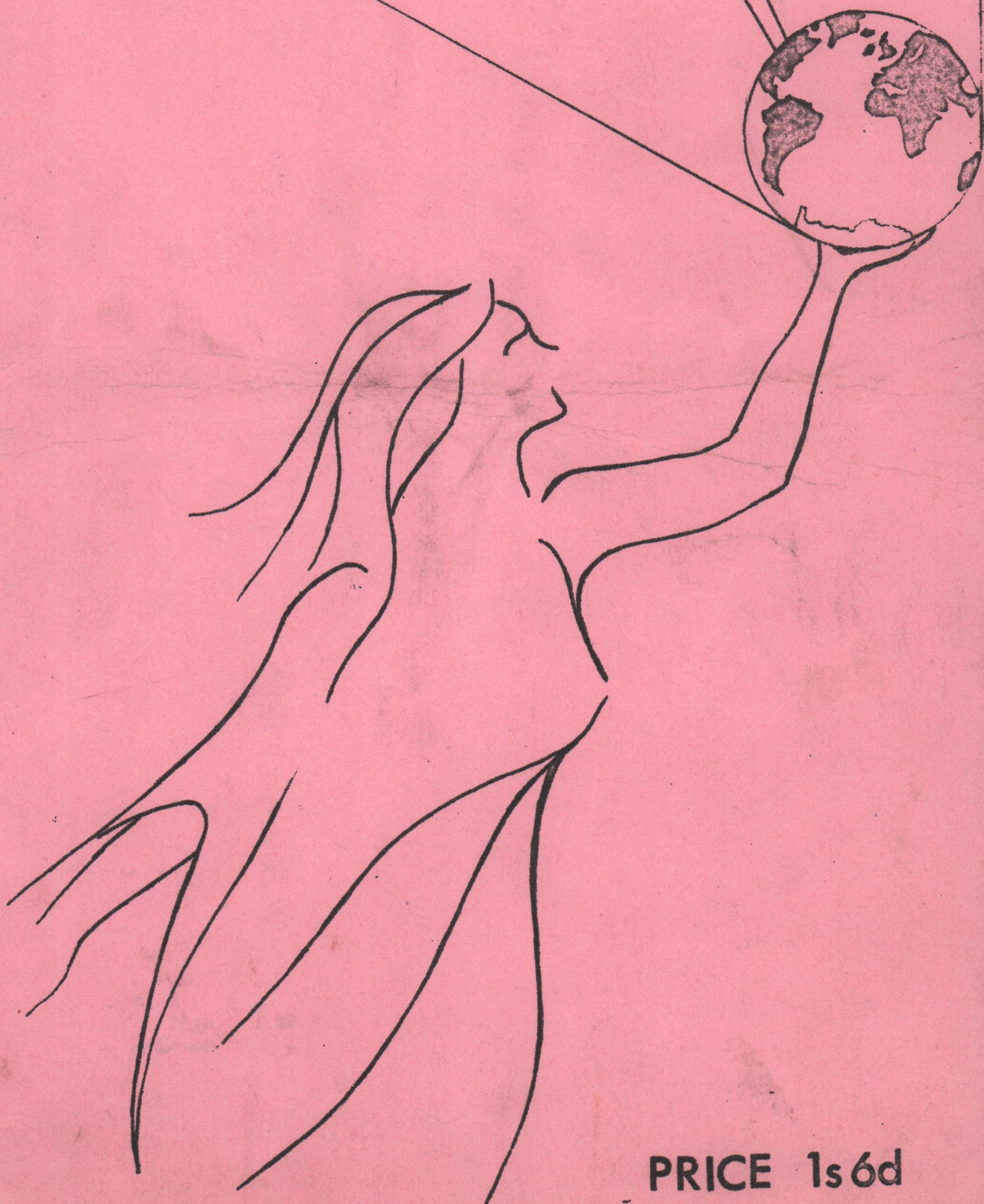


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THE REASON FOR A WOMAN'S MOVEMENT.

"WOMAN'S VOICE" Is a magazine solely produced by women for women. It is the organ of the "Total Woman's Freedom Movement", which will bring into the open the frustrations caused by the subordinate position of women in society.

During the last eight years, we have worked consistently in the interest of divorced, widows and single women with families, to bring to the notice of the authorities, the injustice and economic plight and dire poverty, of the ever increasing section of the people, that have been ejected by misfortune or accident out of the accepted pattern of marriage.

We "The Committee for Civil Rights for Women & Children of Broken Families". Have helped in the formation of a National women's Movement, in opposition to the impossible attitude of the authorities, that has been extended to all women's problems.

We now call ourselves "Total Women's Freedom Movement". Our reason for this, is because of the experience we have gained by working for the broken family problems for women, we have uncovered a whole range of injustice and prejudice, towards all women in our society. Therefore we wish to recruit a wider section of our sex to help solve the unsatisfactory secondary existence, in which we find ourselves.

Our decision to bring out "WOMAN'S VOICE", is in order to present facts figures and opinions of our cause to the public, and induce interested individuals, to contribute to letter Column. We will include letters of cases etc., which are rejected by local and National papers. More important we are an action group, we require women members that are prepared to further the cause, and help build the organisation with a determined spirit.

Our inheritance was fought for, on the battle grounds and riots of London, by the "Pankhurst Movement", which included the terror of "Black Friday". These women alone gave us the tiny few opportunities to prove our many capabilities, away from the conventional acceptance of womanhood and the role according to men's way of thinking.

The struggle is still ahead. We have not finished the fight women are still regarded as men's chattels in our Medieval Courts of Law.

There has been a real onslaught against women's tiny rights in society during this last decade, that is nothing relating to socialism, civilization or equality of sex.

There is no Party that represents women or intends to make any change in the whole existence of women's double task slavery.

The National Women's Movement is the only body that has the power to turn the whole sickness of women's position upside down, by a strong Movement then we can go forward together for Total Freedom.

LETTERS.

Extract from Letter

What we must strive for is equality in marriage, which is very difficult indeed in this society, as women are so self sacrificing, and divided.

I feel that within marriage, both partners should know what the other is earning, and by Law, pool the money. I think just giving the woman house keeping money is degrading.

I believe also that mothers have to be educated not to bring up sons in a different way from daughters.

Equal pay must still be fought for, and to do equal work, men must take an equal share in the home and the children. The law must be made stronger to extract money from the man, when he leaves home.

Mrs Garth . Birmingham

THE CHURCH AND WOMEN.

"Thou shall not commit adultery"

It is surprising that your paper has not written the story of the church on their treatment of women.

Although the church is relying on the Ladies to organise the church fetes, charities, arrange the flowers and clean the house of God; generally the moral and social side of the Christian faith is dependant upon us. Yet the church states women are inferiors. I have noticed that the Church of England has turned its back on the Commandments by the Archbishop's Committee participation in formulating the "Divorce Reform Bill".

The persecution of women is absolute in Italy, the heart of Roman Catholicism, the administration is entirely covered by the Pope and his men advisors. They oppose violently any reform to ease women's lot.

Women are jailed for adultery in Italy, whilst men are forgiven just through confession for the same crime. A law for women and a law for men.

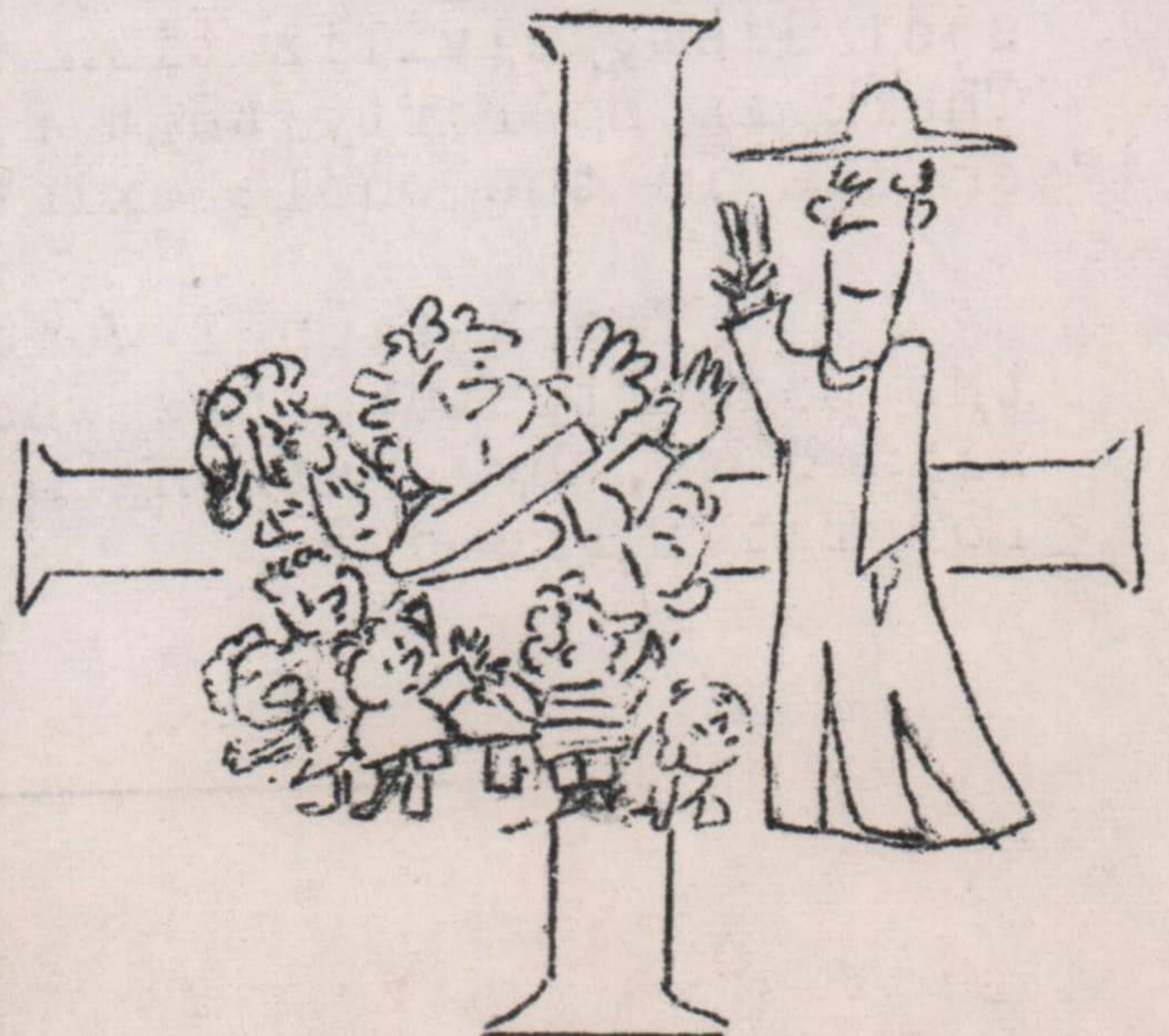
M. Taylor. Coventry.

ADOPTION

Lately there has been a one sided argument in support of the revised Adoption Legislation. Has anyone thought of the numerous reasons, why a mother is forced to have her children fostered? Firstly she is in financial stress, often the father has left the home leaving the family without money. She solves her problems temporary by fostering them out in order to earn a living. Women earn so little it is impossible to keep a home or her children. Or she may be jailed in the process of keeping her family through stealing. It may take many years before she can have sufficient funds to apply for her children to return.

Foster parents realise they are taking children as fosterlings, and not for adoption. that is the understanding. There are many available children without parents to be adopted. No law should have the right to take children from their mother without her consent. there by taking advantage of a mother's unfortunate circumstances.

S.PRICE.LEAMINGTON



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OPPOSITION TO THE "DIVORCE REFORM BILL", COMME INTO LAW

1971

Once again our opposition to the "Divorce Reform Bill", 1968, becoming Law in 1971. This Bill is a tragedy for so many thousands of women and children, and we put the full responsibility on the instigators of this Bill; who were in power in 1968, it is their legacy to the women and children of this country. We believe the consequence of this Bill will lead to prostitution for the women left alone with a family, as their only means of survival, to fight against poverty and starvation. A society "that allows Laws to be passed debasing the women of this country" has reached the lowest level of rot and danger of disintergration.

Below are the people responsible for this anti-woman Divorce reform Bill.

Presented by Mr. William Wilson, supported by Mr. Leo Abse, Sir George Sinclair, Dame Joan Vickers, Mrs Lena Jegar, Mr John Parker, Mr Emlyn Hooson, Mr Nicholas Ridley. Mr Peter M. Jackson Mr. Anthony Royle, Dr. David Kerr and Mr Ian Gilmour .

We have fought this legislation untiringly, from its first proposal, we pointed out there was no provisions for the women and children. Prior to this, we were demanding equality, and improved Legal and economic conditions. Unfortunately these so called SOCIALISTS representatives of the people, have passed a Bill, that has condemned women to conditions, equal to Pre-Pankhurst days, actually turning back the clock of history.

We published the following programme in 1962, and still we are fighting.

The formation of our Committee took place in order to fight for the betterment of the economic and social conditions of women and single girls alone with children.

All women, whether divorced, single or deserted with children, coming before the Courts to claim maintenance, suffer the same injustice and indignities, including the vilification of character. Due to the medieval laws of the British Courts, women are regarded as chattels (property of men). Solicitors knowing full well women's position in law, revel in the humbugging of women clients, even demanding extra money in advance of Legal Aid knowing the women are in desperate financial difficulties. But the persistent leach will extract every penny, (even borrowed money) from the woman. In Court these women can be easily identified, as seekers of maintenance for their families by their down-at-heel ragged appearance, and their anxious countenance. They are, through misfortune the most poor and ill-treated section of society.

After going to Court over and over again, the women find that the offending makes, do not have to pay maintenance if they do not wish. Maintenance is the only debt in law that need not be honoured.

We drew up the following programme as a basis to formulate our opposition to the laws.

The following points have already arisen in people's experience, either written or told to us, over a number of years.

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1) When a marriage breaks up and the husband deserts, the law should be changed to force him to provide immediately for his family. He must not be allowed to sell the home belonging to the family, whether joint or in his name alone. At present the law is not active enough with regard to maintenance. Husbands are allowed to hide behind secret addresses. The responsibility at present rests with the wife, (and her lawyers if she is lucky), and can find him in order to extract any sort of maintenance from the husband in the period before the divorce comes up in court, unless there has already been a separation order. The extreme difficulty of doing this creates hardship at a time of greatest need.

Even when a maintenance order has been granted, there is inadequate machinery for enforcing it unless the wife is prepared to pay for numerous appearances in court. This seems to be aided by slackness and indifference on the part of those responsible and often results in non-payment even after a warrant is issued.

If the wife is forced to go out to work because of the husband's defaulting in his payments, he can apply to the Court to have the amount DUE (not paid) under the order reduced. This reduces the family to the very lowest level). In most cases prior to divorce, the mother is often refused any form of Social Security, until her savings are almost completely gone. This deprives the family of security when it is most essential.

Often action allowed by law, that of the wife applying for an increase, is ignored by her solicitor.

One solution to this situation appears to be if the husband's income tax or National Insurance Card could be marked with a special stamp or code number by the appropriate authority. This would make it impossible for the husband to earn a wage any where in the British Isles without his employer knowing automatically that a certain amount must be deducted from his salary and sent to a certain point, say a post office or local Magistrates Court of the city where the wife and children are residing. (This system already works in some Scandinavian countries). The husband changing his job or address would in this way, have no effect on the maintenance of his wife and children. The wife should be issued with a book or card which she should then take to the local court or post office to receive the maintenance (in the same way as she receives family allowances).

2) Further burdens are added by being taxed as a single woman. The complexity of the tax system for ordinary people is formidable. It seems that often deserted wives are refused Social Security for one reason or another, although their funds are actually inadequate to keep them and their children even at a minimal level. If she does get a maintenance no matter how small it is she is taxed on the allowance.

Pressure is brought on older children to support the family, causing some of them poverty or distress, instead of a husband being made to pay. He is in fact getting tax allowance on the amount his due to pay—even if he makes no payment. This allowance should only be set against receipts for maintenance paid.

At the present time there must be literally hundreds of young children who are having to go home from school to a cold, empty house simply because their mothers are having to work. In most cases, if the mothers were receiving the proper maintenance, they would be able to afford to work, say mornings only, so enabling them to be home when their children arrive from school.

It is a very bitter thing for mothers to bear, to see their children suffer in this way, knowing that their husbands are completely free and probably living in comparative luxury, with no responsibility at all. The law is encouraging them by allowing a situation where it is easy to flaunt responsibilities, and live as if they are bachelors again sometimes with £50. 0. 0 a week to themselves.

This is a copy of a letter sent to our Committee from Richard Crossman, when he was a Labour Minister.

22nd November 1967.

Dear Madam,

I am very glad that you wrote to me enclosing the letter which your Group recently sent to Dr. Summerskill about Divorce Law reform.

I don't think you would find any disagreement from either Bill Wilson or me with your view that for divorce reform to be effective it must include financial and economic provision designed to reduce the present inequality between the partners in marriage. There is, however, a practical difficulty. Mr. Wilson will not be moving a Bill which he himself has composed. As one of the backbench M.P.s fortunate in the ballot he has agreed to accept from the Lord Chancellor and myself a Bill prepared by the Parliament Draftsmen along the lines worked out first by the Law Commission, and then by the Archbishop's Committee. I shall be very surprised if your Committee were in disagreement with its provisions. The difficulty is that a Private Member's Bill will already be a heavy burden if it only deals with the strict divorce provisions. Moreover the recommendations of the Law Commission about the economic relationship between the partners of a marriage are not yet ready to be transformed into an act of Parliament. I am very hopeful that the Government will in fact push the Bill through.

What it comes to therefore is that the complete reform will be done in two Bills; first a Private Members' Bill sponsored by Bill Wilson, and secondly a Government measure. I am glad to be able to clear this confusion up.

Yours sincerely,
signed Dick Crossman.

The above letter is one big lie, for they promised, 'A Woman's Charter', which would include, as Mr Crossman points out financial and economic provision. He further admits there are inequalities between the Partners in Marriage. In spite of his knowledge of such inequalities existing, the Labour Government drove through rough shod, with the Divorce Reform Bill, making the inequalities ten fold, against the women and families. They did nothing about the women's property Bill, proposed by Doctor Edith Summerskill, which was on the last reading. It could easily have been pushed through. We have heard nothing about this Bill, neither have we heard anything about women's just rights from the conservatives, since they came into power, after the Labour Government defunked and was hurried along with their broken promises out of the Government before the Tories came to power there was some talk by certain tory women about a Woman's Charter, which has not been mentioned since.

It appears women are to be left at the mercy of male adventurers, and plundered of their hard earned fruits of Labour.

END SLAVERY

Women we have to do something about our slave mentality. We have been trapped by psychological brain washing and controlled economically by mens financial support which is the recognised social pattern of a womans position in society and the home.

We are regarded as inferiors, the maintenance labourers without bargaining rights. Although every woman in her deepest thoughts realise that the whole bottom of society will drop out, without the constant endeavours of the women. Because of our forced economic dependance on the wages of our husbands, and the realisation of our position as the social doormat, but we also recognise that the men depend on our dependability, it is evident men could not turn out the wealth and production that they produce at work without the constant attention they receive in the home; therefore this unpaid housework is as equal to any labour in the factories and offices.

We observe that one half the population is living a different world to the others, even in the same home the man and woman find a gulf of difference in their standard of wealth and living. Poverty is felt mainly, by, and acutely effecting the women. The poorest of men are paid for work, a woman in the home is unpaid, she gives her labour for nothing she is taken for granted, and has not legal rights in law, therefore the value of her position is that of a slave. Her person and family depend on the good will of the husband, there is no known Law to protect women in the home. If the man refuses to maintain the slave they have in the home, there is no rights to appeal about her treatment, as the manner in which a man treats his wife and family is recognised by Law as a private affair. She can in desperation seek a divorce, if she does all her previous labour is lost, because the courts consider housework as no work and therefore of no value, she could be left without any house, or property for her and the family. As she is nearly always entrusted with the family without proper financial provision.

The new Divorce Reform Bill is coming into force in 1971. This enables a man to desert or divorce his wife and leave his family in two years if he desires, this will encourage adventurers to take advantage with the aid of the Law. We women were told we should be covered by the Women's Charter and Matrimonial Homes Bill, however both these Bills in our interest have been dropped and nothing more heard about them. We now have less protection from the Law than our grandmothers received. The result is that many families are on the Social Security, below the poverty line, even the comparatively wealthy wives can in six months find their savings spent; and on social benefits although they have had property, as a womans wages are too low to maintain a family alone.

We believe that the promise of equal pay will be inefficient, and that a graded system will be introduced, into factories and offices, to prevent women from obtaining equality. In fact this system is already appearing in many factories. It is also notable that the Unions are ignoring equal pay, inspite of their gas-bagging, their action proves, they believe in unequal rises, the Unions are asking for 100% rise for men and 70% rise for women.

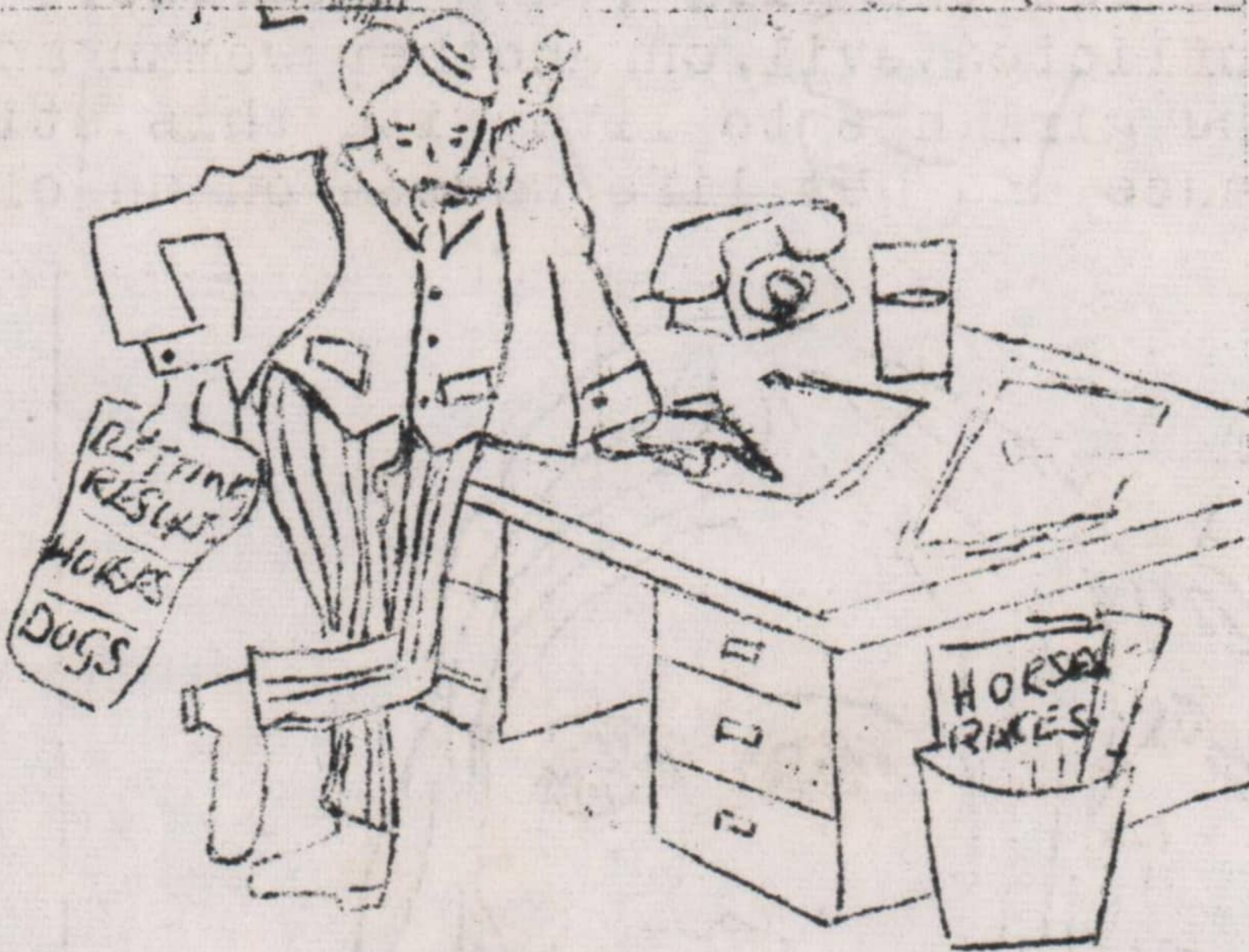
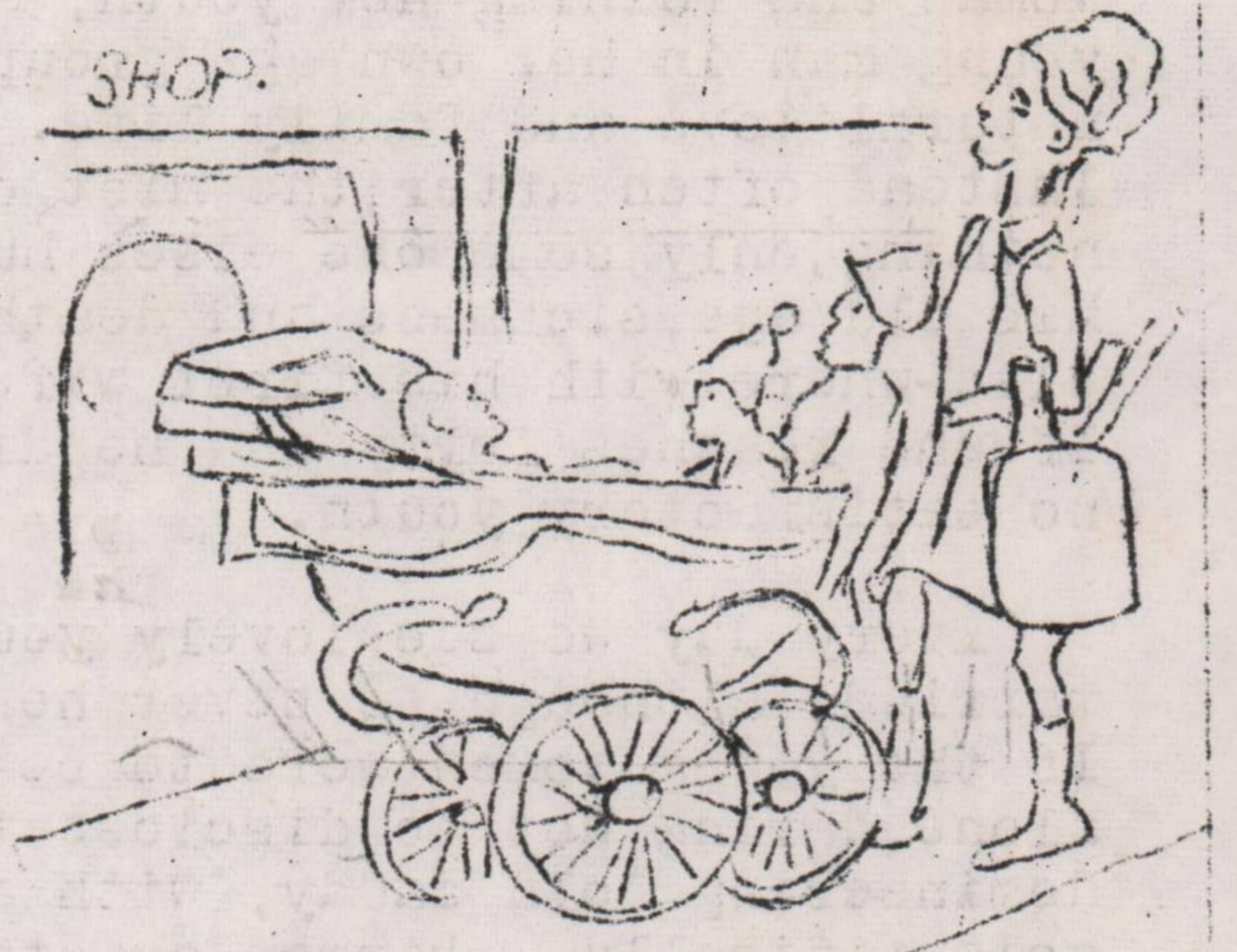
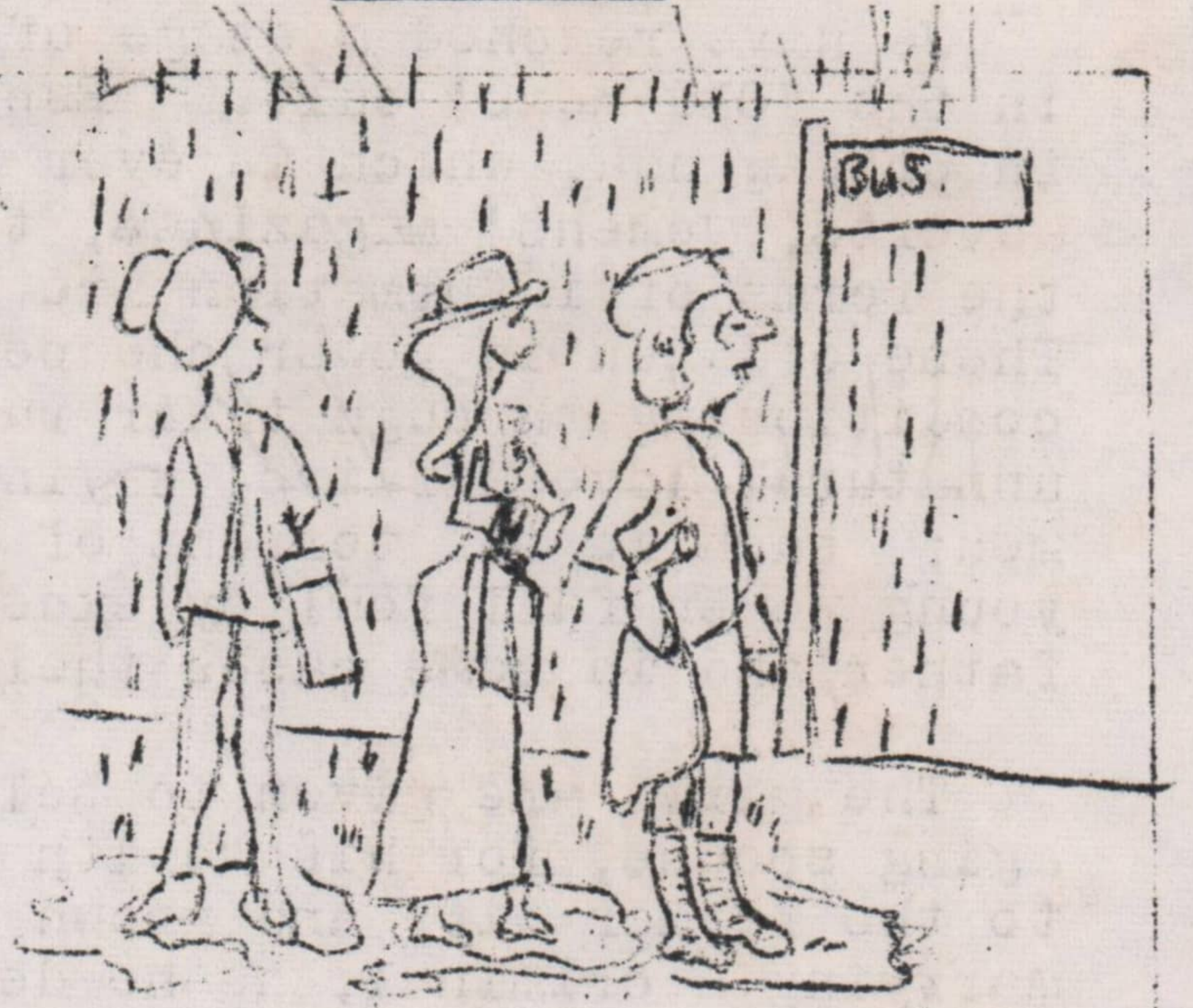
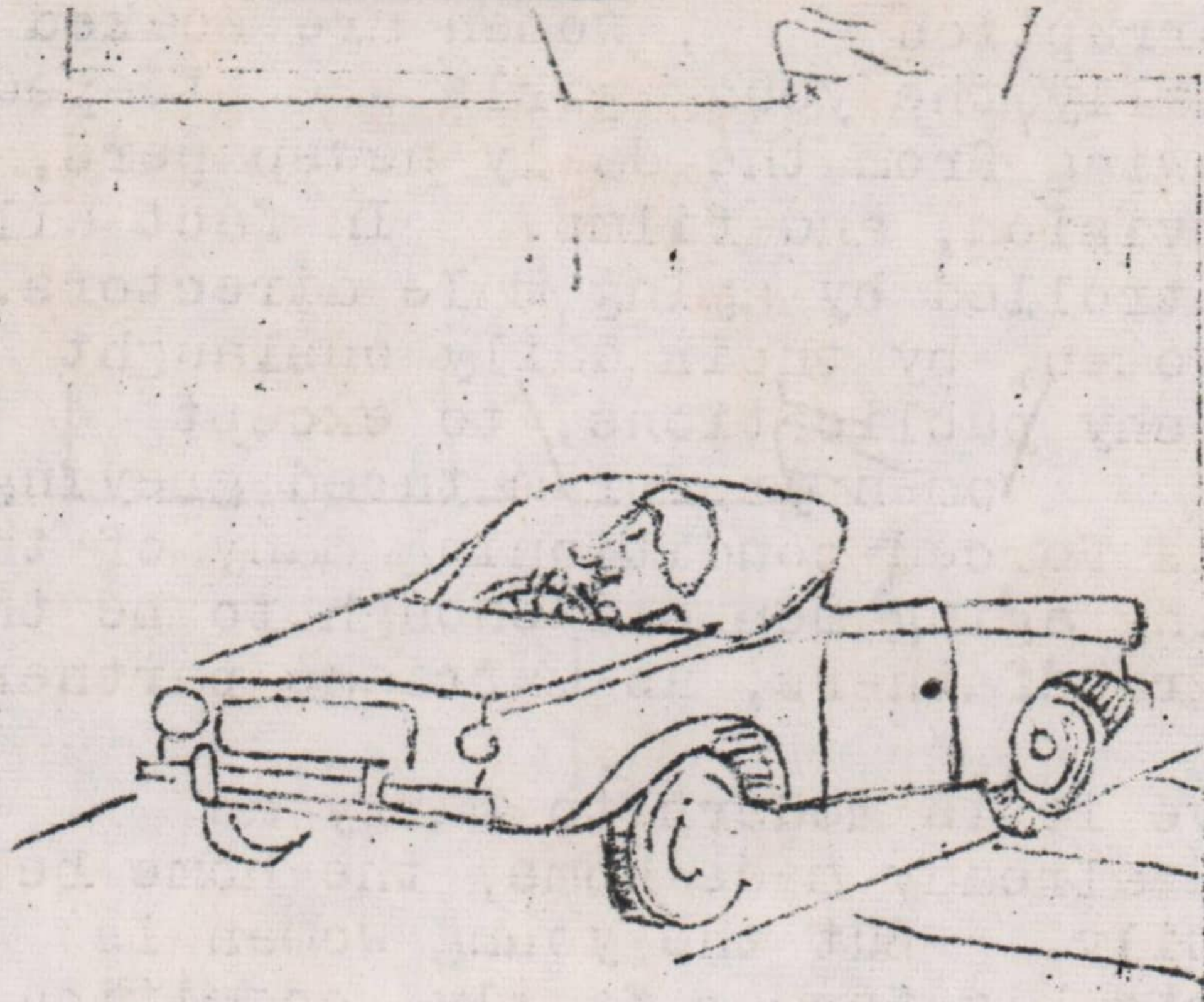
No men's Unions or movement truly represent women, we need to fight for our own equality, to unite in action, and form our own organisations for protection.

The man.

The woman.

HIS LIFE.

HER LIFE.



OLD MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN UNNATURAL LOVERS.

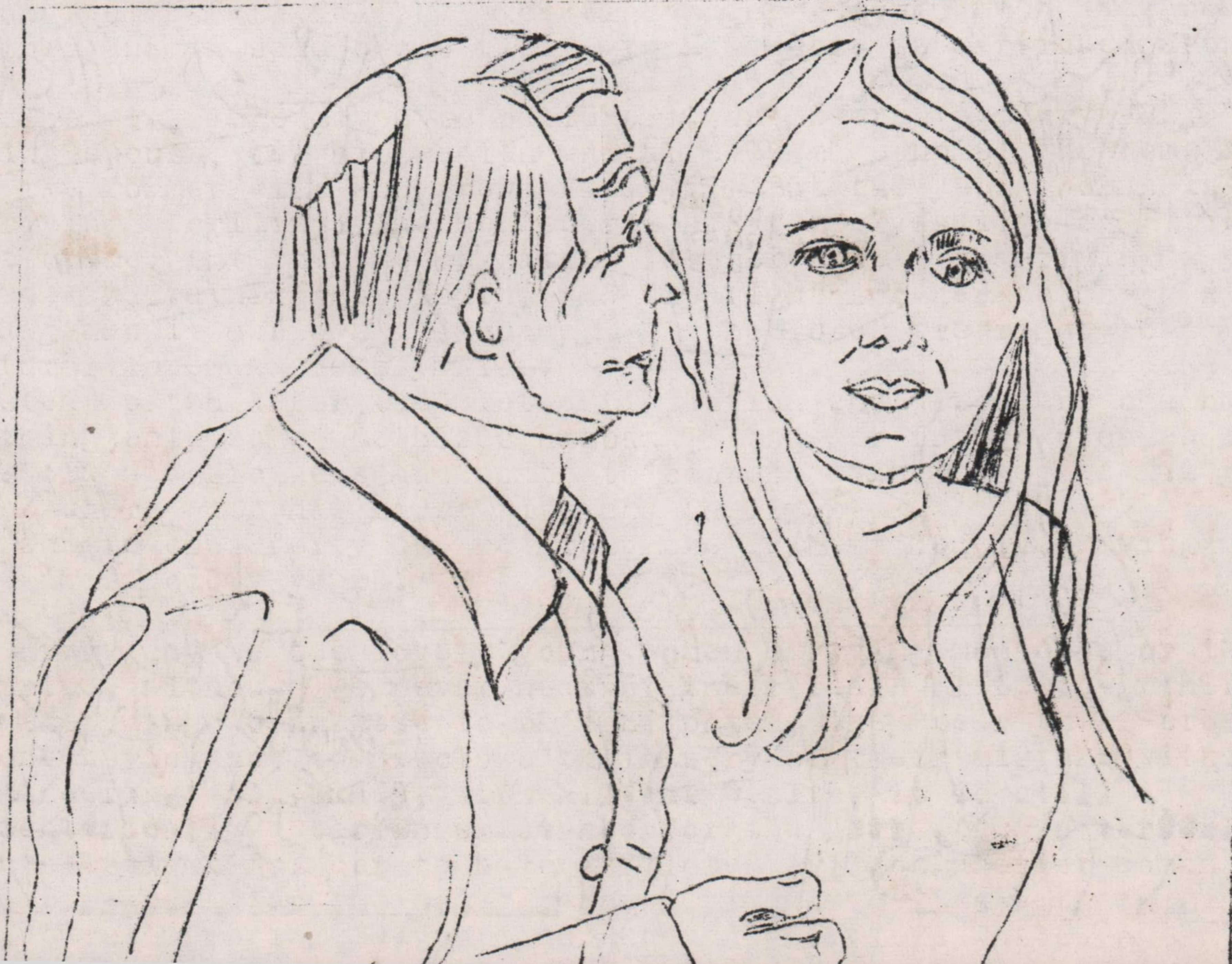
We have reached a stage of corruption, women are soaked in the "Old mens' cult. Especially, the young girls are steeped in propaganda, which is ever flowing from the daily newspapers, adverts, womens' Magazines, television, and films. In fact all the forms of information are controlled by aging male directors. These old men in power cheapen women, by their daily onslaught conditioning through their rubbishy publications, to except unnatural love affairs, saying women prefer matured greying men; such is the torrent of this forced conditioning, many of the young women fall foul, by excepting aging men, old enough to be their father, and in some cases their grandfathers, as marriage partners.

The girls are given to believe it is modern, to marry an aging spouse, for his wealth and already made home, the home belonging to the former wife and grown family. But the young woman is marrying a criminal, as he deserts his former family, committing one crime, but then he commits a further crime, by marrying a young woman and ruining her youth; and the right for her to marry a young man in her own age group, she loses the right to a natural love and family life.

Instead often after, the mist of illusion she discovers she has nothing, only some one elses husband and her future clouded with his old age, sickness and death to contend with. He had his youth else-where, with his first wife and family.

If she reaches forty and he dies, she is left lonely, having had no satisfactory youth.

Every day we see lovely young women marrying men once or twice married, although we never hear of their real life to-gether. If the young women were to be confronted, they bear their cross alone, daring not to disclose the misery of their mistake with a domineering old daddy, with all his wealth, it is still a scientifically barren existance for the girl, and a terrible mental stigma for her to have inflicted evil, on another woman and the family. After the damage, the girl has to live with this stigma, all this suffering, due to ignorance, and her life wasted on an old man.



Information About.

Leo Abse M.P. for Pontipool, South Wales.

William Wilson M.P. Coventry South.

We believe the above are Tories in Labour guise, concealing themselves in the Labour ranks. Although the Labour Government has been ousted due to their contemptuous policy, they still continue women-baiting. We find the antagonist Leo Abse bent on destruction, by proposing Laws indiscriminately against us. We find him in the pro-fascist ranks joining the conservatives to keep the status-quo and to prop up a rotting régime, long over due for burial. Their policy is to enslave one section of society to carry the burdens. Leo Abse William Wilson and colleagues, group of labour usurpers, have resolved to make women the victims in the same way as Hitler enslaved the Jewish people, he confiscated their property, persecuted them and place the onerous, for their own deterioration and the inevitable break down of society in the 1930's, on to them. Women are now in the same position of oppression, we lift the cover of society and see where fascists lurk. Daily they snatch away, by discriminating laws, our human rights. Circumstances will not improve, without a strong opposition from the women, you can not depend on the men, to remove these laws; as it is in the mens' interest, Leo Abse and followers have cunningly devised laws to widen th gulf of the inequalities of the sexes.

It is the age old policy of divide and rule.

THE LAWS THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED AGAINST US.

Firstly the above men, have done a great amount of damage over the last decade, having been responsible for giving a lead, the tories eagerly carry on the policy. They have meddled in the Matrimonial affairs, resulting in the "Divorce Reform Bill", offering no security for the women and families, after divorce, full particulars been for-mentioned in our pamphlet.

Secondly the abolition of the "Breach of Promise Act", now women have no protection against adventurers, and no redress for the girl her family, left with the costly expenses of the wedding, accompanied by countless other humiliations, distressing the girl and her people. Only Leo Abse a bitter anti-feminist aged old male, could bring such a practical joke causing, intense misery, into law.

Thirdly, during their uncomfortable duration in office, they rapidly passed a bill, little discussed, and announced in the Press as having become law, a profane act indeed, which they regard as reform. 'Freedom, for whom, for the depraved? This law declares if a young girl is raped and under the age of consent. The rake can claim, he thought she was of age, the case can then be dismissed as a charge of rape. Yet another young girls life destroyed, so why blame children, when the law does not protect them, when the criminals are aided and abetted in the Law Courts.

POETRY FROM THE SUFFRAGETTE MOVEMENT
DURING EDWARD'S REIGN IN 1909.

THIS is A cosy little home
Whence no nice women wants to roam
She shuts the doors and windows tight
And never stirs from morn to night

She cooks and cooks and all the while
She looks quite sweet observe the smile
This is the wife all men would like
She never thinks nor rides a bike.

These are the books a wife should read
Of other books she has no need
With pots and pans she spends her life
Who would not be a happy wife.

Now turn your eyes another way
A sadder picture i'll display
Is so depraved she says
She will not be enslaved.

She thinks because she earns her bread
By working with her hands or head
She ought to have her little say
In making laws she must obey.



LEGACY LEFT BY THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT
ANTI- WOMEN - LABOUR REFORMS -- BACK TO
VICTORIAN DAYS. A AWFUL THOUGHT.

LABOUR STARTED IT. TORYS CONTINUE
TO RETURN TO POVERTY

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C.O.C.R.F.W.C.B.F. WOMAN'S TOTAL FREEDOM MOVEMENT.

We were intensely interested in the late night programme "Militant Women" radio four. However we wish to point out that the introduction was a complete fabrication of the historical facts, concerning the second thrust of the "Womens' Freedom Movement.

To explain the above, the womens' opposition to male oppression has been in existence through the ages of humanity, (there has always been an underground rubble), and so we have the explosion of the suffragette movement in the Edwardian period this explosion opened the door for women to enjoy a more varied life, other than domestic servitude, both at home and work, it enabled women to prove their versatility and capabilities through the two world wars when they partially ran the country.

This new upheaval is reflected in society because of the ill treatment of women and children of broken families by the authority, the Law and society as a whole. These families are experiencing conditions that our grandmothers suffered during the suffragette struggles. We find our few won rights fading, through Parliament passing anti-woman legislation, gradually cutting back on womens' progress forcing them into the home and scrubbing occupations.

This new thrust for womens' freedom begun in the first place in Coventry in 1962, by the organisation "Committee of Civil Rights for Women and Children of Broken Families", there was no real militant drive until then in Europe or America. We attacked the main political parties, the Law Society, the Church and the laws on Divorce. We witnessed the appalling prejudice and watched women sold out of the matrimonial home the ex-husband and father selling the home and furniture for financial gain. We have worked untiringly distributing leaflets all over England, we have sent our programme and booklets to M.P's and Parliament, constantly bombarding the authorities on all womens' problems. Posting leaflets in public places such as the libraries, Universities, public toilets (behind the doors). A poster parade at Coventry carnival. We have sold our booklets in Birmingham every Friday and white washed slogans on the walls, (action reported Coventry Evening Telegraph). Distributed leaflets to all women at the Blackpool Womens' Labour Party conference, and gave out publications at the Blackpool Labour party conference, and gave the leaflets to all the Ministers. We have written regularly to the local and National press. The National papers have on the whole ignored our campaigns, because it was not popular to begin with, we had more support from our local press. Now the atmosphere has spread, others have rallied to the cause and the main papers allow a few lady Don's to relate women's point of view, and pose as the intellectual leader of the movements.

The claims made by the Women Liberationists about their activities in Coventry are false, we claim to be the only group of any standing in Coventry, Birmingham and surrounding areas. They did nothing in the General Elections, we fought continually sending leaflets for the Labour women to walk out of the party, which did not represent them,

We had a campaign against the Labour Party attacked Mr R. Crossman Social Security Minister at, the Town Hall Leamington. Our Movement is first in the field of the New Woman's Art in painting and sculpture, we exhibited two paintings at the Womens' Oxford conference 27th February to the 1st March 1970. We will continue this work to turn back the trend of the low degredation point reached by present day artists.

re-combined "Committee of Civil Rights for Women and Children of Broken Families", and Womens' Total Freedom Movement".

The Liberation groups have only been in existence nine months. In Coventry they had a group in existence for six months and had one demonstration by sitting on nappies at the Queen's visit, an untimely demonstration as most of the women were interested in the Queen; became hostile to the Liberationists. This of course proved demoralising to their group, they expired and no longer operate in Coventry. We still continue determined as ever to change this slave situation for women. We resent the Liberationists college girls from Warwick University, looking for a career for themselves, pretending our organisation and work is theirs, and actively blanketing our success.

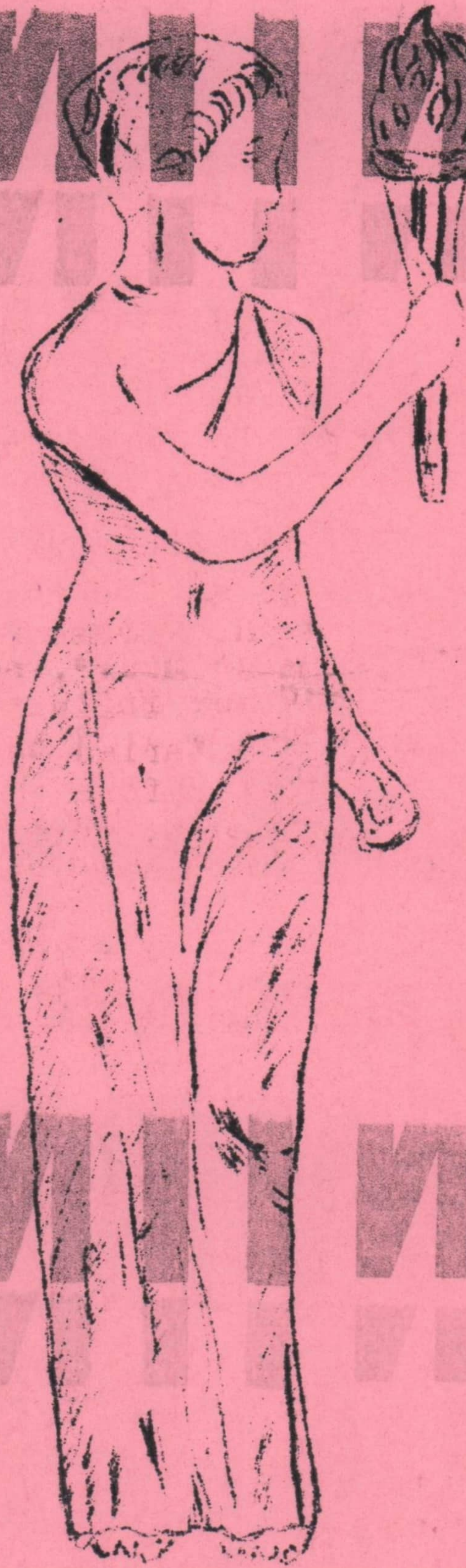
All this can be investigated and proved as correct. "Coventry Evening Telegraph, and Coventry Express. Parliament have our early programme and leaflets. We stood at Stratford-On-Avon distributing leaflets to American women on coach parties and to Coventry Cathedral visitors in 1963. We did this to help spread the influence abroad. We have also walked in demonstrations in London the only women carrying banners connected with womens' problems. On a May Day rally our slogans were reported in the "Daily Telegraph".

We are writing this document for the record, to say we stood all the early pressures when no one was so called interested, according to R. Crossman M.P. We have written to "Womans' Hour", never receiving a reply although we have noticed our influence infiltrating the programmes, there is a more varied subjects on womens' position in society today, before we heard only general nothings and house wifery improvements, obviously changing the atmosphere and trend of thought in this programme.

We are happy that our influence has spread to a National organisation, but at the same time we feel it is dangerous to distort history on the origin of the second thrust of a womans' freedom movement. Destruction and lies mean lack of integrity. During the broadcast on "Militant Women", there is a pretence of a pure organisation, where everyone has a democratic say, in actual fact as most human organisations they are split into factions through, those with foundations in Universities. Lady Oxford Dons (who have really little experience of womens' real misery in society) have a ready made audience and so naturally (on a class basis) the right to much publicity. We fear this opportunism, looking at the history of other organisations such as the Labour and Liberal Parties and the Co-operative society, all the hard work and pressure was taken by the sincere people and their efforts resulting in National Movements, only to be invaded rather late in the day by University type opportunists pouncing on ideas and policy taken from the genuine fighters. The career hunters experiencing little hardship, build themselves up, blanket the genuine source, attempt to head the movement, often the usurpers succeed, and under their leadership the movement turns reactionary loses support, and halts any progress towards change.

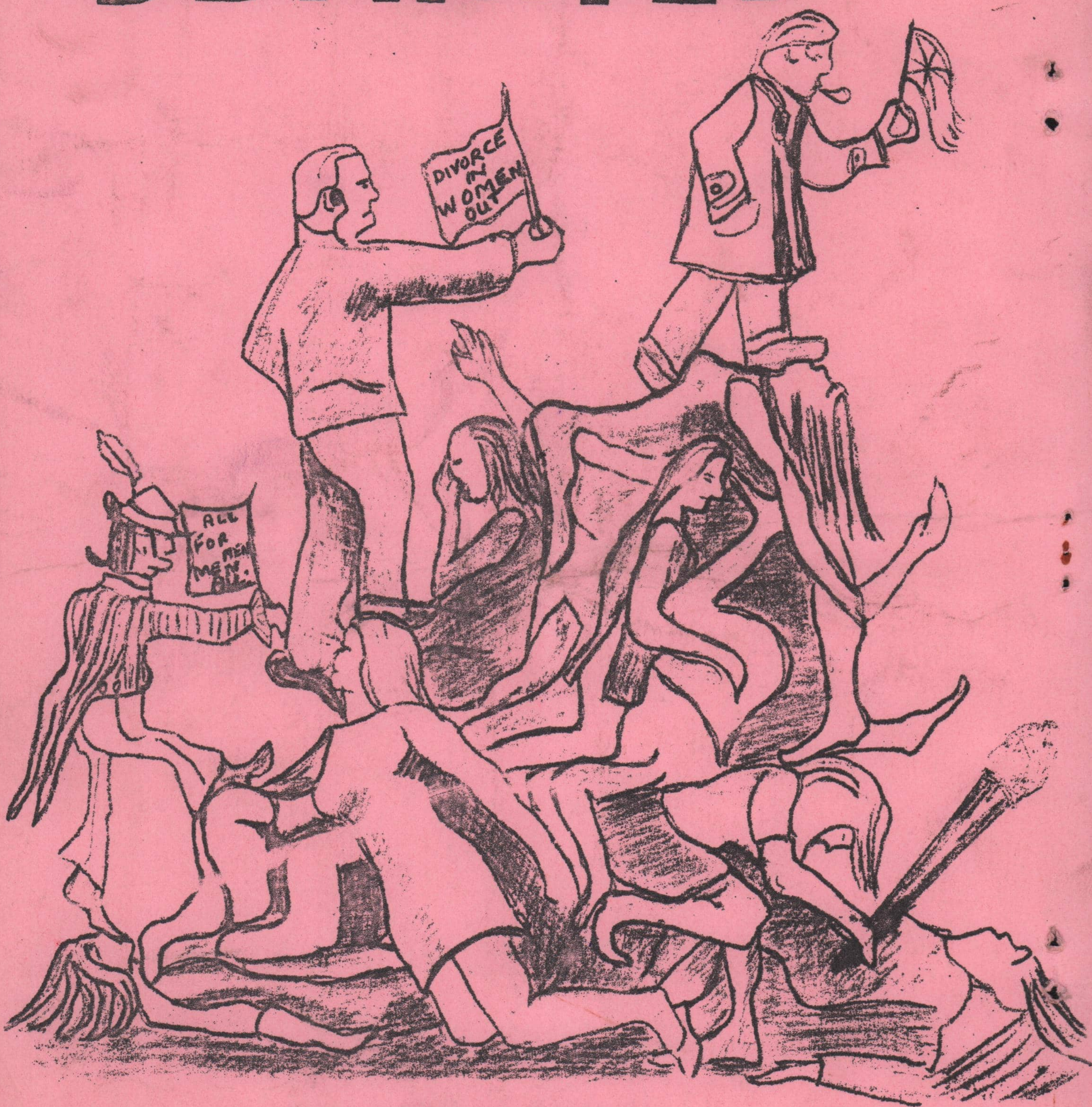
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