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Give Scots sub work

(Continued from Page 1) the jobs associated with the Trident refitting contract."

Today's calls reinforce former Scots Secretary Lord Younger's recent dramatic intervention into the Rosyth battle.

Lord Younger said that it was a matter of "good faith" by the Tory Government that work on Trident should continue to be done in Scotland.

He said that people in Scotland had accepted the presence of the nuclear deterrent, because of the added jobs and economic boost it would bring.

The battle for Rosyth was expected to end this week with a formal announcement by the Ministry of Defence.

But warning that both yards were "level pegging," an MoD insider added that an announcement may well be delayed until later in the year.

He feared the ongoing row over payments to Tory party funds by runaway tycoon Asil Nadir would hold things up.

He added: "It's absolutely level pegging. But the political heat is on and Ministers may not want to be embroiled in another controversy before the Parliamentary recess in two weeks time."

Meanwhile, Faslane peace campaigners today tracked the sub at the centre of the nuclear alert.

HMS Repulse sailed overnight from the scene of the incident at the Clyde submarine base.

A team from the peace camp launched a rubber dinghy with outboard motor for a closer inspection of the nuclear submarine.

As Repulse sailed, an investigation into the full alert was launched by the Ministry of Defence.

'FIRST TUESDAY' STRIKES CHORD

Birth defects in the Helensburgh area were highlighted in the Yorkshire TV documentary 'First Tuesday', screened this week.

The programme pointed to five cases of children born in the Helensburgh area during the 1970's with birth defects.

From the 300 man crew of HMS Resolution, based at Faslane, four of their children were born with a harelip and cleft palate, and a fifth baby was born with brain damage and later died, during a short space of time.

The programme stated that the chances of a baby being born with a harelip and cleft palate was one in every 1000.

Reacting to the programme one local woman said: "I think it's good if this programme has made people more aware of dangers that the MOD are trying to blow under the carpet."

"There are so many children's diseases in Helensburgh and the Cocksackie disease was

especially kept quiet. And it's all wrong that they can just sweep it under the carpet."

Mr Brodie of McEwan Drive said: "It was a very interesting programme. It said a lot of things that I think should be said. Hopefully it will result in the people who are able to take action doing something. It is always at the back of my mind and a programme like 'his just reminds you of the dangers."

Mrs MacDonald of Dennistoun Crescent said: "My husband was quite worried by what he saw. We are obviously concerned about the dangers of a nuclear holocaust but when you see a documentary like this it shows you the more immediate dangers facing you living in a place like this. It really puts me against them extending the base especially as I have young children."

Helensburgh Advertiser "still" photographs of an accident to the nuclear convoy were shown during the programme.

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Village rage after atom lorry scare

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A VILLAGE hit by a radiation scare at the weekend was still angry yesterday.

By KEN STEIN

a week. Engineers were out reinforcing it just over a month ago.

And people fear the bridge that caused it could bring them more danger.

"There has been a lot of talk about the dangers. After this accident which could have put the community at risk perhaps something will be done."

On Sunday a truck carrying low-level radioactive photographic material crashed into Bellside Bridge at Cleland, Lanarkshire.

And joiner Frank Denholm, of 25 Carlisle Road, Cleland, added: "It's ridiculous nothing has been done."

Dangers

The area was sealed off for three hours as firemen wearing special suits carefully examined the load which was on its way to the naval base at Rosyth.

But some of Cleland's 300 villagers say there are regular accidents at the bridge, which is less than 14 feet high and carries the Edinburgh-Glasgow rail line.