

MAGAZINE

**WOMEN ONLY**

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Mairead Farrell was one of the 3 IRA members murdered by the SAS on 6th March. They were unarmed at the time, although the Foreign Secretary is trying to claim that the men who shot them thought their lives were in danger. (The 2 others killed were Sean Savage & Daniel McCann.) But this is obviously a lie, as the 3 were not challenged before being shot, and as mentioned, they had no guns on them.

Mairead Farrell was 31. She was one of the IRA's principal public figures. Active in the IRA for several years in her teens, she was arrested in 1976, aged 19, following a bombing mission which went wrong. Police arrived at the scene as Farrell and two others planted bombs at a south Belfast hotel. She was carrying a Colt .45 pistol.

Imprisoned in Armagh jail, she was the first woman to be denied the "special category" status previously allowed to paramilitary prisoners. She kept up a continual protest against this until her release in October 1986. She was the IRA "commanding officer" over the other women in the jail.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, singled her out for special commendation at the party's annual conference in Dublin 2 years ago. Delegates gave her a standing ovation.

is high and carries with it the risk of lengthy sentences in foreign jails. There was no doubt about Mairéad Farrell's commitment. <sup>and</sup> scoffed. <sup>killer then jumped</sup>

**"Suddenly, from nowhere, there comes running a well-built man with blond hair in a light blue jacket and blue jeans. He fired at the couple. The man in the white suit fell over a low wall, and the woman tumbled, splayed out.**

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We're still looking for outlets,so if you've got a trendy shop or two near you,either drop us a line & we'll contact them or ask them yourself!!

RESISTER  
C/O WOMENS CENTRE  
229 WOODHOUSE LANE  
LEEDS



**fight the alton bill**

If David Alton and his supporters really wanted to reduce the number of 'late' abortions they would be tackling the reasons why women face obstruction and unnecessary delays, they would be pressing for sufficient and equal NHS day care abortion facilities, throughout the country, and for more resources for research into early screening methods, many of which are still fairly experimental, some are not without risk to the woman and will never be suitable for all women.

our lives

our bodies

**TABLE**

as early as possible.....

In all only 29 abortions were carried out after the 24th week in 1986. • • • • •

● ● a fifth of women seeking late abortions had actually sought medical advice before 12 weeks. ● ● ● ● ● ●

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY.

It all began, March 8th 1909, when in Chicago, a group of women went on strike over bad working conditions & low pay.



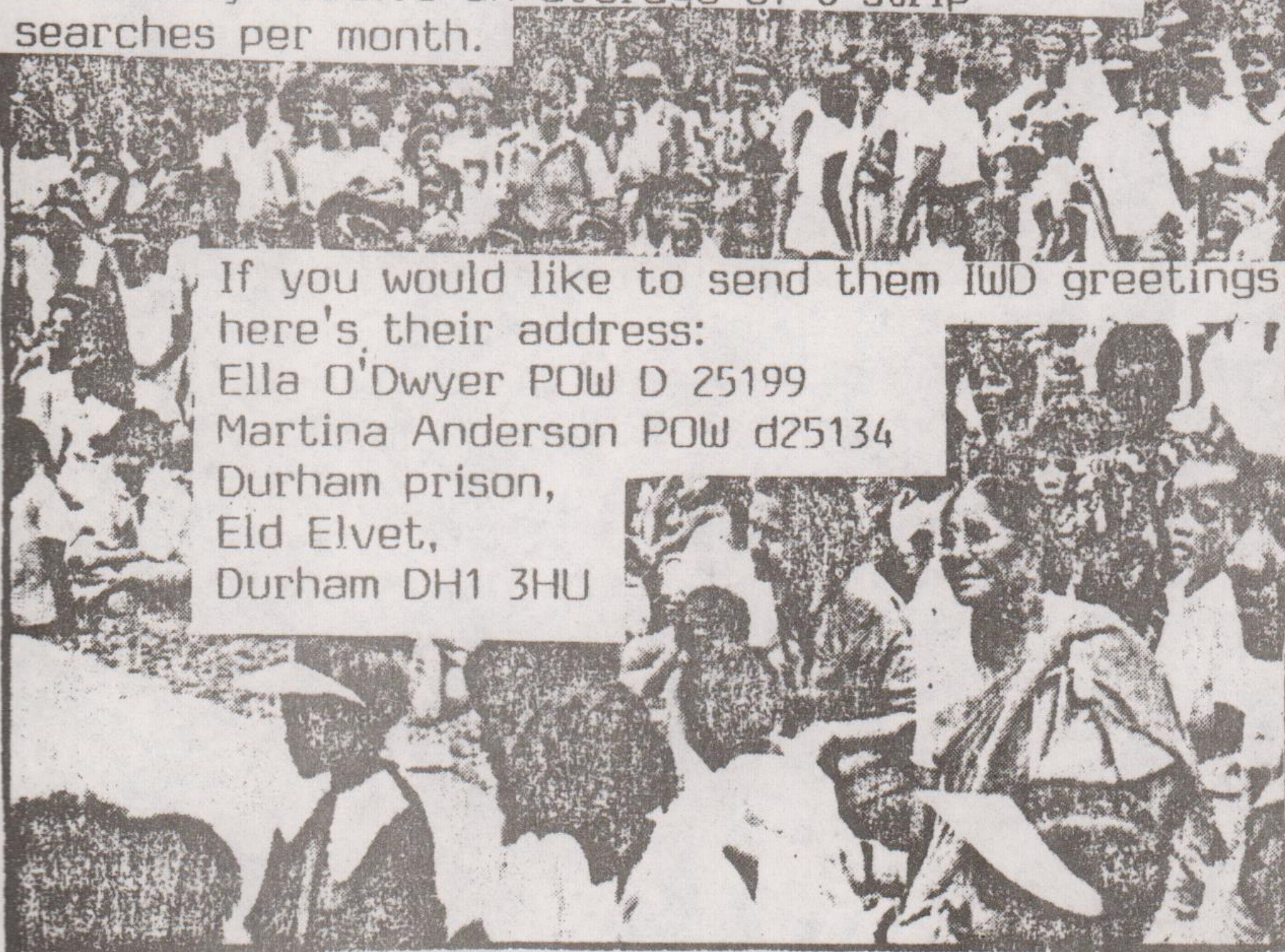
Since then, the anniversary of this strike has been celebrated in many different countries, each taking specific issues & making protests, as well as celebrating womens arts & talents. Last year, in India, feminists in the major Indian cities demonstrated for the right of Muslim women to receive maintenance; in South Africa, Black women organised massive picnics & rallies. In Chile, thousands of women converged into the city centre of Santiago, until they were stopped by tanks, tear gas, & water cannons ejecting sewage water; in America, women demonstrated about the Government's attacks on the people of Nicaragua & El Salvador.



In the UK, it has become an established tradition to gather in solidarity with the political women prisoners who are being subjected to the continuous & unnecessary strip searches. Strip searches that are obviously an exercise to humiliate, degrade & break the spirit of it's victims. This year, the demonstration was outside Durham prison where Ella O'Dwyer & Martinna Anderson are being held in the notoriously repressive H wing block, serving life sentences, in connection with the 'Hotel Bomb Conspiracy'. Here they receive an average of 6 strip searches per month.

If you would like to send them IWD greetings here's their address:

Ella O'Dwyer POW D 25199  
Martina Anderson POW d25134  
Durham prison,  
Eld Elvet,  
Durham DH1 3HU



## THE BOYCOTT CONTINUES

The trades club executive finally agreed to see the three women who went out on strike in support of 'Anne', who was suspended on charges of sexual assault. However, they needn't have bothered! The trades club stuck to it's original point of view, saying that the women had been in no position to take strike action. So in supporting a lesbian woman who was sexually harassed by male bar staff, & then falsely accused of sexually assaulting a customer, the women find themselves without a job, backpay, or the right to challenge homophobic bigots of the trades club.

The boycott is still on, & we hope that women will continue to support it, as we don't think it a safe place for women to be, either side of the bar, & we're angry that the trades club exec. can be such hypocrites; supporting lesbians & gays in public, then victimising them behind closed doors.

We're also disappointed with Bassa Bass who know of the boycott, have been involved with clause 29 activities, & then go & play at the trades club!

Solidarity is needed in large doses, & up till now the boycott has been dead effect -ive, so please spread the word. If you believe that women/lesbian women should have the right to work free of sexual harassment, free to air her views without victimisation, free to choose her own sexuality, then





## SACKED FOR BEING PREGNANT.

"In April this year, I started work at Burtons in Princes Street. Five months later, in mid-September I found out that I was pregnant. A few days later I was rushed to hospital with a threatened miscarriage. Burtons were immediately informed of the situation and took a very sympathetic view, and I was told everything would be alright as long as I told them when I would be returning to work. I handed in sick notes from my doctor, and wrote a letter to the general manager explaining to him the full story. I spent the following six weeks fighting to save the life of my first baby. I returned to work on the 9th November to find I'd been given the sack. What made it more hurtful and humiliating was the fact that everyone in Burtons knew two weeks before I was told. I was given no reason for my dismissal. There had been no complaints about my work record. What's more, the date on which I was given the sack, Burtons were advertising for staff."

Following Tricia's dismissal, a Tricia Jenkins Defence committee was organised. It is demanding of Burton that:

- Tricia be immediately reinstated in her job
- Full reinstatement of her maternity right & wages which she has lost as a result of being sacked
- An end to sex discrimination

They are also asking that Burtons be boycotted, bearing in mind that they also own Top Shop, Top Man, Principles, Dorothy Perkins, & Debenhams.

Regular, local pickets of Leeds Burtons stores are being organised by Leeds DAM, the first being 17th March, 12 noon, Burtons Briggate. For info of future pickets please contact: Box DAM, 52 Call Lane, Leeds. Or seeing as Burtons headquarters are here in Leeds, perhaps you could give them a ring on: 494949.

BOYCOTT BURTONS!

## CLAUSE 14/27/28/29...

Leeds saw a huge demonstration against clause 29, on March 5th, when 4-5000 people marched through the city centre carrying banners & chanting slogans.

The march was well thought out, with wheelchairs & pushchairs at the front, followed by a women's section, gay men section mixed, Black, etc. And there were signers walking alongside, signing all of the chants.

Needless to say there were a few fascists hanging around & verbally abusing the marchers - it beats me why 5000 people don't just turn round & kick the bastards heads in. Ignoring them isn't the answer, we shouldn't sanction them 'sieghailing' us, they need to know we won't stand for such Nazi shit.

Meanwhile, clause 29 demonstration & entertainments coordinators were questioned by the police on Friday night, as a sophisticated bomb had been found outside the Astoria, the morning after a clause 29 bop. Fascists were thought to have planted it, although this is just speculation.

The police had wanted names & addresses of all those at the Thursday bop, so that they could 'interview' them as witnesses!! Needless to say, the coordinators didn't give them any.

But the march went ahead without any serious hiccups from fascists, & most people ended up at Woodhouse Moor for the rally.. Mind you, due to it being freezing cold & snowing, the number of speakers was cut from 10 to 4, & nobody hung around long!

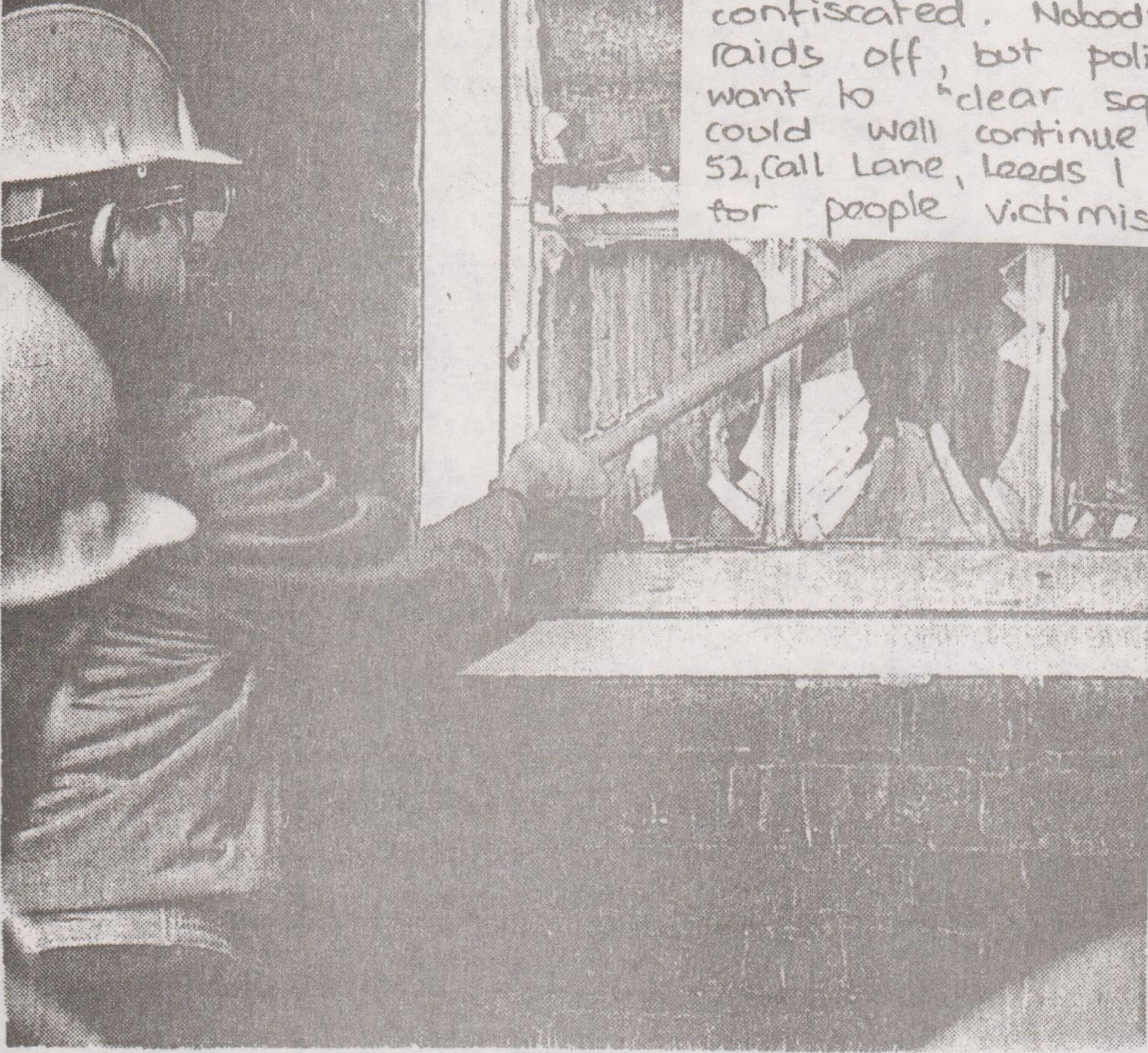
The march was brilliant, probably the best Leeds has seen! The only thing to spoil it was a stupid, gay man, who was obviously very anti-women, & shouting 'fight for gay rights; fuck lesbians' (ie. fuck lesbian rights). He made a lot of women angry, & a lot of us had a go at him - he then physically threatened us!! So much for human rights!

The clause has now been passed by the House of Lords, so all it needs now is the royal assent. It's due to become law on June 1st. We must now push for non-implementation, the success of this obviously depends on the attitude of your local authority. On Wednesday 16th March, there's to be a mass lobby of Leeds city council, & a deputation by the WAC women - so if you're available at 12.30pm, please lend your support.



# Squatters

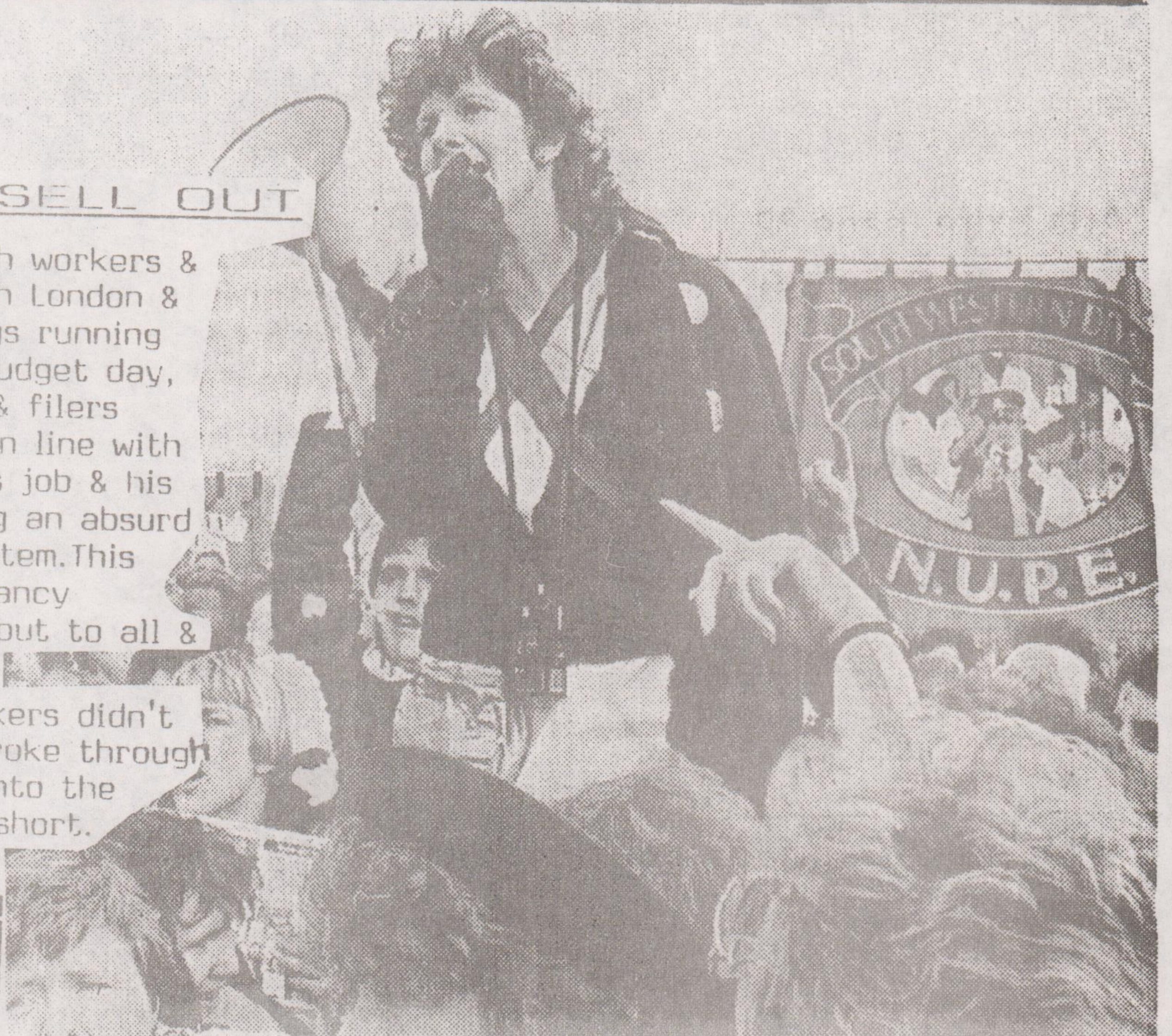
The eviction by police & bailiffs over over 370 squatters from Stoke Newington's Stamford Hill Estate in London coincided with incredible police brutality against squatters here in Leeds. Squats have been burst into by uniformed & plain clothes police, inhabitants arrested & held without charge for up to 4 days, and possessions confiscated. Nobody knows what's sparked these raids off, but police have been heard saying they want to "clear squatters out", and their action could well continue. Leeds Bust Fund c/o Box 32, 52, Call Lane, Leeds 1, would appreciate your donations for people victimised.



## NORMAN WILLIS SELL OUT

March 5th saw 100,000 health workers & their supporters march through London & rally at Hyde Park. With feelings running high for a general strike on Budget day, Willis made sure that no rank & filers were given the platform. Willis, in line with Kinnock wants to hold onto his job & his respectability, as well as having an absurd belief in the Parliamentary system. This means he has to suppress militancy amongst the rank & file, & sell out to all & sundry.

The nurses & other health workers didn't take this lying down, as they broke through the crash barriers & climbed onto the platform, cutting Willis' speech short.





# DHSS LOAN SHARKS!

RE-SISTER/RE-SISTER/RE-

The Social Security Act of 1986 comes into effect on 11th April this year. Supplementary Benefit becomes Income Support, and Family Income Supplement becomes Family Credit. Both these new benefits can often work out as less than the present levels, but if you are already claiming, your Income Support or Family Credit will be topped up to equal your present rate of benefit, so its really important to claim NOW for as much as you can. People claiming after April 11th will recieve the following personal allowances:

## PERSONAL ALLOWANCE

### SINGLE:

under age 18

age 18-24

age 25 or over

### LOVE PARENT:

under age 18

age 18 or over

### COUPLE:

both under age 18

at least one over 18

## DEPENDENT CHILDREN

under age 11

age 11-15

age 16-17

age 18

## HEATING ADDITION

No longer available

## LAUNDRY ADDITION

No longer available

## GENERAL RATES

All claimants will have to pay 20% (at least) of their rates for their home (11.30 has been generously included in their income support to cover this)

## WATER RATES

All claimants will have to pay these in full.

## REMEMBER

1 If after April 11th your benefit under Income Support is less than it was under Supp Ben you will be paid the Supp Ben rate until the annual uprating catches up. This will be achieved by means of a top up that will be lost if you break your claim. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED A BREAK IN YOUR CLAIM

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2 There will be NO provision for bond or rent in advance.

3 Up to April 8th you can still claim weekly additions for laundry and heating.

4 Up to April 8th you can still claim a single payment for draught proofing materials without too much difficulty.

Other single payments for items such as essential furniture are also available until then.

Single payments for things like bedding, furniture, pots & pans, clothing, etc. are also going to disappear, so once again, claim these now, before its too late.

Additions for things like laundry, extra heating, special diets, etc. are also going, and all these are being replaced by the Social Fund (more about this in a later issue).

Each Social Security office will have a fund from which all its community care grants and budgetting and crisis loans will be paid.

These are for cases like people leaving institutional care, e.g. ex-offenders, the elderly, mentally ill, disabled people, children leaving care, etc.- start-up grants for furniture, etc; grants to improve conditions for the elderly, sick or disabled, e.g. bedding, extra warmth, internal decoration, fuel costs, heavy laundry bills; and grants for families under stress, e.g. marriage breakdown, coping with a disabled child. Of course the DHSS should be paying for all these things, but after April claimants will only recieve loans for these things, repayable immediately out of their benefit. You could end up losing 5-25% of benefit every week to pay back a loan. Because the Social Fund is a fixed amount, obviously it will run out towards the end of each year, so no money will be available for all these necessary payments. Also, the DHSS will be dividing claimants into those who deserve to recieve money from the social fund, and those who don't, whereas we know that there is no such distinction - all claimants are deserving.

If you want further advice about your benefit, contact Leeds Claimants Union, 158, Hyde Park Rd., Leeds 6. tel: 753160.

LEEDS CLAIMANTS UNION



## VIRAJ MENDIS

Viraj Mendis is still in sanctuary and has been since Dec 20 1986, but for how much longer? The Home Office is pushing for Viraj's appeal hearing to come up as soon as possible, knowing that the current vicious press campaign will have whipped up a lot of support for smashing into the sanctuary were they to win the appeal hearing.

The appeal court will be under immense pressure to find against Viraj - like at the judicial review in July 87. The Home Office have based their refusal to grant Viraj asylum purely on the basis of a letter from the Sri Lankan High Commissioner saying that Viraj is free to return and is not wanted for any offence. The worth of this letter was actually questioned by Justice Mann himself: "what would happen to him if he went back?...He may be free to go back but is he going to be in jeopardy; is he going to disappear?" But having asked this question he promptly forgot it and didn't refer to his brainstorm again, he just said "it is for the secretary of state to decide the weight to put on the letter". It seems there were dirty tricks and political pressure put on Justice Mann between the hearing on 15/16 July and the verdict on the 27 July.

So will the appeal court be any different? Doug Hurd has already voiced his thoughts about the sanctuary campaign: "I cannot believe that this tactic is welcomed by anyone who believes in upholding the law"...So, when the Home Office believes this, it is unlikely for the British legal system to grant refugee status when politically this would mean victory for sanctuary and defeat for the implementation of British Immigration law.

The government have referred to the situation in Sri Lanka as simply "confused", while at the same time the International Communities response can be gauged by the fact that the Australian cricket team has pulled out of playing Sri Lanka due to the "civil war"! I think it's the British govt. who are "confused".

There is to be a national march on 21 May more details nearer the time.

THANKS TO VIRAJ MENDIS DEFENCE  
CAMPAIGN FOR INFO!



TINU OLOWOKANGA

Tinu Olowokanga and her 6 children have been settled in this country for 4 years. She has a full time job and has made a home for herself and her children in Manchester.

Tinu came to Britain in 1984 to join her husband and expecting to return to Nigeria as a family but her marriage broke down due to her husband's brutality. Since then her husband has returned to Nigeria and Tinu has worked to maintain her children.

Tinu is concerned for her and her children's safety if she is deported given her husband's past violence towards the family. If Tinu and family are returned to Nigeria there is a strong possibility that Tinu's husband will gain custody of the children.

She is under threat of deportation simply because of the breakdown of her marriage.  
Meetings: Tue 7pm Abasindi Co-op, Moss Side  
Peoples Centre, St Mary St, Moss Side, Manchester 061 226 6837



# £8000 NEEDED FOR FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAYS WITH DISABILITIES.

The first ever National Conference for Lesbians and Gays with Disabilities will be held on 15th, 16th and 17th April at Manchester Polytechnic Students Union. It was called by an angry group of Lesbians and Gays with Disabilities who met at the Legislation For Lesbian and Gay Rights Conference in May. We were exhausted by the struggle to be taken seriously and valued equally by both the Disability and Lesbian and Gay Communities. We decided to call a Conference to share our experiences, gain strength and learn to Fightback. Our ultimate aim is to draw up a Charter of Demands and create a supportive Network.

A Conference of this kind costs MONEY. Many of us are unwaged, need helpers, sign language interpreters, accessible transport, accommodation and conference venues. All of this must be paid for somehow. WE HAVE NO MONEY

This is the first conference of its kind to have ever happened in Europe. It offers a unique opportunity for us to meet each other. At such a conference we can discuss issues, think of solutions and strategies for change. If we are to do this, we need your help, both financially and practically. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

LESBIANS AND GAYS UNITE IN DISABILITY (LANGUID):  
C/O LAGU, 40 Grand Parade, Green Lanes, N4.  
Tel: 01 802 8981.

CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO: Legislation for Lesbian and Gay Rights Staff;  
Please send to the above address;

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: Kirsten  
Fiona C

## A LETTER.

Resister is written and sold on the understanding that it is women-only.

They even put "women only" on the front. Women only means just that. If you are a man and you are reading this letter, you should be ashamed of yourself - STOP IT.

-how about respecting women only space you are just age old peeping toms dressed up in right on clothes.

If you are a woman who thinks it's fine to let men you know read it, think again + there is trust involved in this and as far as I am concerned you are breaking it. If I write something for Resister I would like to believe it is for women only. If I wanted to write for men too I would - somewhere else. Are men so threatened by a women-only mag that they have to read it?

Ami Seed.

Are women so threatened that they have to assure men it's OK to do so?

Cos if not they could be accused of separatism?? Perish the thought.

Well I AM a separatist.

I am a lesbian separatist first.

Second I am interested in anarcho-feminist ideas.

Separatism is not a dirty word - it's

is a positive choice I have made.

I am sick of anarchist women I know

selling their feminism to appease their male friends.

So if men you know are miffed cos they can't read Resister - togh.

They should respect women only space.

So should women who buy it.

Women only means just that!

I don't apologise for women only space,

I have a right to it, and I expect

respect for it.

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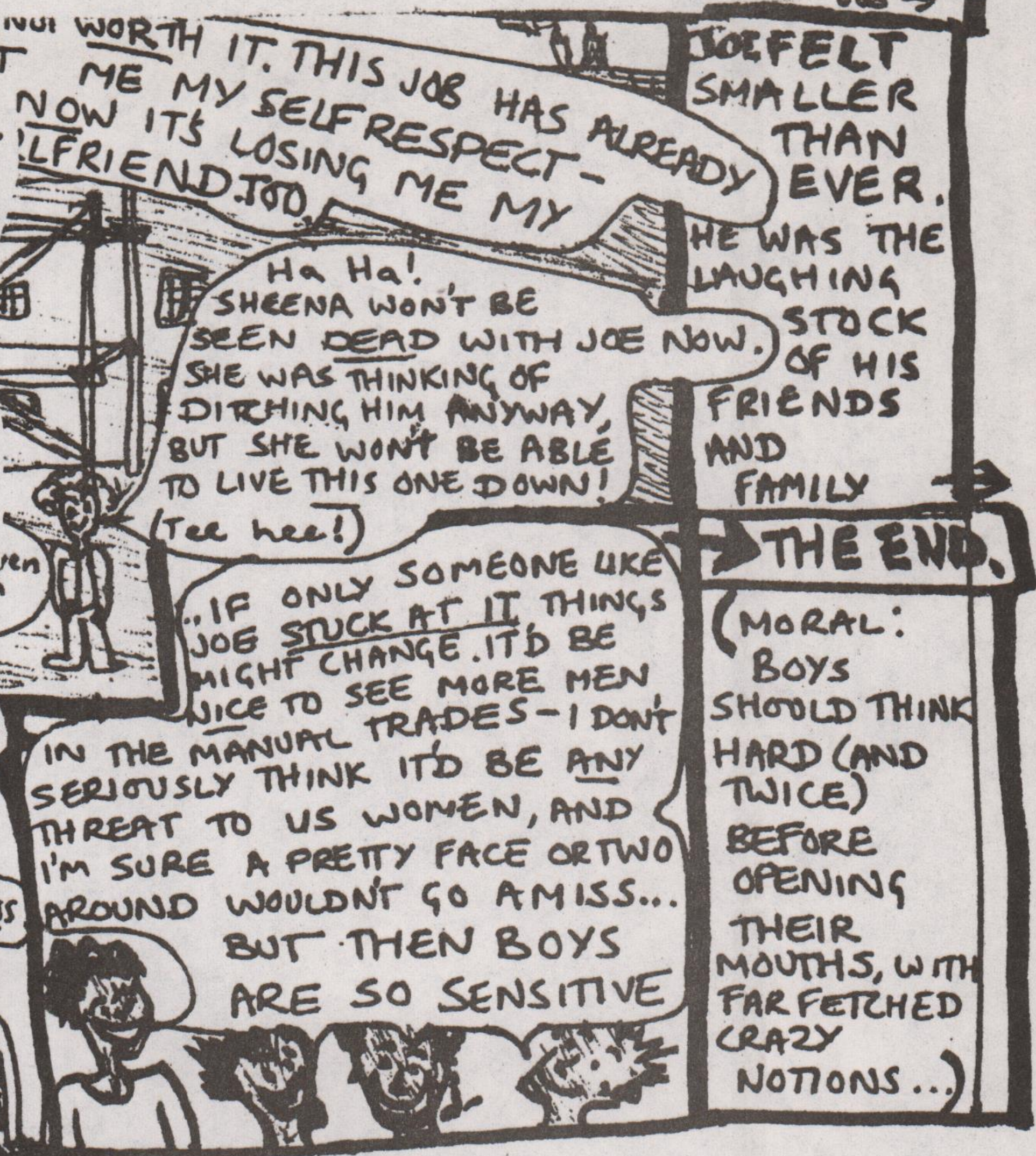
# SHOCKING PINK II - YOUNG WOMEN'S MAG.

Reviews are often pretty boring and pointless, but at the Clause 28 demo in Manchester I did a swap of Re-sister for a copy of Shocking Pink, and promised to review it.

I'm glad I did that swap, because this is an ace mag, often really funny, but it also has those serious things that affect young women, such as Victoria Gillick, clause 28, racism, make-up, etc., plus a funny and spot on piss-take of "Jackie" magazine. There's loads to read in it, its definitely a good buy (and I hope they give us a decent review).

it's 60p and available from; Shocking Pink 2, c/o South London Women's Centre, 55, Acre Lane, Brixton, London SW2. NG AND

WORKING WITH EXECUTIVES - SO CHEER UP!



## NEVER GOING UNDERGROUND

### CHORUS

NEVER GOING UNDERGROUND  
NEVER GONNA GO AWAY  
WE'RE OUT AND PROUD AND FIGHTING  
WE'LL CELEBRATE TODAY  
CHASE THE CLAUSE AWAY  
COS WERE OUT AND PROUD  
AND FIGHTING.

WE'VE BEEN FIGHTIN FOR SO LONG  
WE KNOW THE RULES AND WE'LL BREAK  
THEM ALL  
AND WE'VE BEEN WATCHING WHAT'S BEEN  
GOING ON  
WE KNOW THIS GAME AND WE'RE GONNA WIN  
SO FUCK JILL KNIGHT AND HER CRONIES  
DYKES AND FAGGOTS WON'T LET YOU WIN

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## LEEDS ABORTION FUND

Just recently, a fund has been set up in Leeds for women who need money to help pay for abortions. The fund needs a regular flow of money so please help by sending donations to the address below. Also women who need financial help for abortions, then get in touch.

Correspondence to:  
Leeds Abortion Fund  
c/o Box 32  
52 Call Lane  
Leeds. LS1

Watch this space for more details.

Thanks!

## FREEDOM THROUGH

## CHOICE



A letter we received that should get a reaction from somebody out there

# FEMINIST FOLLIES.....

Sometimes I think feminism has gone too far, become too segregated, too bound by it's own definitions and it's sharply defined exclusions.

Too often as a heterosexual woman I feel there's a certain element of derision/pity/intolerance levelled at me and those like me, who happen to like people (selectively) thus including men as well as members of our own sex.

The more strident feminist groups, seem to project the feeling that men are there to be hated and not allowed into our territory on any account.

Now I personally don't think that strength of hostility and insularness is justified or reasonable; people are people before they are A SEX are they not? Well if it doesn't work like that then it should and yes ok I admit it doesn't always go like that.

Let's temporarily and briefly step back into time though to help clarify what I'm saying and get my views into a better perspective.

Back in the bleak Victorian era it was most definitely a man's world, women were suppressed and restricted by laws and ideology, despite the paradoxical system of social hierarchy which meant working class women were expected to work as hard as men even while they were meant to be the angelic providers of virtuous and clean homes in which to raise their families. They had no rights by law, no financial independence, they were in short the property of men..from fathers to husbands a state that endured because it always had. Men, used to this birthright of superiority, continued their chauvanistic, arrogant ways because it was seen as right and natural. Those arrogant pre raphaelite artists for example, would use working class girls as models and mistresses' and would cautiously consider marrying them if, and only if, they could improve their manners and gain some education, some gentility, so as to make passable wives in society. Even this education bestowed on the women was paid for and arranged by the men.

Looking at that attitude from the 20th century we choke with indignation, as did the handful of late victorian women who set the ball of feminism rolling, got women the vote, financial freedom and independence and who began to say that women are their own people too, not to be dictated to, or given limited spheres in which to act out a role.

"We deny the right of any portion of the species to decide for another portion, what is...or is not.. their proper sphere"  
So said Harriet Taylor Mill and with good reason.

Lets skip on a handful of decades and get to the old swinging sixties, the era of my childhood and one we hear so much about, the family and home was still the institution to aspire to...as both my older sisters proved...but there were higher expectations by women and more...much more was possible.

Of course there were still sexist, chauvanist VICTORIAN males around by the bucketful, there still are today, BUT...there is too a new breed of male, which we as women and feminists should not cold shoulder as so often I feel women's groups do.

Already it's like a cliché to talk of the unsexist male, visions of right on lefty students with trendy haircuts leap to mind!

But they are here, men who sympathise with the shit women have to contend with purely because they are women and who carry out their relationships with women in a totally 50/50 equal way, and this is where for me, feminism lets itself down by questioning the sincerity of these men, disbelieving them and just generally keeping up the gender division.

One London based anarchy feminist group, produced a zine so vitriolically anti men, so scornful of women who weren't lesbians, so abusive..physically and verbally, to men, even if they were of the 'new breed', that it could only alienate women from feminism and women's movements. Extremities are harmful I feel, tolerance and an open ear/mind is always essential. Brutal genderizing is damaging..isn't that what the first feminist movements were fighting against? So it appears contradictory to me, for some feminist groups to promote the same generalizing, the same sphere binding around men, as they have done to us for centuries. Isn't playing them at their own game only putting yourself on the same level?.

To sum up what I've been saying, there are a lot of individuals with grievances, struggles, in common, and the need to keep fighting in a world designed by and run by men needs to continue...from a purely personal view point as a disabled woman (and might I just say disability is THE one big minority that always gets forgotten, even in your Resister statement last issue, you forgot to include disabled women in you minority, list!) I dream of seeing ARMIES of women architects out there, designing buildings, roads, shopping precincts, because women have children, push prams..akin to wheelchairs...and all the time our brilliant male arty farty techs fail to accomodate the needs of women, young, old, pregnant disabled!

BUT our fight - any fight- should not exclude those who want to help, who are sympathetic to the cause, whatever it be, even if, by dint of sex, creed, physical ability, they appear to be 'one of the enemy.'

I resent those feminists who want to exclude men from 'the world' who hold heterosexuality against you like some sign of mental weakness, and who are so dogmatically blinkered by the principles they live by, that they forget what we should all strive to remember and live/work by, PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE FIRST... gender, beauty and ability should follow in from that point on.

We've printed this in the light of our "non-censorship" policy, but would like to point out that we don't agree with parts of this article. Do you??





# Hunt sabotage and ~~men~~ US

Women members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association, pissed off at the way men always took over when sabbing, decided to speak out, and in Dec. 1986, the position of Women's Officer was set up within HSA. Women-only meetings were held in Huddersfield and Brighton, but some men on the Association's committee were cross because they didn't like the fact that the HSA was funding something which they were excluded from!!

In July '87, at the Agm, Ralph Cook and Maria Lester proposed a motion to stop the HSA funding women-only activities. The motion was defeated, but only after hours of argument. However, the next day at the committee meeting, with only about 12 people present, a "Men's Officer" was created, and the post of Women's officer went to a man, Aubrey Thomas.

After this, 4 of the committee members resigned, and a lot of people stopped sabbing. A few months later, the men's officer was scrapped, but it looks like the women's officer soon will be too.

There have been a few women-only sabs in Leeds and Manchester, but they've been badly attended. If women want to go out sabbing, it's obvious that they'll have to avoid the HSA, and get organised themselves.

Oppression of animals is linked with the oppression of women. The shit in this society is linked. There are no "single" issues. If hunting were abolished tomorrow, the world of power would keep on spinning. Women would still be oppressed. Old black people, gay men and lesbians, the working Irish etc. We've got to change sabbing. But we've got to change the world...



## Equal Opportunities?

A report published by the Equal Opportunities Commission says that women are still being denied access to the better paid jobs, and that the idea of man as bread winner and woman as home maker still prevails. Well, we already knew that much!

The commission did a survey amongst 45 top companies, and also found that boring, poorly-paid jobs were reserved for women, because they were thought to be less likely to complain. So, women in work will just have to complain a lot more than they're already doing (take the nurses' strike for example). Or maybe it's because men aren't listening or taking these complaints seriously enough....



# WHAT'S ON:

## MARCH

16th 12.30pm, lesbian and gay lobby of Leeds City Council

17th PATRICIA JENNINGS LEEDS PICKET OF BURTONS, OUTSIDE BRIGGATE BRANCH 123

19th London Demo against David Alton's Bill. Transport ring Germaine on 439071 or Leeds FAB 446838 evenings

19th South Leeds Womens International Day Committee. Displays, concert, workshop social and food. 11.30am - 3pm. Hardy St. Muslim Centre, Hardy St, Leeds 11 Creche

Fri 25th Women on the big Screen : Housekeeping. Hyde Park Cinema 7.30pm

Sat 26th Muslim Womens Group Social Day for Asan Women. Videos speakers displays etc 12pm - 5pm Harehills Place Community Centre, Harehills Place, Leeds 8 Women Only.

Sat 26th Asian Girls Dance Competition If interested contact 623221 6pm - 10pm Harehills Place (address above) Refreshments available, women only.

Sun 27th Jumble Sale. Fundraising for Women against Clause 29. Jumble to 76A Bankside St. Leeds 8 or ring 480042. Helpers needed on the day!

## APRIL

9th North East Demo against Clause 29 NEWCASTLE. MIKE ORPHIL 091-2961826

9th - 16th Big Mountain Week. USA kicking people off their land.

15, 16, 17th Manchester Poly SU National conference for lesbian & gays with disabilities.

## MAY

17th Joan Wingfield (Aus), aboriginal woman from Kokatha people will be speaking in Leeds. (Venue to be confirmed). Charlie Ching independence group leader from Tahiti, will be speaking at the same meeting with interpreter.



Poly Director Christopher Price finds his office turned into a creche

30 — 40 students and several

babies marched in to Director, Chris Price's office as an International Women's Day protest and sat down.

"We want some form of nursery for under 5's here at the poly", Alison Walker, Deputy President of the Students Union told him.

The case was put to him that

female students were deterred from coming to the poly because of lack of proper childcare facilities.

As one student, Carole Fathalizadeh told LOP, "I've delayed having a family because it would be impossible while I'm still at poly. I feel very strongly about the fact that our choice has been taken away because there are no creche facilities."

The final agreement was more realistic — that next academic year, ten thousand pounds would be spent on either 5 places in the University creche, or it would be given to a child care working party to do as they see fit.

## Regular Meetings

Women Against Deportations every fortnight 4pm, from 26 May. Harehills Housing Aid, Roundhay Road.

Women's Reproductive Rights meet once a month. Ring 625445

Leeds Older Feminists Monday nights. Tel 664761

Women and Ireland last Wed each month. 8pm Trades Club

Women and Manual Trades 2nd & 4th Wed each month Primrose pub, Meanwood Rd, 8pm.

Women Only Discos

Phono, Merrion Centre. Every Tues night Rockshots, Call Lane. Fortnightly on Thurs from Aug 6 10.30 - 2am £1/50p

Checkpoint, Bradford. Fortnightly on Thurs from Aug 27.