



## DON'T TAKE THE PEACE OUT OF SPACE

Menwith Hill, Saturday Oct 11th, 12pm - 4pm

**"The risk of weaponization of outer space is mounting". Efforts are now underway to "control and occupy outer space". So the Chinese envoy Hu Xiaodi told the UN Conference on Disarmament at the end of July. His remarks were directed primarily towards US plans for Missile Defense. The remarks are highly significant and add weight to the arguments of organisations like Yorkshire CND that have pinpointed space weaponisation as a key reason star wars will cause instability.**

What makes the remarks all the more compelling is the fact that the Pentagon, in its recent annual report to Congress on Chinese military power, admitted that one of the key reasons that China is increasing its arsenal of nuclear weapons is that it wants to maintain the "credibility" of its nuclear weapons in the face of US Missile Defence.

Missile Defence, as predicted, is provoking arms proliferation. And the consequences of a burgeoning Chinese nuclear arsenal could be a similar increase in the arsenals of India, Pakistan and North Korea to name a few.

So why are so many states, organisations and individuals so concerned about Missile Defence? Essentially, because the second word in that phrase - "Defence" - is a lie. As has been mentioned many times in previous issues of *Action for Peace* Missile Defence is an integral part of the Bush administration's doctrine of full spectrum dominance - the dominance over land, sea, air and space - and pre-emptive strikes. Missile Defence serves several juicy cuts of republican ideology up on one plate.

The threats it poses to future peace and stability are immense. In response to one of these threats - the placing of weapons in space - China and Russia called in July for an international moratorium on the placing of weapons in space until a new Treaty - the Prevention

of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS) Treaty can be negotiated. The US isn't interested.

The UK government is sticking to its current policy of doggedly supporting all US foreign policy objectives and has thrown its weight behind Missile Defence. In January this year they gave the US permission to use the "RAF" Fylingdales Ballistic Missile Early Warning Radar in North Yorkshire for the system. No doubt as soon as the US asks to use the other key US base in the UK (also in North Yorkshire) - "RAF" Menwith Hill's Space satellite relay facilities, they will be given the go-ahead there too. It doesn't end there though.

Geoff Hoon - the Defence Secretary - has signed special agreements with the US, which he has so far refused to detail, to lobby for UK arms Industry involvement in the system. So keen are the MOD that

they have just opened up a virtual UK Missile Defence Centre, the aims of which are to establish a key role for UK arms companies in the project, establish a lead role in Missile Defence for the UK, provide information for policy decisions and to build a UK Missile Defence team. In other words the centre will be a key Missile Defence thinktank and lobby group for the UK government - and it's made up of UK MOD officials and arms corporations (namely Stasys, DSTL, Insys, BAe Systems, AMS, MBDA and Qinetiq).

On Saturday October 11th, as part of the international "Keep Space for Peace Week", Yorkshire CND and CAAB are holding a demonstration at Menwith Hill US base - home to spying, war planning, warfighting, and star wars. We invite you to join us from 12pm - 4pm for "Don't Take The Peace Out Of Space" - a space-themed demo with music, speeches, food, fun and more. Come dressed as a celestial body!

The US, and others, really do want weapons up there and they really do want to fight from space and in space. We can act now to highlight that, and to stop it. You can find out more by contacting us or at the demo website -

[www.takethepeace.org](http://www.takethepeace.org)



Menwith Hill

## special day of dance part of Saltaire festival

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Thanks to the huge success of the last 18 Day of Dances, this year we've been invited to hold a special two-day event as an official part of the the Saltaire Festival.

The event, which has so far raised over £87,000 for Yorkshire CND, Oxfam and the Chernobyl Childrens Project, will take place on September 13th (Saturday) and 14th (Sunday) in Saltaire's Victoria Hall. On the Saturday there will be a whopping 49 dance, music and song workshops for all ages and abilities as well as evening ceilidhs and rock and swing jive bands. On the Sunday we'll be holding a tea dance in the afternoon and a salsa/rock/swing gig in the evening.

The event has proved hugely popular and is a great source of funds for Yorkshire CND. You can find out more about the event, what's on and how to book by visiting [www.dayofdance.co.uk](http://www.dayofdance.co.uk) or by calling Yorkshire CND,

## new network for peace

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The Justice Not Vengeance Network is a new initiative from ARROW, now joined by other experienced activists and groups.

The aim of the JNV Network is to create a network of anti-war groups of all denominations, to help them to communicate directly with one another, share ideas, information and campaigning materials and to foster democratic decision-making in the development of local and national campaigning strategies. The network aims to consolidate, re-build and strengthen groups.

This August JNV will hold a Northern launch meeting

in Leeds to assess interest in the idea and to work towards developing a network in Northern England.

Action for Peace will be out after that initial meeting, but JNV will hold a full day conference in Leeds for all groups and individuals in Northern England to attend and give their support and ideas, in October. If you have ideas for what ingredients should make up a new participatory anti-war network please do come along. All are welcome.

Please contact JNV to find out more and get involved - [info@justicenotvengeance.org](mailto:info@justicenotvengeance.org), 0845 458 9571 or 020 7607 2302.

## lend us your support

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Yorkshire CND is a very active wing of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Over the last two years we've organised conferences, major demonstrations and a national tour. We've written briefings and pamphlets and created an array of campaign materials. We've spoken at meetings and conferences in Yorkshire, the UK and across the world. We've continued to run one of the UK's most informative missile defence and space websites and we've achieved huge amounts of regional and national press coverage. Our campaigning and awareness-raising has taken us from Glasgow to Glastonbury to London, and of course all over Yorkshire from Whitby to Sheffield.

The work is vital. Yorkshire CND confronts some of the most important issues facing the world. The threats of nuclear weapons, missile defence, space weapons, aggressive foreign policies and wars based on greed all threaten to provoke instability and nuclear



proliferation and Yorkshire CND works in the regional and national stage to oppose them and suggest alternatives.

If you receive this newsletter and are not yet a member, please consider joining up. Membership costs very little but it supports an awful lot. Individual membership is only £6 (£3 for students, OAPs, unwaged and youths) and a whole household can join for just £9. Alternatively, a standing order of just £1 a month gets you a free No Star Wars t-shirt. You can join by completing the form on the back page or by visiting [www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk)

# new yorkshire cnd website hugely popular

The brand new, re-vamped Yorkshire CND website is up and running with a totally new look. The site is spilt in to easy to navigate sections and has a whole host of new features. Pop online now to see the Menwith Hill Site and Fylingdales Site, information on actions taking place in Yorkshire, world news stories on nuclear and Missile Defence issues, special offers, online resources ordering, campaign updates and information, 2-minute actions to take there and then and loads more. We'll soon have an online donation facility up and running too, meaning you can donate and

renew your membership online! Over the past 12 months the Yorkshire CND site has had around 200,000 visitors. Each visitor looks at several different pages on the site each time they visit and together they've looked at well over 1 million pages! Log on now to see why it's so successful!

[www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk)



## national demonstration - end the occupation of Iraq

Since the first talk of an invasion of Iraq started in 2002, Yorkshire CND opposed the invasion. Well aware that the motivations for such an attack were to support an aggressive policy designed as far back as 2000, we worked with groups in the region to highlight the hypocrisy and the truth.

We now all look back, after enormous demonstrations, including the biggest in the UK's history, which saw thousands come on to the streets for the first time, and can be proud of what we did. Hundreds of soldiers, one leading expert on WMD and, lest we forget, thousands of innocent Iraqi's have lost their lives. Yet more have lost loved ones.

And the evidence is mounting in support of our case. The US and UK are occupying Iraq and are planning to stay for the long haul. Whilst the truth outs in the UK and US of how the people of those countries have been betrayed, so the people of Iraq continue to suffer at the hands of disease, lack of sanitation and power and lawlessness. Promises by our government to keep all oil revenue for the good of the Iraqi people have also been sidelined in favour of taking a chunk of the money to pay war reparations for the first gulf war.

The War was fought on a false premise. It was fought as part of a foreign policy plan created by likes of Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney years ago in documents they co-wrote for the Project for the New American Century. The war was

illegitimate, unjustified and illegal. The people of Iraq are suffering at the hands of greed and our own elected government shares direct responsibility for that.

Many of you bought white ribbons in support of a legal case against Tony Blair, Geoff Hoon and Jack Straw. CND, the Green Party, CAAT and others are working with lawyers to establish the legal definition of war crimes. Once established, they will hear evidence and, should that evidence point to war crimes, the panel will report to the International Criminal Court and push for an investigation.

In the mean time, we can still help to raise awareness of the greed that fuelled the war and is still fueling the occupation. CND, the Stop the War Coalition and the Muslim Association of Britain are organising a national demonstration in London on September 27th to call for the occupation of Iraq to end.

Join the demonstration in central London to raise awareness and continue to support the statement that none of this is in our name.

There are coaches leaving from across Yorkshire. Contact your local CND or Stop the War group to find out details, or call the Yorkshire CND office for contact details

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# DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Friends meeting for worship @ Fylingdales - more info 01482 327574  
6 - 7 - CND Annual Conference - Birmingham. Contact CND, 020 7700 2393.  
6 - 12 - Disarm DSEi - Demonstrations at Europe's biggest Arms fair - DSEi in London. Contact Yorkshire CND if you would like to go or find out more at [www.dsei.org](http://www.dsei.org) or by calling 0781 7652029  
21 - Peace One Day. UN International Day of Peace. Join the Bradford and Keighley Youth Parliament for a march through Bradford with a giant peace dove. More info from 01274 437476  
27 - LONDON - End the Occupation of Iraq National demo organised CND, STWC and MAB. 12 noon

## OCTOBER

- 4-11 - Keep Space for Peace Week. See: <http://www.space4peace.org/>  
4 - Friends meeting for worship @ Menwith Hill - more info 01943 466405  
5-6 - LAKENHEATH, Suffolk. Lakenheath Demonstration and Trespass Day. Demonstrate 12noon-4.00pm, Sun 5th October. Trespass: 6.00am to midnight Mon 6 October.  
11 - **DON'T TAKE THE PEACE OUT OF SPACE** - MENWITH HILL. Demo. Organised by: Yorkshire CND and CAAB. Contact Yorkshire CND for information or visit [www.takethepeace.org](http://www.takethepeace.org)  
12 - Star Wars and US domination - a conference by Scottish CND, with Bruce Kent, Andrew Murray, Bill Spiers, Alice Mahon, Tommy Sheridan, Dave Webb and more. More info from 0141 4231222  
18 - Yorkshire CND co-ordinating group - Leeds Civic Hall 1pm - 4pm. All welcome.

## REGULAR

**Every Tuesday** - CAAB demo at Menwith Hill : 7pm - 9pm at the main gate, all welcome. contact [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk) or +44 (0)1943 466405 OR +44 (0)1482 702033

**3rd weekend of the month** - Menwith Hill Women's peace camp at layby on A59: Fri evening - Sunday afternoon - women only, all women welcome. Contact Helen John on 01943 468593

**For a regularly updated diary of peace events in the UK, see [www.networkforpeace.org.uk/events.htm](http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/events.htm)  
To find out about campaign events happening in Northern England or to advertise your own events, join up to the Action North e-mail list - send an e-mail to [action-north-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:action-north-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)**

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