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NUCLEAR ENERGY: It'll cost the Earth!



AS ANARCHISTS we do not like national or international authorities. Obviously our main objection is to the idea that either government directly or via huge puppet capitalist companies says how our power is generated, delivered and what it costs.

Just because we want our local community to control its own affairs is enough reason for us to say we want electricity generated locally.

BUT THAT'S INEFFICIENT!

Is it? Well, we recognise that big boilers and big turbine generators can deliver excellent figures on efficiency, but what happens then?

The heat from power stations isn't used for community purposes but is lost from cooling towers. Or warms up the seawater near nuclear plants!

The high tension cables that form the national grid exert a magnetic field along their length—so much that it can make sick people who live beneath it. The pylons hum, transformers hum—all signs that the energy is being lost.

A very big bit of this efficiency is therefore lost on its way to your electric light bulb or work-bench. So local generators have their efficiency too.

We're not talking of a diesel engine phutt-phutting by your dustbin, but small community plants using wind, hydro-power or even solar energy if it gets more feasible. Even fossil fuel like coal can reach you cheaper than along pylons and high-tension cable.

But we never want to see all our lives controlled by an elite of Government technicians in Torness and Dungeness.



SOME FACTS ABOUT THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

FACT: Nuclear power had never been a cheap source of electricity.

FACT: It is not safe, power stations do leak, there is more and more waste to dispose (?) of. Leukaemia in plutonium workers.

FACT: Mining of uranium is controlled by huge companies—guilty of price fixing.

FACT: Power stations are built at high profits—at our expense.

FACT: All the world is contaminated by radio-isotopes already.

FACT: Employing few operators, once built, the nuclear reactors are controlled quite closely by the government—we should be moving towards small community controlled energy, whether steam boilers, solar collectors or windmills.

FACT: A primary reason for nuclear reactors is to make the raw materials for bombs and missiles.

Accidents will happen!

OH, NO they won't chorus the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB), General Electric Company (GEC) and Babcock & Wilcox (a major builder of atomic plants). "We have safety precautions."

All right then explain the following:

- * Hunterson 'B' (SW Scotland)—an advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) closed since October 1977 when the Firth of the Clyde was sucked back into its pressure vessel.
- * Brunsluttel (nr Hamburg, W Germany)—closed down last year after over 100 tons of radioactive vapour shot out. Believe it or not, it could have blown-up.
- * Harrisburg—faulty temperature gauges caused the back-up cooling system to be turned off too soon. This in turn caused a serious leakage of radiation with the threat of a meltdown and/or and explosion. The total number of workers at the plant contaminated during the emergency has not yet been announced but the figure will undoubtedly be high. These workers face a future of cancer, leukaemia, miscarriages, sterility and birth defects.
- * The Urals (USSR)—the ultimate accident. Admittedly this was a filthy communist state, that didn't know about capitalist safety (just described), and we don't know exactly when. But sometime in the late 1950s they had a catastrophe in the Ural mountains. The town of Kyshtym had an explosion, plants were un-leaved and died. People had skin dropping off, hundreds died. The area is restricted and contaminated these 20 years later. (This information comes indirectly from the CIA, our Official Secrets Act keeps our government from disclosing it!!!)

Well, the list could be much longer. The Russians hit the jackpot years ago and someone will do it again. By Sod's Law you can depend on that.

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Can nuclear power
give you whiter teeth?



You bet your life!

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NUCLEAR

STOP THIS ATOMIC MADNESS

Anyone with hopes for a better life in the future must be sickened by the current weakness of the anti-nuclear movement in Britain. Time is running out. Already there is enough radioactive material around to poison the planet for the next half million years. Already people are being exposed daily to low levels of radiation which will give them cancer within 20 years. Already the state is gathering its forces ready to pounce on those who want control over their own environment and who refuse to be dictated to by the technocrats and the transnational corporations.

Faced with this urgency a dramatic increase in the level of opposition to nuclear power is a must. Powerful opposition must be generated at every stage in the fuel cycle from Uranium mining to waste dumping. This can only be done effectively through organisation with a big 'O'. We need a campaign something along the lines of the Anti-Nazi League only far more dynamic and involving greater numbers of people.

What I'm proposing is a national Federation of Anti-Nuclear Groups. The groups would be fully autonomous and based in the community and in the workplace. Their task would be to produce and distribute anti-nuclear information in their particular area, to send speakers to schools, union meetings, tenants associations, etc. They could also organise local events such as "Rock against Nukes", street theatre, and acts of disruption and civil disobedience.

National activities could be co-ordinated through conferences and through a weekly or fortnightly internal newsletter which would also serve as a forum for debate and exchange of information.

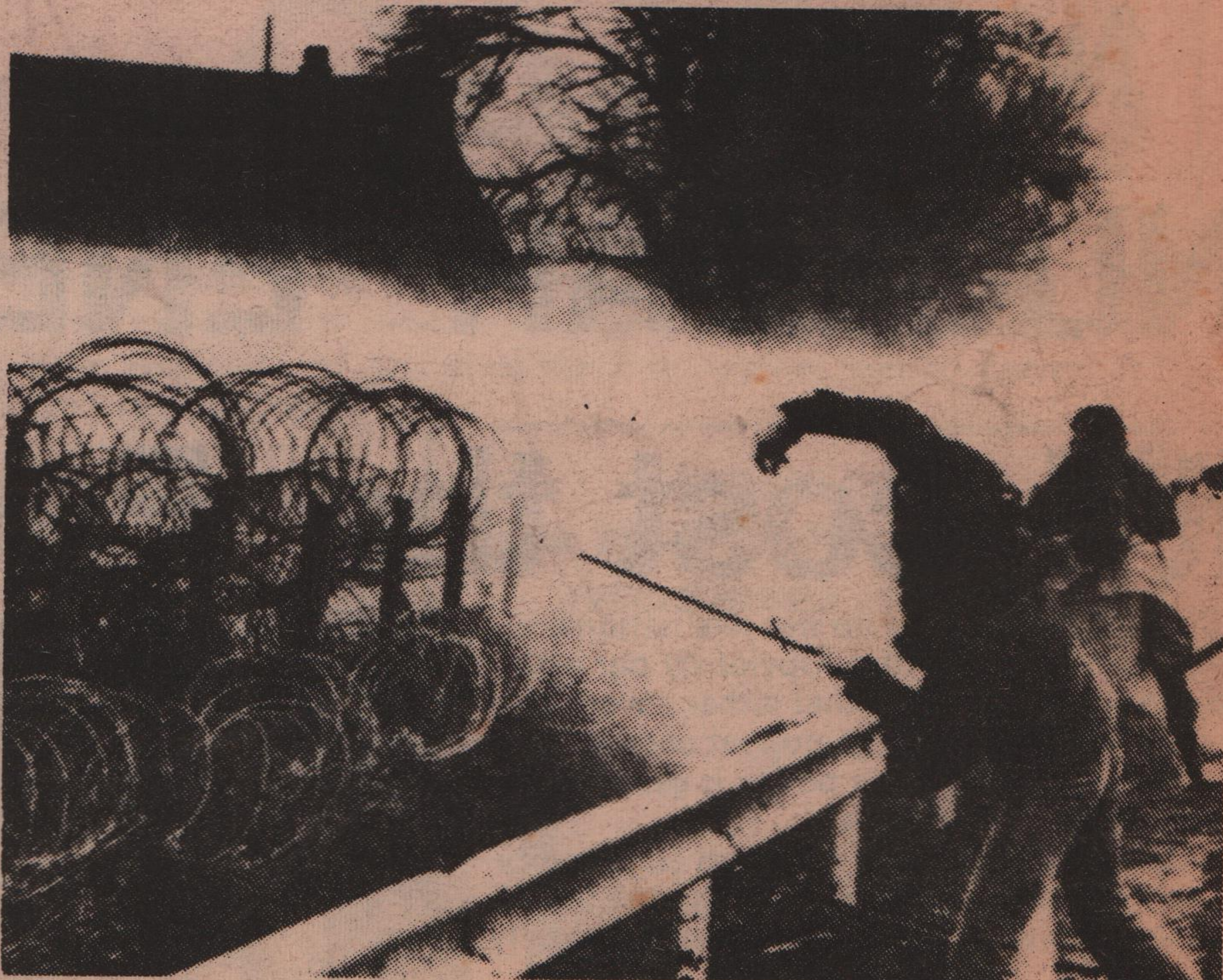
Membership of the federation would be restricted to people committed to oppose nuclear power BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY, including violent. It must be recognised once and for all that violence and non-violence are tactics to be used selectively according to the activity being planned. And actions must be well-planned beforehand so that precious time isn't wasted discussing fundamental issues when we should be busy doing what we set out to do. If you're occupying the site of a nuclear power station, for example, you need to know why you're there and that the others are there for the same reason. This way the sorry spectacle of opponents of nuclear power falling out with each other is avoided.

The trouble with most anti-nuke people is that we're too nice and niceness often slides into complacency. The supporters of nuclear power are ruthless and aggressive. They have millions to spend on brain-washing us into accepting their madness and failing that they will soon have the legislative and military muscle to impose it on us anyway.

We mustn't be afraid to be as ruthless and aggressive as they are. Unless we stop them soon they will ruin not only our lives but also the lives of generations to come. And to our dreams of a better and more human world we can kiss goodbye for ever.

GH, SE London ACA

We would like to hear from anyone interested in following up the ideas expressed above. Send letters immediately to: FANG, c/o ACA, Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8.



Uranium price fix

EIGHT DOLLARS a pound was the price for uranium throughout the fifties and sixties. It was five dollars in 1971! It's now 40 dollars.

Even the most thick-skinned of politicians wouldn't wish to kid us this was standard inflation. So demand must have soared?

Well, no, throughout demand has held steady around 26,000 tons per annum. And production has been 30,000 tons per annum. In 1971, 100,000 tons were stock-piled. (Figures from the US Congress.)

CROOKS

The atomic industry denies operating a price-fix. Except that the French mining company URANEX admitted there was a system for selling less uranium for the same overall price.

This is called a *cartel*. All the companies get together and cease to compete, they share out the market in a gentlemanly fashion.

The French blabbed because it was still partly competitive. Real winners were Rio Tinto-Zinc. Famous for polluting Wales with heavy metals, they have also done very nicely, thank you, out of the cartel.

Incidentally we pay in the long run.

'WOUND UP?

Supposedly wound up, the cartel has kept the higher prices. A ringleader, Louis Mazels of RT-Z, has fled to South America.

Wedgie Benn in the government expressed surprise at the cartel, but never took any measures to control RT-Z.

RT-Z have, amongst their directors, such investors as Lords Shackleton (Labour), Carrington (Tory), Byers (Liberal). So we can confidently expect no government to sort these cynical parasites out.

How does radiation kill?

EVERYDAY ultra-violet radiation from the sun kills your skin when you do too much sunbathing. A quick whiff of radio gases could similarly cook your lungs.

But normally we are subject to less intense doses and it interferes with our bodies unseen.

Strontium 90 used to be the pet dread. A 1950s Windscale leak and bomb fall out allowed some to get into milk and it was realised that the body would treat it like calcium (a chemical sister) which helps to stiffen our bones.

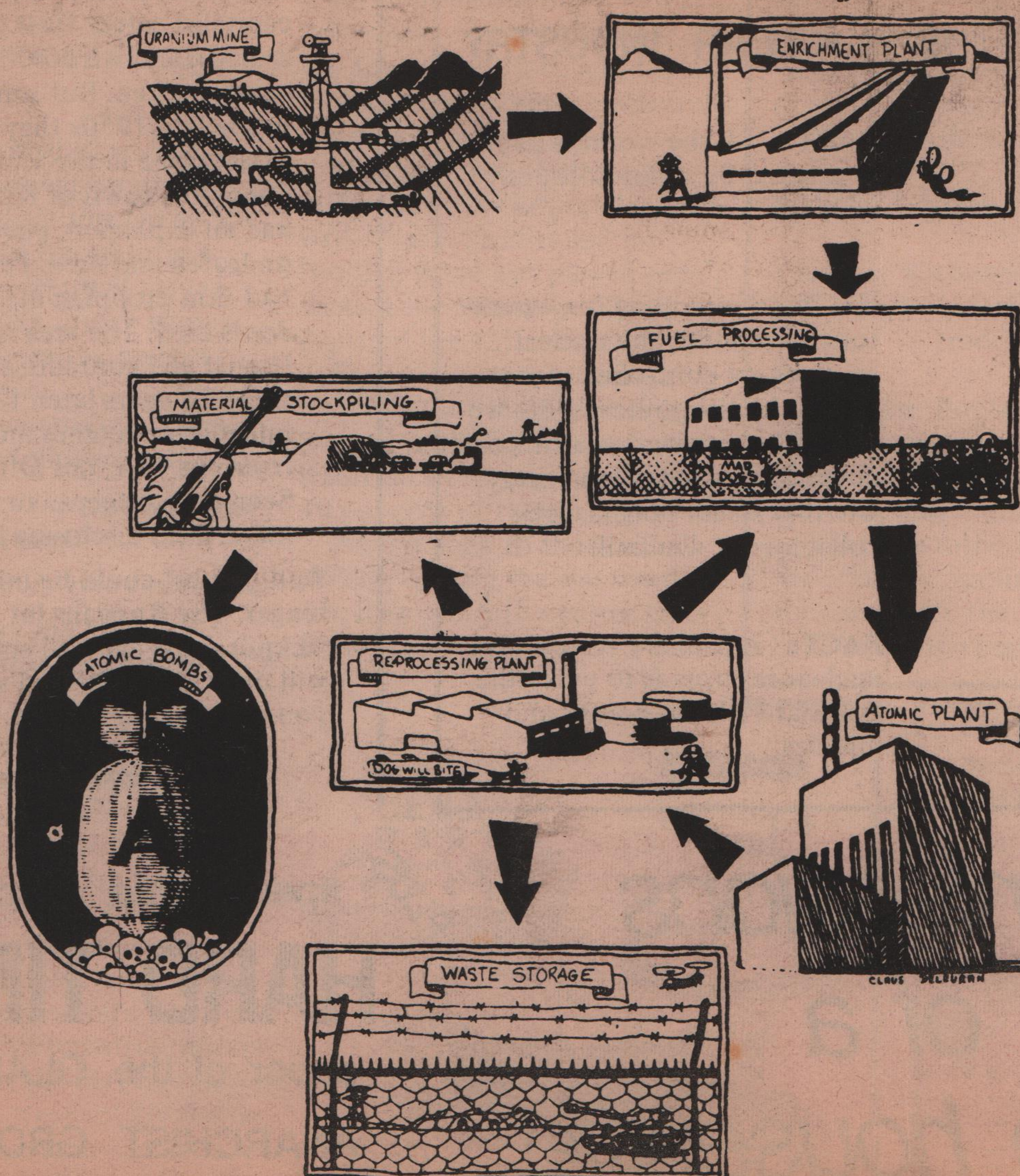
As the strontium 90 breaks down, it will change its chemistry and the bone is weaker. The radio-particle it tosses out is also believed to start bone cancer and leukaemia.

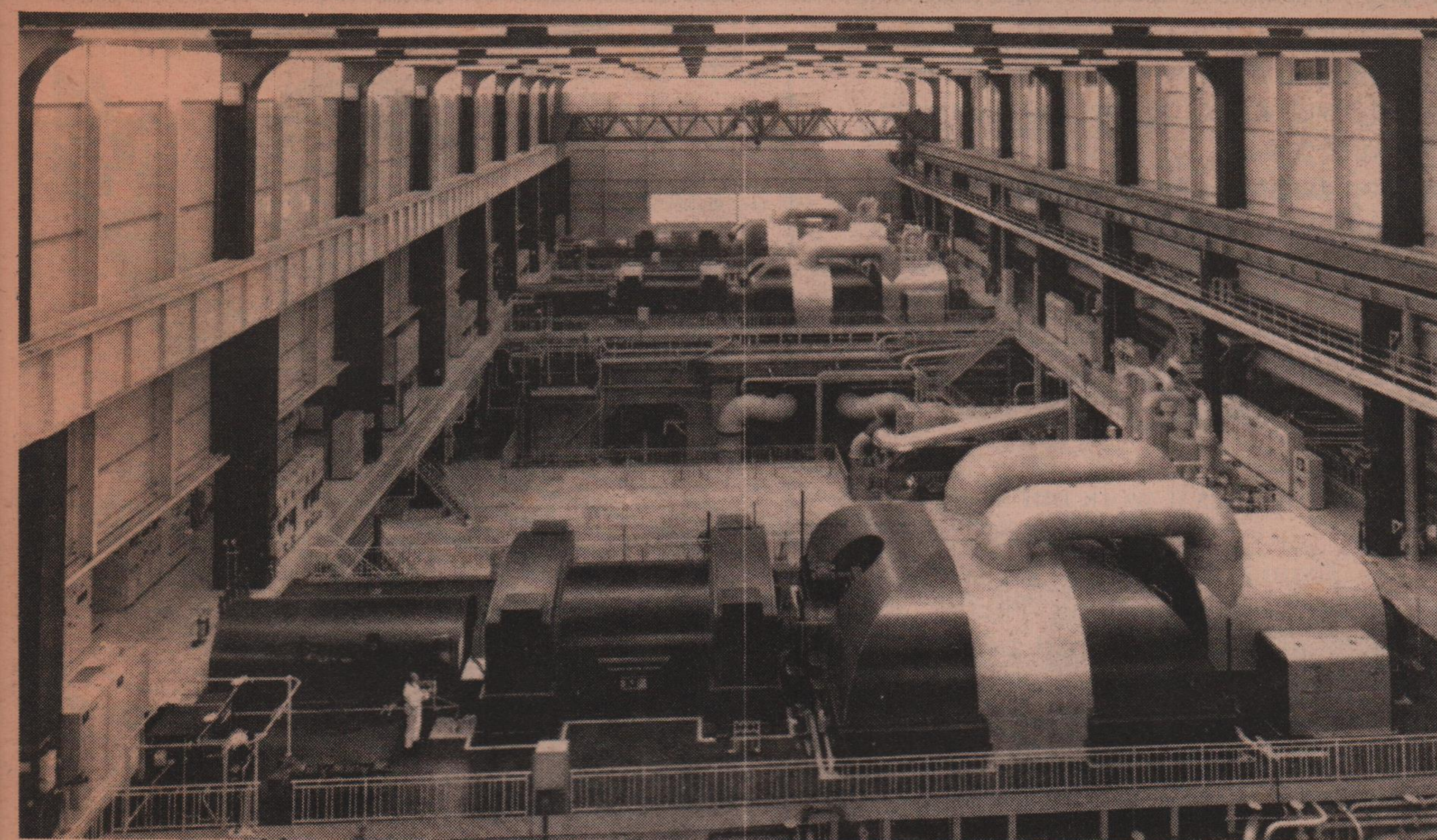
What about our children and following generations? We believe the genetic information is passed on by a system not unlike a tape recording. What if carbon 14 breaks down and buggers the tape?

"Misread", "Out of control" wails our little computer in the body cell. Luckily most such damaged cells die off and health-ones step in.

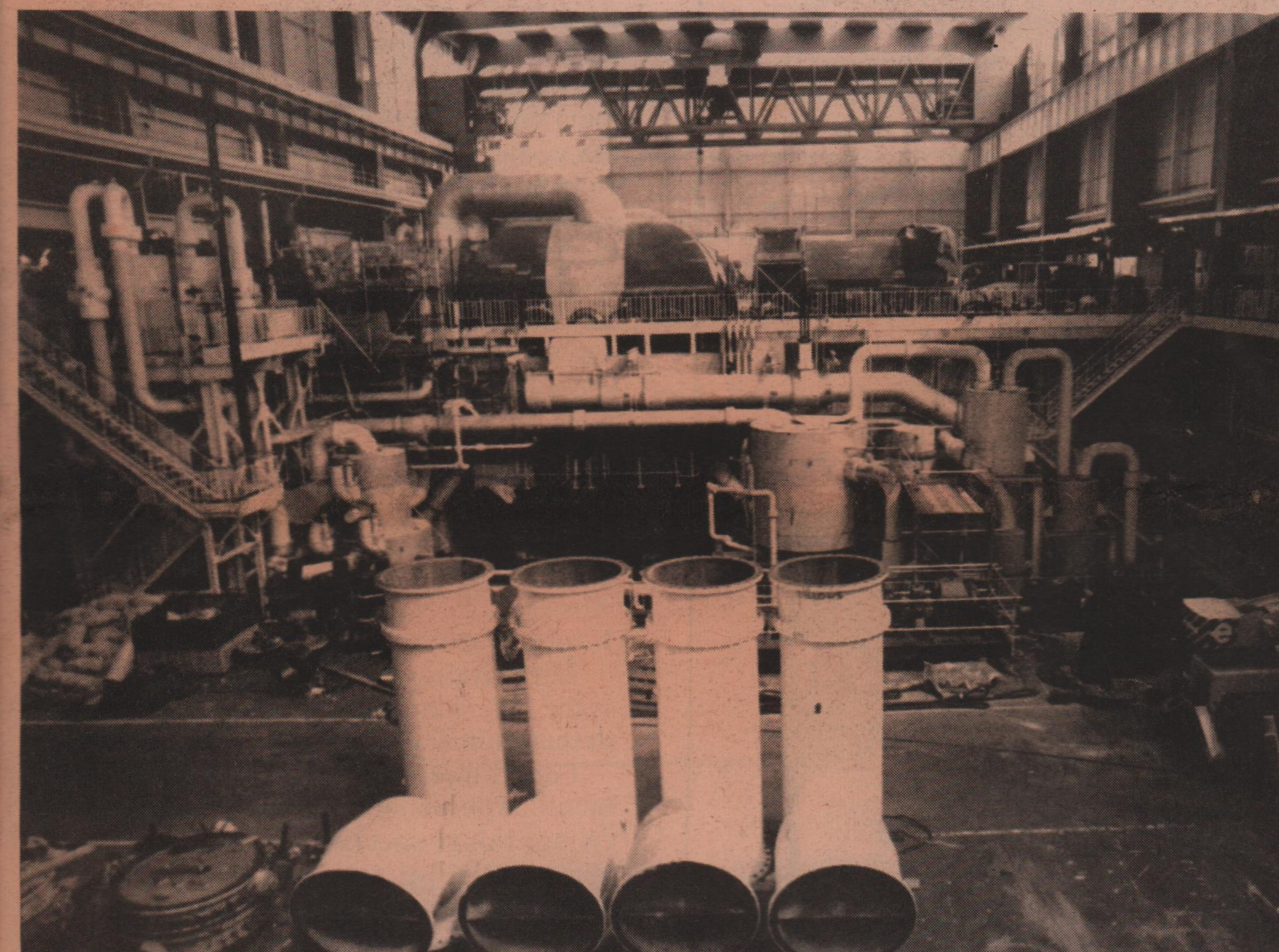
But some survive, changed, mutations. Most of these turn out to be extremely nasty and are called cancer.

The nuclear fuel cycle





Turbine room of Dungeness Atomic Power Station, as seen in their own glossy tourist booklet (above) and as it really was in July 1979 (below).



no way

Where have all the people gone
sitting in their square boxes
on top of the world?

Where is the person
who put us all here
to live to die
in our confined spaces
of ego trips and hate?

Give me the bottle
and I'll smash their system
while all the glowing contours
of Love
escape in blue crystals
and ice-formed prisms
of despair

But when the bottle is empty
I'll lie here and cry
because all these little people
in all those little boxes
don't notice
nor care
They close their doors
shut their minds
and exist in the garbage
they pile on the wall

So there ain't no way
to live in peace
while all those boxes
of well kept hate
are kept tidily stacked
in your back yard

Normy Hackney squat '78

This is democracy?

Since the elections we have had a Tory budget, designed to hammer us with a doubling of VAT. But might not Labour have whopped on 20 per cent VAT?, some folks think so. We'll never know, but there are a few Tories bleating about the bad effects of high VAT (on their trade of course).

It is easy to add to the list of crimes committed by the new regime, but is it really *much* different from the old one. Sure they'll do more damage to the NHS, but how much has Labour left to damage?

All these left-right tussles are trivial when compared to the enormous tasks ahead of us if we are to dismantle the class system, wage slavery, sex-roles in the family, etc.

The State continues.

WE WON

The Politicians got a kick in the teeth with the European election. Even our gullible voters couldn't be conned that there was anything to vote for.

The "don't cares" won by 2:1. While the Liberals rabbit on about the unfairness of the election, we "don't cares" are only too pleased not to waste time in the Strasbourg Parliament.

Actually we never get much over 80 per cent voting, that's a good turn-out, and only half the population is given a vote. The rest of us keep off the register, are too young, jailed or what have you.

Time to bring the voting minority to its senses.

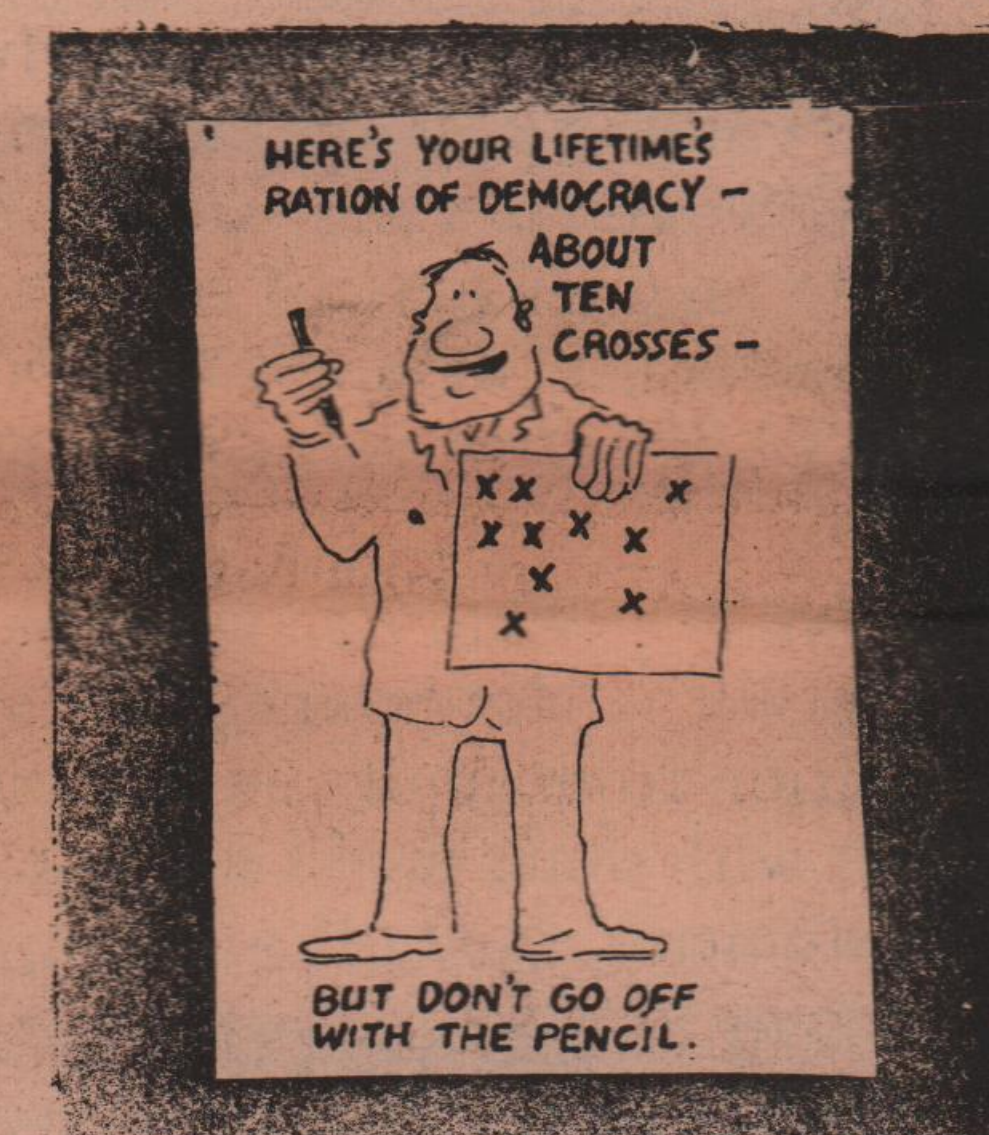
ANARCHIST DEMOCRACY

Anarchy cannot have representatives elected for five year parliaments. We need to keep power with the people.

We prefer to send delegates to put our views on single issues, even vote on them. These are called *mandated delegates*. Once they have done their mandate they are *recalled* back. On return they *report back* to us and if they haven't done well enough, we send off someone else to get it right.

This automatic recall shields us from professional politicians. No more Jeremy Thorpes. (The judge cleared Jeremy of obvious crookedness and only, by his speech to the jury, convicted him of homosexuality which isn't an offence!)

A better idea of anarchist democracy can be found in our leaflet "What is Anarchist Communism?" due out now.



Co-ops & communes

A lot of people were interested in the article about a motor-bike co-operative in the last *Bread and Roses*.

Some have asked us "do you think we can move towards an anarchist communist society by setting up workers' co-operatives?"

The answer to that has to be NO.

Such ventures can make life more pleasant, at least for a time, for the people directly involved, and can provide other people with a glimpse of what could be, but they do not in themselves pose any real threat to the existing system.

For one thing, they have to operate within capitalism, and like any creature which wants to survive they adapt to their environment. Anarchism in one firm, like socialism in one country, is a mirage.

For another thing, it takes a lot of money, or a lot of luck, or both, to set up a co-op. It is not an option which is open

to the vast majority of the working class.

And even where it is possible to set up co-ops, they are usually in a fairly marginal part of society. The "commanding heights" of the economy remain untouched. It is not peaceful competition, but that total "breach of the peace" social revolution, which will wrest these from the grasp of the ruling class.

The same advantages and limitations apply to communes as to co-ops. We are enthusiastically in favour of communal living, both in the anarchist future and here and now. But we don't kid ourselves that a few people living a more friendly sort of life, at least for a time, is the revolution. Revolution is a lot bigger—and a lot less comfortable—than that.

Still, it's nice to know that, if your comrades come back from the barricades and you don't, they will look after the kids.

INTERVIEW

confessions of a male housewife

WHAT'S IT like when traditional sex roles are exchanged?

A man with full time responsibility for three children, two of them pre-school age, speaks about his experiences and feelings.

Question: What do you like about staying home with the kids while their mother goes out to work?

Answer: I used to have to be at work by eight o'clock. This meant rushing out with no breakfast, to catch the bus or train. And if I didn't get there till 8.20, then brother I was late.

I still have to get up pretty early because the two younger ones demand attention, and because I've to get Terry up, give him his breakfast, and see him off to school. But I don't have a mad dash out the door.

Also I don't have a boss or foreman standing over me.

Question: What don't you like about it?

Answer: Not bringing in a wage.

Isolation from adult contact, particularly contact with other men I suppose, as I do meet a few women.

FRANTIC

Although I'm isolated I've got no *privacy*. There's hardly ever peace and quiet. Sometimes when things go wrong, and both kids start yelling, it drives me frantic. Once I kicked Bobby's rocking horse so hard it went right across the room and broke in two.

When I was the breadwinner I worked hard, but at break times I sat down, drank tea, and lit a cigarette. I suppose I could make myself a cup of tea at home but I couldn't relax. Interruption guaranteed.

Housework isn't hard physically, but it's exhausting.

Question: What are the reactions of other people, and do you ever find these reactions upsetting?

Answer: Well I've got a hide like a rhinoceros so maybe there have been things which would have upset somebody else that I haven't even noticed. But as far as I know reaction has been okay.

FUNNY REMARKS

Some building workers once made a funny remark as I went past which I didn't quite catch. But that didn't bother me. Anyway I'm in no position to blame them as I've done exactly the same thing when I was working as a carpenter.

Some men seem quite impressed to see a man coping, apparently successfully, with two very young children. Perhaps others find it odd but take a good look at me and decide not to say so. I don't want to exaggerate but I can seem the sort you might hesitate to upset.

As for the reaction of women. . . . I'd better be careful what I say. The woman next door

once asked me if I felt "emasculated". But she had a twinkle in her eye at the time. She knew perfectly well I didn't. She was indulging in a bit of sexual teasing.

Women shop assistants smile warmly and are more than polite. Women generally seem glad to see me with the kids.

The only thing which upsets me a bit is the attitude of "revolutionaries". Some middle class "feminists" and "libertarians" show less understanding than ordinary working class people.

Question: How does it work out economically?

Answer: Joanne brings home about £55 a week clear from her audio-typing. Then we've got family allowance. I've had a couple of tax rebates which have helped, but each is smaller than the last, and they don't continue indefinitely. I've been looking for part time work for a while but it ain't easy. If I have to pay too much for child-care I could end up working for nothing. And I need to be sure the kids are properly looked after.

RELATIONSHIPS

Question: How has it affected your relationship with your partner?

Answer: Our sex life is much the same as it was, which is pretty good when we're not too tired to enjoy it. There hasn't been any change of position in bed, well no more than the usual variation anyway and she doesn't say to me "come on, get your knickers down" or anything like that. Actually I don't think I would mind if the change *had* placed new demands on me.

Did you know the Wages For Housework Campaign counts sex with the breadwinner as work which should be paid? Wonder how much I'm owed? It's nice work if you can get it.



As for our relationship generally, Joanne is happier. She'd had enough of being stuck at home. Her employer is a pig, but aren't they all. She's made friends with her workmates, and they've even won a small victory against the boss.

I get the housewives' blues. But I don't blame Joanne when I'm upset, I know it's just something inherent in the nature of housework in this society.

Question: How does this arrangement compare with the usual one? Better, worse, or the same?

Answer: Well it's better in the sense that at least we discussed how to arrange things and made a joint decision. (For practical reasons mind you, not *ideological* ones.) Apart from that I think it's much the same.

Question: How does it compare with both parents going out to work? Do you intend to go out to work again when the kids are all in school?

Answer: We did both go out to work for a time and it was hell. Joanne had to get the kids to the minder, because of her later starting time. We were really lucky because it was Sally next door who looked after them, which was both convenient and much nicer



than them being with a stranger. But it was still hell. And it was embarrassing money changing hands between friends, we weren't sure if we were paying Sally enough. I do intend to go out to work again. But it will be more than three years before all the kids are in school.

Question: Do you think the children are as happy with you as they would be if their mother was staying home with them?

Answer: Yes. In fact Esther (nearly four) says she prefers it this way. Bobby is too young to express a preference, but Terry is quite happy about it. Of course we sometimes make each other miserable, but that really is the fault of the kind of society we live in, and nothing to do with who's holding the baby. I like most children, and particularly love my own. They know Daddy isn't perfect but they love me anyway.

CONCLUSIONS

Question: Do you draw any general conclusions from your experience?

Answer: I've confirmed the conclusions I came to much earlier in life.

The working class must seize power. That is the only way we'll put an end to the quiet desperation which is the lot of most people.

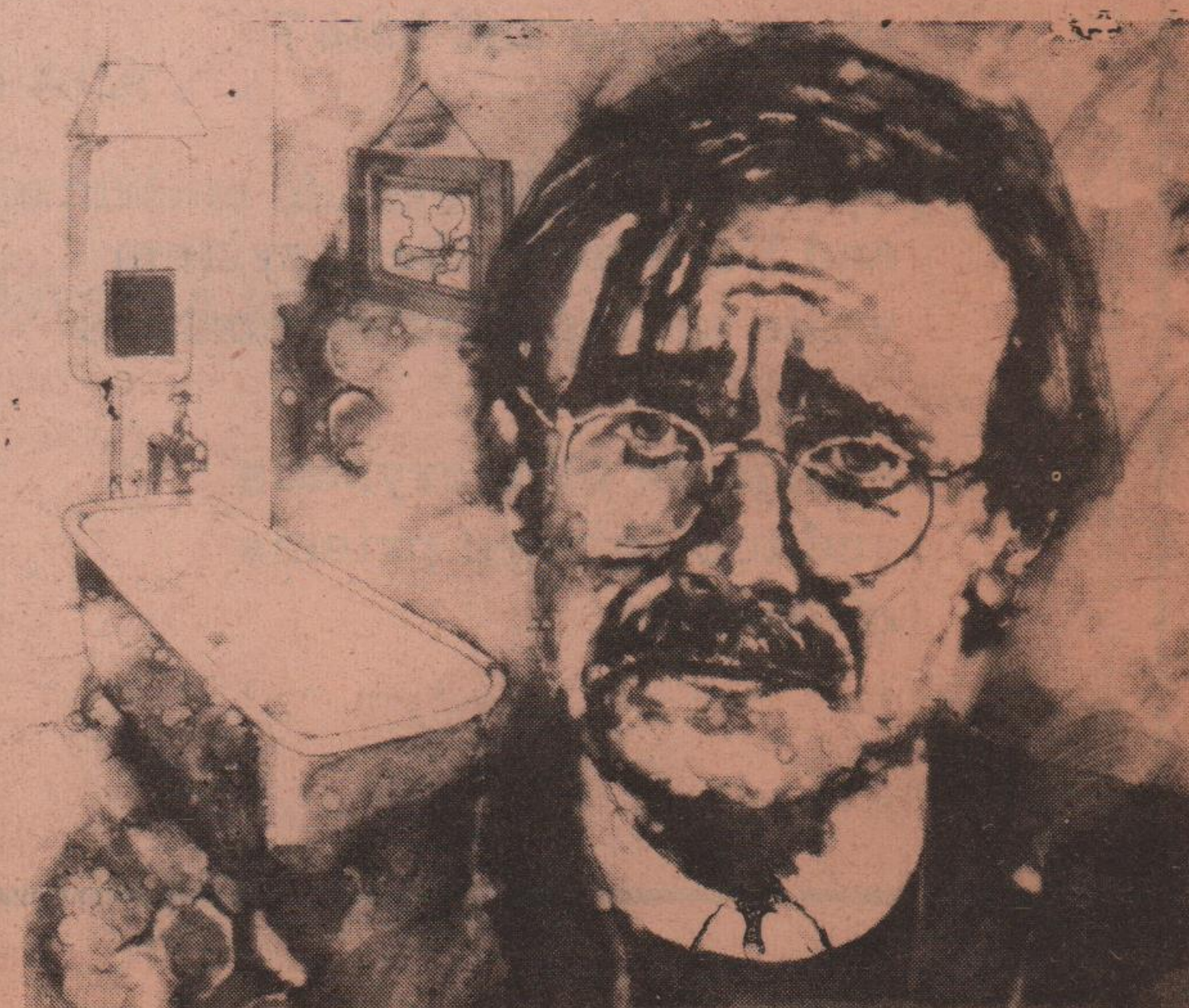
I don't mean we need a "workers' government". There's no such thing. We must change things directly, at work and in the community.

The isolated family living in a flat in the big city is a modern aberration, a *temporary* aberration in human society. Most human beings throughout history have lived in "extended family" systems.

There was a lot wrong with it, but at least people did try to help. You didn't get old folk becoming sick and dying without anybody even knowing, for instance.

My own childhood in a Scottish village was spent surrounded by the clan, so many relationships I never did work them all out.

We've got to begin to break down the barriers that separate us. Even though it's a process that won't be completed this side of revolution. This is the best hope for us all, parents, children, the old, the sick, everybody.



HARD TIMES

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To Burn!
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A COUNTER ATTACK!

YOU COULD HAVE HEARD A PIN DROP DOWN AT MY LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. ALL OF A SUDDEN UPROAR. "CHARGE HER." "GET THE POLICE." AND THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED. A SOCIAL SECURITY CLERK WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING A CLAIMANT.

That is right.

This is not a typical story of a claimant frustrated and desperate going over the score with a smart-ass clerk.

In this case the clerk is alleged to have slapped the claimant - totally unprovoked. Several witnesses were present. In most other respects this was a typical case.

The claimant was stoney broke. No money to buy the tea that night. No money to pay the rent. In fact he was worried sick.

But he stayed cool, because, unlike many people, he knew he had a right to make an 'Urgent Needs' claim which would mean an on the spot payment.

After going through the normal procedure, he got £4. That is he had to wait for two or three hours, getting pushed from person to person and being told that an over-the-counter payment "Just isn't possible".

COMPLAINT

He knew £4 would hardly be enough. So he started to make out a complaint form.

Now a complaint form goes straight to the high ups and means all kind of bother for the local office. It rather suggests that the local office cannot do the job properly - that is put off claimants without a fuss.

It was while the clerk was trying to prevent the complaint being drawn up that the alleged assault took place.

We would well imagine that the clerk was under pressure both from overwork and being pressured by her boss, but if she had read the top secret codes her behaviour might have been different.

The standard procedure, if a claimant is being too pushy, is to retire to the back office and let them "stew for a while" (and everyone else in the queue which gets the claimants fighting amongst themselves).

The reason the 'A' and 'AX' codes are secret is that they clearly state procedures for deliberately harrasing the claimant and misinforming them of their rights. In fact the DHSS admitted

last year that claimants had been cheated out of £300 million to which they were entitled (See Bread and Roses No.2).

The newly elected government has made a commitment to putting pressure on 'scroungers' who make money for nothing and forcing them into low paid jobs.

No. We are not talking about the House of Lords, but the most miserable 1% of the British people (most of whom live in Glasgow by the way).

Of course, there are no jobs available to force the 'scroungers' into. For every job offered there are 65 applicants and the figure is as high as 1-500 in some areas.

Don't worry, the Tories have promised to increase profits and that will mean more jobs, if only the 'scroungers' and wasters can be persuaded to take even more cuts in real wages. All this is aimed at producing jobs (sic)?

In my area alone - Clydeside - they have just announced that 10,000 shipbuilding jobs are to be scrapped and whole communities are to become ghost towns.

With thousands more coming onto the dole queue, it is even more vital that claimants join together in Claimants Unions to fight for a decent standard of living with or without a job.

They must be careful not to fall into the trap of 'co-operating' with the SS who have shown time and again that the velvet glove conceals a computerised iron fist that has been programmed by the government to squeeze us dry.

It is quite obvious that the attacks on claimants are part of a wider attack aimed at softening up the working class. A recent government report on the distribution of wealth showed that the Labour government was successful in this. The proportion of wealth owned by the top 1% increased dramatically during the so-called crisis. The Tory government are determined not to be out done. After all they have a reputation to keep up.



IF THE CAP FITS



YOUR HEAD IS TOO THICK
For anything except
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RETURN OF THE KNITTING NEEDLE

The bill to tighten up the abortion laws seems to be sailing through Parliament. It is already at the committee stage.

The new Bill will make it virtually impossible to get an abortion for economic or social reasons.

The Bill contains the following attacks on women's rights,

- It could be impossible to get an abortion after 20 weeks. The time limit is 28 weeks at the moment.
- It will be harder for a GP. to approve an abortion.
- Many women's advice centres may be forced to close.
- Government spending cuts will severely affect NHS. abortion facilities.

None of these restrictions will apply to the rich who will, as always, be able to buy their privileges.

Words could hardly describe the desperation that would drive less privileged women to the butchers and back-street abortionists.

Alas, the figures tell their own grisly tale. There was a horrifying amount of death and mutilation during the previous times of parliamentary restric-

tions on abortion.

If Corrie's new Bill is allowed to succeed, unmarried women, women experiencing menopause schoolgirls, women whose contraceptive has failed and women whose GP. deliberately delayed referring them will be forced to continue with an unwanted pregnancy.

What right have MEN in Westminster got to tell WOMEN what to do with the rest of their lives. It must be a woman's choice.

If women are to have true freedom of choice then abortion must be freely available.

If it was, then the question of late abortions would not arise and the sensationalist press would have to look elsewhere for their horror stories and scandal.

In the end, of course, we must do more than defend our rights to

control our bodies.

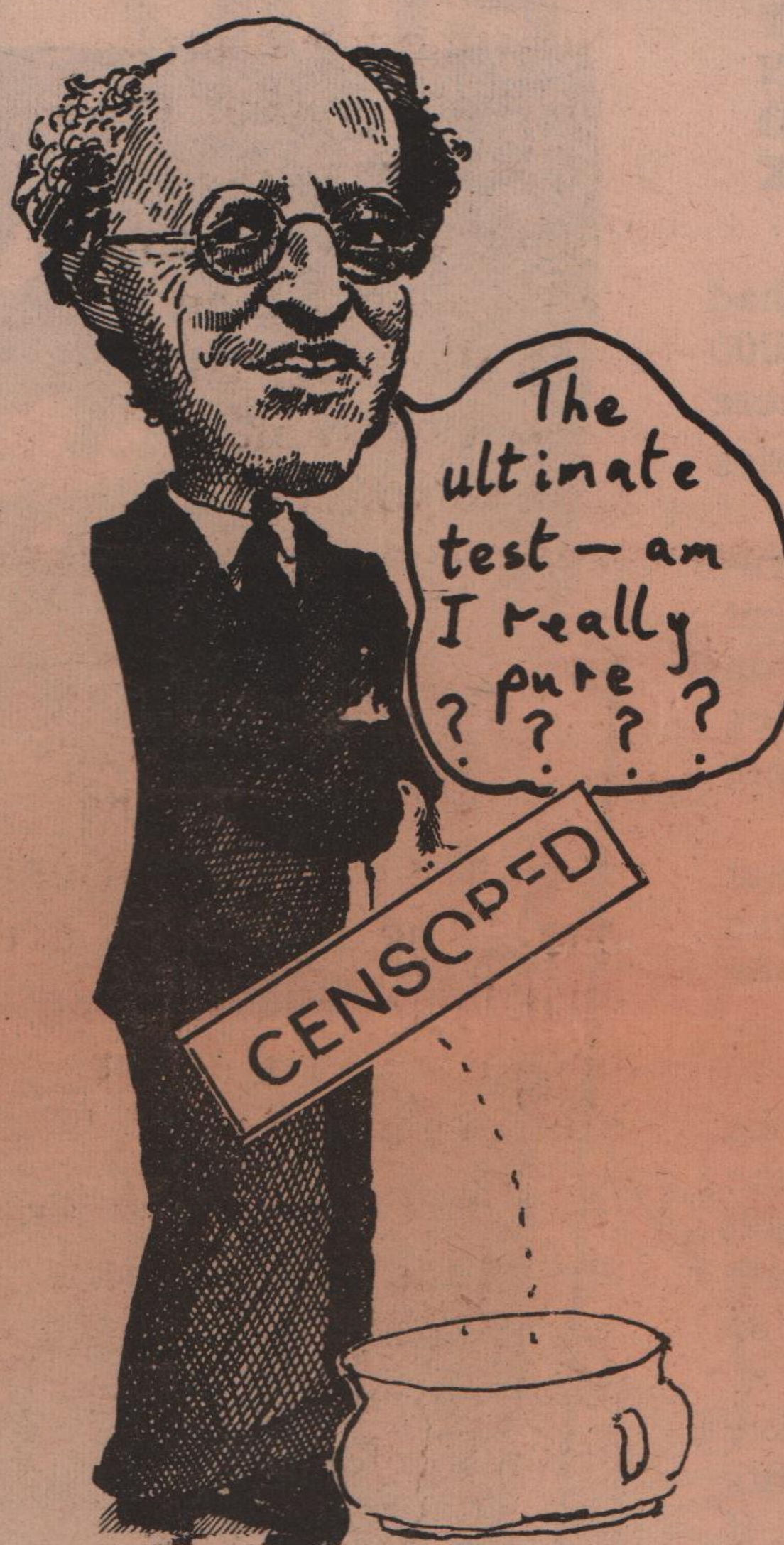
We must fight to control our lives. And that means doing away with the Westminster boys altogether.

Then we will have true freedom:

Freedom from control by the bosses;
Freedom from hardship;
Freedom to enjoy our parenthood;
And freedom to choose the world we bring our children into.



A LOAD OF PISS



THE EVENING TIMES of Saturday July 7th reports an unusual little experiment being conducted by a Dr John Hinton of Glasgow University. The Scottish Home and Health Dept. have given him a second grant of £5000 to continue research into what makes violent criminals violent. The answer, it appears, is in their urine.

PREDICTION

Dr Hinton's fascination with urine is so great that he has 600 inmates of Scottish prisons and borstals supplying him with samples at regular intervals. And by careful examination of this urine, Dr Hinton expects to be able to tell us all what makes people commit violent criminal acts.

A link will be found, he hopes, between chemicals in the prisoners' urine and the type of crime committed.

OLD IDEA

In other words, Hinton is employing £10,000 in procuring an ocean of deviant urine in order to bolster up a tired old idea; namely that the impulse to violent or criminal acts is simply one of the natural endowments of the indi-

vidual, like hair colour or eye colour.

This idea, for which there has never been a shred of evidence, has long been popular with champions of the established social order, for it deflects responsibility from a society founded on hierarchy and exploitation, a society rife with deprivation, powerlessness and frustration.

CON

How much more convenient for the Establishment to claim that violence is not the product of a particular warped society but the result of a deviant chemistry! So keen are they on this lunatic project that they are prepared to spend £10,000 on what is, after all is said and done, a load of old piss.

HARD LABOUR

A councillor and ex-councillor are at the receiving end of harsh criticisms from tenants in a housing scheme in Glasgow.

Castlemilk is a post war housing scheme of 10,000 council houses and a population of around 45,000 people. Despite the fact that it is the largest scheme in Europe, Castlemilk has few amenities. There are no pubs, cafes, restaurants, cinemas, bingo halls, theatres or even adequate facilities for kids.

This impressive record has been maintained over Castlemilk's 23 years of existence by the dedication to inactivity of the local councillors. Not surprisingly, therefore, the main ambition of many people in Castlemilk is to get out, that is to get a transfer to another area. And again, not surprisingly the local councillors prove themselves about as useful as a dux with a hole in it.

The current favorite for the "Screw the People" award is Labour councillor George Manson. George is renowned for his shrewdness, rudeness, booziness (not necessarily in

that order). Local people talk of his "disgusting manner" and express the opinion that he is a "very ignorant man". Again, despite his inability to help tenants with their applications for housing transfers, George had no difficulty in getting a transfer himself to a "desirable area". He did this by "jumping the queue" and getting his case dealt with by the Council's Special Cases Committee! Well, you must admit, George is certainly a special case!

Around the time George was queue-hopping, another Labour councillor, Pat Lally - a boozing, sorry bosom buddy of George's - found himself in a rather sticky situation. Pat was Chairman of the Housing Committee when another (yes, another) Labour councillor had fiddled her son a house. Well, the stink got out, and a full investigation was promised by councillors, officials and the police. Pat was suspended, then bombed out of the Labour Party. Time grew longer and people's memories of the scandal shorter. No charges

were made by the police, and Lally managed to creep back into the Labour Party. As if this wasn't incredible enough, there is even the possibility/threat that he may be trying for re-election in the near future!!

So, although people in Castlemilk have little faith in councillors generally, you can see the particular concern over the continuance of the colourful careers of these two champions of the working class. At the moment there is a vigorous campaign by local people (some of whom have supported the Labour Party all their lives) to warn their neighbours of the folly of re-electing either Manson or Lally and continuing the mistakes of the last 23 years.

Real change can only come of course when people no longer entrust their lives to councillors officials and other arse-holes. "We cannot prevent ourselves being distrustful even of these who have won our votes. King's palaces are not the only homes of despots."

Jean Varlet.

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Send your answer, written on the margin of the next copy of HARD TIMES to 34 Raithburn Gardens, Castlemilk, Glasgow, G45.

SET MATT FREE

ALTHOUGH WE assess a man's worth by the main, the significant factors in his life, it is often the smaller actions that reveal his character. So it is with our labour "leaders".

As they hesitantly respond to the Tories' onslaught on living standards, a few brave souls have come forward to support the parole of the convicted murderer, Jimmy Boyle. Very good! But, we may ask, "Why have you maintained a shameful silence for six years on the plight of Matt Lygate?"

In 1973 the High Court in Glasgow sentenced four young men to a total of 81 years imprisonment on charges of bank robbery. On extremely flimsy evidence and the testimony of a single witness the following sentences were handed down:

McPherson	-	25 years	With the exception of
Doran	-	24 years	Doran, all were members
Lygate	-	23 years	of the small Workers
Lawson	-	6 years	Party of Scotland.

RECORD SENTENCES

In the face of these inhuman prison sentences - the longest ever passed by a Scottish court - there was a deafening silence from our Labour "leaders". All the Clydeside MPs were approached by the Defence Committee at the time for contributions to the Appeal Fund and vocal support in the campaign, but in vain. "Wait", said James White, MP for Pollok, "till a Labour Government comes to power."

Well, the Labour Government has come and gone and neither Ross nor Millan did anything to review the case nor cut the astonishing sentences.

You see, "justice" must take its course. But is it justice to bury men in gaol? Had they been convicted of killing some old lady the courts would have been more lenient - but robbery... a crime against property... and with political overtones! For this the majesty of the law invokes several life sentences.

At the end of last year I spoke to the old socialist Harry McShane about approaching those MPs on the left regarding the Lygate case. If he did there has been no response. If he didn't, it doesn't matter for they wouldn't do anything anyway. To associate oneself with a talented criminal like Boyle (he's an artist and writes books, you know) has a certain quality about it, but there's no political mileage in Matt Lygate.

In the course of the next year, Matt Lygate may be considered for parole. The danger is that he won't get it. There are indications that entrenched political elements in the Scottish Office will prevent it. Matt's freedom may well depend on us. Let's start the campaign now to secure his release.

IN MAY 1978, six anarchists, Ronan Bennett, Iris Mills, Dafydd Ladd, Vince Stevenson, Trevor Dawton and Stewart Carr, were arrested by the Anti-Terrorist Squad in London and the south-east of England in a blaze of sensationalist and scare-mongering publicity concerning "bomb factories" and "terrorist cells".

The six were held as Category A prisoners (Top Security) in Brixton.

Iris Mills was held in solitary confinement in Brixton, normally an all-male prison. She was supposed to be so dangerous that Holloway was not secure enough to hold her.

PARANOIA

The six were charged with "conspiracy to cause explosions" and the media hinted at links with Baader-Meinhof and the supposed 'International Terrorist Conspiracy'.

NO EVIDENCE

The only concrete evidence brought forward to substantiate the explosives charge was two tins of ordinary weedkiller and some wire found in the possession of Iris Mills and Ronan Bennett. The substance of the explosives charge appeared to be that the defendants knew one another and that two of them possessed materials which COULD be used to make explosives.

PERSONS UNKNOWN



This, alleged the A.T.S., constituted a conspiracy.

MANUFACTURED

It must be remembered that at the time of the arrests the A.T.S. had very little to do, there having been no I.R.A. activity for some time. Could it be that they felt they had to manufacture a conspiracy to help justify their existence? The lack of hard evidence for their charges certainly suggests this.

VAGUE

From the start the case has been a political one. The defendants are anarchists and this has been used as a major element in the case.

Det. Supt. Bradbury has called them "idealistic persons who would take positive steps to overthrow society". The main justification for their original treatment seems to have been that they were dangerous because of their beliefs despite the lack of hard evidence of any illegal activity.

At the same time Ronan Bennett has not been granted bail. This means that by the time of the trial in September he will have served the equivalent of a two year jail sentence with full remission. The main reason for this appears to be that he is Irish. Recorder Shindler in refusing bail at the Old Bailey gave as his reason - "I have looked

at his antecedents. He was brought up in Ireland. We have to be realistic about these things - there are associations and there are dangers - we cannot have a man disappearing over the water."



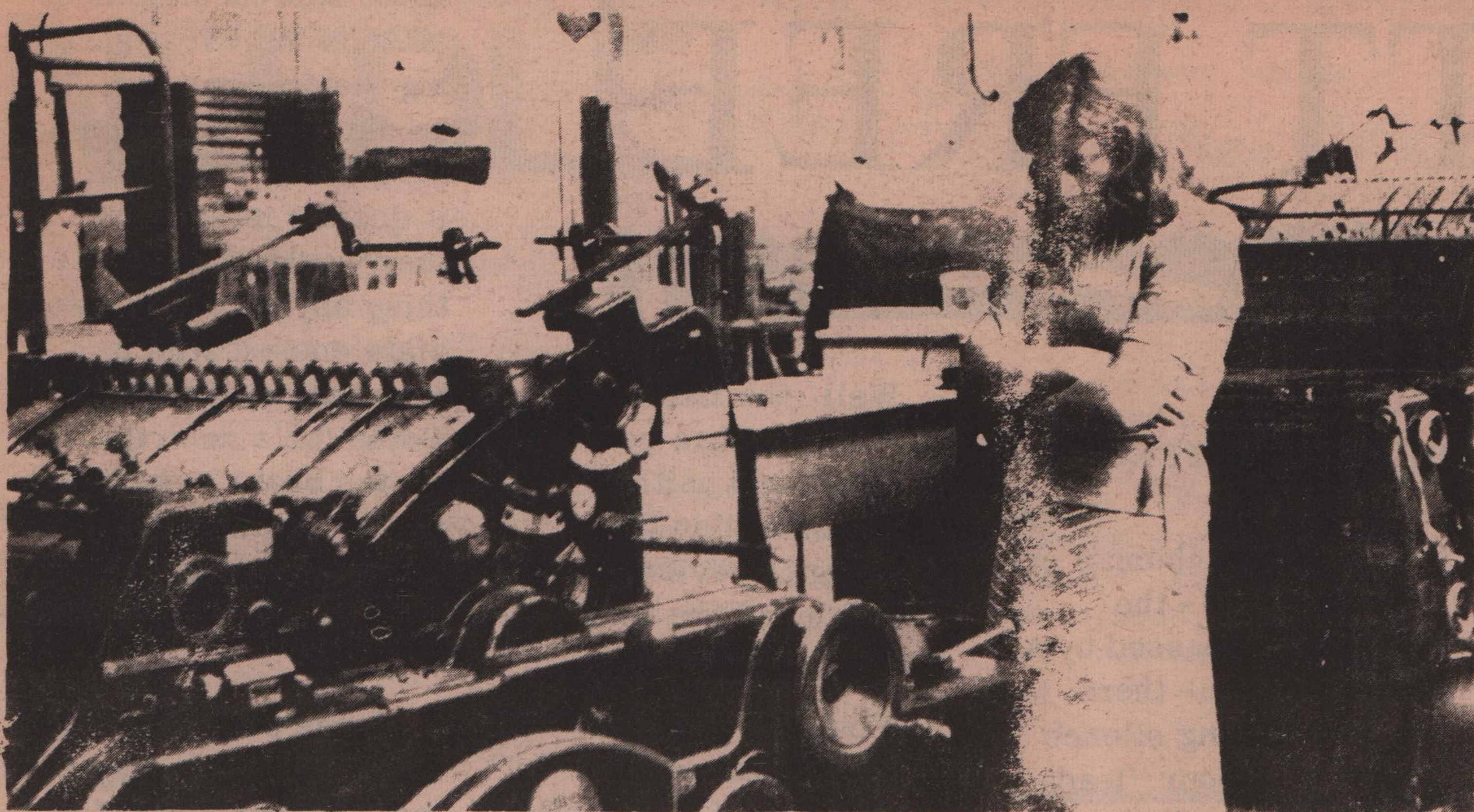
The A.T.S.'s terrorist conspiracy case, subject of so many sensationalist headlines, appears on close examination to be a rather insubstantial affair.

The trial date is still not set, even after a period of more than a year since the arrests, though it is believed it will take place in September. The scandal is that it should take place at all.

*****A support group, Persons Unknown, is considering organizing a demonstration around the start of the trial. Meanwhile they need donations to help with publicising the case and the defence of the accused. The address is:

PERSONS UNKNOWN
c/o RISING FREE
BOOKSHOP
182 UPPER STREET
LONDON N1.

INDUSTRIAL STRUGGLE



From office girls to print workers

The boss turned to the only male keypunch operator in our workplace (a computer-type-setting firm) and said "Jim, can you tell me what the following things are?" Then he rattled off a long list of printing terms, to each of which Jim, who has done a 5-year apprenticeship, said "Yes," with a mixture of pride and embarrassment.

The boss turned to the rest of us. "How many of you ladies know the answers to

had their membership (more about this later) and all were at least probationers.

When hired, we were asked not to tell the others about the differential. Being in a poor employment position, I complied with this, but I did tell the union, who gave me some confusing stuff about the others being "trainees" (I didn't realise till it blew up how insubstantial this distinction was) and the shop steward having "everything under control".

freeze. He implied that she and I had been hired by mistake and admitted to the union by mistake.

Among his remarks was "I wanted a total male staff from the trade. I'm not a good manager; I work better with men. It's just my personal weakness. . . if I'm a chauvinist pig I apologise."



YES VOTE

Our shop steward (also a man from the trade) told us that the question of the differential was going through the union machinery. We demanded assurance that it would be closed—upwards—in the next paycheque, which was a month off. Pushed into a corner, he said "Yes," whereupon the boss started screaming about how he couldn't afford it.

After a long argument we took a vote on the proposition that the differential should be closed now, at management's expense. The vote was 10 yes, 5 abstentions and 1 no.

Among the 5 abstentions were all three men-from-the-trade connected with our workplace; Jim our co-worker; the office manager; and our NGA shop steward. (He's supposed to be called a Father of Chapel but I don't like using these medieval terms which are part of the craft mystique that keeps us down.) These three men,

despite their different roles, obviously identify with each other more than any of them does with us.

THE REAL COST

Any, the boss went off to think it over, came back after a quarter hour and announced that yes, he would borrow money (sob, sob) to close the differential, but that he was withdrawing all sick pay and was also withdrawing from the working mothers their former "privilege" of varying—not shortening, but varying, and only by a half hour or so—their hours in order to collect children.

After all, he observed all too correctly, variations in hours are against union regulations. Previously the shop steward had winked an eye at it: but the fact that the regulation existed gave management a weapon against us.

This particular move was a purely retaliatory one. Withdrawing sick pay may increase his profits, but withdrawing variable hours makes no difference to him financially.

FLEXITIME SENSE

I don't know why the union opposes flexitime. It's an obviously happier arrangement for any worker, and it's the only way to get rid of discrimination against working parents. It just seems to go against the union's fanatical wish for order and discipline—away with part-time work, casual work, self-employment, nationalise everything and have



bureaucrats instead of capitalists pushing you around.

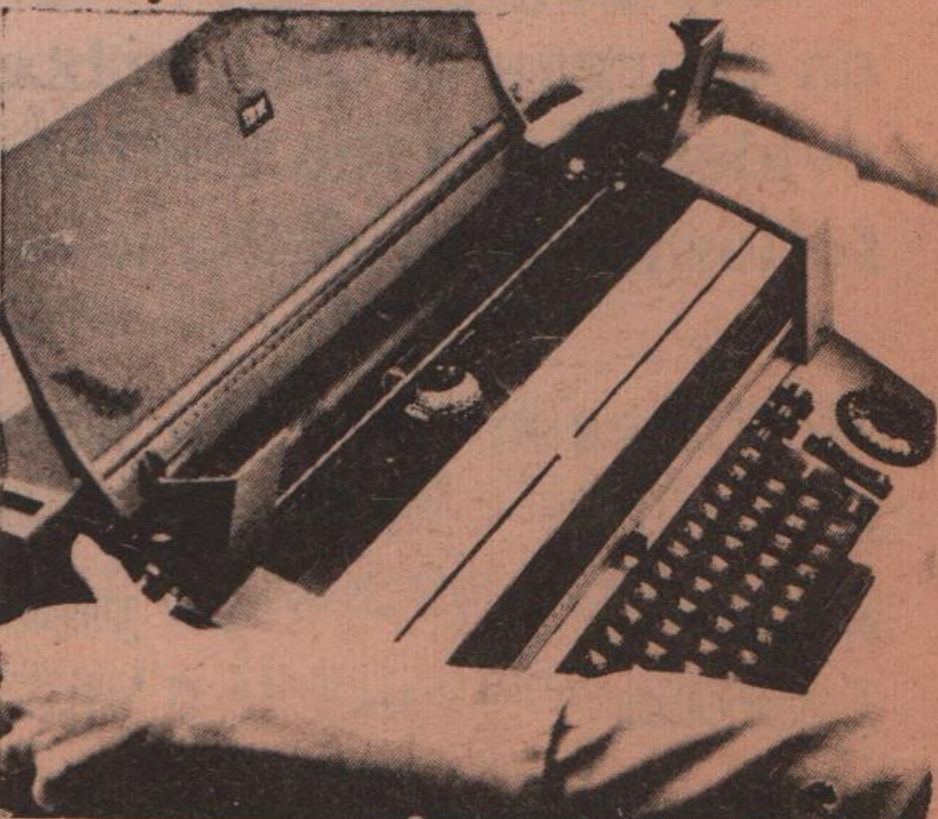
After the dispute I said to the shop steward "He can't withdraw sick pay, can he? Isn't it illegal?" The shop steward just said indifferently, "No, he doesn't have to pay it."

In one of the bits of NGA bumf which are occasionally handed round the office, and for which, plus the tail end of the wages settlements, we pay £1 per week dues, I read that the union officials are now dis-

cussing setting up machinery for a national sick pay agreement. That's nice. One of the temp. agencies advertise sick pay as among the "normal" employment benefits that it offers—but we, working in a closed shop of one of the most powerful unions, can have it taken away at will.

JARGON

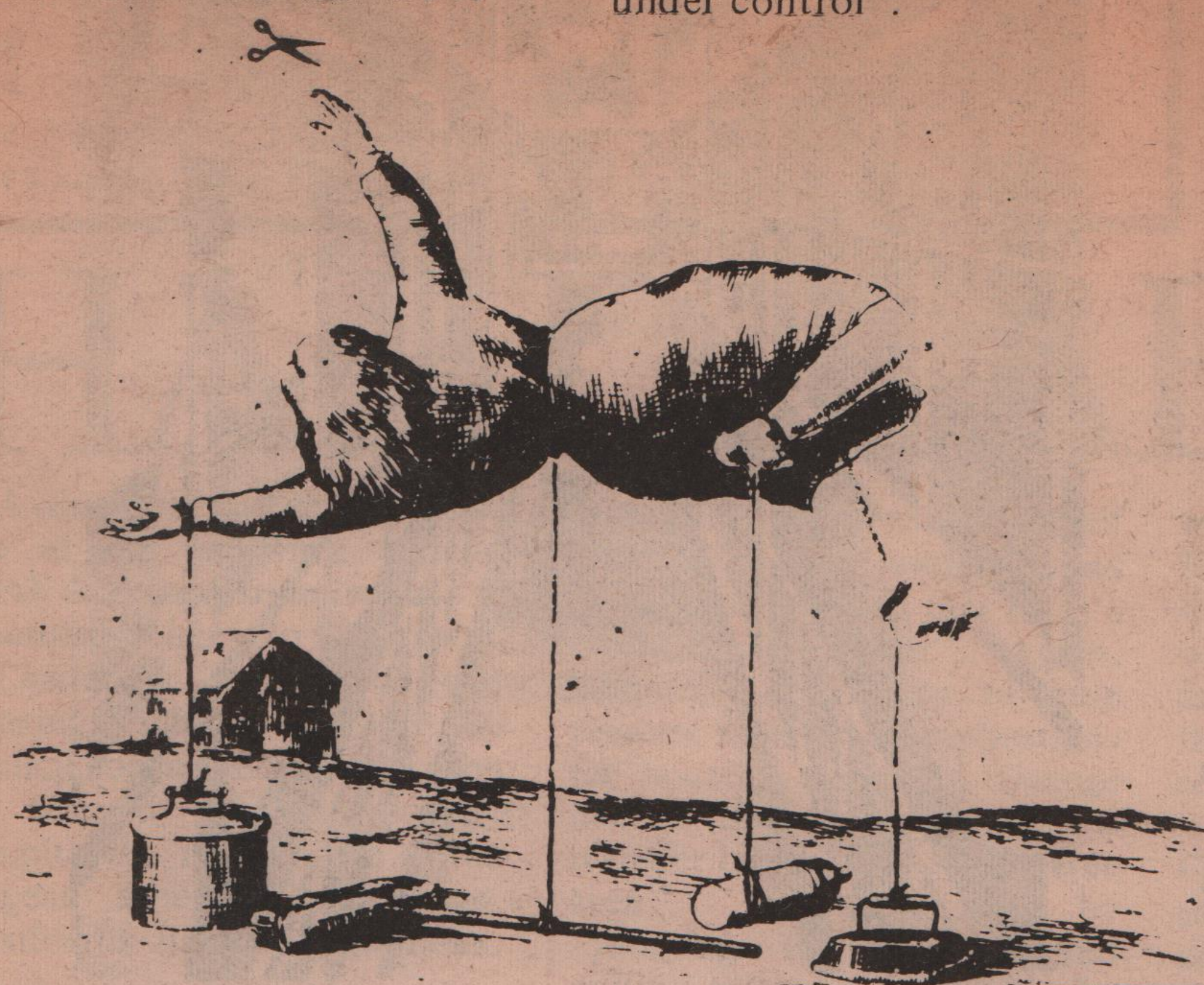
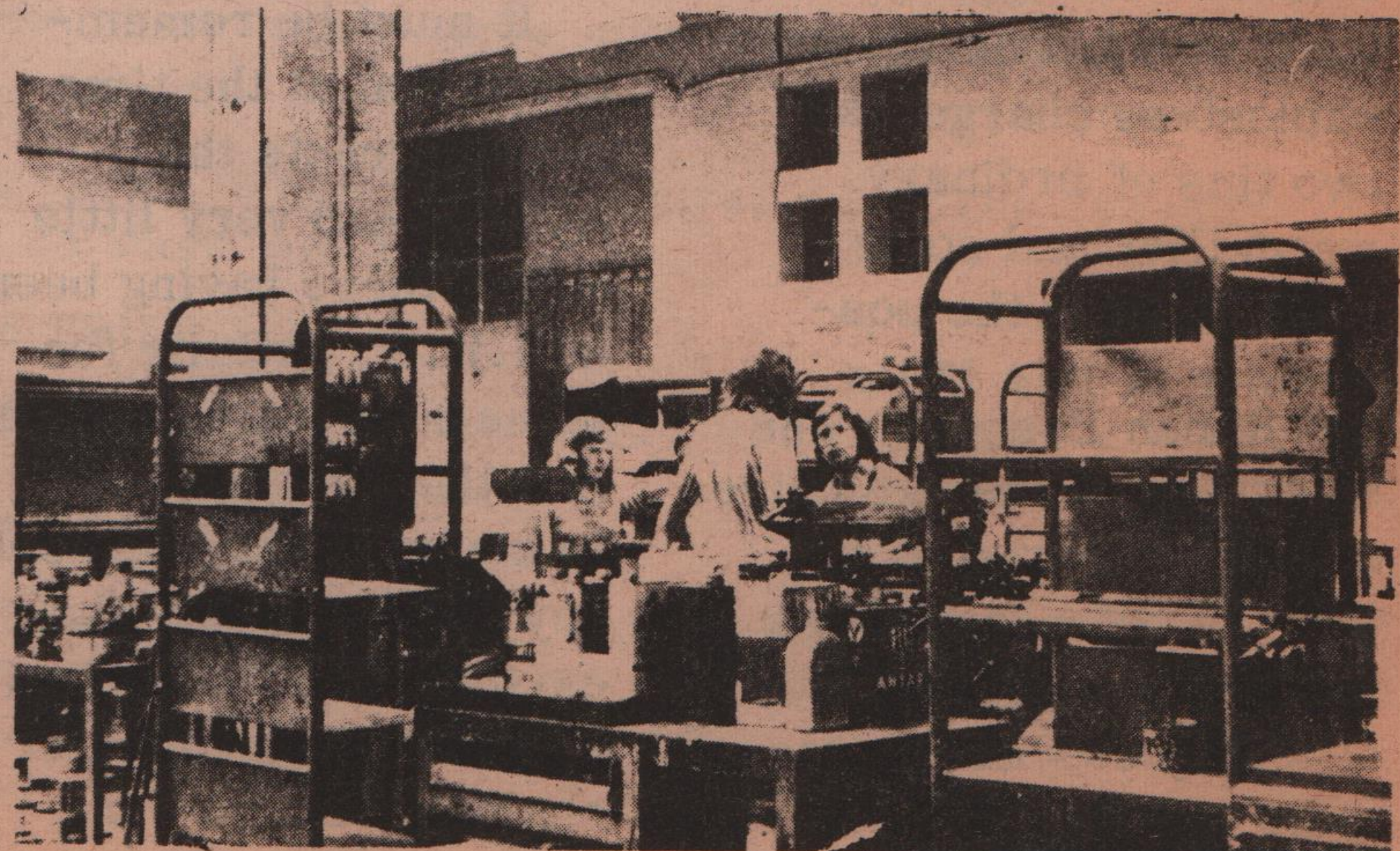
Not that we are "real" union members. We are "allied process" workers—and when, after an unpredictable number of months (one woman has been waiting for a year, though it's supposed to be three months) during which we pay our £1 a week dues, we get our union cards, we will just be "apprentices" for five years thereafter.



The shop steward explained this "apprenticeship" business to me—"You see, they only print three kinds of cards: full members, journeymen and apprentices." I was too concerned to laugh. All these super-

skilled men-from-the-trade who run our union can't contrive to print a fourth kind of card to suit a new technology that just happens to depend on the traditional skills, and traditional working history, of women. By saving up all our dues for a month, couldn't they afford to take their problem to a local stationer-and-printer and have him print a fourth kind of card since it's beyond their ingenuity?

After this confrontation with its mixed results, we were depleted. Most of the women there are very anxious to preserve a friendly atmosphere and are personally averse to militancy. But the boss's petty harassments about timekeeping and productivity (one woman has had a nervous breakdown precipitated by a nasty warning letter from him) have put everyone's back up. We also know our power. We closed that differential without even mentioning the word "strike". Give us time.



those questions?"

Shamefaced silence—but only momentary; the awkward moment passed, and we went on arguing firmly.

The issue was that two of us "ladies" (one of them me) were getting more money than the others for no good reason, and we knew it. We had just happened to "come in through the right door", i.e. by approaching the National Graphical Association; we had no more printing background than the others, were less experienced at our particular job, and were only probationary union members whereas some of the others

Anyway, the "trainees" found out anyway and raised hell, although they were very nice to me and the other worker about it. In effect they had an unofficial stoppage, though some of them would faint if you put it that way to them. Everyone was just too angry or upset to work.

The boss (usually absent, fortunately) came down and harangued us saying while he agreed the differential was unfair he couldn't afford to close it and it should be gradually narrowed in future pay rounds, in other words the other "lady" and I should accept a partial pay

WHAT WE STAND FOR

BREAD & ROSES is the "paper of the Anarchist Communist Association." But that doesn't mean that everything printed in it has to fit an ACA "line" . We will print things by members of the ACA which don't have the official stamp of approval, and we will print things by readers who aren't in the ACA which don't fit in with ACA policy.

CENSORSHIP - we probably wouldn't print anything racist, except perhaps in order to give an editorial reply to it. Otherwise, the only censorship is one of style. We like things to be written so that we can understand them. (If we can, anybody can) .

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

We would particularly like to hear from you about things which have happened to you, things you have done, things which you have been involved in along with others, and the lessons you draw from experience .



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IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL ANARCHIST PLOT !

We in the Anarchist Communist Association have been developing our contacts with like minded organisations in other countries, including the Organisation Communiste Libertaire of France, the Anarchist Communist Federation of North America, and the Libertarian Socialist Organisation of Australia.

Amongst the fruits of this contact will be news of the struggle in other countries, and we can probably all learn quite a bit from each others' experiences.

We expect this development to be reflected in future issues of Bread & Roses.

All letters, articles, cartoons, illustrations, photos, etc. , for Bread & Roses, should be sent to Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS. Same goes for all communications to the ACA. Cheques etc. should be made payable to the Anarchist Communist Association.

FREEDOM AND EQUALITY

The Anarchist Communist Association exists to fight for a free and equal society in which people control their own lives.

Society would be planned so that people give what they can and get what they need. In place of government there would be a network of workplace and community councils.

Anarchism is not an abstract theory or a utopian dream. It gets its ideas from the practice of working people struggling against their exploitation. In Spain during the 1930s thousands of ordinary people controlled their own lives in this way through factory, street, and village councils.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The courts and parliament, police and army, exist to protect the interests of the rich and powerful.

We know from experience that it is useless to try and reform these institutions by electing representatives to parliament. Neither can they be captured and used in our interests after a revolution. Both simply lead to swapping one form of exploitation for another.

They need to be destroyed completely and immediately replaced with workers' and community councils. If this is to be achieved, we will need to take up arms to defend ourselves.

A REVOLUTION OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Relationships now are based on domination and submission: bosses over workers, men over women, adults over children.

We seek to change all of this. We seek not just an economic revolution but one that also frees us in our social and personal relationships.

DIRECT ACTION

The way to build for revolution is through direct action. This means ignoring official ways of protesting such as general elections. Instead, tactics such as occupying factories and squatting empty houses should be used.

It also means making sure that every struggle is controlled by the people concerned and not, for example, by full time party or union officials.

INTERNATIONALISM

Exploitation not only happens in this country. Ordinary people are exploited throughout the world. In the "communist" world as much as in the "free" world.

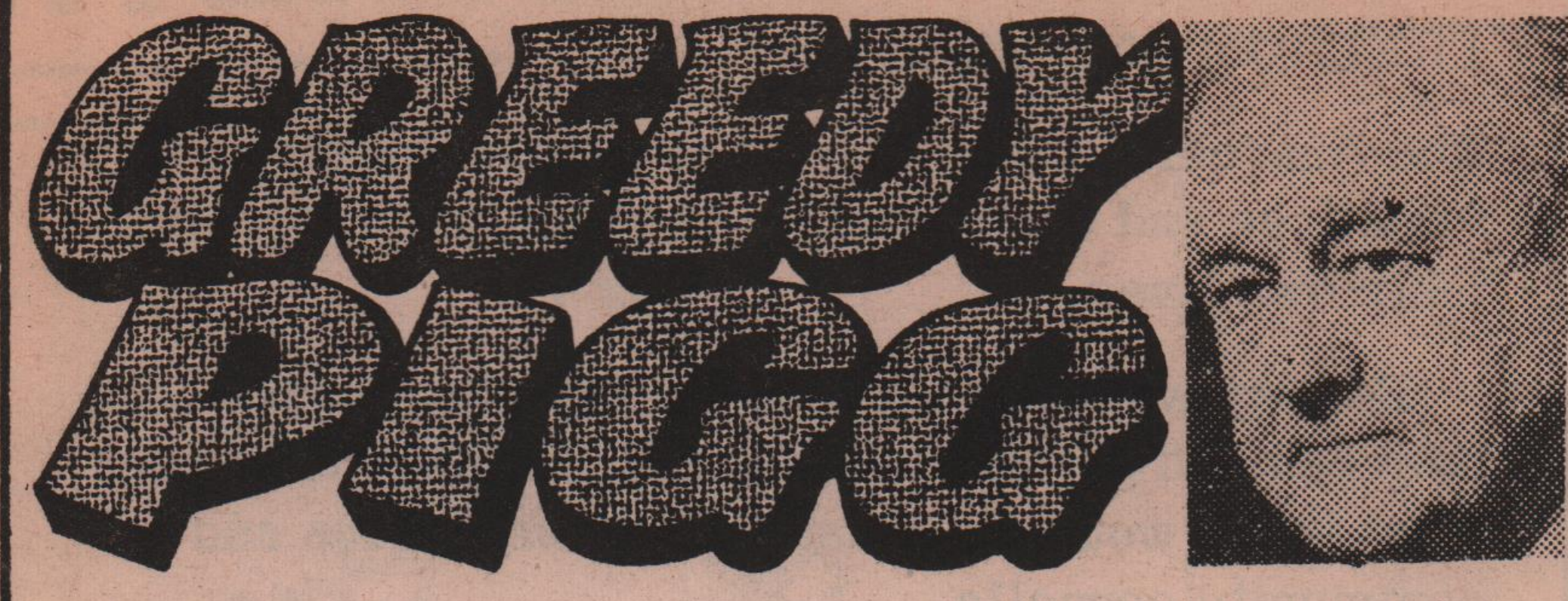
The experience of every previous revolution shows that there can be no successful revolution in one country alone and that we need to unite with ordinary people everywhere if we are to be free.

ORGANISATION

If we want to achieve a free classless society, we must organise in the same way.

The A.C.A. rejects equally the idea of creating a party in which a central committee hands down orders to the members and also the dis-organisation of other anarchist groups. Our organisation aims to provide an alternative to both.

Organisation is necessary because it breaks down our individual isolation, helps us to share our experiences, and to co-ordinate our activities. In this way, each thread of resistance can be gradually woven into a tapestry of revolution and freedom.



TORY "DICTATORSHIP" - LORD HAILSHAM

For years Quentin Hogg (Lord Hailsham) made noises about how unfair our "democratic" system was.

He described it as "elective dictatorship".

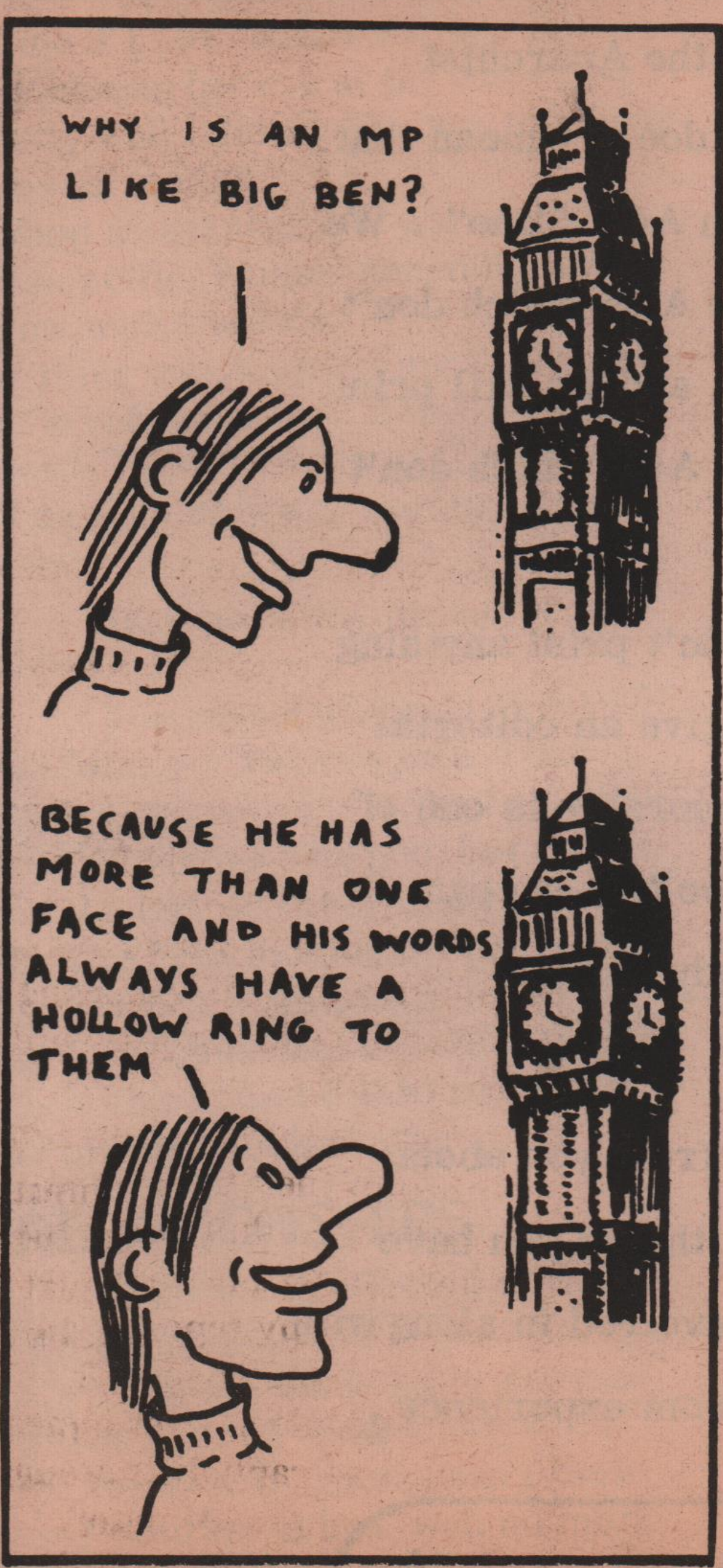
In 1976 he said the power of parliament to push people around was "quite unacceptable" .

He severely criticised the patronage powers of the Prime Minister "who sits like a spider at the centre of its web."

But all that was before a Tory prime minister made Lord Sham a member of the government.

The new spider, elected with the support of just ONE THIRD of the electorate (and a lot of them have had second thoughts since) exercised her power of patronage . And greedy Pigg lapped it up.

They are all hypocrites, all of them. They wouldn't know a principle if it sat up and bit them.



WE WELCOME DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Well that may be a slight exaggeration.

We don't want you to send letter bombs.

If you call us nasty names we might respond in the same way. We don't believe in turning the other cheek.

And of course we would really much prefer *constructive* criticism of our paper and the A.C.A.

But it's a matter of opinion what constitutes "constructive" criticism, and your opinion may be different from ours.

Every authoritarian outfit from the Russian government to the International Marxist Group will tell you that they welcome *constructive* criticism.

So—help keep *Bread and Roses* lively, interesting, and different. Send us your *destructive* criticisms!



RISING WHAT?

A FEW READERS may have heard a rumour that *Bread and Roses* has been banned by an "anarchist" bookshop. Could there possibly be any truth in this?

Unfortunately there could. Rising Free bookshop in North London, run by people who call themselves anarchists or libertarians, has sunk to censoring class struggle anarchism.

They sold the first issue of *Bread and Roses* (or rather they had it available in their shop and it sold itself). And they were also apparently quite happy about selling the second issue.

They took the third issue, but, having their free read, they returned the bundle to us saying that they didn't want to sell it because of the paper's "attitude".

They didn't specify any particular thing they objected to in the third issue, but they haven't sold *Bread and Roses* since. Don't ask us why.

Still, *Bread and Roses* was never intended as a paper to be sold mainly through bookshops.

SINKING CENSORSHIP

At the beginning of last year members of the A.C.A. took part in a demonstration of protest at the suppression of *Gay News*.

Five thousand people, "gay" and "straight", marched in Trafalgar Square. But the best bit about the demonstration came at the end of it.

W. H. Smiths bookshop had stopped selling *Gay News*. So over a hundred of those who had been on the march went to the Smiths bookshop at nearby Charing Cross and wrecked it. Absolutely tore it apart.

Now that's how to deal with censorship.



SILLY FUCKERS

"COMMUNIST" CHINA, which used to have a total ban on birth control, has reversed its policy with a vengeance.

According to the 'Observer' there is now massive social pressure on workers and peasants to practice birth control. The childless are rewarded with status symbols and anyone who has more than one child is considered "irresponsible".

In some areas third childre are treated as "non-persons"—for instance, by being denied a ration book. There are persistent rumours of forced sterilisation.

This programme is about as popular in the Chinese countryside as Indira Gandhi's was in India.

THE ANARCHIST ATTITUDE

Our attitude towards "the population question" is that there isn't one. We reject equally pressure to increase population and pressure to decrease it.

In contrast to state "communism", we trust in the good sense of ordinary people to have or not to have children as they choose—given the choices are known.

However it has to be said that there are some people calling themselves "anarchist" (not members of the Anarchist Communist Association) who share the totalitarian attitude that "that which isn't forbidden should be compulsory".

An example of this can be found in the "anarchist" paper *Freedom*, which had a front page article welcoming China's population programme with the words "three cheers for care-free Chinese fucking!"

Silly fuckers. That isn't OUR idea of freedom.



INTERESTED ? There are ACA contact addresses in Birmingham, Burnley, East Anglia, Glasgow, and London. For more details write - or fill in the thing below - and send to ACA, Box 2, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS.

I want to join the ACA ☐

I'd like more information about ACA ☐

(tick whichever is appropriate)

NAME

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CLASSROOM STRUGGLE



you didn't know you could do before. She also said we couldn't have a bigger choice of games, because we didn't have the equipment.

my answer

My answer to that would be: there are two games periods a week, so one of them could be a free period. (That would be an answer to the "games is a kind of lesson thing.")

To the "not enough equipment" thing I'd say the school doesn't make full use of the equipment it's got.

A few days after that, I started a school kids union, which broke down the same day cause of football.

Then I wrote a draft of a leaflet expressing my ideas about school, which I wanted to show to my friend Leith to see what he thought of it. I didn't get the chance, a grassy girl told Miss, who confiscated it and said it was a nice joke. But if it was a nice joke, she was saying it wouldn't make any difference and she's not scared of it, but if she confiscated it, it means she doesn't want anyone to see it and she's scared.

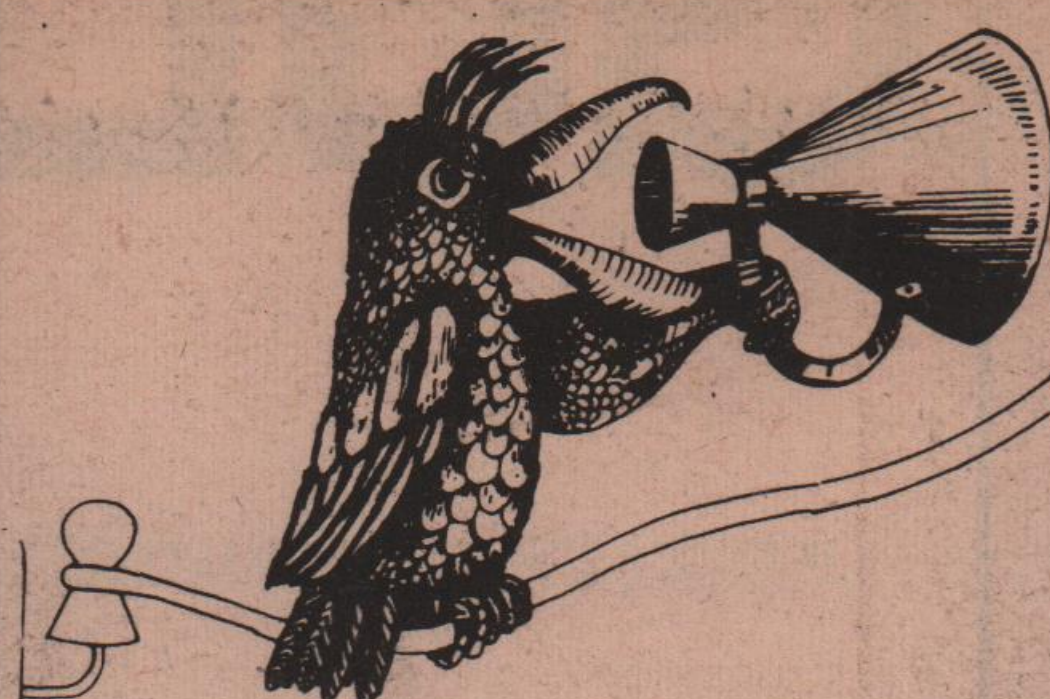
why not

What I've done has done some good. There are two doors to the school corridor, and one of them you're not allowed to go through, and once, I was inside, by that door, when some children wanted to come in, but instead of telling them to go to the other door, I unbolting the door they were at and let them in. One girl tried to stop me, but I said I don't see why we can't go through this door, to which a boy in my class said "not you and your rights again". I know this doesn't sound very good, but at least he knows what rights are. Before, he didn't.

By a Primary School Student.

NUSS

National Union
of School Students
302 Pentonville Road
London N1
phone 01-278 3291



Dear Bread & Roses,

I can understand the bitterness of the writer of 'Workers United' towards *Socialist Challenge*, or should we say Scabist Challenge.

The way the "International Marxist" paper reported the Malvern dispute could have dampened potential support for the strikers, and provided very welcome reading for Managing Director Howe in his last-word-of-luxury office.

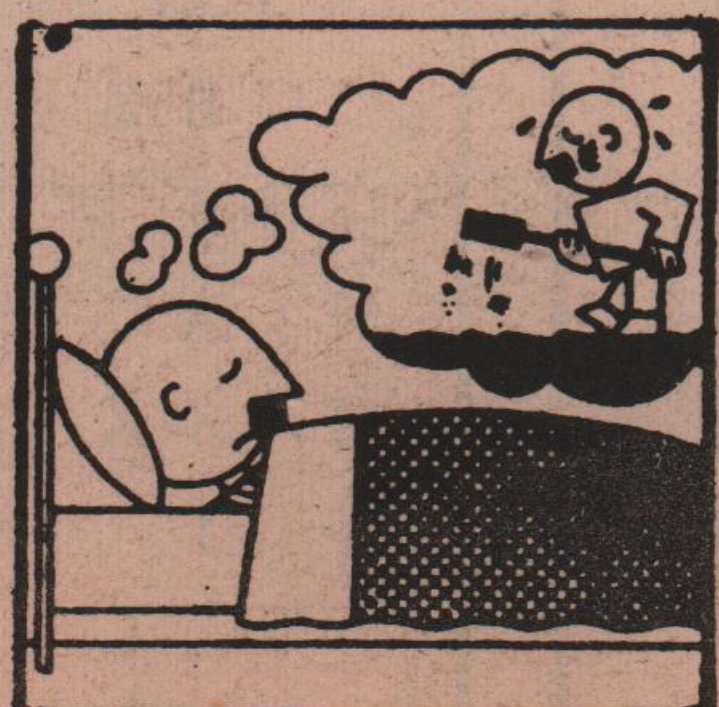
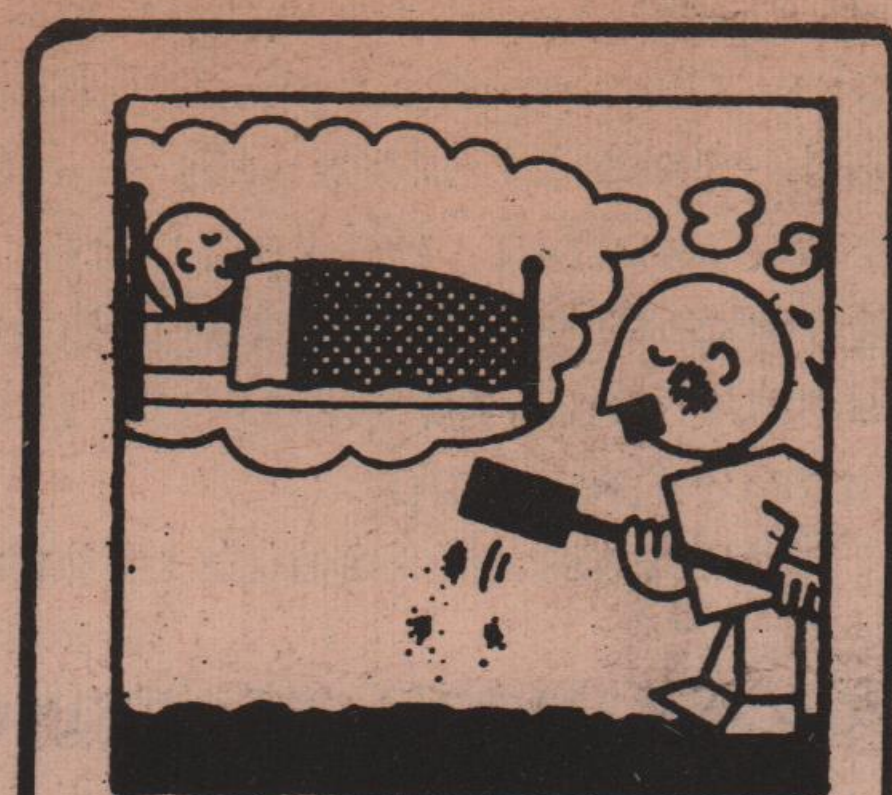
They did print a letter of protest from the Strike Committee a week later—but cut the bit which showed it wasn't just a case of sloppy reporting, but sectarian vindictiveness.

Meanwhile an ever increasing number of capitalists are publishing "employee reports"—that is, propaganda aimed at those they exploit.

And according to a survey done by R. Hussey of the St. Edmund Hall Industrial Relations Unit, Oxford, most employees both read and believe these reports.

Which surely makes it even more vital to have papers controlled by the workers in which a more sceptical view can be put forward!

Ron Jackson



Dear Friends & Comrades,

On May 9, 1979 there was a take over of the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, Wash. over the inhuman and illegal treatment and conditions. The Penitentiary was held for twelve hours non-violently before a surrender occurred. The entire prison population supported this take-over, and a member of the Anarchist Black Dragon Collective, Carl L. Harp was involved. Many other ABDC members stood up in support of the take-over and Carl's courageous involvement.

Now Carl is buried in segregation facing a major political trial this year. If he loses he faces 10 years plus "Habitual Criminal" charges along with his four consecutive life terms.

Right now the situation is bad. On June 15th a guard was killed and the prison has been locked down ever since with a massive right wing reactionary attack against all prisoners here by the guards. We do not know when it will let up or what will happen from it.

Carl Harp, Robert S. Green Jr and Robert C. Washburn, all involved in the May 9th take-over, have been threatened with burial in the segregation unit....literally! We urge your support for these three by writing protest letters to every official possible in the world to keep them safe and allow them a fair trial. We urge you to send letters of solidarity to these three brave prisoners who faced and still face death for Justice and Human rights in prison. They need our support to give them strength and courage. Please help them with literature and funds for stamps. Please don't let them die or be railroaded by the state. They especially want to get Carl Harp because he is an Anarchist, a revolutionary who has fought the state for six years to prove his innocence and for Human Rights and Justice in prison. Please send money for Carl's legal needs to the defence fund:-

Hennie Mulder
Hapotec International
P.O. Box 10638
Amsterdam, Holland

Our love to all of you out there.

NEITHER GOD NOR MASTER!

ANARCHIST BLACK DRAGON COLLECTIVE
Washington State Prison

Write to Carl as follows:-

Carl L. Harp 126516
P.O. Box 520
Walla Walla WA 99362

THE AWKWARD SQUAD

We've decided to have an "Awkward Questions" feature in Bread & Roses.

The idea is that you readers send us tricky questions and we come up with brilliant answers and that way convince a lot more people our ideas make sense.

Don't ask us to explain the theory of relativity though. We could, but that's not what this paper's for.

We mean awkward political questions. If you've got any, let's be having them!

Bread & Roses



Trouble in the goal industry

DESPITE the very high wages some footballers receive, footballers generally have to put up with feudal conditions of employment. Not only in this country but wherever the game is played.

Now things are beginning to change. The players are organising and fighting back. In Britain, players are to achieve 'freedom of contract' this summer. But even this limited success was only achieved when the players threatened strike action last year. In Spain and the USA the players have gone one step further and actually gone on strike.

The following article on the Spanish footballers' strike has been translated from the newspaper of the CNT, the anarchist inspired trade union in Spain, which has a membership approaching 500,000.

SPANISH FOOTBALLERS STRIKE

Spanish football fans could not watch any game on Sunday March 4th. For the very first time, all the country's professional football players were on strike. Every player took part from the highest to the lowest paid.

They were striking in support of the following demands:

Abolition of the right of clubs to retain players.

No compulsory retirement age.

Clubs to pay the players' national insurance contributions, etc.

An earlier strike called by the players union (the AFE) for September 1978 had been called off after the Spanish Football Federation had promised to publicise the players' demands by December 31st 1978. When they failed to do this, the players were left with no alternative but strike action.

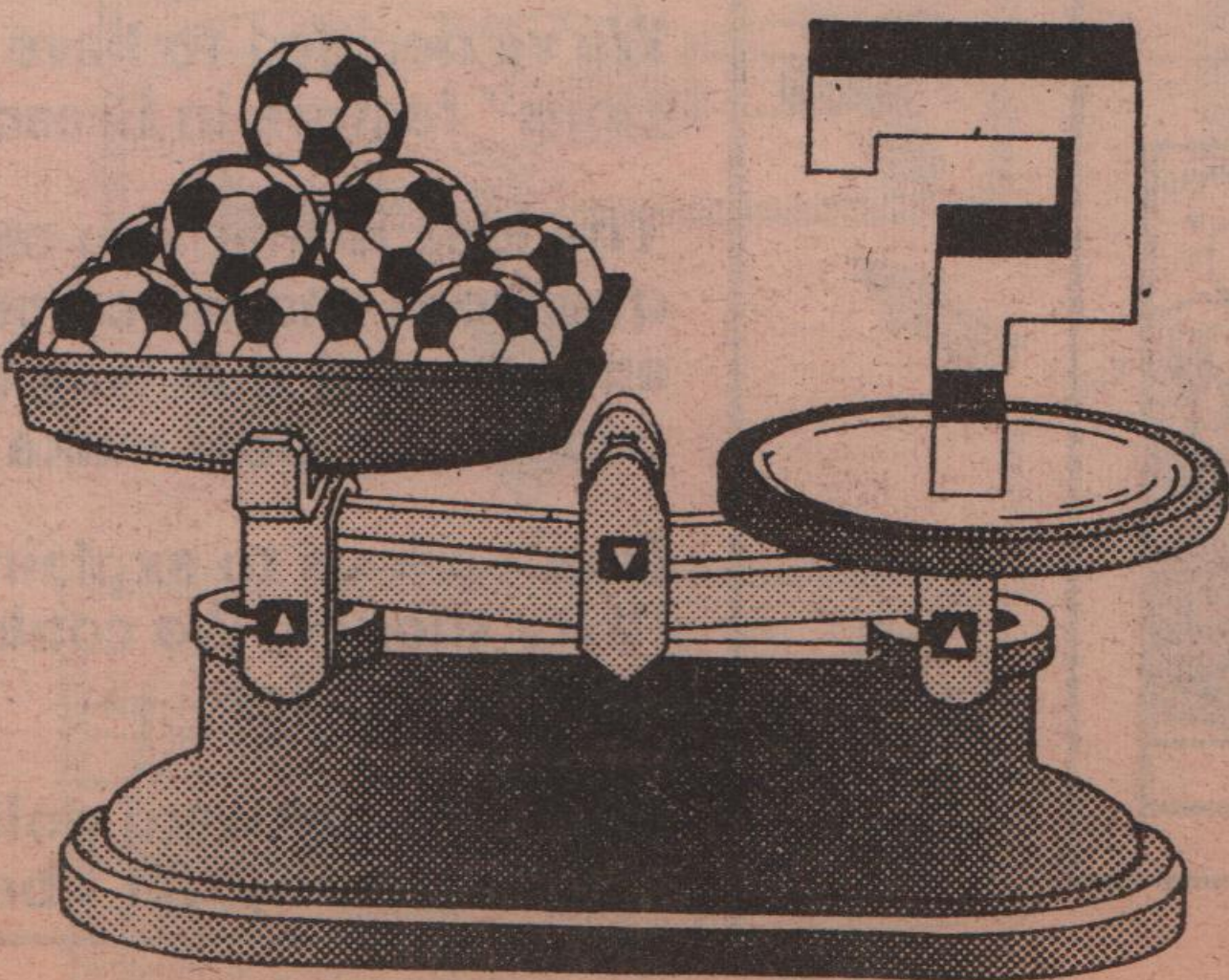
However, the players reasons for striking were totally distorted by the mass media and particularly by Miguel Ors, the

sports commentator of RTVE television, who always took the side of the clubs and the Federation and never presented the players case.

Despite these attempts to make the strike unpopular, the strike was a success and no football game was played even though the Ministry of Works declared the strike illegal.

Faced with this solidarity the clubs and the Federation reacted in the best Francoist tradition by fining the players 10 per cent of their wages.

Now it is up to the football players to have the last word. Are they going to declare indefinite strike?



GULAG GAMES

"The Soviet authorities regard the forthcoming Olympic Games as an event of great significance for their propaganda. . . The operation of clearing Moscow of dissidents has already been launched and we expect the escalation of this campaign. We implore you to prevent it."

So appealed the Moscow Helsinki Monitoring Group to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). IOC have listened keenly with a deaf ear and made it clear they'll disqualify any sportsman to make a 'political gesture' (protest).

Meanwhile the KGB is taking steps to keep all dissidents from seeing foreign Games visitors. It has two men on the Moscow Games organising committee, A. Gresko and S. Nikitin. To rub salt in the wound, prisoners in labour camps are off normal chores to make souvenirs for the Games.

HITLER'S ARYANS

The mentality of all dictatorships loves ceremony and spectacle. Hitler also used the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games to show the 'success' of Nazism!

The 1980 Olympic spectacle will show the triumph of Soviet bureaucracy which holds the Russian and other peoples of the USSR in its iron grip.

Olympic Games were aimed to foster freedom and brotherhood. Yet what freedom is there when thousands of people whose only 'crime' is questioning Stalin's ideology now rot behind barbed wire in labour camps.

And what freedom is there when perfectly sane dissidents are locked up and tortured in prisons disguised as psychiatric hospitals?

Algirdas Zipre, an anti-Communist partisan of Lithuania, gave himself up under an amnesty in 1956. Two years later he got 25 years gaol. A more recent decree said the maximum was 15 years. So in 1973, when he thought his release was due, he was surprised with another 10 years. He wrote protesting letters, this convinced the authorities he was 'insane' and he's now in the psychiatric section of the camp.

There are thousands of others.

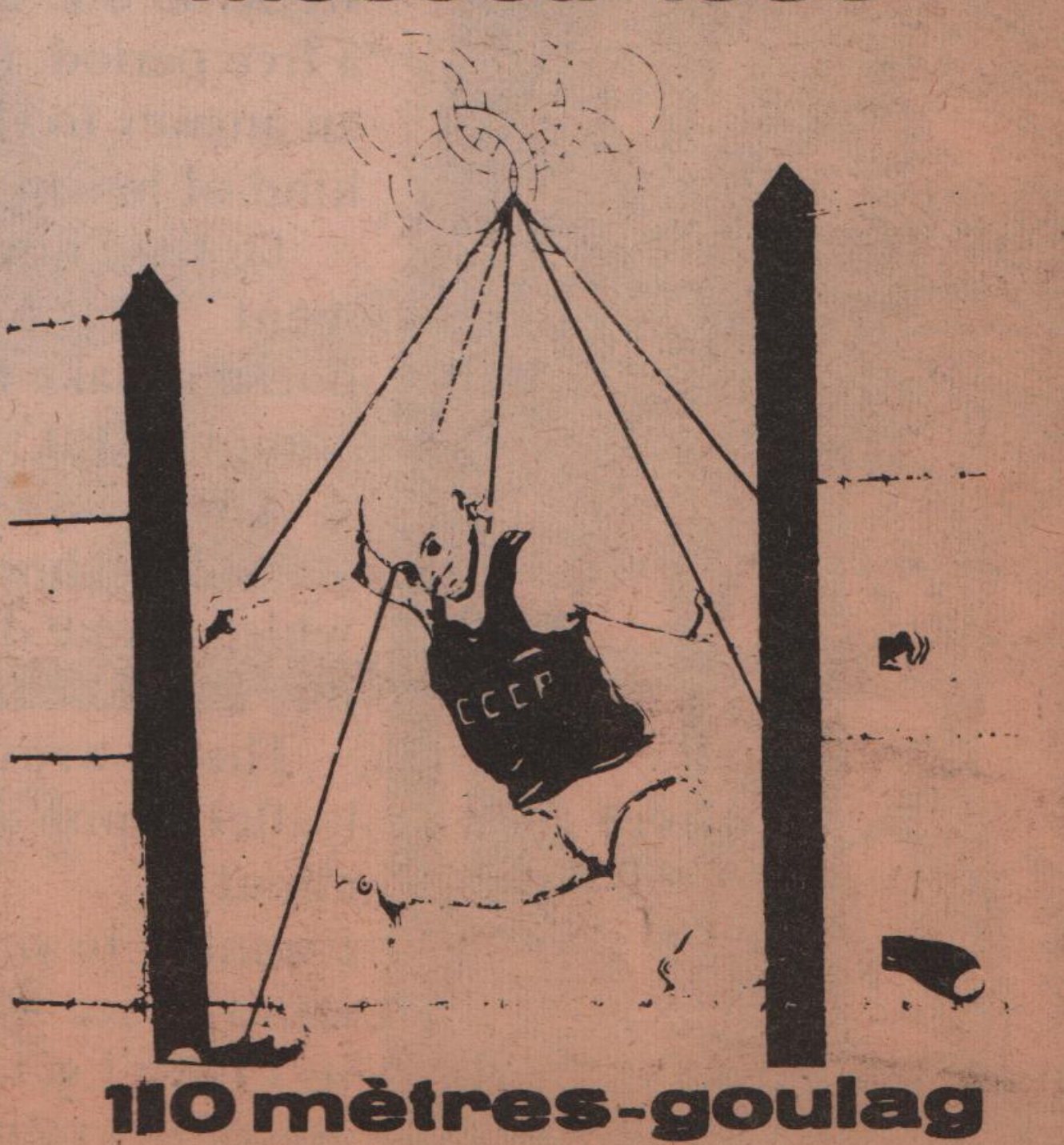
SOVIET UNION—SCABBING

Vladimir Klebanov, N. Nikolaev and G. Ivanov are in 'psychiatric care' for attempting to form a trade union independent of the State.

Valentin Poplavski is fired and beaten up for not reprimanding a woman who complained about the misuse of company funds for drinking funds.

That's brotherhood for you. Like the shooting or gaoling of strikers. It's freedom for you. Like the freedom of dissidents to be fired and then branded as parasites in prison!

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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

The USSR contains all the empire of the old Tsars and a few others thrown in. The Red Army is always ready to support brother tyrants in Hungary or Czechoslovakia—with tanks—if the workers there get any freedom.

South African Rugby and Cricket teams in 1970 met with determined opposition from the Left. This was the best thing to do with a spectacle for the brutal and oppressive regime of that country, but have you heard the noisy silence over the Moscow Olympics?

Stalin's regime—it's not much changed in the 24-odd years since his death—is no better than Vorster's. The only opposition seems to be Right-winger Norris McWhirter (Guinness book of records) and Frank Chapple (Electricians' and Plumbers' Union), who will make their own propaganda for the alternative tyranny of the likes of the National Association for 'Freedom' (NAFF) or whatever.

As Libertarians, we champion liberty against all tyrannies, regardless of form or colour. Freedom would have a set-back with the Moscow Olympics, we must campaign to stop them.

Terry Liddle

LAYOUT WORKER'S COMMENT

Nothing short of an earthquake is going to stop the games. What we should be doing is using the games as a springboard in a campaign to publicise the plight of workers in the Soviet Union. The soviet authorities are sensitive to pressure and criticism, especially from the labour movement. Anyone interested in getting a campaign together should write to the ACA.

REMEMBER last year's crossword? Well, this is the solution.

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