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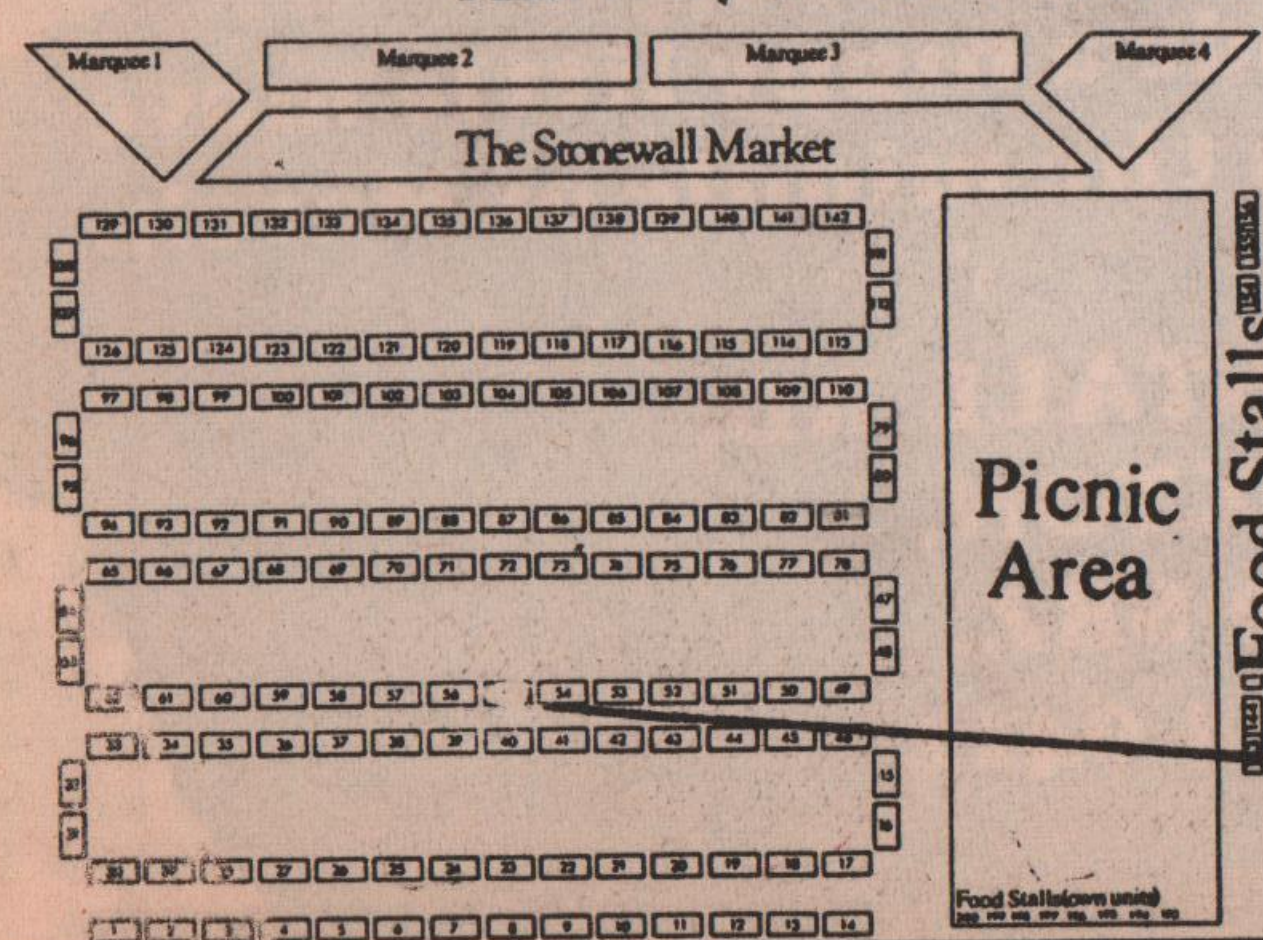


**GET IT OR
REGRET IT**

CAN YOU SPOT SHOCK- ING PINK?

PLEASE come and say hello to SP on our stall at Lesbian & Gay Pride - **ALSO** we're planning to have a big breakfast before the march on our roof/in the garden which you're invited to **BUT** you've got to phone us to check times and tell us you're coming - If you are coming from a long way away we might be able to put you up the night before as well if you ask quickly.

KENNINGTON PARK



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YES. why not? It's not very expensive and its FUN.
Send your name and address to **SHOCKING PINK**, 23 Tunstall Rd, London SW9 and tell us which issue you want to start with.
Costs are: £3 for individuals, £6 for institutions (or men) and Europe, and £10 if you live outside Europe. That's for a years supply of Trimenstrual magazines (4).

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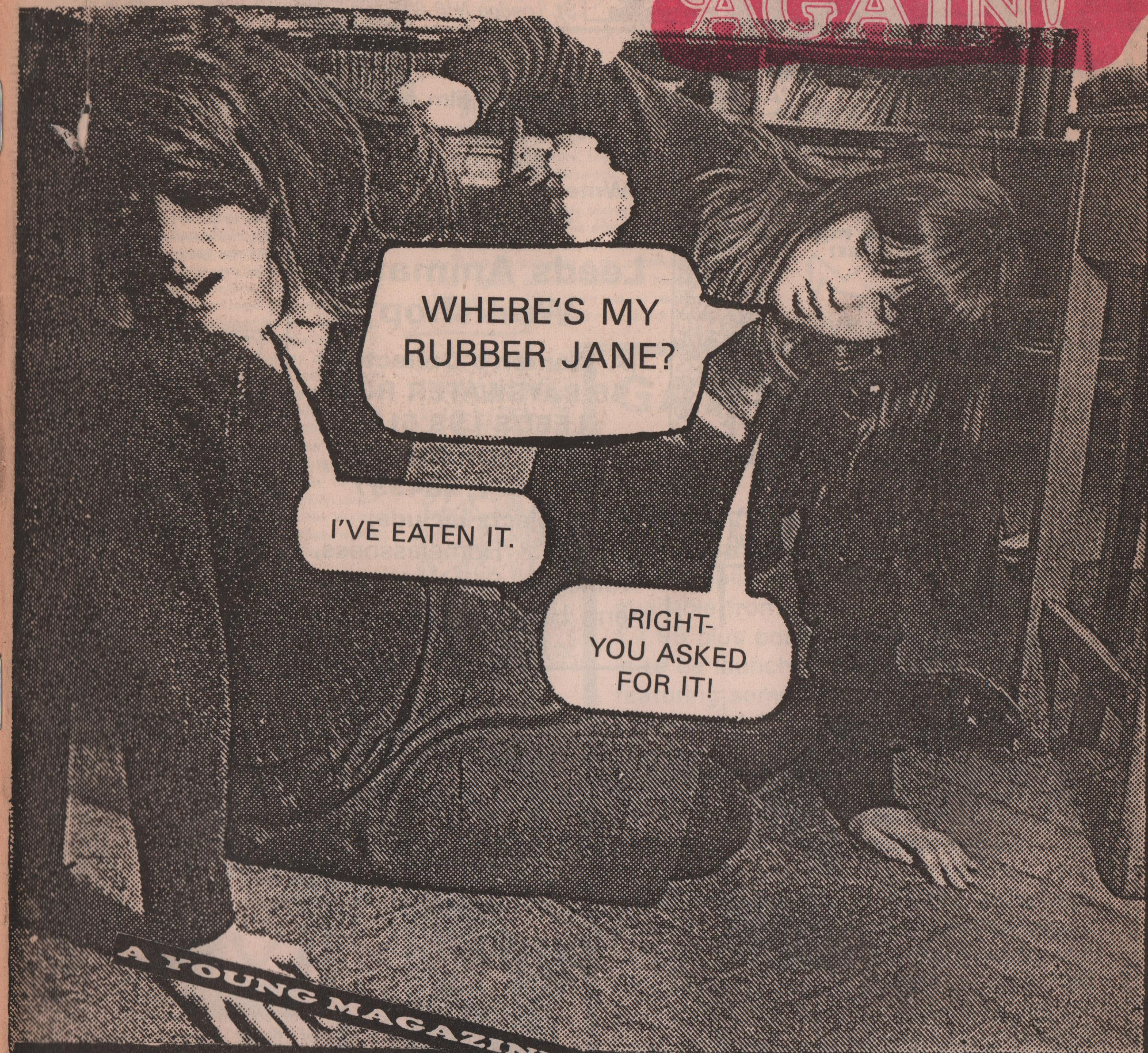
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SHOCKING PINK!

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Class Struggle



Photo Helen Dady The writing on the wall - Belfast

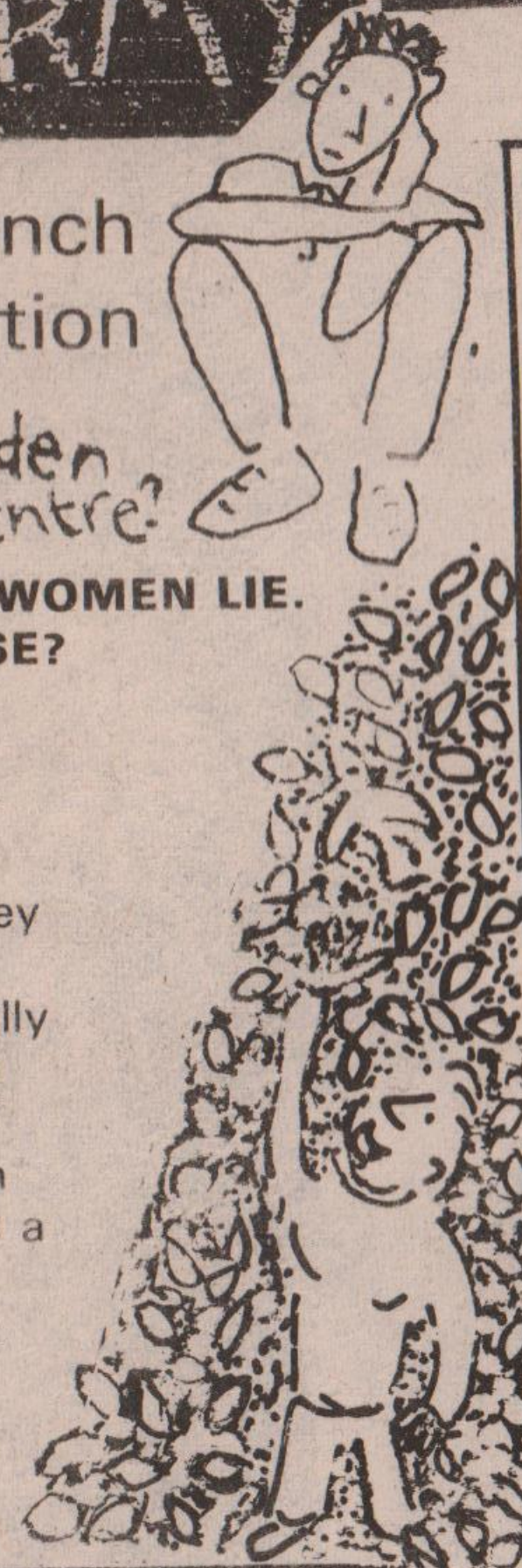
"PARLIAMENT IS THE POLITICAL WING OF THE BRITISH ARMY"

Shocking Pink is a branch of the Women's Liberation Movement.

or is it a twig? or a garden centre?

LITTLE CHILDREN AND WOMEN LIE. TRUE OR FALSE?

To find out we did a survey. We asked 200 women & 200 men if they had ever been sexually abused or had sexually abused someone. FIFTY ONE of the women said that they had been abused by men. NONE of the men said they had sexually abused a woman (but one said he had been accused of it. In fact none of us has ever met a man who admits to having sexually abused a woman. And WE know that men do abuse women. So the only conclusion we can come to is that.... A LOT OF MEN LIE. The truth is Men Lie.



• Manchester Young Lesbians Group. Are you a Lesbian under 25? Meet others. Phone Lesbian link 061 236 6205 for details.

Any young Lesbians setting up or already in groups send us the details and we'll put it in SP.

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Subjects include:
Women & Homelessness, Nurseries, Sexual Harassment, Health & Safety, The Food Trade.

Dear Sir or Madam,
I noticed your magazine by chance, whilst clearing under my daughter's bed when she was at school and I was horrified. You promote yourself as a 'magazine for young women' in an opportunist and irresponsible way. What sort of example is 'Shocking Pink' to young women at a tender and impressionable age? I send Michelle to the best school in the area and I think she is getting the highest quality education available, but I dread to think what will happen to her if she continues to read your disgraceful rag. On page 6 of issue 5, in the sentence that reads 'we all hate our boyfriends' you've spelt boyfriend boyFRIND. It's not as if you don't know how to spell, it's just pure laziness. Similarly on page 8 'Infamous women's pubic hair' is misspelt 'Infomous'. On page 23 you misspell recognise, and then go on to write 3 different attempts at a correct spelling. This surely just leads to insecurity and confusion especially in the young. It's simply shocking. And again on page 23 the grammar is abysmal; the sentence 'men are either guilt of grass ignorance coupled with racism' does not even make sense. I have punished Michelle and cut off her pocket money, thus ensuring that she will never be able to buy your disgusting and dangerous rubbish again and I have met with other similarly concerned mothers to form a group bent on destroying you. Concerned, Middlesex. Mrs John Chapman.



Dear Shocking Pink,
Herewith my sub & a small donation. I'm 48. When I was a teenager I hated all the ghastly magazines produced for girls and young women (and still do) and I vowed that when I was older I would produce something different. Of course, I never did - and now YOU have! It's great. Good Luck. Liz.

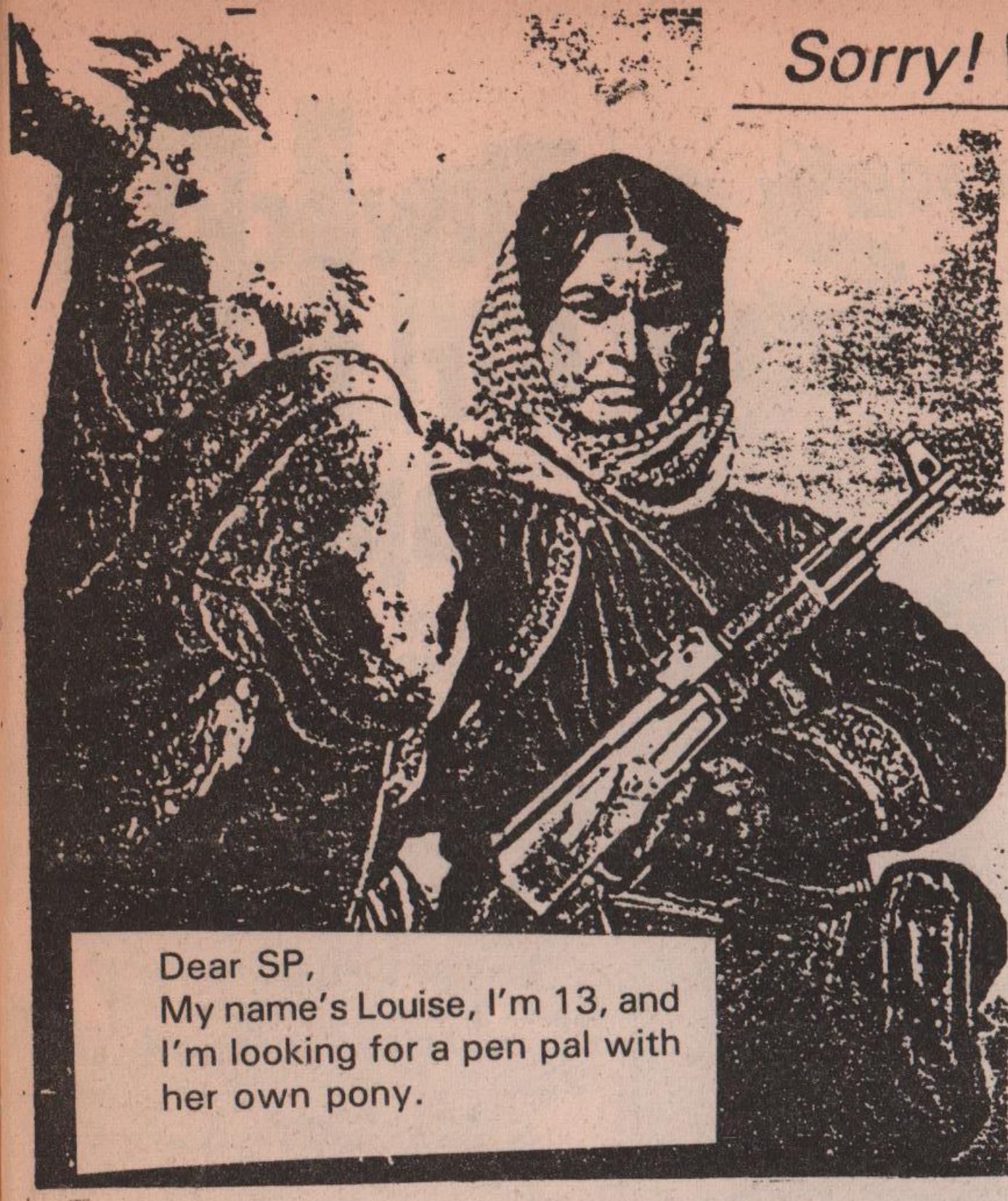


But, London Buses said they couldn't provide more seats or better lighting because "it would cost too much".

70% of Lambeth women think it is not safe to wait for a bus at night. London Buses, it seems clear, gave their fears very low priority in their planning. With long delays on many routes to have 322 stops with no seats elderly and infirm people are caused great discomfort.

Sorry! We can't supply addresses for pen-pals!

Thanks Outwrite!!! For giving us all that help & advice to keep us going.



Dear SP,
My name's Louise, I'm 13, and I'm looking for a pen pal with her own pony.

Shocking Pink is produced trimenstrually by Penny, Yasmin, Marion, Sonia & Sybil. We welcome new women to join us. SP comes out on June 1st, Sept 1st, Dec 1st and March 1st. The publication is part of the women's liberation movement which is a MASSIVE multinational force.

WINSTON SILCOTT

(Was convicted in 1986 along with three other men, Mark Braithwaite, Engine Raghip, for the death of PC Keith Blakelock. The lack of real knowledge as to the circumstances of their convictions have largely been ignored by the media. Winston and the other two men in prison were convicted on hearsay and the desire to pin the death on someone in the community that rioted against police brutality and harassment in Tottenham in 1985 there was no real evidence. This is his statement and request for justice.

PRESS STATEMENT
Saturday 6th May 1989

I have asked my solicitor to make following statement on my behalf in relation to my election as Honourary President of the LSE student's union. I have now been in prison for three and a half years for a crime of which I am innocent. A press campaign of hatred against me has ensured that the public has never had an opportunity of looking at my case calmly and fairly. The same campaign has now been waged against the students who have had the courage to draw attention to the injustice of my conviction. I have never asked for honours, only for truth and justice. I have only ever asked people to put aside their prejudices and to look at the evidence which sent me away for thirty years. The hope that one day that might finally happen is the only thing that has given me strength. Now there is a glimmer of light in the darkness. Whether that light continues to burn depends on the fairmindedness of the British people. I thank from the bottom of my heart the students of the LSE for their courage. However I have no wish for them to be made scapegoats as I have been. I therefore resign as President. I hope that by this action, the threats which have been made against them for speaking the truth, and for seeking justice, will be lifted. (WINSTON SILCOTT.)



GAY SWEATSHOP

4 of the company's most recent hits, including **TWICE OVER** by Jackie Kay and a history of the company are soon to be published by Methuen and will be available from Gay Sweatshop (price £7.99 plus postage) from July. The book is to be launched at a platform seminar featuring some of the playwrights at 6pm on Fri 7 July at the National Theatre.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of Stonewall, Gay Sweatshop will be presenting **PARADISE NOW AND THEN**, a carnival oratorio which traces the birth of the modern Lesbian and gay movement. To supplement London performances at the Drill Hall 4-22 October there is to be a Lesbian & gay community choir. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact: **GAY SWEATSHOP, P O BOX 820, LONDON NW1 8LW** Tel: 01-722 1491



ASHA

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Kiesha : Millie Murray. Livewire, £2.95

Kiesha is a young Black woman living in London with her mother and grandmother and seeing her dad on weekends. Her main preoccupations are Michael Jackson, boys, and getting her parents together again. I don't know what it is about livewire books but they really annoy me sometimes.... Kiesha's friendship with Janeese is quite good but if you want a really cool book get Rosa Guy's 'The Friends' instead. Much better.....

- **OPEN LINE**, a phonenumber run by young gay women for other young gay women / young women who think they might be gay. Phone us on :698 9453 every Wednesday from 7pm to 11pm.
- **OPEN DOOR GROUP** Wed 7-10pm Social group for young women, pool, table tennis, chat, coffee, pottery, photography & self defence. First Wed of Month BLACK WOMEN'S night.
- **VIDEO WORKSHOPS** Women in Sync are running some days on video in June, July and August. For 2 days training it costs £25-£55 depending on income and it's on Saturdays/Sundays. If you're interested phone them on 278 2215 or write to Unit 5/6 Wharfedale project, 47-51 Wharfedale Rd, London N1 4SU.

FORGET CUPID
REMEMBER
NEWTON!



Be a "Bunty" Supergirl! See Page 12.



The Cholmondeleys' revolution... Flag

Duncan Campell in the BOYS corner.

Well, we all think Duncan is quite cool for a BOY. A brave investigative reporter, he was the first to write about the governments spy headquarters, GCHQ, and did that program about the secret spy satellite ZIRCON. He is also OUT & PRO-UD about being gay which is nice.

So, we went to interview him at 'Perseverance Works' for the BOYS corner. His favourite modern pop tune is Dire Straits, Brothers in Arms, and he doesn't have a favourite colour, he just likes the colour of the hills and the sunlight on the hills. We asked him how he got to be so good and how he found out all those amazing things. He said it was through HARD work, long hours, and meticulous attention to detail. At this moment we are meticulously investigating every corner we can find for the tape of this interview. Which someone put somewhere. Someone who's got a lot to learn. So check out issue 7 of SP for the in-depth 'Duncan Campbell in the Boys Corner'.

from socialist worker

★ **LAUGHING** is a crime in Thatcher's Britain. Two teenage girls who giggled while sitting in the public gallery of Barnsley Magistrates Court were jailed for several hours last month.

As they left the court Mr Roy Pearson, the presiding magistrate, ordered police to chase after them and bring them back.

Mockery

Pearson told them, "This is a court of law and we are not going to have young people like you two making a mockery of it."

The girls spent several hours locked in police cells before being released.

Thwack! Girl foils rapist

A BRAVE teenage girl foiled a rape by kicking a bogus mini-cab driver where it hurt most.

The 17-year-old girl was duped into getting into the car outside a nightclub in Greenford, West London.

She was then driven to a car park at Hounslow where the man attacked her.

Kicked

During a fierce struggle, she kicked him between the legs and then ran to a nearby house.

A police spokesman said yesterday that she had done "exactly the right thing."

Police are now hunting for her bruised attacker, who is described as being 6ft tall and in his 20s.

FISHING

THE PEOPLE, February 19, 1989



(Roséanne is on Channel 4, Friday, 10pm).

Do you know any good jokes?

If so please send them to us at
23 TUNSTALL RD,
London SW9 8BZ.

CONtributors.

Class Struggle

EXAMS WERE COMING UP at Eastleigh School for girls and the interclass netball matches, and as usual the teachers were egging the classes on, encouraging competition and stimulating class rivalry



A Girl
PHOTO STORY

NOW 3B YOU CAN BEAT 3A IF YOU TRY. YOU CAN WIN.



LET'S KNIFE HER AND NICK HER DINNER MONEY

WHAT A GIGGLE!

Dee was in 3A.... Angie was in 3B, but there was a pull between them despite the class barrier....



A pull.

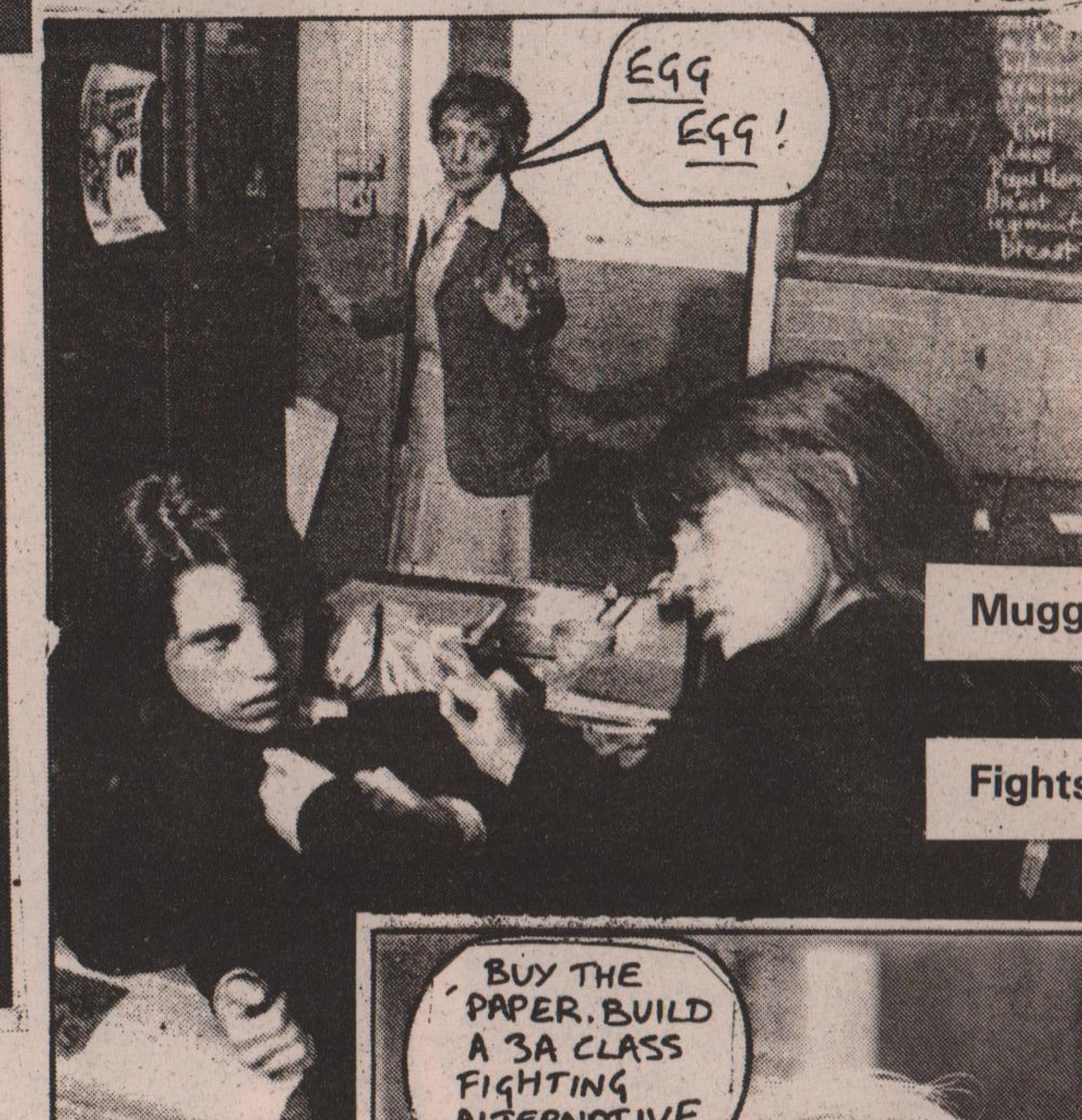
Oh, she's got such shiny hair!



CLAIRE, LOOK ME IN THE EYE AND RENOUNCE 3B - OR ELSE.

SHAN'T...

RIGHT - YOU ASKED FOR IT!



EGG EGG!

Mugging was on the up.

Fights were breaking out.

BUY THE PAPER, BUILD A 3A CLASS FIGHTING ALTERNATIVE

Paper sellers were peddling all over the place

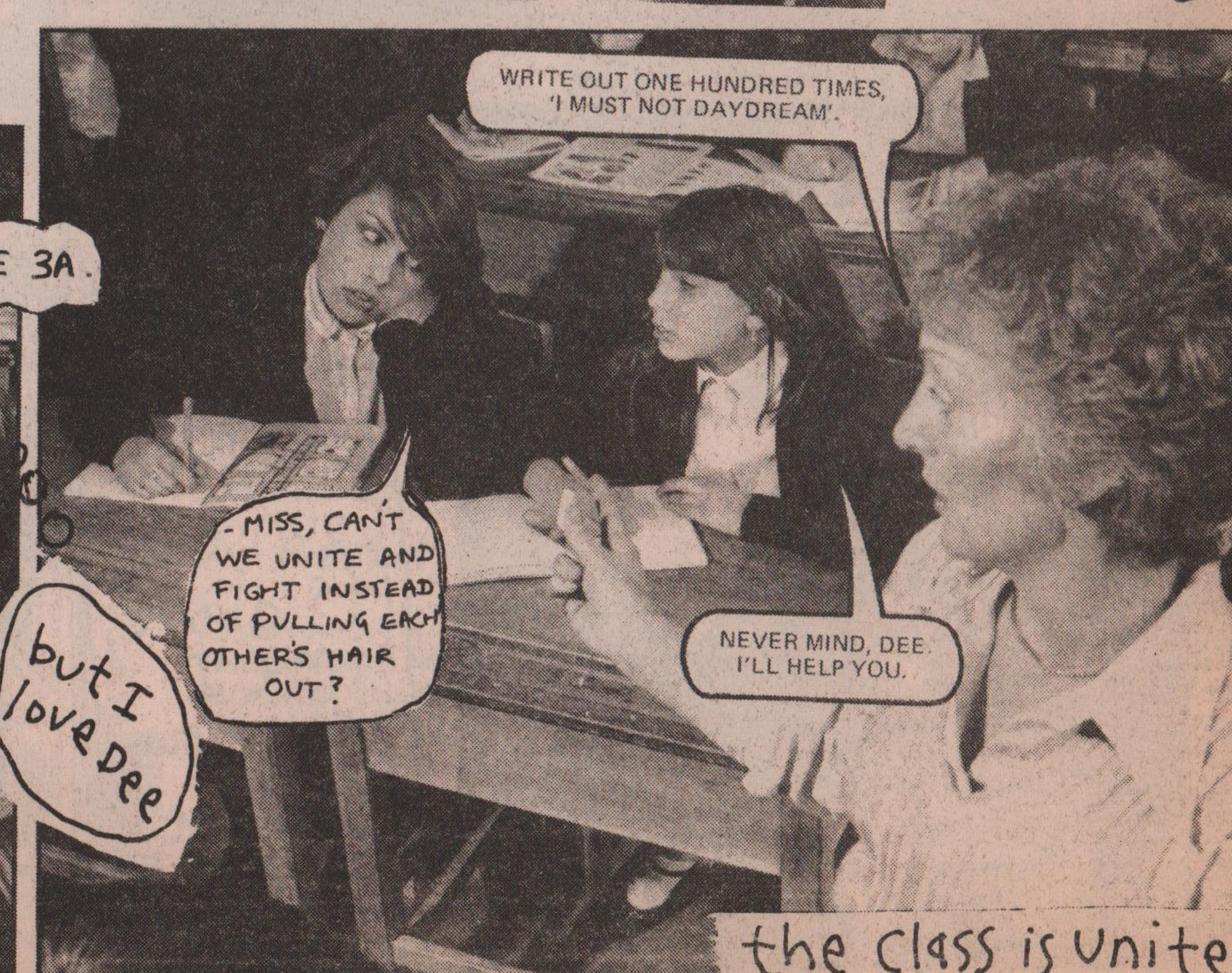
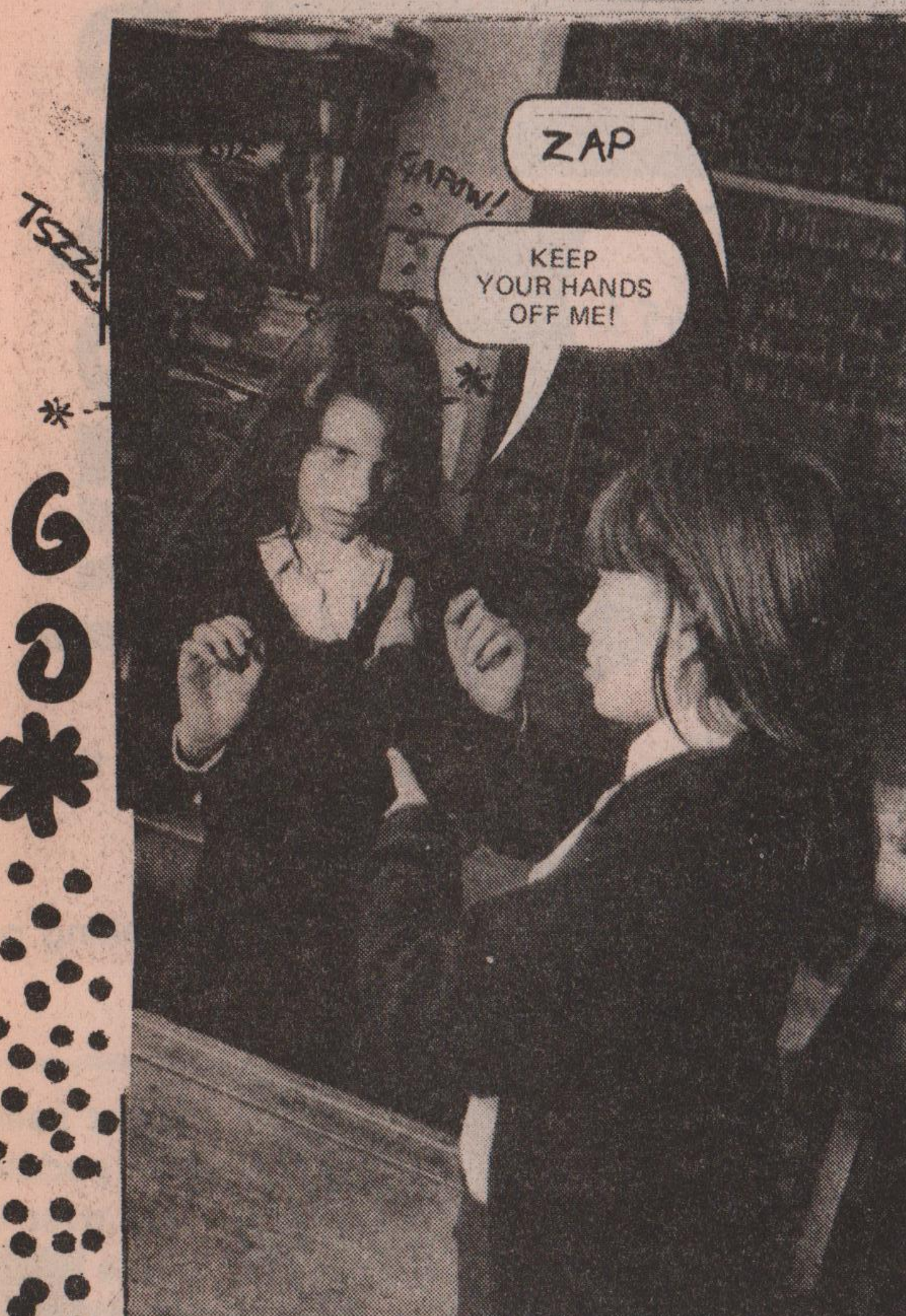


I'M IN 3B ACTUALLY.

I think I need to talk to the Lesbian Counsellor it's about time I broke away from the 3B straights.

The photostory!

The night before the big Match... FIGHT.



The netball match the next day.

3A scored in the first minute. Then 3B equalised a split second before the half time whistle. A tense second half, but NO goals. A score draw. NO WINNER. Just a lot of blood and tears, and a lot of bad feeling.



BUT then the USA, France, Germany, Japan and USSR rulers heard about UK and decided it was a threat to them. They invaded and sent resources to support Mr Sainsbury and Mr McWhirter who wanted the Tories back (and all their £ which had been redistributed) and had set up counterrevolutionary armies. Luckily though, the normal people of these countries rapidly rallied to the support of the normal people of Britain and in turn they overthrew their own governments.

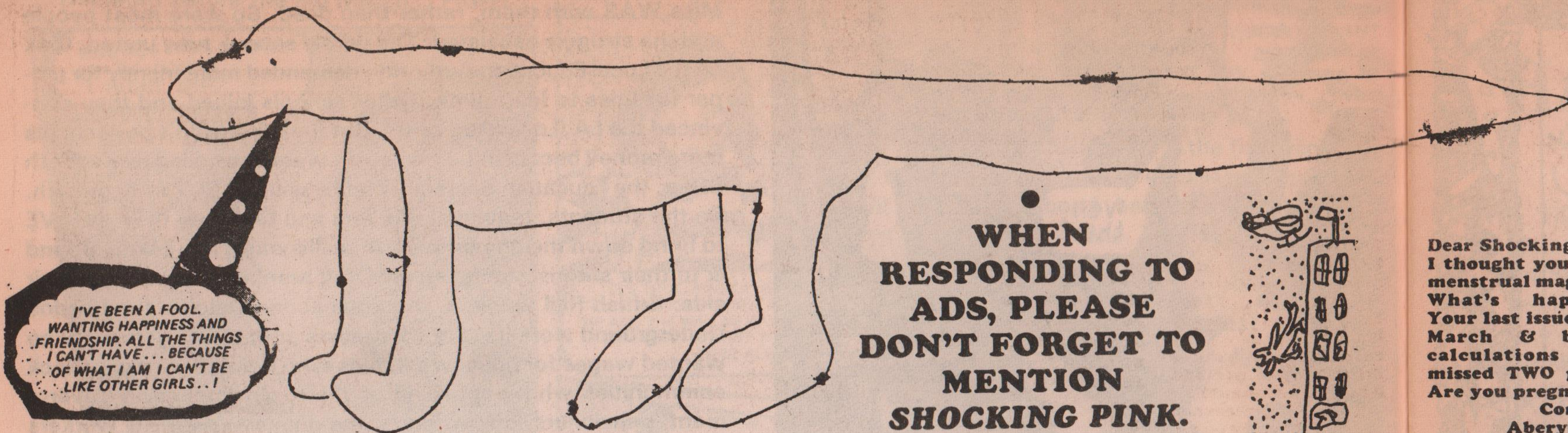


Miss WAS with them, rather than dead. So were most people and the struggle escalated. The whole school, now united, took on the Local Education Authority, demanded more money for proper facilities to learn with. Other schools joined and they convinced the LA (Local Authority). But the LA couldn't pay schools more money because their finances were controlled by Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary and he wanted CUTS not growth. So the students, teachers, workers and LA knew they'd HAVE to bring down the government to really win. They asked around & to their surprise found an amazing number of people on their side: British Rail workers, the Engineering Unions, the London Underground workers, the Journalists at the BBC, Women who wanted wages for housework, kids who wanted creches, Black communities who wanted rid of the racist imperialist government, pensioners, bus workers, the dockers, the P&O workers still on the picket line, the NHS workers and many more. So, together they struck, picketed, talked, struggled and incredibly quickly got rid of the Tories. They worked out a much better way of running the country.



The End

GIRL-THE BEST STORIES EVERY MONTH Or a New Be...



I'VE BEEN A FOOL
WANTING HAPPINESS AND
FRIENDSHIP. ALL THE THINGS
I CAN'T HAVE... BECAUSE
OF WHAT I AM I CAN'T BE
LIKE OTHER GIRLS...!

WHEN RESPONDING TO ADS, PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO MENTION SHOCKING PINK.

It would really help SP if you remember to do this. Don't worry if the ad wasn't actually in Shocking Pink, if you just pretend it was they might be convinced & start placing ads with us. (and then we'd get more money and we're all unpaid etc)

interview with Polly & Kim. Students at White Lion Street Free School.



WLSFS is a state funded alternative school in Islington. The atmosphere is friendly and informal. Adults and kids attempt to relate on an equal level. Decisions are made collectively by everyone at the school at weekly meetings. The school recently had a bad fire, but will be back in session in a few months.

SP: I'm just going to ask you a few questions about yourselves and about the school. How did you two end up coming to this school?

Polly (12): When my parents split up we decided I'd go to this school. I didn't like any other normal schools, so I decided to come to this one.

SP: Do your parents feel alright about you going to a free school?

Polly: Yes, but I don't know if I'm going to be coming here much longer.

SP: Why not?

P: Because you don't learn enough.

SP: Why's that?

P: The teachers are there but they don't really do anything. If anyone wants to learn its up to them and most people can't be bothered.

SP: You can't just learn things by yourself?

P: No I can't.

SP: What, is it hard to be motivated to make yourself work?

P: Yeah.

SP: What about you Kim?

Kim (13): I went to a lot of other schools but I just didn't like them. I tried lots of different schools but I wasn't happy I didn't like them! But its true at this school, people can't be bothered so its hard to learn.

SP: How did you find out about this school?

Kim: I have a friend who goes here.

SP: And what about your parents, are they alright about you going here?

K: Well I live with my mum and she thinks its fine.

SP: And you've both been here, what about a year?

K: I've been here about 6 weeks.

SP: Oh! So have you noticed a big change then, from other schools?

K: Yes definitely.

SP: What do you think is the biggest difference between a free school and a normal school?

P: Um... the lessons. They're completely different.

K: Yes! You don't have to have them if you don't want to!

SP: I'd really like to go to a free school!!!

P: All my friends say that its not so good once you've been here for a year!

SP: I think that if I came I'd probably try really hard to make myself work, like find a book that I was interested in. But I know its hard. Your last schools, didn't you like them much?

K&P: No!!

SP: What didn't you like then? (Some of this part of the tape didn't come out, it went all fuzzy. Sorry, amateur reporting...)

K&P: The teachers were really horrible, I couldn't do what I wanted, I hated it.



P: My brother's really terrible at normal schools. He'll beat up other kids and bite teachers. I've been to about 7 schools and I just can't go to normal schools, it just doesn't work.

SP: OK, Shocking Pink is meant to be a young women's magazine that is a lot different from other young women's magazines. It tries to cover things that affect girls in schools, like sexism and the way that girls are treated differently to boys, what do you think about that?

P: At my last school girls got treated much better than the boys! The boys had to wear ties and the girls could wear what they liked.

K: At my last school they wouldn't let the girls play football.

P: At my last school the girls could play netball and football, the boys weren't allowed to play netball.

SP: What do you think about this school? Do you think its different?

P: Yes, its the fact that its different kids, fewer kids. There is no other girl here that is 12.

SP: What about the boys at this school, do you get on with them alright?

K&P: Um, Ha, Um. A few of them.

K: Well I don't know them that well really.

SP: Are they hard to get to know?

K&P: Yes!

P: The first time I came here one of them dumped baked beans all over my head. They don't like me because I stand up for myself and shout at them and things like this.

SP: What about you Kim?

K: I just keep out of their way.

SP: Do you think that its pretty much equal here or do the boys or the girls try to dominate things?

K&P: The OLDER kids try and dominate things!

SP: Aha! It was like that when I was here as well! (Our reporter used to hang around the school as a volunteer). So what happens when, say, someone dumps baked beans on someone else's head? What happens then?

P: Nothing.

SP: Do you think that's good?

K: NO!

P: No

SP: What do you think should happen?

P: I think the workers here should be less passive. They don't do anything, they just stand there and say 'Oh, ah Well'. Someone stubbed a cigarette out on my brother's head just there (she points) and they didn't do anything! They put a bit of cream on it and said 'oh you'll be better' and they didn't punish the other boy, they just said don't do that again and that was it.

SP: What would you have done?

P: I would have—um—I would have suspended the other boy because I don't think you should do that....

SP: What do you think about the way boys act around girls and girls act around boys—do you think it's different? Say, do a bunch of girls act differently when they're by themselves than they do when they're around boys?



HI I'VE GOT MY PERIOD—T-Shirts

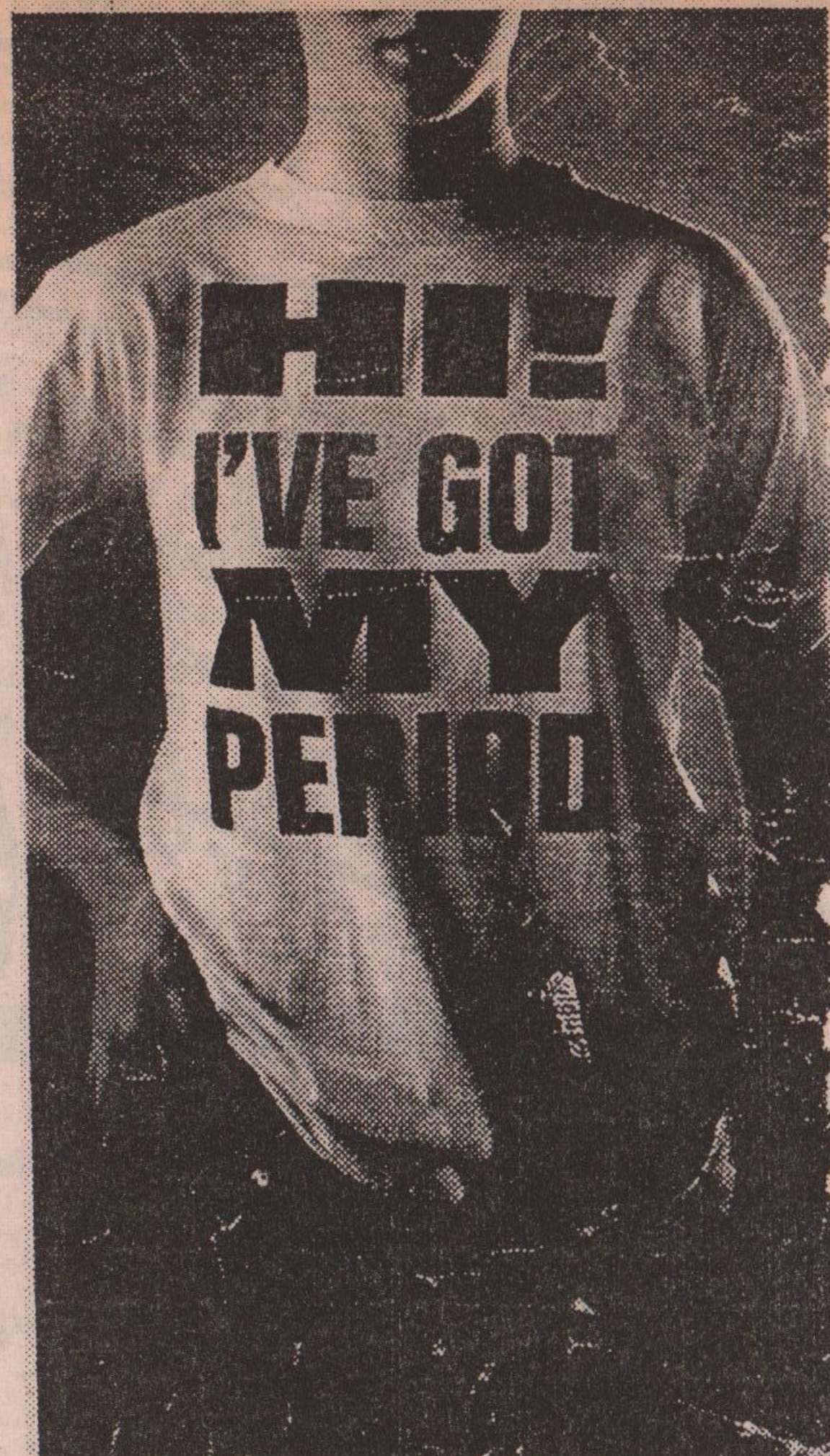
seen the advert get the period...oops!...T-Shirt. (Shocking Pink, fighting Menstrual taboos) Send £5 + 50p p&p to SHOCKING PINK, 23 Tunstall Rd, London SW9 8BZ. Honest. 54 originals for sale. Get yours NOW.

Dear Shocking Pink, I thought you were a menstrual magazine—What's happened? Your last issue was in March & by my calculations you've missed TWO periods. Are you pregnant?

Concerned
Aberystwyth.



Dear Concerned, It's quite normal for young women to have long cycles and there's nothing to worry about. No-one's pregnant thank you very much. Shocking Pink is TRI-menstrual (approx every 90 days). When we get older we hope to become menstrual; on the way to coming out men- trually, regularly, we might go through a phase of bi- menstrual-ity. We'll keep you notified. Thank you for your concern.
SP



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See you at PRIDE 89, 24th June.

K: Yes they definately do act different-ly. The girls just get quiet when there are boys there, or they flirt.

P: Yes. Especially in London.

SP: Do you do that?

P: No I don't really, I hate it because when I'm in London I see all the girls smoking and flirting with boys, its different in the country, girls are completely different.

SP: Do boys act differently when they are by themselves?

K: Its hard to know really.

SP: You're right. What do you think about girls and boys going out together, that kind of thing.

K&P: Giggles.

P: You should know a lot about that Kim. I'm quite shy about that sort of thing.

SP: What about the other ones?

P: Just 17 is better.

SP: What bits do you like?

P: Fashion.

K: Yes and music.

SP: What kind of music do you like?

K: All kinds.

SP: What do you think is lacking in the magazines you read?

P: They should have less photostories.

SP: Do you think the magazines are realistic?

K: Not really no!

P: Look at the photostories. Kids aren't like that really.

K: They make kids pose for the stories.

SP: What do you think of the beauty pages?

about it?

P: In some ways its just like other magazines. What do you think Kim?

K: I liked it. I didn't get a chance to sit down and have a good long read of it, but what I did read I liked.

P: The teacher who asked us to read it, Kim upstairs, she asked me to read it and at the time I thought no I can't be bothered. But when I did I was pleased that I did.

SP: Come on. What types of things would you like to see in the mag? Talk more.

P: I think there should be more things that people want to hear, like instead of this is how you have to live, SP doesn't do that so much. I think that there should be more kids things, that kids have done instead of adults like YOU say, poems and things like that. Well not so much poems...

SP: What about articles?

P: Yes it would be great fun to have kids doing the articles about things that you have ideas for, but done by kids.

SP: OK that sounds like a good idea. Do you think that you want to write something for us?

P: Well I'm not an amazing writer or anything.

SP: Well you both seem like you know what you want and could probably come up with something. What would you like to write about?

P: Well there's a typewriter downstairs and I've been doing loads on that but I can't keep the ideas what to write. Once I do have ideas I could write something.

SP: What if I gave you a couple of possibilities and you could pick out something to write about.

P: That would be alright.

K: Yes I'd do that.

SP: OK. You could make a list off the tops of your heads. Is there anything else you want to say in this interview?

K: No.



oh no - not those boring fish again

no smart arse - its dogs!

THE EVIL IS CAPITALISM



Dot thinks: "It's all very well these hot-bloods saying that but what about my haemorrhoids?"

sonig agree - every time I pass a beggar I don't give away all my money. I'm being selfish. Well never take over our Planet - Put the boss in!!

No one has any right to condemn her for this, because all who live under the present system practise selfishness, more or less. We must be selfish: the System demands it. We must be selfish or we shall be hungry and ragged and finally die in the gutter.

selfish we are the better off we shall be. In the 'Battle of Life' only the selfish and cunning are able to survive: all others are beaten down and trampled under foot.



My Wombdaughter says: "this is patriarchal nonsense. We should keep in tune with the moon and men will learn the gentle way that love is the best vibe."



It is the system that deserves to be blamed. What those who wish to perpetuate the system deserve is another question.

We must either injure... or be injured.



Raya Dunayevskaya and Ethel Dunbar at Marxist-Humanist Archives Exhibit and Lecture, Wayne State University, March 21, 1985. Dunbar was the "Way of the World" columnist of News & Letters in the '50s and '60s.

Dear SP,
Where does SP stand on the Kings Cross Women's Centre issue re Greenham Common? Do you know anything about it? If not, why not? About 18 months ago a group of Kings Cross Women Centre women, led by Wilmette Brown (recognise her from wages for housework?), decided to set up a new womens camp at Yellow (main) gate, Greenham Common. Their basis was anti-racism. The upshot was that women who had lived there were forced to leave because they were insulted and declaimed as racists, imperialists etc. There is still deep sadness and bitterness surrounding this issue at Greenham. The yellow gate women refuse to give mis-directed letters/money to women living at other gates, they refuse to take part in actions and persist in doing emotional damage to other women and physical damage to other women's possessions. Eg. at last October's workshop weekend (there was no mention of the weekend in SP incidentally) Dai's VW van was painted in tar with the word 'SHAME!' while Dai's 3&9 year old daughters were asleep inside. Dai had masterminded the 'One World Many Women' weekend.
Love from Clare.

SP got this letter (edited above) and decided that it would be a good idea to let the Kings Cross Women Centre answer the allegations made against them. This is what they said.

The Right To Reply

Thanks to the Shocking Pink collective for the chance to reply to this letter. Readers who want information about Yellow Gate from women who live there, some of them since 1982-3, should write or visit: Yellow Gate, Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, nr. Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 7AS. Yellow Gate (YG) have described how, since they stood against racism in July 87, white peace networks withdrew financial and other support, women from other gates withhold and redirect their mail, and how the One World Many Women gathering (23 Oct 88), while taking no action against the base, harassed YG women, which YG's Sarah Hipperson answered with non-violent direct action. We have never set up or attempted to set

up another Camp at Greenham. Why should we? Our relationship with Greenham dates from Nov 1982 when Greenham women came to support the 12 day occupation of a King's Cross church by the English Collective of Prostitutes. After Wilmette Brown wrote Black Women and the Peace Movement in 83, which connects Greenham with Black people's struggles, YG women invited her to give talks at the Camp on anti-racism. We've joined in Greenham actions since Dec 82, since 83 holding workshops on many issues, always from an anti-racist perspective. Since 86, when Greenham stopped being political flavour of the month and numbers dropped off, we've had a regular support rota, co-ordinated by Sian Evans and myself, to cover YG when women sign on or go to court, bringing wood etc. In July 1987 at a Greenham workshop in Moscow, Wilmette was invited by YG women to speak, but was then told to 'shut up and get out' by 'Mrs Lynette Edwell' (as she calls herself), a white Greenham supporter from Newbury. Outraged by this racist attack, YG women decided to do something about it when they got back. A split followed which is traced in YG's newsletter. The split showed that for many white so-called peace women, talk about anti-racism was popular until they were called on their own racism - then kith and kin closed ranks. Calling themselves Greenham Women are Everywhere, these

white women launched a massive and violent witch-hunt against our Centre and Yellow Gate - in the gutter, establishment, left, (supposed non-violent) peace and feminist press. Sian and I used to live at Greenham and we know very well the kind of trashing and nastiness which used to go on, and which is going on in the letter you received. What has made this nastiness worse, in Moscow and throughout the Greenham split, was that the women who made the racist attack are Soviet-aligned. They attacked Wilmette both because she supported YG in opposing Soviet nuclear weapons/power and prisons, and in order to keep the anti-nuclear movement a whites-only playground, hiding Black/Third World peoples' contributions to the fight for peace. Besides anti-racism the issues of the split, which were hidden by the witch-hunt and which the letter also hides, are non-alignment, women's autonomy and Black autonomy. Women can't be autonomous without non-alignment from all governments and political parties, and anti-racism can't be real without Black women's autonomy from white women. For more information contact: Kings Cross Women's Centre, 71 Tonbridge Street, London WC1H 9DZ, 01 837 7509. Power to the sisters, Kay Chapman

HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

★ This issue we begin a regular feature of handy household hints for the smart wom about Town. We hope to help YOU, the SP reader, to do the things YOU want to do, by spending less time on those mindless household chores. Because you can now conduct nuclear fusion in a test-tube at home, we have decided our first household hint would be:

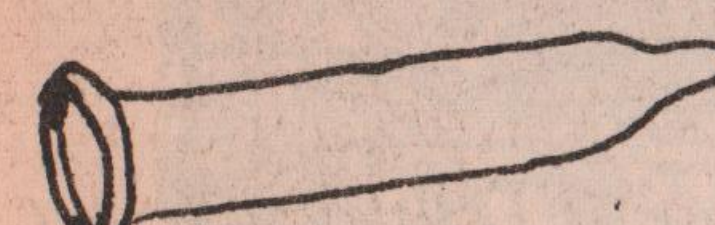
★ HOW TO DIFFUSE A NUCLEAR WARHEAD.* (Sp household hint NO:1)

METHOD 1: CONDOM METHOD.

This is one which you could do on the way to the hairdressers. It works for Cruise and Pershing, but it is not recommended for Trident (see method 2).

- Step 1: Use your imagination. Don't be afraid to experiment.

You need:



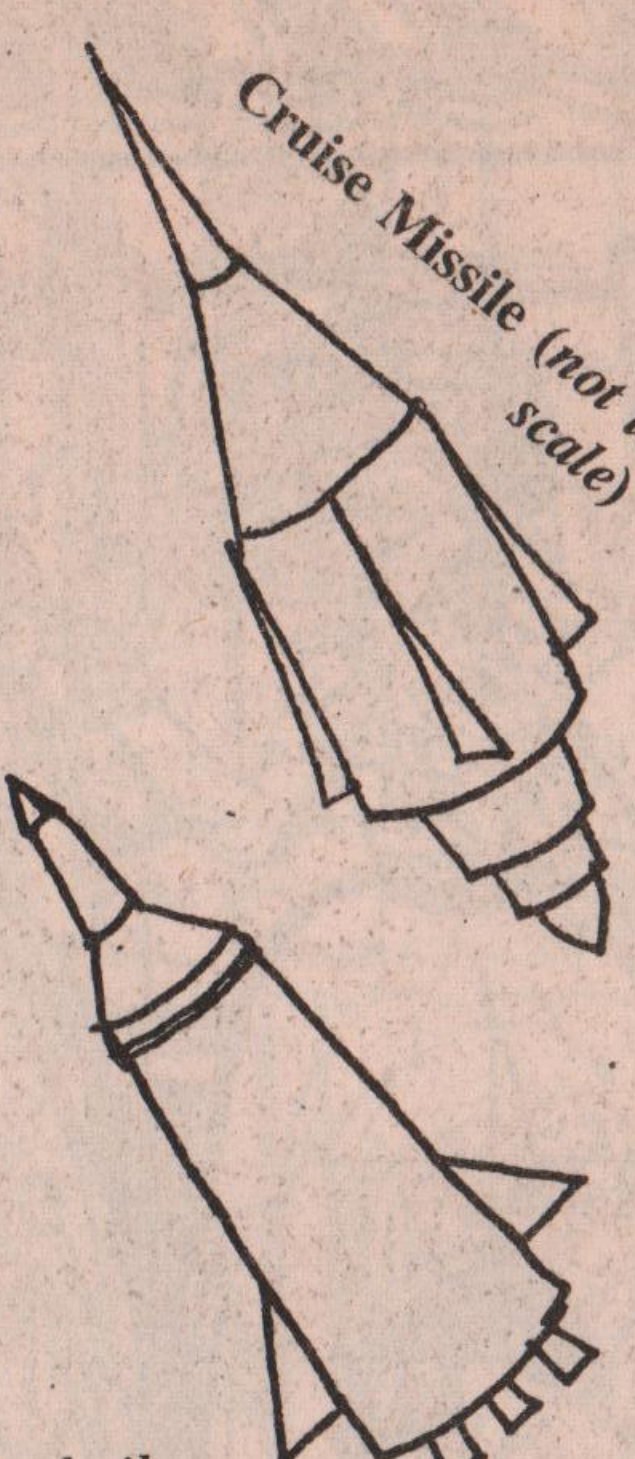
One extra large condom

- One TRIDENT (or another) MISSILE.

- Step 1: Remove the Tiny nose cone of the missile, revealing the warhead.

- Step 2: Pour the boiling water over the warhead. Add salt to taste.

- Step 3: Stretch the condom over the exposed tip, taking care not to tear it.

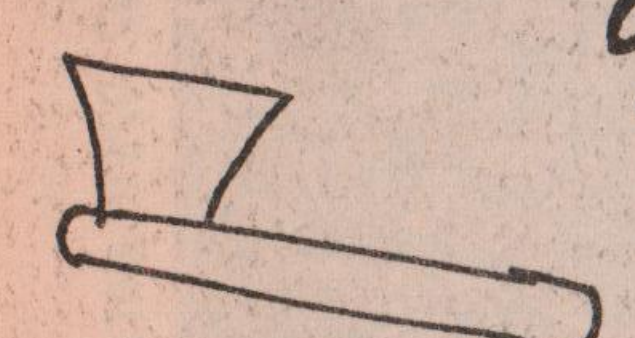


Method 2: Axe Method.

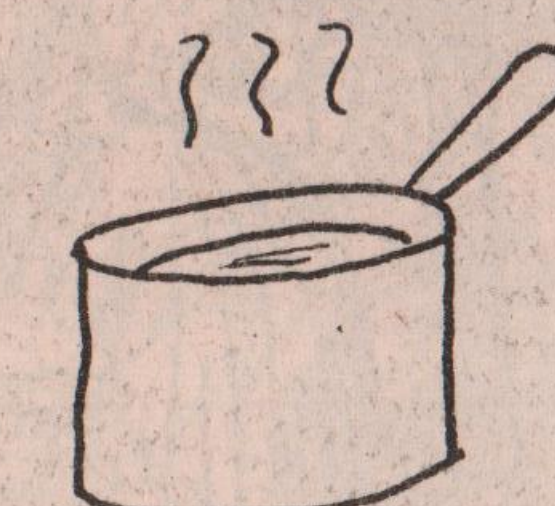
Not a very sophisticated one, but quick, and good for TRIDENT.

YOU NEED..... a pan of boiling water

- one axe (sharp)



The missile is now diffused. Chill and serve.



Warning. This should be done in a well ventilated area, preferably 80 sq miles or so, well clear of any animals, people or continents.

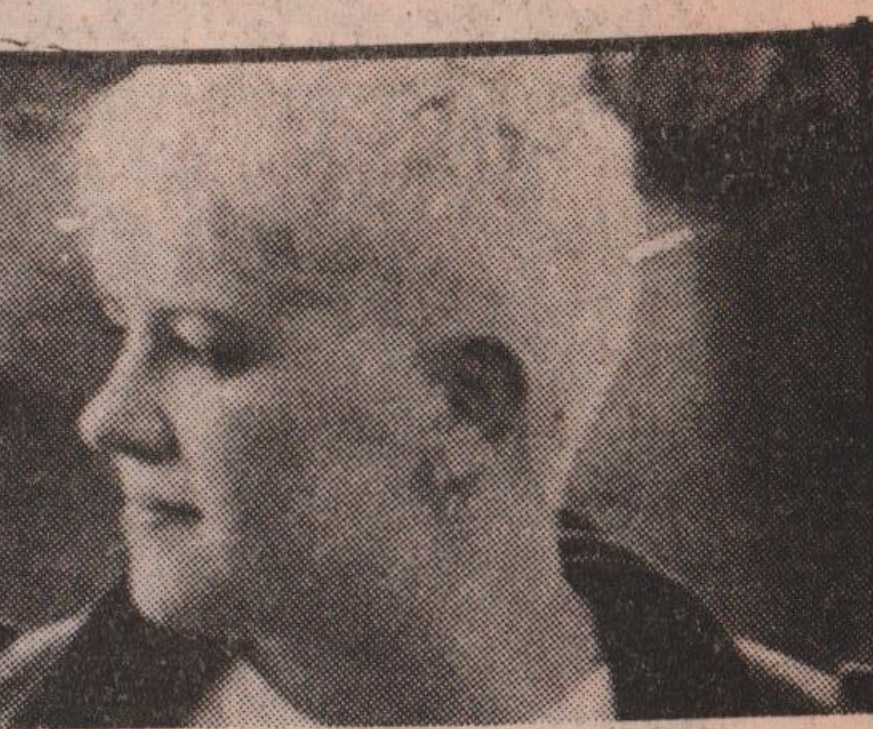
We suggest you cut out your household hints and put them in a scrap book. NEXT ISSUE: QUICK AND SIMPLE LUNG TRANSPLANTS for those BUSY days.

BOYCOTT NESCAFE REPRINTED FROM THE RiB.

A renewed consumer boycott of Nescafe was launched in Britain on March 15. Nescafe is made by the giant food multinational, Nestle, which has the largest share of the baby milk market in developing countries. At the launch, Filipina Primary Health Care Worker Susan Cueva described how her baby, Chisan, was given free Nestle baby milk in a Baguio City hospital against her wishes. Video evidence was shown of the devastating effects of bottle feeding where there is no access to clean water - increased risk of diarrhoea, respiratory infections and malnutrition. In response to the first Nescafe Boycott, Nestle agreed to abide by the WHO/UNICEF International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk

Substitutes. They stopped advertising baby milks to the public on billboards and with radio jingles, and stopped dressing their sales representatives as 'milk nurses'. But recent monitoring shows that Nestle are still pouring free supplies of baby milks into maternity wards in Asia and Africa. This practice is condemned by the WHO because it routinises bottle feeding. When babies are given bottles in the neo natal period, their mothers' breastmilk is not stimulated and breastfeeding fails. Free supplies are not charity, they are a very effective marketing technique which deprives mothers of informed choice and increases corporate profits at the expense of infants health. The boycott organisers in Britain are Baby Milk Action

BMAC, part of the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), a worldwide network of citizens' groups working to stop the unethical promotion of bottle feeding. Boycotts are already under way in Germany and the US and are also being launched in Norway, Sweden, and Ireland. Fourteen other countries pledged support. Nescafe, the target of the boycott, is Britain's most heavily promoted food brand. Nestle spends £18 every three minutes advertising Nescafe. In that time another baby dies from unsafe bottle feeding. For more information contact Patti Rundall or Gabrielle Palmer. National Co-ordinators, BMAC, 6 Regent Terrace, Cambridge, CB2 1AA. Tel: (0223) 464417/464420.



"I love the thought that 4 million megatons of TNT are trained on my house from all across the world. It makes me feel so secure." Housewife Barbara Mills who lives near Greenham Common.



"If it weren't for the threat of nuclear war, I'd have nothing to think about." Joan Tree, Cardiff.



"Bombs are the best thing that ever happened to me." Lucy Holland, East Anglia.



"I don't pay my taxes for the health service or education. I pay it for warheads." Mary Pratt, Thames Ditton.

look at the state of it

★ Botany Belle ★



It is 1893. Chastity & Prudence Ferguson are feminists. They are struggling for the vote because they want "equality". But they are very rich and blind to the contradictions involved in treating Mary their maid like dirt & saying they want a fairer society.....

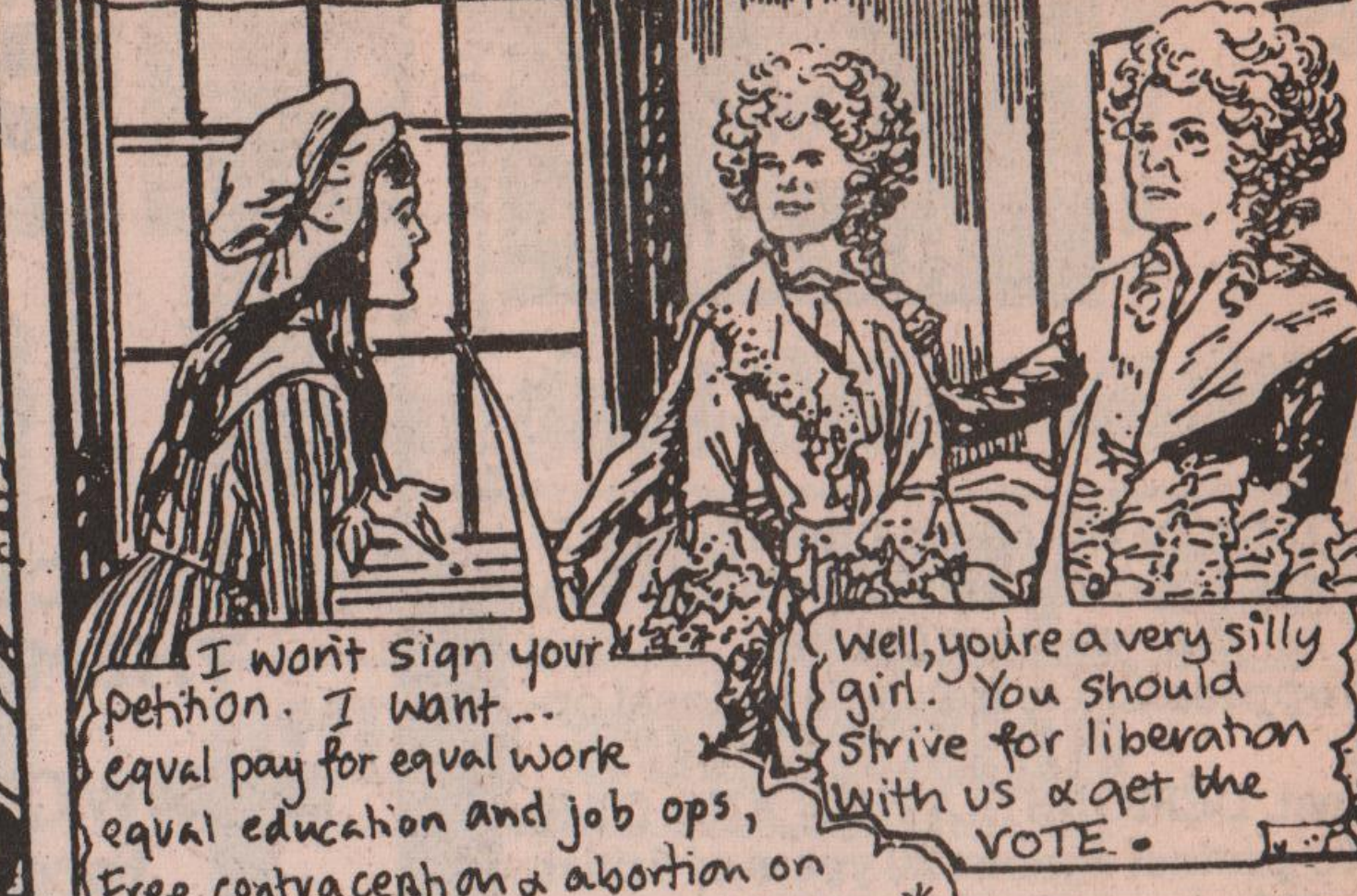


Twenty-four pence well spent on hours of content — that's "Bunty"!

MARY IS SENT AWAY....



HER NEW EMPLOYERS...



THIS ARGUMENT WAS USED QUITE OFTEN.



BUT.. THE SABOTAGE CONTINUES!

*This Mary pre-empted the libbers
in the 70s who were demanding these 4 very things.



Is the women's section of the Time To Go campaign, demanding British withdrawal from Ireland.

There's a Time To GO Show, June 16-18 at City University, London, and hopefully a conference in the autumn/winter relating women's oppression to Ireland's national oppression.

12th August, DEMONSTRATION AND CARNIVAL. To protest against 20 years of British Troops in N.Ireland. Finsbury Park, London. For further details contact Anne Kane on 01-241 5626/01-254 0128 (work no) or Katie Foley on 01-272 8900 (work). Or c/o Clare Short MP, House of Commons, London SW1. Listen, we've really not got ANY space left to say anything else, but do contact them for more info. good..

SP is SHOCKED and SICKENED by the attitudes of the American and the American colony of Thatchland to what the Israelis are doing to Palestine. The PLO have recognised Israel, accepted UN resolution 242 and renounced terrorism — the three things that the US asked them to do before they would recognise Palestine. Still we hear the Israelis refusing to negotiate, refusing any concessions, and instead stepping up armed combat against children carrying sticks on the West Bank. The US by its silence and Thatchland by its complacency express tacit approval. We hear that the Palestinians are putting up a brave struggle — so much that the Israelis don't drive in certain areas without tying a Palestinian youth to the front of their trucks to stop the barrage of stones. On the Islamic festival of Id in May, at least 140 Palestinians were injured. The Israelis are stopping and searching UN ambulances these days. One colonel ordered his men to break the arms and legs of resisters, and he was OBEYED. Some people have been buried alive. IS THIS TOLERABLE?

Gorbachev is pretty good for a man isn't he? I like the way he keeps offering unilateral reductions (this time in short-range nuclear weapons to the acute embarrassment of Thatch who has just been hammering the West Germans for wanting to reduce the short-range missiles in their country) I think he's cool. Thatch and Bush look so small minded in contrast. Pillock, sorry Kinnock, has of course totally sold out now — something he's been wanting to do for so long. Private Eye call him Neillie Kinnogue, a suitably derogatory tab. Just as Labour might have taken advantage of Gorbachev's new style to say they were right all along, he says OK I was wrong. Wot a washout Neillie. God you're DEPRESSING. You're EMBARRASSING.

Did you see Dispatches (good programme, I reckon) the other week, when they were talking about how this Thatch government has been FIDDLING the statistics. We all know they do it — especially with unemployment stats — but the extent of the TAMPERING is actually quite ALARMING. What they did to the unemployment figures is relatively harmless, because at least it's possible to understand — they decided to count only the people receiving benefit, rather than those asking for work (a cut of 1 000 000, they reckon) and started to cut away at the number of people receiving benefit (such as refusing 16 and 17 year olds). What is WORSE is the way that they lie about the Health Service, for example, the govt says that it has created 17,000 new hospital beds since 1980: What it does NOT say is that it has ROBBED the NHS of 28,539 beds in the same period. They say that they are building 380 new hospitals, but Dispatches examined the list that they gave, and found that one hospital appears nine times. They also count the money that they have SAVED by cutting services in hospitals as Government expenditure. That's why you can often hear Thatch saying 'This government has put

more money into the Health Service than any previous govt...' EVEN WORSE, the govt has DELIBERATELY hidden figures it thinks will damage its cred — on the ROYAL WEDDING DAY there were not one, not two, but THREE sets of figures released (and of course, the press did not cover them) (1) fig.s showing that 196 beds, 17,025 beds, 3,051 doctors, 20,000 ancillary staff and 35 medical schools have been lost under this govt; (2) figs showing that the radiation risks to workers at Sellafield were at least 50 times greater than previously estimated; (3) figs showing that there had been a FOUR AND A HALF MILLION RISE IN PEOPLE ON OR BELOW THE POVERTY LINE. They also do not count money gained by selling assets like British Steel as revenue, while calling it a reduction in public expenditure. WHEN FIGURES ARE TOO BAD TO FIDDLE THEY JUST ABOLISH THEM EG THE FIGURES SHOWING DEATH RATE BY SOCIAL CLASS WHICH HAVE SHOWED THAT UNDER THATCH, THE POOR ARE DYING SOONER AND SOONER, AND THE RICH ARE LIVING LONGER. It is MORE THAN SINISTER that the Central Statistical Office this April became part of a government department, responsible to Nigel Bloody Lawson.

Sisters spared jail over killing

FORCED TO DEFEND THEMSELVES...

TWO sisters who were forced into a violent and incestuous relationship with their father were given suspended sentences at Liverpool crown court yesterday after they admitted killing him with a 12-bore shotgun:

As Mr Justice Boreham sentenced the sisters to two years imprisonment, suspended for two years, he said: "I represent the public and I hope they will not think I have rendered them a disservice. This is an ultimately tragic case and an extraordinary story. I am taking a course that I have never taken in my very considerable experience as a judge."

The sentence was last night welcomed by the Howard League for Penal Reform. Its director, Ms Frances Crook, said: "We welcome the court's recognition that vulnerable people, particularly women, are sometimes forced to defend themselves. Sometimes there is a legitimacy."

In a statement to her barrister, Mr Rodney Klevan, Hilda said: "I have had to live a totally subservient life, and from a very early age I have constantly lived in terror."

The court case went into horrific things that their father did. They could never leave because he said he'd kill their mother if they ran away.

They should be let off altogether

Their barrister argued that they had 'diminished responsibility'; they were depressed etc. They had no choice - if our legal system believed what women said, they could have relied on it to keep them safe and in no danger. THEN they wouldn't have been driven to kill him.

well you SHOULD have. You should be ashamed of yourself.

*Look out for the film 'A question of silence' Three women kill a man, the psychiatrist is a woman and after talking with them a lot reaches the conclusion that they were totally responsible for their actions and very intelligent women, in no way mad. (They get put away for ages).

New government plans to get every single one of us on their computer files -



A major new government computer system is being planned that'll link up lots of huge information systems held by the Department of Social Security, Department of Employment, Inland Revenue, the police, Customs and Excise, Home Office, Department of Education and Science and Vehicle License Centre. It's called the Government Data Network and will cost 1 billion pounds. For more info, read the next issue of SP, or '7 DAYS' April 29th issue. (The Communist Party weekly paper). Available from 16 St John St, London EC1M 4AY

NEWS

JAILED FOR STEALING THESE!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Sylvia's groceries haul was worth just a few pounds.

A young mother has been thrown into jail for three months for stealing a few pounds' worth of groceries.

By Claire Hynes

And a new report says that mother-of-two Sylvia, who does not want her full identity revealed, is just one of hundreds of black mothers who are needlessly imprisoned for petty offences.

A spokesman from the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said of Sylvia's plight: "This was certainly a dreadfully harsh sentence, out of proportion with the offence."

Luckily, Sylvia's mother was able to look after her children, aged six and 11, while she faced life behind bars after the conviction for shoplifting £10 worth of groceries.

Stigma

After serving her sentence, Sylvia was left lacking confidence and with the stigma of being an ex-offender. For her

children, being separated from their mother left them traumatised.

"Both children were emotionally very upset. They were very withdrawn and I had no-one to talk to initially. Prison does nothing to rehabilitate you," says Sylvia.

She believes putting mothers in jail can only lead to these women committing more crimes on their release. They have difficulties getting a job and accommodation and often have their children taken away from them or left emotionally disturbed.

"Breaking the bond between the mother and child can make the kids more prone to become criminals," says Sylvia.

The National Association of Probation Officers (NAPO) says in their report that alternatives to custody, such as community service, are a better option for mothers who commit minor crimes. And Sylvia agrees.

"I'm not saying mothers like me should not be punished, but by doing community service we can give to society what we have taken away from it and make a positive contribution," she says.

Constructive

According to NAPO, pregnant women or mothers of dependent children should only be imprisoned if their crimes involve violence or they pose a danger to the public. Community service is a far more constructive option, they say.

And they point out that black mums are particularly prone to being jailed for

Mum gets three months inside for petty shop-lifting conviction

petty offences.

"Imprisoning black women for petty offences is a waste of resources and causes lasting stress to families. And local authorities persist in placing their children in a white environment whilst they are inside," said Harry Fletcher, NAPO's assistant general secretary.

He also says that discrimination is clearly taking place in the legal system. Black women represent a quarter of the total female prison population and in some remand centres they make up near-

ly half of all female prisoners.

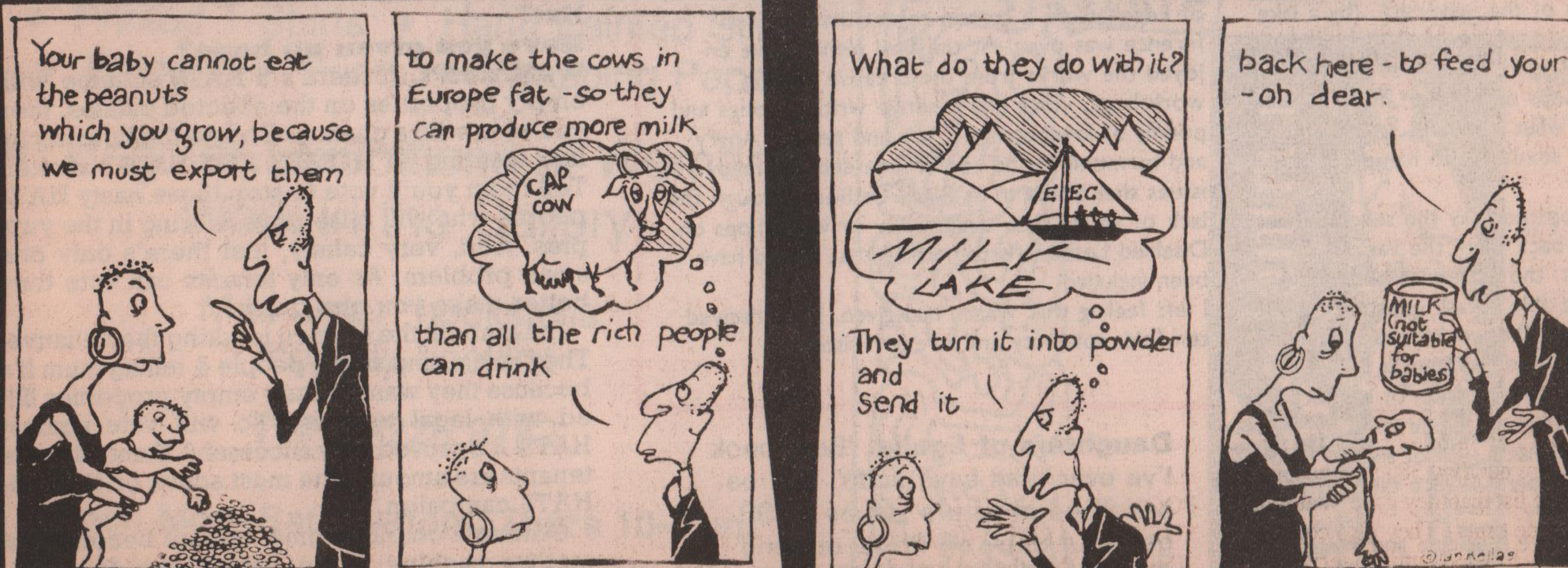
"Everyone denies that they are responsible for the discrimination which appears to be operating at all levels of the criminal justice system," said Mr Fletcher.

According to a spokeswoman from pressure group Women in Prison: "Judges appear to be less sympathetic towards black women. If a white woman commits a crime, it's often seen as the result of stress or as a one off offence, whereas a black woman is just seen as bad."



PRISON: Too stiff a penalty for such a petty crime.

S.P adds- Society Should be giving back to Sylvia what is has taken from her



LOVE & SPLENDID

There are so many ways to say things without causing offence, it makes me feel bad about the times I've deliberately gone out of my way to antagonise people or just not given any thought to the power I have in every encounter, the power to make it a good experience or a bad experience, the power to be the only stranger to smile back in a sea of uncaring, unseeing faces, London wise faces, London warn expressions. Distant uninvolved, seen it all, done it all before faces. You just don't know what kind of day someone's had, just don't know, yours could be the lift up or knock down of the day.

I was on the underground, the platform was a mass of sweaty tired bodies. A woman fainted, the train came almost simultaneously, everyone surged forward, I refused to surge with the crowd, a few people swore at me then went round us both less they lose a minute of their petty existence and yes it is petty, for what could be more petty than to trample upon a fallen woman, in preference to missing the tube when another one follows in three minutes, or worse still when one could go round? They all got on the train, the platform was beginning to fill up again. She, the woman, said nothing, just held my hand and squeezed it tightly. We looked into each others eyes and thus we met.

Three years later I was running for a bus when my heel strap broke and I took a tumble I was sitting on the hard cold concrete hugging my knee and for some reason I could not fathom trying to hold back the tears when I heard a voice I recognised. (It was some time after this encounter that I realised that I couldn't have recognised the voice as on our first meeting we had not exchanged words, although we had spoken.)

I looked up to see the eyes of the traveller, rescued from the tube that time she was looking down at me with a big round face full of recognition and sympathy.

All I could was laugh with embarrassment, she helped to raise me to my feet and we sat on the wall inspecting my shoe and watching the buses go by, finally she said 'shall we go to my house' and then as a sort of after thought 'you do drink tea don't you it's all we've got'. I said 'We?'. She replied 'My husband and I'. I said 'Oh you're married!'.



LOVE & SPLENDID

On April the 1st of this year the 2nd Black Lesbian Conference (Zami 2) was held in Edgbaston, a suburb of Birmingham in the beautiful surroundings of the university, (by a lake and lots of willow trees) with over 300 candidates from all over Great Britain, there was plenty to choose from, workshops on politics, massage, Black separatism and what it means, sexual abuse, homophobia, sex and sexuality, to name but a few.

With eight workshops per day the schedule was tight, there was feed back from the various workshops and classes, the place was buzzing. At the plenaries we were able to ask questions about the discussions. Most of the workshops I attended were packed with enthused women. In the homophobia workshop the question of support or the lack of it in the community expressed by many women who felt that a wall of silence from established Black newspapers. (Voice take note) and in the media generally.

The massage, alternative medicine and voice workshops established places where Black Lesbians could relax, heal, create and nurture, creativity being an important way to instigate change.

ZAMI 2

On Sunday morning, the close of the conference, there was a calmness around the suburbs of Edgbaston, a certain regret that the conference was over. At the final plenary, we enjoyed the works from the creative writing workshops, voice and creative writing, songs and poems of love, struggle, joy and justice. Angry and harmonious the conference debated many issues that affect us as Black Lesbians; though the lack of wheel chair accessibility or workshops on Disabled Lesbians is something that should have been included.

I left feeling that what I had given, I had received ten fold, solidarity and strength sisters.

Daughters of Egalia. 'Best book I've ever read says Jude'. Will be serialised in future issues of SP, get your copy on Pride, or send £4.99 + 50p P+P to Shocking Pink, 23 Tunstall Rd, SW9.

A VOTE FOR A HOME?

A cynical look at housing.

Are you single childless & homeless? Are you on the council waiting-forever list?

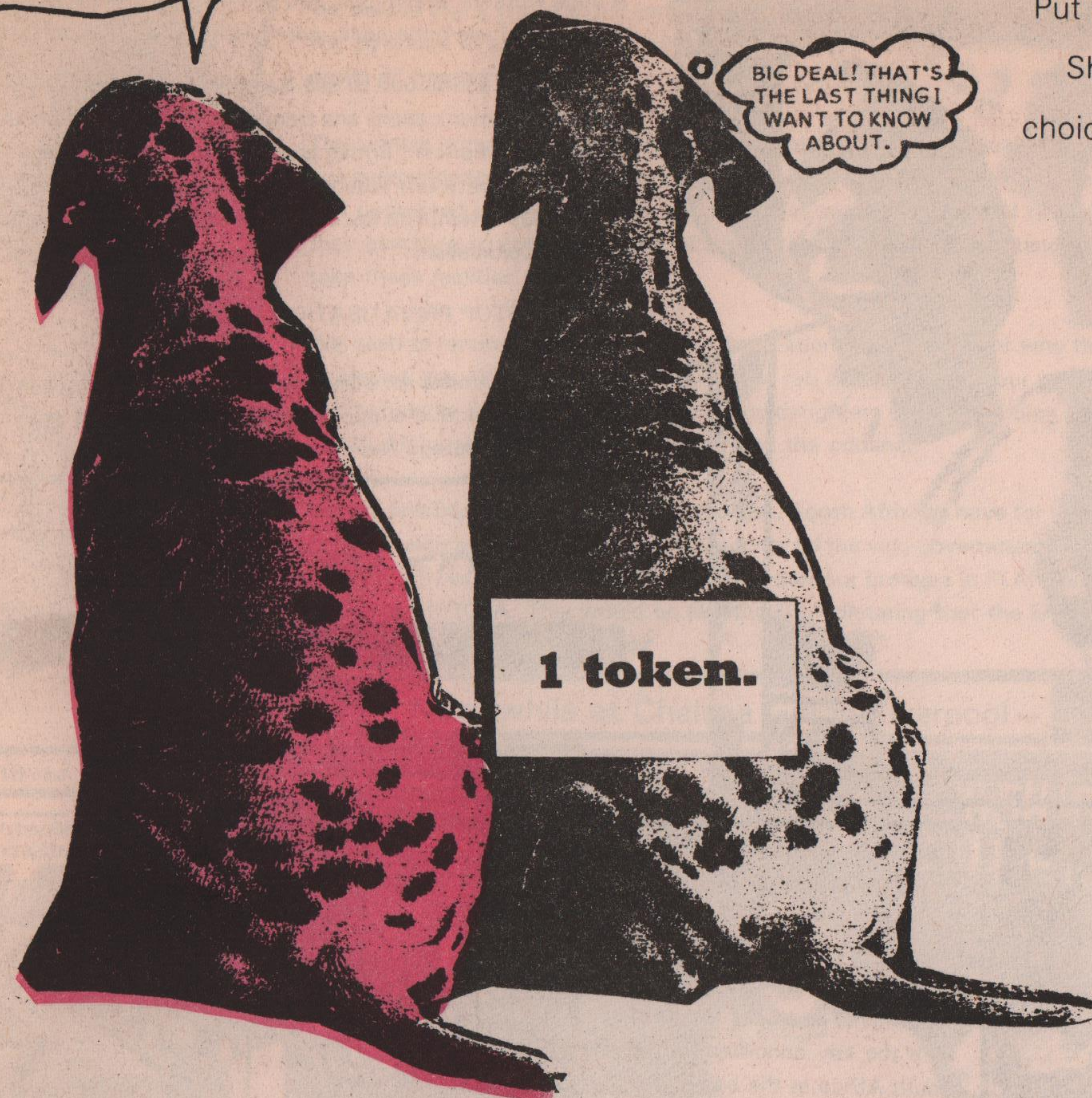
Have you given up hope?

We don't. If there's a HATS scheme with empty properties on the affected estates, then you're in with a chance. Go into the housing office wearing a "HOMES NOT HATS" sticker. Tell them you'll vote to stop those nasty HATS people who will raise rents & bring in the yuppies. Add, very calmly, that there's only one small problem. As only tenants can vote they better make you one quick.

In Lambeth the council is taking the initiative. They're housing single people & telling them it's because they want all their empty properties filled with legal tenants who will vote against HATS. It's proved very successful. Some of these tenants are among the most active on the anti-HATS campaign.

Getting a council home without becoming a mother-machine is an act of the Housing-Goddess in these Thatcher-ridden days. Your womb for a home is a lifetime commitment. But it only takes a few minutes to fill out a ballot. A vote for a home? No problem.

IT NEVER GETS ANY EASIER
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SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT!

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Shocking pink with your name, address and choice of prize. The first 3 correct answers out of the sock will have won.

Chrisie Hind

Madonna

Gertrude Stein

Selina Scott

Princess Anne

Valerie Singleton

Martina Navratilova

Krystel from Dynasty

Billie Jean King

Virginia Woolf

Shakespeare

Leonardo Da Vinci

Oscar Wilde

Karl Fish (out of Brother Beyond)

One of the Bros boys

(the one with the dark hair)

Meg in Coronation St

Bet Lynch

DOT COTTON

Pat in Eastenders

Dusty Springfield

Whitney Houston

Elenor Roosevelt

The Statue of Liberty.

Pauline in East Enders

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Joan

Why person who can spell Eleanor?

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Over 100 years of occupation and decades of exploitation by British-based multinationals have devastated the economy and environment — the people of Namibia cannot afford to wait any longer. Namibia needs independence NOW! Please give your support NOW!

We realise that a lot will depend on the solidarity of the people of your country simply because we are not only facing South Africa in this stage of our struggle but also its allies in the western world.

On April 1st the UN peace plan for Namibia was supposed to be started. We expected the harsh rule of S. Africa to be checked and limited from that day onwards. However our expectations were rudely shattered.

A huge workers' march (20,000 people) was stopped by armed police. And on April 1st we once again witnessed the repression that we know.

It's S.Africa's intention to sell Namibian public services, water, hospitals, post telecommunications and transport. There's evidence that the interested buyers are American, British and Italian companies. We suspect a strategy of collusion between western Imperialist forces and S.Africa behind this outrageous attempt to lay down the economic conditions for dependency and neo colonialism.

WE WILL STOP PRIVATISATION.

Workers of Namibia are poised to take decisive action against privatisation. We need the active support of the workers of the world to destroy this strategy to sabotage Namibian independence.

(Read this page first)

Meanwhile at Chelsea Girl in Liverpool—

Kim had just found a Saturday job...

Hooray! You don't hear that in the press do you dears!

No. The British Press get their info from the South African Military Intelligence Service.

The impression that has been constructed of the independence process in Namibia to the outside world is an example of sophisticated falsification. Namibia is portrayed as a UN success story with the key conciliatory role of South Africa in the background.

The people's organisation and liberation movement SWAPO which is solely responsible for the liberation of Namibia is being portrayed as an unreasonable—even terroristic—grouping which is responsible for the existing delays and obstructions.

Privatisation of public services is an attempt to strip the future Namibian government of power over its own infrastructure.

It casts a great question mark on the real possibilities of change and real independence in Namibia.

The future does not belong to Pretoria.

If privatisation goes ahead the future government won't be able to bring the expected improvements to the living conditions of the oppressed majority.

It's a strategy to displace political power of a future government into the hands of transnational corporations who are already dominating the economies of the entire Southern African subcontinent.

Later that day...

Botha and Thatcher are claiming to be guardians and midwives of Namibia's independence process while at the same time making sure that this independence will be firmly controlled by them.

What happened?

INTIMIDATION & HARASSMENT

Numerous incidents of intimidation of Swapo supporters. People killed if wearing SWAPO T-shirts. No intervention by UN forces. In fact up to very recently the UN forces were nowhere to be seen except in shops, bars and restaurants.

SWAPO has been fighting for the liberation from foreign rule and colonialism for over 22 years. This struggle has been possible in the face of a formidable and ruthless enemy because it is a 'people's' struggle, ie it is sustained by the active support of the majority of Namibians.

The non-aggressive stance and intentions of the PLAN fighters at this point has been reported by the local population and is evidenced by the fact that they were killed while eating and also evidenced by the high casualty rates on the side of SWAPO fighters.

There are indications that a policy of taking no prisoners was implemented. It was not a chance brush with guerilla forces. It was mass execution.

The way they see it, South Africa's future is at stake.

There is always resistance by the colonialists in any decolonisation process, but from what I've heard South Africa is resisting even more this time.

NAMIBIA SUPPORT COMMITTEE, PO BOX 16, LONDON NW5 2LW. Tel 01-267 1941/2.

South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) of Namibia, PO BOX 194, LONDON N5 tel 01-359 9116/7

Also other information is available from the Namibia Support Committee. Which you can affiliate to if you can possibly afford it. (Shocking Pink did, and doesn't regret it) or contact the NAMIBIA EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN, c/o 13 Mandela St, London NW1 ODW. tel 01 387 7966/ 01 267 1941.

THATCHER SANCTIONS MURDER

April 1st She treated Namibians with contempt by visiting Namibia and holding discussions with SA foreign minister Botha and SA agent Pienaar. We believe that it was with her consent that the UN special rep. gave S.Africa the go-ahead to send out their notorious killer squad military units to hunt down all freedom fighters.

The terrible irony is that these very same people claim to be the guardians of our independence. For 10 years they've delayed the peace plan and killed and oppressed us. Now they've succeeded in convincing the UN to back their genocide against Namibians. We wish that you really understand and take these realities to heart.

We wish to remind you and the entire international community of who the aggressors are. We never invited S.Africa to rob our land, to kill our people and to harshly rule us. We are the sons and daughters of the Namibian soil. South Africa is the murderer, the thief and the criminal.

Let the falsification of facts not mislead you. South Africans have for years been considered an illegal occupationist force by the very governments that recently agreed together with South Africa that our brothers in PLAN must return to ANGOLA. This would be like the USA dictating that the English have no right to be in England.

Meanwhile at Chelsea Girl in Liverpool—

Remember! The future does not belong to South Africa.

They are calling on all workers all over the world to stand with them against the forces of international capitalism, conservative governments and the killer regime South Africa.

Since SAs withdrawal from Angola PLAN (Peoples Liberation Army of Namibia) combatants have been observing SWAPO informal ceasefire—they were ruthlessly attacked and slain on April 1.

SA police violated the UN agreement and planned and staged genocide attacks on PLAN fighters assembling to give themselves over to the UN forces to be restricted to bases in Namibia.

Phew! Heavy stuff eh Kim. It's a can of worms.

The Emergency campaign are calling a National week of action June 24-July 1.

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welcome.

Dear Shocking Pink,

Lucy gave me a copy of your magazine because she thought it might suit me. I LOVE IT! I wish Shocking Pink had been around when I was young. It was terrible growing up in a horrible world, everyone watching you.

Please don't print this. I enclose a photo of me & my pony. I'm also sending £5.20 for a subscription as I am an institution.

'love & cuddly bunnies,
from me and my pony,
In sisterhood,
Anne.

PRINCESS ANNE'S LETTERS IN FULL!

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Dear Pinkers,
Disgusted by the gutter press I turned to Shocking Pink & was not disappointed. I enclose a subscription for my Granddaughter, Anne. I wish you'd been around when she was young as she had a really horrible childhood. Please send it in a plain sealed brown envelope. £5.20 enclosed, institutional rate.
Yours,
Queen Mum.
P.S. Actually send me one too. Sneaking down to Sistermoon's getting harder than it used to be.

Unsung technological Women; eg. Mattie Knight - patented some 27 inventions between 1870 and 1915 including a rotary engine.

We need some contributions for the next issue of **Shocking Pink**. If you have anything you think is suitable please send a copy to us at **23 Tunstall Rd, London SW9 8BZ**.

THE SMALLPRINT. We can't pay you anything. We can't promise we'll go in. We might lose it so keep making a copy if you care about it. I'm VERY VERY unhappy to print you because we don't really like them. Although we started off as "a radical magazine for YOUNG WOMEN," the average of the collective is 22 and the content of the zine reflects that. The group who produce SP decide in a haphazard way what goes in each issue. This group is OPEN and anyone can join. Basically if you want to put something into SP you can come along & put it in yourself. For more details on how the collective runs refer to an article 'The Tyranny of Structurelessness' which sadly is a quite a fair representation of SP. (Can't remember who it's by). We prefer pictures to words.

Mother and Child
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in man's blighted
landscape there is
still hope, still
comfort.



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WITNESS!
THE LABOUR PARTY
BACK-TRACKING

'SO GIRLS' -
'LIE BACK AND
'THINK G.B.!



10
YEARS

A collage featuring a drawing of a man with glasses and a mustache, a large arrow pointing right, and the text "LISTEN! TO PATRIARCHAL BULLSHIT".

YOU ARE NOT ALONE, IT IS NEVER YOUR FAULT.

As children many of us are 'victims' of various forms of sexual abuse, we often have never been able to tell anyone about this experience, or if we do we are often not believed. We may reach adulthood with very bad feelings about this experience, often we feel we are alone, that somehow it was our fault, or that no-one will believe us. You are not alone, it is never your fault, and 'we' do believe you.

Society wouldn't expect you to walk around from childhood with two broken legs, but it expects us to walk around with broken minds and broken bodies.

WHAT SOME SURVIVORS SAY ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE...

Before I knew about 'Meridian' I felt completely on my own. Everything I heard or read about incest said it was my fault. I've realised that when one of us speaks out we all have a voice.

People tell you not to be angry, if they only knew how much rage and anger you've carried since childhood. We have a right to be angry, don't we?

No-one believed me, they said I was a liar, the social workers and police shut me up. Now it's in fashion, everyone is talking about it, but people still don't listen or believe us.

You get so used to carrying the blame and feeling guilty, eventually you have to fight back to regain your dignity and deny the LIES, then it gets better.

Rachel Howe of Meridian says—Despite having hundreds of referrals from statutory and voluntary bodies, such as: NSPCC, Social Services, Rape Crisis and various Carelines, which illustrates the desperate need for Meridian,

we have still not managed to get funding from any sources, other than Students' Unions. It is imperative that we are given adequate funds to continue the work we are doing and to recompense the women who work for us, by paying them a wage (at present all the workers are unpaid).

For years there's no-one to tell about your experience. Now I know there are millions of us, and I want to talk and make sure it doesn't happen to anyone else.

MERIDIAN GROUP, WATERLOO PLACE, 178 OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER M13. Tel: 061-274 3493 (Tuesday and Thursday). We will put you in touch with your nearest Meridian Group.



REMEMBER: YOU ARE NOT ALONE, ONE IN FOUR WOMEN AND ONE IN TEN MALES HAVE SUFFERED SOME FORM OF SEXUAL ABUSE. WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND SUPPORT YOU. YOU ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR WHATEVER HAS HAPPENED TO YOU.

The Meridian Group exists as a forum for the discussion and understanding of sexual abuse. It is also a supportive network for people who have been sexually abused. It specifically centres on the problem of incest, debate about which is still taboo in virtually all strata of society.

We believe that incest is any overtly sexual contact between people who are either closely related or perceive themselves to be, such as: father, brother, uncle, and grandfather, (either by biology, marriage, adoption, or co-habitation). If that special trust that exists between a child and parent figure or sibling is violated by a sexual act, that act becomes incestuous.

'I felt as though I couldn't trust anyone, as if the whole world had betrayed me'

We believe that society can and does dismiss the prevalence of sexual abuse within the family, when statistical evidence includes figures for other forms of sexual abuse. If we are to force society to take action on the issue of family sexual abuse then statistical evidence becomes vital. It is for this reason that we make a distinction between incest and other forms of sexual abuse.

I felt afraid of everything, Even when you grow up you're afraid to tell anyone, in case they might feel that way about you too.



I felt totally isolated, alone, and always on the edge of things as a child, and it continued when I became an adult.

I felt disgusted, dirty and vile. I hated myself and could not get close to anyone.

We believe that the victim is blamed and made to feel guilty by society in order to force the victim to 'keep the secret' of sexual abuse. We refuse to be the 'stigmatised keeper of this secret' any longer.

We believe that only when an individual is allowed the time and space to talk about and come to terms with their experience, will an individual change from being a victim and become a survivor. We who are survivors will use all the strength and courage we possess to enable people to achieve this change.

I can't bear anyone to touch me, even in a non-sexual way, it's as if they put acid onto my skin.

We believe that all sexual abuse (especially that inflicted upon us as children) has serious long-term effects and repercussions. We also know that incest victims/survivors have particular problems related to the many links and relations they often have to maintain with their families.

I tried to kill myself, it seemed to be the only way to escape from the memories. Now I'm labelled as mentally-ill, and neurotic, but I know the truth of it, not them.

SPEAKING OUT.

We believe that as a 'United Group' we have the power to help and support each other, in addition we have a voice that must and will be heard. The knowledge and strength we have as survivors enables us to educate others and so help those individuals (especially children) who are still victims.

BY THE MERIDIAN GROUP
WOMEN'S SECTION

Another Swift review..... "SHAME"

Look I always end up saying this and it's getting boring, but why is it that even when a film's meant to be about strong women fighting back, I walk out feeling as if I've been put through a Robotchef? This one's a nasty trick because it starts off with Asta (the hero) defending herself and other women against marauding rapists so you get your hopes up, only to have them cruelly dashed later on. If I'd walked out after the first hour or so maybe I wouldn't have felt so miserable.

AND ANOTHER

QUEER TRIBE' is the Brighton Lesbian ad Gay community magazine. It has listings and local information ad some good articles. £1 from radical bookshops

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"ROMSEY NEWS" is the Labour Party broadsheet where I live. It's shit. There's NO jokes in it. It comes free through the door and usually the dog eats it.

(See you later, agitator!)

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I enclose a cheque/PO for £2 made payable to SHOCKING PINK ☐ , I don't ☐ , I enclose 3 old socks and a raisin I found under the fridge ☐ , I understand that Thatcherism is inherently evil and I pledge to fight it by whatever means I can ☐ , I am a regular subscriber to the Telegraph ☐ .

In the future Shocking Pink will be serialising 'The Struggle for Liberation 1914-1918' by Lulu de Crass. We now bring you a few tantalising snippets just to get you going.

Since Eve was said to be created from a man's Spare Rib there have been women of all types shouting for change.

*Rouse, ye women, long enduring,
Beat no iron, blow no bellows
till ye win the fight ensuing
pay that is your due'.*

Cradley Heath Chainmakers Song. 1911
They have been burnt as witches, silenced as housewives, and been chased out of their traditional section of the economy in the industrial revolution.

"Why is it that every woman who wants to earn her living and is physically fit to do so, has not a trade in her fingers so that she could step into the place that her husband leaves vacant, or persue some occupation of her own? It is a serious weakness to our country that women should be economically dependent upon others." Christabel Pankhurst 1915.



Labourers at the Old Kent Road Gas Works, 1915

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

1000's DODGE POLL TAX REGISTER.

There are loads of No Poll Tax groups in Scotland, and who want to help Welsh and English people. Over 100,000 people have avoided registration. 95% of whom haven't been identified. Good.

The main thing is don't register. Don't acknowledge the form. Destroy it. Do your mum a favour and get rid of hers. ('Jane, where's my poll tax form?' - 'I've eaten it mum')

Some of the poll tax inspectors have been disguising themselves as Double Glazing people, so unfortunately we better be wary and not give away personal information about our mums or anyone.

Say you don't live there, you're babysitting. The tactic of returning forms with queries DIDN'T work as in the end they were all registered. DON'T DELAY - THROW IT AWAY! Remember, non-registration is an 'offence' and can lead to fines. But they have to identify you first, and to prove you resisted registration. If you do not cooperate from the beginning it'll be very hard for the council to do anything.

The conspiracy of silence continues to make women feel that this is the start of the struggle, a new struggle but it goes back to the forming of Christianity and George slaying the Dragon.

"You are doing a MAN's work and so you're dressed rather like a man, but remember just because you wear a smock and breeches you should take care to behave like a British Girl who expects chivalry and respect from everyone she meets" Some wanky guy advising the land army girl on the importance of her image 1917.

Only through discovering our history and following the example of early heroes is it possible to see a continuity and so receive the strength to carry on fighting the REAL "GREAT WAR". And now, just so you don't get totally depressed, here's what those strapping land girls momentarily achieved.

"The wartime business girl is to be seen any night dining out alone or with a friend in the moderate priced restaurants in London. Formerly she would have never have had her evening meal in town unless in the company of a man friend. But now with money and without men she is more and more beginning to dine out."

The Daily Mail 1915 - Dining Out Girls.

The Taboo Of Sexual Abuse

Feminist fears that images of children are used for subtle pornography have been well justified. Shirley Temple has come out as an incest survivor. In her memoirs she describes how just about every man in Tinsel Town (Hollywood) was out to rape her. Film producers exposed themselves to her and Errol Flynn tried to lead her into his bedroom.

If men on the set were abusive to her what were the millions of men who were her adoring fans up to?

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The Life and Crimes of Red Rag

SP: Have you got an ashtray?
RR: Yes.
SP: I'm sorry I don't think that this is picking up, we'll have to move the tape recorder nearer and shout a bit.
(a lot of shuffling takes place and the tape recorder is moved nearer).
SP: Is there anything that you would like to talk about? Anything that you would like to see printed in SP?

RR: Our photos and telephone numbers! **Section 28** is quite an important issue that affects us. In Seven Sins for Seven Sisters there's a scene where two women kiss and we use this umbrella which they hide behind and the umbrella has got written on it 'Censored, Section 28' which makes the point that potentially that scene could be **censored**. We thought that we should say that by using the umbrella, but then throw it away, saying 'Sod that, we're going to defy it'. For us it's a real problem because we need to get funding but we don't want to get into self-censorship. This play has got the most lesbian scene that we've ever had in a play, it's been really subtle before. It might mean that we end up being very sort of 'out' but would have to disband because we couldn't afford to keep going anymore.

SP: What about funding?
RR: One of the biggest things against us is that we write **everything altogether**, they don't like that, they want to see a list of names and that one of us is going to become some famous writer or director. I think that's our biggest thing against funding. We lie and say that one person writes it which is shitty because we all write everything. The one thing about all of our lives is that we are

all into complete fraud. We defraud the

[Censored] Half of us originally were self employed, you're not supposed to do anything polotical on the enterprise allowance scheme, we had to sign this piece of paper saying that we wouldn't do anything polotical. The companys legal name is Wisecracks Limited, they said that Red Rag is too polotical. We're sort of like an **organised crime outfit**. It's quite satisfying because it's good to be subversive but then its so stressful because it just gives you a completely insecure lifestyle. We've done 3 projects in the past year and a half and we've been on all the schemes and we're heading towards our Restarts and it's really difficult trying to work out how we're going to carry on. We're thinking of having a break. We were going to start offering free

gifts and bribing audiences. Once you're on the enterprise scheme they know that you exist, so if you say the company doesn't exist anymore and they see our faces on leaflets around London...we could call ourselves Sensible Footwear! I don't think that we're ever going to get funding. We need some really rich dying **benevolent lesbian**. I do think that it's really wrong, especially for younger women, there's this feeling that feminism was in the 70s and then it had a bit of money, and then the GLC gave it a bit of money and now there's nothing, it's as if it's this big past issue but when did anything really change?

SP: How are we going to get rid of Thatcher?
RR: We're going to kill her. Then she'd become St.Margaret and there would be loads of statues that we could go and deface. We want a new Labour leader, we

want Glenys. We think the Labour Party is crap, they copped out of the Lesbian and Gay issue at the last election.

SP: Have you ever been in the SWP?

RR: No.

SP: The RCP?

RR: No.

SP: The WRP?

RR: No.

SP: The CP?

RR: No.

Oh fucking hell, I think I was in the Young Liberals, cos

this bloke that I fancied was in it. I think that capitalism and patriarchy go hand in hand and the only credible alternative is a lesbian separatist world. I've got this theory, because women are 52% of the population that means that we have to kill one man each. Every woman knows a man that could be well done without. Who's going to start organising the strangling of men? Who was it? Some famous politician recently...it may have been Ken Livingstone or someone like that...oh no it was Billy Bragg, said that you've all got to go out and do something cos when you're old and you've got grandchildren and they say to you 'What did you do in the 80s?' you've got to have something to tell them, you can't say 'Well I sat back and accepted it'. I don't like thinking about the future, it's depressing.tum tum tum. (At this point the tape goes funny and everyone starts talking very fast).

SP: Do you need any **new people**?

RR: Yes we do, we need people who will work long hours for no money, no luncheon vouchers. (Some doorbell noises)

RR: We get lots of women to do things for us, like the sets and costumes and stuff, we're always looking for women to do things.

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Dear SP,
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EARTH MOTHERSHIP? Earth Mother's Hip? hip hop Earth Mother

Ooh! Look Mummy! There's Earth Mother Ship!

Go on with you Anthony, you're letting your imagination run away with you, you airy-fairy head-in-the-clouds good-for-nothing son of mine..

I don't believe in Earth Mother Ship.

At least Anthed's got her head screwed on. That Anthony won't get anywhere with those ideas of his.

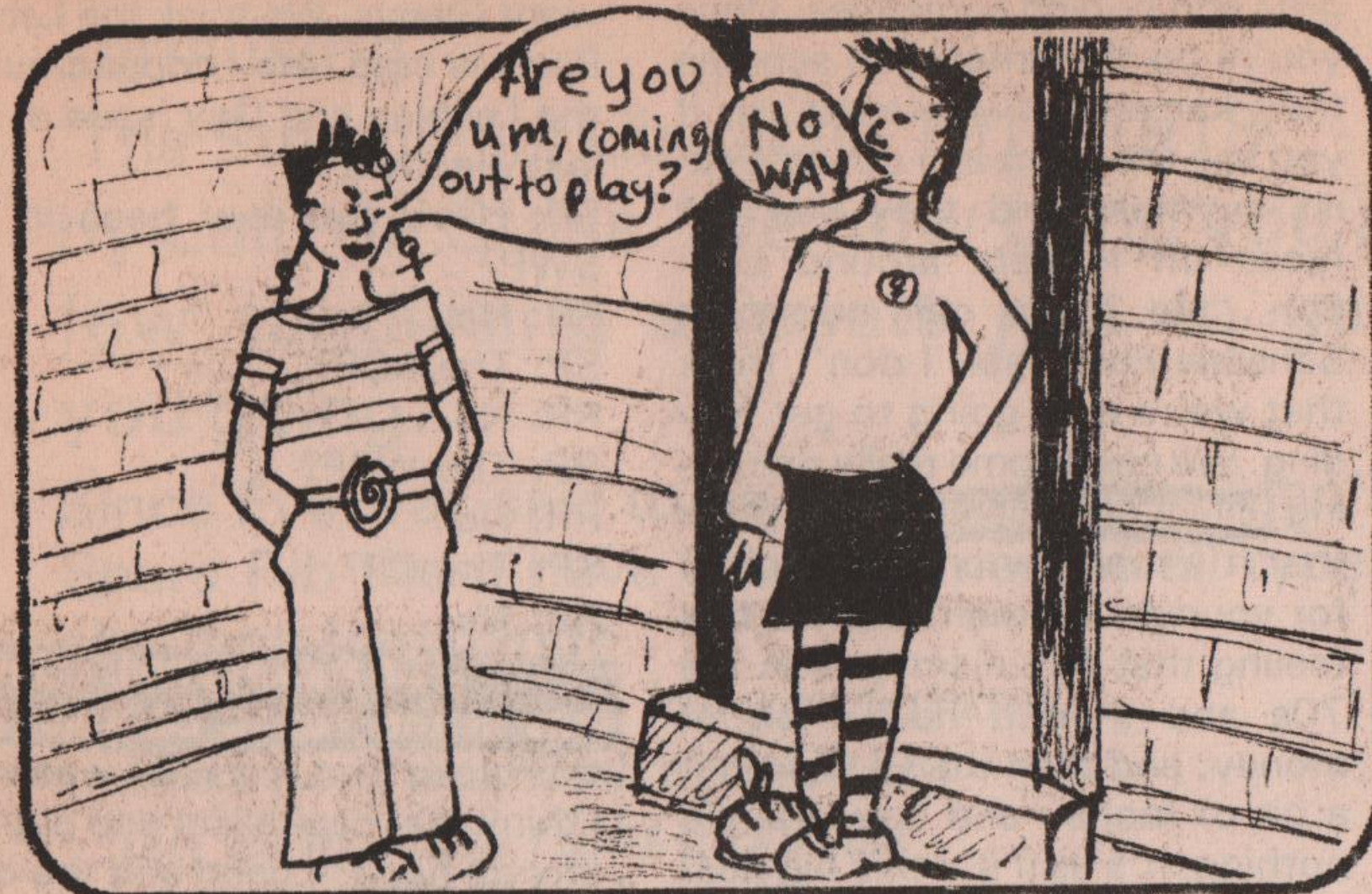
ANTHONY COME DOWN TO EARTH



Maya Angelou,

When dowe fish get a flippin lookin? Yeah!

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LETTERS

What we've got to remember is that men aren't like cream cakes. Rich, thick, sweet and guaranteed to please.

Dear Millie,
I really want to overthrow the state. Since Iragate I haven't thought about anything else. My problem is that I don't know how to. I tried the SWP because one of their aims is to overthrow capitalism but I couldn't stand it. Then I tried the Fabians, then the Greens, then Lesbian Line and now I'm really depressed & lonely & demoralised. Please help.
Petra, Brookside Fan, London.

Dear Petra,
How regularly do you have your hair cut? This could be the root of your problem ('scuse the pun!). Even if you're trying to grow your hair long, you should have it trimmed regularly to keep it in good condition. As for the split ends, there's no cure for them, you simply have to have them cut off. Once that is done, conditioning will keep them at bay and keep your hair looking sleek and nice, but if your hair is inclined to be greasy, only condition the ends.

The 'Overthrowing the state' problem is not a new one. We get hundreds of letters every week from concerned women with exactly the same question. You've just got to do your best and remember that every little bit counts.
Millie.
PS. At least you haven't got spots.

Dear Millie,
My Busy Lizzy's got whitefly all over it, and I'm getting very depressed. Will it die?

Yes, it might die.

Dear Auntie,
The beautiful chemist's assistant in Blackheath keeps smiling at me when I go in & what exactly does my friend Katy mean when I tell her & she says 'go for it?' (ie how? and anyway buying deoderant is a bit of a conversation stopper)....

love from Clare

Dear Clare
I think you're reading too much into the situation. Smiling at customers is part of her job. She has to.

LETTER FROM LEE-ANNE OF PENZANCE TO SISTER JO:

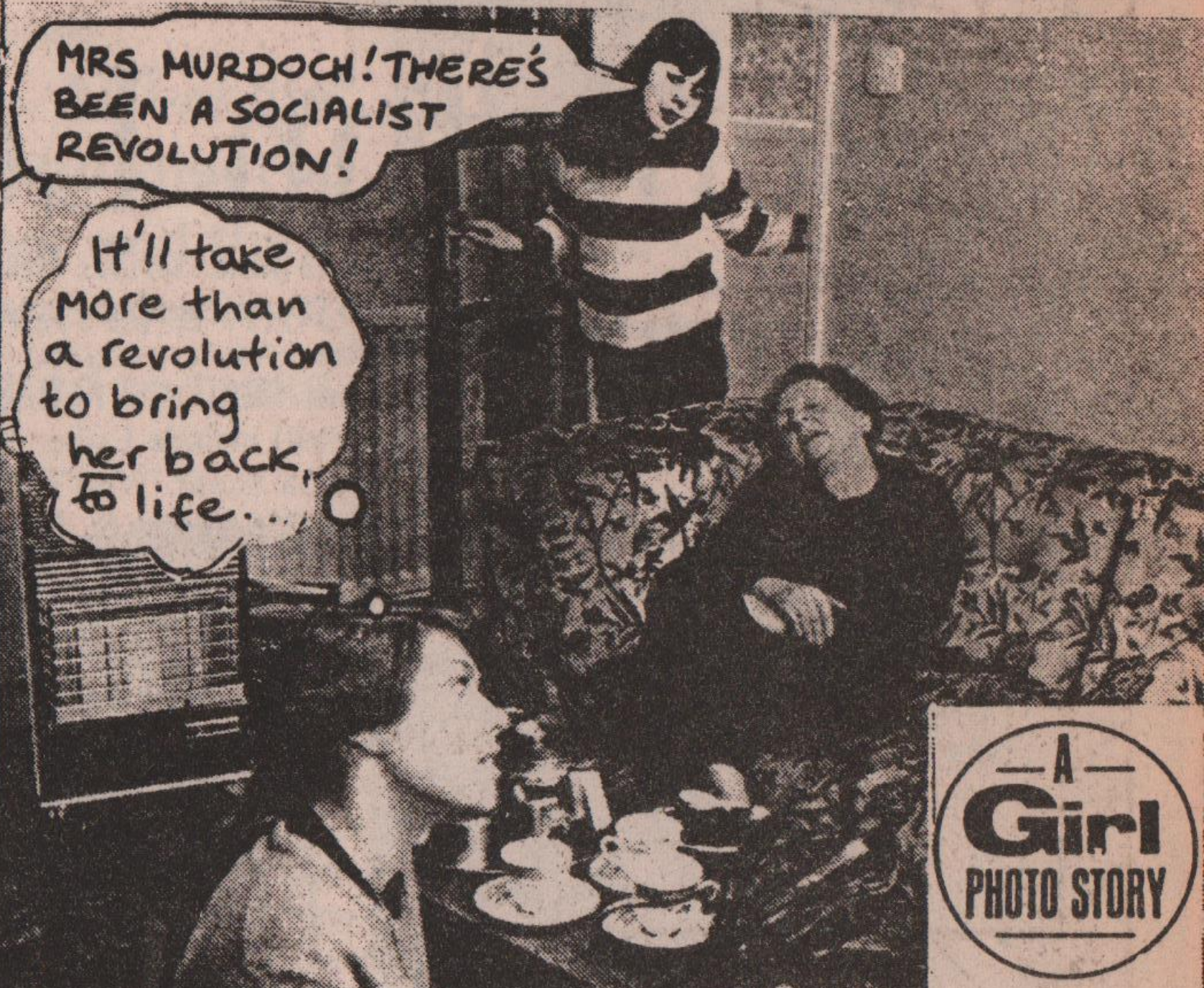
Thank you very much this months edition of Shocking Pink. I've lent the last copy out to my friends who think they're well out of this world and a lot more funny and enjoyable than Just 17, Mizz, Look-in etc. I am trying to be as good as feminist as I can. I often have rows with boys at school about equal rights etc. The other week my form were flabbergasted that I thought lesbians and gays should have rights. I hope your pleased with me.

Shocking Pink will be featuring the 'Lee-Anne letters' in future issues whenever their correspondence is of interest to readers. Thank you Lee-Anne and Jo for going public.

Perhaps it's just my lucky day...

MRS MURDOCH! THERE'S BEEN A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION!

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A Girl PHOTO STORY

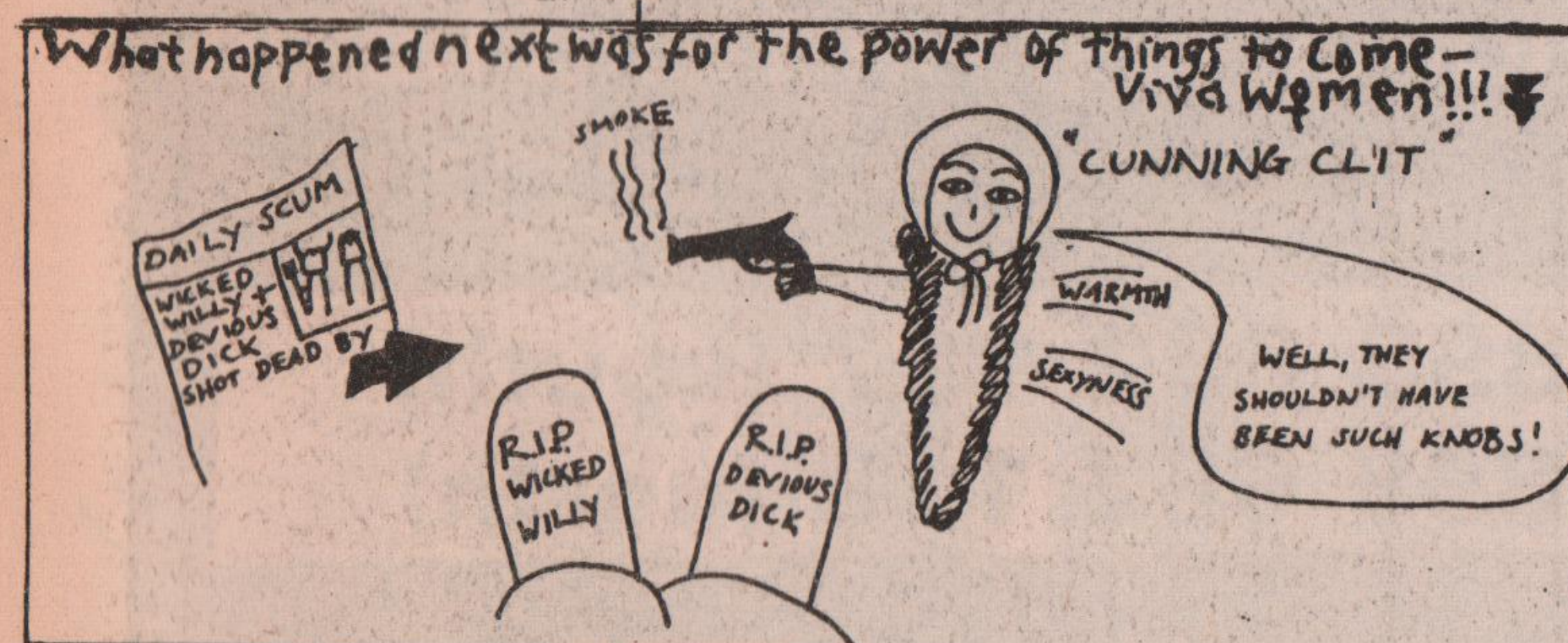


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Mischief in Legoland

• **SERIOUS PLEASURE**, lesbian erotic stories and poetry, edited by the Sheba collective. Price £5.95. 'Serious Pleasure is the book you've been waiting for....breaks new ground in lesbian writing. Writers from both the USA and Britain bring to life the rich variety of lesbian sensuality and desire.....sometimes witty, sometimes wild, but always passionate stories will leave a lasting impression.' Worth getting hold of, some of the stories were a lot better than others (check out the cucumber poem). I've only been able to read the first half cos it was so in demand in the SP office, it was snatched away from me. Expected to cause some controversy, good but also predictable. Buy it for your mother.

• **Tues 13 June:** Serious Pleasure in Scotland. To celebrate the publication of lesbian erotica, contributors will read from **SERIOUS PLEASURE**. Readers will include Esther Y Khan and Barbara Smith. West and Wilde Bookshop, 25a Dundas St, Edinburgh. 031 556 0079.

• **Thurs 15 June:** **THINKING FEMINIST: THINKING BLACK.** Celebrating the publication of **A BURST OF LIGHT** by Audre Lorde and **TALKING BACK: THINKING FEMINIST: THINKING BLACK** by Bell Hooks. Sheba is hosting a Black women only event featuring a panel of Black women activists, writers and social critics from the UK who will discuss amongst other issues notions of Black feminism. How do we act out

our feminism? If words do have meaning, where does the word 'feminist' fit into our vocabulary? Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, London WC2B 5AU. 01 430 1076. 7.30pm. £2.

• **Mon 19 June:** Literary lesbians. Celebrating strength and pride, an evening of lesbian writers including Fiona Cooper, Berta Friestadt, Bernadette Halpin and Cherry Smyth from Serious Pleasure. The Duke of Wellington, 199 Balls Pond Rd, London N1. For more info call: 01 249 3729.


• **Thurs 22 June:** Readings from Serious Pleasure. Featuring contributors Pearl McNeill and others. Grass Roots Bookshop, 1 Newton St, Picadilly, Manchester. 061 236 3112.

• **Fri 30 June:** **LESBIANS IN LOVE.** Evenings entertainment of

Lesbian writing from Sheba, inc. **SERIOUS PLEASURE & CHARTING THE JOURNEY:** Writings by Black and Third World women. Wood Green Central Library, High Rd, Wood Green, London N22.

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• Penny Stoker had NEVER really been happy. All her life she had been told that she would grow up and meet a stong and handsome man who would marry her and then she would live happily ever after. But all the men she met were disgusting. They treated her like dirt and tried to make her feel stupid. But one day she met Angie.....



WOMENS



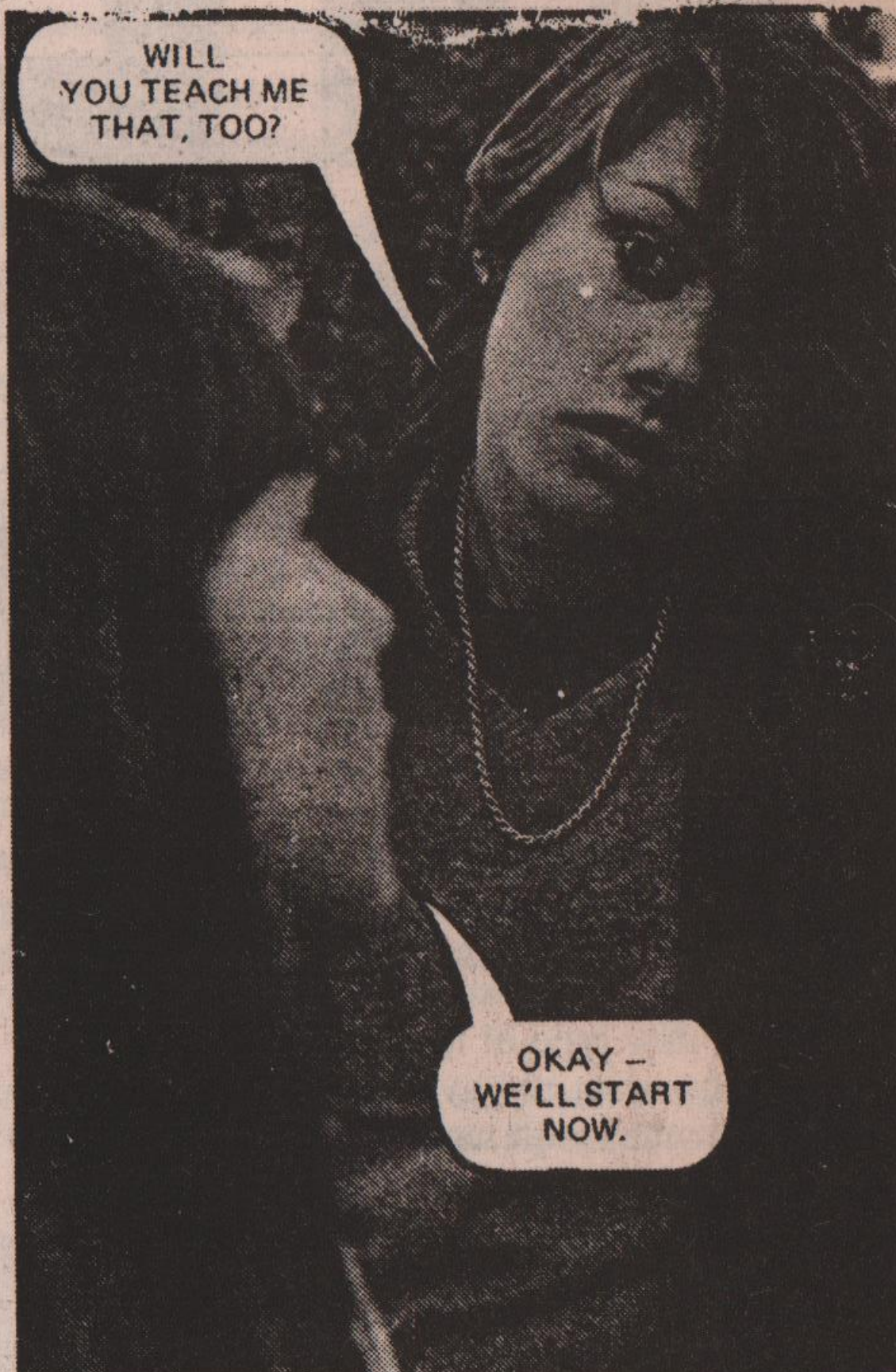
I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPY. NOT BEFORE TODAY. WILL YOU SHOW ME HOW TO BE, ANGIE?

THERE ISN'T ANY 'HOW' ABOUT IT. IT SORT OF ...



WELL, IT'S LIKE RIDING A BIKE. ONCE YOU CAN DO IT, YOU NEVER FORGET.

I CAN'T RIDE A BIKE EITHER.

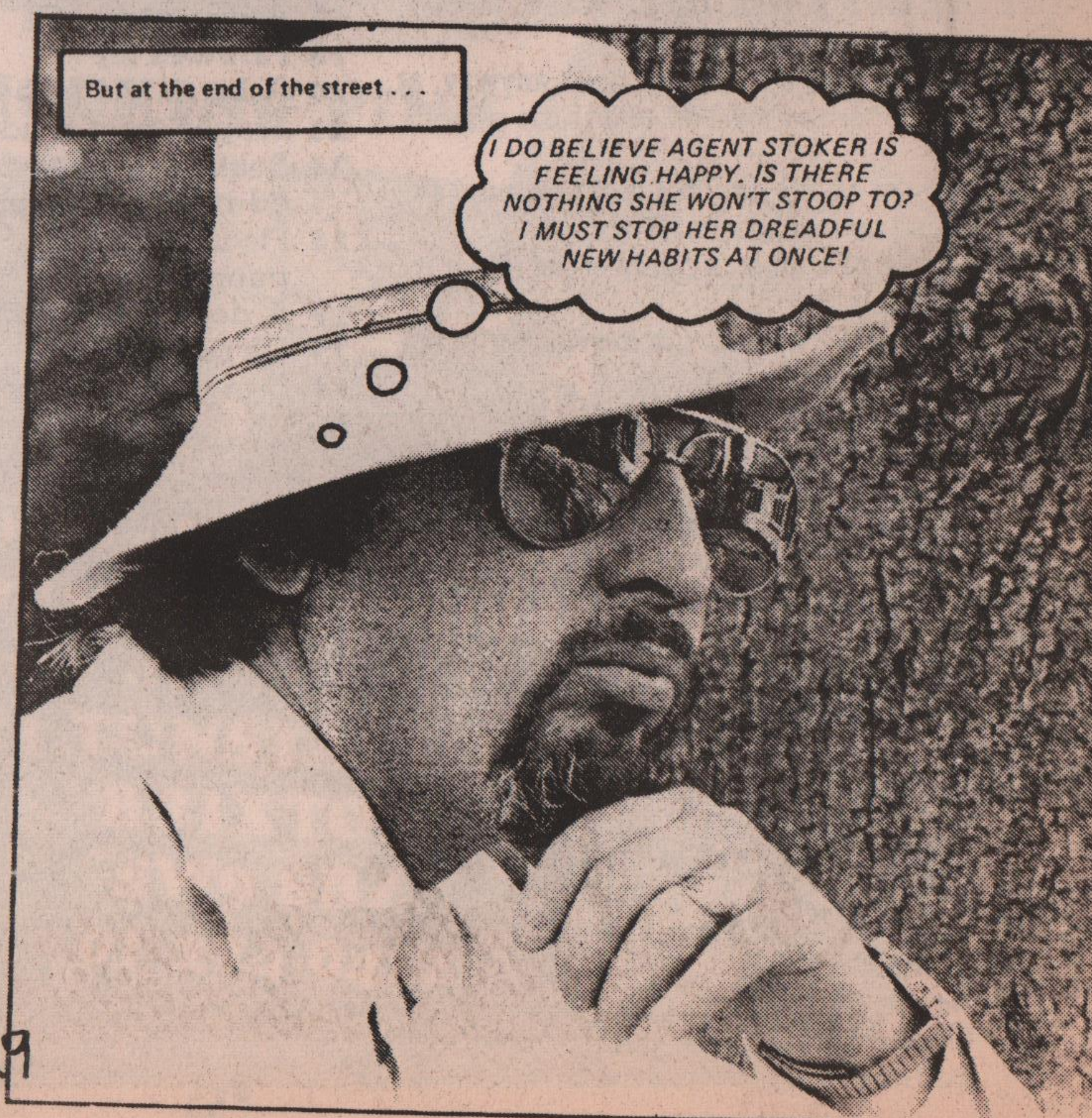


WILL YOU TEACH ME THAT, TOO?

OKAY - WE'LL START NOW.



THAT'S IT ... JUST GET YOUR BALANCE.

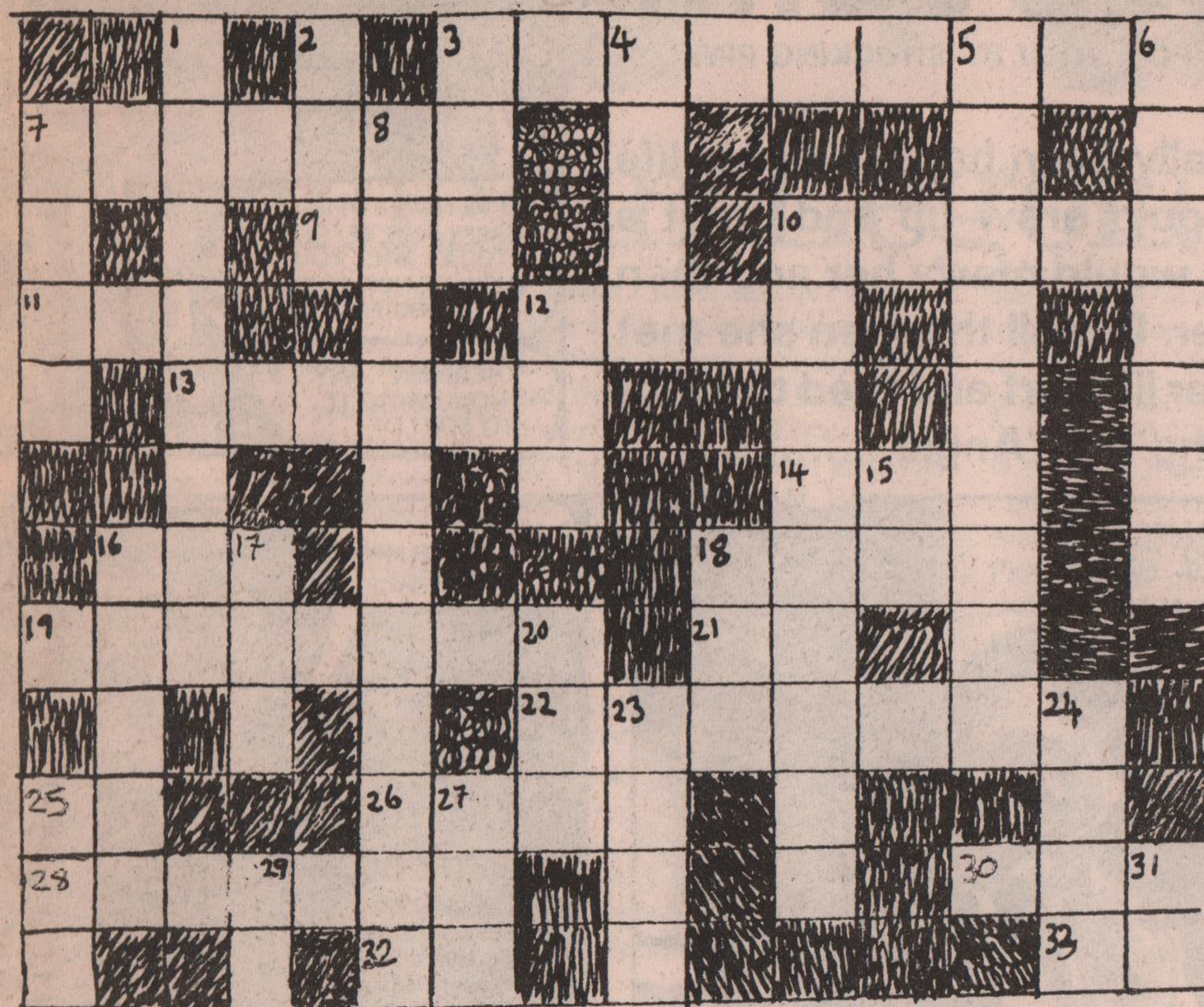


But at the end of the street ...

I DO BELIEVE AGENT STOKER IS FEELING HAPPY. IS THERE NOTHING SHE WON'T STOOP TO? I MUST STOP HER DREADFUL NEW HABITS AT ONCE!

cartoon ... feeling gay?

Cryptic Crossword 00,000,001.



Across.

- 3 A new type of family relationship (9).
7 Shanahan or Navratilova (7).
9 Rhymes with meat, although vegetarians don't do this to meat (3).
10 Rhymes with lorry and starts with an S (5).
11 Fib (3).
12 Rides around on bikes (4).
13 Almost, not quite, but... (6).
14 Weighs a lot (3).
16 Cats do this a lot—mine does anyway, at the bottom of my bed under the duvet (3).
18 A dyke could ride this if she wanted to & had access to one. (4).
19 A type of women's liberationist (8).
21 Greeting (2).
22 Glasnost (7) (I think the answer to this clue is spelt wrong).
25 To .. or not to .. (2).
26 When the film's ended it's (4).
28 Place where old documents and bits of the past are kept (7).
30 Aged (3).
31 Rhymes with 3 down (2).
33 OK (anag) (2).

Down.

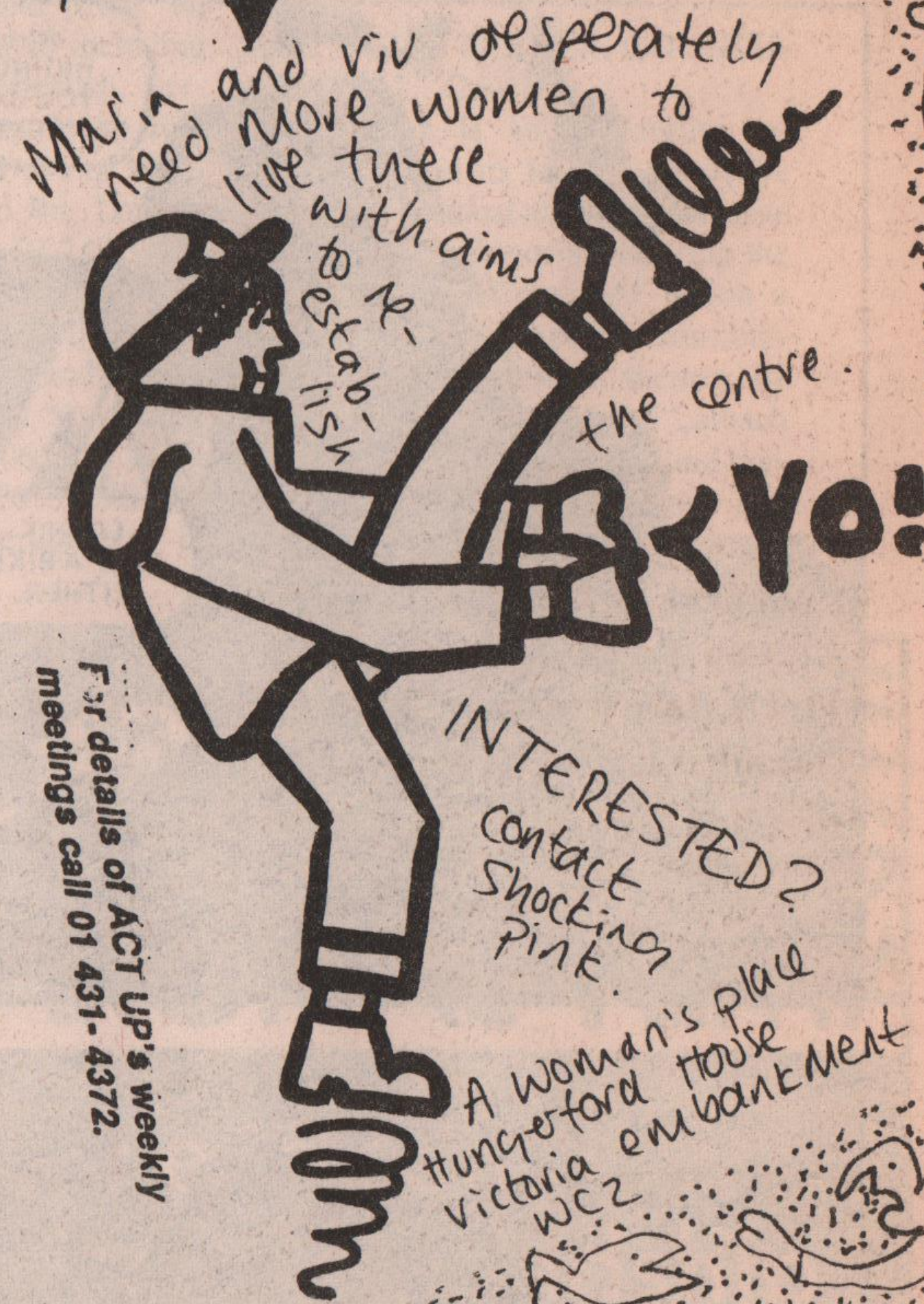
- 1 Peace Camp with multicoloured gates (8).
2 A type of pudding (3).
3 ... the dog (3).
4 Not difficult (4).
5 Unlike cleanliness, it's not next to godliness (9).



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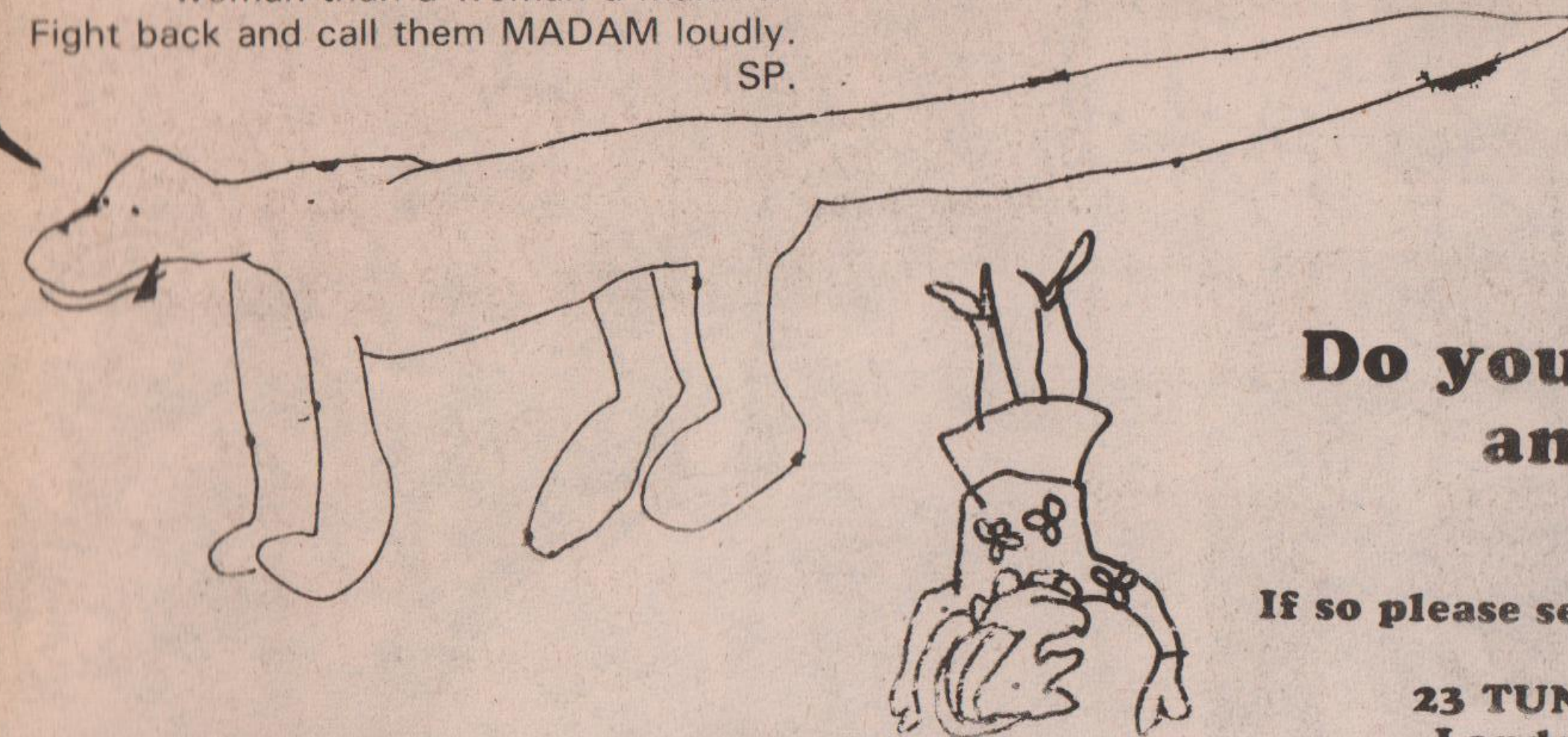


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Dear Shocking Pink,
I'm really pissed off cos I keep being mistaken for a boy. What can I do?

Lenor.

Dear Lenor,
It's not your fault, its societies'. They like people to fit neatly into stereotypes and if you're on the margins they just make wild guesses. Also there's a 'polite' code in Britain which urges that when in doubt presume it's a male because it's worse to call a man a woman than a woman a man....
Fight back and call them MADAM loudly.
SP.



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