

WHY PAY MORE FOR NUCLEAR POWER?



Join the Consumer Campaign

Nuclear Power is unnecessary.

The Central Electricity Generating board is closing 41 non-nuclear power stations because of massive excess electricity generating capacity. The Department of Energy has consistently overestimated electricity demand. Britain has enough coal to last 350 years. And the vast potential for renewable energy sources and conservation has not been seriously considered or financed.

Nuclear Power is a complete waste of your money.

It is 40 per cent more expensive as a means of generating electricity than coal. The expansion of the nuclear power programme will cost £2 billion each year for the next 10 years and that's the same amount that the government is taking away from hospitals, schools and public services over the same period. As consumers we pay for the nuclear power

programme – with higher electricity bills. No wonder 122,000 families had their electricity disconnected last year! And as taxpayers we pay through the loss of vital public services.

Nuclear Power is a smokescreen for nuclear weapons.

Nuclear reactors produce plutonium for the nuclear weapons programme and the export of nuclear technology results in the spread of nuclear weapons.

Nuclear Power is extremely dangerous.

In the event of a serious accident thousands of people would be contaminated with radioactivity. Increased incidents of cancer have been found in the areas surrounding nuclear installations.

What can we do?

One answer is to join the *Consumer Campaign*. This involves withholding 11 per cent – the 'nuclear portion' – of your electricity bill and paying this portion into the *Consumer Campaign Trust Fund* where it will be held until the electricity supply industry stops using and promoting nuclear power, (or until you request a cheque from the trust, payable to your electricity board). According to the CEEB's accounts for 1979/1980 eleven per cent is the proportion of electricity produced by nuclear power.

How do we withhold?

When your electricity bill arrives, deduct 11 per cent from the total. Send off the reduced bill with a letter of protest, as suggested below, stressing the point that you have been overcharged. Then send off the 11 per cent with the form on this leaflet to the *Consumer Campaign Trust*. The arrears you accumulate will appear as a separate figure on every subsequent bill, marked: *Balance due from previous account*. When this happens deduct your 11 per cent from the first figure, not the total. And again send the 11 per cent to the Trust.

Will we be disconnected?

Disconnection can be avoided at any time by paying all arrears. In practice, the Electricity Boards are unlikely to even threaten disconnection for small amounts. Many people have been withholding for some time before the trust was established. In Scotland a similar trust fund has been operating for over a year. (Contact: NAG, Box 4, 43 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, EH1 2QB.)

How can we pay up?

When you want to pay off your accumulated arrears and withdraw your money write to the *Consumer Campaign*, giving your name, address and the amount you wish to withdraw. A cheque made payable to your electricity board will be sent to you.

Is our action effective?

Even withholding for a short time will cause your electricity board considerable administrative inconvenience. It will also register our concern that our money is not being used for safe, cost-efficient electricity production. The *Consumer Campaign* is one of our few direct bargaining powers with a huge and faceless organisation.

Join the Consumer Campaign

Suggested letter

I enclose a cheque for 89 per cent of your suggested charges. The 11 per cent I have sent to the Anti Nuclear Campaign Consumer Trust Fund to be paid to you when you promote economic and safe electricity generation. Nuclear power imposes wholly avoidable financial burdens on consumers and indirectly promotes nuclear war.

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Address _____

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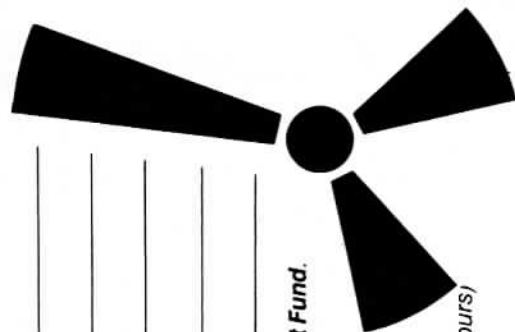
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Please make cheques payable to: **Consumer Campaign Trust Fund**.
Please enclose a SAE if you would like a receipt.

I enclose a donation of £ _____ to help cover costs.

Send to: Consumer Campaign, ANC National Office,
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**One
Trident
submarine
can do this
to at least
160 cities**

Nagasaki August 9, 1945



The Government plans to build four giant submarines, each armed with new American designed Trident missiles.

What is Trident?

The Government says that Trident is simply a replacement for the existing British Polaris nuclear force. But, really, Trident is quite different. It's a massive increase in British nuclear overkill.

What are the facts?

■ The Polaris force consists of nearly two hundred nuclear bombs aimed at over sixty separate targets. There are four submarines, each carrying sixteen missiles.

■ The Trident force would consist of about one thousand nuclear bombs each aimed at a separate target.

■ Trident will have a range of 6,000 miles, that's more than double Polaris' range. New technology means that Trident will be harder to detect — cutting down warning time — and its bombs will be much more accurate than Polaris'. Trident missiles can be guided to within one hundred yards of their targets.

Trident is much more than a replacement for Polaris. It marks a terrible new phase in the nuclear arms race. Trident will increase Britain's strategic nuclear force tenfold or more. And that makes a nonsense of Government claims to favour 'balanced' nuclear disarmament.

And Trident gives the Russians an excuse to increase their nuclear forces to catch up.

How much will it cost?

Trident will cost an estimated £10,000 million. Running costs included, it works out at about £200 for every woman, man and child in Britain.

Who wants Trident?

At first a majority backed the Government plan. But millions have changed their minds and now there is a majority of British people opposed to Trident. Opinion polls show that the anti-Trident majority grows month by month.

Politicians, too, have changed their minds about Trident. All the major political parties have come out against it except the Government. Many Conservatives have spoken out against Trident. More than one in three Conservative voters are against Trident according to a recent opinion poll*.

One of Britain's most distinguished military leaders, Field Marshal Lord Carver, summed up the feelings of many military thinkers when he declared recently "Trident is just irrelevant. . . a waste of money."

Both the Catholic church and the Church of England have made strong statements on the immorality of nuclear weapons.

What is Trident for?

Trident missiles are specially designed to hit Russian land-based missile launchers.

Many experts fear that they are part of a bid to create 'first-strike' capability — military jargon for fighting and winning a nuclear war.

This is the most dangerous dream — or nightmare — that politicians have ever come up with.

Field Marshal Lord Carver is just one of many military experts who have spoken out against this dangerous nonsense. "There is no point in firing at the other side's weapons unless you fire first, and this can never make sense... it would be suicide," he said recently.

Who will control Trident?

The Government claims that Britain needs an independent nuclear force. The reasons they have given for this have changed over the years.

But one thing is certain, Trident could never be entirely under British control.

- Targets for Trident will almost certainly be chosen by US generals in bunkers deep beneath the wide open spaces of the American midwest.

- The Government have admitted that Britain could never 'go it alone' in a nuclear war against Russia.

- Trident missiles would depend on US satellites to guide them to their targets.

- The missiles, but not the submarines or nuclear bombs, will be built in the USA and will be serviced and maintained in American naval dockyards.

Say No to Trident, Yes to proper defence

People oppose Trident for many reasons. Here are the ten main ones.

- It is militarily useless.

- It is immoral, threatening millions of innocent and defenceless civilians as well as soldiers.

- It may well be illegal under the terms of the Geneva convention and international law.

- It is a ruinous waste of taxpayers money, employing relatively few people per pound spent.

- It is not under British control.

- It makes nonsense of Government attempts at arms control by increasing Britain's nuclear stockpile tenfold.

- It locks us into the nuclear arms race for the next thirty years.

- It will prompt the Russians to develop still more nuclear bombs to 'catch up'.

- It fits in with crazy plans to fight a nuclear war with a nuclear 'first strike'.

- A majority of the British people don't want it.

* Gallup opinion poll published in Sanity magazine, September 1982.

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**Over 60% of
British people
are opposed
to the siting
of American
cruise missiles
in this country.**

What do YOU think?



Why we must refuse cruise

Later this year the first batch of the 160 American cruise missiles to be based in Britain are due to arrive. We are told that these weapons are meant to increase our safety. In fact they will do the exact opposite.

Whose finger on the button?

Our Parliament was not consulted before the decision was taken to base these new missiles here. And although they will be based in Britain, there will be no 'dual key' system for firing them. Cruise missiles will be entirely under the control of the United States. This means they will not only bring nuclear war closer, but also undermine our independence and democracy.

Why will they bring war closer?

Some politicians claim nuclear weapons prevent wars. They call them a 'deterrent' — something that stops aggression by threatening to hit back. But cruise is a weapon designed to **fight** a war, not prevent it. It is part of a NATO plan called 'flexible response', which allows for the first use of nuclear weapons, followed by further steps in which more and more nuclear weapons are used.

Is it possible to limit a nuclear war?

Some people who defend cruise missiles say that nuclear war could be 'limited' to small areas or within national boundaries. But military experts such as the late Lord Mountbatten have condemned this sort of thinking as "dangerous nuclear nonsense". They argue that any use of nuclear weapons is certain to turn into a full-scale nuclear war.

But NATO planners still talk about a war limited to Europe. The aim, of course, is to leave the United States unharmed, whilst destroying the Soviet Union with missiles such as cruise, launched from Europe. They hope the Soviet Union would only fire back at Europe and that a war involving mainland America could be avoided.

Europe is the battleground

This means Europe would be America's battleground, and the people of Europe a sacrifice. The whole scheme is not only mad, but also very dangerous. The thought that their own country could escape unharmed might make the American generals who control weapons such as cruise more ready to use them.

Accidental nuclear war

A likely Soviet answer to new western missiles including cruise will be 'launch on warning'. That is to say, they would fire their missiles the moment danger

was sighted. Fearful of attack, Soviet missile crews would be on a hair-trigger alert, and every new cruise missile would make them more nervous. Cruise, very low flying, is difficult to spot by radar, and a world war could easily start by panic or simple error.

Total destruction

At times of tension cruise missiles will be sent from their bases at Greenham Common and Molesworth and spread all over the country. So the only way to be certain of destroying them would be to mount a heavy nuclear attack killing tens of millions of people. If the Americans ordered cruise to be sent around the country from their bases, it would look as if they meant to start a nuclear war. That could only encourage a Soviet attack on Britain.

What exactly are these missiles?

Cruise are small jet-propelled missiles flying at about the speed of a jumbo jet capable of travelling over 1250 miles (2000km). They have a special computer to guide them, using a map of the ground they have to cover. This makes them very accurate — capable of finding and destroying small targets such as missile silos.

Each missile can create an explosion 15 times greater than the Hiroshima bomb. And because they are comparatively cheap, there will be thousands of them sited around Europe. A further 900, based on submarines in the North Atlantic, will be virtually undetectable.

Impossible to negotiate arms reduction

Agreements to reduce nuclear arms depend on each side being able to check that the other is not 'cheating'. This can be done by satellites. But cruise missiles can be produced in a variety of forms, nuclear and non-nuclear. All would look identical in satellite pictures. This would make checking almost impossible. If cruise missiles are sent out in the numbers intended, the arms race could become unstoppable.

Cruise cannot defend us — it invites attack!

**Cruise cannot prevent war —
it encourages it!**

**Cruise cannot create security — it creates
dangerous uncertainty!**

Say NO to world war three

**Join the majority of British people —
REFUSE CRUISE!**

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