

Times when the nuclear states have threatened to use their nuclear capacity:

- 1953:** US approves use of nuclear weapons against China if the Korean War continued to worsen
- 1967:** US threatens the Soviet Union during the Middle East crisis
- 1967:** President Johnson threatens Vietnam
- 1969:** Brezhnev threatens China
- 1969-1972:** President Nixon threatens Vietnam
- 1973:** Israel threatens to use its nuclear weapons during the October war
- 1973:** Kissinger threatens the Soviet Union during the last hours of the October war
- 1980:** President Carter used nuclear threats against Iran
- 1990:** Pakistan threatens India in the Kashmir conflict
- 1990-1991:** President Bush threatens Iraq during the Gulf war
- 1993:** President Clinton threatens North Korea
During the 90's the US also threatened Iraq two more times, North Korea once more and China and Libya
- 2001:** Donald Rumsfeld refuses to rule out use of tactical nuclear weapons in retaliation for September 11th
- 2001:** NATO Secretary General (Lord Robertson) refuses to rule out use of battlefield nuclear weapons
- 2002:** Geoff Hoon threatens use of Nuclear Weapons against Iraq

"Again and again, generally in secret from the American public, **US nuclear weapons have been used**, for quite different purposes: in the precise way that a gun is used when you point it at someone's head in a direct confrontation, whether or not the trigger is pulled"
Daniel Ellsberg

"[Saddam Hussein] can be absolutely certain that in the right conditions **we would be willing to use our nuclear weapons**. What I cannot be absolutely confident about is whether that would be sufficient to deter them from using a weapon of mass destruction in the first place."
Geoff Hoon

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* **Peace Bloc/k**

- a group of people with the same interest or goal
- The act of obstructing someone's path with your body

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The G8 July 2005 will see the eight of the most industrialised states (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the US and the Russian Federation) meet at Gleneagles in Scotland. The G8 has no formal basis in international law, it's a private members club where the most powerful nations decide how to protect their economic domination of the world.

The G8, War and Militarism Six of the G8 have nuclear weapons on their soil; the other two nations are tied in to military treaties with them and others. The military policies of these eight nations contribute to many of the world's problems. Poverty and famines are caused, more than anything else, by wars and internal conflict, fuelled by an arms trade in which the US and the UK are the largest exporters. This arms trade helps to keep despotic governments in power. At the same time the resources squandered on weapons of mass destruction and fighting illegal and unnecessary wars (such as the **£50 spent every second** on the UK's Trident system or the **\$180 billion** the Iraq war has cost the US alone) could be diverted to housing, schools and hospitals.

NATO, the US and the UK have declared 'sub-strategic' roles for their nuclear weapons to use them to protect "vital interests" including economic and financial interests (UK Strategic Defence Review 1998.) In 2002, the Nuclear Posture Review changed US policy to include pre-emptive nuclear strikes against countries that do not have weapons of mass destruction. Military policies followed by the G8 work hand in hand to reinforce the economic domination they aim to extend over the world.

Mobilisation Around the G8 Lots of different groups are mobilising to protest at the G8 in Scotland in 2005. Amongst them will be peace campaigners from across the globe. Events to coincide with the G8 summit are being planned for the week from Saturday 2nd July to Saturday 9th. Whether you come for just one event or to take part in the week of events we are calling for peace activists to join together to make sure the links between global poverty and war, between big business and the arms trade and between economic policies and military policies are clearly made.

Peace organisations in the UK are already planning a sit-down blockade and other actions on **Monday 4th July** against the UK's most important nuclear weapons site at **Faslane**, only 60 miles (100 km) from Gleneagles.

In this mobilisation pack:

- details of what is being planned,
- initial details of what you will need to know
- ideas of how to get as many people as possible to join the protests at the G8