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It is with very mixed feelings that this second issue of HARPY is produced. I know that number 1 wasn't the greatest piece of literature the world has ever seen or read, but the response was world has ever seen or read, but the response was abysmal.

It was mentioned last time that there may be another HYSTERIA out. Well, it's been months now and nothing seems to have happened. They haven't collected their mail for ages, so it looks like HARPY is it for now!! Sorry folks!

All the same one or two of us want to continue and hopefully make contact with someone, even an Anarcho-feminist!! Even better, perhaps there will be other (fairly regular) @-fem magazines/broadsheets produced.

Readers may notice that this issue is almost totally different from the last. Far more insulting. Perhaps you'd like to write in and complain or send articles & pictures. PLEASE DO!!

WRITE TO+- @ wimmin,
BOX 10
110 Cheltenham rd,
BRISTOL 6
AVON.

Love Helga

Is it that the people of Clifton are poorer than we thought? Is it one of the perks of living in a tourist attraction area?? Is it a privilege (that the wealthy Cliftonite can easily afford) that other Bristol residents would have to campaign a lifetime away for?

Walk through Clifton on 'Bin day' and you'll see official Bristol City Council dustbin bags in the streets. Why should the rich scum of Clifton have such benefits? FUCK'UM!! You know where to go when you run out of waste containers.

WHY NOT GO OUT AND DO SOME.....DIRECT ACTION!!!!!!!

You don't have to go out in a large group and go wild smashing anything and everything-that isn't what it's about! DIRECT ACTION is what it says

-a well planned and thought out ACTION taken against some part of the State machinery (that daily tries and usually succeeds, in fucking us up) in a DIRECT manner.

All according to what you decide to do (fly posting a particular building, spraying/painting, glueing up locks, bricking etc..) it's best to organise into small affinity groupings or just you and a friend as look-out.

It cuts out all the letter writing to the council or other authorities, saves time going round with petitions or organising large demonstrations etc Not that these activities are wrong or totally pointless....BUT...

If you're pissed off with the SEXIST advert on the billboard (or any of the consumerist shit they push on to us), the display of goods in the shop window that only the RICH can afford, or generally want to demonstrate your grievances about how this world is being treated; Go and tell the relevant people DIRECT. Strike while the iron is hot. For example:- When Price Waterhouse stole the Miners' money, there was the local branch in Bristol ready for a visit.

Of course, it may be more difficult in the city centre with more filth around to catch you (devise a quick escape route whatever happens) but isn't it about time the Boulevard Cafe was burned to the ground? These bars are in to attract more wimmin to drink, as pubs are losing custom. So, why continue to create something for the fat greasy business man to get a hardon after a boring day in the office? There is enough of this shit in Bristol already, we want real, creative entertainment (but that is too much to ask - the council and police are too busy closing down gig halls and other venues or withdrawing music licences) Take a trip down Broad Quay, Bristol one day and if no if no-one is around.... BRICK THE BASTARDS.



CHAMPERS & STRAW - BERRIES

LEAFLET GIVEN OUT TO THE RICH SCUM AT THE HENLEY REGATTA

WE WILL RETURN.....

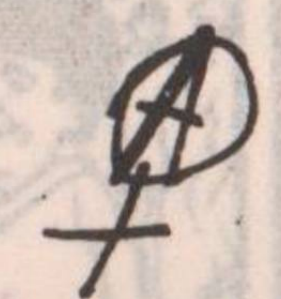
This year something might disturb you as you stuff the strawberries and cream between your pearly, straight teeth. Be on the look out and remember one thing:

“ your time is up! ”

We are here to smash the comfortable lies of your cosy lives. Rich scum never see themselves as parasites, nor will you!

You have not suffered hunger, misery, bad housing;
 You have never been beaten, abused, exploited;
 You have never thought that your 'inferiors' will fight back BUT THEY ARE.

There is no place in the future for bosses, chiefs, leaders;
 You will no longer be able to hide behind your MONEY, LAW and POWER. There will be none left to hide behind.
 Stop your oppression or face the consequences as the oppressed sweep it all AWAY.



ARE YOU LOOKING

GOOD? * ?!!

THE WORST THING ABOUT THE WAY THAT WIMMIN ARE
PORTRAYED IN THIS SEXIST SYSTEM IS THE WAY WE
ALL FEEL WE COULD IMPROVE OURSELVES PHYSICALLY
NO MATTER HOW AWARE OF FEMINISM WE ARE, THERE

ARE ALWAYS THOSE NAGGING DOUBTS AND THOUGHTS
ABOUT OUR HAIR , OUR FIGURE (DEFINATELY WORRIES
ABOUT WEIGHT CAUSE THE MOST MISERY AND PAIN).
EVEN IF WE KNOW THESE THINGS ARE TRIVIAL AND
USED TO KEEP TO KEEP WIMMINTRAPPED WE OFTEN
STILL WORRY AND THINK ABOUT IT.

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT SURPRISING DUE TO THE YEARS
OF MIND FUCKING CONDITIONING WE HAVE RECIEVED
AND THE WAY WE HAVE BEEN JUST "DECORATIONS" FOR
MEN.

THE SYSTEM CAUSES THESE WORRIES AND THEN OFFERS
THERE SHITTY SOLUTIONS i.e IT MAKES YOU FEEL YOU
SHOULD BE "SLIM"-WHATEVER THAT MEANS, SO WIMMIN
WORRY AND THEY THEN OFFER US THEIR SHITTY SLIM-
MING MAGS PACKED FULL OF LIES. BUT EVEN IF WE KNOW
ALL THIS-DO WE STILL WORRY, BECAUSE EVEN IF WE
DONT BUY THEIR FUCKING STUPID CHAINS i.e HIGH HEELS
TIGHT DRESSES, MAKE-UP, PERFUME AND ALL THE REST
OF THE BAUBLES CAPITALISM OFFERS US TO KEEP US
CALM AND HAPPY, AND WE STILL WORRY THEN THE STATE
IS WINNING. WE MUST REJECT ALL THESE FALSE IMAGES
OF WHAT WIMMIN ARE AND NOT LET THEM BEAT US IN
OUR MINDS. WE SHOULD SAY NO TO THEIR LIES AND TRAPS.



6.

HEALTH

NOT

BUREAUCRACY

THE EMMA GOLDMAN CLINIC , IOWA, USA.

A woman who visited some Women's clinics in the
U.S. last year found some interesting develop-
ments in so-called feminist working (as well as
lots of information on women's health!) A group
of women's health centres which describes itself
as a feminist has in recent years changed over to
hierarchical structures, disillusioned with
collective ways of operating. On the other hand
the clinics which don't call themselves feminist
(what does this word mean anyway, and what is it
for?*) are still working collectively and at
least one is doing that in a caring and efficient
way. The Clinics in the U.S. were mostly set up
when abortion became legal there in the mid-70's
to provide woman-controlled abortion care and a
range of other services, e.g. routine gynaecolog-
-ical examinations, birth control, fertility
awareness teaching. The EMMA GOLDMAN CLINIC for
WOMEN in Iowa City is a collective of 20 or so
women, some of whom have been there from the
beginning. They seem to work very hard to provide
a service to women that is both efficient and
caring - and it's pretty impressive. A lot of
energy does have to go into ways of working
together that challenge power structures and
professionalism but they aren't ready to sell
out yet. And if you needed any more convincing,
their standard of abortion care, for example, was
streets ahead of the 'feminist' health centre,
which had a management structure, a dress code for
workers and one job description which includ-
-ed supervising the person whose job it was to
water the plants! Can you believe it??

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8.

SOME OF THESE WIMMIN USE SISTERHOOD LIKE THE MASONS USE BROTHER , -HOOD.

THE WIMMINS LIBERATION MOVEMENT IS RIDDLED WITH THE BOURGEOISIE. THESE MIDDLE CLASS TRENDIES ARE DOMINATING EVERY WIMMINS GROUP AND ORGANISATION SET UP TO HELP WIMMIN, AND THERE IS'NT MUCH ROOM FOR ANARCHO-FEMINISTS. AS ANARCHIST WIMMIN ARE WE REALLY EXPECTED TO TOLERATE THESE REFORMIST TURDS? WHY SHOULD WE PUT UP WITH "WELL-OFF" SCUM MAKING A LIVING OFF THE BACKS OF WORKING CLASS WIMMIN. STUFF THIER MYSTICISM -WE AS ANARCHISTS HAVE NOT THE TIME NOR PATIENCE TO TOLERATE THIS RUBBISH. HOW MANY OF US CAN AFFORD TO SPEND HOURS SELF-INDULGING IN BULLSHIT ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE MOON AND THE GLORIES OF CHILDBIRTH. WHEN I HAVE A PERIOD IT FUCKING HURTS AND I DONT GIVE A SHIT ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP TO THE MOON. AND TELL A WORKING CLASS WOMAN STRUGGLING TO BRING UP KIDS, ABOUT THE GLORIES OF CHILDBIRTH AND SHE WILL PROBABLY TELL YOU TO "PISS OFF", AND WHY SHOULDN'T SHE. IT MIGHT NOT BE THAT SHE DOESNT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT WIMMINS LIBERATION BUT WHO WANTS TO KNOW IN THOSE UNREALISTIC TERMS.

ARE WE REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TH THESE GLOSSY WIMMINS PRESS AND VIRAGO CLASSICS. WELL I CANT FUCKING AFFORD £5 FOR A BOOK. RIP THEM OFF AND TAKE THE MONEY BACK OFF THE BOUR-

GEOIS FEMINISTS. LETS HAVE SOME CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS IN OUR MOVEMENT. SMASH THE HIERARCHIES THE MIDDLE CLASS FEMINISTS ARE BUILDING.

NOT LONG AGO I TRIED TO GET INVOLVED WITH A GROUP OF WIMMIN WHO SUPPOSEDLY "HELP" WORKING CLASS WIMMIN; OR DO THEY HELP THEMSELVES? I FOUND THEY WERE ALL "DOING QUITE NICELY THANK YOU VERY MUCH". AND EASING THEIR SOCIAL CONSCIOUSSES AT THE SAME TIME. THIS IS NOTHING UNUSUAL'.

9.

WE AS ANARCHIST WIMMIN SHOULD EITHER LET THEM ROT TOGETHER OR DO IT ALL OURSELVES, BUT WE WILL NOT BE "LED"(SIC) OR BE EXPECTED TO TOLER-

ATE THESE BASTARDS.

I DONT FEEL AFFILIATED TO THESE WIMMIN , IN FACT I FEEL EMBARRASSED BY THEM. AS AN ANARCHIST WHEN

YOU WALK INTO A CIRCLE OF WIMMIN WEARING TRENDY CASHMERE JUMPERS AND CHIC "FEMINISTS" BOOTS ALL RELE

RELATING TO EACH OTHER MAAAN. AND WHEN THE LEADER (SIC) OF THE MEETING SUGGESTS THAT WE ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BY GOING ROUND IN A CIRCLE AND SAYING A BIT ABOUT OURSELVES AND OUR NAMES DOES-NT IT MAKE YOU WANT TO STAND UP AND VOMIT ALL OVER THIER JUMPERS?

THESE WIMMIN USE SISTERHOOD LIKE THE MASONS USE BROTHERHOOD--FOR SELF INTEREST, MONEY AND POWER. THINGS WHICH, AS ANARCO-FEMINISTS, WE SHOULD BE SHOWING OUR ANGER AND CONTEMPT FOR AND FIGHTING AGAINST.

I REALISE IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS IDEAS AND FEELINGS BUT WHEN THIS BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN ACTUALLY BEING OUT THERE AND TAKING DIRECT ACTION AGAINST THINGS WHICH ARE ATTACKING US AS WIMMIN THEN FEMINISM BECOMES A SHAM.

IT IS DISTURBING AND SAD WHEN WIMMIN ARE NOT SINCERE AND ARE MAKING CAREERS FOR THEMSELVES BY BEING "RIGHT ON". THERE IS SO MUCH BUREAUCRACY IN THE WIMMINS MOVEMENT.

WHAT IS IT THAT WE ARE SCARED OF- IS IT THE SOCIAL PRESSURE THESE WIMMIN HAVE OVER US? ARE WE SCARED OF BEING TOLD WE ARNT REAL FEMINISTS? DO WE WATER DOWN OUR POLITICS BECAUSE THE REST OF OUR WIMMINS GROUP/COLLECTIVE WOULD FIND US TOO EXTREME.

WE WANT LIBERATION NOT JOBS WITH THE G.L.C STUFF THESE PATRONISING MIDDLE CLASS EARTH MOTHERS.



“ * , . . .) ; ?

DEAR MOTHER, HOUSEWIFE, LOVER, GIRL, DAUGHTER, GIRLFRIEND, WOMAN,

Have you ever been fed up because you are stuck in the house for ages? Do you ever feel annoyed that you are looked down on because you are female?

Ever had that angry feeling when you see a bloke doing something that you know are quite capable of doing, but you feel you mustn't speak out because you wouldn't be taken seriously!

Are there those days when you would love to go out for a night with a load of women and wave goodbye to the chores and roles you are supposed to fit into.

Well, you definitely aren't the only one!

From the day we are born we are expected to be gentle (I don't feel gentle all the time, Do you?) Wimmin are expected to behave in a passive, gentle way and not speak too much.

In bars and even the street wommin are expected not to mind being chatted up, no matter who by. Yet I hear a lot of men and boys say "If a homo-sexual chatted me up, I'd punch his face in". Why should wimmin have to be polite to a bloke making advances when they are not interested?

And why do you think wimmin get raped! Do you really think it's something that happens on dark nights in back alleys, because it isn't. There's no maniac rapist type who assaults pretty girls down streets. You inevitably know a few rapists. Maybe you even live with one.

Women are expected to be ready, willing and eager to look as attractive as possible in order to catch "Mr. Right" but if you look attractive to the wrong man in the wrong place and get raped you'll be told "You asked for it".

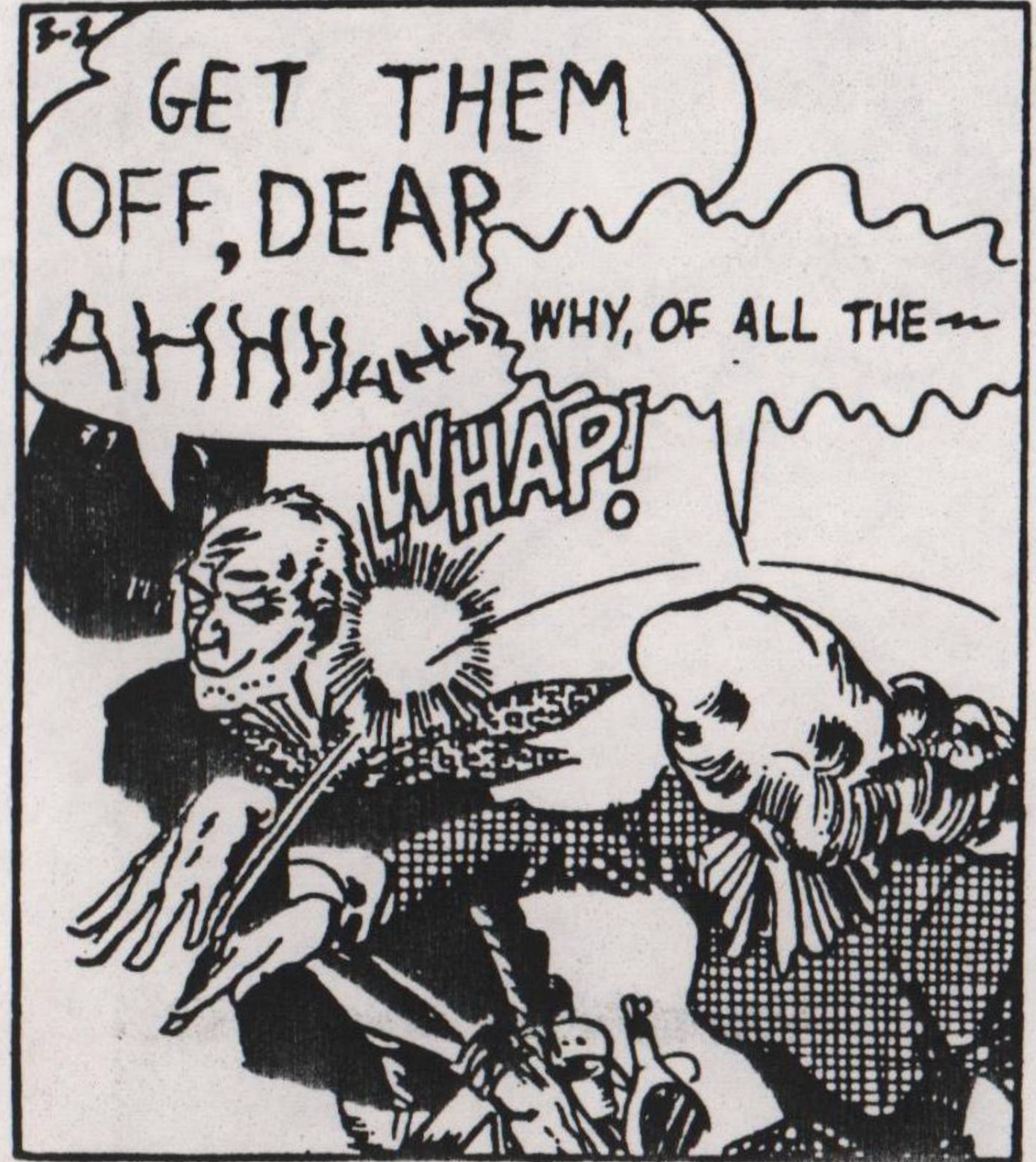
Violence against wimmin ranges from incest, indecent exposure, wife beating, child molesting to gang rape. These attacks are motivated by the attackers urge to dominate. Many wimmin will realise that when rape victims struggle they risk having more violence directed against them. The man feels threatened by the womans' struggles so his violence becomes more extreme.

Ever wondered why men are conditioned to want to dominate wimmin. Surely this is because of roles which we are conditioned with from birth - the weak woman who really only wants a man, and the man - strong, masculine who is there to look after wimmin. Everyday we are bombarded with advertisements which degrade wimmin down to the level of objects. All these things provide the breeding ground for sexism and violence against wommin. 1 in 3 wimmin get raped - maybe you are the 1 in 3. Even if you are not you inevitably know wimmin who have been raped.

Firstly it is up to you to change, to say no when you feel like it. To make these little changes in your everyday life, try and run your life your own way a bit.

This leaflet probably won't change your life, but maybe you will notice sexism more and try in what ever way you can to combat it.

GOOD LUCK.



If you would like to write:-
Wimmin,
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110 Cheltenham Rd,
Stokes Croft,
Bristol 6.

12.
WOMEN ANY PROBLEMS?!★!?



13.
Criticism of the last issue (no. 4) of 'Hysteria'.

123 Lathom Road, East Ham, London E.6.

21 May 1985

Dear Sisters,

I recently saw Hysteria no. 4, which is the first time I have come across you. The paper describes itself on the cover as an anarcho-feminist magazine, but it doesn't seem to have much to say about anarchism or libertarian socialism. I thought the article 'Contradictions' was quite interesting but could have been in any women's movement paper, likewise the piece 'The Mask of Anarcho-Feminism'. I thought the incest article was very good, also the piece on Turkey, and I enjoyed the Food Facts and the Breakthrough in Male Contraception, which were provocative. But couldn't you try to write more articles linking libertarian ideas with feminism - there really wasn't anything to explain to the unconverted why you call yourselves anarcho-feminist. I was also pretty fed up by the constant use of 'wimmin', which no longer has any provocative point. 'Woman' is not etymologically derived from 'man' anyway.

I thought the most sensible comment was in the 'Alternative Ads' feature, from Fran. Furs are usually worn by women dressed like the one in the picture in skirt and tights, not overalls. Like she said, stop being paranoid and using feminism as an excuse. The same has got to be said about the open letter which was on the inside page from Judy Kirk and Kym Martindale. I really felt their letter was a total overreaction to the graffiti they were complaining of. The fact is that some women do have an analysis which calls for total rejection of men in all areas, because they see patriarchy as the be-all and end-all of oppression. Being a libertarian, I think there's a lot more to it than that. You can't overcome capitalism by ignoring the possible contributions of male comrades. I am certainly not suggesting that women should not organise themselves, have spaces for themselves, without men; but neither do I think that rejecting men entirely (being a 'political lesbian') helps me overcome everything else I'm fighting. To read into the warning against such an approach the multitude of alleged insults seen by Judy and Kym seems to me paranoid in the extreme. One thing in particular in their letter I just can't accept: "Our very lifestyle is more of a threat to this male-dominated and hetero-sexist society than any hetero-sexual anarcho-feminist living with her right-on boyfriend will ever be". It seems to me that capitalism could adapt to a non-sexist mode of organisation without touching hierarchy in or outside work, just like in Los Angeles and bits of London gay men have been discovered as a market with substantially more disposable income than heterosexuals, precisely because they aren't part of the traditional family with 2.4 children. Granted that women on average earn substantially less than men, but to some extent the principal applies. I think 'alternative lifestyles' can relatively easily be absorbed in the quest for greater profits.

I hope you'll want to publish this letter, because I was disappointed not to see any anarchism to counterbalance the feminism. Better luck next time?

Yours in solidarity,

S. FRENCH

be aware!

NOT A LOT SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING IN THE WIMMINS LIBERATION MOVEMENT. MYSTICS BE MYSTICAL, MIDDLE CLASS WIMMIN DISCUSS HEAVY SUBJECTS TALK FOR HOURS ON RELEVANT SUBJECTS AND PONDER THE FUTURE OF FEMINISM BUT WHEN IT COMES TO ACTION THEY DO FUCK ALL! OTHERS MANAGE THE JOURNEY TO THE PUB. WHILE COMPLENCY RULES WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE THE WIMMIN OF HARTCLIFFE, KNOWLE, SOUTHMEAD, BEDMINISTER AND THE OTHER WORKING CLASS OF BRISTOL.

^ THESE WIMMIN ARE THE ONES WITHOUT THE OPTIONS, THE ONES WITHOUT THE CHANCES TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES.

WHY ARE THEY BEING DENIED INFORMATION, SUPPORT, IN THE WORKPLACE AND IN THE HOME.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF SPRAYING GRAFFITI IN MONTPELIER, WHO GETS TO HEAR ABOUT IT? WHITE MIDDLE CLASS TRENDIE LEFTIES. IT'S TIME TO TAKE OUR SPRAY CANS AND LEAFLETS TO WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED MOST. FEMINISTS MUST BECOME INVOLVED

IN ORDINARY WIMMINS STRUGGLES.

WORKING CLASS WIMMIN NEED TO BE INFORMED THAT THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO A MISERABLE LIFE OF DRUDGERY, BLACK EYES, COPING TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY WITH THE KIDS, AND RAPE IN THE BEDROOM. THEY MUST BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO FIND OUT ABOUT FEMINISM.

THEY SHOULD GET MORE INFORMATION ON WIMMINS CLINICS, DISCOS, CRECHES AND OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST. IT SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO THE MIDDLE CLASSES. THESE THINGS ARE BASIC NEEDS, YOU CANT EXPECT WIMMIN TO GET INVOLVED WITH FEMINISM WHEN THEY HAVENOT GOT ANYONE TO LOOK AFTER THE KIDS, WHEN THEY NEED A BREAK.

AND IT IS GROSSLY UNFAIR THAT WIMMIN WHO DONT KNOW ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO APART FROM THEIR LOCAL FASCIST DOCTOR WHO DISHES OUT THE LIBRIUM AND VALIUM AND OFFERS FUCK ALL HELP EXCEPT MAKING THEM FEEL THE PROBLEMS ARE IN THEIR HEAD AND THEY ARE TO HYSTERICAL (SIC)

TAKE ACTION



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IT IS SO EASY TO PRODUCE A LEAFLET AND TO STICK IT THROUGH WIMMINS DOORS WHEN THEIR HUSBANDS ARE OUT. AND BECAUSE THE OTHER FREE LITERATURE THEY GET THROUGH THE DOORS IS SO BORING EG, OFFERS FOR HOLIDAYS IN SPAIN, FREE GIFTS AND OTHER CONSUMER SHIT. I AM SURE IT WILL MAKE AN IMPRESSION. EVEN IF THEY HATE WHAT IT SAYS THEY WILL THINK ABOUT IT AND IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT IS PROBABLY THE FIRST THING THESE WIMMIN HAVE READ WITHOUT HUBBY READING IT FIRST.

SO, I WILL SEE YOU ALL IN KNOWLE WEST TO. MORROW.

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THE GILLICK RULING, which prevented doctors giving contraception and contraceptive advice to women under 16 without parental consent, obviously came out of some pretty vile thinking about sexuality and misguided views about family life.....but it did raise a few interesting issues. I notice once again that the MEDIA thinks that the only form of birth control in the world is the pill- no other method is ever mentioned. The issue isn't not quite as simple as it seems, though: do young women really want to take the pill, if they are given access to the information about how it can affect their menstrual cycles - which may not even have been established yet, in their own right. Victoria Gillick's views about women and contraception don't impress me, but then the pill hasn't done such alot for women's sexuality either ! Hasn't it encouraged the opinion that women are to be sexually available to men at all times, regardless of what women want ?

The GILLICK ruling seems to me to be part of a sinister climate that is emerging, which may be Britain's answer to America's Moral Majority. Have you noticed that all the latest studies and theories about cervical cancer, infertility, pelvic infection etc etc are putting strong emphasis on women's sexual behaviour - like, how many different sexual partners we have and how old we are when we do.... Another way to blame women. Sex is bad. So what about men's sexual behaviour ? What about the drug companies and the doctors who brought us the pill, Depo-Provera, Debendox, the Dalkon Shield ?

Any thoughts on this ?

DO WRITE IN ON THIS OR ANY ISSUE THAT YOU WANT TO HEAR ABOUT OR EVEN ACT UPON!

NAZI SCUM

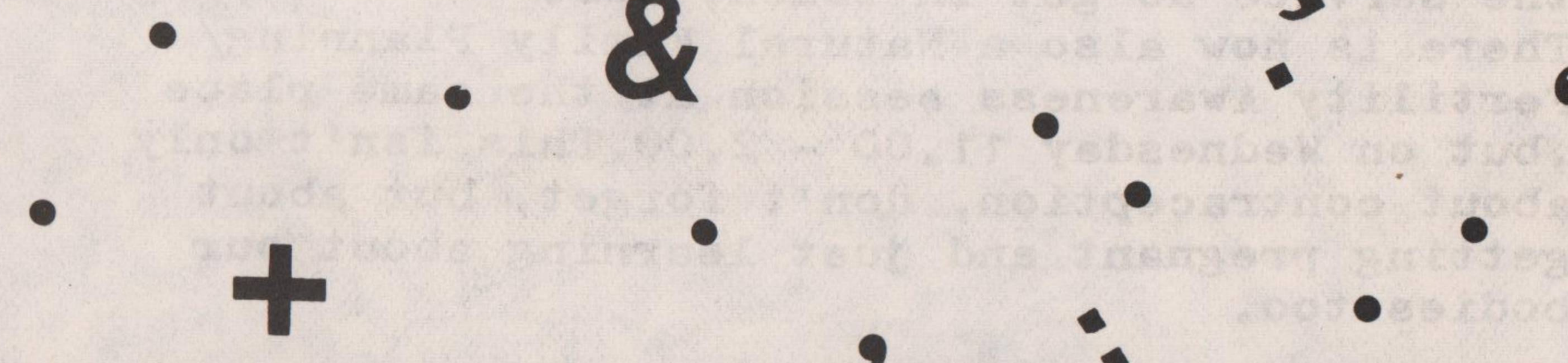
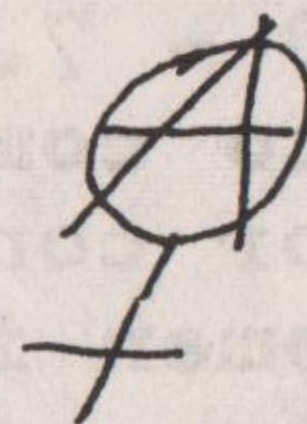
READING A WIMMINS (SIC) PAGE IN THE BRISTOL JOURNAL DISCUSSING (ONE SIDED BIAS REALLY) GILLICK THE PILLOCKS COURT RULING MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR DOCTORS TO PRESCRIBE CONTRACEPTIVES TO UNDER SIXTEENS WITHOUT MADDY AND DUMMYS

APPROVAL.

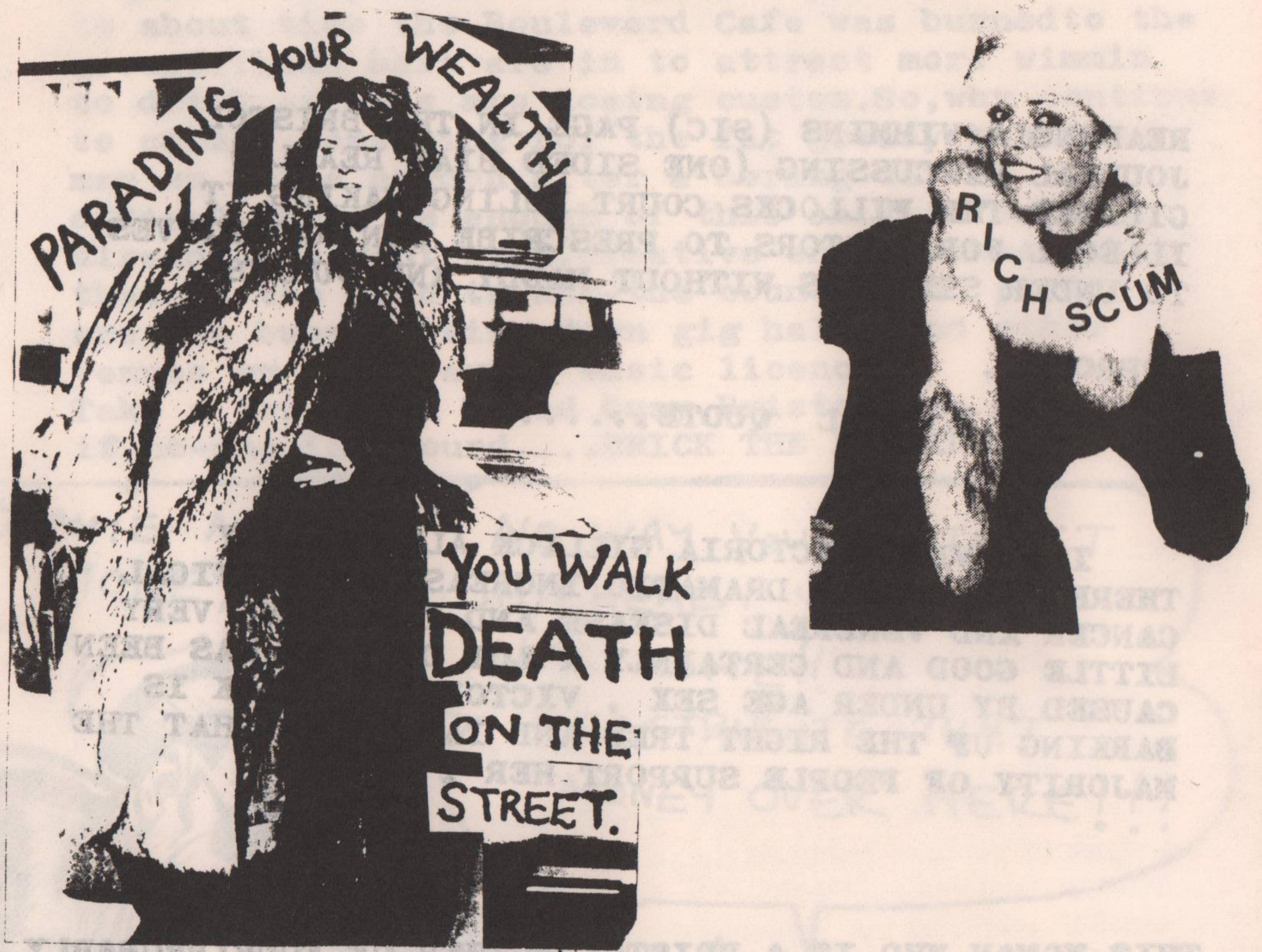
I SHALL QUOTE.....

I AM WITH VICTORIA GILLICK ALL THE WAY THERE HAS BEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN CERVICAL CANCER AND VENEREAL DISEASE AND I BELIEVE VERY LITTLE GOOD AND CERTAINLY A LOT OF HARM HAS BEEN CAUSED BY UNDER AGE SEX. VICTORIA GILLICK IS BARKING UP THE RIGHT TREE AND I AM SURE THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE SUPPORT HER.

THIS WOMAN WHO IS A BRISTOL MOTHER OF FOUR (PROBABLY BY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) WORKS AT "LIFE CARE AND HOUSING TRUST" (27, queen sq. Tel. bristol 25466) SUPERGLUE CAN BE BOUGHT AT WOOLWORTHS ALONG WITH SPRAYCAN, AND BRICKS CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE. OR OR YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE THEM A RING. GET OFF YOUR ARSE AND DO SOMETHING.



FUR IS MURDER.



WELLWOMEN INFORMATION is still going strong at Room 54, Central Health Clinic, Tower Hill Bristol 291010 ext 285. Sessions are 10.30 - 2.30 and 5.00 - 7.00 on Thursday and ALLWOMEN are welcome to come and browse, chat, look up information or contacts on any women's health issue. Any women interested in helping to run the service do get in touch, too. There is now also a Natural Family Planning/ Fertility Awareness session at the same place, but on Wednesday 11.00 - 2.00. This isn't only about contraception, don't forget, but about getting pregnant and just learning about our bodies too.

GLOSSARY

WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT — movement of women committed to overthrowing male supremacy, which has dominated all cultures for many centuries.

FEMINISM — softer term than WLM, encompasses women who believe that change in women's status can occur within the present structures of society. It is interesting that the more radical term is used less often nowadays.

LESBIAN SEPARATISTS — identify men and heterosexuality as the cause of women's oppression and therefore have nothing to do with either men or heterosexual/bisexual women. Radical Feminists are not the same as Lesbian Separatists — see below.

POLITICAL LESBIANS — are women who are not necessarily 'practising' lesbians but who prioritize women in all aspects of their lives including relationships.

RADICAL FEMINISTS — identify male supremacy as the root cause of women's oppression and work towards its overthrow (see WLM). They see the system not individuals as the problem so they are not Lesbian Separatists; in fact they object to women being put in ghettos and only support separate women's organisations as short-term expedients to gaining equal place in mixed groups. They object to compulsory heterosexuality and are from all sexual orientations themselves.

SOCIALIST FEMINISTS — are not as you might support committed to socialism as we understand it. They are women who continue to put themselves as secondary to other struggles — usually the Labour Party — and are often careerists (see Feminism above).

