

4) GOOD NEWS for those campaigning against the Sub. menace with the announcement that EARTHWATCH (Bantry) is to conduct a survey on submarine activity around Island. It is the sure way to worry the military as diverse and localised an effort as can be mustered with groups exchanging information and coming together at conferences to develop ideas. The League believe this approach has more chance of success than the more grandiose campaigns such as that initiated by G/peace recently.

SURVEY PROPOSED OF SUBMARINES IN IRISH SEA

EARTHWATCH, the Bantry based environmental organisation is conducting a survey of submarine activity in Irish coastal waters. It is keen for fishermen to cooperate, by providing information on submarine sightings and incidents.

Mary O'Donnell of Earthwatch claims that the Irish Sea has become the major southern route for nuclear submarines leaving the Clyde bases and regularly contains up to 20% of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal. A perpetual game of cat and mouse is alleged to go on between N.A.T.O. and Warsaw pact subs in the area around Ireland.

Earthwatch has issued a

questionnaire which is being distributed in coastal communities. From the eight simple questions, it is hoped to build up an accurate picture of events. Copies of the questionnaire are obtainable from the organisation at Harbour View, Bantry. Tel: (027) 50968, to be returned by March 18th.

A study is also to be undertaken to assess the potential impact of an accident involving a nuclear submarine in the Irish Sea. Just last month, there were reports in a British newspaper that an accident on a Polaris submarine at Faslane, Scotland, was averted with only minutes to spare.

The Isle of Man-based Celtic League last month urged the Taoiseach, Mr Haughey to take a stronger line on the issue of submarines in the Irish Sea. Four recent incidents were brought to the Taoiseach's attention by the group.

5) THE PENTAGON has still not responded to our query (Dec) requesting detail of the debris left behind by the NATHANIEL GREENE when it ploughed into the seabed in the south central Irish Sea. We wonted give up however and the query will now be passed by circulation to U.S. Embassies (all of them if necessary). We're particularly anxious to establish if the U.S.S. Nitro managed to clear all the contaminants the