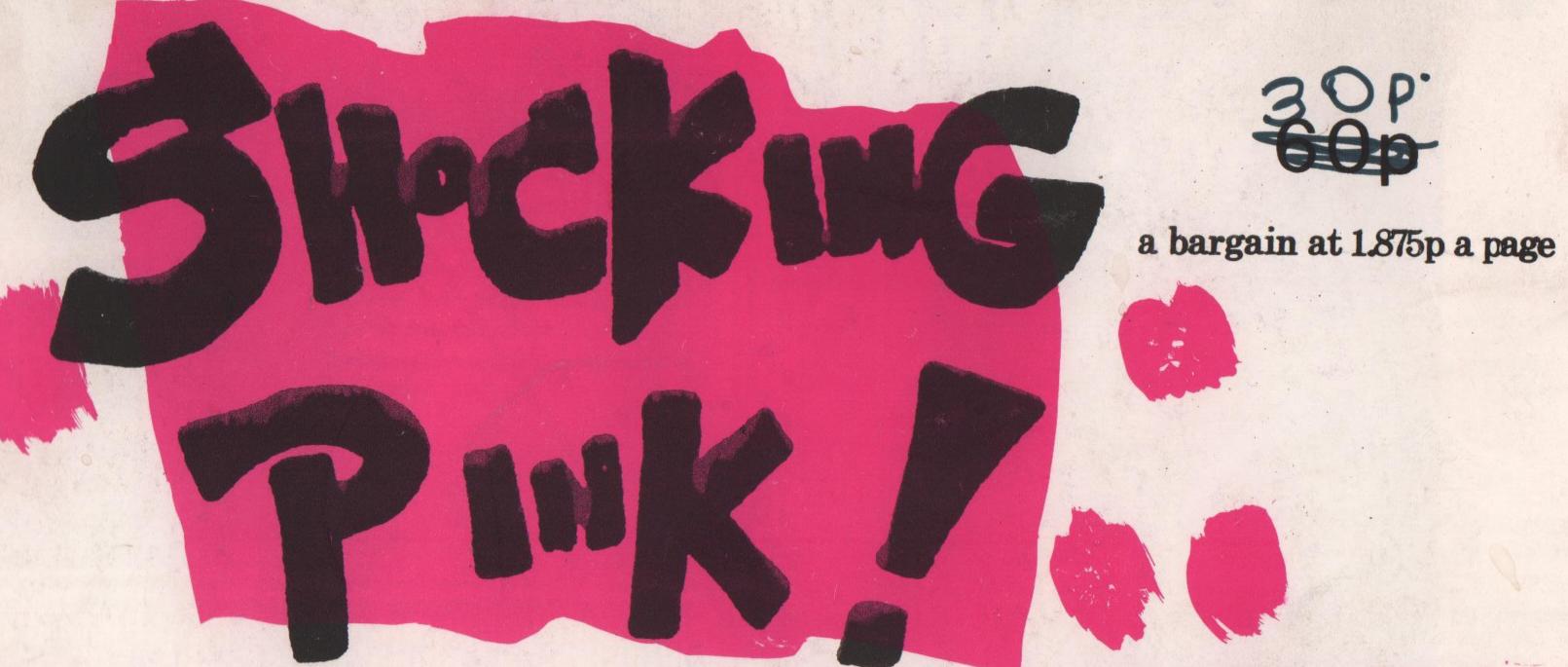
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### WHERE WE STAND

We don't like the way they treat us like we're stupid or something. Older people have no idea of what we think about. They make out that if we sit on a park bench looking pretty and sob, and a handsome boy with a shaggy dog will come and solve all our problems. It's a load of rubbish and most of us know it. So we've produced an alternative. It's not perfect, but it's a start and if enough people help it could be quite good.

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FASHION..POP..ROMANCE-.....BOYS... BBBBBBB OYS...
Shocking Pink II wants to fight unnatural obsessions with trivial things like boys, fashion, spots and suntans. We've had enough. There are many more things we're interested in, like motor-bikes, jobs, sport, parents, our grannies, politics, news....

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Politically we're left wing, somehow marxist with shades of anarchy. We expect that a lot of people will say that SPII is offensive, but really if you think about it, Jackie, My Guy and The Sun are far worse. Another thing is that because we're all voluntary we haven't had time to get all the content we wanted, so unless you want to help us make it better or to accept it as it is, you'll have to reject the ONLY attempt at an alternative magazine for young women.

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Good Luck! (Please Tick).



\*\* VERY PLEASED KATY \*\*

I am very pleased that you and your friends have got together and are planning a magazine to be made by girls in their teens. The magazine will be true because it is produced by our own age, who have experienced the same difficulties.

I am 13 yrs old and have always wanted a magazine by girls teenagers. I am very confident that it will be success. I would love to help.

## HINTS IO WTW OIAT

Well readers those - important necessities like nuclear missles, for killing nasty little Russkies, don't come cheap these days (that's why you do without hospital beds and school books now).

So it's time for us all to cut back on the Heinz tomato soup and Robinsons marmalade and take a page out of grannys' recipe book

Yes she lived through the poverty of a Tory government so should know how to feed a family of six with one brussel sprout, shouldn't she?

A quick and easy meal which costs practically nothing (so it's ideal for you dole dossers) can be made by taking a selection of leaves from any nearby bush or tree, adding a handful of nourishing twigs and a sprinkle of fresh green grass. Voila! Hedgerow Salad!

Pond water - leave the pond weed and frog spawn in it - makes a wonderfully thick broth. Simply bring it to the boil and simmer for three minutes (if you are one of the lucky few who own a saucepan).

A yummy thin soup that won't even need heating can be made from nettles. Yes! The Famous Nettle Soup! But watch your hands when picking the leaves!

Some of you may have, as youngsters, played at making mud pies. Nowadays you should try eating them as well. They're delicious!

That's all for now my dears. Bon Apetit!

your own variations if you can't find any grass or ponds.

By Krystle Glass

\*\*\* STAR LETTER \*\*\*

\*\* DOT COTTON \*\*

I thought all you SP readers would like to know that my Nan has the same handbag as Dot Cotton out of

\*\* COBBLERS \*\*

Dear Shocking Pink.

I'm fed up with the romantic stories from the pages of such cobblers as 'My Guy', 'True Love' etc, where the men are handsome strong hunks and the women are weak, weak, WFAK

A lot of young women are into equal rights, feminism etc. So why don't WE get what we want in (supposedly) our magazines? Most magazines are stereotypical trash that puts women down. That's why I'm so pleased that SP is back to fight this.

Lisa Howels. (15)





I went on a camping hollday last week and I really fancied this lad there. I don't know his name or address, we just looked at each other a lot. I phoned the camp and described his tent but the woman I spoke to said she couldn't help. I spend all day thinking about him and crying - can you help me trace him before I go mad?

I have to be honest and say that trying to find this boy will be like looking for a needle in a haystack - after all, you don't have much to go on, do you? And what would you say if you did find him? That you fancied the look of him so much you had to find him again? That's fairytale stuff - not real life.

You're making yourself miserable over something that simply isn't worth it — there are hundreds of boys out there, he isn't the only one! Next time you see someone who catches your eye, pluck up the courage to speak to him and get a real relationship going instead of eating your heart out over what might

P.S. You in the inner cities can work out FOR SALE: 11 year old brother! Good condition. Bad temper and very mischevious. Price to be 01-352 0102 discussed.

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Horrorscopes

Taurus

A mysterious and elegant woman will enter your life and offer you some Turkish delight this November. Just before Christmas you will find a ten pound note behind the skirting board in your room. Your world is becoming increasingly distorted as you continue to lose your grip on reality.

A terrible craving for attention will force you to compromise your political principles and join the circus as a trapeze artist. Your time in the limelight will be brief, however; a performing elephant will become increasingly hostile towards you and will bring your

A strange potato-shaped planet moves into your orbit this Winter, bringing an oddly chaotic pattern to your usually methodical and ordered way of life. Possibly you will become interested in the political philosophy of anarchy, or else something - or someone - very close to your heart will begin to

Capricorn

Something inexplicable will take hold of your mind in the months to come and will obliterate completely your normally profound sense of proportion. You will have nightmares of huge and terrifying monsters, and start watching all the soap operas avidly. You will start to believe what you read in

You are not happy with your bottom, and will decide that now is the time to do something about it. By Thursday you will realise there is nothing you can do about it.

Ignore friends who tell you you are looking well.

If you weren't lucky enough to get your sign included, don't despair; buy the next issue and it might be in there.



# Sowing The Seed.

A short story written especially for Shocking Pink II by Dawn Morris.

The noise, initially welcoming had become loud and bold, and disturbed a part inside of Teri. How she felt humilitated by this whole place! A sick uneasiness began to churn in her stomach, and her body was stiff and nervous, bringing back fatal emotions and severe desires. The uneasy feeling of guilt began to gnaw violently through her bones sapping all her energy and leaving her weak and tired.

She clenched her fists and set her teeth.

She could feel his lips brush her hair and feel his clammy breath on her ear. She clenched her fists and set her teeth. 'Have you been on holiday this year?' His face was still close to hers, so he could not see her close her eyes for a moment. 'Oh, why me? Why did he have to come and dance with me? Couldn't he see I wanted to be alone!.....And why did he have to ask me that?'

She could not bear to look at him in case she betrayed any of her feelings. Yet she was growing more aware of his masculine presence, and it repulsed her.

She felt a sick feeling expand around her whole body.

His voice was getting more and more excited and the sickening dead feeling had reached Teri's throat. She looked at him for the first time - he was not handsome, but beautiful with his slim figure and deep-set eyesi Yet he frightened her. She wanted to escape, just to run and be free from his suffocating presence and everyone else: to think about herself and come to terms with her life. But still she remained while his body crept closer to hers. Shrinking within herself, she felt the sick feeling expand round her whole body.

She did not blend in and a sense of renewed awkwardness swept over her. It was like an out of focus picture; nobody seeing or understanding the real subject. She could take no more. Her partners eyes darted after her as she pushed her way through the people. He was angry, for he had liked the almost melancholy aura about her and thought himself in with a chance with her. And she had abandoned him! 'Oh well, better luck next time!' he thought to himself as he glided off the dance-floor suavely glancing at all the other girls dancing together, obviously vacant!?!

Teri could hear herself pant as she clung to the basin in the toilets. She could not remember how she got there and felt an overwhelming sense of fear and claustrophobia. She looked down at her hands still clutching the edge of the basin; she then raised her eyes to look at her reflection in the mirror. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes large and bright, like a hunted animal's. Indeed she felt hunted, but now she wanted to

Someone who was real, someone who loved and understood her. That someone was Anne.

hunt herself to find her own ex-

istence. The seed was now

sown.

Her dream of love and companionship had eventually come true while she was on holiday. It was someone who was real and tender, someone who loved and understood her. That someone was Anne. Yet, they knew from the beginning that their love, which was precious to them, was forbidden by others. Anne was the one who answered all of Teri's desires and needs, not just as a lover, but as a true friend as well. For that time, they

both had a glimpse of true happiness, but neither were sure enough or strong enough to face the pressure of their relationship or the guilt they felt within themselves. The only solution was self - denial. Now, they didn't even speak to each other.

> She had tried to live as everyone else.

When Teri returned home. everything was the same, but inside a seed had been planted, one of doubt, one of sexual awareness and love. and one of guilt and hatred. She felt betrayed and hurt, that society refused to accept her. She had tried to live as everyone else, keeping her sexual needs to that of the male sex, but now that the seed of love was planted, roots

had started growing. Grabbing her handbag and giving her face a splash of cold water, she walked out of the disco into the surrounding streets. The cool air struck her immediately as she paced herself towards home. Where was home? At that moment she didn't know because she knew she could no longer live a lie and had to start afresh. Couples were hiding in corners everywhere, laughing and kissing. How she felt jealous and hard towards all these lovers when her own love was banned from the world! She realised she could never hold her lover's hand or hide kissing in street corners, but she now knew that it was a beautiful and rare love that should not be grabbed away from her. She had now accepted within herself her own sexuality and it's requirements. She felt alive as if newly born.

As she passed a phonebox, she thought of Anne and their yearning for each other. Although it was after 3 o' clock she knew what she had to do. Her trembling fingers found it hard to press the buttons and it required all her mental strength not to hang up when she heard the phone ringing.

'Hello' said the soft sleepy

voice. It took her a minute to find her voice and answer, 'Hello, is that you Anne?'

The seed was now blossoming fast.



# REUNITE THE MATION

During the run up to the General Election claims were made that Britain is a divided country; is that so?

The North of Britain was the backbone of the Empire during the days of Queen Victoria, but now it is the 'whizz—kid' bankers of London and the South that are keeping Britain's regal head above the waves of international debt.

If you have ever driven through Sheffield you will instantly know what I mean: Sheffield - famous for it's two soccer teams and knives and forks. Or at least it once was. A trip from the outskirts, through Hillsborough and past 'Wednesday's' home turf, will take you past more than one redundant steel mill.

Besides the closure of the steel

foundaries The North (as advertised on the M1 from Watford upwards) has been hit by a decline in the cotton and woolen industry (Lancashire and Yorkshire), pit closures and closure of docks and ship builders (Clydeside, Liverpool, Tyneside and Humberside). Faced with these daunting prospects the eager young Northerner, wanting fruitful and prosperous employment must 'get on her bike' and 'free—wheel' all the way to the South!

In a region where business is blooming and booming, there are many job opportunities that are rarely seen up North, but now that the prospective employee has peddled South she has nowhere to park her proverbial bike, moped, motorbike, pit pony & cart or car, let alone herself. There is a considerable amount of difference in the prices of a Northern 'des res' and a Southern 'home—sweet—home'. A dockland wharf is converted into luxurious flats from redundant warehouses for up to a quarter of a million pounds each. Equivalent cash could get you a nice little Yorkshire mansion with a couple of acres of garden (or an ordinary house and leave enough to squander on whippets and greasy food).

There is squalor and deprivation in the South and especially inner—city London but it cannot be compared with the widespread idleness of the forgotten North.

'Today' had been trying to boost sales before the election by heralding their advertisment: 'Will Tactical Voting Re-unite the Country?' Did it??? Can anything bring back the industry that is now feared as being lost forever? Can, and will, the South share its prosperity with the Provinces or will it watch the backbone break?

If so, how long will it be before Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford and many others fall into the realms of GCSE history books beside the Roman Empire amd the Spanish Armada? How long will it be before the M1 turns in to the road to nowhere?

Sarah Teasdale



I am a black Afro-Carribean-British woman. I have not always known that or been proud of that. I was born in this country, England, of Jamaican parents, in the city of Leeds. The area I grew up in, Harehills was predominantly white. (There was also a minority of Asian families.) The schools I attended were also predominantly white and even the Church I attended had this racial pattern too. It was no wonder I was unclear about my identity. Black people were invisible in my background (except in my home) particularly in school lessons such as history. But if they were visible black people were generally shown in a negative light on the television or in the papers, as violent or unintelligent.

Being English and white was trumpeted loud and clear in the media. English people had 'civilised' the world. White people, particularly white anglo-saxon women both in Britain and the States were paraded on the screen and in magazines as the paragon of beauty. Black women were not beautiful. When I was younger I used to put underskirts on my head so that I could pretend I had long flowing hair like 'beautiful' white women. I have known of other black children who even bathed in bleach to become adonic in this society's outlook. So as I got older I rejected a part of my identity.

At eighteen I decided that I had stop refusing to come to terms with being a black person with all the implications of that and discover myself (sorry about the cliche term). This involved finding out about Afro Carribean culture in all its' aspects - history, music, dialects, food, dress, folklore, etc - from books but more importantly from Afro-Carribean people (especially women - the carriers of a cultures' heritage) of my parents generation who mostly came to Britain in the 50's and 60's. This research is an ongoing thing and has certainly helped make me proud of my heritage. I am no longer ashamed of the thought of being decended from Africa's people since rediscovering for myself that Africa was civilised long before Europeans came out of caves (Eg. Egypt). Africans were not the superstitious savages as shown on television or as taught in geography lessons but a proud strong people whose continent was underdeveloped amd raped by Europe. So as not to neglect my British side to an extent, I have taken to looking at Black presence in Britain over the centuries. It has shown up how African people have helped to make Britains' history and herstory.

So there it is, my pilgramage to become aware of myself racially and because I appreciate my culture I am sure it has helped me appreciate other peoples' culture too.

Shocking Pink II promotes positive images and challenges stereotypes about young women. That has to extend to young women of the ethnic minorities, but that can only happen if we raise our voices and lift our pens.

Lorraine Dixon. Training as an Anglican Minister.

# NEWS ... WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Write and tell us of anything that's happened in your area, or that you hear of, in Britain and other countries. We're particularly interested in protests and young women and people fighting back against all the shit that they get.



#### IT'S UP TO US.

They're attacking the Abortion Act again, this time trying to cut the upper time limit from 28 to 20 weeks, and generally restrict abortions.

Liberal MP David Alton is planning to introduce a bill to parliament banning termination of pregnancies after 20 weeks - as if the bill presently before the Lords to reduce the limit to 24 weeks wasn't bad enough.

In Britain 110 000 women have abortions every year, either because the contraception failed or they couldn't get any, or were raped......

50% of women who have abortions performed after 20 weeks are under 20 yrs of age; their situations make it much harder to seek advice and help with contraception and pregnancy. Other late abortions are necessary because a severe foetal abnormality has been detected as late as the 24th week or after. A third of 'late' abortions are the result of admin delays in the NHS.

Even now, while it is still legal to have an abortion after 20 weeks, many women are refused the operation.

A Marplan poll in 1985 found that 80% of people believe it is up to the woman involved....NOT a male liberal MP, a load of tory MP's and lords, or a sickening moralistic self righteous prig like Victoria Gillick. What we need is better access to NHS pregnancy testing and abortion services in early pregnancy and an end to the silence, secrecy and guilt surrounding abortion.

THE WAY TO REDUCE LATE ABORTIONS IS NOT TO OUTLAW THEM, BUT TO IMPROVE METHODS OF CONTRACEPTION, IMPROVE NHS SERVICES FOR EARLY ONES.

ONES.

THE NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE FIGHTING HARD THIS WINTER TO DEFEND ABORTION PROVISIONS. IF YOU WANT TO HELP GET IN TOUCH WITH CERYS WILLIAMS, C/O NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN, WESLEY HOUSE, 4 WILD COURT, LONDON WC2 SAU.

We've wodged all the news together so that anyone who doesn't like news can skip those pages and not be worried that it will crop up again!

### \*\*\*Deportation\*\*\*

In August 1986, Mrs Renouka Lakhani came to Britain from India as a temporary visitor. As such she had no legal rights whatsoever. Shortly after her arrival she met and married her husband Bipin.

For a British woman, all would have ended there, 'happily ever after'. But fairy tales don't have Asian women as their heroines. In order to stay in Britain with her husband, the now pregnant Mrs Lakhani applied to the Home Office for permanent residence.

More than 6 months passed before she received so much as an acknowledgement of her request. No doubt the government have more important issues to deal with - censoring the sale of MI5 scandals perhaps? The response, when it did come, was negative; she must go back to India by August. But all is not lost! The kind, generous souls actually offered to pay for her baby daughters passage!

An appeal was launched with the support of the local MP, Keith Vaz, but this earned nothing more than a temporary reprieve in July '87. Desperate, Mrs Lakhani sought sanctuary in a Hindu temple, where she and her daughter remained, relying on friends & family for all basic necessities, for one month.

Mrs Lakhani has recently been persuaded to come out by Keith Vaz, who promises that the case will be reviewed urgently.

What will this mean? Another 6 months suspence? How can the government dare to call Britain 'a free country' when a woman is forced to suffer such degredation? (Will Mrs Lakhanis' daughter be deported despite her British citizenship. Will the hypocritical Thatcher government who goes on about the importance of the family unit split up yet another family just because they are Asian?)

A Home Office spokesman says; "We recognise that Mrs Lakhani's marriage appears genuine". How condescending can you get?

As we go to press, the case continues. We hope she wins, not only for her sake, but also for all the other harassed women in similar situations.

Angie Marston and Ruth Marshall

STOP PRESS!!! She did win, but there are many more cases each week that don't get the same publicity and get deported.

### City Financiers take Over Prisons.

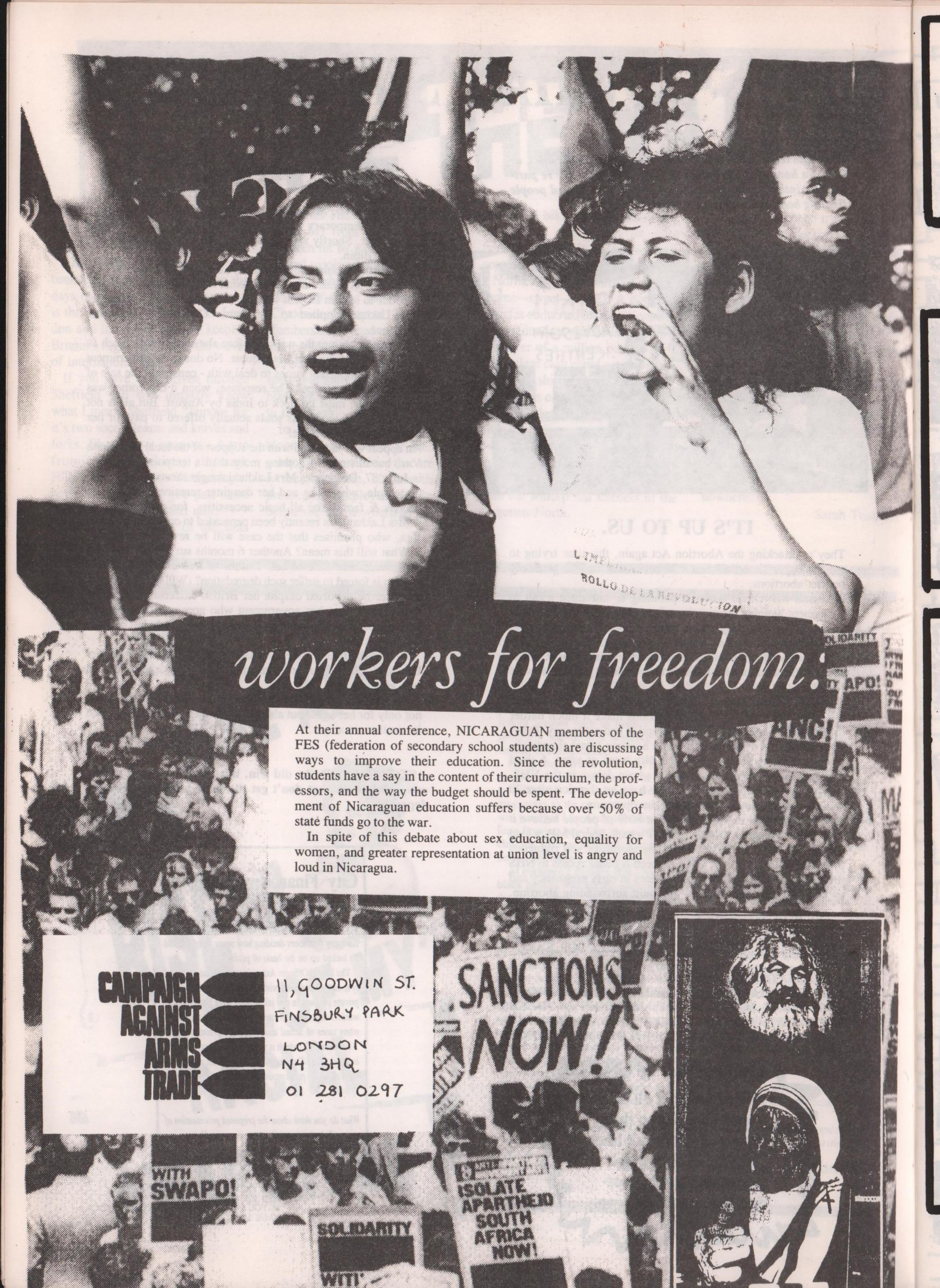
The government plan to privatise prisons - we would have city financiers deciding how many people would be locked up on the basis of profits.

The Prison Officers Assoc. have voted unamimously to campaign against privatisation, after visiting USA's private prisons. In one jail women were compelled by warders to perform private strip shows amnd there were many cases of sexual abuse by male prison warders.

Privatisation, (which is what Douglas Hurd etc want) is a sick idea. Conditions would get even worse. We can't allow the profit motive to determine how the penal system.

What do you think about the proposed privatisation of prisons? And our penal system in general?

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Degree of the faculty of the University of Bologna 1337: 'And whereas woman is the fountain of sin, the weapon of the devil, the cause of man's banishment from Paradise and the ruin of the old laws; and whereas for these reasons all intercourse with her is to be diligently avoided, therefore do we interdict and expressly forbid that anyone presume to introduce in the said college any woman whatsoever, however honourable she be....'



Jean Jacques Rousseau in 'Emile' 'The whole education of women ought to be relative to men. To please them, to make themselves loved and honoured by them, to educate them when young, to care for them when grown, to counsel them, to console them, and to make life sweet and agreeable to them - these are the duties of women at all time...'

#### WHOSE CHOICE?

Just as the government is set to alter the education system a report funded by the Scottish Office shows that exam results have IM-PROVED under comprehensive education - and strongly denies any evidence of the 'lowering standards' everyone seems to be worrying about, and using as an excuse to do loads of quite sinister things to our education system. Also the 8 yr study shows that both middle class and working class pupils have got better exam results. Between 1976 and 1984 there was a 5.5% rise in the number of middle class pupils obtaining one O level pass and a 12.5% rise in working class pupils results. All this rubbish about lowering standards in schools is government propoganda just so they can get away with changing things and creating a more prejudiced, elitist system.

### **DEWSBURY**

PARENTS ARE REFUSING TO LET 26 OF THEIR DAUGHTERS AND SONS GO TO HADFIELD SCHOOL BECAUSE MANY OF ITS' PUPILS ARE ASIAN.

This 'lower standards' tactic (a sick one) is used again and again to justify worse and worse injustices; In the Dewsbury protest Ray Honeyford the racist ex-head of Bradford's Drummond Middle School said 'I do sympathise with the parents. When you get a disproportionate number of children using English as a 2nd language then in my view standards tend to fall'. But all the evidence is that schools with a large number of Asian students do as well if not better than other schools. Hadfield has a good reputation with both Asian and white parents. The people SUP-PORTING the parents are people like Honeyford, and Naylor, an extreme Right-Winger who says that EQUALITY in education is 'illiberal and totalitarian'. These people have horrifying beliefs; Honeyford said 'Pakistanis can't cope with democracy. The Indian subcontinent has a hysterical political temperament.' The protest has created a climate of fear among many Asian parents. One father outside Hadfield school said 'I work night shift. But since this happened my son has asked me to take him and pick him up from school. That's the only way he feels safe.' A woman who runs a local shop said 'some of the parents who want their children to go to another school have been into the shop to persuade me to keep my daughter away. When I refused they called me names but I will not change my mind. These parents are pitting members of our community against each other.' Many parents and pupils oppose the protest and 800 signed a petition against this racist boycott, BUT if Kenneth Bakers education bill goes through, and even worse if they go ahead with proposals for segregated schools, these parents would be completely permitted to be disgustingly racist and offensive. Eric Healey, spokesperson for the Dewsbury parents says 'What we want will become law next year if the government legislation goes through.

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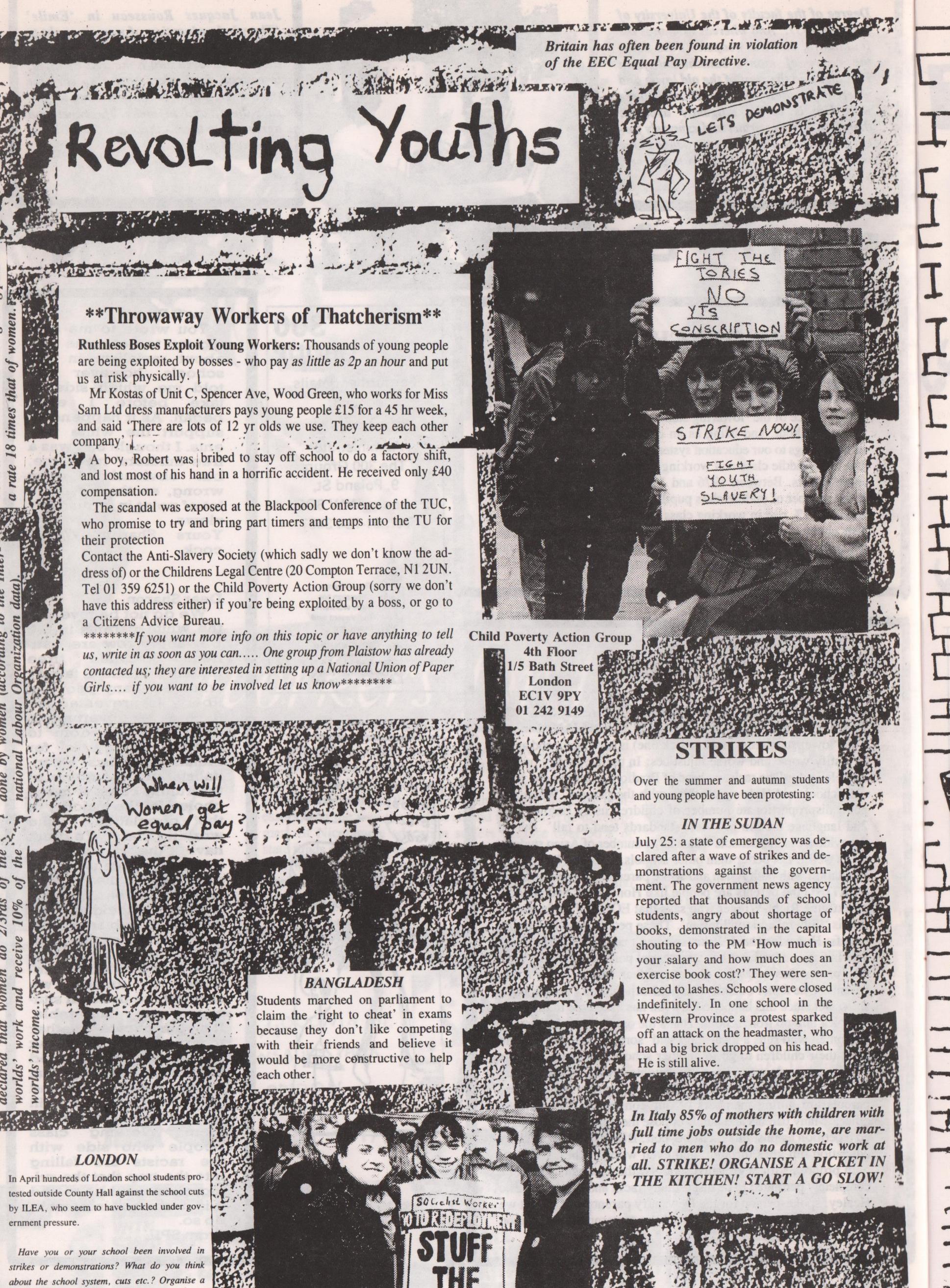
You wrote to me asking me to get some info about racialism in our schools, however you told me which side to take before I even began. As it happened I support the white parents. I thought S.P. was a free thinkers' magazine, but obviously I was wrong, so there's not a lot of point in writing my views. Sharon Wood-Yours

cock.

We do not believe that

Dear Sharon,

the white parents in the Dewsbury row are justified. So-called 'free thinking' is a total fallacy when so many peoples' liberty is prevented BY government. Thatchers' 'freedom to policy is for choose' racists, fascists, capitalists and members of the ruling class. It is not choice for the majority of the population - the working class. We don't have the power to choose because we don't have the money which is the basis for this 'choice'. Shocking Pink 2 is not an unbiased, non -political magazine, we wouldn't bother slogging our guts off to produce it unless we thought the political situation was intolerable. It's your choice whether to write in Shocking Pink but we are not prepared to publish anything, that we, as a collective find offensive, but we will print letters and answer them. Working class people who side with the racists are falling into the trap that the ruling class want us to and it is not in our interest to do so. From SPII.



strike and write and tell us about it.





### Recommended reading

A DANGEROUS KNOWING -4 black women poets. Sheba £2.95:

Check especially Jackie Kay's 'Happy Ending', Gabrilea Pearse's 'Queiro - (I want/love)', Barbara Burfurd's 'Christine' and Grace Nichols' 'Between Women'

GIRLS ARE POWERFUL -Young women's writings from Spare Rib and the original Shocking Pink, ed. Susan Hemmings. £3.95.

This one isn't just recommended - it's essential. A collection of poems, letters, photos, cartoons, articles & interviews. If you're not convinced that feminism is applicable to young women this book will change your mind.

TRUE TO LIFE - Sequel to Girls Are Powerful. Sheba £3.95. If Girls Are Powerful changed your life True To Life will come as a welcome reminder that young women still know how to unite, fight and write. Ignore the offputting cover and illustrations and concentrate on the brilliant stories, National Assoc. of Youth Clubs in

THE THRESHING FLOOR - Barbara £4.95. Sheba. Ignore the cover - the books' brilliant Short stories about life in Britain to day. 'There were several times when I was reading it that I almost bust into tears.' J

THE WATERS EDGE - Moy McMfory. Sheba. £3.50. Angie from SPII says its about Irish people in Liverpool. She says there are loads of different stories about the past, the present and prejudice and there are all sorts of different characters who have all sorts of different difficulties She says she liked it.

GOLDEN OLDIES - THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL BOOK by Soren Hansen & Jesper Jensen. Our edition was printed in 1971 and cost 30p from Stage 1, 21 Theobalds Rd, London WC1X 8SL. If you can't get a copy from there you can borrow ours. Anyway, it's quite a sexist book, BUT it's good. Tells you about drugs, sex and school. There's bits on how to make your teacher teach you what YOU want, how to organise a strike if you think things are unfair, are marks a swindle? discrimination against girls and it explains that school isn't actually designed to teach you things but instead it's there to train you to do a job in later life and if that means getting you used to being bored stupid they'll do it.

THE BURSTON REBELLION by the poems and articles, chosen from BBC is about the longest school strike ever entries to a competition run by the which was a long time ago in East Anglia. THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO by K. Marx & F. Engels. Linda Bellos, leader This book should be the bible of of Lambeth Council says she read Das Shocking Pink 2 readers - cos like Kapital at 14, but if you find that a bit hard SP2 it's about the reality of being try this. It's short, snappy and quite easy a young woman in the 80's - pull- to understand. If you find this difficult try ing no punches and telling it like Marx for Beginners, that brown cartoon

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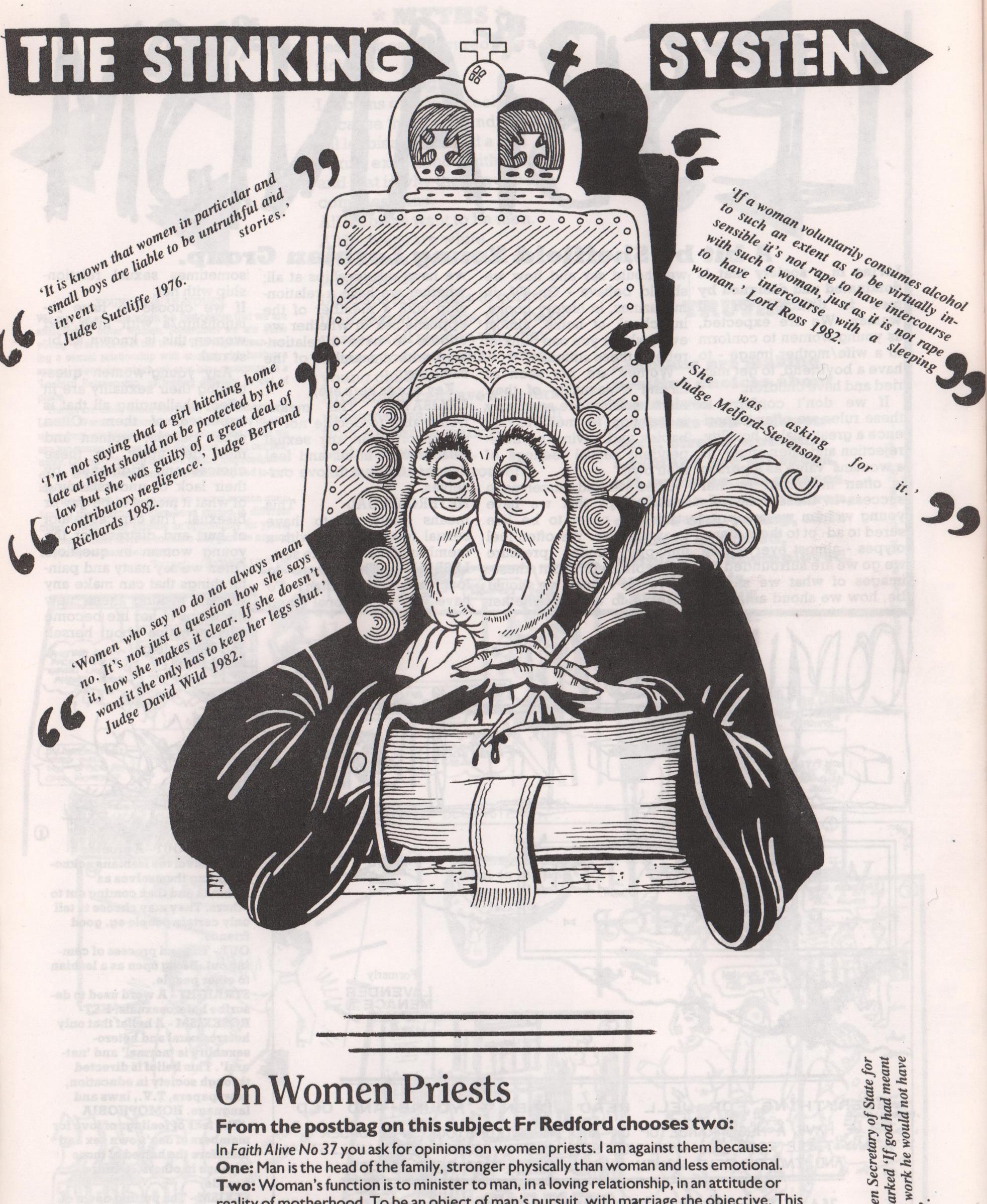
**OUTWRITE** Women's Newspaper was forced to temporarily suspend publication over summer, but RELAUNCH in November. For 5 years Outwrite brought us news of women's struggles all over the world. Like so many other 'alternative' publications they constantly fight to keep going, and are suffering in the hardening political climate in Britain today. When the paper first apeared in 1982 the Shocking Pink collective advertised it and wished them luck. Now in the 2nd launch of Shocking Pink we hope we can help a little by appealing for support for THEIR relaunch; HELP OUTWRITE TO SURVIVE! Contact them for info. and to find out how you can help at 'Outwrite, Oxford House, Derbyshire St, London E2 6HG,

Outwrite haven't been got the money they'd hoped for from sponsoring bodies and they're going to suspend their relaunch for a little while longer. They are about to advertise for new collective members so if you're interested get in touch. If things don't get better they think they might have to produce it on a voluntary basis which would mean new members being unpaid. If you can't donate some of your time to them try to give some money or even just write of support.

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STOP PRESS

HOW TO CHANGE



In Faith Alive No 37 you ask for opinions on women priests. I am against them because: One: Man is the head of the family, stronger physically than woman and less emotional. Two: Woman's function is to minister to man, in a loving relationship, in an attitude or reality of motherhood. To be an object of man's pursuit, with marriage the objective. This would detract from the detachment of a woman priest, especially if young and attractive. She would become aware of male admiration.

Three: The parish priest, as in a family, is the head of the parish, and is looked up to as such. There would be 'wrongness' about a woman taking the place of a man as parish priest.

John Keenan, Stowbridge

THESE ARE BRIEF REVIEWS

TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO

GET HOLD OF AND READ

THE BOOKS MENTIONED.

WRITE AND TELL US WHAT

YOU THOUGHT OF THEM.

A bit by Sheffield Young Lesbian Group.

dominated and designed by should behave - On TV, in men is difficult for all magazines, in history books, women. We are expected, in school, at home, almost as young women to conform everywhere you can think of to a wife/mother image - to reflects these attitudes. have a boyfriend, to get mar- Women are not seen as ried and have children.

these rules we often experi- in relation to men, having ence a great deal of hostility, babies and having no inderejection and often anger, as pendent sexual feelings of a womans' value as a person their own. success in these roles. As relationships that we have otypes - almost everywhere unhappy, under pressure we go we are surrounded by and confused about these.

having a sexuality of their If we don't conform to own. i.e. They are seen only

often measured by her Often we find ourselves in be, how we shoud act, what be able to choose whether

whether we have a relationship with a member of the opposite sex or whether we choose to have a relationship with a member of the same sex.

Key words here are;

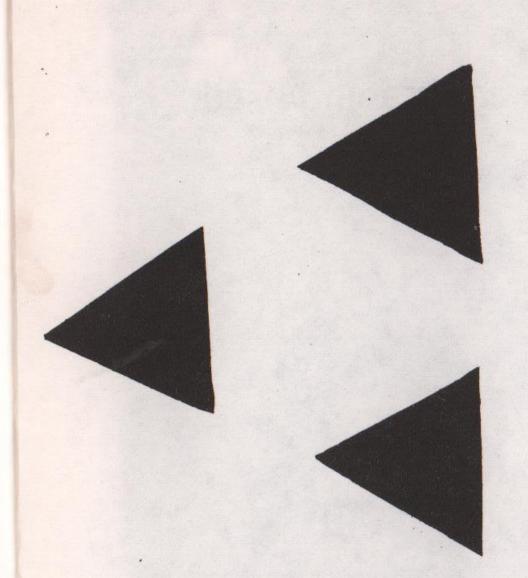
CELIBATE - This means being able to decide not to get involved in any sexual relationships at all, and feel that it is OK just to love our-

HETEROSEXUAL young women we are pres- started in order to be like means prefering to have sured to ad pt to these stere- eveyone else. We often feel sexual relationship/s with a member of the opposite sex. LESBIAN - This means to images of what we should As young women we should love another woman. To an emotional and have

Living in a society that is we should say and how we we have relationships at all; sometimes sexual relationship with her.

If we choose to have relationship/s with men and women this is known as bisexual.

Any young women questioning their sexuality are in effect challenging all that is expected of them. Often other people, women and men get upset by these choices and frightened by their lack of understanding of what it means to be gay or bisexual. This can cause alot of hurt and distress for the young woman in question. Often we say nasty and painful things that can make any woman making these new decisions in her life become very negative about herself and her feelings.



YOUNG LESBIAN WOMEN.

We may be any age when we first realise that we are attracted to other women. Sometimes we are quite young - at school or in our teens. This might mean having a sexual relationship with another girl, having a special friendship which we only later recognise as a 'Lesbian Relationship' or feeling different or out of

Things are usally made extremely difficult for young Lesbian Women - parents and other adults try to split us up from our friends, make us conform and tell us we are too young to have taken decisions about our sexuality. On top of this are our own doubts and confusions due to lack of information or understanding and to feel-

In the last few years, groups for young women questioning their sexuality have been started in different cities, towns - they provide an opportunity for young women to meet discuss, socialise and gain the support

of young women their age. 'Extract ... 'WOMEN LIKE US'

\* MYTHS \* Lesbians can be cured, it is a sickness. Lesbians are ugly. Lesbians only love each other because they can't find a man. All lesbians have had a bad

All lesbians want to be men. All lesbians are white. A lesbian is a man inside a

Lesbians are unable to control their sexual feelings, they make passes at all women who they come into contact with - even young children.

sexual experience with a man

and that is why they have be-

come lesbians.

female body.

No lesbians can have long-term relationships, instead they drift from person to person. Lesbians are butch.

All lesbians wear trousers.

\* TRUTHS \*

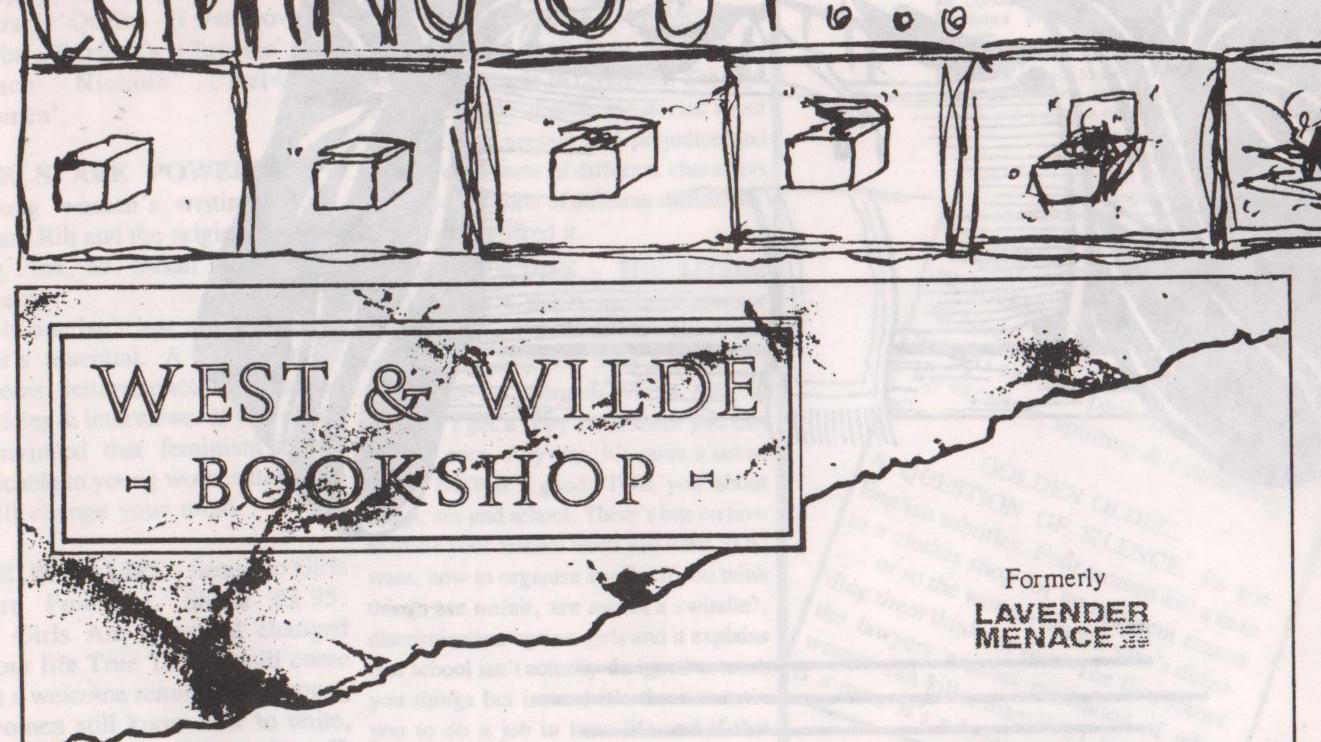
Lesbians are making positive choices about their lives. Lesbians are independent, strong women. Lesbians are all races, all cultures, all classes. Lesbians have children, can be old, young, able bodied, disabled, employed, unemployed, and students. LESBIANS ARE EVERYWHERE.



BY SANDRA BLEMSTER!!!!

What on earth's YOU CAN STICK YOUR JOB! happened to Jackie?





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**COMING OUT - A process** which involves lesbians acknowledging themselves as lesbians and then coming out to others. They may choose to tell only certain people eg. good friends.

OUT - The end process of coming out. Being open as a lesbian to other people.

STRAIGHT - A word used to describe heterosexuals. HET-ROSEXISM - A belief that only heterosexual and heterosexuality is 'normal' and 'natural'. This belief is directed through society in education, newspapers, T.V., laws and language. HOMOPHOBIA -'The fear of feelings of love for members of one's own sex and therefore the hatred of those feelings in others'. (Audre Lourde)

**SEXISM** - The putting down of women by men in society, reinforced at home, at school, at work etc.





Park House School originally contacted me and I visited the school on a number of occassions. The leaflet and phone number of The Young Lesbian Group was forwarded to the school at the request of the staff. I was invited for a further visit, to address groups of 20 fourth form young women about sexuality. I prepared an information pack which was briefly looked at by staff. I used the video 'Framed Youth' to open the workshop, · dealing with terminology and raising questions of how women's sexuality is perceived and how women understand their sexuality.

The morning workshop went well. The second session that took place was completely unstructured. A group of young women came into the room in an angry, provoked manner, hurled abuse, used obscene language, imagery and behaved in a deplorable, unapproachable manner. The session ended in a volatile way, a lot of the young women were very angry and the two women that had accompanied me, and myself were very upset and angry about the incident. Following that session, we approached the staff present in the workshop and informed her that due to the lack of respect, we felt unable to complete the third workshop.

I spoke to two members of staff prior to the workshop with regards to sex education laws now present, and they assured me that they were well aware of their, and my position in view of the issues that would be raised.

WE DID NOT KNOW THAT:

1. No ground had been covered

1. No ground had been covered with the girls to prepare them for the session.

2. The girls were under the impression they were going to a P.E. lesson.

3. During the lunchbreak, after the first session, some of the girls seemed to have 'briefed' the young women coming to the second session that there were three lesbians in the school - 'go and get them'.

### AFTER EFFECTS...

1. The girls went home and told their parents about the sessions. Parents rang the school angry about what they saw to be the school condoning a 'recruitment' campaign by the YLG.

2. The school pointed the finger at the YLG, accusing them of misleading the teachers involved in setting up the sessions. And supporting the parents line that the YLG should never have been allowed in the school and that the YLG had conducted a 'recruitment' campaign.

3. The Education Department stepped in, making statements to the press before a full report had been completed the line The Education Department took was to say that an error of judgement had been made.

Before a full investigation had taken place the following steps were taken by the Education Department:

1. The YLG were told that they could not use any of the facilities which had been openly available to them through GAP (girls/young women's project).

2. Headteachers have stopped girls visiting GAP for a wide range of activities.

3. The YLG Grant - aid application is under threat.

The worker for the YLG has been systematically victimised since she started working for Sheffield City Council. She is now not allowed to:

1. Make any phone calls from Council phones.

2. Send out any mailing whatsoever.

3. Use any Council office facilities/resources.

Nowhere in the Council has anyone taken up the case of the abuse the three women were subject to, nor has anyone challenged the victimisation that has followed, not even the newly



formed women's unit on the council. This makes nonsense of the City Council's equal opportunities policy.

THE GROUP HAVE RUN OUT

OF FUNDING AND ARE
WORKING ON A VOLUNTARY
BASIS ANY DONATIONS
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THE TREATMENT HANDED OUT TO THE YLG BY THE TRENDY 'SOCIALIST' COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORTHY OF THE MOST BIGOTED RIGHT - WING AUTHORITY.



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GRAPHICS

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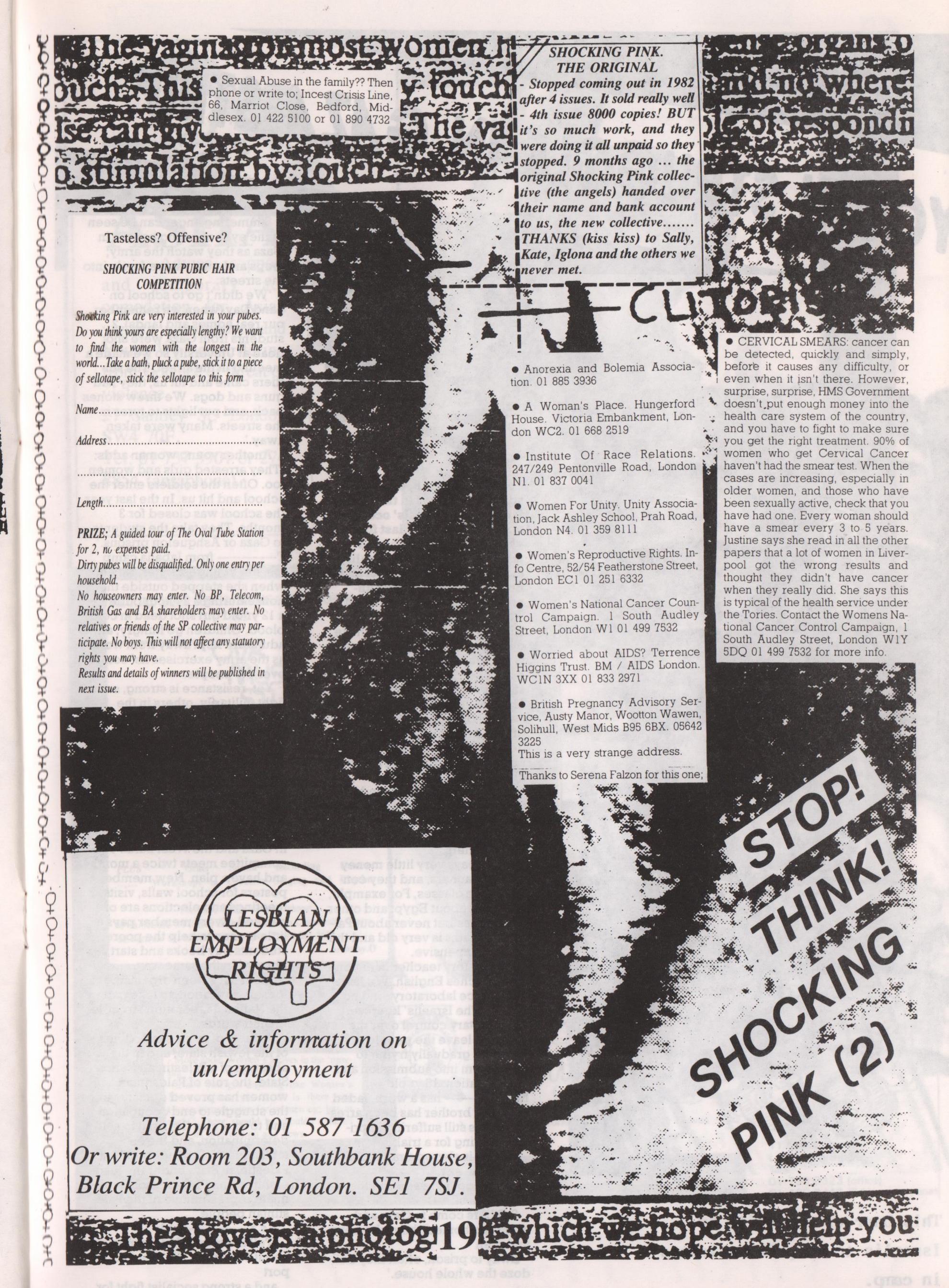
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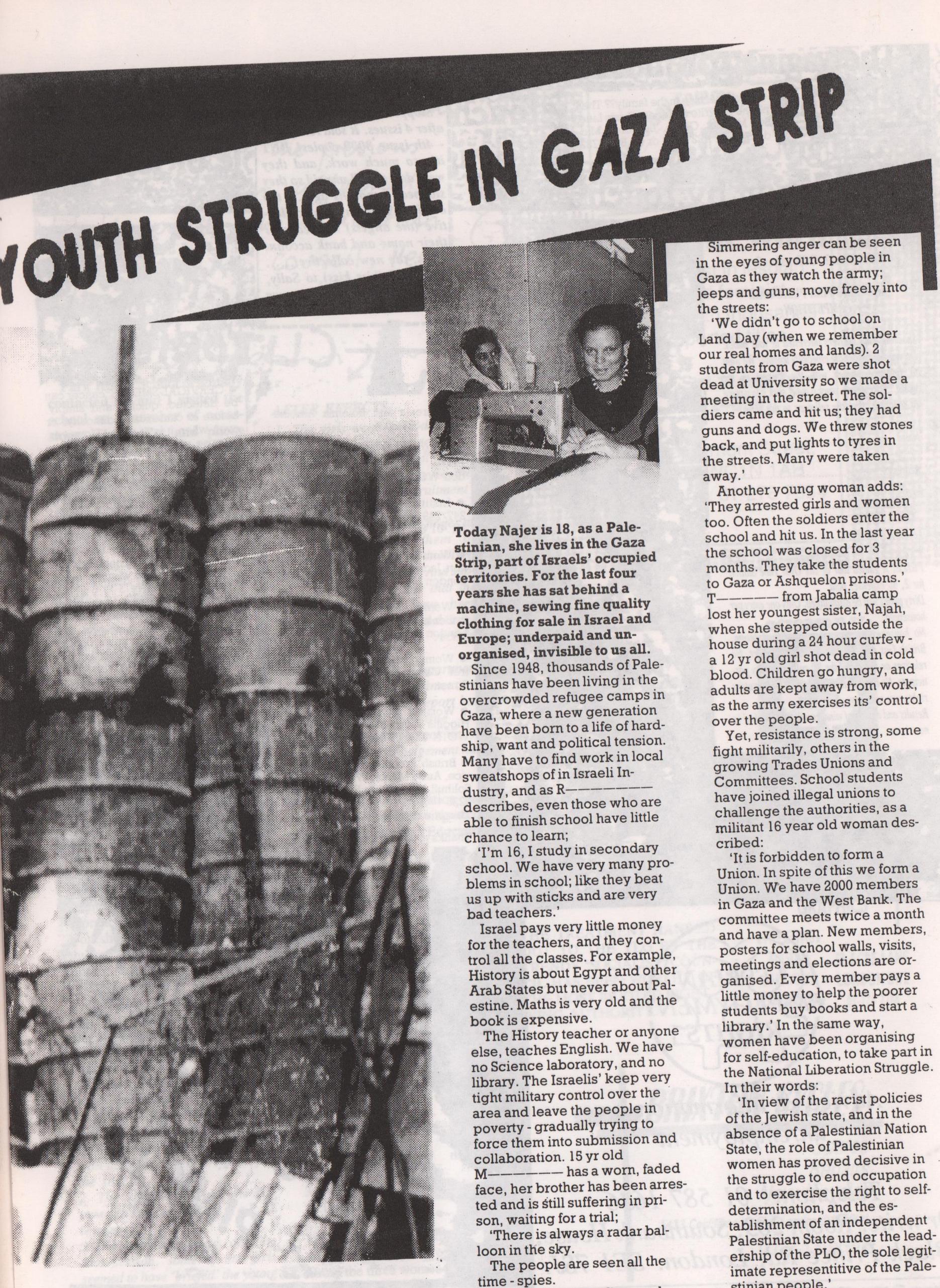
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This barrier was built by Israelis to keep Palestinians the streets:

'We didn't go to school on Land Day (when we remember our real homes and lands). 2 students from Gaza were shot dead at University so we made a meeting in the street. The soldiers came and hit us; they had guns and dogs. We threw stones back, and put lights to tyres in the streets. Many were taken away.'

Another young woman adds: 'They arrested girls and women too. Often the soldiers enter the school and hit us. In the last year the school was closed for 3 months. They take the students to Gaza or Ashquelon prisons. T---- from Jabalia camp lost her youngest sister, Najah, when she stepped outside the house during a 24 hour curfew a 12 yr old girl shot dead in cold blood. Children go hungry, and adults are kept away from work, as the army exercises its' control over the people.

Yet, resistance is strong, some fight militarily, others in the growing Trades Unions and Committees. School students have joined illegal unions to challenge the authorities, as a militant 16 year old woman described:

'It is forbidden to form a Union. In spite of this we form a Union. We have 2000 members in Gaza and the West Bank. The committee meets twice a month and have a plan. New members, posters for school walls, visits, meetings and elections are organised. Every member pays a little money to help the poorer students buy books and start a library.' In the same way, women have been organising for self-education, to take part in the National Liberation Struggle. In their words:

The History teacher or anyone

'There is always a radar bal-

The people are seen all the

Soldiers come to Gaza and

doze the whole house.'

and men

enter our homes, they take boys

way to prison, often they bull-

'In view of the racist policies of the Jewish state, and in the absence of a Palestinian Nation State, the role of Palestinian women has proved decisive in the struggle to end occupation and to exercise the right to selfdetermination, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State under the leadership of the PLO, the sole legitimate representitive of the Palestinian people.'

As Y———— said:

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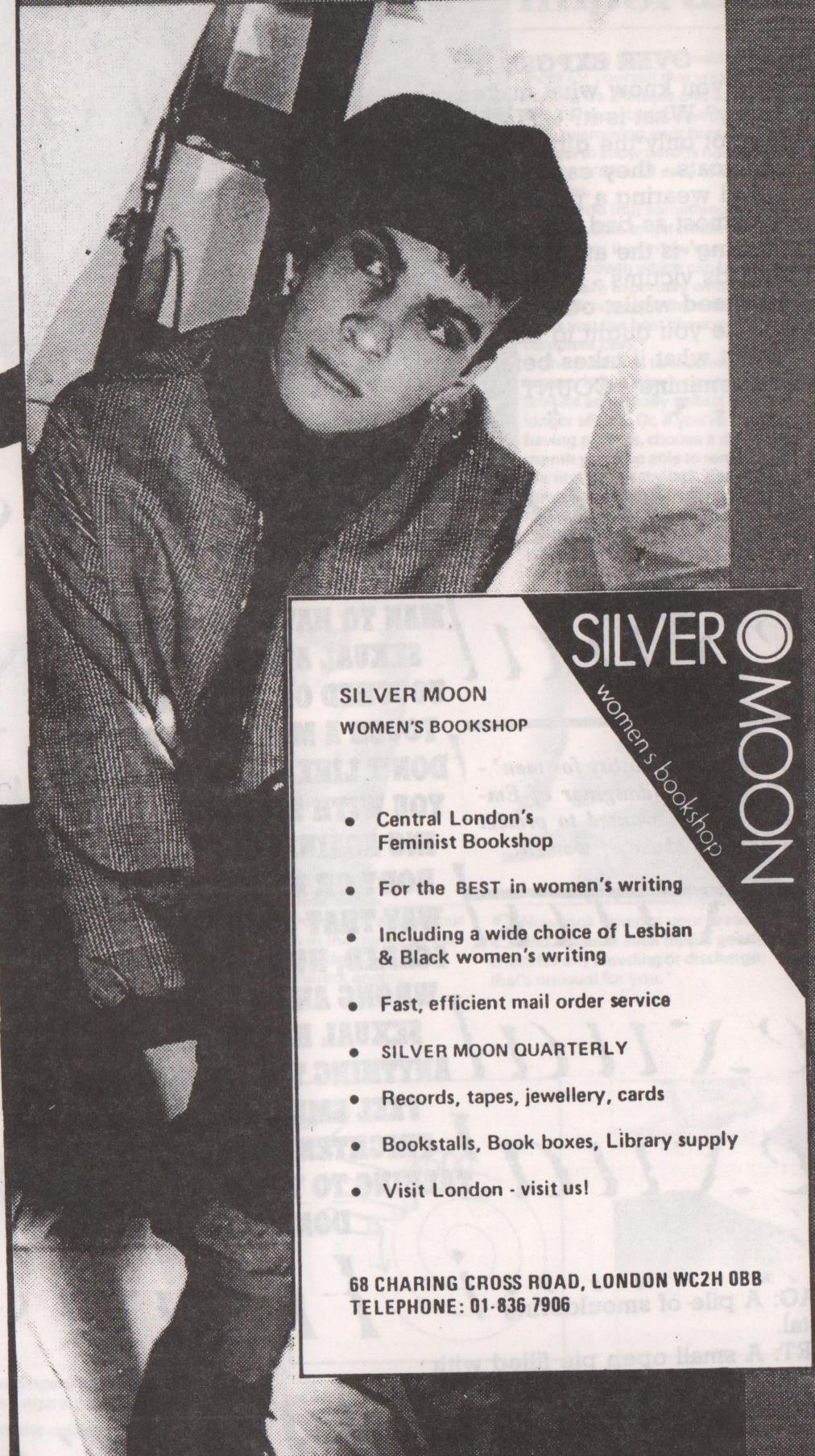
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> - More about Women's Moves in the 'moving' issue .. coming soon.

Have you got anything like Women's Moves where you live? Is there any transport provision for women eg; late at · night? There should be shouldn't there? Send us information and news.





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# Sexual Harassment.

It's not only the dirty old men in raincoats - they can be any age, and wearing a pinstripe suit.

Almost as bad as the actual 'flashing' is the attitude of people towards victims - some are mildly amused whilst others even insinuate you ought to be flattered!

If that what it takes before I can feel feminine - COUNT ME OUT!

OVER EXPOSED

Do you know what makes me angry? What is it? - 'FLASHING'.

RAPE IS BEING FORCED BY A

TOUCH A MAN IN A WAY YOU

YOU WITH HIS HANDS, RUBB-

ING AGAINST YOU WITH HIS

BODY OR KISSING YOU IN A

WAY THAT MAKES YOU FEEL!

SCARED, HURT, OR FUNNY IS

WRONG AND HE KNOWS IT.

FEEL EMBARASSED AND

YOUR BODY IS YOUR OWN - NO MAN OR BOY SHOULD TOUCH!
YOU IN A WAY YOU DON'T LIKE. SCILL MAN TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM.

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS BEING (STILL)

'Votes for women and chastity for men' - | DON'T LIKE.A MAN TOUCHING' Christobel Pankhurst, (daughter of Emmeline), believed men wanted to protect prostitution and the abuse of women.

Sexual

SLAG: A pile of smouldering -metal.

TART: A small open pie filled with

TRAMP: A person who travels about.

DOG: A domesticated canine -animal

BITCH: A female domesticated animal.

What boys call girls as terms of endearment is sometimes worse: BIRD: Egg-laying vertebrate. DOLL: Small model of a human

BABE: Recently born child. FLUFF: An object of little

importance. SUGAR: Sweet substance.

HONEY: Sweet substance.

By Rifa.

A Wolf-whistle, comment or beep of a horn seems to be an almost inevitable accompaniment to any trip these days, and without exaggerating, all three can be classed as 'sexual harassment'. As well as the inconvenience, there's also the inevitable embarrassment. Who wants to be called 'sexpot' when they're desperately trying to negotiate an icy road, or hold onto half a dozen carrier bags and keep an umbrella over the head?

▲ The ideal situation would be one where no reply was necessary as no remark had been given. Women should not be abused for

what they are. Rhian Hughes

According to Litika Sarkar, a professor of law at the university of New Dehli, 90% of rape in India is either committed BY policemen or takes place in protective institutions. (1980).

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DON'T LIKE.

Sexual Harassine

Lie down on your bed and make yourself comfortable with your head on a pillow.

Examine one breast at a time.

blade on the side you are examining. This helps to spread the breast tissue so that it is easier to examine.

left breast and vice versa. Put the hand you're not using under your head.

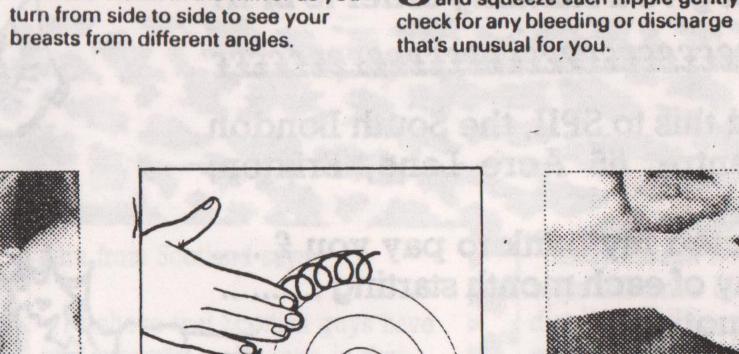
First let your arms hang loosely by

your sides and look at your breasts

Keep your fingers together and use the flat of the fingers, not the tips. Start from the collarbone above your

> Work right round the outside of your breast first. When you get back to your starting point, work round again in a slightly smaller circle, and so on. Keep on doing this until you have worked right up to the nipple. It ike sure you

You may find a ridge of fire issue in a half-moon shape under your ast. This is quite normal. It is tissue that develops to help support your breast.

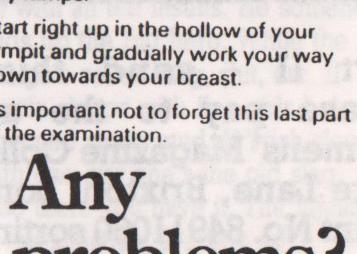


Next raise your arms above you

head. Watch in the mirror as you

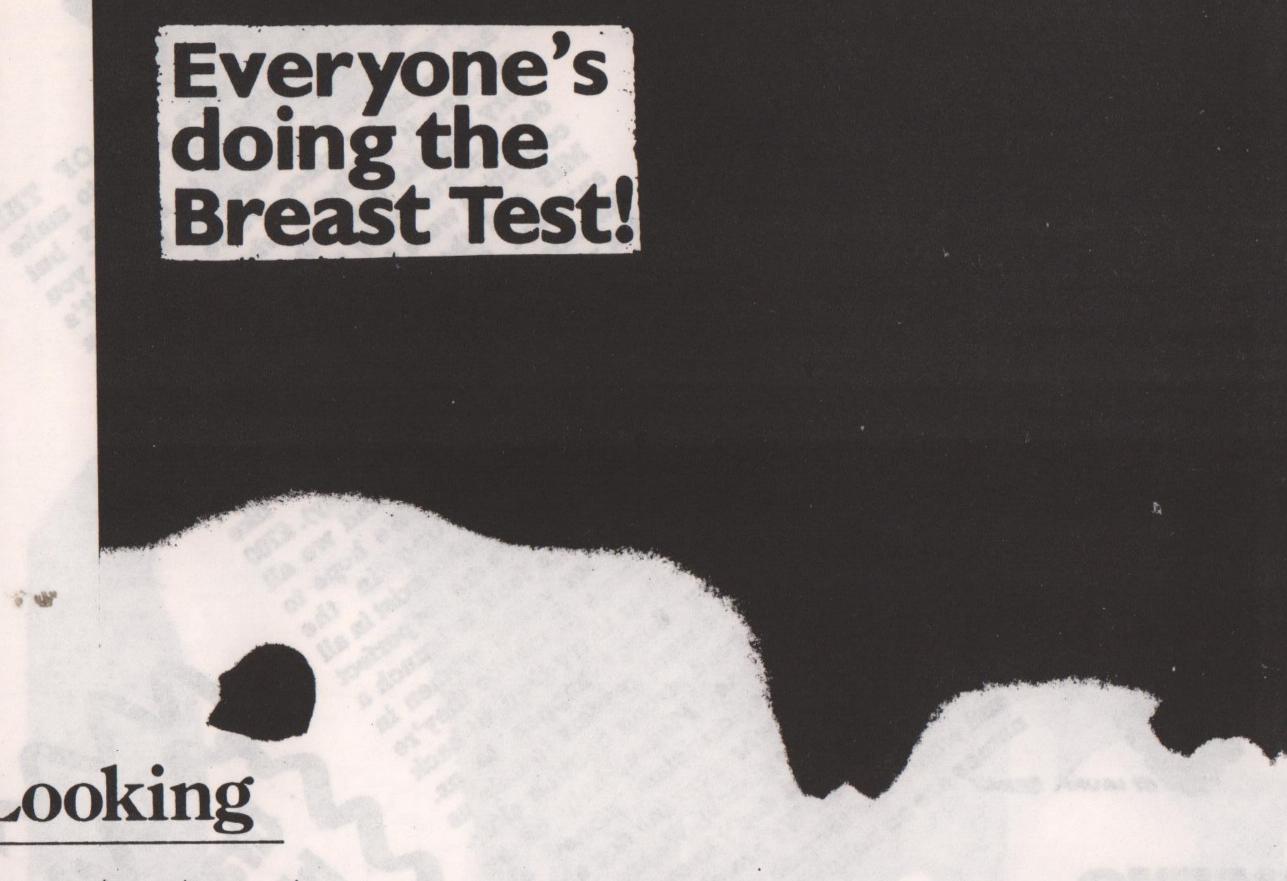
Trace a continuous spiral round your breast moving your fingers in small circles. Feel gently but firmly for any unusual lump or thickening.

cover every part of your i least.



If you think you've found something unusual in one breast but you're not sure, check the same part of the other breast. If both breasts feel the same, it's probably just the way your breasts are

If you still think something may be wrong, then see your doctor. It doesn't matter how uncertain you are. It's far better to see your doctor and set your mind at rest than risk neglecting something serious.



### Looking

When you examine your breasts you're looking for anything that's unusual. For this, looking is just as important as

Undress to the waist and sit or stand in front of a mirror in a good light. When you look at your breasts, remember that no two are the same - not even your own two. One will probably be slightly larger than the other, and one a little lower on the chest.

Here's what to look for:

any change in the size of either

any change in either nipple

bleeding or discharge from either

any unusual dimple or puckering on the breast or nipple

veins standing out more than is usual for you.

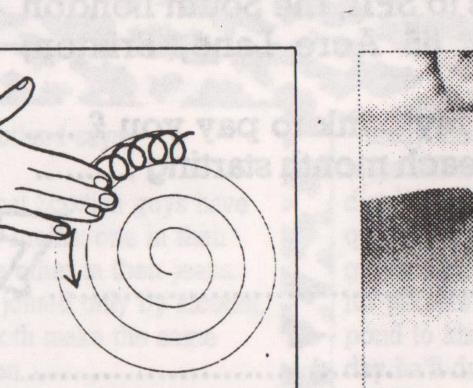
Feeling

Put a folded towel under your shoulder-

Use your right hand to examine your

If you would like advice about examining your breasts, ask your doctor, or the nurse or health visitor at your local clinic. They will be pleased

Remember, most lumps are not cancerous.



Finally, examine your armpit. Still use the flat of your fingers and the same small circular movements to feel for any lumps.

important

It takes very little time each month to check for yourself that your breasts are healthy. It's a simple and easy routine and it's important to make it a habit.

By examining your breasts regularly,

you get to know what is normal for you.

you'll be able to get treatment early. In

most cases it won't be cancer but just a

cyst or growth which can be dealt with very easily, especially when it's found

early. If it is cancer, then early treatment

breasts is just after a period, when your

gives you the best chance of a

The best time to examine your

breasts are usually softest and no

longer tender. Or, if you've stopped

having periods, choose a day in the

month you'll be able to remember, like

the first day or the last. The important

regularly, at the same time each month

There are two stages to examining your breasts. The first is looking and

thing is to examine your breasts

the second is feeling.

Now look down at your breasts

and squeeze each nipple gently to

Then you'll find it easy to spot any

If you do find something wrong,

changes.

complete cure.

Start right up in the hollow of your armpit and gradually work your way down towards your breast.

It's important not to forget this last part of the examination.

problems?



### SPARE MONEY?

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Now for the tie breaker.
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than one word:
Women are better than
men because.....
The judges decision is

ara from Scotland says;

I believe that Scottish guys have two separate brains: one in their head and the other in their jeans. The two are joined only by alcohol, when they both make the same lousy decision.

Friday night, you see is not a Friday night if you don't go out with your mates and get wrecked. Up in Scotland the off—licenses serve people of all ages. Even a twelve year old could get served. (Rebecca from SP thinks this is good). Once you've got your 'carry—out' your off to find a lumber for the night. I call it unpaid prostitution. Well anyway once you've got your lumber you say bye—bye to the British law of girls under 16 not allowed to have sex. So why bother to have such a law? Most people I know don't even know the age limit, they just go out and have fun while they're still young. Most teenagers don't know where they stand and so ignore the issue completely.

Sadly though boys tend to have more influence over girls in the district that I live in. If he wants a quick one in the back of his mum's green mini or on the couch while his parents are out, the girl will respond to his needs. Then the next day he'll dump her. Hence the saying 'Hump'em and dump'em'.

Then follows the branded names.

It's never the guy that has to put up with all the insults. He somehow ends up the big hero. While the girl gets called slag, slut, etc. If Martin sleeps with five girls he's renamed super stud. If Trish sleeps with one guy she's the old slag.

So there you have it. The injustice of the situation. If a boy accomplishes a degree of teenage exploration, he instantly has his own fan club. Catch a female going past the holding hand stage and she's an 'old slag'.

We strive for equality in all things, yet, when it comes to a spot of hanky—panky, the old double standard is as strong as ever.

Sara Robertson

# RIGHTS

Wed Oct 21. Womens Speakout in Central London: Fri. 23rd protests outside the DHSS/dole offices/job centres protesting against cuts in benefits, which means more work for women. Sat. 24th local Trade Union activities, contact local union. Sun. anti-cruise convoy to

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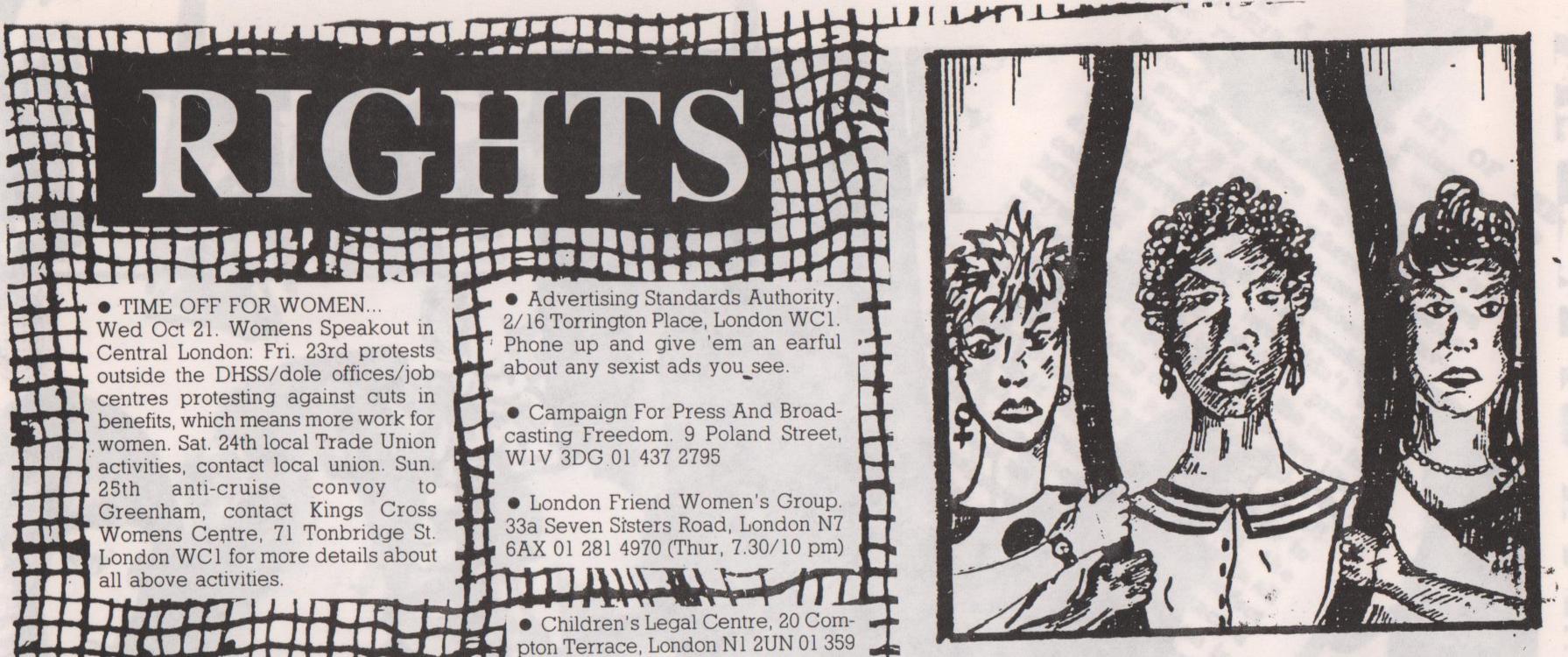
Campaign for Homosoxual Equality 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1.

Terrence Hippins Trust BM AIDS, London WC1 3XX.

Particularly for employment problems related to AIDS HTV

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HAVE FEW RIGHTS ..



4 What Rights Have We Got? WE HAD A QUICK

#### THERE ARE NO LAWS TO PROTECT LESBIANS FROM **BEING SACKED BECAUSE** THEY ARE LESBIAN

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We are here to give practical support and advice to any leabian We know that every day lesbians are fighting

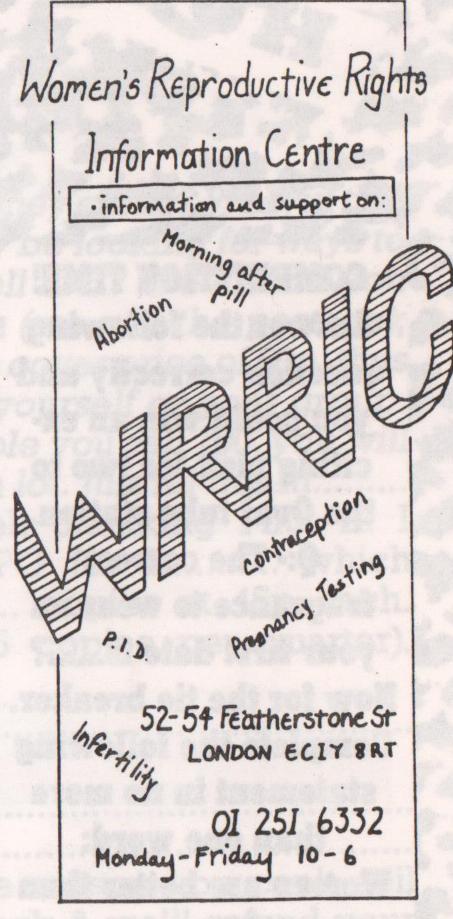
omophobia, racism, sexism, class, disability, age, and status as mothers. We are committed to resisting these opressions alongside you.

We produce a regular newsletter with updates on employment legislation which effects us and other issues of interest to

Our support group is open to any leablans who have an interest in the project. The office is wheel-chair acessible and situated in central London. Exact access details are available on request.

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• London Gay Switchboard; BM Switchboard London WC1.Tel 01 837 7324. Helpline for Gay people May help to solve practical pro-

London Gay Teenagers Group; Manor Gardens Centre, 6-9 Manor Gardens, London N7. Tel 01 272 5741. Make links with other young

Lesbian & Gay Youth Move-3XX. Tel 01 317 9690. Join to explore issues and campaign for young gay people.

• Raise more Issues! Contact Lesbians & Policing Project(LESPOP) 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1. Tel 01 833 4996/4999.

 GEMMA Advice and Support for Lesbians with and without disabilities. BM BOX 5700, London WC1 3XX. e Homeless? Unsettled? Need

some support? Alone in London 5/6 Rufford St, London N1. Tel 01 609

 For Housing Advice and updates on campaigning, esp changes in social security regs. Contact SHAC. The London Housing Aid Centre, 189 Brompton Rd, London K x SW5 QAR. Tel 01 373 7276. OR; housing advice centre, 52-54 Featherstone St. London EC11 8AT. Tel 01 251 6783. OR, Housing Advice Switchboard (24 hr telephone advice for childless people) 47 Charing Cross Rd, London, WC2. Tel 01 434 2522.

• Gay Youth Help Service. 37 Rosenthal House, 45 Rushey Green, London SE6 4AR 01 698 2857

So you saw our mistake above? Here's the number for Lesbian Line then: 01 837 8602 or it could be 01 837 7324 we're not sure which one of these is right, so if you get a wrong number first time, hang up and start again! Phone up for a chat - they're

 National Abortion Campaign. Gray's Inn Road, London WC1 01 278 0153

• Youth C.N.D. 11 Goodwin Street, Finsbury Park. London N4.

 Teenage Information Network. 102 Harper Road, London SE1 01 403

• Alone In London, 5/6 Rufford Street, London N1. 01 609 1168/7

atrophy.....

A 19th century justification of keeping

women out of education was that the brain

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ASHAMED TO MASTURBATE.

having an orgasm.

By Jenny.

From English Common Law in the early part of the 19th century a womans' husband OWNED her body, her property, her personal jewels and her income, whether they lived together or seperately. He could deprive of her assets entirely as he thought fit, and could do this whether HE were dead or alive.....shit eh?

As you read this a third of a million women are in labour - 300,000 babies a day!!!

WORD MASTURBATION **MASTURBATION** isn't a dirty What did you learn in word. Many people do it to school today, dear? relax and to help them to sleep. easier. When someone masturbates it (in most cases) turns them on. Boys mainly masturbate by rubbing their penises rythmically 'their hands going up and down'. Girls masturbate by rubbing, stroking or fiddling with their genitals. Like sex, at the end of your

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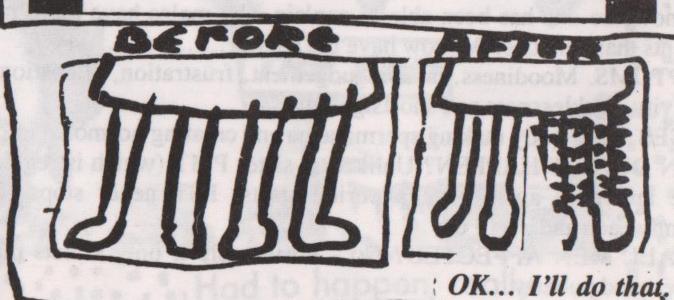
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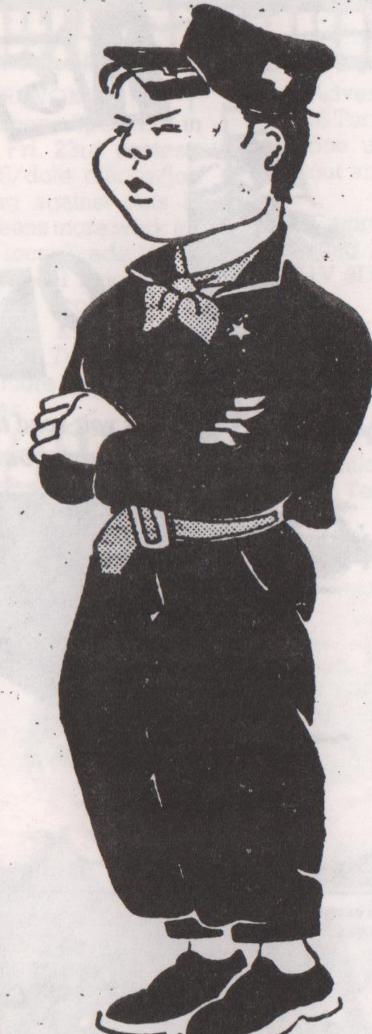
admiration, " is she is so consciousness has been raised) is phenomenally aggressive. She's a moral vigilante and she'll argue with anyone.

Bus conductor less than jovial to a pensioner. (female)? Rexie lets them have it. Local supermarket stocking South African peach halves? Rexie demands the

She'll send back her vegetable tajin, picket performances of Dressed to Kill and help to eject drunken football supporters from the women-only disco-

Men just can't understand her. Why would any young woman seem to want to go out of their way to look so unattractive?

The problem is that Rexie just has a very bad case of the anties. She's anti everything-men, carnivores Yuppies, Tories, women who. wear make up, the police,



Maggie Alderson

Drawing by Weef

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This letter was taken from a problem page in Jackie (the enemy) Magazine. We want you to send in your own version of the reply. The best reply will be printed in the next issue and the lucky winner will get a years FREE subscription to SP2.

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS!

OK, OK, could somebody please inform me exactly what it is about the opposite sex that makes so many girls . huddle together in groups to whisper and giggle about/at them? Or why boys are the obsession of so many emptyheaded females? And why, oh why was it that when I told an acquaintance didn't have a boyfriend and wasn't really interested, she gasped in horror, "Not interested in guys?!!"

Is there something these girls know that I don't? It seems to me that some girls and boys just treat the opposite . sex as status symbols! I am fourteen and, quite frankly I am perfectly happy "to have friends of the opposite sex " " without even thinking about romance! Besides, I often wonder what the point . is - from your Cathy and Claire page and your stories, it seems that boyfriends only bring troublet

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'DON'T BELIEVE ALL THE

NONSENSE YOU HEAR' - Mr.

Financial Times (no comment)

SHOCKED' - Someone I met in

'BUT I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY

SHOCKING PINK:

with a heavy head)

the queue at Tescos

Papa Smurf

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Don't miss the **NEXT ISSUE:** Coming Soon:-

Why Sonia is still sulking, better listings, better prizes for the competions, Violence BY women— What women do when they can't stand it anymore.

The format and content of this issue is NOT how it will always be.. eg we will have

grows, and good listings of events, advice

a music section once we're off the ground, and a lot more news once our network

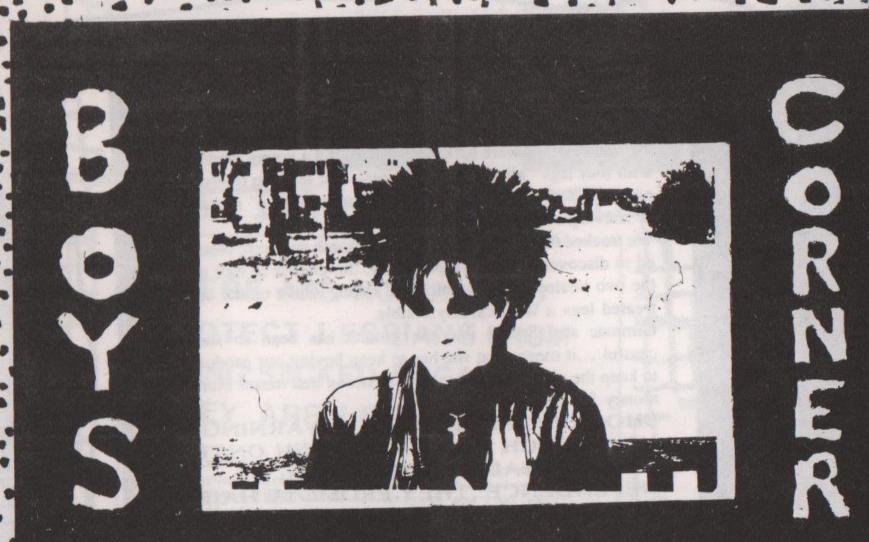
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> Society, Tavistock House, North Tavistock Square, London. WC1H

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BLOKE I USED TO THINK YOU



This months' Boys Corner comes from our science correspondant. PRE-SPERMATIC TENSION (PST).

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Until now, no one has been able to explain why males have more motorbike accidents than females. We now have the answer....

SYMPTOMS. Moodiness, lack of judgement, frustration, alienation, lack of sensitivity, recklessness and shortsightedness.

CAUSES. Male body making spermatazoa and creating hormonal imbalances. WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN? Unlike its' sister PMT (which is regular, predictable and goes away once a period starts) PST never stops. It occurs randomly each and every day.

ARE ALL MEN AFFECTED? No - Fortunately it only affects males who have reached puberty.

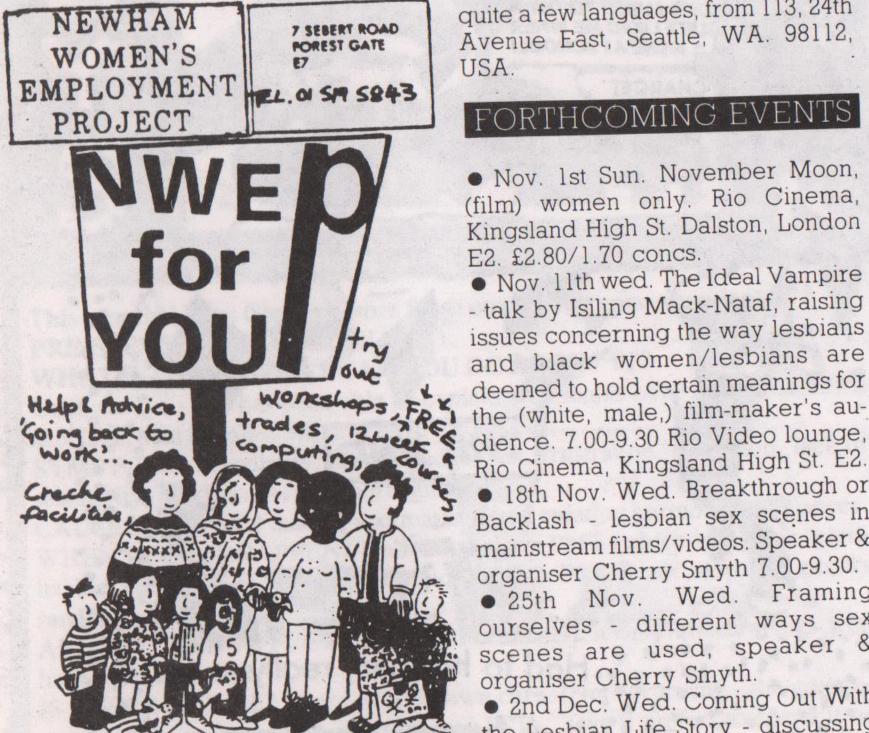
IS THERE A CURE? There is no known cure. (Not surprising - the government spends no money on research into PST - says it prefers to spend it on defence'.)

NEXT ISSUE......Scrotal odour embarrassing? SPII provides the cure.

#### RESOURCE CENTRES

- Junction 28 Community Arts Project. New Street Centre, New Street, South Normanton, Derbys. 0773 813
- Coventry Resource and Info Service. Unit 15, The Arches Industrial Estate, Spon End, Coventry. COV.
- New Perspective Arts Workshop. 13 Curriers Lane, Ipswich. 0473 212
- Triangle Press. The Triangle Arts and Media Centre, Holt Street, Birmingham B4 7ET. 021 359 7682
- Women in Print. 90a Camberwell
- Road, London SE17. 01 701 8314 Why dont you set up a Shocking Pink CLUB in your area ?? Help sell this magazine, write articles, go and interview people in your own area, even make friends. Send us a letter with your name and address and we'll find other young women in your area to help.
- ALL MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE...SEND IT QUICK!!!!! It must all reach us by Dec 31st. If you want to help; learn to typeset, design, edit, printing, or layout .... then come to any Shocking Pink meeting on Saturday 1.30 till 5pm, at the South London Womens Centre, 55 Acre Lane, Brixton.

- National Union of School Students, c/o Central London Poly, Students Union, 104/108 Bolsover Street, London N1 01 636 6271
- National Union of Students; Womens Rights Group, 3 Endsleigh St, London WC1. 01 387 1277.
- Volunteers urgently neded for the AAM's SANCTIONS NOW national demo on Oct. 24th. If you can offer any of your spare time, day or evening between now and then, contact volunteers, AAM, 13 Mandela St. NW1. Phone 388-2798. Free Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners picket of South African Embassy, Trafalgar Sq. WC2. Organised by the City of London AA picket, details 837 6050.



- Feminist Arts News. 195 Station Road, Kinngsway, Birmingham 14
- Sisterwrite Bookshop. 190 Upper Street, London N1. 01 226 9782
- Virago Bookshop. 34 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HF. 01 240
- •The Burnham Report. Written by an American judge, Burnham, who was invited by Haringey Council to observe the PC Blakelock murder trial, in case press hysteria prejudiced the verdict. It did, three people got life sentances based on no evidence. The 18 page report is clear and easy to read. It exposes horrific injustice and a campaign of terror and revenge launched by the police, which sets a precedent unseen on mainland Britain except by the Irish community. Available by person or post from The Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign, 12/16 Tangmere, Broadwater Farm, London N17, price £1.
- Pacific Paradise Nuclear Nightmare. Written by Women Working For A Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific. It is a well laid out and thorough examination of historical and present (wide) spread of the nuclear industry, military and other in the Pacific. £2.25, CND publication.
- Counter Information is a regular free bi monthly newsletter covering topical issues such as strikes, South Africa and anarchy in Spain. Available fron Counter Information, c/o 43 Candlemaker Row, (Pidgeonhole 81), Edinburgh, Scotland.
- France Goes Of The Rails tells of the movements in France, Nov 86 to Jan 87. It's an A4 booklet with leaflets by autonomous striking electricity, post and railway workers. Witty and biting, plus a lucid commentary Essential reading.£1 BM BLOB, London WClN 3XX.
- Wavelength is published by Groundswell, a lesbian feminist group in Washington, trying to make political connections with other feminists - and build an internatinal revolutionary feminist movement. In quite a few languages, from 113, 24th Avenue East, Seattle, WA. 98112,

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1st Sun. November Moon, (film) women only. Rio Cinema, Kingsland High St. Dalston, London E2. £2.80/1.70 concs.
- Nov. 11th wed. The Ideal Vampire - talk by Isiling Mack-Nataf, raising issues concerning the way lesbians and black women/lesbians are deemed to hold certain meanings for the (white, male,) film-maker's autrades, izuer dience. 7.00-9.30 Rio Video lounge, dience. 7.00-9.30 Rio Video lounge,
  - 18th Nov. Wed. Breakthrough or Backlash - lesbian sex scenes in mainstream films/videos. Speaker & organiser Cherry Smyth 7.00-9.30. • 25th Nov. Wed. Framing ourselves - different ways sex scenes are used, speaker &
  - organiser Cherry Smyth. 2nd Dec. Wed. Coming Out With the Lesbian Life Story - discussing the use of film documentation of les-

Anti Apartheid Movement

### SANCTIONS NOW! DEMONSTRATE

Sat 24th Oct '87 Assemble 12 noon Embankment. March to Hyde Park.

3pm. Rally Guest Speaker Sam Nujoma. President SWAPO

Anti-Aparthied Movement, 13 Mandela St, London NW1 ODW. (Tel 01 387 7966)

bians lives and processes of coming out/challenging hetrosexuality. Speakers & organisers Roz Pearson

and Suzanne Nield. • 25th Dec. CHRISTMAS Subject to demand Shocking Pink will be taking a van to Amsterdam, write if intrested.

Radio Interference will be broadcasting in a couple of weeks time on 106 FM on Fridays between 6-9 pm. It is a pirate station, if you want to send in a tape with music, information on politics, send it to .... us & we'll give it to them.

- Second Wave. At the Albany, Depford for all young women interested in making plays, films, videos and writing. No experience required & a Creche is provided. Free but you need to be a member. £5 pa, £3 six months. Phone 691 8016 for more details.
- Fridays. Group discussing issues around alcohol & drug dependency. Meets in the S. London Womens Centre, 55 Acre Lane, Brixton. 7.30pm. (no alcohol).
- Mondays. Lesbian Airwaves Radio Group. N. London. Contact Rosie 01 607 7457.
- Thursdays. First Thurs of every month. Eves Revenge nightclub. The Fridge, Brixton. Late.

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- Health Education Council. 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1 1AH. 01
- LESBIAN & GAY SWIT-CHBOARD (24 hrs) 837-7324 Lesbian Line 251-6911; (Tues. Thurs. 7.-10 pm; Mon. Fri. 2-10 pm.) This is the London Number but if you live outside London phone them and they will give you the local number.
- London Women's Centre. Wesley House, 70 Great Queen Street, London WC2 01 430 1076 or 01 831 6946
- Drastic Weight Loss? Anorexic Aid, The Prior Centre, 11 Priory Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 6SL. 0494 21431

 Justine says she is very sorry that all these (or most of these) numbers are London based. She hopes to improve on this in the future. If you know any useful addresses in your area please let her know.

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