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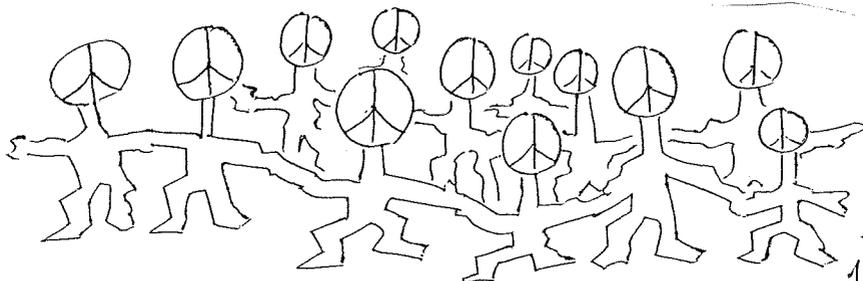
Alternative Information Record

We would welcome the participation of any readers - especially in the London area - who would like to help the work of Librarians Within the Peace Movement, particularly with the production of AIR. At present AIR is produced by a small group of people and we would welcome fresh input of ideas and practical help with the paste-up sessions and the admin. Having one or two more people involved would help share the workload; the work isn't difficult, or even time-consuming. If anyone can help out, please do get in touch. We're sociable too!

The next issue of AIR will be an eco-extravaganza. We will be covering groups who don't normally get much publicity but who carry out very valuable work, as well as various 'green' resources. With this issue of AIR we start a new feature - a series of short selective bibliographies on specific peace issues. The first of these is on Bart de Ligt, an important thinker and writer on Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA), and in the next issue there will be one on novels dealing with nuclear power disasters.

Our international profile continues to grow; James Danky who is newspapers and periodicals librarian at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and who edits Alternative Library Literature, a US biennial anthology of the best articles and pieces from scores of alternative periodicals, read about us in an American magazine and wrote asking for more information about our work. Letters have also come from friends in Sri Lanka, India, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Japan etc. In our next international issue we will have a piece written for us by a member of the Japanese Anti-Nuclear Librarians club about the philosophy and work of the group.

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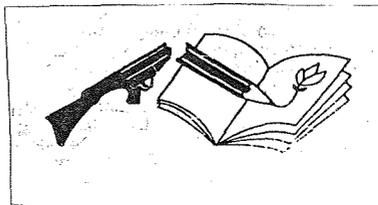


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The recession has hit us (and no doubt you) hard, and we cannot afford to send out free copies any more, so in future we will send AIR only to our subscribers and those we have an exchange with. Please show AIR to those friends who have an interest in peace/information issues and resources; more subscriptions (and donations!) would greatly help the continuation and development of our work. If you want to send us information about your organisation, or about good resources you know of, please do write to us.

**Martyn Lowe/Declan McHugh**

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## RESOURCES

### SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY ON BART DE LIGT AND NONVIOLENCE TECHNIQUES

From the 1979 occupation of Torness nuclear reactor site to the gates of Greenham Common, many people within the British peace movement have used the techniques of Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA). Thousands more have used NVDA throughout the world. One of the first people to systematise the techniques of NVDA was the Dutchman Bart de Ligt who lived from 1883-1938. De Ligt was a Pacifist and a thinker and writer about NVDA.

1) De Ligt, Bart. "The Conquest of Violence". (George Routledge and Sons Ltd, London, 1937. Reprinted by Pluto Press, London, 1989. ISBN: 1-85305-057-1).

This book by de Ligt contains many examples of Nonviolence used worldwide throughout history. It is the only major work available by him in English.

2) Dungen, Peter Van Den; Noordegraaf, Herman; and Robbin, Wim. "Bart de Ligt [1883-1938], Peace Activist and Peace Researcher". (Bart de Ligt Fund & the Foundation for Information on Active Nonviolence, Boxtel, the Netherlands, 1988. ISBN: 90-6346-109.7). Copies of this work are available from War Resisters International, 55 Dawes Street, SE 17.

This book has an excellent bibliography and a long account of how "The Conquest of Violence" first came to be published. The introduction is interesting and is by Gene Sharp, the well known US writer on NVDA.

3) Huxley, Aldous. "Ends and Means". (Chatto & Windus, London, 1937).

Huxley wrote an introduction to "The Conquest of Violence" and greatly encouraged de Ligt. Huxley was at the time of publication an active pacifist within the Peace Pledge Union.

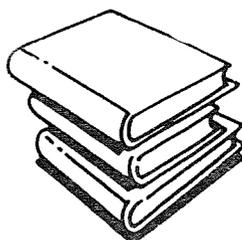
4) Gregg, Richard B. "The Power of Nonviolence". (2nd revised edition, James Clarke and Co. Ltd, London, 1960. First published in 1935).

Gregg was the first person to fully explain the Gandhian concept of 'Truth force' to a Western audience. The 2nd revised edition of 1959 has a foreword by Martin Luther King. This book complements and updates de Ligt's work with examples of practical Nonviolence.

5) Jelfs, Martin. "Manual for Action; Techniques to enable groups engaged in action to increase their effectiveness". (2nd revised edition, Action Resources Group, London, 1982).

This is a manual to train people in NVDA. It contains '198 Nonviolent tactics' by Gene Sharp. This is a direct descendent of the appendix of "The Conquest of Violence" which was called 'Plan of Campaign'.

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## BRITISH ORGANISATIONS

### York Peace Centre.

York Peace Centre was founded in 1982 to educate the public about peace issues and the creative non-violent resolution of conflict at personal, local, national and international levels. The Centre is a meeting place and resource base for individuals, groups and organisations. Members include Amnesty International, Animal Rights, Greenpeace, World Development Movement, etc.

The library has books and pamphlets on various topics which reflect the interests of the members, ranging from family conflict, through the history of warfare and weaponry, to works on practical peace-making, and strategies for alternative defence and the links of the industrialised North with the developing south. Environmental concerns have become very important in recent years. We have educational materials for schools and also stock a range of periodicals such as "Ethical Consumer" (an alternative "Which").

Activities organised by the Centre include courses run in conjunction with the WEA, and an Annual Peace Fair in the local park, but the main activity is to support and encourage initiatives by the members such as public debates, peaceful demonstrations, vigils, etc. York Peace Centre has been instrumental in arranging National Peace Centres Conferences.

Members of the Centre receive a bi-monthly newsletter, may borrow library books and videos, attend the monthly Business Meeting, use the facilities such as the photocopier, typewriter, and word-processor, and publicise activities through the notice-boards and newsletter, as well as being able to receive mail through the pigeon-hole system.

The Centre receives funding from York City Council and the premises are made available by York Friends Meeting. Other sources of finance are membership subscriptions and room hire, also sales of cards, badges, etc, and fund-raising events. Since 1989 York Peace Education Centre has become part of the Charity, 'The Give Peace A Chance Trust'. The centre is open Monday-Saturday 10.00-4.00 and is staffed by a part-time paid Coordinator and voluntary staffers.

York Peace Centre  
15a Clifford Street,  
York Yo1 1RG  
Tel: 0904 642493



**British Organisations And Bodies Involved With Refugees**

**Race Today Collective - 165 Railton Road Se24 OLU**

**Public Order Research Group - 9 Poland Street W1**

**National Council of Civil Liberties - 21 Tabard Street SE1**

**Release - 169 Commercial Street E1**

**National Council for Voluntary Organisations - 26 Bedford Square, WC1**

**Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants - 115 Old Street EC1**

**Home Office Immigration Department - Wellesley Road, 2BY, Surrey.**

**British Refugee Council - Bondway House 3/9 Bondway SW8 1SJ.**

**Institute of Race Relations - 2 Leek Street WC1**

**Commission for Racial Equality (Information Department) - Elliot House, 10-12 Allington Street SW1E 5EH**

**Amnesty International (British Section) - 99 Roseberry Ave EC1R 4RE**

**Campaign Against Racism and Fascism - BM Box 8784 WC1N 3XX**

**Jewish Council for Community Relations - 33 Seymour Place W1N 6AT**

**Minority Rights Group - 29 Craven Street WC2N 5NT**

**Sandra Kremer**

## Newham Conflict and Change Project.

The Project started in 1983 and has pioneered the use of community mediation, conciliation and conflict management education. It is the largest community conciliation service in Britain. The Project's members are volunteers drawn from different cultural, social and employment groups; they work with a small team of employed staff at the development of alternative responses to disputes and conflicts which arise in the community and within organisations. Community disputes might be about noise, or children or damage to property for example. The Project holds residential conferences, workshops (for example with the local police); training courses in managing conflict, etc.

The library has 150 books classified as follows: Conflict; Peace Studies; Counselling; Communication; Politics; Law/Welfare Benefits/Courts; Racism; Education; Management; Women; Volunteers; Medicine; Religion; Victim & Offender; Marriage; History; Literature; Children; Social; and Miscellaneous.

There are also regular mailings and a collection of papers on training, funding, Newham, Racism, and Social issues. There is also a filing cabinet with material on many other organisations in Newham and Britain, plus video cassettes and photographs. Most materials may be borrowed.

The 'Conflict and Change' newsletter is lively and interesting in its own right: the December 1991 issue had articles on 'Immigration and the European Community: the Future of European Immigration Controls'; a report on the International Colloquium of Christians and Jews, and another report on the second Encore conference (Encore meaning European Network of COntlict Resolution Education).

Newham Conflict & Change Project  
Christopher House,  
2A Streatfield Avenue,  
East Ham,  
London E6 2LA.

Tel: 081 470 5505  
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The Centre is open 9.00-5.00 Monday to Friday.  
Full access for disabled people.

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE COLLECTIONS AND GROUPS.

### Swarthmore College Peace Collection

In a previous issue of AIR we wrote a little piece on the Swarthmore Collection in the US. We are pleased to say that we have now been updated by the Curator of the Collection, Wendy E. Chmielewski. The Swarthmore College Peace Collection in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania has approximately 5,000 linear feet of manuscript material: over 2,000 collections, over 10,000 books, 2,000 periodicals, a large poster collection, photograph collection, an audio-visual collection and a memorabilia collection. Holdings date from the mid-seventeenth century, with the heaviest concentration in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The collection does have substantial holdings of material about the peace movement outside the US, including much on the history of the peace movement in Britain, particularly during World War One. Microfilmed copies of CND and British FoR have been acquired, the Greenham Common womens case against Ronald Reagan, etc.

Two guides are available: "The Guide to the Swarthmore College Peace Collection" (1981, 2nd ed); and "Guide to sources on Women in the Swarthmore College Peace Collection" (1988). Cost is \$5.00 and \$7.00 respectively.

The address for the Collection is:

**Swarthmore College Peace Collection,  
500 College Avenue,  
Swarthmore,  
Pennsylvania 19081-1399**

**Tel: (215) 328 8557.**

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## J-A-D-E

J-A-D-E is the Jewish-Arab Dialogue in Europe, a network committed to the distribution of information towards the realisation of peace in the Middle East. It is a co-ordinating centre where information can be gathered and readily disseminated to various European groups and individuals.

The main objectives are:

- 1) To act as a central liaison office. A contact service will be established through a telephone/fax network which will link members of both the Jewish and Palestinian communities throughout the diaspora and Arabs and Israelis who also support dialogue. At present proposed member groups exist in Brussels, Paris, Geneva, Milan, Rome, Amsterdam, London, Vienna, Frankfurt and Barcelona.
- 2) To build and provide a data bank of contacts and activities from the various European peace Groups.
- 3) To organise, at a later stage, seminars, local and regional meetings (beyond those taking place at present) whereby all interested parties can interact, exchanging and updating information with the ultimate aim of building a European peace lobby.
- 4) To aid respective European group members by providing additional contacts and host speakers who would be prepared to visit member groups.
- 5) To establish a monthly newsletter. J-A-D-E's newsletter will circulate information on relevant activities, visiting and prospective speakers as well as reviews of books pertinent to our aims.

### J-A-D-E NEWS

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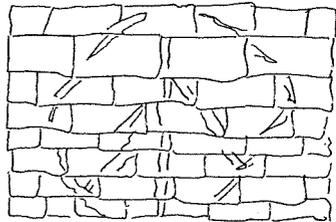
fax: 4471 (071) 233 5161.

## MUSEUMS

### The Berlin Anti-war Museum

The Berlin Anti-war museum is small (4 rooms) but has a collection of war artifacts, war photos, and changing exhibitions on topics like Afghanistan and the economics of war. The Museum was founded in 1925 by Ernst Friedrich and was the focus of attacks by the Nazis in the 1930s. Friedrich was forced to leave Germany and went to Belgium where he started a new museum in Brussels in 1936. The museum has a 15 minute video on Friedrich and his anti-war efforts. In 1940 the Nazis over-ran Belgium and again destroyed his efforts. Friedrich's grandson Tommy Spree followed in his grandfather's footsteps and reopened the Museum in Kreuzberg, Berlin in 1982. Its permanent location now is in the Wedding district of Berlin.

The Anti-Kriegs-Museum  
Genter Strasse 9-1000 Berlin 65  
(U-Bahn Leopoldplatz).  
Tel: 402 86 91  
Open daily 16.00-20.00

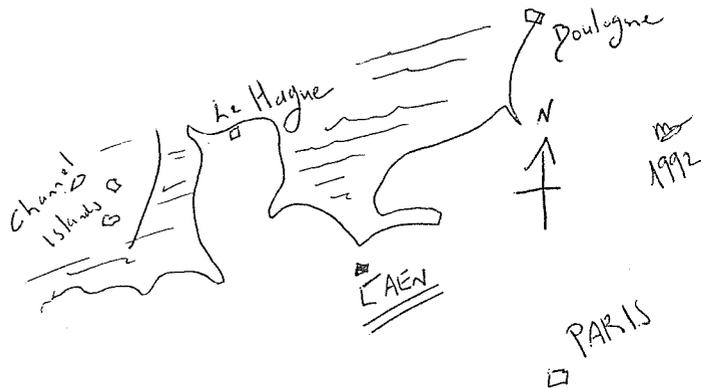


### Memorial Museum, Caen.

On June 6 1991 the new Nobel gallery was inaugurated at the memorial museum in Caen, Normandy. The museum has a multi-media display and documentation centre on the subject of peace and war in the twentieth century.

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BP 6261, 14066 Caen Cedex,  
France.  
Tel: +33 31 06 0644.  
Fax:06-0670.

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Book and reports review section.

"The Campus Connection; Military Research on Campus", Rob Evans, Nicola Butler, Eddie Goncalves (CND Publications Ltd, 1991. £3.50 including postage and packing). The report is available from 162 Holloway Road, N7 8DQ.

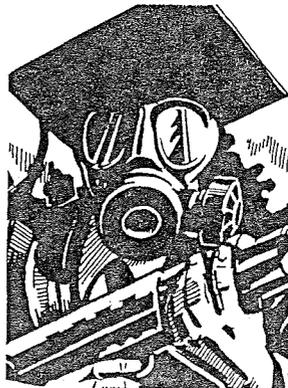
"Study War No More; Military involvement in British universities and colleges", Zoe Fairbairns (CND, 1974). This report is now out of print.

In 1974 approximately £2 million a year was being spent by the British Ministry of Defence (MoD) on some 600 military research projects in academic establishments; in 1991/92 the MoD was spending £27 million on 851 research projects.

The facts above come from the respective reports. The focus of the earlier 32 page CND report - military-funded research at higher educational establishments - has been freshly tackled in a 96 page report which is a superb example of research/investigative journalism. The facts have been painstakingly dug out from a series of documents in the public domain, and assembled and presented in a series of carefully planned chapters such as 'Chemical and Biological Warfare Research', 'Nukes on Campus' and 'Pentagon Research Projects'. One chapter gives examples of MoD funded projects at universities and polytechnics across Britain.

"The Campus Connection" is well illustrated with tables and photographs and should be on the shelf of everyone who is concerned with the militarisation of British society. It should be in every school, Polytechnic and University library, and in all public libraries and peace centres. Particularly useful are the last chapters on 'What to do about it', 'Military research - how to find it' 'Producing a report', 'Campaigning', 'Some questions and answers about military R&D on campus', and 'Ten demands for Education'. The report is fully-referenced and excellently designed. Very highly recommended.

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# NUCLEAR EMPIRE

"Nuclear Empire". by Robert C. Aldridge (New Star books, Vancouver, 1989, \$9.95).

This is one of the very best books available on US nuclear strategy and 'force projection' (that is US nuclear weapons, bases and facilities world-wide and their operations). What makes the book so good is that it is written by someone who used to be a worker in the 'fields of the bomb'. Robert Aldridge used to design nuclear weapons for the Lockheed Corporation in the US. Now he is an peace activist. Aldridge explains clearly exactly what such concepts as 'flexible response' and 'first-strike' are all about. There is an excellent chapter on Trident nuclear weapons - Britain is going ahead with planned deployment of these massively destructive weapons - and another on Star Wars. This book packs a lot of information in its 150 pages, but is very readable. Recommended.

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## Publishers

A great advantage for those who speak a foreign language is being able to read books that have not been translated into English. Weber, Zucht & Co. are publishers of pacifist books. The company is run by former War Resisters International (WRI) Staffers and is based in Kassel, Germany. Books published include: Wolfgang Hertie's "Larzac 1971-1981" which is a history of the nonviolent struggle to stop a military training ground in Southern France; works by the French Pacifist Lanzo de Vasto, and by Gandhi; and a history of the WRI by Wolfram Beyer entitled "Widenstand gegen der Krieg" ("Resistance against War").

Weber Zucht & Co.,  
Steinbruchweg 14,  
W-3500 Kassel-Bettenhausen,  
Tel: + 49 0561 519194.

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- 1) "David Hare's Screen Two film about post-war Britain, with a gauche but game librarian as the symbolic Britannia..." (Evening Standard, 18/12/1991).
- 2) "On my tenth birthday the then librarian of the Cathedral allowed me to hold one of the four original copies of the Magna Carta. It looked like a tatty old bit of paper but she was right when she said I would always remember holding it" (MP in the House of Commons magazine, 2/12/1992).
- 3) "One of the main reasons for moving (the Dutch) parliament is to increase the public seating. In the Dutch way, there will be a minimum of security: the only worry is that down-and-outs will see it as a warmer, quieter alternative to the railway station and public library for a quiet doze" (Guardian, 3/12/1991).
- 4) "It's late at night in the Library. Two elderly parliamentary colleagues, one from the Labour party and the other a Conservative, are stretched out in armchairs beside me. Their gentle snoring is strangely comforting" (The House of Commons Magazine, 2/12/1991)

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Thought For The Issue

"A major part of our strategy is to show that power is not all about not giving way, but that giving something to achieve an end is also power..."

(The Newham Conflict and Change Project in The Sunday Times, 1990).

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