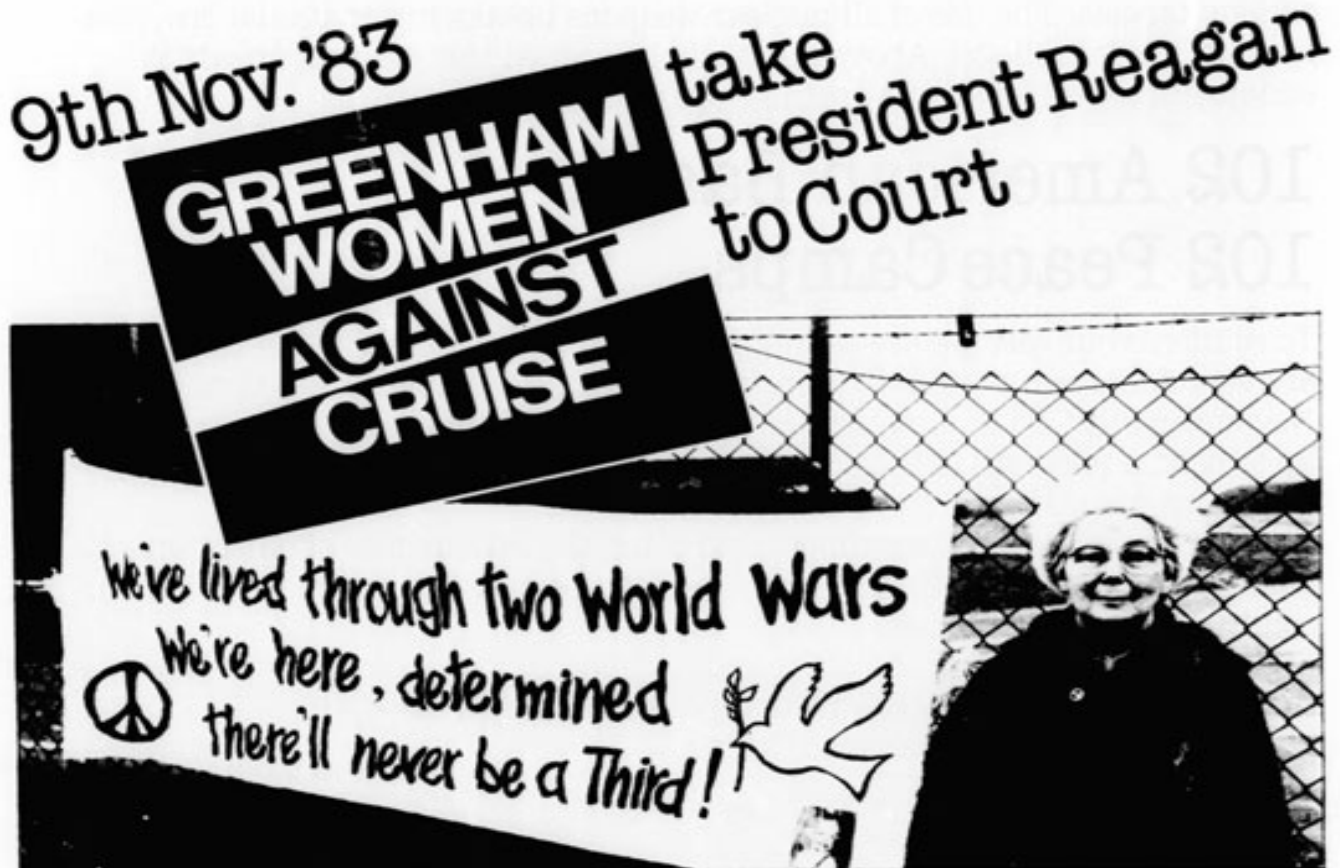


Politics and Pacifism - Sources for Worksheet 2 - Greenham Women



For two years women have protested at Greenham Common against the deployment of American Cruise missiles there in December this year. Cruise missiles are first strike weapons of great accuracy. Each one is 15 times as lethal as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945.

Now 66% of the British people say they do not want these weapons. But public opinion is not enough. On Monday 19th September Mrs Thatcher said in Holland that the deployment is inevitable, clearly showing that there is no real intention on the part of NATO to negotiate an arms reduction.

We ourselves must stop Cruise

Greenham Women Against Cruise are taking a new step. We propose to put this matter before the US Federal Court on November 9th to apply for an injunction restraining the US government from deploying Cruise. We believe that the manufacture and deployment of Cruise is an illegal act which contravenes the laws of war. Cruise is designed to start wars not to deter them.