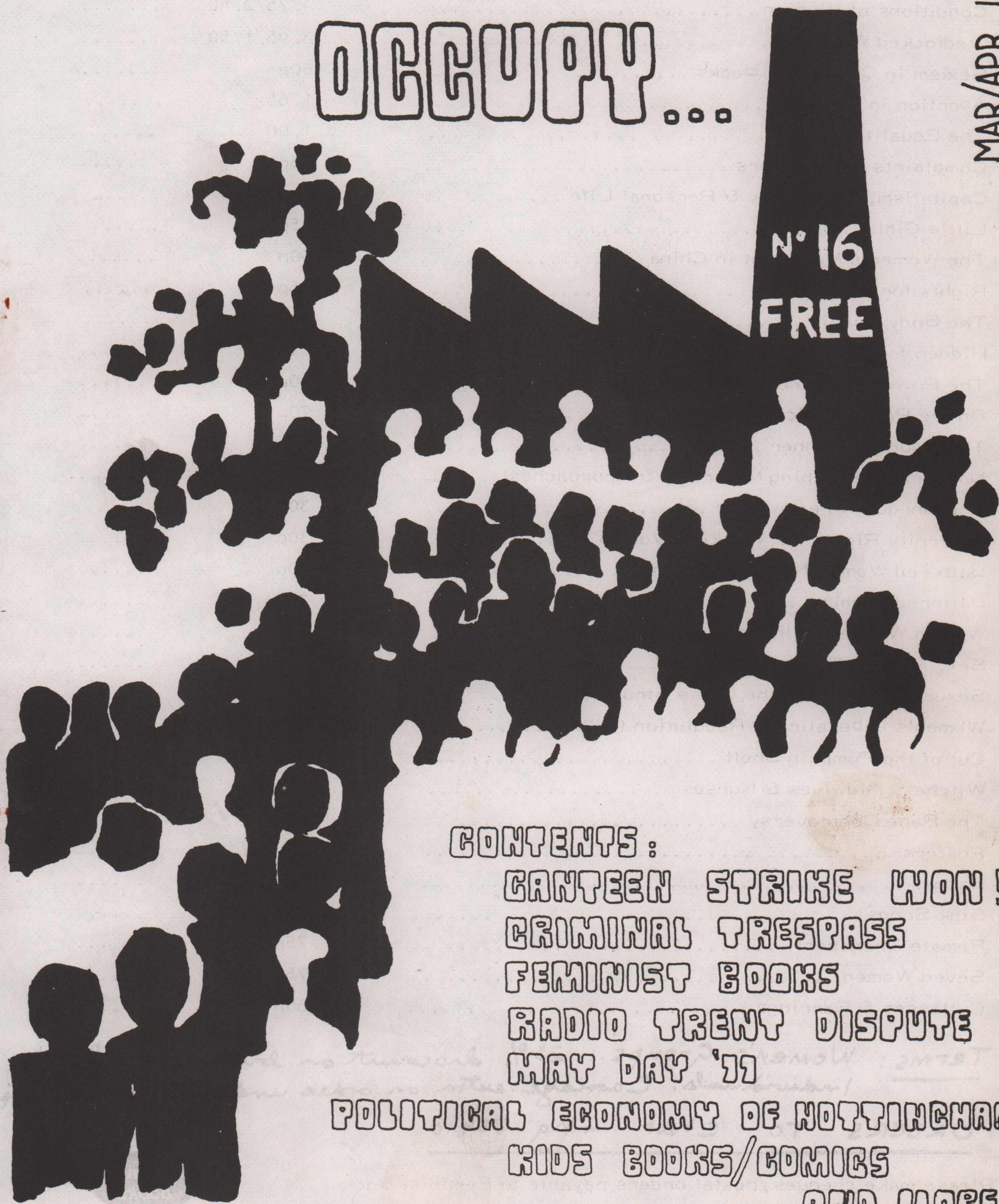


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There have always been differing views about how IF YOU DON'T should develop, both among the various people who have helped produce it ... and among those who see and perhaps read it. (Some random comments include 'Anticommunist', 'Shoot the fuckers who produce it', 'It's improving', 'Getting more political', 'Too many big words'). At the last open meeting to plan this issue several important decisions were made.

- (1) to produce IF on a monthly basis, giving dates when articles, announcements, cartoons should be in by. In general, this will mean that in future copy should be in during the last week of each month and each issue will be current for the following month.
- (2) to improve layout, design and so make it more readable. This will include changing from duplicating to off set printing as far as possible, and may mean a new form of getting money.
- (3) to continue Special Issues and to help with meetings like the recent Gaffers' Strike meeting. Possible issues on Silver Jubilee, Revolutionary Culture, What's happening to Women now?. Following on from the FAKENHAM FILM (4th April) other meetings may be on PORTUGAL and HOUSING STRUGGLE.
- (4) to encourage a discussion about the purpose of IF YOU DON'T There will be a questionnaire in the next issue (what is IF, what should it be?) and at least one viewpoint & criticism.
- (5) to have a constant address: 15 Scotholme Ave, Hyson Green.

The next IF YOU DON'T meeting will be at 7.30 on Wednesday 20th April at 15 Scotholme Ave., Hyson Green, Nottingham (phone 708302). Can we have material in either for that meeting or within 3 days of it?

A SPECIAL ISSUE on FASCISM will be produced in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Unlike the monthly issues it will cost something (probably 5p) and be totally devoted to articles/cartoons against Fascism.

THE OUTCOME OF THE IF YOU DON'T/BIG FLAME MEETING

This was well attended - over 45 people - and did to a certain extent show an interest in exchanging information/ideas, perhaps an interest in Big Flame and their Unemployment Film. It also showed that a meeting organised outside the conventional left was an attractive idea but where to from here? The FAKENHAM FILM is a continuation of the meeting and there will also be a discussion of the Big Flame manifesto, when it's available. For more info contact IF (phone 708302) One idea is to make the available 'resources' (silk screen, duplicators etc) more available.

MOTHER WHERE ARE WE GOING, DOING, SAYING,
WHY THIS UNIFORM, WHICH STRANGLES OUR BRAINS,
MY CONSCIOUSNESS IS SADLY DYING,
I AM A MACHINE,
A MACHINE,
A MACHINE,
A MACHINE.

These words entered my tangled head, as I sat and watched children, going to school, actually I have been thinking lately of the idea of an alternative school/s.

The reasons being: Firstly, the State schools are so overcrowded, that classes are bursting at the seams, (yet the government are cutting down on teaching jobs) After all if the workers become too clever would the system stay? The point is that children are leaving school without the ability to read and write.

Secondly, because children at school are so brainwashed into materialistic and consumer type images, that they are so fucked up by the time they leave school. I would like to see a school that teaches children how to love instead of hate. How to kiss instead of kill.

How to make love instead of making wars.
How to pro/create instead of destroy.
Maybe we could run a school which operates in the evenings, we could then teach children how to read and write, music, art, drama, etc. and maybe then children can be made into individuals instead of machines. Would anyone interested please contact: KARL SVARC, 7, Edwolten Av., West Bridgford, Nott'm.

HOSENBALL'S APPEAL - 29th March

"3 Appeal Court judges rejected Mark Hosenball's appeal against deportation on the grounds that national security overrides the freedom of the individual, and even the principles of natural justice", reported the Grundian. The Home Secretary had an obligation not to reveal particulars of the charges. The NOCL battles on his and others behalf, but it's so obvious that the state will protect the "national security of the bourgeoisie".

LETTER RECEIVED FROM NOTTINGHAM VOICE

FOR PUBLICATION

Nottingham Voice
Nottingham's Independent Montly Paper,
People's Centre,
33 Mansfield Rd.,
Nottingham.
tel 411676

Dear Friends,

I refer to the article on Plessey which you published in the last edition. As you rightly said the article was originally published in Nottingham Voice.

I was **however**, puzzled by your statement that the article had been 'slightly amended'. The only alterations which I can find are the insertion of the word 'the' in front of 'cuts' in paragraph seven, and a misprint/mistyping in paragraph eight. I suppose that this could be referred to a 'slightly amended'.

The intro also states that the original submitted to the Voice is unavailable. It's not so much that it's unavailable, it's lost. We do have a habit of editing articles in the Voice and the draft submitted for publication has now been lost. This is most remiss of us. Normally we make a point of keeping all original material submitted. But we do consider material that is submitted is a draft rather than a finished article. Of course, one could disagree with the idea that the function of a paper is to 'edit' in any way original material. We don't.

Hoping I won't be too heavily cut.

Yours fraternally

Fred Broad
Nottingham Voice

REPLY FROM IF YOU DON'T

* We discussed the letter at the last IF YOU DON'T meeting and couldn't quite see the point of it. Especially for 'uncut' publication. We have, of course, printed it.

* If Nottm Voice see criticism in the fact that the original Plessey article is 'unavailble' because they had lost it, none was meant. On the contrary, NV offered us what they had in a most friendly and co-operative manner. Hopefully such co-operation will continue and work both ways.

* The amendments business was all a mistake - sorry - but the next IF will include a detailed article on Plessey.

* IF YOU DON'T tends not to edit, neither on 'artistic' or commercial grounds nor on socially useful, non commercial or political grounds. On only two occasions have we refused material. The original cover for no 14 was turned down on the grounds of Sexism and a recent document didn't go in as the writer's permission was ^{not} available.

However, questions of Editing and Policy and Lay-out are all being discussed in IF at the moment - I think, for example, that by not consciously choosing what goes in, we unconsciously select material which either happens to be near at hand or reflects unstated political views and these two approaches are respectively conservative and manipulative.

All and any views on this will be more than welcome.

keith for IF YOU DON'T

IN THE STREET

A few of these things are from Womens Report, a very good womens newsletter which you can get from Mushroom.

"THAT'S NO LADY", is a film produced by the Sheffield Womens Film Collective in conjunction with the National Women's Aid Federation. It is intended for use in schools and colleges; on women's Aid and wife battering. It lasts 15 mins. costs £3 and you can get it from NWAf, 51, Chalcot Rd., London NW1.

"The NURSERY PLAY"

A Show for about 50 mins. with music and songs about nursery workers and working mums. By Counter Act Federation, at £55 (or less), from 27, Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 or ring 01.251.4978.

"OUT: ON THE COSTA DEL TRICO"

a play bt the Women's Theatre Group. Lasts 1 hour plus chat after. Write to Julia Meadows, 27, Stepney Green, London E1 or ring: 01 790.7649.

"NEWS FROM NEASDEN!"

A pamphlet I only recently came across via a frien in Leeds. It reviews many, many, many radical/revolutionary books. Pretty good to have around. I've got one if you want to use it,; Mushroom too.

NOEL MURRAY TO SUE GARDIA

From the People's News Service (copies from Mushroom) I was pleased to read that Noel, now serving life imprisonment in Eire is going to sue the Gardai for brutality. When he was arrested in late 1975 he was beaten into "confessing" to involvemnt in the Garda Reynolds Killing (see PNS 110 and "If you don't..." 12 and 12a and 11).

Marie is still waiting to go to trial.

Preesure is growing in Eire to open an inquiry into allegations of brutality.

RECYCLING? PAPER WASTAGE, THE WORLD'S RESOURCES, MIDDLE-CLASS HOBBIES, SIDE ISSUE TO THE STRUGGLE TO OVER-THROW CAPITALISM, WILL USE IT TO CARRY-ON THE SAME EXPLOITATION, SAVE IT. SEE NEXT ISSUE!

leave and pay. But watch it- at present many p-timers work 20 hrs a week putting them below the limit; wait for employers to cut hours to 15! If you hear of this or have any queries, contact: Women's Rights Officer, NCCL, 186, King's Cross Rd., London WC1X9DE.

"HOW YUKONG MOVED THE MOUNTAINS"

A group of 5 films from The Other Cinema, (Manuel's got a catalogue or you can get one for £1- very cheap and excellently produced). This is a film about various aspects of Chinese life, e.g. "A Women, A family"; said to be really good.

VIRAGO

This Women's publishing group needs translators; French, German, Italian, Spanish, etc. If you can help write to: 3, Cheyne Place, London.S.W.3.

"THE CLAIMENTS WHO STAYED IN THE COLD"

This is a pamphlet published by the Merseyside Right To Fuel Action Group, dealing with the way the Liason Arrangements between the Fuel Boards and the DHSS and the effect they are having on Claiments.

Copies available from 88a, Hill Street, Toxteth, Liverpool, 8.

DEATH OF THE FAMILY?

"For a family house, a downstairs cloakroom is almost a necessity, and a second garage highly preferable -- or at least parking space for a second car, and possibly a boat or caravan."

(Evening Post Home Buyer's Guide, March 77)

21 IS NOW 16!

16 hours is now a full-time job. The official definition of part-time work drops from 21 to 16 hours a week from February. Many women will now be eligible for all sorts of rights, like maternity

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF NOTTINGHAM GROUP

Our objectives are broadly to develop knowledge of the changing political and economic picture in Nottingham and its relationship to political and economic currents in the region, UK, EEC and international markets. Specifically to consider the impact that political and economic changes will have on the people who live and work in Nottingham-(shire). We want to look at how people's lives are constrained and what restricts us in directing and influencing our living and working conditions. This will involve investigating patterns of ownership, control and capital investment. We want this to be more than an academic study and hope it will be of practical use.

So far we have begun to look at industry in Nottingham and the County Council's proposed structure plan. We are collecting information and intend to publish our findings and analysis. Obviously, we need HELP. We need people who share our perspectives to join us to pool their knowledge and experience with ours. Bel.

Below are some of the questions we want to answer. This is not an exhaustive or inflexible list. We want to include the issues that people are facing and fighting now and to see how they have responded in the past.

1. Industry & Commerce & Employment

Who owns the factories which provide jobs? What is their position in their market and the state of that market in the UK/World? What are their long term investment plans and past investment records? What are their other interests and connections? What changes might they like in the labour force and where would they like it housed? The structure of industry - what is the percentage of small/large companies; the number of multinationals etc? What has been TU/workers' response? Could it be different/more effective?

2. Land/Property/Shops

Who owns the land which might be used for future development? What are the interests here - will they restrict its use? What are local government's plans for the development of different forms of land and in which areas will/can they enforce them? Where could speculative office development occur? What do the people who live in Nottingham want in the city centre - shops, parks, markets?

3. Housing

Who owns the housing? What demands are there for different types of housing or its location. What are the economic constraints on either the private or public sector providing this housing in different areas? What is the past, present and future pattern of residential development? What are the consequences of this for transport and industry? What do the people who live there think (and do) about it?

4. Labour Force

Which jobs/sections are declining? What sort of jobs are available for men and women and immigrant labour? What rates of pay are there? Is outwork declining? What percentage are on the dole and who are they?

5. The State

Just what does it influence? Roads, aid to industry - directly and indirectly etc.

6. Education

What is the nature of educational provision at all levels - nursery - further and higher - part/full time? Does industry even pay for the influence it has in education?

7. Health Care/Social Services

What health provision is there? Is there an imbalance in health care within the region? How overstretched are resources? Don't waiting lists make you sick?

This may seem a large project. Join us; we meet regularly. Contact us through:-

Mary Anderson: 18 Premier Road, Forest Fields. 601593.

or

Matthew Creighton: 49 Constance Street, New Basford.

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"Revolution once needed bombs and machine guns. Those days may or may not come. For the moment what we need is open eyes, duplicators, initiative, and a will to struggle."

Spies for Peace, 1963

A hand-drawn sketch of the Caslon Hotel, a two-story building with a gabled roof, multiple windows, and a central entrance. The words "CASLON HOTEL" are written across the front facade.

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ANARCHY N° 38, APRIL 1964.

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RADIO TRENT DISPUTE

When Radio Trent came on air in July 1975 the only union members in the building were a few journalists. By March 1976 all the journalists in the news room had been organised into a chapel of the National Union of Journalists, and the disc jockeys and programme director had joined the Association of Broadcasting Staffs. Both unions had a nationally negotiated agreement with the employers' association, the Association of Independent Radio Contractors (AIRC). However, Radio Trent was refusing to sign this agreement, saying that to do so would break the pay code. Negotiations for the signing of the agreement were underway and at a meeting of union members at the end of April it was decided to give the company until May 28th to sign the agreement. However, on May 9th the programme director was dismissed contrary to the terms of the disciplinary code laid down in the agreement. Union members responded by holding a mandatory meeting in one of Trent's on-air studios. Twenty people sat for 36 hours in a small studio (approx. 6' x 14'). At the end of that time the programme director was reinstated.

On May 28th the company was still refusing to sign the agreement. After a joint union meeting which started at 2 pm and lasted until 9 pm, union members decided to declare a strike from midnight that night. One of Radio Trent's journalists announced the strike at the end of the 11 pm news bulletin. On Sunday, May 30th, the agreement was signed.

There was no doubt in the minds of those who had taken part in these actions that they were entirely successful. Both actions had been unconstitutional as far as union headquarters in London were concerned, but union members had become aware that they could at least have some influence over their own conditions of work.

The last action at Trent (at time of writing) was a rather different story. The company still argued that to implement the pay scales laid down in the agreement would break the pay code and they and the NUJ took the matter to CAC. Union members held a meeting to discuss the case, and it was during this meeting that an NUJ member was summoned to the managing director's office and accused of spreading malicious 'gossip' designed to undermine the management, and threatened with legal and disciplinary action.

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At the end of the previous dispute, however, the management had signed a document saying that no disciplinary action would be taken against any member of staff for a period of three months. Union members considered that threats such as those issued to the NUJ member constituted a breach of that agreement. After a prolonged and heated meeting the joint union membership took over the on-air suite of studios and remained there for about 30 hours. After quitting the building and receiving assurances from the management that no disciplinary action was intended against the NUJ member, union members voted to return to work on Monday (it was then Friday evening). But on Saturday the general secretary of the ABS came to Nottingham, unknown to his members, met the management, and agreed to their terms. On Sunday union members received hand-delivered letters from the management demanding that each member should sign a statement on returning to work to the effect that they would not take part in any unconstitutional action in the future. This was backed up by a letter from the general secretary of the ABS ordering members of that union to agree to such a condition. The membership felt that such a condition was unacceptable, and were refused entry to Radio Trent when they presented themselves for work on Monday morning.

In fact the dispute dragged on until the Thursday of that week, when both unions took the matter to ACAS where a settlement was achieved. The lesson that many people learned from the whole muddle was that a full-time union official is a full-time union official. It is unlikely that any future problems at Radio Trent will be expressed through industrial action (at least in the foreseeable future) because of the demoralisation suffered when ABS members found out what they had really joined. In fact, it is unlikely that any action would have been taken at all but for the complete inexperience of those involved, but it would be difficult to find anyone at Radio Trent who took part in the events of the summer of 1976 who'll say they regret it.

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MAY DAY 77

Throughout the world, and perhaps beyond, May 1st is celebrated as a festival of working class/labour solidarity. In communist states and fascist ones, in liberal democracies and puppet regimes, people throw off their local oppression and march in the spirit of belonging to something bigger than the local branch of a trade union or political party. How do we mark this event in Nottingham? Usually with one of a series of the most boring marches I have ever been involved in. Last year's usual dismal procession was enlivened by the "other groups at the back", where the atmosphere was friendly, the banners colourful and there were smiles.

This year I had hoped that more could be done to put more fun into the proceedings. A larger contingent of "other groups", perhaps, with more colour, balloons, kids, singing and dancing. However, this year there will be no Nottingham May Day March. The Trades Council and allied groups are instead putting their efforts into supporting the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE) Day of Action against the cuts on Wednesday April 27th. This will involve a demonstration assembling at County Hall. Nottingham Voice is under the impression that "it all makes a welcome change from the usual pathetic May Day Rally", but a dismal demo is a dismal demo no matter when or where. If you have any ideas or would like to help enliven

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OFFICIAL SECRETS

Five people have recently found themselves caught up in a government backlash concerning 'official secrets'. Two American journalists, Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball, whose work had included investigation of the activities of the American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) are to be deported. Three others, journalists Duncan Campbell and Crispin Aubrey and ex-soldier John Berry have been charged under the Official Secrets Act.

This is not a case of people flogging off the secrets of one Big Power to another Big Power; all were concerned with investigating and exposing the secret activities of the state which affect us. It's obvious that much of the state's defences against 'foreign attack' are better suited and more likely to be used against internal threats to its existence. Secret alternative seats of government, secret national communication links, supply depots and all the rest would serve nicely in times of civil unrest. With the army increasingly trained in street fighting and with advances in police-army operations the state is well prepared.

Naturally though they like to keep these preparations secret and that's why 'D' notices, Official Secrets Act, libel laws, deportations and so on are being increasingly used to restrict the flow of information. And that's largely what's at stake: the right to know. Parts of the media in America have played an important part in informing people of what is being done in their name in Vietnam, Chile and half of the rest of the world.

It is important that we should defend the limited freedom of the press we have, that we demand the right of freedom of information and fight back against the Official Secrets Act and the deportations.

Anyway back to the main purpose of this article. There is to be a public meeting of the Aubrey/Berry/Campbell Defence Campaign at Trent Polytechnic in Nottingham, not far from the old public library. Crispin Aubrey, on the editorial collective of 'TIME OUT' and one of the three defendants, will be speaking.

For more information about the Defence Campaign please contact 49 Constance St., New Basford, or telephone Nottm. 708302.

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/May Day 77 cont.

the proceedings on April 27th or have a fuller celebration of May Day please come to the May Day 77 meeting to work on it.

May Day 77 Meeting: 7.30 p.m. 6th April; 15 Scotholme Avenue, Hyson Green.

More details; Phone 'If you don't': 708302

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- 4 April Monday Easter Playscheme at the Building* begins. Open to any kids and people who want to be with kids. 10.00-3.00. Mon-Fri. April 4 - 15.
Fakenham film about women's factory work-in, plus discussion. 7.30pm at the Building*
- 6 April Wednesday May Day '77 Meeting. 7.30 at 15 Scotholme Av. Hyson Gn.
- 7 April Thursday City Council Housing Committee meeting. Open to the public. They may be deciding to stop all council house building. 2.30 at the Council House, Old Market Square.
- 15 April Friday Import Controls: Anti Fascist Committee Educational. World Affairs Group. 7.30 at the ICC*
- 16 April Saturday Conference against racism. Trades Council. Speakers: Sid Bidwell MP, Vishnu Sharna IWA. 2.30 at ICC*.
Jumble Sale for Women's Group. 12 o'clock at the Building* (followed by usal Bazaar)
- 17 April Sunday Discussion on kid's books/mags/comix and possible plan to produce some. 8.00 at 58 Burford Road (Top Flat)
- 18 April Monday Political Economy of Nottingham Group open discussion meeting. 7.30 room 2 ICC* See leaflet or contact 601593
- 21 April Thursday South Africa: Anti Apartheid meeting 7.30 at ICC*
Aubrey/Berry/Campbell Defence Cttee Public Meeting at Trent Poly. Details 708302
- 20 April Wednesday IF YOU DON'T... meeting. all welcome. 7.30 15 Scotholme Av.
- 25 April Monday NUPE week of action starts (see wed)
- 26 April Tuesday Forum on Education Cuts with candidates in local council elections: Council for Educational Advance, contact 77451
- 27 April Wednesday Demonstration against cuts in Public Expenditure and size of unemployment. Details contact NUPE 47609
- 29 April Friday What is Fascism? Anti Fascist Committee debate. World Affairs Group 7.30 at ICC*
Disco for NAC funds. Late bar, food by Down to Earth. 9.30 to 1.00 at ICC*
- Dates in May
2 May: Start of NAC week of action. Wednesday 4 May NAC Film/Play/Discussion on 'A Woman's Right to Choose'
Saturday 7 May NAC mass leafleting in city centre: Helpers needed. NAC contact Rachel 43081
13 May Friday Racism, Sexism, Fascism Educational by Anti Fascist Committee. World Affairs Group 7.30 at ICC*
14 May Saturday 'A Woman's Right to Choose' NAC demo in London against the Benyon bill.

*PLACES

The Building: Forest Green Community, Gregory Boulevard, near the Library.

ICC: International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Rd. Nttm

Women's Meetings

1st & 3rd Monday each month. Women's Aid at the Womens refuge. Tel 624547

Tuesdays: Lesbian Social Group. Contact Char 76410

Wednesdays: National Abortion Campaign. 8.00 Womens Centre

Thursdays: Women's Group at the Women's Centre.

26 Newcastle Chambers, Angel Row, City Centre. Contact 76410

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CHINA IN REVOLUTION

SEX DISCRIMINATION AND WOMEN

Two new courses being run by the
Workers Educational Association

China in Revolution: The Early Years.

Starts Tuesday 19 April. 7.00-9.00

'Tutor' Ross Longhurst

6 meetings Fee: £1.95

This introductory course deals with 19th century imperialist
intrusion into China, the fall of the imperial dynasty and the early
years of the Republic of China up to the bloody split between the
Nationalists and the Communists in 1927.

Sex Discrimination and Women

Starts Wednesday 20 April. 7.00-9.00

'Tutor' Chris Parsley

6 meetings Fee: £1.95

How much has the Sex Discrimination Act helped? This course examines
women at work and in the family and looks at recent studies on sex
discrimination and industrial tribunal decisions.

Enrolment: University Adult Education Centre, 14-22 Shakespear Street.

BOOKS

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introduction by Virginia Woolf. First published 1931
Working women's lives from 100 years ago: A
remarkable record of women's experiences.

WOMEN'S HEALTH HANDBOOK: A SELF HELP GUIDE £1.00 A British handbook
of Women's health with emphasis on self examination,
contraception, abortion, infertility, vaginal
discharge etc and self help groups.

FILM PROJECTOR WANTED

Has anyone got access to a 16mm sound projector which
we can use free or very cheap for film shows at the
Building. Can collect and return it. Contact 601593

DISCO at the BUILDING

EVERY FRIDAY 9.00 - 12.00

NEWS TRAVELS FAST SOMETIMES. LET US TRY TO MAKE YOUR

PARTICULAR STRUGGLES HERE IN NOTTINGHAM
REACH MANY EYES. JUST GIVE US A RING—
600337. THE MORE THAT KNOW THE STRONGER WE
WILL BE!

NOTTHER NEWS

Kids publishing collective

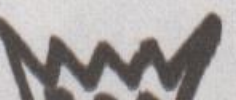
As you can see from the events page there
is to be a meeting on Sunday 17th April at 8pm.
(phone Char at 76410) to discuss publishing of
kids stories, comics, mags, readers, etc.
People have been talking about this for some time
but I feel something is going to come out of
this that will interest alot of people, kids and
you and me reading this.

Come along!

as I hope, you can imagine the idea is to create
non-sexist, feminist, non-racist visuals and
words as well as anti-sexist and anti-racist
but I hope not anti or non sexual.

Bring books, stories, visuals, comics, annuaks, etc.

I hope lots of you will come and help at the
Building over Easter with the kids from the Women's
refuge and others, including your own.

Since HRH EI is visiting
our lovely city in July don't
forget to join in the merriment.
Remember to take your flags
and banners; perhaps a picnic
too! ALL OUT for the
"HAMILTON Royal Hunt" 



BUS PASSENGER ACTION GROUP

was formed to
fight to stop the
bus cuts and
higher fares due
to come.

Ring 79826 for
further information.

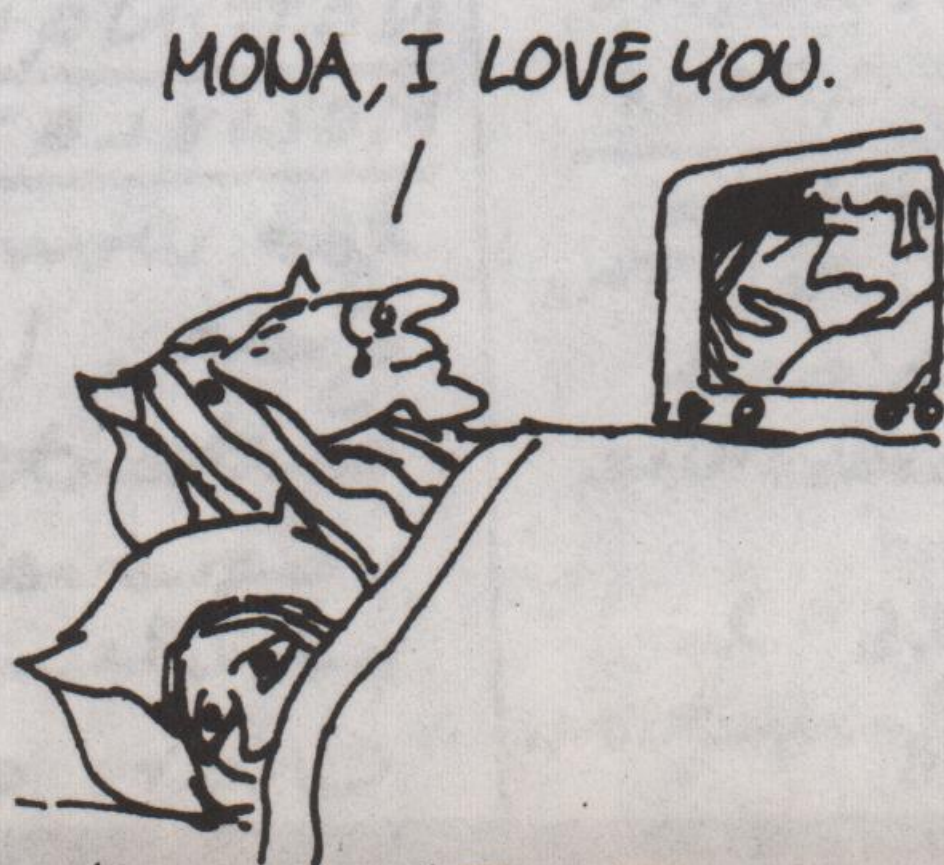
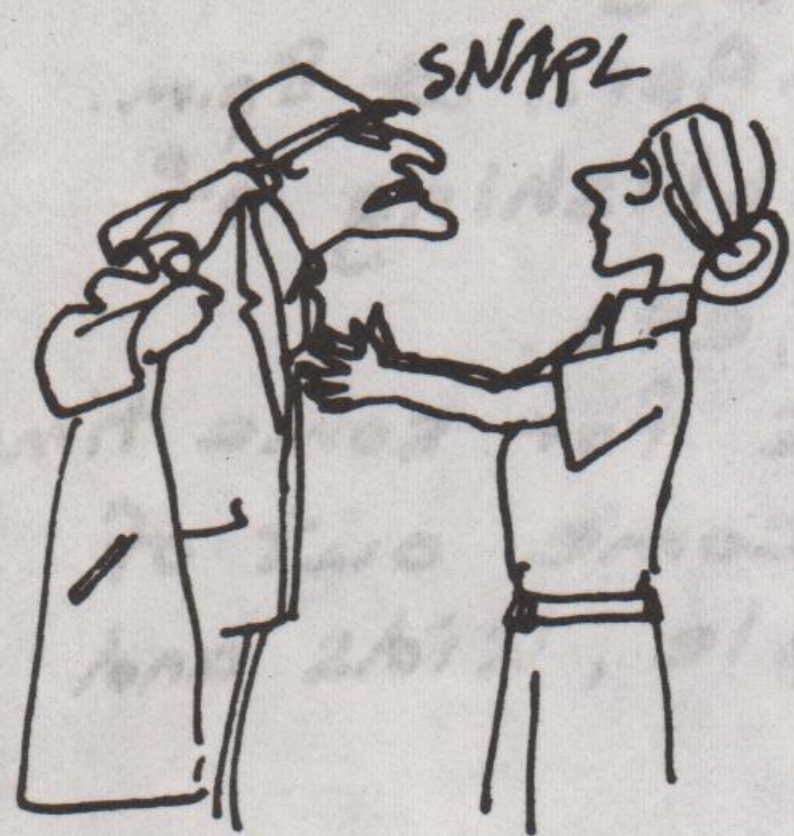
THE LATEST IS THAT THE "FACKENHAM FILM"

IS ON! MONDAY,
4th APRIL 7.30pm. at
The Building on
Gregory Boulevard -
details elsewhere.

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S
NEWSLETTER is by and
for women and really
good. It always has
contact telephones for
various campaigns and
problems. To get it phone
Char at 76410.

Most of the groups and organisations run by people in their communities who applied for Urban Aid here in Nottingham have not got any. Those that will be given money will be council-run projects. It is clear who the government and those in positions of power in Nottingham, wish to be in control and who to help. Encouraging autonomy can obviously go too far in their eyes.

So.... what is to happen? Various groups concerned with children have met recently and are planning several



days of good fun.

They can't get money to have adequate play areas over Easter so we'll go to play where they take notice! It is places like the Broadmarsh Centre which take priority over kids as far as those in power are concerned, so loads of children and adults will be descending on various places out of the blue....

There is little point wasting time having a deputation to the council - that is how they want people to act; not by taking it upon themselves to direct their own lives.

It all starts over Easter from Tuesday 12th April.

More information:
Ring: 53587.

Come and join in!

campaign against a criminal trespass law

c/o 6 BOWDEN STREET
LONDON SE 11
TEL: (01) 289 3877

A BILL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH PROPOSES 5 NEW CRIMINAL OFFENCES - THESE FORM A DANGEROUS THREAT TO ALL OCCUPATIONS, HOWEVER PEACEFUL. THIS BILL WILL SOON GO BEFORE PARLIAMENT. PUT FORWARD BY THE LAW COMMISSION IN THEIR FINAL REPORT ON CONSPIRACY & TRESPASS, IT HAS BEEN PUBLICISED FALSELY AS ONLY AFFECTING SQUATTING. IN FACT, UNDER THESE NEW OFFENCES -

YOU COULD BE ARRESTED FOR TAKING PART IN OCCUPATIONS AT WORK, COLLEGE & TOWN HALL

IF AT the beginning of the occupation, the security guards or caretakers claim that you 'threatened them with violence' - if you outnumber them, that alone can constitute a 'threat of violence' under law.

OFFENCE: "VIOLENCE FOR SECURING ENTRY" SENTENCE: UP TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON

IF THE security guards claim that you intended to use your placards or the tools which you used to get into the building as 'offensive weapons'.

OFFENCE: "TRESPASSING WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON" SENTENCE: UP TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON

IF YOUR boss or college authorities take out an eviction order against your occupation or work-in, & you 'obstruct' or 'resist' the court officers carrying out the eviction in any way, however peacefully.

OFFENCE: "OBSTRUCTION OF COURT OFFICERS EXECUTING POSSESSION ORDERS 113 & 26"
SENTENCE: UP TO 6 MONTHS IN PRISON &/OR £400 FINE

IN ALL THESE CASES, THE UNSUPPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF A BOSS' STOOGES ARE ENOUGH TO BRING DOWN IMMEDIATE POLICE INTERVENTION AND ARRESTS.

OCCUPATIONS OF EMPTY HOUSES

IF THE property-owner, by putting a few sticks of furniture in his/her empty property and claiming to sleep there once in a while, pretended that the house was used.

OFFENCE: "ADVERSE OCCUPATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY"
SENTENCE: UP TO 6 MONTHS IN PRISON &/OR £400 FINE

IF YOU have tools on you for getting into or doing up an empty house, like a screwdriver, or you have a kitchen knife in your kitchen.

OFFENCE: "TRESPASSING WITH AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON" SENTENCE: UP TO 2 YEARS IN PRISON

IF YOU resist even passively an eviction by court officers. Licencees, for instance people living in tied accommodation, are open to this charge also.

OFFENCE: "OBSTRUCTION OF COURT OFFICERS EXECUTING POSSESSION ORDERS 113 & 26"
SENTENCE: UP TO 6 MONTHS IN PRISON &/OR £400 FINE

OCCUPATIONS OF EMBASSIES

no ifs ALL occupations, however peaceful, of places having 'diplomatic inviolability' become crimes. Foreigners occupying in protest against a fascist regime in their country - like Iran - face deportation into the hands of that regime.

OFFENCE: "TRESPASSING ON PREMISES OF EMBASSIES ETC." SENTENCE: UP TO 1 YEAR IN PRISON

The Law Commission make no attempt to produce evidence that these new offences are in any way necessary. They have produced this repressive Bill as a result of pressure from property-owners, who run scared from the direct actions we are forced to take in our fight to save jobs, improve our living standards, and win decent housing and education for all. The viciousness of this Bill becomes even clearer, when we see what

THIS BILL WILL LEGALISE:

VIOLENT EVICTIONS

The Bill specifically ALLOWS "displaced residential occupiers" to take "ANY ACTION" - INCLUDING VIOLENCE - to evict 'unlawful occupiers'. What is a "displaced residential occupier"? The definition is so loose that a property-owner, by claiming to have been using a house, will be allowed to use violence to evict, without a court order, anyone who cannot prove their right to be there.

POLICE INTERVENTION AT ANY OCCUPATION

In every offence, the police are given the power of arrest without warrant. So they could enter any occupation, without a warrant, on the word of any employer's, landlord's or college's stooge that an offence has been committed.

EVICTIONS WHEN PEOPLE AWAY FROM HOME

The Law Commission plan to abolish the Forcible Entry Acts, which protect people in any occupation from being forcible evicted without being taken to court. Their new offence, "violence for securing entry", only applies when someone's on the property at the time, who's opposed to the violent entry.

THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE

This Bill is vicious & repressive. It would give property-owners for the first time a statutory right to violently evict. It would give bailiffs the power of arrest - bailiffs are often a property-owner's employees, licenced to carry out a specific eviction, & have a vested interest in it. People wrongly evicted under this Bill could do nothing about it until after the event, if at all.

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO MAKE TRESPASS IN SOME SITUATIONS A CRIME. ONCE THE PRINCIPLE THAT TRESPASS CAN BE A CRIME IS ACCEPTED, THIS OR ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT CAN EXTEND IT TO COVER MORE & MORE SITUATIONS. THE SPEEDED-UP EVICTION ORDERS INTRODUCED IN 1970 AS ANTI-SQUATTING MEASURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN USED AGAINST OCCUPATIONS BY WORKERS (eg Crosfields Engineering 1975) & BY STUDENTS (eg Warwick University 1975). THIS NEW BILL IS THE THIN END OF THE WEDGE. IT WILL SOON COME BEFORE PARLIAMENT. FIGHT IT NOW & STOP ALL MOVES TO MAKE OCCUPATIONS CRIMINAL.

THE FIGHT BACK: WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 1/ Get your Trades Union, Labour Party, Student, Community organisation to discuss this Bill, & pass a resolution opposing it & supporting CACTL. Send it on to CACTL, to local MPs, & thro' to regional & national levels of your organisation.
- 2/ Work with your local CACTL group, or set one up. Set up a public meeting, publicise the Bill & promote discussion of it. We can supply speakers & leaflets.
- 3/ Lobby your local MP, & organise a mass lobby - they will vote the Bill in or out.
- 4/ Make 'NO TO ANY CRIMINAL TRESPASS LAWS' a demand in any direct action you take.
- 5/ Support us financially to fund leaflets, posters, mailings, hall hirings, which are vital to the campaign. Cheques payable to CACTL.

LESSONS OF A STRIKE SUPPORT GROUP

A strike at a Basford lace factory was happily and convincingly won in the middle of March after a small but determined group of T&G members had picketed the factory for 3 days.

The issue looked quite clear: Janet, a canteen assistant had temporarily (and successfully) filled in as canteen manager for three months. Then the bosses appointed a permanent manager from another department who had had no recent catering experience and this led the other canteen workers to get up a petition for Janet to be their manager. The local T&G members backed this and thought that they had negotiated a less than perfect compromise with Janet and Carol (another canteen worker) both being up-graded to cooks but to work under the new supervisor.

The next day the bosses had gone back on this compromise and so 15 of the 17 T&G members immediately went on strike, picketing the factory gates and successfully using other union contacts in the area to help block factory goods movements.

After three days of this the bosses accepted the original strike demand and Janet and Carol were both upgraded to cooks. This was not a perfect solution to the original petition for Janet to be the new manager but it was a convincing victory for Janet and Carol who stuck together when the bosses tried to divide them. It was also a convincing victory for the small T&G branch whose recent foundation had made the bosses encourage the formation of a Hosiery Workers Union branch (which now has a supervisor as rep!)

SUPPORT GROUP IN ACTION

A loosely connected group of people who live in the area near the factory got together as soon as they heard about the strike in order to provide whatever support we could.

In one afternoon we got together a leaflet giving details of the reasons for the strike and delivered most of these to the picket for use at the gates and in the local area. We kept some leaflets to help recruit further outside support and for fundraising. That evening £6.50 was raised at the Evelyn Reed meeting and a further £1.50 was raised at a disco. All this eventually went to the strikers which did a bit to help make up their lost pay (and they are very grateful to all who contributed.) We also considerably reinforced the picket during the following day.

SOME LESSONS

The support group was not well prepared and worked spontaneously rather than cohesively. At various times this left people feeling 'un consulted!'. With no time (or desire?) to set up a formal structure, this was probably inevitable, but it sometimes looked like becoming destructive.

Hopefully, if the strike had continued, the support group would have settled down just as some of the initial shyness between strikers and supporters started to evaporate on the second day. At the same time it is a bit too easy to attribute the difficulties to the urgency of the situation when none of could actually be surprised at finding ourselves involved in a strike.

How close were we to making mistakes that would have been badly counter-productive in the short or long term? Can we and will we be more positively prepared next time? And, finally, does anyone else whether or not they were involved in Basford feel that there is a need to discuss/think more about strike support group roles and tactics.

FAKENHAM

FILM

The Fakenham Film was made by the Socialist Woman Group. It covers the 3rd and 4th months of a successful work-in by women workers. It runs for 10 mins and was made as a stimulus to discussion. Issues touched on are: Right to Work - Unemployment as a Capitalist tool - Small Co-op industries in a capitalist economy - Women and unions - Equal work/wage - Child Care.

DISCUSSION
AND FILM



AT THE BUILDING

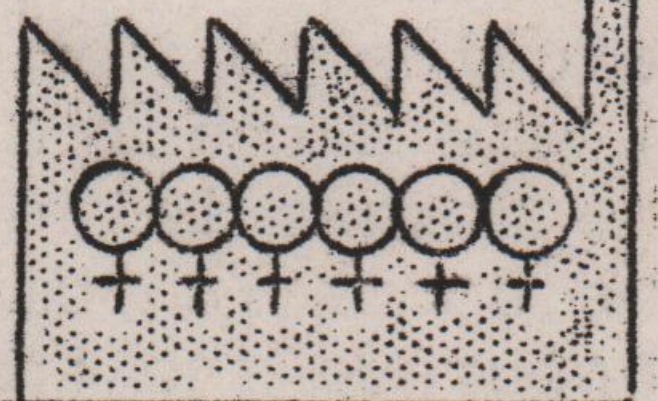
Gregory Bvd. Near the Library

FOREST

GREEN

COMMUNITY

MONDAY 4th APRIL 7.30pm



ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE

Nottingham
Anti-Fascist
Committee

Educational meetings

International Community
Centre, 61b Mansfield Road

Start 7.30 World Affairs Group

IMPORT CONTROLS

Friday 15 April

WHAT IS FASCISM?

Friday 29 April

RACISM, SEXISM & FASCISM

Friday 13 May