26 April 1986 was the date the world learned the name of Chernobyl.

In the last 30 years it has become a synonym for a terrible technological disaster and ecological catastrophe, a global scale.

So many deaths and injuries, so many individuals who produced a benefit and suffered a loss, all in the name of the future.

The whole world realised the truth of the words of the prophet Isaiah: “Woe to them that make unwise counsel, speaking lies to my people in their name.”

It is not our intent to pull the wool over our eyes. We shall not be silent. We shall speak about the Chernobyl catastrophe of the 30th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster.

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Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK

The most vivid image of the炬ch disaster is the one produced by “Spitting Image” in the 1980s is no longer an image that comes to mind. It was a standard that could be easily countered. It never needed to be countered. It was never needed.

The less visible image of the disaster is its human impact. The invisible image of the disaster is its long-lasting. It is unlikely we will ever know the true extent of health effects are still felt.

failings of the Soviet system, but also its callousness. The disaster is a painful harvest. Chornobyl has become a warning sign.

The UK has been very proud to play its part in the recovery after the disaster. The Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant has been worked on by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the Royal Institute of British Architects.

“Chornobyl 30” at London’s Frontline Club

A large audience attended London’s Frontline Club in Central London last Saturday for a special commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster.

Organised by the Central and East European London Review, the Embassy of Ukraine in the UK, the Association of Ukrainians in GB, the Association of Ukrainians in Britain; Lord Dominick Merrett Charge d’Affaires, Ukrainian Embassy, and Yaroslav Tymchyshyn and Councillor Martin Yasmin Qureshi MP.

On 26 April 1986 was the day that the world was warned of the consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe.

Today, the construction of a new safe confinement at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine is underway. The confinement, due for completion next year, will stabilise the destroyed power generating unit and form the basis for strengthening nuclear safety and ensuring the consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe will never happen again.

We are very grateful to all friends of Ukraine in the UK who continue to support the development of a safe confinement at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant and work on the future of the area.

Jeremy Corbyn, the UK’s Labour Leader, and Rt Hon Yaroslav Tymchyshyn, the Shadow Minister for Europe, and Minister of State for Asia at the Foreign Office.

In the near future we will see the end of the resettlement process that lasted for more than 30 years.

In two years’ time, the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant will be decommissioned and closed.

The Chernobyl disaster has shown us the importance of international cooperation in all areas.

From now on, the world will never be the same again.

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