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the Trident Nuclear Weapons system is
wrong in principle” **The Religious**
Society of Friends in Britain

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Editorial

The White Paper on our nuclear weapons makes it plain that the Government wants to continue with them. Can we make it heed the Christian voice? The churches are trying! 2006 has seen them issuing a series of concerned statements. The giant is stirring!

Some extracts:

Replacing Trident with a new system with a potential lifespan to 2050 flies in the face of commitments that the UK has made under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty." Baptist Union, Methodist Conference & United Reformed Church.

"Pope Benedict XVI argues powerfully that the retention of nuclear weapons does not enhance the security of their possessors or the peace of the world." Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

"Trident and other nuclear arsenals threaten long term and fatal damage to the global environment and its peoples. As such their end is evil and both possession and use profoundly anti-God acts." 20 Anglican Bishops

"The statement issued by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland constitutes a service and a reason to hope in a more peaceful world." Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

"... a denial of our Treaty obligations and encouragement to more non-nuclear weapon states to develop their own weapons." All Welsh Catholic, and Church in Wales Bishops, plus many other Welsh Church Leaders

Now the voices of 'ordinary' Christians, like you and me, must be raised. The new edition of the Churches' Pack can guide you.

There are other voices, too. We have arranged our second multi-faith forum on the immorality of nuclear weapons. It takes place on Saturday 17th February at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. 10.30 am to 3.30pm. Come if you can.

Remember, the crucial vote in parliament is not far off. All our readers are urged to take note of the item on page 9 and join the debate! Make your voice heard now, before another 40 or 50 years of Trident begins.



Trident Replacement? A Moral Question

Voices from the Faith Communities

Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's Multi-Faith Forum will take place on Saturday 17th February, 10.30am - 3.30 pm. We have the use of the Chapel at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Luckily for us, there is no charge for the Chapel, although there are restrictions in its use, including no political campaigning. So the focus will rather be on discussing the morality of nuclear weapons and in particular the replacement of Trident. The meeting will be chaired by Sr Elizabeth O'Donohoe from Westminster Inter-Faith.

Speakers will include: The Rt Revd Tony Dumper (retired Anglican Bishop), Dr. Daud Abdullah from the Muslim Council of Britain and Vijay Mehta, a Hindu anti-nuclear activist and author. The speakers will examine the replacement of the UK nuclear weapons system from their own religious perspectives.



We do hope that many of you will be able to come along to what promises to be a very interesting and stimulating day.

Central Hall Westminster is located on Storey's Gate, across the road from Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament.

Underground: Westminster on the Jubilee, Circle and District lines, St James' Park on the Circle and District lines, Victoria on the Victoria, Circle and District lines.

Buses 11, 24, 148 and 211 pass the door, Buses 3, 12, 53, 53X, 77A, 88, 109, 159 and 453 stop nearby.

Public car parks operate in Abingdon Street, Horseferry Road, Rochester Row and Semley Place. There is also parking adjacent to the building on Tothill Street and Matthew Parker Street.

Ash Wednesday

Join Pax Christi, CCND and other groups at the Ministry of Defence in London on Ash Wednesday, 21 February 2007 to say NO, through prayer and symbolic actions of repentance, to nuclear war preparations and the replacement of Trident. We will meet at 3.00pm in Embankment Gardens (nearest tube Embankment Station) Add your voice to that of Christian churches.

If you wish to take part in nonviolent direct action on the day, and so risk arrest, you must prepare with others - please contact Pax

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The Ministry of Defence, marked with blessed charcoal, Ash Wednesday 2004
Photo: Pax Christi

In the last *Ploughshare Plus* we printed an article by David Partridge of Clergy Against Nuclear Arms about a visit to Faslane in November last year. This issue we are printing David Platt's impressions on the same event at the nuclear weapons base in Scotland.

Faslane 365 1&2 November 2006

I can think of no better way to observe All Saints' and All Souls' Days than facing the horrendous evil of our nuclear weapons base in Scotland. The beauty of the loch, hills and heather is defaced by the lurking presence of enough nuclear weaponry to destroy Europe in one Trident launch. And 'we' deploy these missiles every day of the year, asking our sailors to prowl under the oceans ready to fire 48 independently targeted nuclear warheads, each equivalent to 7.5 Hiroshima bombs.

On October 31st David Paterson, David Partridge and David Platt were driven to Glasgow by Ali Marshall, a woman priest from Reading. We were welcomed by ministers representing Scottish clergy and the Iona Community, who shared an evening meal with us. Then we made ourselves 'comfortable' on the floors of the Vestries of Landsdown Presbyterian Church.

All Saints' morning we were driven by Ali, who was also our legal observer, to the gates of the base. Miles of perimeter fence, enclosing three layers of razor wire, enclosed the personnel and the submarines. The sun shone on those inside and outside the fence.

Twelve noon, we joined the Quakers who were there before us. We sang 'For all the Saints' after a Quaker Meeting. Then they went home, and we were joined by over forty members of the Iona Community.

After a picnic lunch on the grass opposite the North Gate, the Anglicans led a non-Eucharist liturgy. The sermon was preached by Canon Andrew Shanks of Manchester Cathedral. We were all in our cassocks, but his was a photogenic red!

His text was from a Mount Athos monk, Silouan: 'Keep thy mind in Hell, and despair not'. Eloquenty he described how at Faslane we were at the Mouth of Hell. But he went on to say that, as Christians, we were also always at the Gate of Heaven.

We enacted this by joining the Iona Community Eucharist at 3pm. After a simple sharing of the Eucharist gifts we formed a procession behind a peace banner. Processing round the roundabout and across the road, we passed across the front of the gates, protected from peaceful Christian protesters by a line of police. As we passed, those ready to be arrested (nine, including David Paterson) sat at the feet of the police. The procession went on to the pavement, when we continued to sing and pray, encouraging the arrestees.

Those there for the first time were impressed by the calm ritual of the arresting process. This took from 4pm when the blockade began to nearly 5pm. Each arrest was met by songs of support, naming each of our friends as they were led away to the police vans. About 4.55pm they were driven to cells in Clydebank (Glasgow) where they were kept twenty hours and released without charge. (Why? Because they cannot afford to clog up the courts: 300 arrests at the base since 1st October.) As always, our acts of Civil Disobedience are open, peaceful and accountable.

Next day about twenty of us prayed and did Bible study with two Roman Catholic Franciscan brothers. We decided to end the day about 2pm, as Ali had to go into Glasgow and be ready to meet the arrested on their release.

After a joyful reunion and evening meal, we 'slept' contentedly and left Glasgow at 6.15am Friday 3rd November.

Personally, I find Mass at the Mouth of Hell close to the Last Supper better than the most glorious celebration in the finest Cathedral you can imagine. And at Faslane, in tandem with the seriousness of our witness, there is a joyous sense of celebrating the Kingdom ...

And we had some creative conversations with several of the Strathclyde police.

David Platt

Among recent letters received at the office was one from an ex-member of both CND and Christian CND. Several points were raised and one of our Co-Chairs has sent a personal reply.

The writer says that he left us because for him our long held position on unilateral nuclear disarmament has become untenable. He foresees disaster if the West were to renounce these ultimate deterring weapons whilst totalitarian or unstable regimes such as Iran or North Korea kept or acquired them. Therefore, for the sake of present and future generations and to safeguard our land and cherished Western freedoms, nuclear weapons must be retained together with a first use policy. He recognised that this involves a willingness to kill possible millions of people but refers to the Just War doctrine.

In one form or another we are likely to encounter this line of argument in our campaign to oppose Trident replacement, and a few brief general points may be helpful.

Just War Doctrine

This often misunderstood code is an endeavour to set the Christian ethic in a collective situation to protect the weak from oppression and to safeguard worthy features of society that are vital if justice and peace are to continue. Like the Christian pacifist position it recognises the utter evil of war and seeks to prevent it by reference to lawful authority and negotiation to settle disputes between nations. In modern practise this brings in international bodies such as the UN as well as legitimate national governments. If despite every effort war occurs, the doctrine then imposes severe restrictions on its conduct to prevent the intended good being outweighed by the evils of war. There are many writings on this subject but all seem agreed that nuclear war would be diabolical and could never be justified by the Just War doctrine. A few have argued that the threat may be alright to deter, so long as nothing happens!

Legality

Since its formation, one of the aims of the United Nations has been to bring about nuclear disarmament as the only sure way of preventing nuclear war. The key treaty, as readers of Ploughshare will be well aware, is the 1970 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Britain, as an existing nuclear power at that time, is a

signatory and therefore committed to work in good faith to bring about our own and general nuclear disarmament. We and many others believe that a decision not to replace Trident would be a right move in this context and a powerful lead to other nations. There is also the important issue of the World Court advisory judgement on the possession, use and threatened use of nuclear weapons. Unlike some other nuclear states, the UK officially recognises the authority of the World Court (International Court of Justice).

Morality

Christian CND has devoted much effort into exploring the moral issues concerning nuclear weapons, not just with Christian theologians but with other faiths too. There is wide agreement that nuclear war involving millions of deaths and indiscriminate destruction is immoral and an affront to God's gift of life and His creation. And, as has been said, "If it is immoral to use the bomb it is immoral to threaten its use" - for to do so means that the weapons have to exist, have to be deployed and forces trained to unleash them if ordered to do so.

Unilateralism

CND is a British movement although we have many international associations. Our activities are very largely directed at the British Government. For over 50 years we have campaigned for Britain to get rid of its so called independent nuclear deterrent which we see as of little or no strategic value, a diversion and a delusion of grandeur that inhibits rather than enables the UK in taking a leading role in building a better world. But above all, nuclear weapons are wicked and Canon Paul Oestreicher in an article in the Guardian on 27th January writes this:

"If the UK believed its survival was threatened by some future foe, would we be prepared to turn to ashes vast numbers of men, women and children, and so poison the atmosphere that many would die agonisingly over a generation? That is the Auschwitz question the British people should be considering in response to Tony Blair's invitation to debate whether Britain should retain nuclear weapons into an indefinite future.

Bob Russell

I write in the middle of January as another aircraft carrier, 'Dennis' is dispatched from the west coast of North America to the Gulf of Hormus and Russia supplies Iran with an anti-missile system. Poland is under pressure to allow a 'Greenham' type US missile base on its soil and the Czechs have agreed to take an associated 'Fylingdales' type radar base. China shows it can knock out satellites. Are we witnessing the start of another cold war?

Our Prime Minister has raised the question whether Britain can continue to be a force in the world without having 'hard' power, a mind-set reflected in December's White Paper on Trident. He compares countries which eschew it to others that retain the 'stick and carrot' approach. A mix is what he prefers.

Just how earnestly do governments work at making friends and influencing people - at winning hearts and minds? That sort of thing needs bold and generous measures and requires persistence over a period of time for confidence and co-operation to blossom. We have relatively short periods between our elections, so the temptation must often exist to speed things up by displaying the 'big stick'. But that can be so obviously counter-productive. Who is not inclined to regard stick-wavers with distaste? Resentment can build, especially if the stick-wavers are blessed with much they could share or trade and are thought to be uncaring or disregarding toward the less fortunate.



The President of the United States seems to have rejected the advice he asked for. It amounted to trying the novel approach of actually inviting the 'other side' to discussions.

It seems a 'novel approach' is what is required of Christians. The normal wisdom was to keep a stick handy. Indeed, people expected a smiting type God. Nobody imagined His own Son joining us a vulnerable baby. Not zapping anyone, and then, *throwing down the gauntlet of love!*

Our approach to peace making has to start with ourselves and also means acting with respect for the dignity of others. During the Advent Vigil and services at Aldermaston, we tried to think of the needs of the work force. These people are caught up in the industry. They have mortgages and family responsibilities. Our big banner read:

**'Jobs? Yes!
Decommissioning? Yes!
Trident? No!'**

On Poland: There are many Christians in Poland. A new Cardinal was installed there last year. He has been sent a copy of the Churches' Pack for possible adaptation by groups resisting the introduction of nuclear weaponry.

Michael Pulham

Write to your MP - again!

You could ask your MP to sign up to the latest Early Day Motion on Trident renewal and asking for an extension of the consultation period allowing time for the public, all political parties and NGOs to give their views.

EDM 579

CONSULTATION ON TRIDENT

09.01.2007

Tabled by Jon Trickett MP

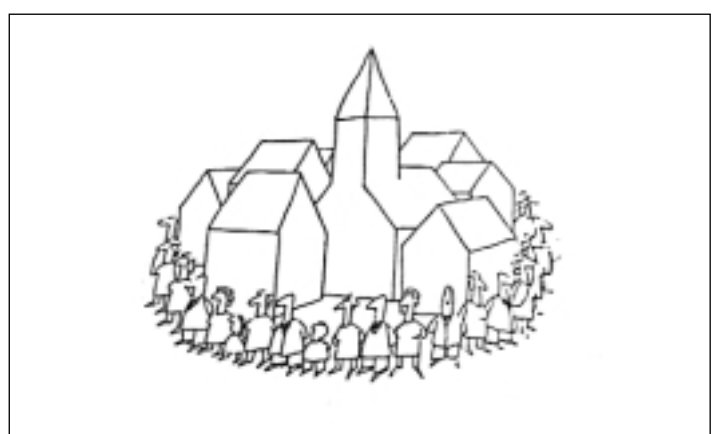
"That this House notes the Prime Minister's statement in the House of 28th June 2006 that the White Paper The Future of the United Kingdom's Nuclear Deterrent would be accompanied by an announcement

on the means of consultation for the fullest possible debate; is concerned that there has been no provision made for public consultation; believes that a period of three months is insufficient for a discussion on a decision of this magnitude; and calls on the Government to extend the period of consultation to enable all political parties and other organisations with a legitimate interest to undertake full discussion and consultation which will enable them to present their views and make representations to Hon. Members before a debate and vote."



When writing letters to Church leaders, MPs, the local newspaper, the Prime Minister, or in producing leaflets and articles and press releases, we find it useful to add a couple of lines of a quote from a church group. It adds a certain credence to what we're saying. So here are some of the quotations we've been using - reprinted for you to use wherever you can!

- “The Baptist Union Council opposes the replacement of the Trident nuclear weapon system.” (*Baptist Union Council, 13-15 November 06*)
- “Replacing Trident with a new system with a potential lifespan to 2050 flies in the face of commitments that the UK has made under the Non-Proliferation Treaty.” *Baptist Union GB press release:*
<http://www.baptist.org.uk/News/index.html>
- “The Conference opposes replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system and urges the UK Government to take leadership in disarmament negotiations in order to bring about the intention of the Non-Proliferation Treaty for the elimination of all nuclear weapons.” *Methodist Conference, 2006*
- “The United Reformed Church has declared its opposition to the renewal of Britain’s Trident nuclear weapons programme.” http://www.urc.org.uk/index_page_contents/trident/trident_statement.htm
- *Nineteen bishops including the Rt Rev Peter Price, the Bishop of Bath and Wells; Dr David James, the Bishop of Bradford; Jack Nicholls, the Bishop of Sheffield; and Colin Bennetts, the Bishop of Coventry wrote to The Independent saying* “Trident and other nuclear arsenals threaten long-term and fatal damage to the global environment and its people. As such, their end is evil and both possession and use profoundly anti-God acts.” *10th July 2006*
<http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/politics/article1169722.ece>
- The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has called upon the government to set an example to the international community by decommissioning its nuclear weapons. The Bishops warned that the UK now stands at a “moral and strategic crossroads” on the issue of its nuclear weapons arsenal. *21st November 2006*
www.christiantoday.com/
- Petition on the replacement of Trident nuclear weapons presented to the Scottish Parliament after the “THE LONG WALK FOR PEACE”. “We the undersigned urge the Government of the United Kingdom not to invest in a replacement for the Trident System and to begin now the process of decommissioning these weapons with the intention of diverting the sums spent on nuclear weaponry to programmes of aid and development”. http://www.scmo.org/_titles/view.asp?id=482
<http://www.inspiremagazine.org.uk/news.aspx?action=view&id=622>
- In April 2006, Catholic Bishops “affirmed the Church’s position on nuclear weapons that their use was “a crime against God and against humanity”. http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/content/news_syndication/article_06095tridentrep.shtml



FootPrints for Peace in your area

Interfaith Peace Walk Towards a Nuclear Free Future. Dublin to London 12th May to 6th August 2007

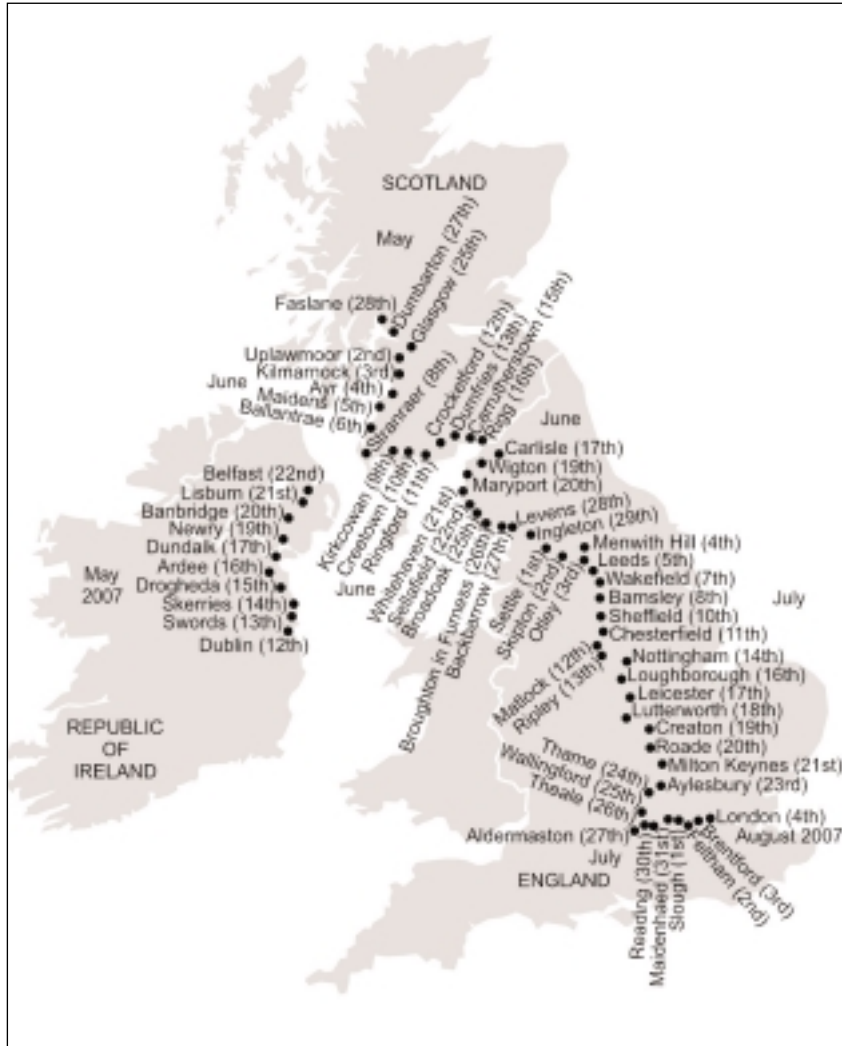
Footprints for Peace organise "Interfaith Peace Walks Towards a Nuclear Free Future" to raise awareness of nuclear disarmament. They have organised many peace walks and runs in the USA and in other countries. Now they are walking from Dublin to London. Starting this May, 1300 km in 86 days.

They want to close down the nuclear industry - step by step, so they have invited us to join them for as long as we can, a single step or for the entire walk.

Only a few will be able to do the full 3 months journey, but as the route crosses the country it gives the chance for many join in as it passes. So I intend to do just that as it travels though Wallingford on its way to Aldermaston and join them for a few days. By then it will be mid summer (so I will bring my mac) and it seems a great way to raise awareness of the issues with family and friends. It could make for a lovely afternoon walking and chatting while doing something really important at the same time.

As Footprints for Peace is an inter-faith organisation it would be good if a lot of Christians joined to show just who the real Prince of Peace is and that we take seriously His teachings on the subject. Also let them know that Christian CND welcome them to the town. The walking is representative of the idea of pilgrimage.

The route is shown on the map with the relevant dates and it is trying to walk around all the places in British Isles that are involved in the nuclear industry both peaceful and violent. The 86 day, 1300 km, journey will be mainly on foot, but partly by car and ferry, and will visit:



- Faslane (take part in ongoing blockage)
- Sellafield Reprocessing Plant
- Dublin, Belfast and Glasgow (meetings)
- Menwith Hill (gather at US spy base)
- Milton Keynes (Peace Pagoda)
- AWE Aldermaston (campaign against new building work)
- London (Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days)
- This will be a Drug & Alcohol Free Action.
- For more information look at website:

www.footprintsforpeace.net or contact me by email: kelvingascoyne@hotmail.com, mobile phone: 07916 375950

Kelvin Gascoyne

Debate in parliament

There will be an emergency lobby of parliament the week the date of the vote and debate is announced.

Check CND's website for details or ring them on 020 7700 2393.

Go to meetings!

There are loads of events around the country designed to help publicise and plan for the forthcoming demo on 24th February. Many of them are organised by Stop the War groups as well as CND groups, so the emphasis of the meetings may not be focussed 100% on Trident. Go along anyway if you can to help ensure the meetings do spend time on the issue. See <http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/Trident.html> for a current list of the events or contact CND (020 7700 2393). Some of the events are on the back page diary.

Pray! And demonstrate!

There will be a service before the demo at **Hinde Street Methodist Church at 10.30am**. The church is just north of Oxford Street, near Bond Street station. From Bond Street head westwards along Oxford Street (towards Marble Arch away from John Lewis/Oxford Circus). After 50 metres turn right into James Street (between The Body Shop and Gap). Continue along James Street. Cross straight over Wigmore Street, and continue forwards along Mandeville Place. Hinde Street Methodist Church is on the next corner. You'll find tea, coffee and toilet facilities at the church.

Afterwards, the plan is to walk towards the demo as a group of Christians together (though you don't have to if you don't want to!). We are hoping that a great mass of Christians, with their banners, will look very impressive!



CCND's co-chair Caroline Gilbert and Pat Gaffney of Pax Christi agree final details of the postcard.

Read! And pass on the information!

There is a NEW EDITION of the Churches' Pack. It is still called 'Nuclear Weapons - What can Christians do?' but now has useful ideas for affecting the debate and guidance for contacting the public and decision makers.

On page 22 it even offers advice and encouragement for the individual!

Time is of the essence, so it can be seen or downloaded from our website either at home or in your public library.

The pack is also available free if you ring 01435 862451. It has gone to all the Anglican and Catholic dioceses and to the non-conformist churches.



Write to the PM!

Pax Christi and Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament have a tear-off postcard for you to write a personal message on. Then you can post it to Tony Blair.

Petition your MP!

There's a petition enclosed with this mailing. Don't send it back to the office, send it to your MP with a covering letter telling her/him how you'd like them to vote! See also the EDM on page 6.

Vote online!

If you can, please VOTE on the Big Trident Debate website on the replacement of Trident at www.bigtridentdebate.org.uk/ and on the No.10 website at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/trident/>

Prayer Diary

We pray especially that the right moral decisions will be made on the future of Trident and during February for the following events:

17th February: for our Multi-faith Forum, that we listen to and value what other faiths have to teach us.

19th - 23rd February: for the Anglican Synod in Westminster and that Christians will play their part in following the desire of Archbishop Rowan Williams that the debate be as full as possible.

21st February: for the Ash Wednesday Witness at the MOD in London and in other parts of the country. May we truly repent for the actions of our Government and for any part we may have played in making God's world a less peaceful place. We remember Chris Cole and all in prison for peace and justice.

24th February: for the London Protest and that the spirit of peace and reconciliation of the Hinde Street Service may be evident throughout the whole day.

1st March: St David's Day - we give thanks for the stand taken on Trident by Church leaders in Wales, and

also for statements from the Churches in Scotland and England. We pray that the decision-makers listen to their voices and make the right choice.

26th - 31st March: may we take the opportunity to make Holy Week a special time of prayer and fasting for peace.

2nd April: Easter Sunday. We glory in the Resurrection and pray in faith and joy for a happier and more hopeful future for the world.

26th April: Chernobyl Day. We remember all those still suffering the effects of the Chernobyl disaster, especially the children.

9th May: that the NPT might be honoured and the United Nations be strengthened and respected.

15th May: Conscientious Objectors' Day. That nations may learn to put an end to war.

27th May: Pentecost. That the Spirit of Peace may give us strength to continue her work, and for the 'Footsteps for Peace' walk as it reaches Faslane.



A remarkable crowd turned up for the first Advent Vigil of 2006 at AVE Aldermaston
Photo: Reading Weekend Post

Britannia's Sceptre - Scotland and the Trident system

Author: Brian P Jamison
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Brian P Jamison is a graduate of Glasgow University and a Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the Mountbatten Centre for International Studies at Southampton University. His book is a critical examination of Scotland's relationship with nuclear weapons. He makes his standpoint clear during its Preface: 'I am not a member of the disarmament movement but I recognise the importance of passionate, well-informed objection. I believe nuclear weapons once served a purpose but now I have questions.'

Dr Jamison includes a comprehensive history of nuclear weapons especially from Polaris to Trident, with a lot of technical information which is well-researched and includes employment issues, security issues, costs and status (ie to what extent an independent deterrent became a substitute for Empire). Certainly, costs and status were disguised by government propaganda extolling the economic and employment benefits which were expected. In the event, complications, delays, safety concerns all contributed to spiralling costs - £1.2bn to start with, and that was 72% more than expected; by 1998 that had risen to £12.52bn, and by 2005 £15bn.

Scots themselves seem not to appreciate the implications of all this, and indeed the author complains of apathy about the whole subject. This is all the more chilling since the preliminary decision on the Trident replacement will be taken during the current Westminster Parliament. The questions remain about the purpose of nuclear weapons post Cold War, and post 9/11 and 7/7. Other factors also contribute to

that debate: nuclear accidents, heightened concerns by the public about ecological and environmental concerns, the vulnerability of the Faslane base to terrorist attack and the difficulty of escaping from the area.

Scotland's overall economic overdependence on the MOD was shown by the transfer of the submarine refurbishment facilities at Rosyth to Plymouth, despite the fact that the relocation cost more, and which resulted in 10,000 Scottish job losses. Similarly, the missiles are now serviced in the USA. Only 3,300 civilian jobs are now related to Trident, while even Polaris employed 3,900. In short, the employment picture of Scotland has not benefited it any more than North Sea Oil, to say nothing of the decline in coal, steel and shipbuilding. This failure to capitalise has also affected the media, which tends to concentrate on local issues and have mostly lurched to the right. The question remains that, with both the security and employment benefits in considerable doubt, what are nuclear weapons for? Despite all the posturing, Iran and North Korea can hardly be regarded as nuclear superpowers, nor any supposed proliferation by other 'rogue states'. Is Britain really likely to make pre-emptive strikes against such countries, even with an extension of the present system let alone a replacement? Rather the contrary - in the 'War on Terror' such systems are vulnerable to Al Qaeda and are a liability.

For a short book, Dr Jamison is remarkably comprehensive if a little repetitive. Overall, a most useful publication.

*The Very Reverend John Methuen
 Formerly Dean of Ripon*

Our thanks to John, more reviews in next *Ploughshare!*

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- Group affiliation: from £10

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- To help with local campaigning, I agree that my contact details can be passed on to other CCND members.

CCND will **never** pass members' details to anyone who is not a CCND member.

Please return form to: Christian CND 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ

Diary

Monday 12 February: Block the Builders at AWE Aldermaston 6.30am. Second Monday in every month. Overnight accommodation available (floor at Friends Meeting House – bring own bedding and food to share). [btb\(at\)aldermaston.net](mailto:btb(at)aldermaston.net) 07969 739 812 www.blockthe-builders.org.uk www.aldermaston.net

Monday 12 February: No Trident Replacement public meeting. 7pm, Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, John Vidal, Environment Editor, The Guardian, Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Reading, Anas Altikriti, British Muslim Initiative, Louise Richards, War on Want, Edward Pearce, writer and journalist, Lindsey German, Stop the War Coalition. Chair: Kate Hudson, CND. All welcome. Organised by Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. 020 7700 2393. www.cnduk.org/pages/12feb07.pdf

Saturday 17th February: A Multi-faith Forum, in the Chapel at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. 10.30am – 3.30pm. Speakers include: Rt Revd Tony Dumper; Dr. Daud Abdullah, from the Muslim Council of Britain; Vijay Mehta, Hindu anti-nuclear activist and author. Chair: Sr Elizabeth O'Donohoe, from Westminster Inter-faith. Further details from CCND. All welcome!

Wednesday 21st February (Ash Wednesday): Ministry of Defence in London. Meet at 3pm in Embankment Gardens (Embankment tube). Contact Pax Christi on 020 8203 4884, particularly if you wish to take part in non-violent direct action and so risk arrest (preparation for this is essential).

Saturday 24th February: No Trident Replacement – Troops out of Iraq national demo. Assemble 12 noon, Speakers' Corner. Rally in Trafalgar Square. <http://www.cnduk.org/> There will be a prayer service at 10.30 at Hinde Street Methodist Church before the Rally on 24th February. A good meeting place for Christians who want to take part in the Rally. Flyer here.

1 March: Human Security without Trident. Women's International League for Peace & Freedom Lobby Day hosted by Joan Ruddock MP. UK WILPF, 52-54 Feathestone Street, London EC1Y 8RT, 020 7250 1968 office@ukwilpf.org.uk www.ukwilpf.org.uk/

7-21 April: 2nd Vanunu Freedom Ride from Faslane to London. On 21st April 2007, Mordechai Vanunu will have been held captive in Israel for 21 years. Click here for leaflet. Contact: London Region CND, Tel: 0845 4581965 e-mail: info@vanunufreedomride.org.uk www.vanunufreedomride.org.uk

13 – 14 April: Peace History: encouragement and warnings. A two-day conference at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1. Organised by the International Peace Bureau, Movement for the Abolition of War in associ-

ation with the Imperial War Museum. For registration and further details contact MAW, 11 Venetia Road, London N4 1EJ or visit www.abolishwar.org.uk

Saturday 21 April: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms Concert for Peace. With the Galliard Trio. Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead, NW3. Contact MANA Administration, 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU.

Monday 15 May: International Conscientious Objector's Day. <http://www.wri-irg.org/co/15may.htm>

30 April - 11 May: PrepCom for the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty review conference in 2010. Vienna, Austria.

12 May - 6 August: DUBLIN – LONDON. Towards a Nuclear Free Future. The Interfaith Peace Walk Towards See page 8 for details

Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June: Discovering Celtic Christianity with Sister Elizabeth Rees, a writer and lecturer on Spirituality: £279, Non-residential: £186. For more information, contact The Ammerdown Conference and Retreat Centre, Radstock, Bath BA3 5SW www.ammerdown.org, centre@ammerdown.org, 01761 433709

Saturday 16 June: 22nd Annual Celebration of the London Peace Pagoda, 2pm. Contact the London Dojo (Temple) on 020 7228 9620. London Peace Pagoda, Battersea Park, Albert Bridge Road, SW11 4NJ.

20 – 22 July: Called to be Peacemakers. 29th Annual Justice & Peace Conference. Organised by the National Justice & Peace Network with the assistance of Pax Christi & Fellowship of Reconciliation. Hayes Conference Centre – Swanwick, Derbyshire. Main speakers: John Dear SJ, a Jesuit priest and peace activist and Zoughbi Zoughbi, a Palestinian Christian born and raised in Bethlehem and director of the Palestinian Centre for Conflict Resolution. Also Bernadette Farrell, composer, liturgist and musician who is committed to justice and peace and work on social justice projects. Please book by 18th May by applying to the NJPN administrator, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX with a £20 deposit cheque made out to NJPN. Tel: 020 7901 4864 Email: Administrator www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/

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