

# Greenpeace raiders board nuclear sub

## Probe into base security breach

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A TOP-LEVEL inquiry was under way last night after Greenpeace raiders boarded a nuclear submarine.

The activists breached security at the Royal Navy's Faslane submarine base on the Clyde yesterday morning. Using five inflatable boats they approached the Polaris vessel Revenge, which was berthed with four sister subs.

Members of the pressure group then clambered onto the submarine and unhurled a banner reading: "Danger: Cracked subs."

Three people were arrested and charged under local by-laws which restrict access to the base area.

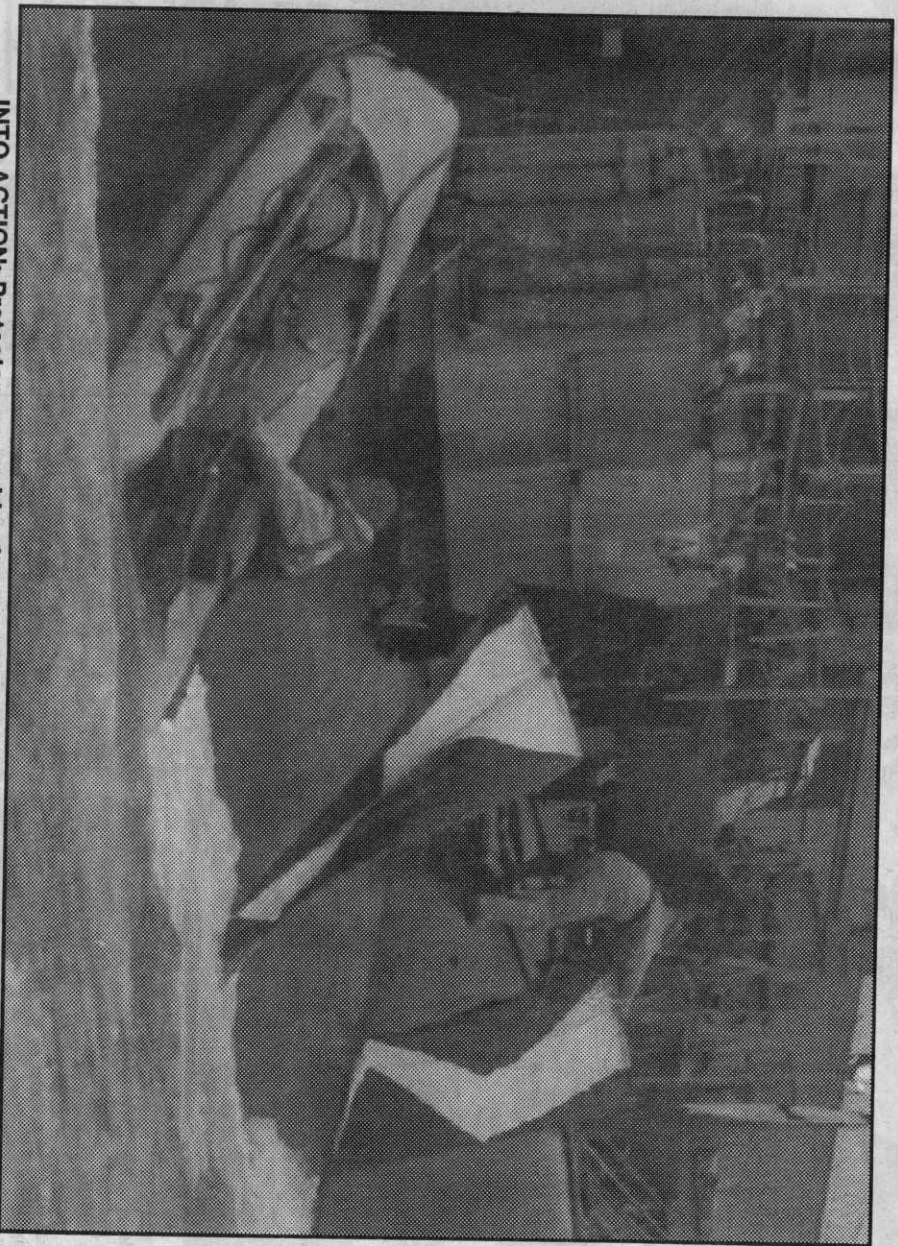
### Warnings

Security at Faslane is a three-way operation involving MOD police, Royal Marines and the Royal Navy. The base is surrounded by a high perimeter fence topped with razor wire. It bears notices warning that the area is patrolled by dogs and armed guards.

An MOD spokesman said last night: "An investigation into the raid is under way, and any lessons learned will be acted upon."

A Greenpeace spokesman said: "The protest was aimed at highlighting the major health and safety risks to workers and the environment involved in keeping Britain's nuclear submarine fleet afloat."

The group says the Revenge has the same type of reactor as submarines taken out of service last year after cracks were discovered.



INTO ACTION: Protesters scramble aboard the Revenge at Faslane early yesterday

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