

turn away. Meet at the New Age Gate for ceremony, performance, celebration, music, poetry, dance, reading.. Contact: Jill & Bruce Lacey, 0953 603262.

At the ARTISTS' GATE will be poets, painters, dancers, actors, etc etc etc. New productions welcome. Visual artists please note - there are 9 miles of perimeter fence available for decoration.

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It is not envisaged that groups should remain in specialist cliques, but that there will be circulation between gates, and some people may like to do the whole 9-mile circuit - walking, jogging, cycling, chanting. It is hoped that this will provide outlets for people's creative expressions of protest.

In the evening a blockade of the base is planned for a maximum of 24 hours. This will probably take the form of women being chained to each other.

David Taylor is National Council representative for Green CND. He was formerly involved in Bath CND, and the Bindon Agricultural Collective near Taunton.

Green CND was formed early last year, and held its first major meeting at the Ecology Party summer gathering in July - when its name was changed from The Ecology Party CND. At that meeting it was suggested, amongst other things, that a 'Green Committee' might be set up, to assume the role of the old Committee of 100.

For some, Green CND is too radical to make a comfortable campaigning partner. For others, it is still too much involved in meetings and conferences, not enough in a direct challenge to the excesses of the Nuclear State.

But either way, it has been closely bound up in the kind of politics which have come to the fore in the Peace Movement during the past few months.

David Taylor summed up his own unambiguous world-view in a recent article for 'Catalyst' magazine:

'Throughout the world one in eight people are starving to death and one in four is suffering from malnutrition. It would take between 1 and 2% of world production of cereals to feed them. That there is no shortage of the necessary food is shown by the fact that 27% of the world production of cereals is presently fed to the animals of the USA, Europe, Australia, and Japan. Its cost is estimated at between 8 and 12 thousand million dollars, just about what it costs to buy 5 or 6 Trident submarines ...

'To argue that in the short term we must maintain the uneasy 'balance' of terror is to argue that 1 in 8 people must continue to starve'.

GREEN CND

an interview with DAVID TAYLOR

New Radiator: What are the aims of Green CND ?

David Taylor: We want to get the wider Green movement, including the Ecology Party and other groups, more actively involved in CND. Part of this is our concern to bring the wider Green perspective into CND, to fight the nuclear cycle as one cycle.

We think this will strengthen CND as a whole.

NR: What is the 'Green perspective'?

DT: Basically we're anti-militarist rather than just anti-nuclear. It's the nature of society itself that's pushing us towards war, and therefore CND has got to broaden and deepen its political challenge.

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One small idea would be to mass-produce white poppies to sell next November. The profits would be divided equally between the victims of war - through War on Want, for instance - and those working for the prevention of war, CND.

NR: How is Green CND organised ?

DT: We aim to be non-hierarchical, non-centralist, and non-sexist - and we'd like to see CND operating more in this fashion. That would be a consequence of more Greens getting involved.

Green CND is run by an Executive Committee of 7; but that's not because we want it that way, it's because we're obliged to do so by the CND constitution if we want to continue as a Specialist Section. In practice Green CND is not run by the Executive, which has never met as an Executive; every Green CND meeting is open to all members and supporters, and they are empowered to take decisions in practice, even if there are no Committee members there, so long as everyone has had ample warning of the meeting.

Besides that, we have a network of regional contacts, and some local CND groups have set up their own Green sections. Membership is open to anyone in CND concerned with the Green perspective. We're opposed to the CND structure which we consider to be centralist and hierarchical, to the two-tier membership system, and to the kind of unrepresentative conferences which CND organises.

NR: What has Green CND been able to achieve so far ?

DT: A heck of a lot in such a short period !

We've been accepted as a CND specialist Section, whilst the Ecology Party has affiliated wholesale to CND, and has got actively involved.

We stimulated a lot of ideas at the CND Conference, and made a major contribution to last year's Ecology Party gathering - making disarmament one of the most important themes.

NR: Direct Action is of particular importance to Green CND ?

DT: Yes. Now that CND has come out in support of Non-Violent Direct Action, Green CND will be spear-heading this wing of the movement.

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We organised the NVDA Conference last October, leading to Direct Action initiatives across the country. And a very useful dialogue has grown up between the Women's Peace Camp and Green CND, which is now leading to more concrete action.

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NR: A Green CND meeting held at Greenham Common seemed to be very male-dominated; at least one woman left complaining that it was 'male politics being discussed in there'. How does this tie in with your non-sexist stance ?

DT: I too noticed that women were gradually leaving that meeting, but it is very difficult to know what to do. This conflict between allowing people to speak without a Chairperson imposing authority, and the necessity of making space for women and shy men to have their full say, is a problem - but one we do recognise.

We all agree that the women's initiative at Greenham is important, and would help the women resist any plans to change that. In general, we are making efforts to encourage equal participation in Green CND. The kind of society we are struggling for is not only peaceful and non-hierarchical but also non-sexist. We are attempting to develop a consistent approach encompassing these ideals.

Greenham Common was encouraging in that respect, because many of the women either joined or showed an interest in joining.