

# Where has all the money gone?

Workers throughout the world have recognised the conflict of interest between the demands of the armaments industries and their own demands for decent living-standards and full employment. Their support for the campaign for nuclear disarmament, as individuals and by trade-union affiliation to C.N.D. is their response.

The Dublin Trades Council, A.T.G.W.U. and A.S.T.M.S. are affiliated to Irish C.N.D. and a C.N.D. speaker has been invited to address the Dublin Trades Council meeting in May.

## THE EFFECTS OF MILITARY SPENDING UPON WORKERS

In war-time we are all cannon-fodder - in a nuclear war, irrelevant, for the neutron bomb is designed to maximise the extermination of men, women and children while minimising the damage to property. And in "peace-time" ???

The parallel growth in arms spending and in dole-queues is not mere coincidence. The U.S. economy governs most national economies in the West, including Ireland's, exporting recession by high interest-rates. These result from restriction on the amount of investment funds available for borrowing. The restriction is created by the demands of the armaments industries - \$5 BILLION is the current price-tag for U.S. nuclear weapons proposed by the Reagan administration. No-one has yet managed to get a quart from a pint pot and the dire result of this expense is to reduce the money available for other requirements.

Thus we see in the U.S. massive cuts in social welfare, rising unemployment, the slashing of aid to the Third World and the high interest-rates on foreign borrowing, - which hits our economy. Through years of recession not one U.S. military corporation has gone out of business, in fact during the last ten years their profits after tax have averaged 56% per year. Propaganda about "the Russian threat" is very profitable to some-one!

## IN IRELAND

As elsewhere, wages are cut, unemployment soars and funds for housing, education and health slashed, while social welfare is barely sustained by clawing-back over 50% of workers' wages via taxation, direct or indirect.

Only the "security forces" are immune from recession, of course the profits from sale of weaponry and electronic surveillance systems go to - guess who?

EITHER WAY WE PAY - UNLESS WE STOP THE MADNESS - NOW  
WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- (1) Join a branch of C.N.D.
- (2) Get your union or your union branch to affiliate to C.N.D.
- (3) Lobby for support of resolutions on disarmament and neutrality at the I.C.T.U. Conference in July '82.
- (4) Attend C.N.D. events, the March for Survival on June 5th. in particular.
- (5) Contribute even a little to C.N.D. funds. We are dependant upon voluntary contributions to finance printing costs, etc.
- (6) Above all, think about what you have read, learn more about the survival campaign, discuss it with workmates and friends.

IRISH C.N.D.



# MARCH FOR SURVIVAL

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH. 2-30 pm

FROM PARNELL SQUARE TO  
STEPHEN'S GREEN WHERE  
THERE WILL BE FILMS,  
MUSIC, WORKSHOPS, TALKS, ETC.

5 THE UNITED  
NATIONS SECOND  
SESSION ON DIS-  
ARMAMENT - 1982

Your attendance at the March for Survival will help to achieve the urgent attention of the Government to the questions of Ireland's neutrality and our foreign policy position on the disarmament issue. Our neutrality is under grave threat at the present time, from both E.E.C. and U.S. pressures. Ireland's involvement in E.E.C.'s 'security' arrangements, as laid-down by Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, constitutes the most immediate threat in view of the very specific terms agreed at last year's London conference.

Herr Genscher was implicated in the successful transfer of West German advanced nuclear technology to South Africa, in 1971 - 74. This was accomplished without the agreement of West Germany's government, of which he was then a member, was in complete breach of international agreements on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and led to the first nuclear weapons test by South Africa, believed to have taken place in February 1979. His control of E.E.C. military matters is about as appropriate as the placing of Count Dracula in charge of a blood-bank!

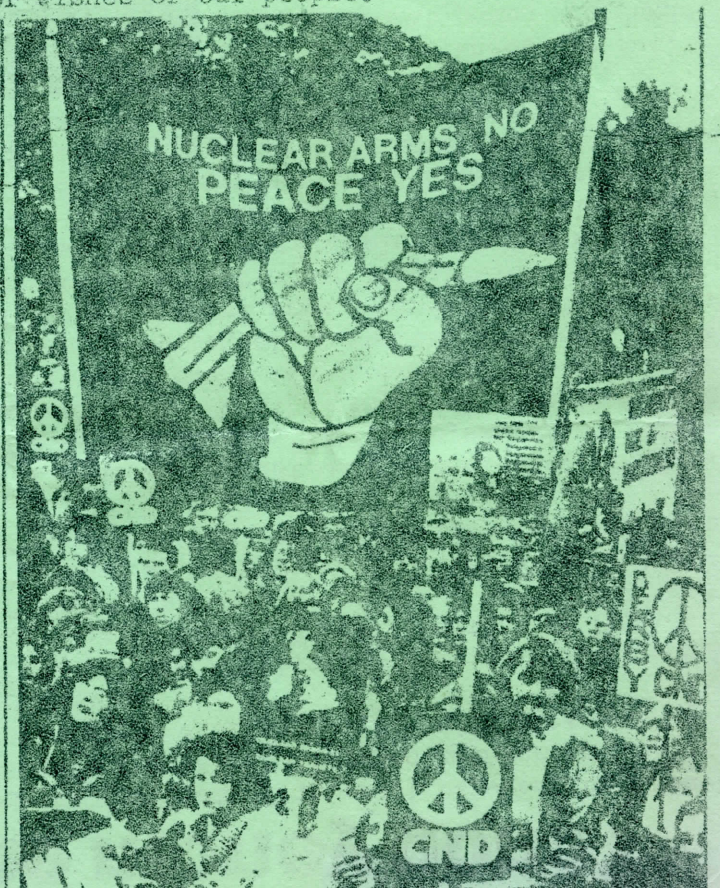
An indication of future trends was apparent in Ireland's recent support for E.E.C. measures against Argentina, on Britain's behalf. When will E.E.C. or N.A.T.O. priorities be rebuffed by our Government? When they dictate the provision of military bases, radar installations, deep-water port facilities or troops for joint 'defence' forces?? Who knows? The Irish people were not consulted before the recent decision which was contrary to the position of previous governments since 1922.

We are extremely vulnerable to U.S. pressure at any time, due to the reliance on U.S. investment in industry here. A threatened pull-out of that investment, with the resultant increase in unemployment, would be guaranteed to twist the arm of government here. We must establish a clear position of military and political neutrality, if necessary by constitutional amendment, to abate the obvious danger of involvement in strategies which are devised without reference to the needs or wishes of our people.

JOIN  
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