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AGAINST THE USE OF

NAMIBIAN URANIUM

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BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LTD

AT THE BNFL HEADQUARTERS, RISLEY NEAR WARRINGTON

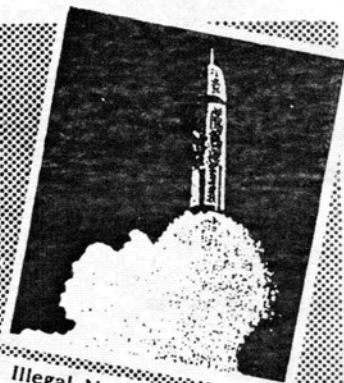
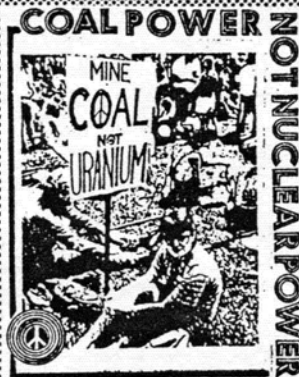
8am: leafleting BNFL workers

12 noon: rally with speakers from Namibia, the NUM, peace movement. . .



Namibian Uranium Mines

Illegal Namibian Uranium is being used to fuel Nuclear Power Stations, running at twice their normal rate to break the miners strike.



Illegal Namibian Uranium will be used to fuel Trident

How to get there :

Motorway : M62 - Junction 10
Follow signs for BNFL, Risley

A Road : A574 to Risley.

Train : To Birchwood Station

For further details - Travel, Creche etc. . . Tel : St.Helens 611627 Ext 9

**BNFL
HQ**

RISLEY (near Warrington, Lancs.)

The BNFL headquarters. This vast complex contains research and administration controlling every aspect of the nuclear company. In nearby St. Helens coal mining communities are fighting for their lives. Namibian uranium stockpiles are powering nuclear reactors running at twice their normal level during the miners' strike.



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You may never have heard of Namibia, the last remaining colony in Africa, a territory occupied by 100,000 South African troops.

You do know about pit closures, which threaten the survival of a number of communities in this area which depend on coal mining for employment.

You may also know of the British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (BNFL) headquarters in Risley, just south of the remand centre. This huge complex runs the company which :

- * takes delivery of uranium.
- * makes fuel rods for nuclear reactors.
- * makes and transports "hex" (the toxic nuclear compound which sank in the Channel recently and which is regularly carried on Sealink cross-channel ferries and driven by road through Lancashire and Cheshire).
- * enriches hex at Capenhurst, on the Wirral.
- * supplies highly enriched uranium to the Ministry of Defence, for nuclear submarines and for nuclear weapons.
- * makes plutonium for nuclear weapons.
- * operates Windscale, the nuclear waste-reprocessing plant in Cumbria where local residents run a high risk of contracting leukemia.

And what about Namibia? Since 1978, about half the fuel for British reactors has come from Namibia, in a contract for 7,500 tonnes of uranium oxide. The contract is completely illegal according to international law and UN Security Council resolutions, because Namibia is still an occupied colony of the South African apartheid regime. Recent TV and press reports have shown how South African forces of "law and order" regularly murder and torture black Namibians, while diplomats go on talking.

Trident will need a thousand tonnes or more of uranium to power the submarine reactors and make the weapons. Canada and Australia have signed treaties with the EEC to stop anyone from making weapons out of their uranium, but there is nothing to stop BNFL from using Namibian uranium in Trident.

Nothing unless you refuse to let them get away with it!

On Friday 2nd Nov, we will be picketing BNFL Risley and leafletting the workers to show our solidarity with the people of Namibia and with coal mining communities, against the triple threats of apartheid, Trident, and pit closures. Join us outside Risley

Some people are getting rich out of all this, but what do you get for your taxes?

- * Trident submarines, a 1st strike weapon costing upwards of £8 billion and threatening to engulf Britain in a nuclear war.
- * The run-down of the coal industry, as the government attempts to produce a greater share of electricity from nuclear power. During the strike, nuclear stations have run straight through the summer without stopping for their annual shutdowns for repairs, maintenance, and refuelling.
- * nuclear waste, which no-one knows how to deal with in the long term.

"We are inhaling the uranium dust into our lungs so that many of us have already suffered an effect. We are not provided with remedies and there is no hospital to treat us. Our bodies are cracking and sore....."

Namibian Uranium Miner.