

# Campaign

## Can Summit deliver results?

CND General Secretary **Kate Hudson** writes about the Kim Jong-un/Donald Trump summit.



**A**FTER a roller coaster of threat and counter threat, the summit between President Trump and Chairman Kim Jong-un was a positive development. At a time of escalating militarisation and increasingly dangerous policy developments – the US’s new nuclear posture review and recent strategic defence review to name but two – an outbreak of dialogue in an exceptionally tense region was a welcome step.

It was the first meeting between a sitting US president and a North Korean leader. Negotiations were under way for such a meeting in the late 1990s – indeed US secretary of state Madeleine Albright held talks with Kim Jong-il in 2000, to prepare for him to meet with President Clinton. These positive initiatives were derailed by the arrival

of President Bush in 2001 who promptly named North Korea part of the Axis of Evil, following which that country withdrew from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty saying it had a ‘deterrent’ need to develop nuclear weapons to safeguard its security and rapidly took steps to do so.

Since North Korean withdrawal from the NPT in 2003, there have been repeated rounds of negotiations, many through the Six Party talks with South Korea, North Korea, China, Japan, Russia and the United States. Throughout it has been clear that North Korea’s primary goal is to bring a formal end to the war with security guarantees from the US that it will not come under attack. It has also sought to secure energy supplies and economic engagement. Far from wishing to remain

completely closed to the world, it has made tentative steps in the direction of foreign investment and market development through its Rason Special Economic Zone, modelled on China's very successful SEZs. In a sense it has used its nuclear weapons programme to leverage access to international engagement although this seems a high risk and potentially counter-productive strategy.

So it may be that the current negotiations can provide what both sides want – as the statement puts it:

*“President Trump committed to provide security guarantees to the DPRK, and Chairman Kim Jong*

*Un reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”*

Positive aspirations indeed. Of course the hard work starts now: can real progress be made beyond the sound bites and photo-ops? Trump's roller-coaster approach to politics and his massive commitment to nuclear weapons do not inspire confidence.

But if this initiative can be made to work, we all be winners and the world a safer place – and the peoples of Korea will finally be able to draw a line under almost seven decades of conflict and insecurity.

## Spotlight

This month:  
**Christian CND**



Christian CND was thrilled this week with a new statement from the Church of England on nuclear weapons. It highlights the need to 'work tirelessly for their elimination across the world' and calls on the British government to 'respond positively' to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. This follows intense lobbying of the Church's Synod by the CND section.

If you're a Christian and a CND member, why not get in touch with Christian CND? You can either phone 020 7700 4200 or email [christians@cnduk.org](mailto:christians@cnduk.org)

## NATO Summit 2018

A CND delegation attended the NATO Summit 2018 protests in Brussels. As Trump arrived to demand the alliance's members spend more on defence, we took to the streets to call for an end to NATO and participated in a counter-summit to discuss ideas for an alternative international system.



# Together against Trump

Campaigns Officer **Sara Medi Jones** explains why CND will be protesting against Donald Trump's visit to the UK.

**T**ENS of thousands of us protested about the inauguration of Donald Trump as United States President, with a poll at the time showing that 66% of British people thought he would make the world a more dangerous place. 18 months on, those fears have undoubtedly been realised. Trump's behaviour since taking office has angered and galvanised campaigners on a wide range of subjects, and so it's probably no surprise that his visit to the UK this week will be greeted with mass demonstrations.

CND is supporting the Together Against Trump national demonstration on Friday 13th July and is calling on all CND supporters to join us, or attend one of the numerous protests taking place across the UK. This must be the day we stand up to the nuclear warmonger of our age. It is horrifying that a volatile man with a track-record of acting impulsively and little detailed grasp of the implications of nuclear use has access to the nuclear codes. Time and time again, Trump has shown that his presidency threatens the security

of the world.

While Trump's meeting with Kim Jong-un raises the possibility of peace on the Korean peninsula (see previous story), he's previously threatened to kill millions with US nuclear bombs in North Korea and has openly mocked that country's leader. In May this year, he withdrew the US from the ground-breaking Iran nuclear deal. Since the signing of the deal – which limits Iran's nuclear programme – Tehran has complied with all aspects of it, and yet Trump would rather risk its success to appeal to his base.

But perhaps the biggest concern of all, is Trump's new nuclear posture review. Of course, successive US Presidents have continued to invest in nuclear weapons but Trump has essentially removed any restraints on

both new-build and nuclear weapons use. The most significant elements of the review are an emphasis on low-yield nuclear weapons, often described as 'usable', and an increase in the stated circumstances in which nuclear weapons could be used. Taken together, these developments conjure a more likely scenario in which nuclear weapons would be used. Whatever the motivation, this is an exceptionally dangerous game.

The Trump protest is our chance to rise up and say enough is enough. We reject the collusion of Prime Minister Theresa May and her government with this dangerous US administration and deplore the invitation to President Trump. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Together Against Trump

National demo

Gather 2pm BBC, Portland Place  
London W1A 1AA

March to Trafalgar Square for a rally

Other events taking place around the UK – see CND website for more information.

**Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

CND groups across the country will be commemorating the anniversaries of nuclear weapons being dropped on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Please see CND's website or phone us (020 7700 2393) for more information.

**August 6th-9th:** Hiroshima-Nagasaki International Fast

**August 6th,** 8am – Remembering Hiroshima: Leicester

**August 6th,** 9:30am – Hiroshima Day of Events: Cumbria

**August 6th,** 6pm – Hiroshima event: Woolwich

**August 6th,** 6pm – Hiroshima peace picnic: Greenwich

**August 6th,** 8pm – Hiroshima event: Chester

**August 6th,** 8:45pm – Hiroshima candle float: Salisbury

**August 9th,** 1:30pm – Nagasaki event: Lewisham

**Abingdon Peace Group meeting**

**July 17th,** 8pm

The Northcourt Centre

■ Contact 01235 526265 or sallyreynolds@btinternet.com



**Oxford CND meeting**

**July 19th,** 6:45pm

Oxford Town Hall

■ Contact 01865 248357 or oxfordcnd@phonecoop.coop

**Faringdon Peace Group meeting**

**August 1st,** 7:30pm

Friends Meeting House

Faringdon

■ Contact 01367 710308 or steve.jenny@hotmail.com

**Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp Summer Party**

**August 11th,** 4pm

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp

■ Contact 07946 676761

**Nae Nukes Anywhere: Demo at Faslane**

**September 22nd,**

Assemble 12 noon

Faslane nuclear base, Helensburgh G84 0EH

■ Contact hello@nuclearban.scot



**Peace Camps**

**Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp**

Second weekend of every month.

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**Faslane Peace Camp**

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**Menwith Hill vigil**

Every Tuesday 6-7.30pm.

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