

## GREEN CND IS . . . .

★ A Specialist Section of National CND with a seat on its National Council and representation at the Annual Conference.

★ A Network of local activists working on green peace issues and forging links between the peace and ecology movements.

★ Independent of any one political party. We have supporters in different parties and outside party politics altogether.

## GREEN CND OFFERS . . . .

★ Bi-monthly meetings to plan actions, draft leaflets or pamphlets and share information on local campaigns and issues.

★ A bi-monthly newsletter with information, dates and ideas on campaigns throughout the country. Any Green CND subscriber is welcome to contribute to the debates or publicise local events.

★ Regional contacts and local campaigners throughout the country who can put you in touch with activities in their area.

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If you are active in any other relevant organisation (eg. The National Trust & Friends of the Earth) or have any special skills or knowledge which might be useful, please let us know.

Please send to 'Green CND', 120 Hartfield Rd, Forest Row, East Sussex, England.

For general enquiries please write to the Secretary, 23 Lower St, Stroud, Glos.

## GREEN CND ACTION

**THE FATE OF THE EARTH** lies in the balance. Even a 'small' nuclear war would bring on a nuclear winter, plunge the planet into darkness and destroy, beyond hope of recovery, the basic life-support systems of our world. Green CND has a vital role in reaching the 3m members of environmental organisations in Britain, showing them the intrinsic links between peace and ecological issues.

**ATOMS FOR PEACE ARE ATOMS FOR WAR** The military and civil uses of nuclear power feed each other and are inseparably linked. Green CND has made these links in leaflets, marches and meetings. Plutonium factories and bombs are part of a single threat to life on Earth.

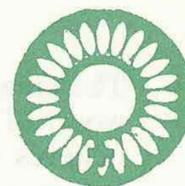
**UNDERSTANDING NONVIOLENCE** is vital to developing a realistic path to peace. Green CND activists have organised conferences, festivals and workshops to further our understanding of the philosophy and practice of nonviolence.

**DIRECT ACTION** is a fundamental part of reclaiming personal responsibility for our communities and environment. We see our involvement at Molesworth and other bases as central to our role in CND.

**THINKING GLOBALLY** is the only way that we can understand the arms race and how it takes resources away from the millions who face starvation. Green CND makes these links wherever it can, in leaflets, demonstrations and at conferences.

**ACTING LOCALLY** is vital if we are to regenerate a sense of community and reverse the centralising process of national institutions. Green CND subscribers are active in an enormous range of issues at a local level, demonstrating how the green perspective effects every aspect of life.

**THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL** and we all work on changing our own lives as well as national policies. Change begins with the individual, with our determination to apply green and nonviolent perspectives to our own lives, to live more simply so that others may simply live.



## A GREEN VIEW



OF PEACE.

GREEN CND



The greatest challenge now facing humanity is to rid the world of the fear of nuclear war. The green movement believes we must tackle the insecurity in our own minds before we can ever expect to fully rid ourselves of this threat. Campaigning for nuclear disarmament is not enough on its own, we must also work to transform the violent basis of many of our personal and social relationships.

A green view of peace cannot isolate the issue of nuclear disarmament and separate it from other issues. We have to understand that all life is inter-related and that the real causes of nuclear conflict are deeply embedded in our social and economic structures.

## THE ROOTS OF WAR

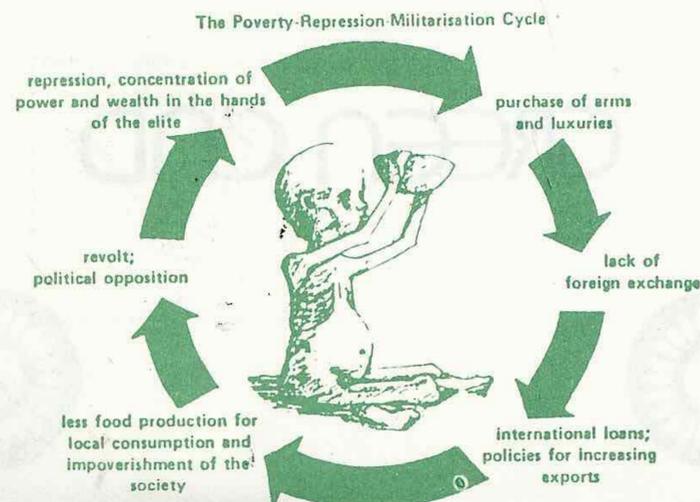
★ **Patriarchal values** instil in us all an image of 'manliness' that is emotion-denying, tough and competitive. Young boys are brought up with images of 'real men' that make the aggressive stances of militarists and politicians inevitable.

★ **Militarism** glorifies war throughout society. Boys are given toy tanks and soldiers when they are young, heads of state inspect troops, the Queen is head of the armed forces and Britain's Defence Secretary wears a combat jacket when evicting peace protestors. Underneath our civilised exterior we are psychologically prepared to 'go to war' at a moment's notice.

★ **Nationalism and centralism** keep us welded together in 'nation-states' that maintain the barriers between ourselves and people of other lands. The power to declare war lies in the hands of a small elite.

★ **Technomania** describes our obsession with technological progress regardless of the real contribution it might make to our well-being. When development becomes dependent on military financing, as it is now, then technology itself becomes a root cause of war.

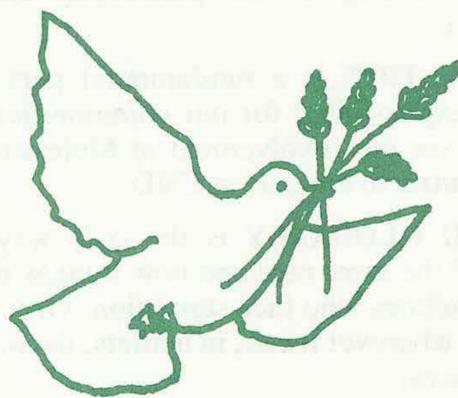
★ **Economic growth** forces every country constantly to seek an increase in industrial output. This puts an intense competitive strain on the world's finite supplies of energy and raw materials. The inevitable tension is, and always has been, a primary cause of war.



The dominant political ideologies of the twentieth century all share these values. The drift towards war is inevitable unless we can somehow address them. The green perspective is therefore vital.

**VIOLENCE** is an attitude of mind, a desire to control and dominate. It can be emotional and mental as well as physical. The social and economic structures of the dominant world view are inherently violent. Inevitably they discriminate against the poor, women, children, black and Asian people.

Such values place humanity in a position of dominance over nature. They emphasise a belief in land 'ownership' and in humanity's superiority over other species. As a consequence we feel alienated from nature; we use this to justify our violence towards those very life-forms which we ultimately depend upon for our own survival.



**NONVIOLENCE** is likewise an attitude of mind, but it allows us to feel empowered without having to dominate. It helps us build the confidence and trust to know that we are never alone. It allows women to feel strong and men to feel gentle; a personal liberation that has the power to transform the very nature of our society.

The atomic bomb has, at last, confronted us with the fundamentally violent nature of society. The choice is stark; either we carry on as before, terrorised by the threat of nuclear catastrophe, watching the trees die and millions starve, or we try nonviolence in every aspect of our personal, social and economic affairs, starting with the recognition that the real 'enemy within' is ourselves.



## ONE WORLD

There can be no chance of a genuine and stable peace while a quarter of the world's people are either starving or suffering from malnutrition. The industrialised states of the North must abandon their goals of endless economic growth and seek a sustainable approach that conserves resources and guarantees basic needs and human rights for all the world's people.

## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMICS

The domination of the world market by giant multinational corporations, the dependence of many on the arms trade and the confiscation of land by small and repressive elites all lead to the impoverishment, degradation and denial of basic human rights for large numbers of people in the 'Third World'. Overseas aid must be increased and coupled with measures that will give people more control over their land and help them become more self-sufficient in basic foodstuffs. An urgent global programme of raw material re-cycling and renewable energy production must be introduced to reduce the tension caused by competition for diminishing raw materials.

## ECOLOGICAL BALANCE

We are already 'at war' with the Earth. Thousands of acres of forest are being destroyed; lead fumes and acid rain pollute our skies, chemical fertilisers and sewage poison our rivers. Peace will not be achieved unless we are prepared to live 'in peace' with the natural world around us; cutting permitted noise levels, reducing air pollution, safeguarding wilderness areas and encouraging organic farming. Our relationships with animals and with our own bodies are central to this re-discovery of 'balanced' living.

## SOCIAL DEFENCE

Everyone has a responsibility to protect themselves, their community, their culture and their planet from the dangers now facing us, whether it be from nuclear weapons, a 'foreign power', a multinational or a government. Social Defence is de-centralist, non-hierarchical and nonviolent. Community groups would plan for non-cooperation using strikes, boycotts, blockades etc. Governments and multinationals rely, to some extent, on the ignorance and/or acquiescence of local communities affected by their policies. Briefings, role-plays, consensus working and other forms of nonviolence training will help community groups develop effective and co-ordinated forms of resistance.

