

Fear of nuclear war led man to kill family

By WILLIAM BARTOV

A LIBRARIAN'S obsessive fear of leaving his family to die from radiation sickness in an inevitable nuclear war sealed their fates when he decided to end his own life, an inquest at Rotherham was told yesterday.

In a six-page diary Mr Frank Parry, 52, of Danvers Road, Broughton, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, explained why he killed his mother, wife, and daughter before killing himself.

First, he shot his wife, Audrey, 50, through the head with a revolver as she helped him to repair his car on March 28.

Then, with her body in the front seat, he drove to pick up his daughter, Justine, 12, from school.

He took her 180 miles to a beauty spot near Mexborough, South Yorkshire, which they had loved, before shooting her through the head.

He next drove to the home of his mother, Ruth, 79, in Longfellow Drive, Rotherham, with the two bodies still in the car, and shot her dead on March 29. As he left, he saw police closing in. He pulled out a revolver and shot himself through the head.

In his mother's flat police found the diary, which the Rotherham coroner, Mr Kenneth Potter, read out in full. Mr Parry had written that he had "been dead professionally for 12 years of which the last 10 have been a night-mare."

Dying "would have meant leaving the three persons dearest in the world to me without my protection. I can't leave them to the threat of death from radiation sickness after the coming atomic war."

"On the 28th March I realised I couldn't go on, in which case the only course of action was to take them with me. I have done this. Happily none of them had the slightest inkling of what was going to happen in each case death was instant."

Mr Parry, who collected antique firearms, had been questioned about £1,400 missing from the branch library at Kidlington, Oxfordshire, where he worked. The coroner was told that 14 guns were found at his home, eight of them loaded.

He recorded verdicts that Mr Parry unlawfully killed his

Nuclear tears of a 16-year-old

EVERY morning I wake up and wonder if I am really alive, or if Armageddon has taken over. I am only 16 years of age, and in reality every second of my life is affected by the threat of horrific Hiroshima type destruction.

I am a registered youth member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and firmly believe that Great Britain must take the initiative and unilaterally abandon nuclear weapons, nuclear bases, and nuclear alliances. This would surely represent, as the Scottish C.N.D. constitution puts it, "a prerequisite for a British foreign policy which has the worldwide abolition of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons..." Imagine the horror of having to live your complete life under the threat of the nuclear 'mushroom'.

Many people now-a-days ask what is the matter with teenagers, and query why they should revolt against authority. Maybe it is because they (we) realise that it is this mature authoritarian society which has developed the penultimate horror. Please do not misunderstand the last statement by thinking that I am a rebel, I am just a realist. Of

course someone has to run Britain, and guard it from a nuclear holocaust, but will someone please tell me about the theory that says that an ever increasing number of nuclear weapons held in Britain (owned by the U.K. and/or the U.S.) can possibly bring about anything but a nuclear war.

If nuclear weapons are available for use then the possibility is that they will be used at some time or other. The only way that we can live without this horror is for the horror to be fought against in a militant fashion. The only militant fashion that would be of ever-lasting use is the total abolition of nuclear weapons. The U.S./U.S.S.R. arms negotiations have brought about a reduction in a grand total of ZERO nuclear weapons.

It is therefore obvious that Great Britain MUST show its maturity and unilaterally disarm.

We listen to the radio and hear of the death of the Russian leader Uri Andropov, and are swindled into believing that arms negotiations talks will now bring about a free world. Maggie & Raygun try to use Andropov as a scapegoat, and say that he is to blame, but never say bad of the dead! For

you may be joining him soon.

Many years have brought about very few REAL reductions in the number of weapons held by the Super-Powers. How can any government possibly be allowed to continue on the basis that it can blow the world up 1, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 times? We are told that there is now a better chance of nuclear disarmament because of a change in the communist leadership — this is utter tripe! What difference does one man make to the future of mankind?

As I have stated it is up to the population of the U.K. to protest and survive, it is up to us to show our compassion for mankind and disarm — NOW.

I am 16 years of age, what kind of life is there for me, for you, for your children, for your children's children? We must realise that nuclear war is no story book horror story, but is reality, and this kind of reality must have action taken against it.

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