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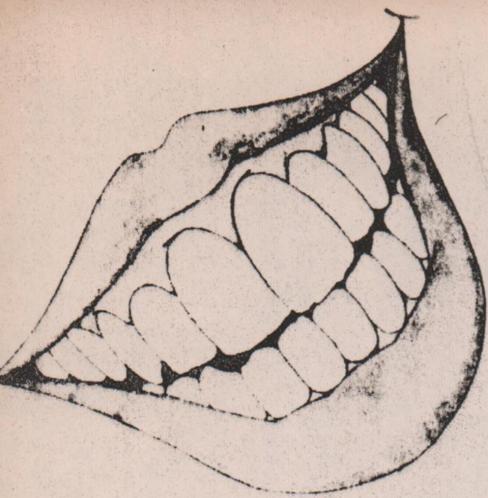
NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL



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THE TRADE UNION WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

has been set up as a sub-committee of the Trades Council to promote equality for women in Trade Unions and to be a focus for united action on issues relating to women at work.

The Committee meets monthly and reports back to the Trades Council. All T.U.C. affiliated unions are urged to nominate delegates to attend. As the aim of the Committee is to strengthen the position of women in Trade Unions, there is no limit to the number of delegates.

For further information, contact Gwyn Jackson (TEL: Wk 91/649735 H. 865904).

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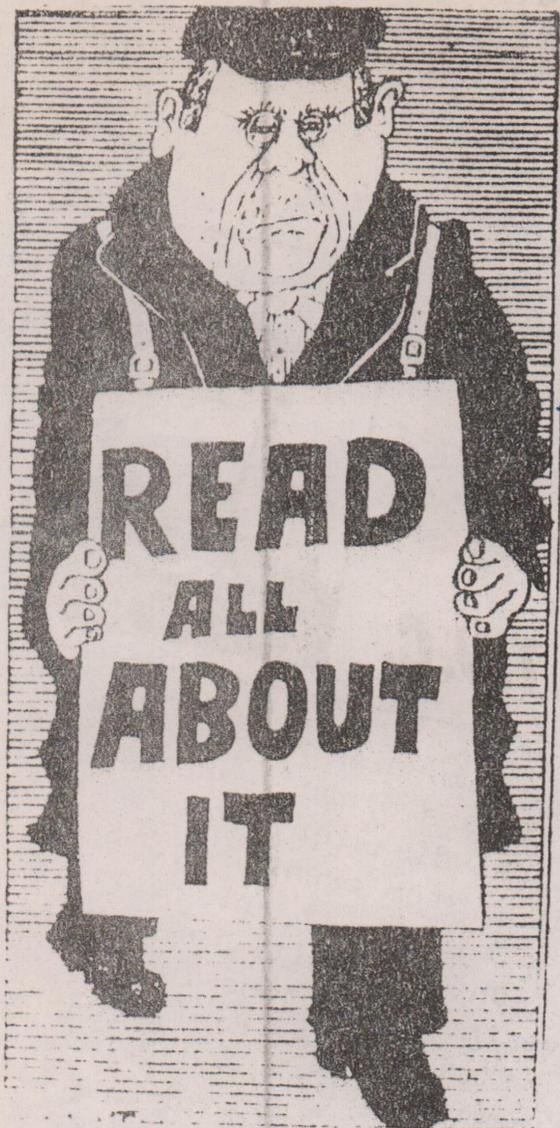
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MIDLANDS
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VIDEO DAY
SATURDAY February 20th
Midland Group

The snow and ice of Christmas, 1981, marked a fitting end to a stark year. Unemployment, taking both registered and unregistered jobless into account, is well above four million, a figure reminiscent of the early thirties. Even in a relatively lightly hit area like Nottingham, the number of job vacancies for young people was pitifully low, compared to the number of school leavers.

1981 1982

ONE PERSON'S VIEW

by **BRIAN SIMISTER**

- President, Nottm. T.U.C.



Middle aged people whose factories have been closed - hosiery mills, engineering works, a host of industries and trades - face years of hardship and humiliation, as the industries to which they devoted their energies and skills shrink ever faster. Many people still in work wonder which day will be their last, before they too become a statistic, because in one sense, unemployment is like a plague, breeding on itself.

SYMPTOMS OF THE PLAGUE.

The more people on the dole, or on short time, or facing cuts in real pay relative to inflation, the less they have to spend on consumer goods; shop and factory sales go down and yet more jobs disappear. Shrinkage in one industry affects other industries which supply that industry. Firms battle against each other in cost-cutting exercises, squeezing out what workers they can, employing young people on Y.O.P. schemes, rather than giving them proper jobs and training; they alter shifts, breaktimes, and working operations to force out that bit extra in productivity. They skimp on materials to produce shoddier goods, not just to keep prices down, but so that the trash they sell will wear out quicker, inducing those consumers who can still afford it to buy more in the not too distant future.

BLESS US ALL!

These are some of the blessings of capitalist competition, 1982 style, 'the logic of the market place', as Tory ministers and their economic advisors would put it.

Yet in another way, this mess and resultant misery is NOT like a plague, or any other type of natural disaster. It arises out of an economic system created by, and defended by, human beings. It arises out of deliberate actions by politicians, who have slashed investment and jobs in nationalised industries like steel, rail transport, telecommunications, etc., who have cut local authority cash, forcing Councils to reduce jobs and services or to increase rates and rents.

This same Government doubled V.A.T. and has kept interest rates high and in so doing has slashed consumer spending power. It abolished exchange controls, which openly invited banks and financial institutions to channel their profits, so swollen by high interest rates, abroad, to be invested where the return is greater. Firms like Dunlop, Mecanno and T.I. Raleigh have transferred their work, sometimes whole factories, out of the country.

NATIONAL INTERESTS.

It is 'the logic of the market place', businessmen and businesswomen must put themselves and their families first. When politicians talk of 'the needs of the country', 'the national interest', that is propaganda for the likes of idiots like us. According to their strategy, their system, industrial investment will come back to Britain again, when unemployment is so high and trade union bargaining power is so low, that people will be ready to accept any job, regardless of pay and conditions. When we go cap in hand for work, any work, we will then inspire 'business confidence'.

THEIR STRATEGY AND OURS.

That is Tory strategy, so what is ours? What can the Trade Union movement do to impose a workers' solution to the crisis?

It is easy to think of alternative policies - a 35 hour week, early retirement on full pensions, vast schemes of public investment, the lowering of interest rates, state control of imports and exports, state imposed planning agreements, etc. These policies, if enacted, would reduce unemployment levels and are, therefore, worth campaigning for. The big question is how can such campaigns be made effective, and that is not so easy to answer.

THE FIGHTBACK SO FAR.

In the last year and a half, there have been huge demonstrations in Liverpool and Glasgow. The Peoples' March for Jobs, which urged the Government to change its policies, was excellently supported and ended with a London rally of well over 100,000 marchers. But the popular press hardly stirred and the Government took no notice. As a result, many demonstrators were disillusioned by their inability to make a practical impact, and so from the high point of the Peoples' March, unemployment marches have got smaller and smaller.

Another set of events took place in 1981, the riots in London, Toxteth, and other localities, not forgetting our own in Hyson Green. These riots were unplanned and indiscriminate in their effects, not at all events that trade unions could be expected to support. At best, they expressed the frustration, bitterness and anger of young people against unemployment, police harassment and racialism, young people so neglected by this society, or contemptuous of its institutions, that

they could think of no other way of showing a fighting spirit, that they were around! At worst, the riots terrified the not so wealthy residents of the areas in which they took place and degenerated into looting and mindless vandalism.

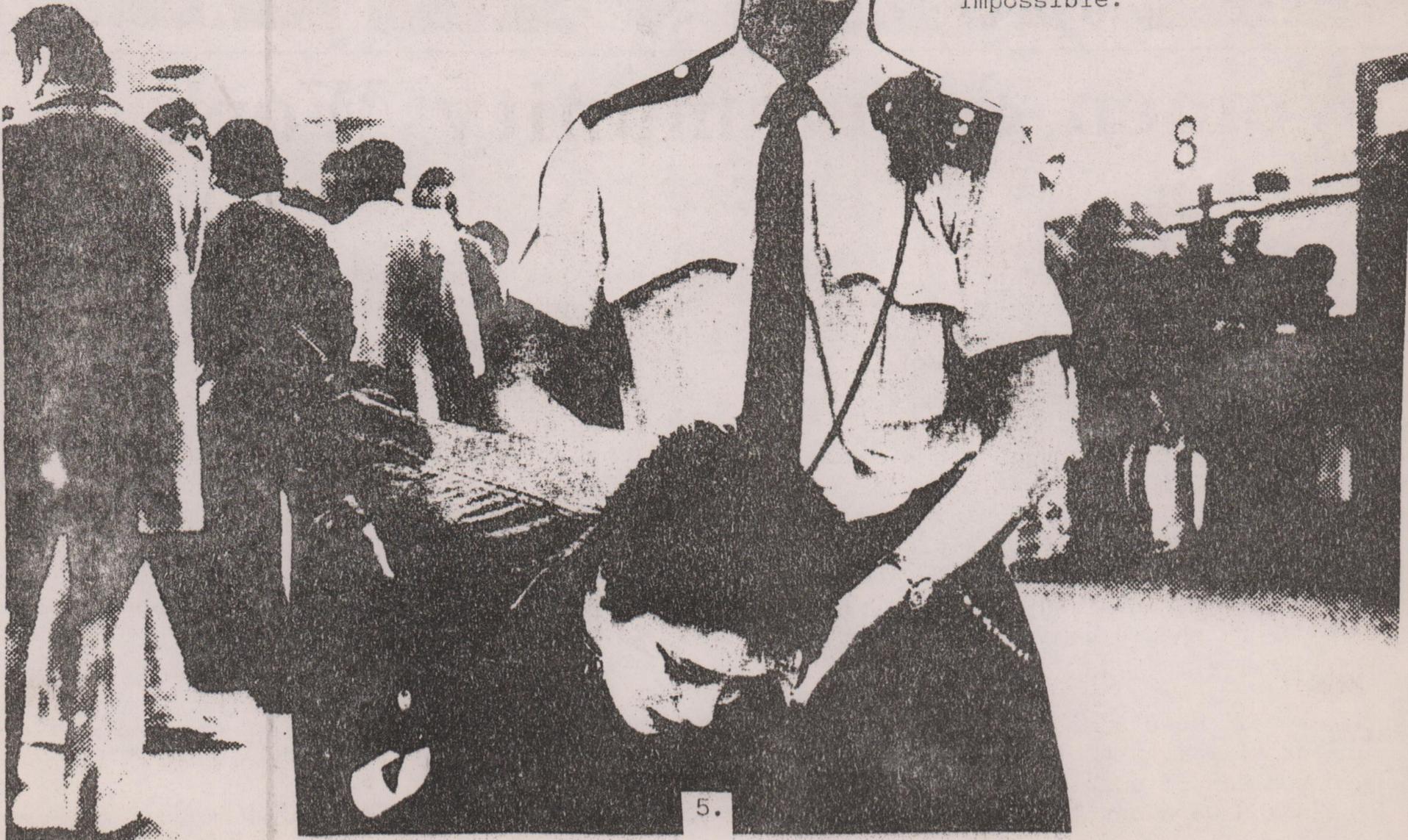
Yet they had one positive effect. As one Birmingham youth put it on a recent T.V. programme, "Most days the papers only gave the Peoples March a few lines on an inside page. In the riots, unemployed youth made the headlines for three weeks running and it was great".

We would perhaps not agree that it was so great, and I am not advocating that Unions organize riots. Yet it is worth noting that the riots did scare the Government and that the recent Jobs Express stroll from Hyde Park to a windswept piece of land south of the Thames didn't get it to bat an eyelid.

FUTURE ACTION.

This leads me to the view that future union demonstrations against unemployment, in furtherance of our policies, must be more challenging to this Government, must be events that cannot be ignored.

Mass lobbies of Parliament or similar actions designed to channel the pent-up anger of our movement, would build up the morale of the unemployed and show this Government that their policies are politically impossible.



Through unemployment centres, we should help to build a movement of the unemployed, united with the trade union movement. The struggles of community groups against cuts in public services and rent rises are no less important than fights for higher pay. They are defending the quality of working peoples lives and public sector jobs. We must oppose racialism and sexual discrimination, since in so doing we not only oppose injustice, but help to unite the working class.

In this desparate period we are in, it is vital that we do not lose sight of the fact that there can be a better tomorrow, if only we fight for it. When workers occupy factories threatened with closure, such actions should be supported by the whole movement. When shop stewards and combine committees fight for jobs on the basis of workers plans for their industries geared up to social needs, in opposition to the organized vandalism of their bosses, we should give such efforts all the publicity we can.

Trades Union Councils must be willing and able to link up the various sections of what should be a united working class movement in a locality, and be more prepared to work with other T.U.C.'s in different towns and cities, so that local struggles become national ones.

We do not live in a poor country, but one which abounds in mineral wealth, fertile land, powerful industrial assets. The inventiveness which working people can show in working out solutions to the present problems we face; the institutions we build and strengthen to give organized expression to our unity; these pave the way to a future when we own and control the wealth we create, a society of compassion and fraternity, wherein unemployment and want are things of the past.

Tory ministers can cope with bitterness and despair. It is when the hearts and minds of working people are once again filled with hope, that this Government, and the exploiters it represents, need to tremble.

B.S.



Women & Community Work Group

The group meets on the second to last Monday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at 118 Workshop. It started off as a group of women on the 118 Workshop Management Committee who wanted to get together to give each other support and to discuss how work undertaken by 118 could be approached from a feminist perspective.

It very soon became obvious that women involved in community work outside of 118 Workshop also find it useful to get together, and so the purpose of the group has now broadened out. We are keen that any women involved in community action/work should come along to our meetings.

In our next sessions, we will be discussing sexism in training institutions; the problems of working in male dominated groups and work settings, and why and

how they have become male dominated; how we could work in a feminist way in campaigns, projects and workplaces.

We want the meetings to offer support to women who are often in isolated situations, to be information swap-shops and to work out positive ways we could change some of the things we don't like. Although it's a much banded-about expression, "confidentiality" is something which we feel has to be respected in this group.



NEXT MEETING

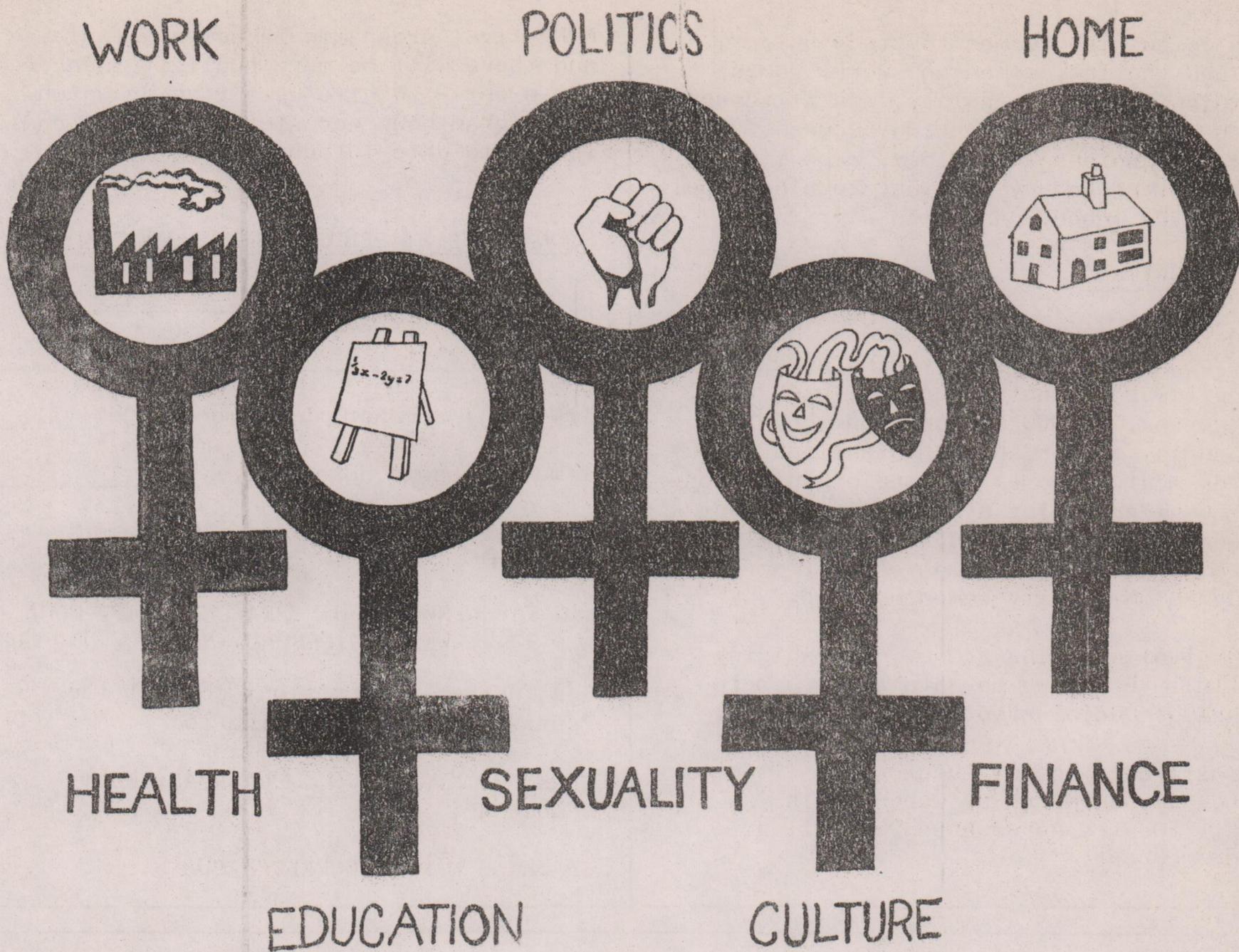


MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY @ 8:00 p.m.



@ 118, MANSFIELD ROAD.





A first for Nottingham!

**The Women's Festival will take place from
Friday 26th Feb. - Sunday 7th. March**

It will aim to provide a wide range of cultural social activities of interest to all women and the second weekend will have a Rally at The Green Youth Centre in Hyson Green, following a march from the Market Square to celebrate International Women's Day which is Monday 8th March. The other theme of the Rally will be "A Woman's Right To Work", and will be attended by both national and local women speakers.

WHAT'S HAPPENING.

There is a varied programme of events leading up to the Women's Fair on Saturday 27th at the Albert Hall Institute which will incorporate crafts, displays, stalls, theatre, and information on the week's events. Please contact us if you or your organization would like a stall for the day, the cost being £2. Various events will take place throughout the week - films, music, talks, and book displays at libraries throughout the county.

The 2nd weekend will be a workshop weekend at the Manning School with a wide range of topics, discussion groups and practical skill sharing, as well as craft and book stalls, films, theatre and music.

WORKSHOPS.

Workshops will include:-

Women and Health: menstruation, pregnancy and childbirth, menopause, breast cancer and mastectomy, self examination, post natal depression, why children, fertility awareness, alternative medicine, women/food and body image, sexuality, mental health, ageing.

Practical: photography, car maintenance, bike maintenance, electrical maintenance, printing, pottery, mixed media, painting, video, drama, self defence, using the media dance, mime.

General: feminism, women in trade unions, women and the law, women and work, women and violence, new technology, assertiveness, daycare - what about the kids, women opposed to nuclear technology, rape line, womens aid, pregnancy testing, lesbian line, women in the labour party.

SUPPORT INVITED.

The Festival is being sponsored by Notts. County Council who are providing some funding towards events. We still need to raise approx. £1,000 so contributions from individuals, groups and organizations would be most welcome. Perhaps organizations could consider having a fund raising event and donate the proceeds to the Festival. We have already had such an offer from Nottingham University Women's Group.

The Festival Planning group is organizing a Raffle to be drawn on Saturday 6th March and various social events to raise funds.

There will be a social evening and disco on Saturday 6th March at Queens Walk Community Centre so we hope you will give us your support.

A Festival programme is now available, and there will be more publicity nearer the event - so give us a ring or watch Nottingham News and listen to local radio for up to date information.

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I/We will sponsor the Women's Festival _____

I/We enclose a donation £ _____

Cheques payable to Nottingham Women's Festival

c/o Karen Rookwood, TREASURER, 48, MONA ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTM., NG2 5BQ.

For further information, contact the Festival Group by writing to:

KAREN ROOKWOOD, 48, MONA ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD;

or phone MARY DONNELLY 42808.

T.U. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE REPORT

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL, 26TH FEBRUARY - 7TH MARCH.

We are organizing the march and Rally, along with Women's Fightback. Meet in the Market Square at 10:30a.m. on Saturday 6th March, with Union banners, etc. March through the centre of town to the Sherwood rooms for the Rally. Refreshments and a bar available. Stalls, displays, books and exhibitions at the Rally. National speakers have been invited as well as local women active in unions and women's issues plus a speaker from the Women's Right to Work campaign.

The exhibition is being organized along with Women's Fightback. Have booked the small T.U.C. exhibition and will add to it ourselves. Marg. Munyard to try again for use of the Victoria Centre.

WORKSHOPS AT THE FESTIVAL.

Sunday 28th February. Using the Media. Gwyn and Penny, at the Building or Hyson Green, to link into a video workshop to be done by Chris Jones at the following weekend. Other workshops - Saturday 6th March at the Manning School, 2:30 to 4:30. Women's Right to Work invited to do this workshop. Sunday a.m. General workshop on women in

Trade Unions using the NALGO video; Sunday p.m. Sexual Harrassment in the work-place using a film.

WOMEN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' CENTRE.

Recommend to the T.U.C.(Nottm.) that the Women's Committee should have one rep. on the management committee and that two of the places for the unemployed should be reserved for women.

118 WORKSHOP LIBRARY.

Almost finished collating what is there. Now need to decide what we should buy. Any suggestions?

G.J.



Nottm. WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP

Put together a random group of women; throw in one or two words like 'antenatal clinic', 'depression', or 'menopause' - and wait. Guaranteed is a flow of experiences, of anger, sadness, pain; tales of being ignored or patronised, left half-naked on a trolley, alone, for an hour; stories of women trying in vain to find out what is the matter with them; stories of being scolded like children for reading their notes; stories of standing for 20 minutes in a clinic queue at 8½ months pregnant.

These are not imaginary situations. They are all REAL. Nor are they extreme or unusual. Experiences of 20 years ago are sometimes still spoken of with pain.

HOW DO WE END THIS SUFFERING?

But where do we go from there? How can we harness this strength of feeling so that what happened to us doesn't happen to other women? This is the question that the Nottingham Women's Health Group is trying to tackle.

Not that it's the type of thing you can sort out in a couple of weeks. The complexity, the strength, the massiveness of the power of the National Health Service and the medical profession is so daunting that many of us make a puny effort and retire quickly; and many more of us don't even try at all.

THE WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT.

The Women's Health Movement emerged in the United States in the early 1970's. Campaigners for liberalisation of the abortion laws achieved their aims but realised this wasn't enough. Certainly, abortions became more freely available, but the quality of the service, both clinically and personally, was unreliable. Women began to explore ways in which they themselves could take over the technology of abortion. This involved a process of mutual education, through sharing experiences and knowledge, and learning about the health services and about their bodies. And they came to see that this process in itself was valuable and so created the concept of 'gynaecological self-help'.

EQUALITY AND HEALTH.

Two of the pioneers of the American Women's Health Movement, Carol Downer

and Lorraine Rothman, trekked across America teaching self-examination, and preaching the political message that control over their own fertility and health care was central to women's aspirations for full and equal participation in society. In the wake of their journey sprang up hundreds of self-help groups and numerous feminist self-help clinics.

A decade later, here in Britain, there is a growing women's health movement. There is no overall structure, no organization or manifesto that neatly embraces it all. But there does exist testimony to a common philosophy and common aims in the many groups around the country. There are health groups, pregnancy testing groups, National Abortion Campaign groups, birth groups. There is a whole new brand of women's health literature produced both by groups and by the major publishers.

There always have been lots of books by experts-for-women about women's health. Many such books are still published, liberally mixing facts and morality, and telling women what they need to know and what they needn't bother their pretty heads with. But the new style of health literature is characterised by the way it treats its readers as equals, by its questioning of medical practices, by its ability to deal with emotional and psychological aspects of women's health and life - without being coy and sprinkling embarrassed exclamation marks around.



The prime example of the feminist health literature must of course be "Our Bodies, Ourselves", originally written by the Boston Women's Health Collective and revised for British readers by Angela Phillips and Jill Rakusen.



THE WOMEN'S HEALTH MOVEMENT IN NOTTINGHAM.

For several years now, Nottingham has been doing its part in the women's health movement. There have been several groups who have worked separately but who are now getting together. They organized a Women's Health Day in May, 1981, which attracted about 170 women and was obviously, for many participants, a revelation. Women talked about things they had never shared with anyone before. Women spoke with a commitment and a fervour about wanting to improve things.

So the Nottingham Women's Health Group was formed. It is very new and as daunted and perplexed by the huge obstacles as anyone. But it brings together women with a lot of varied experience and ideas.

PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS.

In order both to educate ourselves, and to attract new people, we are running a series of monthly workshops at the International Community Centre (corner of Mansfield Road and Bluecoat Street). These are being led partly by our members and partly by visiting women who have a special interest in the topic. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL WOMEN.

So far we have discussed: menstruation, menopause, and women, food and body image. The workshops still to run in this series are:-

February 25th Alternative Medicine

March 25th Women and Cancer, focussing on alternative therapies

April 29th Sexuality

All start at 7:45p.m. in Room 39.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE SESSIONS.

We are moving towards running information and advice sessions from the Women's Centre at 32a Shakespeare Street (down an alley, opposite Fire Station). We hope to help women with individual problems, to initiate self-help groups, and to work out strategies for changes in health services. This is planned to start in the spring.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

If this venture is to be successful, we need women of different ages, backgrounds and experiences to be involved. If you want to join us, or just find out what's going on, come to one of the workshops,

OR phone Brenda - Nottm. 284478 or
Judith or Pippa - Nottm. 703396.

Nicky Wilkins.

ABORTION

THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE!

Throughout the world, women are struggling for the right to control their fertility. In:-

- * the United States women are faced with a 'Right to Life' Bill, which would give rights to the foetus from the moment of conception and so outlaw abortion
- * Spain and Belgium women are on trial for performing or having had an abortion
- * Australia the Federal Government has decided to stop funding all women's health centres, refuges, and rape crisis centres. Abortion clinics are also under attack. 'Right to Life' demonstrators



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Organised labour

have been picketing outside one clinic for a year now, harrassing women as they enter and leave.

Elsewhere in the world, women face enforced sterilisation. In:-

* Puerto Rico more than 35% of women of child bearing age have been sterilised, 2/3 of them still in their twenties. Contraceptive, maternity and child health care is costly and difficult to obtain, abortion is illegal and carries a two year jail sentence; but sterilisation - paid for by U.S. backed aid - is free.

What sort of choice is this for women?

WE WANT TO DECIDE FOR OURSELVES IF AND WHEN TO HAVE CHILDREN.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN IN NOTTINGHAM.

As part of our contribution to the Nottingham Women's Festival, the National Abortion Campaign will be highlighting the international struggle of women to control their fertility.

We are helping to prepare the display on 'Women and Health' for the County Library on Angel Row from Friday 19th February - Saturday 6th March.

A speaker from the International Contraception, Abortion and Sterilisation Campaign will be speaking at the rally on Saturday 6th March at Manning School, and also at a workshop on the Saturday afternoon.

See you there!

Jane Brown, N.A.C.

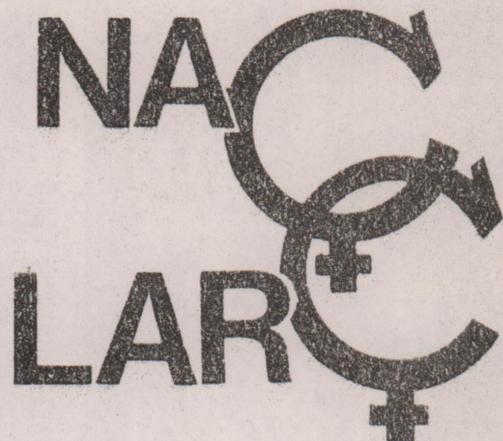
STOP PRESS.

ABORTION RESTRICTIONS - THROUGH THE BACK DOOR.

The D.H.S.S. is making a back door attempt to restrict the workings of the 1967 Abortion Act. After the Corrie Bill fell because of massive opposition in 1980, the Department's under health minister, Gerard Vaughn (who voted for the Corrie Bill), began work on revising the forms doctors have to fill in after terminating a pregnancy.

The new forms require surgeons to give medical grounds for the operations and omit the old 'social circumstances' clause. Over 80% of abortions are justified under what have come to be known as 'social grounds'. As Jo Richardson, Labour M.P., says: "This very much restricts the spirit of the Act".

Reproduction Rights



Already several doctors have been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and may face court cases for failing to give adequate details on the forms. The end result is going to be a tightening up of the Act, making it harder for women to get an abortion.

All this has happened without any public or parliamentary debate. The DHSS made these changes by 'statutory instrument' - supposed to be used for non-contraversial administrative changes.

PROTEST AGAINST THESE CHANGES. Write to your M.P., Community Health Council, and to Gerard Vaughn, Health Minister. Raise the matter in your trade union and political organisation. It is vital we make as much fuss about this as possible to nip these changes in the bud.

For further details: ring Jane 866816.

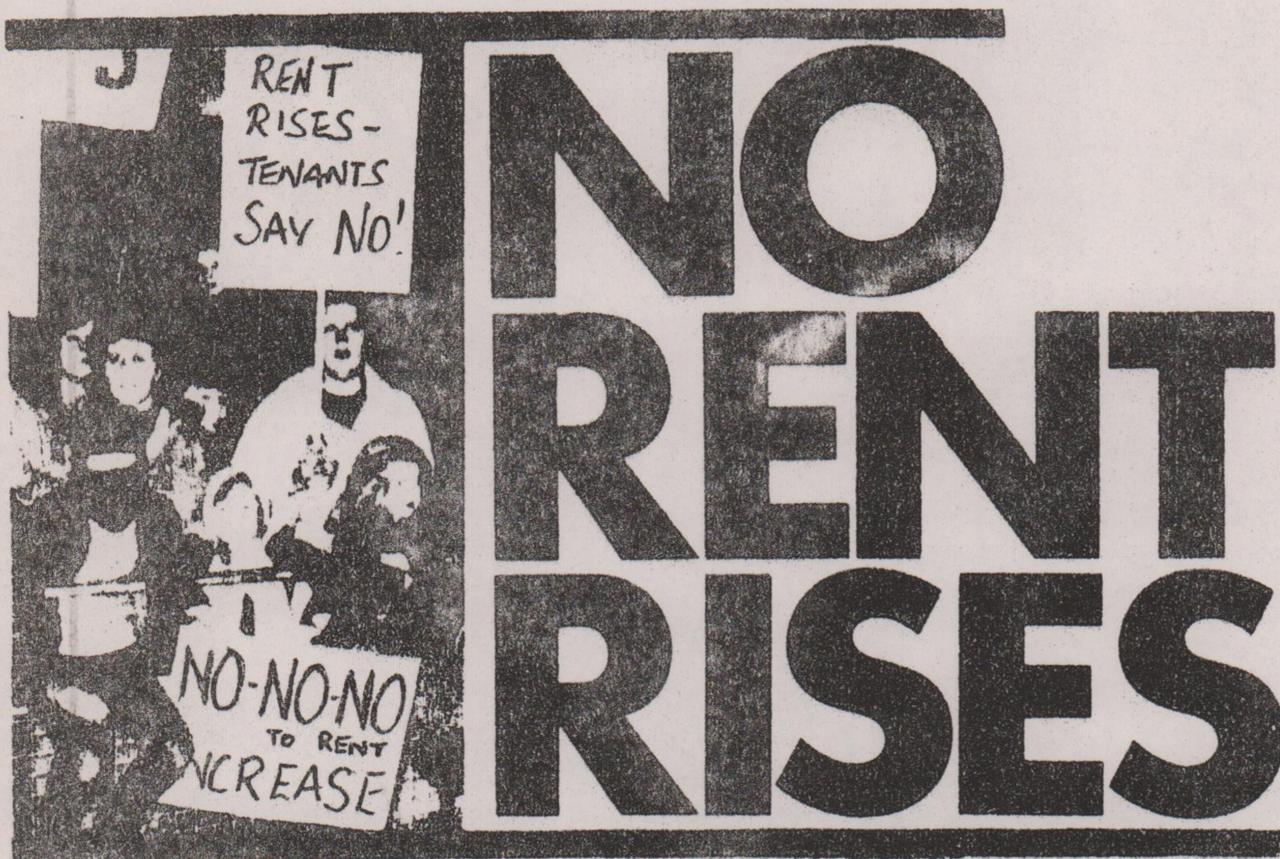
A BRIEF HISTORICAL GUIDE TO THE CAMPAIGN
FOR ABORTION RIGHTS.

- 1934 Coop Women's Guild adopted policy for a woman's right to choose.
- 1936 Abortion Law Reform Association was set up and presented evidence to the Birkett Committee on Abortion.
- 1953 First Private Member's Bill to liberalise abortion laws.
- 1966/ 1967 David Steel's Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill becomes 1967 Abortion Act.
- 1975 National Abortion Campaign set up in opposition to James White's Abortion (Amendment) Bill.
- 1976 Labour Abortion Rights Campaign set up in opposition to William Benyon's Abortion (Amendment) Bill.

1978 Trade Union Conference on Abortion organized by NAC and LARC.

1981 Labour Movement Conference on Abortion and Positive Legislation organized by NAC and LARC.

The 1967 Act is still intact, but doctors make the decision whether a woman can have an abortion. Half the women seeking abortions have to pay privately and many cannot get one near their homes. Women are still harassed and humiliated when seeking to terminate a pregnancy. The anti-abortion lobby continues its attempts to amend the 1967 Act. The non-profitmaking clinics are under pressure from the DHSS. All this is because THE 1967 ACT IS INADEQUATE
ABORTION IS STILL A CRIME.



NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

against

RENT INCREASES

The national campaign has decided on 2 days of action in March to protest against the latest council rent increases of around £2.50 a week imposed by the Government:

* Saturday 27th March * National Demonstration in Walsall -

where tenants are still on rent strike from last April. Even the Housing Chairman is still refusing to pay last year's rent increase - the Labour Party in Walsall has given very strong support to the tenants movement, a lead which Labour Parties elsewhere have failed to follow. We hope to take a coach from Nottingham to support this struggle.

* Monday 22nd March * Day of Local Action

This will involve groups all round the

country. There will be an event in Nottingham, but it has yet to be decided what form this will take.

OPEN MEETING OF NOTTINGHAM FEDERATION OF TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS.

There will be an Open Meeting on Monday 15th February of the Federation at 7:30p.m. @ the TGWU Offices, 259, Mansfield Road.

This meeting is being held to discuss the campaign around the Local Day of Action. EVERYONE WHO IS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT CUTS IS URGED TO ATTEND.

Further details from: Nigel Lee, Nottingham Federation of Tenants & Residents Assn.'s, c/o 118, Mansfield Road. (TEL: Nottm.582369).

PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS Unite!

At a meeting of East Midlands Public Sector Unions held earlier in January, it was decided to form a Regional alliance to combat the Government's Pay Policy and continued public expenditure cuts.

Following the lead given by the T.U.C., the East Midlands group has already organized a Conference in Nottingham, towards the end of February, and intends to produce a regular broadsheet and organize additional Conferences throughout the Region.

"In the current pay round, many Unions in the Public Sector drew up claims with common components", says Nick Wright, Secretary to the Committee and Divisional Officer of NUPE.

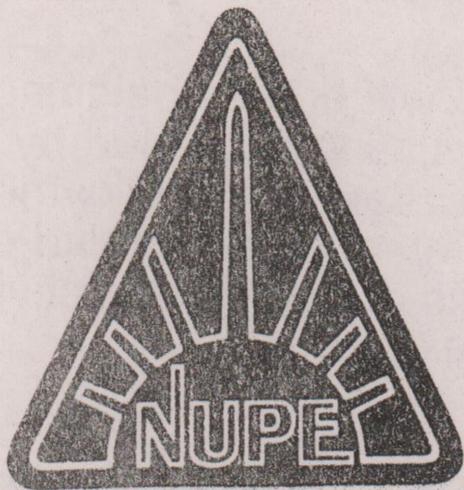
"This represents a significant unity of purpose, which will be strengthened by the establishment of our Regional Committee".

The Public Sector Unions are arranging a meeting with Labour MP's, and have written to Conservative MP's in the Region, asking them to meet and discuss the need for a 'dramatic change in government economic policy, particularly towards public expenditure'.

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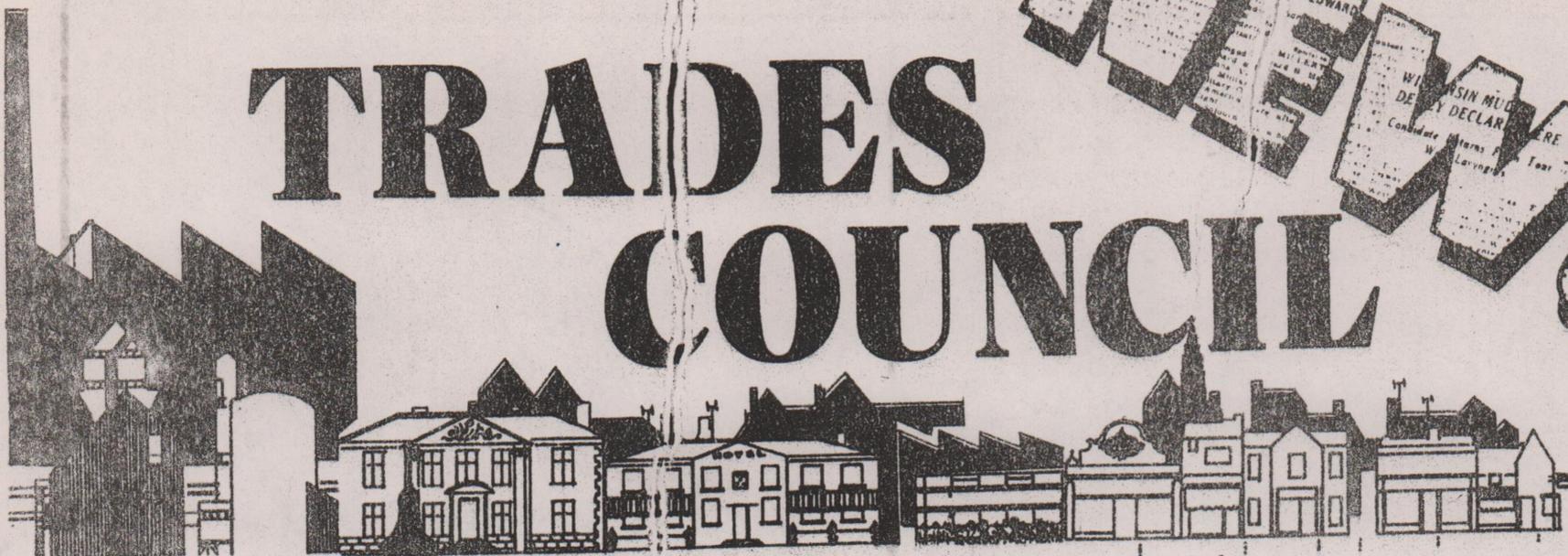
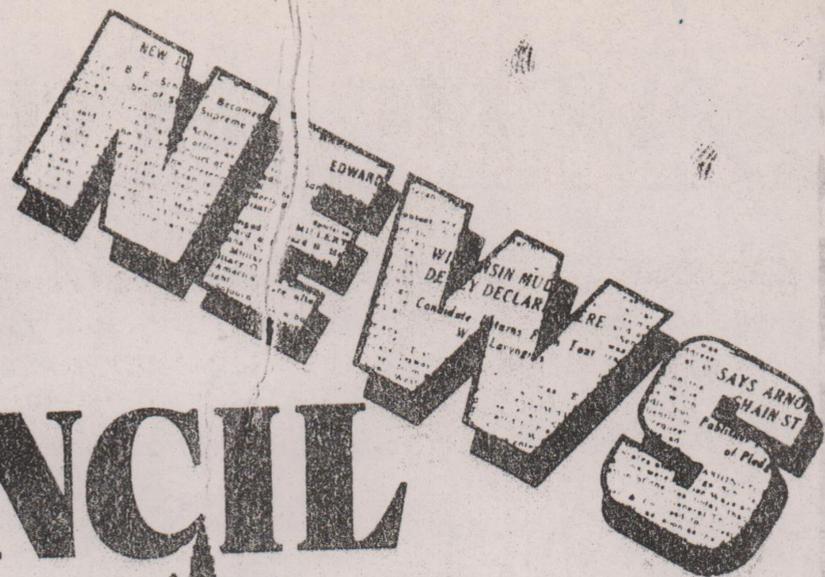
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THE CUTS
SAVE
JOBS**

TRADES COUNCIL



FIGHT THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGAL SHACKLES ON THE UNIONS

- They want to smash our agreements about membership with employers.
- They want to see us dragged into the courts to face penalties of up to a quarter of a million pounds.
- They want to make outlaws out of people who give assistance to other workers who are in dispute.
- They want to see workers sacked who refuse to be forced back to work until a dispute is fairly settled.
- The Government's policies have caused soaring unemployment, falling living standards, and drastically reduced social services. Unions are the only defence working people have against the effects of these pernicious policies — that is why the Government wants to weaken us.
- The TUC will be campaigning against the new legislation proposed by the Secretary of State for Employment. Support the campaign and find out further details of campaign activities from your union.

JOB'S FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

INITIATING ORGANISATIONS

AFRO-CARIBBEAN ORGANISATION
335 Grays Inn Road
London WC1

BRITISH YOUTH COUNCIL
57 Chalton Street
London NW1 1HU

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN YOUTH
46 High Street
Southall
Middlesex

NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS
3 Endsleigh Street
London WC1H 0DU

TRADES UNION CONGRESS
Congress House
Great Russell Street
London WC1B 3LS

YOUTH AID
Tress House
Stamford Street
London SE1 9NT

REGIONAL CONTACT

CHRIS PRESTON
Nottingham Trades Council
12 Emmanuel Avenue
Nottingham

JOIN THE JOBS FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN

Mass unemployment is destroying all hope for young people. It can and must be ended. But it will not be easy. Well over 1,000,000 young people are queuing for jobs. Far too many of them are young black people and far too often they are stuck at the back of the queue.

The Government must make jobs not destroy them.

The young people of Britain need to organise, to debate and discuss how jobs, education and training can be guaranteed for all.

The country has the wealth to invest in new industry and new technology. Large numbers of jobs need doing: not only in industry, but in the public services as well - for instance caring for the old, the sick and the very young. Everyone

must be given the chance of a good job with training and decent pay. We must train for the jobs of the future.

This is our goal. It will take time to achieve it. But we can make a start. We can unite to get a new deal for youth.

A NEW DEAL

These things can be done now:

FOR THE YOUNG UNEMPLOYED

- The Youth Opportunities Programme for the young unemployed must be improved. Schemes must provide better quality training and education for all YOP trainees.

- The YOP weekly allowance must be increased to £30 a week, and the travel allowance improved.

- YOP trainees must not be used as cheap, substitute labour.

- All 19-25 year olds who have been unemployed for over 6 months must be given a guarantee of a training place as part of a massive expansion of special programmes for unemployed adults.

FOR YOUNG WORKERS

- All young workers must be given training and education as part of their job.

- Apprenticeships must be increased, improved and modernised.

FOR STUDENTS

All 16-19 year olds must have the chance of continued study on courses suited to their needs and interests.

- Grants must be guaranteed for all 16-19 year olds in full-time study.

- The number of places in higher education must be expanded with better grants.

- There must be no discrimination against overseas students on course fees.

FOR YOUNG BLACK PEOPLE

- Young black people's chances at school must be improved and all forms of racial bias rooted out of our education system.

- Racial discrimination against young black people in getting jobs and promotion must end. Unions at every level must work to achieve this goal.

- Young black people who have missed out at school must be given the chance of training and education.

- Police harassment of young black people must stop and local control of the police must be improved. There must be no racial bias in the courts.

FOR YOUNG WOMEN

- Sex discrimination must end in schools, and in further and higher education.

- There must be positive action to improve opportunities for young women in employment, promotion and vocational training, particularly access to skill.

- There must be new training programmes for young unemployed women disadvantaged by past education failures.

JOBS EXPRESS

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR YOUTH ORGANISATION,
STUDENT UNION OR TRADE UNION
AND CAMPAIGN FOR A
BETTER FUTURE



TED ELSEY

The first of many?

It is disturbing to find, in the light of the Tory Government's concerted attack on the Unions, that on the 28th December, 1981, at Edinburgh Sherriffs Court, Ted Elsey, a full-time officer of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, was found guilty of an offence under the ancient (1875) and little used Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act.

He was charged with 'wrongfully and without legal authority' following 2 senior officials of the Inland Revenue who were strike breaking on the Civil Service dispute by carrying bags of mail containing Revenue cheques to secret destinations for sorting and banking. The charge actually related to following them on the motorway between Cumbernauld and Edinburgh 'in a disorderly way'.

WILL WE ALL BE JUST "ADMONISHED"?

The last occasion on which the Act was used was against the Shrewsbury pickets in 1972, and the section of the Act used in this prosecution has not been used since 1890! The Sheriff said that as Ted Elsey had acted in ignorance of the 1875 Act, he did not intend to send him to prison - instead, he was 'admonished', and most significantly, the Sheriff said that "if anyone committed a similar offence in the future, then the Courts may have to impose a prison sentence".

Clearly this prosecution carries serious implications for all Trades Unions involved in the future in industrial disputes. Not only is this Tory Government pushing through new legislation to seriously restrict picketing etc., but it appears that a Law is already on the statute books which can be used against the Unions. The original charges against Ted Elsey were actually dismissed in July by the same Sheriff on the grounds that they were not sufficiently specific. They were revived in September, on the advice of the Lord Advocate for Scotland (the equivalent of the Attorney General in this country).

But I pose the question:- Who was REALLY behind the revival of the charges? Ms Thatcher and her Government? Senior Civil Servants acting on Government instructions? - I can only leave you to draw your own conclusions.

THESE HONOURABLE MEN.

As a footnote, it is interesting to see the New Year Honours List. Leading Civil Service scabs and strikebreakers, inc. one person who was a key witness against Ted Elsey, received their 'reward' in the form of 'Honours'. Ted Elsey is appealing against his conviction. Let us all hope he is successful, because if he is not, the implications for us all are obvious.

Malcolm Tetley, IRSF Branch Sec.

YET ANOTHER MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE IN NOTTINGHAM

- Appeal Fund Launched



On 1st December, 1981, Laurence Platt, Trade Union Liaison Officer for the Nottm & Dist Community Relations Council, was fined £200 plus £120 prosecution costs for allegedly obstructing a police off-

icer. This case arouses grave misgivings about the conduct of the police and the impartiality of the courts.

The arrest of Bro Platt took place near his home during the weekend when there were disturbances in Nottingham. The police accept the fact that Bro Platt was in

no way involved in these disturbances - indeed the incident and his arrest took place after they had taken place.

WHAT HAPPENED.

An unmarked car travelling at speed suddenly pulled up near where Bro Platt was standing and 2 men in civilian clothes jumped out, intending - as they stated later - to question a man standing in a shop doorway. Not knowing who these men were, certainly not knowing they were policemen, Bro Platt called to a friend to take down the number of the car; whereupon he was seized by them, taken to a police station and charged with obstruction. Witnesses, including the only prosecution civilian witness, testified that he did not resist arrest, yet the police case rested entirely on this. At the police station he was hit on the head and his jacket and shirt were torn.

GUILTY!

The 'Guilty' verdict of the court went heavily against the weight of evidence - and the fine was the maximum that could be imposed, for an offence that normally carries a much lesser penalty, and on some one who had never been before the courts before. It should be noticed that it was not legally possible for this case to have gone before a judge and jury. Had it done so, so weak and contradictory was the police case, that it would have been more than probable that a verdict of 'not guilty' would have been returned. It is totally unjust that by a decision of magistrates and without a judge and jury, a person can be given a criminal

record. The question of an appeal is being considered, but the heavy additional cost is a factor that has to be considered.

Bro Platt's experience is consistent with the actions of the courts which have tried cases arising from the disturbances. In the opinion of many people, including lawyers, they have assumed that everyone coming before them is guilty, simply on the word of the police (see article "Legal Actions? - NCCL Report Soon." in Nottingham Bulletin, Winter '81).

APPEAL TO THE MOVEMENT.

The amount of money to be found to cover the fine, and prosecution and defence costs will be about £800 so far.

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE APPEAL FUND WHICH HAS BEEN SET UP - either individually, or through your organization. This is the least the movement can do in recognition of the contribution he has made, and is still making, in the field of race relations, particularly his role in developing understanding of the problem within the trade union movement.

Please make out cheques to: G. Parsons, (Honorary Treasurer); when the account is closed, a financial statement will be produced. Collecting sheets are also available from:-

DR. G. PARSONS, 34, MAPPERLY ORCHARD, ARNOLD, NOTTINGHAM,

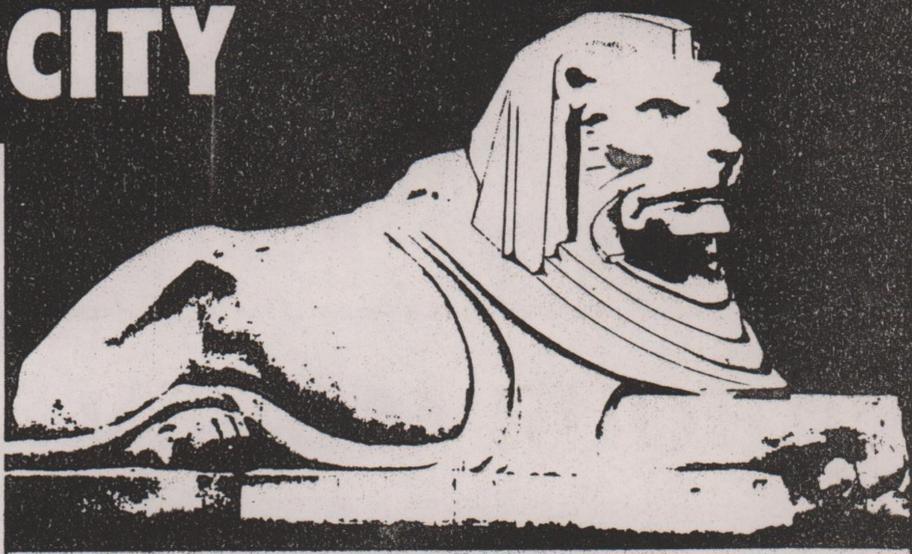
to whom all monies should be sent. Thankyou

SACKINGS IN THE CITY

THE BROADY-WILLIAMS CASE

The concern that has been publicly expressed over the last few days over the treatment of Bros. Broady and Williams by their former employer, Nottingham City Council, demands that a full explanation be given.

Bro. Williams and Bro. Broady were dismissed from the City Council in June, 1981. They were both employed as skilled labourers on an MSC scheme run by the Department of Technical Services known as 'Operation Clean Up'.



'INCORRECT WORKMANSHIP!'

It is claimed by the City Council that they were dismissed for incorrect workmanship, but investigations by their union, NUPE, have shown that other workers on the same scheme have done work that is no better; and indeed, have far worse all round records than Bros. Broady and Williams but no action was taken against them.

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

Since taking up their case, NUPE has used its best endeavours to resolve the matter with the City Council through procedures that are agreed between local authorities and the manual unions, but have met with no co-operation. The City first insisted that they would only talk if allegations of racial discrimination were dropped. This was totally unacceptable to the two as in doing so they would lose all their rights to an Industrial Tribunal.

At one stage the City offered an 'internal inquiry', but here again their terms were unacceptable both to the union and to Broady and Williams, the idea being that the hearing would merely make a recommendation to another Committee, which would then make a final decision. In return for this, the 2 brothers were expected to forgo their right to an Industrial Tribunal.

MAKING A 'DEAL'.....

Those who have any knowledge of normal practices in such circumstances will note that such a suggestion would be unacceptable to any trade union that is representing members. No one would accept that in order to have access to agreed procedures for resolving a dispute, those making their complaint should forego their legal entitlement to a Tribunal. There is a strong suspicion amongst the black community that such a 'deal' would not have been

offered had the workers involved been white.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

It is now more than 6 months since these sackings took place and Bros. Broady and Williams are no nearer reaching any sort of settlement with their former employer. For the two concerned this has meant immense financial difficulties, not to mention the strain that such circumstances put on individuals. For the community at large it has only increased the feeling that the City not only has no commitment to equal opportunities, but a disgraceful lack of knowledge as to what the issues are all about, coupled with a stubborn refusal to even learn when an opportunity to do so presents itself.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.

We would ask that community groups, political organizations, trades unions and individuals as a matter of urgency contact their local Councillors and raise this matter with them.

LEAVE THE CITY IN NO DOUBT AS TO THE ANGER AND DISGUST THAT YOU FEEL OVER THE DISGRACEFUL TREATMENT OF THESE TWO YOUNG MEN.

Demand that their suffering should now cease and that the City Council, as a gesture of recognition of the hardship that they have suffered, should reinstate them forthwith.

p.p. AFRO-CARIBBEAN NATIONAL ARTISTIC CENTRE, 31, Hungerhill Road, Nottm.

IRELAND: TIME FOR TORY POLICIES TO GO

LABOUR MOVEMENT CONFERENCE ON IRELAND

Over the past few years an awareness has grown in the British Labour Movement that the Conservative/Labour alliance known as the bipartisan approach to the problem of Northern Ireland has resulted in policies where the right wing has been in control.

These Tory policies not only bolstered the reactionary politics of the Ulster Unionists which unfortunately has the allegiance of the protestant working class,

but gave free rein to the repressive apparatus of the state. It has been proved that treatment amounting to torture has been widely used by the police to obtain confessions from suspects, while a number of children have been killed and many more sustained serious injury due to the military's reckless use of plastic bullets.

TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES.

The failure of these policies have been no less tragic in their consequences. They have failed to reconcile the communities in the North of Ireland; in fact the handling of the H Block Hunger Strike caused greater polarisation. They failed to bring peace one step nearer or to give hope that political violence will cease within the foreseeable future.

NEED FOR DEBATE.

A significant blow against bipartisanship was made when the 1981 Labour Party Conference adopted the N.E.C.'s recommendation that the party should support the re-unification of Ireland. This is not the end of the matter, on the contrary it is just the beginning. What is needed now is a debate that will focus on ideas for how to carry the campaign forward in the Labour Party and activate the Trade Unions into playing a positive role.

Trade Unionists need to realise the dangers that Northern Ireland presents. The situation there is in urgent need of a radical political initiative. If that initiative comes from the right, if more reactionary Tory policies are enacted like those being urged by Enoch Powell, the Unionist bloc

and the extreme right in the Conservative party, then the working class movement in Ireland will have suffered a serious defeat.

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN.

The Labour Committee on Ireland and the Committee for Withdrawal from Ireland are organizing a Labour Movement Conference on Saturday 27th February, 1982 @ The Theatre, 309, Regent Street, London, W1 on the theme: "Ireland - Time for Tory Policies To Go".

Delegates and observers fees £2.00 each. Further information from: Labour Movement Conference on Ireland, Organizing Committee, 1, North End Road, London, W14.

The conference will be open to bona fide trade union and Labour delegates, it will be addressed by leading Irish and British trade unionists. Ample time will be given for open discussion so there will be an opportunity for all currents of opinion to be heard. It is hoped that all those who attend will be won to making a commitment to carry the debate on Ireland into the wider labour and trade union movement. We urge you to participate in this conference by sending delegates or observers.

from leaflet published by the Organising Committee, Labour Movement Conference on Ireland.

EMERGENCY IN EL SALVADOR

What is happening?

Recently on our T.V. screens, horrific details of the violence in El Salvador have surfaced. Unfortunately the picture has been one of confusion and I at least felt hopelessness before such apparently meaningless suffering. So, I found out for myself what is happening and why.



WAR IN EL SALVADOR.

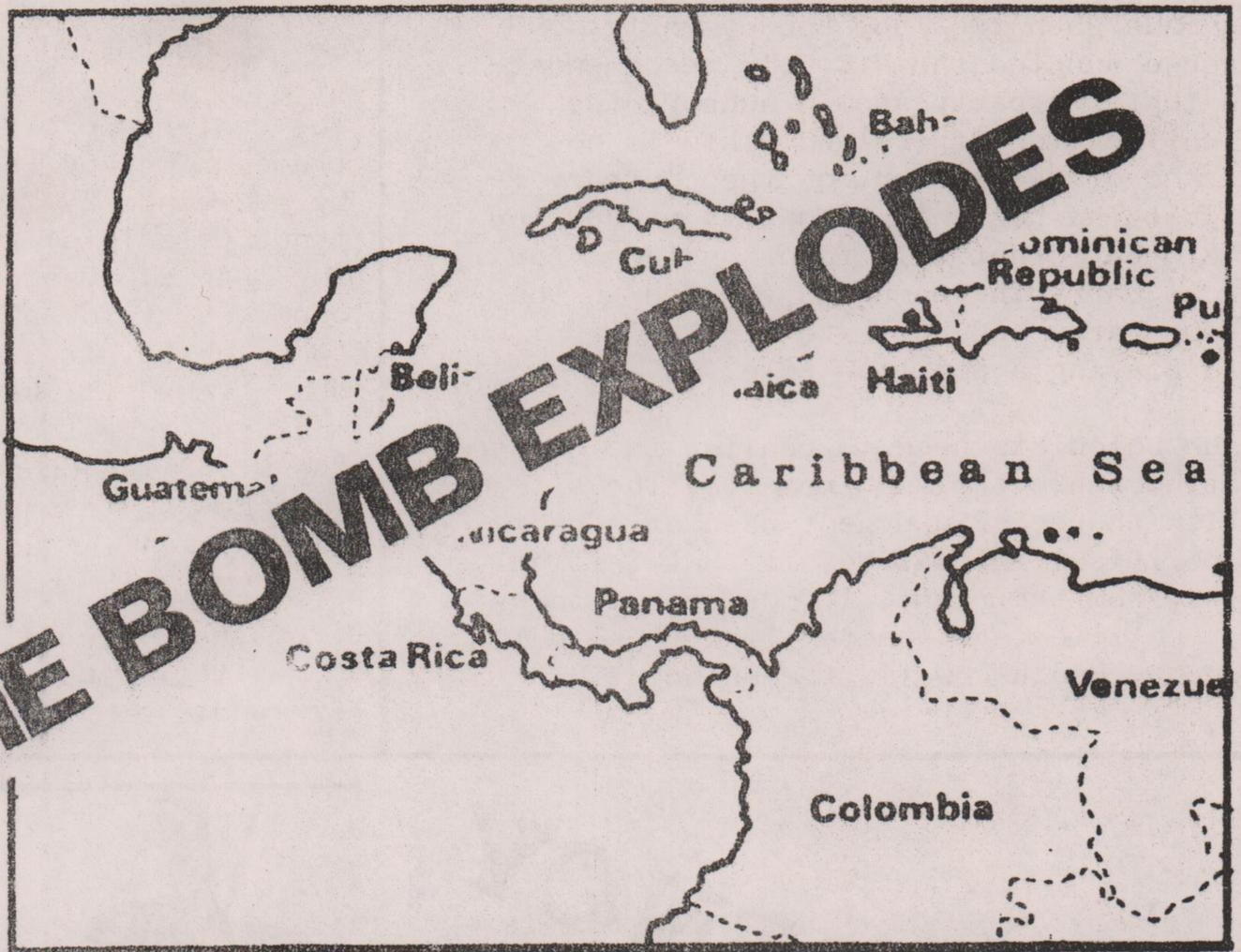
First, it is clear there is a Civil War in El Salvador, so who is fighting? A representative of the Junta (Government) was interviewed on T.V. He said the Junta is "in the middle" trying to "restore order". This is not true! The main force

on the right - the openly Fascist ORDEN - is comprised of off-duty soldiers and police, the main supporters of the Junta. Even a report to the U.S. Congress in January, 1981 found:-

"What appears to be a systematic campaign conducted by the security forces....to deny any rural base for guerrilla operations....by terrorising and depopulating villages....a combination of murder, torture, rape, the burning of crops....a program of general terrorism' all in the name of "order".

- * 250,000 REFUGEES FROM EL SALVADOR.
- * 30,000 DEAD IN EL SALVADOR.
- * 4,000 DEAD IN GUATEMALA.
- * GRENADA & NICARAGUA THREATENED WITH FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

CENTRAL AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN ARE IN CRISIS. THE PEOPLE IN THE REGION NEED YOUR SUPPORT & SOLIDARITY NOW AS THEY REBUILD THEIR LIVES.



WHO ARE THE GUERRILLAS?

Which raises the question - what support inside the country does the Junta have, apart from the 'security forces'? Even the President, Duarte, has said that, "The masses were with the guerrillas", although he claims a change today. So who are the guerrillas?

They call themselves the FMLN-FDR - Farabundi Marti National Liberation Front-Revolutionary Democratic Front. They include almost every political grouping in the country; the major unions; and are supported by the Catholic Church. France and Mexico have recognized FMLN as representative of the people of El Salvador at the United Nations. In Britain the alliance could be described as ranging from the Socialist Workers Party to the 'Wet' Conservatives.

WHO SUPPORTS THE JUNTA?

The supporters of the Junta are basically the very richest in El Salvador, the

'Oligarchy' - the 2% of the population that control 60% of the land. And that explains the reason for the fighting. El Salvador has a very small rich sector and an impoverished mass. Unemployment at over 30%; three-quarters of the children undernourished, and 1 in 4 dead before five years of age. The Junta keeps this disgusting inequality in being, using U.S. backing.

WHY ARMED STRUGGLE?

But why have the FMLN turned to armed

struggle, when they have such majority backing? The answer is simple. They didn't choose, the Junta forced them to. As an example, a strike on 17th March, 1980 left at least 120 workers dead - killed by the Junta. The ORDEN squads were and are given a free hand to maim and kill anyone opposed to the Junta's rule. In a situation like that, with the psychotic and murderous given free rein, there is no choice. The poverty of the masses meant that they had to organize or watch their children starve - with no future other than grinding poverty and early death. To organize meant facing death at the hands of the Junta or the ORDEN. For El Salvadorians the choice was fight and risk death, or a slow death in the service of the Oligarchy.

The last three elections (at the very least, all the way back to 1932) have been fixed. Political opponents tortured, killed or expelled from the country. The sheer animal brutality of the Junta has meant over 30,000 deaths in El Salvador in the last 2 years, for 'crimes' ranging from striking for their rights, to being on the streets and being young. Priests,

nuns, workers, peasants, students, and teachers - even Archbishop Romero - have been murdered by the Junta. The Junta is the criminal in El Salvador - the FMLN is the people's voice.

THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

U.S. companies make a lot of money in El Salvador and the whole of Latin America, and President Reagan is determined to 'protect' U.S. 'interests' - at any cost to the people. In 1981, the U.S. gave at least 35.4million dollars in 'military aid', and 107million (official figures) in 'economic aid' to the Junta. This money does not aid the people - only big business interests and the military.

To justify this money, the U.S. administration claims that there is foreign intervention in El Salvador - pointing towards Moscow. But the documents 'found' by the C.I.A. have turned out to be poor fakes - as shown in the pages of 'New Statesman'; and the Government White Paper got this response from the Washington Post (hardly a radical newspaper!):-

" (the White Paper) contains factual errors, misleading statements, and unresolved ambiguities that raise questions about the administration's interpretation of participation by Communist countries in the El Salvador Civil War"

- in other words, a frame-up!

But why go to so much trouble (and embarrassment) ? After all, no-one has been able to stop Reagan pouring money, 'advisors' (i.e. troops), and equipment into El Salvador. The answer is frightening - invasion.

THE INVADERS - OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS.

The U.S. seriously contemplates invading a country the size of Wales. But not only El Salvador - recent press statements by Haig, Bush, Kirkpatrick, suggest that the U.S. does not rule out either direct (under the U.S. flag), or indirect (via Guatemala, Honduras, or Argentinian flags) invasion of:- El Salvador, Cuba, Grenada, Nicaragua.

Recent military exercises in the Caribbean region, with ships, planes and ground-forces, have taken place to perfect invasion techniques. The only foreign intervention in the area is American, via arms deals and training; huge sums of money to prop up collapsing dictatorships and now the threat of direct and massive military force.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Ms Thatcher is the only Western 'leader' to give her full backing to Reagan's policy in Central America. Two British ships took part in the threatening American military exercises and £1m. of British taxpayers money went to the El Salvadorian Junta via the World Bank. We must protest against murder done in our name, and highlight the criminality of such actions.

In Nottingham there is a Branch of the El Salvador Solidarity Campaign which organizes public meetings and distributes literature on El Salvador. In March there is a national demonstration against the Junta and U.S. backing for its activities. For details phone:- Christianne 606909, or write to:- 8, Burlington Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham.

For further information on local solidarity activity, and political initiatives for the coming year, including the building of an anti-interventionist front - either get in touch with the contact above or phone Graham of the Labour Party's Foreign Committee (222876).

IF YOU WANT TO HELP.....

If you want to help the El Salvadorian people, WAR ON WANT runs a charity programme which aids the refugees. Any donations to:-

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EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR CENTRAL AMERICA
& THE CARIBBEAN,
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LONDON, N.7.

(No stamp needed.)

Graham Ferris.

WAR ON WANT has produced a free information and action guide to enable YOU to support practical and progressive measures against poverty in Central America and the Caribbean.

This is available from 118, Mansfield Road.

U.S. plans \$55m arms shipment for El Salvador
BY ANATOLE KALETSKY IN WASHINGTON 22.12.82

Extra \$300m in aid may be part of trade, tariff package

US to unveil plan to fight communism in Caribbean

US approves rights record in Salvador

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Speakeasy

THE COLUMN WHICH GIVES LOCAL GROUPS THE SPACE TO GET THEMSELVES BETTER KNOWN. THIS BI-MONTH, FOE.....

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, NOTTINGHAM.

Nottingham Friends of the Earth is an environmental pressure group.

"Environmental" because its members believe that the environment in which every human being has to live must be considered when decisions are being made about industry, housing, transport, energy and every other social issue. This is becoming increasingly important as population increases, industry expands, technology advances, and almost all change occurs at an increasing rate.

"Pressure" because the only way to persuade decision-makers that environmental issues should be considered before they make decisions is to put pressure on them. In the past they have often been able to ignore environmental effects of their policies because these effects were small compared with the environment as a whole. This attitude is becoming increasingly more dangerous as mankind becomes more powerful and more numerous.

"Group" because its members believe that new and unconventional ideas in politics can only be effective if a collective effort is made to publicise them and act on them.

EXPANSION.

Friends of the Earth U.K. has been in existence for over ten years. Starting from a small nucleus of activists, it now has over 20,000 members and there are more than 250 local groups.

The movement has expanded overseas and there are national groups in 29 countries, including some in the Third World.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

At a national level, FoE has played a key role in campaigns which have resulted in:-

- government decisions not to purchase unsafe and uneconomic nuclear reactors; a public inquiry into the proposed nuclear fuel reprocessing plant at Windscale and an indefinite delay in the construction of a commercial Fast Breeder Reactor



- a ban on the import of whale products and on the hunting of sperm whales and other species
- paper and bottle recycling schemes in many towns; the provision of allotments on derelict urban land
- participation in the work of the Waste Management Advisory Council
- a ban on copper-mining in Snowdonia National Park
- an independent committee on the assessment of motorways and trunk roads; government support for the construction of cycle ways
- an Endangered Species Act and a Wildlife and Countryside Act.

THE NOTTINGHAM RECORD.

Locally, Nottingham Friends of the Earth have:-

- set up an insulation scheme to lag the roof space of the houses of elderly and disabled people
- successfully opposed the construction of a hypermarket at a public inquiry
- played a key role in the campaign for pedestrianised streets in the city centre

- helped to set up an Environmental Information Centre at 15, Goosegate
- conducted a waste land survey which encouraged the Council to make use of inner-city land
- campaigned to stop the hunting of badgers, which are protected by law
- opposed plans to dump nuclear waste in the Widmerpool Basin, which have now been abandoned by the Government.

THE FUTURE.

In environmental terms, the future is bleak, not just for this country but for the world as a whole. This country is rich by world standards and can afford to set an example in energy conservation, wildlife protection, reduction of waste and pollution, and encouragement of recycling and re-use.

This year, we intend to mount campaigns against pollution, deforestation (esp. in tropical countries), destruction of wildlife habitats, and the Pressurised Water Reactor (nuclear power station) planned to be built at Sizewell in Suffolk. Locally, the focus of the campaigns will be determined by local issues that arise and by the interests of those actively involved.

The organization is based at the Environmental Information Centre, 15, Goosegate (582561) - meetings are held there every Tuesday at 7:30p.m. Further info. from there or from the Co-ordinator, Bernard Rawlinson (972-63131 ext. 146 office hrs.) Membership: £5 p.a. (£3 retired/students/unemployed) or £2.50 for 6 months.



Bill Prouse.

N.N.D. NOTTINGHAM FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Across the city, February will see door to door leafletting. The leaflet will attempt to put over as clearly as possible the disarmament case and will be followed up by a big public meeting in March. This will be the first time that many parts of the city will have had any contact with the peace movement.

Areas like Clifton, where there are few N.N.D. members, will have follow-up meetings to try to establish more neighbourhood peace groups.

Help will be desperately needed to make sure the whole city gets covered. Any trade union branches or ward political parties who could volunteer to cover an area would be really welcome. Contact:-
N.N.D. OFFICE, 15, GOOSEGATE (582561).

LOOKING BACK ON LAST YEAR.....

Looking back on the campaigning of last year - the nuclear-free zone campaign with a 1,500 strong demonstration, lobbies of councils, petitioning, film shows, a demonstration against the neutron bomb, jumble sales, and a Peace Festival attended by 4,000 people - it's clear that NND is one of the most powerful political forces in the city.

It has also started to make inroads into the local political establishment - witness N.N.D. Co-Chairperson, Alan Simpson, being adopted to fight Beeston for the Labour Party, and Eddy Ashbee getting on the City Council (with an increased majority) with a campaign based on disarmament. The next few months, with N.N.D. now committed to direct action, will see whether it is possible to keep an independent mass campaign working with established political figures like the County Labour Group.

WEAKNESSES EXPOSED.

N.N.D.'s string of successful events also shows up its glaring weaknesses. Apart from some support from the Indian Progressives Association for the 'Peace Train' down to the big London march last October, N.N.D. has had no contact with the ethnic groups in the city. Especially with the military clamp-down in Poland, and Pakistan moving towards having its own bomb, it is essential that the disarmament movement builds links and has common cause with the East European and Asian communities in Nottingham.

THE TRADE UNIONS AND CHANGE.

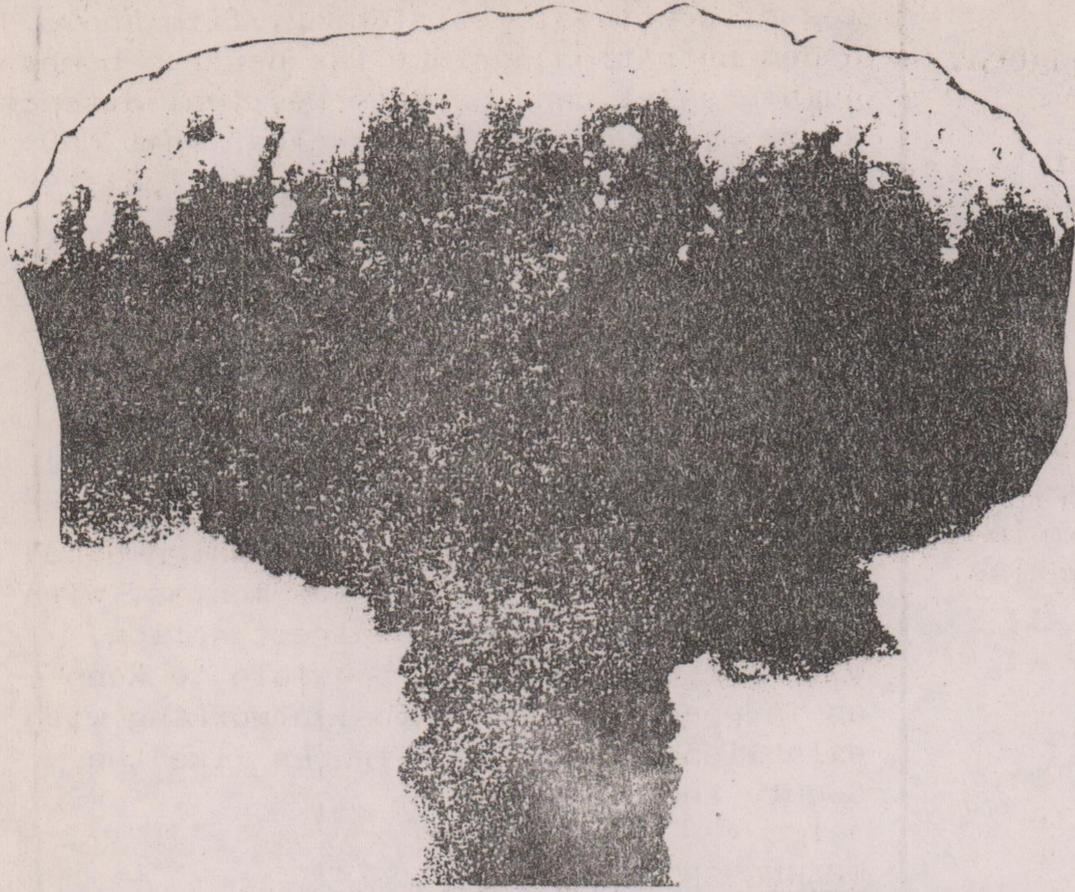
The trade union movement (though not the Labour Party), with the exception of local Civil & Public Services' Assn. (CPSA) branches, and some activists in the Transport & General Workers' Union (TGWU), National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), and the National Union of Teachers (NUT), has had little to do with the peace movement.

Many of N.N.D.'s demands are certainly union issues. The Area Health Authority spending money on war planning, nuclear waste coming through the East Midlands on the railway, fier brigade and local government workers given certain duties 'in the event of an emergency', the run-down of the pits while the nuclear power programme expands - all these are areas where the unions and the peace movement share common concerns but not yet common action.

Ross Bradshaw,
Joint Organizing Secretary, N.N.D.
(in personal capacity).

NUCLEAR WAR OR DISARMAMENT ?

Public Meeting



8pm TUESDAY 2nd MARCH

COOP EDUCATION CENTRE, Broad St

Speakers:

JOAN RUDDOCK

Chairperson of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND)

KEN CORTES

from the campaign for European Nuclear Disarmament (END)

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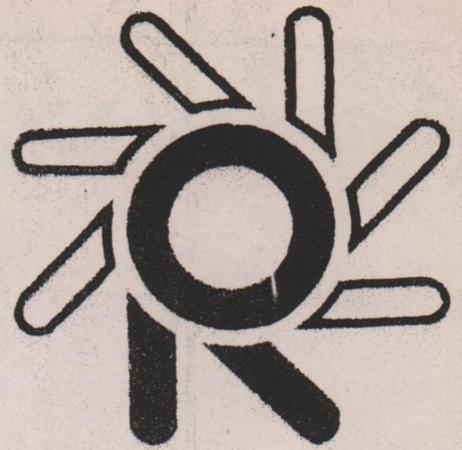
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Mercian Nights

Roundabout



MERCIAN NIGHTS is a new play by Frances McNeil. Using the device of a Right to Work march, the earthy stories of the Arabian Nights are updated to work-hungry Britain. Around primus stoves and upon ground sheets, the marchers entertain each other and act out the tales.

The show is presented with the minimum of scenery, only what would legitimately be found in a marcher's ruck-sack. It would therefore be suitable in most performance spaces, the minimum acting area being 14½' x 17½'.

The play contains strong elements of music and song, and of fun and optimism, even in the most adverse situations; and we think it would be very suitable for those who have not previously received a professional theatre visit.

While Frances McNeil is writing the play, the actors are contributing to the material. The Company is researching unemployment issues, and interviewing people who have actually taken part in the Right to Work marches, or the Peoples March. Roundabout would in fact welcome contact with anyone who has had direct experience of unemployment or hunger marches, now, or back in the thirties.

Roundabout is the touring company of the Nottingham Playhouse, and we travel the whole breadth of the East Midlands, and up to the West Riding of Yorkshire. We play in miners' welfares, factory canteens, prisons, and community centres. We also tour Nottingham schools, where we have recently finished a production of "A Sense of Injustice", a play which told the story of martyred miner, Willian Joblin, who was wrongly executed for the murder of a magistrate in the last century.

MERCIAN NIGHTS IS ON TOUR FROM 16th March to 10th April, 1982.

If you are interested in further details, contact:-

DINAH DAWKINS, ROUNDABOUT COMPANY, NOTTM. PLAYHOUSE, EAST CIRCUS STREET, NOTTM. (TEL: Nottm.44361); or

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION WHICH COULD HELP OUR RESEARCHES -

PLEASE CONTACT FRANCES McNEIL @ THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

March 6th & 7th

★ WEEKEND OF WORKSHOPS ★

at

Manning School, Gregory Boulevard

Women Only. Children welcome, creche provided

Saturday: Registration 9.30-10.15
Workshops 10.30-4.00

Sunday: Workshops 10.30-3.30
Plenary 3.45-4.30

To Date Sponsored by:

Notts County Council
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East Nottingham Labour Party Women's Section
West Bridgford Labour Party Women's Section
Park Branch Labour Party
Lenton Labour Party
Altrusa Club of Nottingham
Trade Union Women's Committee
Women's Fightback

In an individual capacity:

County Councillors: Vivienne Bell, Bob Howard.
City Councillors: Mary Yuill, Gill Haymes.
A.S.T.M.S: Mel Read.

PROGRAMME:

What is the Women's Movement
Rape Crisis
Women's Aid
Women and the Labour Party
Women and Trade Unions
Daycare, Nurseries and Education
Women and the Law
A Women's Right to Work
Working with Young Women
Women and Health including: Sexuality, PMT, Menopause, Self Examination, Mastectomy and Depression
Abortion and Contraception Struggles Internationally
Sexual Harassment at Work
Women Opposed to Nuclear Technology
..... and more!

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL

THE FIRST NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S FESTIVAL IS TAKING PLACE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1982. TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, 8TH MARCH, A WIDE RANGING SERIES OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED: * FILMS * MUSIC * SOCIALS * WORKSHOPS * EXHIBITIONS * * MARCH AND RALLY * . EVENTS OPEN TO ALL UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>EXHIBITIONS.</u>	<u>VENUE/TIMES.</u>
Feb 13/Mar 13	Nottingham Feminist Arts Group.	Midland Group/Tues-Fri, 11-7.30 Sat 10-5.30.
Sat 13 Mar	Open Forum with exhibition artists.	Watch press for details.
Feb 20/Mar 6	Women's Rights and Women's Health.	County Library/Angel Row.
Feb 22/Mar 12	It's Different For Girls - how education shapes the future for young women.	Top Valley Library/Top Valley School.
<u>EVENTS.</u>		
Sat 6 Feb	Proper Little Madams rock band.	Queens Walk C.C./8:00pm
Sat 20 Feb	National Women's Theatre Group.	Watch press for details.
Fri 26 Feb	Film: Portrait of Teresa - an exploration of the position of women in Cuba.	Film Theatre/7:30pm
Sat 27 Feb	Women's Fair: Arts, craft, literature, food and more! Witch Women Theatre Group.	Albert Hall Inst/11-4pm Performance 2pm
Sat 27 Feb	Programme of films with young women in mind - Jobs for the Girls/Town Bloody Hall/True Romance, etc. with discussion.	Midland Group/2:30-6pm
Sat 27 Feb	Film: Take It Like A Man Ma'am.	Midland Group/7:30pm
Sat 27 Feb	Film: Maeve. Maeve returns from London to her Catholic home in Belfast. Through her eyes we see the scarred city/antagonisms.	Film Theatre/5pm & 8pm
Sun 28 Feb	Film: Les Rendevous d'Anna.	Film Theatre/7:30pm
Sun 28 Feb	Practical Workshops. Registration - Workshops on photography/printing/using video/the media/woodwork/pottery/self defence. WOMEN ONLY.	9:30-10:15am 10:30-7pm/The Building, Gregory Boulevard.
4/5/6 Mar	Films: Rosie the Riveter. Award winning film of women in wartime US industry. Some American Feminists.	Midland Group/7:30pm
Sat 6 Mar	Women's Social with disco. WOMEN ONLY.	Narrowboat Inn/8pm.

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SATURDAY MARCH 6th

Films



**MARCH AND RALLY
FOR WOMENS RIGHTS**



Events

Exhibitions

Assemble Old Market Square, 10.30am
March to The Green Youth Centre,
Gregory Boulevard
for Rally and Speakers

Workshops