

Letters to the editor *DUMFRIES CND* 'Brave Defender' and CND reaction

Sir. — The general public is fast becoming confused by the deterrence argument. At first we are told that mutual possession of nuclear weapons protects against attack; thus is

ence.
Last weekend we were told that the function of Brave Defender was to show how Home Defence would repel the 'USSR invaders'.

'But why would there be any invaders? I ask.

I am told 'the possession of nuclear weapons protects us'.

Yes, most thinking people have a problem trying to marry these two scenarios.

No wonder!
Of course the two are linked, but not in the way that the Government would have us believe.

The purpose of Brave Defender was to try out the Tories' new emergency powers, which were extensively revised in 1979. Before 1983 a small secret team inside the Home Office, chaired by Mrs Thatcher, produced the guidelines which are now in Regional Offices from Edinburgh, to Cardiff. Government ministers have repeatedly tried to pretend that no one knows what such bills contain. However, it is not difficult to piece together the picture that now emerges.

Brave Defender is the first time that all three services and the police have been brought

ning laws.

Yes, we heard lots on the media about the Territorial Army and the new Home Defence Force, joining with the Regulars, to take part in the War Games; to 'pro-

Key points!
However, we were told (except for one 9 o'clock national news item), about the other plans:

Emergency Power Bill 1 — which allows for people's houses to be occupied or demolished to give 'free firing zones'. Protesters to be arrested.

Emergency Power Bill 2 — all goods may be requisitioned. Adults and children can be directed to work in labour gangs.

Emergency Power Bill 3 — Regional commissioners can free 'ordinary prisoners', and may execute protesters

at ad-hoc courts, with no appeal. Your MP has no role to play in this situation. Bye bye democracy.

The exercise also showed the ability of the Military Commander to control movement through areas. In Tuesday's Guardian there is a

children being fired on, for failing to stop at a road-block. Indeed in an article in this very paper, we heard of a woman being killed in a collision with a personnel carrier, which was taking part in the exercise.

In the last four years I have witnessed with mounting horror and disbelief, the latest Government 'defence' plans. Where do you think they are leading? Are you party to them? You still have a voice. Use it to defend Britain.

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● Pictures by Indira from Greenham Yellow Gate.

Hooded US troops *Exercises* prepare for nuke *15.3.86 M.S* horror in Britain

By JANEY HULME

US SERVICEMEN wearing special holocaust suits (above) have been captured on film by Greenham women during a Black Alert exercise at the base.

The damning photographic evidence was turned over to the Morning Star as Reagan's atomic "rambos" prepared for nuclear war disaster in the English countryside.

Unknown to most residents living near the 130 US bases in Britain, thousands of US soldiers dressed like the one in the photograph constantly prepare for nuclear war.

Repressive laws

Home Secretary Douglas Hurd has now pledged to meet with police chiefs to produce even more repressive laws to protect Ministry of Defence land and nuclear establishments from non-violent protesters.

These new laws will affect a sizeable proportion of the British public opposed to the foreign occupying forces who sow the lanes and fields of land with their deadly

imminent, take place after Cruise missiles have been dispersed to Salisbury Plain.

One woman commented: "The Americans are always stressing that they won't 'launch from base'—why then do they practice it?"

Below police move in rapidly to prevent two women throwing eggs at US convoy-support vehicles, which accompany the Cruise launchers on their excursions.

During the last three-day Black Alert, armed US soldiers laid siege to an MoD building and, say Greenham women, "turned hangar 301 into a morgue."

Newbury resident and Cruise-watch member Lynette Edwell has become increasingly angry at state violence perpetrated against non-violent demonstrators.

She is currently compiling a report on US convoy policing for Lord Jenkins of Putney.

Anne Ingold from the camp's Orange gate said yesterday of Mr. Hurd's pledge: "These staunch advocates of 'law and order' will have to shoot us in order to keep the peace with