

HEALTH FOR ALL?

NOT many people know that the World Health Organisation has adopted a strategy of "Health for All by the Year 2000". Even though it has been endorsed by the UK Government the strategy is not available in this country! When the City Council's Health Sub-Committee wanted to discuss it, we had to get copies from Copenhagen.

Its first target is to reduce inequalities. It also stresses the need for "A Europe free from the fear of war", and for everyone to have "secure work and a useful role in society". It even suggests expanding health services to reduce unemployment. The City Council has asked the government how they intend to implement this strategy! Nigel Lee

JOINT ACTION FOR JOBS

NOTTINGHAM City Council has backed a proposal for "Joint European action on the remedies for unemployment". Promoted by the Nottingham-based Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation, it already has the support of several councils around Britain and Europe. The first step will be an international conference in spring with major backing from the Greater London Council, followed up by working groups promoting common initiatives. The GLC has already funded international meetings of workers in multinational companies such as Ford, Phillips and Kodak. In the case of Kodak this has led to a European-wide workers plan which they are asking the European Parliament and national governments to back.

JOBS FESTIVAL

THE Jobs Festival held on 12th October at Queens Walk Community Centre attracted over 70 Labour Party members and supporters to discuss aspects of Labour's Jobs and Industry Campaign. Topics discussed included Women in the Economy, Black Workers, Fighting Closures and Redundancies, and Privatisation. Points raised at the Festival are being written up and will be circulated in the near future. Anyone interested in taking part in the campaign should ring me on 604659 for details. Andy Muter



FROM mid November to mid December, Nottingham Community Arts Centre in Hyson Green is going to be running a number of short courses/day workshops on the theme of how people active in community/campaign organisations can more effectively "get their message across". This will include offset printing, simple silkscreen printing, layout and design, photomontage, building a silkscreen bed. Charges for materials used. For more details/course brochure - contact Nottingham Community Arts Centre, 39 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, tel 782463.

ASPLEY RESOURCE CENTRE

A NEW centre in Aspley is aimed at helping the unemployed enhance their chances of employment. Activities will include learning practical skills while doing voluntary work. There will be a particular emphasis on courses for women such as "Be Your Own Boss", "Women's Assertiveness" and Practical Training for Women. For details contact Lisa on 780857.

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

THE Socialist International's Committee on Economic Policy has just produced a major report on the action needed to break the world economic crisis. The SI represents 77 organisations including 24 parties in government around the world. "We need a new model of development", says the report, "based on the recovery of growth through redistribution, rather than redistribution from growth". "Reflation and redistribution will only be possible if accompanied by a fundamental restructuring of ownership and... resource allocation", it says. The report calls for "co-operation between 'like-minded' governments in the North and South". * Global Challenge is £295, published by PAN.



CARE FOR YOUR CITY

THE CLEANER Nottingham campaign is achieving the aim of its slogan: "Care for your City", claims the City Council. In the first year the campaign went into 13 different areas and removed 210 tonnes of rubbish. Future areas for the campaign include The Meadows (Nov 2), Radford (Nov 23) and Bulwell (Dec 7). For details contact the Cleansing Section at Eastcroft Depot (865261).

"SOME KIND OF HERO"

A PLAY about the British Army in Northern Ireland, performed by Take-Away Theatre, an unemployed theatre group. "Private Lester Winston James is awaiting a court martial in a prison cell in Belfast. He shot his commanding officer whilst on patrol. He doesn't deny it but why did he do it? "Some Kind of Hero examines the motives behind the shooting and explores the feelings of a squaddie on his fourth tour of Northern Ireland. A nine year man. A good soldier. A black soldier fighting for his country." Available for booking. For further information contact Stuart Brown at Nottingham Community Arts Centre, tel 782463.

POSITIVE ACTION FOR WOMEN 10-4, Sat 16 Nov. Queens Walk City Centre, Meadows. Organised by Regional Labour Party Women's Committee. Details: Lee Harrison (784870).

ALLIANCE FOR SOCIALISM

Weekend of discussion, debate and agitation. 16-17 Nov, London. £5 fee (£3 each day). Tickets from Socialist Action, PO Box 50, London N1 2XP. Speakers include Diane Abbott, Tony Benn, Betty and Peter Heathfield, Ann Pettifor, Russell Proffitt, reps from Black Sections National Committee, FDR of El Salvador, and many others.

JUMBLE SALE - 23 NOV Radford Branch Labour Party, 2pm, Church Hall, St Pauls Ave, Hyson Green. Donations of jumble would be appreciated: 9 or 44 Hazelwood Road (701271).

Russian Revolution - Anniversary Party "Win the rebellious youth of this country to the idea of building a party like the Bolsheviks". Fri 8 Nov, 8-11.30, Narrowboat, Canal St. £1.50/75p unwaged. Organised by Socialist Action and Youth Action.

CITY COUNCIL EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MEETINGS

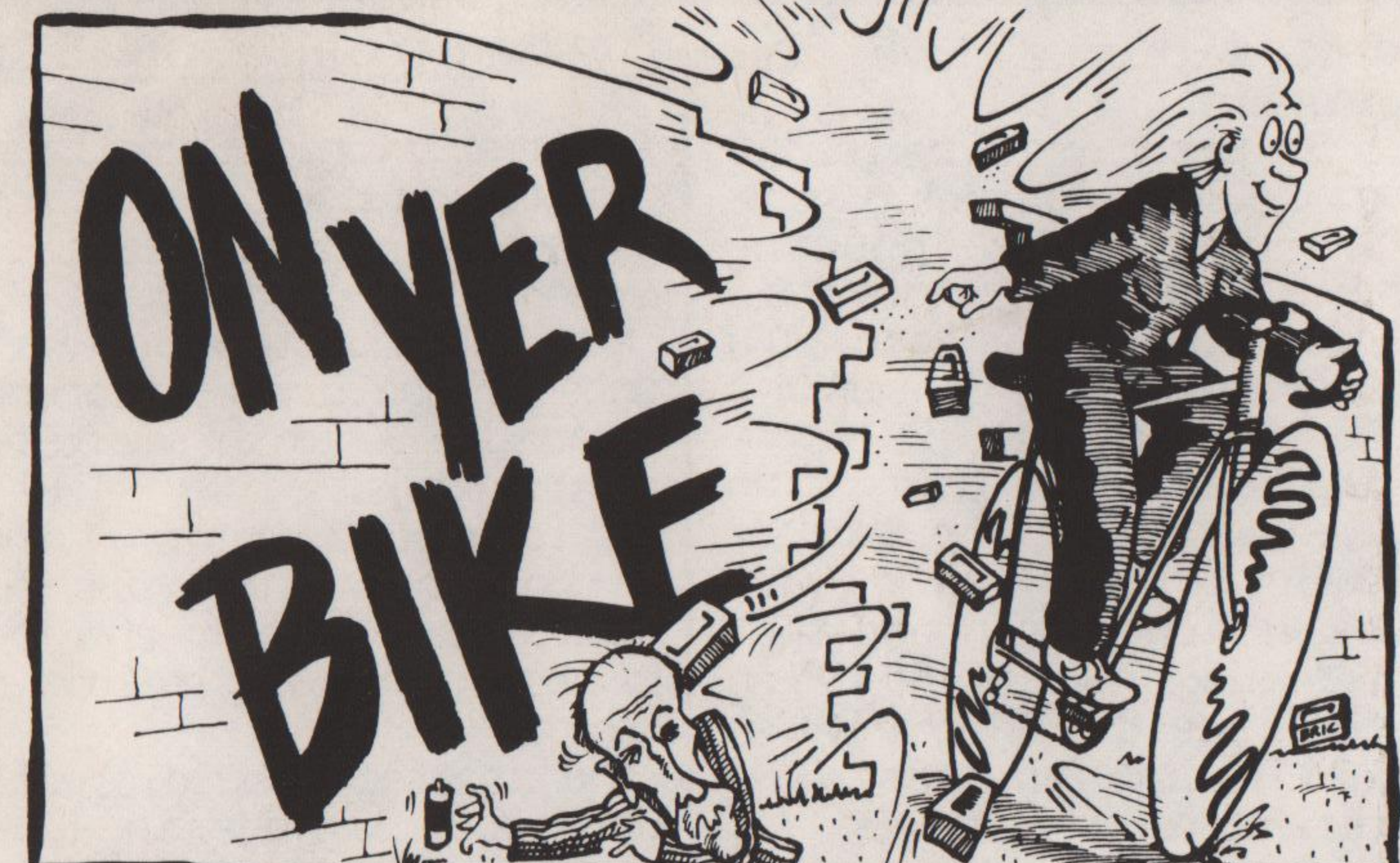
Sub-Committee meetings (open to public, at The Council House) Women: 4th Mon, 7.30 (25 Nov) Gays & Lesbians: 1st Thurs, 7.30 (7 Nov) Race: to be fixed.

Discussion Groups Asian Women: 6pm, Tues 5 Nov, Forest Fields Neighbourhood Centre, 69 Wiverton Rd. Women & Work: 7.30, Wed 13 Nov, ICC, 61B Mansfield Rd. Lesbians: every Thurs (except days of Sub-Committee), 7.30, ICC. Further details from Equal Opportunities Unit (418571).

CONTRIBUTIONS to On Yer Bike are welcomed and should be sent to the editor: Nigel Lee, 51 Braidwood Court, Hyson Green (tel 788059). Priority will be given to items which are signed, less than 100 words, and relevant to the broad labour movement in Nottingham. Items longer than 100 words will be cut. Deadline is the second Monday of the month (Nov 11th for Dec issue).

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ON YER BIKE is a monthly information service aimed at members of the labour movement in the Nottingham area. It is edited independently. Contributions are particularly

welcome from women's, black, lesbian/gay, disabled and other disadvantaged groups; campaign groups; and from organisations and individuals within the labour movement.

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

BY 5.3 million to 611,000 Labour Party conference voted for; a woman's right to choose "when and whether to have a child", improving sex education, pregnancy advice and family planning, and developing infertility advice and treatment. Against opposition from the National Executive Committee, conference also "deplored" 44 Labour MPs' decision to support Powell's bill, stating that the NEC should campaign against attacks on women's right to choose "abandoning the idea that there can be 'conscience clauses' or free votes on such matters". It remains to be seen however, whether this historic victory for the abortion rights struggle actually results in all Labour MPs being required to vote for

party policy. Margaret Davies (604659) * Meetings of National Abortion Campaign: 30 Oct, 27 Nov, 8pm International City Centre, 61B Mansfield Rd.

FESTIVAL FOR ACTION

NOTTS community groups to take over Market Sq, Sat 9 Nov - stalls, displays, food, music, dance and varied activities! Plus meeting at 11am in the Council House with City and County Council leaders, Health Authority reps and local MPs where groups will demand: - More money for community groups. - Money for workers and running costs as well as for buildings and equipment. - Priority to projects working directly with local communities. - No Inner Area Programme funding for projects which should be main-budget funded. - Joint campaigns between local authorities, MPs and community organisations to get more money from central government for Notts' needs! Come along, support the day, sign the petition and enjoy what local groups can still offer. Sally Morawetz (Notts Community Groups Action Team)

SAFE IN THEIR HANDS?

EVEN before the ravages of privatisation rip through Nottingham's health service, health workers are being hit by health service cut-backs. More than 300 manual jobs have disappeared in the last year in "cost improvement programmes". The bulk of these jobs belonged to women. Across the Trent Region job losses amount to over 3,000. Nationally close on 40,000 jobs have gone since the Tories were re-elected in 1983. The money "saved" is supposed to go on caring services (as if ward orderlies don't care). Why is it then that thousands of nurses and doctors on the dole will be joined by hundreds more this winter? Alan Hughes (NUPE)

UNEMPLOYMENT UP AGAIN

UNEMPLOYMENT in the Nottingham Travel-to-Work-Area reached 45,623 in September, an increase of 897 over the previous year. In the City itself, 23,788 were unemployed, a rate of 19.3% compared to 13.9% nationally. In Nottingham

East, 25.4% were out of work - nearly double the national average. The main reason for the increase was that even more school leavers have not been able to find work this year. More than 40% of the unemployed have been out of work for over a year.

BLACK WOMEN TURNED BACK

A DISTURBING incident took place in Birmingham on the day after the recent Handsworth riots. Nottingham Women's Basketball team, the "Wildcats", were due in Handsworth on the Tuesday evening to play "Oaklands", a side based in the local Leisure Centre. However, at the very same time as new Home Secretary

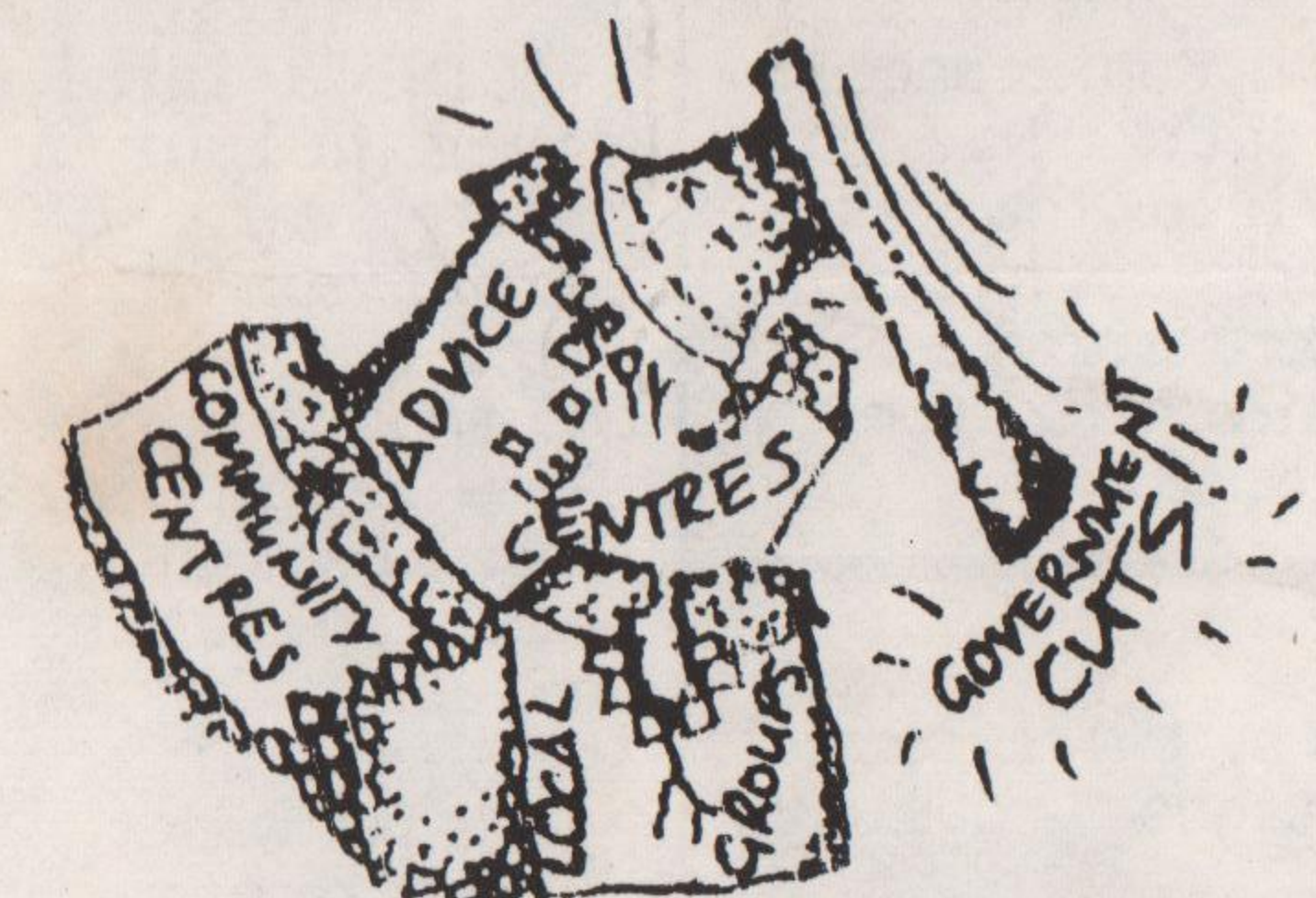
Douglas Hurd was being stoned, the Wildcats, which contains several black players, were turned back to Nottingham by the police shortly after leaving the motorway! John Taylor

Gedling Labour Party invite you to their

XMAS DISCO at Amold Baths. 8 till late, 14 Dec. £1.25 waged, 50p unwaged/children. Food. Separate bar for those who can't stand the noise!

NO SIR!

WITH schools still facing disruption, teachers remaining as determined as ever to stick out for a fair pay offer, and continuing government intransigence, Notts County Council have played host to Education Minister Keith Joseph. The National Union of Teachers called for the visit to be cancelled but instead the red carpet was put out. The result was inevitable: a half day strike across the county, a massive demonstration of teachers outside County Hall, and empty schools for Sir Keith to visit. The visit was an ill-timed and ill-considered event and an insult to teachers which should be condemned throughout the labour movement. The dispute continues and teachers need your support against government attempts to further erode our salaries: Roger Turner (NUT)



ARMAGH WOMEN

RELATIVES of women in Armagh Prison will be coming to Nottingham in late November to talk about strip-searching. A public meeting will be held, open to men and women,

7.30, Thurs 28 Nov, Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows (wheelchair access). The visit is organised by the City Council's Women's Sub-Committee. Further details from Wendy Young, Equal Opportunities Unit (418571).

Advertisement for 'STOP STRIP-SEARCHES IN ARMAGH' featuring a woman's face and text: 'Women constitute half of the world's population, perform nearly two-thirds of its work hours, receive one-tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth of the world's property. History tells that every oppressed class gained true liberation from its masters by its own efforts. It is necessary that woman learn that lesson, that she realise that her freedom will reach as far as her power to achieve her freedom reaches.' 'New Posters for sale Stop the Strip Searches Poster in blue and black, available from London Armagh Women's Group c/o 52-54 Featherstone Street, London EC1. Price 50p + 20p p&p.'



NOTTS WOMEN AGAINST THE BREAKAWAY

IF the ballot on the Notts Area breakaway from the National Union of Mineworkers is lost (and the results will probably be known by the time you read this), it won't be for lack of effort from Notts Women Against Pit Closures.

This group of women, well used to struggle after a year on strike, has stood up to the renewed attacks on their communities that the breakaway poses.

They have lead the way in organising meetings with Scargill up and down the coalfield, leafletting at pit gates and door-to-door in pit communities.

They have had to try to convince the same people they were picketing this time last year!

Many miners who worked throughout the strike attended these meetings and some signed pledges to stay in the NUM.

Notts women continue to strike back!

Tina Yemm (703671)

LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

ASKED if I had a good time at Conference (as E. Nottingham delegate) I shake a bewildered head:-

- Staggered at carve ups!
- Appalled at herds of arrogant all-white, male MPs talking loudly and ignoring contributions of mere delegates!
- Ashamed at superficial debates!
- Disturbed at lack of understanding between "union" and "labour" members!
- Disgusted by presidential Rambo politics.
- Amazed at peculiar policy mix accepted/rejected!
- Dejected at narrowminded attitudes!

VISIT TO NICARAGUA

MY VISIT to Nicaragua was deeply moving and thrilling. I was greatly impressed by the Nicaraguans' determination to carry out their revolution despite the immense problems - many inherited from the dictator Somoza, others more recent caused by the US trade embargo, cutting back on aid by countries such as Britain, and

5000 JOBS A YEAR, NOT 1000 POLICE A NIGHT

THE THREAT to use CS gas and plastic bullets to police British cities brings us a step closer to the tragic and vindictive logic of our role in Northern Ireland.

The roots of the crisis lie in the denial of jobs and houses, services and opportunities... not in the absence of sufficient baton charges.

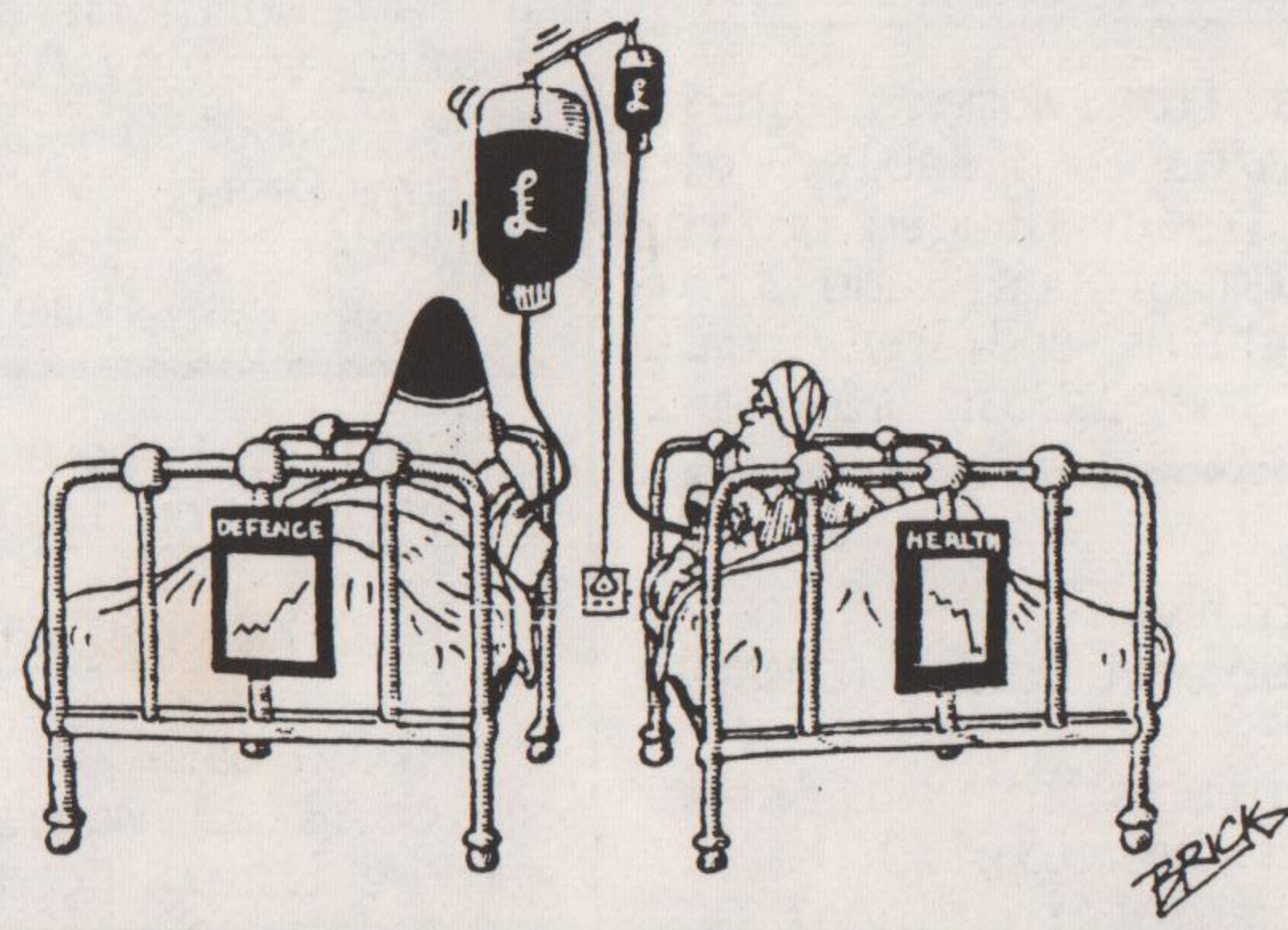
Labour's alternative must tackle these root causes head on. In Nottingham it would mean us setting out a blueprint for tackling unemploy-

ment within a five year programme.

5000 jobs a year are needed, and the starting point must be the backlog of housing neglect, underinvestment in local industry, and the collapse of back-up services and training opportunities.

The need to do this is an urgent one, for the lack of conviction that Labour will deliver on jobs means that increasing numbers of young people see the alternative as continuing and growing conflict on city streets.

Alan Simpson
Labour candidate, Nott'm South



NICARAGUA MUST SURVIVE

Trades Union Conference on Nicaragua. Sat 23 Nov 9.30-6.30, Sheffield Town Hall. Registration £6 (including info pack) to: Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign, 20/21 Compton Tce, London N1 2UN.

attitudes!
- Frustrated by the numbers of fringe meetings I couldn't attend!
- Hatred of crass newspaper sellers thrusting papers on delegates for 4th time daily!
Interesting experience, but not "fun"!

Sally Morawetz

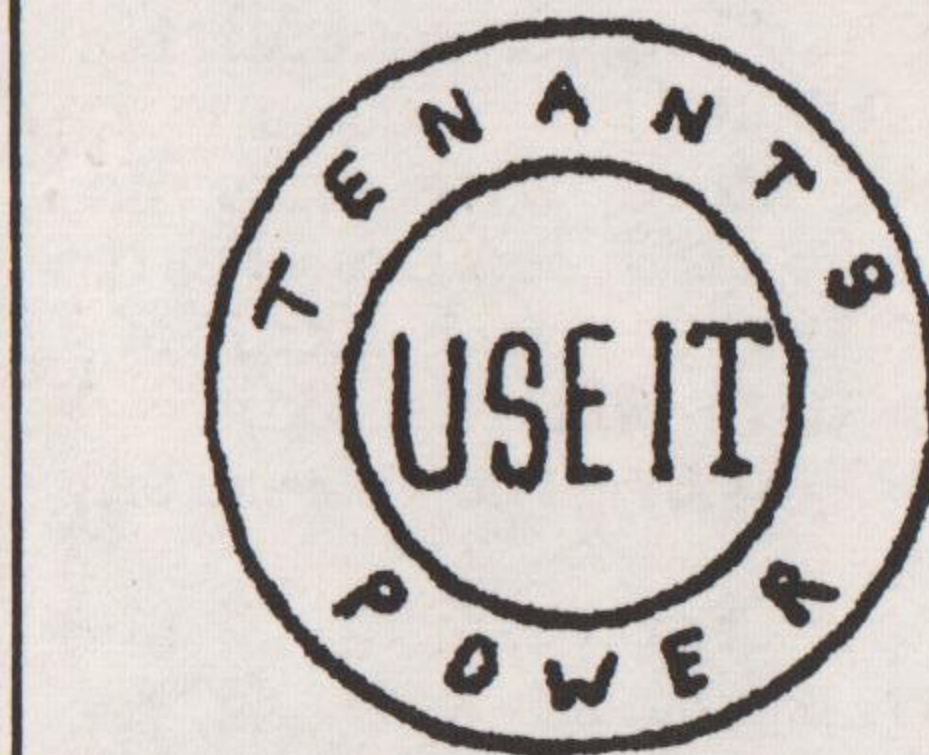
RADFORD TOWER BLOCKS

IMAGINE a large ghetto of mixed colour and mixed culture; where 75% of crimes go unsolved.

The tower block accommodations are wide open day and night, seven days per week. Subsequently there is an uncontrollable rate of vandalism. The cost must run into several thousands of pounds per week.

Tenants are regularly taken away "to help police with their inquiries".

Imagine you are the landlord of this unsavoury complex. Would you be thinking of



YOUTH SERVICE CUTS

CONSULTATIONS between the Trade Unions and the County Council over the "Youth Service Review" continue.

So inept has been the handling of the issue by the County officers and members that all three Youth Service Unions balloted their members for "strike action".

In the case of the Community and Youth Workers Union this has caused no little concern in the national HQ where well known local Tory Allan Clarke

Chris Clark

LONDON INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

THE Greater London Council has recently published a strategy to tackle unemployment in London.

Much of it is based on work done by the Greater London Enterprise Board in saving or creating jobs.

It looks at 23 sectors of the London economy - including the "health care" sector and the "domestic work and childcare" sector.

The strategy would create upto 300,000 jobs in five years compared to current unemployment of 400,000 in London. And much more could be achieved, says the GLC, if there was a comprehensive national industrial strategy.

Major proposals include diverting one third of defence spending to other public sector programmes and a 25% increase in NHS spending to bring us into line with France and Germany.

The full strategy is £5 from: Industry & Employment Branch, GLC, Room 6b, County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Separate booklets for each of the 23 sectors are available free.

investing immediately in security and anti-vandalism measures? The Housing Committee prefer to meet the gigantic and never-ending cost of unchecked vandalism in the Radford Tower Blocks.

Radford RAFT Association

PEACE DEMO CHARGES

FOLLOWING the arrest of ten Nottingham peace demoers during the international shadow project on 6 Aug, summonses were received approximately six weeks later accusing us of breach of the peace. (Original charges of criminal damage were dropped as reported in the last issue.)

We all appeared in court on 6 Oct and our cases were adjourned. Three of us will appear at Sandfield House on Mansfield Road on 4 Nov for a full hearing.

Please be outside at 9.30am to give your support.

Candida MacLeod Brudenell

CONCERN OVER REPAIRS

THIS winter Bulwell East Labour Party will be visiting residents on Bulwell Hall Estate to carry out a survey of outstanding council repairs.

All repairs will be noted down and given to the Bulwell Housing Office. Local councillors and party members will follow them up to make sure they are dealt with.

Over the past few years the repairs service has been badly hit by massive cuts and

government intervention. Council tenants often have to wait months for repairs to be carried out.



MAIRE O'SHEA IS INNOCENT

FOR too long the labour movement has sat by while innocent Irish people have been locked in English jails, often just because they are Irish. P.T.A. stands for the racist

RIGHT TRACK TO GRANTHAM

CYCLISTS in Nottingham who, only three years ago could take their bikes free of charge by train all over Britain, will soon face further new restrictions.

With cycles already banned from most Inter City services to London, Sheffield and Birmingham, next spring will see new "Sprinter" trains on the Derby/Crewe/Leicester routes with no space for bikes, prams, wheelchairs or parcels.

BR claims that government financial targets mean that every square foot of rolling stock must pay its way - and if you're doing away with guards, who needs guard's vans?

It's still not too late to complain to the Area Passenger Manager at Nottingham Station, Tim Robinson.

Am I just paranoid, or is it coincidence that the only line you'll still be able to travel "on yer bike" to by train is... Grantham?

Ian McHugh



YOUTH SERVICE CUTS

At the last moment the strike was averted and a new round of talks commenced.

The major objections of the Unions revolve around two points:

(i) The "disestablishment" of 14 full time youth work jobs because the officers have spent the money elsewhere, and (ii) The proposals to increase pay to some part time staff by reducing pay to others!

"The budget must balance", the Unions are told.

John Taylor

and repressive Prevention of Terrorism Act. 65 year old Dr Maire O'Shea was arrested under the PTA on 5th January. Four days later she was charged with conspiracy to cause explosions in the United Kingdom (sic).

MAIRE O'SHEA IS INNOCENT.

The Irish community in Britain stands on trial with Maire O'Shea, while Maire herself faces the prospect of spending her retirement in an English jail.

Join the demonstration on Saturday 9th Nov in Birmingham.

Show how much you value your rights.

For transport contact Nott'm Trades Council Ireland Sub-Committee Secretary on 582369.

Ian Juniper



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL

ALTHOUGH still subject to consultation with the County Labour Party and Trade Unions, Labour Group discussions indicate that the main options for implementing Equal Opportunities commitments will be:-

- 1) For JESSLS (the Joint Education, Social Services and Leisure Services Sub-Committee) to take on Equal Opportunities and be renamed the Joint Equal Opportunities Sub-Committee; or
- 2) For Equal Opportunities to be made a Sub-Committee under the Policy and Resources Committee.

Neither option however is in line with the May 1985 manifesto which called for "a new strong Committee... empowered to direct Service Committees of the Council on equal opportunities matters".

Opposition seems likely once the consultation begins.

Jon Collins

government intervention. Council tenants often have to wait months for repairs to be carried out.

The survey will reveal the extent of repairs needed and will also help the Council to deal with them more efficiently.

But what is really needed is money - public investment in a decent service which will also create jobs.

To help, any Sunday from 27 Oct, contact Polly Griffiths (761795).

Bulwell East LP

LABOUR GOVERNMENT- DAY ONE

THE East Midlands Jobs and Industry document now has to be adapted for use in every Town, City and District. For us that means there must be a Jobs and Industry strategy for the City.

Nottingham must produce something lively, readable and brief. An action plan that every canvasser, party member and union steward or rep' can keep in their pocket.

Beyond that, and in co-

operation with the Labour Groups, we should ensure that City and County Councils set their officers working now on the practical costs and details of the real schemes that will use the investment made available by the next Labour Government to get Nottingham people back to work.

Polished by consultation and debate, the Nottingham Jobs and Industry strategy will then be ready for action on day one of the Labour Government.

Graham Allen

Labour candidate, Nott'm North

POLITICAL FUND BALLOTS

ON October 15th the Transport and General Workers Union became the eighteenth Trade Union to announce a YES vote in their political fund ballot. TGWU members voted by 5 to 1 to retain a political voice.

The Government's plans to stifle the political activities of Unions and cut their links with the Labour Party have backfired. To date, over 80% of Union members taking part in ballots have said YES to a political fund.

All Unions which want a political fund must ballot their members before March 1986 according to the Tory legislation. The magnificent results achieved so far bode well for the Unions which plan to ballot in the next few months.

Some Unions which have never had a political fund are now considering a ballot.

Andy Muter

SYSTEM BUILT CAMPAIGN

TENANTS from a number of associations in the city were attending a national meeting on 19 October to discuss a new "System Built and Tower Block Housing Project".

The project aims to bring together tenants groups and local authorities around the country to start to do something about the vast problem.

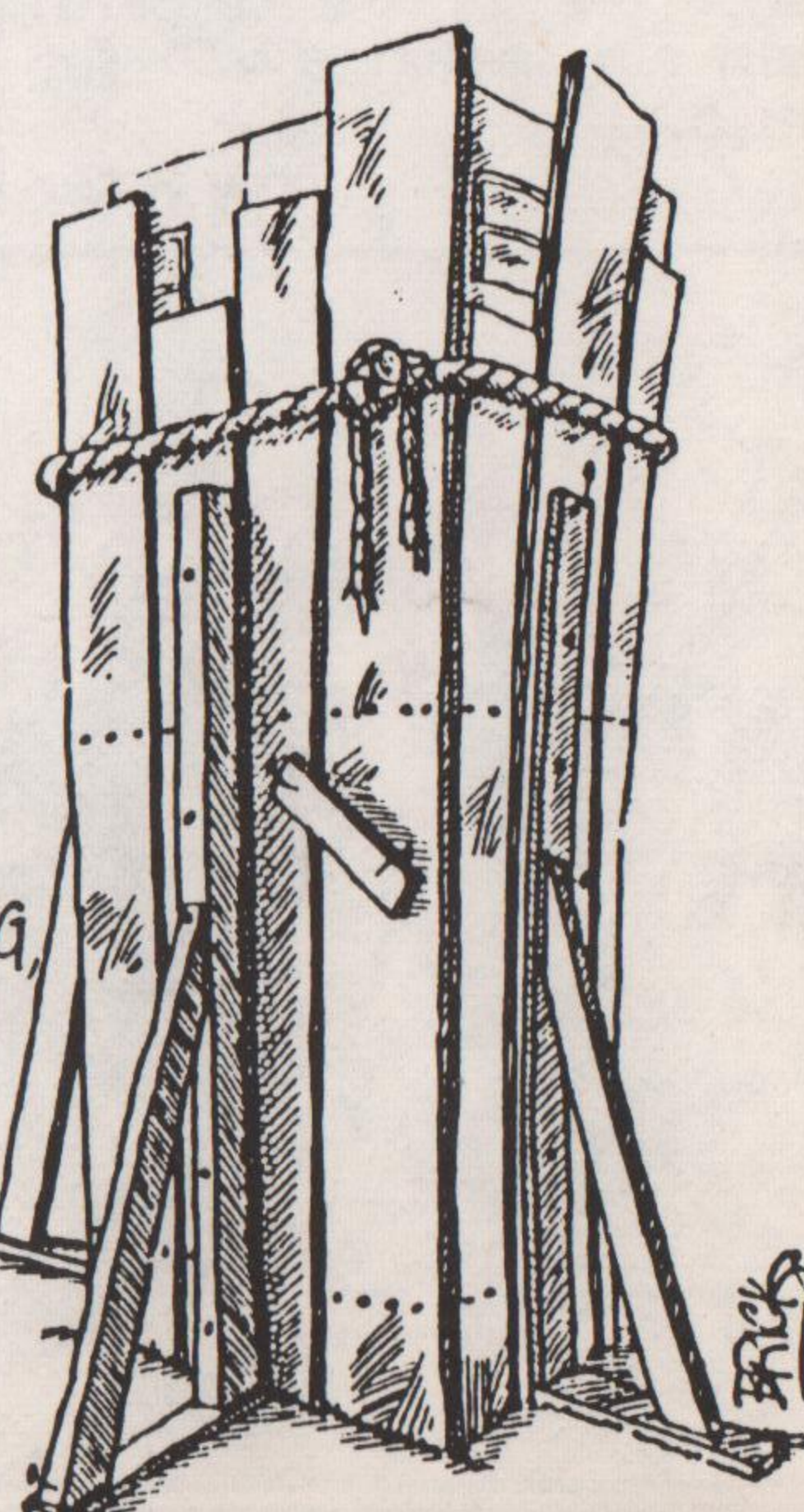
Nottingham has already decided to knock down over 2,000 flats at Balloon Wood, Basford and Hyson Green, but debt charges will have to be paid for the next 45 years. There are also serious

problems at over 1,000 more flats at Radford, Cauntton Avenue and Crabtree Farm.

The project will aim to launch a campaign of national awareness to secure extra government money.

Nottingham City Council has yet to decide whether to be involved.

Sylvia Parsons



THE SOLUTION IS NEW ELECTIONS LEADING TO NEW LEADERSHIP AND AN END TO THE MILITARY BUILD-UP, AND A PLEDGE TO STOP SPONSORING REBELLION IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

AGREED. WHICH ONE ARE YOU GOING TO DO FIRST?...



NICARAGUA