



# Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases

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## Local, National and International News

### *Dear friends*

*It's hard keeping up with the news. It was with dismay that we woke at the end of May, to the news that North Korea had detonated an underground nuclear weapon "as powerful as the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima". This was after several short range missiles had been tested.*



*The Global Network Against Weapons and Power in Space annual conference (Lindis Percy represented CAAB) in Seoul South Korea in mid April, highlighted the troubles of this divided nation. We went to the Demilitarised Zone and gazed over the expanse of water to North Korea. The view of North Korea was beautiful on a warm, clear sunny day. We joined in a protest at the US military base at Osan where the US authorities continue to oust local people from their land. Patriot 3 missiles were at the ready and pointed at North Korea. They are locked 'eyeball to eyeball' facing each other and with the US firmly in control. We met people who were engaged in tireless work for reunification. Reunification can and does*

*happen (East and West Germany). The US empire is alive and unhealthy in that part of the world; and growing. We were sharply reminded about the world wide web of US dominance and control. What we are calling for here is Independence FROM America – please make every effort to come on 4 July.*

### **SPOTLIGHT ON MENWITH HILL**

**FOR THEM – 4 JULY IS INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**FOR US – SATURDAY 4 JULY 2009 IS**

**'Independence FROM America'**

**5.00-10.00pm**

**Outside the main gate to the American base  
at NSA Menwith Hill, near Harrogate**

### **It's a great line-up this year. Speakers include:**

- Clare Short – Independent MP
- Rukiya Dadhiwalla – Muslim Public Affairs Committee

### **Music includes:**

- Roy Bailey – folk singer
- Lynda Williams – singer from the US
- Food and much more

More details soon on CAAB website:  
[www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE:** *It is only possible to touch on a tiny amount of information concerning US bases in the UK and worldwide. The amount of information is massive and so is the problem of the US military empire – however empires come and empires go!*

# Around the US Bases

## NSA MENWITH HILL

(near Harrogate, North Yorkshire)

### It's Official:

CAAB was sent a document, which was recently obtained under the US Freedom of Information Act which confirms that the National Reconnaissance Office is present at Menwith Hill (and Pine Gap, Alice Springs and three other ground stations locations in the US) – refer to CAAB website under 'Documents'. According to the NRO website they are "the Nation's eyes and ears in space" – see [www.nro.gov](http://www.nro.gov)

### Planning Applications:

A major application was submitted by 'the client' (read the US authorities) in February for the erection of a single storey extension with bermed earth covering and detached substation with 4 cooling units. We think the application is probably connected to Missile Defense. The firm (Wrekin Construction), awarded the contract has since gone into administration. The cost of this development is \$8M. CAAB submitted observations to the Planning Department. Objections are not permitted. The application was approved with certain conditions attached. According to the Yorkshire Post it is thought that it may be delayed for two years.

### Court – Appeal Withdrawn:

This appeal, on a specific legal point, arose out of a conviction and sentence by District Judge Sanders at Harrogate Magistrates' Court in August last year (alleged breach of 'aggravated trespass' s.69) at Menwith Hill. At York Crown Court on 6 March 2009 Lindis Percy instructed Henry Trory (representing Barrister) to withdraw this appeal on the grounds that the legal argument originally advanced (and advised) could not be sustained. No costs were involved.

### No More Arrests:

We note that there have been no arrests for sometime at Menwith Hill (particularly during the weekly Tuesday evening demonstrations and spontaneous protests). This is despite many of the actions being similar to what we have always done – which in the past generated many spurious and petty arrests. *[Perhaps the struggle has paid off? we have had a huge struggle to maintain the right to protest over many years].*

## 'RAF' FYLINGDALES

(near Pickering, North Yorkshire)

### Invalid Law:

The running saga of invalid military land byelaws at Fylingdales (and at other bases occupied and controlled by the US authorities) continues and a case is being compiled. It is a story of disgraceful manipulation and abuse of the byelaws by the Ministry of Defence Police Agency, the CPS and the Defence Estates going back over many years.

### No to Missile Defense:

CND are organising a demonstration on 13 June 2009 from 12 mid day to draw attention to this base which is crucially involved with the US Missile Defense system (also Menwith Hill). For more details: [www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk)

## USAF ALCONBURY

(near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire)

### Change Of Command:

Col. Kimberly Toney bid farewell to the 501st Combat Support Wing during a change-of-command. The wing provides the operational and domestic support for 11 bases and units in the United Kingdom and Norway with missions ranging from intelligence to war fighting. While in command, Toney stressed the importance of customer service for the roughly 6,000 service members and civilians she led.

The 501st is one of the most diverse wings in the Air Force, said Maj. Gen. Mark Zamzow, special assistant to the 3rd Air Force commander.

Toney's duties while in England ranged from coordinating flood relief for RAF Fairford and the surrounding community last summer to overseeing a \$150 million construction project at RAF Menwith Hill. She managed the transition of dependent children from the now-defunct London Central High School to British schools in 2007, and oversaw construction of the Intelligence Fusion Center and the establishment of the U.S. Africa Command intelligence division at RAF Molesworth. *[Excerpts from Stars and Stripes UK weekly edition, 20 May 2009].*

## USAF CROUGHTON

(near Brackley, Northants)

Having gone down the criminal legal route (the American authorities entered a Certificate of Immunity) a civil action has been brought by Lindis Percy against First Class Airman Frank Macdonald at Harrogate County Court [refer to CAAB Report no 119 on website].

Frank Macdonald has now changed his solicitor three times. First he was represented by Lyndon B James (a British solicitor who has been involved with various cases involving Lindis over the years). He is based at Mildenhall and acts for the American military and others. We were then notified that Frank Macdonald had changed to a private solicitor in Banbury. A third change is that he is now to be represented by the Treasury Solicitors in London [*just wondering if the tax payer will be pleased about this?*] The case has been transferred to Oxford County Court. The defence are calling eight witnesses. The cameras that would have shown what happened were apparently not working during the incident.

Quote from the Treasury Solicitors website:

**“The Treasury Solicitor's Department serves the public by providing legal services to central government departments and other publicly funded bodies in England and Wales and by collecting *bona vacantia* on behalf of the Crown. It is the largest legal team in the Government Legal Service. Our aim is to be the best for our clients, the best for our people and the best in the business”.**

A question arises: Can the Treasury Solicitors (a UK government department) act for a member of a Visiting Force? To be explored ...

## USAF LAKENHEATH

(near Brandon, Suffolk)

### Fewer Fighter Aircraft:

According to a report in the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper (20 May 2009) there are to be 6 fewer F-15 fighter aircraft at USAF Lakenheath. There will still be 18 aircraft left in their 'inventory. "The move, tied to the service's desire to free up more money for next-generation aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicle operations, would save \$355 million in fiscal 2010 and \$3.5 billion over the next five years, according to an Air Force news release"...Lakenheath has three fighter

squadrons: the 492nd, 493rd and 494th. The 493rd flies F-15Cs and the other two F-15Es. The 493rd would lose six of its F-15Cs under the proposal, and retain 18 jets. The other two squadrons would not be affected...In total, the moves could free up 4,000 personnel slots that the service could shift to operations such as unmanned aerial vehicles and nuclear deterrence, according to the release. The Air Force would also establish a fourth active-duty B-52 squadron and invest in upgraded systems and munitions for its remaining fleets. [*Excerpts from Stars and Stripes European edition*]

### Closing Down The Base (for a moment!):

CAAB was at the American base at Lakenheath on Monday 30 March 2009. Having done some research around the US bases at Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Feltwell, Lindis Percy went to Gate no 1 at Lakenheath. She held the CAAB symbol of protest – the upside down American flag as she peacefully protested to people coming in and out of the base. The words written on the flag were “The cost of the US bases empire”.

Bob Meddings (Ministry of Defence Police Agency officer) arrived. He was almost immediately called over by an American security serviceman who informed him that they were going to close the exit lane and that no traffic would be allowed out of the base. The base was on 'lock down'. This apparently was because they were worried that some people coming out of the base may drive at her.

The MDPA officer stayed with Lindis and said he was quite happy at her peaceful protest. She was not committing any offence but protesting peacefully and legally. Suffolk police arrived and then Richard Fryer (Squadron Leader RAF Liaison officer based at Mildenhall) arrived. There were several 'conferences' with the US authorities. Richard Fryer shook hands and spoke to Lindis. He did not mention anything about the protest or the fact that by now the traffic situation on base was to be seen at 'grid lock'.

This situation continued for about two hours before traffic began to move again – presumably because another gate had been opened to let traffic off base. This state of affairs, which continued for nearly two hours, had been caused entirely by the actions of the US authorities.

Bob Meddings (MDPA officer) was clearly under some pressure to 'do' something in the form of arresting Lindis for any spurious offence and so removing her from the scene. CAAB commends his stance as he insisted to colleagues, Suffolk police and the US authorities that Lindis had not nor was committing any offence.

It was encouraging and refreshing that for once, the MDPA enabled the right to peaceful protest [please refer to the Joint Committee on Human Rights latest report "Policing and Protest – CAAB website: [www.caab.org.uk/category/joint-committee-on-human-rights](http://www.caab.org.uk/category/joint-committee-on-human-rights)] and refused to be pressurised in making an arrest for spurious reasons.

## USAF MILDENHALL

(near Brandon, Suffolk)

### Oil Spill:

The trial began Monday for a British company accused of spilling thousands of gallons of fuel here in 2007 during a drilling gone awry.

T. Clarke (Midlands) Ltd. was doing contract work at the base on April 20, 2007, when an underground drill punctured a JP8 fuel line, releasing about 44,000 gallons of jet fuel into the ground.

The company is charged with violating the U.K.'s Water Resources Act as the base sits atop a major water table. The trial is being held at Ipswich Crown Court.

Anglian Water – one of the biggest water service providers in Britain – set up measures following the spill to ensure that the jet fuel didn't reach anyone's tap water, according to spokespeople with the British Environment Agency, which is bringing charges against the company.

The trial is expected to last all week, according to the EA's Rita Penman.

Spills of this magnitude are rare at U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases, Capt. Davina Petermann, a USAFE spokeswoman, said last year in an e-mail. There have been four spills of more than 10,000 gallons in the past decade, she said.

Before the 2007 Mildenhall incident, about 10,000 gallons were spilled in "an uncontrolled fuel release" in 2004 at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. A leaking transfer line was subsequently repaired, according to Petermann.

More than 10,000 gallons were spilled at Morón Air Base, Spain, in 2003 when a valve in the pump house broke during fuel-pumping.

Between 60,000 and 80,000 gallons of fuel were spilled in 2001 at Turkey's Yumurtalik Installation, a satellite base that falls under Incirlik. One of the main underground storage tanks was severely damaged during a ship-to-shore fuel transfer, Petermann said. *[This article omits to mention the serious spillage at USAF Fairford on 25 February 2009]. [Excerpts from Stars and Stripes European edition 20 May 2009]*

### Time To Go:

"Air enthusiasts of all stripes came Friday to celebrate RAF Mildenhall's 75th birthday with food, jets and flyovers". This was to celebrate 75 years of the occupation and control by the USAF of this base. The general public were not invited. Air Force Capt. Gentry Reno made the hour-long trip in his A-10 Warthog from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, for the event.

"Most folks want to know about their missions and weaponry, he said, something that helps personalize the Air Force. They see the face behind the machine," he said. The USAF arrived in 1950. *[Excerpts from Stars and Stripes European edition 16 May 2009].*

### No Expense Spared:

USAF Mildenhall is in the midst of a multimillion-dollar 'makeover' aimed at modernizing some of the pre-World War 2-era buildings; whilst keeping the classic red brick exteriors intact. The base is seeking a total of \$13 million in funds for the renovations throughout the base. Some of that funding has already been obtained *[Excerpts from Stars and Stripes UK edition 22 April 2009].*

## USAF FAIRFORD

(near Letchlade, Gloucestershire)

### Amount of Fuel Spilled Unknown:

Thousands of gallons of jet fuel spilled out of a storage facility at RAF Fairford on Wednesday afternoon, but Air Force officials have yet determine exactly how much.

The Air Force had pegged the spill at about 3,000 gallons until Thursday evening when a spokeswoman said that figure likely was underestimated. Meanwhile, the U.K. Environment Agency estimated the spill at about 17,000 gallons, according to its

spokeswoman.

Some of the fuel flowed beyond the earthen containment site near the storage facility and into a ditch off base, said Tech. Sgt. Kristina Barrett, base spokeswoman.

The spill did not affect animals or plant life and did not seep into public water sources, Barrett said.

However, the Environment Agency, part of the response and clean-up effort at the site, contends some discharge made its way to the Dunfield Beck watercourse toward Marston Masey and that the agency is still assessing the impact, according to an e-mailed statement from Elisa Wilson, the agency's spokeswoman.

The Air Force said the incident occurred after an alarm and automatic shut-off switch malfunctioned in the pump house of the storage facility. The 25-foot-high earth-covered storage facility is one of four at Fairford, which houses and fuels transient aircraft. Together, the facilities can hold up to 10 million gallons of jet fuel.

After the incident, the remaining fuel in the storage facility was removed and the facility shut down. Noxious fumes have prevented workers from entering the pump house to determine what went wrong, Barrett said.

A faulty valve was blamed in a 2007 spill at Fairford in which 50,000 gallons of firefighting foam was discharged in a hangar and nearby waterway. A report released by the environment agency in 2008 said there was no environmental impact from the incident, Barrett said. There have been no other spills between then and now, she said. *[Stars and Stripes 27 February 2009]*

## BRIEF SELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

### RAF Menwith Hill: Security

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence who meets the costs of policing outside the perimeter of RAF Menwith Hill.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** The Ministry of Defence and North Yorkshire Police share the costs of policing outside the perimeter of RAF Menwith Hill *[10 Feb 2009: Column 1878W]*

### RAF Menwith Hill

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence which (a) US and (b) UK contractors are currently working at RAF Menwith Hill.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** The contractors presently working at RAF Menwith Hill are:

#### US Contractors

Lockheed Martin      Northrop Grumman

#### UK Contractors

Haden Young      Clark Construction  
Britcon      SGW (Middlesbrough)  
Shaylor Construction      IUS  
Paragon      HC Engineering  
Balfour Beatty      Wrekin  
Carillion AMBS      T Clarke  
Landscape Centre

*[5 Mar 2009 : Column 1733W]*

### RAF Menwith Hill

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many hon. Members have visited RAF Menwith Hill in each of the last 10 years. *[260240]*

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** All requests by MPs to visit RAF Menwith Hill are referred to the office of the Secretary of State for Defence. Due to national security considerations, such visits are normally restricted to those with an official oversight function such as Government Ministers and members of the all-party

## SOME FACTS ABOUT US BASES IN THE UK

- Ministry of Defence Police Agency, working on US bases, are paid for and under the operational control of US Visiting Forces
- US authorities are in occupation and control
- No leases on US bases
- Exempt from paying Council Tax
- All referred to as RAF (CAAB has some interesting documents)
- Can enter to the court a Certificate of Immunity if the person charged is a member of the Visiting Force, was on duty and in uniform

Intelligence and Security Committee.

Since 1999 visits to RAF Menwith Hill by Government Ministers and members of the all-party Intelligence and Security Committee were:

#### Visitors

2000 Minister for the Armed Forces  
2000 Intelligence and Security Committee  
2001 Secretary of State for Defence  
2004 Intelligence and Security Committee  
2006 Minister for the Armed Forces  
2006 Intelligence and Security Committee  
2007 Minister for the Armed Forces

The Shadow Spokesman for Defence also visited RAF Menwith Hill in 2001 [9 March 2009 : Column 177W]

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many (a) US service personnel, (b) US contractors, (c) US civilians, (d) Royal Air Force personnel, (e) Ministry of Defence Policy agency personnel, (f) Ministry of Defence Guarding Service personnel, (g) UK army personnel, (h) UK naval personnel, (i) GCHQ personnel, (j) UK contractors, (k) UK civilians, (l) US military chaplains and (m) UK military chaplains are working at Menwith Hill.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** As at 3 March 2009 the following personnel were employed at RAF Menwith Hill:

Employer	Number
US Service Personnel	540
US Civilians and Contractors	892
RAF Personnel	4
UK Army Personnel	0
UK Naval Personnel	8
UK Contractors	76 <sup>1</sup>
UK Civilians (Excl MDPGA)	325
US Military Chaplains	2
UK Military Chaplains	0

1. The number of UK contractors' personnel working at RAF Menwith Hill may vary on a day-to-day basis.

I am withholding the number of GCHQ employees in accordance with government practice not to reveal numbers of personnel working in intelligence at specific locations. I am also withholding the numbers for both the Ministry of Defence Police and the Ministry of Defence Guard Agency for the purpose of the proper enforcement of law, and in the interests of national defence.

[9 March 2009 : Column 177W]

#### USA: Israel

**Q: Mr. Ancram:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether the Government has received notification from the United States administration in the last six months of any US transfer of armaments to Israel through UK airspace.

**A: Mr. Hutton:** I have been asked to reply. The Ministry of Defence has a system in place that requires all countries to seek clearance for aircraft registered as military or state aircraft that wish to enter, fly over or depart from UK airspace or for civilian aircraft wishing to land at a military base. All other types of aircraft are subject to the requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority. A request for clearance from the MOD includes the final destination of the flight and details of dangerous cargo that may be in transit. I can confirm that we have had no such requests from the US with regards to flights to Israel through UK airspace in the last six months [4 Mar 2009 : Column 1597W]

#### RAF Fairford

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what safeguards have been put in place to prevent future fuel spillages by US base authorities at RAF Fairford.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** Fluid level sensors are to be installed in each of the eight pump rooms together with an automated warning system to alert the fuels control room of any problems. The operator procedures will also be altered to ensure that regular visits and inspections of the pump rooms take place. [2 Apr 2009 : Column 1400W]



#### Fuels: RAF Fairford

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what

steps his Department has taken in relation to the fuel spillage at RAF Fairford on 25 February 2009; and what assessment his Department has made of the effects of the spillage on (a) water supply and (b) plant and animal life.

**A: Huw Irranca-Davies:** The Environment Agency was notified by the Ministry of Defence of the aviation fuel spill on 25 February 2009 and attended the air force base immediately. The Environment Agency (EA) found that the fuel had affected local ground and a surface water ditch off site. The Ministry of Defence put into operation their emergency response plan to contain and clean up the spill.

The EA attended the site for three days afterwards and ensured that the Ministry of Defence investigated the full impact of the spill to the local environment: this included surveys to ensure no fuel had affected local groundwater.

The EA has also completed an investigation which has shown no effect on water supply. A local ditch had been recently cleared by the landowner and contained no notable plant and animal life. The Environment Agency continues to work with the Ministry of Defence to ensure they remove all the fuel and contaminated soil from the site [2 Apr 2009 : Column 1305W]

#### **RAF Welford: Security**

**Q: Nick Harvey:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence with reference to the answer to the hon. Member for Lewes of 17 November 2008, Official Report, column 153W, on RAF Welford, whether the security enhancements at RAF Welford have been completed; and whether a complement of Ministry of Defence police remains stationed at the base.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** I refer the hon. Member to the answer I gave on 17 November 2008, Official Report, column 153W, to the hon. Member for Lewes (Norman Baker). Although significant progress has been made, the security enhancements at RAF Welford are not yet complete. The Ministry of Defence police will not be withdrawn from RAF Welford until the necessary security enhancements at the base have been completed. [30 Apr 2009 : Column 1408W]

#### **USA: Military Bases**

**Q: Colin Challen:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence with reference to the answer to the

hon. Member for Lewes of 21 June 2004, Official Report, column 1078, on RAF Menwith Hill, for which military bases on British soil hon. Members seeking to visit would require the permission of the US administration; and if he will issue guidance to hon. Members on procedures for gaining approval for such visits.

**A: Mr. Bob Ainsworth:** There are no military bases on British soil for which approval is required from the US administration for hon. Members to visit. [2 Apr 2009 : Column 1401W]. *We will be asking another PQ re this answer.*

#### **Ballistic Missile Defence**

**Q: Nick Harvey:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what the Government's policy is on a ballistic missile defence shield in Europe to provide security against Iran; and if he will make a statement.

**A: Mr. Hutton:** The Government see ballistic missile defence as an important defensive capability which could contribute to the defence of the UK and our NATO Allies against potential future ballistic missile threats [25 Mar 2009 : Column 436W]

The long awaited 'debate' on Missile Defense initiated by Peter Kilfoyle (MP Liverpool Walton) happened on 4 February 2009 in the House of Commons – however it was hardly a 'debate'. The government can now say that there was a debate (refer to CAAB website: [Parliamentary debates page](#)).

## **WHICH IS THE GREATEST THREAT TO WORLD PEACE: US IMPERIALISM OR THE IRANIAN STATE?**

by Sachin Shamin

In the early 20th century the economic character of imperialism had transformed and this in turn had its impact on the way world affairs were conducted. Financial capital overthrew the old need for direct rule over a particular locality. Whole states that were once created and possessed by Imperial nations could be given their 'independence'. They would safely be controlled through economic sanctions and concessions, sponsorship of groups siding with the rulers of imperialism, nuclear deterrence (i.e. nukes for 'safe nations') or through military conquest and re-composition of the political forces within the locality.

The United States is the most powerful nation on earth. It has a Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

marked at 23% of the world. It has nuclear weaponry and has used them before. In terms of global direct military spending it is at 45%. Furthermore, most states in the world are compliant with US economic policy through organisations such as the International Monetary Fund and military policy through organisations such as the United Nations and NATO. Its own sphere of influence is further coagulated by the function of the dollar as the international reserve currency, its military bases in much of the world and its consistent history of 'sending in the troops' most recently seen in Serbia, Afghanistan and Iraq. Powerful the US may be, it is in relative decline. In 1945 its share of global GDP was 50%! Its actions serve to disempower, dislocate and fragment the world. Like a wounded animal it is acting more and more irrationally, and needs to be disarmed.

The Iran in comparison occupies a subordinate position in the pecking order of states. It's GDP is 2% of the US and roughly the same percentage in respect to domestic military spending. It has no nuclear weaponry. Iran is currently facing sanctions which above all have the effect of weakening those in struggle for democracy. It collaborates with the US in Iraq which in the short term does ensure its continued existence. Change in Iran must come, but not through imperialism's initiative and at its leisure. No. It must come from the progressive movements below, that of the organised working class, the women's groups, the LGBT groups. In fact all progressive struggles.

From the respect of global control, whether 'peace' reigns in the world is currently the choice of the United States and its allies. Nevertheless the actions of Iran does have an impact on world political affairs and should not be ignored. One thing is certain, so long as states of any size are armed and the great majority of people in the world are disarmed there will always exist deadly friction that can explode into total war. Authority needs to become generalised, democracy to reign and nuclear weapons to be abolished.

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*If you would like to join in a discussion please let us know by letter (for the next newsletter) or via the website – we would like to hear from you please.*

## FINALLY...

### THE WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

This is an imaginative and creative initiative which is starting in New Zealand on 2 October 2009 and ending in Argentina on 2 January 2010.

There are several aims and objectives which can be found on the CAAB website or [HYPERLINK "http://www.theworldmarch.org"](http://www.theworldmarch.org)  
[www.theworldmarch.org](http://www.theworldmarch.org) The March will be coming past Menwith Hill in early November.

Many well known people have endorsed the March including: Desmond Tutu, Dalai Lama, Pete Seeger, Noam Chomsky, Tony Benn (excellent video on CAAB website), George Monbiot, Yoko Ono, William Wallace, Mark Thomas, five heads of states, Norman Baker, Paul Rogers, CAAB and many more. We strongly urge people to find out more and spread the word. Compared to the wonderful actions taking place round the world, here in the UK we seem to be somewhat slow to catch on!

#### Talks by CAAB since last Newsletter:

Festival of Politics - Leeds Metropolitan University  
CAAB stall at Leeds STWC meeting  
Civil Liberties – Ilkley Quaker meeting  
GN conference in Seoul South Korea  
Civil Liberties – STWC Leeds

#### Press and Interviews

Interviewed by student journalists & political students  
Yorkshire Post  
Harrogate Advertiser  
BBC Look North

#### Meeting for Worship:

Continue outside various US bases – contact CAAB for details

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