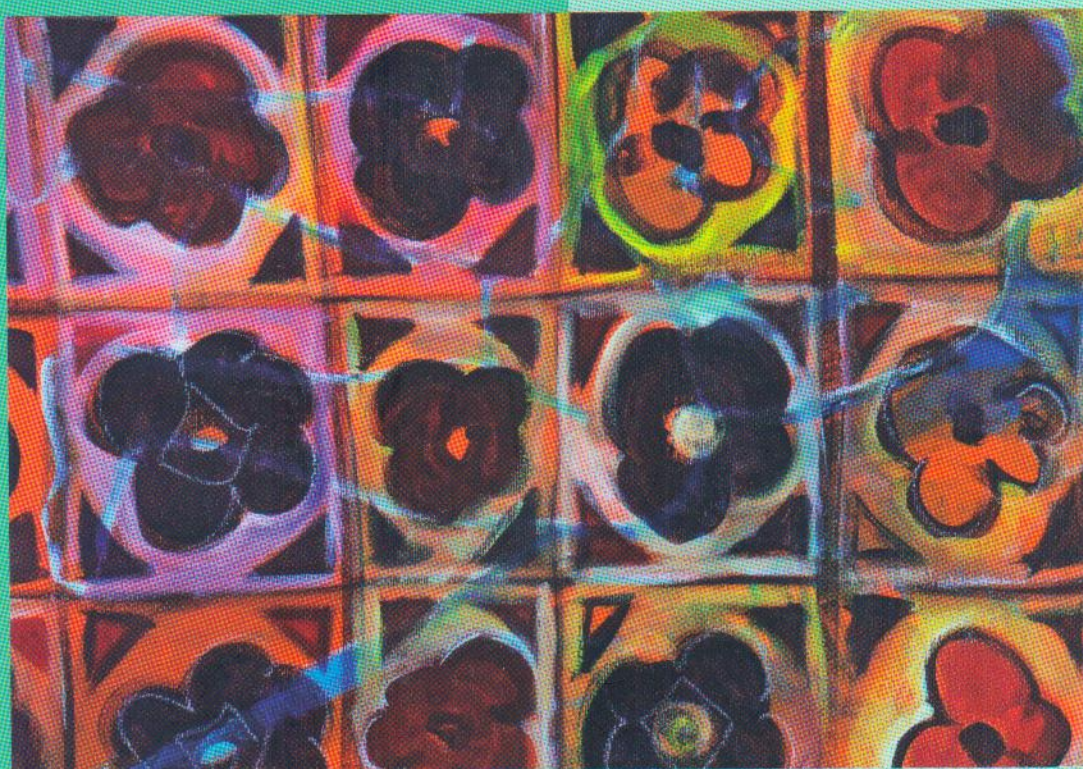


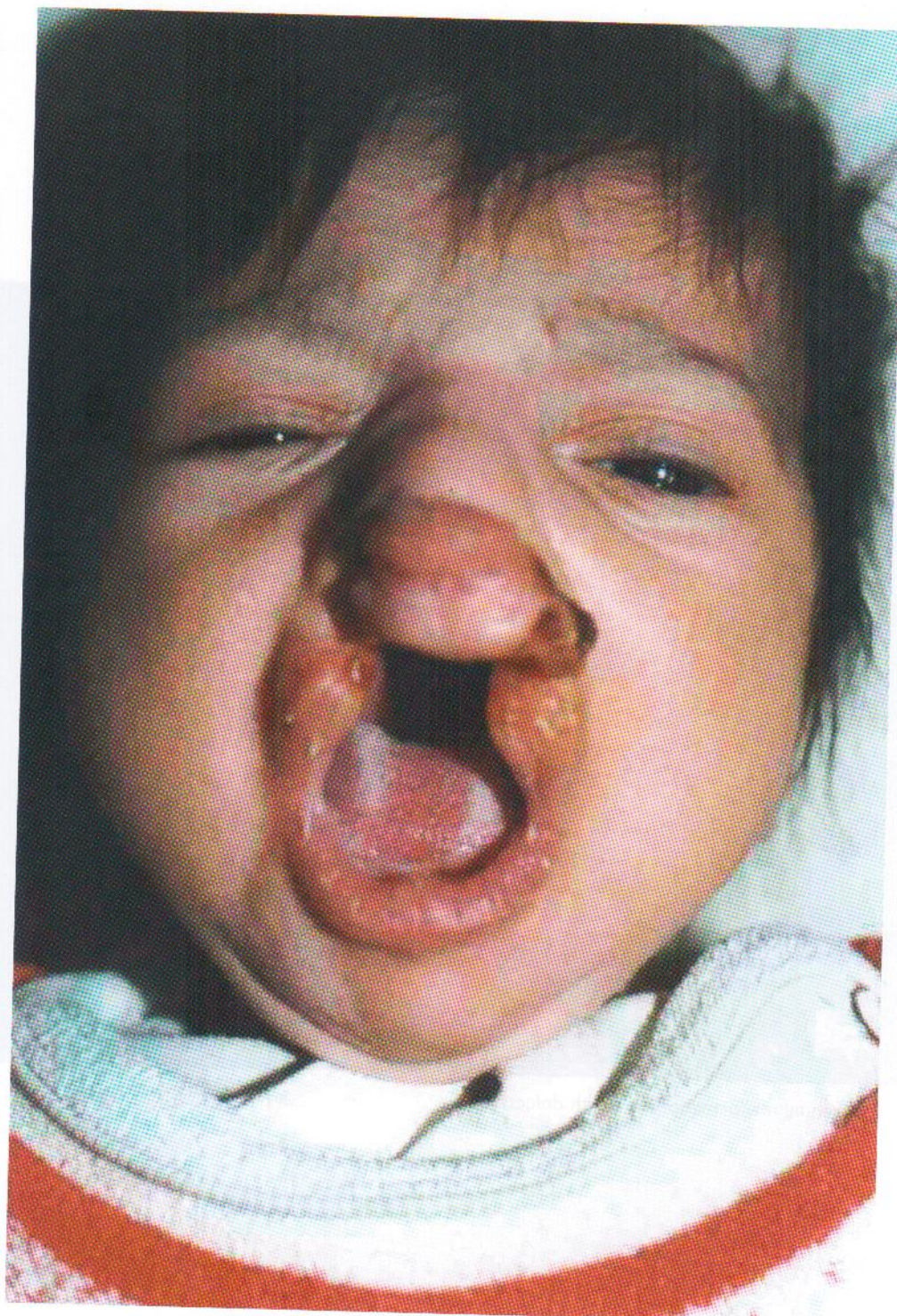
# DEPLETED URANIUM

A scientific approach to the hazards of military  
use of depleted uranium

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Depleted uranium (DU) is not found naturally. It is radioactive waste, produced as a result of enriching uranium for use in nuclear power plants or for the production of weapons. The increasing rates of cancer and death in DU-affected areas are cause for grave concern. A growing number of scientific reports are also exposing the long-term health effects caused by military use of this radioactive and chemical toxic material. It is essential therefore to make the latest scientific knowledge on DU as widely available as possible to counter the devastating effects it can have on public health and the environment.

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