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campaign for nuclear disarmament

Surprise, surprise!

Trident Replacement goes ahead anyway

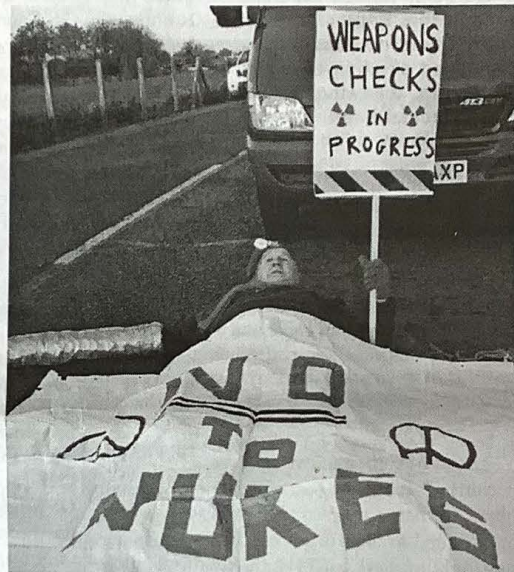
Plans for replacement of the British nuclear weapons system Trident continue in a clear and cynical breach of international disarmament and non-proliferation treaties. The public may have been told that the decision to replace Trident 'has not yet been made' but work is apparently already in progress at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) on the 'High Surety Warhead'.

This project is being run in conjunction with US plans to build a range of modernised "failsafe" nuclear firepower for its own submarine-launched Trident missiles. Government ministers have denied plans to upgrade or refurbish the Royal Navy's existing stockpile of 160 nuclear warheads. The warheads are supposed to have a 'longer shelf-life', and would not need to be detonated in an underground test explosion (that would contravene the 1998 worldwide test ban in place).

£2.2 billion is being spent at Aldermaston AWE to equip it with a state-of-the-art supercomputer and laser to help simulate nuclear explosions in place of live testing. The many new recruitment advertisements for Aldermaston AWE include

the posts for "warhead electrical engineers". Huge resources and research are going into the design of the warheads, no matter what is said in parliament. Everything is geared towards making the weapons more reliable and more accurate - which contravenes every aim of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. It is impossible to be working towards the goal of nuclear disarmament while you're in the business of producing better ones for yourself.

Activists from Cardiff, Bedwas and Swansea were part of the successful blockades at Aldermaston and Burghfield AWEs on a cold November 12th. A spokesperson from Block the Builders commented, "We are living in dangerous times, largely



CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies locked on and getting comfortable at the gates of Burghfield AWE

due to the interventionist foreign policies of the United States and Britain. What we urgently need is a UN Nuclear Weapons Convention banning all nuclear weapons. What business do we in the West have threatening military strikes on Iran for its uranium enrichment programme, whilst at the same spending billions of pounds upgrading our nuclear weapons facilities right here in Britain? The hypocrisy is plain to see. Would we not be better off spending the money on healthcare, education, tackling poverty and caring for the environment?'

Block the Builders is co-ordinating direct action against these new developments. Get involved!
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www.indymedia.org.uk

Bigger than ever blockade

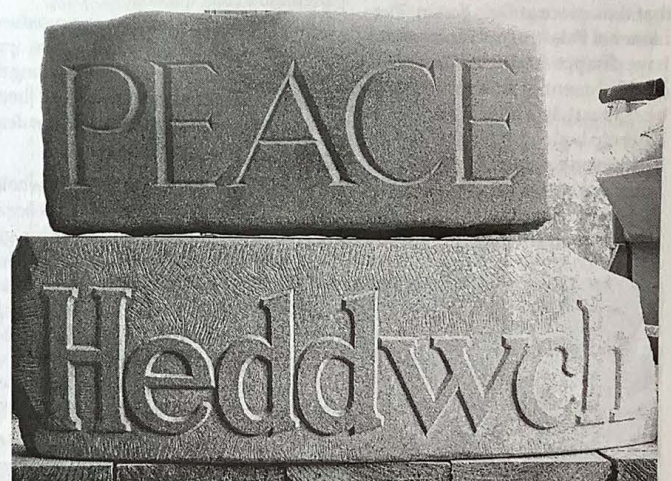
On 1st October, after a year of non-violent blockading of the nuclear weapons submarine base at Faslane, 30 miles west of Glasgow, Faslane 365 celebrated the diversity and impact of this civil resistance against Britain's illegal weapons of mass destruction. Groups and individuals, who in various ingenious ways have disrupted the nuclear business as usual at Faslane came together for a celebration and pledged to continue resistance against the obscenity of nuclear weapons and to share the vision of a nuclear free world. 19 of the 171 protestors arrested that day that we know of, were from Wales.

The year of Faslane 365 may have come to an end at The Big Blockade but the protest against the dark dirty 'secret' of British Nuclear weapons continues. The initiative, launched for the year when a decision on the renewal of Trident would be discussed in the British Parliament, was to bring different kinds of people from all over Britain and the world to Faslane. Groups of all ages, as diverse as lawyers and 'christmas crackers', academics, doctors and Swiss cowherders and from as far away as Japan, and the Americas, and from nearer home came to protest about the obscenity of nuclear

365 days at Faslane:
131 Blockading Groups
189 days of presence
1150 arrests
66 prosecutions

(More blockade news on page 4)

weapons, highlighting the links between the immorality of nuclear weapons and emphasising the insecurities and waste of nuclear war preparations. The 1,150 arrested included over 70 arrests of Welsh blockaders over the year, that CND Cymru knows of, each practically and morally supported by many other blockaders and activists, and back in Wales by their families, friends and other campaigners across the whole country.



A Message for Mynydd Llanllwni Peace Cairn (see page 2)

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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 and the environment

Peace Mala news

This year's Peace Mala International Award for Youth prizes were awarded at a lively and packed presentation ceremony at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff in September. Participants (aged between 5 and 18) had been asked to produce a project which shares and promotes the vision of the Peace Mala – an initiative based in Swansea which encourages young people to become aware of and involved with issues of peace, justice, tolerance and friendship. Highly Commended Certificates were awarded to Salem Lutheran Church of Winners included the Jacobus Youth Group of Pennsylvania, USA and Teesdale School, County Durham. The Senior Award to St Michael's School, Llanelli and the Junior Award to Trallwn Primary School Swansea.

Find out more about the Peace Mala and the Awards for Youth at: 01792 774 225 e: info@peacemala.org.uk www.peacemala.org.uk

Peace cairn

The peace cairn built in 2005 on Mynydd Llanllwni near Gwernogle in Carmarthenshire. This monument is the focus of a project highlighting the plight of ordinary people living in Palestine which promotes dialogue and conversation as a way to peaceful resolution. The cairn has recently been completed with the addition of the word Peace hand carved in Arabic, English, Hebrew and Welsh. The project will continue with a gathering on April 9th 2008. That is the 60th anniversary of a massacre of a large number of Palestinians that took place at Deir Yassin. The names of Palestinian villages that have disappeared since the establishment of Israel in 1948 will be read out. It is hoped that this will help highlight the plight of Palestinian refugees, their right of return and the general principle that ethnic cleansing must never be allowed to succeed.



No case to answer

"The name reading began at 9am – one name every 30 seconds – Iraqi people and British soldiers. So many lives lost. So little time spent remembering the things our government would have us forget."

From an account of the 'No More Fallujahs' action in October 2006 following which at least 12 people were charged with criminal offences under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005.



At Horseferry Road Magistrates Court in London this September, Judge Quentin Purdy found no case to answer and dismissed all charges against five peace protesters, following a protracted and at times farcical hearing which lasted almost four hours.

The five - Brian Barlow, Steve Barnes, Genny Bove, Rob Clohesey and David King - had all been charged under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act (SOCPA), with taking part in an 'unauthorised demonstration' within the 'designated area' around Parliament in October 2006. SOCPA has removed the right to protest within a kilometre of Parliament, and unless with prior police authorisation, the police being able to set conditions on the place and duration of the demonstration, the size of banners and the number of people who may protest.

Freedom of Expression

In court, defendant Genny Bove, of Wrexham submitted that to proceed with the case would be unlawful and an abuse of process, drawing on rulings from the European Court of Human Rights about the need for any restrictions on the right to freedom of expression to be tightly drawn with clear processes, foreseeable consequences.

Following other discussions on procedure regarding 'public interest', the defendants had as opportunity to talk a little about the events surrounding their protest, their motivation and their dismay that they were being treated as criminals for remembering the dead.

Dismissed

The judge was dissatisfied with the whole case, with the notices and maps issued by the police and the lack of proof that the defendants had been given notice.

He refused to allow a late witness - a high ranking police officer - to give evidence; and did not accept that it was proven that the demonstration was unauthorised. At the end of the prosecution case, the defendants submitted that there was no case to answer and the case was dismissed. The five were awarded costs and were free to go.

Parliament Square

On 8th October as the Westminster Parliament resumed after Summer recess, several thousand anti-war protesters marched into Parliament Square. They were joined by people who demanded the basic freedom to be able to protest peacefully without prior police permission or conditions.

Following a raid on Brian Haw and other peace protesters' legitimate encampment in the Square by Mayor Livingstone's Greater London Authority (GLA) team on 17th August, a surrounding metal barrier has been erected.

A welcome in the hillsides, the vale and the bay for cluster bomb manufacturers?

The Global Day of Action against Cluster Bombs* on 5th November highlighted public concern about the problems of cluster bombs and their impact on civilians. Campaigners, led by the Cluster Munition Coalition called on governments to join the international effort towards a treaty to ban them.

Although the British Government pledged its support of the ban, it has since stated that it intends to maintain a certain type of cluster bomb, even though this very type has been proven by its use in Lebanon to be indiscriminately lethal. In 2005, a European Parliament resolution was introduced to ban investments in companies, such as Raytheon, that produce cluster munitions. In response to this, Norway and Belgium have already endorsed this call. Liverpool City Council has also recently adopted a similar position.

Yet the government in Wales has ignored all of these concerns, and instead launched the St Athan Academy project with a consortium of companies which includes Raytheon. Raytheon is a central member of the Metrix Consortium that was awarded the St Athan Defence Training Academy contract in January 2007.

Raytheon denies manufacturing cluster bombs, yet it manufactures bombs with exactly the same 'qualities'.

The Cluster Munitions Coalition has called for the further step of banning investments in companies that produce cluster munitions. In 2005, the Advisory Council on Ethics for the Norwegian Government Petroleum Fund excluded Raytheon from the Fund, along with other manufacturers of cluster munitions.

* Cluster bombs are canisters containing up to several hundred bomblets, which

spread over a large area once dropped or fired. Millions were dropped during the recent conflicts in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, killing and maiming civilians. Cluster bombs violate Geneva Conventions, as they are indiscriminate. As they do not explode on impact they are effectively landmines and explode at any time, killing and maiming sometimes long after a conflict has ended. More information on cluster munitions and the campaign against them can be found at: www.stopclustermunitions.org, www.handicap-international.org.uk, www.landmineaction.org.

*Raytheon produces the AGM154 Joint Standoff weapon (JSOW), an air-delivered bomb with some cluster munition variants. For example the AGM154A, the standard version, contains 145 BLU-97/B sub munitions. Also the Tomahawk cruise missile has amongst its variants a submunition warhead. (Netwerk, 2007, Explosive Investments). It was a Raytheon bomb that hit the Shu'ale market in Baghdad in 2003, killing at least 62 civilians. It was a Raytheon bomb that hit Qana in 2006, killing at least 28 civilians, including 16 children.

heddwch action:

Do we really want this company to 'invest' in Wales? Please let your MP, AMs and MEPs know how you feel about this issue. See more about St Athan Academy on page 3.

Cluster Bombs: get them banned!

Cluster bombs have been killing and injuring civilians for over 40 years. The "Oslo Process", launched in February 2007, aims to conclude a treaty prohibiting cluster bombs by the end of 2008, in the same way that Land Mines were banned.

Britain is arguing that two of its types of cluster bombs should be exempt from the treaty:

♥ The M85, fired by artillery, which was used by Britain in Iraq and more recently by Israel in Lebanon. Each shell splits into 49 bomblets, which are spread over a wide area, almost certainly causing civilian casualties. Those which don't explode immediately supposedly self-destruct, but according to the government 2.3% fail to self destruct, and thus in effect become landmines. But the evidence from Lebanon is that far more than 2.3% failed to self destruct – so much so that the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee commented "the failure rate of "smart" cluster bombs could be as

high as 10%, significantly higher than the Government's estimate of 2.3%"

♥ The M73 which in 2006 was described in Parliament by the Ministry of Defence as a cluster bomb, but which by 2007 "does not fall within Britain's understanding of a cluster munition"! Seems a bit like Windscale changing into Sellafield ...

heddwch action:

Please write to your MP praising the British Government's support for the Oslo Process to ban cluster bombs, but insisting that Britain's own cluster bombs – the M85 and M73 – must also be covered in the ban. www.stopclusterbombs.org

Pulling Jobs out of a Hat

Politicians in favour of the proposed St Athan 'Defence' Academy make much of the 'job creation' aspect of the project. But just how many jobs will actually be created?

The first thing to say is that nobody really knows at the moment. Everything is guess work, and boy have we had some guesses! And the recent announcement that 'Package 2' of the project is not going ahead has made even these original guesses redundant. The 'new jobs' to come to the Vale of Glamorgan with the St Athan project break down into two areas - construction jobs and jobs created on and off site should the project ever get built.

Construction

The backers of the scheme can't really agree on the number of construction jobs. In evidence to the July 2006 Welsh Affairs Committee (WAC) Jane Hutt AM said there will be 'possibly 1,500' while Chris Bryant MP told the same committee those employed in the building process would be in 'the region of 1,000'. What ever the actual number it will be built by a labour force which will need to find more work elsewhere, the minute the last kilo of concrete is poured.

Academy Establishment

Those giving evidence to the WAC made the assumption that Metrix who had originally bid for both 'Packages' to develop the Academy would actually get them. Consequently the estimated jobs-created figure was based on that assumption. Since October 25th 'Package 2' has bitten the dust taking with it about 40% of the previously estimated trainees, so it would seem sense to reduce any of the earlier guesses by 40% as well. Giving his evidence to the July 2006 WAC Andrew Davies AM claimed that there would be 'over 4,000' jobs created while Jane Hutt said

there would be 'the creation of 5,500 permanent jobs'. The increasingly excited Chris Bryant claimed there may be '5,500' jobs and warming to his audience said 'or maybe 6,000'. It was perhaps fortunate that he then went on to wax eloquent about an 'Olympic size swimming pool' and the '2012 Olympics' otherwise who knows what figure he would have ended up with! One leading Labour councillor from the Vale has actually claimed that 'This will be the biggest single investment in Wales and will bring about directly or indirectly 14,000 jobs, quality, well paid jobs we need for Wales.'

Relocation

Will these jobs really be 'created'. Well no not really. Defence Training Review Project Leader, Brigadier Nield when giving evidence to the WAC said, 'Most important is the people dimension; this involves substantial transfers of individuals.' So what ever jobs are 'created' at St Athan will be filled by existing employees moving from elsewhere in Britain, possibly transferring from employment by the MoD to a Metrix consortium member. As if to emphasise this point in his evidence, Nick Evans representing the MoD said, 'like all departments we are subject to the Lyons issue...'. This means that these relocated jobs will count towards the total target set by the London government in its effort to get civil service jobs out of London and the south east of England and to spread them around Britain. The pressure will be on to make as many of the St Athan jobs as possible count as 'relocation' and qualify for the Lyons targets.

While AMs Rhodri Morgan, Andrew Davies and Jane Hutt sprayed champagne and welcomed the Academy with media headlines like 'Base to bring Job Bonanza', EDS - one of the Metrix consortium members - injected a bit of reality in its press release about the new

academy by warning - 'some redundancies following transfer cannot be ruled out.'

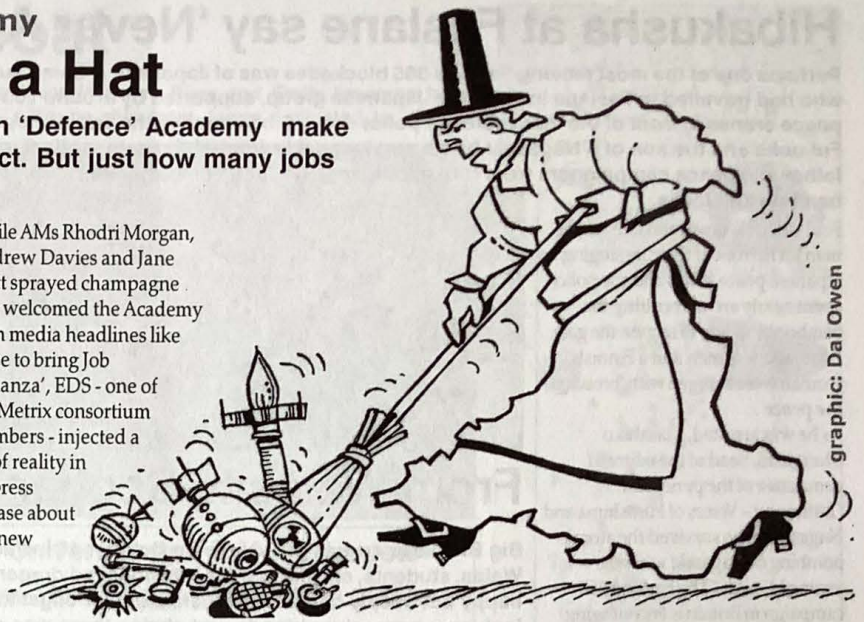
The Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) which represents many of the people currently employed in delivering military training at a number of sites in Britain, says there will be redundancies - maybe as many as 2,000; some compulsory while those re-employed will be on worse contracts of employment and at the mercy of the private sector.

Of the non-training personnel employed at the site many will be on minimum wage - with little training and no real job prospects. A number of the consortium members have records of bad employment practices and low pay to workers all around the world.

It's all a guess

So, any figures the pro-Academy lobby produce are wishful thinking based on guessing, rounding up and adding together. And with the cancellation of 'Package 2' they are over estimated and wrong by probably 40%. Whatever the number, they are not jobs created - they are jobs relocated. At the very most, the 'jobs bonanza' for south Wales means 'job losses' for workers in other parts of Britain.

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St Athan Military Academy

This 'Academy' is intended to be a massive, new, privately-operated campus based training centre for all three services of the British armed forces, located at St Athan, in the Vale of Glamorgan, 13 miles from Cardiff. Plans are for it to be built and operating by 2013. The academy will be constructed and operated by the Metrix Consortium (see above/below/left/right) and represents a major step in British government efforts to 'modernise' defence training, embrace high technology solutions to military problems and outsource to the private sector.

Original plans were that all British military recruits would complete 'phases 2 and 3' of their military training at the academy. These plans may have changed since 'Package 2' was shelved this October. Military recruits from other countries as well as other security and intelligence gathering services are expected to come to St Athan as part of the 'export marketing' of this military training.

The academy is expected to cost the taxpayer something in the region of £16 billion. It will be built as a public private finance initiative and has been said 'to represent one of the largest government investments in Welsh history'. At the time of going to press, no revised cost figures had been made available for Package 1 alone.

Tony Benn has joined signatories of a petition opposing plans to build the academy at RAF St Athan.

engineering, communications and information systems.

Package 2 included training in logistics joint police and personnel administration, security, languages, intelligence and photography.

The Metrix consortium won the whole contract because it was the only group bidding for both 'packages' and at the time various ministers claimed that Metrix by being awarded the two together could deliver economies of scale. A MoD minister said in a parliamentary statement in October this year that there were now "insufficient efficiencies" to go ahead and that the MoD was now considering a "range of options"; seeking "an affordable project". This has meant halting plans for package 2. Are the academy's supporters now asking the question 'Is the Metrix bid still the 'best' for package 1 alone'?

Metrix

The Metrix Consortium, which won the bid to build and run the proposed St Athan Military Training Academy is a joint venture company including some of the world's most powerful arms investors and producers; Land Securities, Trillium and Qinetiq, in partnership with other subcontracting companies: Agusta Westland, City and Guilds, Currie and Brown, Dalkia, EDS, Laing O'Rourke, Nord Anglia, Raytheon, Serco, Sodexo and the Open University.

The Lyons Report

Well Placed to Deliver? Shaping the Pattern of Government Service

Sir Michael Lyons March 2004

An independent review of public sector relocation, this report proposed that thousands of civil servants currently based London and the South East of England be relocated throughout Britain.

'Packages 1 and 2'

Because the overall size of the proposed Military Academy development at St. Athan was so big, the project had to be split into two parts so as not to conflict with EU rules on competition.

Package 1 includes training in aeronautical and mechanical

heddwch action:

- See www.cynefinywerin.org for how to get involved in the campaign, sign the petition, or contact CND Cymru (see page 8). Also see www.gaggedanarchist.tk
- A pamphlet 'St. Athan Defence Training Academy and the Future of Wales' by Stuart Tannock is available from jamesmaiden@wcia.org.uk in hard copy or downloadable from the Cynefin y Werin website.
- The 'Say No to Military Academy' campaign meets regularly in Cardiff please contact Anne Greagsby for more information: t: 02920 626 287 m: 07817513610 e: Annegre@aol.com
- Write to your AMs and MP let them know what you think. Keep the issue in the news! See Diary dates (Page 8) for details of events.

Hibakusha at Faslane say 'Never Again'

Perhaps one of the most moving Faslane 365 blockades was of Japanese A-bomb survivors (Hibakusha) who had travelled to Faslane in July. The Japanese group, supported by around 100 others placed origami peace cranes in front of the main gate. As police moved in to remove the cranes, four grandmothers from Fukuoka and the son of a Nagasaki bomb survivor sat in front of the gate, while five more, including his father and peace campaigners from Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Finland locked themselves together with bamboo arm locks.

Four elderly women and one young man sat in front of the gate singing Japanese peace songs and the police spent nearly an hour cutting the bamboo blockade to reopen the gate. Four Japanese men and a Finnish woman were charged with 'breach of the peace'.

As he was arrested, Masahiko Moriguchi, head of the editorial committee of the periodical 'Testimony - Voices of Hiroshima and Nagasaki' who survived the atomic bombing of Nagasaki when he was 7 years old, said: "The Faslane 365 campaign in Britain is encouraging the epoch-making first step towards the abolition of nuclear weapons by calling on Britain to renounce Trident. As one who experienced the A-bomb, I wanted to see this nuclear base with my own eyes and personally take part in this action to halt the nuclear weapons."

His son, Shinya Moriguchi was among those laying cranes in front of the gate. He said: "The British Government decision on whether or not to renew the Trident system is not only a British matter, but will influence proliferation and insecurity around the world. I wish Britain to make a wise and rational decision and pioneer the road to nuclear abolition, which would make this world safer."

Before being arrested in the Bamboo Blockade, Kohei Ueyama from Hiroshima, said he came to Faslane to show solidarity with the Scottish people taking non-violent action to get rid of Trident: "If we do something for peace in our neighbourhood and country, we can solve any international problem."

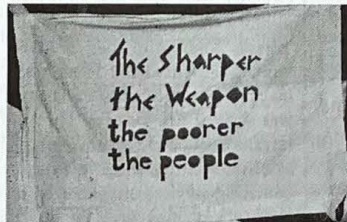
Several members of the delegation were professors, scientists and teachers. Yoshiko Sakai, a retired quantum chemist, said she was "eager for Britain to be the first country that has the honour of abolishing nuclear weapons". Physics professor Kouichi Toyoshima added, "As a member of the scientific community, I feel it's my duty to make every effort to eliminate all such weapons from the world, since the scientists of today must take over the responsibility of our predecessors."

Eisaku Miyoshi, Professor of Engineering from Fukuoka, brought an exhibition of photographs and paintings from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As he was arrested he said "We have to bear witness to the horror of nuclear weapons so that they are never ever used in this world again."



From Wales to Scotland

Big Blockade arrests at Faslane on October 1st included activists from all over Wales, students, clowns and the infamous red dragon joined with the colourful, happy but deeply committed blockaders. Amongst the pink paint, banners and lock ons, superglue, tripods and chains there was poetry dancing and song, humour, prayer and serious conversation. Jill Evans MEP and Chair of CND Cymru joined the blockade along with many other elected representatives from Scotland. Thanks to everyone involved with Faslane 365, the beautiful Gare Loch has again born witness to a more positive human activity than the obscene ulcer of the nuclear weapons base which shames its banks.



Action!

Build Support in Parliament for new EDMs

References to the Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill in this parliament's Queen's Speech, could ensure it is the House of Commons and not just the Prime Minister that has the prerogative to wage war in future. It is essential that the power to send British forces to battle is firmly under the control of Parliament and not the Government. Cast-iron legislation and not just parliamentary convention is the only way this measure can gain the trust of the majority of the population who feel let-down over Iraq.

The government continues to show no signs of being committed to achieving global nuclear disarmament. Not only does it continue to oppose the establishment of a UN supported Nuclear Weapons Convention, but it continues to support the US Missile Defence programme by providing military bases here in Britain. In the most recent development, the government agreed to allow the US use of the Menwith Hill base in Yorkshire, England for part of its US Missile Defence programme, and without any parliamentary debate or scrutiny. This is clearly at odds with its claims of 'increased transparency and accountability'.

heddwch action: Ensure your MP takes up these matters and supports the following Early Day Motions (EDM 72 and 65 - text on Page 8) it is vitally important that we build strong support early in the new Parliament to ensure the widest public debate. You can write by post to 'Your' MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A0AA or via email them via www.theyworkforyou.com. If you are short of time, draft letters to send with the EDMs are available on www.cndcuk.org, but best of all, write your own!

Wales' greatest peacemaker

In the Summer 2007 edition of 'CYMOD', the newsletter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (F.O.R.) in Wales, the first article in a series about Wales' pacifists appeared, aimed mainly at the present generation, who perhaps know very little about them. The pacifist deservedly known as 'Wales' Greatest Peacemaker', George Maitland Lloyd Davies (1880- 1949) was the subject of this first study, and his full story was chronicled in two volumes in Welsh by E.H.Griffiths, following his gaining first prize for a biography of George M.Ll.Davies at the National Eisteddfod in Swansea in 1964. Over many years several members of F.O.R. Wales have attempted a translation into English, believing it to be important that this remarkable man's story be more widely known. Translation of the first volume is now complete, but sadly, the Welsh Books Council refused a grant to help with publication and so the idea now is that it should appear in installments on the F.O.R Cymru website. (www.cymdeithasycymod.org.uk) before too long. Although there is great disappointment at not being able to afford a 'proper book' to honour this remarkable man, the feeling is that the most important thing is to bring his life, work and testimony to the attention of a wider world.

Nia Rhosier, Vice-Chair, Cymdeithas y Cymod

Web for peace

Cymdeithas y Cymod has launched www.cymdeithasycymod.org.uk to provide up to date information about its activities, publications, downloadable educational and campaigning resources. The site also includes a diary of peace and justice events in Wales, a 'shop' and hosted the website of the 2007 Wales Peace Festival held in Caernarfon.

The website was launched with fair trade fruit juice and peace songs, from the Pabell Heddwch (Peace Tent) at the National Eisteddfod by Dr. Robin Gywnadaf and webmistress Marika Fusser.

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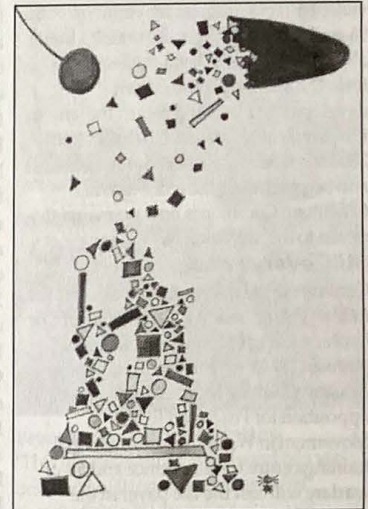
All aboard Peaceboat

BANg (Ban All Nukes generation) representatives including Georgia Coles Riley and Emily Freeman from Wales joined the Global University on board 'Peace Boat' – a cruise ship from Japan dedicated to furthering the cause of disarmament, peace and international understanding. En route between Dublin and New York, they shared information, ran workshops about nuclear weapons and examined cultural and personal issues around the nuclear threat.

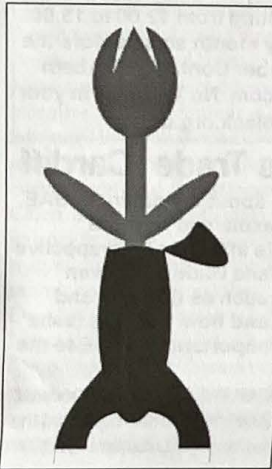
At a Nagasaki Day commemoration held in a New York street they read out their 'Youth Appeal' (abridged text below) and the following day presented their appeal to the UN Head of the Office of Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Sergio Duarte who had been chair of the failed nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Conference in 2005. He told the youth delegation of his frustrations with the nuclear weapons situation, but said that the young people's stance made him feel more optimistic for the future.



Charlotte Turtle Wales



Karol Felsner Austria



Akira Uchimura Japan

Peace Boat, Global University and BANg European Youth Network New York Appeal August 9th 2007

We, young people from across the world, first came together only two weeks ago at an international protest at the Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland. Many of us also visited Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant where we saw the danger nuclear material poses to people nearby, even when used in a so-called "safe" or "peaceful" capacity. Since then we have been discussing nuclear power, nuclear weapons, nuclear proliferation, and what these all mean for our future.

We have also had opportunities to hear about the horrors of atomic bombs from the Hibakusha. The possibility of another Hiroshima and Nagasaki frightens us. We are must act now, not to forget and not to repeat this horrific history. On behalf of youth around the world and the youth of the future, in their and our name, we make this appeal to the people, to governments and to the world. We cannot accept the existence of any kind of nuclear weapon.

We are concerned that our governments are afraid to educate people about the terrible effects of nuclear weapons. We believe that it is not that young people do not care but they do not know about what is happening.

We do not want our governments to use "security" as an excuse to possess nuclear weapons. We do not feel "secure". The manufacture, possession, renewal or use of nuclear weapons by any government should never be done in our name. We do not want this terrible legacy.

There are existing frameworks such as the NPT which should enable nuclear abolition, yet we feel that there is a great absence of political will. We ask why political power struggle is prioritised over our lives and future. We ask why security is not based on actual human life and rights. We ask whether anything has been done for nuclear disarmament to really protect us.

We ask who is able to take responsibility for the impact of radioactive pollution, a burden placed on future generations. We ask who is able to take responsibility for the damage caused by radioactively contaminated materials, waste and possible nuclear accidents.

So we ask, what can we do?

Alone, we are frightened and often feel helpless. Together we are stronger and are reminded that we can do something. We, on behalf of young people all over the world, are here to show our solidarity to those brave leaders and politicians, activists and citizens who are taking every opportunity to push nuclear abolition forwards at many different levels. At this moment in history, we see a chance in front of us. Nuclear disarmament in Britain alone would offer an example for the rest of the world and the start of global disarmament. Thus we call on the British government to rethink their decision to renew the Trident missile system.

Do not stop imagining the world you dreamed of when you were child. Work on protecting everything and everyone you love. We know that nuclear weapons have no place in the world we want. Spread the word about nuclear issues. Tell your family and friends, and people around you how you felt today.

We remember, especially as we work together and meet new people who agree with us, that there is always hope. While we have hope we have the ability to achieve what we hope for: the world safe for everyone, a world without the fear of nuclear weapons.

For the complete text of this 'Youth Appeal' and more information about BANg see www.bang-europe.org



Hiroko Kono Japan

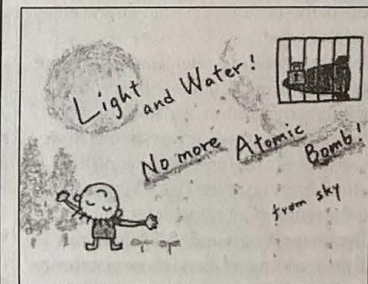
Peace postcards

Winners of the BANg international postcard competition included student Charlotte Turtle of Llandoverly. If you could distribute some of these postcards contact CND Cymru (see page 8). Large or small quantities are available. Please send your name and address, numbers of postcards and a donation/stamps to cover postage.

Please be prepared to take pot luck with the selection.



Morita Erina Japan



Japan

help needed:

The young participants from Wales were funded in part for this project by a grant from Cynefin y Werin and CND Cymru. However there is a shortfall which has left these too young people, who are school and college students, at least £700 out of pocket. They are appealing for support and donations.

If you can help, please send donations to: Youth Appeal for Disarmament, c/o CND Cymru (see address on p 8) make cheques payable to: **Môr Ddi Niwclear**

Greenham peace garden Hello and Farewell

On 8th September, friends came together to pay tribute to the years of non-violent protest and to celebrate the disarming of RAF/USAF Greenham Common in Berkshire, England. The women's protest, that began with a long march from Wales in 1981, lasted for 19 years and is deservedly well documented. However, little is known of the military occupation of Greenham Common and how, having requisitioned the land in 1939 the MoD held on to it for more than 50 years.

Not only did the women by their non-violent direct action, rid the common of the 96 nuclear armed US cruise missiles they also used successful legal challenges to force the MoD to abandon their development plans and return the land to the people of Newbury. On the 8th April 2000, local people gathered at the airbase and began cutting the fence down. Greenham Common is now permanently closed to the military.

Still everywhere

Continuing the theme of opposition to the military, Mary Millington, on behalf of Côr Cochion Caerdydd spoke about the planned "St Athan Military Training Academy" which is currently a focus of opposition for Peace and Justice Movement in Wales. This international training centre for the science and art of warfare will cost the tax-payer in the region of £14 billion and will provide promotional opportunities for arms companies such as Raytheon, the cluster-bomb manufactures. A Petition against this appalling insult to world peace-making efforts was passed round.

A New Caretaker

Côr Cochion Caerdydd, as always, were in fine voice. Their contribution to the event was positive and heartening. Olwen Leavold of the choir spoke in Welsh of her pride that the idea for Greenham came from Wales and that Helen Thomas brought the Welsh language to the Camp. A break then followed to mingle and enjoy cake and wine. We then turned our attention to the Peace Garden. The importance of the protest, including the garden, and its impact on the preventing nuclear war should be seen in an historical light when viewing the future direction of the Peace Movement. As the retiring Coordinator for the Greenham Peace Garden, I paid tribute to all the women and men whose generosity had brought the garden to its completion—particularly those contributors of the older generation. Their experience of politics and war, over a life time, influenced the need not to forget the protest on Greenham Common.

It was at this time that I handed over the future care of the Greenham Peace Garden to Katrina Howse, who spent 18 years, full time, at Yellow Gate Women's Peace Camp, on Greenham Common. She is renowned for her dedication to all that the women's peace camp stands for. Katrina is now the Coordinator for the Greenham Peace Garden. In accepting the responsibility, she endorsed the importance of the presence of the Peace Garden - she referred to, and agreed with, the feminist historian who had expressed the belief that 'it is essential, when viewing history, that there is physical evidence'.

Never Forgetting

Kate Hudson, CND Chair, joined us after attending an earlier meeting. She spoke of the current concerns of the campaign, especially the proposed use of the Menwith Hill and the radar base at Fylingdales becoming involved in the US Missile Defence system. She agreed with the need for continuity in the peace movement - to keep a connection with past achievements, citing the proposed celebrations in, 2008 landmark year, for the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of CND on 17th February 1958, and the first big Easter Aldermaston march.

On a day that was full of content, and commitment to peace, I was given the honour of conducting a short blessing and naming ceremony for the daughter of Katrina Howse and Dafydd Jones. Heulwen Tara Jones, born 12th December 2006, was blessed with water at the fountain that commemorates and identifies the protest on Greenham Common with the words "Women's Peace Camp 1981-2000 - You can't kill the spirit". Historically, Heulwen's birth date is significant!

Sarah Hipperson

CND Cymru sends warm thanks to Sarah who has been such a careful, caring and active guardian of our Greenham spirit.

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More information about the whole history of the Common at Greenham: www.greenham-common-trust.co.uk/history.htm or www.vortex.uwe.ac.uk/places_of_peace/greenham.htm.
Also Sarah Hipperson 'Greenham Non-Violent Women v The Crown Prerogative' (Greenham Publications 2005) Ann Pettitt 'Walking to Greenham - How the Peace-Camp began and the Cold War ended' (Honno 2006) Beth Junor 'Greenham Common Women's Peace camp A History of Non-Violent Resistance 1984 - 95'. Further information about the Greenham Peace garden t: 0208 989 4819 e: sarah.hipperson@virgin.net

Editor's Note: December 12th 1979 was the date of the decision to base US nuclear armed Cruise Missiles in Europe. 'Embrace the Base' was a deeply moving and pivotal event at Greenham Common which took place on December 12th 1982, when 30,000 women from all over Britain and beyond surrounded the 9 mile perimeter fence. We had brought objects to decorate the fence, artifacts symbolising 'life' to us - photographs of loved children, people and places, toys and decorations... As dusk fell and helicopters with searchlights whirred overhead silence fell and the women all around the muddy slippery edge of the dark US base held candles. There was singing - 'You Can't Kill the Spirit'....

Cardiff Women in Black Leaves on the same tree

We were so glad that we did decide to go ahead with November's Women in Black vigil in Cardiff even though we were just three. It was a lovely vigil in glorious sunshine.

A middle-aged couple came up to us at one point, and the man commented that the figure we have on our poster for possible Iraqi casualties are far too low, then said they were Armenians from Iraq. He told us that his brother was killed a few days ago in Baghdad - he was injured in the street, and the Americans wouldn't let him be taken to hospital. Now he can't be buried because he has no death certificate. He said all this very briefly, angrily but without great drama - it was deeply shocking, a glimpse of the horror of daily life in much of Iraq.

I felt that at least through our being there today this couple had met people who do care about what's happening in their homeland. A Greenham Common woman also stopped to find out about who we were, and this reminded me that we are part of a great network - there are many people like us who do what they can, when they can, to take a stand against injustice and war.



Elisabeth Edwards

Cardiff Women in Black (WiB) has been meeting from 12:00 to 13:00 for a silent vigil on the first Saturday of every month since before the Iraq invasion. Next vigil: Saturday 1st December Contact: Elisabeth Edwards t: 029 2048 1190 e: Fernfire@aol.com No WiB vigil in your area? Why not start one? See www.womeninblack.org.uk

Campaign Against the Arms Trade Cardiff

A packed Cardiff meeting in November heard about the nature of BAE and about corruption. Symon Hill, for CAAT explained how the 'interests' of politicians and even civil servants affect their perspective and decisions concerning arms manufacture and trade; how even small arms and other 'aerospace' companies such as Quinetiq and depend upon BAE as buyer of their products and how 'the jobs issue' was exaggerated to make a false case for the importance of BAE to the economy.

BAE, incidentally, revealed that military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan had boosted their August profits (£501 million, double that of August 2006). Symon also explained the significance and triumph of the closure of the British Government organisation (DESO) which found export markets for British weaponry.

Nick Hildyard, of 'Corner House' spoke of corruption in relation to the arms trade, which he emphasised, was not 'a fact of life' and should be challenged. He emphasised that 'might is not right' and the law should be applied even-handedly to all. He said that public opinion is the strongest card in working on such issues and that our job is to alter what people (that means those around us in everyday life as well as the media and those in power) think of as 'normal' by talking to people and destroying the myths that prevent people thinking that change is possible. This was proved just a few days following the Cardiff meeting when a High Court hearing granted permission to Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) and The Corner House to bring a full judicial review hearing against the British Government decision to cut short a Serious Fraud Office (SFO) investigation into alleged corruption by British Aerospace (BAE) Systems in recent arms deals with Saudi Arabia.

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It is hoped to set up a Cardiff campaign Against the Arms Trade group. Please contact Phil Kingston for more details: e: phil.kingston@hotmail.com t: 02920 711 943. There is already a Penarth Christian CAAT group (contact Phil for more details). More information about the BAE case: Campaign Against the Arms Trade: www.caat.org.uk Corner House: www.thecornerhouse.org.uk Indian Airforce (IAF) pilots have been training in the new BAE Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer at RAF Valley on Ynys Môn this summer. BAE systems have recently sold 66 Hawk aircraft to the IAF.

Don't Attack Iran!

Cardiff Stop the War is working to focus attention on the dangers posed by any potential threat military attack on Iran. A Statement of Intent has been drafted: 'We the representatives of the people of Wales oppose plans for an attack on Iran. We believe that any attack on Iran would be a disaster for the people of that country and would massively increase instability across the Middle East and beyond' The Statement has attracted cross-party support and 15 AMs have so far signed up to the statement. Please contact your AM and ask them to sign up or to congratulate them if they have already signed.

Signatories so far: Dai Lloyd; Chris Franks; Mohammed Ashgar; Mick Bates; Leanne Wood; Bethan Jenkins; Gareth Jones; Nerys Evans; Alun Jones; Helen Mary Jones; Nick Bourne; Peter Black; Christine Chapman; Jenny Randerson; Kirsty Williams

Rick Newnham is asking people to let him know of any responses m: 0797 385 7048 e: ricknewnham@hotmail.co.uk

All of human life

Wales Peace Festival Caernarfon

Every all-Wales peace event I've attended seems exceptional, and each quite different to the next. (I have to confess here that I just love going to events that someone else has organised.) This year's Peace Festival in Caernarfon carried on the tradition and high standard of our national events.

Organised by the hardworking Arfon Peace and Justice group and funded by, amongst others, CND Cymru and Cynefin y Werin, the festival this year somehow managed to fit a week's events into a day and almost all current peace and justice issues into our hot and receptive hearts and minds. All this lubricated by great company, wonderful music (that Côr Gobaith gets everywhere!) and a great location at Y Galeri. It was well worth making the journey from south Wales all the magnificent way through the September morning sunshine to get there. Over 300 people listened to Jo Berry, Patrick Magee, Prof. Nick Wheeler and Mabon ap Gwynfor discuss issues of peace and justice. Mabon inspired us all by speaking about the history of peace campaigning in Wales.

Listening to Jo Berry (whose father Anthony was killed by the Brighton bomb at the Conservative Party Conference in 1984) and Patrick Magee (who, as an IRA soldier had planted that same bomb) was a deeply moving and impressive experience. These two human beings showed us that there is nothing easy or even 'weak' in forgiveness. There it was - inspiring, careful, thoughtful and tough reconciliation in action. Professor Nick Wheeler from Aberystwyth too talked about 'trust' as a necessary ingredient for disarmament, a concept many of us rarely hear mentioned by academics. The personal and the political, all happening there on the stage in front of us.

A whole feast of workshops followed - perhaps here we could have done with more time - as always it would have been good to have attended them all. There was a brilliant film about Palestine, 'Goal Dreams' about the Palestinian Football Association (and I don't even particularly like football) and to finish off, good music by Olive Grooves, Anhrefn, Gwilym Morus, Red Stripe, Olive Grooves DJs and others. Thanks so much to Arfon Peace and Justice Group for all their year of organising and hard work. A decision was made to regularise annual funding for the Peace festival - which will certainly help next year's event. Keep an eye out for it and don't miss it!

Jill Gough

the military in space

Reclaiming heaven and earth for peace

Bruce Gagnon, Co-ordinator of the Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space was hosted in Wales by Cynefin y Werin, CND Cymru, the Friends and Aberystwyth Peace and Justice Network this Autumn as part of an eventful tour of Britain. After the "Missile Defense: U.S. Plans to Divide Europe and Surround Russia" Conference organised by CND in London, Bruce toured Wales speaking at meetings in Cardiff, Bridgend, and Aberystwyth before going on to Oswestry, to Leeds, 'RAF' /US Fylingdales, Whitby and then on the blockade the Trident base at Faslane where he and British CND Vice Chair Dave Webb were arrested for obstruction.

Bruce told of how corporate globalisation exploits the availability of cheap labour overseas, and US jobs are being lost. Armaments are now the main export of the US and the Pentagon sees the role of the US as 'security export'. This can only be maintained, indeed profits can only be increased in a state of endless threat and 'endless war'.

Domination

Space technology is already in use for military purposes, 70% of all weapons used in the initial 'shock and awe' attacks on Iraq were directed to their targets by satellite. There is an urgent need to have a new UN Treaty to ban weapons of mass destruction in space as well as on earth but the US government consistently blocks any initiatives which could bring this about, while the US Airforce Space Command's planning document Vision for 2020 calls for U.S. "control and domination" of space. US health and welfare programmes are at risk as attempts are made to divert public funds into space technology

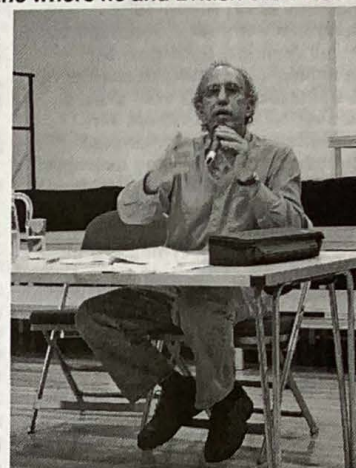
programmes. US 'allies' are being asked to invest as well 'to avoid being left behind'.

Choices

Bruce spoke convincingly of the need for the peace movement to present positive alternatives to demonstrate that the issue is not a straight choice between arms jobs or no jobs. The military industrial complex could quickly convert to non-military manufacturing. A decent rail network across the US could be built to help counter climate chaos and provide jobs, as would the manufacture of solar panels and wind generators. Both these projects would have the added advantage of reducing the need to go to war for oil.

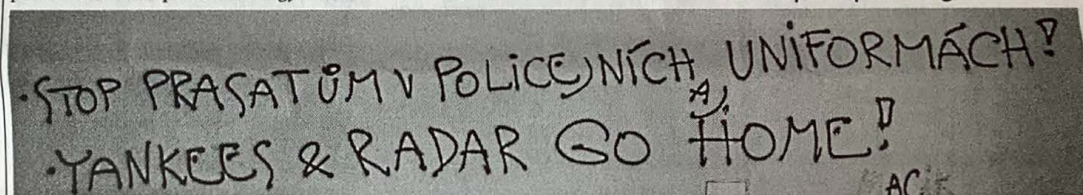
Great Spirit

At the age of 11, when his family moved to South Dakota, Bruce was made aware of the plight of the native American people and he studied Sioux culture and beliefs. He learned from them that all things on earth are connected in a 'sacred hoop' and that today because of human mistakes, this hoop is broken. Bruce says 'we need a spiritual reconnection between the earth and its people to mend it'.



Bruce wrote of his trip to Britain: 'This was an exciting, whirlwind trip and one that I will long remember for its wonderful walks, beautiful sites, and making contact with dedicated activists. I am grateful to CND for having me come to Britain and to all who hosted me.'

Find out more from:
www.space4peace.org



Europe against a new arms race

A recent 'Europe for Peace' conference of over 400 local people and delegates from over 17 countries including Wales, met in the town hall of Brznice in the Czech Republic to discuss opposition to US plans to build new military installations in Europe.

Citizens and Czech mayors have been struggling with the authorities for freedom to decide for themselves whether or not they want their country to be host to the radar system which is part of US National Missile 'Defense' (NMD) plans. Czech campaigners are now calling for a referendum on the issue, in addition to having held non-violent protests, collected signatures, making links with organisations and individuals within and beyond the Czech borders and educating communities about the issue. They have proved that a majority of Czech citizens do not want the US base on Czech soil and interpret the US NMD system as heralding an escalation of international tension and the beginning of a new 'cold war'. US military planners hope that Poland will host the 'interceptor missiles' for the scheme.

Breadth

The campaign embraces non-violence, human rights making the connections between the project and all parts of war preparation and military deployment. Europe for Peace is collecting supporters on a 'statement' and has received

messages of solidarity from all over the world including from Noam Chomsky, Mikhail Gorbachev, Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Angelo Baracca, and Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of Hiroshima who made a plea for immediate nuclear disarmament and a halt to the US preparations for a new cold war.

Fossil fuels

The Conference heard how US plans for Europe are to secure global dominance in communications, multinational markets, resources and in weaponry by using space technology; the US is looking to dominate and take ownership of fossil fuel resources (oil in the Middle East; natural gas in Russia) and how the NMD plans may well herald a new arms race. The technology is being driven forward by the arms companies and all military training in the USA now includes a strong element of training in digital technologies which goes right across all military services ('netcentric').

Wales is Europe too

Trident is part of this technology, the British Trident system is targeted using US

space/satellite systems. British military plans for reorganising and revamping the military services are taking these new systems on board and the proposed/planned Military Academy at St Athan is part of plans to upgrade military expertise in this area. The St Athan promotional material advertises that it will embrace 'high technology solutions to military problems'. The US 'Big 3' weapons contractors, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and Raytheon, are looking to missile defense as a medium-to-long term source of revenues and profits. Raytheon, the world's 5th largest weapons manufacturer is a major player in the St Athan Academy project.

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see British CND: www.cnduk.org/pages/campaign/starwrs.html
Yorkshire CND: www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk
NE základnám / No Bases: www.nezakladnam.cz
Czech League of Mayors: www.starostoveprotiradaru.eu
Europe for Peace: www.europeforpeace.eu

diary dates

29th November Worldwide. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. www.un.org/depts/dhl/palestinian/

30th November - 1st December **Cymdeithas y Cymod** vigil Urdd Centre, Millennium Centre, Cardiff Theme: the proposed Military Academy at St. Athan 30th November seminar 7.30pm led by Stuart Tannock. Saturday, 1st December (10.30am) Peace Service at Bethesda'r Fro Chapel close to the RAF base at St Athan. All welcome to all events. Limited number of places to stay overnight, (£45 for accommodation and food). To register contact Arfon Rhys: t: 01286 830 913 post@cymdeithascymod.org.uk

1st December **London Stop the War Coalition 'World Against War' Conference** to discuss the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and opposition to any attack on Iran. Delegates from all over the world including from Polish and Czech organisations in opposition to the US 'Missile Defense' plan. At Westminster Central Hall. Booking forms: www.stopwar.org.uk

10th December 6.15pm **Wrexham Wrexham Peace and Justice Forum Planning Meeting** Quaker Meeting House, Holt Rd, Wrexham. Contact: 0845 330 4505 or wrexhamwomen@yahoo.co.uk

February 16-17th London **Global Summit for a Nuclear Weapons Free World** This is CND's actual 50th anniversary date. It will take place at City Hall with delegates from all around the world with two strands - one for diplomatic and specialist work and the other for activist work. Discussions will centre around how to encourage international political conditions for nuclear disarmament and also to share 'good practice'. On the Saturday evening all who joined CND in its first year (1958) are invited to a special birthday reception.

23rd February 2008 Happy 26th Birthday Nuclear Free Wales! **CND Cymru** Cynghor meeting venue to be confirmed please contact CND Cymru nearer time (see contacts) for details.

50 years of CND British CND is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2008 and is keen to hear from anyone who joined CND in its first year in 1958 and is still active today.

If you have any photographs or memories of the early days of CND please get in touch with Kate Hudson, CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ e: office@cnduk.org t: 020 7700 2393 Celebrations will include a summer concert in London.

Easter Monday 2008 **50th Anniversary Event at AWE Aldermaston**

Put this date in your diary now - buses will be leaving from Wales on 24th March 2008! In CND's 50th anniversary year, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first Aldermaston march. The event will take place at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston - details to follow.

CND Cymru Petition

No To Trident Replacement, Yes to a Nuclear Weapons Convention petitions calling on the British Government to cancel its Trident Replacement plan and pursue negotiations in good faith to work towards nuclear disarmament worldwide, are coming back to us. Many thanks for your work in collecting signatures. If you would like more copies (the deadline is 31st March 2008), would like a copy to send to your MP or AMs asking them to sign or if you know of a public place or are attending a public event where you think you could give more people the opportunity to sign, then please contact the CND Cymru office (see page 6).

Do Something about Burma!

French oil company Total is one of the biggest foreign investors in Burma. Protests outside Total garages and offices across Britain have included protests at Total Garages in Cardiff and Wrexham - all part of the campaign to highlight which companies prop up Burma's military dictatorship and to let Total know that it is not acceptable for companies in Wales to support despots.

South Wales Anarchists welcome all comers to their protests. Reliable news about Burma can be found at: <http://www.burmanet.org/news/> Contacts: South Wales Anarchists: cardiffanarchists@riseup.net <http://southwalesanarchists.org> m: 07798 603706 Wrexham t: 0845 330 4505 e: wrexhamwomen@yahoo.co.uk www.burmacampaign.org.uk Petitions pressuring Total and other corporations to withdraw investment in Burma. www.burmanet.org/news/ Up to date reliable news in Burma. www.avaaz.org Petition targeting and pressuring China, the main supporter of the Burma regime. For reports of protests: <http://www.indymedia.org.uk>

Justice for the refugees of Iraq

Free copies of a new campaign postcard to Gordon Brown ('Justice for Iraq's Refugees') jointly produced by Voices, Iraq Occupation Focus and the Coalition to Stop Deportations to Iraq (www.csdiraq.com) are now available from Voices e: gabriel@voices.net t: 0845 458 2564. Ideal for stalls, mailings etc... Please specify how many you want, and the address to send them to. www.tinyurl.com/399dbc

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A warmest welcome to
Bryn Aeron Bruce Newman
Born in Aberystwyth
Friday October 26th 2007
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congratulations to
Mike and Denise from us all



Olwen's birthday treat

A special musical birthday party event held in Aberystwyth and hosted by CND Cymru Vice Chair Olwen Davies, raised £2,000 for the Chernobyl Children's Project in October. Olwen's guests included a male voice choir, Aber Jazz, Talybont school choir the Aberystwyth singers, Mari Owen, Jeremy Turner, Paul Morgan, Bethan Mills' string quartet and Elin Angharad Roberts, and of course Olwen herself joined in.

Keep in touch with what's going on across Wales by subscribing to the justpeace e list by sending an email to: justpeace-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Action! - see page 4 for details

EDM 72 NUCLEAR WEAPONS CONVENTION 06.11.2007 Jeremy Corbyn

That this House notes the forthcoming 40th anniversary of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; further notes the continued failure of the international community to abolish nuclear weapons or prevent their further proliferation; endorses the unanimous opinion of the International Court of Justice that there exists an obligation to pursue in good faith, and bring to a conclusion, negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control; further notes the recent 10th anniversary of the submission of a model nuclear weapons convention by Costa Rica to the United Nations for discussion; and calls upon the Government to work to achieve progress on multilateral negotiations with the aim of achieving implementation of a nuclear weapons convention by 2020.

EDM 65 PARLIAMENT AND DECISIONS OVER US MISSILE DEFENSE 06.11.2007 Jeremy Corbyn

That this House recalls the statement by the former Prime Minister on 28th February with regard to the UK involvement in the US Missile Defence programme, that 'I am sure that we will have the discussion in the House... When we have a proposition to put, we will come back and put it'; notes with concern that the Secretary of State for Defence made a written statement to this House one day before the summer recess, stating that at RAF Menwith Hill, 'equipment will be installed and operated by the US Government to allow receipt of satellite warnings of potentially hostile missile launches'; regrets that the written statement does not reflect the spirit of the process that the former Prime Minister announced; and calls upon the Government to arrange a full debate to allow hon. Members to scrutinise in public the US Missile Defence deployment plans in the UK.



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