

Strathclyde NEWS

NUCLEAR WAR AND YOU

OUR RESOLUTIONS

1 ON July 8, 1981, the following resolution was passed by a large majority by Strathclyde Regional Council: "That this Council opposes the Atomic Missile Base at Coulport and demands the removal of all atomic weapons and bases in Strathclyde and Scotland."

2 ON September 1, 1981, by a large majority, the Regional Council agreed to the lodging of objections to a proposal by the Ministry of Defence to develop an additional area of land at Coulport, Dumbarton, for the siting of the Trident Weapons System.

What if The Bomb drops here?

WHAT would happen if Strathclyde suffered nuclear attack? Nobody knows — but experts can make informed guesses.

The effects of a single nuclear explosion are well documented. Scientists can work out how a succession of bombs would totally destroy life and property within a certain radius and poison the air in a much wider area.

Experts can predict the likely effects of an attack aimed at destroying this country's weapons. Some experts can admit the possibility of treating large numbers of people suffering from shock and radiation sickness. Some scientists can suggest how people would react in desperation to the settled structures of their homes destroyed and existence reduced to a fight for food and basic necessities.

Administrators can explain the problems of maintaining services for health and safety in a city with experienced staff and equipment. The forecasts are reflected in the government's home defence

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plans and in the instructions issued to local authorities to make arrangements for emergencies.

What they all take for granted is that some people will survive, and that they will survive in a world where most of what we take for granted has been destroyed.

This paper spells out how Strathclyde would be affected if these informed predictions were fulfilled.

It is not scare-mongering or pleading a special case — merely presenting the facts given in official reports and Government circulars.



REGION SPELLS OUT ITS DUTY TO PUBLISH NUCLEAR FACTS

By Councillor **DICK STEWART**, Leader of Strathclyde Regional Council.

RECENTLY the Government has made it clear that it wishes local authorities to make the public aware of what would happen if there were a nuclear war. It is also proposing to increase the home defence provision which is a local authority responsibility.

After all, many of the local authority services would have a major role to play in the situation.

This is why we have decided to publish this material. It is horrifying to read but while it does not, and cannot claim to be fully accurate in its picture of Strathclyde after a nuclear attack, we are not sorry to see a potential enemy's war plans. It is an informed picture of what is likely to be the case.



ON THE BRINK OF THE FINAL ABYSS

"AS a military man who has given half a century of active service, I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they have generated."

"The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss. Let us all resolve to take all possible, practical steps to ensure that we do not, through our own folly, go over the edge."

The late EARL MOUNTBATTEN of Burma shortly before he was murdered.

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