

Tanks for the memories

On 11 September, vanloads of Scotland Yard's baton-jabbing finest will invade London's Docklands for the arms fair. Some 20,000 visitors, camouflaged and suited, will thrill one another with the size of their ballistics.

The "Space Hijackers" anarchist protest group has decided to take on the arms dealers at their own game. At previous arms fairs they have handed out prosthetic limbs (effect of land mines) and sex toys ("make love, not war"). Instead, this year, the protesters are buying their own tank. They have set up an online *Blue Peter*-style "tank-o-meter" and have already collected £2,000. Says one protester: "We need five grand for a Russian T-72. Two grand buys us a Second World War armoured personnel carrier with big guns on top. You can get them off men in fields in Kent." He adds: "We will only take our foot off the accelerator if a policeman puts a flower in our cannon, or if the police stage a sitdown protest in front of our tank."

