

### Local, National and International News

# Dear friends

'Bush - enough is enough- the world has had it' read a banner at a recent protest in Vicencia Italy. They were protesting against plans to dramatically expand the U.S. military base in their community. Some 230 miles north of Perth, at Geraldton on Australia's west coast, the Bush administration is building a new base. When completed, it will control two geostationary satellites that feed intelligence to U.S. military forces in Asia and the Middle East. In Australia the government is joining the U.S. for military war games called Talisman Sabre 2007. The maneuvers will bind Australia with the U.S. military expansion currently sweeping across the north-west Pacific Ocean. This increasing militarization is anchored on the small island of Guam which the U.S. now occupies. Round the world US bases are expanding and digging in - Okinawa, South Korea, Diego Garcia, Iraq.....[Bruce Gagnon]

The Missile Defense System came into the news recently when President Putin threatened to train nuclear missiles on Europe, if plans by the US to base radar and interceptor missiles in the Czech Republic and Poland went ahead. The message from George W Bush was "Vladimir – I call him that – you shouldn't fear a Missile Defense System". The success rates of tests are marginal at best. A recent test failed to intercept the incoming dummy ballistic missile. Here in the UK we know all about US bases and how hard it is to bring them to

account. CAAB is a unique campaign with links all round the world with people who are taking to the streets and saying something similar to "Bush – enough is enough – the world has had it" The world is being put at risk by the presence of the US Visiting Forces and their Agencies. What we are calling for is 'Independence FROM America' – come to the demonstration at Menwith Hill on 4 July. Thousands of people get together in other countries – we must too. It's urgent and it's on our doorstep. (Mark Steel – comedian and broadcaster is coming!).

ON ANOTHER NOTE: The work of CAAB is comprehensive and takes an awful lot of time and energy. Anni Rainbow who was one of the founders and jointly coordinated CAAB, tirelessly worked over many years. She is no longer able to be active in the campaign.

Is there anyone out there who would like
to help CAAB? There are lots of jobs that we need
help with which would make the campaign
more effective. We need someone for example to
regularly monitor Hansard and the
Planning Offices at Harrogate and Helmsley.
This could be done by anyone who has a computer ED

### **Around the US Bases**

### **NSA MENWITH HILL**

(near Harrogate North Yorkshire)

### **Change of US Commander:**

Colonel Paul Laugersen took control of Menwith Hill recently. The new Superintendent (Ministry of Defence Police Agency) is Roger Phillips.

#### MARK STEEL

(comedian and broadcaster)

is coming to Menwith Hill for the annual

## 'INDEPENDENCE from AMERICA' DEMONSTRATION

Wednesday 4 July 2007 - 12-5 pm

also

#### **ANAS ALKITRIKI**

spokesman for British Muslim Initiative

## ARRIVAL OF FOOTPRINTS FOR PEACE

and much more details on CAAB website soon

### Running saga of the 'YELLOW LINE'

We continue to witness each Tuesday evening (6-9). The 'yellow line' painted on the ground (but permission not given by the Highway Department) continues to be a source of conflict.

The Ministry of Defence Police Agency (MDPA) use different laws to justify their actions which can be aggressively shoving and pushing back over what they claim is the boundary of Menwith Hill. We meet to discuss this and other issues with senior officers from North Yorkshire Police and MDPA (who act on behalf of NYP). The issue should come to court to be decided but it is clear that the MDPA do not want it in court. A case against Lindis was dropped which would have decided the issue - one way or another. The insistence of some protestors to go over 'the line' may seem trivial. However it has become symbolic to the way the MDPA misuse the law. The land is also the Yorkshire Dales. While the world rages we are talking about a matter of 18 inches or so!

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS - more radomes and developments

Another satellite dish was finally 'capped' by being covered with a radome at the end of May.

An Application for the erection of 2 more radomes (GT-11 and MP-13 (submitted in December 2005) was approved by Harrogate Planning Office in November last year. However Mike Parkes (Planning Officer and on behalf of HPO) approved the application subject to certain conditions. These included a detailed survey of the flora and fauna affected by the development and that the development should not be begun before 3 years.

The 'Ecological Assessment' document (written by the Defence Estates whose 'client' is the US authorities at Menwith Hill) says that 'RAF Menwith Hill.....is on the borderline of lowland and upland heathland. Both habitats are sufficiently valuable at a national scale for inclusion as UK Priority Habitats under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan 1994 (currently under review)". Menwith Hill may also be an area which is used for breeding birds such as the meadow pipit and skylark. Adders may also be present. No development can start until all the conditions are fulfilled.

Meanwhile another Application for the erection of 2 buildings to house Uninterrupted Power Supply and the relocation of a Glycol storage tank in the inner operations area has been submitted. The erection of a single story side extension to building 25 was invalidated because the Environment Agency requires a report where there is a risk of land contamination and it had not been done. It has been resubmitted.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

Since the early 1990s CAAB has regularly monitored both Menwith Hill and Fylingdales for any new developments. It was because of this work in 1997 that we found out about 'Star Wars' coming to these bases. Although we have held up applications before, the above examples point to a bit more than applications automatically 'going through on the nod'.

**Prison:** Lindis was sent to Low Newton prison by Harrogate Magistrates for one week for non-payment of fine on 26 January 2007 [CAAB Report 205].

### **RAF' FYLINGDALES**

(near Pickering, North Yorkshire)

## Court: Lindis Percy v Martin Sheppard 23 March 2007

In a difficult hearing In York Crown Court today and at the end of a list of sixteen cases, Jonathan Carroll (Counsel for the Defence) applied for a private prosecution to be dismissed. This case had been brought by Lindis Percy against Martin Sheppard (a Ministry of Defence Police Agency officer at Fylingdales) for falsifying a document (section 69 notice - Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) in a criminal case against her.

Before Jonathan Carroll started his application, Lindis tried to ask to be given the same facilities as the Defence. There was no table for her to put her files on or to write notes. Paul Hoffman (Resident Judge at York Crown Court) would not allow her to have the same facilities. Lindis was told to sit behind the Defence - with no table to write at or put her files. When she pursued her application she was continually told to "SIT DOWN MADAM". She reluctantly had to sit down when Paul Hoffman said he would have her removed if she did not.

Paul Hoffman said that he had had the advantage of considering both the Skeleton arguments (Prosecution and Defence). He declined to hear oral representations and would not allow any further submissions. He would allow Lindis five minutes and "no more than five minutes" to question Martin Sheppard. He would let Lindis to say anything more.

Paul Hoffman then delivered his ruling. He accepted the Defence case in full. The 'copy' of the document was a copy despite there being mistakes and criticised Lindis for bringing the case. He went on to dismiss the case. He did however admonish Martin Sheppard for not putting in a statement to say that the 'copy' was not a true copy of the document. He said it was "ill judged and ill thought out".

At the end of the ruling Lindis drew Paul Hoffman's attention to the fact that he had not mentioned either of the authorities submitted by her. She attempted to address him concerning the lack of being able to speak. He ordered that she be removed from his court. Despite saying that she would walk she was taken out of the court by security people and three police officers. They had suddenly arrived in court before the case started. Lindis was invited to come back into court as the

Defence had applied for costs against her. She went back into the court to hear that they had applied for costs totalling £4,726 70p. Paul Hoffman asked on what legal basis could the Defence do this? Paul Hoffman retired from the court, giving the Defence five minutes to find the legal authority. The authority sited was that costs could be awarded if the prosecution was 'unnecessary' and/or if there was 'an improper act or omission'. Lindis was then invited to say why she thought she should not be ordered to pay for the Defence costs. She had just started to say that the prosecution was necessary and that a private prosecution was a vital constitutional safeguard for the citizen especially as the CPS had declined to take over the case, when Paul Hoffman stopped her by saving that he would not allow Lindis to use the court as her 'soap box'. She tried to continue but was once again removed from the court by the police. Lindis did not shout or was rude to the Judge throughout the hearing. What she tried to raise was reasonable. However from the start Lindis was abused by Paul Hoffman.

Costs of £4,726 70p were ordered to be paid by Lindis.

**COMMENT:** When embarking on this legal action, Lindis knew that there was going to be a huge struggle ahead. It is always difficult to prosecute the police and be successful as the courts usually support the police. However no one is above the law; including the police and it was important to do.

What Lindis was not prepared for was the behaviour of Paul Hoffman, who at both hearings displayed blatant bias in favour of the Defence. He was clearly intent on smartly dismissing the case and had made up his mind to deal severely with anyone who dared to bring a private prosecution against the police.

A complaint to Office of Judicial Complaints has been made. A copy was sent to Paul Hoffman.

[Maybe the positive thing to come out of this is that it is hoped that the Ministry of Defence Police Agency will take note of Paul Hoffman's criticism of Martin Sheppard and will not be so cavalier next time when submitting a document which purports to be a copy but was clearly not].

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

No new applications at Fylingdales since August 2005.

### **USAF FAIRFORD** and

(near Letchlade Gloucestershire)

## Not guilty verdicts in two cases and two retrials:

It must have cost thousands to prosecute and then try again Toby Oldish and Philip Pritchard and in a separate case Josh Richards were all found not guilty for actions at USAF Fairford during the buildup to the invasion of Iraq. Congratulations to everyone concerned! The verdicts were a ray of hope in a very dark world.

## Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at USAF Fairford:

This will be held on 14 - 15 July 2007.

Monitoring of USAF Fairford: We asked if anyone living near could monitor the base for any signs of movement which may indicate a possible attack by the American military on Iran. We were contacted and the base is now being monitored.

## CHANGES AND CUTS AT US BASES in UK

## 501st takes on new bases, but number of airmen to be cut:

The number of personnel at one of Europe's biggest ammunition storage facilities [USAF Mildenhall] will be chopped in half over the next several years as budget cuts and force-shaping efforts take effect in the 501st Combat Support Wing.

Once one of three main ammo hubs in the European theater with munitions on hand for U.S. forces worldwide, RAF Welford now will serve only nearby RAF Fairford, an airstrip that periodically hosts bombers in transit, said Maj. Jeffrey Pruss, commander of the 420th Munitions Squadron at Welford.

In the process, the unit will lose 53 of its 101 personnel, to be bled off over the next three years, Pruss said.

The cuts at Welford are among several changes hitting the 501st this year as the military reshapes itself in the United Kingdom and the wing takes on new missions, said changes hitting the 501st this year as the military reshapes itself in the United Kingdom and the wing takes on new missions, said Col. Blake Lindner, commander of the wing. They

are part of the Air Force's greater effort to cut tens of thousands of airmen and direct money to upgrading the fleet in coming years, he said, "We're going to be changing for the next couple of years," Lindner said.

The 501st, based at RAF Mildenhall, is responsible for the "geographically separated units," in the region — a collection of seven small installations spread across the country. While the 501st's personnel overall will be reduced, the wing will add several new bases to its area of responsibility, Lindner said.

It will pick up Stavanger Air Base in Norway, and Blenheim Crescent and 2 Providence Court in London, a pair of tiny Navy facilities, Lindner said. Stavanger will be absorbed by the 501st in the next two to three months, Lindner said. The base, which now has only about 40 active-duty personnel, currently provides communications, transportation and personnel support to U.S. personnel in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, according to globalsecurity.org.

The wing will lose 139 airmen in the force-shaping cuts, or about 14 percent of the U.K.'s approximately 950 losses. Welford is proportionately the hardest hit, facing a 52 percent reduction of the base's personnel.

Along with Ramstein Air Base in Germany and Camp Darby in Italy, Welford used to be one of three strategic ammunition reserves in Europe, Pruss said. When the munitions division learned last year that about one-third of its troops would be cut in the force-shaping move, however, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commanders decided to revamp the munitions picture in Europe.

With its port and railhead, Camp Darby was chosen to handle most of the ground-transported munitions in Europe. Ramstein will handle the command's airlifted munitions, said USAFE munitions division chief Col. Bret Klassen.

With its relative isolation in the farmlands west of London, miles from the nearest port, Welford became the sacrificial lamb. From now on, the tiny base will service only Fairford, which has no dedicated aircraft but, as the site of the Air Force's longest runway in the U.K., periodically hosts and supplies long-range bombers such as the B-52 Stratofortress.

Even with a smaller staff, the base won't have to face the problem of a massive oversupply, however, because the cuts will take place over a period of years and the military has gradually tapered off the volume of munitions stored at Welford, Pruss said. "Kindly enough over the last four to five years, they haven't been pushing that much [ammunition] into us." he said.

Part of the drawdown has to do with the nature of the weapons kept by the Air Force, said Lt. Col. Carey Tucker, deputy chief of the munitions division at USAFE headquarters in Ramstein.

No longer does the Air Force stockpile masses of bygone-era cluster bombs and other unguided munitions, he said. The move to smaller, smarter weapons has reduced the scale of the logistics effort needed to store and move bombs, Tucker said. "It's really technology that's done that," he said. After Welford's munitions squadron, communications units in the 501st were the next hardest hit by personnel cuts instituted last summer, according to numbers from Lindner.

The 422nd Air Base Group at RAF Croughton will lose 44 out of about 350 airmen, while the 423rd Air Base Group, covering RAFs Alconbury, Molesworth and Upwood, will lose 26 blue suits. [Ben Murray Stars and Stripes March 21, 2007]

#### **ACTIVE-DUTY CUTS, by unit:**

501st Combat Support Wing headquarters, RAF Mildenhall: **4** 420th Air Base Group, RAFs Fairford, Welford: **59** 421st Air Base Group, RAF Menwith Hill: **6** 422nd Air Base Group, RAF Croughton: **44** 423rd Air Base Group, RAFs Alconbury, Molesworth, Upwood: **26**.

### **USAF MILDENHALL**

(near Mildenhall, Suffolk)

## Victory in the High Court: 9/11 closure of Mildenhall gate to end:

The Ramblers Association were successful in their case against the Ministry of Defence (acting on behalf of the American authorities) when they challenged the closure of a public footpath which goes through Lincoln Road at Mildenhall. This footpath and one at Eriswell at Lakenheath were closed after 9/11. Applications to Suffolk County Council were continually made to keep both public rights of way closed. It has cause great inconvenience to the local population.

The Secretary of Defence had improperly granted a closure and failed to ensure that a proper alternative was available. The ruling has not yet been

published but the MOD have appealed Judge Sullivan's decision. [If anyone is interested we have a Lawtel summary of the case – email us and we will send it].

## Air Force rethinks housing after 2-year effort:

The Air Force is moving forward with plans to meet its reported housing shortfall in the United Kingdom after a local British municipality shot down plans to build at least 440 homes adjacent to this air base.

The planning committee for the Forest Heath District Council — which governs the region of Suffolk County that is home to RAFs Mildenhall and Lakenheath — last week approved the recommendation by an in-house feasibility study to refuse the application. The commander of the 48th Civil Engineering Squadron said the Air Force would now look elsewhere to satisfy its housing needs. The council's decision effectively ends the Air Force's two-year bid to collaborate with The Ashwell Group, Cambridge-based builders, to construct between 440 and 590 homes on a tract of farmland in the nearby village of West Row.

A group of area homeowners campaigned vigorously against the development, arguing that increased traffic and housing units would spoil the area's natural beauty and tranquility.

The council's vote to refuse the application was based to a large part on its rejection last month of the Air Force's housing needs estimates, citing the unknown effects of Air Force restructuring and plans to build 70 housing units on nearby RAF Feltwell.

The latest Air Force housing analysis indicated a shortfall of approximately 468 homes for the tribase region covering RAFs Mildenhall, Lakenheath and Feltwell.

The council's move comes against the backdrop of two factors sure to impact future Air Force housing needs in Suffolk: The possible move of the RAF Mildenhall-based, 1,000-troop 352nd Special Operations Group; and plans for the construction of 300 homes directly outside RAF Mildenhall's back gate. [extracts from Stars and Stripes by Ben Murray 6 March 2007]

#### **USAF LAKENHEATH**

(near Brandon, Suffolk)

## Young stowaways detained at RAF Lakenheath:

Eight youths believed to be Afghans were detained Thursday by U.S. security forces at RAF Lakenheath after being discovered in the back of a delivery truck at the commissary, officials said.

[Ben Murray, Star and Stripes, European edition 9 March 2007]

#### **SOCAP** again being challenged:

The trial of 8 protestors who were charged under the new Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 and a charge of criminal damage will take place at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court on 6, 10, 11 July 2007.

#### **USAF CROUGHTON**

(Brackley Northants)

### **Application for summons refused:**

We reported in the last letter (at length) about the case brought against Lindis re a charge of section 69 'aggravated' trespass. Two Ministry of Defence Police officers stood by while she was seriously assaulted by an American military personnel. She was found not guilty when the District Judge ruled that the 'warning' had not been given by the senior officer present at the scene.

[refer to CAAB report 199].

Lindis made an application to lay informations for summonses against these three people. Corby Magistrates refused the application with no reasons given (Magistrates have to give reasons for their decisions).

Lindis has since gone down the tortuous route of an application for permission for a Judicial Review of the Magistrates decision. A decision is awaited.

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how much the Ministry of Defence

Police and Guarding Agency received from the US visiting forces as a stake holder customer in each year from 2000 to 2006.

**A: Derek Twigg:** The Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency received the following amounts from US visiting forces for the period 2000-06:

| £ million | MOD<br>Police | MOD<br>Guard Service | Total |
|-----------|---------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1999-2000 | 4.8           | Nil                  | 4.8   |
| 2000-01   | 5.5           | Nil                  | 5.5   |
| 2001-02   | 8.0           | Nil                  | 8.0   |
| 2002-03   | 12.1          | Nil                  | 12.0  |
| 2003-04   | 11.9          | Nil                  | 11.9  |
| 2004-05   | 12.1          | 1.1                  | 13.2  |
| 2005-06   | 13.9          | 1.2                  | 15.1  |

29 Jan 2007 : Column 30W

**Q: Bob Russell:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what the strength of the Ministry of Defence Police is; and what it was in May 1997. [122596]

**A: Derek Twigg:** The current strength of the Ministry of Defence Police is 3,501. Although strength figures are not available for May 1997 there were 3,827 Ministry of Defence Police officers in March 1997.

The reduction in numbers between 1997 and 2007 can mainly be attributed to an army programme to replace Ministry of Defence Police officers with Military Provost Guard Service personnel; and closures and relocation of Ministry of Defence establishments. 26 Feb 2007: Column 1046W

### **Menwith Hill: Security Costs**

Q: Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how much the US authorities contributed towards the cost of security on the roads around Menwith Hill in each year since 2000. [111523]

A: Derek Twigg: The American authorities have contributed the following amounts towards the cost of security on the roads around Menwith Hill since 2003:

| Financial year | £       |  |
|----------------|---------|--|
| 2003-04        | 531,000 |  |
| 2004-05        | 560,000 |  |
| 2005-06        | 608,000 |  |

Figures are not available for the period 2000-03. 1 Feb 2007 : Column 509W

#### **Ballistic Missile Defence**

**Q: Mark Pritchard:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence when he expects to announce details of the UK's involvement in the American ballistic missile defence shield. [124678]

**A:** Des Browne: The UK already makes a valuable contribution to the US missile defence system through the upgrade of the radar at RAF Fylingdales and our well-established technical cooperation programmes. There is no set timetable for any decisions on further participation in that programme. 5 Mar 2007: Column 1648W

**Q: Mr. Hancock:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence when he was first informed that (a) the US planned to use its Satellite Based Infra Red System (SBIRS) at Fylingdales to provide critical data for national missile defence systems and (b) SBIRS was key to the US's ability to cue systems that would be used for active missile defence; and if he will make a statement. [126848]

**A: Des Browne:** There are no plans to use RAF Fylingdales as part of the Space Based Infra Red System (SBIRS). The role of SBIRS in the US ballistic missile defence system has been well understood by the UK for a number of years.

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence which sites in the UK are being considered for the possible deployment of US missiles for the US Missile Defense system.

A: Mr. Ingram: No sites in the UK are presently under consideration as possible locations for a ground based interceptor site. 14 Mar 2007: Column 333W [note the word 'presently' – we continue to send Norman Baker MP lists of suggested PQs].

### **Article by KIM GOLD**

I am the eldest of three brothers. My mother's father was John Stanley Crossley, Assistant then Deputy Director at the Ministry of Aircraft Production. Since 9/11 my researches have been extensive and far reaching. Starting with my grandfathers papers on Lend-Lease, though to the Cold War, Polaris, Spaatz-Tedder, Allivane, Astra, the Al Yamamah contract/BAE Systems, International Military Services (Lord Cuckney) - now defunct, but the HMG arms dealers. A book is planned in the not too distant future. Kim Gold, Fleet, Hants

In 1941 Franklyn D Roosevelt demonstrated his commitment to Winston Churchill and the British people and at the same time giving a

boost to the ailing American economy; with the implementation of the Lend-Lease Act. Congress appropriated \$50Billion into the Lend-Lease programme. Britain received \$31Billion, with the remainder being shared among other countries such as Russia, China, Holland, and Brazil. However documented evidence has come to light showing Lend-Lease Aid which was sent to these countries was charged to Britain's account.

Senior officials in the Ministry of Aircraft Production sole task throughout the period was to deal with the discrepancies. Whole aircraft that had been charged for, sometimes never arrived. On the 15th January 1953 a memo signed by Roger Makins read as follows, "When I saw the Lord Chief Justice this morning we had some talk about the Anglo-American Loan Agreement and kindred subjects. He surprised me by saying that he had asked the fund staff a little while ago to tell him what the British position would have been if there had been no American loan but if the American price level had been kept down. The answer being that we should have only been out of balance to the tune of \$70million". Makins was later to become Lord Sherfield and British Ambassador to the United States.

A report to congress showed American industry was over charging the U.S. government. For example: a 65-inch aircraft tyre procured in the US costs \$350. The comparable tyre provided under reverse Lend-Lease in the United Kingdom costs less than \$160. Some major American companies such as the Ford Motor Company had manufacturing facilities in Nazi Germany in the service of the Germans. Standard Oil, (Esso) also traded oil, and oil products with the Nazis via neutral Spain.

Roosevelt demanded Britain hand over its gold reserves, inventions and scientific expertise. Work done by Frisch and Peierls on the atomic bomb at Birmingham University had not gone unnoticed in the United States, and they were transferred to Los Alamos to join the team working on the Manhatten Project. Roosevelt sent the USS Louisville to Simonstown, South Africa to collect £42Million worth of British gold, with a further \$7Billion shipped to Canada.

By August 1945 with Britain's markets and sources of raw materials plundered, the Americans terminated the Lend-Lease Aid programme. This forced the Atlee government to send a sickly John Maynard Keynes to Washington and secured a \$375,000,000 loan

at 2% over 50 years. The final payment of £244Million was made on 29th December 2006.

The Financial Agreement between the two governments was signed in Washington by Lord Halifax on 6th December 1945. Paragraph 6 of the Appendix states: The government of the United Kingdom agrees that when requested by the government of the United States, it will transfer in cash, pounds sterling not in excess of \$50,000,000 at the exchange rate prevailing at the time. The government of the United States will use these pounds sterling exclusively to acquire land or to acquire or construct buildings in the United Kingdom and the Colonial Dependencies for the use of the Government of the United States.

The Spaatz - Tedder Agreement 1946 is an example of Britain's vulnerability both then until the present day. Gen Carl Spaatz USAAF and Air Marshall Arthur Tedder RAF formulated an agreement which still holds today. The RAF affords the USAF the right to stay on what was at one time British soil, on air bases the length and breath of Britain. Such bases were to house nuclear weapons. The American designed Polaris system was totally controlled by the Americans, as they held the launch codes, but could launch Polaris independently.

A recently released document from the National Archive in Washington, states "consult with the British if possible before using Polaris anywhere". IF POSSIBLE! In more recent times the issue of the Launch Codes was raised in a Police witness statement made by Terry Byrne of Allivane. William Colby of the CIA had set up the Allivane Group of companies run by Terry Byrne Jr and his father, with a grant from the Scottish Office in order to circumvent the strict trade embargoes in the United States imposed on countries such as Iran and Iraq. With the cooperation of the SIS and David Latham solicitor at the DTI, false end-user certificates were purchased at the cost of £150,000, with the clear intention of supplying both sides in the Iran/Iraq conflict, profiting from the trade, then stepping in as peacemakers winning hearts and minds, and rebuilding both countries using their petro/oil dollars.

[We are now trying to get a copy of the Spatz-Tedder Agreement which has remained secret until now].

#### **Talks since last Newsletter:**

Menwith Forum 'Question Time', York Stop the War Coalition, Cottingham High Girls School, Leeds Coalition Against the War, Barnsley Stop the War Coalition.

#### **Press contacts and interviews:**

Article for Red Pepper, London Evening Standard, Yorkshire Post, Hull Daily Mail, Stray FM, Radio Leeds.

#### **Meetings for Worship**

Continue at various US bases – contact CAAB for details.

THERE IS AN AWFUL LOT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING 'ALL THINGS US BASES'

We can only select a taste. We are always pleased to have comments about the Newsletter (so that we can do it better!) and would always welcome short articles.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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Thank you one and all Christine Dean – Hon. Treasurer

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