

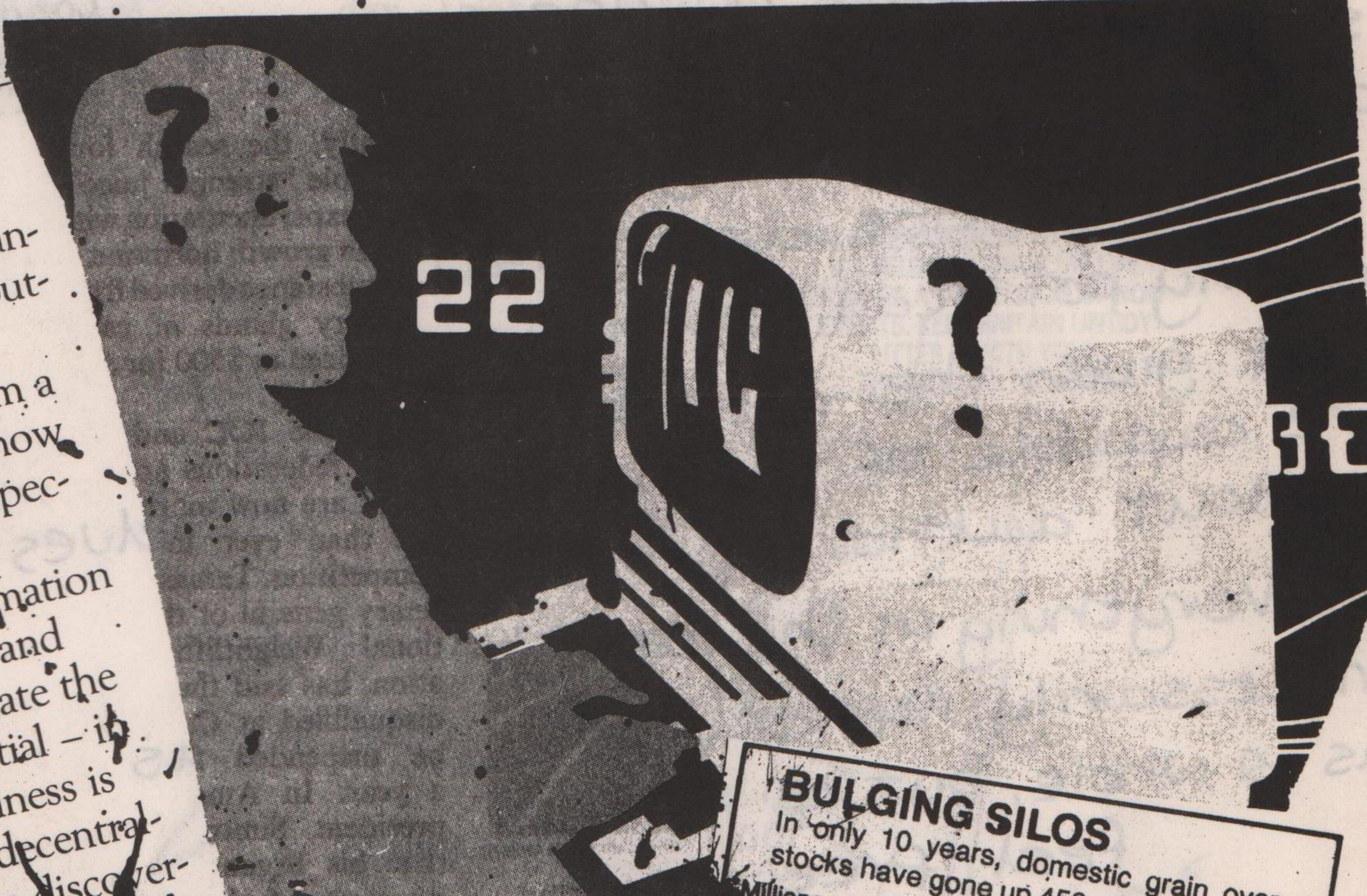
What's NEW...

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Assembling masses of people, functions, departments and equipment together in one gigantic office is fast becoming an outdated way to do business. It never made sense from a human point of view. And now it doesn't from a profit perspective, either.

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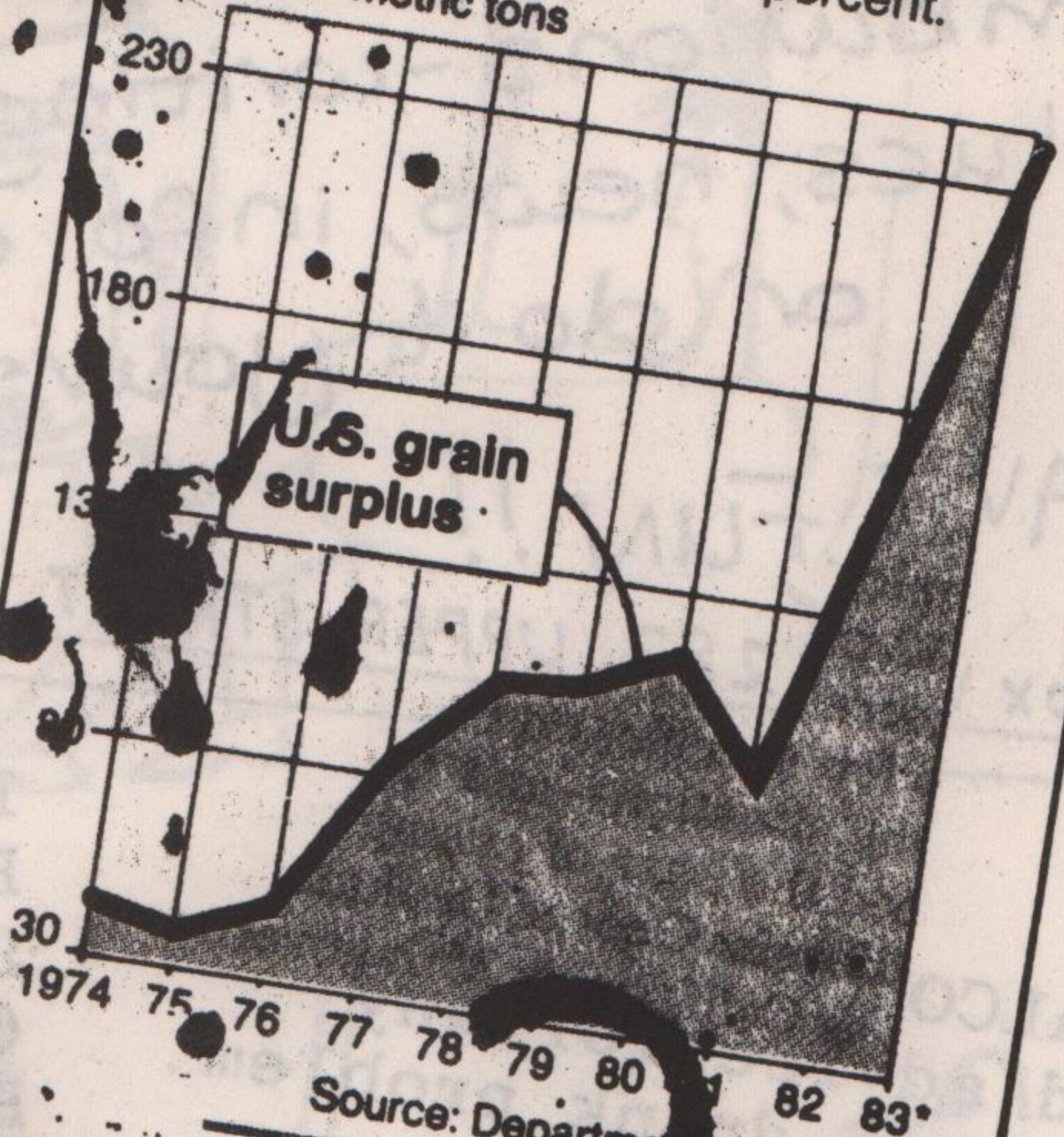
That's why data processing and office automation by themselves will no longer be enough to tie them together. Communications to give a real competitive



BULGING SILOS

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Millions of metric tons



Source: Department of Agriculture

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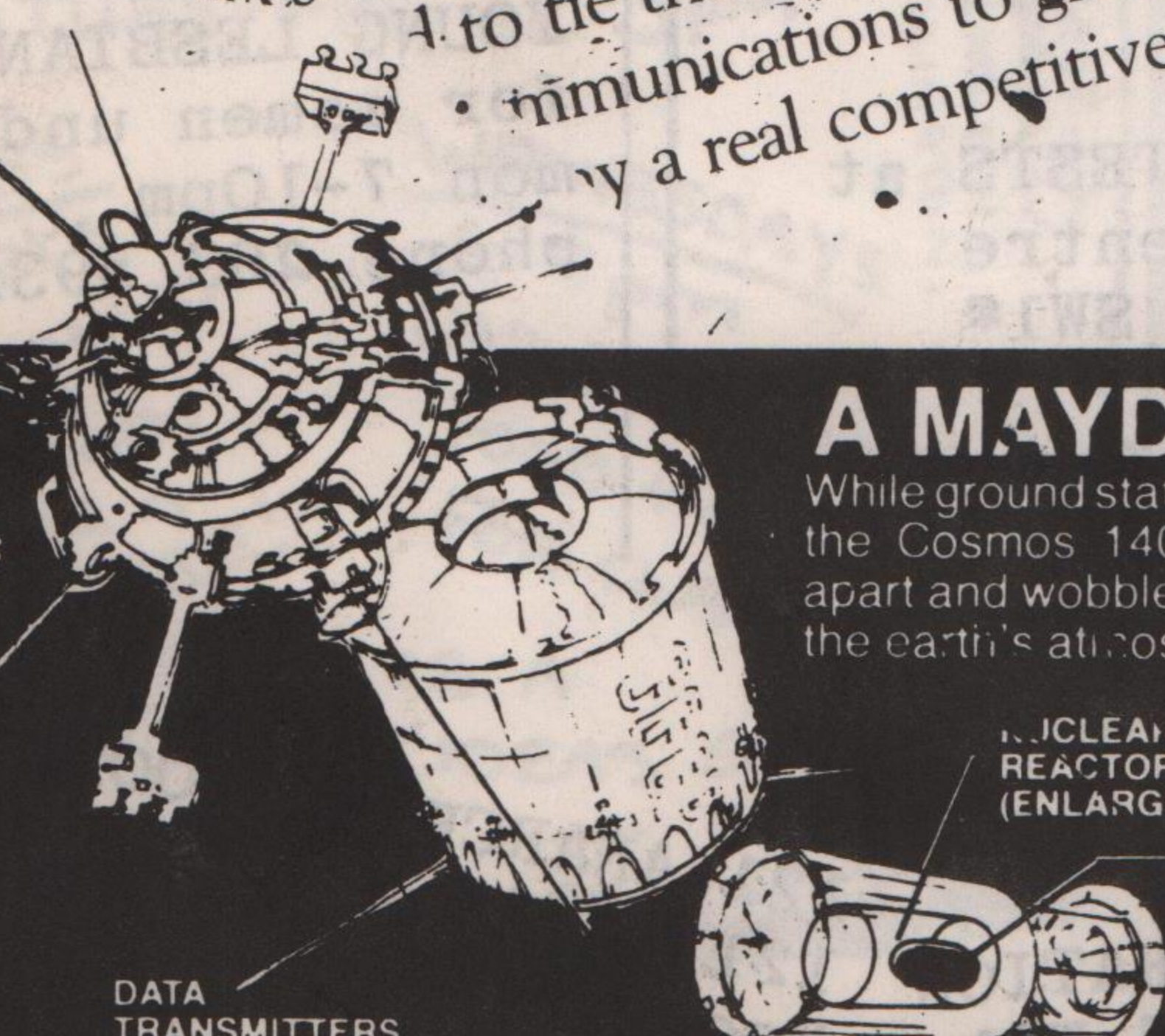
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While ground stations track its unsteady path, the Cosmos 1402 nuclear satellite breaks apart and wobbles toward a fiery plunge into the earth's atmosphere.

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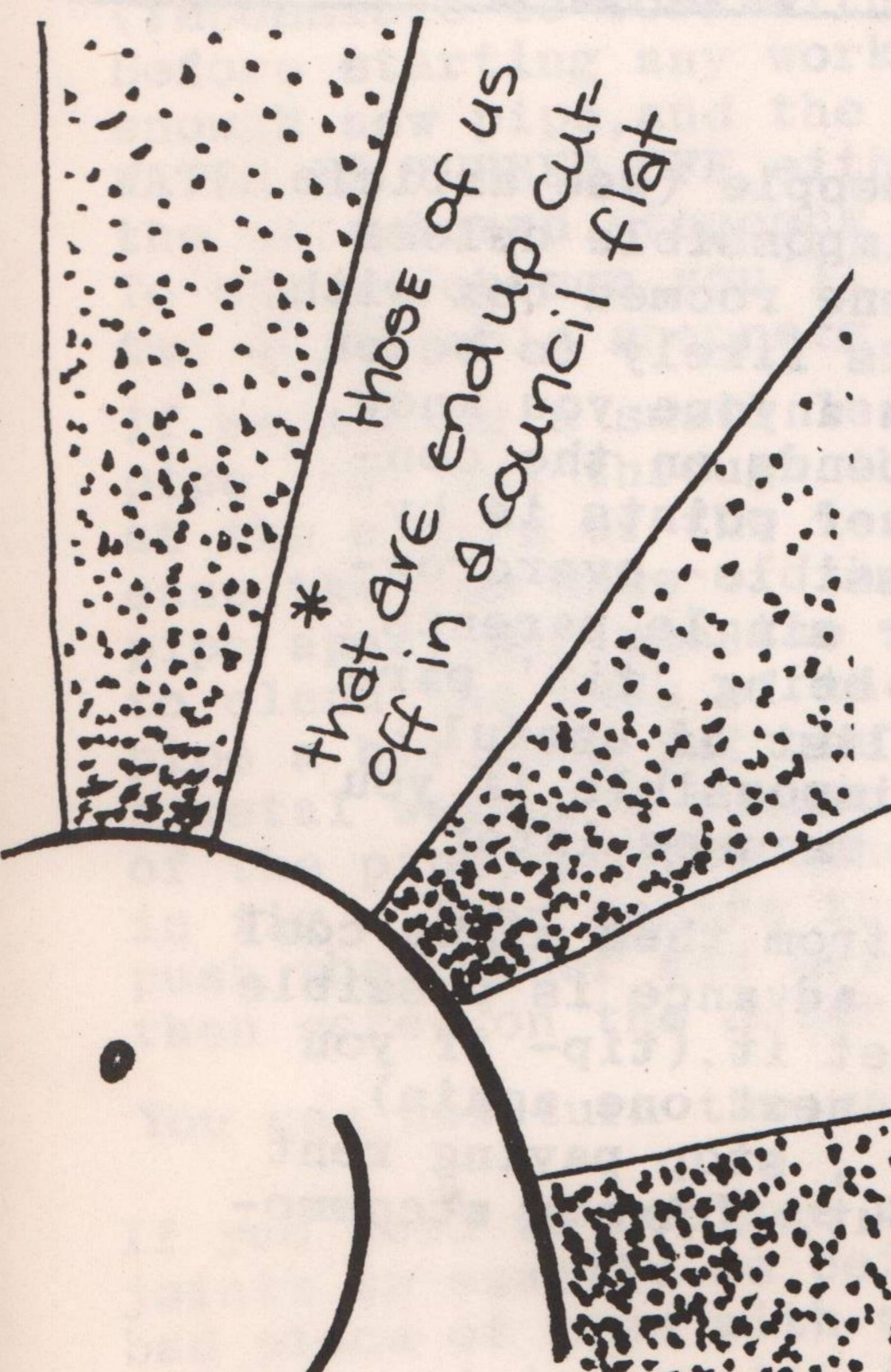
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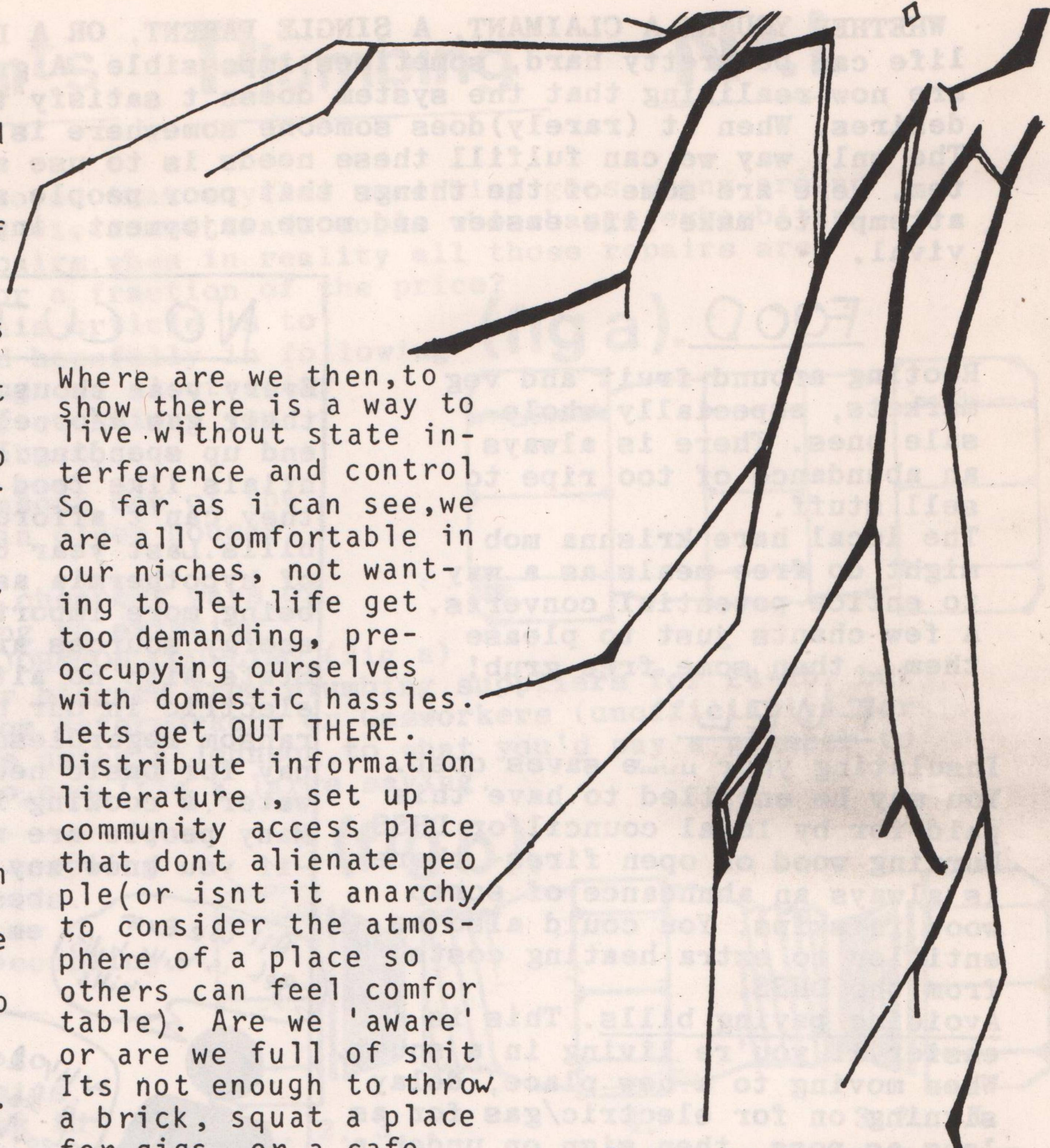
Now, more than ever before, there is a need to be as active and as stropo as possible. Time is running out. If we believe that life could be better, then why aren't there masses of things happening? Sure there is a few but not enough compared to the world situation. So many people struggling- and what are we with our 'socially aware' minds doing about it... fuck all. If we know how shit the state is, if we know how simple life could be without the complications of capitalism, then where are we all? Where are we hiding? Why are we hiding? It's not enough to squat a house and live alternatively(?) we should be out there. Out there alongside people who don't have the time and space to consider their oppression. We are privileged. We are not trapped in a rut of rent or mortgage responsible for kids*, all the pressures that come with fitting in this society. We don't want to fit in.



* those of us that are end up cut off in a council flat

Where are we then, to show there is a way to live without state interference and control. So far as i can see, we are all comfortable in our niches, not wanting to let life get too demanding, pre-occupying ourselves with domestic hassles. Lets get OUT THERE. Distribute information literature, set up community access place that dont alienate people (or isnt it anarchy to consider the atmosphere of a place so others can feel comfortable). Are we 'aware' or are we full of shit. Its not enough to throw a brick, squat a place for gigs, or a cafe that sells cheap food which only fucking rich lefties go to (who's exploiting who?) Theres so much to do, and so little time. Do we play into the state hands and keep to ourselves...or send our ideas ever outwards. Theres room and need enough to do everything why limit ourselves? GO TO IT!! Lets show them what anger means. Not just a smashed window, or squat bar, or literature, or making sure our clothes are the right shade of black. But EVERYTHING!

And lets start joining with other movements- international liberation groups, listening to other sisters, lesbian and gay men, prisoners groups, ecological, human and other animals rights groups. We are not eccentric anarchists, we are going to be taken seriously. Fuck the differences, the in-fights. The more holes we pick, the more segregated we are- and the weaker the threat to the state. We become distracted from the shit we're fighting against. We can get over our differences by talking to each other as we struggle together. No more time-wasting... what do we want? EVERYTHING! when do we want it? YESTERDAY!



· WHETHER YOU'RE A CLAIMANT, A SINGLE PARENT, OR A LOW PAID WORKER, life can be pretty hard, sometimes impossible. A great deal of people are now realising that the system doesn't satisfy their needs and desires. When it (rarely) does someone somewhere is getting very rich. The only way we can fulfill these needs is to use and abuse that system. Here are some of the things that poor people are doing in an attempt to make life easier and more enjoyment, instead of mere survival.

FOOD

Rooting around fruit and veg markets, especially whole-sale ones. There is always an abundance of too ripe to sell stuff.

The local hare krishna mob might do free meals as a way to entice potential converts. A few chants just to please them, then some free grub!

FUEL

Insulating your home saves cost. You may be entitled to have this paid for by local council or DHSS. Burning wood on open fires- there is always an abundance of scrap wood in skips. You could also be entitled to extra heating costs from the DHSS.

Avoiding paying bills. This is easier if you're living in a squat. When moving to a new place, delay signing on for electric/gas for as long as poss, then sign on under a false name. A 'budget scheme' is better than a £200 deposit. Pay the first instalment or none at all. When threats of cut-off come through say you've only just moved in, and sign on again in another false name! If gas or leccy have their doubts, simply buy and fill in a rent book.

HOUSING

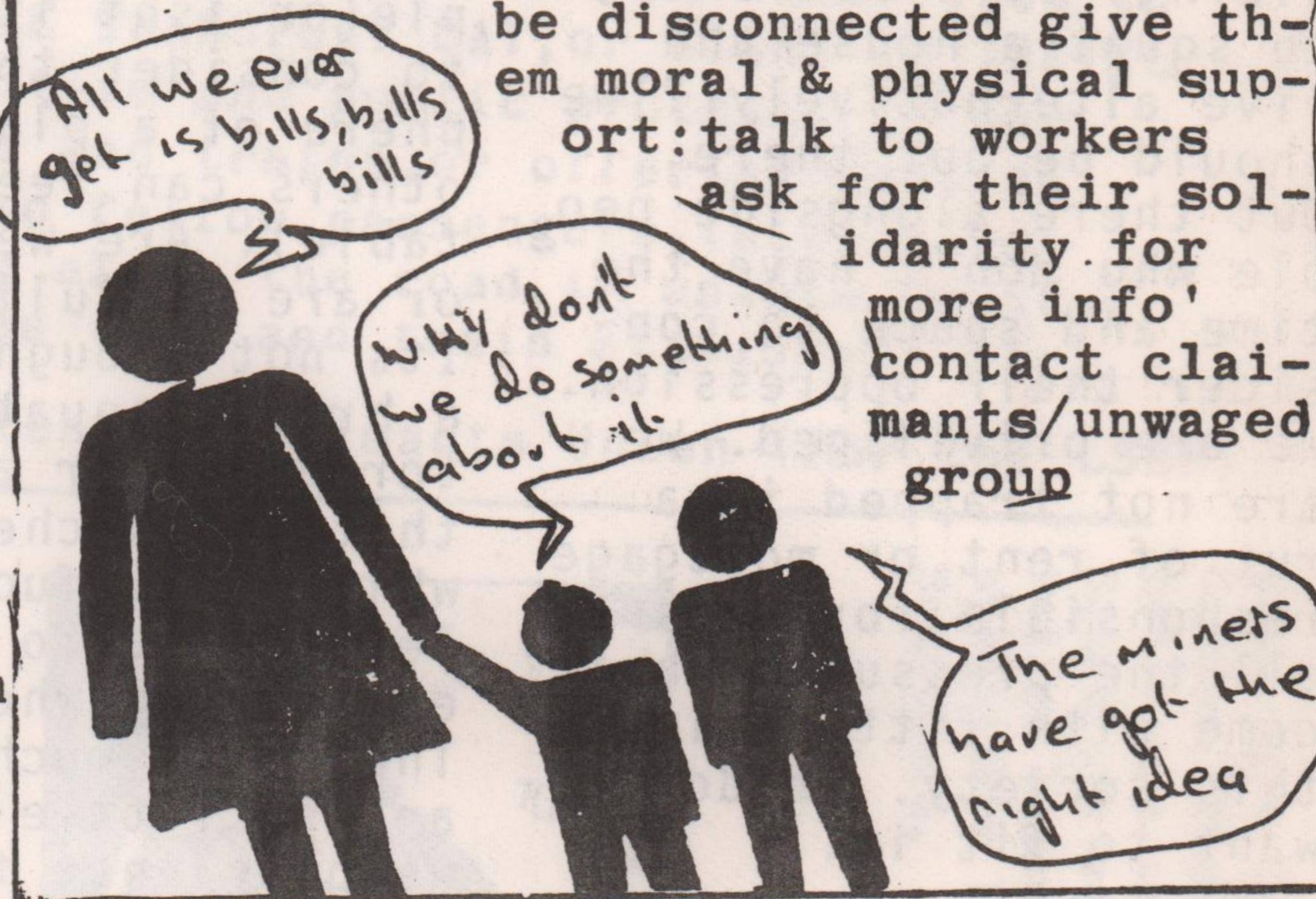
Squatting is now becoming essential for a lot of people (see article on it). Council homes; this is very hard, almost impossible unless you are a single parent with 26 kids living in a one roomed box with no toilet blah,blah. If you do get somewhere, it is likely to be on top of a 98 storey block of flats, miles away from anyone you know. Councils usually work on a points system which depends on the conditions you're living in. Best way of scoring higher points is by lying, saying you live in the worst conditions possible- overcrowding, sharing amenities etc. This is quite hard for single parents who often have their children stolen away for not being 'fit' parents. If you need help, advice and support see the list of useful addresses. PRIVATE HOUSING; biggest rip-off, almost impossible if you are on the dole. Don't mention it, lie and make excuses later

If you are waiting for rent from the ss, a letter from them might cool down an angry rent collector. Deposits and rent in advance is possible from the ss, but you'll really have to hassle to get it. (tip- if you move out, take the deposit with you, and claim the next one again) Or if you know well in advance that you are going, stop paying rent keep it and disappear after your deposit has run out... Avoid accommodation agencies, their one aim is to rip you off.

NO CUTT OFFS!

Every year thousands of people have their gas &/or electric cut off, or end up spending less on other essentials like food & clothing because they can't afford to pay the fuel bill bills. Last year 600 old people died of hypothermia as a result of profit being more important than lives. Our energy sources are controlled by the State. With no alternative to gas & electric in our homes, we are held ransom regardless of our ability to pay for basic needs like heat, hot water, & cooking fuel.

Many people are now resisting cut offs -if you know any one who is going to be disconnected give them moral & physical support: talk to workers ask for their solidarity. for more info' contact claimants/unwaged group



TRAVEL

Long distance hitch-hiking. If you can put up with the weather it can be good fun. Unfortunately, it's not advisable for a woman on her own. Jumping the train/tube (not paying) is quite easy when you get the hang of it. A knowledge of stations and fares is useful. Like a lot of things it takes confidence which personally comes with practice. If the ticket collector notices s/he will shout but usually not more. Watch out for inspectors and ambitious workers. Inspectors in particular, are a nasty bunch of people - usually very big and muscley, and being subject to their interrogation is no fun. If you get caught, plead totally ignorant, say you've lost your ticket, and ask to fill in a form so you can pay later. (If you have no ID on you, could give false name and address)

Places to stay - youth hostels, hire out a tent and don't take it back this can be cheaper than buying it. You don't have to stick to official camp sites either. Claimants are allowed 2 weeks 'paid holiday' in Britain. Ask for a holiday form or (unofficially) ask a friend to sign on for you - they will need to copy your signature, and know your date of birth and address etc.

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Time to
Fightback

Jumble sales and markets, ignore any stigma - it's created to make sure new cloths are bought and fat profits made.

If you squat, it might be more convenient to sign-on from a friends address, Say you sleep on the floor. This saves making a new claim every time you move. Always make it clear that you live totally separate, pay equal share of the bills but you are entirely independant from the rest of the house/flat, or they may not give as much money.

Many theatres and cinemas have cheaper rates for unwaged people (take a dole card along). Council run sports centres offer free facilities. Public baths are often cheaper than running one in your own home.

There's a whole world to win -



It seems obvious that no amount of begging, stealing etc is ever going to make us free to totally enjoy life. No one is going to give us what we need & want, we have to rise up & take it. People are organising themselves as claimants; as workers; as women; as blacks; as gays; as communities etc. to fight against all these in power, whether it is govt', bosses, police or anyone else all those in power, the govt's the companies and all their protectors. (their police, law etc). These people profit at the expense of lives and suffering. Contact local groups or start one up. FIGHTBACK!

LET'S TAKE IT OVER NOW!!

CLAIMANTS UNIONS + UNWAGED GROUPS

As Claimants we don't always get what we're entitled to. £750 million goes unclaimed every year. Could some of this money belong to you? With unhelpful staff at SS and UB offices, who fob people off with excuses and lies, the chances are you'll never know. The information available to claimants is not sufficient and the leaflets are hard to understand.

If you're unhappy about the amount you're getting, go to a Claimants Union and inquire what extra money you might be entitled to. If you don't get it, we can back each other up and APPEAL.

In grotty offices, we're made to feel like shit and treated as scroungers after a handout instead of like people with an entitlement.

You could be entitled to money for laundry, clothes, bedding etc.

YOUR MONEY'S BEEN STOPPED - BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHY - YOU'LL HAVE TO GO AND ASK AT THE DHSS.



As a Claimants Union, we can make shure the DHSS applies its own rules, support each other when having a hard time at the office or at home (sadistic Fraud Squad visits). It's time to put an end to intimidation and isolation!! It's harder for them to put the frighteners on 2 people than on 1.

We can campaign against discrimination e.g. wimmin (women) cannot claim benefit while living with a man.

There's no highly paid councillors or patronising social workers there - JUST ANGRY CLAIMANTS.

For advice on how to set up a Claimants Group or how to contact your local one: write to
 Federation of Claimants Unions
 296 BETHNAL GREEN RD
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THE UNWAGED FIGHT BACK!

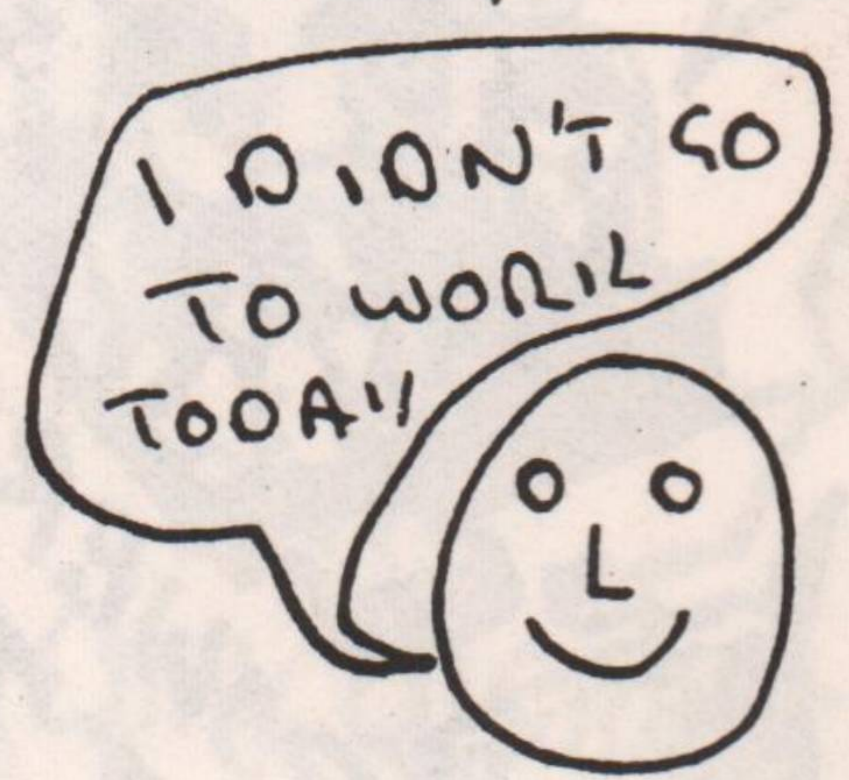
In Spain, especially Madrid and Barcelona, shortly beore the Civil War, workers used to go around with pistols and nobody dared ask them for money - free food, free transport..... (but these days you keep seeing mugs given worthless medals or handshakes after risking life and limb to protect their bosses' 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, in the 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.

..and its starting in this country as well.

DIARY

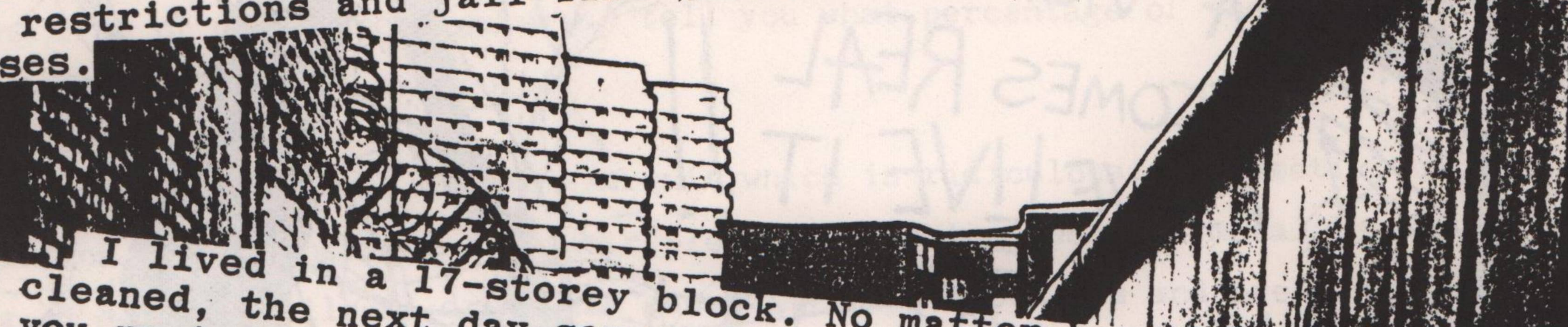
PROGRESS report on Norman Tebbit's fearful fraud-hunters - the elite squad of 93 whose job is to terrify dole-diddlers into confessing their crimes. Although the deadline for the 93 vacancies closes on Monday, only one applicant has his intentions to Department of



● Biggest boom today: Crime
 Tebbit to send in dole fear squads

WE ARE THE ENEMY WITHIN...

Look around you and notice how the posh areas stay nice, and how council estates end up disaster areas. Notice how much space and greenery there is in the avenues of the wealthy, and compare that to the boxes and tightness of poorer areas. Its no wonder that young people in particular end up destroying where they live- not that they ever had the choice to live where they wanted. Resentful,..of the rules and restrictions and jail-like qualities of blocks of flats and box houses.



I lived in a 17-storey block. No matter how many times the lift was cleaned, the next day someone would have pissed in it again. How can you pretend life is rosy when your faced with that all the time? It brings you down and keeps you there. How many rich people have to put up with that kind of shit? When people aren't treated with respect, aren't seen to matter, what can be expected.

Council estates have become ghettos full of unhappy and disillusioned people. So kids, not quite having had the anger kicked out of them, smash up the claustrophobic conditions around them. Anger. Frustration. Unable to pinpoint the cause of it, they take it out on where they feel most secure and most resentful-their 'home'. Its difficult to build a community atmosphere in a block of flats. Everyone is so isolated. Old people, women and black and asian families terrified to answer the door, and trust strangers. In posh areas, they follow their dogs around with a 'pooper scooper'...in poor areas kids play amongst it. Little things like that make a difference.

I'm angry at the way the rich can lead such a comfortable existence, can concentrate on and have time for, improving their 'lot' because home is such a good place to go back to. Life isn't spent worrying whether the lift will break down with you in it, if going through the alley will end in a rape attack, if you can bring a friend back without them noticing the shit on the stairs and the smell of urine, about having to lock up the kids indoors because the park is a lift-ride away to potential danger. Depressing stuff. But worth considering if its anger you feel and not despondancy.

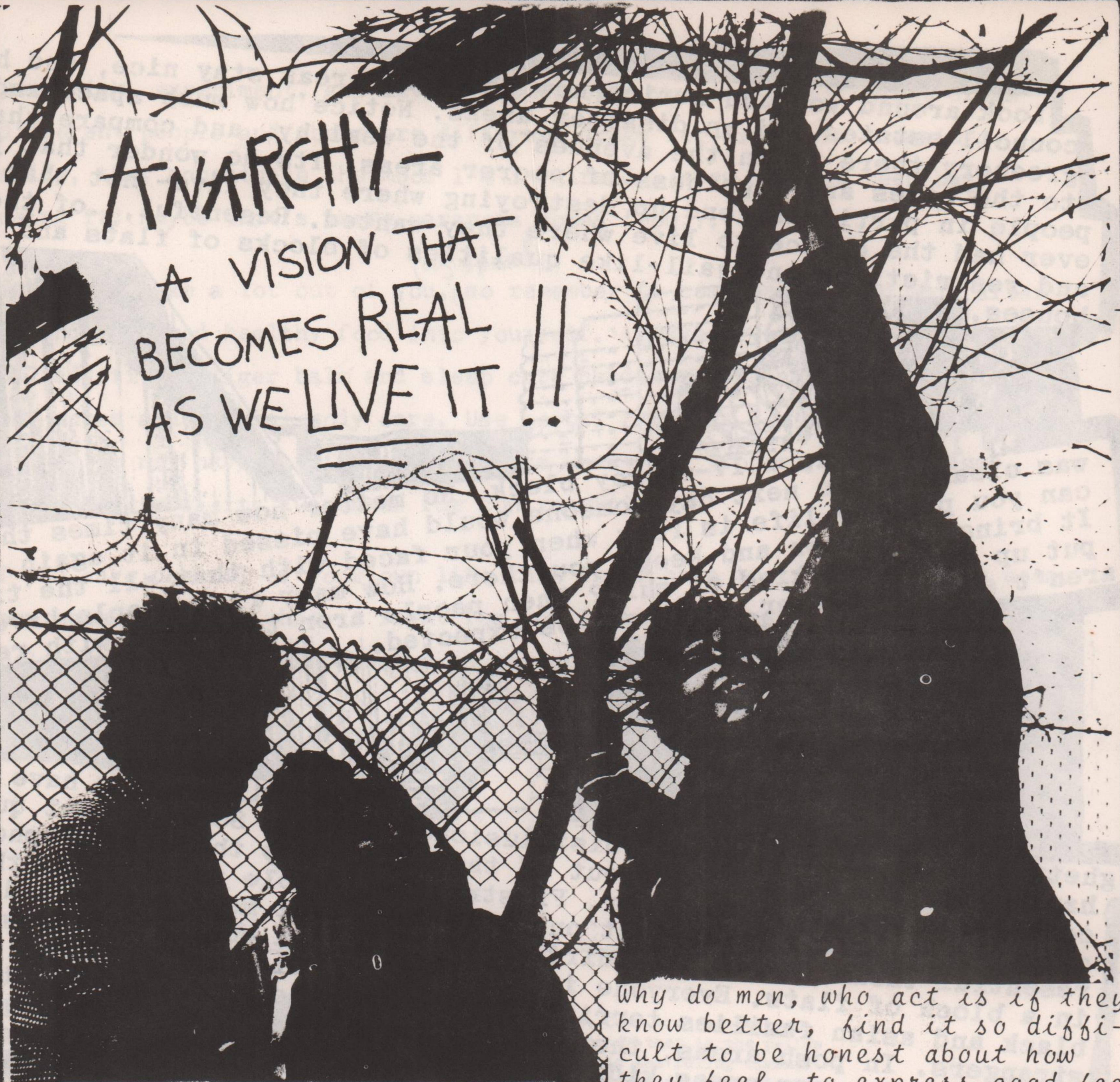
Anger at the crap we get every day from the telly and papers about delinquent youth-their label. A label which hides emotions twisted into hate. And so we get tribal wars- punks, skins, black, white, gay, straight blah, blah... Fires fed by the media. When are we going to ignore the shit and start talking to each other in the lift or on the bus? We can get on with each other independant of them'up there'. We don't need the shit they feed us, or their 'charity', housing, dole, public transport, social services etc. Lets take back our space and our strength. When we begin to realise that they aren't doing us any favours, then we can start demanding, and when they don't give we take, and when they threaten we won't back down but FIGHTBACK. Are we gonna take it forever or do we direct our anger at the real enemy.

NOT TRIBAL WARS, BUT CLASS WAR!!

THE BERLIN WALL

ANARCHY-

A VISION THAT
BECOMES REAL
AS WE LIVE IT !!



There is a feeling lately. Tension. Not at life, but with each other. There is a real lack of touch and love. From progressing from pacifism, through to militant activism, it seems to be less 'done' to hug each other and talk seriously. As a woman, I find that generally the men I know have slipped back into taking the piss, avoiding their feelings, and touch. Surely this is how men have been conditioned to behave - surely this is what we're all ♀ and ♂ fighting against.

Why do men, who act as if they know better, find it so difficult to be honest about how they feel, to express good feelings. Isn't what we learnt from pacifism - positive aspects is that the personal is political. How we treat each other - ourselves and others - is imperative to convince people that there is another way. Why spout revolutionary slogans when our conditioning remains intact. When it is easier, less of a confrontation, to do nothing about the shit in our heads.

If we are trying to push forward our ideas to a more caring and sharing world, then why are some of us so reluctant to show they care, to share their doubts and insecurities. It's not enough to go around hugging each other and cringe about direct action; it's not enough to "smash the state" and hide our fears. It is enough to do both. To behave compassionately, to feel anger from the understanding of the shit around us and to act on it! There's room for both...do it!

GREENHAM.

The State Says...



... It Pays To Be STRAIGHT!

Homosexuality and the state

The State recreates itself in each individual, perpetuating its myths in the mind of each growing child. Behaviour is institutionalized where there might be autonomy and each generation plays at being God, attempting to recreate the next in its own image. Hence the pattern of the State continues to shape itself, rather than allowing people to shape their own lives, in the way they feel most comfortable.

When I talk of the State I do not just mean the institutions of Government and its systems of defence (i.e. army and police) but also those who passively accept, and therefore reinforce, the values and power structures of a state, whether they do so knowingly or in ignorance, whether it benefits them or causes them to suffer. For the State must recreate itself in its whole strata to continue. THERE CAN BE NO MASTERS IF THERE ARE NO SERVANTS. In this manner our everyday life is either a reinforcement of the State or in conflict with it. There can be no neutral, this is just one of the myths by which the State exonerates the individual of responsibility.

In this sense every individual is alienated from some aspect or aspects of self, as no-one is able to completely recreate the norm that the State demands of them. So certain emotions, certain thoughts, certain experiences are repressed, and as the State recreates itself, it creates self-oppression and where there is self-oppression there is always oppression of others. Those who have crushed in themselves that which they feel sets them apart from the herd are the quickest to point the finger or the gun at those who are obviously different in some manner, thereby creating a sense of false unity with the majority. IT IS THIS ALIENATION, THIS FALSE SENSE OF UNITY, THIS SELF-OPPRESSION, WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF THE STATE AND MANIFESTS ITSELF AT ALL LEVELS OF ITS WORKINGS. If there were no State to conform to there would be no isolation. If we were able to see and accept ourselves in TOTALITY there would be no need to persecute others, as the main function of persecution is to maintain the false unity of the majority. But these are all "ifs" and it is in the everyday struggle to realize ourselves and others that we must find the reality that will undermine the State and each way we turn the State throws sand into our eyes to blind us from the true selves we might otherwise know.

THE MEDIA, THE CHURCH, THE LAW AND ULTIMATELY OURSELVES ALL BECOME AGENTS OF THIS DECEPTION. So it is I bring up the subject of homosexuality, not only because it is part of my own struggle, but also because it is one of the greatest taboos of the State, one of the strongest taboos to overcome, both for those who feel it to be an important part of their own expression and those who feel it has little if anything to do with them. IF YOU HAVE HAD TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM BEING " ONE OF US " TO BEING " ONE OF THEM " YOU WILL KNOW THAT ALL TOO WELL.

The family is probably the most important unit of the State..... it offers security, without too much questioning. It offers another sense of false unity for how can there be unity when most violence occurs within the home. It is competitive, you work hard for your family against others doing the same. It therefore creates wealth for the rich, who leech off the labour of the man who has to work to support his family and the wife who has to keep the home together. It is alienated, " I have responsibilities " claims the bankworker who knows his labour contributes to the exploitation of the third world and the arms trade. It is a safe nest of indoctrination, producing children who are educated to work in the factories, fight in the army and keep the whole process going.

The strength of the family revolves around the preposition that heterosexuality is the only possibility and monogomy its model of expression. THIS IS WHERE HOMOSEXUALITY BECOMES A THREAT. By its very nature it demands the individual create his or her own lifestyle, and therefore opens up possibilities the family could never conceive of, such as ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, SEXUAL AND EMOTIONAL AUTONOMY, MORE TIME TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, LESS BARRIERS, MORE MOBILITY.

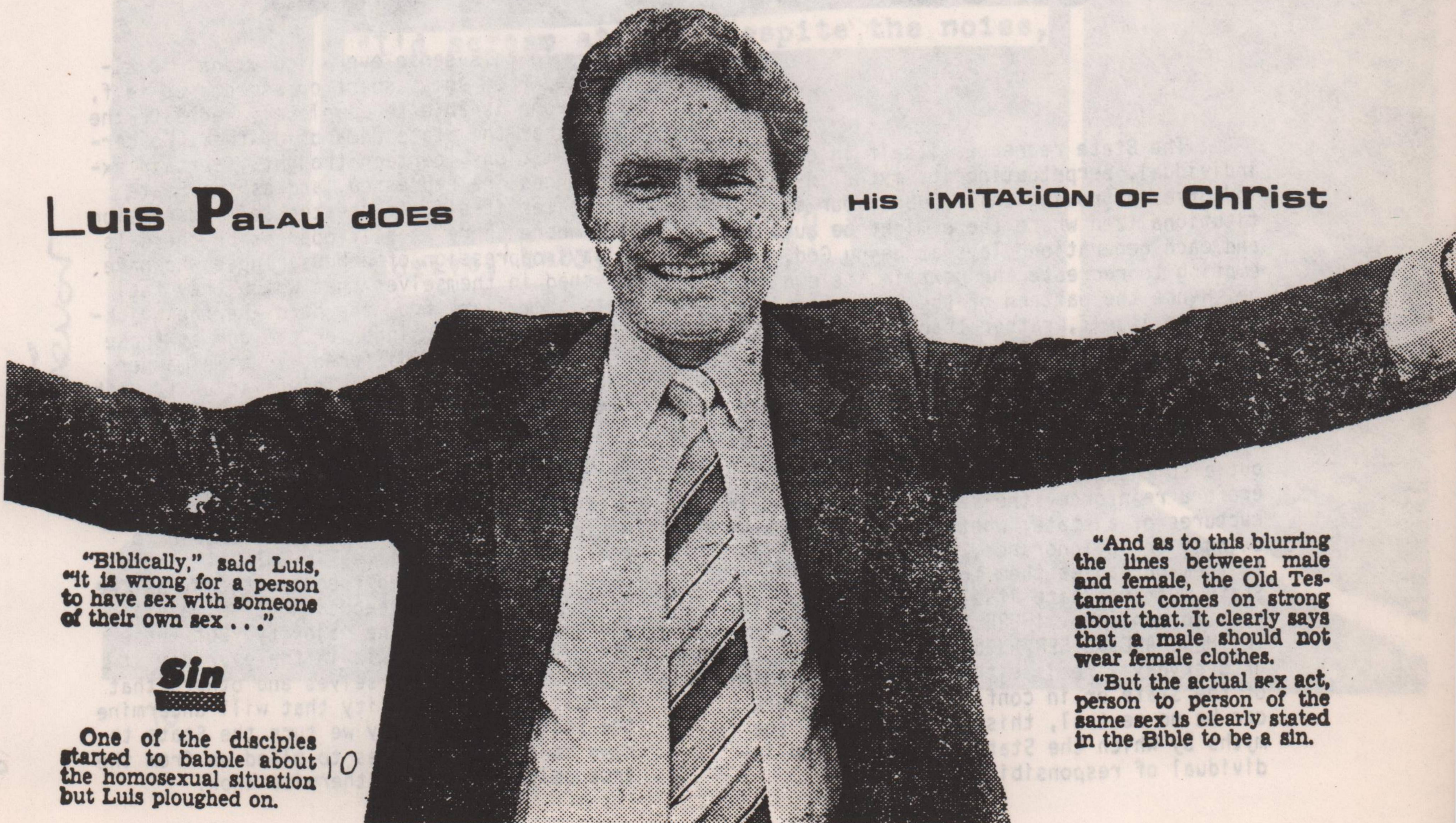
This constitutes a direct threat to the State and undermines what, after all, is not necessarily a happy state of affairs by any means, but all too often the only way of life the individual has been educated to expect. So the State stamps on it, for it might lead people astray, not as suggested by turning them into " homosexuals ", but by offering different possible lifestyles, different expressions of self, that would undermine the good old fabric of society, as defined by the State.

Equally, the stereotypes of male and female roles, which are so important to the State are threatened by a wider variety of possible expressions. The State needs " real men " to man its army and police (please note homosexuality is still illegal in the forces, where the whole process is to brutalize men into destroying each other.), real men to earn the bread, real men to compete against each other to create wealth for the State. And the family is the prison that keeps the men grovelling in the shit, and it needs " real women " to feed the hungry worker, to serve his needs, keep the family together and have the children. It needs " real women " to offer as glittering prizes to the men who go to war (women were adopted like mascots during the Falklands War and pin-ups of nude women sporting the name of this ship or that appeared with regularity in the newspapers.)

If we were all open to the different possible lifestyles we might enjoy, *if we were not* trapped by such a polarized view of sexuality, if we were not so emotionally segregated and alienated from each other and ourselves, the State would lose its greatest means of control over us. IT DEPENDS ON THAT ALIENATION AND ISOLATION FOR ITS PROFITS AND POWER. IT DEPENDS ON ALL THE LONLINESS, FEAR, MISOGNY, HOMOPHOBIA, RAPE, VIOLENCE, SUICIDE, WAR ETC. TO PERPETUATE ITSELF, BY THE MYTH OF THE FALSE UNITY OF THE MAJORITY.

Luis Palau DOES

HIS IMITATION OF Christ



"Biblically," said Luis, "it is wrong for a person to have sex with someone of their own sex . . ."

Sin

One of the disciples started to babble about the homosexual situation but Luis ploughed on.

"And as to this blurring the lines between male and female, the Old Testament comes on strong about that. It clearly says that a male should not wear female clothes.

"But the actual sex act, person to person of the same sex is clearly stated in the Bible to be a sin.

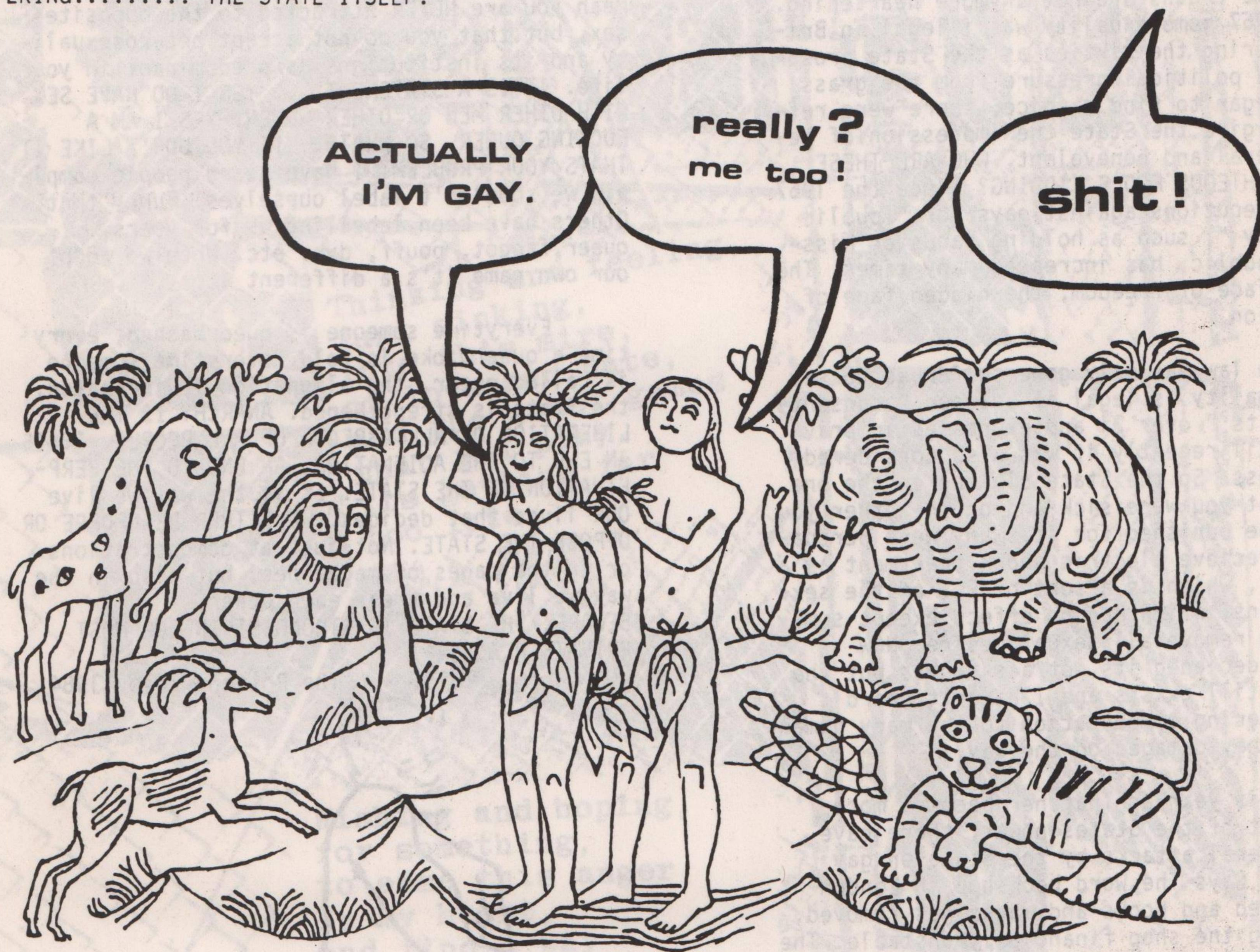
Sex, being one of the strongest forces that motivates human beings, as with all animals, it is important for the State to isolate and contain it. THE QUESTION " AM I NORMAL? " IS MORE OFTEN APPLIED TO SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR THAN ANY OTHER SPHERE OF LIFE.

The State which dictates what is or isn't normal is therefore able to extend its control into the most primal and intimate centres of our lives.

IT CREATES OUR FEARS, MANIPULATES THEM AND OFFERS ITS SOLUTION: NORMALITY..... KEEPING IN LINE. Because the States influence is so deeply rooted, for many people homophobia is a deeply rooted fear, which often

expresses itself in ridicule and violence. The media portrays particularly gay men as ridiculous figures to be mocked, and gay women likewise, though generally lesbians are ignored by the State and its media, as it prefers to pretend they don't exist. After all the thought of a woman who might find emotional and sexual gratification without a man is beyond the comprehension of most men and indeed most women. The contempt behind this mockery also finds an outlet in the lynch mob attitude of queerbashers. In a system that has little regard for people except insofar as they are profitable it is no wonder people look around for someone else they can believe is even more worthless to take their aggression out on. THAT IS HOW THE STATE WORKS. IT NEEDS ITS QUEERS, NIGGERS ETC. AS A DIVISION FROM THE REAL CAUSE OF SUFFERING..... THE STATE ITSELF.

The role of the Church has always been important in the regimentation of sexual behaviour. On the one hand family life receives blessings and is regarded as sacred, on the other, those who stray from this precious flock are regarded as sinful and corrupt. Yes, " Love thy brother as thyself " but don't express it physically or it's eternal damnation for you, if you're a man. The liberal elements of the Church offer toleration and condescension. The more reactionary elements preach hellfire for the " homos " unless they repent now. The Catholic Church lays particular stress on this, and for all his talk about peace, the Pope in reality condemns thousands to intolerable misery, torturing them with guilt and fear, where they might have found liberty and fulfilment. HOW CAN THIS MAN BELIEVE IN PEACE ON EARTH WHEN HE BELIEVES THOSE WHO DO NOT ACCORD WITH WHAT HE PREACHES WILL EXPERIENCE THE ETERNAL FIRES OF HELL. Where's the compassion in that? The implication of sexuality with sin has secured the State a great deal of control over our everyday lives.



**IN THE BEGINNING
they said there was
HETEROSEXUALITY.**

Throughout history the State has persecuted those who expressed homosexual feelings. During the witchhunts men accused of homosexuality were thrown on the fires that consumed those women accused of heresy. Heretic healer and heretic lover burnt together. The patriachs made the connection long before we did. (i.e. sexual independence- women and gays.) Anyone who stepped outside the juristicition of Church, State and family was a candidate for the flame. Hence the term " faggot ", used in America, which is both slang for a male homosexual and also means a bundle of firewood.

Wherever the State has been at its strongest the persecution has been at its peaks. In Nazi Germany between 100,000 and 400,000 prisoners made to wear pink triangles were exterminated. After the war all other classes of prisoners were given compensation except the " queers " who were still regarded as criminals in the allied countries. Even today in many countries, such as Iran and Argentina, where State control is very strong, homosexuality carries sentence of death.

Likewise Communism has been no great liberator. During the time of the Russian revolution and for sometime after, freedom of homosexual expression was allowed. But as soon as the Communist State had gained stability the persecution began again, and still exists.

Home truths are not anymore heartening. Until 1967 homosexuality was illegal in Britain. During the sixties as the State prospered and political pressure from the grass roots began to find a voice, there were reforms to give the State the impression of being liberal and benevolent. WHO ARE THESE SELF-RIGHTEOUS FOOLS KIDDING? Since the 1967 the prosecutions against gays for " public indecency ", such as holding hands or kissing in public, has increased many times. The public face of freedom, the hidden face of oppression.

The law has only gone so far as to say homosexuality is legal if between " consenting adults " over 21 and expressed in private. Until recently it was also considered an illness. So the State claimed on the one hand that you were sick and on the other you should be punished for it. Many were persuaded to recieve electric shock treatment as a " cure ", which is a sort of ECT of the sexual organs, which had no effect except sometimes to remove all sexual desire. Now they've decided its not a sickness but the stigma still exists and I haven't heard them offering compensation to the many human beings they damaged on the way.

This year as Thatcher becomes more confident of the States power, there have been several attacks by the State on gay targets. Gays The Word bookshop in London was raided and books and magazines removed, rendering the shop financially unstable. The items taken were not of a pornographic nature. Also gay literature coming into the country has been seized by Customs, and will probably be burnt. Around the same time fifty

police officers were used to raid a gay pub, which was known to be used by politically radical gays. The excuse was to check the drinking license. SINCE WHEN HAS IT TAKEN FIFTY POLICE TO CHECK A DRINKS LICENSE. Two people were arrested for obsruction, which more than often means not getting out the way in time. Police were also used to raid the home of a gay activist involved in a group supporting gay rights in prison. DURING THE TIMES OF THESE RAIDS THE PHONES OF SEVERAL KNOWN GAY ACTIVISTS MYSTERIOUSLY WENT ON THE BLINK. THESE PHONES ARE UNDOUBTABLY TAPPED.

The Police have always been used to intimidate gays. Plain clothes Police are used to entice and entrap gay men, posing as willing partners. IMAGINE INVITING SOMEONE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX HOME AND GETTING ARRESTED FOR YOUR TROUBLES. THAT IS THE SORT OF REALITY GAYS LIVE WITH CONSTANTLY. SO MUCH FOR 1967. THEIR BENEVOLENCE STINKS. Discrimination at work and in housing continues. Young people are thrown out of home by their parents at a time when they need their support most. The violence continues, the stigma continues, the mockery continues, the isolation continues, THE STATE CONTINUES.

The word GAY came out of years of struggle. It was adopted to replace the word homosexual which merely portrays the individual as a sexual being. GAY MEANS RECOGNIZING SAME SEX ATTRACTION AS BEING EMOTIONAL AS WELL AS SEXUAL. Adopting the word Gay does not necessarily mean you are NEVER attracted to the opposite sex, but that you do not accept heterosexuality and its institutions as predominant in your life. IT IS A STATEMENT... YES I DO HAVE SEX WITH OTHER MEN OR OTHER WOMEN. YES I AM A FUCKING QUEER. SO WHAT... IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT THATS YOUR PROBLEM. I have heard people complain we shouldn't label ourselves. Funny that. Others have been labelling us for years..... queer, faggot, pouff, dyke etc. When we adopt our own name it's a different story.

Everytime someone is queerbashed, every time a queer joke is told, everytime someone is called queer, the alienation is increased, the State is strengthened. ANARCHY IS THE LIBERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF ALL PEOPLE. IT IS AN END TO THE ALIENATION, AN END TO THE PERPETUATION OF THE STATE. It is the way we live OUR lives that decides. WE EITHER REINFORCE OR OPPOSE THE STATE. Not just at demonstrations or in the pages of magazines, but also in the way we live and treat each other. BEWARE! THE STATE IS STRONGEST IN OUR MOST PRIVATE PLACES.

The Rotten Apple. 1984.



OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW IS FREEDOM

Dreaming and scheming,
sit watching,
as fire sparks
hit the dark,
shadows play
across the wall,
the night,
slowly starts to fall.

The accents on revenge,
the urge to put things
straight,
to re-arrange this
place,
and wipe the smile,
right off your face,
the accents on revenge.

Thinking and feeling,
just sinking,
into this mire,
of love and hate,
and the cruel games
that you play.
Its getting far
too late.

Wishing and hoping,
for something,
to ease this anger
in my heart,
and find a way
to tear apart,
the systems you create.
The accents on revenge.

Shattering the myth for a moment,
to tell of innocence ,
dead at last,
Ah, here come the cynics
to tell their tale,
here come the cynics
who've lost their truth.

It seems that the trap
has snapped.

Remember this tale, a sad lament,
memories blur, yet move so fast,
Ah, here come the critics
with sharpened swords,
here come the critics
to feast once more,

It seems that the trap
has snapped.

Parasites fed on the young mind,
grown fat on the young ,
and the fast,
Ah, beware the cynics
whose minds are stale,
beware the cynics
whose thoughts are grey.



Hypocrisies of life,
are written by the hand,
as dying children,
laugh their last,
then bite the burning sands,

Criminals of life,
will tear away your clothes,
and expose the darkness,
that you call your soul.

Take your last bite,
of the cherry.
Satisfy your self,
of the fruit.
But please dont cry,
that your sorry.
If the taste is'nt,
always so sweet.

Joys of life lay floating,
as people are imprisoned,
for daring to be free.

Criminals of life,
will burn your compassionate
vener.
and leave you crying to the God
you say is always near.

Difference between love and hate,
is buried in your mind,
but please dont cry to me,
when you mistake the signs.

This is it, this is wonderful,
a one life carnival,
keep your every hour full,
allay your every fear,
yet hold back frustrations
tears.

Dance, sing, love,
spectacular times,
it's fun, sun, love,
spectacular times.
Don't think, cry, but why?
Spectacular times.
Meanwhile you know,
it's not what you need,
below the surface,
grows the seed,
you never feel at ease,
dont struggle,
the puppet masters
must not be displeased

**We must clamp
down on
the squatters**

They say the squatters pay no rent or rates, and some of them are causing nuisance.

**'Grab and then
smash' squatters**

**Council will get tough
with the
squatters**

**The nasty
face of
squatters**

Councillor Calnan does not know what proportion of the borough's squatters would qualify for rehousing except to say: "It's more than I would like"

**A crackdown on
single squatters**

**It's not just
your house
they are
after...it's
your whole
way of life**

But he adds: "Squatting means queue-jumping and Islington Council won't tolerate that."

STOP SQUATTER

And remaining tenants prefer the slightly surreal appearance to the filth, noise and harassment formerly caused by the squatters, he says.

'Home wreckers'

The vandal squatters

The tenants said that recent empty flats which the council had boarded up had been re-opened. They are sure this is in readiness for the proposed invasion of more squatters.

**How the new squatters
ruin hopes of
the real needy**

But one rent payer from the Primrose Hill Court Estate feels that anyone who squats there should be charged with breaking and entering.

**★ ORGANISED SQUATTING
has increased dramatically
over the last 18 months.**

Within a couple of weeks squatters were back in six of the 16

squatting?

Have you noticed how rarely it is that the media have something good to say about squatters, the only time they ever get a mention is when some scandal or concoction of lies is featured. This is hardly surprising, for a start the majority of newspapers are Tory controlled/biased, squatting is totally opposed to the tory idea of private ownership of property, it advocates the RIGHT of everyone to a place to live regardless of how much money they happen to have. Because of this squatting does not conform to the basic ideals of capitalism, so it is bound to come under attack from all quarters of the capitalist press.

Squatters also come under attack from virtually all the institutions that we are sadly cursed with; the government introduces repressive laws (how much longer before they declare squatting illegal, like in Germany etc), many councils are constantly evicting squatters even though they have no plans to use the vacated properties. And the police have decided that squatters, like blacks and gays, are another minority to be harrassed when ever possible..

Mainly due to the medias lies, misconceptions and over generalizations squatters often come under attack from 'normal' tenants aswell, there are a number of common arguments most of which are easily dismissed. Squatters are not generally any more noisy or messy than anyone else, unfortunately people only seem to notice the ones that are. It is true, as many argue that squatters dont pay rent, but then again why should they?, why should anyone?, housing is a right not a privelidge. Some people argue that squatters take over houses that could be given to homeless families, here the fault lies with local councils not squatters, the majority of property that is squatted has been empty for a considerable period of time, sometimes years, it is usually empty because of the councils incompetence/inability to solve the housing problem.

There are ove 140,000 empty properties in London only a fraction of them are squatted. What are you waiting for ?.

Fight to oust the squatters

The tenant voicing estate anger alleges threats of violence by the squatters - thus the anonymity.

**STOP SQUATTER
LUNACY
SAYS TORY MP**

The aim is to make sure that squatters cannot jump the housing queue by grabbing homes intended for people on the waiting list.

The houses have been squatted in for several years. Inside was evidence of glue-sniffing and everywhere there were extreme Left-wing publications and leaflets.

**A NEW weapon is to be
used in the war against
organised squatting.**

**When your castle is
another man's home**

*If 'lousy
louts' squat
while you
are away*

**Council will
fight the
squatters**

**City starts battle
against squatters**

**PRIMROSE HILL ten-
ants are angry at the
ease with which a flat
on their estate has
been squatted.**

Drop-outs'

**WORK.
don't
squat**

**Council declares
war on squatters**

*Evening
Standard News*

*This outrage
cannot be
tolerated*

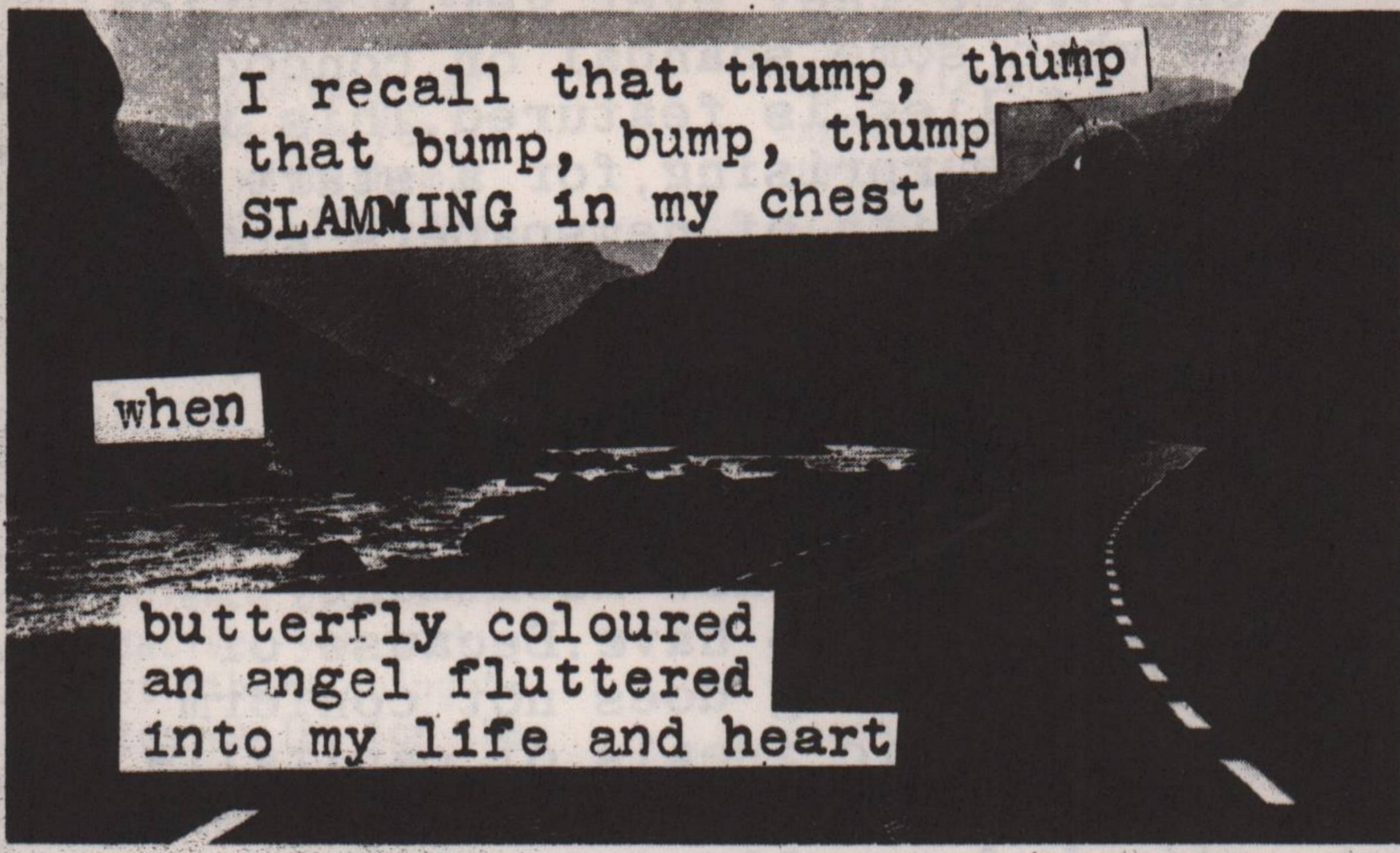
**COUNCIL
ACTS AGAINST
SQUATTERS**

**Squatting,
another
name for
thieving**

**For more information contact the
Advisory Service for Squatters,
2a St Pauls road, Islington, N**

**Steel barricades are going
up on Islington council estates
in a determined attempt to**

Ain't no back-seat drivers allowed on the road of life.



I recall that thump, thump
that bump, bump, thump
SLAMMING in my chest

when

butterfly coloured
an angel fluttered
into my life and heart

where

she lit a fire
with her desire
to LIVE for all her life

and

thoughts of her
still make my heart
BEAT so fucking HARD

"And
if she passed you in a car
and left you standing there?"

"I'd scream at her, despite the noise,



drive, baby, DRIVE!"

Trevor

I was going to write an article about DRUGS but I got too out-of-it. So here's a rave instead:
Everybody experiments with drugs - panadeine or valium: the pill or depo provera? tea or coffee? marijuana or beer? LSD or opium? whisky or cocaine? There could be a long list of drugs and figures to tell you what percentage of the population uses them. But you get the point.

Some drugs are legal and some aren't, which is ridiculous! One section of the population is criminalised for their pleasure, and the rest can moralize about how good s/he is. Illegal drugs are generally more expensive and are controlled by the Mafia and other small-time crook/capitalists, who profit from 'street' exploitation. I.C.I., Beyer, and other chemical companies are the biggest pushers and make huge profits from legal drugs. And what about the cigarette companies and the breweries?

They are the criminals - those who suppress mental health with their drugs. Valium at the doctors surgery, phenothiazines in mental hospitals.

They are the criminals - those who forcibly control populations without respect for the cultural beliefs of the people, for example the ethnic minorities in Britain.

They are the criminals who put additives in our food.

They are the criminals who deny us information with which to make real choices about our physical and mental health.

What about the junkies though, you might be thinking. Are they any different from a 'housewife' stuck on valium, a T.V. addict, a workaholic? (Choose your own poison!) Don't buy media lies. Drug abuse, the misuse of a commodity, is a product of our society. Change the conditions in society that make drug use such a profitable business. A junkie affects her/his own mind and body. Chemical corporations inflict control over millions. A boozing politician or corporate business dealer, drowning their consciences in a bottle, are going to sink not only themselves but the world into oblivion. The media distortions do a great cover-up.

Now, I do get sad when I see clever, beautiful people spending their whole time procuring, using, out-of-it, and sometimes dying. They are making a statement about what this society has to offer them, which is nothing.

And I get ANGRY about this society.

Now onto the good part (sorry, no recipes today)

Social drugs should be used for relaxation and recreation. So if you want to,

take your pick, experiment, get advice from people you trust. Different drugs suit different people and there are different drugs for different occasions. Personally, they accentuate the mood I'm in already, even if I've been busy supressing it! Maybe that's where paranoia comes from.?

(eg. speed)

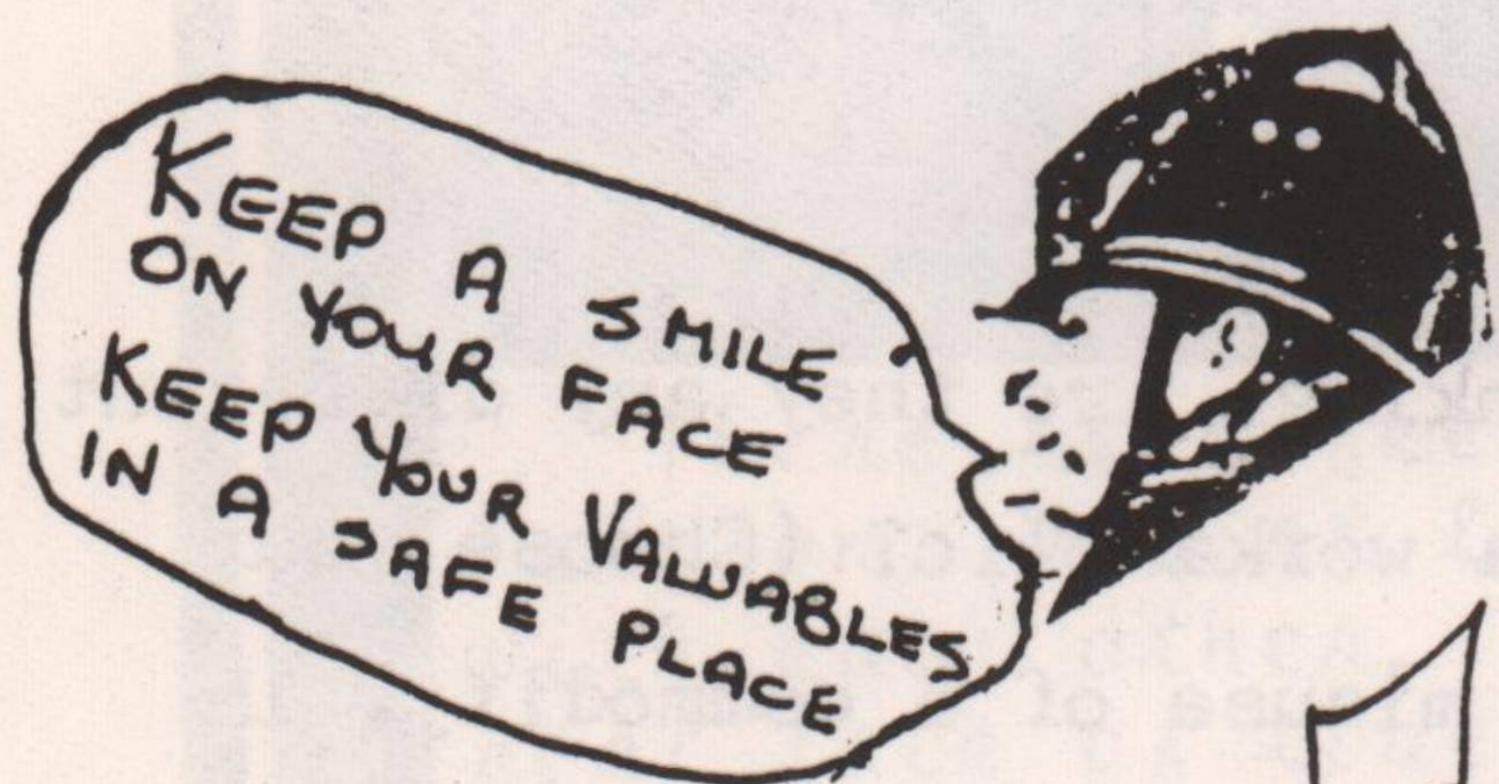
Some drugs take a lot out of you, so remember to compensate your body after a binge and put good healthy food into yourself. Always try to avoid food with chemical additives. Tiger balm and sleep cure headaches. Massage is great for tension, aches and general body care. Use herbal remedies for infections, colds, etc. - they do not have harmful side effects when used properly. Use condoms, dutch-caps and fertility awareness for contraception.

If you have control of your own life then drugs have their place, their uses. Autonomy means deciding what is right for you in all spheres of your existence. Drug related laws are as unnecessary as any others when people can live their lives without exploiting / being exploited by others.



C.G.

NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL '84



HYPOTHESIS: Cops are people too. The institution that is the police force protects the ruling classes in society and in doing so adopts to an extreme all the worst features of the institutions and the heirachies within. They use their role to justify their behavior and conversely they see their racist, sexist and authoritarian attitudes being condoned by the 'state' and the 'capital' they represent.

A first time spectator
Member of the general public
White woman

What is going on here?
Getting off the train
Out into the beating street
Reggae, samba
Dancing with the moving crowd
Listen to the heart beat
Marijuana, alcohol
Ears full, mind full
Laughing eyes, smiling faces
Melting in the colour

A new time way of life
First time participant
White woman

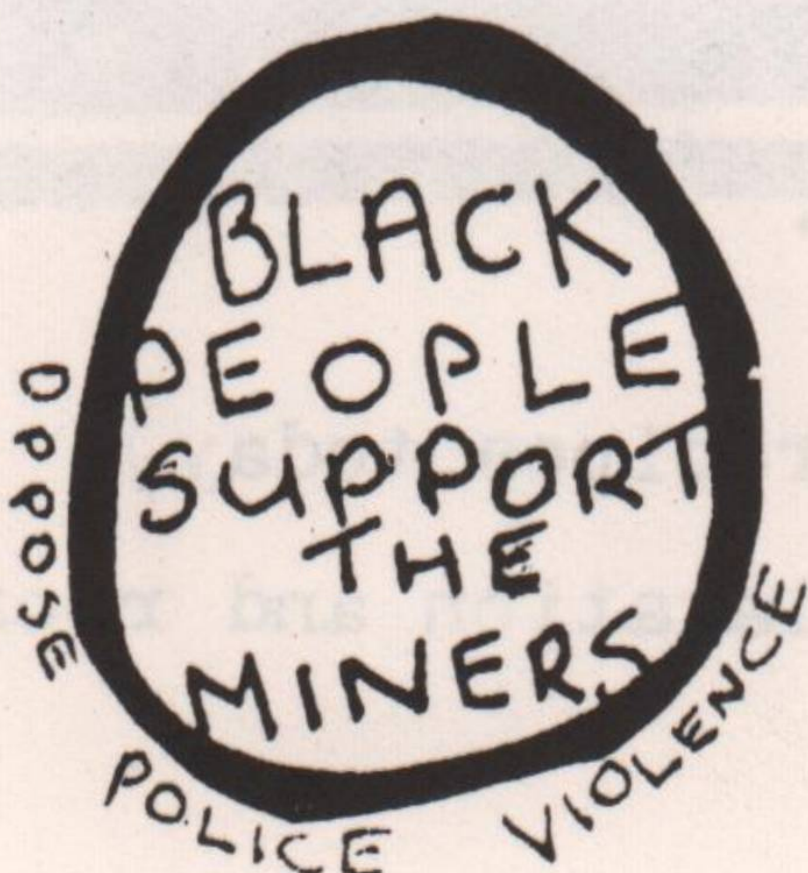
This day like every day?
People in the streets
Sharing with the good friends
Caring for my neighbour.
Don't need no rip-off shops
Don't need the bloody cops
Watermelon, loaf of bread
Walk out, rest down
Our parade goes round and round
Living in the colour.



REVIEW: Chalice U.K.
Missed Poison Girls at Meanwhile Gardens so heard these instead. Good energy, good musicians. Good spirit for Rasta message. "rid the world of malice" (rhymes with chalice!). The instrumental breaks were long and powerful especially towards the end. Personally I prefer more MILITANT lyrics, nevertheless Chalice U.K. are good communicators.

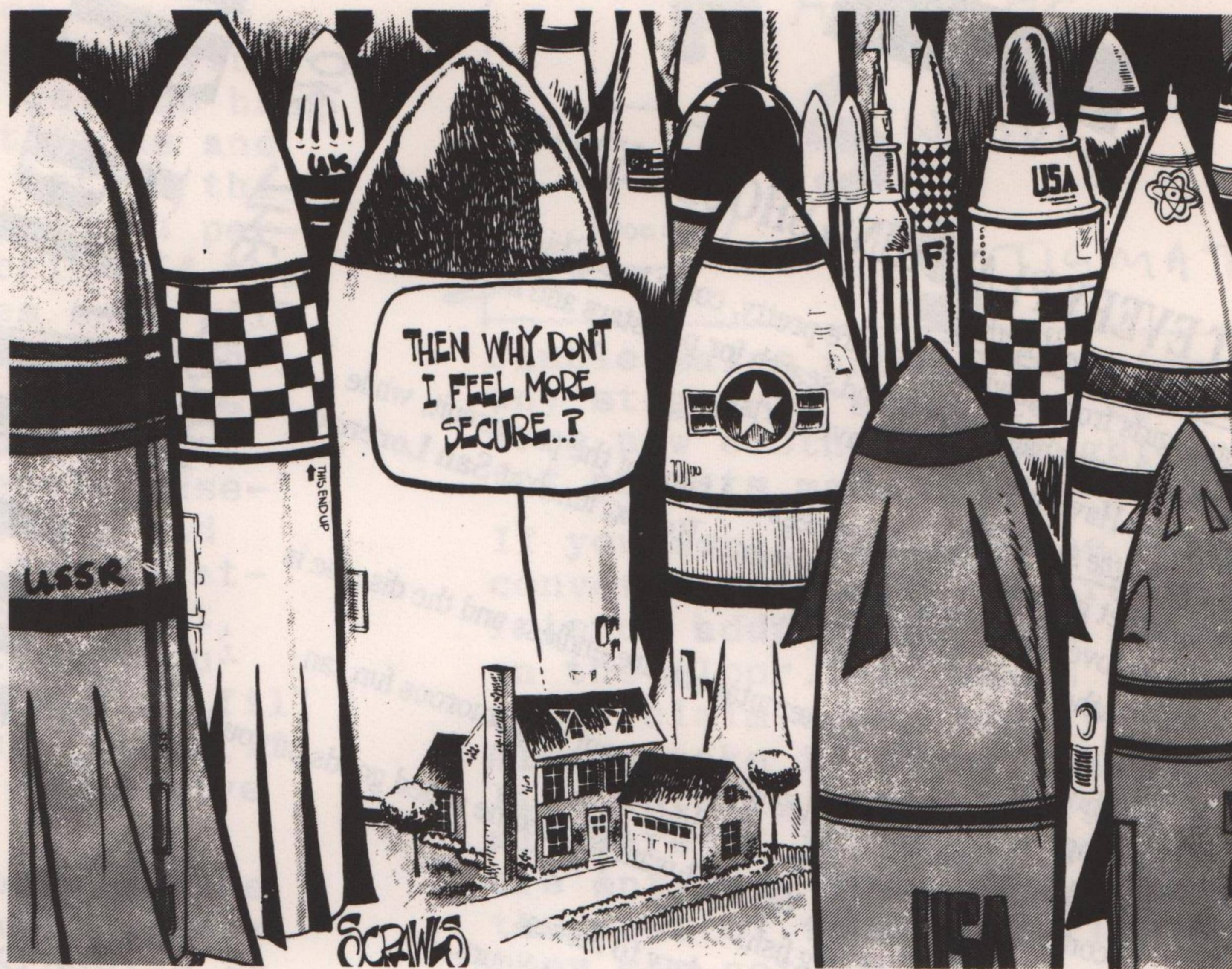


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QUOTE. Wilmette Brown.
"We never stop thinking about the police. You are out there in a black skin and you know about the police, you know that you're in danger of being singled out for something, and it doesn't matter if you're Afro-American or West Indian or Asian or African, you have that black face and you think about the police - it's second nature."

Across the Divide of Race, Nation and Poverty speech Bristol 28. 1. 84.



Dear Sirs • man to man • manpower • craftsman
working men • the thinking man • the man in the street
fellow countrymen • the history of mankind
one-man show • man in his wisdom • statesman
forefathers • masterful • masterpiece • old masters
the brotherhood of man • Liberty Equality Fraternity
sons of free men • faith of our fathers • god the father
god the son • yours fraternally • amen • words fail me



NON-FICTION

THE PLAYTHING DIRECTORY

OR THE GREAT SOCIAL ROBOTOLOGY

WHAT EVERY PLAYTHING SHOULD KNOW

There are two types of Plaything:

(a) Little girls from nowhere who are pretty, come to the big city, get jobs as models or hairdressers and search for pop stars and footballers, and (b) the Have-Money-Will-Travel Girls.

Both go for the same men.

Up-market girls love the naughtiness and fame of the pop circuit, while (a) girls love anyone who can give them a **Rolex**, lunch at **San Lorenzo** and a leather jacket from **Joseph**.

Don't

- Get hooked on drugs. The temptations are endless and the disease is catching.
- Get hooked on the lifestyle. What starts out as glamorous fun can become socially-endorsed prostitution.
- Get too much publicity. You don't want to become soiled goods or you'll never hook the really big fish.
- Forget that true love is secondary to money.
- Be suprised when pop stars keep strange hours.

Do.

- Get pregnant, provided you get him too.
- Buy **him** presents.
- Have staying power. You mustn't be thin-skinned if you ruin his marriage and children.

Men

Are not to be sympathised with. If they think that they have bought you they have no compunction about disposing of you.

There are, incidentally, two types of men:

(a) Nouveau riche men who'll give a girl a charge account, and (b) establishment men who see no reason to spent money on you - after all, they say, you're lucky just to be with them.

Last year's question:

How many engagement rings do you have?

This year's questions:

(a) How many husbands have you had? (b) How many of them were yours?



Don't you ever get annoyed, that anytime something goes wrong around the house, you become a victim of tradepeople who charge exorbitant prices to do minor repairs, when in reality all those repairs are easy to do yourself, for a fraction of the price?

Well the idea of this article is to show you just that, and hopefully in following issues cover such things as electricity and gas, and answer any questions you may care to write in about.

This issue advice about one of the most common problems in older houses, Lead pipework.

Probably the best and cheapest ways of repairing or connecting to existing pipework is to use a JOHNSON COUPLING (fig a)

these can be bought or blagged from plumbing suppliers for £4-£5, but can also be bought from Waterworkers or Gasworkers (unofficially) for £1-£2. When you compare using a Johnson, to what you'd pay a plumber to do the work £35-£1,000,000, it's a large saving.

(fig a).

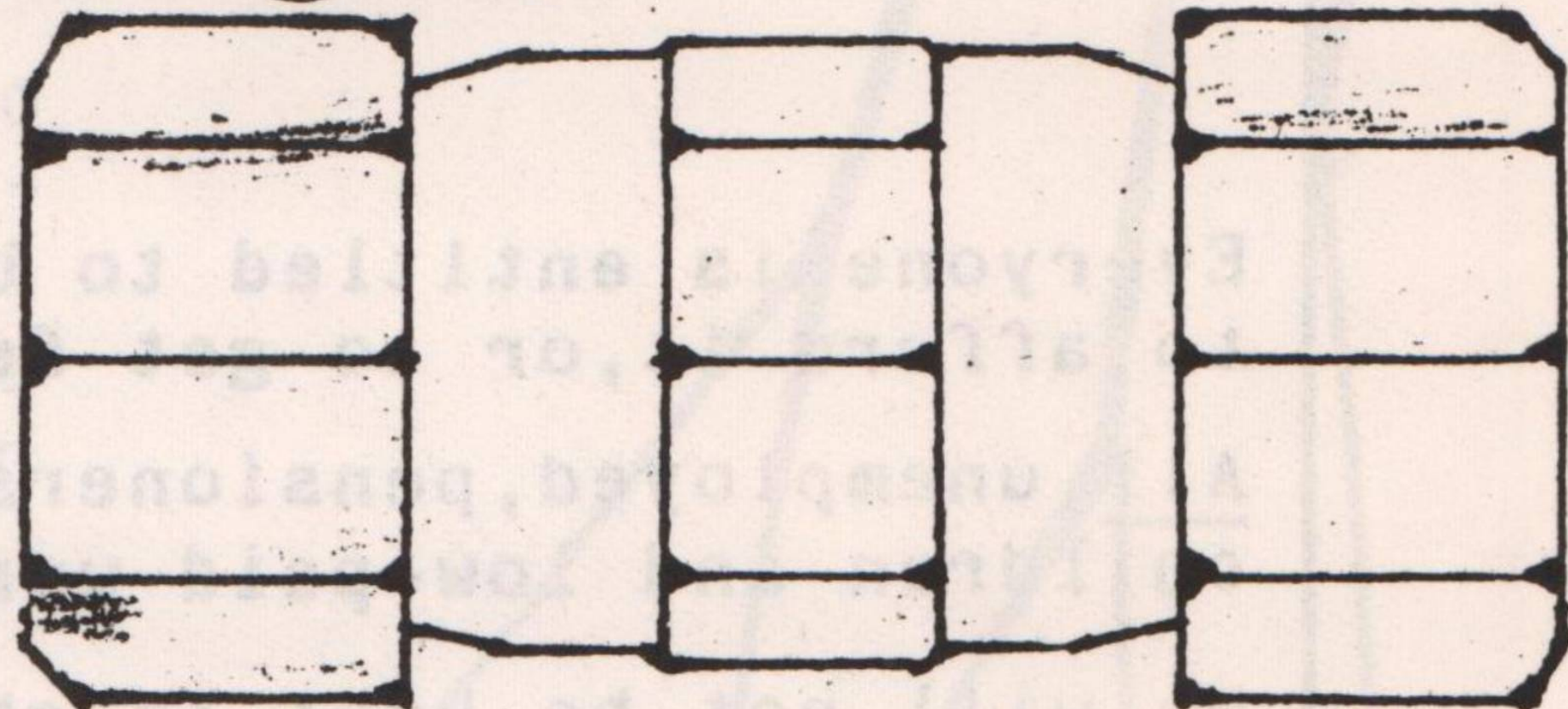
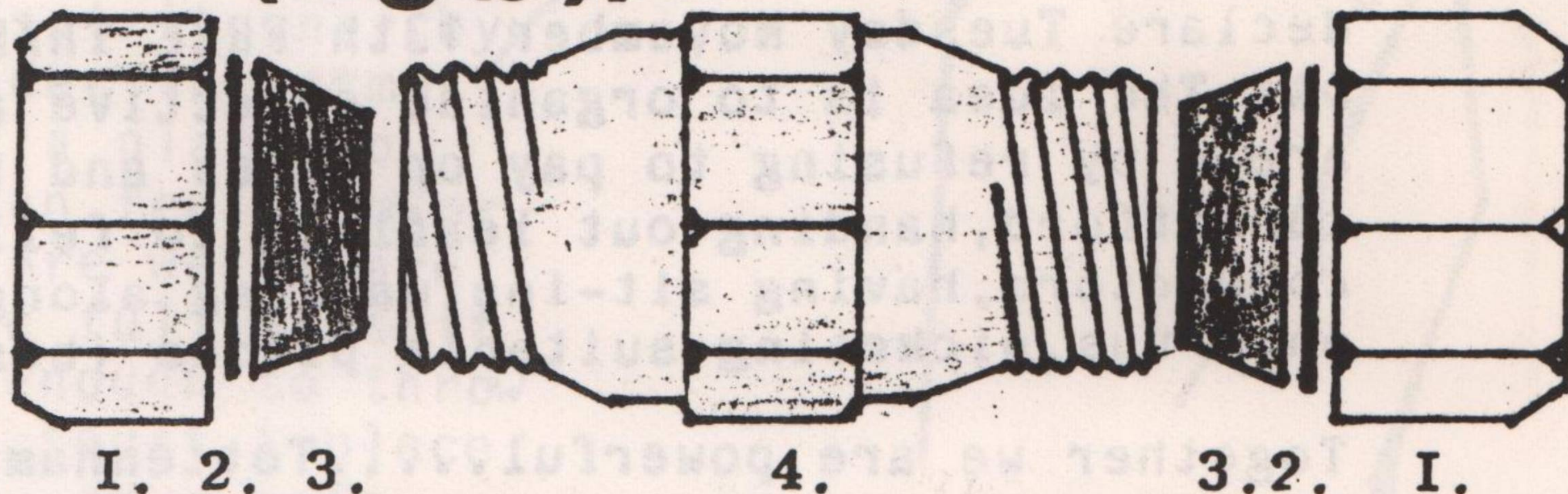


Fig B. what a Johnson coupling consist's of 1, outer nuts. 2, metal washers, 3, rubber washers, 4, body of the coupling.

(fig b).



You can use a Johnson to cover a multitude of sins, 1, to cover a small leak in lead pipe.

2, to replace a piece of leaking pipe. 3, if you need to reconnect the water in a squat.

Most pipework in older houses will be $\frac{1}{2}$ " lead, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " Johnson you can connect from $\frac{1}{2}$ " lead to $\frac{1}{2}$ " U.P.V.C. (underground poly) which is currently the cheapest and easiest pipe to work with, and can also be bought off Waterworkers for very low prices, or $\frac{3}{4}$ " copper (expensive) or $\frac{1}{2}$ " iron (impossible to work with unless you have the right tools).

Before starting any work always make sure you have the right size fittings, enough new pipe, and the right tools, and most important of all MAKE SURE THE WATER IS TURNED OFF, either by turning off the stopcock inside the house, or the waterboard stopcock outside the house.

To use a Johnson you'll need a hacksaw, two adjustable spanners, and a file.

(fig c).

If repairing a small leak in the pipe, just cut through the pipe at the centre of the leak, ease the two ends of the pipe apart, and use the file to clean the ends of the pipe a bit.

Then put one of the outer nuts, a metal washer, a rubber washer, and the body of the coupling onto one end of the pipe, and the other nut and washers onto the other piece of pipe as in fig c. Then centre the body of the coupling over the cut in the pipe, push the rubber and metal washers tight into the body of the coupling, then screw on the outer nuts and tighten with the adjustable spanners.

You can now turn the water back on and make sure the joint is water tight.

If you need to replace a length of pipe, the procedure for making the joints is exactly as before, except that you'll need to replace the bad piece of pipe with a piece of U.P.V.C. (underground poly), which you'll need to cut to exactly the same length as the piece you'll be replacing

**FREE
TRANSPORT
DAY** (Greater London area)
- Tues November 13th

Everyone is entitled to use public transport, but many are unable to afford it, or to get free passes.

All unemployed, pensioners, people with disabilities, single parents, children and low-paid workers demand cheap or FREE TRANSPORT.

We will not be kept in ghettos, or forced to pay for what we can't afford. We all have a right to the necessities and the 'extras' of life, and we will take action to get them.

CAN'T PAY / WON'T PAY

At the last meeting of groups involved in the London and South-East Federation of Unwaged, Claimants and Unemployed Groups we decided to declare Tuesday November 13th FREE TRANSPORT DAY, or RIGHT TO TRAVEL DAY. The idea is to organise effective and public protests in our areas by refusing to pay on buses and trains, or offering what we can afford, handing out leaflets to fellow passengers, talking to conductors, having sit-ins, walking along the road if unable to stay on a bus, picketing suitable places (bus and train stations?) etc.

Together we are powerful.....Tottenham Claimants Union (for the LSEF)

The "friendly policeman" stamp (right) was said to have been withdrawn earlier than planned because of the widespread practice of adding captions to it. Line Out magazine even ran a competition for the best example. The winning caption was "No, he can't stay even if you do marry him." (One of the children depicted in the stamp was black.) Xtra's favourite was "No, I didn't kill your daddy."



October, 1972: A thirty-man British Army recruiting team set up a display of "The Army at Work and Play" on the playing field of Lochend School, Lochend Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow and the local youth showed great interest, turning up in considerable numbers. A cookhouse erected to dispense modern army food ("Forget what your Dad told you about Army grub!") was soon smashed to matchwood. Soldiers enjoying a peaceful cup of tea in one of the caravans were hurriedly evacuated when flames, from the bonfire lit beneath it, started to lick through the floor. When the other caravan lost its windows the Army decided to pack up and leave. Two Land-Rovers drove off, leaving their exhaust systems behind: young saboteurs had tied their exhaust silencers to nearby trees.

June, 1973: As a sign of the 'truce' prevailing for the Camden Neighbourhood Festival a tug-of-war was organised between a team of Squatters and a team of Policemen. The Squatters were disqualified and victory was awarded to the Police because when the Squatters started losing ground, spectators broke through the sidelines and pulled with the Squatters.

SWITCH ON AT SIX

REMEMBER . . .

Switching on at 6pm creates a daily peak of electricity demand and means that coal-fired power stations operating at a low level — or those in mothballs until winter — have to be brought into operation. That eats still further into coal stocks.

It is also possible that a big enough switch-on would create an electricity blackout, registering massive support for the strike.

Switch on at six every day. Cookers, toasters,

irons, stoves, electric heaters, all use large amounts of electricity.

Just change your pattern so that at 6pm each evening you use the appliances, and, if possible, keep going to 6.30pm.

But the major point to remember is simple: Switch On at Six EACH DAY.

And pass this message on to six other sympathetic people.

● It is also important to flush toilets at 6 p.m. This helps to activate sewage-pumps which are very heavy users of electricity.

I'M GIVEN OBJECTS TO REPLACE MY FEELINGS. THUS MY LIFE BECOMES A COLLECTION OF NON-EVENTS. KEEP BRITAIN UNTIDY LITTER IT WITH YOUR THOUGHTS & FEELINGS

SQUAT! 287 UPPER ST. N.1 LONDON.

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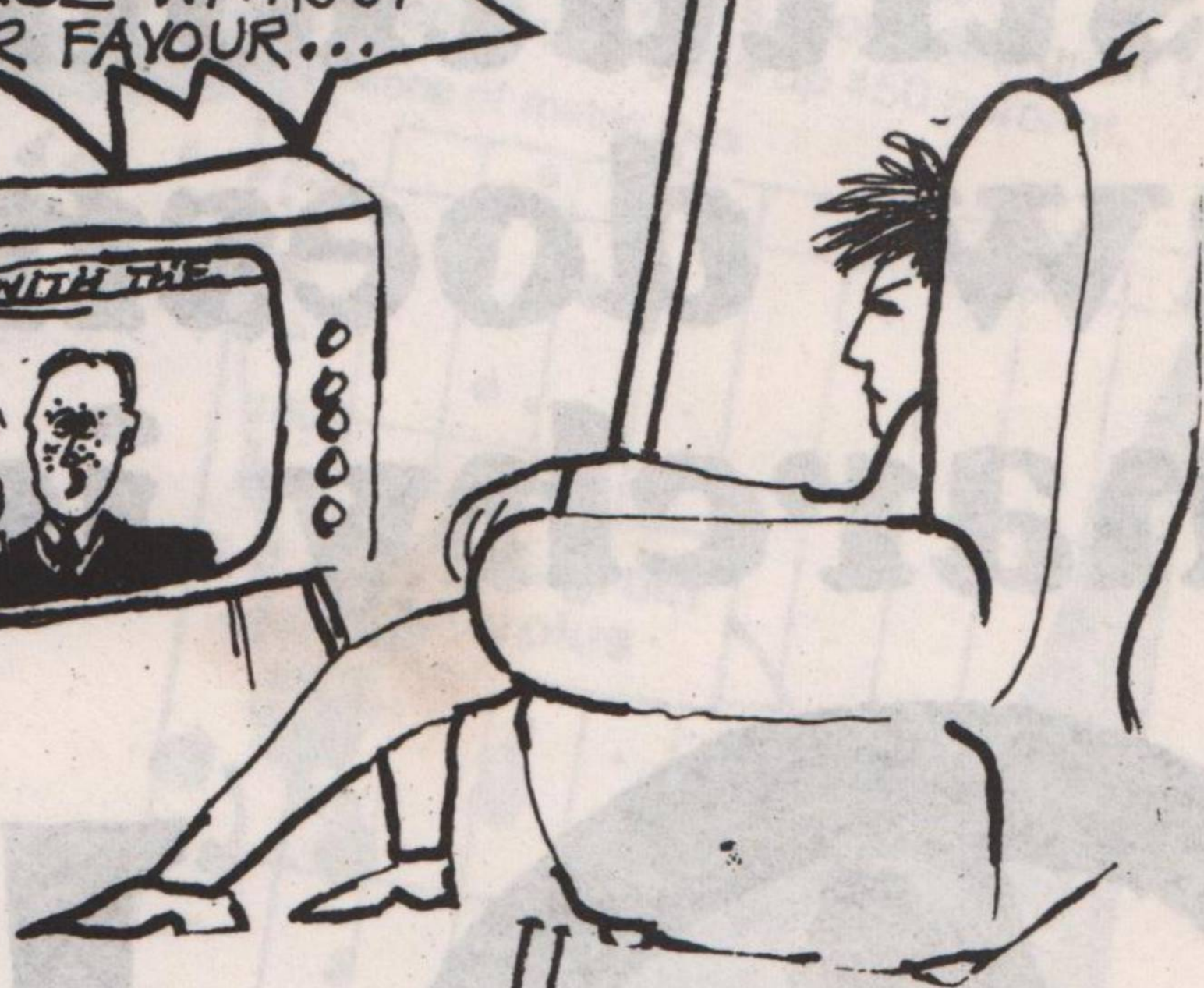
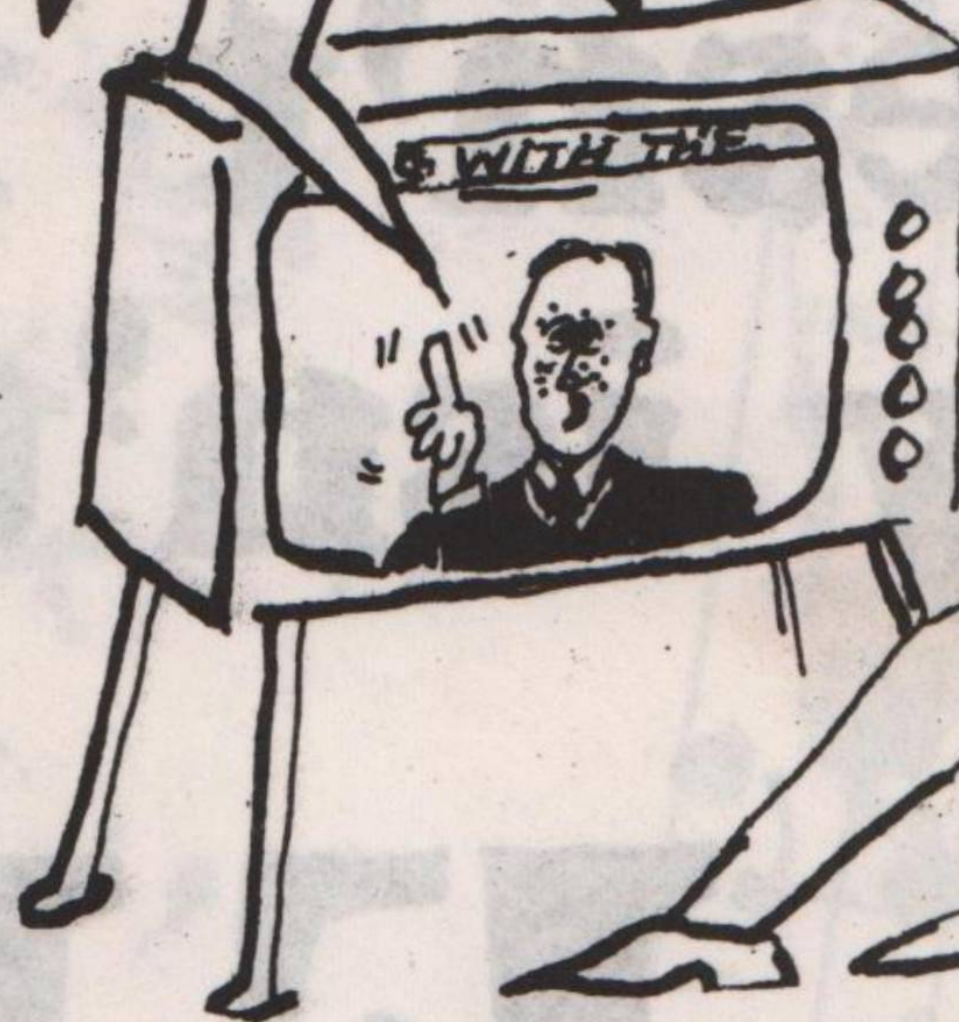
WEDNESDAYS 6-9pm
UNWAGED NIGHT
FOOD + ADVICE FOR CLAIMANTS

NEAREST ANGLICAN CHURCH + HINDUSTANI

THIS IS A PLACE FOR YOUR IDEAS SO USE IT!

CHECK THE CAFE FOR MORE GOINGS-ON!

.... I CONDEMN VIOLENCE, I ABOMINATE VIOLENCE, I DAMN VIOLENCE, ALL VIOLENCE — ALL VIOLENCE WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR...

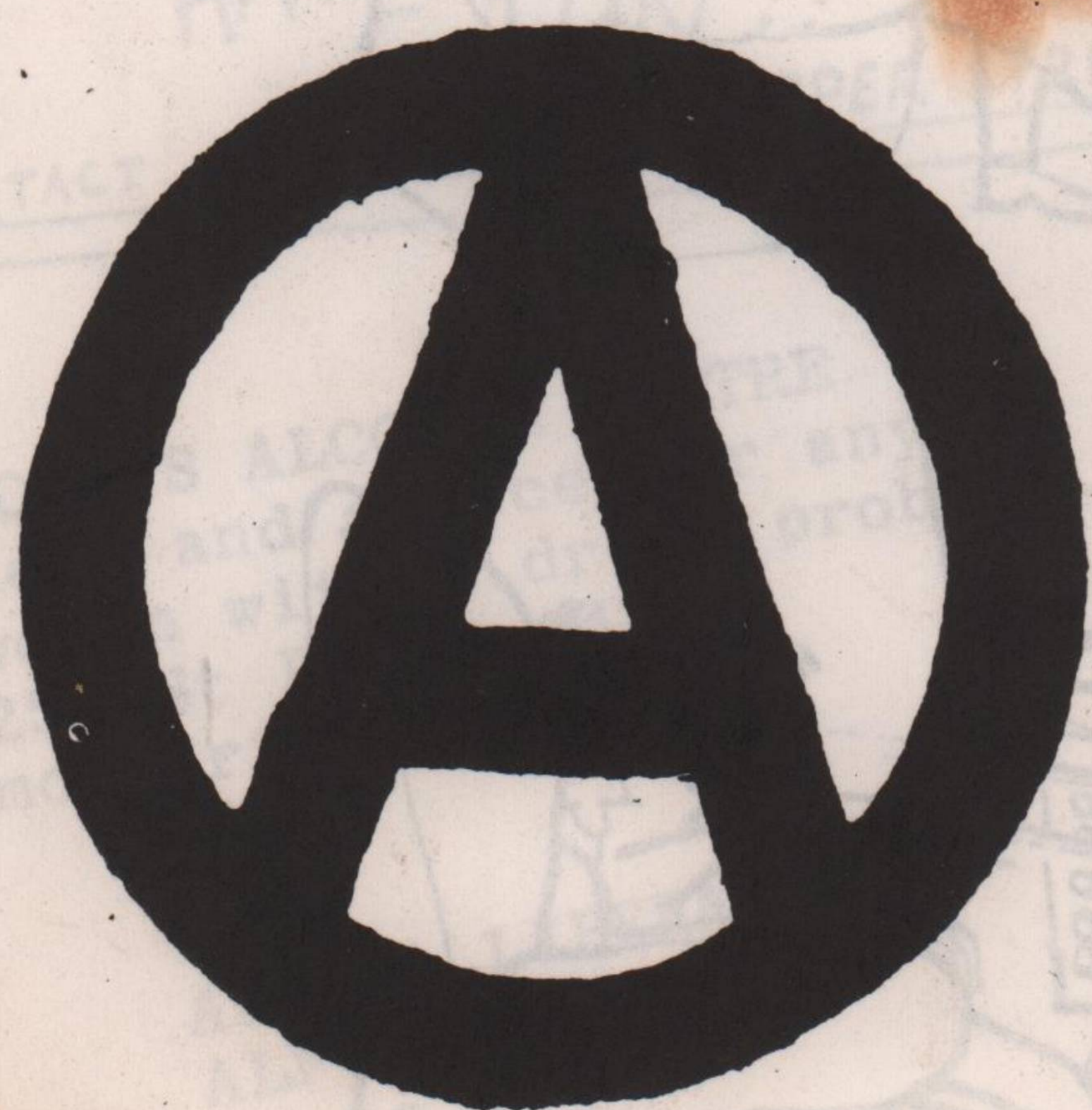


ANARCHISM

Poverty, violence, inequity and decadence exist and flourish in Britain yet parliament isn't able or willing to improve the situation.

We therefore seek the abolition of government and the demolition of its wretched, dogmatic institutions.

Law doesn't mean order.
Anarchy isn't chaos.



**FIGHT
BACK**