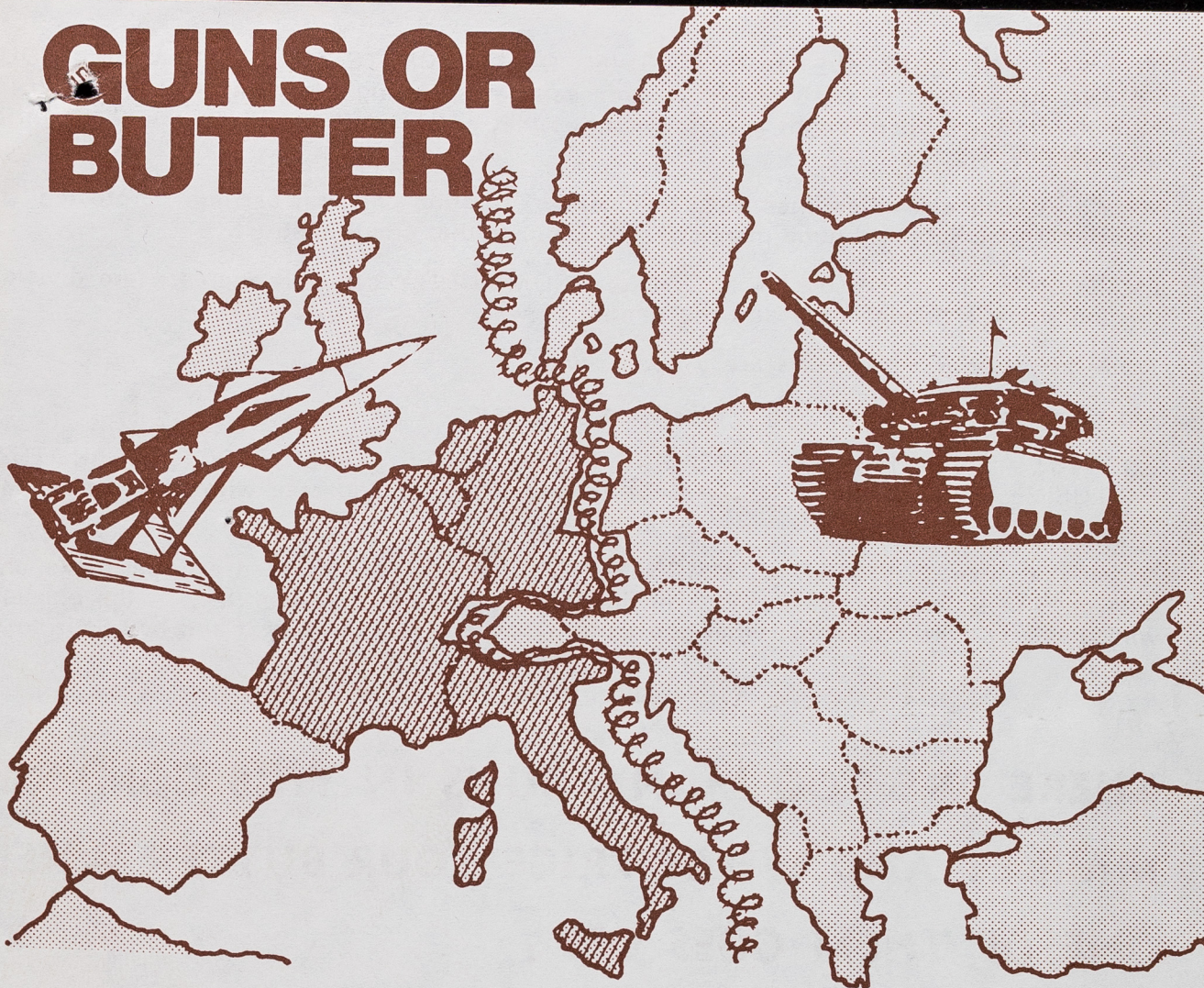


GUNS OR BUTTER



HAVE YOU DONE YOUR MARKET RESEARCH?

The Debate You have heard and read a lot about the advantages and disadvantages for trade, for prices and employment; about butter, fish, sugar, all matters of importance to the life of every family, to the farmer, fisherman and industrial worker in far-off lands as well as in Britain.

But . . . the far-reaching and more dangerous military and political consequences of Britain remaining in the Common Market are not discussed. Yet these will affect our future and the future not only of Western Europe, not only the whole of Europe, but the future of world peace, a great deal more seriously than the price of consumer goods or the standard of life in Britain.

LABOUR, LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT—it will make no difference. . . . "common policies and common action, not only in economic affairs but also in foreign policy . . ." are to be the rule between the member countries. Western Europe intends . . . "to re-establish collective defence arrangements against threats from outside . . . to prevent future wars. . . ."

DIVIDE AND RULE This method, an old British favourite, has been tried again and again throughout our history. In the end it has always failed. *NOW, THE PLAN IS TO DIVIDE EUROPE INTO TWO, EVEN MORE DECISIVELY THAN AFTER THE LAST WORLD WAR.* As each frontier goes down a stronger one is raised between East and West. A power bloc is created, tensions increase, and the East European countries will be threatened. The armaments race will increase the fears and the real dangers of war.

This involves a common foreign policy, a common trade policy and a common military policy. To this, Britain signs on for life. Government becomes increasingly remote from the man in the street and more and more decisions will be taken out of the hands of your own Member of Parliament.

FOR FAR TOO LONG WE HAVE ALLOWED GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE WHO IS OUR FRIEND AND WHO IS OUR ENEMY. There can be no lasting friendship with a gun in the hand. Wars have been fought *against* countries that are now allies and wars *with* countries that are now enemies.

WHY? Because frontier lines have been drawn creating barriers; barriers "protected" by massive armaments and huge manpower, by policies that create distrust.

ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY can only increase the division, the individual's helplessness and the danger of war.

Trade and labour agreements are a good thing.

Aid given from one country to another is a good thing.

BUT NOT AT THE PRICE OF CREATING YET ANOTHER POWER BLOC, YET ANOTHER EXCLUSIVE CLOSED SHOP and then protecting this shopping area with force of military power.

Perhaps we need a WORLD COMMON MARKET, but we do not need a Supermarket that cuts out the little man; we do not want our lives run by remote control . . . the big boss who makes all the decisions: what you can buy, where you can buy it and how it is to be run.

**THERE ARE TOO MANY GUNS IN THIS COMMON
MARKET AND WHAT PRICE YOUR BUTTER WHEN
ONE OF THEM GOES OFF ?**

SAY NO BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

This leaflet is issued by the Peace Pledge Union, a pacifist organisation that invites signatories to the pledge:

*"I renounce war
and will never support or sanction another."*

The PPU advocates not only the abandonment by Britain of weapons of war of every kind, but also the political, social and economic changes which that entails, and the unremitting pursuit of non-violent methods of solving conflicts. It wants to help all those who can take the pledge in working for these ends.