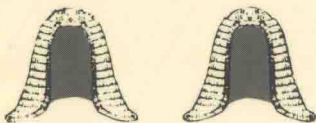


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Preface

Although the majority of contributors to this book could be described as lawyers, this is not a law book; rather, it is a book *about* law and its actual and potential relationship to the Peace Movement. As such, we hope that it is of interest to non-lawyers with an interest in legal issues, as well as lawyers with an interest in the Peace Movement.

The origins of the book lie in a series of public lectures organised by the School of Law at the University of Warwick between October 1983 and March 1984 as well as papers delivered at the International Conference on the Legality of Nuclear Weapons held in Coventry on 27 May 1984, organised by West Midlands CND. The public lecture series originated from the request of law undergraduates at Warwick actively involved in the peace movement for the Law School to provide an optional course on the subject. After some joint discussion, it was agreed to be preferable for many of the issues involved to be covered in a series of lectures and workshops, rather than a course which might involve only a few committed students. We are grateful to the law students who jointly organised the series, and in particular we would like to thank Rosey Cole, Kieran Moroney and Ben Rose; also Kieran and Ben for assisting with the bibliography. We are also grateful to the Warwick Legal Research Institute and the School of Law for funding at various points.

We are acutely conscious of the fact that only two of our contributors are women. This reflects the fact that the majority of those who gave lectures in the series and papers at the conference were men, and that we found it difficult to attract more women speakers. This will perhaps not surprise those who regard lectures and conferences as a peculiarly male way of addressing political issues. We hope that the contributions by the women authors in this book go some way towards reflecting the reality of the experience of women who have played such a major role in the struggle for peace.

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