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CND MASS DEMONSTRATION, 22 OCTOBER 1983

Tens of thousands of people will take to the streets of London on October 22 to demonstrate their opposition to the growing threat to survival caused by the nuclear arms race.

They will be just a small part of a worldwide protest movement of millions of people mobilising during United Nations Disarmament Week, October 22-29, in Europe, Scandinavia, the USA and Canada.

The threatened deployment of Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles in five European countries this autumn is likely to raise popular resistance to a new level. The themes of the British demonstration are opposition to the siting of Cruise and Trident missiles in this country, and support for an immediate nuclear freeze and the idea that nuclear weapons are no defence.

Cruise missiles have become a crucial issue for four reasons:

- \* There is no government mandate to deploy them - over 60% of the population are opposed to them;
- \* They make nuclear war in Europe more likely, not less;
- \* They will make ever larger areas of the UK into high priority nuclear targets;

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\* They will seriously undermine all future attempts at arms control and may make the nuclear arms race irreversible.

Thirty-three trains and hundreds of coaches have been booked. The marchers will gather from 11.00 am on the Victoria Embankment and will set off at 11.30 am to wend by two different routes to Hyde Park. One march will be led by the women's contingent and the other by Ex-Services for Nuclear Disarmament.

Speakers in Hyde Park from 3.30 pm will include Neil Kinnock MP, Bruce Kent, Joan Ruddock, Bishop Trevor Huddleston, TGWU National Organiser Ron Todd, and Italian Euro MP Luciana Castellina who has protested against Cruise missiles coming to Comiso in Sicily.

Events will include:

10.30 am Christian CND service in Victoria Embankment Gardens

10.30 am The American Bread and Puppet Theatre with giant puppets and musicians in Jubilee Gardens, and from 1.30 pm in Hyde Park.

There will be a music platform and floats along the routes and entertainment in the park. The rally will end at about 5.00 pm.

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For further information, contact 01 263 0977/272 5425  
Details of worldwide anti-nuclear activities in the autumn are attached. Further details of the British demonstration will be available later.