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YOUNG AND OUT OF WORK IN NOTTINGHAM

15,000 unemployed chasing 1,450 jobs, over ten people for every job vacancy in Nottingham. No wonder the queues at the Jobcentres, Employment Offices and DHSS are growing! Nationally the unemployment figures are 1,613,000, the highest since the 1930's - 6.8% of the working population.

It's the young people who are particularly hard hit by the growth of unemployment, only a third of this year's school leavers have found jobs yet - leaving 2,250 school leavers in Nottingham out of a job, nationally the figure is $\frac{1}{4}$ million.

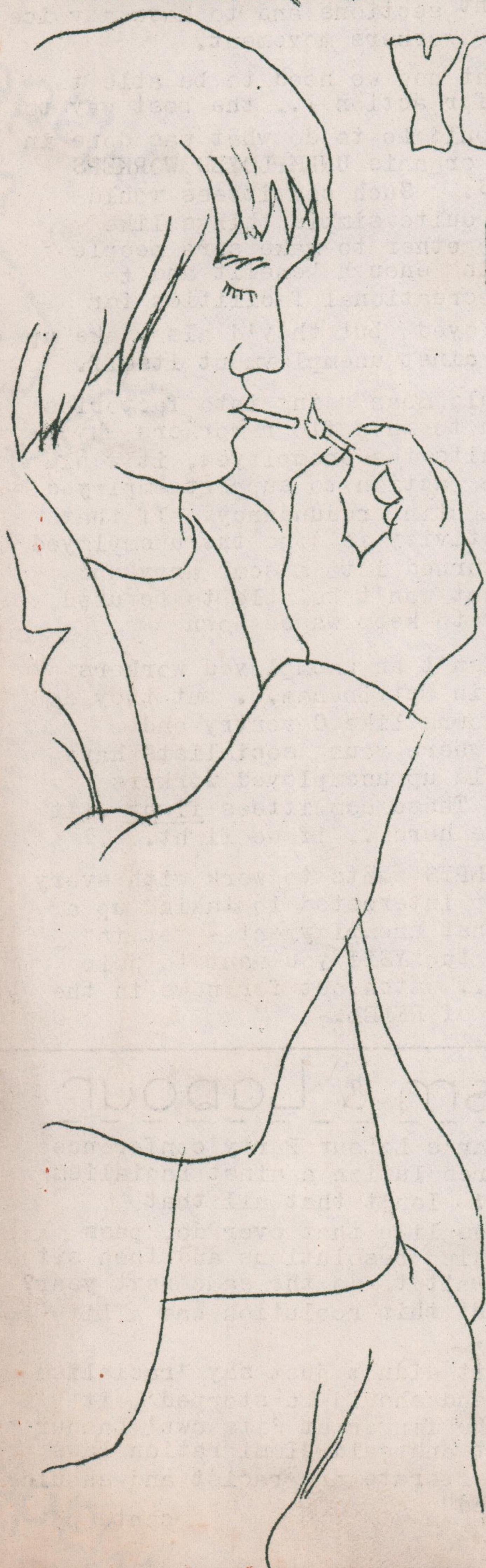
Why? Because when the employers can pick and choose who to take on, up go the "experience essential", "skilled work" and "mature applicants" notices. Even the Department of Employment reckons that out of those 2,000 vacancies in Nottingham only a hundred or so are for unskilled young people.

"SO THERE ARE SOME JOBS GOING?" - True, jobs at around £20 a week, jobs where employers take on 16 year olds till they're "too old" - and that means 18 - when they will take on another 16 year old at the lowest possible pay.

"BUT IF PEOPLE WOULD ONLY TRAIN FOR SKILLED JOBS".
- There are less apprenticeships than ever before, only a handful in Nottingham, and most of them are phony. Most apprenticeships mean 3 or 4 years of being cheap labour, doing the work that skilled workers would not touch and at less pay.....though if you really wanted to learn about tea-making.....

"WE'LL GO AND GET BETTER QUALIFICATIONS". - Another year or two at school or college with no grant, no independence - for what?.....
Joining the dole queue a bit later you'll probably be

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'over qualified'. But if you do get onto a Poly or University course (and cutbacks mean there are less places) the grant that you get isn't that much more than the dole and all the holiday jobs that meant you could survive have gone...

" WELL THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING"

Too right it is, make unemployment figures look lower without spending too much money.

90,000 are on the 'job creation schemes', the work experience schemes - watching someone else do a job you've no hope of getting, or try the TOPS training scheme and get a magnificent £16.85 a week while your'e training full time - it goes up to £19 when you are 19... watch out for all those big spenders! But there's still no promise of a job at the end of it, or even much chance of one.

"SO WHAT CAN WE DO?" It's not going to be the government who'll fight unemployment for us - their 'job' of holding wages down and cutting public spending is designed to keep the employers profits up - and so is unemployment. It's us : who suffer from unemployment, or who are likely to be thrown out of work who have to fight back.

NO TO ANY REDUNDANCIES:

Every job lost is a defeat for the employed and unemployed alike either bringing the threat of unemployment closer or keeping people out of work longer. What is needed is united action against the threat of unemployment and against its grim reality.

If the employers threaten to lay people off we should demand a shorter working week planned out to make sure there need be no lost jobs...and with no loss of pay. Nationally we need a 35 hour week to make more jobs available, and the trade unions whos conferences regularly call for it need to be organised to fight for it. And right now we need to make sure no overtime is worked - it hits at the chances of the unemployed getting work it divides workers.

If the bosses try it on and threaten to close their factory they should be occupied and the government forced to nationalise them ... but for that sort of real 'cure to unemployment' we need the unity of employed and unemployed.

ORGANISE THE UNEMPLOYED

Unemployed workers are cut off from other workers because many trade unions refuse to organise **unemployed** workers - most don't have unemployed sections and school leavers who don't get a job never get a chance to become part of the organised working class movement. We must fight for the right of the unemployed to join unions, to organise their own genuinely independant sections and to have a voice inside the workers movement.

" But right now we need to be able to organise for action ... the best way to do that would be to do what was done in the 1930s organis **UNEMPLOYED WORKERS COMMITTEES**. Such committees would deal with quite simple things like getting together to make sure people were getting enough benefit and to provide recreational facilities for the unemployed but they'd also take up a fight against unemployment itself.

That would mean going into factories to explain to shop floor workers why overtime hits the unemployed, it would mean taking action to support employed workers fighting redundancy. If that sort of activity is done the unemployed can't be turned into a scab army and unemployment won't be able to be used as a bogey to keep wages down

There isn't an unemployed workers committee in Nottingham... but they do exist in towns like Coventry and Liverpool where young **socialists** have helped build up unemployed workers centres. Those committees fight ...it can be done here... if we fight.

Carlton LPYS wants to work with every other group interested in taking up a fight against unemployment - get in touch with the YS if you want to join the fight... watch out for news in the next issue of REBEL.

Racism & Labour

Last year's Labour Party conference passed a resolution against racialism -Big deal! Isn't that all that conferences like that ever do, pass nice sounding resolutions and then sit back and wait to do the same next year?

True, but this resolution was a bit different.

First, it didn't just say 'racialism is nasty and should be stopped', it pointed the finger at 'its own' Labour government and said "Immigration laws which you operate are racist and should be scrapped"

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PUNK — REVOLT OR JUST REVOLTING?

1977 is the year of punk rock - the year when youth found a new ideology after nearly a decade of sterility and self-indulgence, (for those rich enough) Teenage rebellion had been confined to the terraces and had identified fellow teenagers (from different cities) as the enemy.

PUNK BRINGS BACK REBELLION

Punk rock, as well as bringing aggression back to music has brought back rebellion and given it more direction than it ever had before. Many groups (Clash, Pistols and Chelsea) are explicitly anti-capitalist (as opposed to just anti-establishment) and the movement aims specifically at working class youth especially the unemployed.

NEW WAVE TORIES?

Even the Jam who revere the Queen, play in front of Union Jacks and "will be voting Tory at the next election" (Paul Weller) are aggressively anti-establishment and anti a system whose politicians, councillors, etc, etc simply won't listen:

"In the city there's a thousand things
I wanna say to you,
But whenever I approach you, you
make me look a fool"

That then is the good news. But, as the Jam illustrate, its one thing to ask the questions, another to come up with the correct answers. The Jam would have us vote Tory, and even the Clash to say the least are politically naive - they hint at revolution without suggesting what it is or how it is to be achieved

SEXIST STRANGLERS

The Stranglers are the most commercially successful of the punk bands: their lyrics are blatantly sexist and often downright nasty. O.K. so sexism is nothing new (Stones, Hendrix, Quo etc) but bondage and perversion are not funny. Add to this the fact that many of the Stranglers fans wear Nazi emblems and affect a liking for fascism and the mixture looks pretty dangerous.

It can be argued that fashion has often displayed a liking for paramilitary gear

and insignia (eg Hells Angels), but the present economic climate is ripe for the growth of fascism. You may expect a fascist group like the National Front to be 'disgusted' and 'horrified' by the activities of Punks (especially the Sex Pistols) but in fact its trying to woo punks to its 'dubious cause'.

Punk rock then is to be welcomed on the whole, but is, like all cults to be treated with caution. The message really is if you want to have a good time and kick at the system by all means be a punk, but if you want an ideology that really will smash the system, get political.

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Racism and Labour contd.

The conference realised that attempts to divide workers into 'them' and 'us' just because of whereabouts people happen to be born is stupid - and dangerous. Immigration laws are dangerous because they support racist ideas that 'foreigners' are 'inferior' and should be 'controlled'

Even more important the resolution called for action... for the Labour Party to hold demonstrations, meetings and a special conference on the issue.

But what happened? one demonstration in London then... nothing, no conference a handful of meetings and two tatty leaflets which said 'immigration laws are necessary' - exactly the opposite of the conference decision!

Why? the Labour government would find a proper campaign against racism by 'its own' party embarrassing - because the Labour Party would have to say to it "You're racists" and it would fight to kick racists out of labour movement positions... so some people in the Labour Party let the campaign die.

Carlton LPYS wants to bring the Labour Party campaign 'back to life' That's why Carlton LPYS is one of the first Young Socialist branches to back the call from the party that moved last years resolution. For a lobby of this years Labour Party conference to say "FIGHT RACISM NO TO ALL IMMIGRATION LAWS"

Defend the TENNYSON 6

A month ago police went on the rampage in Nottingham and in a savage display of police violence against black people a 54 year old West Indian man was handcuffed to a fence opposite his home and five young black people were arrested on trumped up charges of assaulting police officers.

The trouble started in Tennyson Street on July 4th when a window was broken while about a dozen black teenagers were playing cricket. No-one was charged in connection with the window.

A white woman living on Tennntson St. said that the policeman didn't ask who had broken the window but just approached a boy who he knew and accused him of doing it. When the boy replied that it was 't him and before anyone else could say anything the policeman pulled and ripped the boy's jumper and told him to get into the car. The boy's father came over and asked his son if he had done it he replied "no" so the father sent him home. He then turned to explain to the policeman who just ignored him and went after the boy.

'HALF A DOZEN PANDA CARS'

Police 'reinforcements' in half a dozen panda cars arrived and a scuffle broke out when the boy, 18 year old Peter Shand and his father returned home they were followed by the police into their garden and grapped Peter. They then handcuffed Peter's dad to the fence at Windley School and also handcuffed Peter.

By this time there was a large number of black children and teenagers on the street, many shouting at the police. Peter's 16 year old brother and a 15 year old friend were arrested accused of assulting police officers. And a 56 year old man, Peters god-father was arrested and charged with 'using threatening, abusive and insulting words'

An 18 year old from Cinderhill was overpowered by police and charged with maliciously wounding a police officer and intent to cause GBH.

A white woman living in the area said that children, old people and women were hurt during the fight, including herself. Her leg was bruised while she was picking up a two year old boy from the middle of the scuffle, the injury was caused by a police sargeant. She said "I would like to state that the whole affair was avoidable if the

police had acted in a proper manner. The result in this matter was that a group of six people was arrested. And may I also add that none of those was responsible for smashing the window"

"POLICE KICKED AND PUNCHED HIM"

Mrs Marquis, mother of one of the 18 year olds arrested described how Peter Shand was arrested, she saw "about 8 policemen on him. Two had grabbed him by the hair, one was holding a a handcuff to his neck and one was kicking and punching him"

Her son received similar treatment "A policeman grabbed my son by the hair and pulled him to the floor and kicked him while three more held him to the floor"

CURFEW

After these acts of police violece it was the arrested youths, not the police, who were made to pay. A condition of bail for two of them was that they reported to the police station every day and that they obeyed a curfew saying that they couldn't leave their homes from 9at night to 6 in the morning... this continued till they appeared in court on Tuesday 26th July a 3 week curfew.

"BANDING TOGETHER" - against racist violence.

What really worried the police about the incedent was explained by Supt. Alfred Bowley in the next days Evening Post when he said that the black people of Tennyson Street had shown a "disturbing habit of banding together to support one another"...

Its a disturbing habit that's vital and necessary for black people in Nottingham - such attacks by the police may be 'avoidable' for white people but with their training in violence and tendancy to racialism the police pose a constant threat to the black community

The self-defence of black people against attack whether from fascist gangs like the National Front or the police must be supported-physically as well as 'morally' by the Labour movement.

That defence is important now in demanding that the charges against the Tennyson 6 are dropped-its the police who are guilty.

Support for protests like the march held on July 30th is important, showing that there are people supporting those arrested. **SHOWING THAT POLICE FRAME-UPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

WHOSE IRELAND?

WHOSE TROOPS?

Chronicle Advertiser 14/II/74 on the Sherwood Foresters in Northern Ireland - their job "consists of a permanent road check of the vital Craigavon bridge...in Londonderry, continually manned observation posts, regular patrols and surprise search teams"

With 250,000 16-18 year olds on the dole even a job that involves tearing peoples cars apart (road checks), hiding in a bunker taking pot shots at Catholic housing estates (observation) roaming round the streets gun in hand (patrols) and invading Catholic homes (surprise searches) may seem better than nothing, and at least its 'action' But why is this 'job' being done at all?

PRESERVING LAW AND ORDER - OR PROPING UP A POLICE STATE?

As the commanding officer of the 'Foresters' said about their role when they were last in N. Ireland they were there to 'support the R.U.C. and between us...restore law and order'

Evening Post 21/II/74.

But "law and order" in Northern Ireland means something special. 'Ulster' was set up in 1921 as a Protestant state for Protestant people' imprisoning within it 40% of its population who are Catholics, discriminated against in education, housing and jobs...second class citizens by law. Supporting 'law and order' means supporting that set up.

THE ARMY ISN'T NEUTRAL!

The army isn't neutral, it supports keeping 20-25% of Catholics in permanent unemployment, trapped in ghetto estates like the Bogside-because it supports the 'Ulster' state that has divided Ireland, that has divided worker against worker along a sectarian divide by handing out a few extra crubs to the Protestants.

*That's why the Sherwood Foresters last posting in Co. Derry, just like all the other regiments, was mainly to Catholic areas.

*That's why the army works closely with the Royal Ulster Constabulary, an almost entirely Protestant police force, heavily armed and strongly linked to the Orange terror gangs like the U.D.A. and the U.V.F. who are responsible for most of the sectarian assassinations in the North of Ireland.

ARMY 'DIRTY TRICKS' AND TORTURE
British soldiers are taught that the enemy are sub-human as a description by a soldier of an area of Londonderry shows "rows of squalid little hutches full of I.R.A. and their numerous progeny. The record to date found in one house is 17 adults and youths, no bathroom and only 2 bedrooms"

Regimental Mag. April 1975.

If they are trained to see the enemy as animals it is not surprising the army can get soldiers to torture prisoners, (The European Court of Justice has found that Britain does use torture in Ireland beatings, electric shock treatment, torture drugs and sensory deprivation) and to plant bombs latter to be blamed on the I.R.A. (in South Armagh-as reported later in the British press) and to invade Catholic homes at all times of the day and night.

The army occupation, the dirty tricks the torture are all part of the 'carnival of reaction' the Irish socialist James Connolly predicted in 1916 if Ireland were to be divided up.

Now Ireland has been divided by Britain for 50 years, 50 years after 80% of the country voted for their country's independence from Britain.

All the army shows, recruitment talks in schools, the flashy "army careers offices" are a grim little side-show to that "carnival", they're an attempt to pretend that the army is something other than an army of occupation which tortures and terrorises, and an attempt to get young people to join it with promises of job training and good wages

DON'T BE FOOLED

We should show up the army's 'job' carried out in our name, as a vicious war against Ireland's right to national independence. We shouldn't just sit back and let it happen, but fight for the army to be forced out now, with no strings so that the Irish people can decide their own future without interference from the British state and its army.

DON'T JOIN THE ARMY!

DON'T SUPPORT BRITAIN'S WAR AGAINST
THE IRISH PEOPLE!

TROOPS OUT NOW!

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REBEL

As young people we get pushed around. We are the first to suffer the high rate of unemployment and the last to be asked our views on things like abortion and contraception.

That's the situation we have to put up with because we are not organised - REBEL supporters fight to build an organisation that can change things.

We fight for the building of young workers groups in the trade unions in order to fight for the interests of young workers against capitalism

We fight to build the National Union of School Students to defend school students against the authorities

We fight to build unemployed workers centres to make sure that claimants get what they're entitled to from the dole and to fight against unemployment itself.

We fight to build the Labour Party Young Socialists and make it take up a struggle for the political interests of the working class against capitalism.

REBEL is about fighting for these things, if you want to fight back with us support the bulletin, write for it and help us distribute it.

We can be contacted at the address at the bottom of the page or at any of the meetings advertised.

CARLTON LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS

Meetings at the Windsor Castle pub on Carlton Hill, at 8.00pm:

Wednesday 17th August - "The road from Soweto: what's happening in South Africa and what we can do."

Wednesday 14th September "Reform or Revolution", which way forward for the working class.

* PLUS a debate with the Young Communist League on "Is there a parliamentary 'British road to socialism'?"

MEETINGS ON IRELAND

Troops Out Committee Meeting:
Wednesday 7th Sept,
International
Community Centre,
611 Mansfield Rd; at
7.30pm

Anti-Internment
Demonstration, in
London. SAT 6th
AUGUST
A coach is going.

ANTI-RACIST DEMONSTRATIONS

LOBBY OF LABOUR PARTY
CONFERENCE - BRIGHTON

"NO TO ALL IMMIGRATION
LAWS"

4th OCTOBER, Coach going

anti-National Front Demo

Sat 13th August

LEWISHAM: Coach leaves 9.00am

Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way, £2

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