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## Sold out

S taff at Cardiff's Atomic Weapons Establishment bracing this month themselves for a step into the the factory unknown as prepares for contractorisation the hand-over to private sector management.

private On April Ist contractors Hunting Brae will take over management of the site and staff at Cardiff's Trident Factory, and also at twin nuclear warhead factories at Aldermaston and Burghfield in Berkshire.

Trade unions at the AWE have repeatedly expressed concern that contractorisation will lead to reduced safety standards and job losses. contractorisation Ultimately may lead to closure of the Cardiff factory if the new management decides to cut operating costs by rationalising future warhead production at the two sites in Berkshire.



Even Gwilym Jones, the Tory MP in whose constituency AWE Cardiff is situated, has called for guarantees that safety standards will not slip following contractorisation.

The AWEs new managers, Hunting Brae, are a consortium of three contractors; weapons manufacturers Hunting Engineering, Brown and Root an American company - and AEA Technology, formerly the UK Atomic Energy Authority, who were responsible for the development of nuclear energy.

Brown and Root currently the contract management of the Devonport naval dockyard, where nuclearpowered submarines maintained. Following Brown and Roots takeover thousands of Devonport staff have been made redundant, and safety standards for radiation workers have been relaxed - a grim outlook for AWE workers.

## Get the message

uring the period around Nuclear Free Wales Declaration Day-23 Feb - councillors all over Wales were presented with a card and a daffodil as thev attended council meetings. CND Cymru members marked the 11th Anniversary of the documents completion by reminding councils of their stated intention as set out in the document, that of making Wales a nuclear free country. In the card which pictured a dove and the word peace in many languages, was the message Nuclear Free Wales, still an ideal worth working for. A letter was included with the card from CND Chair, MEP David Morris.....



CND Cymru

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Dear Councillor,

Congratulations on the Anniversary of the Declaration of Nuclear Free Wales by all eight Welsh County Councils - your County's policy has never been more relevant.

Every Council, and therefore every person in Wales, is suffering the effects of public expenditure cuts – in housing, health, education, jobs - whilst at the same time, at £24 billion, UK military expenditure remains the highest in Europe. This year the Trident nuclear submarine programme alone cost 1 billion. Particularly at a time of recession, this is a huge waste of

Whatever happened to the Peace Dividend? Keep up the good work,

Yours in Peace

David Morris MEP

Chair CND Cymru.

## Win a holiday in Cuba!



nclosed with this Heddwch Action News you should find 2 books of raffle tickets in aid of CND Cymru offering as First Prize a once-in-a-lifetime chance of a holiday in Cuba or 500. We hope that you will be able to sell these to your friends and colleagues. If you have lots of friends, and are good at selling, please contact Jill Stallard (05505 260) for further supplies!

(We realise that some people do object to raffles, and if you do, we are sorry. Please contact us and we will try to ensure that you are not sent any raffle tickets

in future.)

# Only a small fraction . . .

ollowing the Pilgrimage to Epynt on 10th October 1992 (see Heddwch Action News, Winter 1992), Rhosier, Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales, wrote to Jonathan Evans, MP for Brecon and Radnor, to ask government's intentions regarding the future of the Epynt mountain now that the Cold War is over. She did this because of the strong feelings expressed on the pilgrimage that it is high time for the army



to return this land to the Welsh nation for peaceful reconciliatory. One use. suggestion by a leading pacifist was that the mock village should be turned into a centre for peace studies and ecumenical worship, an idea which would appeal greatly to the Fellowship of Reconciliation and surely to everyone working for peace and justice in Wales.

Nia's letter was passed on to the Ministry of Defence and the following reply was received:

the Sennybridge Training Area for training in fighting in built up areas is essential. This type of training makes an extremely important contribution to the Army's effectiveness and to minimising casualties. However, expenditure on training represents only a small fraction of the Army's overall expenditure.

I have to say that the Departments requirement for Sennybridge



Training Area is likely to remain for the foreseeable future and the level of training is likely to increase as a result of the return of troops from Germany. Nevertheless, let me assure you that MOD takes its responsibilities to the local population very seriously, and allows access to areas now used for training wherever possible. For example, in addition to the services at the former Babell Chapel in Cwm Cilieni on Mynydd Epynt an annual Church service is held in the village of Imber on Salisbury Plain.

Yours sincerely, Robert Cranborne The Viscount Cranborne.

# EAR, EAR, heard the one about the CND catalogue?...





hese delightful earrings are on sale from CND Cymru Trading at only 1.50 a pair. The hooks are silver plated and the letter beads are black on white. Please send cheque/postal order to, 72 Heol Gwyn, Yr Alltwen, Pontardawe SA8 3AN stating whether you want the PEACE or the HEDDWCH versions.

A CND Cymru Trading Catalogue is included with this issue with details of lots of other useful and / or pretty things!

### Farewell Peter

ongratulations to Peter Burt on his new job in Berkshire! We in Wales are very sorry to lose him. He has been a strong supporter of peace actions over many years, and has edited Heddwch Action News since its inception. Thankyou Peter. See you at Aldermaston!

Writing beats fighting!

## CND Cymru's letter-writing campaign

Dear Heddwch Action News Reader,

In the last issue we encouraged you to write to President Mitterand to ask France to extend their ban on nuclear weapons testing. Letters from Wales were amongst the 25,000 letters which he received before Christmas. So far, France has shown no signs of resuming nuclear testing!

This time we want you to write to President Clinton, firstly to urge him to ensure that the START 2 Treaty with the former USSR is ratified by the US Senate, and secondly to urge him to press for an international Test Ban Treaty. Vice President Gore was one of the prime movers behind the US nuclear testing moratorium, and President Clinton is known to be sympathetic, but now everyone in the US armed forces is probably telling him that America still needs nuclear weapons tests.

Our messages NOW, at the start of his Presidency, whilst the US has actually suspended nuclear weapons test, could help keep DISARMAMENT at the top of Clinton's foreign policy objectives.

WRITE TO-

President Bill Clinton, The White House,

Washington D.C., USA.

Keep Writing! Yours in Peace, H.A.N.

P.S. Keep a look out for CND Cymru's new petition on the need for a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, coming soon.



# Children of Chernobyl

Some Welsh farms continue to suffer from the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident (26th April 1986), but their plight only serves to give us the smallest glimpse at conditions surrounding Chernobyl itself. The people living around Chernobyl were exposed to several times the radioactivity of the Hiroshima bomb, and children in particular have suffered horrendously.

As a positive response to the

situation, Irish CND organised holidays for some of the "Children of Chernobyl". In 1991 they hosted a party of sixty children for two weeks, and last year they gave seventy children a three week break. This Summer Irish CND hopes to provide holidays for a hundred and a fifty children- but to do this they need our help, in the form of financial contributions. Please consider making a donation, or organising a fundraising event, and send cheques payable to "Children of Chernobyl Fund", c/o Irish CND, 8 Sidneyville, Bellevue Park, St. Lukes, Cork.

**BAe Busters!** 

Swords into ploughshares: the conversion has begun





they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks'



t 4.00am on the 6th January 1993, Chris Cole, a Christian peace activist from Oxford, entered a British Aerospace (BAe) weapons factory in Stevenage, Herts, and used household hammers to disarm nosecones for the European Fighter Aircraft, for Hawk strike attack aircraft, and other military equipment-BAe has agreed to sell 24 Hawk aircraft to Indonesia, for use against the people of East Timor. One of the hammers Chris used was previously used in the ANZUS Ploughshares action in the US.

Chris was arrested after an hour, after he had visited four buildings. The damage, according to the Crown Prosecution, is valued at as least £475,000. The total could well be twice this figure. A recent Ploughshares action against a NAVSTAR satellites (used for Trident missile guidance) set back the programme several months at least. The damage Chris has done to the nosecones in the four buildings and to the nosecone (radome) manufacturing equipment, may well have set back the European Fighter Aircraft programme and the Hawk production process. This delay could well save many East Timorese lives, and strengthen the case for cancellation of the deal.

Chris poured his own blood onto equipment in the Reinforced and Microwave Plastics building, where all BAe missile and aircraft nosecones are made. He had with him two banners saying "Heal

the World-hammer BAe swords into ploughshares", and "Prepare the way of the Lord- Swords into Ploughshares". He was also carrying pictures of children, and ashes - a Christian symbol of repentance. After his arrest, his Oxford home was raided by the police, who took away many of his belongings.

Chris was wearing a white coat with "BAe Bomb Disposal" written on the back, and had a BAe-style identity card on it saying, "Chris Cole, Disarmer". When stopped by the guards at 4.30 a.m., he was asked what he was doing. He replied, "I've come to disarm British Aerospace.

Chris left a statement at the site which linked his action to the Christian feast of the Epiphany on 6th January. He wrote, "The Epiphany remembers when three men presented gifts to the infant Jesus. My gift of disarmament is for all infants who are threatened by BAe weapons, from Northern Ireland to East Timor.

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Letters/cards of support to Chris please (now remanded in custody) c/o 9 Chilswell Road Oxford o OX 1 4PQ; further details from, and cash support to, NVRN, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ.



## **Burghfield blockade**

women-only, peaceful mass action will take place on the 14 and 15 March at the AWE Burghfield, near Reading, the secret base where the deadly warheads for Trident (and the rest) are assembled and serviced. The Trident nuclear warheads are transported in convoy on public roads from here to Faslane submarine base. These British warheads are tested on the Western Shoshone lands in North America, contaminating the land and people with radioactivity.

Sunday 14th at 12 noon Gathering & Protest with music, banners, songs & action.

Monday 15th Blockade the Base...Halt work on Britain's nuclear

Join with women across the country working to; STOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS CONVOYS; STOP WEAPONS TESTING ON WESTERN SHOSHONE LANDS; STOP TRIDENT & SHUT DOWN BURGHFIELD.

Local Contact; Sian Evans 0222-396563

## Hunt the dividend Lobby, March 10th

n March 10th CND Cymru plan to Lobby the Secretary of State for Wales, David Hunt, at the Welsh Office in Cardiff at 11am. We will hand in the anti-Trident Petition, and ask Mr. Hunt whether he will consider working for the cancellation of the Trident killing machine and using the resources released to reverse his imposed cuts on County Council spending on socially beneficial services.

Wales also supports a significant amount of Government spending on war preparation. We will ask him to work for a reduction in this spending and for a transfer of resources to our local democratically elected councils.

We are asking for your support of this Lobby. Please meet outside the Welsh Office, Cathays Park at 10.30am.

On the same day CND will be organising a mass Lobby of Parliament calling for military spending to be re-directed towards fulfilling the Peace Dividend. It is hoped that a representative from each constituency will be able to go to Whitehall and lobby their own MP. More information; Jill Stallard 05505 260

#### Love-in

Lovestruck anti-Trident campaigners visited AWE Cardiff in celebration of St. Valentines Day to put the case for alternatives to nuclear warhead production at the factory. The cheeky protesters decorated the factory fence with hearts and flowers, took part in a romantic snog-in at the main gate, and collected signatures on a Valentines card for John Major, promising to Love him Forever if he cancelled Trident.

As one of the deeply dippy demonstrators said "It's a lot more fun than the usual protest events, and its a good way of showing that nobody loves Trident!"



## Go for it at Glastonbury!

o YOU want to help make Glastonbury another huge success? Every year a small group of people from Wales works at the Festival – stewarding, carpark duties, litter-picking and so on. The work is hard but enjoyable, and as well as contributing to the overall success of the event, the workers get their ticket price refunded (last years cost 50) and a special place to camp, and CND Cymru receives a donation from the Festival! This years Festival is the 25th,26th, 27th June 93. If you are interested, please contact Brian Jones, 72 Heol Gwyn, Yr Alltwen, Pontardawe SA8 3AN.

#### Peace in Parliament

ith so much happening in Parliament, MPs — even very sympathetic MPs- cannot always keep up-to-date with peace movement concerns, so it's up to us to keep them informed.

British CND has a list of CND members who have volunteered to write to their MP to raise

peace issues. Every six weeks or so, they receive information and a couple of suggestions from which to choose the subject of a letter. Because the MPs then receive a hand-written

letter, from a constituent, it carries far more weight than (yet another) circular from a pressure group's London office.

If you can help with this sort of activity, whether your MP is sympathetic (when your letter can help strengthen your resolve), or unsympathetic (when you can remind them of

alternative
viewpoints), please
contact JEFF IEZZI.
Parliamentary Officer,
CND, 162 Holloway
Road,London N7
8DQ.



## Get active!

CND Cymru Trading 0.792 830330 would like to hear from any keen knitters who would be willing to knit gloves and mittens to sell on our stall. We would supply simple patterns which would use odds and ends of wool. Profits from sales would go to CND Cymru funds.

#### Get STUFFING Heddwch Action News......

Sending out Heddwch Action News to all our members is a massive task for one person, but only an afternoons work when shared out. We would welcome a few extra volunteers for the envelope stuffing which is done at the Cardiff Peace Shop on a Sunday afternoon. The next session will be on Sunday 9th May at 2pm, free refreshments and good company guaranteed! Please contact Jane on 0222 751264 if you can help.

#### Get SELLING at the Urdd Eisteddfod

The Urdd Eisteddfod will be held at Gorseinon near Swansea from 31st May to 5th June. CND Cymru will have a stall there as usual, and we are looking for people to help staff it, preferably Welsh speakers. If you can offer a day, or even half a day, we would be very pleased to hear from you on 0792 830330.

## Get WRITING and spread the action!

If your groups activities and events do not appear in this issue, make sure that they do appear in the next one by writing about them and sending the piece with photos (if possible) in to HEDDWCH ACTION NEWS!

## Contacts

#### CAMPAIGN CONTACTS

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■ Disarmament and Development, Defence Conversion, and Campaigning against the Arms Trade;

Mary Jones, c/o Peace Shop, 56 Macintosh Place, Cardiff, CF2 4RQ. Tel. 0222 489260

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■ Youth CND; Joe Castle, 25 Aberystwyth Crescent, Barry, CF6 8EH. Tel 0446 738020

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05505 260 Brian Jones, Swansea Tel. 0792 830330

0792 830330 or CND Cymru General Secretary, Jill Stallard. Tel.

## **EVENTS**

#### MARCH

Weds 10th Peace Dividend Lobby in London & Public Meeting with Ken Livingstone. Contact; Mary Jones 0792 774687

ALSO; Weds 10th I am Peace Dividend Lobby at Welsh Office of David Hunt (Details page3)

Thurs 11th Peace Shop/CND Cymru Campaigns Meeting. Contact; Mary Jones 0792 774687

Sun - Mon 14th -15th Burghfield Blockade (Details page 3) Thurs 18th 7.30 Swansea CND

meeting. Video of demos against Russian nuclear weapon tests 7.30 Friends Meeting House, Page St. Swansea. 0792 830330

Sat 20th Ham CND Cymru; North Wales Spring Meeting at Peace and Justice Centre, Wrexham. All members and friends welcome. Discussions on campaigns against Low-flying, Nuclear Power & Weapons links. Contact; Ann Hall 0766 831356 or Dave Andrews 0978 310491.

Sat 20th Ham-Ipm CardIff Youth CND Leafletting Peace Stall Cardiff

Weds 24th 7.30pm Voices for Peace at the City Church, Windsor Place, Cardiff. Chair; Rev. Douglas Bales. Peace Work in Yugoslavia. Speakers include Al McLeod (National Peace Council), Vesna Terselic (a Croatian working at Zagreb Anti-War Centre) & Dr. Amra Cengic (a Bosnian working with refugees in Zagreb) Contact; 0792 774687

Sat 27th CND Cymru; South Wales Spring Meeting at Newport. Contact; Mary Jones 0792 774687

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Sat 27th Ilam – 4pm
Consultation of local Fellowship
of Reconciliation Groups at
Canolfan Beth Seilin,
Aberystwyth. Contact; Nia
Rhosier 0978 860835.

#### APRIL

Thurs 1st Meeting to discuss next issue Heddwch Action News. 6.30 Peace Shop

Tues 6th Bridgend CND Night Out 7.30 Royal Hotel, Pontycymmer 1.00 entry, food available. Enjoy good company & help the campaign! Contact; 0446 774452

Thurs 8th Peace Shop/CND Cymru Campaigns Meeting. Contact; Mary Jones 0792 774687

Fri 9th Deadline for articles/ events/pictures for next issue Heddwch Action News.

Mon 12th EASTER MONDAY BRECON BEACONS PEACE EVENT

The 10,000 acre Cnewr Estate in the Brecon Beacon National Park is still under threat of being used by the Military Machine. CND Cymru is opposing this further militarisation of our lands and is organising an Easter event to show our opposition. Contact; Rod Stallard 05505 260

Thurs 15th Neath CND Door-todoor leafletting, then Social in pub. 7.30 pm Details 0792 864662

#### MAY

Sat 1st Fellowship of Reconciliation in Wales Annual Meeting. Contact; Nia Rhosier 0978-860835

Sun 9th 2pm Heddwch No. 3 envelope stuffing Peace Shop. Contact Jane 0222 751264

## Heddwch Action News

- The next issue of Heddwch Action News will appear in May 1993
- All contributions are welcome.
- Please send them to Jane, 9 Heol Iscoed, Rhiwbina, Cardiff CF4 6NB.
- The copy deadline is Friday 9th April 1993.
- All help with editorial gratefully received.

# MAASTRICHT AND THE MILITARY

## Heddwch Action News Special Feature

The Maastricht Treaty, or more precisely, the proposals within it relating to European common defence and security, presents a challenge for all of us in the Peace Movement. Can Maastricht take us towards the collapse of aggressive military alliances such as NATO, or does it seek to reinforce them?

Inside are opposing views presented by Welsh Labour MEPs, Wayne David and Llew Smith.



## Our Challenge!

By the next inter-governmental conference in 1996/97 it is likely that there will be new non-Nato members of the Community—which could mark the way for the creation of a security structure based on peace and co-operation. Whatever happens to Maastricht we in the peace movement will need to focus our attentions on European institutions in the coming years....and to create new links as well as strengthen existing alliances with our European friends.

Together we can continue to work for a fair European foreign and security policy, which should include

• working for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty • curbing the arms trade • strengthening and resourcing the CSCE

• relating Europe to a reformed United Nations • working for disarmament and development.

David Morris MEP, Chair CND Cymru.

## Working Together for Peace

n both sides of the Maastricht debate, extreme and inaccurate claims are all too often made about how the Treaty will totally transform – for good or bad – the world as we know it. Nowhere is this more so than with regard to the proposals for a European common defence and security policy.

As a long standing member of CND, I believe that the Treaty on European Union ought to be ratified. But I have come to this conclusion after weighing up the pros and cons of the Treaty, and after considering the likely alternatives to Maastricht. In other words, my support for Maastricht is qualified.

One of the areas about which I have reservations is the so-called pillar which states that Europe should develop a collective defence policy. My reservations are based on the belief that the last thing Europe needs is another dose of militarism continuing the high expenditure on armaments. What we want is exactly the opposite.

On the other hand, since the collapse of Soviet communism, the world has been dominated by one super power – the USA. NATO is nothing more than an American military fan club, and throughout the world we are having to witness the spectacle of the United States dictating the political agenda, sometimes under the guise of the United Nations, sometimes on its own.

Maastricht will at least bring into question this US hegemony. It will create for the first time a European framework within which EC member states will be able to develop policies which could point the way to a new and peaceful world order. And within Europe itself, Maastricht will allow European nations to work together to create joint policies on subjects which have caused divisions for centuries. Let us not forget too that those divisions have frequently led to horrendous conflicts.

Whether Europe will emerge as an effective and peaceful counter to the United States will depend on the strength of the peace movement in Europe, and the relative strength of the political forces which share its aims and values. Maastricht will not, by itself, transform anything — it is after all only a treaty. What if Maastricht is rejected? One thing is certain, given the

What if Maastricht is rejected? One thing is certain, given the present dominance of the Right in Europe, we will not get a more Socialist treaty. The likelihood is that we will either have a two-speed Europe, with Britain and Wales in the second division. Or we will have a rise in neo-fascism and right wing nationalism. Despite its shortcomings, no-one can deny that the Maastricht Treaty is an internationalist ideal. That is why the Treaty on European Union needs to be built upon and not destroyed.

Wayne David, MEP for South Wales

## Securing Our Future?

How Maastricht could undermine disarmament

ith the great debate on Europe's future dominated by the ERM, EMU and economic problems there is a danger that the politically potent transfer of power over defence and security matters in Europe from governments and parliaments to the un-elected Commission and shadowy Western European Union (WEU) will be overlooked. We face a Europe dominated by bankers and bomb-builders.

It is no coincidence that one of the conditions proposed by the Danish political parties to create a material compromise that might make Maastricht more politically acceptable to the Danish people – although there is no certainty of such acceptance – is that Denmark be not required to become integrated into the new defence union. This is an open demonstration that the democratic Danes do not want to support an undemocratic nuclear based Euro-defence policy.

Tory Euro-sceptic Bill Cash challenged the Foreign Office in July 92 on the question of transfer of decisions over defence policy that Maastricht would enforce. Euro-enthusiast Tristan Garel-Jones — the Commissions man in Whitehall told Parliament that;

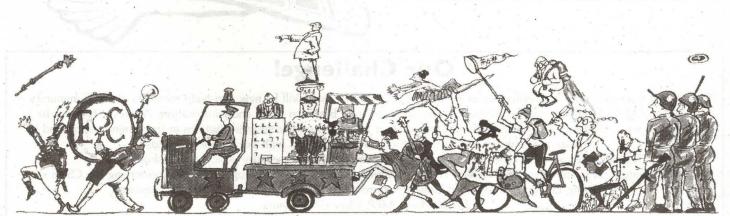
The position of the UK as a signatory to the North Atlantic Treaty will not be affected by a common (European ) foreign an security policy. The Maastricht Treaty — article J 4.4 — makes it clear that the foreign and security policy shall respect the obligations of certain member states under the North Atlantic Treaty and be compatible with the common security and defence policy established within that framework. (Hansard 16.7.92 col. 963)

In its memorandum to the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee in February last year on Europe after Maastricht the Foreign Office said that it wanted to see the development of a European defence identity compatible with NATO, and expressed through the WEU......

...Some have argued that the Maastricht Treaty will strengthen the role of the European Parliament in giving it a greater role in scrutiny of legislation, and in certain areas, limited legislative powers, under the positive assent and co-operation procedure. In reality Maastricht will actually increase the democratic deficit, not shrink it. Elected representatives will have less powers to affect important EC decisions as these are moved into the secret halls of the new security triumvirate; the Commission, the WEU and NATO's Euro-group.

Indeed, one Euro-guru, Peter Ludlow, director of the Brussels-based Centre for European Policy Studies told the Foreign Affairs Committee that Maastricht pronounced the death knell on intergovernmentation and that decisions would be centralised in Brussels. There the Commission, WEU and SHAPE — NATO's Euro — HQ — can control the Euro-bomb.

The Danes want none of it, and neither should we. Llew Smith, Labour MP Blaenau Gwent and MEP South East Wales.



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SILENT PROTEST. . . anti-nuclear campaigners in candle-lit vigil at the Welsh factory which makes parts for Trident

# CND in protest vigil

HUNDREDS of anti-nuclear protesters held a candle-lit vigil outside the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Cardiff this weekend.

They stood at times in silent protest outside the plant in Llanishen which manufactures parts for the Trident missile.

The fight against Trident has become the focus for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, which held its national conference in Cardiff at the weekend and organised the protest outside the AWE.

With the ending of the Cold War, CND has turned its attentions to the future of Britain's nuclear deterrent Trident.

As a contributor to the Trident programme, Llanishen AWE is on a par with Aldermaston and Burghfield in Berkshire. CND claim the AWE's site in a residential area of Cardiff poses a danger to residents.

Among those at the conference was David Morris, MEP, and former CND general secretary Bruce Kent.