

## WHY WE ARE DEMONSTRATING

Bhopal Solidarity Group has organised this demonstration one year after the disaster at Union Carbide's pesticide plant in Bhopal. We feel it is important that the demonstration does not become a commemorative event, but focusses on the positive demands emerging from Bhopal in the people's efforts to rebuild their lives and their community.

60,000 people are still suffering severe after effects of the MIC gas, but to treat them purely as victims and objects for pity undermines the people's fight for their demands.

Union Carbide (UK) is a direct subsidiary of Union Carbide Corporation. Sheffield is the home of Union Carbide (UK)'s Head Office. Wherever Union Carbide operates around the world, local people and organisations are demanding that the Corporation:

- \* Accepts responsibility for the disaster and admits liability
- \* Releases all available information on the nature, composition, effects - long and short term - of MIC and all known treatment and antidote to MIC poisoning, particularly as regards the effects of the gas on women's reproductive systems
- \* Admits that, because of the high temperatures during the gas leak, Hydrogen Cyanide gas was produced - a gas with very serious long term effects
- \* Hands over the Bhopal plant to the workers and community with a lump sum for investment. The future of the plant can then be determined by the workers and gas victims in order to provide long term, non-hazardous employment within peoples' capabilities, rebuild the community and restore a sense of dignity.
- \* Institutes effective health and safety controls at other plants internationally to ensure that such an accident cannot occur again.

We also want to ensure that attention is focussed on the power of transnational companies to manipulate workers internationally and erode their rights, and to demand effective controls over their operations and health and safety standards.

People in Bhopal are also calling for pressure to be put on the Indian Government to provide adequate relief provisions and release supplies of Sodium Thiosulphate (a known antidote to cyanide poisoning, one of the main results of the MIC gas).

We are asking demonstrators to ensure that this protest is a positive expression of our anger against Union Carbide and our support for the demands of the people of Bhopal.

## DETAILS OF THE DAY

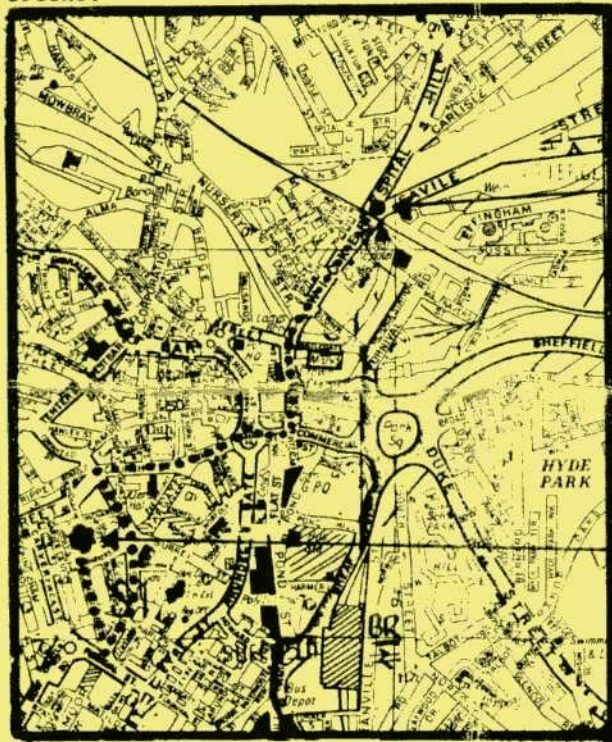
The march will assemble at Caborn Corner, Spital Hill from 10.30am. Refreshments will be available.

Parking - Cars may park in the side-streets. Coaches can drop off demonstrators at Caborn Corner (please approach from Carlisle Street if possible) and then park at the Coach Park on Trippet Lane - see map.

March - Please make the march loud and noisy. We want both Union Carbide and the people of Sheffield to know what we think. We would like some people to leaflet and some to be stewards with specific responsibility for "safety on the roads"! Please think up your own slogans around the themes: Union Carbide Kills, compensation's not enough, workers' control now, no more Bhopals, what do we want? health and safety/jobs and safety...

Route - The march will go into the centre of Sheffield ending up at the Memorial Hall. There will be a ballon release as the marchers pass the Peace Gardens. The black balloons will have tags attached asking for people to send messages of support to Bhopal.

Rally - The rally will take place in the Memorial Hall which is in the City Hall and will start at 12.30pm. The speakers will talk both about the situation in Bhopal, including the latest developments this week as well as broadening the debate and making suggestions about the future direction of the campaign. The rally will last about two hours. Tea and coffee will be available. Wheelchair access and toilets. There will be a creche.



Caborn Corner

Memorial Hall  
(in City Hall)