

Campaign

Save the INF!



CND Acting General Secretary **Sara Medi Jones** calls on CND's supporters to join the campaign to save a crucial arms control treaty.

THE UNITED STATES intends to withdraw from the Intermediate-range Nuclear Force (INF) Treaty with Russia on February 2nd. While the Trump administration has again this week reiterated that Russia is to blame for the break-down of the treaty, many believe that the intention of the President was always to find a way to withdraw as he felt it gave China an advantage, not being bound by the same restrictions.

Whatever the truth – and indeed any violation of the INF on any side should be

condemned – what is now important is that this treaty is saved. The end of this treaty would be an extremely concerning development for the safety of the world.

The INF Treaty was signed by US President Ronald Reagan and leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev in 1987, and banned short and medium range ground-launch nuclear missiles. Crucially for the UK, it also meant that US cruise and SS-20 missiles were removed from the country.

If this treaty is destroyed, the US and

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Russia would be free to once again produce intermediate-range missiles. As these missiles would not reach Russia if situated in the US, and vice-versa, it follows that the US would look to place them in Europe, possibly the UK. This would massively increase the likelihood of a nuclear war being fought on European soil, hugely jeopardising UK and European security.

Campaigning by anti-nuclear activists played a huge part in the treaty entering into force. CND played a vital role in this movement, as did the iconic Greenham Women's Peace Camp. And now we must protest again.

The British government has an important role to play in this crisis. Germany and France have already condemned the US move. Our government should do the same and should be using their influence to call on both Russia and the US to

fully comply with the terms of the treaty. The government could propose and facilitate negotiations to resolve the outstanding issues.

CND has this week launched a video that we're asking all our supporters to share, so that as many people as possible tell the British government to do all it can to save the treaty. We delivered thousands of your letters to the Foreign Office at the end of last year but the response was not acceptable. We received a response that only served to show the government is not doing enough to save the treaty. Standing by and allowing crucial nuclear arms control agreements to be torn up places the whole world in great danger.

So now we're going to escalate our campaign. We're taking out an advert in a national newspaper, writing to the Foreign Secretary again and arranging street stalls across the country. We have published an emergency petition and will be taking these to Parliament in due course.

This is a very dangerous moment for the whole world. A new nuclear arms race is emerging and the threat of nuclear war grows by the day. We urge our supporters to join our campaign to save the treaty.

Groups Spotlight

This month:
Labour CND



Labour CND had a hugely successful 2018, with a resurgence in local support and activities. Their presence at the Labour Party conference was particularly encouraging, signing up hundreds of new supporters. Expect more activity in 2019, including the launch of a Wales/Cymru Labour CND, and a conference next month on 'Preparing for Government'.

■ If you're a member of CND and a member of the Labour party, why not get in touch by contacting labourcnd@gmail.com?



The power of local communities

CND Campaigns Assistant **Scarlett Gurnham** writes about how local communities are joining the campaign for a nuclear-free world.

AT THE END of last year, Manchester became the first European city to officially support the United Nations' landmark Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), as the city council adopted a motion to that effect. Now a global ban city, Manchester is part of a growing international movement of towns and cities which support a nuclear weapons-free world. In these dangerous and unstable times, the growing movement of cities declaring themselves supporters of a global nuclear ban offers a welcome reminder of the power of local communities.

Once the TPNW is ratified by 50 states, it will be illegal for its signatories to have or use nuclear weapons. The treaty could come into force this year, as 69 countries have already signed and are working through the ratification process. But the UK government continues to oppose it.

But rather than wait for countries to ratify the TPNW in their own time, work by groups such as the Nuclear



Free Local Authorities (NFLA), Mayors for Peace and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) has shown that the power to ensure that this vital treaty enters into force does not only rest with national governments. These groups have been working on local initiatives which encourage supporters to work with local politicians to adopt city council motions in support of nuclear prohibition.

This process provides a powerful way of expressing the huge anti-nuclear sentiment that exists worldwide and places pressure on national governments to join the treaty.

The result of this work has already been remarkable. Along with Manchester and Renfrewshire in the UK,

towns and cities across the world have adopted similar motions. This includes cities in the US, which offers a hopeful counterpoint to the Trump administration's reckless nuclear policies. Furthermore, the impact of these local motions on national governments can be seen in Australia, as the opposition Australian Labor party has pledged to adopt the TPNW if it enters into government after several Australian cities passed motions in support.

In an era of global instability and mounting threats to global disarmament, the success of these global ban motions shows a concrete way to work towards a nuclear free world. CND encourages all its groups and supporters to get involved!

If you would like more information on how to campaign to get your town or city to become a global ban community, visit CND's 'Global Ban Communities' webpage where you can find further information, including a draft council motion. Or contact us on 020 7700 2393 or enquiries@cnduk.org.

'Trump's finger on the nuclear button' conference

January 12th, 12 noon-5pm
SOAS, Bloomsbury WC1H 0XG
■ Contact info@londoncnd.org
or 020 7607 2302

Wallasey CND AGM and Party

January 19th, 2pm
4 Taunton Road, Wallasey
CH45 3JN
■ Contact 0151 638 3967 or
barb.hardcastle@gmail.com

'Dr Strangelove' film screening

January 24th, 6pm
Parkside Community College,
Parkside, Cambridge, CB1 1EH
■ cambridgeCND_public@outlook.com

Greater Manchester CND AGM

January 26th, 11am
Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick
Street, Manchester M4 7HR
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org

'Peace Campaigning in the Labour Party – big issues, next steps' – North West Labour CND meeting

January 26th, 2pm
Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick
Street, Manchester M4 7HR
■ Contact gmdcnd@gn.apc.org

Hope in the Age of Trump – Yorkshire CND AGM

January 26th, 2:30pm-5pm
Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel, City
Square, Leeds LS1 5EB
■ info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk



London CND will be discussing Trump's nuclear policies at their conference, see left

Christian CND Embassies Walk

March 12th, timings TBC
Assemble at St Martin-in-the-
Fields, Trafalgar Square, London
■ Contact 020 7700 4200 or
christians@cnduk.org

Commemoration, Conflict & Conscience Festival April 27th-28th

University of Bristol, Bristol
■ lois.s.bibbings@bristol.ac.uk or
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Surround Springfields!

April 27th, 9am-5pm
Westinghouse Springfields Fuel
Ltd, Station Road, Preston
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Peace Camps

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp

Second weekend of every
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Menwith Hill vigil

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