

HOOD no 2

Hood no 1 was produced by two people. It's original intention was to communicate certain political ideas wider than a network of friends. It would be a way of meeting people in other areas of action and so develop our ideas. At the same time, thinking about and producing a paper honestly combined our own abilities and political outlook.

It was meant to be sold locally but hopefully without being parochial. For example, planning policy comes out in a certain way in Nottingham - so-called 'free' buses, massive homelessness on the way, new outlying council estates - yet rents and planning are part of a national (even international) bosses scheme, and can only be understood by looking at them this way.

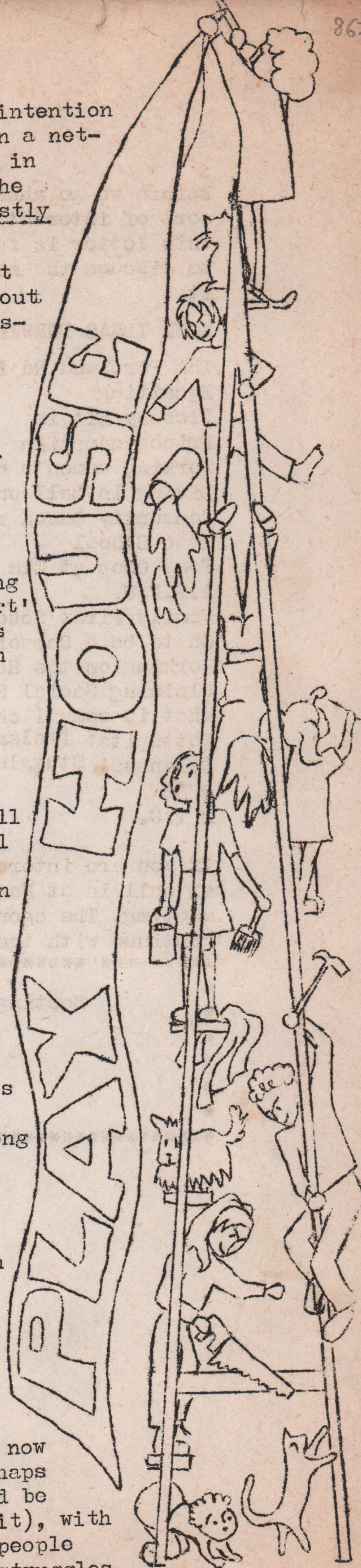
There were purposeful biases in the paper. A quarter of it was especially for women and all of it was of equal importance to women as to men. We feel that women's liberation is fundamental to any real human changes. Several of the articles gave practical advice and usable information. (Contraception, Fitting in with their plans) The idea was not just to 'report' but to help things along a bit. Perhaps extra copies of whole pages could be produced that give advice on contraception, squatting, free schools, factory occupations etc and then given out.

The article 'Take over the City' discussed how the self-management of fights over playspace, housing, health, factories became one struggle. Although we don't see Take over the City as a good enough overall theory, we feel it's important to develop an overall way of looking at things which doesn't always leave us rushing up blind alleys. We arranged a discussion - Take over the City - in a local pub. This is because we feel that newspapers are always part of something wider, never isolated (unbiased) commentators. We need to understand the wide variety of ways people are trying to change life and press those attempts forward, both through the paper and other ways. One idea might be to follow some of the articles through with advice on housing, women's problems, claiming social security etc at a one (half?) day a week session when people can come along

A great deal was missed out. This was only because we didn't have the time and info.

We produced it ourselves, not really because it was cheaper that way but because we wanted to learn and pass on the skills of producing a paper. When the confidence and ability to print is more widespread the bosses will have a much harder time keeping us all quiet.

Having enjoyed writing, typing and laying out we got fed up with the selling. With only two people, that's quite a job. Most of the 500 we printed are now spread around.....through friends, newsagents. Perhaps the lessons about 'selling' are that a paper should be produced regularly (so people know when to expect it), with most (not all) going to a particular community of people (at home and at work) as a relevant part of other struggles.



Before we go ahead with the next issue we want to see what sort of interest there is from other people. That's what this letter is for.....there's a meeting on Tuesday Aug 20 to discuss the next issue and perhaps to begin producing it.

SOME IDEAS BREWING FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

The Portland Rd Playhouse and playschemes generally

Squatting

Plessey Sit in

Prices campaign

Working women's charter

Living in Balloon Woods

Community based renewal

Rree School

Food Coop at Elm Ave

A.P.F.U.

Family First Scheme for Cromwell St/Portland Rd

Oh to be a Corporation Gardener!

Working on the Scrap

Claiming Social Security

What is sexual chaos? (from Sexpol Manifesto)

Nottspits; Ireland

Celaneso; Stuggles of black people

NUSS

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If you are interested but can't make it then drop us line or call in at Hampden St. We can inform you of the next meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be 'can we continue with the Hood, if so, what way should it grow?'

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*	August 20th	8.00	*
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