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A Brief Glimpse of the Truth

In June the US military heads posted their latest 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine on the internet. It remained on public view for a week, attracting strong criticism. Then it was taken down and made "for official eyes only".

The new policy marks a shift towards the idea of fighting and winning a nuclear war. One expert said it was "very much conceived as a war-fighting doctrine".

It says "using nuclear weapons could create conditions for decisive results and the restoration of strategic stability. Specifically, the use of a nuclear weapon will fundamentally change the scope of a battle and create conditions that affect how commanders will prevail in conflict."

And it quotes Cold War theorist Herman Kahn as predicting that "nuclear weapons will be used sometime in the next hundred years" but in a "small and limited" way. Kahn thought that a nuclear war could be "winnable" and inspired Stanley Kubrick's film *Dr Strangelove*.

It was the first update of the US 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine in 14 years. US political administrations produce 'Nuclear Posture Reviews' (NPRs) laying out their nuclear weapons policy. US armed forces chiefs produce their own 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine.

Following his declaration of the 'Global War on Terror', in 2002 the George W Bush administration produced its NPR which expanded the role of US nuclear weapons.

Sat. 19 October
CND AGM and
Conference
Sun. 20 October
"21st Century
Security - Challenges
and Solutions"
St Thomas' Hospital
<https://cnduk.org/cnd-conference-2019>

In 2005 the US armed forces chiefs updated their 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine. This envisaged 'pre-emptive' nuclear strikes and gave eight situations in which US commanders might use nuclear weapons. This too was later withdrawn from public view. The Obama administration's 2010 NPR reduced the role of nuclear weapons somewhat and said that the US would produce no new ones. But the 2005 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine remained in place.

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Demonstration
Details TBA

And a 30-year nuclear weapons 'modernisation' programme costed at up to \$2 trillion began.

By the end of Obama's administration the programme included:

- more accurate Trident submarine-launched nuclear missiles;
- an effectively-new precision-guided air-dropped nuclear bomb whose explosive power can be adjusted for 'flexibility';
- new nuclear-missile-carrying submarines;
- a new air-launched cruise missile whose explosive power can also be adjusted for greater 'flexibility';
- a new ground-launched nuclear ballistic missile and
- a new bomber aircraft "to penetrate the most advanced air defences and project power anywhere in the world"; it would carry the new air-launched nuclear weapons.

In 2018 the Trump administration produced its NPR. This again expanded the role of nuclear weapons and blurred the line between using conventional and nuclear weapons. And it planned two new ones – a submarine-launched cruise missile and a "low-yield" nuclear warhead which critics say is more likely to be used.

In publicising the 2019 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine the armed forces chiefs may have miscalculated and assumed that it was safe to publish it.

That would have been the second such mistake this year: the US nuclear weapons command saw in 2019 with

a video clip showing a nuclear-capable stealth bomber dropping bombs and causing gigantic explosions while 'STEALTH', 'READY' and 'LETHAL' flashed up. They had to delete it. A commentator compared them to "a manipulative sociopath learning how to function in normal society".

Or they may just have been testing the water to see how far they could



go in openly promoting their plans. Meanwhile the Trump administration has already withdrawn from two nuclear agreements: the 2015 one with Iran and the 1987 Intermediate-

range Nuclear Forces treaty with Russia. It is considering pulling out of the third and last one: the New Start

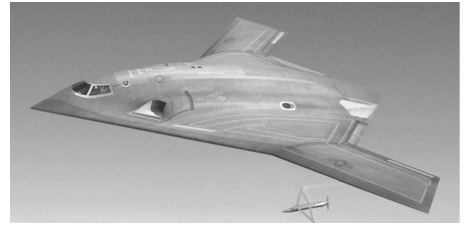
treaty limiting US and Russian nuclear weapons; this expires in 2021.

The new 'Nuclear Operations' doctrine accurately reflects US military thinking on the use of nuclear weapons. It looks as though it was a case of 'not in front of the children' and so was withdrawn from public view.

The striving to make nuclear weapons 'useable' goes back to the very beginning and it was lately revealed that in the run-up to the Gulf War of 1991 Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney ordered a study into using tactical nuclear weapons against Iraqi forces. He was told they would be 'ineffective'.

The new US air-dropped nuclear bomb and its new air-launched cruise missile are both designed to be 'variable yield' so that they can have an explosive power from a few thousand tons to 100,000 tons.

In February 2018 the Trump administration announced that it would develop a 'low-yield' warhead of a few thousand tons explosive power to fit on US Trident missiles. Within a year this had been done and the first



batch are due to be delivered this month. Critics say it would 'lower the threshold' of nuclear war.

The 'greater integration of nuclear and conventional weaponry' is to provide U.S. commanders with the greatest 'range of options' and with a clear path from using conventional weapons to using nuclear ones.

With the greater precision and explosive power of modern weapons, some tasks previously meant to be done with nuclear weapons can now be done with conventional ones. At the same time the 'gap' is being closed between the 2 types of weapon.

'Full spectrum dominance' remains the goal.

We were given a brief glimpse of the truth before it was snatched away.

Jim Brann

The Final Death of the INF Treaty

On 2 August the United States formally withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. Two weeks later, on 18 August, it tested a missile that would have violated the treaty. The U.S. Defense Department said "the test missile accurately impacted its target after more than 500 kilometers of flight". It said "data collected and lessons learned from this test will inform the Department of Defense's development of future intermediate-range capabilities."

The INF treaty had banned ground-launched missiles & their launchers in the hands of the US and the Soviet Union/Russia with a range between 500 and 5,000 kilometres. That covered all such missiles – both nuclear and conventional – because having them allowed the development of nuclear-armed versions of them.

U.S. officials stress they do not plan

to build a nuclear ground-based cruise missile, but will "fully pursue the development of ground-launched conventional ones."

The test added weight to the idea that the U.S. had cooked up the 'problem' of a new Russian missile which supposedly violated the treaty in order to develop its own new intermediate-range missiles.

Russia's President Putin said it "only proved that from the very start the Americans were determined to derail the INF Treaty and were making preparations for it."

The test missile was fired from the same type of launcher as that used in the U.S. missile defense system based in Poland and Romania. Russia has long claimed that the launchers' presence in Europe is a violation of the INF Treaty because they could be converted to fire offensive missiles.

A U.S. military spokesman confirmed

that the launcher used in the test was of the same type but said it "wasn't the same" as the ones based in Europe. These were "purely defensive" and "weren't configured to fire offensive weapons of any type." The obvious question is whether those same launchers can be 'reconfigured' to fire offensive missiles.

For four years the U.S. claimed that the Russian 'SSC-8' missile violated the INF treaty. The Russians denied it and the U.S. case was hazy.

The July 2018 Nato Summit took up the question. But its final statement on the subject was vague.

Then in October the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations threatened to bomb the Russian missiles before they became operational. Trump and others piled on the pressure.

By December Nato had caved in and endorsed the idea of the 'Russian SSC-8 threat'. The rest is history.

Saturday
11 January 2020
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AGM and Conference
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Introducing Amber Goneni

Hello I'm Amber. I'm a member of the Youth and Student CND Committee and have just joined London CND Exec (thank you for having me!). My grandmother was the editor for Scientists Against Nuclear Arms (SANA). So CND has been part of my life decades before I was even born.



I'm a ceramics student, but I'm having a year out to work for my Student Union (University of the Arts London). In my SU role I would like to get more students engaged with political and ethical campaigns. With my own family background I'd also specifically like to get them involved in CND.

With London CND we'll be putting on events throughout the year; so if you see us students at the next protest be sure to say hello!

But also, if any of you have any artistic campaign problems please let me know. UAL has over 16,000 students, so whether you need a graphic designer for a poster or a photographer for an event I will almost certainly be able to help you find a suitable student. Feel free to contact me at campaigns@su.arts.ac.uk for a specific reason or simply for a chat to see what ideas we can come up with.

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核兵器なくす 私たちの手で

ロンドン伊藤寿典 博士への贈呈下から74年目のロンドンでは市内の各地で核平和団体のさまざまな「ヒロシマデー」の行動が取り組まれ、核兵器の危険性を訴え、英政府による核兵器禁止条約への調印を求めました。

核兵器禁止条約(CND)のロンドン支部は中心部のタビストック公園で集会を開き、ケイト・ハドソンCND事務局長は、「トランプ米政権は新世代の使える核兵器の開発を促している。しかし核兵器は世界の少数派に留まり、立ち上がっている核平和運動と気候変動の運動との連携の重要性を訴えました。」

インドから移住したアヌスタ・パレスタンキン(8)は、「平和のために」と参加し、9月7日の印パ戦争のことを語り、歴史的なミールをめぐる状況を、こちらも核兵器禁止条約を心配りして話します。

テムズ川沿いの国防博物館で開かれた行動していたのは、「トリアント・フラスティア」のメンバー。英国の核ミサイル「トリアント」に反対し、非暴力不服従運動を呼びかけました。74年間の核の恐怖をいまだに手放さず

「核兵器禁止条約を知っていますか?」との勧誘を掲げ、出動する人々を前に「ヒロシマデー」の旗を掲げます。9月7日は断発する人もいます。メアリー・キングトンは、「ヒロシマデー」は、1985年以降の断発沈黙の行状にちなんで、「いまも世界の核廃絶を望んでいます」と強調しています。

同団体は、午後には、米軍事基地大のロケットド・マーチオン事務所で、多額の資金使った核兵器製造に抗議する行動を行いました。

平和団体 禁止条約調印訴え

ロンドン「ヒロシマデー」

ヒロシマデーの集会を開くCNDロンドン支部の人たち=8日、ロンドン・タビストック公園(伊藤寿典撮影)

Reporting London's Hiroshima Day Events in Japan

Hisanobu Ito, Berlin correspondent of Japan's *Akahata* daily newspaper, reported on London's Hiroshima Day events:

These been held at many places. They had highlighted the danger of nuclear weapons and called on the government to sign the nuclear weapons ban treaty.

London CND had organised its Tavistock Square gathering – shown in the photo. Kate Hudson, General Secretary of CND, had spoken of Donald Trump's new generation of usable nuclear weapons and had linked nuclear weapons dangers to

those of climate change. A gathering had been held in front of Westminster Catholic cathedral. A participant from India had raised the danger of an India-Pakistan nuclear confrontation over Kashmir.

A fast outside the Ministry of Defence from 6th to 9th August had opposed British Trident nuclear weapons. Fasters had hung banners and leafletted passers-by.

On the afternoon of the 6th there had been a protest outside the London offices of Lockheed Martin which makes the Trident nuclear missiles.

Who Profits From Nuclear Weapons?

Protesting at the DSEI East London arms fair on 'No Nuclear Weapons' day - 4th September 2019



Coming Events

London CND Events

Sat Jan 11 2020 • London CND AGM (morning) and Conference (afternoon); www.londoncnd.org 020 7607 2302 info@londoncnd.org

Local Group Events

Bromley Borough

Tue Oct 1 • Dr. Ian Fairlie speaking about Friends of the Earth meeting.

Sat Nov 2 • 2.30-4.30pm • Nuclear train stall & leafletting outside Bromley South station. Help welcome. Info on both events, 020-8460 1295

Haringey

Sat Oct 12 • 11am-12.30pm • Anti-nuclear stall and leafletting in Crouch End Bdwy N8 by bus-stop in front of town hall. Help welcome. Info: David, davidtrpolden1@gmail.com

Kingston

Tue Oct 29 • 7.30pm • CND "Global Dangers Tour" meeting. Victoria Brittain speaking on "Darkening Clouds of Global Dangers – our fight back". At Kingston Quaker Centre, 16 Fairfield East KT1 2PT. Org. Kingston Peace Council/CND. 01428 642045; gill@gillhurle.plus.com

West London

Sat Sep 28 • 10.30pm • West London Peace Market. Stalls from peace and social justice groups including CND, Stop the War and Palestine Solidarity; St Michael & All Angels Church Hall Priory Av W4. westlondonpeacemarket@yahoo.co.uk 07774 936 556; West London CND

Wimbledon

Every Friday • 6-7pm • Vigil for Peace at St. Mark's Place, Wimbledon. Has been held for 16 years. **Mon Oct 7 • 7.30pm** • "This Evil Thing." Michael Mears' one-man play about Conscientious Objection in WW1. At Tara Theatre, 356 Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, SW18 4ES. Next to Earlsfield Station, 10 minutes from Waterloo. Tickets: £17.50 (concessions £13.50 / 16-25 year-olds £10) Book on 020 8333

4457 or at www.tara-arts.com info@wdc-cnd.org.uk; Info: Maisie, 020 8001 5167; info@wdc-cnd.org.uk

Other Events

Wed Oct 2 • 6pm • International Day of Non-Violence at the Sanctuary, Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8EP. Inf: 020 8203 4884 info@paxchristi.org.uk

Thu Oct 3 • 6.30pm • "Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda." Speaker: Professor Laura J Shepherd, Visiting Professor in the LSE Centre for Women, Peace and Security. Free. At Sheikh Zayed Theatre, New Academic Building LSE, WC2A 2AE. Info: 020-7405 7686

Mon Oct 7 – Sun 13 • 10am-noon & 2-4pm daily • XR Peace October Rebellion supporters will be blockading an area on the Embankment. London CND will be supporting them. Workshops, teach-ins, speakers, entertainment etc. People wanted, especially on the 7th.

Tue Oct 8 & Nov 12 • 7pm • London Pacifism and Nonviolence Discussion Group. Topic tba. At Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings X N1. Info: 020-7278 4474; SecondTuesday@groupmail.com

Sat Oct 19 • 10am • National CND AGM & Policy Conference. Registration: <https://cnduk.org/cnd-conference-2019/>. 020-7700 2393 enquiries@cnduk.org

Sun Oct 20 • 10am • "21st Century Security - challenges and solutions"; Triennial Congress of the International Peace Bureau, hosted by CND; free. Both the above at St. Thomas's Hospital, Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7EH;

Mon Oct 28 • 6.45pm • "Iran and the West: a conflict without resolution?" With Yasmine Mather. At: Café Diplo at The Gallery, 70/77 Cowcross St. EC1M 6EL. (Station: Farringdon.) £3/£2 on door. Org: Friends of Le Monde Diplomatique. Info: 07435 844 130 or see website.

Wed Oct 30 • 6pm • "UN, Great Powers and World Peace." Fabian Hamilton MP; Ken Loach and Mark Ryland invited. Attlee Suite, Portcullis Ho, 1 Parliament St SW1A 2JR. (Allow 30 minutes to get through security.) Uniting for Peace. vijay@vmpeace.org www.unitingforpeace.com

Sat Nov 2 • 2pm • "Primed for War." Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW) Annual Remembrance lecture. Speaker Ben Griffin, Veterans for Peace. AGM at 11am. At: Bloomsbury Baptist Church, 235 Shaftesbury Ave.

November 21st, 12.30pm: "Solidarity with the Kings Bay Ploughshares 7" US embassy, Ponton Rd. SW11 7US. Info: 07980 748 555

November 23rd, 10am: "Eco-Feminism & Pacifism"; Brunei Gallery, SOAS University of London,. Info: 020 7250 1968; office@ukwilpf.org.uk

Sat Nov 30 • Counter-conference against NATO's London summit

Tue Dec 3 • Demonstration against the Nato's London summit and Donald Trump's visit; details later

Sat Jan 11 • London CND AGM & conf

Regular events

Every Wed • 6-7pm • Women in Black silent vigil against militarism & war; Edith Cavell Statue, St Martin's Pl WC2; wibinfo@gn.apc.org

Every Fri • 10am-12.30pm • "No More Fukushimas" Vigil outside Japanese Embassy, 101-104 Piccadilly. Green Park Tube **1-1.30pm** • Vigil at Tokyo Electric Power Company offices, 14-18 High Holborn (Chancery Lane tube); Info: David 020 7700 2393; www.kicknuclear.com

1st Sun each month • 10.55am • Walk in Peace; Slow, silent 1-hour walk for peace; Speakers' Corner café, Hyde Park (Marble Arch tube); Clare 020 8755 0353; beatrice@bmillar.com

3rd Tue ea. month • 12.30-1.30pm • Refugee Vigil outside the Home Office. London Catholic Worker. 020-8348 8212