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Special Report

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SUBJECT

Torness Alliance

Reference to Papers

400/78/213

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "The Torness Alliance has now disbanded. The decision was taken at their last conference held at the Centaur Project Centre, 313 - 315 Caledonian Road, N1, over the weekend 27th - 28th September, 1980. Eleven persons were present representing seven groups: North London Anti-Nuclear Group; South London Anti-Nuclear Group; Hackney Anti-Nuclear Group; Anarchy Collective; Ecology and Anarchism Collective; Reading Anti-Nuclear Group and the Oxford Anti-Nuclear Group.

3. Support for the Alliance dwindled when the 1980 occupation of the Torness reactor site was planned, as they did not relish the idea of openly committing illegal acts in order to occupy the site. As a consequence, only 200 attempted the May occupation, with few people attending Alliance meetings thereafter. The planning meeting for the next action, an anti-nuclear fair at Innerwick village, near the construction site, drew only six persons. It was therefore obvious then that the Torness Alliance had collapsed.

4. The situation regarding the persons arrested at the Torness demonstration in May was discussed by the conference. Privacy from Oxford and Privacy wish to plead guilty to their summonses, but the others intend pleading 'not guilty' and to deliver political speeches at their trials. It was suggested that a picket outside Haddington Court could be held during the hearings, although people not able to travel to Scotland may draw attention to the proceedings by activities in their local area. Privacy of the Hackney Anti-Nuclear Group, said they would be prepared to occupy an electricity board showroom to coincide with the first trial date on 20th November, 1980. This was generally thought to be a good idea, but no one else actually volunteered to take similar action.

5. Although the Alliance is no longer, there may still be some activity at the Torness construction site. The Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace (SCRAM) are taking a keener interest in the issue and may organise an occupation next year, also small groups such as the South London Anti-Nuclear Group, or the Aberdeen Anti-Nuclear Group may try to take disruptive action at the site on their own.

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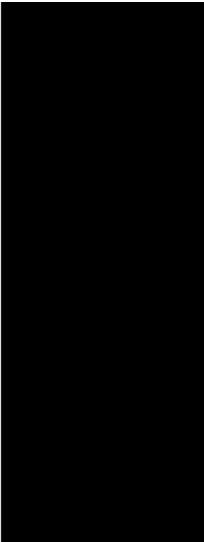
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6. The only group wishing the Alliance to continue was the Reading Anti-Nuclear Group, consisting of Privacy and Privacy. They maintain the mailing list and may try to resurrect the Alliance at some future date. Privacy in Aberdeen continues to act as co-ordinator for the persons arrested at Torness in May."

7. Persons and organisations represented at the Conference:-

Privacy

- Reading Anti-Nuclear Group
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- South London Anti-Nuclear Group
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- Hackney Anti-Nuclear Group
- Anarchy Collective
- Ecology and Anarchism Collective
- Oxford Anti-Nuclear Group



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8. Privacy has previously been mentioned re the Torness Alliance.

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