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Only a Just Peace will Halt Terrorism

Both President Bush and Tony Blair have congratulated one another in a 'holier than thou' tone as the mission in Iraq has been accomplished. **But the end of the war does not mean peace, surely not in this case, and the long-term implications are worrying. We are reminded of the famous words of Tolstoy "in all history, there is no war which was not hatched by the Governments alone, independent of the people, to whom war is always pernicious, even if successful".**

Bullyboys

Millions of ordinary people, the largest number ever assembled against any war has demonstrated their opposition. We were dragged, against our will into a war for which we have given no consent. The war-makers refused to listen to the people. Why were people throughout the world joined together with such a united voice? There are facts causing serious concern, which should be drawn to our attention. The United States of America (USA) knew it could 'win' the war. The underlying logic is that of bullyboy tactics. In teaching Iraq a lesson, the US was effectively teaching the world a lesson. According to Bishop O'Donohue of Lancaster: "There is a message going out that says 'Syria - are you listening?' 'Iran are you listening?' 'North Korea are you listening?'. This is the US military doctrine in action, the Powell doctrine: "Only attack when you have overwhelming superiority in the air and on the battlefield, and when *your* casualties can be kept to a minimum." Iraq satisfied that doctrine's conditions. They could not retaliate. At the end of the day, this tactic will increase terrorism.

Throw out prejudice

There would be growth in the perceived divide between the Muslim and Christian worlds, with the latter increasingly personified by the USA and Britain. There is a lot of tension where there should be a growing relationship between the two. The reason why the Stop the War Coalition in Britain has been so successful is because it has focussed on what unites people from different backgrounds.

Whilst remaining proud of our own political and ideological roots and our religious convictions, we must open our hearts to people of differing backgrounds and throw out our prejudices.

Repellent double standards

However sophisticated and smart 'our' new weaponry, this war had its casualties - thousands of Iraqi children, women and men. In the words of Michael Moore: "It was not worth the life of one single American kid in uniform, let alone the thousands of Iraqis who have died". The US and British Coalition forces used Depleted Uranium shells, deliberately flouting

a UN Resolution which classifies these munitions as illegal. Depleted Uranium contaminates land and causes cancer, birth defects and other ill health amongst the civilians as well as the soldiers using these weapons. According to Professor Doug Rokke, former Director of the Pentagon's Depleted Uranium programme: "This war was about Iraq possessing illegal weapons of mass destruction, yet we are using them ourselves. Such double standards are repellent."

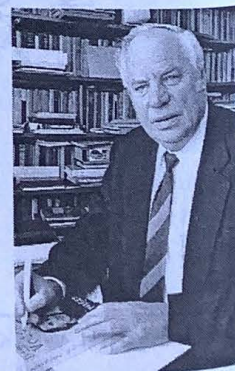
Pre-emptive illogic

So, where are all these weapons of mass destruction that were the pretence for this war? It has been argued by many that possession of weapons of mass destruction established a case for launching a pre-emptive war upon Iraq. If so, such a case could justify a launch of pre-emptive strikes on Israel, Pakistan, India, North Korea, Russia, France and China. And for other countries to launch strikes on Britain and the USA. Pre-emptive war will set a new, dangerous international standard. It is obvious by now that there is no actual connection between Iraq's weapons programme and the attack on New York of September 11th 2001. But there is no doubt that this war will fuel further terrorist attacks such as those that have taken place recently.

No true peace without true justice

Who will heed Bush and Blair piously preaching peace on the one hand while selling arms on the other? Labour's 'ethical foreign policy' has long evaporated in the heat of spin doctoring. Why give matches to children only to punish them when they light fires? We in the peace movement should take heed of something fundamental that has shifted in human affairs for good.

Emlyn Richards
Bae Cemaes



Moving on Peace

Peace, Justice and Anti-war groups have spread like seeds of hope across all parts of Wales. Meetings, non-violent actions and plans vary from group to group, but some basic principles seem agreed – to work long term to change attitudes towards armed conflict and violence and their legitimacy, to promote international understanding and friendship and to reject the arms trade and arms related industries. It is a culture of war that allows politicians to even imagine the use of weapons of mass destruction and permits the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. Bertrand Russell said: "It is not enough to ban nuclear weapons, for nuclear weapons can be manufactured again. The thing you have to do is to ban war."

Here are reports from just four of many active groups in Wales.

Bangor & Ynys Môn Peace and Justice Group

A Brave New World

What a year, good grief ... and we're only six months into it yet. The opposition, whipped up by the media, got a bit spiky at times during the weeks of the Iraq war. However the remarkable fact is that, post-war, our group remains every bit as strong, committed and angry as before the war. Weekly meetings in Bangor are as well attended as ever. An Easter Sunday benefit gig in Hendre, Talybont, raised over £1500 for Medical Aid for Palestine & the International Red Cross/Crescent Iraq appeal. May Day saw the Menai Bridge draped with banners once again - for the Welsh elections: VOTE FOR PEACE. So we're still here.

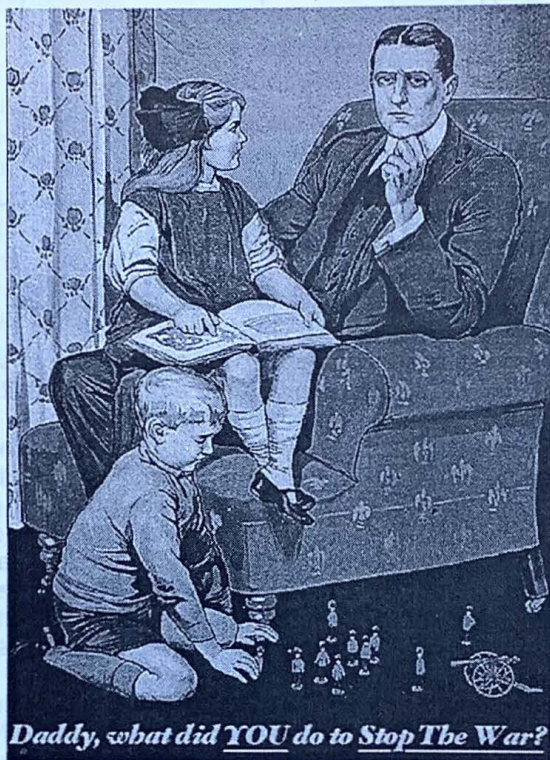
Hold them to account!

And they're still there, the dogs of war. Job one is surely to hold them to account. Cut through the self-righteous, sanctimonious pontificating of Tony Blair.

Challenge the legality of the Iraq war and of the subsequent occupation. Challenge the official line on cluster-bombs and depleted uranium. Challenge the failure of the US army to safeguard priceless museum treasures. Challenge the official version of events as peaceful Iraqi demonstrators are gunned down. Challenge the democratic credentials of the government the 'Coalition' is creating in its own image. Challenge the profiteering US corporations now taking over every aspect of the body politic in Iraq (Halliburton, Bechtel, Cargill, all those Republican Party funders now getting paybacks worth billions of dollars). Get the troops out. Challenge the government propaganda machine as it rewrites history. Where were those weapons, Mr Blair?

Occupation, occupation, occupation

So, from one occupation to another, for the suffering of the Palestinian people is at the heart of the issue. Our group geared up for a renewed non-violent campaign against Israeli government policy, the boycotting of Israeli goods, picketing supermarkets, lobbying, informing people about



Daddy, what did YOU do to Stop The War?

peace pledge union

the historical background, the reality of life under Israeli occupation, clarifying the progress of the so-called Road Map for Peace, supporting Israeli refuseniks.

They say there is a 'new reality on the ground'. Tell that to the Afghans, who are discovering that it's the same old reality: poverty, war and the cheques that never arrive. Tell that to the Syrians and Iranians, who have had their share of imperialism in days gone by. The new reality is the old hypocrisy.

All the projects of the US imperium highlight the urgent need for the implementation of international law, of a more robust and democratic United Nations, of disarmament on a global scale.

The way forward

The ever-growing network of peace supporters across Wales has been inspiring in the last two years. We have gained experience in all kinds of campaigning, lobbying and demonstrating, in research, in non-violent direct action, in co-operation between people of many different political and religious or non-religious outlooks. We hope to build the Bangor and Ynys Môn group further, to campaign for better media coverage. We hope to put forward a cultural programme later in the year - music, drama, cinema, and lectures to increase understanding of other peoples and cultures currently being vilified as part of an 'axis of evil'. It is a depressing feature of the times in which we live that we can plan campaigns so far ahead. We know the dogs will still be barking.

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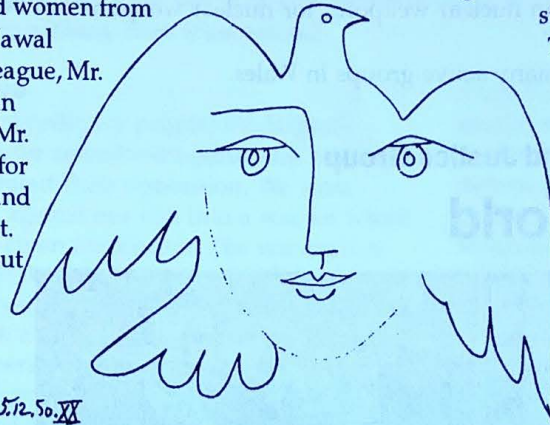
Meeting Iraqis

Bro-Emlyn for Peace and Justice group started as part of the anti-war coalition but has recently redefined itself with a new name. On-going discussions about the possibility of twinning, and exchange visits between Iraq and Wales, led to a recent visit by a group of men and women from Iraq. The visitors included Mrs. Nawal Chafaf from the Iraqi Women's League, Mr. Qassim Chafaf, a retired lecturer in architecture and town planning, Mr. Calvin Tucker, political journalist for British and International affairs, and Mr. Yuri Cohen, an Iraqi democrat. The visit was an opportunity to put a human face to the problems of Iraq. Although our visitors were Iraqi exiles, they all have family in Iraq. They told us that the only way they had been able to

keep in touch was by telephoning but this is now almost impossible because communication systems had been damaged by the war. The limited service now restored is controlled by the Americans and a minute or two on the phone cost more than most Iraqis could pay. Mr. Chafaf said that during the war a bomb had detonated very near his family home, and he was not sure even now what damage was done, and who had survived.

Mrs. Chafaf read out a letter from the Iraqi Women's League to the Minister for International Development, then Clare Short, requesting a meeting with representatives from the League to discuss the way forward in the reconstruction of Iraq with particular reference to the needs of women and children. The letter is practical and down to earth and the issues it raises are not complicated or difficult to grasp. However, in spite of repeated enquiries to the Department for International Development, there has been no acknowledgement, let alone a reply offering to discuss the points raised.

The Iraqi Women's League e-mail address:
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An ex-RAF Bomber muses on his school visits

My initial misgivings at talking to a "bunch of scruffy teenagers", turned rapidly into admiration for this new generation of concerned young people. It became desperately important to me that they should know the true nature of war. That it is never heroic, just people killing people; combatants, non-combatants, women, children, alike. The politicians lie about the reasons for war, the generals lie about the way the war is being conducted. The winners turn lying into an art form by re-writing the whole history of the war and executing or imprisoning the losers so that truth itself becomes a victim. Emotional moments for me.. having shown a dummy Falklands mine, and a cluster bomblet, to the Newcastle-Emlyn class, one of the teachers asked me how can normal human beings go to work in a factory or office to design and make such obscene things? I made a reply to the effect that I just don't know, but perhaps we need to look inside ourselves for the answer.

One sixth former seemed quite distressed and angry during our talk, and said he was ashamed of his country. He asked me directly "What can I do to make things better"? My rather lame reply was to "hang in there, and together we will create a better world". Rhetoric really, but my suggestion that some of them should try to visit Iraq and befriend young people there was well received. When questioned about democracy by one of the teachers, less than half the students said they would bother to vote. This was not apathy, but disgust at the whole political process in our country.

These youngsters give me hope, they can make as much loud music as they like, hang their shirt tails out, be rude on the street, etc! etc! I smile at them now, they really do care, and some day they may well make this world a better place."

Mike Godsell

Meeting Students

Following the attack on Iraq by the USA and British Military a number of us from Dyffryn Teifi visited secondary schools. The objective was to discuss the arguments against the war with school students.

The panel team visiting the schools was organised by Louis Friedman and included Paddy Murphy, a Greenham Woman in the 1980s, Simon Thomas MP (who, being unavailable for one meeting was replaced by Cynog Dafis), Mike Godsell, a retired RAF airman who had served on bomber aircraft and Guto Prys ap Gwynfor, Independent Chapel Minister in Dyffryn Teifi. After prior arrangement the

secondary schools in Castell Newydd Emlyn, Llandysul, Aberaeron, Aberteifi and Crymych were visited. The speakers each presented their opinions and then received the responses of the students. The following discussions were extremely fruitful at all five venues and many students asked difficult questions. We had the impression that the chief motivation for the students' questions was an attempt to obtain information and to understand the arguments. Our group would recommend actions like this in all areas. We did not wait for invitations but simply offered ourselves and almost every school responded strongly.

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The Pembrokeshire Peace Initiative Challenging the roots of war

The Pembrokeshire Peace Initiative (PPI) held its inaugural meeting in February 2003. Despite the extraordinary emergence of millions of demonstrators and a clear majority in this country against war, we felt the decision to go to war had already been taken. We committed to a local non-violent campaign against the war on Iraq. We also clearly identified the need to develop a much longer term range of initiatives that directly challenge the concept that peace can be derived through aggression and we resolved to a programme of concurrently promoting pragmatic, peaceful and purposeful protocols for resolving conflict.

Plastic Guns and Movies

PPI understands that almost unimaginable energy is currently invested in the British-US military. The USA may well have wanted control of Iraq's oil. What is certain is that to survive, the military and all the industries associated with it need war. Rather than abhorring war, our culture embraces and glorifies it: from the first plastic gun our three year old uses to 'kill' their sibling, to the megabucks movies where, however violently or immorally they behave, the 'good guys' always win!

The challenge we face is not just in confronting the politicians who wage war, the military personnel who fight it, or the industrialists who supply it, but the very culture in which it thrives.

War toys

We must fully acknowledge, value and somehow build upon the remarkable rise in consciousness and find creative ways of developing it into a proactive, rather than a reactive movement.

We are exploring how young people might adopt pragmatic pacifism as the 'cool way to be'. A pilot scheme is evolving to challenge the sale of toy guns locally; with a pilot amnesty bin and a constructive toy exchange scheme.

The true cost

By pragmatic pacifism, we accept the need to develop a fully mandated and democratic UN with an international police force to match and will develop links with the UN Association and with people affected by war (including those in Britain and the USA who rely upon weapons manufacture or the forces for work). We will continue to inform the public locally of the true face and cost of war. A one-day Pembrokeshire Peace Festival is planned for late summer.

Frederick Luckman

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Women in Black Cardiff

Women who won't stop

Women in Black (WiB) Cardiff have held a silent vigil against war every week between March 29th, and May 24th, when we celebrated International Women's Day for Peace and Disarmament. Our vigil on the Museum steps has been quite a striking spectacle and aroused much comment – mainly supportive.

The idea came from a chance meeting with some WiBs from London while visiting the Peace Camp at USAF Fairford in March. We agreed to email/phone around women in Cardiff to see if there was interest in starting a local Women in Black group.

There was. Some women who were desperate to demonstrate against the war in Iraq did not feel entirely comfortable with the noisy, boisterous protests and city-centre roadblocks and wanted to express opposition silently and non-aggressively. Others, while happy to take direct action when necessary, also appreciated a different way of getting our message across. There was also a strong feeling of connection to other Women in Black all over the world.

History

In January 1988, one month after the first Palestinian Intifada broke out, a small group of Israeli and Palestinian women stood once a week, at the same hour and at the same location - a major crossroads in Israel. They were dressed in black and held up a black sign in the shape of a hand with "Stop the Occupation" written in white.



'It was a simple form of protest that women could do easily... We could bring our children, there was no chanting or marching, and the medium was the message. Within months vigils sprang up throughout Israel' (Bat Shalom, Israeli women's peace organisation).

Women in Black were inspired by earlier "women wearing black" like the Black Sash, in South Africa, and the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, seeking the 'disappeared' in Argentina. The WiB formula was taken up in many other countries. Vigils were regular and predictable: same place, same time each week. Women wore black and were mainly silent. They were seen by many passers-by, some of whom heckled and abused them as 'whores' and 'traitors'. Their policy was not to shout back but to maintain silence and dignity.

Cardiff vigils continue

At the end of the May 24th vigil, a young man appeared with a bunch of yellow tulips and insisted on presenting the sixteen of us with a flower each, to thank us for protesting. He was a Palestinian, and had seen the poster held by Mary, who had just returned from a visit to the Occupied Territories.

After a brief discussion following the vigil and decided to continue on a monthly basis from now on (last Saturday of every month, 12-1, steps of the National Museum). When someone asked if anybody wanted to stop, the mood was nicely summed up by Valmai. "Stop? Well, they're not stopping, are they?"

Sian Edwards

ACTION: For further information visit www.womeninblack.org.uk an excellent website with history, international contacts and downloadable leaflets, stickers etc. Women in Black Cardiff: jillperthcelyn@aol.com or sian@derwen.demon.co.uk

War and Peace Politics in the National Assembly

Vote 2 Stop the War was launched in February because the National Assembly of Wales failed to disassociate the people of Wales from the war, despite having voted (in October 2002) in favour of the following motion:

The National Assembly calls on the UK Government: a) to continue its work with other members of the United Nations to secure a resolution on the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq and to ensure that any military action taken against Iraq is governed by the terms of the UN Charter; and b) to continue its efforts to secure a resolution of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian people.

Plaid Cymru opposed to this resolution - arguing that the National Assembly should oppose military action even if the US and UK did persuade the UN Security Council to back the war: the Labour, Liberal Democrats and Conservative Parties all voted for "to ensure that any military action taken against Iraq is governed by the terms of the UN Charter". Given this unanimous opposition to war not sanctioned by the UN, it's hard to explain why the National Assembly did not formally object to the actual invasion of Iraq that took place in March.

Our aim was to persuade the National Assembly to vote to Stop-The-War so, in the National Assembly election, candidates were asked whether they would vote for a suggested first draft of this resolution. Our website then listed whether candidates were 'pro-war' or 'anti-war' (see www.vote2stopthewar.org). 33 of the 60 AMs elected agreed before the election to be designated as "doves" (anti-war).

After the war, to maintain momentum, the key demands of the draft Stop-The-War resolution were tabled at the National Assembly as a cross-party "Statement of Opinion". Our website now lists all the elected Assembly Members and records those who have signed. Those AMs that have done so already, deserve a letter of support. Those that have not yet signed up may be in need of a visit from local peace campaigners to hear why they should sign up. Over to you!

NOTE: The statement was tabled in the National Assembly on 12th May 2003 by John Griffiths, Rhodri Glyn Thomas and Mick Bates. It reads: "The National Assembly on behalf of the people of Wales states: 'The war in Iraq was 'Not in our Name!' and will similarly oppose any other action taken outside the United Nations

Charter against any other country. The UN weapons inspectors should be allowed to return now to Iraq to complete their work and verify whether Iraq did possess weapons of mass destruction. The United Nations should have a pivotal role in the reconstruction of Iraq and the provision of humanitarian aid and that any interim administration must be genuinely inclusive and formed under the auspices of the United Nations."



John Cox

ACTION: Send a copy of this Statement to your Assembly Members and ask for a meeting to persuade them to sign (or support - if their appointment as Minister forbids them to sign) this Statement of Opinion. Write and congratulate them, if they have already signed! For more information about the views of your Assembly Members on this issue please see www.vote2stopthewar.org or contact Dr. John Cox (01495) 773 495 or Vote2StopTheWar@aol.com

CND Cymru Annual Meeting

This year's very well attended event was held in Aberystwyth on April 5th. Reports were given by the appointed officers: National Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Trading Officer. Chair Jill Evans MEP addressed the meeting about the importance of CND Cymru's work during times of war, but also of its long-term work within Wales for peace and justice in the world.

A motion proposed by Bridgend CND: "Noting Blair and Bush's stated readiness to use nuclear weapons, CND Cymru recognises that armed conflict involving a nuclear power, directly or indirectly, may well escalate into nuclear war.

We shall therefore continue to co-operate with the Stop the War Coalition and other peace groups to stop war against Iraq, or any other nation on the Bush/Blair list." was unanimously accepted. The Chair thanked all CND Cymru officers and members who had worked so hard especially over the past months. Officers elected were: Jill Evans, Chair; Ray Davies Vice Chair South Wales; Olwen Davies Vice Chair Mid Wales; David Bradley Vice Chair North Wales; Rod Stallard Vice Chair and Jean Bryant Treasurer.

The UN and US: making the connection



At a Public Meeting organised to follow the CND Cymru Annual Meeting in April, Alison Williams of UNGA-Link gave an excellent and absorbing talk about our and the United States' relationship with the United Nations (UN). UNGA-Link is an organisation promoting increased representation of the interests of ordinary people in the United Nations.

The 'US' of the title covered 'US' as members of civil society and our relations with the UN, and 'the US' whose current administration sometimes seem set on destroying the UN. The war in Iraq and its dubious legal status featured strongly

in discussion time. We hope to pick up on some of the points raised at a day-school on UN Reform being arranged jointly with Cynefin y Werin, UNA Wales and others this Autumn.

Contact details for UNGA-Link : Alison Williams, Secretary, 11, Wilberforce House, 119, Worple Road, London SW20 8ET (020) 8944 0574 or alison.williams8@btopenworld.com website: www.ungalink.org.uk

The Plight of Iraqi Displaced People



www.womeninblack.org.uk

"Iraq was a terrifying place to live. People were in constant fear of being denounced as opponents of the regime. You were encouraged to report on the activities of your family and neighbours. You never knew when the security service would strike. Would it be my door they broke down that evening? Would it be me or a member of my family taken away in the middle of the night and never seen again?" Tears ran down my client's face as we sat in my office deliberating his future.

Not so clear cut

This was on Monday morning the week following the publication of those very symbolic images of Saddam Hussein's statue being torn down by the very people he once oppressed. It was indeed a very memorable moment for my client and I'm in no doubt the same can be said by most Iraqi asylum seekers and refugees, who were forced to flee their country because of Saddam and his brutal regime.

Why the tears? I hear you ask, surely he would be very happy now that his country has been liberated by the west. Be in no doubt that this liberation of Iraq is not as clear cut as some would like us to believe. I have spoken to many Iraqi people from all walks of life not just asylum seekers and refugees, but also people who have been living in this country for many years, and they all agree on one thing, a world without Saddam Hussein is most definitely a better place to live in. But for many Iraqi asylum seekers the celebration is also mixed with even more uncertainty about their future in Britain. As we have witnessed in the past, our government sends back asylum seekers from war torn countries once the conflict is over as they did in the Balkans, and are now doing with asylum seekers from Afghanistan.

Women's rights

Of course many refugees would love to go back home, see their family look for lost relatives. But there is a lack of pervasive civil authority. Unrest and looting are still prevalent in Baghdad and other areas of Iraq, despite efforts by the occupying power to arrest the lawless. There are also disturbing reports that some Iraq women fear that the liberties and rights guaranteed under the former regime may be under threat. Due to the continuing insecurity and the fragile religious and ethnic tensions the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has appealed to governments to temporarily halt any forced returns of rejected Iraqi asylum seekers. Let us hope our government hears this plea and allows the new government of Iraq adequate time to ensure that they have the ability to provide for the physical, material and legal safety and well being of all returnees.

Caron Jennings

ACTION: Please write to your elected representatives requesting that they ask the Government to uphold the UNHCR appeal (see above) against enforced return of Asylum seekers until there is a stable and elected government in place. More information: Displaced People in Action, CSV House, Williams Way, Cardiff CF10 5DY (02920) 415 743 or carondpia_uk@yahoo.co.uk

The Futility of War

"The world establishment is firmly entrenched in the business of war: the Permanent Members of the Security Council of the United Nations were together responsible for 81% of world arms exports from 1996 -2000. Indeed, the world leaders who expressed deep frustration for the 'irresponsibility' of anti-globalisation protestors lead the countries that make the most money in this terrible trade. The G8 countries sold 87% of the total supply of arms exported in the entire world, and the US share alone has reached almost 50% of this figure. As much as 68% of American arms manufacture goes to developing countries."

Amartya Sen

"I speak as a child of God and brother of the suffering poor of Vietnam, I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. Somehow this madness must cease."

Martin Luther King - Speaking about the Vietnam War in 1968

"By bank-rolling Israel's lurch to the right, US administrations have lit a bonfire of Islamic Fundamentalism across the Middle East, Central Asia and beyond."

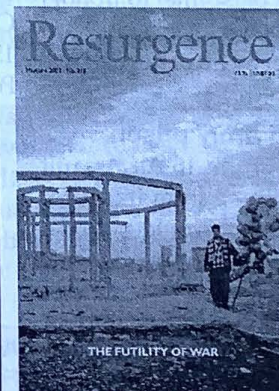
Alan Simpson MP

"The 'system' is looking out for new enemies, new people to fear and new embodiments of evil. There's no point in having guns or bombs if you don't have anyone to point them at - or drop them on."

Andrew Linzey Anglican Priest

"That governments have continued to develop and test nuclear bombs is a crime against humanity that surely can never be justified."

Jane Goodall - founder of youth environmental & humanitarian programme, 'Roots and Shoots'



All these quotations and more can be found in 'Resurgence' magazine May/June 2003 edition 'The Futility of War'. For more information about

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Conscientious Objectors

Support for Troublesome People

"After all, we have to admit that it is always the troublesome people who force us to remedy the abuses that we lazily let slide"

Bernard Shaw (on conscientious objectors, in *What I Really Wrote about the War*)

International Conscientious Objectors' (CO's) Day, May 15th was first established in 1982 to support all those, past and present, who have refused to participate in the machinery of war, despite prison, punishment or death. This year, the special focus was on those COs from the recent invasion of Iraq, the 'refuseniks' and COs in Israel and non-violent resisters to the occupation of Palestinian territories by the Israeli Government.

Undermining the status quo

The actions of all such individuals undermine the system which perpetuates the myths of acceptable violence. In 'defence', government and military authority treatment of such objectors has been, and often continues to be notoriously brutal.

In 1916, David Lloyd George, who like many government leaders past and present disliked conscientious objectors intensely, announced that he would "consider the best means of making the path of that class (COs) as hard as possible".

The issue of conscientious objection to orders perceived as illegal or immoral has never been more relevant. International laws regarding weapons of mass destruction are being challenged every day by anti-Trident activists in the courts of Britain and have been since Britain first developed nuclear weapons in the 1950s. The Nuremberg Charter emphasises the duty of all military personnel to uphold international law even if given a contrary order by a superior or by his or her national government.

British soldiers in army prison

Two British soldiers from 16 Air Assault Brigade were sent home from Iraq after telling officers that they would not take part in a war in which innocent civilians were being killed. Having spent time in military confinement, faced being thrown out of the army and up to two years' in jail. The MoD has decided not to go ahead with the charges against these men.

US conscientious objectors

The Centre on Conscience and War also reports that although only a handful of them have gone public, several hundred

US soldiers have applied for conscientious objector status since January 2003. One such US marine reservist is 20 year old Stephen Eagle Funk who faces a possible court martial and time in military prison for his action. He said: "This war is very immoral because of the deception involved by our leaders. It is very hypocritical." "War is about destruction and violence and death. It is young men fighting old men's wars. It is not the answer, it just ravages the land of the battleground. I know it's wrong but other people in the military have been programmed to think it is OK."

Israeli 'Refuseniks'

Likewise, Israeli soldiers who are refusing to serve in the Occupied Palestinian Territories on the grounds of conscience face imprisonment and 'disgrace'. Since the beginning of the second Intifada the number of COs in Israel has increased considerably, and so far, more than 200 have spent time in prison mostly for refusing to perform reserve duties in the Occupied Territories of Palestine. Many groups within Israel and world-wide, including War Resisters' International are campaigning for the release of the 'refuseniks' and for conscientious objection to be established as a democratic right. Israel does not currently recognise the right to conscientious objection and as a result is in violation of international legal standards.

On Conscientious Objectors' Day (May 15th) a stall erected in the Temple of Peace, Cardiff, displayed information and petitions and gave a chance for visitors to leave messages of support for the COs who refused to serve in Iraq and those currently refusing to serve in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

ACTION:

For information about Israeli refuseniks and other COs contact: War Resisters International, 5, Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX (020) 7278 4040 or info@wri-irg.org website : <http://wri-irg.org>

Low Flying

Welsh MP speaks out



Adam Price MP (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr) has written to the Secretary of State for Defence following the High Court success of two residents who won £1 million damages against the MoD. The damages were as a result of the "unbearable" "blight" caused to their lives by noise pollution of low flying military aircraft from RAF Wittering in England. Mr. Price said that although the MoD have stated that the High Court award does not set a precedent, those in Wales who suffer similarly from the curse of military low flying may well think differently. Aircraft noise is now included in British Noise Laws.

Those of us in Wales subject to this abhorrent military practice should also note that the judge in this case said that because noise levels from the new Future Carrier Borne Aircraft (FCBA - expected in 2012) would be even greater than from currently used aircraft, "other residents might be able to bring claims".

The horror and danger of low flying military aircraft over our homes, our land and communities has worsened over the past twelve months as the military continue to use Wales as their nightmare playground. If the MoD feel they may be forced to pay out huge sums in compensation for our blighted lives they may think a little harder about the atrocity of low level military training.

Jill Stallard

ACTION: Don't forget - Complain to the MoD about every low level flying incident. Phone them on (020) 7218 6020. Write to your MP and your local authority environmental health department about the practice, and don't take 'sorry' for an answer!

Urdd Message of Peace and Goodwill 2003

"On behalf of the children and young people of the world, we the children and young people of Wales are appealing to you as leaders of our nations to listen to our message.

Violence and war, prejudice and racism are becoming more and more common in our world today. We believe that one root of the problem lies in the fact that people find it difficult to live together.

The basis of living in harmony is to communicate and talk. Therefore we appeal to the leaders of our world to listen and talk to each other before taking action.

Let us learn about our local community and our global community. We need to respect other people, their traditions and cultures – and not be negative. Let us start the journey by learning to live together.

Every person is different, but there is room for everybody on this earth. We all share the responsibility to work for peace.

Please listen and take action.

Gorau byw, cyd-fyw."

Ūrdd Gobaith Cymru is a youth organisation in Wales. Annually on May 18th (Goodwill Day) the Urdd sends a multilingual Peace Message from the Youth of Wales to the Youth of the World.

The first message was sent in 1922 by Reverend Gwilym Davies and called for an end to war and fighting. Gwilym Davies was a pacifist from Cwm Rhymni who was in the forefront of the establishment of the Welsh Union of the United Nations and later UNESCO.

The writing and sending of the annual message was adopted by the Urdd in 1925, and now appears in 12 languages on the World-wide Web. There are many responses from all parts of the world.



Very dirty business afoot in Aberystwyth

"We have to confront those companies and individuals trading in weapons of mass destruction."

Tony Blair, House of Commons 29th January 2003

Representatives from the Boeing Company visited the University of Wales Aberystwyth in May as part of their 'Industrialisation Programme'. They are looking to develop commercial research collaborations in the University in the Centre for Advanced Software and Intelligence Systems, The Department of Physics and the 'Shock and Detonation Physics Group'. The University has said that it is 'keen' to be considered for collaboration and development and report that Boeing were 'impressed' with Aberystwyth, being particularly interested in areas including robotics expertise and shock and detonation capabilities.

Boeing is a major contractor involved in developing 'US National Missile Defense' and is the largest manufacturer of military aircraft. It also manufactures 'defence' systems, missiles, rocket engines, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems.

In a sustainable Wales, the Universities in Wales should adopt ethical policies and ensure that, however short of funds they may be, they do not prostitute their expertise. Science should be used for the good of humans and the environment and to develop non-polluting renewable energy systems. Science should not be used to develop increasingly sophisticated ways of killing and intimidating people. Come on the University of Wales – we expect better than this!



ACTION: Aberystwyth Peace Network and the Students' Union are campaigning to stop Boeing. Contact Matthew Hale, The Union, Penglais, Ceredigion, SY23 3DX (01970) 621700 07764 260674 or union.campaigns@aber.ac.uk. The University officials dealing with Boeing are: David Craddock and Dr. Julie Finch, Commercialisation and Consultancy Services, University of Wales, Aberystwyth ccservices@aber.ac.uk or (01970) 622 385

This is not an isolated case – there are no doubt many instances of arms and related companies investing in Universities in Wales. Please let CND Cymru (see Contacts) of any you are aware of in your University or neighbourhood.

direct action

World-wide disobedience

In the US alone there were over 7,500 arrests for civil disobedience during recent anti-war protests. No tally of protest arrests world-wide or Britain is available. Protests continue, and new comrades have joined those who have campaigned for decades against the manufacture, testing and trading of armaments, militarism and injustice. Limited by space 'heddwch' can only provide a taster of the recent feast of non-violent actions.

Canada: Homes not Bombs Respect for life

Three anti-war protesters Andrew Loucks, David Jefferess and Matthew Behrens were recently acquitted of trespassing charges having been charged on December 10th for activities at arms factory, Wescam.

Wescam is an L-3 affiliated company expecting to make billions from surveillance and targeting systems for the militaries of the world, including the U.S., Colombia and Egypt. (One L-3 executive, General Jay Garner, now heads the military regime in Iraq) The company supplies targeting for the Cobra attack helicopter, C-130 and Unmanned Air Vehicle (UAV) 'Predator' (used in an extra-judicial execution of six people in Yemen in 2002) and devotes 75% of its business to the technology of war and repression.

In court, Crown prosecutor Tom Davies declared, "These people [Wescam] run a business. I don't know what it is and I don't care what it is." When, instead of guilty or not guilty one of the defendants replied, "I plead for an end to the profiting from war", a stunned JP repeated the question only to receive the same answer. After trying a third time the JP said: "This is a court of law, and a certain decorum needs to be followed."

It was an uphill climb to get the real evidence entered. People don't just show up to a certain property and refuse to leave: the context of the refusal needs to be examined, but the Crown and JP insisted on keeping things to the letter of the law. The defendants were eventually allowed

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to present some case law to calm the JP and opened the door for more evidence about Wescam's involvement in war crimes.

Finally a clearly troubled JP declared that the Crown had not proven the facts of the case, but at the same time warned against such future protests. He noted that private property must be respected 'at all costs'. With that caution in mind, members of Homes not Bombs plan return visits to Wescam in the near future.

Matthew Behrens

ACTION: Matthew Behrens would like to hear from anyone with further information about L-3, Wescam and the 'Predator' UAV, and is interested in contacting those who might be campaigning against Predator in Wales, "so that we might hook up and co-ordinate some actions!"
Contact: Homes not Bombs, PO Box 73620, 509 St., Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0 Canada or tasc@web.ca

USA: Mothers' Day at Bangor

Seven people were arrested at the Bangor Trident Submarine base on Mothers' day 2003 in a non-violent direct action against nuclear weapons and the Trident nuclear submarine system. The Trident submarine base at Bangor, Washington State is located 15 miles west of Seattle and is the Pacific home of 9 Trident submarines and 1,760 nuclear warheads. Currently the base is refitting submarines for deployment of the Trident D-5 missile system and the deployment of Tomahawk cruise missiles on four older Trident submarines. The Trident submarines at Bangor are most likely to be used first in any nuclear attack: either as an isolated "tactical" assault on a specific site, bunker, or weapons location or in a larger "strategic" nuclear attack. The Bangor-based submarines can launch their weapons in secrecy and operate near Middle East and Asian targets.

If the case against the seven protestors goes ahead it could be the first attempt to prosecute non-violent demonstrators since February 2000. Kitsap County prosecutors have been unable to get convictions against non-violent activists arrested at Bangor the last three times they have tried,

because those arrested at Bangor protests have the legal right to redress grievances under International and US law.

The Ground Zero Center for Non-violent Action is one of five peace and environmental organisations

involved in a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Navy for violations of the Endangered Species Act and NEPA

regarding the D-5 missile upgrade at Bangor. Plaintiffs seek an injunction against the new Trident D-5 missile deployment. On January 7, 2003, the group released information showing the U.S. Navy firing depleted uranium weapons off the Washington Coast. A coalition of environmental and peace organisations are considering filing a court injunction against further use of depleted uranium rounds by the U.S. Navy.

England : USAF Fairford Hope and Resistance

Activists, Phillip Pritchard and Toby Olditch, were arrested at USAF Fairford while on their way to hammer on US B52 bomber aircraft bomb bay doors, to prevent them from opening. They also hoped to hammer on jet engines and to put loose nuts and bolts into the B52 engines to prevent the aircraft from taking off. The men carried warning signs to post onto the bomber to warn the aircrew that the aircraft should not be operated. Notices with photographs of Iraqi civilians were also carried for fixing onto the bomber to inform aircrew of the consequences of bombing. The activists were carrying seeds as a symbol of life, red and black paint representing the blood of Iraqi civilians and Iraqi oil, respectively, to spill around the B-52 bomber, and a banner saying 'Hope and Resistance' to hang on the bomber. "Both are charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage, going equipped to cause criminal damage, and aggravated trespass. Bail was refused and they are remanded to HMP Gloucester. Phillip is a carpenter and

ACTION: Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW Poulsbo, WA 98370 USA
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education worker and Toby is a marketing executive." Bristol Prisoner of War, Josh Richards (arrested for possessing a jar of peanut on the basis it constituted a slow fuse) is now out on bail. He sends his thanks to all those who wrote to support him and should be out until September. USAF Fairford (in Gloucestershire) was used as the forward bomber base for the US invasion of Iraq, reducing Britain to the status of unsinkable aircraft carrier.

ACTION: send messages of support to Toby Olditch-JT5132 & Philip Pritchard-JT5131 HMP Gloucester Barrack Square Gloucester GL1 2JN. They would particularly like pictures of gorgeous outside places. For further information about their progress contact (07971) 406 180 or (01865) 423 200 website: <http://www.j-n-v.org/prisoners.htm>

Ulla writes off a Tornado military jet

Peace activist Ulla Roder is currently on remand in Cornton Vale Prison on a charge of malicious damage to a Tornado aircraft at RAF Leuchars (Scotland) in March.

Ulla was brought to the court at Cupar for the remand hearing in an unmarked vehicle and led through the kitchen entrance, where she made a brief appearance in closed session. Trident Ploughshares understand that; the reason for a closed session where the charge is a very serious one, is to protect the privacy of the accused. This is hardly relevant in a case where the accused has from the start taken full responsibility for her actions.



Writing from prison Ulla said:

"People's disarmament has started. People are not blind or deaf. Nor are we stupid. We don't buy any more of their lies." "...now I am facing a trial maybe for £25 million pounds worth of damage more than my entire family will earn in a lifetime by hard and decent work. A Tornado costs £70 million pounds. We paid for this plane and we will pay for all the other planes I saw out there that night, being got ready for an illegal war."

A Trident Ploughshares spokesperson said: "Ulla's action gives a huge lift to the anti-war movement and will inspire other peaceful and non-violent acts to put a spoke in the wheel of the Blair war machine."

ACTION: Send letters of support to Ulla Roder, HM Institution Cornton Vale, Cornton Road, Stirling, FK9 5NY. Prison Support Contacts: Jane Tallents, (01436) 679194,

A Peace Volunteer Service for Wales?

Movements for solidarity are developing world-wide, based on committed peaceful non-violent intervention, though the risks taken in such acts are great. Already this year we have seen people acting as human shields in Iraq, at least three from Wales, and the first peace activist with the International Solidarity Movement (ISM) in Palestine has been killed by the Israeli Army. Others, including journalists working alongside ISM have also been murdered by the Israeli Defence Forces. Several individual peace activists including Ceri Gibbons, Ray Davies and Dave Rolstone from Wales have recently spent time acting as observers and activists with ISM in Palestine, intervening and providing un-armed protection for ordinary people under threat.

Serving Peace and Justice

Discussions are already underway at a British level to create a Civilian Peace Service, following similar development in Europe. In Britain discussions involve a number of peace Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), but also the Foreign Office, the Ministry of Defence and the Department for International Development. Given the illegality and immorality of the war against Iraq, there is a question mark about whether we should support any contact with those responsible, despite the good intentions of the NGOs involved. The Scottish

Centre for Non-Violence, based in Dunblane has, amongst other aims, a programme based upon alternatives to military response in international situations in conflict.

Accompaniers

There are other models. Organisations such as UNA Exchange and VSO Wales recruit over a hundred young people each year to work abroad. Solidarity organisations, with Palestine and Iraq, Nicaragua and Cuba, have experience of organising visits to these countries. During the 80s and 90s many people acted as 'accompaniers' in Central America, living in villagers, counting on the presence of a foreigner to deter the genocide which was raging against indigenous people in countries like Guatemala, a 'peace service' which is still continuing in Chaipas in Mexico, in solidarity with the Zapatistas. Welsh volunteers have been involved in organisations like Peace Brigades International, who have had peace teams in Central America, in Colombia, in Indonesia and the Balkans. One of their recent volunteers was Alan Jones from Gwynedd who worked in Kosovo/a.

Learning from others

Any development of an international peace service will need to go hand in hand with strengthening the growing peace movement in Wales, our understanding of conflict resolution,

and our commitment to non-violent direct action. We have much to learn from countries across the globe, and also from those nearer home, where organisations such as INNATE (Irish Network for Nonviolent Action Training and Education) have been developing conflict resolution in Northern Ireland.

Ben Gregory

ACTION:

If you are interested in being involved in or supporting a Welsh Volunteer Peace Service contact Ben Gregory: (01286) 882 134 or benica@gn.apc.org

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Scottish Centre for Nonviolence, The Annexe, Scottish Churches House, Kirk Street, Dunblane FK15 0AJ (01786) 824 730 or nonviolence@callnetuk.com website: www.nonviolence-scotland.org.uk

International Solidarity Movement: (020) 7817 554 814 or contact@ism-london.org.uk website: www.ism-london.org

The Really Big Blockade

On April 21st, Michael Riley, Heather Casey (both from Dublin but living in Treorci) and I sped up the motorway towards Faslane Nuclear Submarine base in Scotland for the Big Blockade.

The warehouse

Not for us the luxury of Kinnings Park Community Centre or the Friends Meeting House on this occasion, but instead a broken down warehouse just off Charing Cross, Glasgow.

I scrounged some old bits of cardboard to insulate me from the cold concrete floor, shared some food with Heather and Michael, listened to the pre-blockade briefing and then crawled into my sleeping bag. At 4 am the lights were switched on and those of us in the first wave of protestors quickly washed and ate our breakfast of porridge oats with salt.

We arrived at the peace camp at 6:15 am, sat down by the lovely warm wood campfire and there we saw Fungus who had been Wendy (my wife)'s former cellmate from a previous Blockade. We walked one and a half miles to North Gate where we took up positions at the entrance to the nuclear submarine base. Here we quickly fastened ourselves together with chains inside plastic tubes.

The only place to be

I felt perfectly at home. There was Bruce Kent, David Rolstone, Helen John, Ceri from Palestine (and Aberystwyth), and many more. A small Glaswegian choir sang 'Down by the Riverside'. Bands were playing and hundreds of police were mingling with the protestors some taking photographs others issuing warnings. The rain was steadily getting heavier - but who cared? The planet belongs to us, to our kids and their future; and it was right for us to be there.

Toys

At last and with their newfangled toys the police started to cut through our plastic and steel tubes. Finally we were arrested. I was carried off by four large policemen to the loud cheers of the crowd. The time was 10:30am. A new wave of protestors

was arriving by bus. We had successfully completed our job - to blockade the base until 10:30am. The new protestors had to keep the blockade going until 1 pm, when further busloads of peace makers would come from Edinburgh. Later we learned that activists closed the North Gate for over 8 hours, and activists closed the smaller South Gate for over 5 hours. All other entrances to the base remained closed all day. The final total for arrests at The Really Big Blockade was 171 and 17 of those arrested were from Wales.



Ray is taken away

We've already won

The police van sped us away from Faslane nuclear submarine base, through the beautiful Scottish countryside and along the lovely banks of Loch Lomond. We arrived at Cannock town police station where we were fingerprinted, documented and banged up in the cells until 9 pm. Trident Ploughshares workers greeted us on our release. Then we were taken back to the warehouse for a hot meal, and an emotional farewell to the Danes, Finns, Swedes and French. As we drove along, a question asked me by young policewoman rang in my ears. "Do you think you will ever win?" she had asked. I thought of the Suffragettes, the Tolpuddle Martyrs, the Chartists and the Poll Tax campaigners. I had smiled and replied: "Did you see all those wonderful people from all over the world? Did you look into their eyes as they sang and chanted, because if you did you would realise that we have already won".

Ray Davies

ACTION: To find out more about Ray's court case(s) contact him (02920) 889 514

Welsh Trident Ploughshares Pledger in Court

Gillian Sloan, from Edinburgh, and Dave Rolstone, from Pembrokeshire were arrested in August 2002 after spray-painting the word "Vile" and the CND symbol on HMS Vigilant in its high security berth at Faslane naval base. They were charged with breaching the military by-laws and with malicious mischief. The case had been adjourned until May.

As well as the two charges associated with the submarine incident Dave was also on trial for an alleged breach of the peace during a blockade of Faslane's north gate when campaigners lay in the gateway to symbolise the ongoing suffering of the people of Iraq and the new threat of war.

Presenting legal arguments on the charges Dave argued that his actions had been justified because of the reality and scale of the Trident threat and the fact that British Defence Minister Geoff Hoon had three times threatened its use in the context of Iraq. Dave backed his case with reference to the UN Charter, the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion of 1996 and the Lord Advocate's Reference (LAR) relating to the Trident Three acquittal. Even allowing for the dubious claim made in LAR that international rules regarding weapons only applied during "armed conflict" their disarmament action had been justified because Britain had been, since 1998, engaged in intensive bombing of Iraq. He ended by saying: "On this issue silence is not mere consent, it is complicity." Gillian adopted Dave's

summing up and added that she had had no option but to attempt a disarmament action. Sheriff Pettigrew said he would study all the submissions and documents with care before announcing his verdict.

A Trident Ploughshares spokesperson said: "This is probably the first time after the Lord Advocate's Reference in 2001 that the accused have been permitted in a Scottish court to present a thorough case against Trident. It was thrilling to be there as Gillian and Dave took full advantage of the opportunity."



Taxpayers spend £500,000 defending Trident nuclear weapons

On hearing the news that half a million pounds had been spent 'defending' nuclear weapons in Britain, a peace protestor at the US military base on the beleaguered island of Vieques, Puerto Rico wrote:

"Saludos desde Puerto Rico,

One of the reasons that the US Navy gave to leave Vieques was the high cost of security and replacement of broken fences when our folks would cut them in order to do civil disobedience. Sometimes in our "embraces of the fence" we would cart whole sections of the fence away so that they would have to spend money replacing it instead of mending it. They also spent large sums of money building watchtowers and housing quarters for all those Navy folks they had to bring in to guard their fences. When we were allowed to walk the land on May 1st we saw that they had dismantled all of this.

Mayaguezanos con Vieques, Maria "

ACTION: Find out more: Trident Ploughshares, 42-46 Bethel Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NR 0845 45 88 366 or info@tridentploughshares.org <http://www.tridentploughshares.org/>

Trident Ploughshares is a group of people who are aiming to rid Britain of its Trident nuclear missiles by non-violent, open and accountable disarmament. In 1996 the International Court of justice said that nuclear weapons were generally against international humanitarian law. The British Government has chosen to ignore this and is retaining its illegal arsenal. A Trident submarine carries 48 nuclear bombs, each of which is 8 times more powerful than the nuclear weapon dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Before taking action Trident Ploughshares tried to start a dialogue with the British Government. To date no Government representative has been willing to meet the group. As there is no sign that the Government is serious about nuclear disarmament Trident Ploughshares activists are taking on the disarmament themselves, as citizens who have a duty to uphold international law.

URGENT! YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Please send us your photographs/press cuttings/leaflets/posters of any actions or events from the past 6 months' campaigns against the attack on Iraq. We are putting together a modest exhibition of events in Wales for the National Eisteddfod. All will be copied and returned to you. Please label & date material clearly and include a return address unless you want us to keep it for the archive.

**Hope to hear from you soon!
Jill Stallard (see Contacts list)**

Membership Secretary Sought!

Do you have computer skills, time to spare and a commitment to CND Cymru? Could you be our next Membership Secretary? Support Given. Contact Brian Jones (see Contacts) for more information.



The walk goes on....

Another Greenham Woman in Cardiff

July 20th 11 am - 4pm Unveiling of the Greenham March Commemorative Sculpture in City Hall Cardiff.

The first discussion of a sculpture to commemorate the march from Cardiff to Greenham (in South East England) took place as two hundred women from around the world met at Blue Gate on Greenham Common on the tenth birthday of the Women's Peace Camp. The Peace Camp was first set up at Greenham Common in 1981 following the march from Cardiff in August-September 1981 to protest at the siting of US nuclear armed Cruise missiles at the US base.

It was decided to limit the purpose of this monument to a celebration of the march from Cardiff to Greenham. We contacted the Maltese sculptor Anton Agius and shared the idea of our sculpture then we returned to Wales and kept in touch with Anton, sharing videos, photographs and articles about Greenham. He said he would like to make it and would do it for the cause of Peace. He made a small version in Artists' Plasticine and when we saw this she expressed our feelings exactly.

He made three small bronze maquettes which have since been on tour around Britain to Oxford, Edinburgh, Stirling, Glasgow, Aberystwyth, Newport, London, Rhondda, Cwmbran and to political, trade union, peace, feminist and environmental conferences. A full sized plaster cast was made in Malta and brought to Narberth in Pembrokeshire for the full size bronze casting. The sculpture was achieved as much with people's sacrifices, love, generosity and practical help in this country and abroad as by the financial help which made it possible. Many trade unions have given on-going substantial help and moral support. The monument to peace has been made in two countries with minority languages. She is a sister-statue to Henry Richards "The Apostle of Peace" in Tregaron, a monument erected by public subscription in 1893.

Thalia Campbell

ACTION: A 30 minute video recording about the making of the statue is available from WFLOE, Thalia Campbell, Rutger, The Green, Goldenhill Road, Pembroke. SA71 4QE 07968 159 684 greenhamsculpture@hotmail.com



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Youth CND Cymru

The peace movement in Wales needs the enthusiasm of young people. All the young minds fermenting together in their opposition to the war on Iraq can help create a nuclear-free peaceful world. The creation of a Youth CND Cymru could revitalise campaigning for peace. It is envisaged that an autonomous Youth CND Cymru under the CND Cymru banner would have its own organisation and budget, its own campaigns and its own input into 'heddwch'. If you, or any other young people with whom you have contact, can help in the establishment of Youth CND Cymru please contact Helen Mcfie (01443) 435 803 or Rod Stallard (01550) 750 260

diary dates

June 31st LLANELLI - Parti /Barbecue organised by Llanelli peace group - an opportunity for peace people from all areas to meet, discuss ideas, relax and network. Warm welcome to all. Contact Philippa (01239) 654 561 or Rachael: (01554) 753 488

July 4th NSA MENWITH HILL 12-4 pm and **USAF FAIRFORD 5pm** Annual demonstration 'Independence FROM America' reading of Declaration of Independence from American militarism - guided walk on/round the base... food and much more. Campaign For The Accountability Of American Bases (CAAB) Tel/fax no: 01943 466405 OR +44 (0) 1482 702033 email: anniandlindis@caab.org.uk or caab@btclick.com Website: <http://www.caab.org.uk>

July 12th SWANSEA 11.am CND Cymru Cyngor with Speaker on a current campaigning issue . All CND Cymru members and delegates welcome, please contact CND Cymru for details.

August 2nd - 9th MEIFOD (nr. Welshpool) National Eisteddfod To help out with campaigning or fundraising in the Peace and Justice Tent (and get free entrance to the maes) please contact Brian Jones or Jan Henderson: (01792) 830 330

August 2nd SCOTLAND Coulport International Disarmament Camp, Peaton Wood, near Coulport, Scotland Contact (0845) 458 8366 Britain's weapons of mass destruction, the Trident nuclear warheads, are loaded onto submarines at the Coulport base 30 miles from Glasgow. Coulport Disarmament Camp is sited in Peaton Wood, on the shores of Loch Long, a few miles from Faslane naval base home to Britain's Trident nuclear weapon

submarines. The Coulport camp is the organised by Trident Ploughshares camp and in recent years it has had participants from Japan, the USA and from all over Europe.

August 6th Hiroshima Day - and August 9th Nagasaki Day EVERYWHERE events all over Wales Contact CND Cymru (01550) 750 260

September 9th - 12th LONDON International Arms Fair organised by the 'Defence' Export sales Agency of the MoD with 664 arms traders from over 21 countries. At Excel Exhibition centre, Docklands, London. Contact: Campaign Against the Arms trade (020) 7281 0297 www.caat.org.uk

September 16th - 18th CARDIFF 'Maintenance Repair & Overhaul' (MRO Europe) Aerospace Exhibition. Amongst others, military leaders seeking the latest, most reliable sources for services, components, parts and equipment come to MRO Europe. Exhibitors will include Raytheon, Boeing, BAe etc. Contact CND Cymru.

September 27th: venue to be arranged CND Cymru Cyngor All CND Cymru members and delegates welcome please contact CND Cymru for details (see contacts).

September 21st EVERYWHERE UN International Day of Peace Display your banners... get out on the streets! The International Day of Peace provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of Peace on a shared date. Contact: UNA Wales (02920) 228 549 or look at www.un.org/peace/