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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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Where will you be on October 22nd? is the question on so many posters all around the country. The answer is clear enough. In London, taking part in the 1983 CND demonstration and on the march towards Hyde Park.

October 22nd was not chosen by accident. It is part of the United Nations Annual Week of Disarmament (which most Governments ignore). Our British action is only one of many which will be taking place all around Europe, in America and in the rest of the World. People everywhere are on the move.

October 22nd is our way of showing that we have had enough of a world of militarism and of a nuclear arms race without sense which threatens us all.

We have had enough of living on the knife edge. We do not have the money to manipulate opinion in the way that our 'leaders' can. We can only show with our bodies that the Government has no mandate for its programme of nuclear weapons increases and that we do not believe them when they talk about the need for nuclear 'balance'.

Both Superpower blocs can already destroy each other many times over and neither needs any more weapons. To be fair one of the superpowers has actually voted for a Freeze on all nuclear weapons. Mr. Reagan's administration (and our Government) has actually voted against...

In this country we do not want to have Cruise missiles forced upon us — war fighting nuclear weapons each with a destructive power fifteen times greater than the Hiroshima bomb on our territory but under the physical control of the United States Forces.

We don't want Trident submarines at fantastic cost. We would rather have schools, homes, hospitals, proper care for the old and sick, and decent jobs. We don't want Polaris or any nuclear weapons.

These dreadful things do not defend us. To use them would be to make national suicide certain and would involve us all in the wickedness of mass murder. It is time to say NO! No to Cruise, Pershing, Trident, Polaris, SS-20s and all nuclear weapons.

On October 22nd we will have with us friends from many countries, especially our partners from the peace movements in Europe threatened by Cruise. It will also be a great joy to welcome many peace workers from America. It is nonsense to say that we are anti-American. We owe much to the massive new American peace movement.

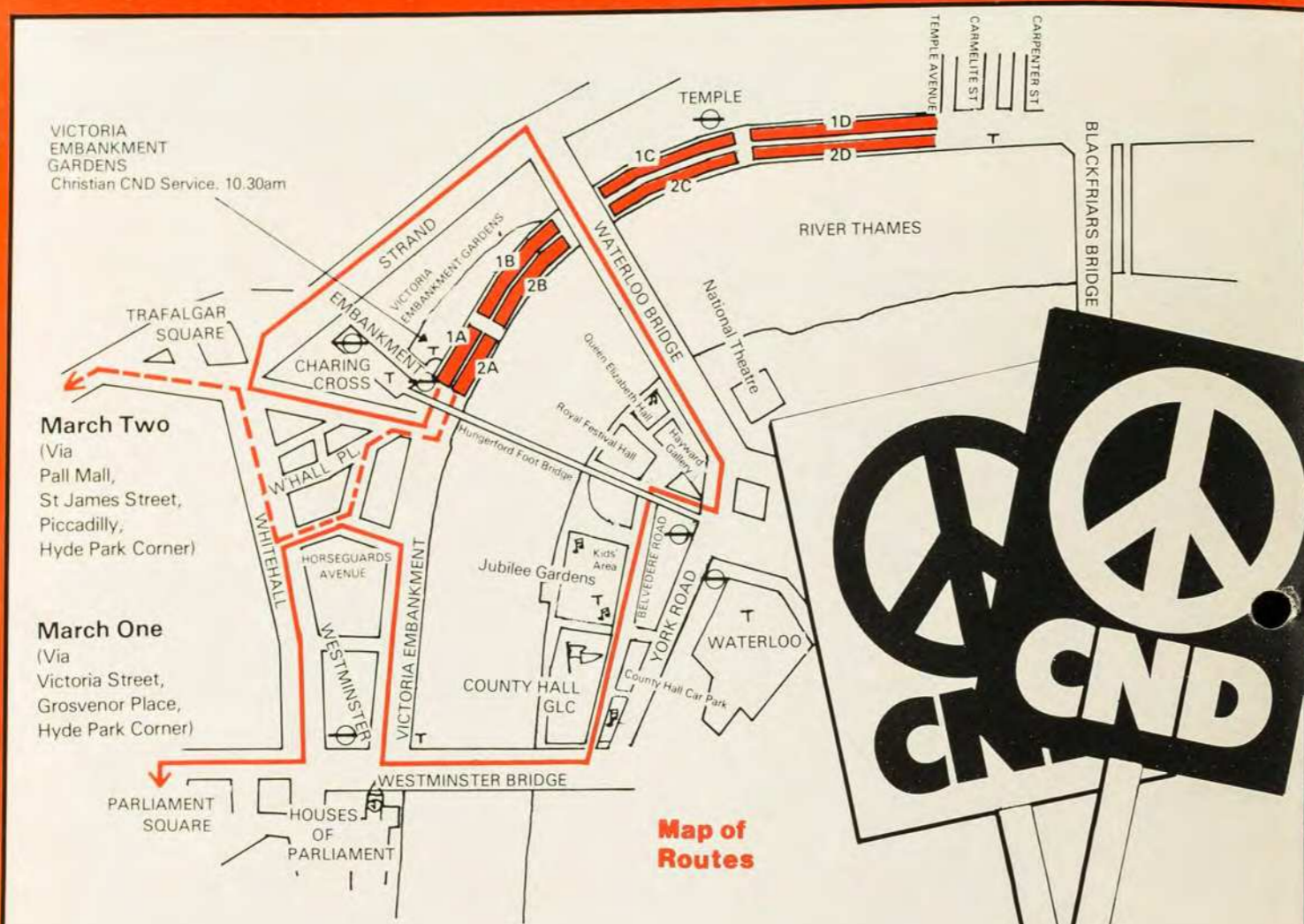
Our struggle is world wide and crosses borders East and West. The obstacles in the way are great. Ancient hatreds, powerful nationalisms, one-sided judgements, private profit and the glamour of militarism are powerful forces. But in the past few years we have seen such progress that there is no reason for pessimism. Already we have seen the courage of those who have been fined or imprisoned for their convictions. We have seen how the courageous stand of the women of Greenham has been smeared and distorted.

But so it has always been. So it was with Luther King and Gandhi. So it was with the Suffragettes who once filled our Hyde Park with numbers even greater than we have yet managed.

But demonstrations are only a public witness. Our real work is in convincing our neighbours everywhere that the arms race is on an insane course and that we all have the power to take action towards stopping it. 'The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step'. Together, united, confident and willing to suffer we can and will win. 1984 is only around the corner. We still have time to prevent the nightmare world that George Orwell imagined becoming a reality.

Joan Ruddock





Map of Routes

LINING UP AND MOVING OFF

Marchers will assemble at Victoria Embankment from 11am and will move off along one of two routes at 11.30am. The main stage in the rally area, Hyde Park, will feature speakers between 3.30pm and 5pm, when the rally will end.

Two marches are necessary because of the large numbers of people involved.

'March One' will reach Hyde Park via Northumberland Avenue, the Strand, Waterloo Bridge across the Thames, Belvedere Road behind the South Bank arts complex, Jubilee Gardens and the GLC's County Hall, across the Thames again via Westminster Bridge up Victoria Embankment through Horseguards Ave, down Whitehall, through Parliament Sq into Victoria Street and Grosvenor Place and on to the park via Hyde Park Corner.

'March Two', also starting from Victoria Embankment, will reach the park via Northumberland Ave, Whitehall Place, Whitehall Court, Horseguards Ave into Whitehall past the MoD buildings, Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall, St James Street, Piccadilly and Hyde Park Corner.

Organisers are asking marchers to assemble in the following 'blocs' within each of the marches (see map):

MARCH ONE

BLOCK A: National CND banners, CND special section banners, Lateral Organisations' banners, Churches, International contingent.

BLOCK B: Women's organisations, *London Region, South East Region* (including Kent, Surrey, Sussex).

BLOCK C: *Western Region* (including Avon, Gloucester, Somerset, Wiltshire); *South Midlands Region* (Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Northants); *West Midlands Region* (including Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcester).

BLOCK D: Youth and Student organisations; *North West Region* (including Cheshire, Isle of Man, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Wales).

MARCH TWO

BLOCK A: National CND banners, National peace organisations, political parties' banners, Trade Union national banners, Nuclear Free Zone Authorities.

BLOCK B: Ex-Servicemen, *Scotland; Southern Region* (including Berkshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire).

BLOCK C: *East Midlands Region* (including Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire); *East Anglia* (including Essex, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk); *Yorkshire Region* (including Humberside).

BLOCK D: *Youth and Student organisations; North West Region* (including Devon and Cornwall); *Northern Region* (including Durham, Cumbria, Cleveland, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear).

TIMETABLE

10.30am

Christian CND Service,

Victoria Embankment Gardens. This service will be led by Church Leaders from Britain and the USA. It will incorporate the 'Community Affirmation' from the World Council of Churches meeting in Vancouver this year.

10.30am

Members of the Bread & Puppet Theatre Company

from the United States will be assembling with their banners and Giant Puppets in Jubilee Gardens. From 1.30pm they will be performing in Hyde Park.

11am onwards

'GLC Peace Day for Londoners'

Entertainment and Peace Exhibitions in Jubilee Gardens and the South Bank. Day time music on five stages.

Main stage in Jubilee Gardens, programme as follows: 11.00am Hi Jinx, 12 noon Superkarla, 1.00pm Carol Grimes & Crocodiles, 2.00pm Main Squeeze, 3.00pm Breakfast Band.

Also in Jubilee Gardens: Children's Area and events, Peace Exhibitions, Food stalls, CND Sales, Poetry readings.

Outside County Hall: Steel Bands, Brass Bands, New Orleans Jazz, Reggae on stages along the route.

11.30am

Marches move off

From Victoria Embankment.

12.30-5pm

Children's Area

in Hyde Park with entertainment, inflatables, and lost children marquee.

1.00pm

Entertainment and Speakers

from main platform in Hyde Park.

See inserts.

All day along the assembly area, the routes and in Hyde Park there will be peace floats, exhibitions, music, street theatre, giant puppets and banners.



SPARTACUS R, performing on the main stage.



CUT & THRUST CABARET currently performing at the Drill Hall in London will perform songs from their show.



RENT-A-REAGAN. Disarmament supporter and actor Jim Morris has gained national fame in the USA for his impersonation of the President. People hire him for business meetings, private parties and conventions. He even holds a presidential press briefing every morning.



BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH DUB RANTA (Radical poet) will be amongst the performers on the main stage, Hyde Park.

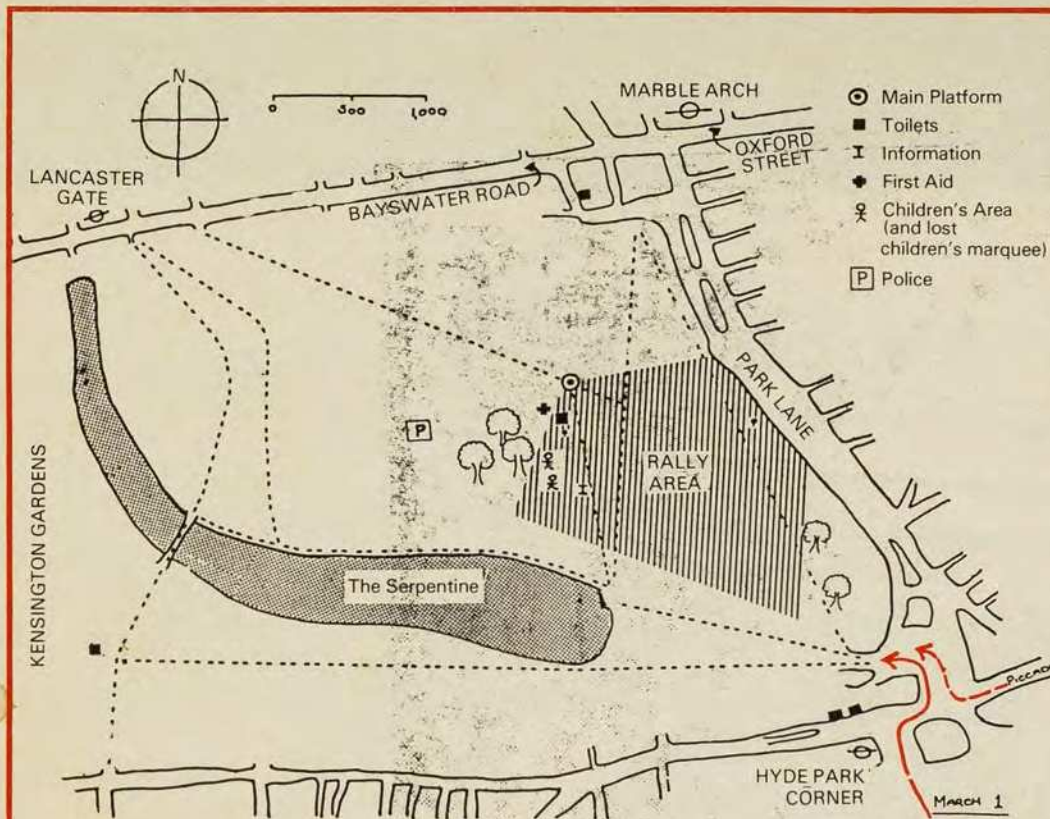


BREAD AND PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY: Three hundred members and friends of this extraordinary theatre company have flown in to London to take part in the October 22nd demonstration.

The performers, veterans of many demonstrations in America, Europe and Latin America, dress in white carrying giant 'puppets' and banners. They portray 'the world', 'the end of the world' and 'the fight against the end of the world'.

See them assemble for the march at Jubilee Gardens, 10.30am or in Hyde Park from 1.30pm onwards.





After the demonstration ...

THE ONE World Week Committee of St. James, Piccadilly, welcomes any of the CND Peace Marchers to spend a quiet evening at the Church on the evening of Saturday October 22nd from 5pm onwards. Refreshments available at minimal cost. There will be space to chat with friends; at some point in the evening there will be One World Week rehearsals bringing together people from many nations and it is also hoped to present a showing of the Zamani Sisters film of life in Soweto 'Awake from Morning'. St. James Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1.

A **BENEFIT Concert** for London Region CND and Musicians Against Nuclear Arms will be held on the evening of Saturday October 22nd at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Trafalgar Square at 8pm, with the MANA Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Wyn Davies. Cello Soloist: Raphael Wallfisch. Programme: Malcolm Arnold: Sinfonietta. Haydn: Cello Concerto in C. Handel: Concerto Grosso Op 3 No 2. Haydn: Symphony "La Passione". Admission: £2.50. Gallery £2, Unwaged, Students, OAP's £1.50. Tickets available from 6.45pm.

A **GLC PEACE Concert** is being held on October 22nd at the ACE, Town Hall Parade, Brixton, SW2 with Edwin Starr, Geno Washington, Superkarla from 8pm onwards. Tickets £4 and £2 unwaged. Food & Bar.

First Aid: St. John's Ambulance Brigade will be situated at the head of the marches near Hungerford Bridge and at various points along the riverside of the Embankment. Ambulances will be stationed in side streets leading onto Embankment in case of emergencies. In Hyde Park a large unit of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade will be situated next to the police dog kennels approx 50 yards SW of Reformers Tree (where the main platform is).

Lost Children: At the assembly area lost children should either be taken to the CND van near Hungerford Bridge or to the childrens area in Jubilee Gardens. Any children left at the assembly area once the marches have left will be taken to the information tent next to the children's area in Hyde Park.

Lost Property: All lost property should be taken to the information tent next to the children's area in Hyde Park. Anything valuable should be handed over to a senior steward or to the police.

Toilets: Assembly Area. Next to Embankment tube station (incl. disabled facilities); Charing Cross Station; Underneath Blackfriars Bridge; Westminster Pier; Southbank (Outside National Theatre); Jubilee Gardens.

Toilets: Hyde Park
Hyde Park Corner;
Serpentine Restaurant;
100 yds SW of Reformers Tree (main platform). Extra toilets will be plumbed in here (incl. disabled facilities);
South West corner of Hyde Park;
North East Corner of Hyde Park.

BISHOP TREVOR HUDDLESTON'S appearance at the October 22nd rally reflects the growing concern of the peace movement for world development, for

equal rights and justice. He is now President of the National Peace Council and the Anti-Apartheid Movement.



NEIL KINNOCK newly elected leader of the Labour party.



Speakers from the main platform, Hyde Park

Joan Ruddock
Chairperson, CND

Bruce Kent,
General Secretary, CND

Neil Kinnock
MP

Bishop Trevor Huddleston

Luciana Castellina
Italian MP

A speaker from
Youth CND

Ron Todd,
Transport and General Workers Union

A speaker from the
Freeze movement, USA

Viv Bingham
Liberal Party



LUCIANA CASTELLINA
An Italian Euro MP and member of PIDUP, an Italian political party, helps to run the peace magazine *Peace Y Guerra*. She is actively involved in the Campaign against Cruise missiles at Comiso and has been beaten up by the Police while attempting to blockade the missile base. She has recently suffered minor injuries during her campaigning.