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INTRODUCTION

Resources exist in many different forms; news, information, knowledge and skills are all vital resources, in the same way that, for example, meeting or workshop facilities and equipment are. Access to such resources in the community is, however, severely limited, primarily because few people know of their existence, let alone how to utilise them. This is illustrated by the large number of radical publications, alternative bookshops, work collectives, community development projects, cooperative education projects etc. that exist, all too often, in isolation from both each other and the community in which they aim to be involved. Information is collected, collated and committed to files and card indexes, but unless each source of information is widely publicised and used it can become as isolated from the community as any academic library. The same problem faces the numerous projects that remain little known and again, isolated for the lack of any suitable medium to communicate their existence and what they are doing, or, at least, trying to do.

Parallel to this is an increasing demand for information that traditional sources cannot or will not, supply. There is a growing awareness of the need, in any general movement for social change in the community, to have open access to information along with news and ideas. Alternative libraries, community resource centres and learning exchanges are all examples of local initiatives aimed at establishing exchange networks for information and other resources. Nationally, as well, projects such as People's News Service (PNS), the Publications Distribution Cooperative (PDC) and the magazine *The Leveller* have all been trying to open out access to information.

This directory is an attempt to list, and explain some of the details about, projects, groups, organisations and publications that act as alternative sources of information, specifically those that provide a focus for critical ideas, social change and cooperative education and work. It aims to provide the basis for an information exchange network, by acting as a sort of 'clearing house' for information on everything listed, in conjunction with some of the nationally and locally based projects covered in Section 1. This obviously gives it a very wide scope, but those of us involved in producing *Ways and Means* have no illusions about it being a comprehensive guide on how and where to find out anything about everything. The development of such an information exchange network will need more than one directory, even if it is produced regularly. It will need the active involvement of the people reading and using it, as well as the groups, projects and organisations covered by it if it is to work.

The information for the directory has been put together on the basis of those projects, groups, organisations etc. which are, or are expected to be willing and able to act as an information source if and when people follow up listings. Each entry will be put in a separate sheet in a ring file, and as we find out more information, plus amendments/deletions etc. we will add to the sheet. We'll be trying to find out what the groups etc. do, how they are organised, why they operate in the way they do, what other contacts/links they have with other groups etc., in their own locality and their particular area of work, what information they store and/or publish, and finally, again, how willing and able they are to provide an information resource facility, covering all or some of those areas, as and when people follow up the *Ways and Means* listing. We also hope to be producing an 'information exchange' bulletin fairly regularly in *The Leveller* magazine, *In The Making* and *Peoples News Service* (see section 1) which will add to, and up-date, the entries.

This is how we see the project developing between now and publishing the next edition in a year's time. Practical help and advice from you is vital if it is going to work.

Information: Please send us corrections, amendments and additions plus your comments and ideas on what is right and wrong with the directory (see Endword on page 55).

Contacts: Please let us know if you're willing and able to act as a local/regional contact for collecting and collating information for the directory. We'd be grateful for help of this kind.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

When writing to or contacting any of the listings in this directory please bear in mind the following points:

- None of them can afford to write back to answer enquiries AND pay for postage, so ALWAYS include a stamped addressed envelope, and if you're expecting them to send any material make it a large one (9" x 6" or even 10" x 8") and include a 12p or 15p stamp. Otherwise it is unfair to expect a reply.
- Make sure to ask if there is a charge for any material you may want, and offer and expect to pay for it.
- Always ring up or write, before visiting anywhere to let them know you're coming (unless it's a "drop in anytime" contact—although even then it's worth finding out when is the best time to come), and NEVER arrive at a place expecting to stay, even for a night, unless they've said you could.
- Finally, please let us know any changes/additions that need to be made to the directory—see page 55.

Resources: We are all people involved in community action and don't make things like profit (or would want to). This publication is self-financing (we hope), and to extend and develop it needs resources that we haven't got at the moment, so you can help by:

- taking out a subscription, or supporting subscription for *Ways and Means* and the Information Exchange Network;
- getting any project/organisation that is properly funded, and/or can afford it, to take out a special subscription and/or send us a donation (see subscriptions and resources on page 56).

NB All the money we get goes towards expanding next years publication and keeping its price down, making free copies available to hard-up community groups and generally developing the Information Exchange Network.

-getting your local libraries, schools, college/s, student union careers office/s, community centre/s, etc. to order copies;

-publicising it in your local community bookshop (PDC will be distributing it), community paper, wholefood shops etc. (ie all the things listed under Regional Listings) and getting them to stock copies, and ordering it through commercial bookshops as well (they might just agree to stock it anyway).

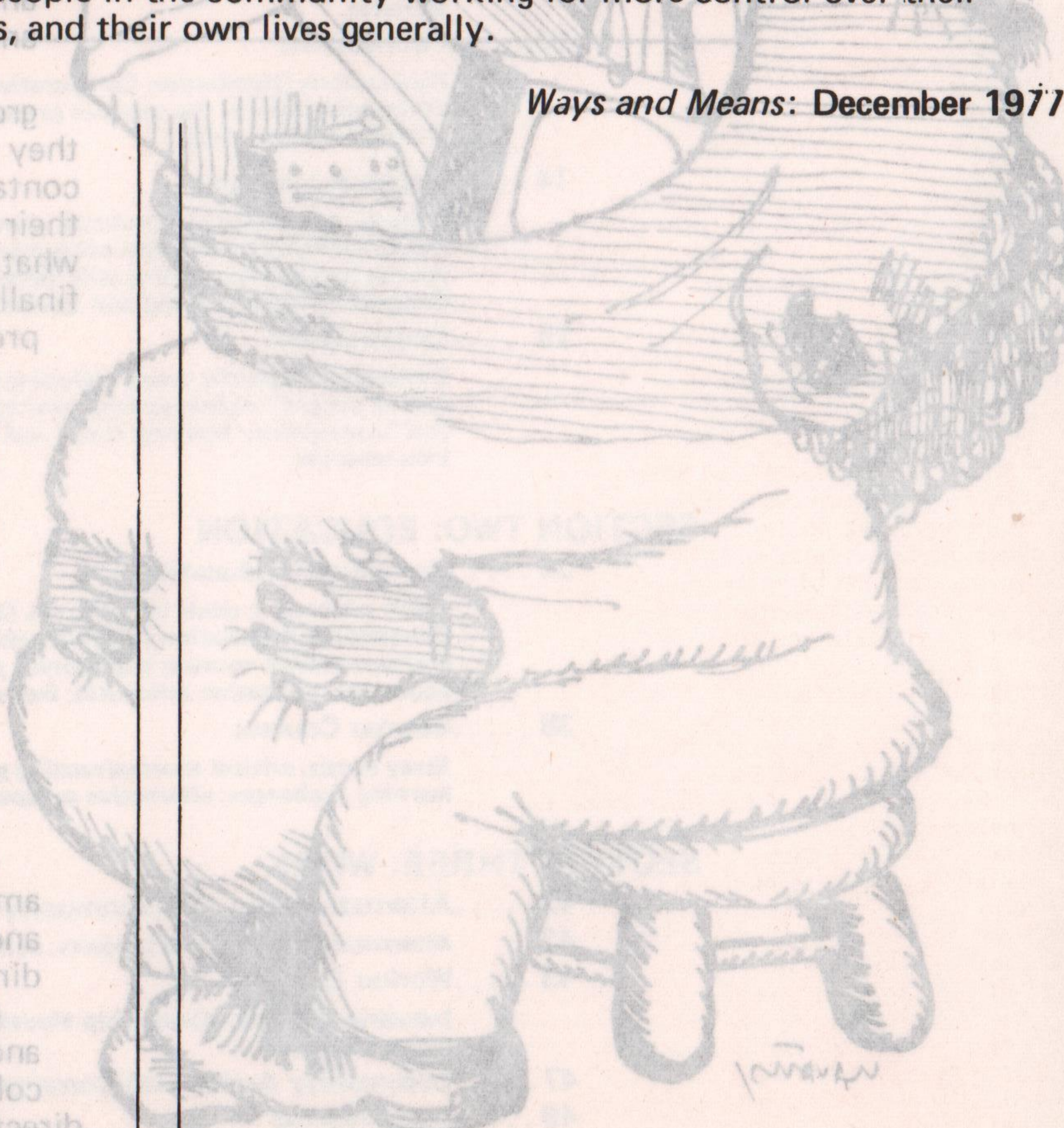
-getting in touch with us with any ideas or information you might have about sources of funding: grants, donations, sponsorship etc.

Finally, we realise that there are a lot of areas that could be covered in greater detail; such as other community projects; certain areas like London, for example; personal liberation—the women's movement, minority rights—particularly local contacts. We hope that people reading and using the directory will realise that we had (and will have) to be selective. Any help and encouragement we can give to other people who would like to produce directories, registers, reading/contact lists etc. we're more than willing to do.

Seize the time is still an important catchphrase, as we hope producing this directory will encourage other people to break out of isolation, link up with the projects etc. listed, use them, develop other sources of information, produce their own local directories and generally use any opportunity to learn from the experiences of others and from their ideas. Making people aware of what is going on around them, or at least giving out information and ideas of how and where to find out about it, is an important part of any movement for social change, particularly that based on the idea of people in the community working for more control over their living and working environment and conditions, and their own lives generally.



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Publications/Events: This information is a directory of information, and anything else ITM can be found by their hands on.

How can you contribute? ITM depends on your suggestions, ideas and information, so need people to get in touch with them. As well as the directory, ITM produce regular supplements and has a feature in Undercurrents.

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IN THE MAKING c/o Acorn, 84 Church Street, Woking, Surrey, GU24 0JH. The Making is a directory of information, and anything else ITM can be found by their hands on.

THE LEVELLER 155a Deodar Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 3ET. PDC Monthly 35p. A family run, independent, community publication.

COMMUNITY ACTION magazine PO Box 865, London SW1X 8DZ (01 235 3444) evenings only, & 01 235 3444. Also from PDC.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Special Mentions

As has been pointed out in the Introduction a wide range of radical and community organisations, projects and publications, act as alternative sources of information. This section aims to look at a selection, most of which have been directly involved in producing this directory, and which are seen as particularly important areas to be covered by **Ways and Means** generally.

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS 302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291)

NUS is a federal organisation made up of local student unions representing over 800,000 students. It acts as a research, information co-ordinating and campaigning body for all students, and young people generally. It is a valuable source of information, help and advice covering:

Education and Welfare: issues such as student finance, grants, accommodation and housing, social security, women, educational finance, assessment, youth unemployment and education and training, course content and access to education.

Community Action (SCANUS): community projects, involvement and development, particularly through local community action groups (see Regional Listings), and alternatives in education and work, publishes counter course guides and community action resource guides, and is responsible for this directory through the SCANUS 'Learning Exchange' project. (see also Introduction)

International: overseas students, combatting racism, Third World campaigns, refugees, student exchanges etc.

Press and Publicity: collecting, collating, publishing and distributing information, including NUS publications and the NUS newspaper **National Student**, which can be another useful source of information.

Executive: direct political representation of the rights and interests of students, elected by a national delegate conference of members.

Services: a range of services from conferences, vacation work information to discount cards and cheap consumer goods.

All of these areas also act as information sources and are important to use, not forgetting local student unions. (see Introduction to Regional Listings, below)

NATIONAL UNION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS

Same address as above. An autonomous organisation, representing the rights and interests of school students in very much the same way as NUS (above), which it is very important to use, support and develop. There are hundreds of NUSS branches throughout the country, and the London office will be able to give details of your nearest branch and/or help you start one.



PEOPLE'S NEWS SERVICE 182 Upper Street, London N1. (01-359 3785)

PNS is a collective of people who investigate and publish community, political, international and women's movement news and articles, particularly covering activities and general news that goes unreported elsewhere. Their bulletin (registered as a newspaper) comes out every two weeks. 15p per copy, subscriptions £1.75 for 10 issues (Britain and Ireland) and £2.35 abroad. Subs for 50 issues, which are really useful, cost £8.75 and £11.75 respectively. Subs, which include research and library services (see below) are £10.00 voluntary and £5.00 basic for a year. Also distributed to bookshops through the PDC.

PNS do a lot more than publishing the bulletin, though. They have helped provide some of the information in this directory, and are working on a specific directory (see also the Media listing) on

community newspapers, printshops, information services etc. They also provide a really valuable information resource facility for community papers and people and projects involved in the community action generally. This involves research, both to meet specific requests and the general needs of the people involved with and/or using PNS particularly community papers. In addition they are building up a fairly extensive library facility of the research they have done and the information they have collected in producing PNS. One of the longer term aims of PNS (and the people involved in producing this directory) is to act as an information/news/research exchange network, particularly for the groups, projects and organisations covered by this directory, and some kind of 'federation of alternative/community papers'.

This would certainly be a very welcome development, and in the meantime we certainly recommend that people take out subscriptions to PNS and use their research/library facilities, full details from the above address.

IN THE MAKING c/o Acorn, 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and from PDC.

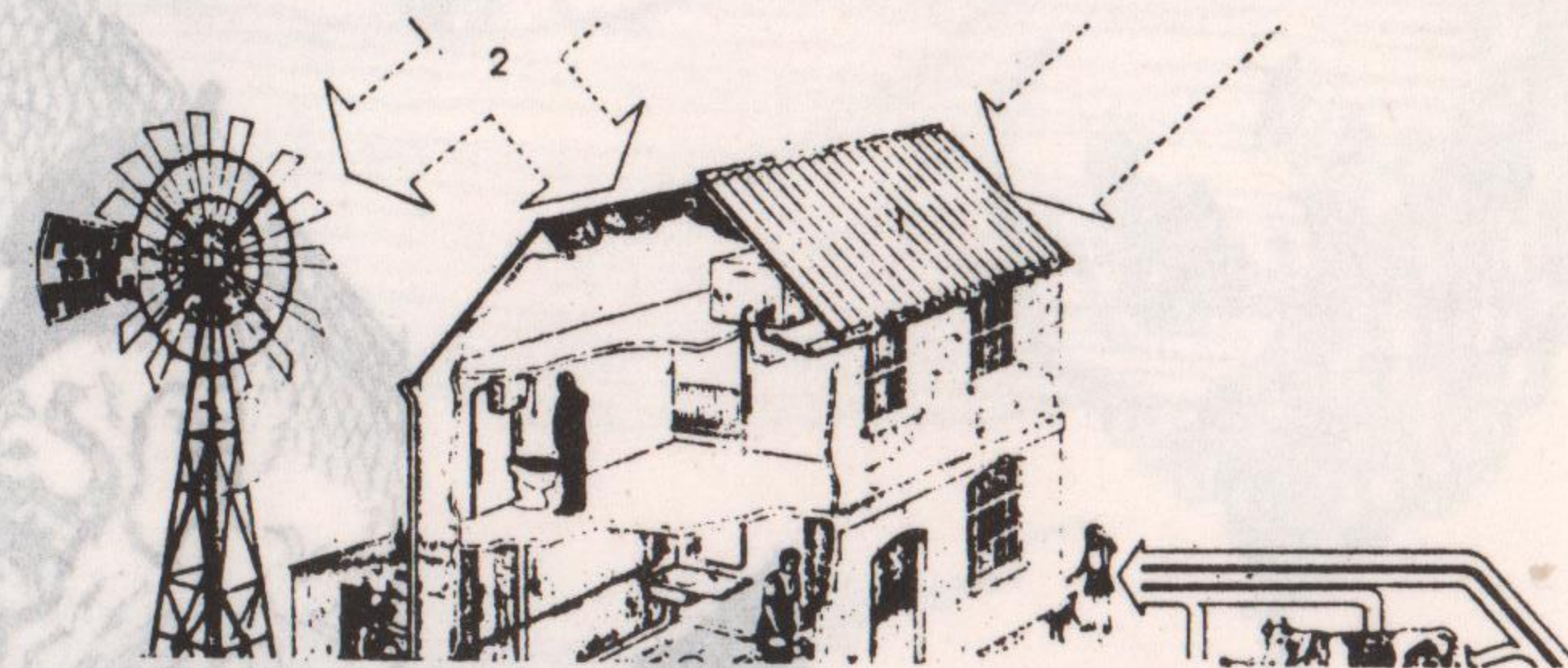
In The Making is a directory of co-operative projects, published annually with regular supplements in **Undercurrents** (which are also published separately). It covers a huge range of projects: work co-ops, collectives, community projects, alternative education projects, information networks, publications etc., as well as some excellent articles and reviews. It aims not to provide an all-encompassing listings directory, but rather to cover a 'sample' of existing projects in order to stimulate and encourage both an awareness and further development of such activity.

The main section comprises projects that have two things in common. They are:

(a) productive, in the sense that they offer long-term ways of making a living for their members, and

(b) co-operative, implying shared decision-making and, in general, equal shares in ownership.

Some projects are being proposed for the first time, or they are just getting off the ground. (That's what 'In The Making' means, as well as implying productive work.) Other projects are more established, perhaps developing further and needing new people and/or ideas. Strictly speaking ITM is meant to cover the UK and Eire (and it's impossible to do even that comprehensively), but is always glad to hear from further afield.



The radical technology section is somewhat different. It is concerned with attempts to develop ways of producing socially useful goods and services which are ecologically sound, tying in with ideas of co-operative projects. ITM is especially concerned with 'alternative production systems' rather than just designing products in isolation from possible ways of making them.

The information section is for groups and projects that may not themselves be productive or co-operative like those in the first two sections, but which ITM feel may be useful for those involved in ITM-style projects, particularly in terms of developing information exchange networks.

Contacts: This is a 'small ads' section where people wanting to join or help initiate a project can put forward their skills and interests. They may be able to join something now, or perhaps may be planning to do something in a year or two's time, and want to get in touch with others.

Articles: ITM wants to promote real discussion about the feasibility of self-management. Is it utopian to think it is possible to create alternatives in our society without transforming it first? Or will wider change never occur without a basis of 'alternative' institutions? ITM

has articles on self-management, common ownership, industrial struggles that go beyond purely economic demands and practical aspects of starting a project, and want people to contribute.

Publications/Events: This includes short reviews of new, relevant books, details of conferences and sources of information, and anything else ITM can lay their hands on.

How can you contribute?

ITM depends on your suggestions, ideas and information, so need people to get in touch with them. As well as the directory, ITM produces regular supplements and has a bimonthly feature in **Undercurrents**, a magazine with a circulation of about 6000. So when you send something in it can get to readers without having to wait for the next full directory.

ITM always likes to have:

(1) Project entries (up to about 300 words)

Let ITM know if you are trying to set up a co-operative project; how the project you are involved in is going, and whether there's any help, advice or new members that publicity in ITM might supply.

(2) Profiles (up to 100 words)

There are few criteria for inclusion, but remember that most projects will be looking for people with practical skills or experience.

(3) Articles (up to 1000 words)

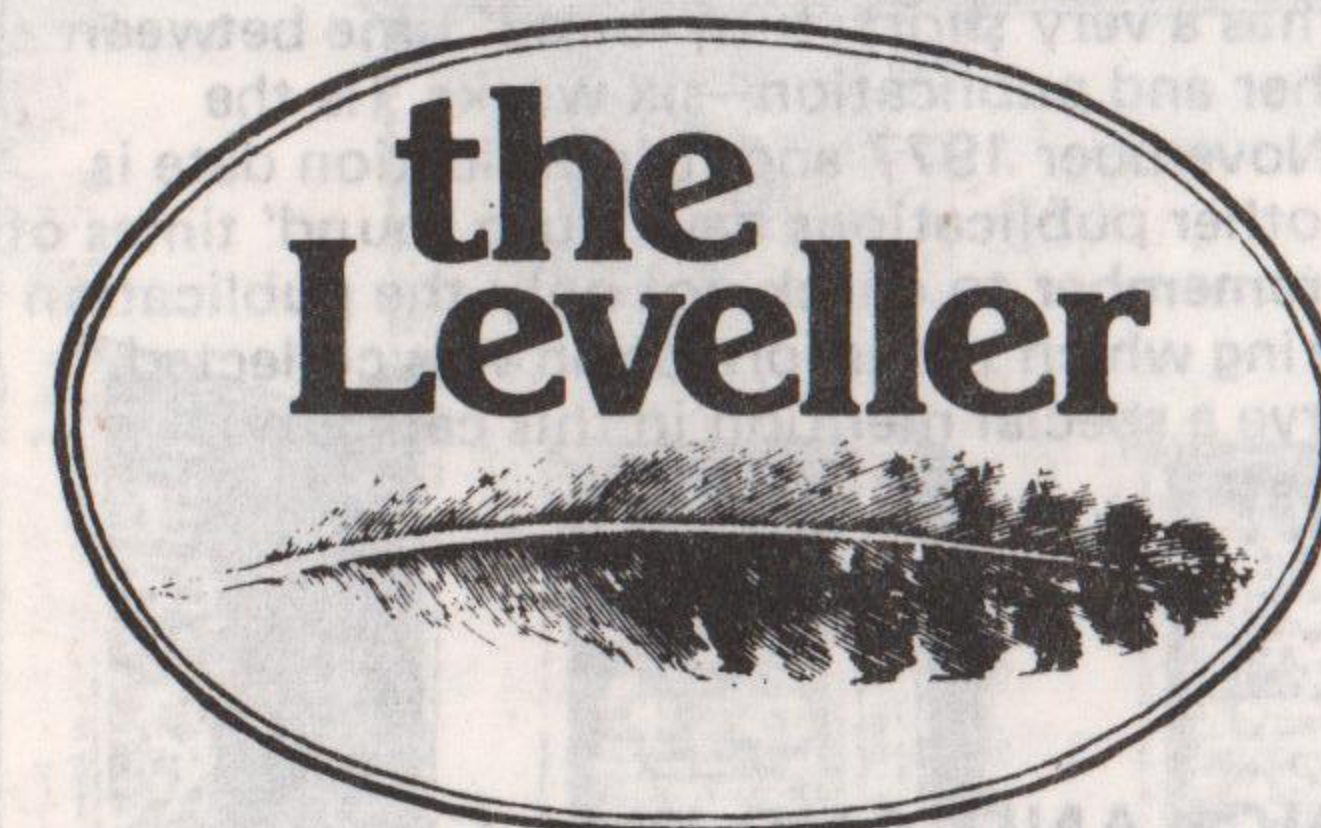
These could be on general topics relating to self-management and co-operatives; perhaps about how your project has succeeded (or failed) and the problems you've faced. They also give practical information for others starting up projects.

(4) News/Information/Events

ITM helps publicise relevant events, information and so on, but please give as much advance notice as possible.

(5) Subscriptions

ITM would like you, your friends, your local library, to subscribe. ITM depend on subscriptions to get together enough money to print the next directory. Subscription details are available from ITM.



THE LEVELLER 155a Drummond Street, London NW1, and from PDC. Monthly, 35p.

A fairly new, independent socialist magazine covering industrial and community action, education, sexual politics, people's culture, media, race, women, civil rights, current political affairs, the economy, in a wide range of news and feature articles, plus reviews, events and general information listings. One of the best political magazines to be available in this country, and a vital alternative source of information.

We (ie Ways and Means) are hopeful that the Leveller will be able to include regular Ways and Means supplements, like ITM and **Undercurrents**, so look out for details in forthcoming issues of the magazine.

COMMUNITY ACTION magazine PO Box 665, London SW1X 8DZ (01-235 3465, evenings only, & 01-251 3008 Monday evening). Also from PDC.

Community Action is an entirely independent non-profit magazine, and all those involved are unpaid. The magazine is written for and by people involved with tenants and community groups, and attempts to achieve the following aims:

(1) To exchange information on tactics, organisation and general information between action groups.

(2) To provide information on legal rights and procedures relating to the various activities in which action groups are involved.

(3) To examine the political and economic issues with which action groups are involved.

(4) To exchange ideas on what community action is about and how it can be organised.

(5) To investigate the roles of different organisations, authorities and individuals, both in issues affecting action groups and within community action. The magazine exists to be used by people involved in tenants and community groups, both by them writing notes, comments, reports about their activities for the magazine, and also by them copying and distributing any material which is printed in the magazine.

The magazine is produced every two months by a collective. Those who produce the magazine and have editorial responsibility and control are also the full-time members of the company, registered as a 'Company Limited by Guarantee', not for profit.

What is in each issue: Each issue, in addition to the articles and reports listed below, contains news and views from national campaigns and local tenants' and community groups throughout the country. In each issue there are also short reviews of useful publications, an information exchange, free adverts for community groups, and letters.

Investigators Handbook: A comprehensive guide for tenants, workers and action groups on how to investigate companies, organisations and individuals. Many situations at home and at work can arise in which it is essential to establish what decisions deals, contracts, takeovers are taking place, who is involved and why. It is important to arm yourself with accurate information before starting a particular campaign or taking action. The Handbook shows what information is available and how to get it. Price: 30p from Community Action or PDC.

UNDERCURRENTS

Editorial: 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1, subscription address: 12 South Street, Uley, Dursley, Glos. (Also from PDC).



Undercurrents covers a wide range of aspects of alternative life-styles and development, including: alternative community projects, Third World development, recycling, ecology and environment. Again a very important source of general information about such issues.

NEWS FROM NEASDEN

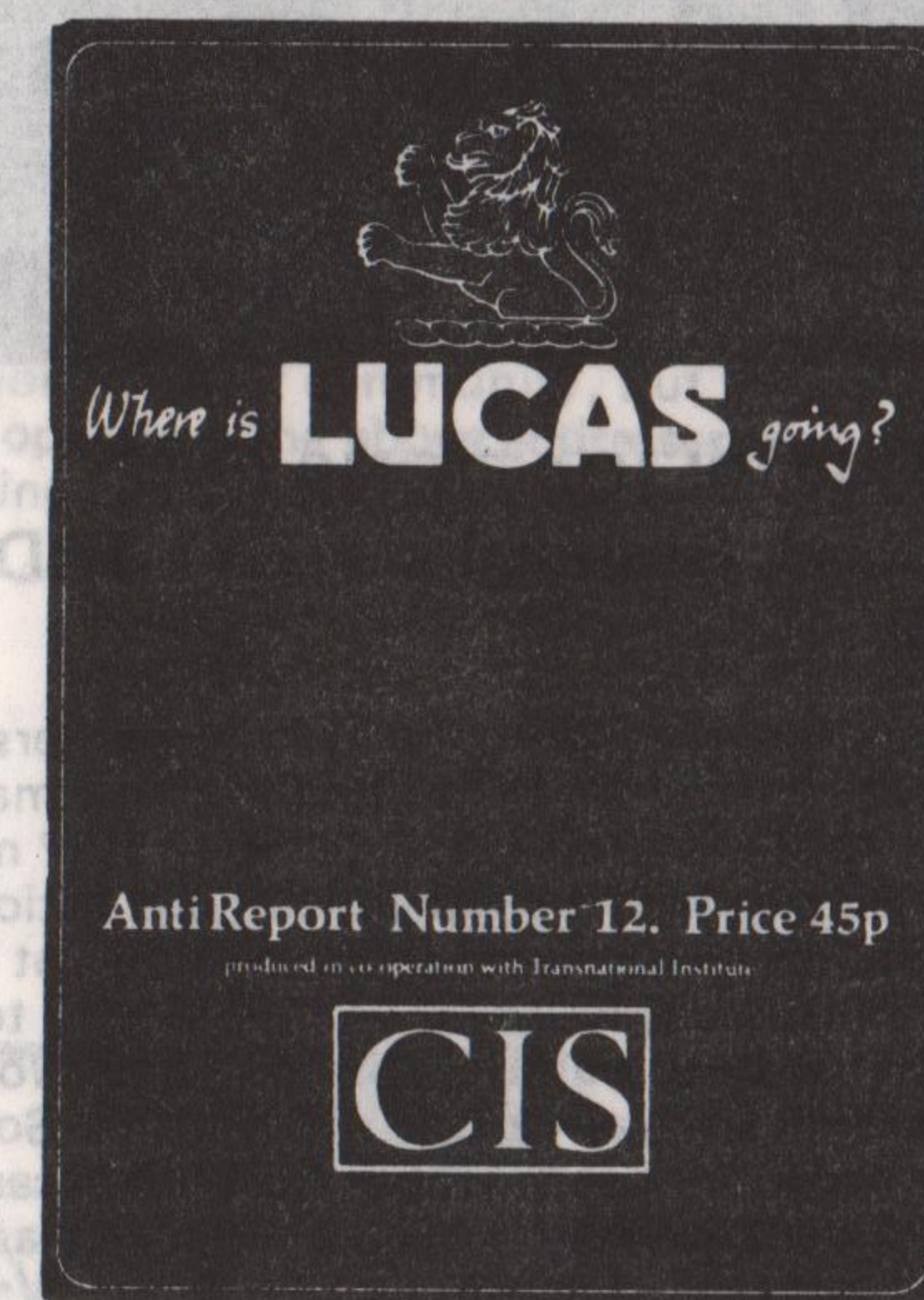
22 Fleet Road, London NW3 2QS, and from PDC.

News from Neasden (20p) comes out three times a year and is a catalogue bibliography of new radical publications, books, magazines and pamphlets, which contains reviews as well as paid entries. It's very useful for keeping up to date with new material. They also publish a directory of addresses covering radical/alternative/left/community bookshops throughout the world, which is very useful for non-UK information.

LABOUR RESEARCH

Labour Research Department, 78 Blackfriars Road, London SE1. 01-928 3649.

Labour Research is an excellent monthly magazine/journal covering the social, economic and political implications of government policy, business interests and the world economy generally. The Labour Research Department was founded as long ago as 1912 and works with labour, socialist and co-operative movement in terms of research and publications. Labour Research is 30p (37p post free) for single copies, annual subscription £4.44. Affiliation to the Labour Research Department at £13.00 for local organisations and individuals (£10.50 for Trades Councils) includes Labour Research, pamphlets, and use of the enquiry service.



COUNTER INFORMATION SERVICES (CIS) 9 Poland Street, London W1. (01-439 3764)

CIS is a collective of committed journalists who publish information not covered or investigated by the established media. They aim to investigate the major social, political and economic institutions that govern and control people's daily lives, in order that the basic facts and assumptions behind them can be exposed, explained and as widely known as possible. They have published a series of excellent reports, covering multi-national companies, government policies etc. Subscriptions are available for six issues at a time. A full list of current reports, and back copies, is available from CIS

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(0533-538811)

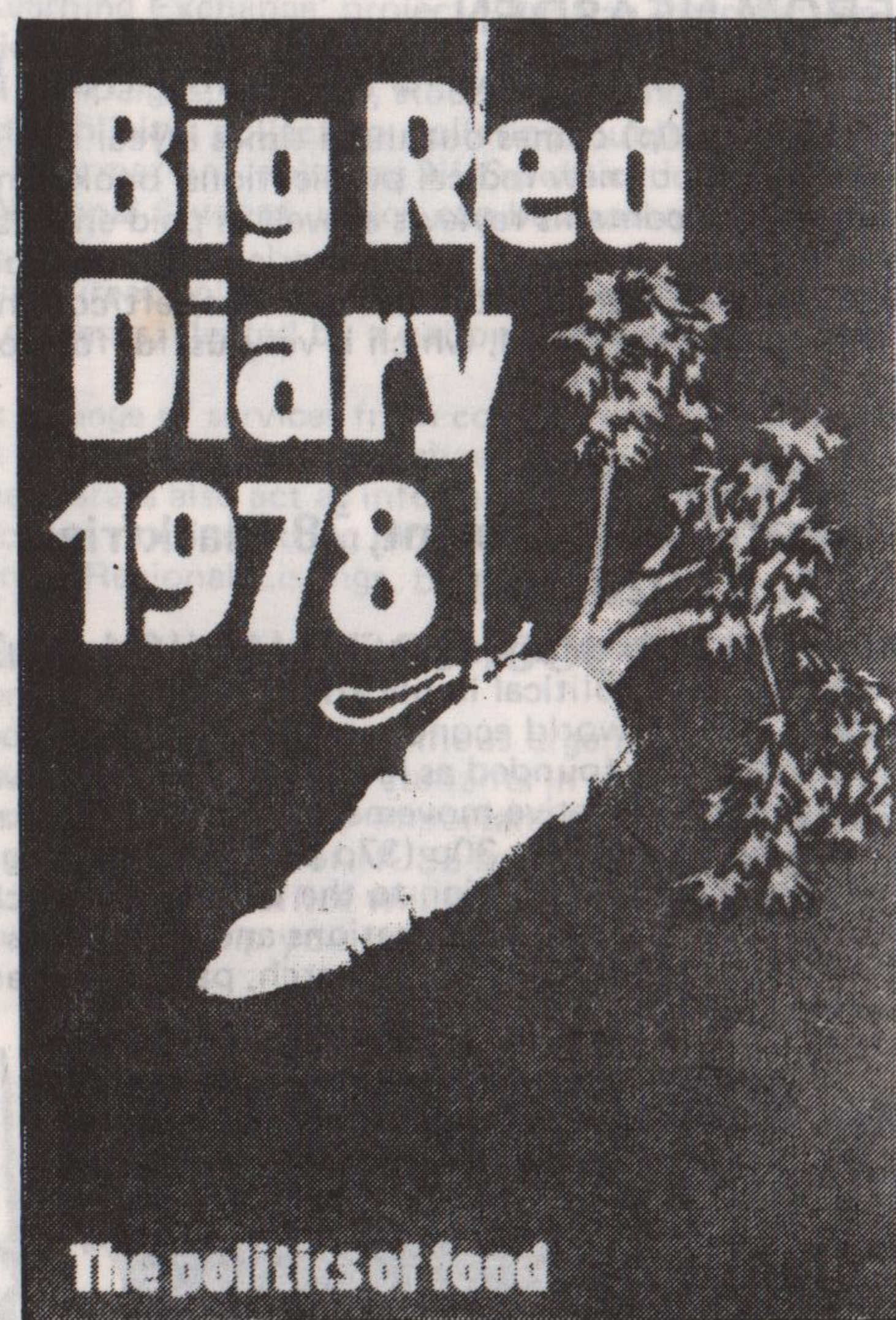
See Section Three, and Media listing in this section.

LIBRARIANS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE
c/o John L Noyce, PO Box 450, Brightob, BN1 8GR

LfSC is a forum, and a network, for reappraising methods of getting information to people. LfSC publish a regular journal and some really useful bibliographies, indexes, pamphlets etc. They aim to work for library workers and users to have more say in the running of their libraries, involving: challenging conventional library theory and practice, especially 'professionalism'; establishing alternative libraries and information services; indexing the radical and alternative press; publishing bibliographies, directories etc and challenging oppressive ideologies. A full list of their publications and activities is available from the above address.

PLUTO PRESS
Unit 10, Spencer Court, 7 Chalcot Road,
London NW1 8LH (01-722 0141)

One of the best publishers in the country: everything from the **Big Red Diary** (1978 edition covering the **Politics of Food**, 160 pages for £1.50) to political theory and practice. Particularly good on industrial issues (such as health and safety, trade union rights etc), culture, women and ideology in education (ie 'Sex, Race and Class' and 'Political Ideas' in children's fiction). A complete list of books in print from the above address.



THIRD WORLD PUBLICATIONS Ltd
151 Stratford Road, Birmingham, B11 1RD
(021-773 6572).

Third World Publications is a non profit making workers' co-operative that promotes and sells pamphlets, books and teaching materials about the Third World and its relationship with the West. TWP now stocks over 300 titles from 60 publishers, organisations and action groups. It provides a convenient, low-cost source of publications, at the same time ensuring a wider distribution of writing on development topics. TWP also imports books written and published in the Third World, specialising in books from Kenya, Tanzania and radical South African publishers; theology books by Latin American and African authors, and children's books from the Carribean, China, East Africa and India.

Bookstall Service: TWP can supply selections of books for one-off bookstalls at conferences, meetings and courses throughout the UK. A complete list is available from the above address.

WHOLE MEAL TIMES (Coming soon)
c/o CENA (See section 3) c/o 13 Wharf Street,
Leeds 1.

A new 'food' magazine (similar in format to Spare Rib and Undercurrents) based on a radical/alternative perspective. It aims to cover: wholefoods, the politics of food, the history of food, food production, land use, agriculture and big business ('Agribiz'), health and nutrition, particular food commodities, co-ops and collectives

backyard gardening, reviews, events and general information. CENA have already produced a general information sheet about the magazine and it will probably start up sometime in early 1978, and should provide an important focus for everyone interested in, and/or involved with, alternatives in food. Full details (ie the leaflet plus any other information you might want) from CENA:

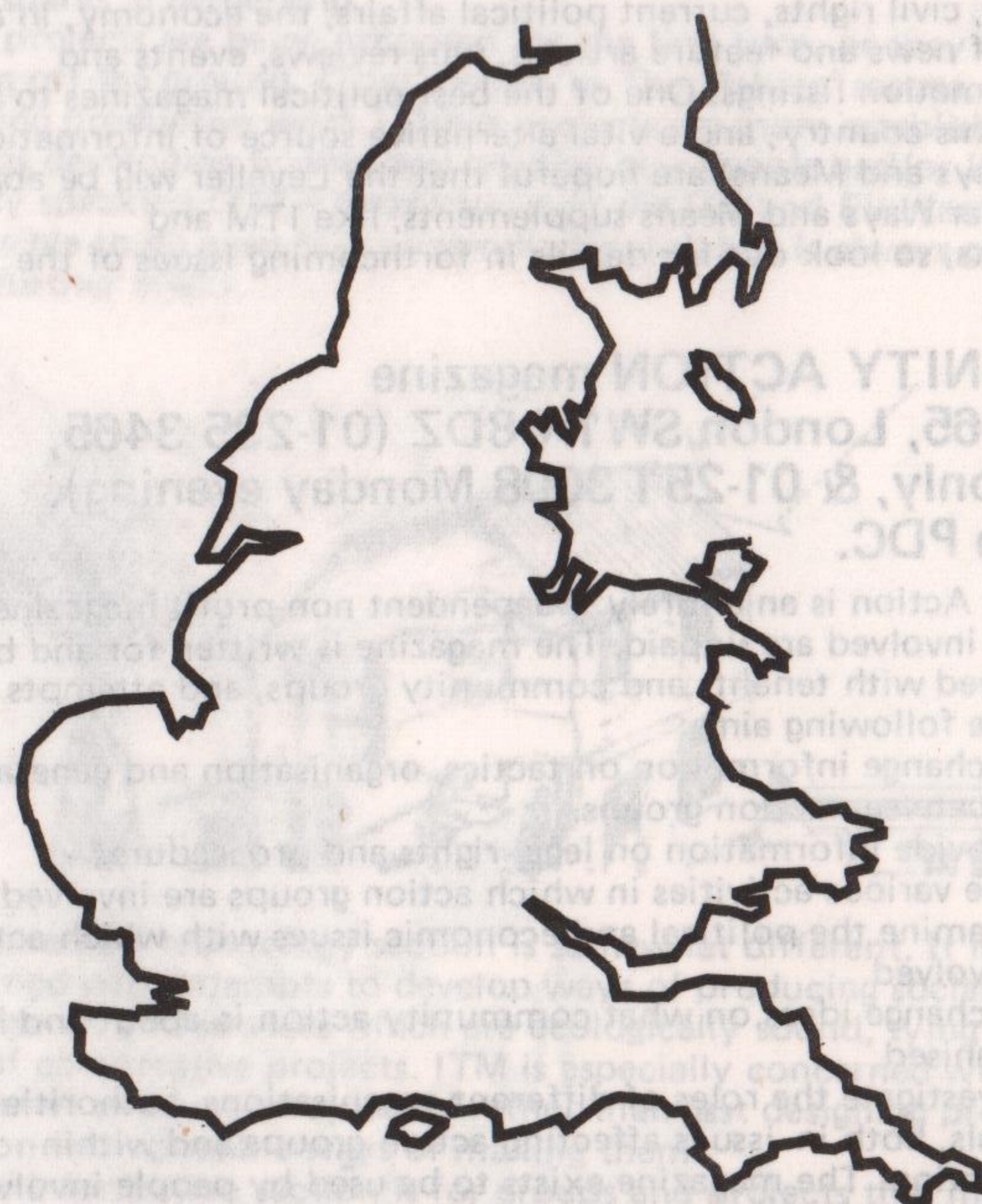


PAST PUBLICATIONS

Over the past few years there have been several publications produced, (and information networks established) for both general sources of information (ie **BIT**, see Section 3, and **Alternative England and Wales**, see below) and specific areas of interest and parts of the country (see regional listings). While these are, usually, still useful sources of information, it is important to be aware that such information is only valid as of the time at which it was collected and collated. This publication, for example, has a very short 'turn round' time between getting the content together and publication—six weeks. (ie the information is correct to November 1977 and its publication date is January 1st 1978.) Many other publications have 'turn round' times of up to a year, however, so remember to check not only the publication date, but also the time during which the information was collected.

Two publications deserve a special mention in this category:

ALTERNATIVE ENGLAND AND WALES
by Nicholas Saunders, 65 Edith Grove, London SW10.
(Although also try Neal's Yard Wholefood Shop,
Covent Garden, London. See regional listings)



This was published in late 1975, and the information for it collected between early 1974 and mid-1975. One supplement was definitely produced at the end of 1975, and another may have come out in Spring 1976. Further supplements were meant to be produced, but we've never seen any.

This is really quite a definitive work, certainly one of the best attempts ever to construct a directory/handbook of the 'alternative' in England and Wales. It is still a very useful source of information, particularly for the handbook/manual type general information, rather than specific contacts, groups, projects etc. On the latter area its best use is as a base for initial contacts, especially in conjunction with the information sources listed in this directory, as many of the specific

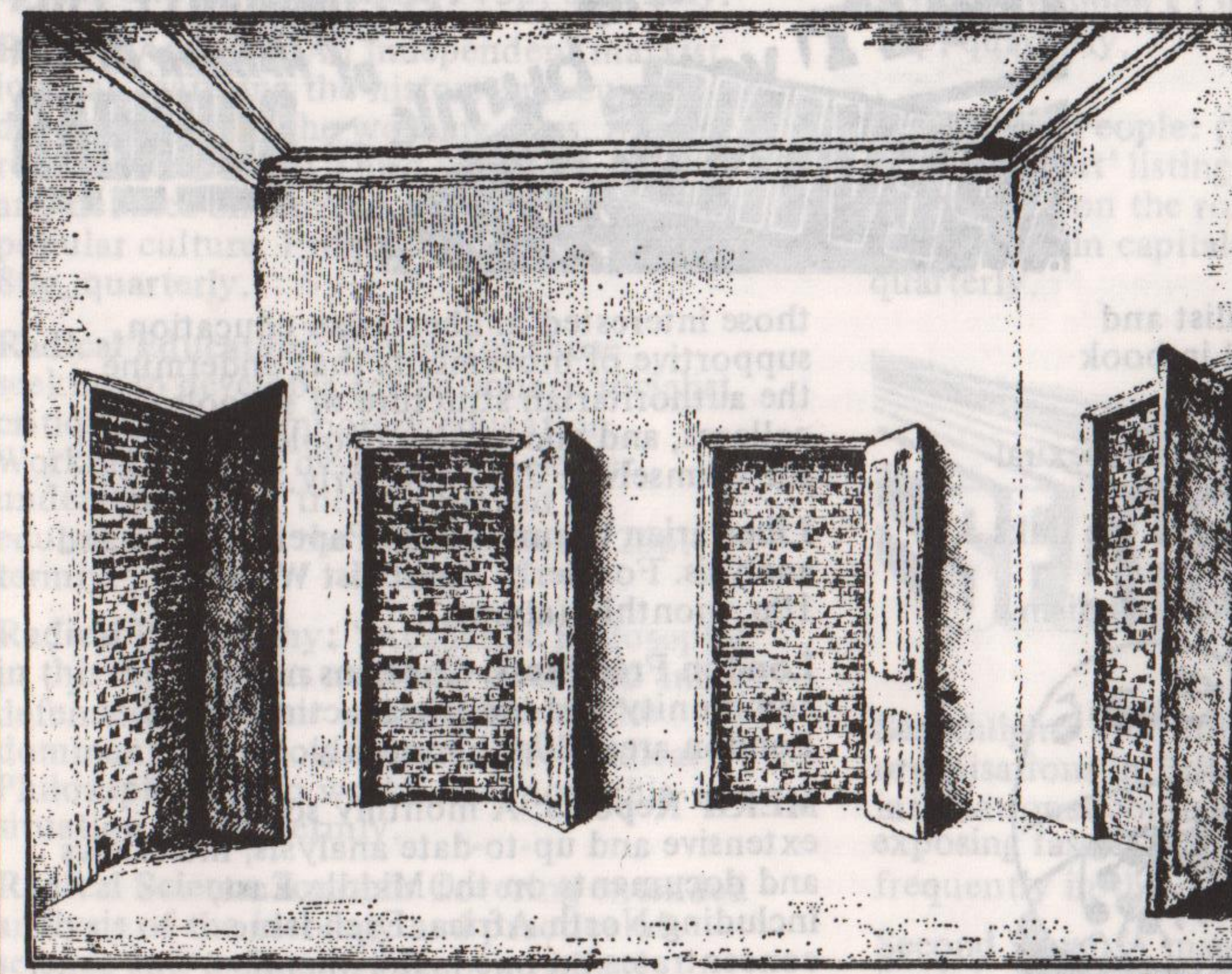
listings will now be out of date. We're not sure how generally available it is to buy now; ask at your local alternative bookshop or the above address(es). But it certainly should be in your local library, or, if not, order it through inter-library loan.

Particularly useful parts of the book include: Housing (pp19-34), Claiming/Social Security (pp84-89), Work (pp90-94), Help and Information (pp106-122), Publications (pp134-139), Craft Workshops and Information (pp 224-225), Community Work, Help and Information (pp230-239), Children (pp244-250), Technology (pp260-266).

Also (from the same address, originally) **Alternative London** (1974) and **Alternative London Survival Guide** for strangers to London (1973). In other parts of the country: **Alternative Brighton** (1974) from Librarians for Social Change, see above; **Alternative Edinburgh** (1974?); **Alternative Scotland** (1974/75)—try 1st of May bookshop in Edinburgh (see regional listings for information); **Alternative Amsterdam** (1974) see **UAPS** under International listings in this section.

ANIMATION PROJECTS IN THE UK
£1.50 from National Youth Bureau (see Media listing and section 3). By Francis Berrigan.

Prepared for the Council of Europe symposium 'Animation in New Towns' held in Reading in September 1976. A register covering a cross-section of alternative/community projects in Britain, including education, sport, arts, communications media and community work. All entries are descriptive rather than analytical, but nonetheless it is a really useful guide to some of the projects currently being developed.



YOUR RIGHTS IN MENTAL HOSPITAL

An excellent pamphlet from **Mental Patients' Union, c/o Grass Roots Books, 109 Oxford Road, All Saints, Manchester (061-236 3112)**

TRADING STANDARDS and CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENTS

These local authority departments make sure that traders work within various laws made to protect shoppers. They advise consumers and traders, and investigate complaints about false or misleading discriptions, inaccurate weights and measures, and some aspects of the safety and price of goods. These departments also work closely with the **Office of Fair Trading** in keeping a watch out for unfair trading practices or unscrupulous traders.

Consumer Advice Centres: In some places local authorities are providing these centres close to main shopping areas. The staff are specially trained to provide a wide range of shopping advice. They not only deal with complaints and problems, but can give pre-shopping advice to help you decide which products are best for your needs, or help you get good value for money. Many centres display **Price Checks** so that you can compare the prices being charged for certain items in local shops.

For addresses and telephone numbers, look up **Trading Standards, Consumer Protection or Weights and Measures** under your Council entry in your telephone directory.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX

There are more than 600 Bureaux around the country, so there is likely to be one in your area. They are staffed by trained, voluntary workers who, apart from dealing with shopping problems, can also advise you on other subjects including health, housing, employment, legal matters, and marital and social problems.

For addresses and telephone numbers look under **Citizens' Advice Bureau** in your local telephone directory, or ask the **National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU (01-636 4066)** for details of your nearest CAB.

Copies of the **General Information Supplement** can be obtained free from the **Office of Fair Trading, Room 310, Field House, Bream's Building, London EC4A 1PR.**

LAW CENTRES



- BELFAST** 14 University Street. (0232 46984)
- BIRMINGHAM:**
- Handsworth** 81 Grove Lane, B'ham 21 (021-554 0868)
- Saltley** 2 Alun Rock Rd., B'ham 8 (021-328 2307)
- CARDIFF** 103/4 Clifton St., Adamstown, Cardiff. (0222 498117)
- COVENTRY** 61 Lower Ford St., Hillfields, Coventry (0203 23051)
- LONDON:**
- Balham** 92 Balham High Rd., SW12 (01-673 8602)
- Brent** 161 Church Rd., NW10 (01-451 1122)
- Camden** 146 Kentish Town Rd., NW1 (01-485 6672)
- Garratt Lane** 170 Garratt Lane, SW18 (01-988 8446)
- Hillingdon** 63 Station Road, Hayes, Middx. (01-573 4021)
- Holloway** c/o Martin Luther King Centre, Sherringham Rd. Sherringham Rd., N7. (11-2 only) (607 2524)
- Islington** 161 Hornsey Rd., N7 (01-607 2461)
- Lambeth** 506 Brixton Rd., SW9 (01-733 4245)
- Newham** 309 Barking Rd., E6 (01-471 8226)
- North Kensington** 74 Goldborne Rd., W10 (01-969 7473)
- Paddington** 441 Harrow Rd., W10 (01-960 4481)
- Tottenham** 13 Portland Rd., N15 (01-802 0911)
- Tower Hamlets** 341 Commercial Rd., E1 (01-790 6311/2)
- Hackney** 236/8 Mare St., E8 (01-986 8446)
- West Hampstead** 3/4 Midland Parade, NW6 (01-328 4501/4523)
- LIVERPOOL** Silvester St., Vauxhall, L'pool 5 (051-207 2004)
- MANCHESTER** 595 Stockport Rd., Longsight (061-225 5111)
- NEWCASTLE** 85 Adelaide Terr., Benwell (0632 31210)
- SOUTH WALES** Bethesda St., Bethesda Chapel, Merthyr Tydfil (0685 6252)

For general and legal advice; will almost always act only for people living and/or working in their particular catchment area. Most Law Centres apply limits to the amount of individual casework they take on, choosing to concentrate their resources around group work and educational work in their community. But they vary considerably in the way they operate. (The above addresses are only those in the Law Centres Working Group.)



Publications

PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVE
27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT (01-251 4976)

PDC is a co-operative run by a committed collective of workers with the active support of member publishers, many of whom helped set up PDC in Autumn 1976. It exists to extend distribution of radical, alternative, socialist, feminist and cultural publications and to ensure the supply of a selection of titles that have often been difficult to obtain in the past. PDC's stock covers feminism and sexual politics, education, arts and popular culture, media and communications, history, ideology and political economy, race, British politics and current affairs, land and urban issues, environment, science and technology, trade unions and industry, law and legal rights, and radical bibliographies.

PDC publishes a catalogue listing all of its current titles, and a separate list of periodicals, available by sending a large SAE (9½p stamp). Most of these periodicals, journals and magazines are worth listing as they are valuable sources of information, news and ideas.

PDC Periodicals List

Artery: A cultural magazine for left unity, containing articles, poems, songs and illustrations. 40p quarterly.

BEE: Bulletin of Environmental Education: The teacher's guide to its theory and practice, with emphasis on the urban scene and general ecological problems. 40p monthly.

Big Flame: Independent revolutionary socialist paper. 10p monthly.

Black Flag: "A magazine of classical class war anarchism—incisive and witty." Organ of the Anarchist Black Cross. 15p monthly.

Black Liberator: A theoretical discussion journal for black liberation. Thorough coverage of the black struggle in Britain and abroad. 75p occasional.

Camerawork: Critical forum for exchange of views, ideas and information on photography and related forms of communication. Excellent photographic illustrations. 30p quarterly.

Capital & Class: Journal of the Conference of Socialist Economists. Theoretically based. £1, three issues per year.

Case Con/Public Con: A revolutionary magazine for social workers. (See social work/community work*section.) 25p occasional.

Chilean Women: 25p occasional.

Cienfuegos Press Anarchist Review: Anarchist bibliography. £1 occasional.

Community Action: See 'Special Mentions' section.

Counterspy: Analysis and information about the practices, organisation and objectives of US Intelligence. Published in the USA. £1, occasional.

Critique of Anthropology: A mixture of original articles and translations which contribute to the development of a critical science of humanity and society. Committed to develop Marxism as a tool to help explain and change society. 65p, half-yearly.

Falling Wall Review: Based on the struggles of different sectors of the working class internationally against the 24-hour working day that capitalism imposes, with useful and important reviews. 35p, occasional.

PDC publications can also be ordered by mail order, as can the **Public Health Advisory Service** publications list, full details from PDC.

Non-bookshop orders: Please add the following for postage: One or two items ordered, 20% (minimum 12p), three or more items, 15% (minimum 20p). Maximum postage necessary, £1.50. Overseas customers contact PDC for details of acceptable methods of payment.

Conferences and Bookstalls: Normally 20% sale-or-return. Deposits may be required, carriage may be charged. Full details on application, stating details of event/stall.

Fireweed: Magazine of socialist and working class arts. Published in book format. 75p quarterly.

Gay Left: Marxist analysis of homosexual oppression. Encourages, in the gay community, an understanding of the links between the struggle against sexual oppression and the struggle for socialism. 40p, quarterly.



Humpty Dumpty: Critical approaches to psychology. Moving towards presenting an alternative to psychology as a way of understanding the world. 30p, occasional.

Ideology & Consciousness: Marxist journal in psychology, psychoanalysis, linguistics and semiology. 90p, three issues per year.

In The Making: See 'Special Mentions' section. 60p, annual.

International Socialism: Stablemate of Socialist Worker. Reviews, monthly commentary and revolutionary theory on the Third World, union bureaucracy, and Rank and File organisation. 30p monthly.

Labour Focus on Eastern Europe: Independent bulletin providing comprehensive coverage of significant currents, campaigning for working class, democratic and national rights in Eastern Europe. 30p, occasional.

The Leveller: See 'Special Mentions' section. 35p monthly.

Libertarian Education: A forum for

those interested in libertarian education, supportive of movements that undermine the authoritarian structure of schools and colleges, and encourages people to think for themselves. 20p, quarterly.

Libertarian Communism: Paper of news and analysis. Formerly **Anarchist Worker**. 10p, monthly (almost).

London Free Press: Contains news of community and industrial action in the London area. 20p, bimonthly.

MERIP Reports: A monthly source of extensive and up-to-date analysis, interviews and documents on the Middle East, including North Africa. Each issue concentrates on one major theme. Published by the Middle East Research and Information Project (USA). 70p, ten issues per year.

Mother Earth News: The bible of the back-to-the-land, do-it-yourself movement. From the USA. £1.35 bimonthly.

Musics: Magazine of experimental, improvised 'free' music. 30p bimonthly.

New Dance: A magazine about all forms of dance, for and by those involved. 40p* quarterly.

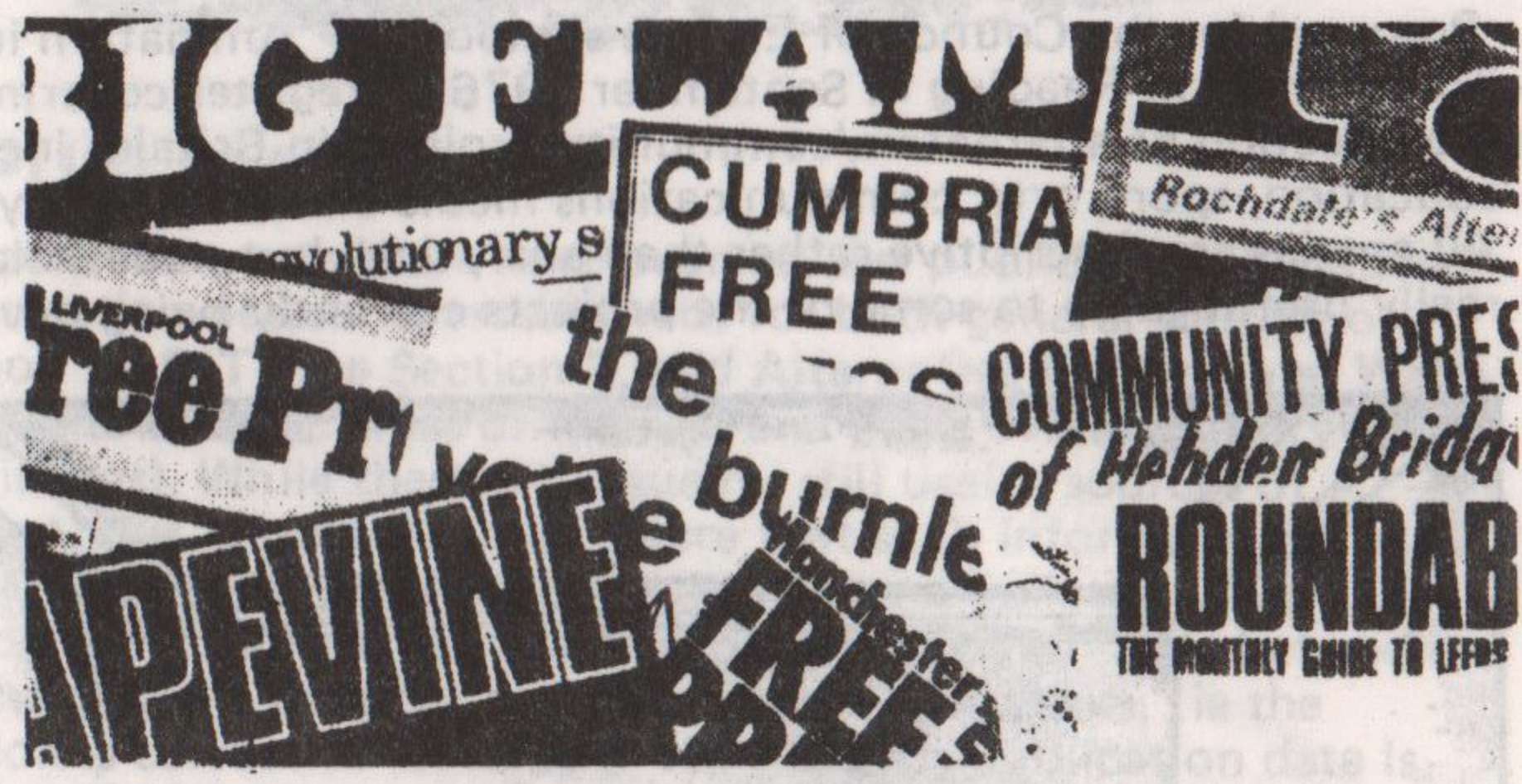
New Edinburgh Review: A review of contemporary political and social affairs, history and culture. Each issue focusses on one topic. 35p* occasional.

New Internationalist: Radical perspectives on the Third World, particularly radical critiques of development. 35p, monthly.

News Release (formerly Release Newsletter): A quarterly newsletter which describes developments in all fields of Release's work which mainly centres around drug education and the law. 35p, quarterly.

News From Neasden: See 'Special Mentions' section. 20p, three times per year.

Off Our Backs: A feminist news journal from Washington DC. 50p, monthly.



On Target: Occasional pamphlets on the Middle East from libertarian socialist group MERAG. 35p quarterly.

Open Road: Lively and informative Canadian newjournal. Analysis and reports of anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist movements. Full-colour cover and poster pull-out. 40p, occasional.

Out: Opinion and news of the gay movement in England and Wales. Published by the **Campaign for Homosexual Equality**. 20p, bimonthly.

People's News Service: See 'Special Mentions' section. 15p, twice monthly.

Power to Women: Magazine of the International Wages for Housework Campaign. How and why women are organising—at home, in the factory, hospital and school, all over the world. 15p, occasional.

Race and Class: Examines race in terms of class, while at the same time bringing to an understanding of the class struggle, the racial dimension. Brings out the common denominators of oppression and exploitation among Third World peoples in Britain and internationally. 75p, quarterly.

Radical America: An independent marxist journal, featuring the history and current developments in the working class, the role of women and Third World people, and debates on current socialist theory and popular culture. From New England (USA). 80p, quarterly.

Radical Education: Forum for those seeking to develop a revolutionary socialist critique of contemporary education. Working towards developing a clearer understanding of the role played by education within the wider society. 25p, termly.

Radical Philosophy: "Academic philosophy in this country has generally accepted and defended the frame of reference of the dominant bourgeois culture. The Radical Philosophy Group works to expose this situation." 50p, termly.

Radical Science Journal: Covering extended analysis of the ideology and practice of science and technology from a radical perspective. £1, occasional.



It's perfect, really - it kills every living thing within 200 miles, without otherwise altering the ecological balance.....

Rebecca: Investigative magazine on Wales, its politics, politicians, culture... and corruption. Predominantly in English. 40p, occasional.

Red Letters: Marxist journal of culture and literacy, published as a forum of debate and discussion by the **Communist Party Literature Group**. Publishing as A5 booklet from Autumn 1977. 40p, termly.

Red Rag: Each issue examines marxist feminism from a different angle. Forthcoming issues will focus on sexuality and work. 30p, occasional.

Review of African Political Economy: £1, three per year.

While PDC distributes these publications, most of the bookshops listed in the Regional Listings should either stock them or be able to order them. Some newspapers are also beginning to stock some of the magazines, and generally it would be useful if people asked any local (hopefully sympathetic) newsagents to stock such publications, spreading the word(s) as it were. Also, please bear in mind the points made at the beginning of the Regional Listings section about the potential of using wholefood shops, general bookshops etc, to order such material.

Revolutionary Socialism: New journal from **Big Flame**. Reports and articles on international movements, developments on the left and in the women's movement in Britain. 40p, quarterly.

Rights!: Newsjournal of the **National Council for Civil Liberties**. Information, comment and news on many aspects of civil liberty in Britain and Northern Ireland. 20p, bimonthly.

Sanity: News and debate about nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and the peace movement. Published by the **Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament**. 10p, bimonthly.



Scottish Women's Liberation Journal: 25p, quarterly.

Science for People: (See also BSSRS under 'Environment' listing.) A socialist perspective on the role of science and technology in capitalist society. 30p, quarterly.



Searchlight: Monitors extreme right wing organisations in Britain, and their international connections. Consistent in exposing fascist and racist activity frequently in the news. 30p, monthly.

Second Wave: A magazine of the new feminism, from New England, USA. 55p, quarterly.

Shrew: Radical feminist magazine. 30p, occasional.

Socialist Revolution USA: Similar to **Radical America**. £1.55, bi-monthly.

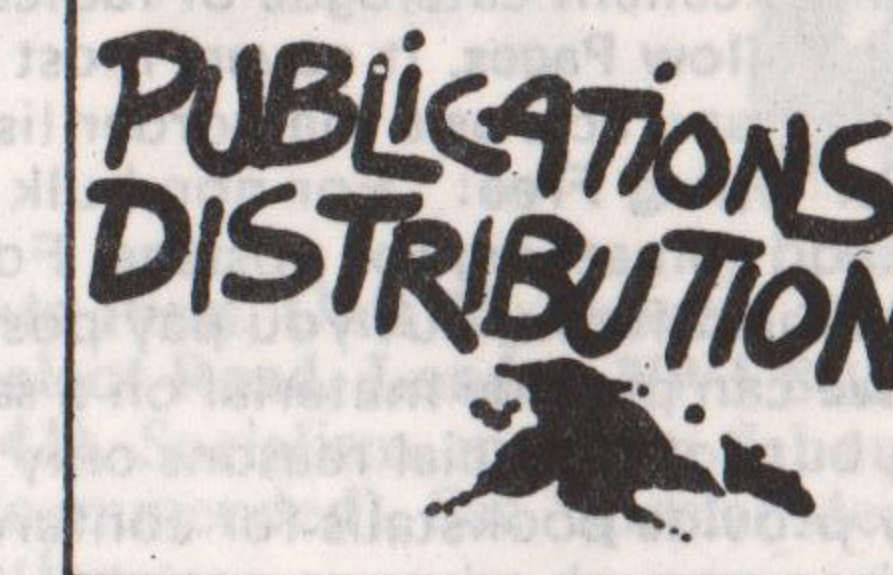
Socialist Teacher: Debates on the "principal tasks facing socialist teachers". Particular focus on the cuts in public expenditure, attacks on progressive methods, and the role of socialist teachers. Published by the **Socialist Teachers' Alliance**. 30p, termly.

Spare Rib: A women's liberation magazine. Wide range of news, articles and reviews. Sixth year of publication! (See also 'Women' section.) 35p, monthly.

Street Comix: A selection of art work from contemporary British comix artists, printed on quality paper for better presentation and durability. 50p, occasional.

Teachers Action: Produced by a collective of working teachers. Analyses the class divisions inherent in schooling and reports on the current struggles in the context of furthering revolutionary action. 25p, quarterly.

Teaching London Kids: Explores the dilemmas of progressive teachers in state schools, the potential role of the school in the community and vice versa, and positive strategies for action. 25p termly.



Temporary Hoarding: Rock Against Racism words and images mix with pull-out poster. News of gigs, musicians and the struggle against racism. 20p, bimonthly.

Undercurrents: See 'Special Mentions' section. 45p, bimonthly.

Verboten: Reports from West Germany on the repression of socialists and progressives. 20p, occasional.

Voice of the Unions: An independent socialist newspaper committed to democratic workers' control of industry, and community control through society. 10p, monthly.

Wedge: New revolutionary magazine of cultural practice and theory. Wide ranging interests; contains 'Art Attacks', news and notes. 75p, quarterly.

Whole Earth: Aimed at people broadly interested in environmental issues. Covers back-to-the-land workers' collectives, organic farming and growing, and alternative technology. 20p, quarterly.

Women and Education: Contains information and article for everyone interested in non-sexist teaching and learning, reviews and details of current events, courses and materials. Produced by socialist and feminist women. 20p, termly.

Women Speaking: Articles of feminist issues from a variety of political perspectives. 30p quarterly.

Women's Report: Feminist news magazine; comprehensive digest of current affairs, for women and about women. 20p bimonthly.

Workers' Control Bulletin: Journal of the **Institute for Workers' Control**. 20p, occasional.

Working Papers in Cultural Studies: Published annually by the **Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies**, University of Birmingham. WPCS analyses debates on cultural theory. Recent articles discuss the state, media, education, popular culture, ideology, women, and language.

Writing Sociology: A forum for articulating more expansive, open and playful attitudes towards sociological writing, involving concerns for language and sociological tradition. 65p, occasional.



Zero: New anarchist/anarcho-feminist paper with good coverage of European events. 20p, monthly.

Zoo: Radical perspectives on city planning and community development. Particular concern for the state of planning education. Published from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. Continues to improve, and had attained a substantial reputation. 45p Quarterly.

OTHER SOURCES

Rising Free bookshop (see Regional Listings under London) have produced an excellent catalogue of radical publications called the **Rising Free Yellow Pages**. It covers most of the material they stock and can order, and acts as a mail-order list as well.

Rates for Rising Free: "For non-bulk orders please send cash with order, and add something for postage. For bulk orders we can give 20% discount on most items, but you pay postage. We can invoice for payment. We can provide material on a sale-or-return basis for bookstalls, but for financial reasons only give limited quantities. We can usually provide bookstalls for conferences etc in the London area if we are given enough advance notice."

Also: Interesting and varied lists from **Housmans** (London), **Collets** (London), **Grass Roots** (Manchester), and **News From Nowhere** (Liverpool). See Regional Listings.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Periodicals)

Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham.

Fortnightly magazine for 'non-violent revolution', news on non-violent action for social change, covering: building alternatives, anti-militarism, sexual politics, ecology, decentralisation etc. Also good for contacts/information about alternative projects, groups, conferences etc.

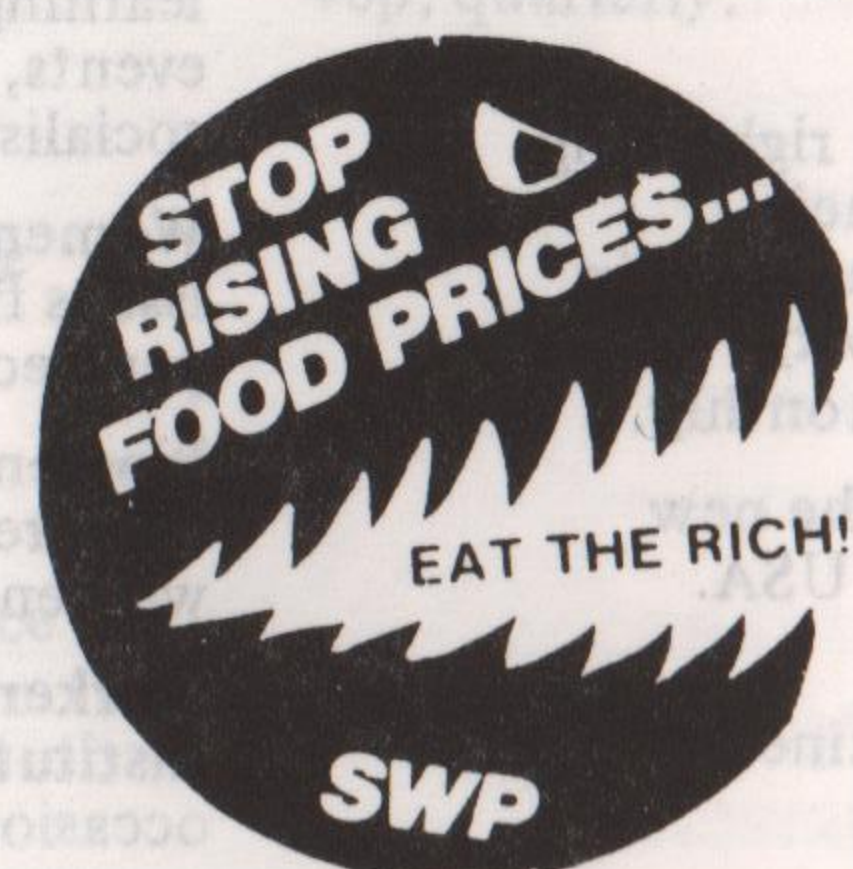
peace news

for nonviolent revolution

Resurgence, Pentre Ifan, Felindre Farchog, Crymychi, Dyfed, Cymru. Bi-monthly magazine (annual subscription £3.50) covering 'the spiritual, mystical basis of life, technology, self-sufficiency, decentralised politics and community socialism.' Esoteric, although good for contacts and information about alternative projects, groups, conferences etc.

Practical Self-Sufficiency, Broad Leys Publishing, Widdington, Saffron Walden, Essex. Monthly. (Annual subscription £3.50, single copies 60p) Covers organic farming, gardening, crafts, home production etc, and good for general information, classifieds etc.

There are also some general publications linked to organisations and projects listed in Section 3. See also **Publishers** in this section.



THE SOCIALIST PRESS

We are not making any attempt to list/cover all aspects of the socialist press, but rather the main papers, which you should be able to get through left bookshops, street sellers etc.

Morning Star: Daily CP paper. 16 King Street, London WC2, or **Central Books**, 39 Grays Inn Road, London WC1.

Newsline: Daily WRP paper, also from Paperback Centre, 28 Charlotte Street, London W1.

Socialist Worker

PAPER OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 10p

Socialist Worker: Weekly SWP paper. 6 Cotton Gardens, London E2, or c/o **Bookmarx**, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4.

Socialist Challenge: Weekly Socialist Unity/IMG and supporters' paper (comparatively non-sectarian). 328/329 Upper Street, London London N1.

Big Flame*: Monthly, covering industrial/community action from a revolutionary socialist perspective. Published regional editions, too.

Zero*: New monthly libertarian/anarchist paper, good for contacts/information about libertarian/anarchist groups, conferences etc. **Zero collective**, 01-555 6287, and c/o **Rising Free Bookshop** (see London listings).

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Alternative Libraries

Alternative Press Syndicate (Europe): Ian King, 22 Dane Road, Margate, Kent, CT9 2AA (0843 25902). A library of exchange copies of alternative and radical papers from throughout the world, built up over the years by Ian King. Phone first before visiting. (See also Miscellaneous section at the end of Section 1.)

Aries: (Alternative Rural Information Exchange Service), Lawrairie Wood, Finzean Stores, Boghead, Finzean, by Banchory, Kincardineshire. An information service for North East Scotland providing information (in the form of broadsheets) on 'all aspects of living on a small-scale, ecological basis—in this particular rural environment'.

Attic Library: 178 Waterloo Place, Oxford Road, Manchester 13. An information store and reading room 'providing documents useful to individuals and groups involved in radical/community/alternative politics and lifestyles, especially those books, pamphlets, directories, leaflets etc that are difficult to obtain from public libraries'.

BIT Information Service: 116 Talbot Road, London W2. Based on the collection given to BIT by Richard Neville (ex-Oz magazine), and incorporating exchange copies sent to BIT over the years. Suffers from rip-offs, and from the generally chaotic way BIT functions. (see also Section 3.)

Commonweal Collection: c/o J B Priestly Library, University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 1DP. Run by its founder, David Hoggett, from Cheltenham until his death in 1975, this pacifist library has been transferred to the University of Bradford where it is closely associated with the School of Peace Studies.

Freedom Press: 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1, (01-247 9249) A veritable treasure-trove of anarchist material dating back to the 1880's. Especially strong on foreign anarchist papers sent in exchange for **Freedom**. Some interesting correspondence from the pre-war period (1914-18). The building is overrun by mice and the library does not seem to be highly regarded by the present **Freedom** collective. We hope they don't sell it/give it away/use it for waste paper. (Scandalous!!).

Gay Studies Library: John Lindsay, 12 Redmans Road, London E1 3AQ (01-790 2454). Organised by John Lindsay, of the Gay Librarians Group, and formerly the library of the University College, London, Gaysoc. Aims to acquire a copy of everything produced by the gay movement in Britain, with material from elsewhere.

Marx Memorial Library: Marx House, 37 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DU. A library of books (16,000), pamphlets (21,000), periodicals and manuscripts 'relating to the science of Marxism and of the history of socialism and the working class movement.' Valuable features: fine selection of nineteenth century pamphlets, wide range of communist periodicals, publications of the First, Second and Third Internationals. A catalogue has been produced cheaply in duplicated form.

Merton Alternative Library: Richard Alexander, 18 Bygrove Road, Colliers Wood, London SW19, (01-542 0028). Essentially the private collection formed and run by Richard Alexander, a local activist and professional librarian. Good on anarchist, feminist, and local London papers. 1970 onwards, mainly.

The Public Library: Currently in store. A wide range of books, pamphlets, periodicals, leaflets, from socialist, black, underground, community and other groups. Begun at Agitprop bookshop in the late sixties, and later housed for a time at **Rising Free**. Now in store, awaiting dispersal. The best collection of its kind in Britain.

Returned Volunteer Action: 1c Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL, (01-935 9447). Primarily for its members, the group's resource centre covers a wide range of material on Third World and Britain. Incorporates the now defunct **Quest** Library, (very good for small radical papers of the late 60's/early 70's).

Self-Help Housing Resource Library: Room 406, North London Polytechnic, Ladbroke House, Highbury Grove, London N5 (01-602 2789 ext 5027). Library of material on squatting and other aspects of housing. Phone first.

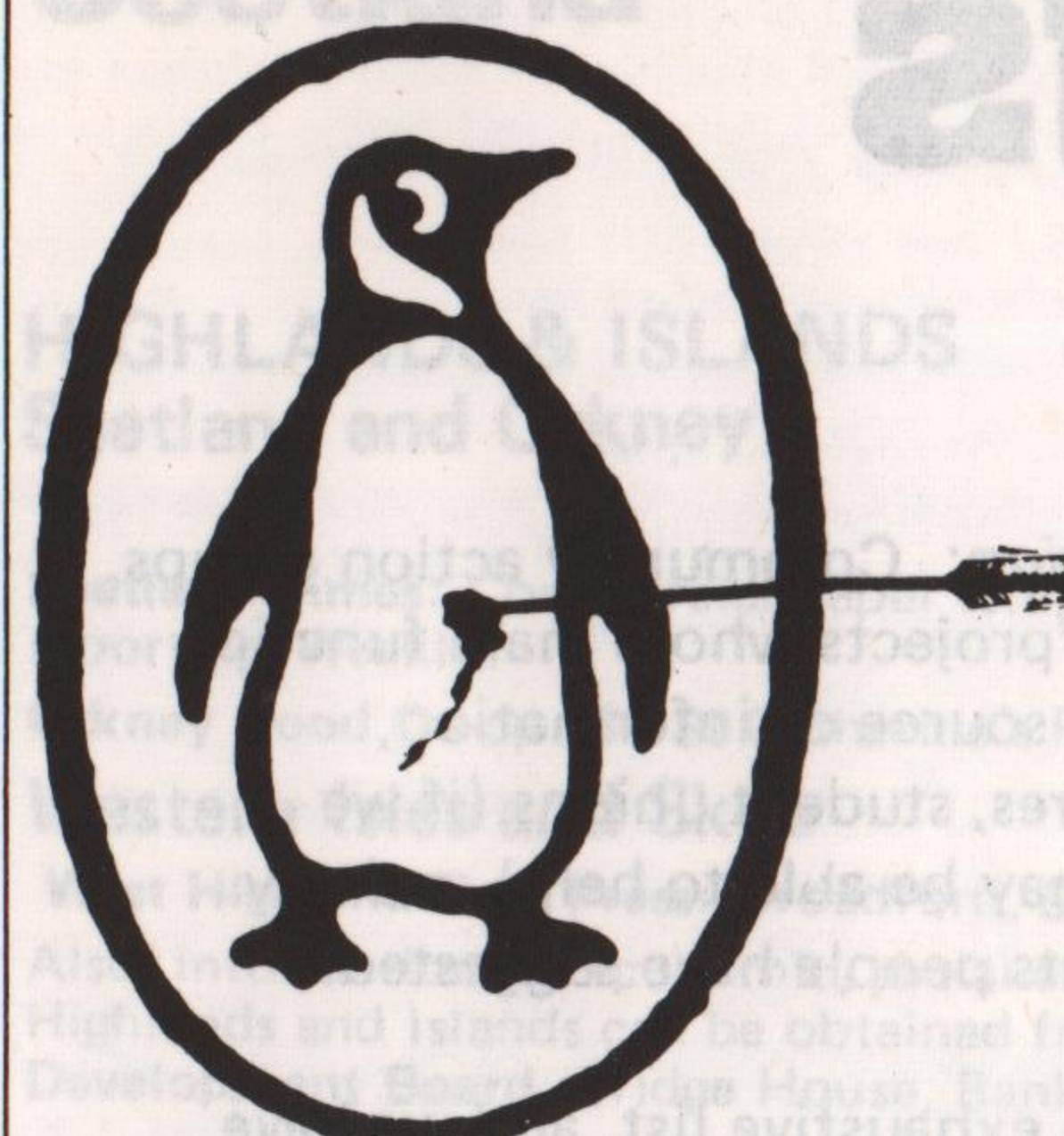
Smoothie Archives: John L Noyce, PO Box 450, Brighton BN1 8GR. Collection built up by John Noyce while editing successive editions of his **Directory of Alternative Periodicals**. Very good on underground press 1968-72, also other subjects up to 1975. Selective purchasing since. Very much 'by appointment'.

Street Library: Refectory Terrapins, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton. A meeting place/cooperative library/skills exchange. Aims to use the library as a means of sharing experience.

Working Class Movement Library: Edmund and Ruth Frow, 111 Kings Road, Old Trafford, Manchester. A lifetime's collection on working class history: pamphlets, leaflets, books, newspapers, badges etc. Write first if you want to visit.

Also: Many public and academic libraries have some useful alternative/radical material, and some have fair collections. If you are interested and have no luck at any libraries you know of, or come across, contact **Librarians for Social Change** to see if they have any information (see Organisations section), and if you do find anything interesting write and tell them and us, so that we/they can tell other people.

Alternative Publishers



Aberdeen People's Press, 167 King Street, Aberdeen. Social, economic and historical pamphlets and booklets on Scotland, particularly North East Scotland.

Afro-Press*, BM-Box 1123, London WC1V 6XX, African Studies.

Akeba Books*, 109 Oxford Road, Manchester M1 7DU. Non-sexist Children's books. Contact **Grass Roots Bookshop** in Manchester.

Alternative London/England, Nicholas Saunders, 65 Edith Grove, London SW10. Guides to alternative living (Alternative London published by Wildwood House) and others (see 'Special Mentions' section).

Anvil Books, Irish national history, distributed by **Rising Free**, (London).

BB Books*, Dave Cunliffe, 1 Spring Bank, Salesbury, Blackburn, Lancashire. Poetry, vegan, pacifist.

Big Flame Publications, 217 Wavertree Road, Liverpool and 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT.

Bit Information Service, 146 Great Western Road, London W11 (01 229 8219). Directories: **Overland Guides** to Africa, India, etc. (see also Section 3).

Book Marx Club, 265 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Marxist book club (see also London bookshops).

Bogle L'Overture, 141 Goldershaw Road, Ealing, London W13 9DU. Africa and Caribbean.

Bratach Dubh Publications*, c/o Andy & Veronica McGowan, 83 Langside Terrace, Port Glasgow, Scotland. Anarchist.

Centreprise Publishing Project, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS (01-254 9634). Autobiography, poetry, local history, reading books, written and published by and for Hackney people.

Children's Rights Workshop, 73 Balfour Street, London SE17 (01-703 7217). Children's literature—especially critical guides.

Cienfuegos Press, Over the Water, Sanday, Orkney, Scotland KW17 2BL. Anarchist, associated with the **Anarchist Black Cross**; includes the **Simian Press**.

Claimants' Unions*, each pamphlet is produced by a local CU and distributed by others CUs. Details of current publications and address of your local group (SAE a must) from **Claimants' Publications Library**, 19 Carlyle Road, Birmingham (see Section 3).

Clanose Publishers*, 22 Jeffrey's Street, London NW1. A bibliography of anarchist literature will appear soon.

CND Publications, 29 Great James Street, London WC1.

Counter Information Services (CIS), 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-439 3764). Research into activities of large corporations, governments, multi-nationals, etc. (see 'Special Mentions' section).

Directory of Social Change*, 14 Saltram Crescent, London W9 (01-969 7938). Directories of groups etc., also do-it-yourself guides (see also Section 3).

Dustbin Press, Union Place Community Resource Centre, 122 Vassall Road, London SW9.

Eco-Publications*, 6 Cavendish Avenue, Cambridge.

Experimental Music Catalogue*, 208 Ladbroke Grove, London W10.

Falling Wall Press, 79 Richmond Road, Montpelier, Bristol BS6 5EP. Feminist and political pamphlets (recommended).

Feminist Books, PO Box HP5, Leeds LS6 6LN. Also arrange bookstalls.

Freedom Press, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-247 9249). Anarchist.

Friends of the Earth, 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-434 1684). Ecology and environment (see also organisations).

Guide to the East*, Satyadas, Nirvana, 82 Bell Street, London NW1. Travel Guide.

Housmans, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 (01-837 4473). Mainly pacifist (see also London bookshops).

Institute for Workers Control. See **Spokesman Books**.

Inter-Action Imprint, 14 Talacre Road, London NW9 (01-267 1422). Advisory handbooks for groups—media, fund raising etc. (see also Section 3).

Journeyman Press, 97 Ferme Park Road, Crouch End, London N8 98A. Mainly radical history.

Kropotkin's Lighthouse Publications*, 247 Peckham Rye, London SE15 3AB. Anarchist.

Labour Research Department, 78 Blackfriars Road, London SE1. Research for trade unions and the left. (see **Special Mentions**).

Merlin Press, Sufferance Wharf, 2-4 West Ferry Road, London E14. Socialist.

Minority Rights Group, 36 Craven Street, London WC2 (01-930 6659). Reports on oppressed minorities, world-wide.

Monthly Review Press. (See **Stage One**)

National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL), 186 Kings Cross Road, London WC1 (01-278 4575).

New Beacon Books, 2 Albert Road, London N4 3RW. Caribbean Studies.

New Childhood Press, c/o Photography Workshop, 152 Upper Street, London N1. Non-sexist teaching materials and approaches; (a bibliography).

Virago
New Left Books, 7c Carlisle Street, London W1. Marxist and socialist.

John L Noyce, Publisher, PO Box 450, Brighton, Sussex BN1 8GR. Formerly **Smoothie Publications**. Directories, Indexes, librarianship, social history, alternative technology (recommended). See also **Librarians for Social Change** under **Organisations and Special Mentions** section.

Pathfinder Press, 47 The Cut, London SE1 8LL (01-261 1354). Marxism, women's movement.

Pluto Press, Unit 10, Spencer Court, 7 Chalcot Road, London NW1 8LH (01-722 0141). Socialism, marxism, labour history (recommended). See 'Special Mentions' section.

Prism Press, Stable Court, Chalmington, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 0HB. Self-Sufficiency etc. Distribution for **Henry Doubleday Research Association**.

Public Health Advisory Service. Only available from PDC, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT.

Quartz/Mirliton Publications*, 86 Audon Place, Manley Street, London NW1. Music.

Radical Reprint Club, 97 Ferme Park Road, Crouch End, London N8 9SA. Inexpensive reprints of out of print radical pamphlets. See **Journeyman Press**.

Release Publications Ltd., c/o 1 Elgin Avenue, London W9 (01 289-1123). Drug Education, civil liberties, legal advice, housing (see also **Organisations**).

Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, London N1 (01-359 3785). Mainly a bookshop, (see London), but also publish translations of foreign pamphlets.

Revelation Press*, c/o The Basement, 65 Edith Grove, London SW10. Published 'Rehearsal for the Year 2000'.

NUS Publications, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291). Student Publications, counter course guides and **SCANUS** (community action) publications (see **Special Mentions** section).

Simian Press. See **Cienfuegos Press**.

Smoothie Publications. Now **John Noyce, Publisher** (qv).

Solidarity, c/o 123 Lathom Road, London E6. Libertarian group.

Red Notes, c/o PDC, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT. Foreign translations & songbook.

Spokesman Books, 45 Gamble Street, Forest Road West, Nottingham NG7 4ET (0602 74504). Theory and practice of workers' control; labour history. Publishing arm of the **Institute of Workers' Control**.

Stage One, Red Lion Street, London WC1. Independent socialist publishers (Little Red Schoolbook etc). Distributors/Agents for **Monthly Review Press** (USA).

Student Christian Movement, Wick Court, Wick, Bristol (Abson 3377).

The Teachers (Printing & Publishing) 18 Garth Road, Bangor, North Wales. Directory of alternative communities.

Thuleprint Ltd., Compass House, Sandwick, Scotland (Sandwick 204). Printing and publishing cooperative. Shetland and Orkney publications.

Third World Publications, 151 Stratford Road, Birmingham B11 1RD (021-773 6572). (See **Special Mentions** Section)

Virago, 3 Cheyne Place, London SW3 4HH. (01-352 0524/6634). Feminist.

Writers & Readers Publishing Cooperative, 233a Kentish Town Road, London NW5 (01-485 2026). Radical education, fiction, poetry, feminism and non-sexist children's literature (recommended).

Zodiac House Publications*, 7 Hugon Road, Fulham, London SW6 3EL (01-736 0441). Forthcoming book on **Glastonbury**.

New publications from many of the above publishers are listed in **News From Neasden**, 22 Fleet Road, London NW3 2QS. (See **Special Mentions** Section)



Regional Listings

The following listings cover the area of the new counties from Scotland, through England, to Wales and Ireland. The map shows, for each area, the page on which the relevant listings appear. They include the following:

Bookshops: Radical/alternative/community/socialist based, as well as commercial ones which stock a good or useful selection of such material.

Community papers

Wholefood shops: Those run mainly (we hope) non-commercially as collectives.

Other sources of information: Community action groups, community organisations/projects whose main function is providing an alternative source of information, community resource centres, student unions (if we think they may be able to help) and any other contacts people have suggested.

It is not an exhaustive list, and we have few illusions about it being comprehensive (see Introduction). Certain areas have little or no contacts listed. It is a base to work from, however, but as was stressed in the Introduction, only if it's used actively, ie by following up the contacts listed and using them. This is particularly important in terms of the following:

Bookshops: and radical publications generally, using the bookshops listed, telling other people about them, advertising their existence in your place of work, college, school, community centre etc. Also asking commercial bookshops, where there isn't any alternative, and news agents, to stock such publications, particularly by using the Publications Distribution Co-operative. (see earlier)

Community papers: Again, telling other people about them, advertising their existence, buying them and getting involved with them. Selling them, contributing to them, or even starting one up in your own area.



Wholefood shops: encouraging them to broaden their role, to act as a source of information for the local community, and to stock publications, particularly through the PDC.

Other Sources: All the above can be said about any other sources of information as well, but one important thing to bear in mind is that such sources are expanding, developing, collapsing etc all the time. We really need your help in keeping us informed as to what's going on in your area, so please let us know what needs adding, amending and/or deleting in the Regional Listings and all other sections of the Directory.

Finally, a point about notation. Listings which have an asterisk* next to them are those that we either have little information about, or which are only basic sources of information, ie may not be (or be able to be) very helpful. So please bear this in mind when using the Regional Listings, and tell us about anything wrong or misleading.

Scotland

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS Shetland and Orkney

Shetland Times: Commercial paper with high standard of local reporting. Weekly.

Orkney Food Co-op: 34 St Catherine's Place, Kirkwall.

Western Isles and Skye

West Highland Free Press: Broadford, Skye. Weekly.

Also, information on economic, social and cultural development in the Highlands and Islands can be obtained from the **Highlands and Islands Development Board**, Bridge House, Bank Street, Inverness.

Highland Region

Lochaber Free Press: Claggan Road, Fort William, Inverness-shire. Weekly. Also runs small alternative book and magazine service within the district, and mail order.

LOCHABER
FREE PRESS

GRAMPIAN

Aberdeen

Boombtown Books: 167 King Street, Aberdeen. (Alternative/Socialist).

Ambrosia Wholefoods: Same address. Main source for food co-ops in Highlands, Orkney and Shetland.

More activity in various community and education projects—details from from King Street. Also, **Students Union***, Aberdeen University, may be a useful source of information.

TAYSIDE

Dundee

No radical bookshops, but a good range of titles available at **Logos**, 251 Hawkhill, (second-hand shop), and magazines at **Groucho**, 89 Perth Road (best second-hand records).

Dundee Wholefood Co-operative: 10 Perth Road.

Also **Students Union***, Dundee University, Airlee Place, may be useful. It also has a community action group.

FIFE

St Andrews

Alien*: St Andrews Students Union paper (about eight times a year). There also used to be an alternative prospectus and a community action group, but since they pulled out of NUS little has been heard of any such activities.

CENTRAL REGION

Perth

Wholefood Store*: Lingby Street, N. Muirton.

Students Union*: Stirling University, which also has a community action group.

LOTHIAN

Edinburgh

First of May Bookshop: 45 Niddry Street, off High Street. Alternative and socialist. Also meeting place and contact point for community, education, non-aligned political projects.

Lynx: fortnightly What's On/News Reports on Edinburgh. c/o 19 Forest Road.

Several neighbourhood/community newspapers. For information contact above, or **Student Community Press Unit**, Herriot-Watt University Students Union, Grindlay Street, Edinburgh. The **University Student Centre**, Bristo Street, produces an alternative prospectus.

Edinburgh Wholefoods: Cockburn Street, (031-225 7593).

Real Foods: 107 Morrison Street, (031-228 1651).

Salisbury Centre: 2 Salisbury Road, (031-667 5438). A religious/spiritual craft centre offering courses in all sorts of things—Yoga, meditation, weaving, pottery etc, along with evening talks. Run by residents at the centre.

Theatre Workshop: 34 Hamilton Place, (031-225 7942). Runs evening classes, dance, photography, yoga, film-making, youth theatre etc.

Castlecliff House: 25 Johnston Terrace. Craft centre, workshops, cafe



Women's Centre: 160 Fountainbridge, near Tollcross. (031-229 0053).

Edinburgh Council for Social Service: Ainslie House, 11 St Colne Street, (031-225 4606). This organisation has a very useful guide, **Directory of Social Services in Edinburgh**, which covers schools, health, playgroups, social work etc.

Scottish Minorities Group: (Scottish Gay Rights Group), 60 Broughton Street, (031-556 4049).

Friends of the Earth: 2 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh 3, (031-225 7752). Deals with most environmental

Deals with most environmental/conservation issues, recycling materials bikes, organic gardening, and at a larger scale is involved in transport policy and regional planning discussions as a basis for making submissions to local/regional authorities. Also base for **SCRAM: Scottish Campaign to Resist the Atomic Menace**

Panmure House: Canongate (031-556 8833). Radical Education section of social services, dealing with truants, adolescents etc.

Print Makers Workshop: above Fruit Market Gallery, Market Street. Useful for contacts on crafts.

BORDER REGION

No information yet!

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

Laureiston Hall: Laureiston, Near Castle Douglas. (See Section 3)

STRATHCLYDE

Glasgow

Clyde Books: 292 High Street. Well-stocked CP shop next to SS (Books) on Fourth Floor.

Scottish Socialist Books: 64 Queen Street. Good range of Fourth International and other socialist material. Not always open Sats.

Clydeside Action: c/o 53 St Vincent Crescent.

Glasgow People's Press: (and **The Source** information network and magazine) c/o 57 Allander Street, G22. (041-336 4341).

Grass Roots: 498 Great Western Road. Thriving wholefood shop with good selection of magazines and books on food, etc. Open six days.

Wholefood Co-op: runs from the Arts Centre, Washington Street.

Bell, Book and Candle*: 111 Almeida Street, Hamilton. General bookshop.

Govan Area Resource Centre: Old Hills Trust School, 64 Golspie Street (041-440 0117). Co-ordinator Ashok Ohri. The centre has just opened in the old school building and should be a good place to find out about things. All the following information came from them:

Glasgow Organisation of Student Community Action: did have a full-time worker who co-ordinated all CA activity in Glasgow, based in the John Macintyre Building, University Avenue, University of Glasgow. May now have changed address.

Strathclyde CA: 'Cactus' contact via University Union, John Street.

Women's Centre: 57 Miller Street.

Dolphin Arts Centre: James Street, Bridgeton. Apparently an arts centre, very much a part of the area it's in. Quite different from most.

Third Eye Centre: Sauchiehall Street. Arts Centre/Restaurant, may be of some use for contacts on foods, vegetarianism etc.

Housing Associations: Twelve or so around the city, mostly controlled by the people who live in the buildings. Contacts via **Housing Corporation**, Newton House, Sauchiehall Street.

Other publications to note as sources of information: **Radical Education Journal**, **Women's Liberation Journal**, **Eastern Bulletin**, and 12-13 other community newspapers.

**ABERDEEN
PEOPLE'S
PRESS**

England: North

NORTHUMBRIA

No information.

TYNE & WEAR

Newcastle:

Cradlewell Books: 223/235 Jesmond Road. Socialist bookshop attached to the Socialist Centre. Wide range of meetings held here.

People's Bookshop: 189 Westgate Hill. CP bookshop.

TYNESIDE STREET PRESS

Tyneside Street Press: Every two months. Includes What's on and local reports. c/o Newcastle Neighbourhood Projects, c/o College of Art and Technology, Bath Lane.

Mandala: 43 Manor Road, Jesmond. Excellent shop, informative on food and Third World issues. Do street theatre performances by arrangement.

Cinamon*: Leazes Lane, Newcastle 1. Health food shop.

RESOURCE CENTRES:

Benwell CDP: 85/87 Adelaide Terrace. Truth About Social Security campaign also here.

Byker Action Centre: 99 Ratby Street, Byker, Newcastle 6. Including contact for the Byker (Community Development) Project. Activities include urban farm, food co-op, learning exchange.

Tyne & Wear Resources Centre: 13 Swinton Street, Gateshead. (Claimants' Union here also.)

Trade Union Studies Information Unit: Queen Street.

Tyne Bridge: Directory of all community organisations in Newcastle. Address as for Tyneside Street Press.

Tyneside Free Press: printing workshop on a do-it-yourself basis. Courses in printing etc, 5 Charlotte Square, Newcastle 1.

Workers' Chronicle: Published by Newcastle Trades Council, c/o 16 Windsor Terrace, Newcastle 2.

Byker Phoenix: c/o Felton House, Hobby Room, Byker.

Education and Community Action: University alternative prospectus Education and Welfare Officer, Students Union, Newcastle University, King's Walk, NE1. Also work on learning exchanges and essay banks.

Adult Education Centre: Mr J Brown, Adult Education Centre, Windsor Terrace. (For WEA courses, see Section 2).

SCAN Community Action Group: (with full-time organiser/worker) c/o Students Union, Newcastle University. Recommended source of information about alternative/community projects.

Sunderland:

Opening in New Year (1978)—**Bakery Bookshop**, 27 Stockton Road, Sunderland. Specialising in arts, popular culture, local history, food and land issues.

Grass Roots Wholefoods: 35 Stockton Road, Sunderland.

Durham County:

Durham Street Press: Every two months. Sister paper of Tyneside Street Press.

Grapes of Wrath: 85a New Elvet, Durham. Fresh fruit and veg co-op stall, plus extensive range of books and magazines.

Maggie's Farm: Allergate Terrace, Durham. Good wholefood shop.

Poppies: 72a Galgate, Barnard Castle, Co Durham. Good Wholefood shop, sells Undercurrents etc.

Folkus: (community action group) Allington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham City, (0385 62641). Also acts as a resource centre on related issues, housing, planning, welfare rights, etc.

CLEVELAND

Middlesborough:

Impulse Wholefoods: 47 Roman Road, Linthorpe.

CUMBRIA

Fred Holdsworth*: Bookshop, Ambleside.

Cumbria Free Press: 30 Melbreak Avenue, Cockermouth. Community paper.

Barleycorn: 1 Finkle Street, Carlisle. Wholefood shop.

Kendal Bean & Grain: 29 All Hallows Lane, Kendal. Wholefood shop.

Bushel*: 17a The Nook, Gosforth. Wholefood shop.

Harvest Wholefood Restaurant: Compston Road, Ambleside (T 3151).

LANCASHIRE

Carnforth:

Bentham Food Co-op*: (becoming a shop) c/o Tom Cahill, Dumb Tom, Ingleton.

Blackburn

Amamus: 1-3 Market Street Lane. Sells wholefoods, books, magazines, and is an important information point.

Burnley:

People In Common: See Section 3.

Burnley Voice*: Community Paper, appears to be defunct. Used to be c/o 28 Scott Park Road.

Lancaster:

Lancaster Community Project: 78a Penney Street, Lancaster. New purpose-built centre. Incorporates wholefood shop, community drama. Also Threepenny Press, community paper based there.

Single Step: Bookshop, information and advice centre, and meeting place.

Feedback: Wholefood, c/o SRC, Lancaster University.

Community Action Group: (With full-time organiser/worker), c/o Students' Union, Lancaster University. Recommended source of information on alternative/community projects.

Ormskirk:

Community Action Group*: Edge Hill College of Education, St Helens Road, has a full-time worker/organiser.

Pendle-Colne:

Green's Wholefoods: 25 New Market Street.

Preston:

Fly in Amber: 17 Fishergate Hill. Mainly wholefoods, but books and magazines are growing.

Also **Community Action Group** and the **Students' Union** at Preston Polytechnic, Corporation Street.

Southport:

Roots*: 34 Mount Street. New wholefood shop.

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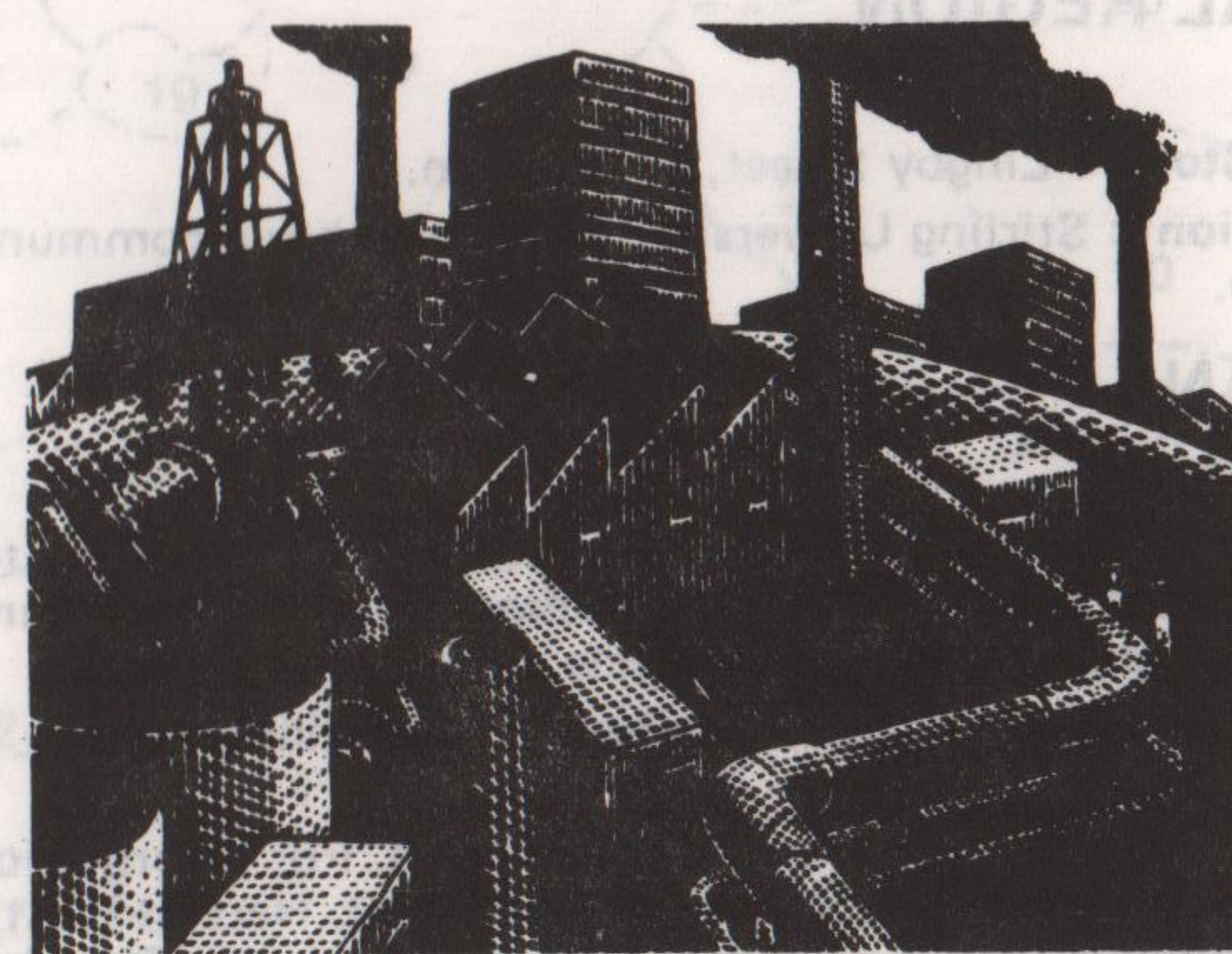
Macclesfield:

The Granary: 1 Brook Street. Wholefood.

Little Brown Jug: 50 Sunderland Street. Wholefood.

Stockport:

Earth Shop*: 20 Church Street, Hayfield. Wholefood.



MERSEYSIDE

Liverpool: A brief guide. Exact details, addresses and telephone numbers in **Merseyside People's Yellow Pages**.

News From Nowhere: 100 Whitechapel, Liverpool, (051-708 7270).

Radical bookshop; wide non-fiction/pamphlet stock, mainly non-sectarian. **Useful contact place.** Notice board. Best selection of pamphlets outside London, and generally one of the best alternative bookshops in Britain. **Liverpool Free Press** at same address (051-708 7466). Irregular, but very effective when it is produced.

Little Bird: An information network for Merseyside. A monthly information package consisting of a collation of leaflets, documents and handbills from Merseyside and elsewhere. It is distributed by post on a subscription basis. If you have any publicity/leaflets/documents or handbills etc which you think are of relevance to the people in this area please send about 100 copies and LB will circulate them. Contributions towards postage are not necessary, but not unwelcome! If you want to receive it, contact **Little Bird c/o News From Nowhere**. 50p for six months, deadline by the third Monday of the month.

Housing Information Group and MSB (Community) Print Services also c/o **News From Nowhere**.

Radical Education Network: c/o 128c Sheil Street, Liverpool 6. (051-263 2880). Meetings and publications on Education (straight and radical), reading and resource guides.

Merseyside Visual Communications Unit: The Grapes, Whitechapel, Liverpool 1. Film and video/sound. Hire, help and facilities (JCP funded). Contact Colin Wilkinson or Denise Dilnot. Also contact for **Merseyside Film Makers' Association**.

Adult Literacy Programme: 73 Canning Street, Liverpool 8. (051-708 9860)

Adult Education: Rialto Buildings, Upper Parliament Street, Liverpool 8. (051-708 9698/7124). Black community education, also.

Impact Resource Centre: Second Floor, Waterloo Buildings, Cases Street, Liverpool 1. (051-708 7172). Printing, community papers, very good, cheap photocopier. Help and advice on media.

Open Mind Printing: 39/41 Manesty's Lane, Liverpool 1. (051-708 7174) Rick Walker. Silk screen, use of darkroom, fairly efficient

Victoria Settlement: 294 Netherfield Road, Liverpool 5 (051-207 7171). Advice on housing and welfare. JCP.

Women's Centre: 49 Seel Street, Liverpool 1. (051-709 4141). Also **Merseyside Women's Paper**.

Atticus: 38 Clarence Street, Liverpool 3. Fiction/alternative bookshop, wide stock.

October Books: 43 Temple Court, Victoria Street, Liverpool 2. CPB(M-L) bookshop. Interesting.

Progressive Books: 12 Berry Street, Liverpool 1. Communist Party bookshop, not too sectarian. Best CP bookshop outside London.

Merseyside People's Yellow Pages: An essential guide from **News From Nowhere**. Free, send SAE.



Also: **The Bugle** (community paper) c/o 36 Pringle Street, Liverpool 13, and look out for a leaflet from **News From Nowhere** called **How to Get Your Event Advertised**, which aims to list 'local publications and media, places to put up posters and distribute /leave leaflets and (hopefully) groups or organisations with mailing lists who are prepared to distribute other material with their own mailings etc'. And **Food For All**, 1-10 Hardman Street, only wholefood shop worth mentioning, although over-religious/mystical. Remember that all **Liverpool Polytechnic Libraries** are open to the public.

GREATER MANCHESTER

Bookshops:

Grass Roots: 1 Newton Street, Piccadilly. (061-236 3112/3). About the best alternative/radical bookshop in the country. Incredible selection of material, particularly imports. They also do mail-order—write to them for details. They are also very good for general information. Another branch at 109 Oxford Road, Manchester 13.

Progressive Bookshop: 28 Hathersage Road, Manchester 13.

(061-224 5378). CP bookshop with a good selection of material, and its own printshop.

Rank and File/TU Books: Basement, 260 Deansgate, Manchester 3. (061-832 8102). Small SWP bookshop.

Chapter and Verse*: 86 Deansgate, Bolton. Good general bookshop.

Community Papers:

New Manchester Review: Waterloo Place, 182 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. (061-273 5636/2965). 'Time Out' type magazine with excellent news and what's on coverage of the Greater Manchester area, out every fortnight. They also produce a directory wall sheet of community projects, organisations, campaigns etc. Contact the above address for details.

Mole Express: 178 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. (061-273 2977). Long established alternative paper with a good coverage of alternative and community action in and around Manchester. Rather infrequent, though, (every 6-8 weeks).

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Manchester Free Press: 17 Darlington Road, Manchester 20. (061-445 9510). Left/Community magazine with a reasonable coverage of local issues and good articles. Comes out every 4-6 weeks, sometimes longer.

Metro News: Alternative paper, 11 Inman Street, Bury.

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Rochdale's Alternative Paper
JUNE 1977 7p

Rochdale Alternative Press: 230 Spotland Road, Rochdale.

Salford Champion

Salford Champion: 182 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. (Mailing address).

Other local community papers include: **Levenshulme Post**, **Longsight News**, **Westend Bulletin (Tameside)**, **Leigh People's Paper**, **Moss Side Neighbourhood News**, all of which are quite localised. Contact **Grass Roots** for information about these, and any others that may exist.

Manchester Women's Paper: c/o 4 Bednal Avenue, Manchester 10. Good feminist paper with wide coverage. **Women and Education** paper is also produced in Manchester. See Women section for details.

Big Flame: produce a Manchester edition.

Independent Labour Publications: 6 Gee Street, Stockport.

The Artful Reporter: NW arts paper (free, monthly) from NW Arts, 52 King Street, Manchester 2. (061-833 9471).

Manchester Women's Liberation Newsletter: c/o 12 Fairbourne Road, Manchester 19 (061-224 4360) and **Grass Roots Books**.

Wholefoods:

On The Eighth Day: 111 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. (061-273 4146). Wholefood, and a general 'head' shop, which is by far the best in Manchester.

Seeds of Thyme: 8 Crossway, Didsbury, Manchester 20.

Longsight Bakery/Green Door: 72a Hamilton Road, Longsight, Manchester 14. Bakery, wholefood shop, and local community information centre.

Community Action and Resources:

Manchester Area Resources Centre: 2nd floor, 14 Piccadilly. (061-236 1117).

Community Action Group: With full-time organisers/workers. c/o Students' Union, Manchester University, Oxford Road, Manchester 13. Recommended source of information for alternative and community projects (061-273 3541). There are also smaller community action groups (both with a full-time organiser/worker) c/o Student Unions at UMIST, PO Box 88, Sackville Street, Manchester 60 (061-236 9114) and Salford University, The Crescent, Salford, Manchester 5. (061-736 7811).

Manchester Area Directory/Community Guide: Being produced over the coming year, contact Manchester Area NUS Office, Devas Street, (Students' Union Building), Manchester University, Manchester 13. (061-273-5947).

Waterloo Place Community Project: Community resources project (connected with the University Students' Union). Includes vegetarian cafe, third world shop/information centre, NUSS, skills/information/learning exchange, and alternative library, **The Attic Library** and **Whatwork** alternative work information (open Weds 10-7). 178 Waterloo Place, Oxford Road, Manchester 13. (061-273 5111 ext 56). Another good place for information on alternative/community projects in and around the city.

Link-Up: An information network for Manchester. Is published every two weeks and includes leaflets from a wide range of groups plus a listing of recently advertised job vacancies, communal living places, new groups and claimants' news, events etc, with occasional contributions about the aims and activities of specific groups. Inclusion is free but subject to agreement by the collective. If you would like to include a leaflet or write a description of a group you are involved in, send them 200 copies. If you want to advertise for people to live/work with, or some event, bop, meeting etc, send details and they will print them in the next issue. 178 Oxford Road, Manchester 13. Publication on 1st and 15th of each month, deadline five days before.

The Students' Unions at all the 'big four' colleges (Manchester University, UMIST, Manchester Polytechnic and Salford University), are all useful sources of information. Manchester University and UMIST produce alternative prospectuses, and the Union Education Office at the University does counter-course work as well. Finally, other useful projects and organisations include: **Manchester Youth and Community Service**, 82 Great Bridgewater Street, and **Manchester CSV**, Gaddum Centre, 274 Deansgate, Manchester 3.

Centre for Educational Disadvantage: 11 Anson Road, Manchester 14. (061-225 8355). Collection and passing on of information on educational disadvantage—on racial basis, provision of facilities etc. Reference library open to the public. Regular publication **Disadvantage in Education** plus reports on specific topics. Links with statutory and community groups. Aim of getting more adults and children to gain the best advantage out of education provision. Enquiry service contact via Field Officers—Jane King, Ron Phillips. Also Education Officer, Michael Weiss.

Rathbone Community Education Training Unit: 2nd Floor, 17/21 Mumps, Oldham, Lancs. OL1 3TL. (061-624 6048/9). Recently founded—July 1977. Aims: 'Expansion of education... as a life-long process' in community development, creativity/community arts. Development of resources, training of community organisers, process of education. Education of 'the community' and those who provide services (in the widest sense) to it. Operates throughout the North-West, specifically excluding Greater Manchester and Liverpool. Contacts: Brian Cross, Field Worker, and Sally Pinfield, Information Officer. Mainly engaged in community development back-up. A bit wary of excessive demands, useful in an advisory capacity, eg resource guides, locating equipment, etc.

Media Groups: See separate section on Media.

Women's Centre: should be open soon at 62 Nelson Street, Manchester Manchester 13.

WEST YORKSHIRE

Bingley:

Fodder: 2 Norfolk Street/Charles Street. Wholefoods.

Bradford:

Fourth Idea: 14 Southgate. Wide range of socialist publications.

Bradford Banner*: Community paper, but its existence is unsure, so needs checking.

BRADFORD BLACK

Bradford Black*: Occasional ethnic paper.

Outlet: 67 Leeds Road, wholefood shop.

Student Union: Bradford University, Richmond Road, should be a useful source of information.

Hebden Bridge:

Aurora: Wholefoods, 54 Market Street. Small selection of mags, too.

Halifax:

Armageddon*: 257 Kings Cross Road, (0422 52887). Wholefood shop.

Huddersfield:

Peaceworks: 58 Wakefield Road, Aspley. Good combination of wholefoods and books/mags, as well as local and 'rights' information.

Lifespan Foods: 72a Westbourne Road, Marsh.

Leeds:

Cornershop: 162 Woodhouse Lane. Wide range of feminist, socialist and alternative literature.

Leeds Bookshop: 66a New Briggate. Small socialist range.

Book Machine: Leeds University Union, The University.

Feminist Books: PO Box HP5, Leeds 6. See section on Women.

Leeds Other Paper
Fortnightly 8p

Leeds Other Paper: Fortnightly, with extensive reports, and pull-out events section. Very good contacts/projects listings. c/o 30 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds 2.

Bread and Roses: Leeds feminist paper.

Beano: 86 Kirkgate. Really well-stocked. Good book section on Alternative Technology, food etc.

Suma: 11-13 Wharf Street, Leeds 2. Wholefood, recommended.

Action*: Student Community Service project, 9 Springfield Mount, Leeds University. Also the Student Unions at the University and the Polytechnic are both useful sources of information, and both produce alternative prospectuses.

Todmorden:

Great Bear Trading Company: Water Street. Books, clothes, cafe. Good atmosphere.

NORTH YORKSHIRE

York:

York Community Books: 73 Walmgate. New alternative/socialist bookshop in mediaeval building.



York Free Press: c/o 1 Newton Terrace, or c/o York Community Books. Every six weeks.

Alligator: 104 Fishergate. Long-established wholefood shop.

Aardvark Wholefood Restaurant: 108 Fishergate.

York Wholefoods: 98 Micklegate. Not really alternative.

York People's Rights*: Also in Micklegate, but moving. Try contacting them c/o Dave Jenkins, Community Worker, Community House, Priory Street.

YUSSO Community Action Group: With a full-time organiser/worker c/o Students' Union, York University, Heslington. Recommended source of information for alternative/community projects.

Women's Centre: 32 Parliament Street.

Harrogate:

Stoneground: 64 Station Parade. Wholefood shop.

Whitby:

Camphill Village Stores*: Bolton Village, Danby. Wholefood shop.

Shepherd's Purse: 95 Church Street, (0947 4725). Recommended wholefood shop.

HUMBERSIDE

Hull:

Socialist Books: 238 Spring Bank. SWP bookshop. Left book service (?) needs checking.

Digger: 21 Princes Avenue. (0482 43767)

Wellington Food Co-op (Sesame)(?): also needs checking.

John Sheriden*: 19 Anlanby Road. Secondhand, and some politics, bookshop.

HUSSO*: Community action group (full-time organiser/worker) c/o Students' Union, Hull University. The SU produces an alternative prospectus.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

Sheffield:

Ujamaa: Books and crafts, 315 Glossop Road.

Sheffield Bookshop*: 93 The Wicker.

SHEFFIELD
Free Press

Sheffield Free Press: Contact via Ujamaa.

Armadillo: 53 Commonsides.

Down To Earth: 406 Sharrowvale Road. Wholefood shop.

Brick Rabbit: 46-48 Langsett Road. Wholefood cafe

There is also an excellent directory called **Alternatives in Sheffield**. Contact Ujamaa for details.

Doncaster:

Snap Times*: c/o 157 Scrooby Road, Harworth. Community paper.

Community Action Groups: both with a full-time organiser/worker, based in the Student Unions: Sheffield University, Western Bank, S10, (produces and alternative prospectus), and Sheffield Polytechnic, Pond Street, S1. Both recommended sources of information about alternative/community projects.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincoln:

Pulse Pure Foods: Corporation Street. Wholefoods.

England: Midlands

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Nottingham:

Mushroom: 10 Heathcote Street. Books on alternative and socialist topics.

People's Bookshop: 65 Castle Boulevard.

Nottingham Voice: c/o 33 Mansfield Road (check address).

Peace News: See publications listing.

Ouroboros: 37a Mansfield Road. Wholefood shop.

Black Peoples Freedom Movement Bookshop*: 126/8 Derby Road.

Community Sction Group: With full-time organiser/worker. c/o Students Union, Nottingham University, University Plain.

Recommended contact for information about community projects.

DERBYSHIRE

Derby:

No information!

Buxton:

Sunflower: 24 Dale Road.

Glossop:

The Country Store: 11 Norfolk Street.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Stoke:

Potteries Wholefoods: 31 Hope Street, Hanley.

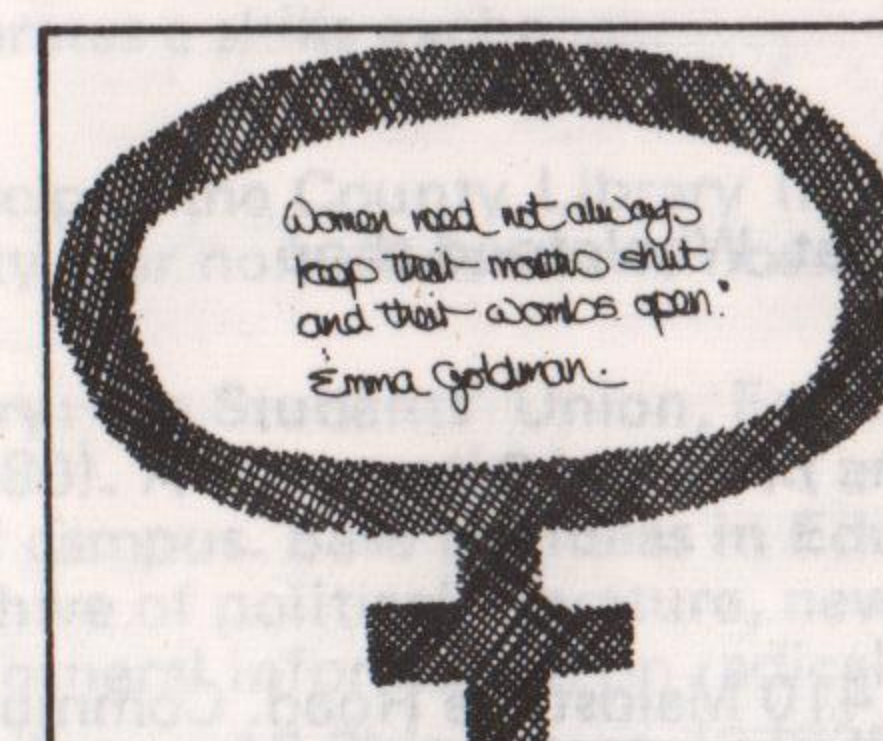
New Stoke Community Project*: Phil/Hilary, 4 Mollart Street.

Newcastle-under-Lyme:

Kermasse*: 64 Liverpool Road. New Wholefood Shop.

Students' Union (Education Office) Keele University, may be a useful source of information. They produce an alternative prospectus for the university.

A group of local people are involved in trying to start a **Community Help and Information Project (CHIP)**. At present they don't actually have any premises, but they've been able to raise a lot of local support. For details, contact Mark Stewart, c/o Hard Graft, (see below).



Aside from the **Vic Theatre**, media groups of any kind are thin on the ground in Stoke on Trent. All there is to offer is:

Women's Theatre Group: (Attached to **North Staffs Women's Action Group***) Performs only plays devised by its members. Up till now these have been short, agit-prop type plays suitable for performing in the streets, at public meetings, in schools and colleges etc. The group is now branching out and is working on a rather more complicated play (again written by group members) dealing with women and trade unions. They are also planning a new street theatre piece, subject matter as yet undecided. Any interested women performers, writers, costume makers etc, and especially musicians, would be very welcome at meetings. Contact Yvonne Male, 628162.

Hard Graft: is a community magazine which enjoyed a certain success for 6 issues and then went into enforced hibernation for a year. The next issue was due out on November 4. There is no fixed editorial policy, decisions being taken by those who are prepared to work on the paper. Can be contacted c/o Knotty Action Trust, 4 Mollart Street, Hanley. (266009).

Women's Action Group: Meets every Thursday at Gardners Arms, Newcastle-under-Lyme, 7.30pm. Further information c/o 15 Heath Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

SHROPSHIRE/SALOP

Shrewsbury:

Crabapple: 16 St Mary's Street. Wholefood co-op.

Wellington:

Bookstore*: 8 Market Arcade. General bookshop.

Newport:

Rainbow Natural Foods*: 47 Applebar.

HEREFORD and WORCESTERSHIRE

Hereford:

The Archenfield Chronicle*: Rural community paper, c/o The Sun, Garway Hill, Hereford.

Fodder Wholefoods: 27 Church Street.

Hay on Wye:

Country Stores*: 14 Broad Street. Wholefood shop.

Leominster:

Nitty Gritty Grain Store*: c/o Stone Cottage, Egton, Near Leominster.

Kington:

Belly Button Foods*: The Green, Titley, Kington.

Worcester:

Pudding Bowl*: 30 Broad Street. Restaurant.

Beanfeast*: 23 Mayfield Road, (0905 23685). Wholefood shop.

WARWICKSHIRE

Leamington Spa:

The Other Branch: 42 Bath Street. Alternative/socialist bookshop.

Cornmother: Same address. Wholefood shop.

Leamington Spa/Southdown Express: c/o 42 Bath Street. Community paper.

WEST MIDLANDS

Birmingham:

Peace Centre: 18 Moor Street, Ringway. Bookshop. May also be starting an information network soon.

Prometheus: 134 Alcester Road. Alternatives, bookshop.

Key Books: 25 Essex Street, Birmingham 5. A small socialist bookshop (CP).

Socialist Book Centre: 224 Digbeth High Street. (SWP).

Socialist Challenge Centre: 76b Digbeth High Street.

Birmingham
ROADSIDE

Birmingham Roadside: Alternative city paper, excellent for general information/contacts/projects etc. c/o 173/5 Lozells Road, Birmingham 19 (021-554 3295).

Also a large number of smaller community papers. (Contact **Peace Centre** and see **Birmingham Roadside** for details.

Oats*: 38 Willons Crescent, Cannon Hill, Birmingham 12. Wholefood.

Uhuru Foods: 175 Lozells Road, Birmingham 19. (021-554 3251).

Food for All: 84 Hurst Street, Birmingham 5.

RESOURCES CENTRES

Action Centre*: 134 Villa Road, Handsworth.

Birmingham Arts Lab*: 11 Gosta Green, Birmingham, Birmingham 4.

Saltley Action Centre: Alum Rock Road, Birmingham 8.

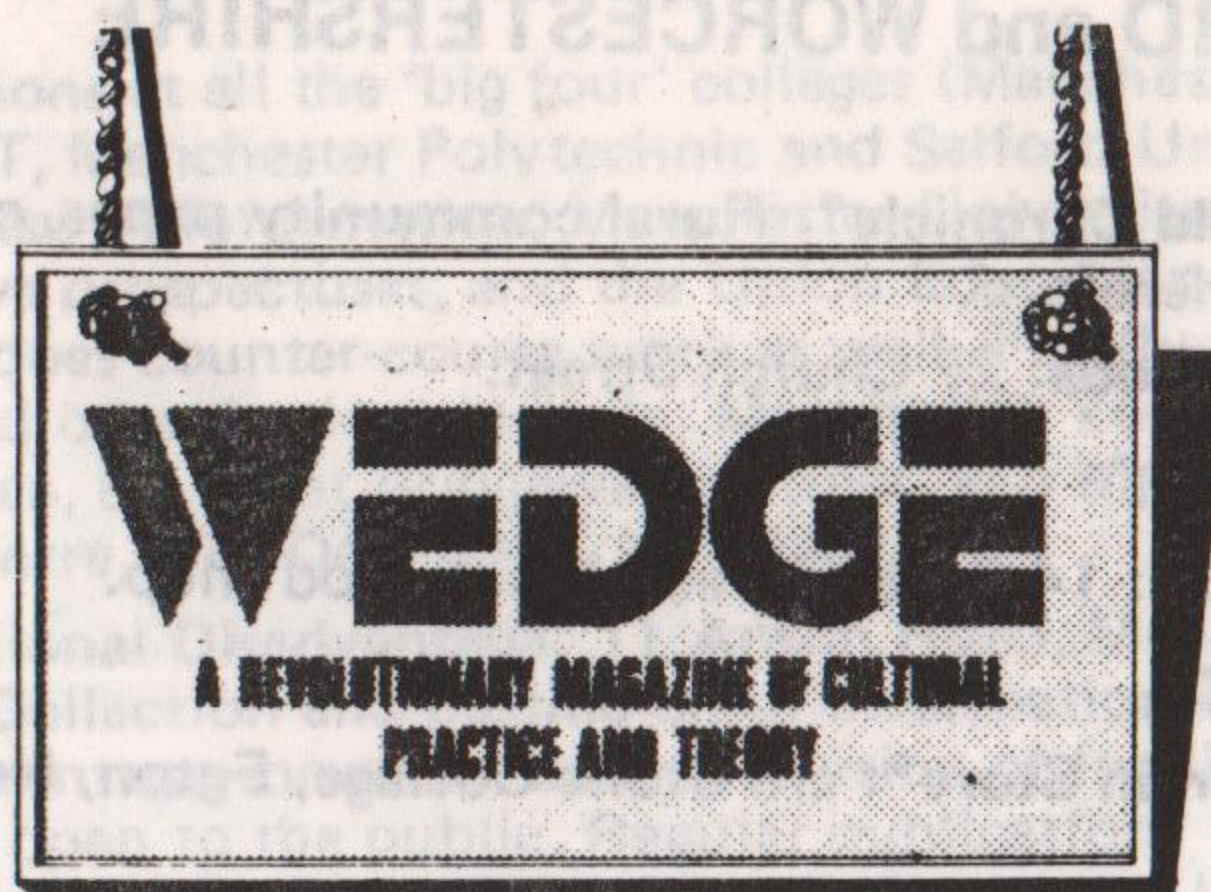
Women's Centre: 76 Brighton Road, Balsall Heath.

COMAC*: Community Action Group which has a full-time organiser/worker, c/o Students' Union, Birmingham University, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham 15.

Community Action Group*: c/o Students' Union, Aston University, Gosta Green, Birmingham 4. Aston Students' Union also produces an alternative prospectus.



Coventry:



Wedge: New bookshop, check address with PDC. **Wedge Cooperative*** involved with the shop. c/o 13 High Street.

TU & Socialist Books: 65 Queen Victoria Road. (SWP)

Coventry Workshop: Resource and information centre recommended for contacts for community action/development projects. Produce excellent magazine, **Coventry Bulletin**. 40 Birley Road, Coventry.

Students' Unions: at Lanchester Polytechnic, Priory Street, and Warwick University, Coventry CV4 7AL.

Wolverhampton:

Roots: 34 Piper Street. Wholefood.

Students' Union: Wolverhampton Polytechnic, St Peters Square. May also be starting a community action group.

Wednesbury:

New radical bookshop opening. Check address with PDC.

Walsall:

Walsall Wholefoods*: 3 George Street. Address needs to be checked.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Leicester:

Blackthorne Books: 74 Highcross Street. Alternative/libertarian. (0533 21896)

Leicester Buck*: c/o 65 Melton Road, Leicester. Community paper.

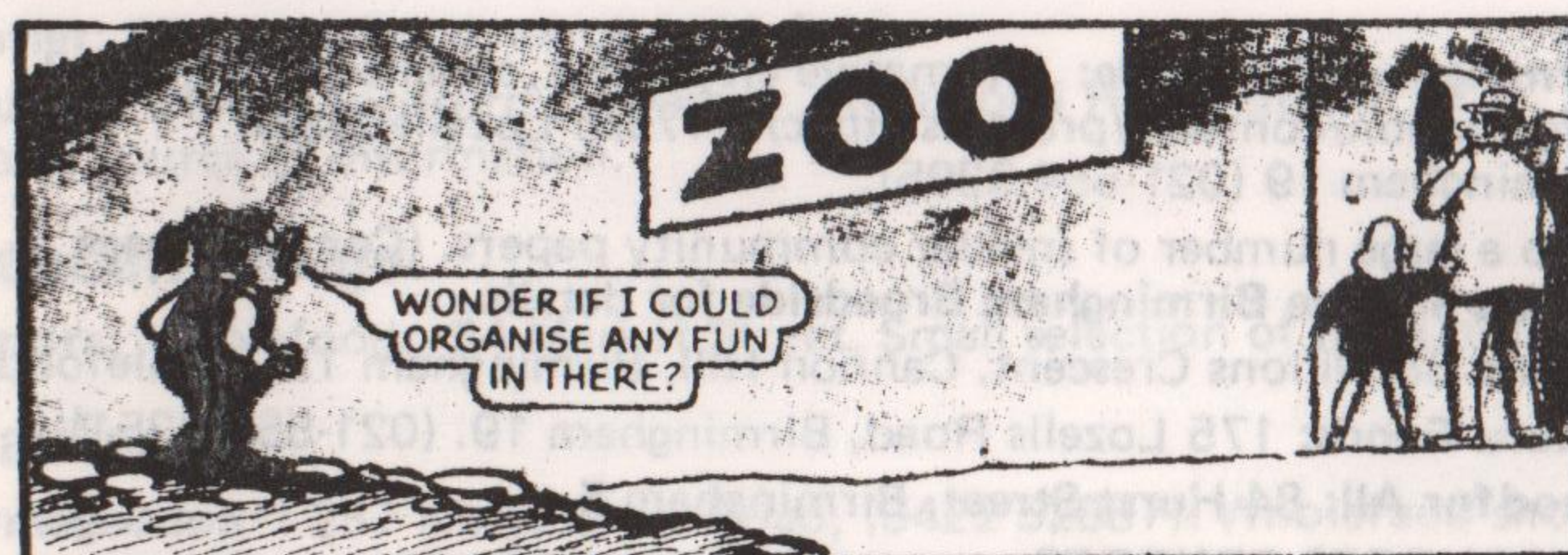
Amazing Grain: 74a Humberstone Gate. Wholefood shop, recommended.

Community Action Groups: at Students' Unions at Leicester University, University Road, and Leicester Polytechnic, 4 Newarke Close.

National Youth Bureau: 17/28 Albion Street. (See Section 3)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

No Information!



HERTFORDSHIRE

Watford:

Social Education Project*: c/o Cassio College, Langley Road, Watford.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Milton Keynes:

ACE—Alternative Cooperative Enterprises Ltd: A group of people interested in setting up cooperative projects. Registered as a cooperative.

Acorn: 84 Church Street, Wolverton (0908 314977). Shop selling wholefoods, crafts and publications.

City Limits: The local city-wide community paper. There are a host of other community papers, details from **Acorn**. There is also a wide range of alternative/community projects in the city, including:

Galley Hill Community Workshop: Galley Hill. Community education centre.

Community Media Centre: 16 Kingsfold, Bradville. (0908 315128) Amongst other things prints local papers, and works for voluntary and community groups.

Know How: Learning/skills exchange project.

Community Services Association: Specialises in getting self-help projects going.

For further information on these and other projects (don't forget the **Open University**, see Section 2), contact **Acorn** and the **Social Development Unit**, Milton Keynes Development Corporation, Wavendon Tower. (0908 74000)

Aylesbury:

Smiling Revolution*: East Cottage, Spring Hill Farm, Denton. Wholefoods.

England: East

NORFOLK

Norwich:

Beanoes*: Chapel Farm, Marlingford, Norwich. Wholefoods.

Rainbow and Natural Foods*: 16 Dove Street, Norwich. Wholefoods.

Students' Union: (and **Community Action Group**, which may have a full-time organiser/worker) at the University of East Anglia, University Plain, Norwich.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Cambridge:

Dillon's Bookshop: 21a Silver Street. The only source of radical and alternative mags, except for **Arjuna**.

Arjuna: 12 Mill Road. Excellent, large shop.

Community Action Group: c/o Julian Viles, Sidney Sussex College, or **Cambridge Students' Union***, 3 Round Church Street. Also publishes an alternative prospectus for the university.

SUFFOLK

Stowmarket:

Wholefood Supplies*: 21 Station Street, Stowmarket.

ESSEX

Colchester:

SU Bookshop: Students' Union, the University, Wivenhoe, (second hand books, mainly, and some mags) and the Students' Union itself should be useful for general information. Also new **Community Action Group**.

Rice'n'Rags*: Manor Road. Wholefood shop plus clothes, books etc.

Students' Union: Thurrock Technical College, Woodview, Grays.

England: South

KENT

Folkestone:

Deva*: 12 Church Street. Wholefood shop.

Maidstone:

Honesty Wholefoods*: 71 Union Street.

Chatham:

The Other Voice: c/o 410 Maidstone Road. Community paper.

Also, try the **Students' Union** at Kent University, Canterbury, for general information.

SUSSEX

Brighton:

BOOKSHOPS:

Solstice: 28 Trafalgar Street. (692880) Replaces former Symposium Bookshop. Specialises in philosophy, mysticism, ethnic literature. Developing political section and stock of periodicals and pamphlets.

Public House: 21 Little Preston Street, (28357). Long-established alternative bookshop. The usual range of philosophy, ethnic, sci-fi, mystical plus good selection of anarchism and feminism. Stocks most alternative/left papers and periodicals.

Brighton Workers' Bookshop: 37 Gloucester Road, (684404). CPB (ML) pamphlets, though not much else as yet. Holds open meetings at the bookshop on alternate Wednesdays.

University Bookshop: Refectory Building, University of Sussex, Falmer. (66755). Best conventional bookshop in Brighton.

INFORMATION/LEARNING EXCHANGE:

Resources Centre: Presbyterian Church Hall, North Road, (67141). Local centre for variety of community groups, including Women's Centre, Hazards at Work Group, Squatters' Union, Claimants' Union, etc.

Bit-by-Bit: 7 Victoria Road, (27878). Well-established 24-hour help info service, housed at the **Open Cafe**. Also runs **Gay Switchboard** and home of **Brighton Voice**.

Simple Supplies: 11 George Street, (691318). Wholefood shop and home of **Brighton Whole Earth Collective**. Runs a cooperative library (see below), and useful for info about ecology, alternative technology, gardening, alternative work etc.

Infinity Foods: 25 North Road. Wholefood shop.

Trades and Labour Club: 16 Lewes Road, (61101). Office of Brighton Trades Council. Info on local labour movement and trade union contacts.

Students' Union: Falmer House, University of Sussex, Falmer. (680380) Office of local NUS area. Information for and about students. Also runs **Street Library** and **Ideas in Education**.

PUBLICATIONS:

BRIGHTON VOICE

10p

Brighton Voice: c/o 7 Victoria Road, (27878). Community newspaper. Good coverage of local political scandals etc. Monthly, 10p.

Queen Spark: 13 West Drive. Publishes books by local authors, and Community Association newspaper. Occasional, and very local.

Ideas in Education Publications: c/o Falmer House, University of Sussex, Falmer, (680380). Publishes occasional folders on alternative education, counter courses, learning exchanges etc.

Women's Publishing Collective: Talbot Terrace, Lewes. Occasional feminist pamphlets, conference papers etc.

John L Noyce Publications: PO Box 450, Brighton BN1 8GR. Various pamphlets on ecology, alternative technology, labour history, and indexes of alternative publications, bookshops, publishers and libraries. Also tri-annual journal of **Librarians for Social Change**.

ALTERNATIVE WORK:

Not much going on in the area. For information contact **Simple Supplies** or the **Resources Centre**. **Claimants' Union** meets regularly at the Resources Centre. For volunteering projects contact **Link-Up**, **Sussex University Students' Union Community Action Group**, or **Brighton Voluntary Service Centre**, 13 Ditchling Rise, (61664).

ADULT EDUCATION:

Friends Centre: 16 Ship Street, (27835). Runs LEA and University Continuing Education Courses, as well as Brighton Adult Literacy Project. Also operates a skills exchange.

LIBRARIES:

Besides the municipal, the County Library (in Lewes), the Polytechnic and the University (for non-students membership is difficult) libraries, there are:

The Street Library: c/o Students' Union, Falmer House, University of Sussex, (680380). A cooperatively owned and self-managed library on the university campus. Base for **Ideas in Education** counter course projects, and archive of political literature, newspapers, pamphlets and books. Also general information on radical/alternative education.

Friends Centre Library: 16 Ship Street, (27835). New cooperative library modelled on the Street Library. Services the Adult Education Centre.

Simple Supplies: 11 George Street (691318). Excellent wholefood shop including a library specialising in Alternative Technology, Ecology etc. It is a worker self-managed collective involved inorganic gardening, removals, repairs, publishing etc. Produce **Whole Earth** magazine, (see Publications List).

SEASONAL LABOUR:

On the beach, hotels, restaurants, discos etc. Apply to **Resort and Conference Services Department**, Brighton Borough Council, Marlborough House, Old Steine, (29801). But be careful about being ripped off.

ALSO:

Brighton Rights Centre: 2 Prince Andrews Street, (202492). Legal advice and information.

Community Associations: There are about ten in Brighton, covering many areas of the town. Several of them have their own community centres and run a variety of activities. Usually they are managed by a council of street reps. More specific information can be obtained at the Resources Centre.

SCANUS/Ways and Means: Local contact, Tony Hodgson, c/o Students' Union, Falmer House, University of Sussex, Brighton. (680380).

Chichester:

Beanfeast Natural Foods*: 256 Southgate. Wholefood.

Eastbourne:

Benefit*: 1a Sutton Road. Wholefood.

Hastings:

Feminist Bookshop*: 12 Palace Chambers, White Rock.

HAMPSHIRE

Portsmouth:

Maunds Bookshop*: Marmion Road, Southsea. General shop, but good on alternatives; wide range of magazines.

Fludds*: 65 Palmerston Road, Southsea. General bookshop and tape centre; good range, too.

Woodstock Market*: 308 Fawcett Road, Southsea. Head shop. Some good education and alternative books among the badges and incense.

Community Action Group: c/o Students' Union, Portsmouth Polytechnic, St Pauls Road, Southsea. Full-time organiser/worker. Recommended contact for alternative/community projects.

Southampton:

Nobody has a good selection of socialist, feminist, alternative literature, but try:

The Bookshop*: 25 St Mary's Road. Small CP shop.

SW Bookshop*: Onslow Road. New SWP shop.

Danaan*: 92 St Mary's Road. Wholefood.

Community Interaction (community action group): c/o Students' Union, University, SO9 5WH.

SURREY

Farnham:

Excalibur*: 25 East Street, Farnham. Wholefood.

Weybridge:

Weybridge Wholefoods: 34 Baker Hill.

Guildford:

Community Action Group*: c/o Students Union, Surrey University.

Egham:

Community Action Group: c/o Students Union, Royal Holloway College.

Kingston:

Community Action Group: c/o Students' Union, Kingston Polytechnic.

Morden:

Merton Volunteer Bureau: 114 London Road, Morden, (01-543 0099). Recommended source of information about community projects. Particularly interesting—trying to set up a local community paper and directory, as well as acting as a general resource centre and community transport set-up.

DORSET

Bournemouth:

Earth Foods*: 11a Beaulieu Road, Westbourne. Wholefoods.

Blandford:

Nature's Store*: 57 Salisbury Street. Wholefood.

Ilminster:

Acorn*: 16 West Street. Wholefood.

Weymouth:

Students' Union*: Dorset Institute of Higher Education, Dorchester Rd.

BERKSHIRE

Reading:

Acorn Books: The Emporium, Merchants Place, off Friars Street.



Reading News: New alternative/socialist paper. 61 Waylen Street.

Reading Wholefoods: also in the Emporium.

Community Action Group*: c/o Students' Union, Reading University.

Community Action Group*: c/o Bulmershe College, Earley.

WILTSHIRE

Swindon:

Lower Shaw Farm: see general information sources, Section 3.

OXFORDSHIRE

Oxford:

EOA (East Oxford Advertiser): 3 Cowley Road. Broad range of alternative and socialist publications in well-run bookshop.

Uhuru: 35 Cowley Road. Wholefood cafe (a working collective) where all that's happening in Oxford can be discovered.

City Rumbles*: New city paper, c/o Paupers Press, 29 Castle Street.

Community Service Centre: 1 Alfred Street. Useful contact for general information and community projects.

Also, the Polytechnic Students' Union in Headington has a **Community Affairs Officer*** who may be a useful source of general information, and **Oxford University Students' Union**, 42 Wellington Square, publish an alternative prospectus.

England: West

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cheltenham:

Barleycorn*: 317 High Street. Wholefood.

Naturally*: 12 Grosvenor Road. Wholefood.

General Store*: Basement, 11 Grosvenor Place South (0242 54102).

North Gloucestershire Free Press*: c/o The Horse and Groom, St George's Place.

Friends of the Earth*: Basement, 74 Albion Street.

Stroud:

Mother Nature*: 1-2 Port View, Swan Lane.

Gloucester:

Community Action Group*: c/o College of Education, Oxstalls Lane.

AVON

Bath:

Workshops Shop: 1a The Paragon.

Harvest*: 37 Belvedere, Landsdown Road. Wholefood shop.

Community Action Group*: Students' Union, Claverton Down.

Bristol Voice

Bristol Community Press, 46 Richmond Road, Moulmead, Bristol, 40491 No 3 10p

Bristol:

Chapter and Verse*: 86 Park Street. General bookshop with good alternatives in stock.

Forever People*: 11 The Promenade, Gloucester Road. (Comix mainly)

Beans*: 12 Chandos Road, Redlands, B6. Wholefood

Herbies*: 41 Menton Street, Montpellier. Wholefood.

Honeyground*: 7 The Mall, Clifton. Wholefood.

Bristol Voice: Excellent local community paper. Good information, contacts, listings. Approx monthly. c/o 46 Richmond Road, (40491)

Bristol Area Community Action (BACA): (with full-time organiser/worker), c/o Students' Union, Bristol Polytechnic, Unity Street, (297996). Recommended contact for alternative/community projects. Both the university and polytechnic students' unions produce alternative prospectuses.

Bristol Area Directory: Listings of all community projects, groups, organisations, statutory agencies etc. Produced early in 1977, may be difficult to get hold of now, but new one in the pipeline. BACA for info.

Bristol Resource and Rights Centre Project: 53 Mendip Road, Windmill Hill, Bristol BS3 4PB. (631432). Organisers: Roy Youdale and David Tatlow. Since August 1976 a group of 5 people has been undertaking research into the possibility of establishing a Resource and Rights Centre for the Bristol area. The proposals summarised below have been generally welcomed, and it is hoped that the new organisation will be able to start work some time this year.

What would the centre provide? The broad aim of the organisation would be to act as a resource, information and research centre for trade union branches and community groups in the Bristol area—rather than as an agency dealing mainly with individual problems. The main functions are seen as being:

1. The provision of information on resources available locally to trade union branches and community groups, particularly in the fields of employment, housing, women's rights and race relations.

2. The provision of information and critical analysis of current and proposed legislation in the housing, planning, health, welfare and employment fields.

3. Helping to establish democratically constituted legal advice centres in various parts of the city, to service the legal needs of individuals.

4. Where appropriate, taking up certain cases through the courts on behalf of local groups, (as Lambeth Law Centre has recently done, to prevent the demolition of 40 houses in a working class district of the borough).

5. The undertaking of research on request into a range of issues such as racial discrimination, housing conditions, company finances, health and safety at work, local unemployment etc.

6. The provision of formal and informal adult education on these issues, in cooperation with the WEA and the TUC Regional Education Service.

7. The production of reports and a regular local bulletin, probably similar to the Labour Research Department's 'Fact Service'—containing items of local industrial interest, news of recent publication etc.

SOMERSET

Wells:

Good Earth*: Priory Road, Wells. Wholefood.

DEVON

Barnstaple:

Barnstaple Wholefood Supplies*: address unknown.

Exeter:

Flying Post: Community newspaper, c/o 1 Parliament Street.

South Westerner*: student-oriented paper.

City Ditch Restaurant*: Lower North Street. Wholefood.

Community Action Group: (with full-time organiser/worker), c/o Students' Union, Devonshire House, Stocker Road. Recommended contact for alternative/community projects. Also **Information Centre** organised by CA through JCP scheme, 25 Clifton Road (36060). A community centre is also being set up by CA.

Claimants' Union: Telephone 31058.

Plymouth:

Chapter and Verse: (see Avon) have a small shop here.

Plymouth Wholefoods*: Magnolia St John, Torpoint.

Also try the Polytechnic Students' Union for general information.

Ashburton/Dartington/Totnes:

Just The Job: Central Offices, Shinnars Bridge, Dartington, Totnes. A project funded by the National Extension College (see Section 2) aimed at unemployed school-leavers. Particularly interesting is the **Just The Job Counsellors' Handbook**, being produced by Guy Dauncey, Holne Cross Cottage, Ashburton, for the project, which covers employment, voluntary work, education, community projects, statutory organisations, transport, survival, housing, community/collective initiatives, environmental projects etc for the whole of the South West. Although it is intended for the network of voluntary counsellors backing up the project it should be a really good source of general information if it is made generally

SHERRACK

available. Also **Sherrack**, local community paper from the same address. Also **Dartington College** maybe a useful source of information, particularly about community arts/media. Higher Close, Totnes. (080 46 3251).

CORNWALL

Falmouth:

The Granary*: 16 High Street. Wholefood.

St Austell:

Goodness Gracious*: 10 Glebe Yard. Wholefood.

Truro:

The Granary*: 36 St Austell Road. Wholefood.

Penzance:

The Granary*: 39a Causewayhead. Wholefood.

Cymru/Wales

South-East:

Bandwagon*: 15 Ship Street, Brecon. Wholefoods. (Brecon 3404).

Polypill*: Newport/Pontnewydd community paper.

Siop Y Triban: (Cardiff) Welsh and Anglo-Welsh information, books, posters, records etc.

One-o-Eight: 108 Salisbury Road, Cardiff. Community bookshop, also alternative information and welfare rights.

Chapter and Verse*: 25 Morgan Arcade, Cardiff. (see Avon for comment)

Oriel Bookshop: 55 Charles Street, Cardiff. Superb range of all publications connected with arts and culture



Rebecca: Investigative magazine of Welsh personalities and politics. About every six months. c/o 15 Windsor Esplanade, Docks, Cardiff.

People's Paper*: c/o 56 Mackintosh Place, Roath.

Penderryn

Penderryn*: Welsh political magazine. c/o 18 Stryd Windsor, Ucheldir, Abertawe (Swansea).

Dinesydd: Welsh language community newspaper. c/o 25 Ilton Road, Penylan, Cardiff.

Prashadam: 99 Wyverne Road, Cathays. Vegetarian wholefoods.

The Wholefood Shop: 1a Fitzroy Street, Cathays.

Community Action Group: (with full-time organiser/worker) c/o Joint Students' Union, Park Place, Cardiff. Recommended contact for information about alternative/community projects.

Community Concern*: Alternative information service. 58 Charles Street, Cardiff.

South Wales Anti-Poverty Action Centre: Resource centre/community development project. Bethesda Chapel, Bethesda Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Recommended source of information on community action projects.

South West:

Aardvark*: 2 Nonsel Street, Camarthen. Wholefoods.

SVS*: (Student Volunteer Service), c/o Union House, Singleton Park, Swansea. Has a full-time organiser/worker.

Second Post: Rear of 43 The Grove, Uplands. Community paper.

The Mulberry Bush: 2 Bridge Street, Lampeter. Wholefoods.

Students' Union: Lampeter University (St David's College).

Environmental Group*: c/o Students' Union, Aberystwyth University, Lower Place, Aberystwyth.

North and Mid-Wales:

Good Food Shop*: High Street, Llandrindod Wells. Wholefoods

National Centre for Alternative Technology: Machynlleth.

Wholefood Store*: Bridge Street, Corwen, Clwyd.

Community Action Group: (with a full-time organiser/worker) c/o Students' Union, UCNW, Bangor. Recommended source of information, also Students' Union there.

Bridge*: Community paper (art oriented), Holyhead Road, Bangor.

Teachers*: General bookshop and educational aids/courses. Wellfield Centre, Bangor.

Sometimes*: Community paper. 33 Callepia, Lower Bangor.

Harvest*: Wellfield Centre, 104 High Street, Bangor. Wholefoods.

DIG: Hiraal, Lower Bangor. Community information centre on welfare rights, and specifically for the disabled.

Channel Islands

Guernsey:

Hansa Foods: The Bridge, Samsons.

Eire/Ireland



North:

Connolly Books and Crafts*: Avoca Park, Andersonstown, Belfast 11.

Plough Books*: 72 Castle Street, Belfast 1.

NUU (New University of Ulster) Books*: Coleraine, Co Derry.

Dawn*: c/o 331 Ormeau Road, Belfast 7. Community magazine.

Fortnight*: Community magazine.

Community Action Group*: c/o Students' Union, Queens University.

Sassafrass: 24 Donegal Road, Belfast. Wholefood shop.

Harvest: 17 Bridge Street, Bangor, Co Down. Wholefood shop.

Community Action Group: (with full-time organiser/worker), c/o Students' Union, NUU (see above). Recommended contact for community projects, especially as the **NUU Institute for Continuing Education** has just started an extensive community action project as well.

Community Relations Commission*: (particularly research/publication department) 16-22 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7FD.

Republic:

Hibernia: 206 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Magazine, highly recommended.

Green Acres: 4 Gt Strand Street, Dublin 1.

New Books*: 14 Parliament, Dublin 2.

Community Action Group*: c/o SRC, Trinity College, Dublin.

Community Action Group*: c/o Students' Union, University College, Cork.

Also **Alternative Ireland***, an alternative guide covering co-ops, community projects, information centres etc. There are also plans to set up a resources centre in Dublin. Further information c/o Mary Phelan, 168 Rathgar Road, Dublin 6.

London



A directory the size of this one could be written just about London, and, as there's no way we've got the time or energy to do that, this is very much an introduction to the city. Two publications produced in the past which provided some useful information were **Alternative London** published by Wildwood House, 29 King Street, WC2, and **Time Out's Red Pages**, a directory of community and political groups in London. Both of these are, however, (a) difficult to get hold of, and (b) a bit too out of date to be very useful. All we hope is that the inadequacies of this section will encourage someone to produce something. How about another **Red Pages**, **Time Out**?

Main Alternative and Socialist Bookshops:

Rising Free: 182 Upper Street, N1 (Alternative/Libertarian)

Cornerhouse: 14 Endell Street, WC2. (Alternatives in education)

Centerprise: 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. (Community bookshop)

Housmans: 5 Caledonian Road, N1. (Pacifist/Anarchist/Socialist)

Collet's London Bookshop: 66 Charing Cross Road, W1. Best range of socialist publications in London.

Compendium: 240 Camden High Street, NW1. Lots of good, and rare alternative titles, organised in several departments. Not a collective, but a conventional business.



The Other Bookshop: 328 Upper Street, N1. New, well-organised specialising in Fourth International titles, Socialist Challenge shop.
Bookmarx: 265 Seven Sisters Road, N4. Wide ranging stock, friendly atmosphere, next to Finsbury Park. SWP.
Central Books: 39 Grays Inn Road, WC1. Yet another good selection, lots of improvement since Bill arrived. CP.

Small socialist bookshops worth a visit include:
Pathfinder: 47 The Cut, Waterloo. SE1.
Paperback Centre: 28 Charlotte Street, W1. (Tottenham Court Road)

Dalston Books (Dalston Junction); **Brixton Books**; **Bellman Books** (Tufnell Park) M-L; **New Era Books** (Finsbury Park) M-L; **East Asia Art & Craft** (Mornington Crescent).

General Bookshops:

General bookshops with a good selection of magazines and books you might otherwise miss include:
Websters: 1063/7 Whitgift Centre, Croyden.
Bookshop 85: 85 Regents Park Road, NW1.
Tetric: 116 Clapham High Street, SW4, and 309 New Kings Road, SW6.
Paul's Books*: 230 High Street, Barnet. (01-440 8970)

Community bookshops serving multi-racial needs:

Bogle L' Overture Bookshop: 5a Chignall Place, W13.
Atlas Books: 221 Broadway, Southall, Middlesex.
Books from India: 69 Gt Russell Street, WC1.
Grassroots Bookstore: 61 Golborne Road, W10.
Headstart: 25 West Green Road, N15.
New Beacon Books: 76 Stroud Green Road, N4.
Sabarr: 121 Railton Road, SE24.
Unity Books: 773 Harrow Road, W10.

London Free Press

Community Papers:

Camden Tenant: c/o 30 Camden Road, NW1.
Hackney Peoples Press: c/o Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8.
Islington Gutter Press: 2a St Pauls Road, N1. (5-weekly) (01-226 0580)
Knuckle: 120 Vassall Road, Brixton, SW9. (01-735 6123) 6-weekly.
Pavement: 539 Battersea Park Road, SW11. Monthly.
SE1: 12 Meyott Street, SE1. Monthly.
Haringey Free Press: 35 Priory Avenue, E8. Very infrequent.
London Free Press: 86 Railton Road, SE24. (01-274 7448).
Lower Down: 65a Trinity Road, SW17.
Tuppenny *Orrible: c/o Newham Rights Centre, 309 Barking Road, E6.
Tower Hamlets: c/o Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
Net: 628 High Street, N17. (01-808 4754) Fortnightly.

Wholefood Shops:

Bread and Roses: 316 Upper Street, N1. (01-226 9483).
Brixton and Bangladesh Co-op: 54-58 Atlantic Road, SW9.
Ceres: 269 Portobello Road, W11. (01-229 5571).
Community Supplies: 21/3 Tolmers Square, NW1. (01-387 2474).
Cornucopia*: 56 Western Street, W5.
Down to Earth: 13 Durham Row, Stepney Green, E1. (Books, too).
Fayre E Nuff: 19 Green Lane, Penge, SE20.
Halean Centre: 39 Park Road, N8. (01-340 4258)
Harmony Foods: 1 Earl Cottages, Earl Road, SE1. (01-287 8396)

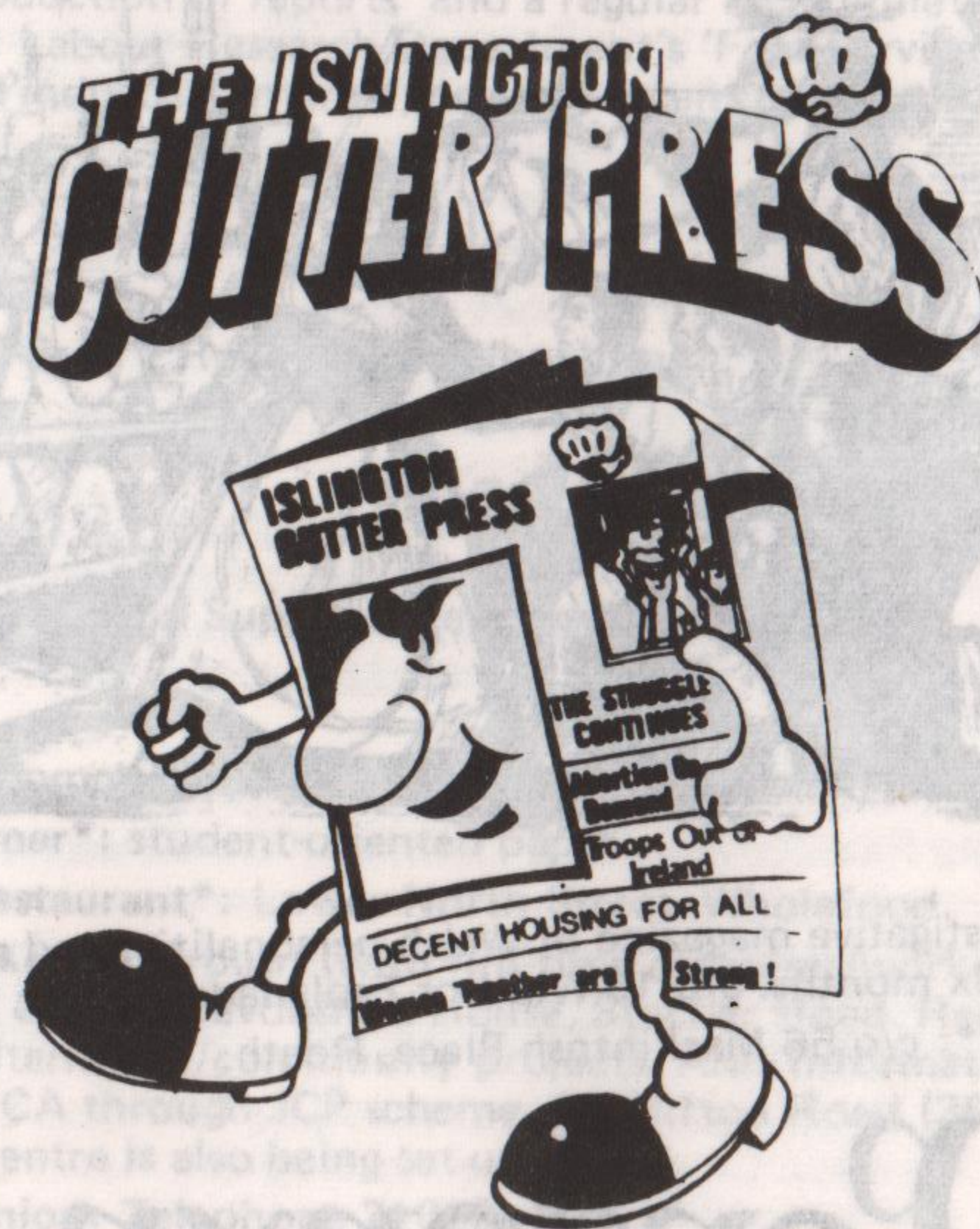
Neal's Yard: Covent Garden, WC2. Nicholas Saunders, who put together **Alternative England and Wales**, is involved with this, and may be worth contacting about it.

Sunwheel Foods: 12 Orpheus Street, SE5. (01-701 8328)

Student Community Action Groups:

As NUS is based in London, details about student unions in London, (addresses etc) can be obtained from there. Some of the groups involved with community action include:
CAPE: c/o Students' Union, University College, 25 Gordon Street, WC1. (01-387 3611 ext 9).
City Action: c/o Students' Union, City University, St John's Street, EC1

Community Action: c/o Students' Union, Brunel University, Uxbridge. There are also community action groups and projects at South Bank Polytechnic, Thames Polytechnic, and the Polytechnic of Central London. Imperial College Students' Union produces an **Alternative Prospectus**. Also, **Agitbit**, a free monthly alternative information and events bulletin c/o 31 Regina Road, N4. A really useful guide to what's happening in London. They also run a flyposting/leafletting service.



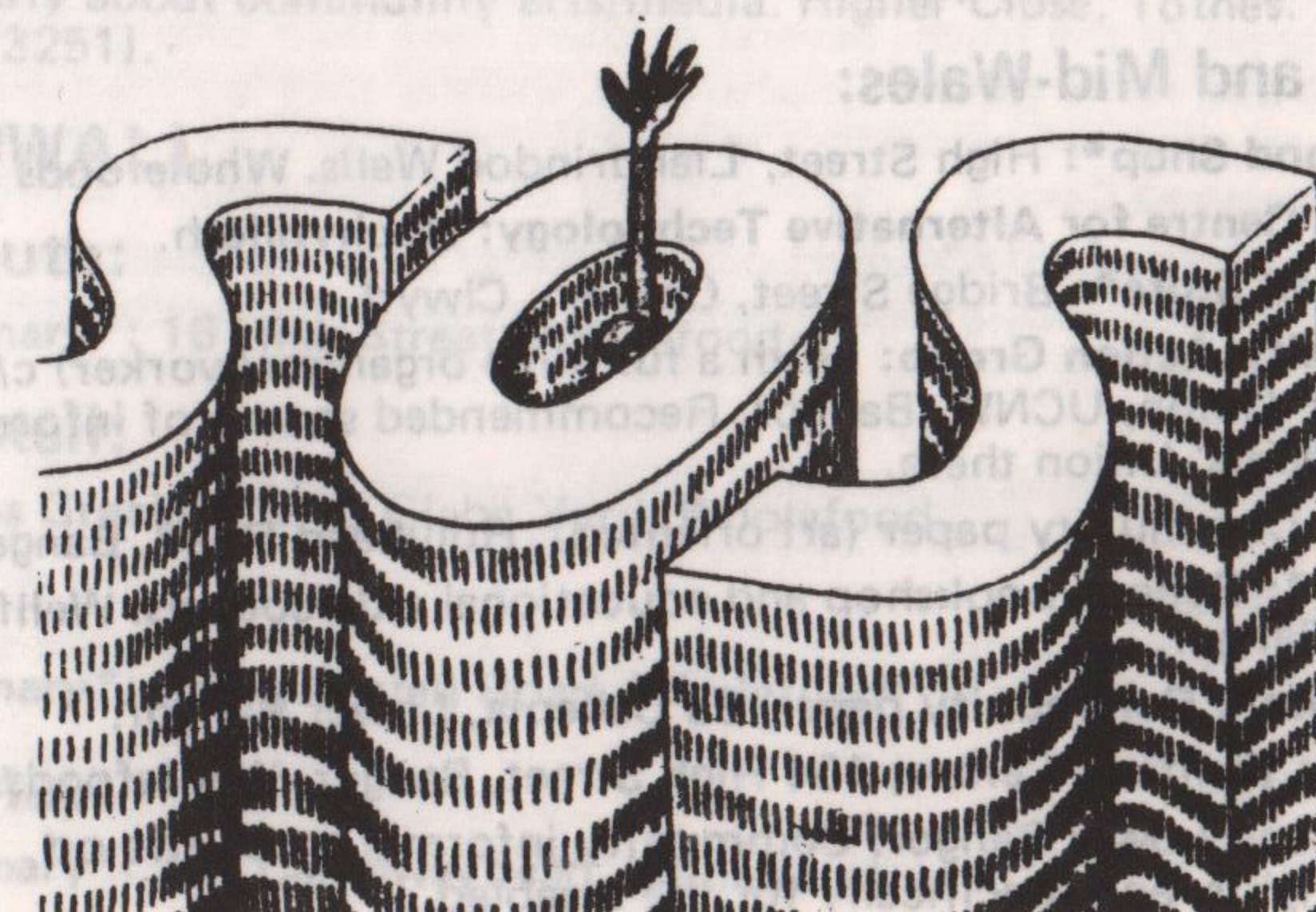
Other Information:

The best source of general information in London is still **Time Out**, the alternative news/what's on magazine, particularly the **Agitprop** section and the classifieds. It's produced weekly and should be available from most newsagents. **Time Out** is based at 374 Grays Inn Road, WC1. (01-278 2377).

In addition there are **community resource centres/information networks** all over the city, and unfortunately, as we said above, we haven't the time or the space to list them all. Most of them will be mentioned in the alternative/left press, and many are funded in part by local authorities, which means that the borough council should have information about them. Most councils also produce **local directories** of social services and related facilities/resources, as do some community papers (ie the **Pavement** guide to Wandsworth). So get in touch with your local council and community paper to find out.

The **London Council for Social Service** may also have information about community projects in London. They're based at 68 Charlton Street, NW1, (01-388 0241). One particular project of interest is a handbook/directory of small-scale employment initiatives in Greater London, being compiled at the moment, which will cover cooperatives, training workshops, working communities, JCP and Community Industry Projects, etc.

Finally, as many of the nationally organised groups and projects are based in London some of them should be useful sources of information about London itself.



Organisations

There exist many different organised and not so organised groups, both within the "professions": teaching, law, medicine, etc. and generally: community action groups and organisations, for example, aiming to provide a radical alternative and/or revolutionary outlook on everyday life and particular aspects of it, especially education and work. Most work as campaigning bodies, some as consciousness raising groups and many combining both types of activity. The advantage of linking up with such organisations is that the information they can provide is based on the practical and active experience of the people involved with them. The groups and organisations listed in this directory only represent a cross-section of those which relate to the areas covered by the directory. They are included in the 'Regional Listings', publications listings, in sections two and three (Education and Work/Lifestyles respectively) and in the following 'specialist' listings. We hope people will follow up these listings, particularly finding out more detailed information through the relevant publications connected with the groups and organisations that we've listed. Please let us know what others you think should be included.

Media

See the 'Communications Media' and 'Arts' section of 'Animation Projects in the UK', listed under 'Special Mentions—past publications'.

COUNTERACT MEDIA GROUP
 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1R 0AT.
 (01-251 4977)

CounterAct is a collective of socialist media workers working to improve the use of the media in campaigns. They do this through:
Performances: 'The Cuts Show' against the cuts. Two new plays for '78 on Prisons and the Law; and Rape.
Workshops: They will do workshops on any of the following for groups who want to do something in their locality: Street theatre; silk-screen printing; video; music.
Music: They have produced an LP of the music in the Cuts Show. £2 from their address and they also do music workshops.
Publications: They are producing **Media Directories** which will give up-to-date information and ideas. Number 1 due out in March '78. A mobile bookstall accompanies any event they do.
POLITICAL THEATRE GROUPS: The CounterAct directories will probably cover this area, and generally CounterAct is a good source of information. Otherwise the **Leveller** magazine carries a regular Socialist Theatre Listings section which is very useful.



COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS (COMCOM)
 c/o Derek Jones (Coordinator/Information Officer),
 8 Millfield Close, Farndon, Cheshire. (Home:
 0829 270 554; Work: 0925 51144 ext 150)

ComCom is a federation of communication workers and community activists who aim:
 a) To coordinate and acts as an information exchange for the development of community communication services, including press, video, film, radio, television and other communication resources.
 b) To campaign for the revision of broadcasting policy to establish the statutory right to local community ownership and/or operation of radio and television stations.
 c) To campaign for adequate funding for community communication services from public and private sources.
 d) To campaign for the statutory right of access to, and effective participation in national, regional and local communication and information sources.
 e) To campaign for democratic control over national, regional and local communication services.
 There are regional branches:
Scotland: c/o John Adams, Scottish Council for Educational Technology, 16-17 Woodside Terrace, Glasgow. (041-332 9988)
North West England: c/o Ann Irving, Department of Library and Information Studies, Liverpool Polytechnic, 79 Tithebarn Street Liverpool L2 2ER

South Midland England: c/o Michael Barrett, Channel 40, 161 Fishermead Boulevard, Milton Keynes. (0908-678428)
Northern Ireland: c/o Lelia Doolan, 184 Lisburn Road, Belfast 9. (0232-663250)
West of England: c/o Peter Lewis, 17 Southern Avenue, Clifton Wood, Bristol. (0272-25946)
London: c/o Simon Partridge, 92 Huddlestons Road, London N7. (01-272 5327)
Wales: c/o Steve Gough, Cardiff Video Workshop, c/o Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff. (0222 31194)
 Other contacts, listed in ComCom's first publication, who should be able to act as sources of general information are the members of the coordinating committee (particularly in terms of local area contacts):
 Oliver Bennett, North West Arts, King Street, Manchester. (061-833 9471)
 Andrew Bibby, Channel 40, 161 Fishermead Boulevard, Milton Keynes. (0908-678428)
 Richard Dunn, Swindon Viewpoint, c/o 30 Golden Square, London W1. (01-437 9234)
 Mohammed Haque, Spokesman Publications, 15 New Road, London E1 1HE.
 Alistair Herron, Belfast Community Television, 30 Joy Street, Belfast 2. (0232 20028)
 Nick Smart, Sheffield Community Education, 9 Harwood Street, Sheffield 2.

Members of the coordinating committee also include John Adams, Michael Barrett, Lelia Doolan, Peter Lewis, Derek Jones, Steve Gough, and Simon Partridge listed above under 'Regional Branches'. For details of membership, etc contact Derek Jones. Also, not particularly connected with ComCom but another useful contact is the **Manchester Film and Video Workshop**, John Crompton and Bob Jones, 5 James Leigh Street, by Oxford Road Station, Manchester 1. (061-236 6953), and the media groups in Liverpool (see under Regional Listings).

NATIONAL YOUTH BUREAU
 17/23 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 6GD.
 (0533 538811/6)

Community Arts and Communications Media Information Service.

The National Youth Bureau has a free enquiry and document loan service. Documents on community arts and media include pamphlets, project reports, books, conference papers, journals, articles and kits. The service acts as a resource for those who wish to initiate their own projects and for those who would like to learn about the experience of others.



The accent of the documentation is about providing ordinary people with access to the communications media and arts, whether it is to stimulate group action, to provide creative opportunities, to be the starting point for participation on a wider level in community life or as part of a larger community development project. Information is a two way process. NYB would therefore be happy to receive any resources and documentation from groups and individuals sharing this interest. They will purchase whatever material might be too costly to donate. For further information and any suggestions contact Anne Davies the NYB's information officer.

PSS
52 Acre Lane, London SW2.

A federation and directory of radical, socialist and community publishers, printers, designers, typesetters etc.

During the summer a series of meetings took place in London regarding the problems of Unionisation, Union problems and 'alternative' printing and publishing. As the meetings were inconclusive and there was a need for better communication and links between those involved, a Federation was proposed. The functions of the Federation would include:

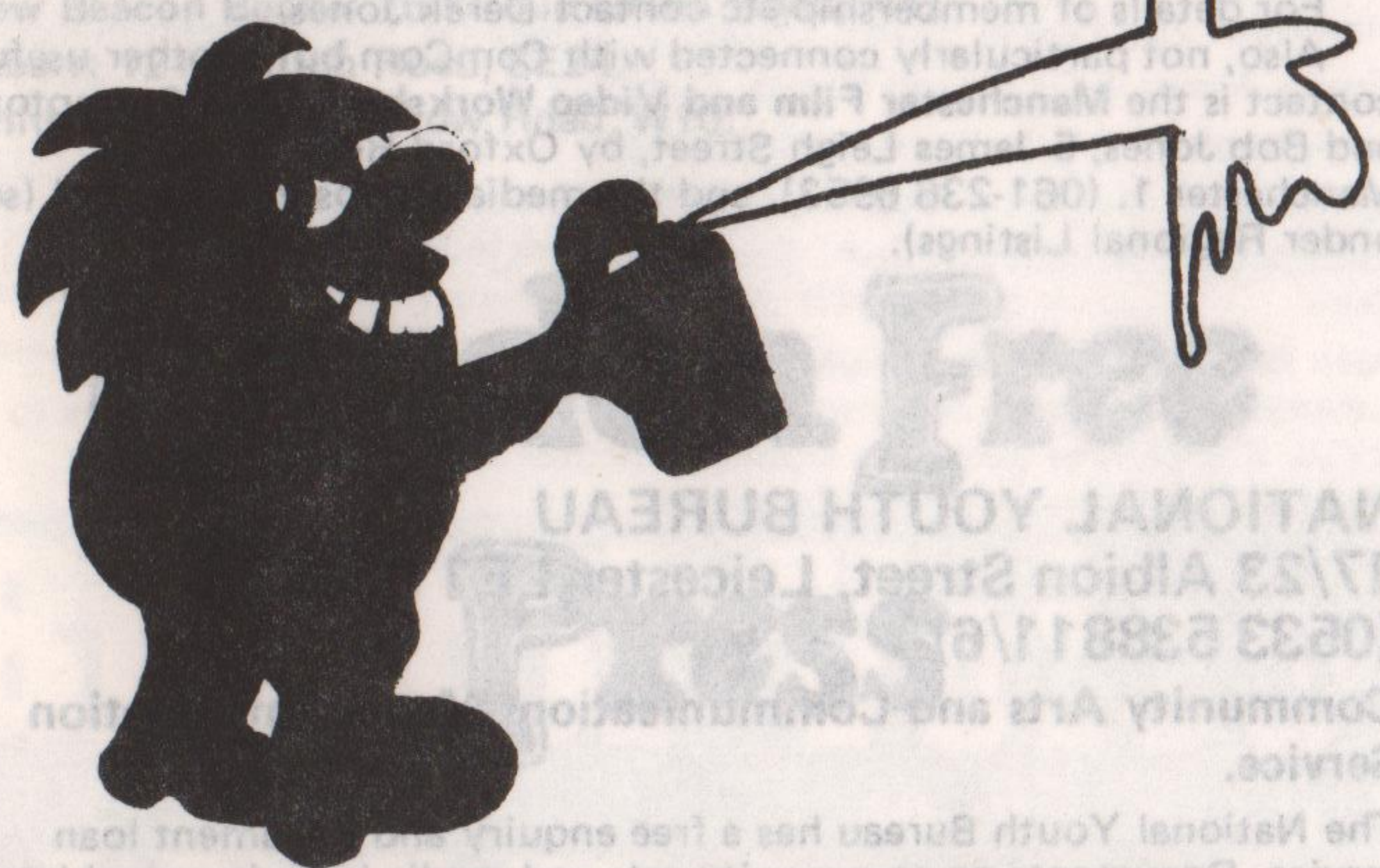
- Linking those involved with all aspects of print production.
- A forum for discussion of those aspects.
- An 'umbrella' organisation for discussion and negotiation with outside bodies, e.g. Unions.
- An information exchange (including, possibly, a Newsletter).
- Joint buying.
- Skill sharing, workshops etc.

To aid this a Directory is to be produced, enabling anyone to contact contributor(s). (The Directory was seen as being largely for 'internal' use.) The format of the Directory will be A4 folded to A5 with entries under three main sections: Publications and Publishers, Originators (ie Designers, typesetters, artworkers, photographers etc), Printers and other resources.

- Entries should include:
- Name, Address and Phone number.
 - Type of work Design, Typesetter, A3 Printer etc or
 - Type of publication or publishers
 - Giving Format, Frequency, Audience, Booklist etc
 - Work Structure Collective/Individual;
 - Paid/Voluntary,
 - Full/Part time
 - Workshop/Service
 - Grant/Self financing

and any other information you consider relevant. Entries should be sent as same size artwork ready for paste-up to a column width of 27 ems (115mm) and not longer than 43 ems (180mm) and sent to PSS by 1 February 1978.

The cost of the directory is difficult to estimate but £1.50 (or in kind) per entry should cover time and materials. (Cheques/PO's are payable to PSS) Any surplus will go towards debts of around £25, future mailings and meetings, or will be returned. At the same time as sending your entry any comments/suggestions on the function/structure of the Federation and the 'Union business' would be useful.



ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ARTISTS
1 Shelton Street, London WC2. (01-240 0401)

General Information—National Office. Contact: Maggie Pinhorn.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS & CONTACTS

England North: "Uncle Emies Roadshow", c/o Wallsend Arts Centre, 67 Charlotte Street, Wallsend, Nr Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear. Contact: Stan Gamester (0632-624 276)

Yorks & Humberside: "Interplay", 65 Hall Lane, Armley, Leeds 12, West Yorks. Contact: Jane Woddie (0532-634 380). Also: "Hinerant Theatre", 60 Edgedale Road, Sheffield 7, South Yorks. Contact: Bruce Birchall.

North West: Contacts: John Hoyland, 60 Cooper House, Booth Street West, Manchester 15 and Chris Elphick, 27b Thackeray Street, Liverpool 8. (051-708 8035). Chris Elphick is main contact.

East Midlands: "Sociable Theatre", 57 Grange Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham. Contact: Bob Hescote. (0602 600293)

West Midlands: "Jubilee Community Arts Group", Jubilee Arts Centre, Whitehall Road, Greets Green, West Bromwich. Contact: Chrissie Poulter. (021-557 1569)

East Anglia: "Fine Heart Squad", 4 Folland Court, Bawdeswell, Suffolk. Contact: Phil Hartigan.

South East: "Shoreham Youth Workshop", The Barn, St. Julian's Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Contact: Ruth Glick. (0273 593535); Shauna Crockett, 30 West Street, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. (0273 62121)

South West: "Beaford Centre Community Arts Project", 7

Boutport Street, Barnstaple, Devon. Contact: Gerri Moriarty. (Beaford 201)

Greater London: "Walworth & Aylesbury Community Arts Trust" Office A, Chartridge, Westmoreland Road, London SE17. Contact: Dermott Killip. (01-701 9010)

Wales: "Cardiff Street TV", Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff. Contact: Steve Gough. (0222 31194/28908)

Scotland: "Edinburgh Theatre Workshop", 34 Hamilton Place, Edinburgh. Contact: Bob Palmer. (031-225 7942)

Northern Ireland: Contact: Belinda Loftus, 3 Camden Street, Belfast 9. (Belfast 23292)

NOTE

There is also the **Minority Arts Advisory Centre** which provides information on ethnic minority Community Arts activities all over the country. Their address is **MAAS**, 86 Grafton Road, London NW5. Contact Naseem Khan. (01-485 9672)

THE OTHER CINEMA

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Cinema: 24 Tottenham Street, London W1 (01-637 9308) **CLOSED**

Office: 12/13 Little Newport Street, London WC2 (01-734 8608) **DEC. '77** *will hopefully re-form*

Alternative cinema/film distributors collective, specialising in social, community and political films. Full details from the office address. Catalogue & monthly film list available.

Other alternative/radical film makers/distributors include:
Liberation Films, 83 Belsize Lane, London NW3 (01-722 4466)
Concord Films, Nacton, Ipswich, Suffolk (0473 76012)
Cinema Action, 35a Winchester Road, London NW3 (01-586 2762)

FEMINIST THEATRE GROUP

See Women Section

UNITY OF ARTS SOCIETY

c/o 17 Rathen Road, Manchester 20
Orders from 3 Crosslands Road, Droylsden, Manchester M35 7AP

Publishes the **Voices** series, working class poetry and prose with a socialist appeal.

ROCK AGAINST RACISM (RAR)

Box M, c/o 6 Cotton Gardens, London E2

RAR is a political campaign, its aims are:

1. To fight the influence of racism/facism in popular culture, especially in music.
2. To build an anti-racist/fascist movement within pop culture and use it to fight racism and fascism everywhere.

RAR is run by an Adhoc Committee of young people, rock-pop fans, whose job it is to promote the aims of the campaign. To set up RAR gigs where anti-racism is the message; to encourage bands and musicians to reject establishment pressure and perform on a positive 'anti-racist' platform; to produce anti-racist propaganda in the form of T-shirts, leaflets, posters, badges, stickers, the **Fanzine*** and to spread it around; to break the commercial stranglehold on bands, provide them with gigs AND pay them; to put the RAR into Rock.

*RAR produces a regular Fanzine/magazine called **Temporary Hoarding** which is available from RAR, or through many alternative/socialist bookshops and via PDC.

RED ROCK

c/o SCANUS, NUS, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1.

NB—This is only a contact address so don't try and 'phone us up via the NUS.

Red Rock is a socialist music/entertainments agency, that works closely with Rock Against Racism and other local and national organisations.

Its aim is to encourage, promote and service socialist events and performers on a cooperative basis. It is a non-sectarian, non-profit making project. Presently it is booking a number of groups, organisations and venues. It is not run on the usual percentage basis, nor with orthodox contracts. Expenses are charged according to work done and a little more to keep things operating. Contracts can be signed direct between 'management'/promoter and the performer. The agency merely facilitates and services such arrangements. We place a lot more value on commitment and trust, and if you've never set up gigs before or approached bands it's worth contacting Red Rock for advice. It can save you a lot of problems. In addition to advice and help and booking facilities, it's eventually hoped to provide a wider range of services: local contacts, printing, publicity, lights, sound, transport. Hopefully it can itself be turned into a cooperatively run operation.

But it needs help—Money to keep things going and to print urgently needed publicity material. It needs your work—Red Rock can only help if its services are used. Other help in terms of local contacts and, if you live in London, a few people to turn Red Rock into a collective.



MUSIC FOR SOCIALISM

30 Hornsey Park Road, London N8

A new group aiming to develop a political and socialist awareness in music, musicians, bands, songs, performances etc. It produces a regular newsletter as well as practical information, help and advice to socialist bands, musicians, songwriters and anyone else interested in music; especially challenging the mystification that tends to separate performers from audiences and generally finding ways and means of making music, bands etc. more accessible to the community and vice versa. The newsletter is available on subscription, £2.00 per year.

POETRY AND ARTS COLLECTIVE

National Director: Lumb Bank, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 6DF (Hebden Bridge 3714)

Centre Director: Totleigh Barton, Sheepwash, Berworthy, Devon (Black Torrington 338)

ARVON is a community arts project which aims to give the opportunity to those who wish to meet and, in an informal environment, consult and work with practising artists, including poets, composers, novelists, musicians, painters, playwrights etc. It's run from two residential centres and further information can be obtained from the addresses above.

ARTISTS UNION

125/129 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8AD
Late addition

OTHER CONTACTS

Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA), The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493)

Regional Arts Councils

Publications

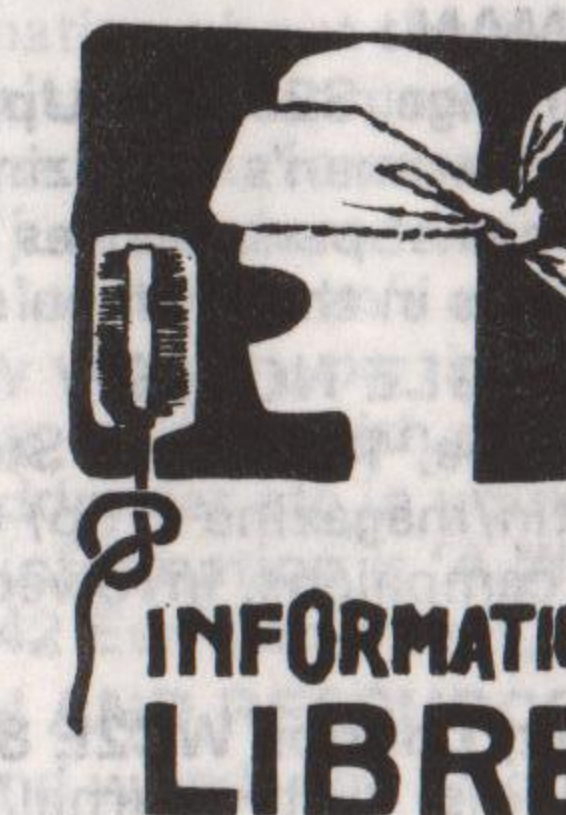
Colleges with community arts/media courses

Job Creation Projects based on community arts/media

Community Arts projects in your area

ACADEMIC

Centre for Mass Communications Research, University of Leicester, 104 Regent Road, Leicester have produced some very interesting reports, particularly a 'Register of Research', and have a documentation centre. Further information direct from the Centre.



SPECIAL MENTION

Redesign, 11 Harecourt Road, London N1 3LW (01-359 5324) is a graphic design, editorial, typesetting and print production group who designed, picture researched, typeset and laid-out this directory. They can also give help to groups who want to learn print production, help with exhibition design and give advice with press relations. They work with a number of groups including NCCL, Amnesty International, CSV, Release, CND and SCANUS.

Redesign

People's Rights



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WORKSHOP

73 Balfour Street, London SE17 (01-703 7217)

See section 2

GINGERBREAD

35 Wellington Street, London WC2 (01-240 0953)

Self help organisation providing information, advice and mutual support for one parent families.

GAY LIBERATION

c/o 146 Mayall Road, London SE24 (01-274 0843)

London and South East only but contact for information on other areas.

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY

33 King Street, Manchester M60 2EL (061-228 1985)

See also *Gay Left* magazine, under PDC and *Gay News* which is available in most bookshops.

HALDANE SOCIETY

35 Wellington Street, London WC2

Organisation of socialist lawyers, law students, legal workers and labour movement supporters which aims to provide and publicize a social and critical analysis of the legal system.

LEGAL ACTION GROUP

28a Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-485 1189 and 01-267 0048)

A group of solicitors, barristers, advisory workers, social workers and others working to improve the legal services to the community, particularly to those in deprived areas. Publish a useful monthly bulletin (£8.50 per year for individuals and voluntary organisations, other rates from above address) and organise a variety of meetings and conferences.

LAWYERS' ECOLOGY GROUP

113 Chancery Lane, London WC2

1977 contact, providing legal advice/information to groups with environmental problems.

MENTAL PATIENTS' UNION

1977 addresses: 177 Glenavon Road, London E5; 16

Clifton Gardens, St. Georges Road, Hull, Humberside

1978 address: MPU, c/o Grass Roots Books, 109

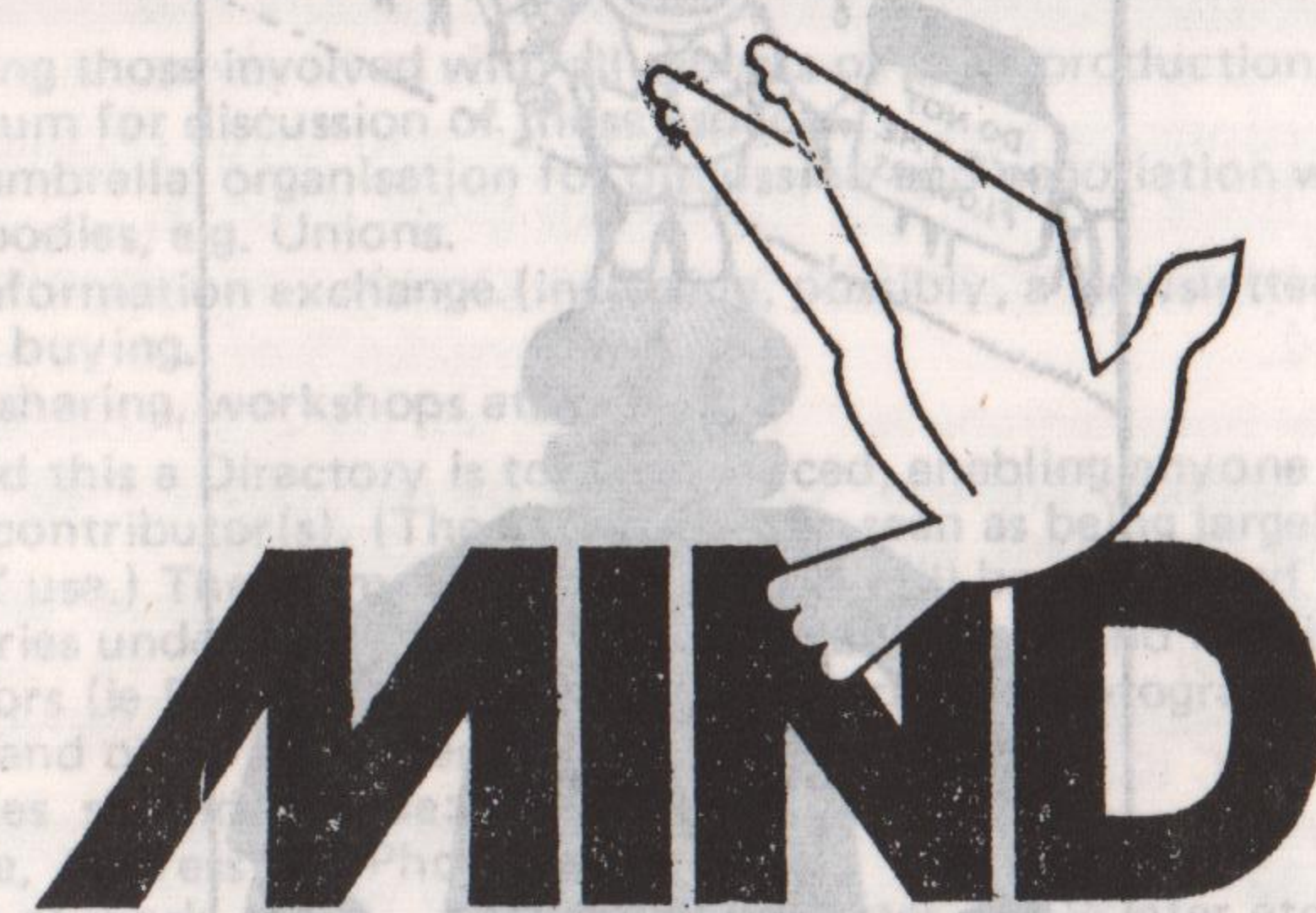
Oxford Road, All Saints, Manchester

Organised in local/regional groups, unions of patients, ex-patients and supporters campaigning for civil rights for mental patients. Particularly useful (as mentioned earlier) is the North West group's excellent pamphlet *Your Rights in Mental Hospital*, 50p (but free to mental patients), £1.00 to social workers, available from Grass Roots as above.

MIND
22 Harley Street, London W1. (01-637 0741)

The National Association for Mental Health

Particularly for information about relevant community projects and community based alternatives to institutions. Their Student Liaison Officer is a useful contact for information on this area. (Sheffield and Cardiff Universities Community Action Groups, see Regional Listings, run community based mental health projects, for example).



COPE

Self help, mutual support collective aimed at keeping people out of psychiatric institutions. They have recently been getting themselves reorganised. They used to run a crisis centre, visits, action groups, therapy and Gay Cope but we haven't got a current address for them. Try Rising Free (see under Regional) in London for latest information about Cope and any other self help mental health/ 'People not Psychiatry' type groups.

PROMPT
c/o 2 Boxley Road, Pembury, London E5 (01-986 9308)

Protection of the Rights of Mental Patients.

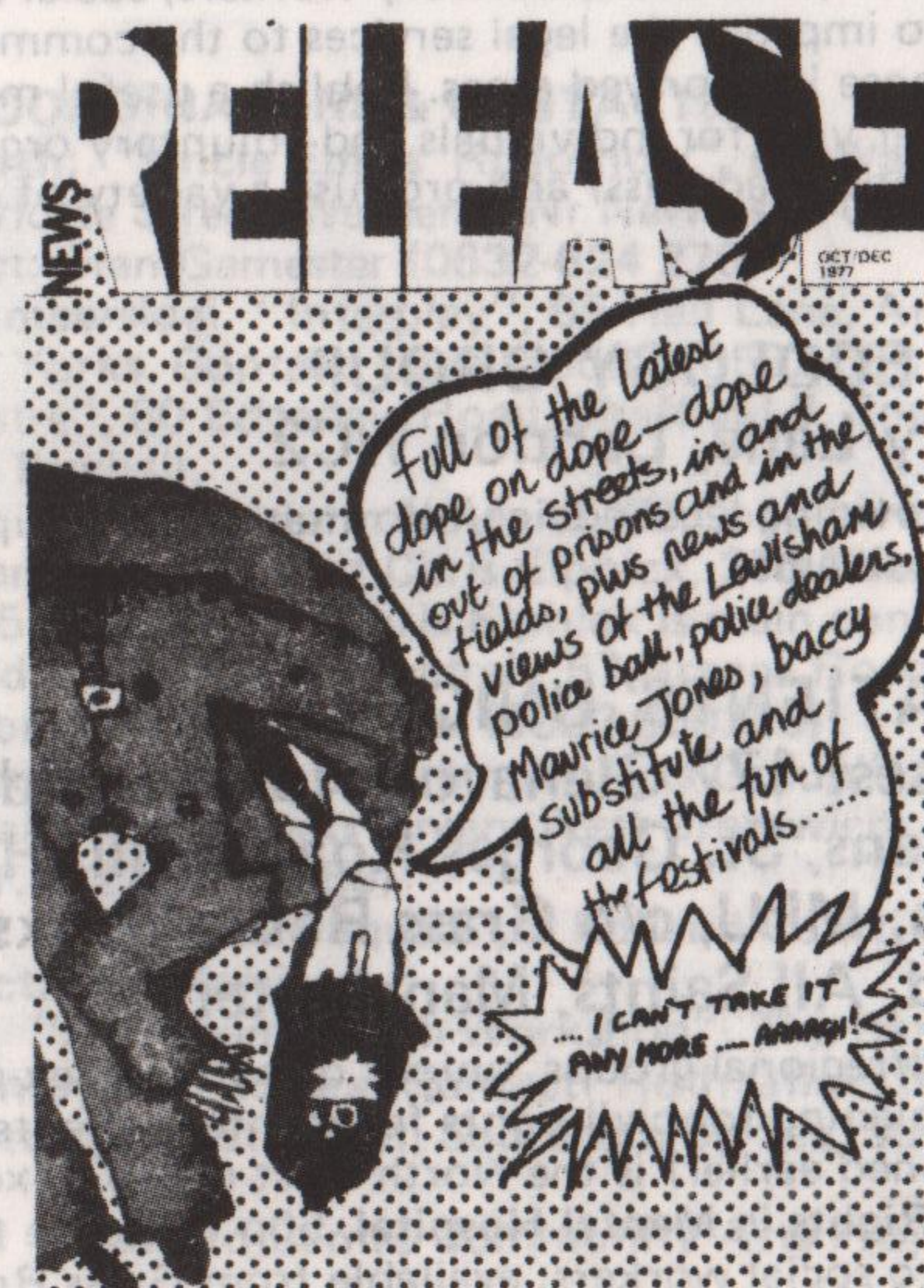
MINORITY RIGHTS GROUP
36 Craven Street, London WC2 (01-930 6659)

Campaigns for civil rights for minority groups suffering discrimination and investigates cases of prejudice.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (NCCL)
186 King's Cross Road, London WC1 (01-278 4575)

RELEASE
1 Elgin Avenue, London W9 (01-289 1123)
Open 10am - 6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays & 2pm - 10pm on Thursdays. 24-hour emergency 'phone service on 01-603 8654.

Alternative legal and welfare organisation, run as a collective. Deals with drugs, police arrests, housing/tenant problems, squatting, social security, immigration, women's rights, abortion etc. All advice is free. Also publish a magazine News Release, (see PDC listing).



Women



The best information sources are feminist publications such as:
SPARE RIB
27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT (01-253 9792)

The main feminist magazine in Britain and comes out monthly (35p). Should be available in all good bookshops and a lot of newsagents. It covers a wide range of feature articles and campaigning issues and particularly useful as sources of information are the news shorts and the 'shortlist' section which covers meetings, conferences, campaigns, projects, events, films, plays, women's centres etc. Certain issues also cover area contacts: ie issue 60 (July 1977) Women's Centres in London; Issue 61 (August 1977) Women's organisations, campaigns and other contacts in London.

WOMEN'S VOICE
c/o 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2

Regular monthly SWP women's magazine (10p), should be available from most alternative/socialist bookshops as well as SWP contacts. Particularly useful for campaign news.

RED RAG
22 Murray Mews, London NW1

Socialist feminist magazine, approx. quarterly (30p), covering in-depth analytical articles. Available direct or through PDC.

WOMEN'S REPORT
14 Aberdeen Road, Wealdstone, Harrow, Middx

Bi-monthly feminist magazine (25p) with a wide range of current news, particularly useful for contacts listings and reviews. Through PDC or available direct.

Other feminist magazines include:

WOMEN SPEAKING
distributed through PDC, quarterly (30p) covering feminist issues from a variety of political perspectives.

WOMEN AND EDUCATION
c/o 4 Clifdale Drive, Crumpsall, Manchester 8
Termly magazine (20p), distributed through PDC, contains information and articles covering non-sexist teaching and learning, reviews, contacts and current events, courses and materials.

SOCIALIST WOMAN
c/o Socialist Challenge, 328/329 Upper Street, London N1
Fairly regular IMG women's magazine which gives in-depth analysis of campaigns and socialist perspectives in the Women's movement. socialist perspectives in the Women's movement.

WOMEN'S STRUGGLE NOTES
Box 339, Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, London N1
Occasional bulletin/magazine (15p) covering socialist feminist perspectives and campaigns, involved with Big Flame.

LINK
c/o 16 King Street, London WC2E 8HY
Quarterly Communist Party journal/magazine (15p) with articles, reviews, letters etc.

SHREW
c/o 'A Woman's Place', 42 Earlham Street, London WC2
Occasional feminist magazine (30p) with each issue devoted to one specific topic. Available direct or distributed through PDC.

WOMEN'S FIGHT
Bi-monthly magazine (£1.50 for 8 issues) of the Working Women's Charter Campaign (see below).

WOMEN'S ACTION
c/o Belfast Socialist Women's Group, 4 University Street, Belfast BT7
Bi-monthly magazine (one of the very few contacts we have in Ireland).

SAPPHO
The Basement, 20 Dorset Square, London NW1 6QB
Long running monthly magazine for gay women (50p).

IMAGES OF WOMEN NEWSLETTER
c/o 62 Dean Street, London W1
Two printed newsletters with lots of addresses of feminist art/film/media groups (12p each).

NATIONAL WOMEN'S AID FEDERATION NEWSLETTER
51 Chalcot Road, London NW1

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER
30 Camden Road, London NW1
£2.00 per year.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LIBERATION JOURNAL
c/o 23 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh
25p plus postage. Quarterly.

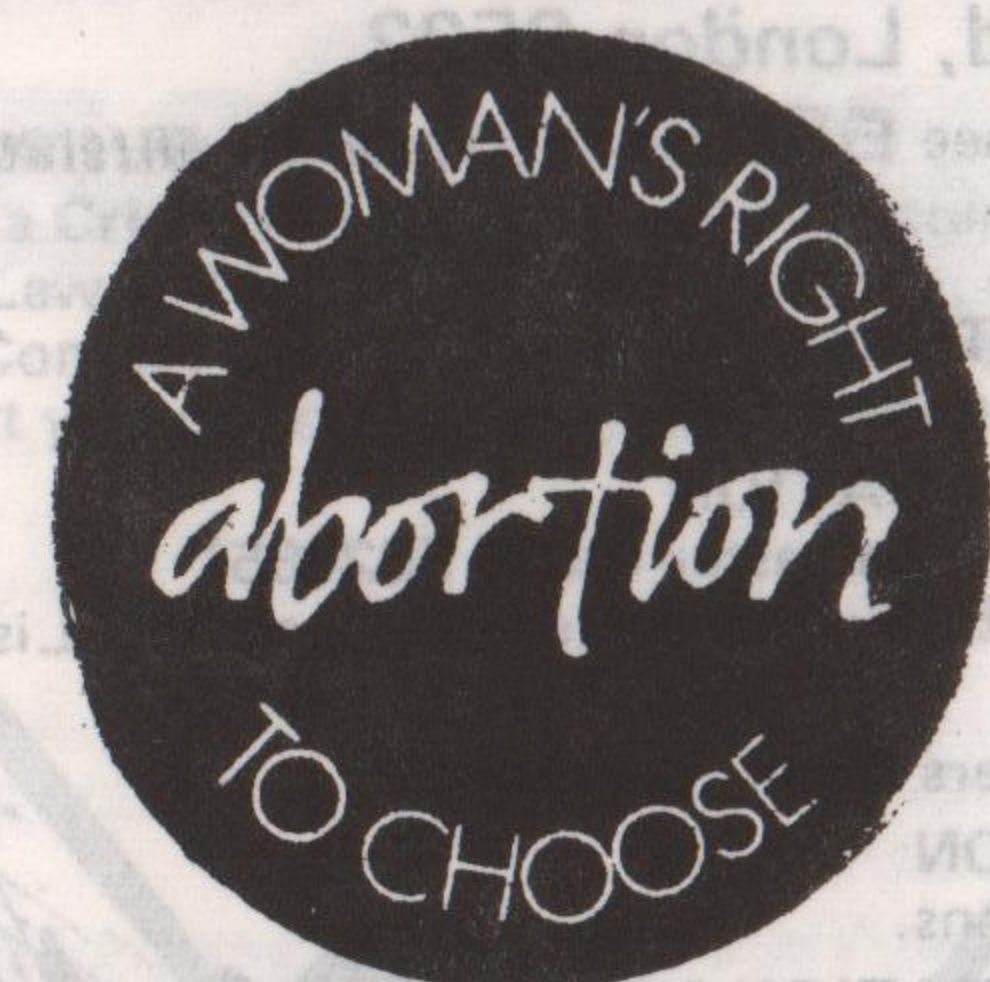
ZERO
c/o Rising Free, 182 Upper Street, London N1
Anarchist monthly magazine 20p. Covers anarchist feminist issues and contacts for libertarian feminist groups/networks generally.

ISIS
Isis, Via Della Pelliccia 31, Rome, Italy
Isis, Case Postale/01, 1227 Carouge, Switzerland
International bulletin, news and information on feminist issues and contacts for activities all over the world. Exchange subscriptions open to groups producing newsletters/magazines etc.

ALSO There are a whole range of locally based newsletters in many towns, cities and regions. Wires (see below) should have details of these.

INFORMATION, RESOURCE CENTRES AND ORGANISATIONS

In addition to the various magazines listed above, a very useful service is the **Women's Directory** written by Carolyn Faulder, Christine Jackson and Mary Lewis (published by Virago—see alternative publishers—in conjunction with Quartet Books, London, £1.95) which covers all aspects of women's rights and liberation as well as feminism generally. It was published in 1976 so some of the information will be out of date but it still remains one of the better introductions to the women's movement.



PDC stock a selection of feminist titles, in addition to magazines and a good, more detailed, source of information about publications etc is **Women's Liberation and Revolution**, a bibliography by Sheila Rowbotham (available from PDC, 30p). There is also a new edition of **Women's Rights: A Practical Guide** by Anna Coote and Tess Gill, out in Penguin, and a new book: **The Essential Guide to Women in Ireland** (£1.95 plus 20p postage) from EOA Books in Oxford (see Regional Listings) or from the publishers: Arlen House Ltd., 7 Fr. Griffin Road, Galway, Ireland.

Wires (Women's Information Referral and Enquiry Service), 30 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds 2, acts as a national information exchange network and service for the women's liberation movement. It produces a fairly regular newsletter which covers news, reviews, contacts, events, campaigns etc., 15p each, subs: £5 per year for individuals, £12 a year for women's groups with reductions if you can't afford it. Wires should be seen as the major source of information about the women's movement, local and national women's groups/organisations/campaigns etc. and they should be able to give you the information needed to fill the gaps in this directory. They have just produced listings of women's liberation newsletters/magazines and local women's centres.

Wires needs supporting in any way you can, particularly by taking out subscriptions and keeping them up to date with news & information on activities, contacts, addresses etc in your area.

Another useful general source of information is 'A Woman's Place', (the women's liberation workshop), 42 Earlham Street, London WC2.

WRRC: THE WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND RESOURCE CENTRE.
If you're doing research on women and wondering who else is working in areas similar to yours, wanting to look at feminist and woman-related pamphlets and periodicals, but find that your library doesn't hold them, want to give a paper on your research in a sympathetic feminist environment and hear the views of others or generally want to keep in touch with work being done by others, the Women's Research and Resources Centre is working to provide such facilities. They have an index of around 400 research projects in progress—including academic, journalistic and political research—and can put you in touch with people in your field.

Fortnightly research seminars are held—programme available on request. A library of books, periodicals, pamphlets and papers from the women's movement is being built up and a bimonthly newsletter is published, covering news, events, the research index, reviews, book lists, women's studies, news and contacts.

The Centre is run collectively by women, but facilities and most

meetings are open to men. It is funded by gifts and subscriptions—subscribers pay £5 per year, which entitles them to receive the newsletter and helps towards the costs of running and staffing the Centre. Students, Claimants and others on low incomes subscribe whatever they can afford.

To become a subscriber, to have your name entered in the Research Index, or for further information, please contact **WRRC, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT. (01-253 7568)**

NUS (National Union of Students) WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN, c/o NUS, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291) See also 'special mentions' listing at the beginning of this section.

NUS runs a women's campaign covering a wide range of issues relating to women's rights and liberation, particularly abortion and nurseries. There is a **Women's Campaign Kit (15p)**, which is a very useful guide to contacts and general campaigning work. Full details from the NUS.

Some of the other organisations we've got a list of are included below. It's not intended to be a comprehensive list, as we hope people will use **WIRES, WRRC, NUS** etc. and the various publications listed to get more detailed information, as well as letting us know about additions and amendments that are needed to this directory.

Working Women's Charter Campaign, 49 Lowther Hill, London SE23

National Abortion Campaign, 30 Camden Road, London NW1

Family Planning Association (National Office), 27-35 Mortimer Street, London W1A 4QW

National Council for Civil Liberties, Women's Officer, 186 Kings Cross Road, London WC1X 9DE

Women's Rights Centre, c/o North Kensington Law Centre, 74 Golbourne Road, London W10

Equal Opportunities Commission, Quay Street, Manchester 3

TUC Women's Advisory Committee, Gaywood House, 9 Great Peter Street, London SW1

Women and Film Studies Group, 62 Dean Street, London W1

Women and Science Collective, 76 Chichelle Mansions, Chichelle Road, London NW2

Women in Media, Flat 10, 59 Drayton Gardens, London SW10

Women in Cinema, c/o 25 Tottenham Street, London W1

Women in Print, 16a Illife Yard, London SE17

Women in the Publishing Industry, meets every third Wednesday of the month at Penguins, 17 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1

Women Playworkers, 38 Earlham Street, London WC2

Women in Construction and Manual Trades, 21 Bowerie Road, London N16

Women's Arts Alliance (Arts Centre), 10 Cambridge Terrace Mews, London NW1

Radical Midwives Group, contact **WIRES** to see if they have a current address.

Feminist Theatre Group, c/o 95 Barnsbury Street, London N1 (01-607 6070) A coordinating/advice/information collective.

WOMEN'S STUDIES
There is a publication **Women's Studies in the UK** by Oonagh Hartnett and Margherita Rendel, ed. Zoe Fairbairns, available from the 'London Seminars', c/o Dr M. Rendel, 71 Clifton Hill, London NW8 0JN and NUS will also have general information.

The main source of information is **WRRC** and the 'Women's Studies News' section of their newsletter is an excellent guide to present women's studies courses and options offered. They should also have more detailed information about past, present and future developments in women's studies generally, both in Britain and internationally.

There is also a **WEA Women's Studies Newsletter, c/o Carolyn Brown, Treasurer Stourbridge WEA, Croft Cottage, 176 Hagley Road, Oldwinsford, Stourbridge, West Midlands.**



Environment

BSSRS
 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-437 2728)
British Society for Social Responsibility in Science

Non-aligned socialist umbrella group working to de-mystify science and against its misuse. Publish an excellent magazine **Science for People** (see PDC listings) and a wide range of other publications, particularly the **Work Hazards Bulletins**. Full details of publications, membership are contained in a leaflet available from the above address.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH
 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-434 1684)

Group working and campaigning to increase awareness of environmental and ecological problems and for the adoption of local, regional, national and international policies that take account of and deal with these problems, particularly in the area of conservation and opposition to nuclear power. Produce a wide range of publications and campaigning material. They have local groups all over the country, full details from London office.

Are they safe?

**NO MORE
 NUCLEAR
 POWER
 STATIONS**



SERA
 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-439 3749)
Socialist Environment and Resources Agency

SERA has consultative status with the Labour Party and aims:

1. To alert the labour movement and the public at large to the world-wide problems of resource depletion, pollution, large scale technology hazards and general degradation of the environment, particularly as they affect those who are least able to buy their way out of them.
2. To highlight the political, social and economic causes of these problems.
3. To put forward proposals to counter these problems.

CAMPAIGNS

In line with the above, SERA is initiating or supporting such campaigns as:

- the right to socially useful and responsible work as pioneered by the Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards with their Alternative Corporate Plan;
- the formation of local cooperative or municipal industries using socially and environmentally sound technologies;
- the promotion of non-nuclear energy policies;
- resistance to public service cuts;
- more resources for public transport;
- greater self-sufficiency in food production.

SERA believe a programme of this sort is positive because:

- it has minimal environmental and resource impact;
 - it is job creating;
 - it involves a rejection of the greed and waste of the capitalist-come-state-capitalist society that we live in, and a return to the original ideals of socialism; such as cooperation rather than rat-race competition and production for need rather than profit. These have been lost in the scramble for indiscriminate economic growth.
- SERA also publishes a wide range of pamphlets, full details from the London office.

EARTH EXCHANGE CENTRE
 209/213 Archway Road, London N7 (01-340 3634/1898)
 Information centre for crafts, natural foods, back to the land etc

EGIS. ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION SERVICE
 North Lodge, Elswick Road Cemetery, Newcastle-on-Tyne 4
 1977 contact, a service aiming to provide information to activists and groups in the North East on environmental issues and problems.

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY
 See Section 3

NEW ARCHITECTURE MOVEMENT
 9 Poland Street, London W1

SUPPORT
 c/o Architectural Association, 36 Bedford Square, London WC1

ARCHITECTS REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL*
 11 Percy Street, London W1
 1977 Contact

Education, Work and Investigation



Most of the groups listed below are organised to varying degrees around their publications, and so current addresses, activities etc. are to be found by getting their publications. See PDC and publications listings, as well as Sections 2 & 3.

SOCIALIST TEACHERS' ALLIANCE
 c/o Socialist Challenge, 328/329 Upper Street, London N1

Details from above address or from: the National Convenor, 23 Kenilworth Gardens, London SE18. Subscriptions from the Treasurer, 89 Meadvale Road, London W5

SOCIETY OF IMMIGRANT TEACHERS
 28 Eastcote Road, Harrow, Middx.

Aiming to promote multi-racial/cultural education and campaign against racism in education.

SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
 2 Goxted Road, London SE22

Similar to SERA (see Environment) in terms of relationship to the Labour Party.

RADICAL EDUCATION
 86 Eleanor Road, London E8

LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION
 6 Beaconsfield Road, Leicester (0533 552085)

Also at Blackthorn Books, Leicester (See Regional Listings) and at PDC.

RANK AND FILE
 c/o 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4

TEACHERS' ACTION
 See under Publications.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MULTI-RACIAL EDUCATION
 129 Maryland Road, London N22
 1977 contact.

RADICAL STATISTICS
 See publications and for further details c/o BSSRS (see Environment).

RADICAL SCIENCE JOURNAL
 See publications.

RADICAL PHILOSOPHY GROUP
 See publications.

LIBERATION
 313/315 Claedonian Road, London N1

1977 contact. Non-sectarian organisation active in campaigning against neo-colonialism, exploitation of the third world and racism in Britain.

BERTRAND RUSSELL PEACE FOUNDATION
 45 Gamble Street, Nottingham NG7 4ET (0602 74504)

Works for peace, social justice and civil rights, publishes **The Spokesman** bi-annual and **Spokesman Books**, see Alternative Publishers section.

INSTITUTE FOR WORKERS' CONTROL
 45 Gamble Street, Nottingham NG7 4ET (0602 74504)
 See also Section 3

SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
 11 Dartmouth Street, London SW1 (01-839 7632)

Aiming to campaign in support and for the extension of the NHS and against private practice.

STATE RESEARCH
 9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-734 5831)

An independent group of investigators collecting information and publishing from public sources on developments in state policy—particularly in the fields of policing, internal security and espionage. It also examines the links between the agencies in these fields and business, the Right and paramilitary organisations. It publishes bulletins and organises seminars on the above issues. Subscriptions are £3 per year for individuals and £6 for institutions.

Housing

HOUSING COOPERATIVE—A directory of information

Available from Andy Dunning, 79 Balfour Street, London SE17 1PL
 Send a large s.a.e. (13" X 9") with an 11p stamp.

HOW TO SET UP A HOUSING COOPERATIVE

By Manchester Federation of Housing Cooperatives, 20p (plus 15p postage) from Grass Roots Books, Manchester, or from Manchester Area Resource Centre (see Regional Listings).

COOPERATIVE HOUSING AGENCY
 180 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 9LE (01-636 2261)

COOPERATIVE HOUSING HANDBOOK
 from NFHA, see below;

HOUSING COOPERATIVES
 a book by John Hands, from SCD, see below.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT HANDBOOK
 From Jo Bloor, 9 Queenston Road, Manchester 20 (£1.50 plus 50p postage) or from Grass Roots Books, Manchester.

NFHA—NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS
 86 Strand, London WC2R 0EG (01-836 2741)

SHELTER
 86 Strand, London WC2R 0EG (01-836 2051) and 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU

SCD-SOCIETY FOR COOPERATIVE DWELLINGS
 209 Clapham Road, London SW9 0QH (01-737 2077)

ADVISORY SERVICE FOR SQUATTERS
 2 St Paul's Road, London N1 (01-359 8814)

1977 contact address, check with Release (see Peoples Rights) for full details.

CACTL
 c/o 1 Elgin Avenue, London W9 3PR

Campaign Against a Criminal Trespass Law: Particularly important now that the Criminal Law Bill is law, making squatting, occupations etc a criminal offence. Contact CACTL for more details about the law, the campaign and what you can do to help, also for local area contacts.



Social and Community Work



COMMUNITY WORK

Discussions are currently taking place about setting up regional community work training bodies, involving staff, workers, students, trainees and community organisations. An 'interim central group' is functioning with a view to helping coordinate the discussions. Useful contacts include:

London: London Council for Community Work Training, c/o London Council for Social Service, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1 1JR

East Sussex: Jim Dalton, Social Services, 15 Princess Street, Brighton BN2 1SL

Sheffield: Chris Dean, ACW (see below) Network Development Group, 56 Hollins Spring Avenue, Dronfield, Sheffield S18

Lothian & Borders: Callan Anderson, Room 38a, Moray House College, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, Scotland

S & W Yorks: Andy Glen, Ilkley College, Wells Road, Ilkley, Yorks

Staffs, Salop, Cheshire: Steve Morris, 15 Kingsfield Oval, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6HN

Kent: Brian Munday, Community Work, Kent University, Canterbury

Leeds: John McCullen, Leeds Community Workers Group, c/o Hunslett Parish Church, Leeds 10

Liverpool: Robin Hughes, CVS, 14 Castle Street, Liverpool

N. Ireland: Interest Group on Community Work Training, c/o Friends Institute, 47 Frederick Street, Belfast 1

West Central Scotland: Ashok Ohri, Goven Area Resource Centre, 121 Langland Road, Goven, Glasgow 51, Scotland



ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY WORKERS (ACW)
 170 New Cross Road, London SE14

ACW aims to develop a radical and democratic community work practice and works to enable groups to organise on a self-help basis, so that people can run their own activities; to promote a greater awareness of the social, political and economic forces in society, so that groups can use this knowledge to affect change in ways desirable to them; to encourage greater democratic control of policies and services, for which groups can fight through public participation and community action. ACW publishes a regular newsletter and has local/regional groups in various parts of the country. Full details from the above address.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU (01-636 4066)

The NCSS acts as an information/clearing house resource facility, among many other things, and their **News Service** is particularly useful. It covers a wide range of news and information about what is happening in Britain (and abroad) on all aspects of social services. It is issued 10 times each year, 40p per copy or £4 per year.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK
 Mary Ward House, 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1
 (01-387 9681)

A mainly academic institution but they have just published **Information in Social Welfare: A Survey of Resources** (Jane Hustwit and Maureen Webley—£1.70 plus 45p postage). It is based on a survey of information resources in social welfare prepared for the British Library (further details from Mrs S.Howley, British Library, Sheraton House, Great Chapel Street, London W1), and traces the growth and development of information resources during the 1970s. Particularly useful is the second half of the report which is quite a comprehensive guide to social welfare information resources; literature guides, abstracts, bibliographies, current awareness services, research registers, statistics, guides to services and periodicals.

NUS

See beginning of first section. Organises and represents students and trainees on social work, youth and community work and related courses, both as a national organisation and through:—

NUS SCWEAT (Social and Community Work Education and Training) Working party, a section of NUS specifically dealing with the rights, interests and general organisation of all relevant students. Produces a regular bulletin/mailling to all student unions and relevant courses and works with NAYCWT and ASWEAT below. Full details from **NUS SCWEAT, NUS, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291)**.

NAYCWT (National Association for Youth and Community Work Training)

NUS SCWEAT type body specifically for youth and community work courses. London contact (who can pass on information to the national and regional contacts) is Gordon Christie, c/o Youth and Community Work Department, Goldsmiths College, Lewisham Way, London SE14.

SOCIAL WORK & COMMUNITY WORK MANUAL

An alternative handbook/manual to education and training in social work and community work has just been completed by NUS SCWEAT and is now available from NUS at 50p.

ASWEAT (Action for Social Work Education and Training)

An informal collective, linked with NUS SCWEAT, working on radical and critical perspectives within social work and community work, particularly education and training. Publishes a magazine **ASWEAT Newsletter** two or three times a year, available from NUS. For more information about ASWEAT contact NUS SCWEAT or Steve Cook, 28 Poynter Road, Enfield, Middx.

CASECON

The revolutionary magazine for social workers has now been replaced, but a final issue has been produced **The Best of Casecon** (35p) available through PDC.

PUBLIC CON

74 Lytton Road, London E11

Is the new magazine for all welfare state workers and the first issue of the magazine will be out at the end of 1977.

Events

Every week throughout the year there are meetings, conferences and other events, both locally and nationally, that can provide you with as much, or even more, information as any of the sources in this directory. To attempt to list even a cross section of all the thousands of them would be impossibly random, and so the initiative must lie with you to find out and use any opportunity to take part in such 'events'. Most conferences and meetings offer a good chance to exchange information and ideas with people who may, or may not, share similar views. To find out about them look in the political papers and the more regular magazines/journals, as well as in alternative bookshops, wholefood shops, community papers etc. in your area.

International

UAPS (Alternative Press Syndicate)
 Ian King, 22 Dane Road, Margate, Kent. (0843 25902)

See **Alternative Libraries**. UAPS has contacts with the alternative press all over the world, and produces a bulletin/newsletter which lists such contacts and is a very useful basic sources list. Available at 20p (+15p).

News From Neasden: See special mentions at the beginning of this section. For details of radical international publications, and their list of addresses, International Section.

International Publications:

Generally, through PDC, and from **Grass Roots** (Manchester), about the best alternative bookshop for imports, **Rising Free** (London) and **News From Nowhere** (Liverpool). Particularly useful if you're off to the USA or Canada. Also **Open Road** (from PDC and Box 6135, Station G, Vancouver, BC, Canada) are publishing a contact list of North American anti-authoritarian groups (periodicals, bookstalls, collectives) in their next issue.

Open Road

Other Contacts:

In The Making has a few international contacts (as well as **WIRES** and **WRRC**, see **Women Listing**) such as:

Das Alternative Addressbuch: from Arbeitskreis Alternatives Addressbuch, Darmstadter Landstrasse 180, D-6000 Frankfurt 70, West Germany. (costs DM6.48).

Netherlands Job Guide: (In Dutch) a small group of people are working to produce an alternative guide covering: innovative full- and part-time work, organisations, coops, communes, publications etc. Details from H Blancey, Bazuinstrasse 34, Purmerend, The Netherlands.

NB. This listing is very limited at present and so we would be grateful for any additions.

This graph is taken from the cover of a recent issue of the Brighton Friends' Centre Adult Literacy Scheme newsletter ONE to ONE. The questions below are taken from the inside of the newsletter. They are used in classes for comprehension and numeracy exercises.

You can go to lots of evening classes in Brighton on things like Yoga, languages, pottery and painting. There are none on metalwork, bricklaying or house repairs.

So you can't learn a useful skill, even to get a better job, unless you get day-release. Strange, isn't it? Who decides that pottery is more important than metalwork?

It's stranger still if you look at our literacy scheme. Compare it with the University.

There are fewer students at the University than people who need help with reading and writing. At the University there are hundreds of teachers, and new buildings filled with costly equipment. The Brighton area literacy schemes have no full-time teachers.

There are some books, but look at the University library!

There are some pieces of equipment which we share with other groups.

The Government is going to make more cuts in education spending soon. The Polytechnic won't be closing. But the body that supports our literacy scheme probably will.

Could we manage on a lot less money?

When money is short, who should get it?

Do YOU have any say in who gets it?

Now, look at the chart.

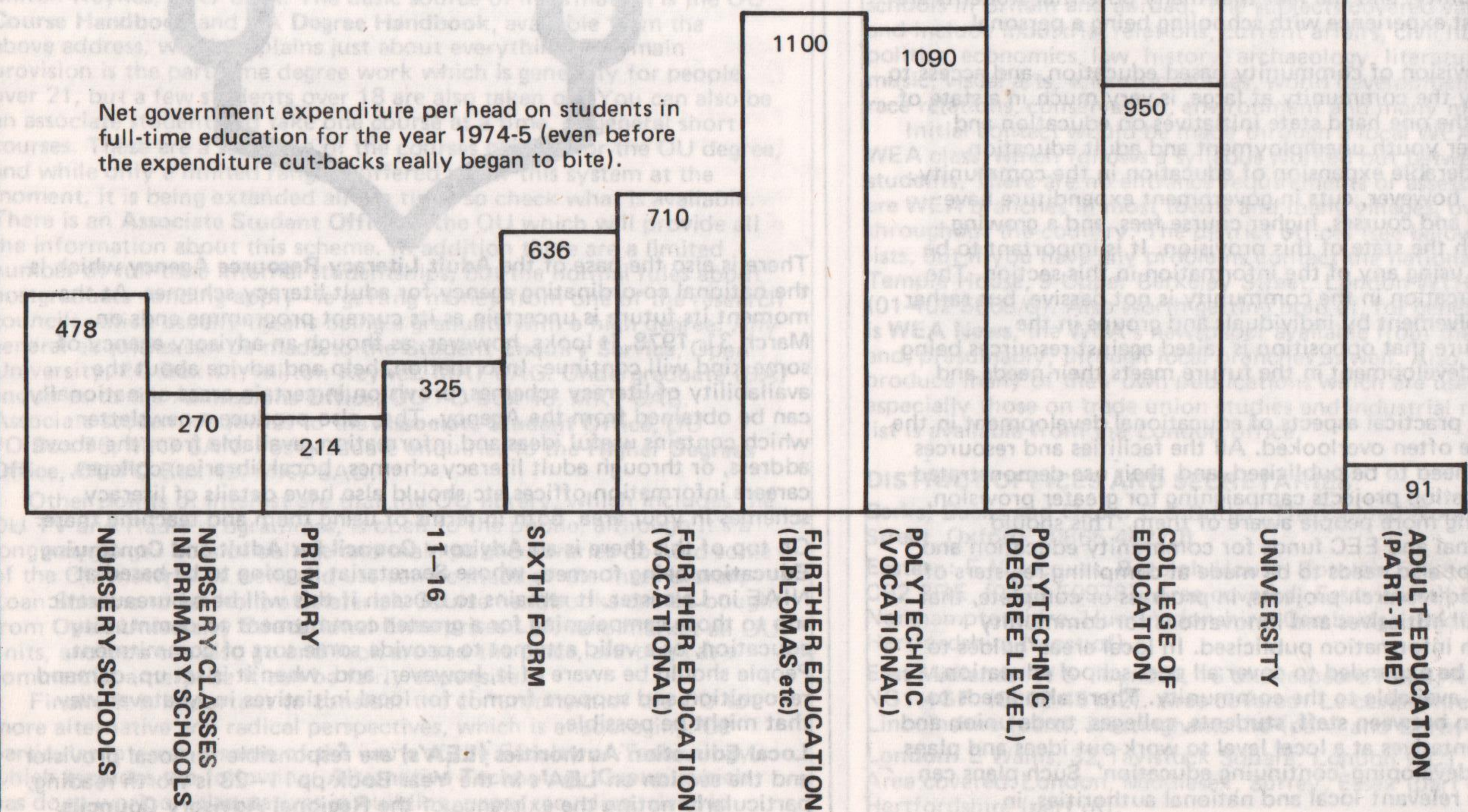
1. Who gets the most money?
2. Who gets the least?
3. How much is spent on training teachers?
4. How much is spent on people who are learning a trade?
5. How much money, at 1974-5 rates, is spent on someone who leaves school at 16?
6. If someone goes to Nursery school (one year) Primary school (six years) Secondary school (five years) Sixth form (two years) and University (three years) how much money has been spent on him or her?

7. What's the difference between the answers to questions 5 and 6?

8. Adult education, including Literacy, has been included in this chart although it doesn't involve full-time work. How many times more money is spent on each university student than on each adult continuing their education?

The figures given on the chart for Adult Education derives from the **Russell Report**; the rest of the figures were volunteered by the Department of Education and Science.

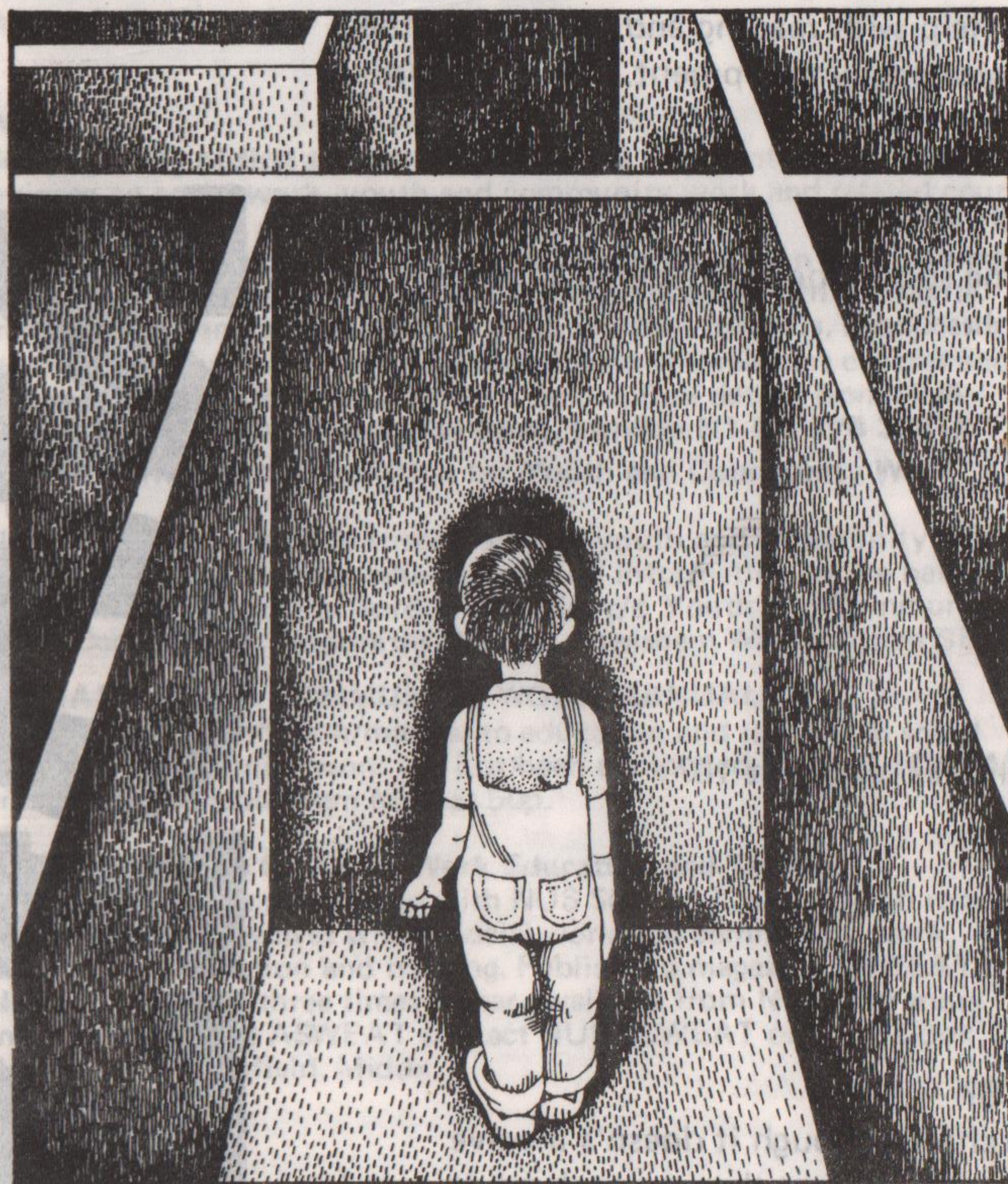
It's enough to make you think



NOTICE

Community Education

There are many limitations within the present education system, not least the prevailing status quo, which is responsible for the community at large seeing education as a commodity rationed to a majority of people before they are sixteen, and a subsequent minority between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one. The predominance of a competitive and hierarchical structure in further and higher education continues to



alienate a large majority of the community from continuing any involvement with education, beyond school or early contact with further education. This was illustrated in a recent report of a working party in Sheffield on recurrent education, ie lifelong or continuing education. It found that, in addition to a general lack of information within the community about facilities and resources available, colleges did little to encourage the community to make use of such resources and facilities. The report "found that some institutions do not timetable for shiftworkers or provide facilities for the handicapped. Others, perhaps unconsciously, employ 'gate keeping' or 'hands off' techniques which, in effect, retain facilities in the hands of a privileged, self-selecting few." Other factors included the attitude of teaching staff and administrators, many not trained to cope with the demands of the adult community, and the fact that many potential students are put off by their past experience with schooling being a personal disaster.

The present provision of community based education, and access to higher education by the community at large, is very much in a state of flux, however. On the one hand state initiatives on education and training, such as over youth unemployment and adult education, presuppose a considerable expansion of education in the community. On the other hand, however, cuts in government expenditure have meant fewer grants and courses, higher course fees, and a growing disillusionment with the state of this provision. It is important to be aware of this when using any of the information in this section. The development of education in the community is not passive, but rather requires active involvement by individuals and groups in the community, to ensure that opposition is raised against resources being cut, and that such development in the future meets their needs and demands.

There are many practical aspects of educational development in the community that are often overlooked. All the facilities and resources currently available need to be publicised, and their use demonstrated by community education projects campaigning for greater provision, and generally making more people aware of them. This should include local, national and EEC funds for community education and research. An attempt also needs to be made at compiling registers of relevant teaching and research projects, in progress or complete, that have provided useful initiatives and innovations for community education, and such information publicised. In local areas 'guides to applicants' need to be expanded to cover all post-school education, and made generally available to the community. There also needs to be far greater liaison between staff, students, colleges, trade union and community representatives at a local level to work out ideas and plans for expanding and developing 'continuing education'. Such plans can be presented to the relevant local and national authorities, in

campaigning for resource and research support. Issues such as paid educational leave, induction courses, positive discrimination in favour of mature students, grants for part-time education and so on, particularly for higher education, also need to be raised. Even in the content and scope of existing provision there is a lot to be done on areas such as: Joint teaching/learning/research projects between universities, polytechnics, further education colleges, adult education courses, schools and community projects; getting time and resources for work on local community issues as part of a community development approach to continuing education; and getting facilities and resources for Third World development, especially refugees and Third World students.

A whole directory could be written just about the 'ways and means' of achieving this; perhaps it is long overdue, in fact. In the meantime this directory hopes to increase people's awareness of what there is and what there could be, and, hopefully, to stimulate them to do something about it.

The best source of information about community education and adult education is the **Year Book of Adult Education 1977-78**, published by the National Institute of Adult Education (NIAE), 19b De Montfort Street, Leicester, (0533 538977). It covers all aspects of this provision, including the relevant legislation and policy-making structures, and includes just about every contact you would need to use to find out about education in the community. It does, however, cost £2, so if you don't want to buy it get hold of it through your local public library or careers information office, and/or get your school/college library (if that's relevant to you) to order it, as it should be a vital part of any school/college library and careers office.

Areas covered by the **Year Book** which need to be specifically mentioned in this directory, are as follows:

National Institute of Adult Education: (address above) is the main national co-ordinating and information centre for education in the community. Although it suffers from a slightly academic preoccupation (as do most such organisations), and this affects much of the adult education service in this country) it publishes a wide range of useful publications (list available from the main office) and provides help and advice on educational problems to staff, students and the community at large. It also has an excellent library which covers all aspects of adult and community education, and is open to members, students and some others (write for full details). There is an **Information Bureau** based in London, as well, at 35 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BL (01-637 4241).

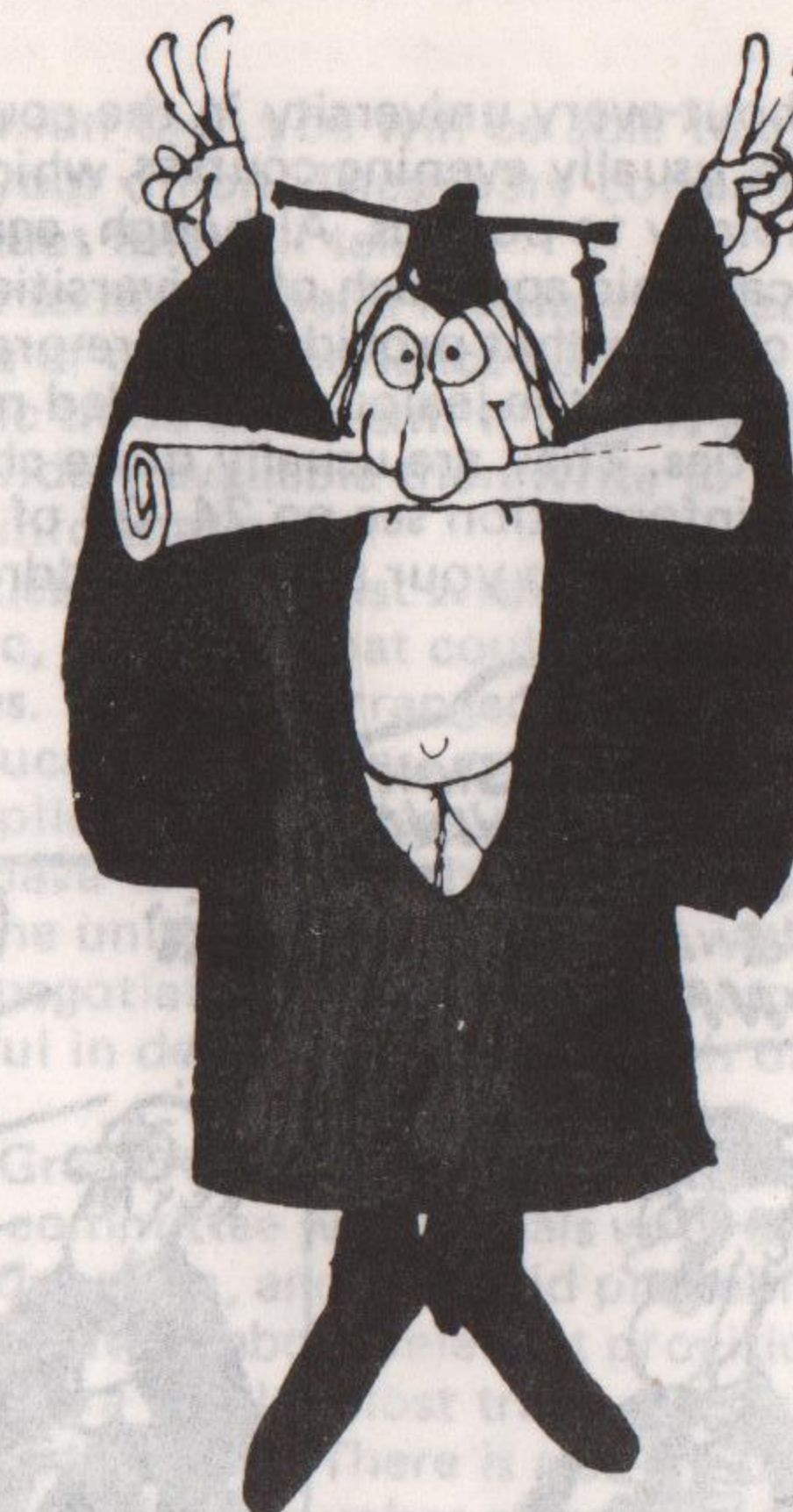


There is also the base of the **Adult Literacy Resource Agency** which is the national co-ordinating agency for adult literacy schemes. At the moment its future is uncertain as its current programme ends on March 31, 1978. It looks, however, as though an advisory agency of some kind will continue. Information, help and advice about the availability of literacy schemes, provision in certain areas or nationally, can be obtained from the Agency. They also produce a newsletter which contains useful ideas and information, available from the above address, or through adult literacy schemes. Local libraries, colleges, careers information offices etc should also have details of literacy schemes in your area, both in terms of using them and teaching there.

On top of this there is an **Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education** being formed, whose Secretariat is going to be based at NIAE in Leicester. It remains to be seen if this will be a bureaucratic sop to those campaigning for a greater commitment to community education, or a valid attempt to provide some sort of commitment. People should be aware of it, however, and, when it is set up, demand recognition and support from it for local initiatives in whatever way that might be possible.

Local Education Authorities (LEA's) are responsible for local provision and the section on LEA's in the **Year Book** pp11-23 is worth reading, particularly noting the existence of the **Regional Advisory Councils**.

The Open University



Most people already know about, or have at least heard of, the Open University. It offers an opportunity to study either for OU qualifications or out of general interest, without the restrictions of college-based courses. There are advantages and disadvantages of doing OU courses. Firstly, some colleges now accept the OU qualifications as a 'credit' towards their own courses (ie you might be able to start straight in at the second year of a full-time degree course, for example). At the moment this applies to a range of polytechnic and similar courses (not universities as yet), but there are continuing discussions about expanding it, so the situation is likely to change quite considerably over the next few years. Many colleges, especially the more traditional universities, still tend to adopt quite an elitist attitude generally towards OU qualifications, however. Secondly, the OU gives students an opportunity to study in their own time, and direct their learning themselves.

On the other hand, however, the pressures of work, although perhaps less direct than on a full-time, college-based course, can be just as intense in other ways. It can be easy to underestimate the personal commitment that might have to be made to see a course through. This can be seen in terms of both time and money, especially for students with full-time jobs and personal commitments. In a recent NUS survey of local education authorities, only one of them provided course fees for OU students, which, considering that some of them (eg science) can be quite expensive, is not very encouraging. There is still a fairly high drop-out rate which is another illustration of some of the problems, although there is a system of course tutors and tutor counsellors to provide help and advice to students. There is also an **Open University Students Association** which has been set up to represent the interests of OU students, and can be contacted at the OU.

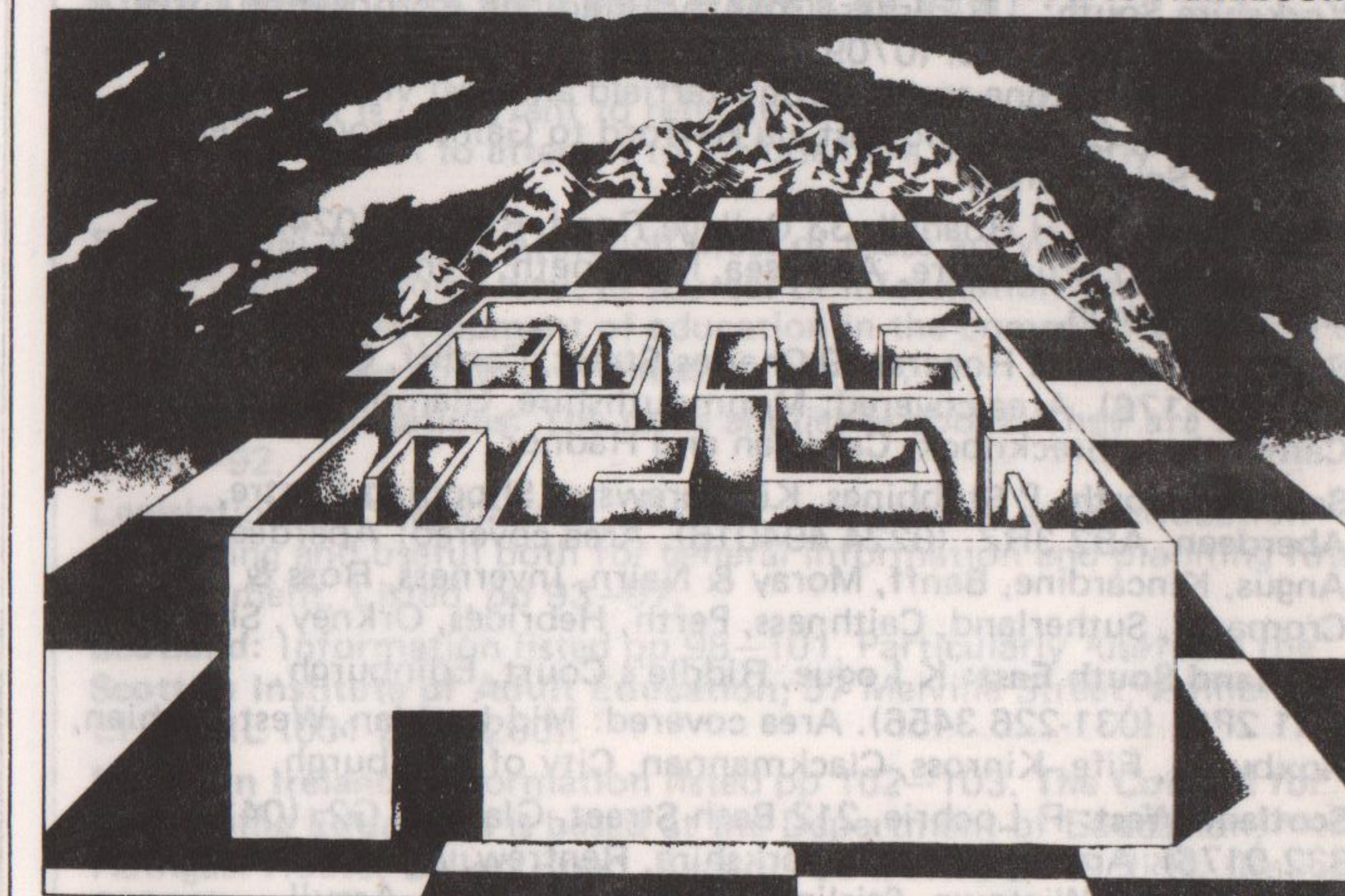
General Information: The Open University is based at Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. The basic source of information is the **OU Course Handbook** and **BA Degree Handbook**, available from the above address, which explains just about everything. The main provision is the part-time degree work which is generally for people over 21, but a few students over 18 are also taken on. You can also be an associate student and take one course at a time, or general short courses. These are a selection of the courses offered for the OU degree, and while only a limited range is offered under this system at the moment, it is being extended all the time, so check what is available. There is an **Associate Student Office** at the OU which will provide all the information about this scheme. In addition there are a limited number of full-time internal studentships, but the normal rules about postgraduate funding apply—ie getting money from one of the research councils which usually means getting a graduate with a high degree. Any general enquiries can be made to the **Student Enquiry Service**, Open University, PO Box 71, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AG. Undergraduate (BA) enquiries to the **Admissions Office**, OU PO Box 48, MK7 6AB. Associate student enquiries to the **Associate Student Office**, OU PO Box 76, MK7 6AN. Postgraduate enquiries to the **Higher Degrees Office**, OU PO Box 49, MK7 6AD.

Other points of interest are that the OU library, which includes the OU TV and Radio programmes, is open to the public, although it's a long way to go. Lots of college and main public libraries do hold some of the OU material as well, and use can be made of the Inter-Library Loan Scheme to get hold of material. Course handbooks can be bought from **Open University Educational Enterprises Ltd**, who market all OU units, and you can also go and look around the place, although as a commercial enterprise it can be fairly expensive.

Finally it is important to consider the commitment of the OU to more alternative and radical perspectives, which is encouraging. Of particular interest is some of the work of the Faculty of Technology, which includes the following: **Alternative Technology Group**, which has done work on alternatives in building, paper recycling, electric

powered small-scale transport, and small-scale alternatives for agriculture. A set of papers is being put together at present and specific information about the research (not general enquiries) can be obtained from the group c/o the Faculty of Technology. The same applies to the **Energy Research Group** in the faculty, which has done work on insulation, energy policy and resources in general. There are also particular courses offered that reflect this commitment (see course handbook for full details). **Man Made Futures**, which considers the generation of alternative futures analysing "some of the interdependence of social change and technological change" including specific studies of the future of shelter, food and work, with an emphasis on alternative technology (T262). **Art and Environment** which covers the relationship between the two by "participation in creative projects and experiments", developing "an understanding awareness" of (a) the relationship of the process of invention and creativity to the discovery of new materials, (b) the difference between active, creative participation and performance in the arts, and passive spectatorship and criticism, (c) the relationship between individual invention in art, and community generated inventions, (d) the difference between art generated by non man-made factors in the environment, and art generated purely by man-made form, (e) the relationship, in art, of theory to experiment, (TAD 292). **Control of Technology**, which covers the use of existing and emerging techniques for choosing and assessing technology, the regulation of technological change by existing and proposed legislation and institutions, various forms of participation in decision-making about technology, campaigning over issues involving technology, and ideas of community controlled technology and connected forms of social organisation.

Again, further information is included in the **OU Course Handbook**.



Workers' Educational Association Projects

The WEA is the major educational organisation dealing with the 'demand of workers for education', as well as working to extend the provision of community education generally. It organises, or sponsors, a huge range of courses, lectures, meetings etc all over the country. These include evening and day-time courses meeting for 1-2 hours each week, for anything from 6 to 72 meetings, day-release courses, one-day and weekend 'schools' and residential courses, and summer schools in Britain and abroad. The subjects covered vary enormously and include industrial relations, current affairs, civil liberties, sociology, politics, economics, law, history, archaeology, literature, philosophy, music, visual arts, scientific studies, world development, mental health, race relations, conservation, environment and many more.

Initial contact would be made through a local WEA branch to a WEA class, which follows a syllabus worked out between tutor and students. There are no entrance requirements or assessments. There are WEA branches in most towns and many villages, over 600 throughout the country. The district offices (see below) will have lists, but if you have any problems contact the national office at Temple House, 9 Upper Berkeley Street, London W1H 8BY, (01-402 5608/9). Also worth getting hold of, for general information, is **WEA News**, the WEA's newspaper available from the London office and, presumably, through local branches as well. Also the WEA produce many of their own publications which are useful generally, especially those on trade union studies and industrial relations. A full list is available from the London office.

DISTRICT OFFICES AND SECRETARIES

Berks, Bucks and Oxon: C E Butler, The Painted Room, 3 Cornmarket Street, Oxford. (0865 46270).

Eastern: F M Jacques, Botolph House, Botolph Lane, Cambridge, CB2 3RE, (0223 50978). Area covered: Essex (part), Suffolk, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire, Cambridge, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire (most of).

East Midlands: W S Toynbee, 16 Shakespeare Road, Nottingham, NG1 4GF. (0602 45162). Area covered: Leicestershire, Rutland, Lincolnshire (part), Nottinghamshire (part) and Derbyshire (part).

London: E Wallis, 32 Tavistock Square, London WC1, (01-387 8966). Area covered: London, Middlesex, Surrey, Essex (part of) and Hertfordshire (part of).

Northern: M Standen, 51 Grainger Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 5JE. (0632 23957). Area covered: Durham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland.

North Staffs: E Tams, Cartwright House, Broad Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4EU. (0782 24187). Area covered: North Staffordshire.

North Western: W Long, College of Education, Cavendish Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 9DG (061 273 5954/5086). Area covered: Parts of Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

Southern: D Pyne, 4 Carlton Crescent, Southampton, SO9 5UG (0703 29810). Area covered: West Sussex, Hampshire, East Dorset and Isle of Wight.

South Eastern: J J Roberts, 4 Castle Hill, Rochester, Kent, (0634 42140). Area covered: Kent and East Sussex.

South Western: A Maddison, Martin's Gate Annexe, Bretonside, Plymouth, PL4 0AT. (0752 64989). Area covered: Devon and Cornwall.

Western: P L C Fryd, 17 Princess Victoria Street, Bristol 8, (0272 53254). Area covered: Gloucestershire, Somerset, Wilts, West Dorset.

West Lancs and Cheshire: F D Connor, 39 Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BX. (051-709 8023). Area covered: West Lancs and parts of Cheshire.

West Midlands: R E Copley, 9/11 Digbeth, Birmingham 5. (021-643 0717/8) Area covered: Herefordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and South Staffordshire.

Yorkshire North: C J Croft, 7 Woodhouse Square, Leeds LS3 1AD. (0532 453304/455944). Area covered: The whole of Yorkshire, except that part included in Yorkshire South District, and parts of Lincolnshire.

Yorkshire South: J R Fisher, Chantry Buildings, Corporation Street, Rotherham, S60 1NG. (0709 71016). Area covered: Parts of Yorkshire. (including Penistone south to Chesterfield and east via Barnsley to Scunthorpe, Chesterfield east via Retford to Gainsborough thence north to Scunthorpe).

North Wales: R H Roahell, 33 College Road, Bangor, (0248 3245). Area covered: Flintshire, Anglesea, Merioneth, Denbigh, Montgomery and Cernarvon.

South Wales: A R Rogers, 49 Charles Street, Cardiff, CF1 4EB (0222 31176). Area covered: Monmouthshire, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Brecknock, Cardigan and Radnor.

Scotland North: P Stubbings, Kittybrewster Shopping Centre, Aberdeen, AB2 3RZ. (0224 494016). Area covered: Aberdeenshire, Angus, Kincardine, Banff, Moray & Nairn, Inverness, Ross & Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, Perth, Hebrides, Orkney, Shetland.

Scotland South East: K Logue, Riddle's Court, Edinburgh, EH1 2PG. (031-226 3456). Area covered: Mid Lothian, West Lothian, Roxburgh, Fife, Kinross, Clackmannan, City of Edinburgh.

Scotland West: R Lochrie, 212 Bath Street, Glasgow G2. (041-332 0176). Area covered: Lanarkshire, Renfrew, Ayr, Dumfries, Kirkcubright, Wigtown, Stirling, Dumbaron, Bute, Argyll

Northern Ireland: S J Armstrong, 56 Dublin Road, Belfast, BT2 7HP, (0232 29718)

University Extra-Mural Departments

Just about every university in the country provides 'extra mural' courses, usually evening courses, which cover everything from archaeology to politics. Although, again, many of these suffer from the over-academic approach of universities in general, there are quite a lot of courses that provide a more practical base for the community to gain access to the jealously guarded resources and facilities of universities. They are usually quite cheap and well organised. For further information see pp 24-28 of the Year Book, or write direct to any university in your area. The address should be in the phone book.



Educational Centres

All over the country there are community leisure centres, community colleges and adult education centres which act as centres for community education in one way or another. This obviously varies considerably from village centres to large complexes in all the main cities. There is also a national coordination organisation: **The Educational Centres Association**, Greenleaf Road, London E17 6QP, (01-521 7245), which is a useful source of information on all aspects of these facilities and resources, particularly in providing information about participatory adult education to anyone interested and acting as a 'clearing house for the material issues by centres'. We haven't got the space to list all the centres, but a detailed list is included in the Year Book, pp34-46, and the Educational Centres Association should be able to provide any additional information.

Residential Colleges

There has long been a commitment to adult education within the labour movement which, at varying times within the last century, led to the development of colleges such as **Ruskin College** in Oxford and the **Co-operative College** in Loughborough. There are now a considerable number of these colleges, although their own commitment to the aspirations of their students, predominantly working class, varies a lot from college. The main colleges are:

Coleg Harlech: Harlech, Gwynedd, Cymru, LL46 2PU (076 673 363).

Co-operative College: Stamford Hill, Loughborough. (East Leake 2333)

Fircroft College*: Selly Oak, Birmingham 29.

Hillcroft College: Surbiton, Surrey, (01-399 2688). For women over 21.

Newbattle Abbey: Dalkeith, Midlothian, (031-663 1921).

Plater College: Pullens Lane, Oxford, (0865 67626). A Catholic lay-people's college, but not exclusive.

Ruskin College: Oxford, (0865 54331).

*Fircroft College has been closed for nearly two years as a result of a dispute between the staff, students and administration, (it was funded by the Cadbury Trust), who, simply, did not agree with the way the staff and students wanted the college run (ie more democratically) and so closed it. It may re-open this year.

There is a **Residential Colleges Committee** whose Secretary is C Hopley at Ruskin College, covering the above colleges, and initial general information concerning admissions, courses, grants etc can be obtained from there. A full list of all the colleges that offer relevant short courses etc is in the Year Book pp 48-53. Some organisations that might provide useful information are also listed in the Year Book, pp 54-60. Particular ones worth noting are:

National Adult School Union: Drayton House, Gordon Street, London WC1H 0BE, (01-387 5920).

National Co-operative Education Association: Stamford Hill, Loughborough, (East Leake 2333).

National Federation of Community Associations: 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU, (01-636 4066). (see also Section 3)



Trade Unions and Education

If you are a member of a trade union then you will be able to use the education facilities provided by your union. These vary considerably but there are two general forms that this will take.

Firstly there is what might be termed general membership education. These are usually run on the lines of correspondence courses in everything from arithmetic to basic trade unionism. If details about such courses do not seem to be widely available then write to your branch and/or district office for information.

Secondly there are opportunities as an activist within your union, ie as a shop-steward, convenor etc, on what would be called work-place representation courses. These are arranged under the provision of the TUC regional education schemes, and usually involve lectures, summer schools etc. Application for these, and further information about them, would have to be made through your union, as you have to be sponsored by the union. The courses deal with trade union organisation, specifically: negotiations, disputes, legal aspects etc, which can obviously be very useful in developing the strength of union activists.

The TUC at Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 4030), has an education committee which deals with all aspects of trade union work on education, and it would probably be able to provide basic general information about relevant provision within the trade union movement as a whole. Most trade unions have their own training colleges, as does the TUC. There is also a **TUC Educational Trust** which provides a certain number of grants for trade unionists to attend Ruskin College, Coleg Harlech, the London School of Economics (Trade Union Studies Course) and, until it closed, Fircroft College, as well as a number of TUC organised courses.



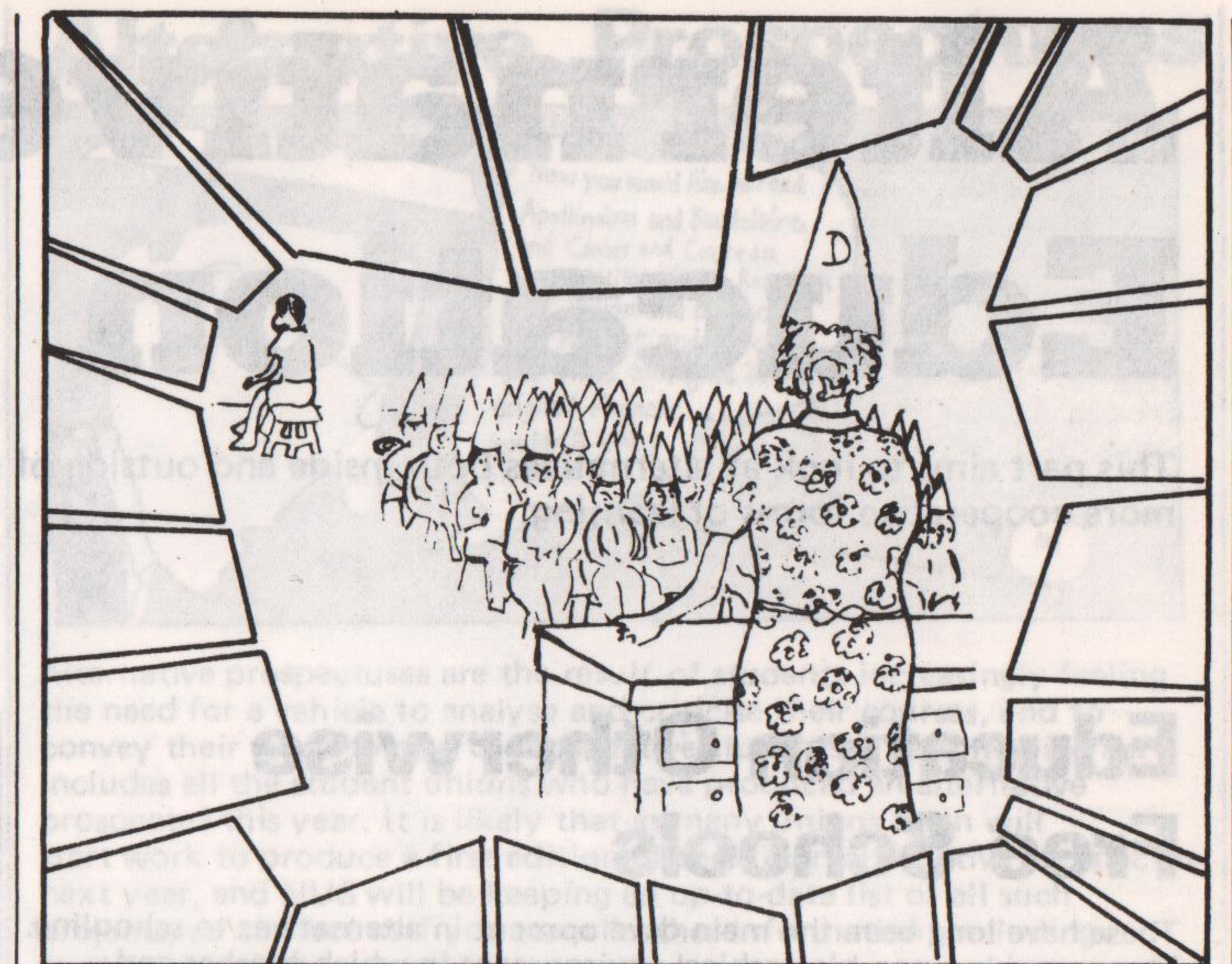
Correspondence Courses

Despite the fact that correspondence courses are no real substitute for face-to-face teaching and learning in some kind of cooperative environment where ideas and information can be exchanged with other people, it cannot be denied that such courses play a valuable role in helping a large number of people. The two main organisations dealing with this type of provision are:

The National Extension College: 31 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 1PD, (0223 63465). Its courses cover many O- and A-Level subjects, preparatory courses for the Open University and others, a university degree service for external degree students of London University, and the college provides seminars and tuition at its local centres. Its advantage is that it is run as a non-profit-making educational charity, and in sponsoring some important community initiatives is at least linked, in practice, with community education in general. For further information write to the above address. The NEC also publishes a quarterly magazine **Home Study** which again, may be useful.

Then there are the British correspondence colleges which, although they are commercial concerns, still provide a service comparable in cost to some Open University courses. The best known is the **Rapid Results College**, Tuition House, London SW19 4DS, which seems to provide an amazing range of courses, although, if you are interested, make sure you check all details of costs, commitment etc before you start the course. It is also important to remember that nearly all these courses are training-type courses set within rigid frameworks laid down by respective professional bodies, (Banking, Accountancy, Law etc), which usually use quota system for marking, (ie a set percentage pass and fail irrespective of the standard reached). This is aimed at making people aware of the limitations of this provision, although it can't be denied that every year there are literally 'thousands of satisfied customers'.

One advantage of **Rapid Results** is that they are at least accredited by reputation and experience in some way. There are a lot of non-accredited 'reaverick operators' in existence and you may be ripped off for a lot of money if you are not careful, only to find that your qualification is worthless. This is particularly true in computers where useless 'training courses' abound. Make sure courses are approved by the **Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges**. A very important source of information is the **Association of British Correspondence Colleges**, 53 Great Sutton Street, London EC1V 0DQ. If you're doubtful about something check with them, and if you're dissatisfied with something complain to them. **Rapid Results** also publish a newsletter called **Tuition Times**, which is quite useful.



Other Information

Here, again, it is important to refer to the Year Book as there is too much information to attempt to include here. Particularly useful is the following:

Educational Journals: Although most of these are very traditional they are all useful, in some way, as sources of information about the provision and development of education in the community. British ones are listed pp 74-75, and overseas pp 75-78.

Relevant Organisations: The same applies as above. They are listed on pp 80-92.

Legislation and Regulations: Abstracts relevant to adult education—interesting and useful both for general information and planning future development. Listed, pp 93-97.

Scotland: Information listed pp 98-101. Particularly useful is the **Scottish Institute of Adult Education**, 57 Melville Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HL (031-226 7200).

Northern Ireland: Information listed pp 102-103. The **Council for Continuing Education** is based at the Department of Education, Rathgael House, Balloo Road, Bangor, Co Down. BT19 2PR. (Bangor 66311).

World-wide organisations: listed pp 104-112.

Community Projects

In addition to all the types of provision mentioned so far a lot of community projects are specifically set up as educational projects, (see also Section 3). Generally, it is virtually impossible to differentiate between community projects as being 'educational' or not, anyway, as they are all educative by their very nature of providing a focus for community development and initiatives. This is one of those huge areas where no attempt could realistically be made to include even a cross-section of such projects. Sources of information will be locally based, through things like resource centres and community centres, but a good example of the type of projects this might include is covered by a publication called **Animation Projects in the UK** (subtitled 'Aspects of Socio-Cultural Community Development'), produced by the **National Youth Bureau**, 17/23 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 6GD. It costs £1.50 but you should be able to get it through your local library. The information included is very simply descriptive, rather than analysing what the projects are doing, but it is a useful guide to many of the initiatives taken within local communities. The section covering education is pp5-28.

See also under Regional Listings, in Section 1 of the directory, for other projects, particularly:

Merseyside Radical Education Network
Brighton Learning Exchange Project
Rathbone Community Education Training Unit, Oldham.
Centre for Educational Disadvantage, Manchester.

Training, Retraining and Unemployment

The large variety of state initiatives on these issues (Job Creation Schemes, Manpower Services Commission, Holland Report, Youth Opportunity Scheme etc) all have important implications for education, and in Section 3 we have tried to look briefly at the sources of information on this area, which is generally very mystifying and very complex.

Alternatives in Education

This part aims to look at alternatives both inside and outside of schools and colleges, particularly those concerned with more cooperative forms of learning.

Education Otherwise Free Schools

These have long been the main development in alternatives to schooling. They provide a non-hierarchical environment in which teacher and learner teach each other. Their existence and survival is very much a product of the commitment of the community in which they are based, and it is very difficult to put together a list of existing projects because of this. Your local community paper or resource centre (if you have one) would probably list a local free school if there was one.

One of the longest surviving free schools in the country is the **White Lion Free School**, 57 White Lion Street, London N1, (01-837 6379), which is a very useful source of general information, although remember that they are not geared up to coping with visitors or many phone calls, so avoid burdening them. It's best to write (including an SAE always) and ask for their publication **How to Set Up a Free School—A handbook of alternative information** (costs 50p plus postage). They sometimes produce bulletins about their development, as well, which may be quite useful.

Other sources of information are **The Free School Handbook** published by the American 'New England Free Press' and available at 70p from Rising Free Bookshop in London (see Section 1), and the **Children's Rights Workshop**, 73 Balfour Street, London SE17 (01-703 7217), which produces some excellent publications.



Other alternatives include, like Free Schools, provision under Section 36 of the 1944 Education Act: education 'otherwise'. This has usually meant home tutoring, for those who have the time and money, but can obviously include other schemes like Parent-Teacher Co-ops. There is an information/advice group called **Education Otherwise** based at Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts. SN5 9PJ, which is very useful to contact if you are interested in such alternatives. They publish newsletters (40p each) and two information pamphlets **First Steps to Education Otherwise** (25p) and **Pre-school and Primary Education** (30p), all plus 7p postage.

Alternative England and Wales (see Section 1 on General Publications) is still very useful in this area as well (see pp 244-250), as is **Libertarian Education** (see Section 1).

Counter Courses

Counter courses work essentially on two levels, firstly by challenging the accepted content, and hence the ideology, of courses, and secondly by providing an active and practical focus for students to get together to discuss and 'work' on their education. All too often it is assumed that the established institutions and courses have a monopoly of wisdom, and, therefore, that students (and the community) need not, or cannot, develop ideas or knowledge for themselves working on a collective and cooperative basis. This is clear in teaching and

assessment methods, as well as in course content itself. In lectures, for example, staff-student relationships are very much one way. The lecture format embodies and reinforces the idea that it is those who teach who have 'knowledge' and the students, to whom it is passed, merely absorb it passively.

The whole flow of information, and its assessment, is based on intense individualistic competition. This serves to devalue any collective and cooperative activity, and students are further socialised into accepting the competitive and individualistic nature of society as the norm. This characteristic of the structure and content of the present education system, especially through assessment and grading, can be seen to extend backwards throughout the educational process, affecting motivation, learning techniques, course content, and staff/student relations.

In higher education especially, courses are all too often seen as independent of people's needs, coming under the rather nebulous heading of 'academic need'. This reflects itself in the rather abstract nature of some courses. Counter courses can offer both an alternative and a medium of criticism.

In counter course activity students are active in determining the content of the counter course on a collective basis, and in this way they are able to relate to that content more closely. Everyone is involved in collecting information, discussing it and exchanging ideas so that no one is in a rigid teacher-learner relationship, as everyone works on the same level, on a cooperative basis. This directly challenges any attempt, as with many traditional courses, to mystify the content of education, ie what is being put across in the learning process.

Support Groups (ie groups of students undertaking tasks in order to support the counter course) can put together reading lists, and more general lists about sources of information, as well as organising people to come and speak.

Counter courses attempt to challenge both prevalent education theory and practice. There are some good examples of this in the ways that traditional courses ignore radical, and often simply controversial, content. Few lawyers, for example, learn about welfare rights; and few medical students learn about sexual problems or anti-psychiatry alternatives, and the list could be made much longer. In addition there is a complete lack of any opportunity to study courses such as women's studies.

The strength of a counter course is in the way it meets the specific needs of the people in a particular situation, and also links with a broader movement for practical reforms and changes. It is difficult to set down a specific formula for this as every counter course must develop in respect of its particular local situation. Instead, groups need to be able to share ideas and experiences so that counter course groups can develop from ones before, and can extend support to those that follow.

Then as the groups split off into different project areas, a link has been established so that the groups do not become isolated. The same is true of the need for an active commitment from such groups to take up education issues, so that the counter course groups can be involved in a general campaign for college reform and democracy. Not all forms of counter course activity are organised around direct alternatives, or at least, alternative approaches, to existing course structures. Much of the activity associated with counter course groups is designed to create specific structures to stimulate a general cooperative approach to education.. Specific projects within counter course could include:

Essay Banks:

An essay bank, and a lecture note library, can be a simple extension, as well as an important part, of an alternative library (see Section 1), in terms of original work. So many courses are based on five or six essays per subject each year, or on a good set of lecture notes (ie with science courses). These tend to be based on a series of set books or texts which are priced in the same way that hundreds of students have done in previous years. This is a considerable disincentive for developing original ideas, especially as work-load forces the emphasis to be on reproducing others' ideas rather than giving time to formulate original ideas. Unfortunately many students are socialised into believing that pooling resources, such as essay and lecture notes, is cheating. This view is fostered by the belief that such forms of cooperative activity are a threat to the competitive nature of education, and therefore a bad thing. Lecture note libraries, for example, can bring an end to students having to act as dictating machines in lectures, thus giving more time to understand, and to question, what is being taught. Alternatively, it can provide an opportunity for self-directed work outside the traditional course

structure. The same applies to essay banks, which can also be developed into self-organised study groups around original, rather than second-hand, material.

The basic principle is simple: students use the material, by donating some of their own material first. An essay can be first photocopied and placed in a file (based on course or subject). If resources permit, these can then be typed onto stencils, and copies can be borrowed in the same way as a book from a library.

Critical Sources/Reading Guides:

As mentioned earlier, an important support function for any form of counter course activity is to produce alternative reading lists and general information about alternative, and critical, sources. Most official reading lists do not cover more radical publications, and even those that do normally give no information about how to obtain them. A counter course group simply starting from the basis of its participants' own experience can quite easily put together such information. The type of things that need to be covered include:

- The approach taken by the present course (or generally by such a course), and alternative approaches. This can be set out in an article or series of short articles written by the group.
- A reading and resources list—books, magazines, pamphlets, journals, articles etc. Each with a short précis of the approach taken and what people in the group think about it.
- How to find and use the sources. How to get them from libraries, radical bookshops, bookstalls, radical organisations, individuals etc, plus some ideas on how to get together with others in counter course groups, and in tutorials, seminars, workshops etc.

Over the past year general critical source guides have been produced on 'Social Work and the Welfare State', Psychology, and Ecology and Environment, as well as many local groups' lists on specific courses. SCANUS is co-ordinating information about them and also alternative information sources generally. (see below)

Women's Studies:

See 'Women' listing in Section 1.

Publications, Courses and Projects:

Publications which relate to counter course activity include just about all the magazines, journals, books etc that cover ideas from a radical or alternative perspective (see Section 1), but a few of them may be of particular use (as well as other contacts) as sources of information, are:

Counter Course: Edited by Trevor Bateman, Penguin Education Series. Available from bookshops and libraries (or should be!).

Social Work and the Welfare State: A SCANUS Counter Course/critical reading guide. Available from NUS, 30p.

Ecology: A SCANUS/BSSRS counter course/critical reading guide available from NUS, 50p.

Psychology: Counter Course guide, produced by Lancaster University Radical Psychology Group. Now out of print, but copies can be found in a few libraries, and it is being rewritten and expanded by SCANUS for publication Spring/Summer 1978.

The Underground and Education: A guide to the alternative press, by Mike Smith, published by Methuen, £1.60 from bookshops. An excellent 'independent' (although by a commercial publisher) guide to alternatives in education, particularly the bibliography/source guide at the back of the book. But bear in mind that much of the material listed is quite difficult to get hold of.

The irregular publications of **Coventry College of Education Students' Union**, Cauley, Coventry, on critiques of teacher training. Write for information. They are very good, but because they are one-off issues they might be difficult to get hold of.

ie Sussex: The alternative education group, c/o Falmer House, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, produce some very useful folders on aspects of alternatives in education, and a very good general source of information anyway.

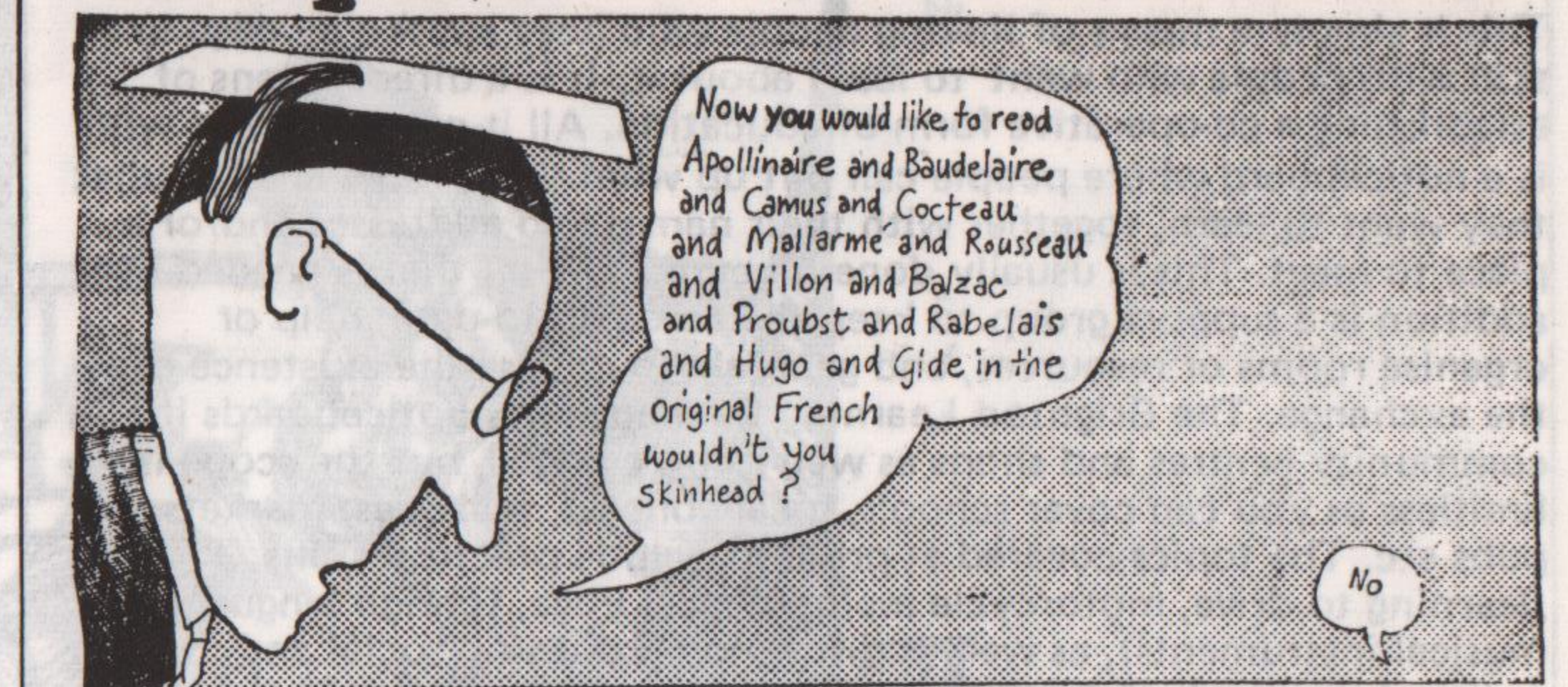
Students' Union Education Office: Manchester University, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PR, aims to develop a considerable amount of work on Counter Course, and already organises a **Red Weekend**, a socialist Counter Course weekend twice a year. Further information from the above address.

Communist University of London: Now in its 10th year, CUL is a week-long annual residential (or day visit) counter course, usually held at London University each July. Courses cover Art & Design, Economics, Education, Health, Social Work, History, Law, Literature, Philosophy, Psychology, Science & Technology, Politics & Sociology from a Marxist (Communist Party) perspective. It's very popular and well organised. Details from The Organiser, CUL, 16 King Street, London WC2E 8HV, and are also published in the **Morning Star**.

In addition there is now **Marxism '78**, another counter course from a marxist (Socialist Workers Party) perspective. Further details from 6 Cotton Gardens, London E2, published in **Socialist Worker**. It's usually held in June/July.

SCANUS Learning Exchange Project: NUS aims to help co-ordinate, and act as an information exchange, for counter course groups and alternative education projects in general. (see Introduction); this Directory is produced as part of this project, for example). Local groups/projects tend to be very diverse and so it is, yet again, difficult to go into more specific detail about their activities, except to say that organising and developing such activity is very much dependent on the local situation. If you have, or want, further information, please get in touch with us.

Alternative Prospectuses



Alternative prospectuses are the result of students increasingly feeling the need for a vehicle to analyse and criticise their courses, and to convey their views to new or prospective students. The following list includes all the student unions who have produced an alternative prospectus this year. It is likely that as many unions again will start work to produce a first edition of their own alternative prospectus next year, and NUS will be keeping an up-to-date list of all such projects, so contact us if you want further information, including starting a project yourself.

(a) Distributed in the NUS National Mailing*

Manchester University: Fourth edition. Contact Education Office, Students' Union, Manchester University, Oxford Road, M13 9PR. Additional copies available at 60p (incl postage).

UMIST: Third edition. Contact Academic Office, UMIST Union, PO Box 88, Sackville Street, Manchester M60 1QD. Additional copies available free with Manchester University alternative prospectus (as it is a supplement to it).

Sheffield University: Second edition. Contact Education and Welfare Office, Students' Union, Sheffield University, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TG. Additional copies available at 60p.

Bristol University: Second edition. Contact Alternative Prospectus, Education and Welfare Office, Students' Union, Bristol University, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 1LN. Strictly limited number of additional copies.

Bristol Polytechnic: Second edition. Contact Education and Welfare Office, Students' Union, Bristol Polytechnic, Coldharbour Lane, Fishponds, Bristol. Limited number of additional copies available at 60p.

Hull University: First (full) edition. Contact Alternative Prospectus, Students' Union, Hull University, Hull, HH6 7RX. Strictly limited number of additional copies available.

Keele University: First (full) edition. Contact Education and Welfare Office, Students' Union, Keele University, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. Strictly limited number of additional copies.

Leeds University: First edition. Contact Education Officer, Students' Union, Leeds University, University Road, Leeds LS2 9JT. Very few additional copies available.

(b) Other Alternative Prospectuses

Cambridge University: Fifth edition. Contact Cambridge Students' Union, 3 Round Church Street, Cambridge. Nationally distributed in May, additional copies available at 85p.

Oxford University: Second edition. Contact Oxford University Students' Union, 42 Wellington Square, Oxford. Nationally distributed in May, additional copies available at 85p.

Imperial College London: Second edition. Contact Alternative Prospectus, Students' Union, Imperial College, Prince Consort Road, London SW7. Nationally distributed through college, additional copies available for 50p.

Newcastle University: First edition. Contact Deputy President's Office, Students' Union, Newcastle University, King's Walk, Newcastle 1. Normally distributed through the university, additional copies at 50p.

Edinburgh University: First edition. Contact Alternative Prospectus, Students' Association, Student Centre House, Bristo Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9AL. Being distributed to schools in Scotland and the Borders, copies available at £1.

Aston University: Producing a general information guide and alternative prospectus of courses, aimed primarily at new students. Copies can be obtained from Publications Office, Students' Union, Aston University, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ES.

Leeds Polytechnic: Producing a first edition, further information from Don Carter, Students' Union, Leeds Polytechnic, Calverley Street, Leeds LS1 3HE.

***NUS NATIONAL MAILING:** As well as keeping an up-to-date list on all projects, NUS also coordinates a national distribution and information service to schools, colleges, careers officers, libraries, resource centres, community projects etc. At the present time we've got only enough resources to do a free mailing of the actual publications to all the schools and colleges in the country (a list of some 4,500), but general information about the service goes a lot wider than that. The national mailing goes out each year in August, and anyone can be put on the mailing-list for £2 per year. Contact NUS for any information concerning alternative prospectuses.

Learning/Skills Exchanges:

This is simply a means of linking people who have any knowledge or skill with people who want to learn about it. It is a direct means of establishing a co-operative form of education. All it needs to start with is a noticeboard where people can put up what they know and/or what they want to learn, together with their names and addresses and/or a place to meet. This is usually done on cards, and all that is needed in addition is a support group to keep the cards up-to-date, help or organise rooms or resources, and generally publicise the existence of the exchange. The Brighton Learning Exchange has noticeboards in community centres and shops as well as on campus, but the scope is limitless as you can cover schools, local colleges, factories, markets, pubs etc. The topics covered at present include practical skills (learning to drive, motorcycle maintenance, yoga, foreign languages, musical instruments), as well as discussion groups on social and political issues which hope to put their ideas into practice in the local community.

Learning exchanges exist in Brighton, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Milton Keynes, Liverpool, Manchester (see Section 1), and throughout the USA, Canada and Australia. In Chicago, Melbourne, Edinburgh and Vancouver there are exchanges using a telephone switchboard, and some of these have over 15,000 users. In California the exchanges are linked to a computer. The basic principle, however, remains the same—if you know it, share it. In fact the simplicity and directness of the noticeboard is just as effective as a computer as it shows all the subjects at a glance and is its own advertisement. All that is needed to start a learning exchange is a (or some) prominently displayed noticeboard(s), some 6" x 4" cards, and explicit instructions. Publicise it well and use it yourself, and it will be working. People already involved in learning exchanges have produced a folder/manual about them which is available from ie Sussex, c/o Falmer House, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex.

OTHER INFORMATION

Starting with student unions, as organisations which represent the rights and interests of students, it is important to bear in mind that most of them, and not just those listed with alternative prospectuses, are very useful alternative sources of information about admissions, courses, general facilities etc. Initial contact should be made by writing to (or calling in to see) the President of the Students' Union,

but most university and polytechnic unions have Education and Welfare Officers who have a lot more detailed information. In addition, many student unions organise sixth form conferences which are useful sources of information, along with the more traditional college 'open days'. Obviously this applies mainly to higher education, but as these sources do exist it is important firstly to use them, and secondly to extend and change them so that both students and community have a real opportunity to see both the benefits and limitations of provision in schools, further, higher, adult and community education. Direct contact with schools and colleges can provide much more useful information. Most student unions also produce handbooks which they should send out to you if you send them the cost of postage (20p/30p). In addition visits from student unions to schools can, or should, be organised to relate the practical experience of existing students directly to prospective ones.

Basic information on education provision should be available from local education authorities, some of which produce local area directories. In addition some local campaign groups have produced directories on education provision in a certain area. One example is the excellent **A-Z of Education in Haringey** produced in 1974 by the Haringey Association for the Advancement of State Education, which may still be available. The HAASE Hon. Sec.'s address in 1974 was 28 Lanchester Road, London N6, but information about the directory should also be obtainable from the main office of **CASE (Campaign for the Advancement of State Education)**, 5 Highfield Road, London SE19, (01-653 3641) or 25 Leyborne Park, Kew Gardens, Richmond, Surrey, (01-940 4771), or **Haringey Education Department**, Education Offices, Somerset Road, London N17 9EH, which could be very useful, especially if anyone wants to use it as a base for a directory of their own area.

There is also the **Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)**, 18 Victoria Park Square, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PF, which produces a magazine called **Where** ten times a year. This is a sort of consumer guide to issues and aspects of education which, although a bit too consumerist at times (and expensive—£5.50 per year) is a very good source of general information. Recent useful articles include: Education Otherwise (issue 129); Free Schools and Others (issue 120); the Where Register of Parent Campaigns (issue 132). **CRAC (Careers Research and Advisory Centre)**, Bateman Street, Cambridge, CB2 1LZ (0223 51446) may be useful as well; ask for their publications list.

Finally, don't forget to refer to all the other sections of this Directory, particularly Section 1.



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There have been several attempts over the last few years to produce directories of alternatives in, and to work, particularly collective and cooperative projects. This section attempts to make people aware of a cross-section of existing projects and general sources of information about such alternatives. As with the other parts of this directory it does not aim to provide a comprehensive list of projects. It is up to you to follow up the relevant listings and use the information you can get directly from them in the best way possible, depending on the particular situation that you are in.

Alternatives in work are concerned with the idea that you might be able to do something full- or part-time, that you want to do, enjoy doing and see some purpose in doing.

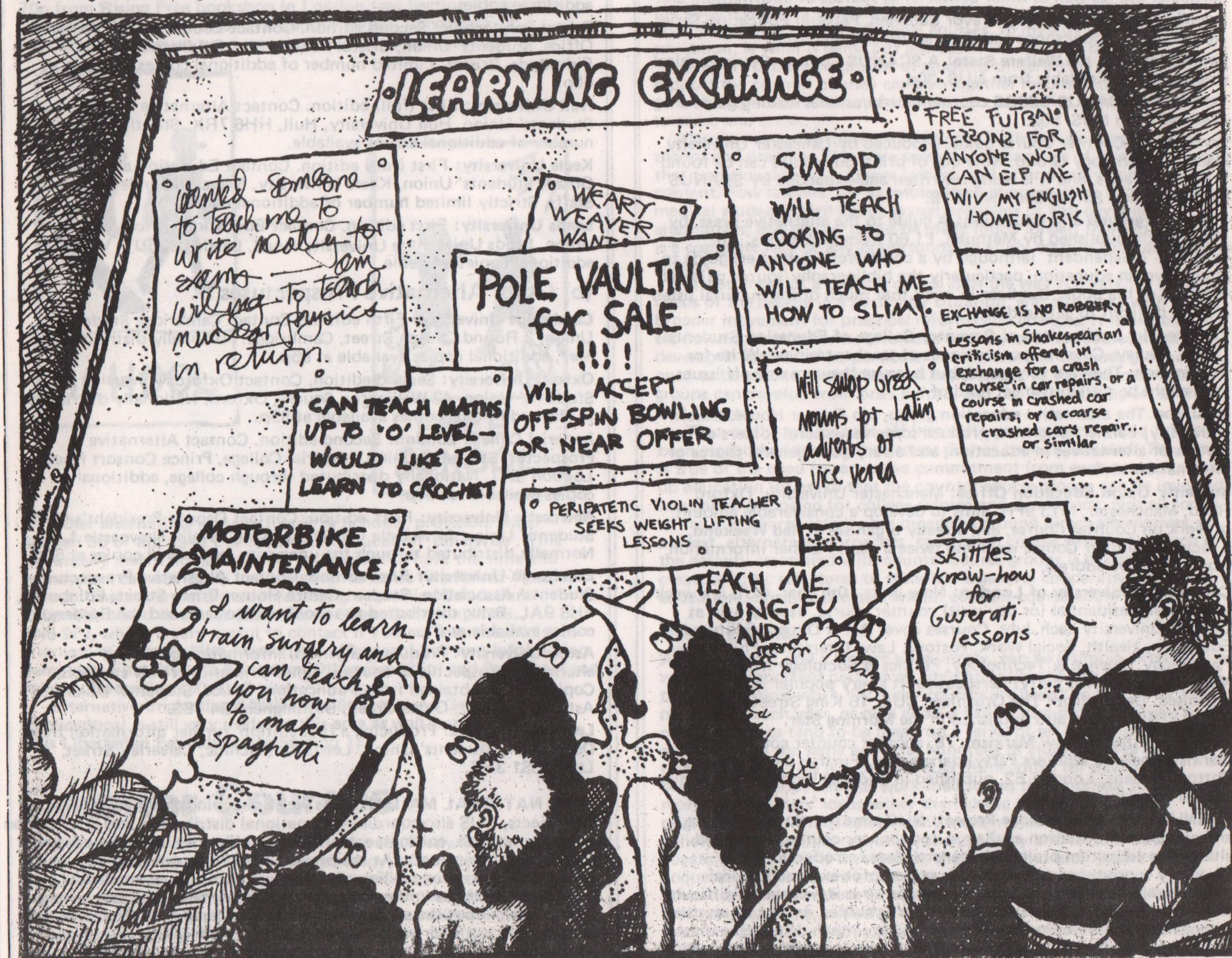
Something which is not hierarchically based, where you are not exploited and where you can take part in collective decision making about what you do and the way you work. Exactly what this can involve varies enormously.

Some people may want a long term alternative to being an 'employee', whether on a factory floor or in a 'career', others may want something to do for a year or two before, during or after college or a permanent job, others still may want something to do just for the summer vacation and a lot of people want something to do to get themselves out of the dole queue, or avoid getting into it in the first place.

This section covers very few jobs that you can 'apply' for as arrangements are more personal and less formal. This means that many of the projects you may come into contact with are fairly informal and non-institutional. There are few fixed 'slots' anyone can fit into, instead it depends on whether you get on with people involved in a particular project and share their ideas. Work is all too often alienating and impersonal and many of the projects we have tried to cover make various attempts to overcome such problems, although they don't all succeed, particularly some of the State initiatives on unemployment and some of the voluntary agencies. The present economic crisis has really put the squeeze on a lot of alternatives in work. The rather naive idea that many such alternatives had, that you can ignore the economic system in our society and it will go away has been smashed. Now any cooperative work project or activity has to fight hard to stay alive.

Even the government has been forced to take quite innovative, although short term (short sighted in some cases), measures in tackling the crisis, particularly in terms of dealing with more than 1½ million unemployed people. It is important therefore to realise that you can't take any projects for granted or become involved on the basis of having a nice easy time. You have to be committed in order to work with them, although that is not to say that you can't get a lot out of it, as the chance to work collectively and become actively involved in something your working on means a lot.

Finally, bear in mind the points made throughout the directory about using projects as sources of information or actually becoming involved with them. Most, particularly those covered by the In The Making directory, can get overburdened by letters and 'phone calls, the busiest (and sometimes the most interesting) projects might not be able to reply quickly. Again, any additional information anyone has for this section would be very useful.



'Learning Exchange' from the Appropriate Technology for Schools kit from Community Service Volunteers (see Section 3).

WORK

In the Making

In The Making

c/o 84 Church Street, Milton Keynes Wolverton, Bucks
Directory of cooperative projects. See section 1, 'Special Mentions' for full details.

The following are some of the projects listed in the information section of the directory:

ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY

The Rookery, Adderbury, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire
Alternative Society aims to initiate and provide help, information and advice to alternative projects, particularly on organisational and funding problems. There are a wide range of ongoing projects such as a community health scheme, a feasibility study of horticultural co-ops, an alternative probation scheme and the "Association of Land Trusts".

BIT INFORMATION SERVICE

97a Talbot Road, London W2
BIT started as one of the main alternative information centres in the country, and had about the best collection of information and information sources, about alternative/community projects and activities. Since then the original collective that coordinated BIT have split up, and BIT has suffered from rip-offs and general disorganisation and chaos. It still runs a drop-in alternative information service, on alternative movements/contacts, and is quite good for places to crash/stay in London and things to get involved in. They also publish very good (still, we hope) guides to hitching across the world—the Far East in particular. Check with them for details.

They have just moved into their present base and have plans to expand and develop their information service, but that would seem to depend on how suitable their new home is and getting themselves a bit more together (see Section 1, alternative libraries).

LAURIESTON HALL

Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland DG7 2NB
Collectively organised group of about 20 people who run a large house in 12 acres in S.W. Scotland. Laurieston Hall acts as a residential centre for meetings and conferences dealing with alternatives, particularly in education and work, and as the base for the Communes Network (see later). Past themes covered include work collectives, land, living in the country, education and women. You can get more details about events and their own group projects by writing, sending an s.a.e.

LOWER SHAW FARM

Shaw, Swindon, Wilts SN5 9PJ (0793 771080)
Residential centre for meetings connected with alternatives, covering a wide range of issues such as education, health, land, employment, energy etc. All participants work collectively on the farm with residents. Details about the meetings held and cost of use of the centre to other groups, from the Farm (send a 9 x 4 s.a.e.)

The group at Lower Shaw are involved in Community activity in Swindon; they set up a wholefood shop and newsheet. They are also carrying out a land use survey of the area as a first step in critically reassessing the methods and needs of agricultural land for urban redevelopment, and involved with work on 'Education Otherwise' (see Section 2), organic farming* and Rural Resettlement (a rural communities/cooperatives information service). Again details and information packs from the group.
*See also Food Coops section below.

NEW MILLS CENTRE

c/o Rhys Taylor, New Mills, Luxborough (via Watchet), Somerset TA23 0LF (Washford 281) and (London contact) c/o Michael Brown, 57 Kings Road, Richmond.

A residential action/research centre providing a base for study, meetings experiments and action on a range of rural topics, particularly covering small industries, creating employment, agricultural and forestry innovations and new ideas/policies for countryside planning and resettlement. Full details of events from the Centre.

PEOPLE IN COMMON

30 May Street, Burnley, Lancs
A housing cooperative committed to starting its own productive projects, a useful source of information about local community/coop

initiatives generally, and also particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in a residential/horticultural/industrial cooperative themselves.

OPUS

c/o Judi Burgess, 90 Great Grange Street, Glasgow
Based at Gartrennich Farm, near Aberfoyle, OPUS is a farm which includes alternative technology projects and a conference centre.

SMALL COMMUNITIES RESEARCH UNION

c/o 13 The Rose Walk, Newhaven, Sussex
Aims to be of use to anyone "seeking land and like minded people for the purpose of setting up or joining a small community whether rural or not". Produces a monthly newsletter and information bulletins.

VILLAGE STUDIES CENTRE

c/o George Delf, Yoxford Gallery, Yoxford, Suffolk
Aims to "explore the many basic and related problems and opportunities facing villages today", particularly focusing on village life in East Anglia, but they hope that other such centres will develop, based on their own locality, and will offer any help, advice and information for that. They have also been working to define a programme for their activities.

WICK COURT

Wick, Nr Bristol, Avon
Base of the Student Christian Movement (SCM) who have a large mansion-type house and an excellent conference centre which hosts a whole range of alternative/community meetings, conferences and events throughout the year. Full details of events, the conference centre and the SCM itself from Wick Court.

Also, don't forget to refer to IN THE MAKING generally for other groups and projects.

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Regional Listings in Section 1 will include a lot of contacts/groups/projects which will be useful for information about alternatives to work particularly local area directives. Others worth listing separately include.

WHATWORK

178 Waterloo Place, Oxford Road, Manchester 13 (01-272 5111 ext 56)
Whatwork is open on Wednesdays, 11am to 7pm and is an alternative work information and contact service. They are primarily for people in Greater Manchester area and have a fairly comprehensive index of groups, activities and contacts in the area. They are also involved in producing Link-Up (see Regional Listings), the local alternative information newsletter, which includes details of local 'cooperative projects, the Waterloo Place Learning Exchange and the Attic Library'. See the Alternative Libraries listings in Section 1.

JUST THE JOB

A project run by the National Extension College (See Section 2)—and Westward TV to help unemployed school leavers in the South West, particularly the Just the Job Counsellors' Handbook, which is also intended to serve "as a more widely applicable self-help handbook for community development", which will cover a wide range of alternatives in work. It is being produced by Guy Dauncey, 'Holne Cross Cottage Ashburton, Devon—see under Devon in the Regional Listings, Section 1.

WORK RAISE

SCM House, 14 Prince Arthur Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin 6, Eire and 331 Ormeau Road, Belfast 7
Information on alternative work and community projects in Ireland. The Belfast address needs to be checked.

COMMUNES NETWORK

c/o Laurieston Hall, Castle Douglas, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland.
Aims to encourage the growth and development of communes/communities and consists mainly of current, prospective or ex-members of communes and communities. It is a loose federation of people and so it is not an 'organisation' you can 'join'. They circulate a newsletter (approx. monthly) which includes news and general information to help 'members' to keep in touch with each other, and there is also a 'people wanting groups' and a 'groups wanting people' column. They also try to arrange a national meeting every six months or so, and local/regional groups sometimes get together too.

More details from the Network, include SAE for reply. Send 25p for a sample Newsletter.

WORKING WEEKENDS ON SKILLS EXCHANGE (WWOSE)

11 George Street, Brighton, Sussex BN2 1RH (0272 691318)
WWOSE is a scheme to enable people interested in cooperative work projects to work on them for a short while. At the moment the project is still being developed so contact WWOSE at the above address (also the home of Simple Supplies, see Regional Listings) for up-to-date details.

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... publications and local information sources (as in the Regional Listings) generally, are all useful for details of local projects. Time Out is good for some London projects, although beware of those which are influenced, to varying degrees, by various forms of quasi-religious mysticism which can be oppressive and/or mind-bending if you're not into that sort of thing.

Worker Co-ops

Workers' coops, sometimes called producer coops, are not a new idea. Many forms of society before the age of modern industry involved at least some elements of cooperation. However, the modern workers' coops started in the 19th century around the same time as the consumer cooperative societies—the Co-op shops. In fact there were quite a few disputes about the direction of the cooperative movement last century. Eventually, the consumer side of the movement dominated the producer coops. Even so, some of these old producer coops survive today though their critics argue that the workers involved have little control over the coops.

Recently there has been a resurgence of interest in coops, and many new firms have been established on a cooperative basis, i.e. they are owned collectively by the workforce who also have ultimate rights of control.

Many of these firms are members of ICOM (Industrial Common Ownership Movement). The combined membership of ICOM has a turnover of around £14 million. Even when the firms not in ICOM are included it is clear that the cooperative movement forms a pretty insignificant part of the UK economy. On the other hand the number of coops is increasing fast, especially small scale labour-intensive ones. Public interest is growing and cooperatives advocated by people from many parts of the political spectrum.

Our information is based on the types of workers' coops that exist now. It is also based on an industrial sector where there are many cooperatives in other countries, in particular, the USA. To gain an insight into the way cooperatives run we must look at their origins. In the UK there are three major types of cooperative which we will call **paternalist, defensive and constructive** coops.

PATERNALIST COOPERATIVES

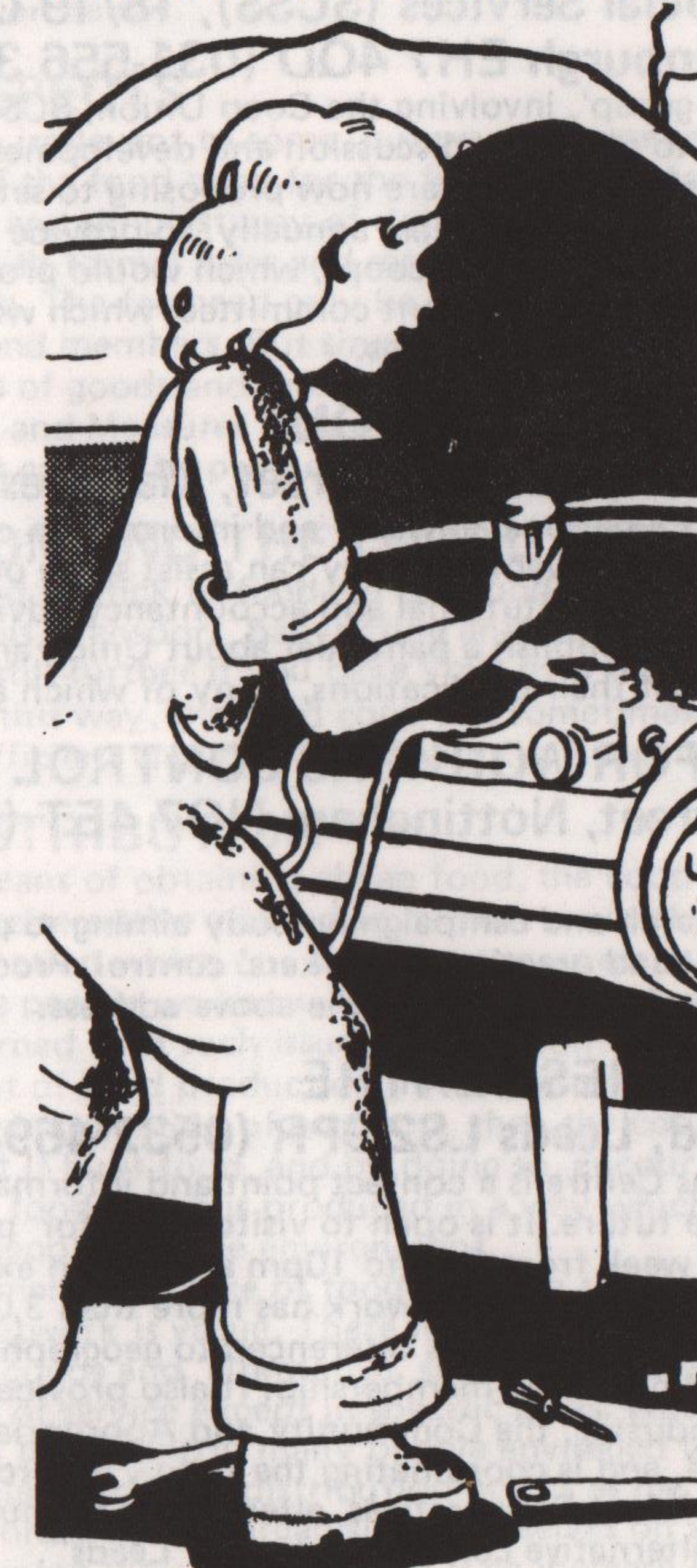
These are existing companies, typically owned originally by one person or a family, which are 'given' or sold to their workforce—often from religious rather than political motivation. Although this means usually that the workforce does have more say through its power of veto, the existing management structure is often largely preserved. Unless the workforce takes advantage of their rights of control over the firm to change the way it is run, the cooperative may be little different from a normal 'capitalist' firm from the workers' point of view.

DEFENSIVE COOPERATIVES

These have been given most attention by the media, and involve the taking over of an enterprise by a workforce threatened with redundancy. The difficulties they face are immense. The problems which threatened the firm with closure in the first place do not disappear, and in this situation when it is often necessary to develop new products, the workforces' lack of 'management skills', capital etc. cause acute problems. So the cooperative is forced to cut wages in order to survive, and in effect must exploit itself in a way which would be intolerable in a normal firm. Their bad economic position too will inhibit experimentation with new forms of organisation.

CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATIVES

Basically new firms set up as common-ownership companies. Although this idea is growing in popularity it is unlikely that such firms could



replace any but a marginal sector of British industry. It is difficult to find markets with easy entry, and such firms face severe difficulties in raising capital within the present economic system. Some 'constructive coops' have been set up using government funds for job creation. Though this provides finance for wages, some capital at least must be raised from elsewhere and products found etc.

All three types of cooperatives face common obstacles, which could be summarised as the **market, interests, people and technology and production organisation**.

MARKET

To survive in a competitive capitalist market, cooperatives must work within an economic framework, the principles of which are quite different from those of 'cooperation'—one which involves consideration of profit well ahead of social needs and usefulness. Therefore they always face pressures towards reproducing capitalist forms of organisation. The disadvantages and contradictions of market economies as they exist are clear. But alternatives too face massive obstacles and problems if they are to be created.

INTERESTS

The interests of certain groups of people will necessarily be challenged by the creation of alternative forms of organising industry. For instance the interests of owners and managers of large companies would be attacked if the profits from an enterprise were distributed more evenly and were subject to control, from below. A more complex example is that of specialists and 'experts', whose skills would need to be diffused amongst the workforce. This is likely to attack their privileges obtained through being 'experts', especially if they were pressurised to do shop floor work as well as being used for their special skills.

PEOPLE

Cooperatives have to be created taking people as they are at present, not as we would like them to be. One approach is to assume that people will always be as they are now; but such ideas of unchangeable 'human nature' are obviously not adopted by proponents of radical social change.

Another vital aspect of this is the question of relations between men and women. Industry and production are male-dominated, with women largely relegated to shop floor and office work, which obviously needs challenging.

TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION ORGANISATION

For people to have real control over their life they must be able to understand what is going on. Cooperation depends on this. However the way in which industry is organised and technology has developed today is a result, not only of utilising more profitable and productive techniques but also of the need for those managing industry to control their workforce. Thus it is shaped by social, rather than purely technical factors. The result can be seen in today's industry, where jobs have been divided and subdivided so that it is very difficult for anyone to understand, let alone control, production. The most frequently quoted example of this is the assembly line.

To conclude this brief history and analysis of workers' cooperatives, it is clear that they face many problems. In the past these have prevented the emergence of a significant cooperative sector in the UK economy. On the other hand, with changing economic conditions and social attitudes this may be a time when such a sector could be created. If the advocates of workers' coops are right in saying that people could be more satisfied and possibly more efficient in such organisations, we might perhaps see more extensive developments in the future.

Case Studies

The four cases below give some indication of the histories of cooperatives in the UK containing success stories as well as failures.

Fakenham Enterprises Ltd

In 1972, a small shoe upper factory in Fakenham was closed by its owners as part of a 'rationalisation' programme. A dozen women occupied the factory to try to prevent redundancy and eventually set up their own cooperative firm. This did a variety of contract work from shoe uppers to dresses and bags. There were frequent losses and financial crises due to lack of management skills, undercapitalisation and market fluctuations. As a result the initial enthusiasm and commitment gradually waned as the founders left, and the firm now really exists in name rather than as a cooperative. Problems of raising capital and obtaining management personnel prevented £50,000 allocated by the Job Creation Programme being spent to develop new products in a parallel cooperative.

Scott Bader Commonwealth Ltd

The Scott Bader Commonwealth was established in 1951 when Ernest Bader and his family gave 90% of their shares in Scott Bader and Company Ltd, a resins manufacturer, to a company limited by guarantee, the Commonwealth, inviting employees to become members of the Commonwealth.

In 1963 the remaining 10% of the shares were sold to the Commonwealth. The company today employs 400 people, has a turnover of £10 million, licensees in nineteen countries and a financial stake in companies in France and Sweden.

Scott Bader manufacture what are known as chemical and plastic intermediates. That is, they purchase base chemicals from the petroleum and chemical industries and process these into materials useful for the manufacturer of finished plastic articles.

The firm was a viable concern when Ernest Bader gave it away. Its subsequent 20-fold growth has been financed from retained profits augmented by short term bank loans. The constitution of the company requires that a minimum of 60% of profits be retained and ploughed back or paid for taxation. In practice, members in General meetings have agreed to retain more than the statutory minimum, generally 70-85%.

Trylon Limited

Trylon grew out of a small-development group of people interested in the artistic use of plastics. In 1968 a loan of £16,000 for working capital was offered to group to become a trading company, on condition that a common ownership constitution was adopted. As well as artistic products with resins the company now makes glass-fibre moulds for canoes and supplies a wide range of plastic materials to arts and crafts departments in schools.

During the six years 1968/74 Trylon grew steadily and is now a group of 23 people with a turnover of more than £250,000. In 1972 the original loan was repaid and the freehold of the premises was purchased so that the company is now financially independent and expects to finance future developments from its own resources.

Growth has been limited not so much by market prices but by the rate at which new people can be absorbed into the working group, as Trylon is planned not only to be a viable economic enterprise, but also, more important and more difficult to achieve, a self-governing working community, reflecting the view that people at work have material, social and spiritual needs. In six years, two people have left, both to go to their common ownership projects.

10% of the total combined salaries is put into a social project fund which must be spent on projects outside the company. There is a special commitment towards developing countries, and projects in Nigeria and India have benefitted from this fund.

No intrinsic merit is seen in growing large and a group of around 25 people may be the best size to hope to combine the objectives of providing a high level of security and a reasonable standard of living for members, together with a concern for the quality of life at work in industry, and an out-going concern for others.

Thuleprint Limited

Thuleprint Ltd is a cooperative currently of eight people specialising in publishing books mostly about Shetland and Orkney, designing and printing for other small craft businesses in the Highlands and Islands, and generally commercial printing for the islands.

In terms of organisation, Thuleprint is a limited company for legal purposes, but the directors delegate all policy and financial decisions to an executive committee which consists of all the people working permanently at Thuleprint (three of the four directors are on the committee anyway). They have other cooperative principles too, like equal pay for everybody working there permanently, shared responsibility for administration and so on. Thuleprint started in 1973 in small premises in Lerwick, before moving in 1974 to its present larger premises at Sandwick, in South Shetland. The cooperative runs four presses, three offset and one letterpress, as well as full facilities for typesetting and print finishing.

The other big development in worker/consumer coops has been with wholefoods. A good example of how wholefood coops work can be seen from the following section of the "aims and intentions" of the Northern Wholefood Collectives (NWC):

"In distributing wholefoods and other supplies we will aim to:

a) present an alternative to the supermarket—and to most health food shops. To do this we will strive to provide food of the highest quality at non-exploitative prices. By this we mean: food which is organically grown if possible; if processed, to be processed in the most natural way; and free from additives.

b) distribute information about the foods we use—describing them honestly, with a clear statement of the ingredients, origin and any processing used. We aim to demonstrate that it is possible to eat simply, lower down the food chain, and to spend less. Individually some of the items we supply may be expensive because of the care taken in their production. However, a diet based on whole grains, vegetables, beans, seeds and nuts and fruits, with little or no animal products, can incorporate these more costly items without being expensive.

c) stimulate interest in the foods that can be grown in this country, and develop their uses, and promote the introduction of new crops which could grow here and make us more self-sufficient. To support farmers who are enhancing and protecting the land: most modern agricultural methods are destructive and exploit the land, those who work on it, and the consumer of the food raised on it. By creating new markets we hope to encourage more farmers to use natural methods of cultivation which promote a living soil.

d) encourage more people to work on the land; to encourage people in a better use of waste land, allotments and back gardens; and to learn about wild, edible and medicinal plants.

e) see our collectives as part of the local community, acting as information points and social centres and giving support wherever possible to other community activities.

"Working collectively, we recognize the principles of the traditional cooperative movement to be as follows:

- i) democracy,
- ii) the provision of goods and services for use, not for profit,
- iii) freedom to join to all who abide by its rules,
- iv) voluntary membership,
- v) determination to reorganise the world's economic and social systems along cooperative lines.



THE INDUSTRIAL COMMON OWNERSHIP MOVEMENT (ICOM)

31 Hare Street, London SE18 6JN (01-855 4099)

ICOM brings together 'common ownership' enterprises and all those interested in such forms of industrial/productive organisation. It serves as a forum for exchanging information, ideas and experiences between existing and prospective enterprises, and helps to promote new developments by providing legal, financial and 'management' advice. It has three full time employees in London, responsible for administration, advice and help to contacts and liaison with government at all levels, trade unions and all other bodies. It was closely involved in the 1976 Industrial Common Ownership Act and has developed a set of model rules for cooperatives under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts.

The government has recently passed legislation enabling grants and loans to be made to common ownership enterprises, and there are further sources of finance through Job Creation Projects and the Manpower Services Commission (see later). Information, and details about membership etc from ICOM.

SCOTTISH COOPS

Scottish Coops Forum, c/o Roger Clarke, Scottish Council of Social Services (SCSS), 18/19 Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh EH7 4QD (031-556 3882)

A coops 'steering group', involving the Coop Union, SCSS and the WEA has been working to stimulate discussion and development of coops in Scotland since Spring 1976 and are now proposing to set up (a) a cooperative forum, meeting at least annually, to provide a base for a broad discussion of issues facing coops, which would provide advice and back up for (b) a development committee, which would take action to foster the growth of coops.

THE COOPERATIVE UNION

Holyoake House, Hanover Street, Manchester M60

The Coop Union is a national advisory and information organisation of the established Co-op movement. They can assist some of the 'new type of coops' with legal, constitutional and accountancy advice and information, and also publish a pamphlet about Union and a comprehensive list of their publications, many of which are very useful.

INSTITUTE FOR WORKERS CONTROL

45 Gamble Street, Nottingham NG7 4ET (0602 74504)

Coordinating, research and campaigning body aiming to promote and develop the theory and practice of workers' control. Produce some very useful publications, full details from the above address.

FUTURE STUDIES CENTRE

15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2 9PR (0532 459865)

The Future Studies Centre is a contact point and information centre on alternatives for the future. It is open to visitors and for phone enquiries 7 days a week from 8am to 10pm and has an extensive reference library. The centre's network has more than 3,000 contacts in Britain, and internationally, cross referenced to geographical location, skills, interests and organised membership. It also provides the back up support for the 'Industry, the Community and Appropriate Technology' (ICAT) conference, and is coordinating the follow up programme, involving work on Local Cooperatives, alternatives for nuclear power workers and on "alternative corporate plan for Leeds".

Food Co-ops

A note by Suma Wholefood, Leeds

At base a food coop is no more and no less than a group of people organising themselves together to buy food. The most obvious reason for setting up a food coop is to obtain cheaper food, either by buying direct from the wholesaler or in bulk from a shop, or better food than is generally available. But in addition, food coops can mean a collective sharing of effort, and the social closeness that results, more direct control over the origin and quality of foodstuffs, and the establishment of an alternative distribution network carrying food of high quality and low price to as many people as possible.

There are two methods of setting up a food coop covered here based on the experience of several existing coops, and these suggest ways in which the food coops could operate within the food distribution system in the future.

TWO METHODS

These methods are derived from the experience of existing coops and are mentioned as guidelines. Ultimately each group will function best in an arrangement which has been evolved by the group itself. With the first method, each household is responsible for the buying and distribution of one item. The coop holds a meeting once a month, each household taking it in turn to be the host in which each household orders for the following month. Usually one household visits the cash and carry warehouse. (Food coops as such are not allowed cash and carry cards but you may find someone who has a card you can use). Money may be collected in advance, which means that no-one has to have capital, although some may prefer to buy from their own money and collect the money when the food arrives. Using this method, the coop can extend over a wide area, and if any other groups are set up in nearby areas, using the same method, it may be possible to buy together. The advantage of this method is the way in which work is distributed so an excess of work does not fall upon one or two people. The disadvantages are that people may lose contact with each other, or find it too time consuming to go from one household to another with their order.

The second method of organisation is for the group to order in bulk at a meeting and for certain people with transport to collect for the group. This seems the most suitable method for small food coops of people who live near to each other. The disadvantage is that often only one or two people are involved in the actual work, and it really requires that food can be bought from one or two places. Both methods work best where individual households buy in bulk, and both methods cut down on the amount of shopping which individual households need to do.

CONTACTS

Sources of supply depend upon the structure of your food coop. With the first method, you may want a list of suppliers, most likely wholesalers and farmers. You may find that suppliers exist in your area. Local mills in particular are worth investigating. With the second method you may buy direct from wholesalers, or from a shop, or cash and carry. Local wholefood shops will perhaps offer discount on bulk buys and will probably be very interested to supply food coops, if they are not doing so already. If you wish to set up a food coop in another area ask in your local shop for details (see regional listings), or write to the address given below.

LEGAL ASPECTS

This may seem irrelevant to some, but we recommend the protection of the interests of the food coop for the future, if not for the present. The most effective and simplest way of doing this is to form a non-profit making club with formal rules and membership fee, similar to a football supporters club. The fee need only be nominal, and the secretary keeps a list of rules and members. But since the club can determine in its rules that exchanges of goods and money between members need not adhere to the Weights and Measures Acts or Health Regulations Act, the club at the moment cannot be prosecuted under these Acts.

EXPANSION AND THE LOCAL CONTEXT

There's no need to stick to food—in our food coop in Leeds we pool magazines, tools, transport, babysitting and vegetables. Savings on food are increased still further if you bake your own bread and grow vegetables. In this way, the food coop can sometimes form the basis of a more self-sufficient way of life within a city situation.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Simply as a means of obtaining cheap food, the coop forms a successful and enjoyable alternative method to current ways of purchase. It breaks down the alienation which our society imposes on us; we are more in touch with the people we know, with the food we eat. If the members are also concerned with such issues as pollution, recycling, the encouragement of food production in the United Kingdom and decreasing the importation of products, then the coop can collectively make sure that it buys food, and by doing so, encourages the production of food which is produced in a way which is most beneficial to people and the environment.

At the moment the place of food coops in the alternative distribution network is vague. There is little contact of a structured kind between coops and 'alternative' shops which seek to offer a different kind of service except in specific areas. When food coops were first started in this country, many people envisaged that they would eventually replace shops as distribution points as has happened in some parts of the United States, organising themselves on an ever increasing scale, but retaining their cell structure. The increase in the establishment



of shops, such as those in the Northern Wholefood Cooperative, which aim to offer a service which distributes food of the purest possible quality, preferably grown in this country, at the lowest possible price, has rendered the food coop superfluous in some areas. And it is still uncertain what the relationship of the food coop, which usually relies on volunteer labour, to the shop, which is a commercial enterprise.

Those of us who are concerned with the Northern Wholefood Cooperative would like to see a stronger connection established. Certainly as the business of the shops extends, bulk purchasing of food by food coops from the shops for redistribution outside would mean that the shops would be able to extend their service without expanded labour costs, and so keeping the cost of food down. This is one simple way of working together. What is needed at the moment is both an increase in wholesale and retail outlets, but the problem of capital involved in the establishment of either of these is vast and ever-increasing. Food coops provide the opportunity of food distribution at minimum cost. If, as has taken place in the Northern Wholefood Cooperatives, the shops also adopt a statutory structure of worker cooperatives, this would provide a very strong basis for a collective food distribution network in which both capital and food would be freely available to those whose collective labour provides them. Further information from **SUMA WHOLEFOOD DISTRIBUTORS, (The Northern Wholefood Cooperatives), 11/13 Wharf Street, Leeds 2 (Tel: Leeds 42560)**

CENA 13 Wharf Street, Leeds 2

CENA is an educational/information/action centre which provides information on wholefoods, nutrition, management of small cooperatives, alternative food distribution and related issues.

Sponsored by the NWC, CENA is an independent workers' cooperative aimed at facilitating communication between the members of the alternative food system and the spreading and receiving of information about related issues on food to interested outside groups who could benefit from each other in sharing resources, to sponsor programmes of their own which will increase awareness of the importance of food and of the implications of its production and distribution both on a personal level and a community level, and to

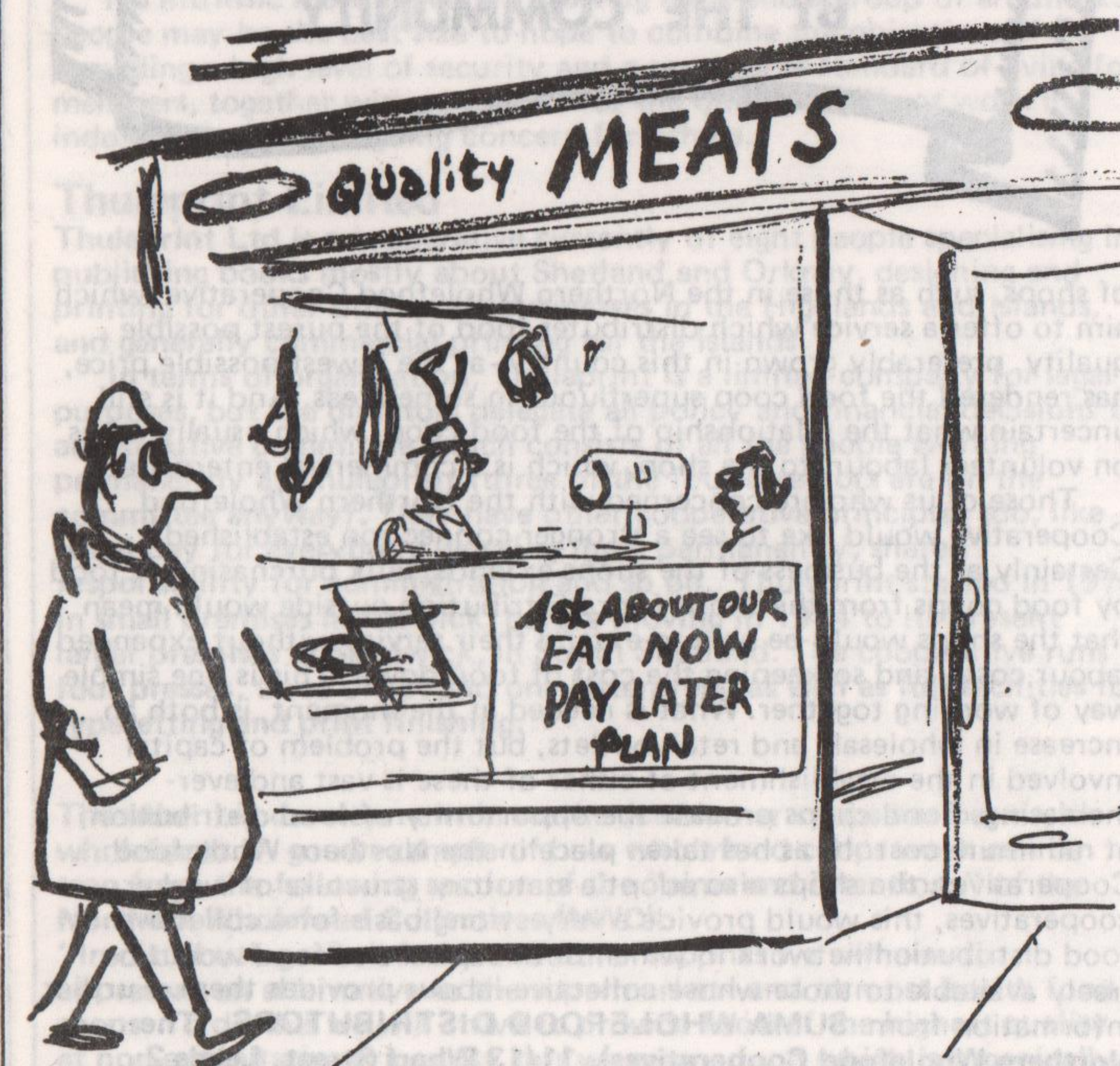
provide guidance for food coops, buying clubs and worker cooperatives. There are three main areas of work:

EDUCATION: The centre aims to provide education on alternative food, nutrition, and cooperative management. In conjunction with the Workers' Educational Association, CENA is sponsoring a programme on collectives, and will be holding a day school with several workshops which will cover a wide basis of topics to do with cooperative management and small scale collective working, as well as an on-going ten week course dealing largely with the same material. CENA is also working with schools and colleges in Leeds, that are already involved in environmental work, for the use of a series of programmes on alternative nutrition and food distribution, and aims to develop and make available resources such as films, slides, displays, speakers etc., for use both by educationalists and community shops, and to arrange conferences of nationally active people involved in food issues to coordinate activities and share information.

COMMUNITY ACTION: CENA is involved with a wide range of community projects and groups and is helping to establish neighbourhood food buying clubs and food coops to enable people to buy food and the most inexpensive and convenient means possible. CENA is also interested in working with other food industry workers wherever possible by providing educational materials and other kinds of appropriate supporting action.

INFORMATION: CENA provides information on issues related to food and on groups active in this area, such as alternative food shops, cooperative farms, small holdings, experimental growers and cooperative distribution. CENA is assisting in the production of *Whole Meal Times*, a national food magazine (see section 1, Special Mentions) and will also be working in conjunction with PDC in the distribution of publications on food and land reform not widely available in this country.

Most of CENA's proposed and on-going projects have come from ideas and needs expressed by the Northern Wholefoods Cooperative. The NWC is a federation of autonomous, worker owned, community based wholefood shops in the North of England and Scotland. The shops place a large emphasis on education and increasing awareness about food and its production and distribution. However, because of a lack of time and energy due to the growth and expansion necessary to meet the growing demands of their communities, the shops have found it increasingly more difficult to perform this role of educating people adequately. CENA has been developed as an answer to this problem and hopes to not only meet the present demands in this area, but to develop new avenues of communication, new contacts, ideas, news and information would also be very useful.



Information put out by COMET (Combined Organic Movement for Education and Training), c/o Lower Shaw Farmhouse, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts.

COMET was formed in June 1976 by a number of organisations concerned with the organic movement, and its purpose is to plan and establish courses in organic methods of food production at Colleges of Agriculture and elsewhere. At present it has three main thrusts:-

The first is to assess the serious demand for such courses by means of a questionnaire. If you are interested in receiving training you should fill in one of these questionnaires at once, as the success of our efforts depends to a large extent on being able to show that there is a genuine need to be met. Questionnaires are obtainable from the Soil Association, address below. Secondly, we wish to use the results of this questionnaire to decide what sort of courses should have priority and to put pressure on the Government and Agricultural Colleges to set them up and give financial support for students. Thirdly we are

exploring the possibility of setting up an independent course or courses based on a group of operational organic holdings.

None of these ventures is likely to bear fruit before 1978 at the earliest. In the meantime opportunities for training are very limited but here is a list of the training facilities that do exist and the courses that are currently available:

Long Courses: Farming/Self-sufficiency—Centre for Living, Fachongle Isaf, Trefdraeth, Sir Benfro, Wales. Horticulture—Horticulture Training College, Arkeley Manor, Barnet, Herts.

Short Courses: The following all hold short courses on organic food production, self-sufficiency, alternative life-style or the like: John Butter, Cowley Wood Preservation Center, Parracombe, North Devon; David & Marian Gillett, Napier Cottage, Lower Hergest, Kington, Herefordshire; Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts; Lackham College of Agriculture, Chippenham, Wilts; Mother Earth, PO Box 8, Malvern, Worcs; Resurgence, Pentre Ifan, Felindre, Farchog, Crymchi, Dyfed; Soil Association, Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk; Katie Thear, Broadleys Publishing Co., Widdington, Saffron Walden, Essex.

In addition there are opportunities for working on organic holdings, usually on an unpaid work-in-return-for-help basis, and this is a very good way for newcomers to start. The main sources of information about this are WWOOF (Working Weekends On Organic Farms), the Soil Association Journal and the HDRA Newsletter (see below).

Opportunities also appear in the following journals: Practical Self Sufficiency, Seed, In the Making and occasionally in Time Out, Whole Earth, Undercurrents, Resurgence etc.

The following are the names and addresses of organisations concerned with COMET:

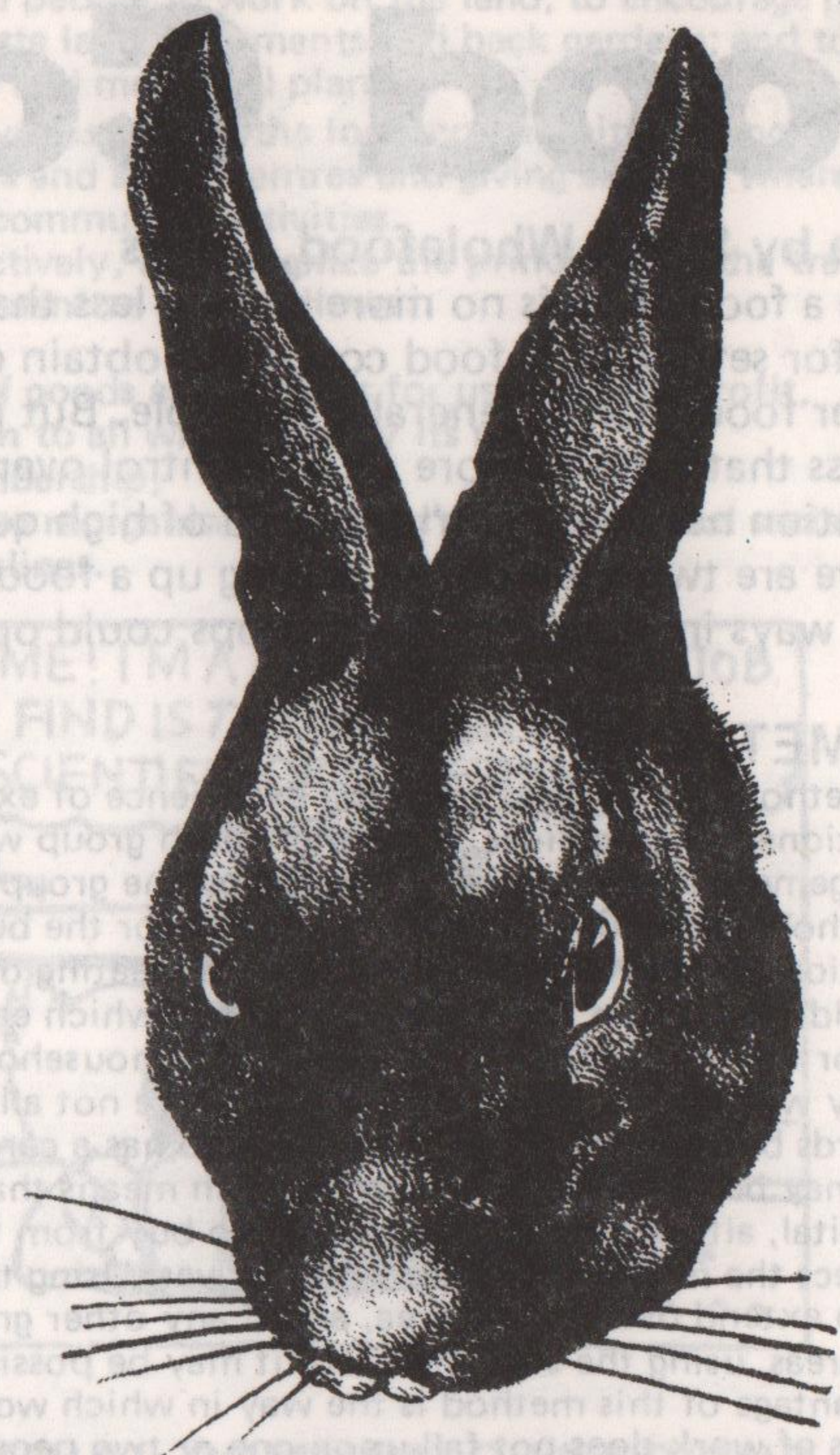
Alternative Society (Dick Kitto), Lower Shaw Farmhouse, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts;
Farm and Food Society (Anthony Deavon), 4 Willifield Way, London NW11;
Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA) (Alan Gear), 20 Convent Lane, Becking, Braintree, Essex;
Horticultural Training College (Dr Shewell-Cooper), Arkley Manor, Arkley, Herts;
Lackham College of Agriculture (Mike Burgess), Lacock, Chippenham, Wilts;
Organic Federation (John Bond), PO Box 8, Malvern, Worcs;
Macdonalds Farm (Dave Puddy), Dyffryn Bargoed, Deefach Felindre, Llandyssul, Dyfed;
Soil Association (Brig. A.W. Vickers), Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk;
WWOOF (Don Pynches), 56 High Street, Lewes, Sussex

Remember: Whenever you write for information please enclose a 9" x 4" self addressed envelope.

Also: see *Whole Earth* magazine from Simple Supplies in Brighton (see Regional Listings in Section 1) and *Uhuru: A working alternative* published by the Uhuru collective/Wholefood shop, 35 Cowley Road, Oxford (see Regional Listings) about working collectively and their own experiences, a really useful book, from Uhuru and Third World Publications (see Section 1). London Council for Social Service (LCSS) produce a *Handbook of Small-scale Employment Initiatives in Greater London* (see end of London section in Regional listings).

There also use to be an excellent magazine called *Vocations for Social Change* for North America, last address—c/o Kerry Trane/Pip Littleford, 5951 Canning Street, Oakland, C.A. 94609, California, USA, but we don't know if it's still publishing. Librarians for Social Change may have more information (see Section 1).

Alternative England and Wales is still useful for this area: see pages 90-94 and 230-240 (see section 1).



Technology

As with many sections of this directory, a separate publication would be needed to cover alternative and community based technology projects/ideas/initiatives etc. in any detail. Some of the relevant publications and groups/projects/organisations have already been listed—see Section 1; publications; environment and Section 2; Open University—particularly BSSRS and Local Science for People groups, the Undercurrents magazine, Future Studies Centre (see above). Other useful contacts include:

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Machynlleth, Powys, Cymru (Wales) (0654 2400)
Research, development, exhibition centre and information centre dealing with a wide range of alternative technology, including eco-energy sources, wind, water and solar power and organic gardening.

RATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

45/47 Brunel Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 4LD
The Rational Technology group is a small cooperative concerned with the relationship between society and the environment, particularly uses of natural resources such as fuel uses and energy conservation i.e. thermal designs of buildings, renewable energy collection (sun, wind, water) and second level measures like material recycling and reuse. Generally the methods of involvement of the group can be seen under certain headings: research, design, education and information as well as publications. In the education area the group are offering an 'education package' service to educational institutions and centres interested in running courses on energy, resources and related issues but lack relevant expertise, which can involve lectures, seminars and practical workshops. Further details from the group, enclose s.a.e.

RADTECH

c/o Dave Hayes, 71 Thirwell Road, Sheffield 8
A radical technology collective based in Sheffield and used to coordinate In the Making. Further information can be obtained from the Sheffield Area Directory (and Sheffield Science for People group) —see Regional Listings.

NEW ARCHITECTURE MOVEMENT (NAM)

9 Poland Street, London W1
NAM is working to make "Architectural practice directly accountable to all those who use its products and democratically controlled by the workers within it", and aims to promote effective control by the community over their environment, and by "architectural workers over their working lives". They have started a newsletter, *Slate*.

ALTERNATIVE DESIGN GROUP

SIAD, 12 Carlton House Terrace, London SW17 5AH (01-931 1911)
Works within SIAD (Society of Industrial Artists and Designers) and

offers a design service at special rates to alternative/community projects and is also concerned with alternative technology.

SUPPORT

Clerkenwell Workshops, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT

Can also be contacted c/o the Architectural Association (see Section 1, Environment). Support is a group of people with architectural and building skills who are aiming to promote socially responsible work in architecture, building, housing and planning. They also aim to provide practical help, advice and information to alternative and community projects and organisations, pressure groups, advice and law centres as well as individual activists.

COMTEK

The Depot, Weymouth Street, Bath, Avon (0225 5169/64429/63717)

Comtek community technology group run, among other things, a building coop, recycling depot, welding service, bicycle repair service, video and film workshops and a community architecture service, as well as organising the Comtek festival in past years, information from which should still be very useful.

APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Is a School and Community Kit available from the Directory of Social Change, 9 Mansfield Place, London NW3 (£2.70 plus 30p p&p). A practical kit/folder for young people covering: appropriate technology and the use of resources, wind power, methane, solar energy, recycling, transport, printing and publishing, urban farms, natural dyeing, spinning and weaving as well as examples of practical projects and activities that have been undertaken in schools and by young people generally. See also *Bee* (Bulletin of Environmental Education) (See PDC listing in Section 1), the bulletin is very useful.

SERA

The Socialist Environment and Resources Association listed in Section 1. Particularly for trade union initiatives (such as the Lucas Aerospace Shop Stewards' proposals for the right to work on socially useful products), something that is often overlooked within the "alternative" technology 'movement'. NELP (North East London Polytechnic—Environmental Studies Department (?)) are also doing some work in this area, with trade unions and other groups.

Community Action

Many projects, groups and organisations throughout the country are involved in 'community action', the basis of which is campaigning action by the community itself to give people, living and working in the community, more control over their own lives. The degree to which such projects etc. are committed to community action work on this basis very much depends on their local situation, who runs (and provides the finance for) them, how they are organised etc., and it is up to you to find out just how committed they are, information contacts in the Regional Listings Section may be useful as a start. Most of the listings are under the heading of 'volunteering', so please read that section as well, see below.

SCANUS

302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291)
SCANUS is the NUS's Student Community Action (SCA) Unit (see beginning of section 1) and acts as an information, research and coordinating resource centre for local and area SCA groups, student unions and related alternative/community projects, some of which are listed in the Regional Listings section. SCANUS produced this directory and broadly can be seen to cover just about all the areas included in it, if only on a referral basis, linking up with other organisations.

DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL CHANGE: COMMUNITY ACTION

Is a book compiled by Michael Norton and Barbara Dinham and is available from 9 Mansfield Place, London NW3 (£5.95 hardback, £3.95 paperback).

It is a very comprehensive guide covering community action and campaigning, community arts, communications and resources. It is a practical self-help manual to just about everything you need to know about community action and organising in the community. The only problems with it are (a) the price, and it might be a good idea to get it through your local library as it is expensive; (b) that as with any

directory (see Introduction) information soon goes out of date and quite a few of the listings in it need revising, so check them first; and (c) those of us involved in community work often wonder about the motives of people producing glossy and expensive publications. There's a lot of 'radical careerism' about, i.e. people making names for themselves through academic radicalism. Armchair radicals/community activists may make useful contributions to the movement for social change, but it is not that difficult to see that many 'reputations' etc. are made on the backs of those of us who actually do the hard graft, Nuff said.

CLAP

c/o BIT, 97a Talbot Road, London W2

Clap is the Community Levy for Alternative Projects and can also be contacted via *Peace News* (see publications). Projects who need money/support advertise in the CLP handbooks, which are published in *Peace News* every two months, so that people or groups can send money to them. There are also some regionally based CLAPs, contact *Peace News* or BIT for further information.

See *Community Action* magazine (Section 1, Special Mentions) and other related projects/publications/groups/organisations etc and particularly those listed in Section 1.

Community Development Project

The Community Development Project (CDP) was established in 1969 as an action-research experiment concerned with better understanding and more comprehensive tackling of social needs through central and local, official and unofficial efforts, informed and stimulated by citizen initiative and involvement. Initiated by the Home Office with the involvement of local authorities and universities or polytechnics, the experiment was based in twelve areas of industrial decline and special social needs.

These areas were Hillfields, Coventry; Vauxhall, Liverpool; Batley, Kirkstall, Cleator Moor, Cumbria; Saltley, Birmingham; Percy and Trinity, North Tyneside; Upper Afan, West Glamorgan; Newington, Southwark; Canning Town, Newham; Benwell, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Clarksfield, Oldham and Ferguslie Park in Paisley, Scotland.

The local CDPs were set up at intervals between 1969 and 1972. Those in Coventry, Liverpool, West Glamorgan and Southwark have completed their five year action programmes. Those in Kirkstall, Cumbria and Newham have closed before doing so. On the research side, work continues on these projects' final reports, except in the case of Coventry CDP which reported in 1975. Their reports are expected between now and December 1977. The remaining five CDPs are due to complete their action and research programmes, including final reports, during 1977 and 1978 (March).

The Community Development Project was financed by the local authorities and research institutions subject to Home Office grants which cover most of the expenditure. The local CDPs have been enabled to carry out their work in ways that seemed best suited to the needs of their respective areas whilst having regard to their being components of an overall experiment. When their findings were published, however, they proved to be 'politically embarrassing' to the government, and the Home Office, and so the project was brought to an abrupt halt. In addition to producing their own individual reports, the local CDPs have joined in producing inter-project reports. The Unit closed on 30 September 1976 but arrangements were made to enable some of the staff to complete reports already in preparation, which they have now done.

CDP INTER-PROJECT REPORTS; LOCAL PROJECT FINAL REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS.

Available from—Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate (Room 1373), London SW1H 9AT (01-213 3192)

Also available locally except where indicated by preceding symbol †.

Birmingham CDP, 186 St Saviour's Road, Saltley, Birmingham B8 1HG
Newcastle CDP, 85-87 Adelaide Terrace, Benwell, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE4 8BB

North Tyneside CDP, CDP Centre, Reservoir House, Waterville Road, North Shields, Tyne-Wear NE29 6BA

Oldham CDP, Community Development Centre, 250 Waterloo Street, Oldham OL4 1ES

Paisley CDP, The Centre, 130 Ferguslie Park Avenue, Paisley, Scotland

INTER-PROJECT REPORTS

Titles and authors notes of reports written by project teams and published by the former CDP Information and Intelligence Unit.

INTER-PROJECT REPORTS—The first joint statement of all the projects. Marks the rejection of theories that deprivation is caused by individual weaknesses in favour of a structural analysis. February 1974.

FORWARD PLAN—Develops and expands the analysis contained in the Inter-Project Report. May 1975.

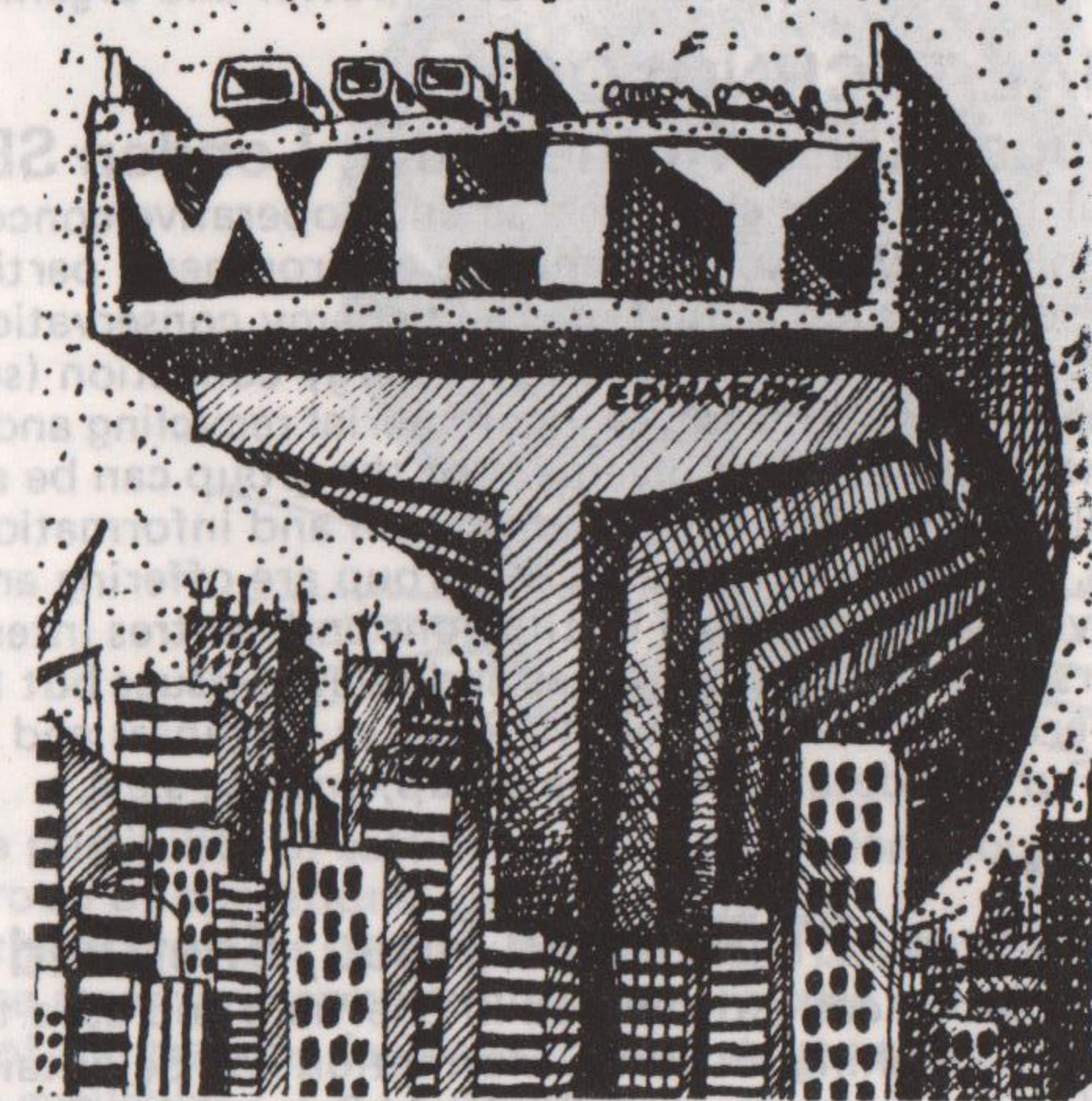
RATES OF DECLINE—The CDP evidence to the Layfield Committee on the rating system. Prepared by a consultant, Chris Tyrell. Concentrates on the injustices the present rating system holds for working class areas. January 1975.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO COUNCIL HOUSING? Shows the way in which council housing as an ideal for providing decent and cheap housing for all who wanted it has slumped to providing only poor quality accommodation for slum cleared tenants and residents. Traces the decline and fall of the ideal with reference to a number of project areas. April 1976.

PROFITS AGAINST HOUSES. This report is about housing finance and about how profit conflicts with the need for homes. It tries to expose the reality behind the junk-yard of technical phrases and examines the way that land developers, house builders, money lenders and the whole range of professionals like estate agents and surveyors are motivated by profit and how this always leads to a housing crisis—but only for those who cannot afford to finance the system. It is written as an alternative to the report expected from the government on housing finance which undoubtedly will only suggest minor changes. This report shows how no amount of tinkering will improve the harsh conditions in CDP areas. September 1976.

LIMITS OF THE LAW. This report recounts some experiences of the workings of administrative law, from the rules governing social security to those determining who gets a council house and shows how through the network of rules and regulations basic economic and political power relationships are maintained. March 1977.

THE COSTS OF INDUSTRIAL CHANGE. This report details the



process through which working class areas are created and destroyed according to the needs of industry. It will show that far from being a problem which can easily be solved, poor areas with declining industry are a necessary part of capitalist development. January 1977.

GILDING THE GHETTO. This report shows how the proliferation of government anti-poverty schemes have made no real impact on any of the problems faced by people living in urban areas. It examines the reasons behind the state's sudden interest in the 'urban problem' and the establishment of programmes to deal with it. February 1977.

FINAL REPORTS OF LOCAL CDPs

COVENTRY CDP FINAL REPORTS PARTS 1 & 2. The final report of one of the first projects to complete its five year life. Part 1 traces the development of the project from its attempt to implement the original Home Office brief to its structural position. Part 2 looks at various aspects of the project area such as planning, industry, housing. March 1975.

RESEARCH AND REFORM. A report by Stephen Hatch, Enid Fox and Charles Legg, formerly senior members of the first Southwark CDP research team recruited by Brunel University, covering their work during the first half of the life of the CDP. A final report by the South Bank Polytechnic research team, covering the second half of the project is expected to follow.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BECOMES BIG BUSINESS. Based on the experience of Coventry CDP and written by its former director, this report reveals the way in which local government is becoming more and more like capitalist enterprises in the way that it has adopted corporate management. September 1975.

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. An analysis by Harry Specht, University of California, Berkeley, of practice in community development, based on interviews with 12 CDP Directors and other informed observers and examination of documents from national and local sources. Published 1976 by the National Institute for Social Work, 5 Tavistock Place, London WC1.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: APPROACHES TO URBAN DEPRIVATION. Report of a study by John Stewart, Kenneth Spencer and Barbara Webster, commissioned by the Home Office with the Institute of Local Government Studies in the University of Birmingham, of urban deprivation as seen by local authority officers and other statutory agencies. Undertaken in Birmingham and Nottingham and the work involved both the new and the old local authorities. In two parts, the first concerns strategies for tackling the problem of urban deprivation and the second gives accounts of interviews conducted and illustrates points in part one. The report concerns the work of officers in all departments of local authorities. Home Office Occasional paper no. 1, November 1976.

PDC also stock several of these reports.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY WORK

See the Social Work and Community Work listing in Section 1. In London there is the London Neighbourhood Workers' Group (LNWG), an informal organisation open to all neighbourhood community workers in the London area, who organise a wide range of workshops/meetings and produce a newsletter. They can be contacted c/o LCSS, 68 Chalton Street, London NW1.

Volunteering

If you're considering any kind of volunteering work, whether here or overseas, it is important to consider the wider implications of your commitment. Why do you want to volunteer? Why are you in a position to do voluntary work? Why are there people in need who have to rely on voluntary help? What is the effect of your working in a voluntary situation? And so on.

There are many organised outlets for this kind of work, with much government money currently going into the voluntary sector. The reasons for this investment need to be examined before you decide whether or not you are happy to undertake such work, and if so, under what circumstances. In detail though not in overall analysis, the answers to such questions vary between voluntary situations at home and those overseas, and so we will deal with them separately.

There are more than 180 volunteer bureaux in Britain, mainly in the larger towns, which can advise you on part-time and also full-time volunteering opportunities. Community Service Volunteers (CSV) places volunteers in full-time projects, and there are several non government funded organisations. Beware of the hard work, however. As a volunteer for example, virtually all the summer projects that we see advertised you'll have to work really hard, for no pay at all in most cases, or for a limited amount of 'pocket money'. You'll find things like: "CROYDON VOLUNTARY SERVICES HOLIDAY—Helpers have to do everything that ensures that the holiday makers have a good time, from 'chores' to joining in the entertainment. Duties are worked out on a rota basis so as to allow some free time. Any excursions made are free to the helpers. The holiday makers extract as much enjoyment from holiday as helpers put in effort, therefore it is essential that the volunteers maintain an enthusiastic outlook for the duration of the holiday."

You get £4.50 per week pocket money. Do you really feel like 'maintaining an enthusiastic outlook' (essential) and 'doing everything' with "some free time" for £4.50 per week?

"TOWER HAMLETS PLAYGROUND—"Interest in children and hard work essential." No pay!

There are schemes, particularly conservation projects where you have to pay them for the privilege of working!

This is the kind of thing that can be expected from you: the glossy blurb says:

"Do you want to enjoy yourself this summer doing something completely different?"

"A rewarding, fun, different way of spending your summer holiday."

Be sure that you want to cope with a lot of physical and mental exertion for no pay. Be sure that you know of the alternatives to low-paid or unpaid voluntary work. Make sure you know of your rights to Social Security payments.

Why is there such a well organised volunteer sector? The main reason that such a lot of government money is poured into this sector is in an attempt to offset the cutbacks in central and local government expenditure, which have deprived essential services of sufficient resources. By providing money to set up agencies that can exploit people's (especially unemployed people) social conscience they hope to be able to provide or maintain the same facilities at a much reduced price. So, the first thing to ask yourself when you are considering working on a particular projects is: "Why isn't there money available to employ some one at a living wage to do this job if it is so vital?" "What happened to the money that was available previously for this job?" It could be that by responding unwittingly where there is a need for a service (be it in a hospital, painting an OAP's council house, working with the disabled or whatever) you could be threatening the livelihood of paid workers or keeping someone on the dole. In such situations you may find, not surprisingly, a very hostile reaction to you from other workers and trade unionists.

Listen to this extract from a pamphlet produced by the National Steering Committee Against the Cuts in March 1977. Harry Packham, a COHSE (hospital workers' union) delegate to a discussion conference on the social wage, said:

"In my area we've been approached, like many others, to save money, to cut jobs here, phase jobs out there, to try and bolster the service to keep it going. Half the cleaning in this hospital to be done, half the maintenance in another to be done—that's how the money is being saved. At the same time we are told—as if it's something to be proud of—that the Government's Job Creation Scheme is being used to create a deputy voluntary service organiser in one of the hospitals where a number of jobs are being cut. Now there's little wonder that this is provoking a number of us to industrial action. We've got to show the Government that we're not going to accept this sort of policy. We've got to take up this challenge and we've got to go out and fight for the protection and the development of the public services and explain to people that the social wage represents part of the quality of life, that the money you take home in your pocket is not the end of it."

Secondly, you need to consider whether you feel the need to be formally organised as a volunteer through an agency. Why do you want to go and help someone a few miles away or in another town when there may be a local action group, community newspaper, tenants' association where you live? A good volunteer bureau should be able to tell you about your local action group, (as well as more obvious things like how you can help the St John's Ambulance Brigade), and is likely to receive requests from tenants' associations for people to help with publicity for campaigns or help with their accounts.

Through many of the listings in this directory you are likely to find a wide range of community action based projects/groups/campaigns which need volunteers. If you want to be a full-time volunteer in Britain there are organisations like CSV, the Cyrenians and the Simon Community (see below). However the subsistence and pocket-money

that they provide is unlikely to be more than you would get on Social Security. So, it is worth considering volunteering 'freelance' as you will have more control over what you do and how you do it that way. In some areas however, social security officers regard people doing totally unpaid voluntary work as "not available for work" and this could give you trouble claiming your benefit. The Future Studies Centre (see earlier in this section) have come across these problems and may have some tips so it's worth contacting them at 15 Kelso Road, Leeds LS2, but remember to send them an s.a.e. Until things are sorted out it's better not to mention what you're doing when signing on.

Thirdly, volunteering is all too often presented as a charitable act, which allows people both to help and observe the "underprivileged" situation. This is pure myth: as a volunteer you will have to work really hard, as, in most cases, there will be an almost unlimited amount of work you could do. This makes it very important to think carefully about what your priorities should be, if you don't want to overdo things or waste your energies, this is particularly important for both your physical and mental health.

On the other hand there are many pioneering, self-help projects that might never have got started without voluntary help, and you'd be waiting till the year 2000 for the local council to provide them. If you can find such projects which avoid some of the pitfalls above, your time could be well spent.

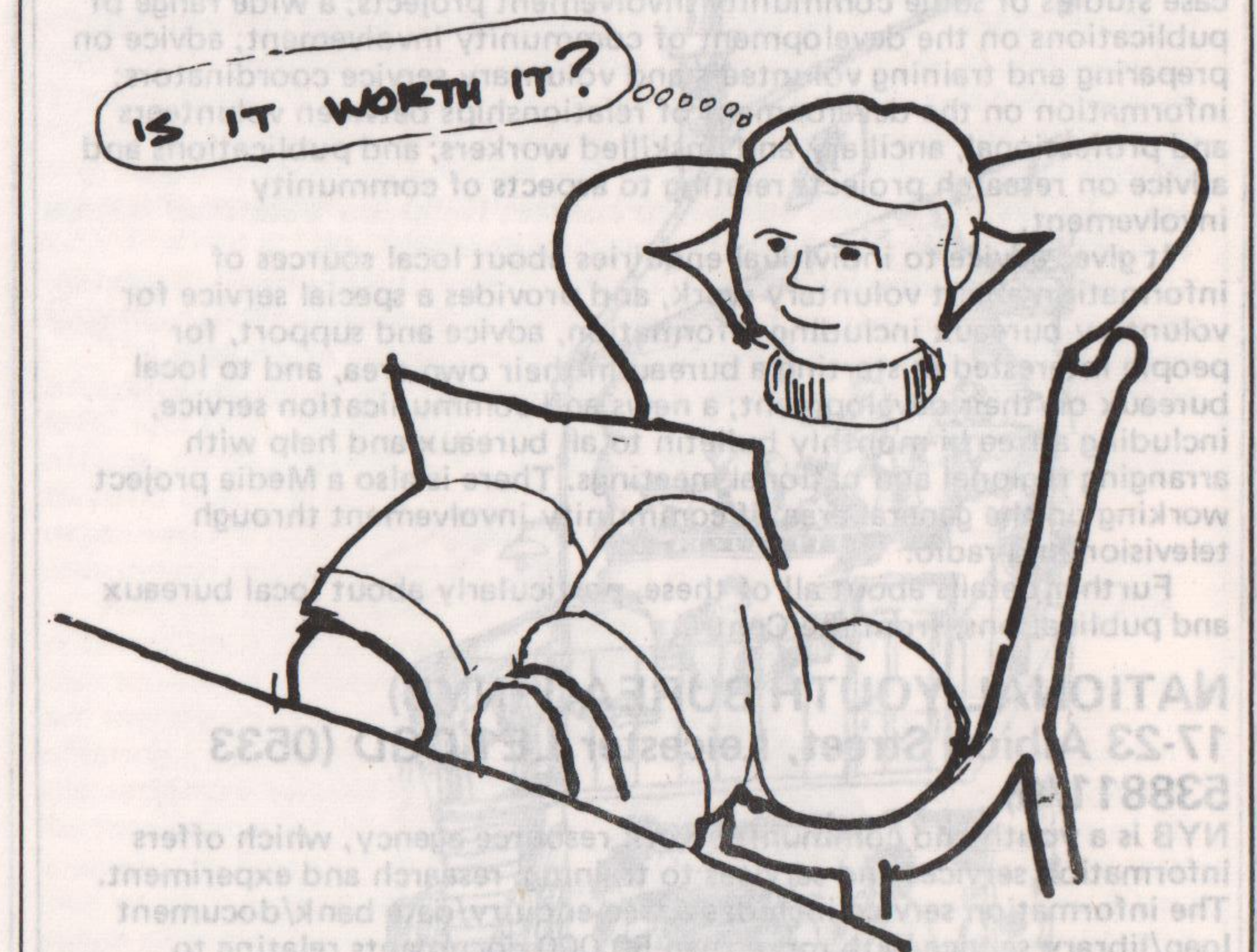
Also, voluntary work can play an important part in de-professionalising the caring professions. There is a need to destroy some of the mystique and mumbojumbo with which they have surrounded themselves to maintain the distance in the client-professional relationship.

Finally, voluntary work can be a way to break out of the Catch 22 situation of not being able to get a job in social or community work without experience, and not being able to get experience without getting a job. While training courses remain mainly for those already working as social workers, voluntary work can be the way of breaking out of boring or dead-end jobs.

Clearly it would be as wrong to blindly reject volunteering as it would be to accept it uncritically. Volunteer bureaux vary enormously as do the places who use volunteers, so you need a general critical awareness of the implications of volunteering more than anything else.

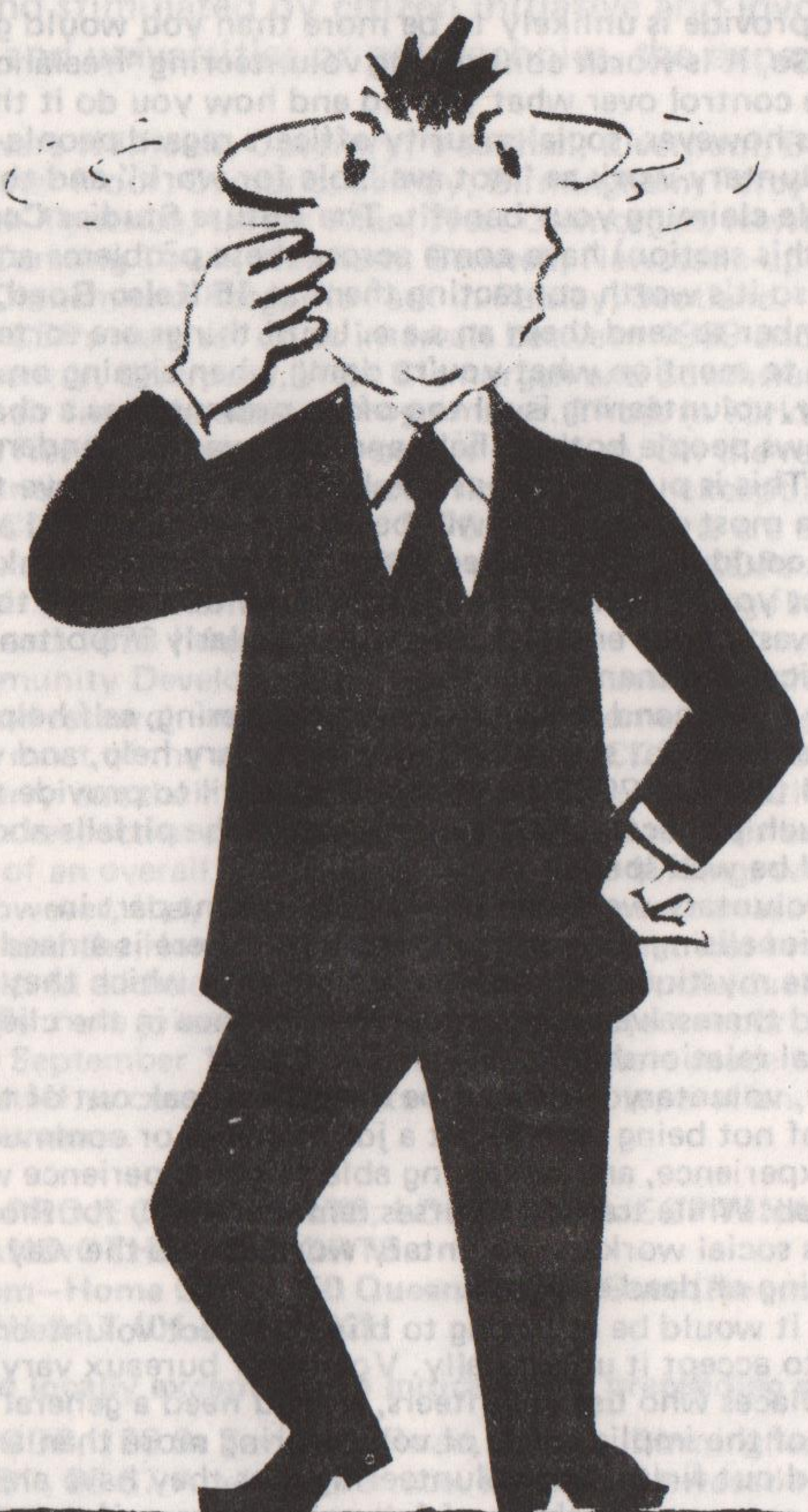
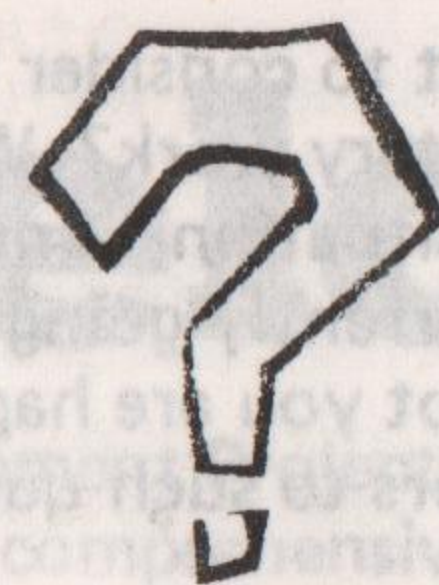
But find out first if the volunteering jobs they have are boring or low status compared to those of full-paid workers, if they believe you have the right to criticise the project or become involved in management, and if any of their projects are caused by cuts in local expenditure.

Later, if you find you're being exploited or keeping someone out of a job then maybe you would be better spending your time trying to change the situation. Alternatively, if you find your situation is non-exploitative and genuinely useful to the community you might be interested in linking up with others to discover how more people could become involved.



For addresses of your nearest volunteer bureau see local telephone directory, or enquire at the Volunteer Centre, 29 Lower King's Road, Berkhamstead, Herts. For a list of local community groups see your local library or public relations department of the Town Hall, as well as the contacts covered by Regional Listings and other sections of this directory.

Volunteering in Britain



THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

29 Lower Kings Road, Berkhamstead, Herts. HP4 2AB (Berkhamstead 73311)

The Volunteer Centre provides:

a bank of information on volunteer involvement throughout Britain; case studies of some community involvement projects; a wide range of publications on the development of community involvement, advice on preparing and training volunteers and voluntary service coordinators; information on the development of relationships between volunteers and professional, ancillary and unskilled workers; and publications and advice on research projects relating to aspects of community involvement.

It gives advice to individual enquiries about local sources of information about voluntary work, and provides a special service for voluntary bureaux including information, advice and support, for people interested in starting a bureau in their own area, and to local bureaux on their development; a news and communication service, including a free bi-monthly bulletin to all bureaux and help with arranging regional and national meetings. There is also a Media project working on the general area of community involvement through television and radio.

Further details about all of these, particularly about local bureaux and publications, from the Centre.

NATIONAL YOUTH BUREAU (NYB)

17-23 Albion Street, Leicester LE1 CGD (0533 538811/6)

NYB is a youth and community work resource agency, which offers information services and services to training, research and experiment. The information service includes a free enquiry/data bank/document loan/library service with more than 50,000 documents relating to "young people in society", which includes a wide range of community based projects, activities and general initiatives. There is also a register of research and community media services (see Media listing, Section 1)

The Young Volunteer Resources Unit collects and provides information relating to young people and volunteering and has details of local 'young volunteer' organisations and projects.

NYB publishes the **Youth in Society** magazine (should be available through your local library) which is a very useful source of information particularly the Current Awareness information section.

There is a catalogue available of all the NYB publications, s.a.e. from NYB, and there are also a whole selection of free leaflets explaining the services offered in greater detail. Particularly useful is the **Voluntary Service Opportunities Register**, which lists about 100 community and conservation summer projects in England, Wales and N. Ireland; projects and organisations requiring volunteers during other parts of the year, or for longer time periods. Copies are free (include 15p, 10" X 13" s.a.e.).

N.B. Remember that with all such directories/lists, the 'jobs' or 'work' will vary enormously from community action projects to institutionalised 9 to 5 jobs, so keep your eyes and mind open when you're looking around.

ENTERPRISE YOUTH

49 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HL (031-226 3192)

A voluntary organisation (similar to NYB) promoting community involvement by young people in Scotland, particularly active in helping young people to set up community projects and groups and run them themselves. They are collecting information on 'alternative' projects in Scotland, especially those based on self-management, alternative technology, common ownership etc.

They also produce a **Chart of Summer Opportunities** for involvement in community and conservation projects in Scotland, and can supply details of playschemes and other projects finalised since the chart was completed (send s.a.e.).

ALSO in Scotland, the **Board for Information on Youth and Community Service**, 67 York Place, Edinburgh 1 (031-556 8671) may be useful.

COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS (CSV)

237 Pentonville Road, London N1 9NJ (01-278 6001), National Office.

Also at: 5a Forres Street, Edinburgh EH3 6BJ (031-225 6999) and 41 University Street, Belfast 7 (0232 21946); St Johns Vicarage, Algernon Road, Walkden, Manchester (061-790 2338); 'Norwood', West Avenue, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE3 4ES (0632 841290).

CSV coordinate a variety of projects, which take people who want to work for pocket money (c. £5 per week), plus a place to stay. You must be willing to commit yourself to a project for at least ten weeks. They accept a very small number of summer volunteers, but normally ask for a commitment for six months to a year. Their publications list may also be useful, it should be available from any of the above addresses.



INTER-ACTION

Inter Action Centre, Talacre Open Space, 54-90 Prince of Wales Road, London NW5 (01-485 0881)

An independent organisation specialising in practical and cooperative youth and community projects, broadly covering theatre/media and community work. This includes an advisory service for community and voluntary groups with financial and organisational problems, an urban farm, a wide range of theatre, film and community media projects, an adventure playground and a publishing unit.

Inter-Action also employs up to 20 volunteers for their summer programme. These receive two weeks training followed by six weeks work in teams which are led by experienced full-time members. Volunteers may be offered vacant full-time posts at the end of the summer. Apply in March.

Short courses will be run from time to time on Participatory Theatre for the Young; Community Theatre for Adults; Finance, Administration and Budgeting for Voluntary Groups; How to Publish a Pamphlet; Community Media (video, silkscreen etc.) and the Inter-Action Game Method (an understanding of games useful to anyone working with groups). Courses will be put on for ready-formed groups given due notice. Enquiries to Mike Jenn (Training).

Generally, Inter-Action is a useful source of information, as a centre for stimulating self-help projects and groups, particularly their publications, send for list (with s.a.e.).



SIMON COMMUNITY

118 Grove Green Road, London E11 (01-539 0541)

Gives help and accommodation to the homeless and rootless, especially providing a stop-gap for people with particular problems (i.e. drug addicts, alcoholics or ex-psychiatric patients) and those with nowhere to go. It uses a lot of volunteers, although it is a considerable commitment.

THE CYRENIANS

13 Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent (Canterbury 51641)

Formed in 1970 when they split from the Simon Community. Like Simon they exist to help uprooted and socially isolated people who have nowhere to go, but each local group is autonomous; the Canterbury office is for things like recruitment, training, research and information. At present they have 28 communities all over the country which also run special projects like night shelters, day centres, houses for drug addicts and houses for alcoholics. They are also involved in a campaign to get local authorities to take up their responsibilities under the 1977 Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, and always need volunteers, the national office can put you in touch with local groups.

SCANUS

NUS Student Community Action Unit, 302 Pentonville Road, London N1 (01-278 3291)

As has been said before, many colleges have, or are linked with, community action groups (see Regional Listings), SCANUS can provide details of local groups and where/how to get in touch with them. They all need volunteers/workers, and some groups particularly need extra people during the summer vacations. This is one way to get more involved in the community itself rather than in institutions, and most groups have a wide range of projects. SCANUS will be producing a **Community Action Groups Summer Vacancy Register** in June listing opportunities, which should be useful if you want something more stimulating to be involved in over the summer. Details from SCANUS nearer the time.

DIRECTORY OF PROJECTS

This has always been produced by **NACRO**, 125 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 (01-735 1151); a list of some 1000 organisations in England and Wales involved with voluntary and community work. It should still be available (£1.50 plus 20p post) and also try your local library. The **National Council of Social Service**, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU and the **Scottish Council of Social Service**, 18/19 Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh EH7 4QD should also prove useful.

CENTRAL BUREAU FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND EXCHANGES

43 Dorset Street, London W1 (01-486 5101)

Produce a booklet called **Working Holidays** which gives information on jobs in Britain and abroad, including community work and work camps. £1 plus 8p post.

BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Zoological Gardens, Regents Park, London NW1 (01-722 7112/3)

Organise conservation, clearance and restoration work throughout Britain, May-October for one/two week periods although volunteers have to pay part costs of the food.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

9 Poland Street, London W1 (01-434 1684)

Describe themselves as a group "working to improve awareness of ecological and environmental problems and for adoption of social goals and policies that take account of and respect the environment". They campaign on a number of issues (especially nuclear power at present, but also transport, food, wildlife, recycling) and have local groups working in many parts of the country.

THE WOODCRAFT FOLK

13 Ritherdon Road, London SW17 (01-672 6031)

An 'alternative' young people's organisation, without the militarism and competitiveness of the scouts, based on "cooperation and democracy" (their motto is 'Span the World With Friendship'). Their activities include "games, craftwork, festivals, educational work, folk singing and dancing, drama, film shows, discussions, weekend and summer camps, youth hostelling, visits, rallies, hikes and training schools". as well as international events and group exchange visits with members acting as hosts at local camps and offering hospitality in their homes.

New helpers and coordinators are always welcome. Further information, and details of your nearest group, from the General Secretary at the above address.

OTHER IDEAS

Playschemes: often need helpers/workers, you should be able to get details locally (even through the local council) or from some of the organisations listed in this section.

Literacy Schemes: see section 2, you should be able to get in touch with your local adult literacy project through local libraries, council offices, citizens' advice bureaux etc. They always need volunteers who usually work on a one-to-one basis with the person they are helping to learn.

WORKING WITH GYPSIES

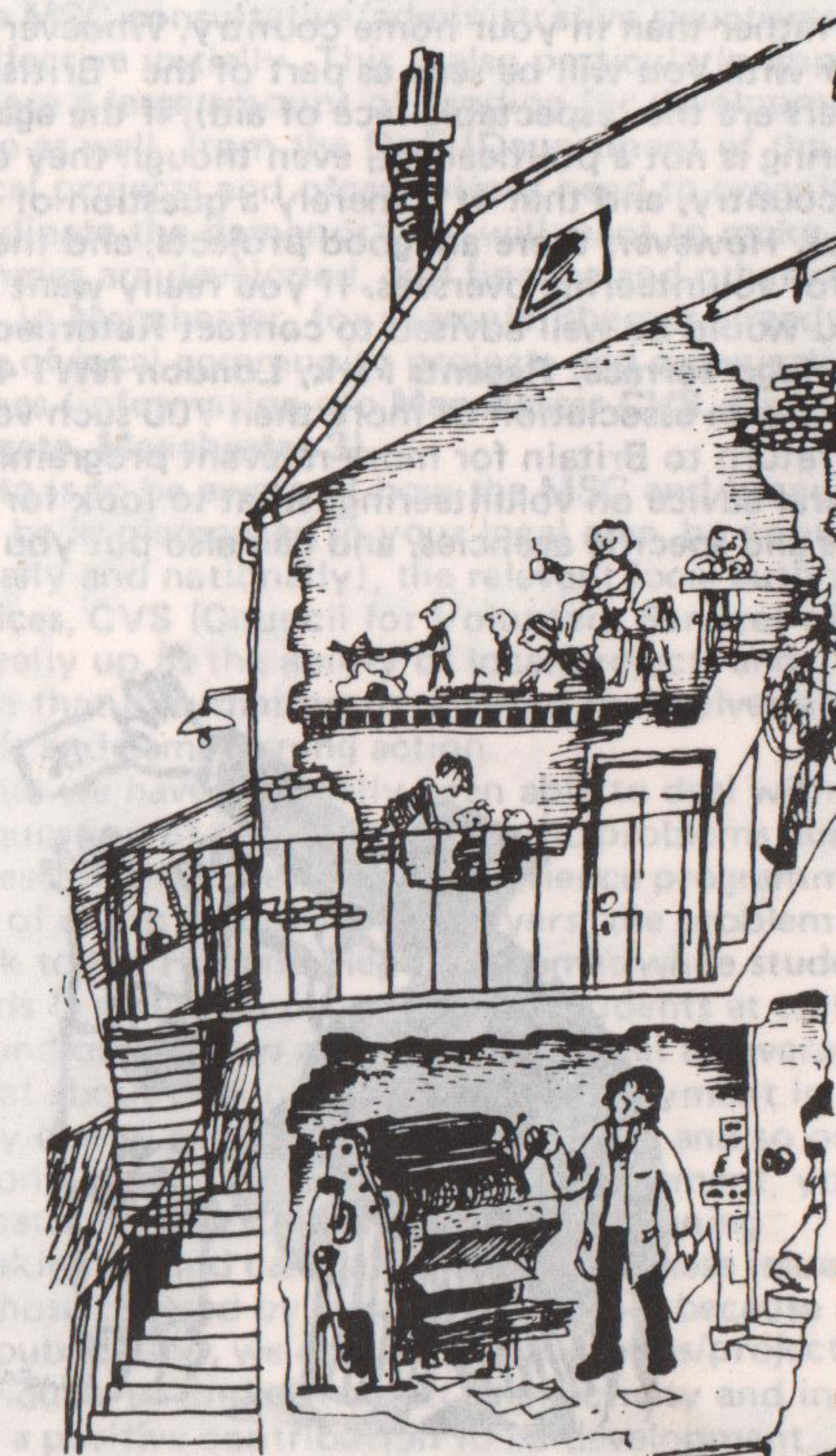
Advisory Committee for the Education of Romany and Other Travellers (ALERT), 204 Church Road, Hanwell, London W7 (01-579 5108); **National Gypsy Education Council**, 61 Blenheim Crescent, London W11 (01-727 2916). Alternatively you could try the **Romany Guild**, Britain's first all-gypsy organisation: **Tom Lee**, Folly Lane Caravan Site, 2 Folly Lane, London E4 (01-531 6394).

This information needs checking, however, as it is only current for 1977.

WELFARE RIGHTS/PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

There is always scope for helping with existing, or starting new, projects which provide help, advice and information on people's rights, particularly welfare rights. Again local sources of information: advice centres, community projects, resource centres etc., are the best place to start. One publication that we came across when collecting material for this directory which is really useful is **Welfare Rights Stalls: an experiment in social communication**. Unfortunately, it was produced as long ago as 1972 by the **National Innovations Centre, Bedford Chambers, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8HA**, but see if your local library, or reference section in any relevant council office or community project has it. We would be very interested to hear from anyone who has similar information or is interested in re-publishing this publication or something similar.

Also: don't forget all the other sections of this directory, particularly publications and regional listings. There are useful sections in **Alternative England and Wales** pp 237-240 and in **Directory of Social Change: Community Action** (see above) as well.



Volunteering Overseas

Unless you have unlimited amounts of money, the only way to work overseas as a volunteer is through one of the volunteer export agencies. There are more than 38 such organisations (see below), though many of these are of a religious or evangelical nature. Only two are specifically set up to send school leavers (Project Trust, Jinja) although those which organise educational workcamps (e.g. IVS, through international contracts) also take school students. The vast majority of non-missionary type volunteers working overseas however, go through one of the 4 government-backed agencies under the British Volunteer Programme—CIIR, IVS, UNA, VSO. Whichever type of agency you are considering working for, the same questions about the wider implications of your work need to be posed: why are these organisations working in the third world? Why are people in the third world 'underdeveloped'? What effect will your intervention have? What are your motives for going overseas?

Today, most of the volunteer export agencies claim to have a humanitarian motive for their work—improving the lot of the poorest people in the poorest countries, and for precisely that reason you might be attracted to them. Yet today's agencies grew out of evangelical (missionary) and educational (offering alternative world experience to our future ruling elite when such opportunities became scarcer through military service with the end of the war) programmes of the '50s. So the first thing to ask is just how much of the 50s spirit remain in today's agencies and how successfully have they achieved a metamorphosis.

Secondly, why are there people living in poverty in underdeveloped (as well as developed) countries? The short and simple answer is that they are malnourished, in ill-health constantly, near starvation, living in hardboard houses etc. as a direct result of colonial exploitation in the past and its replacement by somewhat more subtle forms of neo-colonial and multi-national exploitation now. How far then do the volunteer programmes go to remove this exploitation and how far do they just paper over the cracks? The government's aid programmes (VSO in particular) tend to see the problem simply in terms of transferring western technology to underdeveloped countries. Such an approach clearly treats the symptoms rather than the causes; no matter how much you improve the quality of agricultural techniques of Sri Lanka peasants it won't help their development one grain of rice if Brooke Bond owns the land, and they don't have the power to reclaim it. What is worse, this sort of technology transfer receives a lot of support (from government and industry) since it simply increases the demand for multinational fertilizers, machinery, drugs etc. There are volunteer nurses working in underdeveloped countries under the sponsorship of European pharmaceutical companies—and guess whose drugs they are hooking the locals on. So, when considering skill transfer, ask the agency whether it really is appropriate, and judge for yourself whether it will decrease rather than increase the dependencies of the recipients.

You should also consider who it is you are helping. Some agencies send volunteers to projects where they are teaching the sons of local military rulers in countries where brutal military dictatorships rule. And what is the use of improving irrigation of an area if it is owned or likely to be seized by an already powerful landowner? Will the effect of your teaching be to create a small elite who will exploit the poorer compatriots? Is it possible that by being a teacher in Indonesia you are assisting the government to cover up the fact that there are more than 100,000 people, mainly teachers, in the prisons in Indonesia for their 'political' views.

Clearly it is a complex question and there are many other things to take into consideration, not least your own motivation for helping overseas rather than in your home country. Whoever you decide to volunteer with you will be seen as part of the "British presence" (volunteers are the respectable face of aid); if the agency claims that volunteering is not a political act, even though they are intervening in another country, and that it is merely a question of skill transfer, be suspicious. However, there are good projects, and there are good reasons for volunteering overseas. If you really want to do this sort of work you would be well advised to contact **Returned Volunteer Action 1c Cambridge Terrace, Regents Park, London NW1 4JL**.

They are an association of more than 700 such volunteers, working on their return to Britain for more relevant programmes. They can give you general advice on volunteering, what to look for in projects, countries and specific agencies, and can also put you in touch with



people around the UK who have been volunteers in the country you may be considering... RVA also have a reference library and a wide range of periodical articles, photocopies of which are available at 5p per sheet (ask for a list), and a newspaper **Comeback** which is very useful.

READING

* Questioning development, by Glyn Roberts—50p available from **RVA**.
* Check your files—careers advisory pack in volunteering—£1.35 from **RVA**. Includes your rights as a volunteer.

OVERSEAS INVOLVEMENT

For a brief description of all 38 overseas export organisations, see **Volunteer Work Abroad** available at 30p from **Central Bureau for Education Visits and Exchanges, 43 Dorset Street, London W1H 3FN**.

BVP AGENCIES

Each of these 4 agencies has a particular part of the world allocated to them. Write directly to the **British Volunteer Programmes, 26 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HU**, or **Returned Volunteer Action, 1c Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL** for further details.

Catholic Institute for International Relations, 1 Cambridge Terrace, London NW1 4JL. Non-denominational. Covers mainly Central America, Haiti and Yemen. The pioneer of a more radical approach to volunteering; committed to working for social justice both in the Third World and in the UK through its education programme.

International Voluntary Service (IVS), 53 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 6AL. The British Branch of Service Civil International—a "movement of people working together in Peace". Also organises internationally attended workcamps in Europe through its contacts, as well as workcamps, both short- and long-term in the UK.

United Nations Association International Service, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL. The smallest of the 4 agencies, therefore few opportunities. Working for radical change in the distribution of power and wealth in the world.

Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), 14 Bishop's Bridge Road, London W2 6AA. Sees development as simply transmission of skills and volunteering as useful aid to finding a job on return to UK. With the largest programme of the four (600 volunteers sent per year) it is manifestly concerned with numbers of volunteers rather than the quality of projects supported. Many volunteers recruited and trained without any definite project in mind.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Junja Groups Trust, 1 Hillsleigh Road, London W8 7LE, provides an outlet for young people with high levels of technical skill and ability. Works in Third World and must be a Christian "in broadest sense of the word".

The Project Trust, Breachad Castle, Isle of Coll PA78 6TB, Argyll, Scotland. Sends volunteers overseas for one year between school and university. Volunteers must contribute £500 towards their costs.

Also useful is the **United Nations' newspaper Development Forum**, published by the **Centre for Economic and Social Information from: Palais des Nations, CH1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland**. should be available (though you may have to order it) through public libraries.

And: **United Nations Volunteers, UN Development Programme**, same address c/o **Hikmat Nabulvi, Coordinator**.



Training, Retraining and Unemployment

One of the worst effects of the current economic crisis has been the massive number of people, particularly school leavers, unemployed, still more than 1,500,000 in total. While it is not the role of this publication to analyse this appalling situation it is necessary to see that the current economic strategy of this and past government(s) bears a great deal of responsibility for this situation both happening and persisting. Now that it has been recognised that this situation is not a short-term problem but a long and structural one, a variety of measures have been introduced to attempt to deal with the situation. While these measures are no longer likely to be temporary, but rather a permanent feature, their effect is still very much a short-term one, as only the creation of permanent jobs giving everyone the right to work will ever solve the problem, something that might not be quite compatible with our present social and economic system.

A whole directory could be written (yet again) just on this area, and so we are only taking a brief look at the current situation and new developments. Sources of information need to be used on two levels. Firstly to find out the facts about present (and forthcoming) provision, availability, eligibility, finance, skill requirements etc. Secondly, to make the provision, or the commitment to it by funding and organisational agencies, more effective. This can be done by linking up with those projects/groups/organisations working to extend, and secure greater democratic control over, this provision so that it begins to meet the needs of those who are unemployed and the community at large, rather than acting as a convenient, and temporary way of making unemployment statistics seem less embarrassing than they really are.

The main government agency covering this area is the **Manpower Services Commission (MSC)**, **Selkirk House, 166 High Holborn, London WC1 6PF**, which has responsibility to the Secretary of State for Employment for running the public employment and training services, and coordinating training policy. In addition there are two statutory bodies—the **Employment Services Agency (ESA)** and the **Training Services Agency (TSA)**, which act as the executive arms of the MSC. The TSA coordinates the work of the **Industrial Training Boards (ITBs)**, has responsibility for promoting training, where necessary, in industries not covered by ITBs, and provides training and retraining for individuals under its **Training Opportunities Scheme (TOPS)**.

The MSC is also responsible for **Job Creation Programme (JCP)** and **Work Experience Programme**. Two new programmes are now being introduced, however. The first is based on the report by an MSC working party on "Young People and Work", known as the **Holland Report** (available from MSC). This **Youth Opportunities Programme (YOP)** is aimed at drawing together existing schemes for unemployed young people (aged 16-18) including JCP, Work Experience and ESA/TSA courses, into an improved longer-term programme. The two main elements of this will be: a) work preparation courses, i.e.: "employment induction, short industrial courses and remedial and preparatory courses" and b) "work experience schemes of various kinds including work experience on employers premises, training workshops, community service and other special projects". It will provide c. 130,000 places, and it is intended that some 234,000 people would use it during a 12 month period, and everyone on it will receive a standard "flat allowance of £18 per week".

The second new programme is the **Special Temporary Employment Programme (STEP)** which will provide temporary jobs for up to 25,000 adults each year in "sponsored projects to be mounted on criteria broadly similar" to those of JCP, which it will supercede. There is going to be positive discrimination in favour of "special development areas, assisted areas and inner city or 'stress' areas in different parts of the country". This is where similar criteria to JCP is stressed, with "projects to complete work of value to the community and to enable a wide range of organisations to undertake important tasks that would not otherwise be carried out".

The above quotes are taken from the discussion document published by MSC called **The New Special Programmes for Unemployed People**. **The Next Steps**, which everyone interested or involved with such provision should get hold of, along with the **Holland Report** and subsequent publications.

The basic sources of information for this whole area (apart from the MSC) are local specialist careers officers dealing with unemployment. Contact your local careers office for information. One of the most informative publications on the whole complex and bewildering area of the original scheme is **Action Against Youth Unemployment** produced by a working party of people from the following organisations: **Young Volunteer Force Foundation, 7 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4AQ**; **Scottish Council of Social Service**, (address earlier in this section); **Action Resource Centre, 4 Cromwell Place, London SW7 2JJ**; **National Youth Bureau**, (address earlier in this section); **National Association of Youth Clubs, PO Box 1, Blackburn House, Bond Gate, Nuneaton, Warwickshire**; **National Council of Social Service** (address earlier in this section), and should be available from any of the above.

It was produced in June 1976, reprinted in October 1976, and so, because of the dynamic nature of the changes in the development of MSC etc., some of the material will become irrelevant. Nevertheless, it is still very useful, bearing in mind its limitations, and about the only thing of its kind. If it does become unavailable then hopefully the number of people following it up will illustrate the need for it to be revised, extended and reprinted. Try also local libraries and careers offices for copies.

We have deliberately said very little about JCP as it is due to finish in Easter 1978 to be replaced by YOP and by STEP (see above). Sources of Information about JCP, YOP and STEP, beyond organisational/structural details from MSC, are, and will be localised and so listings carried by the above MSC discussion document, organisations listed in this section and the regional listings section of this directory, will all need to be used.

† This includes JCP offices, related organisations/contacts, sources of finance, TSA offices, "non-statutory industrial training boards and similar organisations", "specialist careers offices dealing with unemployed" and local authority offices (relevant ones). One other publication, related to sources of finance, that deserves a mention here is the **Directory of Grant Making Trusts** published by the **Charities Aid Fund, 48 Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent**. It's £10.00 but it should be in your local library.

COMMUNITY INDUSTRY, Central Office, 14-15 Stratford Place, London W1 (01-629 5472). CI is a scheme for unemployed young people who have trouble finding jobs, particularly for those with "social problems". It is involved with a lot of community action and development work. A useful contact for general information about setting up community based industrial/productive projects.

YOUTH AID. Research and coordinating organisation which deals with issues relating to the 'least provided for' in the 16-19 age group, specifically unemployment. **57 Chalkwell St., London NW4 (01 387 359)**

BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL. Same address as above, the main coordinating body of youth organisations in Britain. NUS also deals with training and unemployment in relation to the interests of students, however temporary; contact the Education and Welfare Department for further information.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, c/o 124 High Road, Leytonstone, London E15. Works within labour/TU movement.

LABOUR PARTY YOUTH CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. Contact via Labour Party national/regional offices. **RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN, 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4 (01-802 0978)**. Started in 1976 to link up unemployed people and 'trade unionists to fight against the cuts and unemployment in general.

Finally, a few points need to be made about community based initiatives that may be associated with these programmes, and some general related problems. Local community projects/organisations will have to take the initiative if they are to play any real role in determining the direction of the community element of the MSC programmes, as the MSC consultative/administrative structures are not likely to be very effective initially. This is also particularly important in inner-city areas where a large amount of funding for development is soon to be available as well from the DoE (Department of the Environment). Local projects and organisations need to organise themselves to coordinate the demands they will want to make on how and where programmes are developed, and finance and other resources are made available. In Manchester, for example, there is already a coordinating group of local community projects and organisations discussing these ideas (information c/o **Manchester CVS, Gaddum Centre, 2/4 Deansgate, Manchester 3**).

The first thing to do is to be aware of how the MSC and Inner Cities programmes are to be implemented in your local area, by contacting MSC and DoE (locally and nationally), the relevant local authority offices, careers offices, CVS (Council for Voluntary Service) offices etc. Beyond that it is really up to the ability of local projects and organisations to use that information to organise themselves and coordinate demands and campaigning action.

Another area that we have not really been able to deal with in this publication is the question of general and specific problems and shortcomings in these programmes. Work experience programmes that are merely sources of cheap labour for employers; the problem of offering £18 a week to the Holland Report schemes while students on discretionary awards (a very high proportion of students at colleges of further education and quite a few at polytechnics) get an average of £2 a week; the fact that about 90% of graduate unemployment in the last five years is directly due to government spending cuts and so on. A vast range of organisations, trade unions, the student movement, youth and community organisations, political parties and campaigning organisations are taking up and campaigning around these issues. This includes many of those covered by this directory and, because of the limitations of this publication, we can only urge groups/projects/organisations/individuals to find out about such activity and involve themselves in it, as a positive contribution to its development.

Claiming

Whenever anyone is claiming dole or social security (officially known as unemployment benefit and supplementary benefit) there are always as many psychological barriers, as physical barriers, to overcome. Firstly, the basic lack of information available to claimants (especially unemployed school leavers) about their rights. Secondly, the social pressure used by schools, parents etc., and particularly the media, to dissuade people from claiming benefit, or at least making them feel bad when they do so. We hear a lot about "scroungers" but nothing of the hundreds of millions of pounds that have been unclaimed over the years because people did not know about, or were put off claiming. It seems that its alright to fiddle your tax, after all "everyone does it" (especially private companies, and those 'in the money'), but trying to survive an economic crisis, which isn't your fault, by claiming is "scrounging".

People should recognize that anyone over the age of 16 is entitled to various forms of benefit as a right, and so don't be put off by social pressure or benefit officers and officials being unhelpful or antagonistic.

There are a wide range of ways to find out about your rights: people and organisations to give you help and advice are listed below:

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS HANDBOOK

A government handbook costing 50p, it should be available from your local benefit office, main post offices, HM Stationary officers (HMSO) or by post from **HMSO, PO Box 569, London SE1**. Leaflets are also available from local benefit offices but many of them are full of jargon; if in doubt ask at your local **Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**, and **Claimants Unions (CU)**—see below—for them to be explained to you.

NATIONAL WELFARE BENEFITS HANDBOOK

Published by the **Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG)**, 1 Macklin Street, London WC2 (01-242 3225), edited by Ruth Lister, about the best/most comprehensive guide (60p plus postage). If you can't afford it, get it through your local library (or ask at your local CAB). CPAG also run a **Citizens Rights Office** on 01-405 4517/5942.

CLAIMANTS UNIONS

The Claimants Unions (CU) are cooperative groups of claimants who will give practical help and information and advice to other claimants, and should be seen as the most important source of direct help. Unfortunately most are so localised that it would be impossible to list them all. Use the sources in the Regional Listings in Section 1 to find out if there is one in your area.

There is a **National Federation of Claimants Unions** which serve to coordinate their work and it publishes some excellent publications; a claimants guidebook, women and social security, strikers handbook, unemployed handbook, a claimants union report to the TUC, posters, badges, stickers and an occasional paper called **Claimants Unite** which is a very useful source of information. These are available through most good community/alternative bookshops (see Regional Listings) and direct from the coordinating Claimants Unions (current as of the last issue of **Claimants Unite**, Summer 1977).

CYMRU/WALES

Swansea Claimants Union, 79 Brokesby Road, Bon y maen, Swansea, Glamorgan.

MIDLANDS

Handsworth CU, The Action Centre, 134 Villa Road, Birmingham 19 (021-554 2080)

NORTH WEST

Longsight CU, 642 Stockport Road, Longsight, Manchester 13.

SOUTH WEST

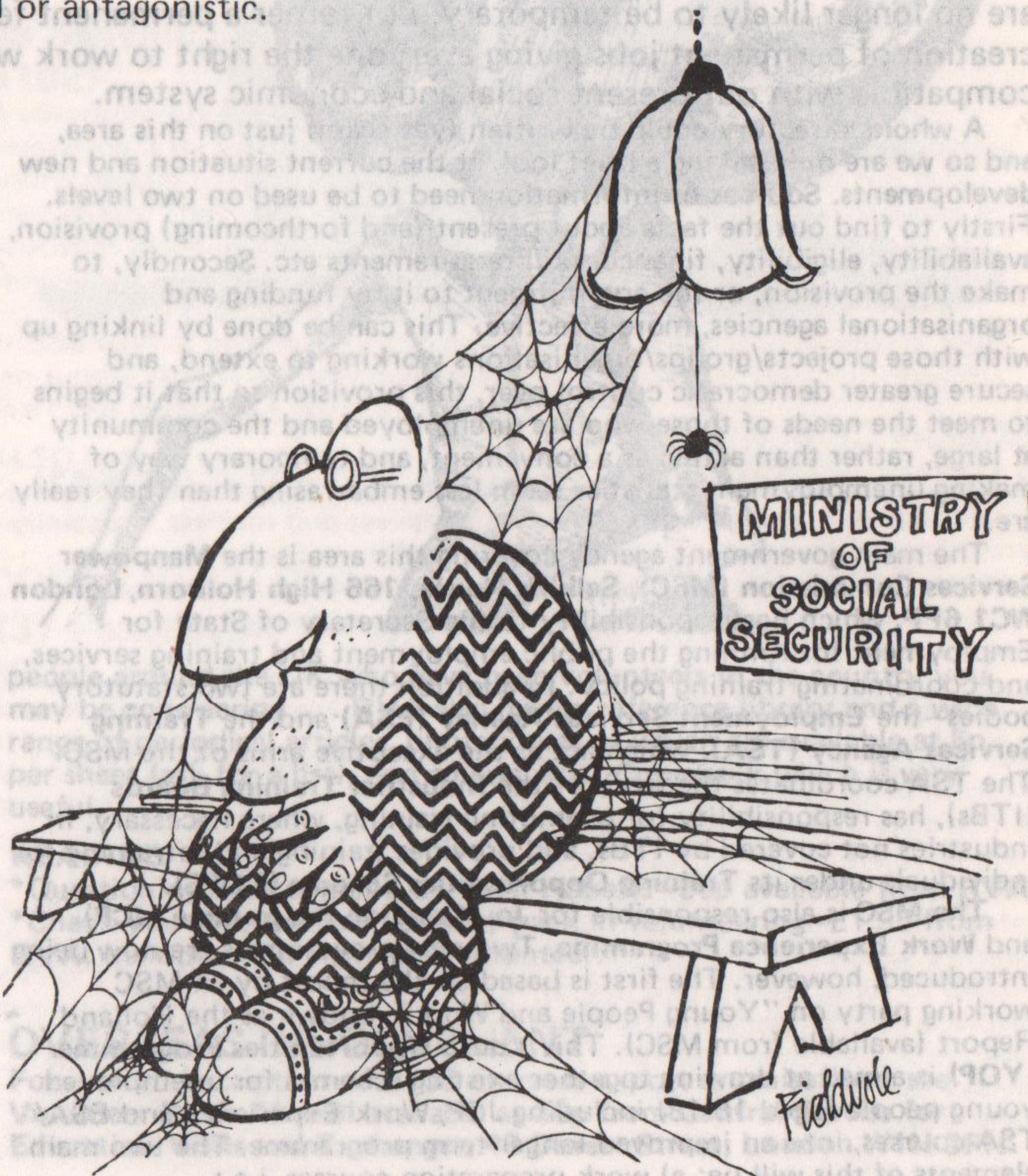
Bristol CU, 46 Richmond Road, Montpelier, Bristol 6 (0272 422310)

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South Shields CU, Peoples Place, Derby Terrace, South Shields (0894 65062)

SOUTH THAMES

Camberwell CU, Union Place, 122 Vassall Road, London SW9 (01-735 6123)



WEST THAMES

West London CU, 510 Harrow Road, London W10 (01-969 7437)

NORTH THAMES

East London CU, Dame Colet House, Ben Jonson Road, London E1 (01-790 3867)

SCOTLAND

Glasgow CU, St. Brides Centre, 19/25 Rosevale Street, Glasgow G11

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ENDWORD

Having spent almost a year working on this directory, I'd just like to stress how much the usefulness and continued development of a publication like *Ways and Means* is dependent on your active support and help. This 'end' section is designed to get feedback from people, groups, projects and organisations, both on what they think of the directory; criticisms, ideas for extending and/or improving it and practical information; correcting mistakes, misinterpretations and general amendments and additions.

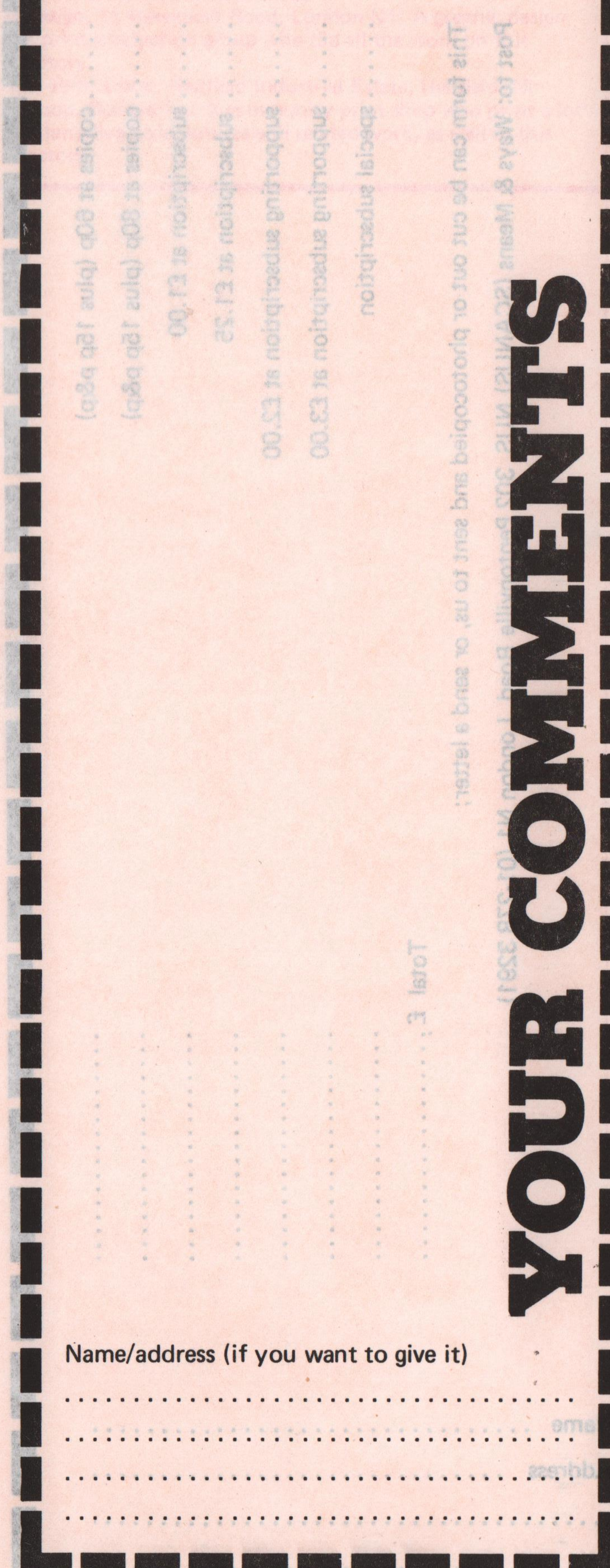
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Ecology (60p inc post)

Coming, Summer 1978:
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General:
Learning Exchange folder (being revised, new edition out in February 1978) (30p inc post)
Social Work and Community Work: A Student Manual (out in January 1978) (60p inc post)

Information:
about (a) alternative prospectuses, community action groups and research projects, counter course projects etc. also from SCA, NUS, (b) other NUS publications, from Publications Department, NUS.

SPECIAL NOTES

Banners: 21 Helmfrith Street, Longsight, Manchester 14 (061-224 3028). Excellent source for banners at reasonable cost for community and tenants groups, trade unions, student unions and other groups. Applique technique. Full details from the above address.

Pankhurst House: The Pankhurst's House, 62 Nelson Street, Manchester 13. The house is being restored as a community action centre and women's centre for the Manchester area. All of the money for the initial work on the project (they hope eventually to get some form of Job Creation Funding) has to be raised by the groups involved and at least £5,000 is needed. A special run of hand printed posters of the original Manchester and Salford Women's Suffrage movement has been produced by Community Action, c/o Students Union, Manchester University, Oxford Road, Manchester 13 (061-273 3541) to raise money. They will supply full details. Also donations and ideas for fund raising would be really appreciated, contact either Community Action or the Women's Centre, c/o Community Action at the above address.

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Peoples News Service, 182 Upper Street, London N1
In The Making, 84 Church Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes.
The Leveller Magazine, 155a Drummond Street, London NW1.
Returned Volunteer Action (RVA), 1c Cambridge Terrace, Regents Park, London NW1.
National Youth Bureau (NYB), Community Arts and Communications Media, Information Service, Anne Davies, 17/23 Albion Street, Leicester.
John Noyce and LfSC Publishing, PO Box 450, Brighton BN1 8GR, Sussex.
Publications Distribution Cooperative, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT.
Whole Meal Times/CENA/Northern Wholefood Cooperative, c/o 13 Wharf Street, Leeds 1.
Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham.
Socialist Challenge, 328/329 Upper Street, London N1.
Rising Free/News From Nowhere/Grass Roots bookshops (for addresses see 'Regional Listings').
CounterAct, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 0AT.
Public Con Magazine, c/o 74 Lytton Road, Leytonstone, London E11.
Libertarian Education, 6 Beaconsfield Road, Leicester.
Radical Education, 86 Eleanor Road, London E8.

Rock Against Racism, Box M, c/o 6 Cottons Gardens, London E2.
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