

NOTTINGHAM PEACE FESTIVAL

NOTTINGHAM'S sixth annual peace festival, **Victoria Embankment, Sun 13 July, 12-6pm.** Celebrate International Year of Peace 1986.

Main stage: folk, reggae, country & western, jazz, rock. **Secondary stage:** lute, mandolin, guitar, flute, poetry, clog dancing, steel band.

A wide variety of vegetarian food in our new food court.

Children's festival: mime, puppet, theatre, farm, inflatables.

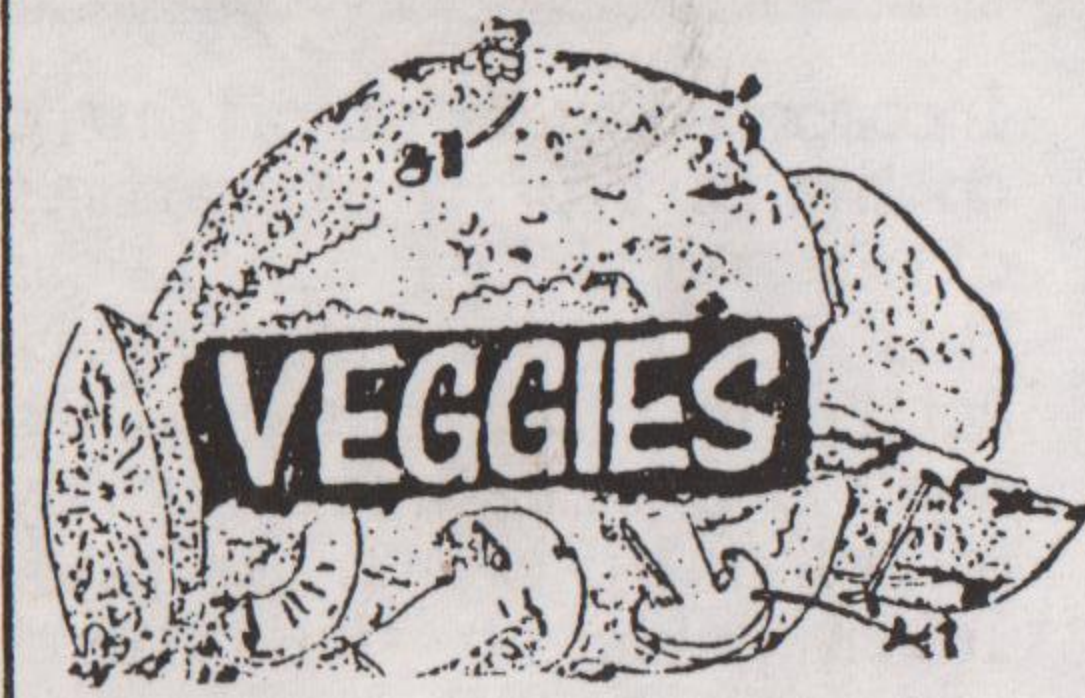
200 stalls, videos, exhibitions, speakers, hot air balloon, Indian dance, clowns, cooperative games.

To be opened by "Britannia". In addition, **Sat 12 July,**



SPOTZ Alternative Cabaret on the festival site, 8 till late.

Further information please contact: **Celia Lacey** c/o Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd, or tel 604986.



VEGGIES

"VEGGIES is a cooperative, campaigning to educate the public about their health, their relationship with animals and their environment, and the part that their diet plays in the distribution of food worldwide."

So says the advertising blurb for Veggies Ltd, which can be found at the Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road or at Clinton St West (11am-4pm Mon-Sat), or tel 585666/703040 to place orders.

"All Veggies food is vegan: it contains no animal products", they claim, and no "preservatives, flavourings, colourings, sugar or other additives."

CHANGE THE CITY

NOTTINGHAM'S community groups are invited to a conference in Manchester on 27th-29th June "To Change the City", to say what they would like to see as transport, housing, social services, education, etc, policies on a national level and here in Nottingham.

Nottingham Inner City Executive has been working with the National Council of Voluntary Organisations to organise the conference aimed at community groups who will be discussing and deciding what needs to be done to change our cities - in the right direction! Anyone from a community or voluntary group is welcome. Details on 410437.

Sally Morawetz

LESBIAN OPEN DAY

A LESBIAN Open Day was hosted for the first time by the City Council in March. 40 women attended.

A number of issues were discussed including problems which lesbian mothers face in getting custody of children, and problems which society poses for young lesbians.

A group of women at the meeting volunteered to help set up a young lesbians group. The day also generated increased support for the City's Lesbians Sub-Committee and Lesbian Open Group. (Further details from Jo Fraser, 418571)

GREAT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BIKE RIDE - Sun 6 July

RIDE from Nottingham to Newark and back - 51 miles - or a shorter route of 21 miles via Gunthorpe.

This year's Ride will start from Holme Pierrepont. For details see publicity stands in Victoria and Broadmarsh Centres on various Saturday mornings in June.



GRAND SUMMER CEILIDH

A great night out with Beeston Branch Labour Party. Great Music, Great Dancing, Great Night. Sat June 21st, West End Community Centre, West End, Beeston. 8pm till late. Further details: Woody 228518.

THE POSITIVE IMAGE - Programme of Black Films

A programme of 24 black films is being presented in June by the New Cinema at the Midland Group, Carlton Street.

The films, from around the world, have been brought together by the London-based Black Audio Film Collective which was formed in 1981 to help establish a black film culture with distinctive black voices and presence.

The films are being shown nearly every day from 10 June to 28 June. Seminars will follow the screenings on 18 June, 26 June, 27 June and 28 June.

EQUAL RIGHTS OPEN DAY Sat Jun 28, 2pm-midnight, County Hall

AN open day is being organised by the County branch of the local government officers union NALGO to mark the tenth anniversary of its Equal Rights Sub-Committee.

The afternoon will be mainly taken up by workshops on: Women, Race, Disabilities, Sexual Orientation, County Council's Equal Opportunities Policy, Assertiveness, Working Parents, Stand Your Ground, Women and New Technology, Why We Need an Equal Opportunities Policy.

The cost for non-members is £3 (£1.50 unwaged). Details: NALGO, 41 Loughborough Rd, West Bridgford.



RONEO Electroscan (in good working order) and Roneo Alcatel 865 duplicator (in need of repair) with supply ink, stencils, etc, being offered to community/campaigning groups, etc for £300 o.n.o. Contact Phil at Notts NALGO (810405). Deadline: 30 June.

CONTRIBUTIONS to On Yer Bike are welcomed and should be sent to the editor: Nigel Lee, 51 Braidwood Court, Hyson Green (788059). Priority will be given to items which are less than 100 words and signed. Items longer than 100 words may be cut. Deadline is the second Monday of the month (June 9 for July issue).

One page of each On Yer Bike is offered to a local group to describe their work in greater



LABOUR CND DAY SCHOOL Sat 7 June, WEA, Shakespeare St, 11am-3.15pm

"CAMPAIGNING on Labour's Defence and Disarmament Policy" will be the subject of a day school organised by Nottingham Labour CND on June 7th.

Guest speaker will be Denzil Davies MP, shadow spokesperson for defence. The aim of the day is to ensure that party members fully understand Labour's policy and feel confident to campaign on the doorstep at the next General Election. "We need to be wearing our CND badges, not hiding them for fear of losing support."

Details from Woody Woodyatt, 1 Linden Court, Linden Grove, Beeston (228518).

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE EXHIBITION

AN EXHIBITION of the work and activities of local lesbian and gay groups will be at the County Library, Angel Row from Mon 16 to Sat 28 June, in the first floor rear staircase exhibition area.

It coincides with an international celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride.

NICARAGUA - social events

Sat 5 July. Zinica, a folk group from Bluefields in eastern Nicaragua will be playing in Nottingham.

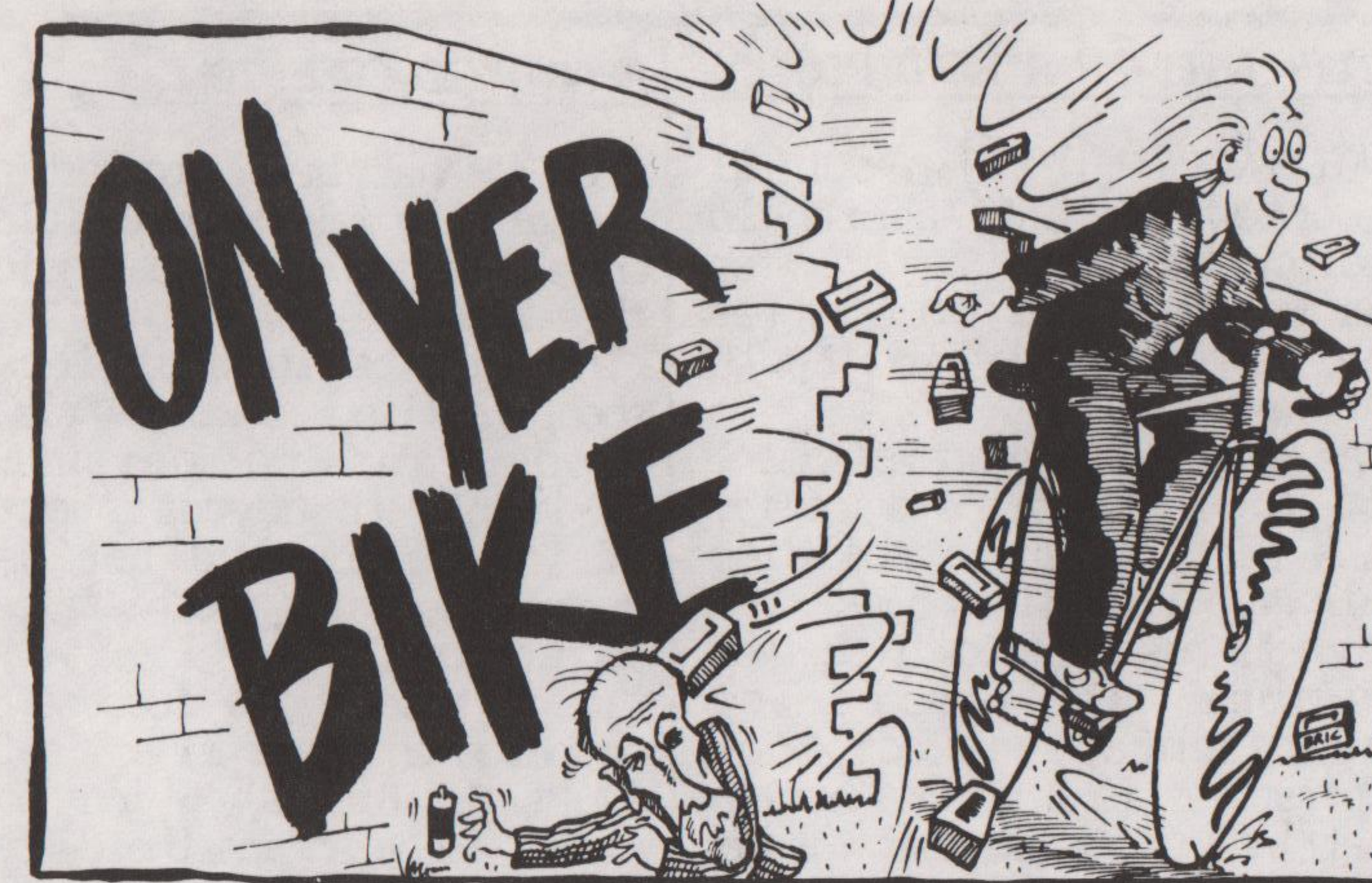
Sat 19 July. Disco to celebrate 7th anniversary of the Nicaraguan revolution. Details: Nott'm Central America Solidarity Campaign, c/o 118 Mansfield Rd (582369).

depth. Contact the editor for further details.

ADVERTS: Small ads free to labour movement and voluntary groups. Personal ads 1p per word. Display ads on request.

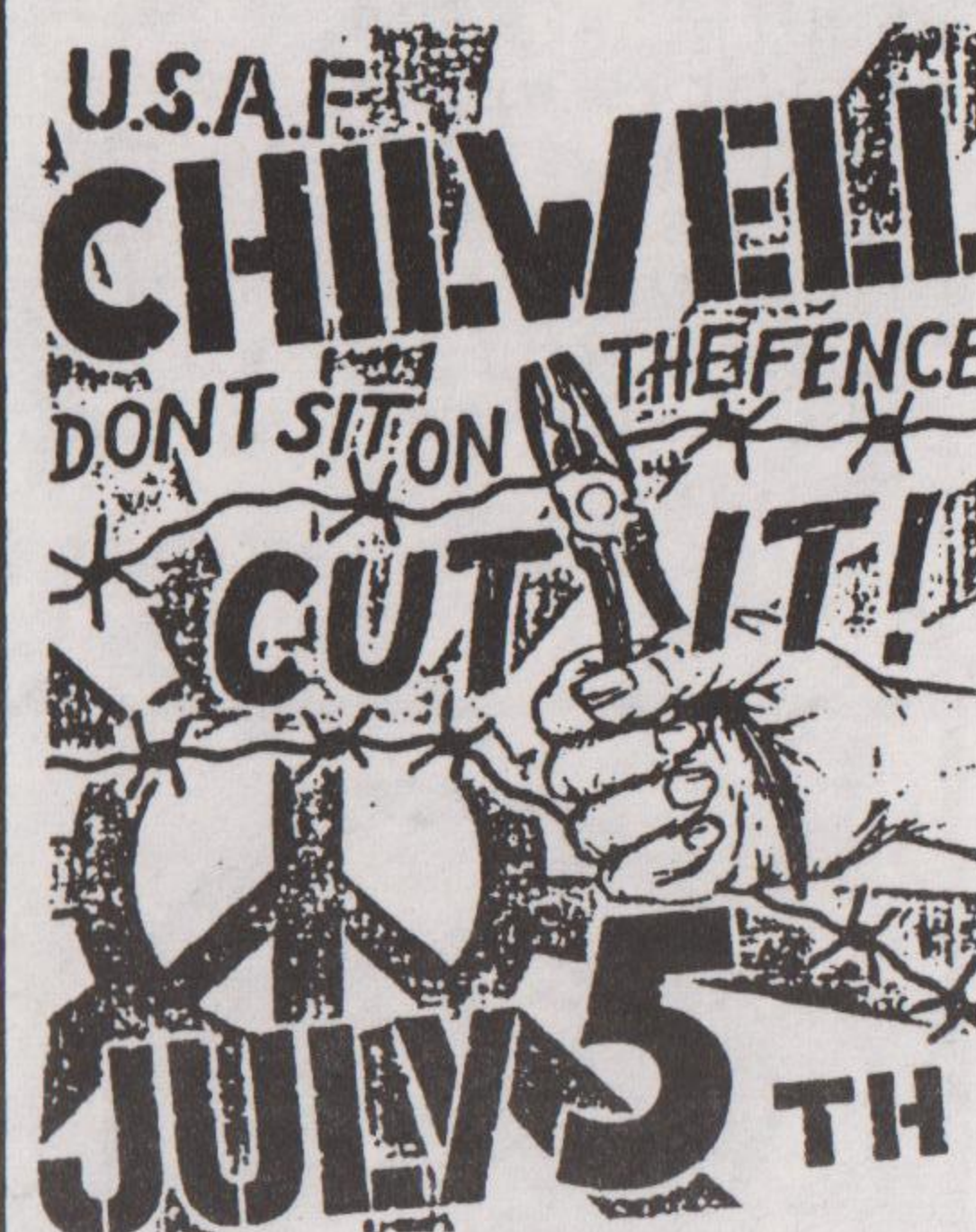
BULK RATES are available on request - from only 2p per copy.

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No 10 June 1986 5p FOR THE NOTTINGHAM LABOUR MOVEMENT

ON YER BIKE is a monthly information service aimed at members of the labour movement in the Nottingham area. 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.



DON'T SIT ON THE FENCE - CUT IT!

ON Saturday July 5th U.S.A.F. Chilwell will see the largest fence-cutting action the Peace Movement has planned so far.

The cut will be a protest about the use of part of the base as a storage depot for American "airfield support vehicles". This makes Chilwell one of the 135 American

POLICE HARASS BLACKS

AGEING hippies amongst our socialist comrades may have noticed a reduction in the supply of marijuana recently, caused by a police crackdown on the street selling of "ganja".

Many youth workers have been rather more worried about the failure of the police to take any action against drugs like heroin and cocaine which, they say, are now easier to buy than marijuana - causing a potentially serious increase in the problem of hard drugs.

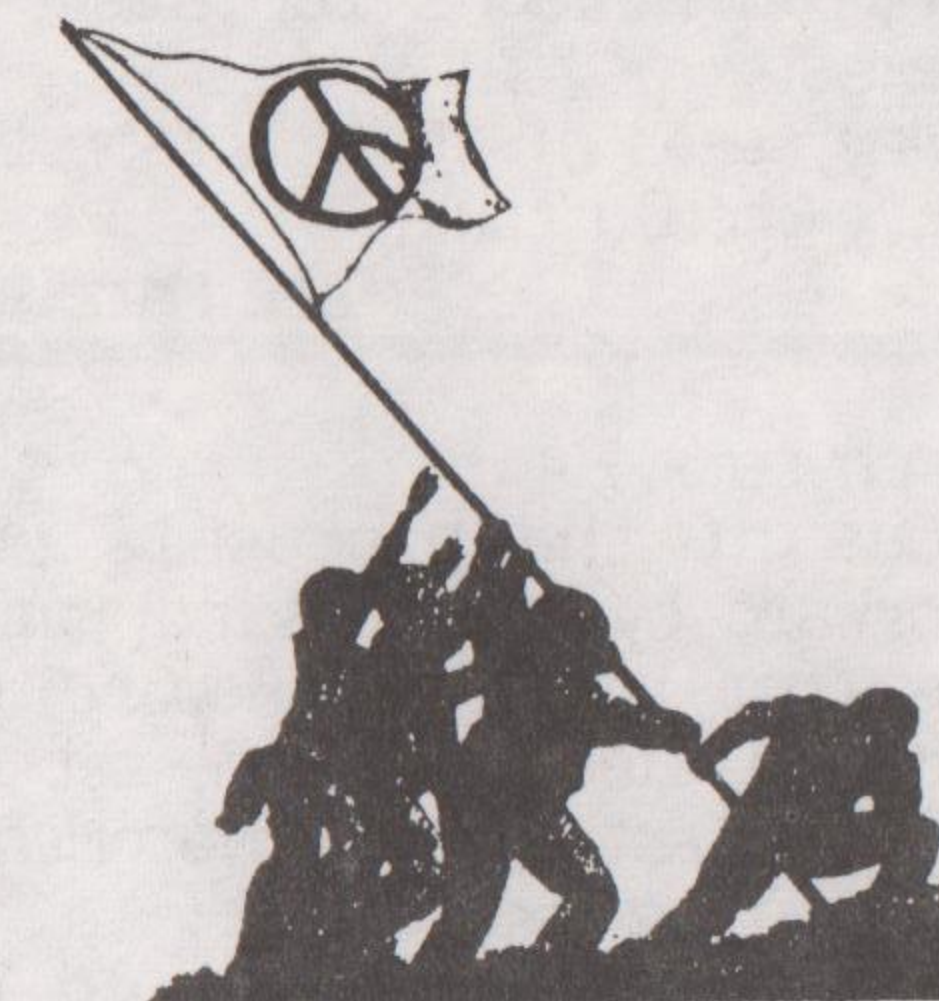
And black organisations have reported a widespread resentment in the black community at the way that police appear to have indiscriminately raided the

facilities in Britain which together make up a war fighting strategy which could involve a nuclear first strike.

We hope that hundreds of people from the East Midlands will join the protest to demand "U.S. BASES OUT OF BRITAIN".

For more information contact Nottingham Peace Action Network, c/o CND, Queen's Chambers, 3 King Street (472556)

Barbara, for PAN



PEACE ACTION NETWORK

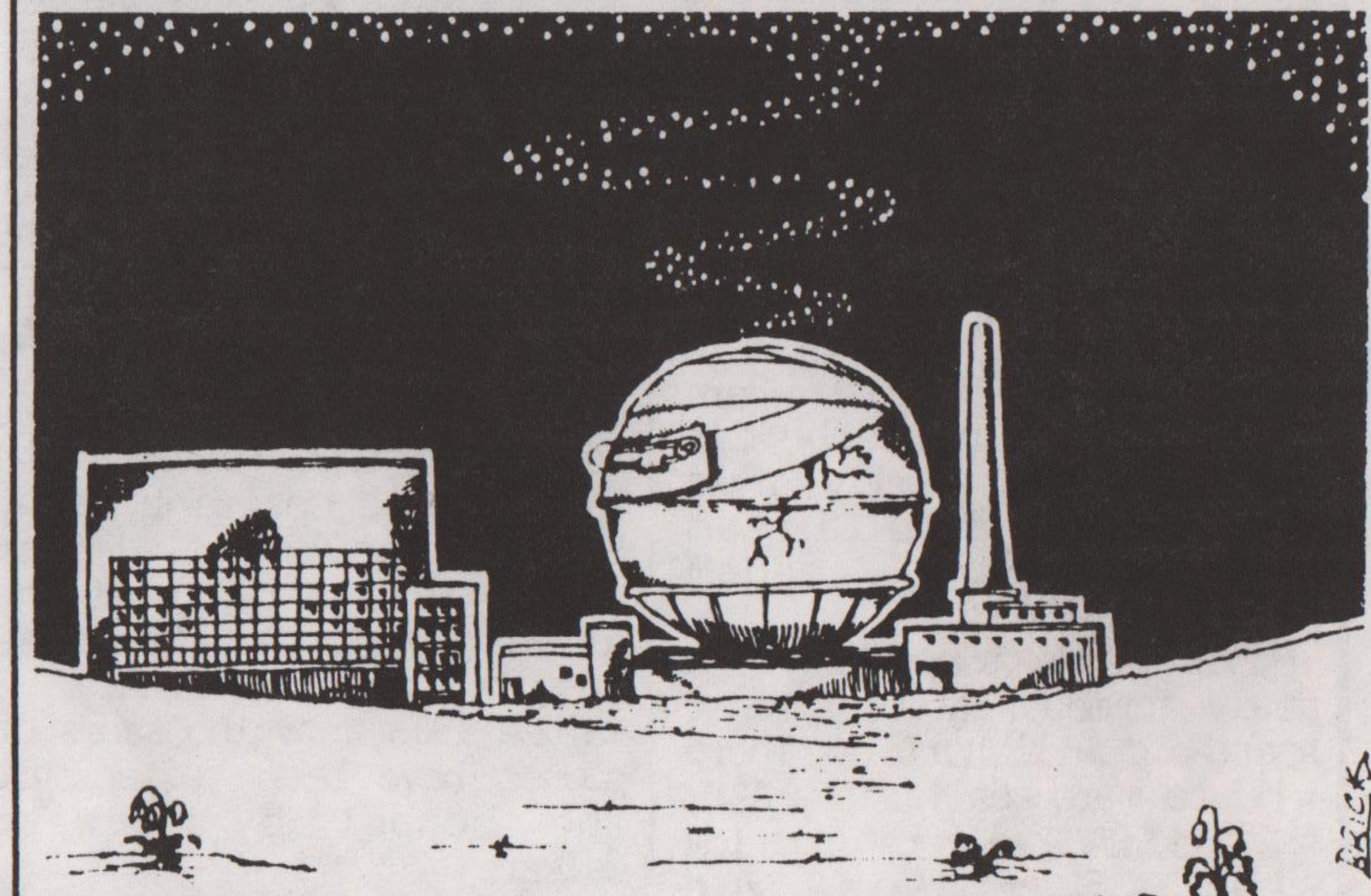
UNDER 25s OUT OF WORK

MORE than a half of the under 25 age group are out of work in Lenton, Radford and Forest wards, according to figures calculated by the City Planning Department for January. In Lenton a staggering two thirds of the 20-24 age group are out of work.

At the other end of the

scale, less than 5% of the 45-54 year olds in Wilford, Wollaton, Clifton West and Clifton East are unemployed.

This means that someone aged 20-24 in Lenton is eighteen times more likely to be out of work than someone aged 45-54 in Wilford or Wollaton. (A detailed breakdown of unemployment by ward and age is available from the City Planning Department.)



ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN

THE very best way to beat the nuclear madness which, if unchecked, will compel our children to emigrate en masse from our uninhabitable island, is by affiliating to SERA, the Socialist Environment and Resources Association - £12 for CLP and union branches, £8

for individuals (£4 unwaged). Please help to ensure that the Anti-Nuclear resolution is passed by the necessary two thirds majority at this year's Labour Party conference by affiliating.

The address of SERA is 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG. Marjorie Brown

HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

OXFAM has formed a "Hungry for Change" Group in Nottingham to try to draw attention to the issues around world poverty.

"Increasing division in the world cannot be redressed by charitable giving, worthy though this is," they say. So the campaign has been initiated "to increase understanding and expose the economic, social and political causes of world poverty and starvation."

Further details from David Eminson, Oxfam, 6 Russell Place (415477).

NEW WOMEN'S CENTRE

AT long last the lease has been signed and Workcon has started work on the new Women's Centre. The building work should be finished in October.

There will be an open meeting for any woman interested in finding out more and/or getting involved on Wednesday 4 June at 7.30pm at the new premises - 30 Chaucer Street (the old Blind Institute). All women welcome.

Lee Harrison

(This article was submitted in April, before Chernobyl erupted.)

BRICKYARD PUNISHMENT

TORY controlled Broxtowe Borough Council are still using the slums at Brickyard Works, Watnall as housing for those tenants they describe as anti-social or those who have fallen into rent arrears.

These houses have to be seen to be believed. Their interior condition is horrific, the location appalling, nearly a mile from the nearest road, yards from the M1. But still they are used as a punishment cell for those who suffered directly as a result of Tory policy.

Please contact Shelter (706662) or Woody (228518) for details of how you can help.

Woody Woodyatt

Arnold Labour Club presents

THE BEST OF FRIENDS

by Perspectives Theatre Co

Thurs 26 June, 8pm, £2. Tickets and information from V. Morton 207598.



Anti-Apartheid Movement

MARCH AND FESTIVAL FOR FREEDOM IN NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA

London, Saturday 28 June

MARGARET Thatcher and her government continue to show themselves as the chief allies and apologists for the apartheid regime whereas the British people's opposition to apartheid is massive and growing.

This march and festival will demonstrate the support for sanctions against South Africa and solidarity with the struggles of the ANC and SWAPO.

The march will assemble in Hyde Park (11.00-12.00) where the major political rally will take place and shortly after midday proceed to Clapham Common for the Freedom Festival.

Major bands supporting the newly formed Artists Against Apartheid will perform. There will be marquees for the AAM, ANC and SWAPO with information stalls, videos and exhibitions. A children's area will be provided with inflatables, etc.

Nottingham Anti-Apartheid hopes to send 6 coaches to the March/Festival but much will depend on the rate of ticket sales. PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY. From Mushroom Bookshop or Nott'm Anti-Apartheid, £5 waged/£2.50 unwaged. Contact Geoff Morris, 11-04 Victoria Centre (472440) for further details.

MARCH

FOR FREEDOM IN NAMIBIA & SOUTH AFRICA!

LONDON SATURDAY JUNE 28

SOWETO WALK - Sun June 13

BECAUSE of the massive repression that followed the 1976 Soweto Uprising, many South African youth fled their country to take refuge at the African National Congress Freedom School in Tanzania:

Since 1976 many thousands of pounds have been raised for the school by "Soweto Walkers".

In 1986 the fighting spirit of '76 is stronger than ever. Join Nottingham Anti-Apartheid's sponsored Soweto Walk on Sunday June 13th.

After last year's very enjoyable walk around Youlgreave in the Peak District, we shall return there.

Send s.a.e. to Mick Cassidy 40 Brushfield St, Bobbers Mill (586243(w)/700890(h)) for details.

CITY ANTI-APARTHEID POLICY

NOTTINGHAM City Council adopted an anti-apartheid policy two years ago. As far as we are aware the City has no investments in South Africa.

As a part of the development of an Anti-Apartheid policy the City has been building links with Zimbabwe. The Council has been involved in a number of visits of representatives of co-operatives in Zimbabwe and in setting up a support group. The Council is to formally twin with Harare following a recent visit to Zimbabwe by the City's Lord Mayor and Chief Executive.

BREAKING SPORTING LINKS

A booklet has been prepared on breaking sporting links with Apartheid and will be jointly published by the City and County Councils (subject to the County Council's go-ahead).

The booklet will be distributed to sports organisations and recreation/sporting centres in the City and County. It is hoped that a seminar will be held for sporting organisations.

For the future - the City is hoping to introduce a policy of a cultural boycott of all artists who have performed in South Africa, based on the United Nations register of names.

Any ideas of other action the City should take?

Lee Harrison

APARTHEID-FREE ZONE

A GROUP has been formed to campaign to make Forest Fields and Hyson Green an "apartheid-free zone".

The aim is to stop local shops selling South African goods, and to persuade residents to boycott South African goods and not use banks with major South African connections.

It is based on a successful campaign on these lines in St Paul's in Bristol which now claims to be an apartheid-free zone.

Full details from PO Box 11, 69 Wiverton Road.

MASS LOBBY FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID

Tues 17 June, House of Commons

URGE your MP to support MORE EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. Creche facilities will be provided. A meeting in Westminster Cathedral Hall with speakers from the major political parties, churches and trade unions will take place during the lobby.

Further details: Geoff Morris (472440)



NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S TRAINING SCHEME REVISITED

NWTS has now recruited 100 women to train in non-traditional skills and our funding ceases in March 1987. No news yet about refunding either!

Attempts are being made to establish adult traineeships - despite some union resistance - with direct labour organisations of local councils - for women wishing to specialise in plumbing; joinery; motor mechanics; and painting/decorating.

Two drivers from NWTS have gained full-time jobs. One with Nottingham City Transport, the other with a lorry firm. She gained HGV Class One - not bad eh!

For information or offers of support, eg with refunding/adult traineeships please contact NWTS, High Pavement (586236).

Kate Collins

LETTER FROM NICARAGUA

A LETTER from Padre Juan Luis Medcalf in Parroquia, Nicaragua, has been circulated locally. The following are extracts from the letter:

"We have 62 schools in our rural parish, but this year only 40 are functioning. The others - in remote villages populated by maize growing farmers - are closed because the 'contras' have murdered the teachers."

"... I was haunted by the faces of the children. If Reagan gets his money, many of them will not reach adulthood or even adolescence. One parent put it to me succinctly and truthfully when he said: 'The super-powers experiment with their bombs and with our blood.'"

"The pastoral freedom I experience as a priest in Nicaragua belies the outrageous accusation made by the Reagan Administration that

there is 'religious persecution' in this country."

"The extraordinary preoccupation with education in the middle of a vicious war of aggression is another testimony to the special qualities of the Sandinistas. Illiteracy is treated like any other disease: to be eliminated as quickly and painlessly as possible, so that the nation can stand on its own feet and short-cut the path to progress for all."

(The full letter is available from Nott'm Central America Solidarity Campaign, c/o 118 Mansfield Rd (582369).)

NOTTINGHAM VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN SOCIETY



EAT OUT VEGETARIAN

NOTTINGHAM Vegetarian and Vegan Society has published a local restaurant list with over 20 entries.

One surprise inclusion is the Elbow Cafe, 158 Mansfield Road. Although a "traditional English caff" it features an extensive vegetarian menu including Mousaka, Stuffed Peppers, Lentil Croquettes, etc, with meals starting at £1.10.

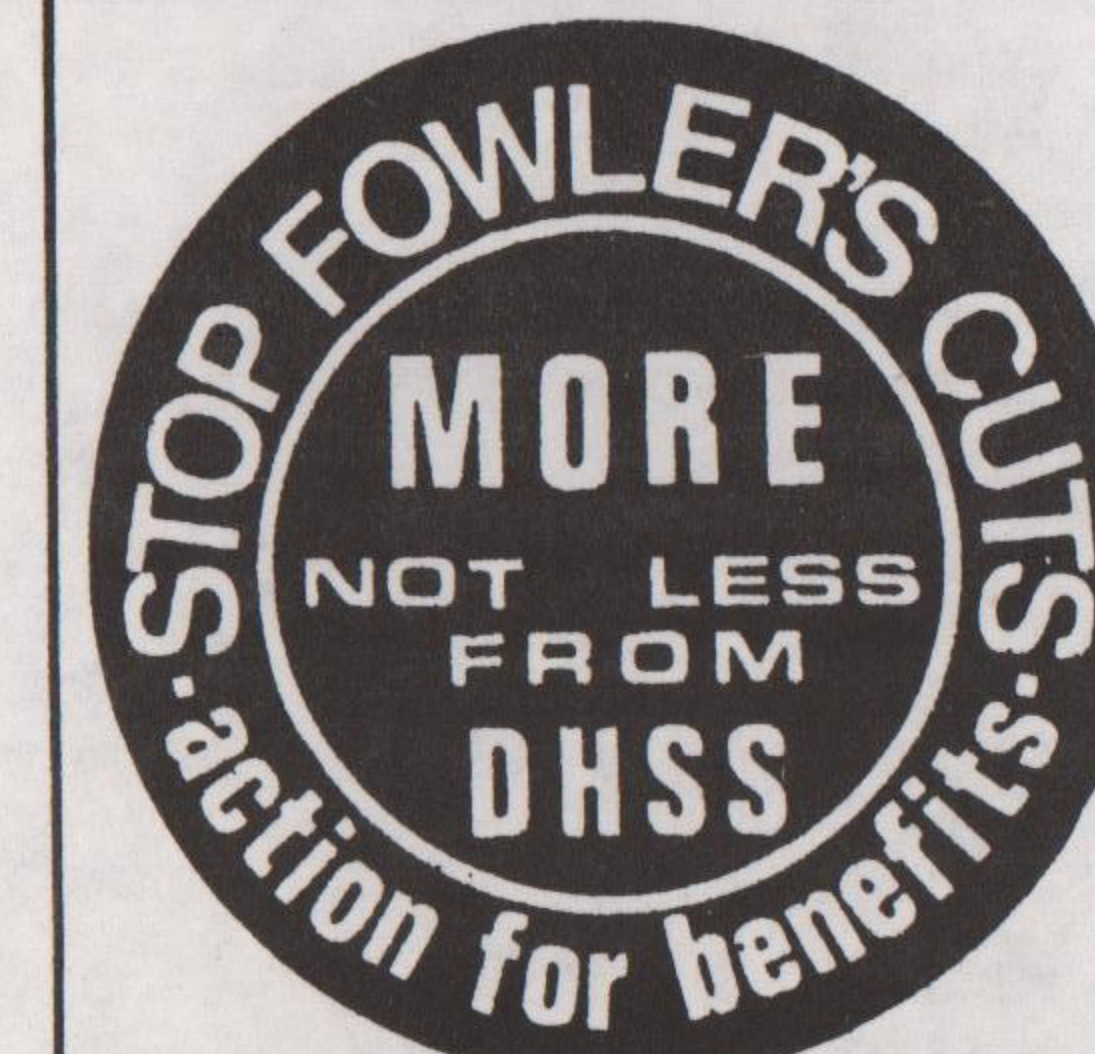
Highly recommended is the new exclusively vegetarian restaurant "Ten" at 10 Commerce Square, High Pavement (tel 585211 for a reservation).

For a copy of the restaurant list send s.a.e. to the Society c/o Earthwise, 182 Mansfield Road.

ROBBING THE POOR - The New Social Insecurity System

NEW Social Security legislation is passing through Parliament right now which will alter the face of the benefits system in this country.

Millions will be lost to people who are among the poorest in our society. The proposals are expected to



become law very soon. Some of the changes will be felt immediately.

CLAIM NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

The most immediate effects will be upon some of the grants which people on supplementary or housing benefit supplement can claim.

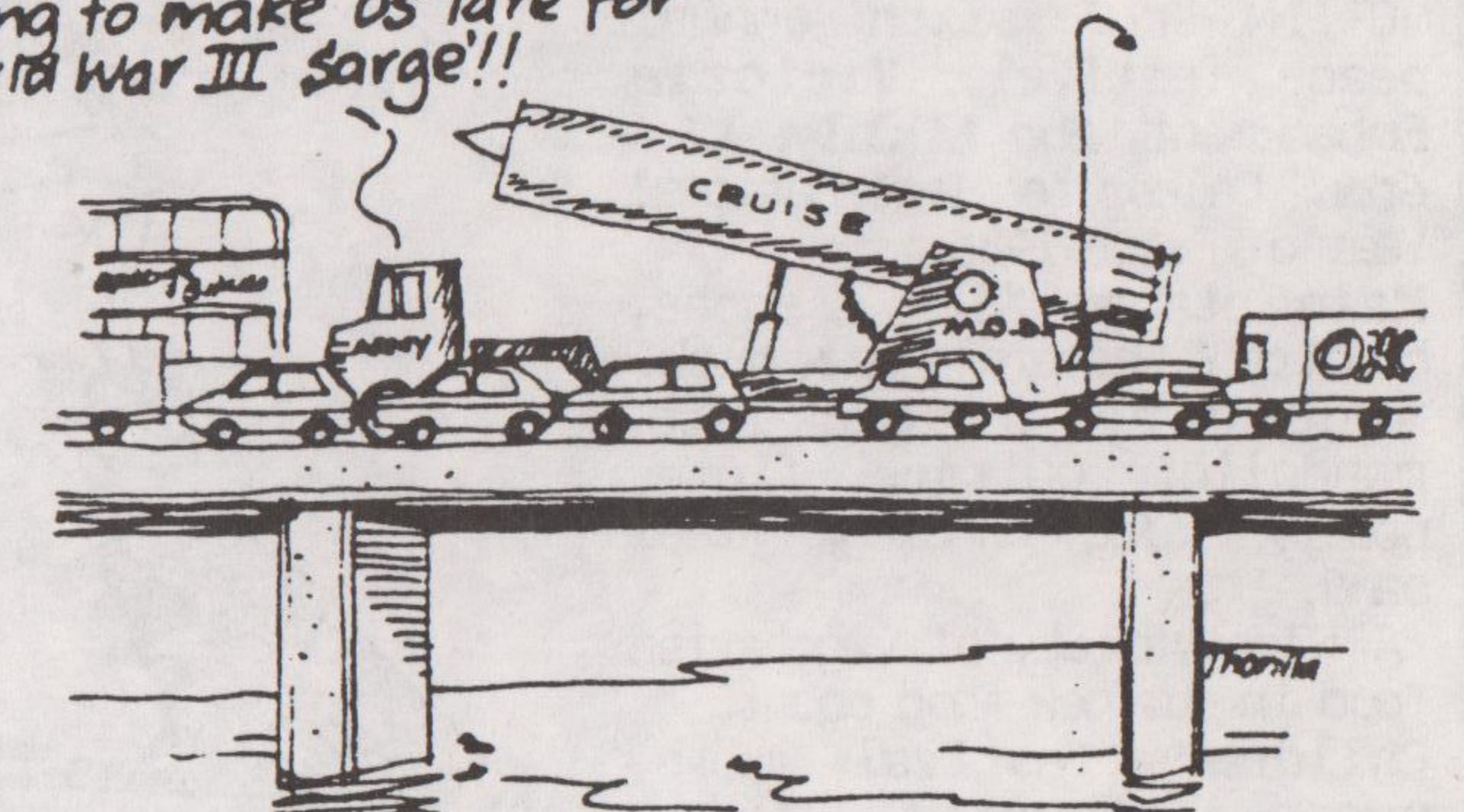
These include those for clothing, bedding, decorating, furniture and baby things.

If you are in any doubt about entitlement: contact your local advice agency or DHSS office. And if you think you might be entitled to extra money for any of these things - claim now, before it's too late.

ACTION FOR BENEFITS

Many people are still unaware of the implications of the new proposals. Action for Benefits

This traffic on Clifton Bridge is going to make us late for World War III Sarge!!



NUCLEAR FREE ZONE POLICY SUPPORTED

SUPPORT for the County Council's Nuclear Free Zone policy has been shown in a poll of council officers

carried out by Trentsider (Notts NALGO News).

76% supported the policy and 84% were against council employees being forced to participate in Civil Defence Training. 61% supported NALGO's affiliation to CND.

RESIDENTS PROTEST AT COUNCIL'S INDIFFERENCE

THE City Council have been attacked by the New Basford Neighbourhood Action Group for failing to buy a derelict property in line with the wishes of local residents.

The property is an old workshop that backs onto houses on Zulu Road. It has been derelict, dangerous and vermin infested for years, say residents. They want it demolished so that rear gardens can be extended.

They say that council officers promised to buy the site, but it has now gone to another purchaser.

"We don't know if this is



incompetence or indifference on the part of the Department of Technical Services", said Phil Teall, secretary of the Action Group. "It seems that the Council were penny-pinching in trying to get a lower price on the property and let it slip to another buyer."

GAY OFFENSE OPPOSED

A LAW lecturer at Trent Polytechnic and his Department have been asked by a meeting of the Students Union to give an official apology for an examination question which used offensive remarks about gay men.

The question started: "One night Queer goes to a well known 'meeting place'..." The lecturer refused to apologise to a student who complained, and the Head of Law Faculty refused to take any action.

Further support for the student came from the City Council's Gays & Lesbians Sub-Committee following a report from Coun Richard McCance. They asked the City's Chief Executive to write to the Poly asking for the matter to be taken up.

CAMPAIGNS AGAINST JOB CUTS

CITY Council officers are examining ways of assisting campaigns against workplace closures and of supporting workers alternative plans.

A report from the Chief Executive to the Employment and Economic Development Committee in April stated that "Local authorities have an active interest in closure campaigns in order to maintain the strength of local economies and because of the knock-on effect of mass redundancies on the provision of local authority services."

DISCUSSIONS ON SMOKING

REPRESENTATIVES of unions and management at John Player have been invited to speak to the City Council's Working Party on Smoking in June.

The Working Party was set up following a report on deaths caused by smoking published last year by the Health Education Council and British Medical Association.

It showed that in the Nottingham Health Authority area nearly 1,000 people die each year solely because they



smoke - 404 from heart disease, 398 from lung cancer, and 197 from bronchitis and

emphysema.

One of the proposals put forward by the Working Party is from the "Black Report" on Inequalities in Health, set up by the last Labour government, which recommended that: "Tobacco companies should be required, in consultation with trades unions, to submit plans for the diversification of their products over a period of ten years with a view to the eventual phasing out of harmful tobacco products at home and abroad."

Nigel Lee

"DIRTY" HOSPITALS

Recent reports from hospitals in Maidstone, Croydon, Worthing and Chichester talk of mounting chaos and nurses forced to undertake domestic duties to cover up for the failures of Crothalls, one of Britain's biggest privateers. In Croydon £9,000 has been levied in fines, there have been complaints of dirty surgeries and lost keys. In Maidstone, Crothalls have not been meeting 90% performance targets and there have been staff shortages; in Chichester dirty treatment rooms, insufficient staff and 3 months to improve on a 65% performance rate. In Worthing £7,000 fines, dirty bathrooms and toilets have been accompanied by allegations from the Royal College of Nursing of abuse of confidentiality.

From Trentsider (Notts NALGO News) April 1986

