs to buy, run and maintain a car – how about a jet? Britain currently



has about 1500 military aircraft each one costing between £250,000 and £25 million. The new Euro-fighter will cost £60 million for each of 232 planes ... £60,000,000 x 232 = .....?! The cost of running and maintaining one Eurofighter is estimated at £10,000 per hour. There are 120,000 sorties per year over Britain and 60% of our ultra low training happens in Canada .. so first fly your jet across the Atlantic . . and we're paying for all this.

- The USAF abandoned this type of training after the Gulf War because the planes are just too vulnerable at low levels. Now its' only international use is against poorly defended civilian targets in third world countries, such as East Timor.
- Not in our back yard? Why send the jets abroad – currently the Innu population of Labrador Canada are exposed to 60% of the RAF's lowest jet training (i.e. 100 feet above ground). They say the bone marrow of the caribou is altered by stress and that the Innu culture is on the brink of collapse. Low level military flying is one of the major factors.
- Pollution. Kerosene burns to emit soot and a spectrum of unappetising trace elements. We eat them on our vegetables. Unburnt fuel is also sprayed into the air during high speed manoeuvres.
- The MOD will neither confirm nor deny that the jets ever carry live ammunition or nuclear weapons.
- Crashes. There have been many jet crashes in Britain over the last few years. In the early 1980s a military training jet crashed into a school in Italy killing and injuring pupils. In 1989 over 30 people died in a two tragic jet accidents in Germany. The following year the German government banned military aircraft training below 1000 feet. Do we want to wait?

### Action plan

Choose any one or all of the options below, a letter to your MP or MEP is a great start .

- Set up a petition and put copies in public places. A petition is a valuable tool for your MP to use in representing the strength of feeling of constituents. In the weeks before the Action Weekend, set up a petition in your own area . After the Action weekend, send it to your MP.
- Ask your local MP or MEP to make a statement regarding low flying prior to the weekend of action and request that your concerns are brought to the attention of Rt Hon. George Robertson MP our new Secretary of State for Defence, or followed up in the European Parliament.
- Borrow a video camera, keep an eye on the press for notice of exercises in your area and get together with friends to film the jets at low level. Then before the weekend of action

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provide any relevant film to the media.

- Choose a suitable site for kite flying\* or join our national action site.

\* NB If you choose your own site, check for overhead cables, pylons, trees etc and inform local flying clubs and civil aviation. Best sites are exposed moorland or hilltop. Max height for kites is 60 metres (200 feet), or 30 metres (100 feet) in controlled airspace around any airport or airstrip. Beaches may be subject to search and rescue helicopter controls.

- Contact your local newspaper and local radio and provide a copy of this article together with your MP and MEP's statement and your own comments.

**SATURDAY JULY 19:** Set up your petition in the main street or square of your town.

Locate your kites, inform friends and talk to interested passers-by. Silver helium balloons suitably decorated, maybe radiation suits, colourful clothes etc.

**SUNDAY JULY 20:** 12 noon.

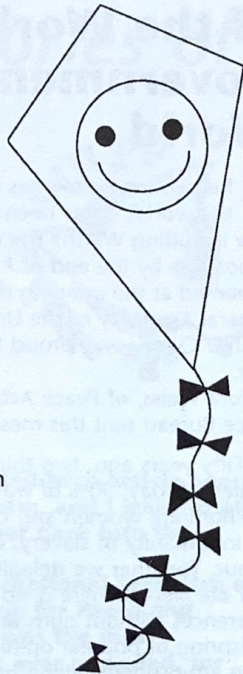
Pembrey Sands, A484 from Llanelli.

Follow signs to Pembrey Country Park, once in the Park drive right on down to the kiosk near the seafront. Meet on the beach in front of the main car park area.

Max. height for kites; 60 metres (200 feet).

Take a picnic, have fun and celebrate

- For further info: South Wales: Michael Hayes 01792 367807  
West Wales: Paul Hawkes 01239 614856 Mid/North Wales:  
Gillian Metcalf 01570 493576.



## 75 years of the Urdd Gobaith Cymru Message of Peace & Goodwill

In 1922, The Reverend Gwilym Davies was the man responsible for the first Message of Peace and Goodwill from Urdd Gobaith Cymru. He worked tirelessly for Peace and Co-operation between nations and, at the end of the war in 1945, he helped to establish the United Nations and UNESCO. When Gwilym Davies died in 1955, Urdd Gobaith Cymru inherited the responsibility for the Message.

Each year since 1924 the BBC has broadcast the Message on 18th May, which is now known world-wide as "Goodwill Day".

The message for 1997 follows:

*"We invite you, the youth of Wales to celebrate 75 years of the Message of Peace and Goodwill".*

*The Reverend Gwilym Davies, one of the founders of the League of Nations, sent the first message. His wish was co-operation between nations. Our duty as the youth of the world is to continue his vision of peace and happiness.*

*We also remember the birthday of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, our country's youth movement. Its motto is "I will be faithful to Wales, to my fellow man and to Christ". The Urdd's aim is to protect and foster the Welsh language and encourage young people to respect their language and culture. As a humanitarian movement, the Urdd works for Peace and goodwill for all humankind and stresses that the love of other countries is as important as loving Wales.*

*Since the establishment of the Message and the Urdd 75 years ago, the world has witnessed the ravages of war, famine and terrorism. Will you, the youth of the world, join us to form one voice to secure a peaceful future for the world and to look forward with hope to the 21st century?"*

- Urdd Gobaith Cymru can be contacted at: Ffordd Llanbadarn, Aberystwyth, (01970) 623 744



## Murder without witness

Some things can never be proven. For example, you can never prove that a particular smoker's lung cancer is caused by cigarettes. It may be caused by naturally occurring radon gas or cosmic rays. After all, non-smokers get lung cancer too. The tobacco companies hid behind uncertainty for many years.

Man-made radioactive pollution is similar. We can never prove that a particular cancer is caused by a particular source of radiation because, as with cigarette smoke, the damage is done silently, painlessly, inside our bodies on a subatomic scale. There is no witness.

Since 1974 cancer rates in Wales have been steadily increasing. Childhood cancer rates in Wales have risen to five times that of East Anglia. Within Wales the highest cancer rates are in coastal areas on the North and West. Similar increases in cancer and genetic defects are being seen in Dundalk, Ireland. These places have one thing in

common: they are on the Irish Sea near Sellafield. Sellafield (formerly called Windscale) is a major nuclear fuel reprocessing centre in Cumbria on the Irish Sea, just north of Wales. It uses the Irish Sea as a nuclear waste dump.

Shellfish from the Irish Sea have recently been found to have 14 times the radioactivity necessary to be rated by the European Union as dangerous foodstuffs. Specifically, the British Agricultural Ministry measured 17,000 becquerels per kilogram of technetium 99 in Irish Sea shellfish. There is no question that the technetium came from Sellafield. Meanwhile, Sellafield has applied to the British Government to increase its radioactive emissions still further. Included is a request to increase tritium emissions by 574%.

The radioactive emissions from Sellafield and the cancer rates on the nearby shores of the Irish Sea have been increasing for some time. Arguments that there is a connection between

these increases have been dismissed by radiation protection agencies as nonsense, just as the tobacco companies once dismissed links between their product and cancer.

Carole Woods  
Seattle USA

*Carole Woods wrote this article for the Welsh/American Magazine Ninnau. She is a long time supporter of CND Cymru; her husband is one of the Hanford "downwinders" who lived in an area heavily contaminated by radioactivity from Hanford Works which produced plutonium for the first atomic test explosion and the Nagasaki bomb. This nuclear plant operated by ignoring health risks and emitting huge amounts of radioactive elements into the atmosphere. The US Government has recently acknowledged the catastrophic effects on the local population down wind of the plant.*

# Nuclear Europe?

**O**n June 16th and 17th the European Union's (EU) Inter-Governmental Conference will hold a summit to agree to changes to the Maastricht Treaty. A three stage plan for a European Military Union is being proposed by France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg backed by the Netherlands and Portugal.

This proposed Union would have a mutual defence clause and the ability to take part in "peace-keeping" and other security missions, being a move towards a "common European defence". It would merge the Western European Union (WEU) (the European Pillar of the nuclear armed NATO) and the European Union and under this proposal, countries, such as those wishing to remain neutral would be free to opt out of any EU security or military missions. The group proposes that the new security arrangements be introduced in two stages, only later would the WEU become a fully integrated military system including a "common armaments policy" and a mutual security clause.

Ireland has objected to the introduction of a clear timetable for such a proposal to come into force, and feels that questions arise concerning the neutrality of certain countries. Such an agreement will come into force as soon as any agreement reached at the Summit is ratified by the parliaments (and in some cases by referenda, as in Ireland) of the 15 EU states.

Paul Hawkes

## # ACTION:

More information on this issue is available from CND Cymru. A joint statement is being drawn up between CND Cymru and Irish CND.

# Petition from the Women of the World to the Governments of the World

**T**he petition below has been circulated to women all over the world. It has been translated into many languages – now including Welsh! The goal is to obtain as many signatures as possible by the end of August. The Petition will be presented at the opening day of the 52nd session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on October 24th.

CND Cymru was proud to endorse this petition earlier this year.

Cora Weiss, of Peace Action USA and the International Peace Bureau sent this message with the petition :

"Fifty years ago, two thirds of all victims of war were soldiers. Today, 90% of wars' victims are civilians, the majority of whom are women and children. People struggled against the inhumanity of slavery, colonialism, apartheid and child labour. Together we delegitimized these institutions and today they are illegal. There is no reason why we cannot resolve our differences without guns and bombs. But it will take a wellspring of popular opinion, the emergence in civil society of an atmosphere calling for mutual respect and a culture of peace."

**NGO Initiative to mark the 50th anniversary of the first session of the Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Petition from the Women of the World**  
**to the Governments of the World**

We are horrified at the levels of violence witnessed during this century and that women and children are the primary victims of war and poverty. On behalf of society at large, we, the women of the World, demand that annually, for the next five years, at least five per cent of national military expenditures be diverted to health, education and employment programmes. By doing so, one half billion dollars a day would be released world-wide for programmes to improve living standards.

We also demand that war, like slavery, colonialism and apartheid, be delegitimised as an acceptable form of social behaviour, and that governments and civil society together develop new institutions that do not resort too violence for the settlement of disputes.

Together we commit ourselves, as half of the World's population, to use our power to ensure that these demands, which will promote international peace and security, are met through legislation and action. we resolve that we will inaugurate a new century that rejects warfare and promotes human welfare.

## # ACTION

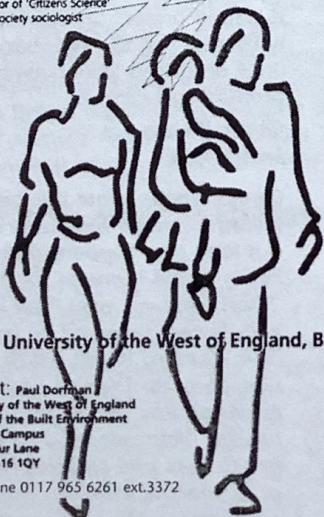
We are hoping to collect over 1000 signatures from Wales for the UN Assembly. Please copy the text and sign it, or contact Jill Stallard if you would like an A4 petition. It will also be available for signing at the National Eisteddfod in August. If you know of any women's organisations who might circulate this petition please get in touch with Jill.



## Scientific and Cultural Approaches to Nuclear Risk

### 12th International Standing Conference on Low Level Radiation and Health

**Speakers:** Professor Lewis Wolpert Chair of Public Understanding of Science  
 Professor Bryn Bridges Chair of Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment  
 Professor J.F. Vell Epidemiologist of leukemia clusters near reprocessing plants  
 Dr John Adams Cultural risk theorist  
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# WILPF memories of Greenham women before Greenham



Dear Editor,

I was glad to read the recent Heddwch article about the March from Wales to Greenham, and I want to add my memories going a little further back into the origins of the March.

In early 1981 I was at the International Executive of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) at Cartigny. It was the most memorable Executive that I have ever attended, for two reasons: there was a wonderful two-day seminar on the Middle East led by Isam Satawi, a Palestinian, later assassinated for his peace-making views; and by General Peled, his peaceful Israeli friend, and, secondly there was a whole day of exciting reports from the Danish, Dutch, German and French delegates about the Women's Peace March from Copenhagen to Paris.

Representatives from all the Scandinavian sections of WILPF had been at the start, and had walked the whole way, others described the banners of sheets and blankets hung out from windows in the Netherlands along the route and yet others, such as Yvonne See, President of the French Section, were major speakers on the final enormous Rally in Paris. The meeting then went on to discuss where this venture, which had begun its planning at the 1980 Congress of WILPF in New Haven, USA, entitled "The Star Marches", would go next. We were pleased that the women who joined in were also members of many other continental peace groups, but were proud to be the international co-ordinators without whom that March would never have been possible. Jill Stallard recalls how the Women for Life on Earth Peace March sprang up to those Welsh women's excitement about that Copenhagen to Paris March.

Here in Newport, many WILPF members welcomed the 1981 Greenham March in John Frost Square and afterwards at Erfon Road, and two WILPF members walked with them from Newport to Caerwent.

WILPF is still glad that Greenham became a new and much wider venture in Britain, and that similar camps sprang up in many other countries, with long term results which are only now being acknowledged. However, WILPF has few and mainly older members in the British Section, and would be glad of more active help and membership from some of Heddwch's readers who may value the international contacts and co-ordination which WILPF can still provide.

Yours,

Ruth Osborne

Secretary WILPF South Wales Branch. 10, Melbourne Way, Newport NP9 3RE

## Diary Dates

**June 13-15** Burg Schlaining Austria. NGO Conference on a Nuclear Weapon Free Europe Sponsored by the International Peace Bureau. Contact INES, Gutenberg str. 31, 44139 Dortmund, Germany Email: R.Braun@ping.de

**June 13 - 15** Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp (0117)909 9448

**June 13 - 15** Amsterdam - Alternative Summit Contact: Dutch Coalition for a Different Europe c/o: ASEED, PO Box 92066, 1090 AB Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**June 15** Amsterdam Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Weapons in Europe. Contact AMOK, Esdrnstraat 14, 3551 AJ Utrecht, Netherlands. (phone:00 31 30 2442122 fax 00 31 30 2441783)

**June 16** 10.30 am - 5.00pm Temple of Peace, Cathays Park, Cardiff A day conference to raise awareness of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), which aims to bring the voice and conscience of women to the United Nations. Speakers include Eluned Morgan MEP Margot Steinberg, UNIFEM New York & Thelma de Leeuw UNIFEM Britain. Everyone Welcome! More details of the Conference, or UNIFEM, from Stephen Thomas (01222) 228549/395664 at the Welsh Centre for International Affairs

**June 21** Conscience (Peace Tax Campaign) Conference Temple of Peace, Cardiff. Britain exported a record £5.1 billion worth of weapons in 1996. At least £384 million a year of our taxes are spent on supporting the British arms trade, and 8 out of 10 British arms sales go to third world countries. Contact Conscience phone/fax: (0171) 561 1061

**June 22** 10.30 am Palestine Solidarity Group: Sponsored Coastal Walk near St. Donats. South Wales. Phone Beattie Smith (01222) 886113 or Myrfa Eastland (01222) 864793.

**July 12** 11.00am until about 4.00pm Friends' Meeting House, Temple Street, Llandrindod CND Cymru Cyngor (Council) come along and join in! All members and delegates of affiliated groups are very welcome. Contact the National Secretary for more information.

**July 19** Raising awareness of Palestinian political prisoners. Cor Cochion sing in the Hayes Cardiff. Stall and exhibition. Contact Beattie Smith (01222) 886113.

**July 19 - 20** somewhere near you...Fly Your Kite! Action Weekend against Low Level Military Jets. For more information and contacts see article.

**August 1 - 11** Peace Camp at NATO HQ Brussels Contact: For Mother Earth, Gewad 15, 9000 Gent, Belgium 00 32 9 233 4924 Email: abolition@motherearth.knooppunt

**August 2 - 9** National Eisteddfod Bala, Meirionydd. Welsh Speaking help needed! Contact Rod Stallard (01550) 750 260

**August 8 - 10** Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp and Youth CND Peace Camp with Women on the Road for Peace Cycle Ride Contact: Sian (01222) 396563 or (0117)909 9448

**August 6 & 9** Hiroshima and Nagasaki 52nd Anniversaries International commemorations. For actions in Wales, and in particular on the Maes at the National Eisteddfod, Bala, contact CND Cymru.

**August 9** 1pm Nagasaki Day Rally at North Gate, Faslane Submarine Base, Scotland: Give Trident Notice to Quit! On this day there will be protests at nuclear bases around the world to highlight how countries like Britain have failed to comply with the International Court of Justice opinion that the threat or use of nuclear weapons would generally be contrary to the rules of international law.

**August 11** Greenham Women on Trial at Reading Crown Court

**September 20** 11.00am CND Cymru Annual Meeting Temple of Peace Cardiff more details to follow - speakers and workshops. All members and delegates very welcome!

**September 25 - 28** Plaid Cymru Conference, Aberystwyth. We hope to have a CND Cymru presence. If you think you can help please contact CND Cymru.

### I want to join the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

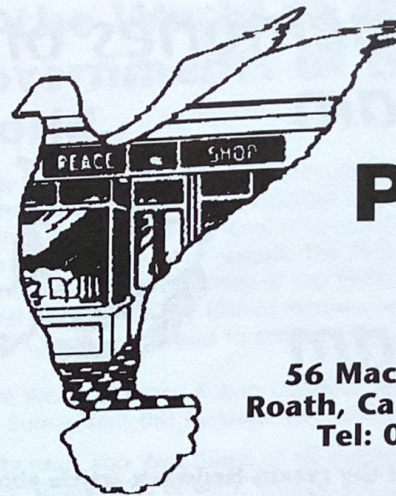
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## What are you doing in August?

Help further our campaign for peace,  
justice and a nuclear free world!

This year, the National Eisteddfod will be held at Bala, Meirionydd, from the 2nd-9th August. If you are Welsh speaking or a Welsh learner – we need your help to raise the profile of our campaign in CND Cymru's tent.

Your entry ticket would be provided, you can have time off to explore the Maes – and you will find the Eisteddfod-goers very sympathetic!

If you can help, please contact Rod Stallard on (01550) 750 260.

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