Builders' Co-operative

A communal kitchen has been built as a focal point for the village. Further plans include a 100ft hall, compost toilets and storage sheds. We also plan to set up a co-operative that can offer services to the outside local communities and provide us with a source of income.

The School

We have between 15 and 20 children, with the prospect of more as the village grows. We hope to teach these children ourselves and have started work on building a special children's house.

There is scope for many other projects: tree-planting, vegetable gardens, a bakery and wood crafts to name just a few. Currently, though, we are simply arranging the basics needed to survive the winter.

APPEAL

The vision of a green village will capture many imaginations, but we mustn't underplay the real difficulties. We are starting from scratch, with little money, very few raw materials and only a small hardcore of people. We need new people to join us: an active, constructive village needs active, constructive people to make it a reality. We need donations of building, farming and gardening materials and, of course, money. Remember, if we stop Cruise at Molesworth - and we really **can** - the whole, largely uncompleted, European Ground-Launched Cruise programme will be kaput.

Please help in any way that you can. Visit us, stay if you can and please send what you can afford to Molesworth Green Village, Peace Corner, Old Weston Road, Brington, Nr. Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5SE. Tel: 0480-63054.

I/we plan to get involved in the Molesworth campaign and would like to be kept informed of developments there. I/we enclose a donation of f for the village mailings and to help with all the projects.



Molesworth is a large, disused airbase on the Cambridgeshire/Northamptonshire border. It is also the scheduled home for 64 American-controlled Cruise missiles. Under the US military construction programme, funds became available on October 1st 1984. The base is supposed to be operational by the end of 1986.

Molesworth airbase is also the site of the newly-founded Molesworth Green Village. The Village has grown out of the very successful 'Harvest for the Hungry' green gathering on the base, organised by the Green Collective and the Molesworth Wheat to the Starving Campaign over the last week of August. Some 2,500 people camped on the base over that period. NATO plans to site 464 Cruise missiles at 6 places in Europe. But only 32 have yet been deployed, 16 at Greenham Common and 16 at Comiso, Italy. The programme is facing a severe crisis of confidence:- work at the Belgian site, Florennes, has been put back for one year; the Dutch have postponed their Woensdrecht deployment decision for 18 months and work at the W. German site near Bitburg appears to have been put on the back-burner, at least until 1987. Molesworth is now the only Cruise site in Europe where work is going ahead. The 'wait and see' attitude in many European countries, together with Britain's 'special relationship' with the USA, makes construction here at Molesworth a central test of NATO's American-dominated will for the whole programme.

RESISTANCE - Keeping Molesworth Green

Work on the perimeter fence could begin at any time. But the peace movement now has the potential to stop construction of the base before it begins. The government will be starting construction from scratch and in the face of massive opposition. We need to set up networks that can respond quickly when work begins, and that can also support a Village in its very early stages faced with an oncoming winter. The Village will obviously need time and a great deal of support to really become a 'village' in substance, but it is seen as a vitally important new development, different from a simple peace camp and a powerful form of resistance to Cruise in itself.

USAF Alconbury - Conspiring for Genocide

Alconbury is a massive US airbase 6 miles from Molesworth. It will be the Cruise command-centre and has been an important focus for the peace movement since the first Alconbury peace camp (early '84). Nine campers face charges of 'conspiring to commit criminal damage', the first time 'conspiracy' has been used against anti-nuclear campaigners since 1961. On August 31st 118 people were arrested whilst blockading Alconbury in protest against the charges.

CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMME

The open spaces at Molesworth provide us with a unique chance to convert MoD land to peaceful, socially useful purposes, to campaign 'for' something rather than just 'against'. To complement 'resistance' campaigns, we hope Molesworth will become a focus for a Ghandian-style campaign to build an alternative to the culture and politics of violence.



Farming

Millions of people are facing starvation in N. Africa. Early in 1984 the Molesworth Wheat to the Starving Campaign was set up to plough MoD land and grow wheat on it for the starving in Eritrea. There are now around 10 acres under plough. On October 20th the first shipment left for Eritrea. Work is underway to grow a larger area of winter wheat on the base.

Peace Chapel - 'Eirene'

Eirene (meaning 'Peace' in Greek) was begun by a Quaker group. It is being built **on** the base. On Sunday September 2nd, people of all faiths, including the Bishop of Huntingdon, gathered to dedicate the chapel. It is not yet finished, though used almost daily.