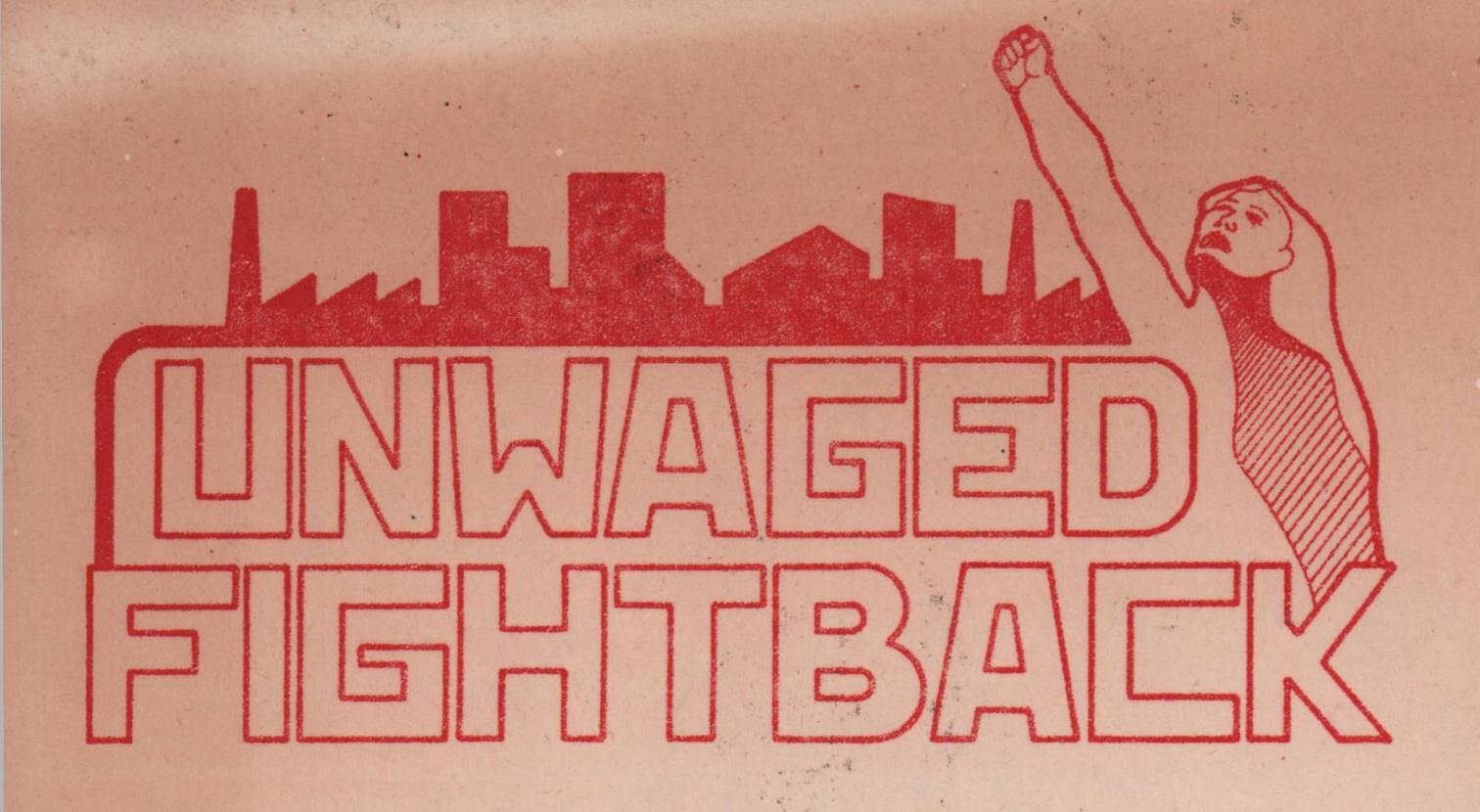
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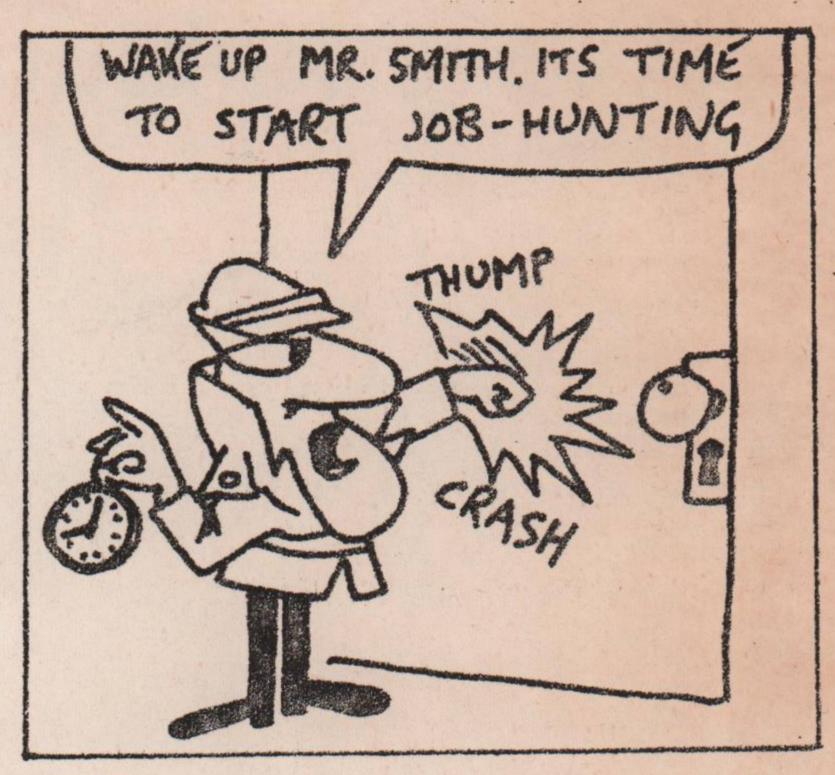
## DIOON PINININI DINING BOUNGERS

The government's intention to maintain unemployment at a high enough level to undermine wage-levels and workers' collective strength, is all too clear beneath their public pretence of concern about 'the problem' and determination to resolve this problem. Hand in hand with this hypocrisy goes the ploy of keeping the media focussed on allegations of claimants being workshy, moonlighters, fraudulant and generally depraved. A spineless, arse-licking sensation hungry press, obsessed with denigrating any singled-out group, has all too eagerly continued to follow the established line of sticking the boot into the unemployed; -'They mustn't be allowed to sink further into their already evident indolence'-'The benefit system is far too easy to take illegal advantage of', etc.

Little interest will ever be shown by the media in the ways in which we must overcome bureaucratic obstacle courses in order to get our entitlements, and then put up with random and deliberate victimising harrasment from the various DE and SS Fraud Squads. Not newsworthy. These things happen all the time, and serve the government's purpose of keeping claimants on the defensive.

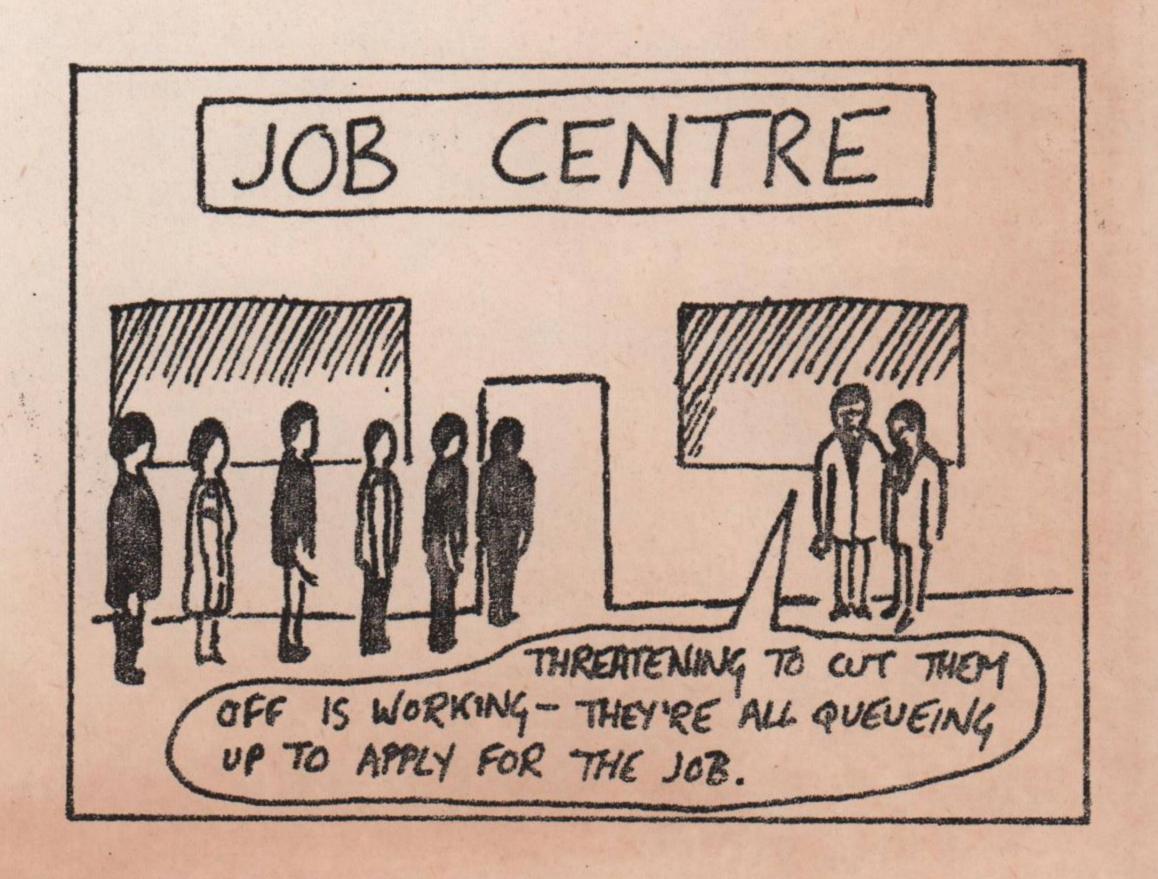
The government in Eire has taken this policy one step further by allowing benefit offices to remove claimants from the register if they decide that the claimants have not satisfactorily proved their constant determined search for work. Benefits have been increasingly cut in this arbitrary manner.

As a result of this latest assault, claimants are being forced to comply with the government's face-saving pretence that there really are jobs out there, and that all we need to do is keep looking eight hours a day, five days a week, and sooner or later the Benefit Offices can close down. The presumption is that we are paid enough to keep us alive, so our time is not our own. We owe it to the government to dedicate our lives to full-time job searching, should the government demand this of us.

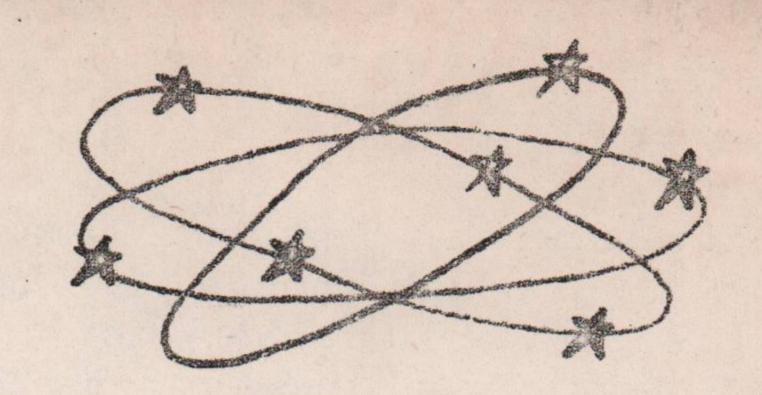


In Dundalk, the claimants have been protesting against this state of affairs. They maintain that such pressure on an already very neglected large group of unemployed people only makes the burden of coping with a jobless life (in a society that still regards paid work as an essential qualification to respectbility and acceptance) much heavier. Moreover it is quite impossible for the Benefit Offices to devise reasonable criteria by which to assess how keenly the individual claimant has been job-hunting.

Hopefully the claimants' action will make the government in Eire rethink. Their success in defeating this scheme may well be crucial in influencing the British government one way or the other in its inevitable consideration of similar measures.



## by Pansy Leblanc



CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

As the sun leaves the sign of Islington, things will remain exactly the same. Job prospects might improve if you are willing to lower your pay requirements by about 50%, which means you won't be any better off anyway.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

You may be experiencing financial difficulties at the moment, but don't worry - its all for the good of the economy. However there could be a windfall in store for you if you take your chances.

PISCES (February 20-March 20).

Things are looking good now, with a career change in prospect. Soon all your problems will vanish, and you will wonderwhy you spent so long worrying about everything.

ARIES (March 21- April 20)

Things have been going a bit better for you recently, but someone in authority may resent this. Watch out for snoopers and don't do anything silly, but don't let them intimidate you.

TAURUS (April 21- May 21)

With a bit of luck you could be making some new friends, so why not pop down to the Unwaged centre some time - its where all the cool guys and gals hang out.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You, or one of your mates may come up with a good idea to get you out of your financial difficulties, but you will need to make your plans carefully - ther's no point in getting into more trouble by doing things sloppily.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Everything seems to be getting on top of you, but now is not the time for feeling sorry for yourself or trying to fight everything alone. Lots of people are in the same position as you, and only by joining up with them can you hope to achieve anything. But this doesn't mean giving up your own ideas and imagination.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

As the sun enters your planet mars, the god of war, its time to get out and fight. Don't let the bastards trample on you now, or you may find that you've missed your opportunity.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Your life at the moment seems to be dominated by Uranus, which could mean a lot of fun if you want it that way. Otherwise its up to you to sort out your emotional hang-ups and problems.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Looks like your life could soon be a bit of a riot, in fact the whole thing could be one big riot, which means your money problems may be overcome for a while. But don't sit back once you ve got what you want because you know it won't last. whatever you want, you must go all out for everything.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

With the moon on the wane you seem to be going through a bad patch, and I mean BAD!!!!!The only answer is to go out and get pissed as a newt, preferably at somebody else's expense, and try to forget everything.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

You are about to meet the person of your dreams, but if you try doing anything together you will probably be done for cohabiation, so you're not going to live happily ever after. Hard Luck.

## SHOPPING CAN BE FUN!!!

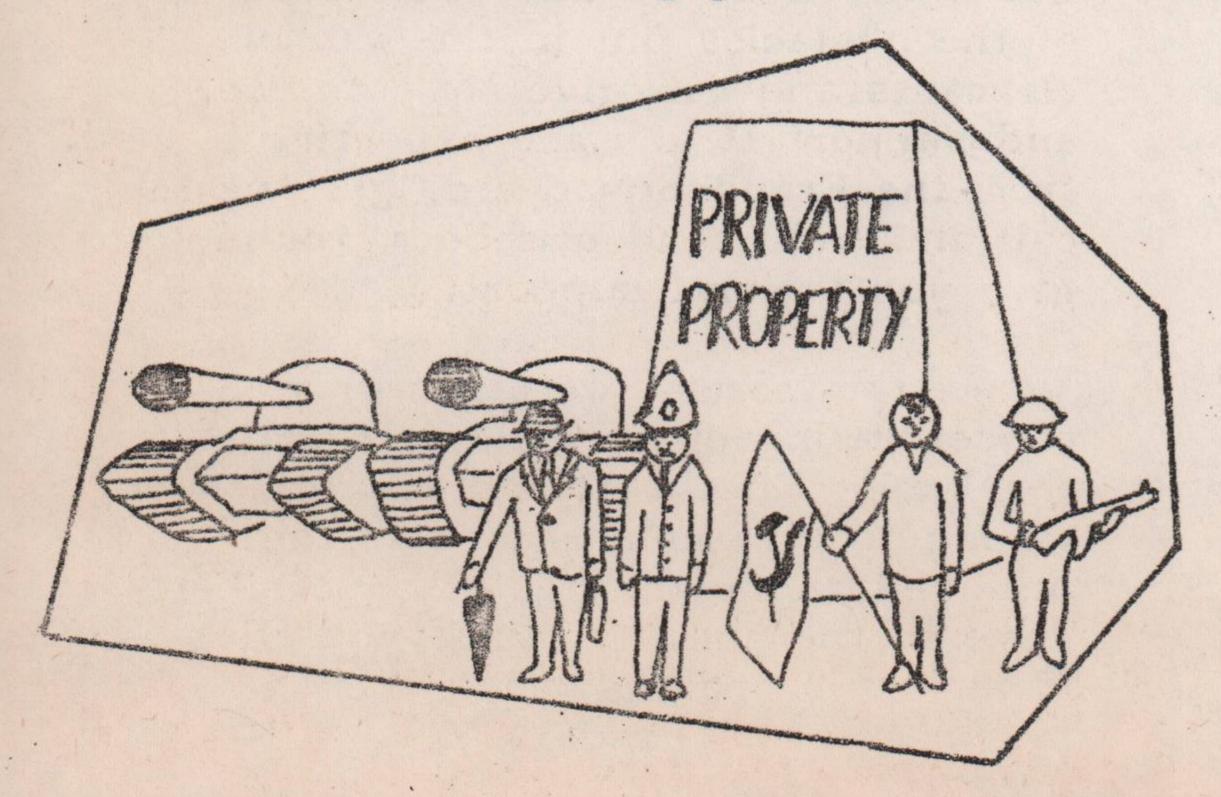
This afternoon I was in Sainsburys, a small figure with a little wire basket among piles of food, drink, soap.....imagine betting locked in there overnight - in the morning I'd be too bloated to get through the doors, and too drunk to see them.

I looked enviously at those who managed to fill up their trolleys - I can't remember the last time I didn't go to the till marked '8 items or under', and as for paying by cheque.....

I go round the store quickly—I know what I'm going to get, and if I stop something else might catch my eye and then I'd be there for hours deciding whether I could afford it or not.

I picked up a tub of margerine, next to the butter mountain; isn't it amazing that tons of butter are allowed to go to waste by the EEC so that the price can be kept up, so that I can only afford margerine. I thought of slipping a packet of butter into my pocket to defeat this conspiracy against me, but knowing my luck I'd be caught first time and I can afford a fine for shoplifting even less than I can afford butter. Maybe there'll be less people around next time I'm in.so it will be safer. The uniformed guards seem to thinkthat their mere presence is enough to threaten us and stop us pinching things.

I once tried buying everything in 'economy size' packs, but that left me without any money for the last six days before my next giro, by which time I was considering eating my way through the packet of washing powder.



Then, in the queue, about nine people in front of me, and the woman at the checkout is waiting to find out the price of some unmarked item. I started thinking about those scenes from history when working class rebels used to go shoping without money.

In Spain, especcially Madrid and Barcelona, shortly beore the Civil War, workers used to go around with pistols and nobody dared ask them for money- free food, free transport...... (but these days you keep seeing mugs given worthless medals or handshakes after risking life and limb to protect their bosses' property from armed raiders). But then Franco and his cronies decide it was time to put the workers back in their place, and brought along bigger guns much to the delight of the bosses.

Then in Italy, inthe 70s, they didn't need guns - they'd all storm in together, take what they wanted and storm out again before the cops came.everyone who hapened to be in the store at the time would join in, and anyone who got in the way would just get pushed aside. By the time the cops arrived, the only people left would be the Maoists who would be standing onthe tables explaining why people should pay for the real value of the goods but not for the bosses profits. This time it was mainly the Communist Party that put the workers back in their place, bringing tanks out onto the streets of Bologna, where indiscipline was threatening the profitable running of business.

But of course this is Britain, nothing happens here, at least not often.

At last its all over, and I'm out again in the fresh air of Holloway Road. I might as well pop into the Unwaged Center and see if anyone there feels like apealing to the Government's humanity and asking for more money for the unwaged.

## UNEMPLOYED used as SCABS

At the Guardian, bastion of liberal sentiments, management have been using unemployed workers as casual scabs against an overtime ban by print workers. As casual workers they have no chance of getting permanent work there, and will only be of use to the management until the workers' struggle has been defeated.

Of course, in our imposed poverty we all need to get more money when ever we can, however we can. But by allowing ourselves to be used against our waged sisters and brothers we can only make conditions worse, for them and for us.

The bosses and the state wnat to use us to force down wages and conditions at work. They keep us in poverty so that we will be forced to take on any grotty job, any pay and any conditions to escape the poverty of the dole. The Youth Training Scheme is intended to encourage young people to expect bad pay and conditions, and to make them produce goods that can compete with the slave-labour in South Korea etc.

They want to use the poverty they impose on us to destroy the conditions gained by a century of struggle by the working class.

The only way to fight back against this situation where our own struggle for survival can be used against us and our sisters and brothers in work is for us to join the struggle for better conditions for all of us. Obviously we are not in a position to go on strike, but we can support the strikes and picket lines of the waged in struggle, and we can directly fight against our condition in many ways. There are a lot of us, and we must get together to fight back (this does not mean that everyone has to join IAGOU, but it might help). We will never get anything without a struggle.

Only by fighting against our own poverty, by going out to get enough so that we don't have to compete for jobs and so force down wages, can we stop our poverty being used against us by those that impose it on us.

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FIGHT BACK NOW

Islington Action Group of the Unwaged is a group of local unwaged people who have come together to fight for our rights and interests. The group is open to everyone who is not in paid work. That is people:

on MSC schemes, who receive any kind of benefit, children at school or not, pensioners,

and all those who don't do paid work but are barred from claiming benefit.

The group is autonomous, not connected to any party or any outside interests, but works within the labour movement (suporting the struggles of both waged and unwaged) and against any attempt by union and party leaders etc. to control and impose their interests on us and on workers.

We do not claim to represent anyone other than ourselves, but as we are all unwaged, we believe that our struggles for our own interests are also in the interests of other unwaged people. If you disagree with what we are saying and doing or have different ideas about how we should be fighting, come and tell us. We are always willing to discuss our ideas and listen to new ones. If you agree with us, then why not come and join us; the more of us there are the more we can achieve.

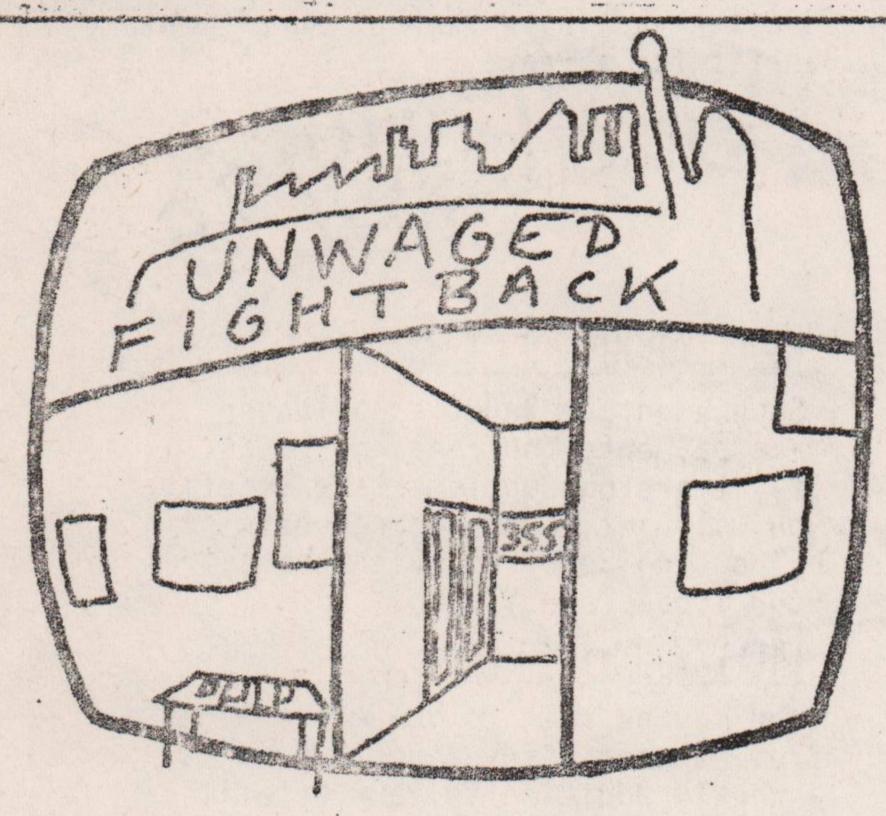


We are not experts in benefit rights but between us we have sufferred many of the obstacles put in the way of claimants, and can give some advice and support. If you are expecting a visit from the Fraud Squad etc. give us a call and we'll send somebody round to give you immoral support.

At the moment we are mainly concentrating on campaigning against the Racist Checks, trying to find shops willing to give concessions to the unwaged, and planning for a possible demo in the summer, but if you have any ideas for campaigns, bring them along to a meeting, Thursdays 2 - 5.

## ARE YOU MOTIVATED ?

The main problem of seeking employment is a general lack of motivation. On looking around a jobcentre, at the different boards, one is quick to notice how impersonal they have become; no longer is there time to chat about ones employment problems with an experienced counsellor. You just pick up a card, fill in a form, and try your luck at the desk. Encouragement from the staff will be minimal, since they receive a fixed salary - the job centres receive no commision from the employers, who are quick to take advantage of the situation, by offering poor rates of pay, which we are expected to be overjoyed at.



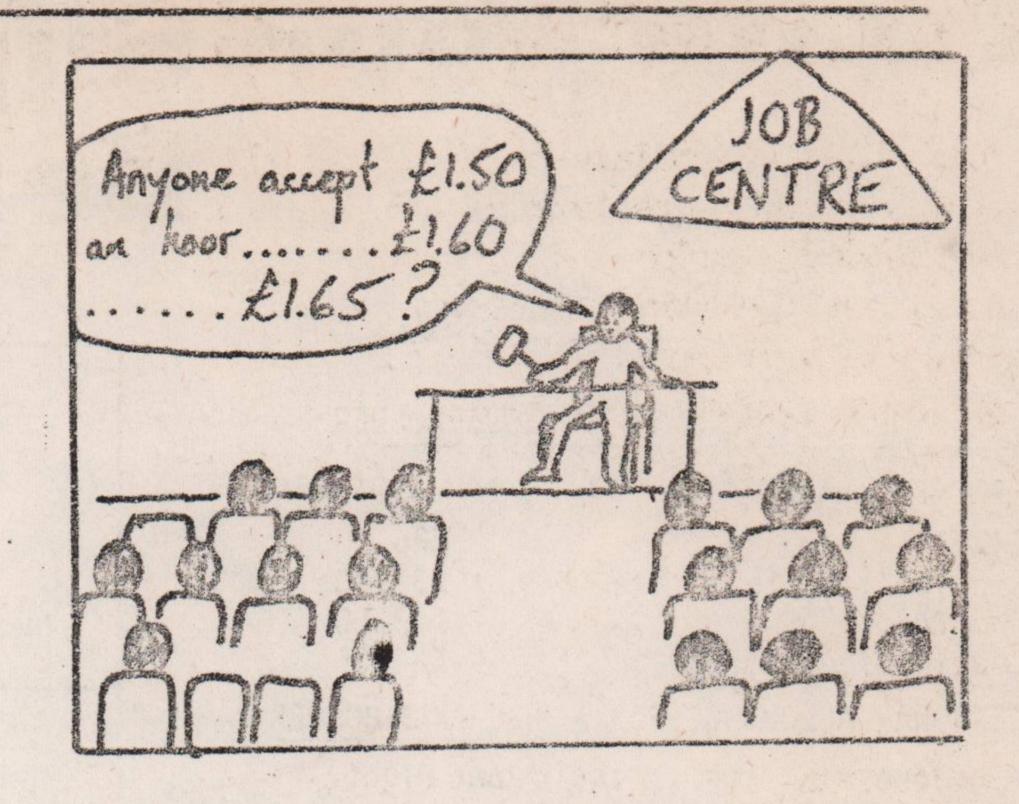
The Unwaged Centre is run by unwaged people, not by paid workers, who tend (no matter how good their intentions) to take control away from the unwaged, by passing on only the information they think we need and mediating between us and other groups, instead of us having direct contact and control over what is said. Our experience has shown that once someone is seen to take over control and seems to be running things for us, people loose interest and stop fighting for themselves. Nobody can fight our battles for us.

At the Centre we have duplicators, photocopier, typewriter, paper, spray cans, film projector, coffee, TV, creche facilities, etc. etc.

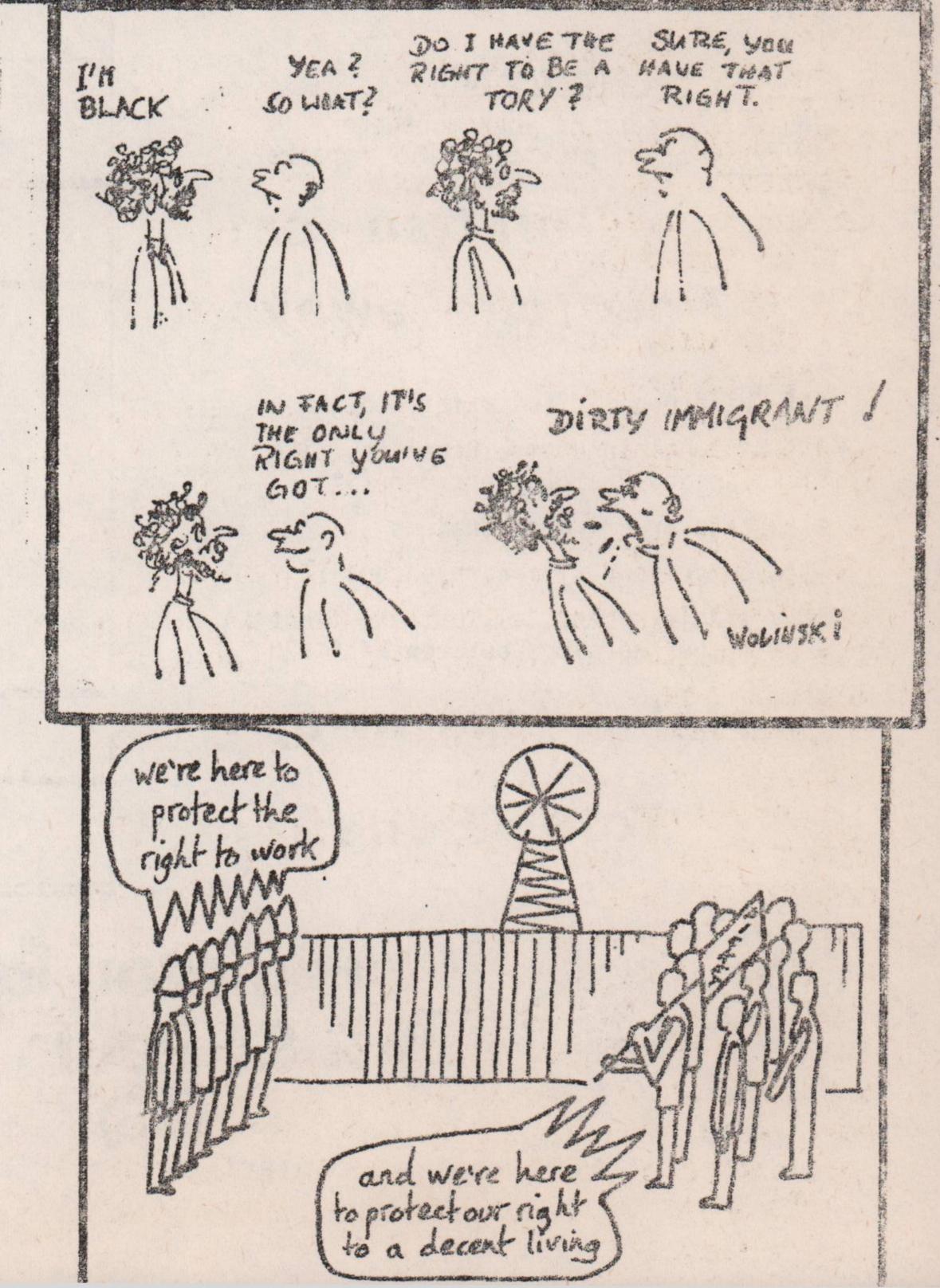
This magazine is produced here by us. If you have any ideas, jokes, cartoons etc for the next issue, or want to help produce it, drop in some time.

If you are Unwaged and want to Fightback, come along to one of our weekly meetings, Thursdays, 2pm at the Unwaged Centre, 355 Holloway Road N7.

For more information ring us on 607-8271/2



However, if you decide to visit a commercial agency to seek temporary employment, there is a greater sence of motivation, since the agency receives a large commision for its efforts. But the motivation is wrongly directed, as they are only interested in their pockets. Most temporary unskilled workers are well and truly exploited. In 1979 I was paid an hourlyrate of £2.50, compared with an offer of £2 in 1983. Remember, you are only paid for the hours you do, no sick pay or holiday pay. The Scrooge employers are still with us. It is sad that the days of genuine individual help are over and the days of impersonalism and exploitation are with us.



Check Your Supplementary Benefit



#### PERSONAL ALLOWANCE FOR A HOUSEHOLDER

(Someone responsible for paying rent etc)

Single				£26.80
Single,	long-term	rate	食食	£34.10
Couple				£43.50
Couple,	long-term	rate	会会	£54.55

#### PERSONAL ALLOWANCE FOR A NON-HOUSEHOLDER

(Someone claiming in their own right, staying with friends or living with parents)

Age	16 -	17	£16.50	
Age	16 -	17, long-term rate**	£20.90	
Age	18+		£24.55	
Age	18+,	long-term rate**	£30.35	

#### FOR CHILDREN YOU SUPPORT LIVING WITH YOU

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Age			Photo Control	£13.70
Age	16	-	17	£16.50

#### FOR HEATING COSTS

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If you have a child under 5	£2.05
If you are over 70	£2.05
If your home is hard to heat	£2.05
If you have central heating	£2.05
If you are ill	£2.05
If you are housebound	\$5.05
If you get Mobility Allowance	£5.05
If you get Attendance Allowance	£5.05

### FOR YOUR WATER RATES

The weekly cost - but not if you are a Council tenant and pay them with your rent and rates.

#### FOR YOUR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

The weekly cost of your mortgage interest only, plus £1.70 for repairs.

## Total so far: Now take away:

All Child Benefit and maintenance

All National Insurance Benefits, like Sickness and Unemployment Benefit

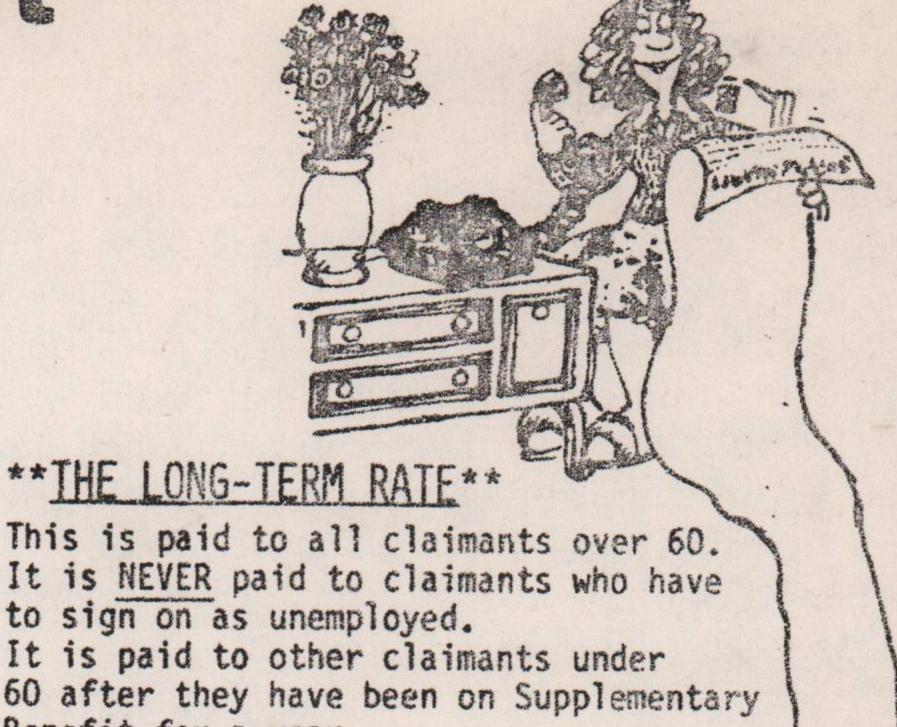
All State or Private Pensions

All you or your wife earn except £4

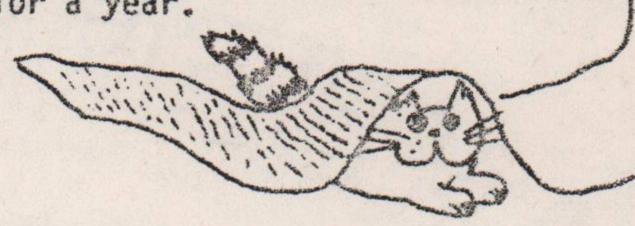
If a single parent, all but the first £4 & half your earnings between £4 & £20

## Total to take away:

Total Benefit:



to sign on as unemployed. It is paid to other claimants under 60 after they have been on Supplementary Benefit for a year.



### WHAT ABOUT RENT AND RATES ?

Supplementary Benefit no longer make payments for rent and rates. If you are on Supplementary Benefit, you will get your housing costs paid by Housing Benefit, which comes from your local Council.

### WHAT ABOUT EXTRAS ?

You may be able to get extra money from Supplementary Benefit paid as a Weekly Addition to your benefit for : HEATING, LAUNDRY, DIET, BATHS, WEAR & TEAR ON CLOTHING, H. P., BLINDNESS, FURNITURE STORAGE and HOSPITAL FARES. You can get a leaflet from IPR about these payments.

#### WHAT ABOUT GRANTS ?

You may also be able to get grants from Supplementary Benefit called Single Payments for : REMOVALS, BABY CLOTHES, FURNITURE, MATERNITY NEEDS, CURTAINS & LINO, FUNERAL EXPENSES etc. You can get leaflets from IPR about these payments.

#### IS THAT ALL ?

If you think that you are not getting the right amount of benefit, or if you need help in applying for extras or grants, please contact IPR at :

2, St. Paul's Road, N1. 359-7627

We are open on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays - no appointment needed.



## Islington Peoples Rights 2 St Pauls Road NI

If you have any benefit problems, contact either IPR or Unwaged Fightback



## CON CESSION ?

At least twice in the last month the GLC has put on concerts under its London Against Racism banner and advertised them extensively as being £2 and £1 for UB4Os and other concessions. There was last week's Redskins and Billy Bragg doublebill held at Acklam Hall (The Redskins' anger and Billy Bragg's sexism) & before that the gig with amongst others: Johnny Osbourne, Misty et al. at the Academy in Brixton.

at the venues they were told there
was no concession. They could pay
the full amount or leave - there were
plenty of others wanting to get in.
At the gig in Ladbroke Grove a
number of claimants voiced their indignation
and anger, imbetween the 'Defend
the GLC' and laughable "You workingclass people" sloganeering. And
at the end of the performances, in
reply to their shouting, the presenter
apologised but pointed out it was
the decision of the GLC. The great
fairy godmother of unwaged youth,

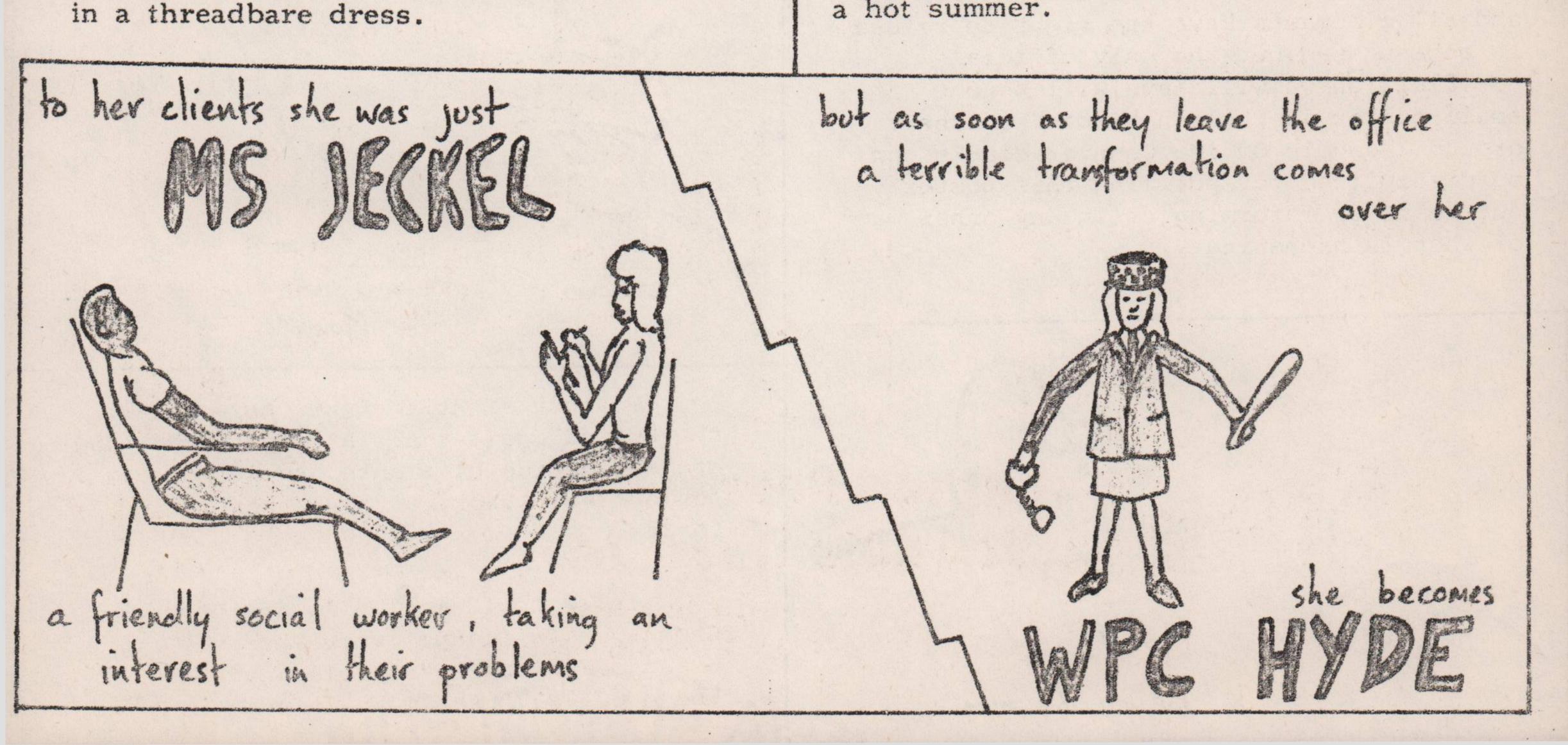
However, there are some places that actually do give concessions to help keep us off the streets. For example there is the Michael Sobell Sports Centre in Hornsey Road, where the unwaged can enjoy free

Casual Badminton
Squash
Table Tennis
Weight Training
Judo
Keep Fit
Snooker
Climbing
Ice Skating
with concessions on other
activities. Check with them for details.

All ILEA courses are fl for the unwaged, for however many you want to do (but remember if you do more than 21 hours a week studying, your benefit could be cut off), and there are various courses from pottery to bike maintainance at the Ormond Road Workshop for fl a term.

Also there are concessions at various gigs, cinemas and theatres, especcially the trendy ones.

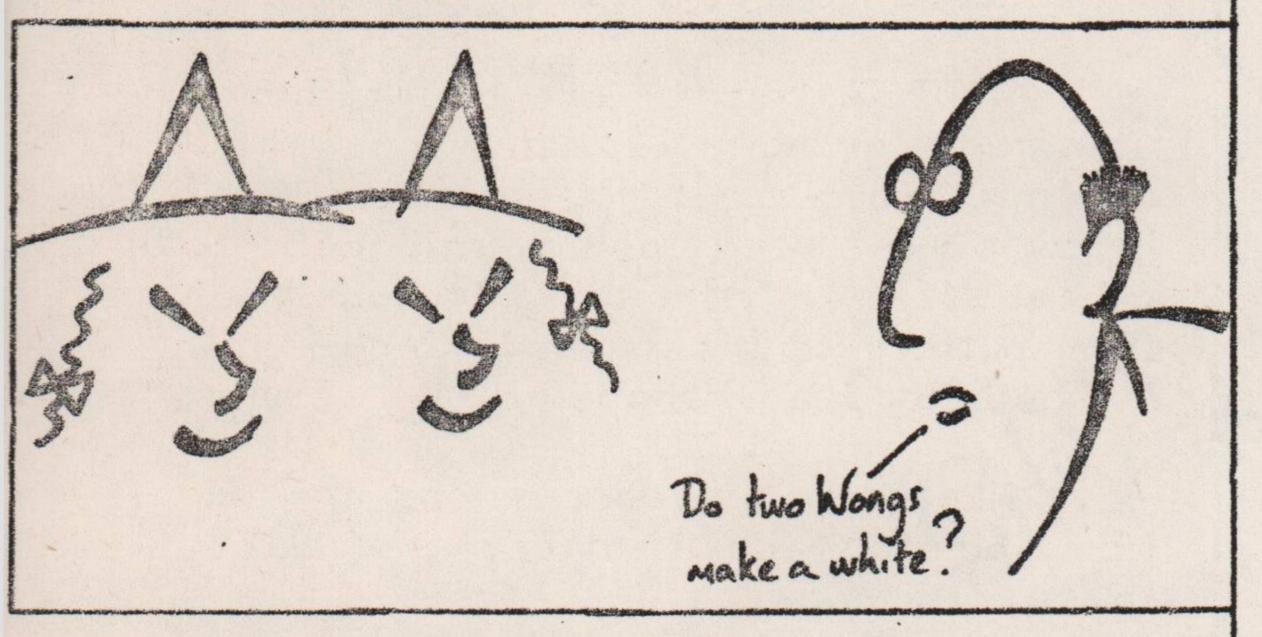
But if playing games that never lead anywhere, studying things you will never use or gazing passively at culture don't manage to take your mind off the misery of the dole (and the misery of work), come along to the Unwaged Centre and play games that lead somewhwere, or else stay on the streets and play, now that the weather is picking up.I think it may be a hot summer.



The Department of Employment (as it is called in newspeak) is still planning to bring in Racist Checks at the dole office, but as usual the government is being rather cagey about telling us when, no doubt hoping to bring it in when the fuss has died down or when we're all too busy fighting other attacks.

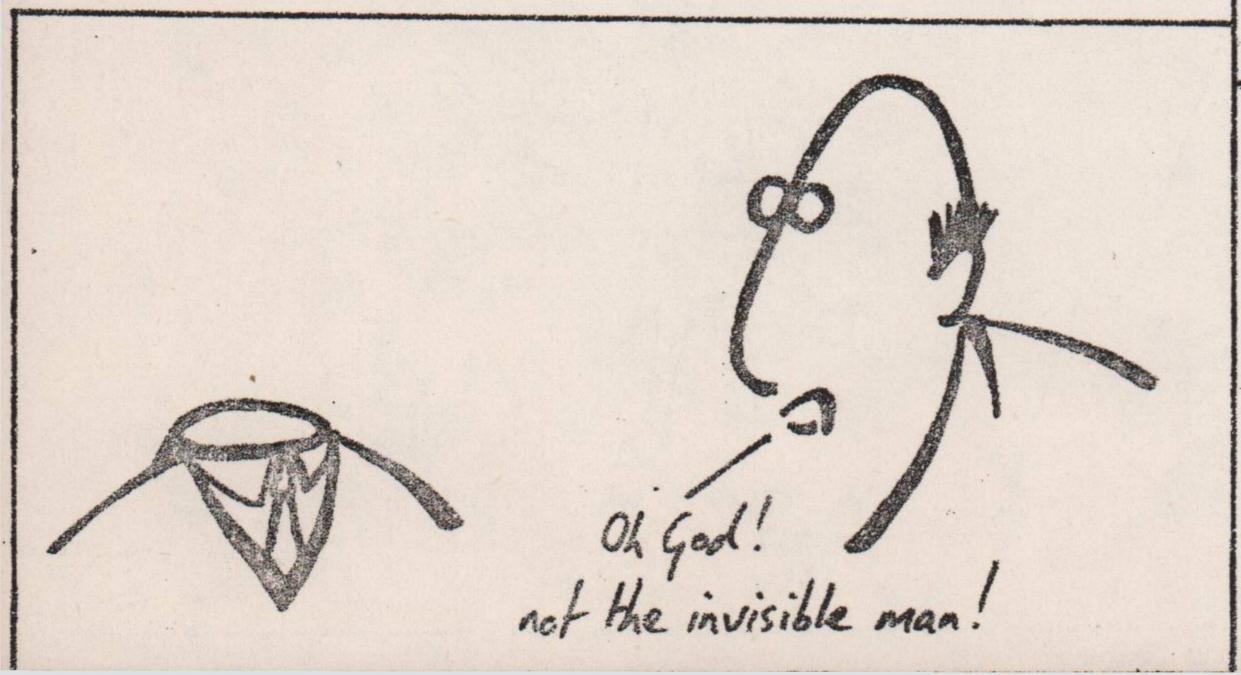
Under the scheme, counter clerks will be ordered to visually assess all claimants and classify them under;

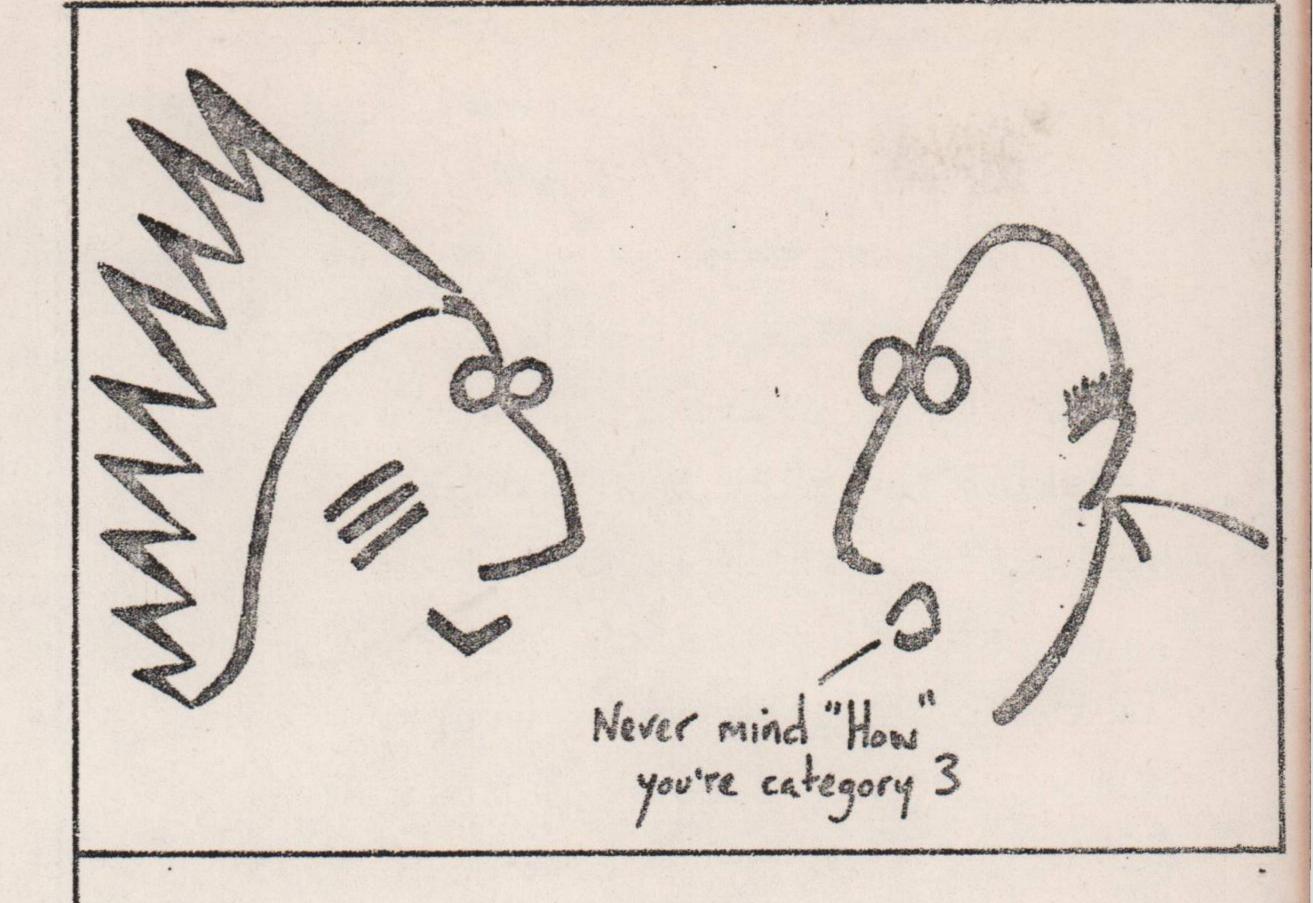
- 1. West Indian / African
- 2. Asian
- 3. Others
- 4. Refusals



This information (apart from those classified under 'Others') will then be put on the computer under each person's National Insurance number, and so will be available to claimant harrasment units, to help them target specific groups, as well as to the police and other 'authorised' groups.

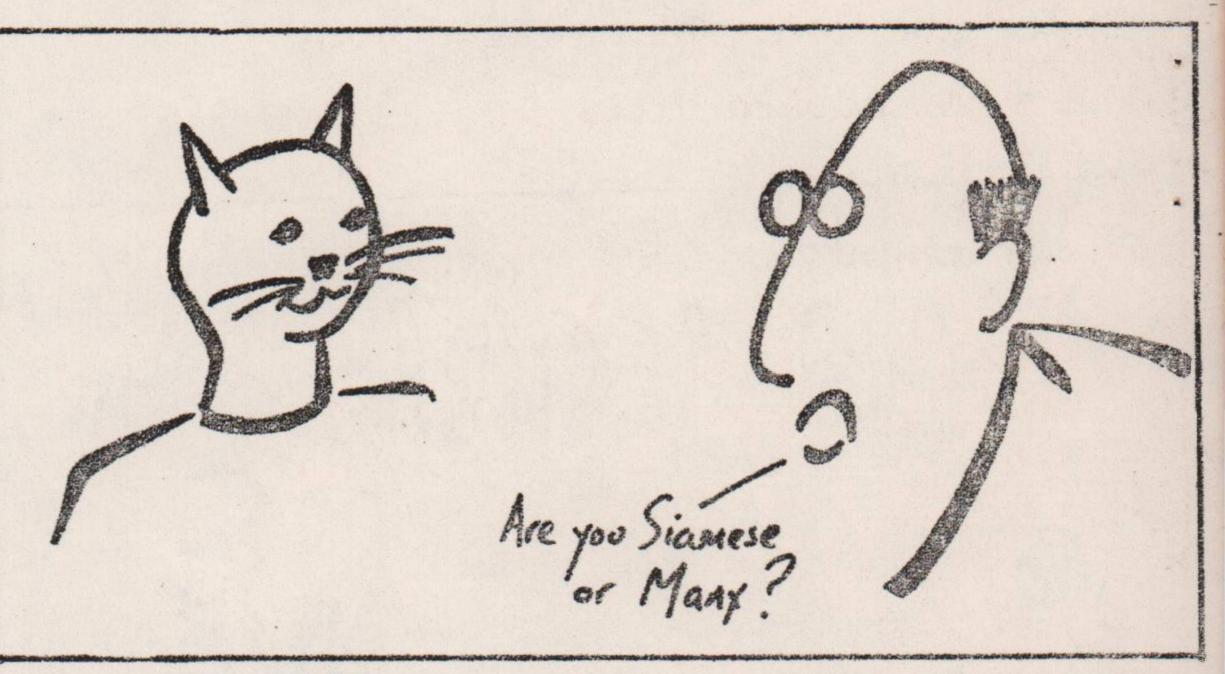
The scheme is suposed to be voluntary and all claimants have the right to refuse to be assessed, but the only official notification we will have will be one small poster in English hidden somewhere around the Dole Office. Counter clerks can be disciplined for pointing this poster out to us, or informing us in any other way of what is happening.





The government claims that this this is part of their commitment 'to the fight against discrimination and the promotion of equal opportunities for all'. The governments record, including the racist Nationality Act, the introduction of passport checks at hospitals, housing agencies, colleges and universities and dole offices, police harrasment of the black community etc shows this 'commitment' to be just another piece of newspeak ie a blatant lie.

Race statistics have always been used to encourage and justify racism, never to fight it. If these stastics are brought out, they will not be used to show how black people are discriminated against in employment, but to suggest that they are all a bunch of scroungers.



We must fight against these racist checks, and against all attempts to intimidate and divide claimants, and we must fight for ourselves, not rely on others to do it for us.

Islington Campaign Against the Racist Checks meets at 6pm every Thursday at Unwaged Fightback, 355 Holloway Road N7. Phone 607-8272 for more information.

## SOME VERY CROSS WORDS

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#### ACROSS

- 1. Noise of god Thor (7)
- 4. Turn to Vapour (4)
- 7. 100 mph (3)
- 8. We who have Nothing, but Create All (6)
- 10. Thanks (2)
- 11. 27 Down (2)
- 12. On Sea or Round your Eyes (5)
- 13. Much about Nothing (3)
- 15. Council Holes get at me (3)
- 17. Because (2)
- 18. The Rich may not realise,
  - but even we have them (8)
- 21. Belongs to (2)
- 22, negative (2)
- 24. Brixton, Toxteth, Tunisia, Morocco,
- Sierra Leone, Derby, Hong Kong....(5)
- 26. The British State and NF (6)
- 29. Far-out Sex? (8)
- 31. Backward Fixation (4)
- 34. High and Behold? (2)
- 35. Fun Coctail, but not for
  - drinking (7)
- 36. None is good, unless
  - we make it (4)

#### DOWN

- 1. Former Uniform of Rich Bastards (3,3)
- 2. Seen in the Sky when
  - drunk or stoned (3)
- 3. Flattened by the Allies in '45 (7)
- 4. Both Work and Dole often are (6)
- 5. Above (2)
- 6. All Politicians are (5)
- 9. Dirty Earth (4)
- 10. Warm and Wet (3)
- 14. Bureaucratic and unhelpful (8)
- 16. Cold, Wet and Tasty (3)
- 19. Standard, not like us (6)
- 20. Nazi Troopers (5)
- 23. Mine is for Lots of Money (5)
- 25. Given to put us on the Dole (5)
- 27. 5th Note (2)
- 28. Three of a Kind (4)
- 30. Male Offspring (3)
- 32. 22 Across (2)
- 33. 34 Across (2)

Bring your correct answers into the Centre some time, for a free cup of tea or coffee as a prize. If you can't do it don't worry, neither can we.



Two years ago, a group of secondary school pupils in Japan attacked a group of unemployed people and killed some of them, saying that such people are the scum of humanity because they did not work. Some adults criticised them, saying that they did not know the value of humanity. Considering the pressure put on these kids to instil the work-ethic into them, such criticism is pure hypocrisy. These kids are just a mirror of the values dominating Japanese society.

Despite the 'miracle' of Japanese economic success (particularly the high rate of development and lack of serious labour disputes), Japan, like other countries, is suffering from economic depression. According to official staistics the unemployed figure has reached nearly 2 million, and the number of bankruptcies was more than 1600 in March 1983 - the highest in Japan's history. Exports have gone down more than 10% and wages have fallen for two succesive years.

However, while small companies are being severely hit by the recession, large companies are increasing production, and the differentials are growing. Wages at small companies are only about 60% of those at large companies.

When my elder brother started work for one of the big banks after leaving university, he was apid more than my father, who had worked at a small building company as an architect for more than 20 years. This is why forty percent of a generation want to go to university in Japan. Some school-leavers try to enter university for many years in vain.

Big companies never employ workers who have resigned from other companies — it is normal for Japanese workers to work for the same company all their life. The company is like a family — organising family events, trips etc. When Japanese workers introduce themselves, they always give their company's name before their own. Sometimes, particularly in large companies, pressure is put on workers to buy their own company's shares, and to save a part of their wages at the company's accounts department, both of which help enforce workers' loyalty to the company.

The only unions in Japan are company unions, and one of the quickest ways of getting to be a director is by being active in the union. If ever a union does come into conflict with the company, the company oftennsets up a new union and persuades the workers to join it, either by threats or by deliberately yielding to the new union.

Under these conditions, Japanese workers work very hard, often doing overtime without claiming for it. A friend of mine who worked for a large bank was expected to collect such large amounts of money, that he had to get all his friends and relations to deposit their money with him along with his salary. eventually, after he had lost his health and given up trying to get promotion, he said that he found it abnormal to work so hard. But if he had worked for a small company he would not have been able to give up working so hard, and for immigrant workers from Korea etc. things are even worse.

A lot of pressure is also put on children. They are expected to get high grades at school, to get to university, which is a prerequisite to becoming a 'good industrial soldier' of the future. This overexpectation by parents and society imposes a heavy burden on children. This (along with the fact that meny Japanese girls are told by their parents that they are not wanted, and that the only honourable thing for them to do is kill themselves) gives Japanese children an excessively high suicide rate.

Japanese wives are suposed to serve their husbands like slaves. Women are suposed to give up their jobs when they marry—it is an unwritten law. Some women have managed to sue companies for sex discrimination, but most of them were forced to resign anyway due to being ostracized at work. women should be at home to take care of their husbands—the 'industrial soldiers'—and the children; this is a slogan of the Japanese government.

## OF THE WORK ETHIC

The condition of the unemployed in Japan is very hard, especially for the young.

A young friend of mine who wanted to be a 'good worker' as expected by society, resigned from his local government office job because he found it unattractive. afterwards he told me he couldn't relax because his parents and neighbours looked on him as a stranger. When he went for a walk he felt he was being watched. I could only tell him to play more and do whatever he wanted. After a month he disapeared. When his parents phoned me to ask if I knew where he was, they said that he was being treated by a psychoanalyst.

As well as the social and mental problems, the economic situation of the unemployed is very dificult. Unemployment benefit is only paid to those who have worked for at least a year. The allowance is 60% of a person's previous wages, but is only paid for 3 months for those in their 20s,6 months for those in their 30s and 8 months for those over 40. After that they get nothing.

Until five years ago, the allowance was given for 6 months to all the unemployed after a minimum of 6 months work. The change was made suposedly to improve conditions for the older unemployed, but considering the growing numbers of unemployed youth, the state has made great savings at the expence of young people, and their families who have to suport them.

There are some job-training centres financed by the government, but the training is very oldfashioned - for skills that no company needs. The centres are only useful for employing arrogant government officials at a course which my girlfriend went to 2 years ago, there were 20 pupils all in their 20s when the course finished after 6 months, 3 of them managed to find regular work.

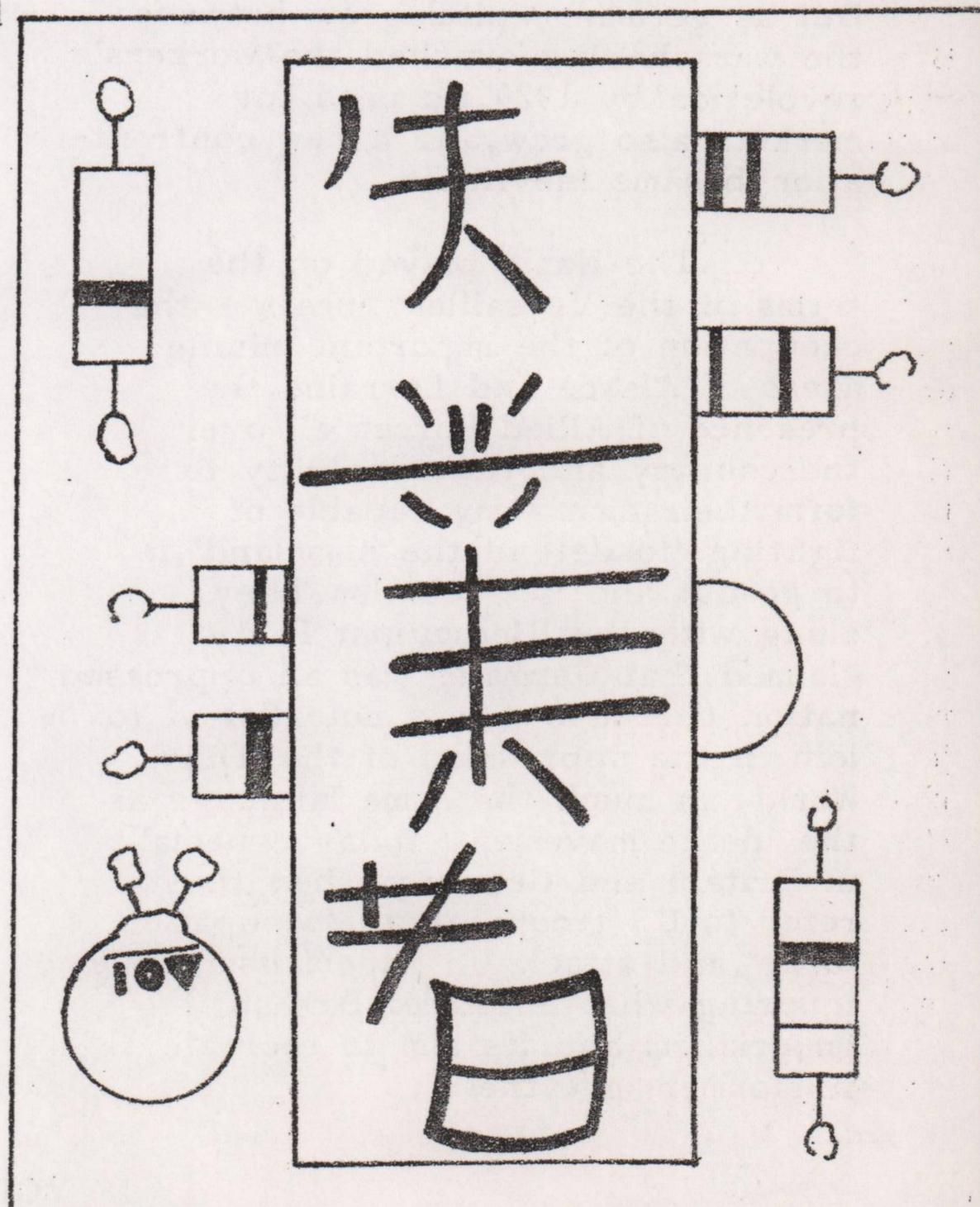
Under such conditions it is dificult for the youth to fight back.

In Britain and in Ireland where I recently visited, people always told me that they had never yet met a Japanese who wasn't a 'businessman' and who wasn't 'interested in money'. I must destroy this evil image of the Japanese, by helping to build a new culture and a new generation in Japan. working to build a new society in Japan will show a true solidarity with the oppressed nations. Japan must not be allowed to become the Britain of Asia.

This article was written by a young man visiting from Japan, and edited quite a lot by us. The situation in Japan is more oppressive than in Britain, but for years the British state has been studying the 'efficiency' of the Japanese economy and trying to find ways of doing the same thing here - including the reimposition of Victorian Morals. To stop this hapening we must fight back now.

IN JAPAN AND BRITAIN

THE STRUGGLE IS THE SAME



The 14th of February is, as everyone knows, St Valentine's Day. But on that day in 1945 it wasn't Valentine cards that the British and US Air Forces were dropping on the German city of Dresden; it was bombs, that caused a fire storm and flattened the city. In all about 200,000 people died in this bombing - we shall never know the exact figure because the city was packed with refugees, mainly from the east where the Russians were steadilly advancing, because many of the bodies were immediately dumped in mass graves for reasons of hygeine, and because the fire storm melted some bodies so much that it was impossible to tell where one corpse ended and the next began.

The fact that this horrific devastation was carried out with conventional, ie non-nuclear weapons, shows how absurd it is to campaign against a particular weapon, rather than trying to stop war itself. Obviously in a war each state will be out to win, and will use any weapon at its diposal to achieve this. Only an idiot could believe that with the Official Secrets Act and the vast areas of land occupied by the military and totally inaccesable to the general public, The British or Russian state would get rid of any weapon, despite any amount of "commitment"

World War II started in effect from the signing of the Versailles treaty in 1919, when the victors of World War I tried to ensure that German capital would be unable to compete effectively for colonies against Britain, France etc. But as german capital grew between the wars, having crushed the workers' revolution by 1920, its need for markets also grew, and a new confrontation became inevitable.

The Nazis played on the terms of the Versailles Treaty - the occupation of the important mining areas of Alsace and Lorraine, the presence of Allied Forces all over the country, and their inability to form their own army capable of fighting 'to defend the homeland', ie to go out and get colonies. They, along with the 'Communist Party' claimed that Germany was an oppressed nation (because it was not allowed to join in the oppression of the Third World) in much the same language as the 'peace movement' today, especially in Britain and Germany, when they refer to US troops as an 'occupation force', and attack US imperialism, while ignoring what is left of British imperialism and its aim to recreate its former 'greatness'.





The threat of war is held over us to keep us in order - we are expected to stop all our own struggles for our own interests, so that we can concentrate on getting rid of the bomb. Once we have got rid of the bomb (ie never), CND will allow us to worry about fighting for a decent life. Come off it, Bruce - unlike you we've got little to lose, and a lot to go out and fight for before we've got a world worth saving.

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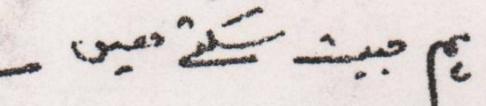
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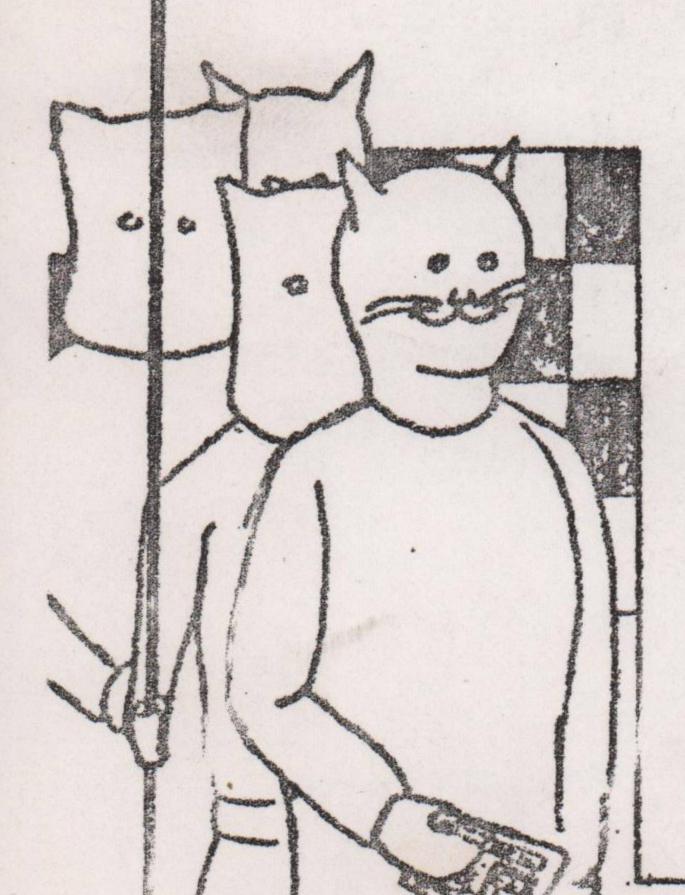
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