

CAMPAIGN WALES



INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S

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TREATMENT NOT TRIDENT

BRITAIN CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE ITS OWN (PRIVATE) ARMS RACE - THE TRIDENT MISSILE SYSTEM - AS WELL AS SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE

This is becoming clearer month by month when we look at the spending on the National Health Service in real terms.

In 1948 the NHS was set up to provide free and comprehensive health care for everyone in Britain. It was an example to the world, but by now I do not think that any of us can be satisfied, let alone proud of the scope of our health services, or of our contribution to improving health in the third world.

To give but a few examples:

1. In 1984 Britain spent 5.4% of its gross national product on its health services, while Sweden spent 10%, USA 9.5%, France and Germany 8%
2. The infant mortality rate (death in the first year of life) has long been seen as an indicator of the health of a nation. In 1982 Britain was 12th in table, Sweden and Japan were the top two.
3. The cost of one Trident submarine is forty times the amount Britain spends a year on cancer research and three times the cost of eliminating malaria, which effects over a quarter of the world's population.
4. £11 billion (Trident's cost) - our entire foreign aid programme for the next ten years.

In 1986 CND Cymru plans to mount a campaign throughout Wales to make people more aware of the direct link between arms spending and health care, with particular emphasis on the Trident programme, which has hardly begun, but which will cost at least £11 billion. This obscene figure represents £30,000 a day for the next 1,000 years. What couldn't the NHS do with this?

We hope to be able to work with the Medical Campaign against Nuclear Weapons (MCANW), who are already deep into a "Trident or Health" campaign, and there will be a workshop on the subject at St. Asaph on January 25th from which we plan to launch our 1986 Campaign.

The Carmarthen Campaign continues

To what length will Mr. Eric Alley, the Home Office adviser go, in order to force Civil Defence on the Councils of Wales?

Even if we do not prevent the eventual construction of the Carmarthen Bunker; the campaign has achieved something, which it can be argued, is equally important - a real breakthrough in public opinion. It has forced a major challenge to established power, that of Carmarthen District Council and the Government/Home Office strategy on Civil Defence. 8,000 people of Carmarthen district signed a petition opposing the 'Bunker'.

At the end of 1985 Carmarthen remained the only District in Wales to receive grant and approval for a Civil Defence Emergency Centre under the 1983 regulations. At an estimated final cost of £150,000 the scheme will have had by far the largest grant and raised the most public opposition of any district scheme in Britain.

The dedication to this long running protest must stand out as an example to us all. What is happening in Carmarthen today could happen in your area tomorrow.

Congratulations and thanks to Carmarthen Anti Bunker Campaign, c/o 2 Mansel Street, Carmarthen, Dyfed. Contributions and/or enquiries welcomed.

A message for 1986

Now is a good time to do more for our movement. Together we must build upon the work done over the last couple of years and make CND Cymru a stronger movement and a more pertinent part of the life of Wales. The potential is there, as the Carmarthen anti-bunker campaign has shown. Many of you have expertise and abilities that the campaign needs. Why don't you offer your help? You are welcome to attend Cyngor meetings (dates and venue in calendar of events) and the Annual General Meeting.

As a Campaign we depend enormously for our financial base upon individual membership. 2,000 new members during 1986 would enable us to employ a full time worker. If you get one person to join CND Cymru now, we could easily exceed that target before Easter.

Let's build the movement together and develop our campaign.

Become an active member of CND Cymru.

Gronw ab Islwyn
Chairperson CND Cymru

Dates when you can join in our campaigns

January - July 1986

January 18th	Cyngor C.N.D. Cymru at Bryn Afon, Rhayadr. (Powys)
January 25th	Day conference of North Wales Peace & CND groups at St. Asaph Community Centre (Clwyd).
February 6th	Molesworth Action
February 15th	Rally & Festival in Aberystwyth to mark the 4th Anniversary of Nuclear Free Wales.
February 19th	Newport (Gwent) CND Peace Service
February 28th	Concert to celebrate Nuclear Free Wales in Cardiff.
March 22nd	CND Cymru's annual conference in Lampeter "Your chance to have a say".
March 31st	All Wales action at Brawdy (Dyfed)
April	Launch of British CND's Basic Case Bilingual material available for Wales.
July 4th & 5th	All Wales action at USAF Caerwent (Gwent)
July 12th	Cyngor CND Cymru at Bryn Afon, Rhayadr, Powys.

For further details about any of the above please ring Bob Cole (0766) 831833

KEEP SUPPORTING GREENHAM

It is certainly hard for us, warm and at home, to appreciate the courage and hardship suffered by the women who have camped at Greenham, on and off for over four years.

Everyone in this peace movement owes them an enormous debt.

The press and media now ignore the Greenham protest as irrelevant, but the following few lines tell a different story:

On October 26th, a letter appeared in the Guardian from a member of 'Cruise Watch', telling us that it was 3 months since a full American Cruise convoy had been able to leave USAF Greenham Common and roam the roads of southern England.

General Charles Donnelly, head of USAF in Europe, has admitted that it has become impractical to bring out full Cruise convoys because of the surprising persistence of protest by women at Greenham and by mixed groups at the supposedly secret launching sites.

The original and intended form of Cruise convoy deployment comprises: 22 vehicles stretching over one quarter of a mile, plus a big police presence, all travelling at dead of night.

Cruise has been stopped in several ways:

* By leafleting and the presence of hundreds of people, local communities have been informed even when national media turned blind eyes and deaf ears.

* Vehicles in the convoys have been immobilised simply by painting out their windscreens.

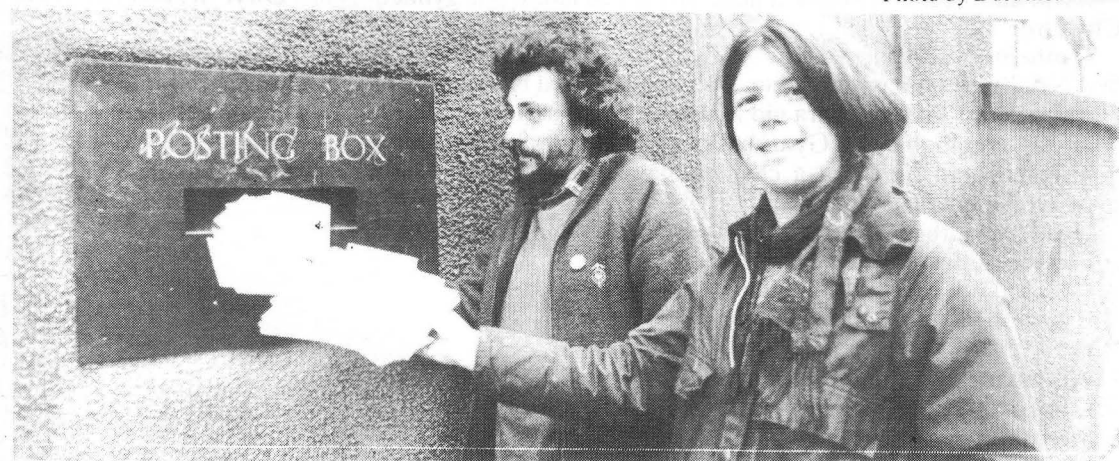
The US training programme has been so disrupted that officers now seem willing to let support vehicles trickle out of Greenham in only ones and twos, sometimes over several days, mixing with the daytime traffic. By various round about routes they meet up on Salisbury Plain. Days later, the cruise operators try to slip unnoticed out of Greenham in ordinary civilian cars. If they are lucky, they may be allowed to play for a few hours with a solitary cruise launcher kept permanently hidden in the British army barracks on Salisbury Plain; then they dash back to Greenham, mission not accomplished!

This must have been an embarrassing three-month gap.

The moral is that oppressive governments rely on us feeling powerless and overwhelmed: our silence is then taken as our assent. By actively denying the nuclear state our compliance, we can start to divert resources from the means of death into the means of life.

Bob Cole, General Secretary CND Cymru and Siân Jones, Secretary of Blaenau Ffestiniog CND, posting Christmas Cards to prisoners of conscience in Turkey. Part of the campaign by CND on December 14th to send greetings to peace protestors in prison all over the world.

Photo by Dorothea Heath



4th Anniversary of Nuclear Free Wales Feb 15-22, 1986

Next year's celebrations will be launched by a FESTIVAL & RALLY IN ABERYSTWYTH FEBRUARY 15th.

The day will be hosted by CND Cymru and organised by Aberystwyth Peace Network with the help of WANA. The serious theme for the day will be 'DEPRIVATION IN WALES' (Welfare not Warfare, Treatment not Trident, Jobs not Bombs) and it is hoped that this can be carried on during the week throughout Wales. Also that this theme will increase our support from, for example, Trade Unions, Chapels and Churches, Women's Organisations and Youth Groups.

Events will start at 10.30 a.m. and will include.

An Ecumenical Service.

A march through the town and up to the University campus.

A meeting in the Great Hall of the Student's Union

Food

Entertainment with bands and a theatre group.

Discussion workshops on a wide range of subjects.

There will be stalls and a creche and children's entertainment will be provided.

BE SURE THAT YOU ARE ALL THERE!

BRING YOUR BANNERS!

All 8 Nuclear Free Countries of Wales will be asked to have a banner for the occasion.

You will be getting further information in the post.

Contact: Mary Jones, Nythfa, Talybont, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. (097086) 673.

FOR A FRIEND

Join CND Cymru

CND membership fees: Adult £9; two persons sharing the same address £12
Students: £3; CND Youth £1 (under 21); unwaged £2

Yes, I want to join CND. Please find enclosed my membership fee.

My name

My address

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Return this form to the Membership Secretary:

2 Piasturton Avenue, Pontcanna, Cardiff CF1 9HH.



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