

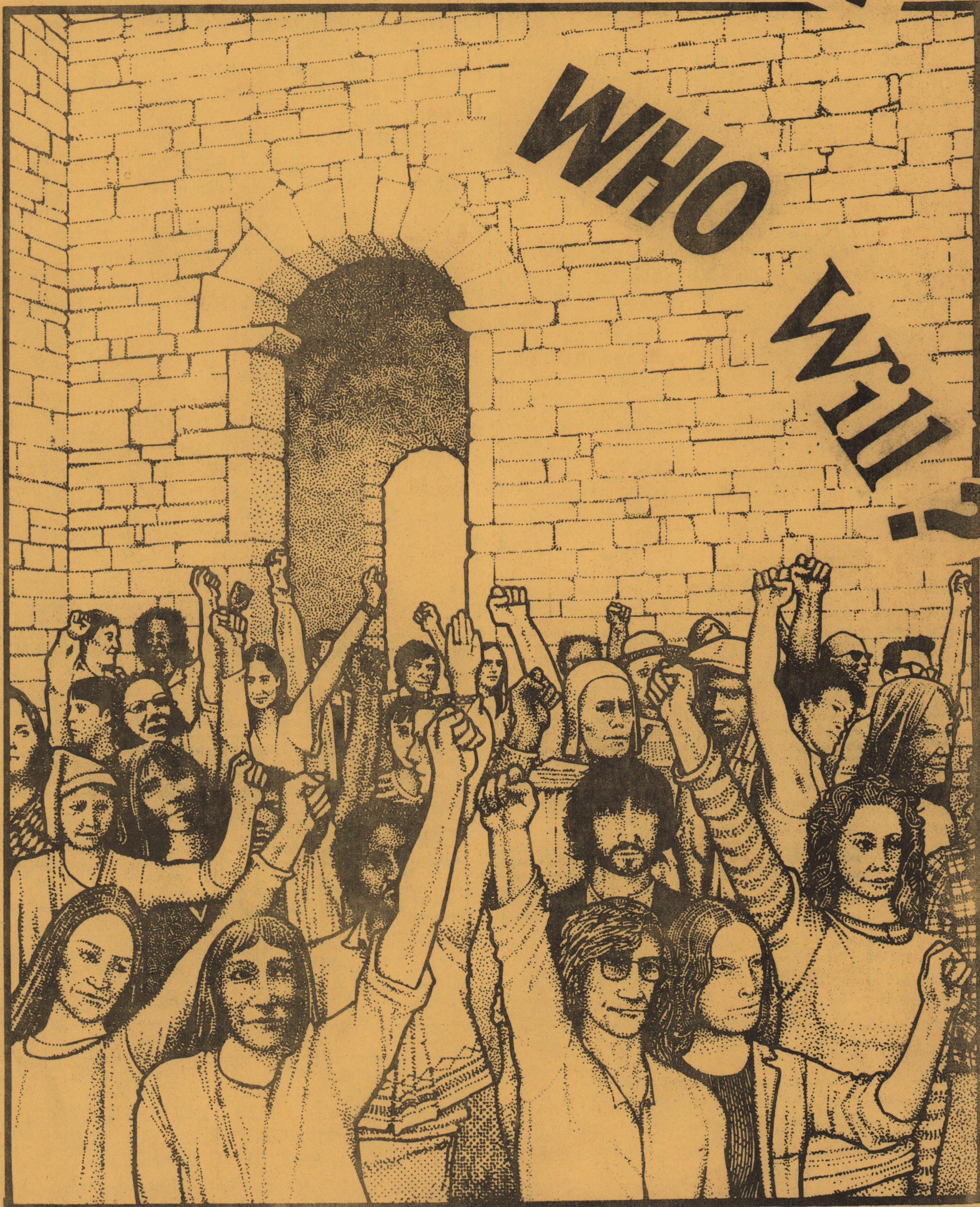
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SOCIALIST UNITY

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SOCIALIST UNITY FOUGHT LADYWOOD

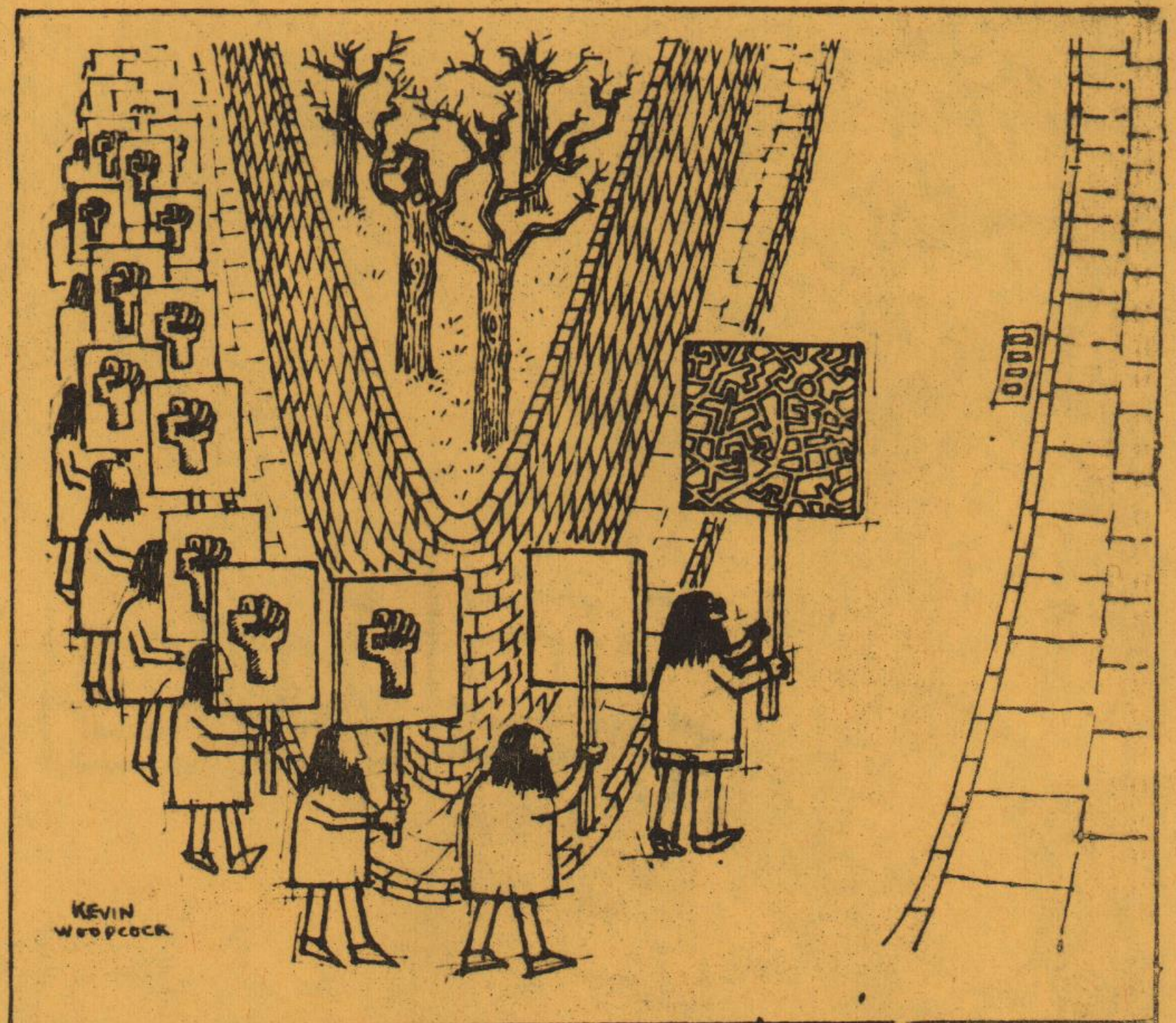
- * No to Healey's 10% limit on wages. Instead we need immediate across the board increases which at the very least compensate all workers in full for the cuts in real wages they have suffered.
- * Make wages and social spending inflation proof, to rise automatically as the cost of living rises. A national minimum wage of £50 a week. This to be paid also to the unemployed, one parent families, pensioners, the disabled and the sick.
- * Houses for people, not profits. Build hospitals and schools and turn our decaying inner city areas into places where people can live decently. This will also provide work for thousands.
- * Reduce the working week without loss of pay to end unemployment. Nationalise all firms which introduce redundancies. Take over their machinery and assets under the control of the workers so that they can start to produce for social need rather than profit.
- * Freeze all prices and rents.
- * Full rights and liberation for women. Free abortion on demand on the NHS. Free 24 hour nurseries. Equal pay for equal work.
- * Fight racism. End all discrimination in jobs, housing, social life and political affairs. No platform for Hitler's disciples of the National Front to spread their racist poison. End the immigration laws which divide black families. Full support for black people defending themselves against racist hooligans and police attacks.
- * Withdraw all British troops from Ireland. Down with racist regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia. For an end to all Britain's military alliances.
- * Make resources available for this programme by: Ending all compensation payments to the old owners of the nationalised industries. Stop all interest payments to banks and money lenders as the first step towards the nationalisation of the finance houses.

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THERE IS A SOCIALIST UNITY PUBLIC
MEETING ON THURSDAY 20th OCTOBER,
7.30PM, INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 61b MANSFIELD ROAD, NTTM.

- Wed 5 Oct MASS PICKET E&H Architectural, Langly Mill, 7AM
RED LADDER theatre group 'Would you jubilee've it: The state of the nation in jubilee year' 60p Sherwood Hospital, Great Hall, Hucknall Road 7.30
- Fri 7 Oct NAC DISCO National Abortion Campaign: 'A women's right to choose' Disco with food and late bar ICC* 50p
MINERS ON FILM series starts in Mansfield see seperate details
FRIDAY FILMS: THE GUNS 7.30 Film Theatre, Broad Street
- Sat 8 Oct Day trip to HYDE, Tameside, Manchester is still on. Coach leaves the Salutation 8AM details 601588
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN Notts Young Teachers Day School, 11-5, Teachers Centre, Cranmer St. £1
- Sun 9 Oct IN MEMORY OF MAO Society for Anglo Chinese Understanding Public meeting, Creche, 3PM, 30p at ICC*
- Wed 12 Oct ROGER MCGOUGH/BRIAN PATTEN/DEREK BRIMSTONE/DAVE TURNER An evenings entertainment, Co-op Ed Centre, Broad St, 7PM
- Fri 14 Oct FRIDAY FILMS: BLOOD OF THE CONDOR, 7.30 Film Theatre
- Sat 15 Oct WOMEN OF THE RHONDA in Miners on Film series at Mansfield. 20 min film mainly interviews with women related to miners who lived thru epic strikes of 20s/30s ... empathy with miners and frustrations of own unfulfilled ambitions.
- Thur 20 Oct SOCIALIST UNITY Public meeting. Speaker Bob Pennington, IMG, Electoral Agent SU at Ladywood. ICC* 7.30
SOUTHERN AFRICA Communist Party Public Meeting with speaker from International Dept CP. ICC* 7.30
- Fri 21 Oct REDBRASS Jazz-Rock group, Mint Bar, Albany Hotel, £1.25, 7.30
FRIDAY FILMS: EMITAI, 7.30 Film Theatre, Broad Street.
- Sat 22 Oct AGAINST CUTS IN NURSERY EDUCATION. Stall in Victoria Centre, 11am to 3pm. Details/offers of help ring 601588
UNITY RALLY AGAINST RACISM, LEICESTER Vic Park leaves 1PM
RED FESTIVAL, LONDON, YCL all W/E details ring 48031
- Thur 27 Oct LA CECILIA Benefit Film Show for THE OTHER CINEMA. ^{provisional: see page 14} 7.30 Film Theatre, Broad Street, See seperate details.
- Fri 28 Oct FRIDAY FILMS: BATTLE OF 10 MILLION, 7.30, Film Theatre
- Sat 29 Oct NAC DEMO in Birmingham Coach from Salutation 11AM
- Sun 30 Oct MAN & ENVIRONMENT IN CHINA SACU at ICC* 3PM 30p Creche
ICC* INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 61b Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

SOCIALIST CHALLENGE DISCO to celebrate 60th anniversary of Russian Revolution. Nov 5 at ICC* 8-12, Food, Late Bar.

FILMS: BATTLE OF CHILE Nov 11, HOW YUKONG MOVED THE MOUNTAINS Nov 12, 13, 26 & 27. at Film Theatre.
THE ROAD TO LIFE based on Anton Makevenko's book. Presented by S. Notts CP to celebrate 60 years of Socialism in USSR
Thurs 10 Nov at 7.30 at ICC* 40p. Speaker & Discussion.

SITUATION IN IRELAND Nov 10 at Trent Poly 7.30, Brian Lyons
CONFERENCE AGAINST CUTS IN PUBLIC SPENDING Nov 20 2-7 at ICC*
Bernard Dix, Broadside Theatre and Film 'Fight the Cuts'
HOLDING UP HALF THE SKY The story of women in China SACU at ICC* 27 Nov 3PM 30p creche.

FRANKIE ARMSTRONG & LEON ROSSELSON Folk Concert presented by CP at The Playhouse 11Dec at 7PM £1.50

BOOKS

Books at Mushroom, 10 Heathcote St. Tel 582560
Open daily except thursday and sunday 10.30-6

- THE FALL OF SCOTLAND YARD Barry Coc, John Shirley, Martin Short 80p
LIMITS OF MASCULINITY Andrew Tolson £1.95
WILLY THE KID BOOK 2 Leo Baxendale £1.00
GRAMSCI James Joll 85p
AN EYE TO INDIA David Sellbourne £1.50
THE LOCAL STATE - Management of Cities & People. Cynthia Cockburn £2.95
DISABLING PROFESSIONS Illich etc £1.95
CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM Grace Lyons £1.95
CHILDRENS BOOKS & CLASS SOCIETY Robert Leeson 65p
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Clive Jenkins and Barry Sherone £1.95
50 YEARS OF FREEDOM - A study of the ideas of AS Niel. Ray Hemmings £1
RESISTANCE ON THE HOMES FRONT - An example of how a group of Leeds residents defeated the local council's plans to demolish their homes. Social Revolution 5p
HIGHNESS CIS ANTI JUBILEE REPORT now in stock 60p

There is a growing disillusionment with the state's logic. We are asked to celebrate the state's last twenty-five years' performance, and yet that twenty-five years has added a million workers to the dole queues. It is difficult to share Peregrine Worsthorne's belief that the unemployed men and women watching the Queen trundle past in her golden coach will suddenly be filled with a warm glow of comradeship at-one-ness with the employers who gave them their cards.

Anyone who paid any attention to the patriotic rhetoric emanating from the Festival of Britain in 1951 and the Coronation in 1952 must be wondering what went wrong with the Divine plan. For this was to be the New Elizabethan age of dynamic native energy and growing prosperity for all. The new reign was to be the signal for a new era.

Twenty five years on there is a distinct feeling afoot that someone somewhere booped. Someone must have pressed the wrong button. Yet here we are in 1977 being exhorted to do it all again - street-parties, parades, royal coaches, flags and bunting, fireworks and bonfires, the lot. And the same old cheerleaders are orchestrating the flagwaving and distributing the commemorative ball-point pens, only this time the words are different.

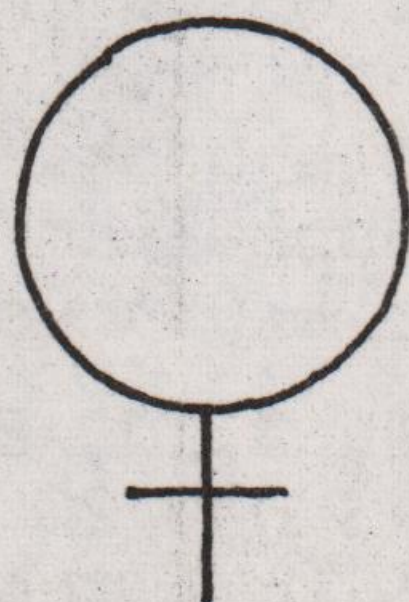
This time we are being told to tighten our belts, to accept wage freezes, unemployment, price explosions and shattered services. We are being exhorted to give the employers a chance to make us all rich. And the Queen is being trotted out like some tribal fetish for the benefit of the superstitious, to take our minds off it all.

As the benefits of toeing the line, keeping a low profile, whistling while you work, and not rocking the boat wear thin, the state has taken care to maintain and expand its own powers of control, restraint and punishment. The disillusioned and cynical are inveterate boat-rockers, and there is much to cause disillusion and cynicism. Britain is now a low wage area

of Europe, but the price of food, clothing, housing and transport is rocketing. As unemployment increases and wages fall behind prices, people are thrown onto the welfare services of the state, only to find that they are melting away, victims of the transfer of resources from the public to the private sector. Health and education facilities are suffering more than any others. Buildings are bulldozed, wards and special units closed down, class sizes increased, teacher-training colleges axed, jobs eradicated. The welfare state is in tatters, and still being cut.

Excerpt from the introduction to CIS 'Highness'

WOMEN'S MEETINGS: Women's Aid Mon 3 Oct. Phone 624547.



Lesbian Social Group Tuesdays. Phone 76410

Sex Discrimination Gp. Tuesdays. Phone 3442667

Abortion Campaign. Wednesdays. Phone 42808

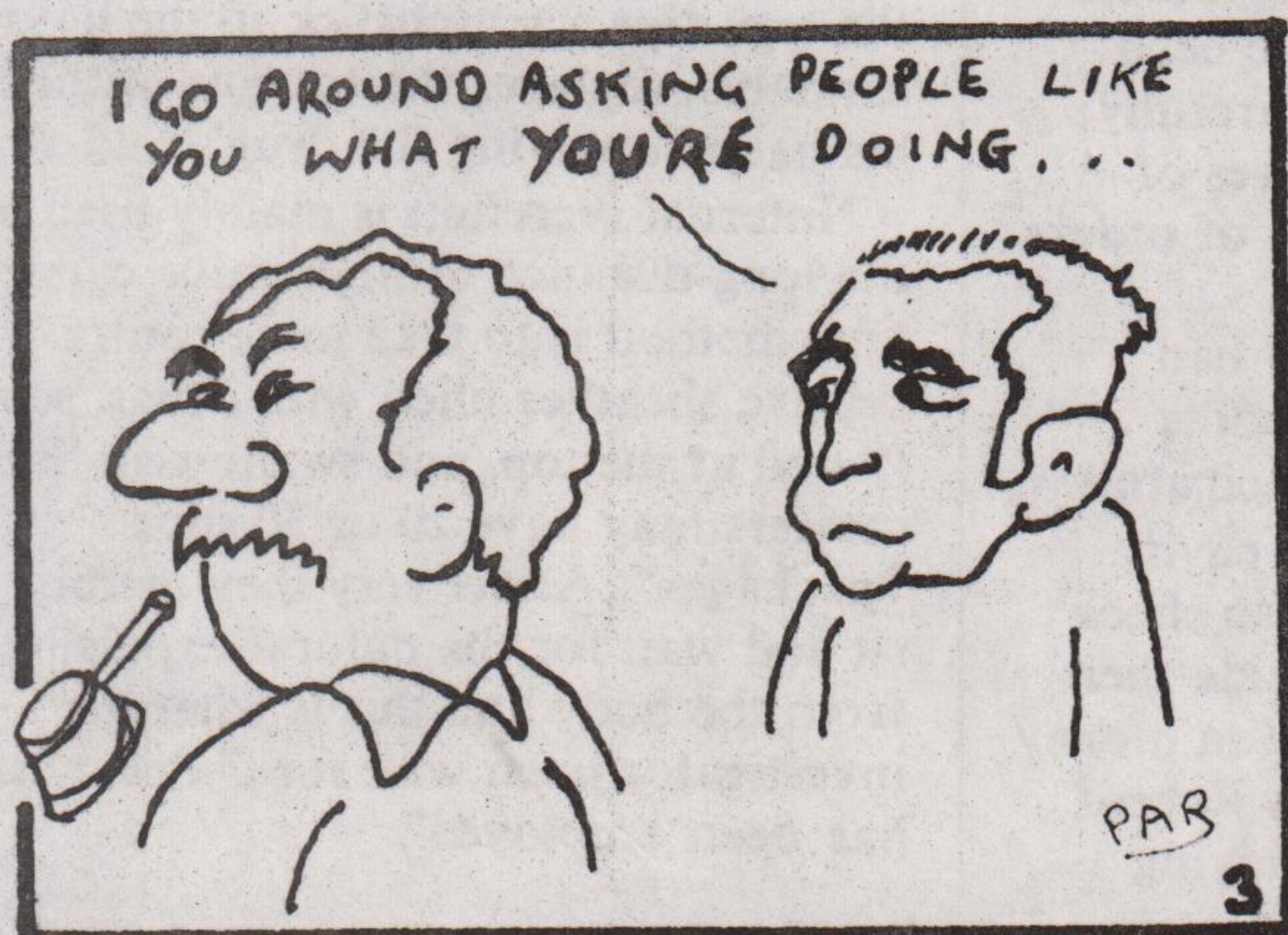
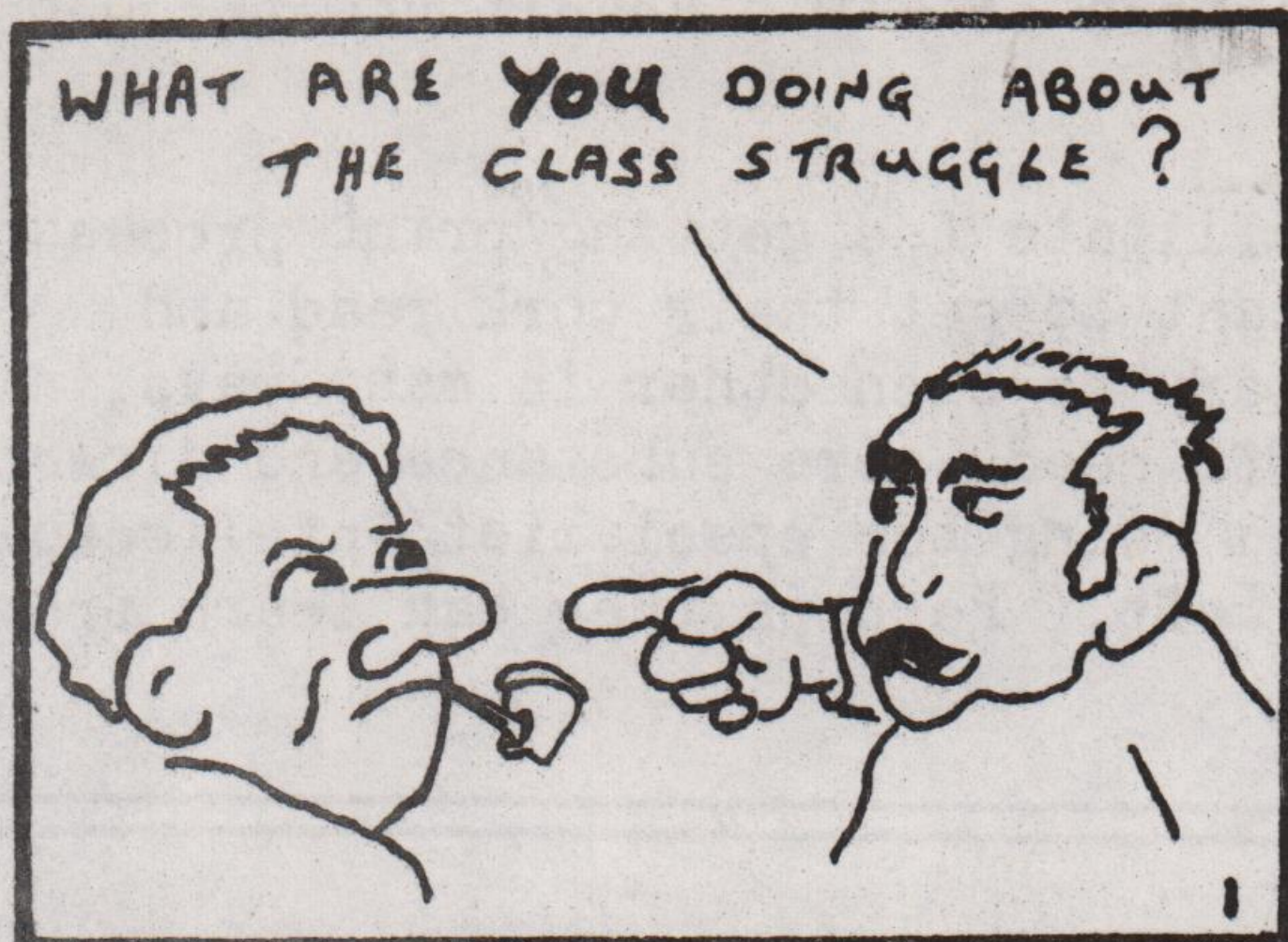
Women's Group every Thursday 8PM at the Women's Centre 26 Newcastle Chambers, Angel Row, City Centre.

Oct 6 Co-Councillings. Oct 13 WLM & left groups.

Oct 20 Adolescence. Oct 27 General.

REGIONAL WOMEN'S LIBERATION CONFERENCE Oct 22/23

'RIP OFF' REVIEWED



The second issue of Rip-Off was a bit of a disappointment. It didn't match No. 1 in presentation or in content. There were plenty of graphics and the layout was good, but doesn't anyone else find it jarring to read a magazine where the flow of material is interrupted by whole pages taken from other pamphlets and posters. But the content was the biggest let-down. Some was really good, e.g. the "mind-guided missiles" and music interview, mainly because of its originality for a local magazine. But a lot failed to interest or inform me. Why was this? I've pondered this question at length, and in trying to objectify what is after all a rather vague opinion I've pinned down what I think are two failings with the content.

The first is that several of the articles are obscure in their purpose. Take for example the one on Northern Ireland. What is it trying to do? Inform? Interest? There's nothing new, interesting or stimulating in it to hold the reader. It's more of a polemic - a sort of 'get of your arse and do something' aimed at people who are extremely ill-informed on Northern Ireland. But those people, who don't even know what is happening in N.I. are hardly going to be stirred into action by a short piece with no gripping content and no practical suggestions. Articles like this don't interest the well-informed and they don't stimulate the uninformed.

Similarly a lot of the articles, especially the "Rip-offs" were very general and came in out of the blue - stuff like the anti-apartheid and greenpeace. Again, what are they for? The informed will already know and the uninformed aren't given any local contacts or activities to go to. At least the "Rip-offs"

were full of information, but I'm still doubtful about their purpose. Just to tell people, I suppose.

The second failing I feel was that the literature and poetry was pretty weak. I hesitate to become a literary critic, because how do you judge anyway. But for myself I found most of the poems and stories impossible to relate to, to empathise with, and thus to appreciate. Why this was I can't really say. Perhaps they seemed self-conscious? But anyway I just didn't find them convincing. The poem I liked best was the one about the leopard, because that expressed feelings and thoughts without dressing up, and had drama and emotion without being artificial.

So the main questions arising from a read of Rip Off are what is it? Who is it for? What is it trying to do? Its lack of "clear political perspective" places it far

from If You Don't. Indeed this could be seen as a strength, bearing in mind the alienating effect (to all but the heavily committed) of IYD's "can't see the wood for the trees" appearance.

Another strength is that Rip Off appears to facilitate the getting^{into}/print process for people, especially writers and poets, who want to get their work read and criticised. Rip-Off and IYD do seem complementary to each other in many ways. But on its own is either satisfactory? Rip Off needs more substance and direction, and some unifying factor. IYD has suffered from being too specialist/intellectual - being an internal bulletin of the Nottingham Left. Perhaps they can learn from each other and something better will emerge.

TRADE SECRETS REVEALED

The following extract is taken from the latest issue of "Rights", the newspaper of the National Council for Civil Liberties. It is contained in an article on a report entitled "Stop and Search", published by Release.

The Release report quotes extensively from an almost unbelievable article written in *Police Review* (25 June 1976) by Sgt. John H. Burnett of the Nottinghamshire police. Sgt. Burnett begins his article (based on five years' experience in the drug squad) by warning us that 'members of the drug fraternity are frequently affected by paranoia of one form or another' and that in order to reassure the suspect and to avoid allegations of planting the officer should approach the suspect showing that his hands are empty. The suspect should be taken to a private place and stood on a sheet of polythene or blotting paper ('to ensure that anything that drops can be seen and retrieved'). The officer is advised to wear rubber gloves since 'as most drug enforcement officers know, drug abusers tend to be lax in personal hygiene and also because of this habit they contract a number of infectious and dangerous diseases'.

Now we come to the search itself and

Sgt. Burnett's ingenuity is given full rein. Here are some examples:

'The nose: inside and at the top of the nose is a fairly large cavity and one method of carrying can be to put the drugs on adhesive taped rolls which are fed up the nose into the nasal cavity. To sell to another the carrier merely pulls down the nostril the required amount, cuts it off the strip and away he goes without anyone noticing-unless you know this trick. So bend the head back and look up the nostrils carefully; you may be amazed to find halves of razor blades, paper money, lists of orders for drugs and other items'.

'Drug-takers frequently have bad teeth with cavities. A few microdots wrapped in silver paper from a cigarette packet and forced into a dental cavity remarkably resembles a filling, so check'.

'Some females pack drugs inside their body through the vagina and even money and weapons, knives and so on. Recent experience showed a female carrying

two full 7 in. syringes complete with needles and packets of tablets'.

'Both sexes, but mainly males, and particularly those of homosexual tendencies, use the anus. Plastic bags with all manner of things can be hidden there... Liquid cannabis in small plastic tubes is carried in this way with the screw top protruding out of the anus. To supply his wares the carrier merely puts a hand down his trousers, unscrews the top, dips a matchstick in the liquid cannabis, replaces the top and withdraws his hand supplying the drug'. And finally-

'Internal secretion is mainly used by the long-distance or high-value carrier. One method is to take male contraceptive sheathes filled with drugs, securely tied at the top, and swallowed. Some carriers may have 20 or 30 such "packages". At delivery they merely sit and wait for the natural expulsion from the body and this is what the investigator must wait for if this method has been employed'.

TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED !!

The Criminal Law Act is now ready for implementation. It was given Royal Assent late in July amid a well-orchestrated series of demonstrations and public shows of hysteria. Unfortunately these involved loyal subjects of Liz, busy showing their blind devotion while she was busy strengthening the chains which keep us down and her up.

The Act includes a range of measures most of which are designed (or will be used) to suppress any activity where people begin to assert themselves over their social/political masters. Most opposition to the Act has been focussed on the proposals

for making trespass a criminal offence. The result of bargaining between various shades of power politicians has led to the introduction of five new sections of law dealing with criminal trespass. These are:

1) Residential Trespass

It is now a criminal offence not only to occupy the house of a "displaced" residential occupier (the excuse used for the whole series of measures) but also to squat in premises to be used by public or private "protected intending occupiers". The effect of this is that it is now illegal to squat any empty council house if the council has issued a certificate to say that the house is needed for another occupier. As the council pay no penalty for issuing a false certificate they can use this section to remove squatters even from houses awaiting demolition or even just standing empty. If anyone doubts councils readiness to do this they should see the lengths to which some councils go to make property uninhabitable that may be standing empty for years before demolition.

2) Embassy Trespass

It is now criminally illegal to occupy (however peacefully) an embassy. This trespass covers anyone who stops to argue their case about a visa etc., after being told to leave by embassy officials.

3) Using or threatening to use violence to secure entry to premises contrary to the will of a person in physical occupation

Factory guards on the premises could be enough to make occupations of work-places criminal. And "violence" doesn't necessarily mean violence to people - smashing locks, cutting chains or forcing doors is enough. A further outcome of this section, together with the repeal of the Forcible Entry Acts (also included in the CLA), is that a landlord may reclaim his property by violence if the squatter is not at home, and then prevent the squatters returning. This has happened already!

4) Trespass with an offensive weapon

Any factory occupation could be broken by this section. In the past police interpretation of "offensive weapons" has ranged from spanners and hammers, via boots and banner poles, to money (an irony indeed). It is this section of the Act, together with section three, that has aroused most trade union indignation. But as usual, too late(?). At the TUC annual conference early in September an emergency motion was passed demanding the removal of trespass from the CLA. It remains to be seen, however, how vigorous the campaigning will be on this issue.

5) Obstructing a Bailiff

There have been too many well-publicised cases lately of limited victories being made by organized squats with the use of barricades and various missiles. In the future these will become extremely problematic. Non-violent resistance (sitting down, arguing) is also illegal.

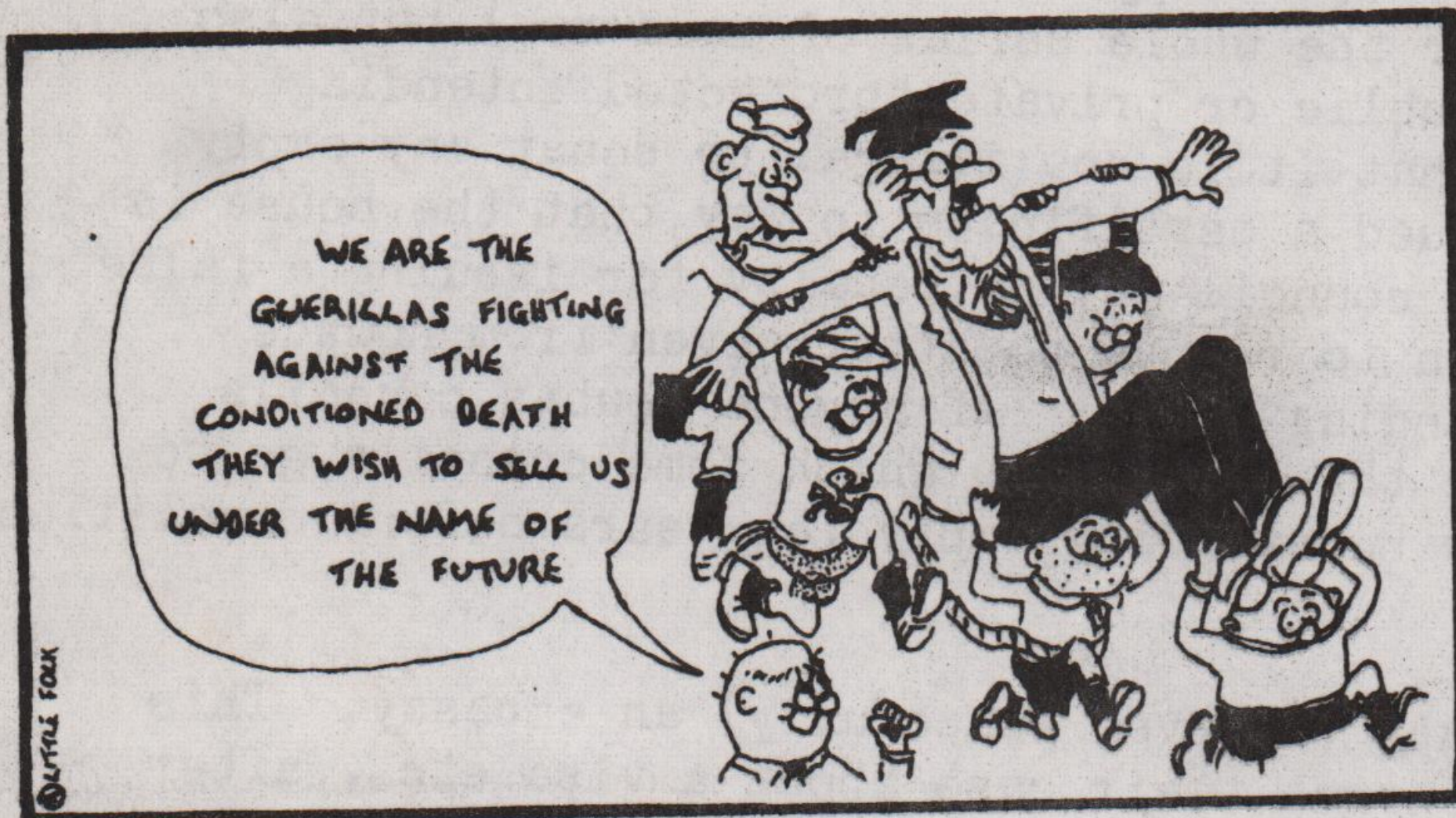
As well as all this, other forms of direct action have been legislated against. The press made much of the measures to combat "soccer hooliganism". What this amounts to is increases in the fines by up to 100-fold for offences against the Public Order Act and other statutes. In future a "soccer hooligan" "wearing a

FIGHTING FUND

The central committee reminds comrades that we are still short of the target of £30,000 for this months appeal.

In the last three weeks we have amassed £1.47¹/₂p, which means that over the next four days we must receive £29,998.25¹/₂p, if we are to continue the only credible publication in the struggle against the forces of international capitalism. We urge comrades to make that extra little effort.

political uniform" or "endeavouring to break up a public meeting" or "provoking a breach of the peace by public performance of a play" or "possessing an offensive weapon at a public meeting" or "failing to comply with the conditions of a march demonstration, or picket" will be liable to fines of up to £1000 for each offence and will not have the benefit of a jury trial.

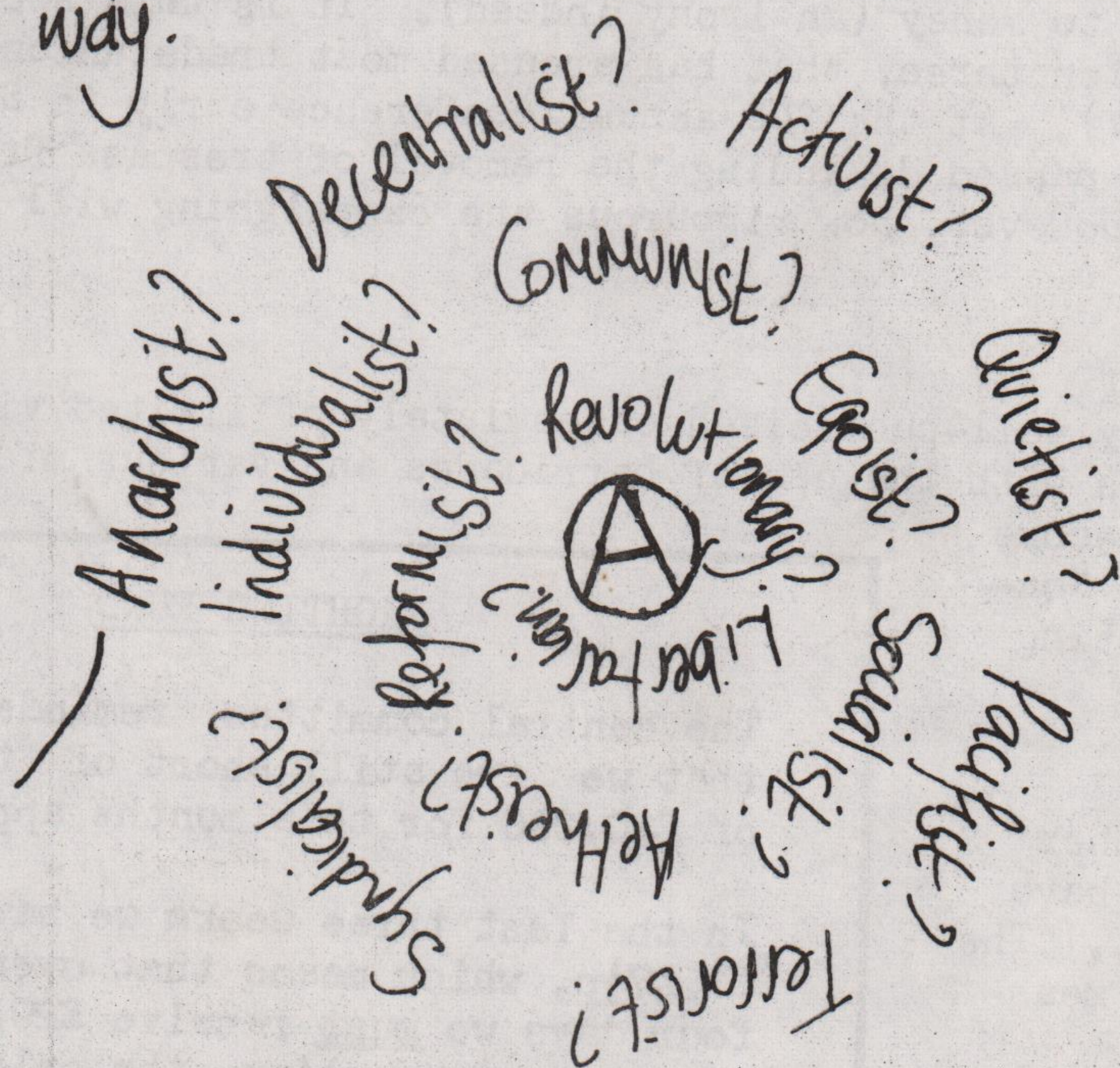


The Act also contains other repressive legislation and only time will tell whether it is successful in restricting the growth of direct action which has been developing over the past few years. It must be noted, however, that much of the direct action which has occurred recently, such as factory occupations, mass pickets, flying pickets and strikes, has been quashed not by the legal

process but by another arm of the (almost) corporate state - the TUC. The major recent example of this is Grunwick, where police harassment and mass arrests failed when union connivance succeeded. Anybody fighting the state must see it in all its disguises.

Nottingham Anarchist / Libertarians

A number of people have started to meet on an almost regular basis to discuss their ideas in an informal way.



What the critics say :

"Chaos & anarchy" - The Daily Telegraph

"Anarchy means universal pan-destruction" - Karl Marx.

"I've always been an Anarchist" - Salvador Dali.

7 So if you're interested contact us via Mushroom Bookshop or "If you don't hit it"

ABORTION - WOMEN'S CHOICE NOT DOCTOR'S CHOICE

NO RESTRICTIVE LAWS!

DEMONSTRATION AND RALLY - BIRMINGHAM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH 1977

ASSEMBLE : VICTORIA SQUARE 1.30, PM

Women's abortion rights have been under direct attack for over 2 years now. First there was James White's anti-abortion bill in 1975, then the select committee and then there was Benyon's bill in 1977. It may have fallen, but the anti-abortionists have by no means fallen with it. Benyon's bill almost became law. The next bill - and there will be another one - will get passed unless we stop the anti-abortionists now!

The Catholic Church, the anti-abortion M.P.'s and their allies do not want women to have control over their own lives. Women's liberation will never be achieved unless women can make this choice. The Labour Government, with its proud record of passing women's rights legislation, has shown its true colours over the abortion issue. The Labour Party has a policy of free abortion on request but the Labour Government allow a "free vote" on abortion. So Labour M.P.'s are "free" to vote against women's abortion rights.

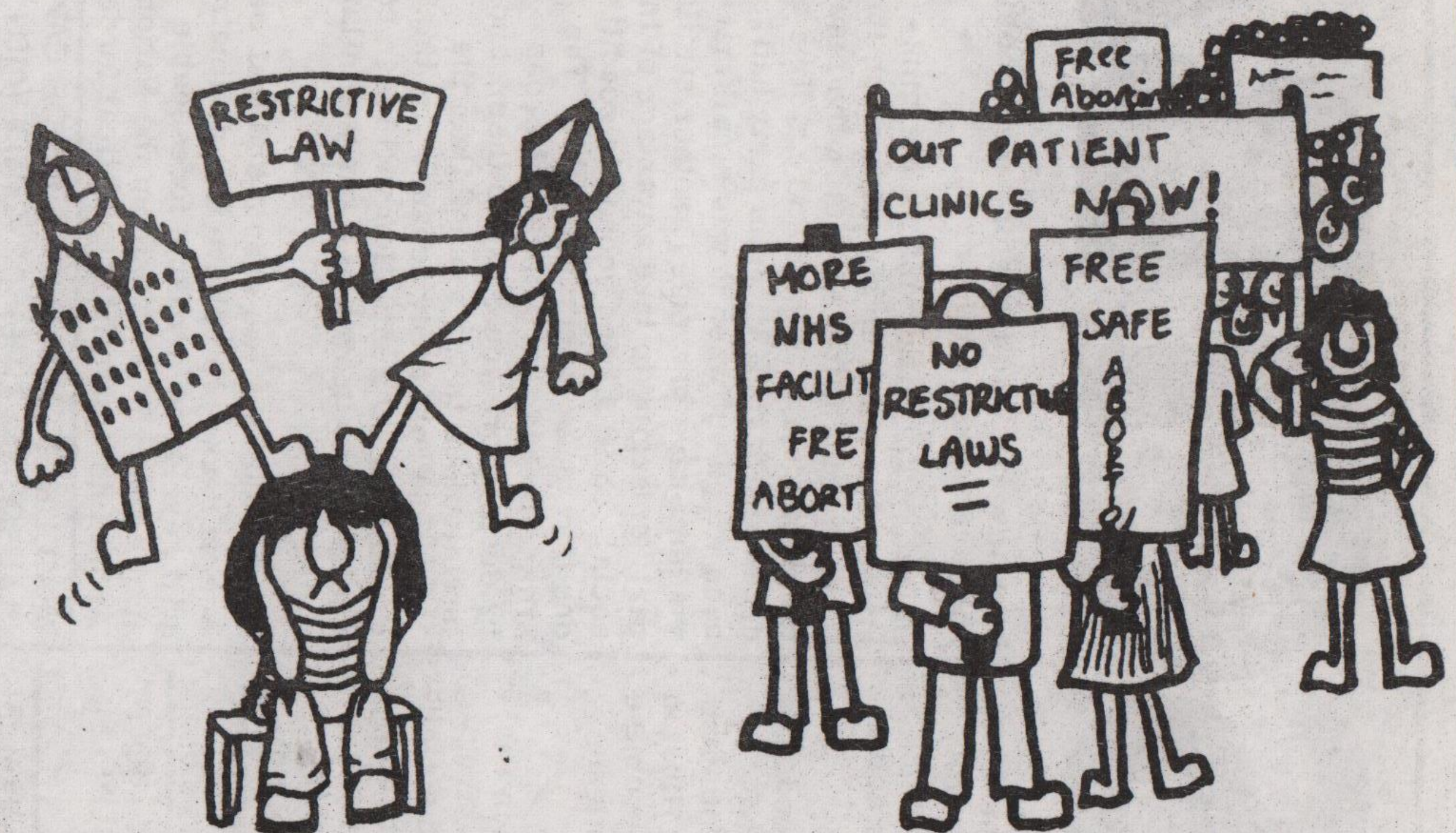
If we want women to have the choice on abortion then we must fight to change the existing laws which restrict a women's right to choose. The 1967 Abortion Act was an improvement for women but it put the choice on abortion in the hands of doctors. This means that many women are refused abortions on the NHS and are forced into the private sector. We must go beyond the '67 Act. All women should have access to free abortion on the NHS and no law should stand in the way.

NOTTINGHAM COACH
LEAVES SALUTATION,
MAID MARION WAY 11AM
PHONE NTM. 42802

NHS ABORTIONS EVERY WOMAN'S RIGHT!

We are marching for abortion rights in Birmingham because of the appalling lack of NHS abortion facilities in the area. In 1975, 9 out of 10 women resident in Birmingham seeking abortions, were forced to get abortions in the private sector. Few other places show the inadequacies of the 1967 Abortion Act so clearly. Because the Bill puts the choice about abortion in the hands of doctors, it allows for huge differences in the regional availability of abortion. All hospitals dominated by restrictive gynaecologists are blackspots for abortion. And Birmingham hospitals with McLaren and his associates in control are no exception!

In areas where abortions have been relatively easy to get on the NHS since 1967, abortion facilities have been threatened by massive cutbacks in NHS spending. Women's health services have been particularly badly hit by the cuts. Many women's hospitals, like the Weir Maternity and the Elizabeth Garret Anderson in London, are threatened with closure. These hospitals provided vital contraception, abortion and sterilisation services for women.



NOT THE CHURCH - NOT THE STATE

WOMEN MUST DECIDE THEIR FATE

Women need adequate contraception, pregnancy testing, abortion, and sterilisation facilities in order to control their fertility. Every woman should have free access to these facilities so that if she becomes pregnant unwillingly then she will be able to have a safe, early abortion. The best means of achieving this is through setting up out-patient abortion clinics as an extension of present services.

OUT-PATIENT CLINICS NOW!

FASCI BASH

DURING THE last four years the Left in Britain has become obsessed with the National Front, giving it an importance out of all proportion to its actual significance.

The Socialist Workers' Party needs the National Front as much as the NF needs the SWP. Both give each other a clearly identified enemy and an illusion of importance with the endless promise of decisive 'action' and meaningless 'victories'.

For the Trotskyists it is so much easier than getting involved in real struggles of ordinary people where their elitism and authoritarianism are quickly rejected. This is all very predictable but why have some of our anarchist comrades become involved in this diversion? Below we try to answer some of the common arguments.

"THE NATIONAL FRONT IS THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT TO WORKERS IN BRITAIN TODAY."

—It is the height of naive liberalism to see the impotent National Front as the major threat to workers in Britain today. The major threat is IN POWER. The Labour Government has shown its ability to cut living standards, divide working people and to incorporate the official union structure into the state apparatus of control. It has developed the technological efficiency of the repressive apparatus of police and army ready to deal with social unrest. In N. Ireland it has shown its willingness to use any level of violence—including torture and internment—necessary to maintain power. Needless to say, the Tories relish the chance to do the same. We have no doubt of the National Front's desire to violently suppress all opposition, but do you really believe that Maggie and Big Jim are going to hand over power to the National Front like good democrats? If the National Front stands a chance of winning the game the 'respectable' politicians will simply change the rules. Already they are considering increasing election deposits in order to squeeze the NF (and SWP) out of the election charade. Ultimately, they can always ban the National Front.

"O.K. THE NATIONAL FRONT IS NOT A MAJOR THREAT NOW, BUT IT WAS HITLER WHO SAID THAT HIS PARTY COULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED WHEN IT WAS SMALL. WE MUST NIP THEM IN THE BUD."

—The logic of this kind of argument is that if Hitler had been smothered at birth Germany would not have become fascist, there would have been no Second World War, the V1 would not have

been invented and therefore men would not have walked on the moon.

In fact, Adolf Hitler and all the mini-hitlers who made up his party were the least important ingredients in the fascist phenomenon. Fuhrers are a dime a dozen any day. If Hitler's party had been wiped out when it was small that wouldn't have prevented another similar party emerging to take advantage of the social, political and economic conditions that made fascism possible. The simple fact is that you cannot cross bridges before you come to them, and it is ridiculous to try to annihilate the National Front today because you think that tomorrow a situation will arise conducive to the growth of a party similar to the NF.

Having said this we should add that we see no reason to believe that a situation will develop in Britain's foreseeable future that could transform the National Front into a significant political force.

"FASCISM IS THE LAST CARD OF CAPITALISM. IN TIMES OF CRISIS WHEN THE RULING CLASS CAN NO LONGER AFFORD THE LUXURY OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IT TURNS TO THE FASCIST PARTIES TO CONTROL AND SUPPRESS THE WORKING CLASS."

—In Germany the fascist revolution transformed crisis-ridden, laissez-faire capitalism into modern bureaucratic state-capitalism. In Britain the same transformation was achieved by means of the war economy and, in fact, Britain was as 'fascist' as Germany between 1939 and 1945. In other words, Fascism was an historical phenomenon like the industrial revolution: it isn't going to happen again.

Every aspect of fascism that could usefully be incorporated into the modern state has been. We live in a post-fascist state so what have anachronistic fascists like the National Front got to offer. Is it likely that a State with the mass-media at its finger-tips, trade union leaders in its pocket, and a highly trained and excellently equipped army and police-force at its disposal will require assistance from a motley bunch of hooligans, paranoiacs and geriatric ex-servicemen

"SO YOU ARE IN FAVOUR OF JUST LETTING FASCIST THUGS BEAT UP BLACKS AND MINORITY GROUPS?"

—It is a bourgeois mentality that is more outraged by the illegal violence of the National Front than by the infinitely greater 'legal' violence of Labour and Tory governments, e.g. Malaya, Kenya, Cyprus, Aden, Ireland, etc. Why not "No platform for Labour and

Tory murderers!"

Allowing the National Front to express its views is not the same as allowing thugs to beat people up. Set-piece, ritualistic confrontations in which coach-loads of lefties descend on an area for a few hours of street-fighting and then go home are no substitute for the organisation of permanent defence involving as many local people as possible. Already at Lewisham we have seen the SWP's disdain for a popular, broadly-based, anti-racist campaign.

Liberals advocate using the law to ban NF marches. The authoritarian left advocates leaving it all to the 'professional' anti-fascist street-fighter. As anarchists we advocate community responsibility and involving as many local people as possible in stamping out racist hooliganism or attacks on other minorities.

"THAT'S JUST LIBERALISM. FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS A BOURGEOIS MYTH."

—The fact that freedom of speech is limited and constantly under attack from the State makes it all the more important to advocate and defend it. The idea (if not the reality) of freedom of speech is deeply rooted in working people in Britain and it needs to be respected and nurtured. The chance to be heard is vital to revolutionaries and to trample on the idea of freedom of speech is suicidal.

"SO HOW DO YOU FIGHT RACIALISM?"

—The National Front didn't invent racism but opportunistically exploits it. Reacting hysterically to the racism of the NF avoids facing the real problem of the racial prejudice of ordinary working people. Irrational fears are not eradicated by a kick in the balls but by coming to terms with their root causes.

In areas with a large immigrant population the real problems are usually poor housing and working conditions, inadequate social facilities, etc. These problems will not be resolved by provocative slogans and street-fighting but by encouraging united direct action by blacks and whites.

RAY COWPER
and TERRY PHILLIPS.

FASCI BASH is taken from 'FREEDOM' Anarchist paper Sept 17 1977 V38 No18. We invited Nottingham IMG to comment and their reply is on the following pages.

FASCI BASH - A REPLY

The following piece will attempt to answer some of the arguments in the FREEDOM article and to put forward the positions of the IMG on the fight against fascism. It is clear that fascism is not just around the corner. The ruling class only resort to fascism when they have no other alternative to the working class taking power. The role of fascism is to utterly smash and atomise the working class and to destroy every vestige of independent working class organisation from the revolutionary to the most cringingly reformist. Fascism does not integrate trade unions, it destroys them and substitutes vertical unions of its own. The concept of the FREEDOM writers that sees fascism as a way of modernising an archaic capitalism - a sort of National Enterprise Board with rubber truncheons - that has done its job and will never reappear is basically wrong. Fascism, in order to smash the working class, has to be a mass movement that can take over the streets and communities. The social forces that provided those masses were the middle class who were economically threatened by the depression and enraged by working class struggles. Britain in the 70's is not like Germany in the 20's and 30's. The major characteristic of the middle-layers over the past years has been their rapid unionisation. The working-class has not been significantly defeated since the 30's. To go for a fascist option now would provoke a revolutionary crisis rather than defeat the working class. This does not mean that fascism cannot ever again take power. In a situation of extended prerevolutionary crisis in which the workers have repeatedly failed to impose their solution and in which the middle layers become politically exhausted and yearned only for a return to order, then the preconditions for the emergence of a mass and potentially victorious fascist movement would be fulfilled.

The resort of the capitalist regimes since the last World War when threatened has been to establish or move towards a "strong state". The "strong state" is characterised by increasingly repressive legislation and the strengthening of the police and "internal security". This increasing power of the executive over the legislative aspect of the state may operate within what is still formally a bourgeois democratic regime. The strong state is not established by the mere addition of Prevention of Terrorism Acts and SPGs in a gradual manner, but requires a significant but not smashing defeat to be inflicted on the working class.

At this stage it may appear that the differences with the FREEDOM writers is slight. Both sides agree that fascism will not be the major option of the ruling class in the foreseeable future. But FREEDOM goes further and denies not just that the NF is but that it will ever be a "significant political force" and this at a time when serious commentators are discussing whether the NF will displace the liberals as the third party. Within an actual or emerging strong state situation the fascists play a crucial role as an ideological cadre within the police and army - consider Chile, Spain the Greece of Papadopoulos, and even, to a certain extent, France and Italy. Within Britain the NF play a role in the class struggle now by attempting to divide the working-class using racialism. The fascists can actually organise racist currents as opposed to merely propagating racist ideas. An old couple peering from behind lace curtains and hissing venom at blacks is wicked and is also sad. But those who actively organise their poison are dangerous and have to be stopped. The other way in which the fascists intervene in the struggle now is by launching attacks on blacks and the left. The past months have seen a concerted move to violence.

In a series of towns hit squads are operating, Bookshops are bricked or fire bombed. Blacks and anti-fascists are beaten up and their faces slashed. Just as the MSI said it had nothing to do with the Black Order, so the NF will reject any links with the 11th Hour Brigade. All this makes the NF different from other reactionaries. We do not refuse freedom of speech to right wingers. But where the fascists are allowed to organise and grow horrors take place like the case of the terrified old Asian lady in Leamington who had petrol poured over her nightdress and who was set on fire.

All of this means that it is necessary to refuse the fascists a platform. This does not mean that on every occasion we kick hell out of the NF, fire-bomb their jumble sales and smash up their internal meetings. We have to be able to explain when we use violence and be able to justify it within the working class. We must strive all the time to bring in larger numbers of workers into the anti-fascist struggle. Lewisham is a very good example of this. The purpose of the NF marching through a black area was clear, and it was certainly not just the revolutionary left, regardless of what FREEDOM thinks, who turned up. Large numbers of locals particularly blacks were involved. It is possible to envisage an elitist adventurism that isolated the revolutionaries and allowed the police to gain further restrictive powers etc. But the balance sheet of Lewisham also shows that "no platform" can carry the anti-fascist struggle forward. In the final analysis only the destruction of capitalism will finally rid us of fascism but to counterpose "socialism" (or "anarchism" in the case of FREEDOM) to the actual struggle against the fascists now is just a cop out.

One final point has to be made. The FREEDOM writers talk about the SWP needing the NF. We in the IMG have differences with our comrades in the SWP. At times we think they have committed errors of the "boot-boy" type and they have sometimes elevated party building schemes above the necessity to organise a united working class response but we regard them as dedicated anti-fascists. To use the sort of rhetoric that equates revolutionaries with the NF is expected from Gouriet and Len Murray. It stinks. We do not need it from FREEDOM.

Andrew Jenkins

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SOCIETY FOR ANGLO CHINESE UNDERSTANDING (SACU)
MEETINGS AT 3PM MAIN HALL, INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY CENTRE, 61b MANSFIELD RD. NOTTINGHAM

COST 30p

IN MEMORY OF MAO

Mao Tse tung must be regarded as one of the most remarkable men of modern times. As a political philosopher of major importance, and as a strategist whose 6 000 mile trek across China has become a legend, and a party builder without equal, his legacy continues to shape our world.

Sunday October 9th

MAN & ENVIROMENT IN CHINA

Irrigation, afforestation and re-claiming; the desert have already begun to modify the enviroment, pollutants have been put to the service of man. The speaker is a professional geographer with a special interest in China.

30th October, sunday

HOLDING UP HALF THE SKY

The story of women in China will be told by a women, herself an industrial worker, who visited China in 1975 on one of the workers tours organised by SACU.

Sunday 27th November

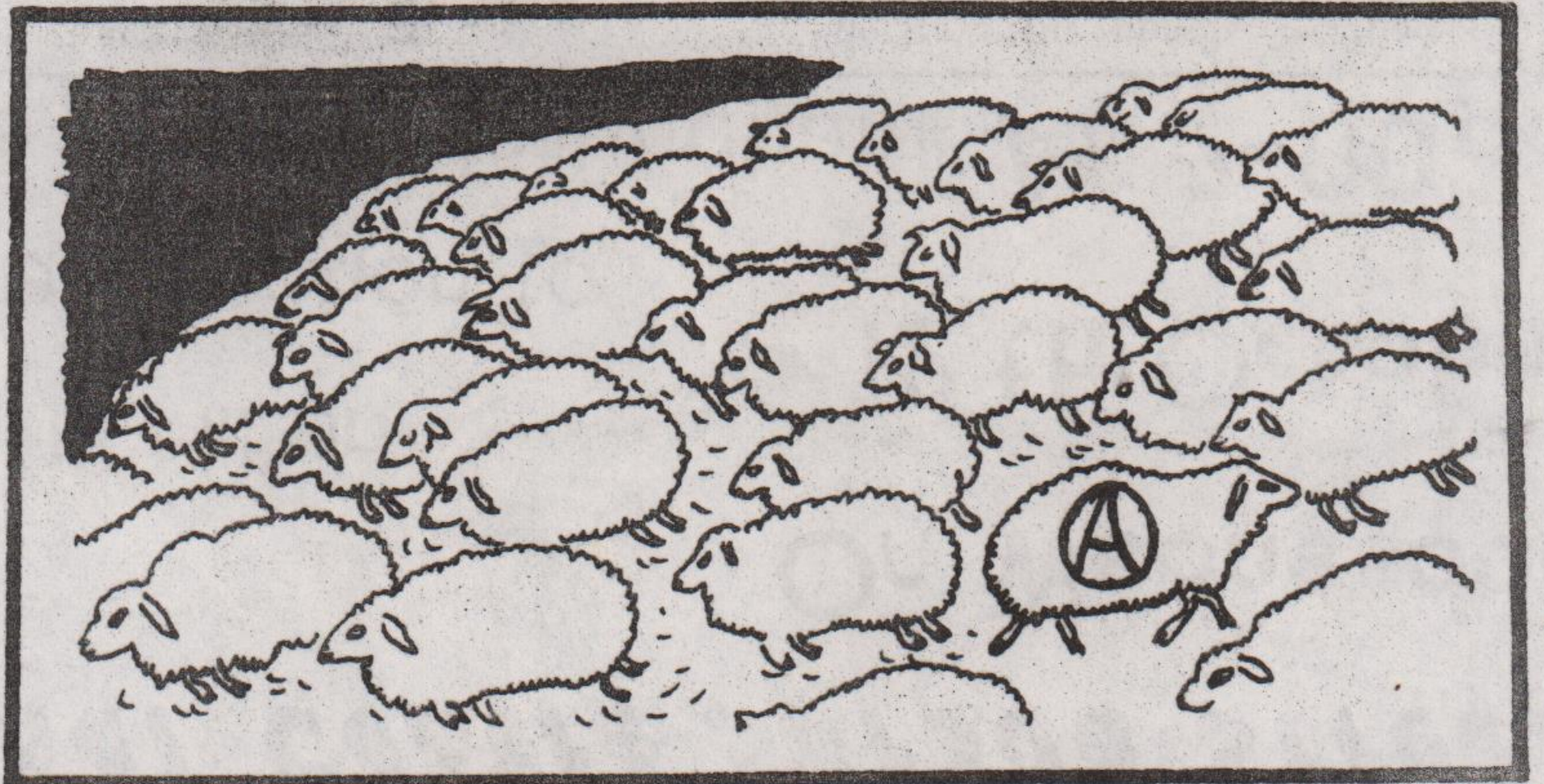
MIDLANDS ANARCHIST FEDERATION

Anarchists in this country have been criticised many times for being disorganized, and often this has been quite justified. Basically this is why we formed the Midlands Federation back in May, hoping that the federal structure would help individual member groups to act more effectively by a pooling of information and resources and active support for campaigns and meetings, and also that campaigns of more than local interest can be co-ordinated better (such as the defence campaign for Noel and Marie Murray, the imprisoned Irish anarchists, which brought the Coventry, Birmingham and Leicester groups together in the first place). Hopefully the depressing feeling that you are working in complete isolation will be ended through the Federation.

Its structure is completely decentralised; it is built of and does not exist without the member groups. We believe that the only meaningful way to work is organisation without leadership, we reject the imposition of policy or organization from above. Hence a federation where the co-ordinating structure is built from, and remains with, the members of the individual groups of the federation. The federation itself is merely a medium through which activities can be more effectively undertaken, the instigation of any action always from below (if 'from below' is a relevant phrase for a completely non-hierarchical organization). The job of secretary of the federation lies with whichever group hosted the last conference, and in no way represents a position of 'policy formulation'. It merely entails the responsibility of producing a newsletter and informing anyone about ourselves who expresses interest or who we think might be interested.

This is the theory. So far we have had only three conferences and much of our work has been towards getting as many people involved as possible, as the survival of the federation is dependent on active participation. So to an extent much of the effort put into the federation has been towards the federation as an end in itself, as opposed to using the federation as a means to an end - the end of co-ordinating and aiding the activities of the revolutionary movement of anarchism. However we have begun to get moving on a couple of things of more general interest. For instance, we want to try to start up an anarchist roadshow of street theatre, speakers, book stall, etc., that would help isolated people form groups and generally bring people into contact with anarchist ideas; Also the forming of an anarcho-feminist caucus is being planned in order to ensure that the political perspective of women's liberation exists in its own right in an anarchist organization and is not subordinated to other considerations.

Anyway its early days yet, but if you're interested the next conference starts at:
1 pm Sat. 26th November
at
Blackthorn Books
High Cross Street
LEICESTER



NOTTINGHAM PAMPHLET REPRINT

Coming shortly - a reprint of ANARCHY No. 38 (April 1964). This issue of the magazine (edited by Colin Ward) is devoted entirely to Nottingham. It includes articles by Alan Sillitoe, and Ray Gosling together with an item on "Planning for Man and Motor", cuttings from the Evening Post and lots more. The reprint should be interesting to anyone wanting to see how things have changed (or not) over the past 13 years. It will definitely cost no more than 10p.

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MINERS on Film

THIS YEAR'S Mansfield Festival will for the first time include a mini-film festival (October 7-8, 14-15). The theme - Miners on Film - has been chosen for its obvious relevance to a town which lies at the centre of the Nottinghamshire coalfields.

The programme has been planned to follow a roughly historical progression from the 1930's to the present day and includes films which offer very different social and political views in their depiction of events such as strikes, industrial disputes, mining conditions and disasters. The whole programme seen together draws attention to the very various ways in which apparently the same subject can come across in film.

Each programme begins at 7.30 at the New Library, Mansfield. Prices: 50p for a single programme or £1.50 for the whole programme.

Friday, 7 October, 7.30 p.m.

KAMERADSCHAFT

Germany 1931. Directed by G. W. Pabst. 83 minutes.

SALT OF THE EARTH
USA 1951. Directed by Herbert Biberman. 94 minutes.

Kameradschaft, made in Germany during the transition from silent to sound film, works out a liberal theme of pacifism in a story of a mining disaster in which German miners come to the rescue of their French counterparts. The film was made, of course, shortly before the rise of fascism in Germany. *Salt of the Earth*, sponsored by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and made by people who were blacklisted in the McCarthy era in the USA, portrays a mining strike in New Mexico in which the issues of racialism, anti-picket laws and the role of women are central in its development. Probably one of the best labour films ever made in the United States which in many respects seems as relevant

Saturday, 8 October, 7.30 p.m.

THE STARS LOOK DOWN

GB 1939. Directed by Carol Reed. 100 minutes.

COAL FACE
GB 1935. Directed by Albert Cavalcanti. 10 minutes.

THE CUMBERLAND STORY

GB 1947. Directed by Humphrey Jennings. 39 minutes.

The Stars Look Down, based on A. J. Cronin's novel of the same name and directed by Carol Reed of 'Third Man' fame, is set in the period of privately owned mines and concerns the controversy aroused when and unsafe mine is worked against some of the miners' advice. Contemporary - critical opinion was divided about this film which was a box-office hit in the early 1940's. Some saw it as 'anti-union', others as a tribute to the miners.

Coalface, a short documentary which at the time was seen as experimental, was made by one of the team working with

Grierson's 'documentary school' of the 1930s and takes an outsider's look at the miner's lot. *The Cumberland Story*, made just after the war, attempts to create a vision of harmony for the future of the British Coal Industry.

This programme provides an interesting look back at the ways film-makers of an earlier era presented miners, particularly bearing in mind the harsh industrial struggles experienced by miners in the late 1920s and 1930s.

Friday, 14 October.

7.30 p.m.

THE MINERS' FILM

GB 1973. Made by Cinema Action. 65 minutes.

MINERS' NEWSREEL

GB 1973. Made by the Newsreel Group. 10 minutes.

Both these films were the contribution of committed film-making groups to the 1972 miners' strike, and make an interesting comparison with the previous programme.

Working on a shoe-string budget *The Miners' Film*

portrays the miners' overtime ban which culminated in the three-day week, the first General Election of 1974 and the collapse of the Conservative Government. One critic wrote that the film "is an impressive example of socialist cinema communicating the real texture of working class solidarity in struggle."

Miners' Newsreel, shot and edited in three days, was made at the Markham Colliery in Nottingham, 15 October.

7.30 p.m.

ABOVE US THE EARTH

GB 1977. Directed by Karl Francis. 85 minutes.

WOMEN OF THE RHONDDA

GB 1973. Directed by the London Women's Film Group. 20 minutes.

Above us the Earth, a recently completed independent feature length film, concerns the attempt by miners from Ogilvie Colliery in South Wales to prevent the closure of 'their' pit. They find themselves in struggle against the Labour Government, the Coal Board and a section of their own Union.

In documentary-fiction form the film uses non-professional actors in roles corresponding to their own experience, and poses the contradiction of this group of miners fighting to save a livelihood which also destroys their health, and eventually life itself.

Women of the Rhondda consists of a number of interviews with women who are the wives, daughters and mothers of miners who lived through the epic strikes of the 1920s and 30s. The women talk mainly of the dilemma of being trapped by their deep empathy with the miners and the frustration of their own unfulfilled ambitions.

Grunwick Strike Committee

(APEX B TGWU)

BULLETIN NO 56

Thursday, 29th September

MONDAY, 17th OCTOBER - DAY
OF ACTION - MASS PICKETTING
RESUMED

The Strike Committee is calling for the entire Trade Union movement to rally once again in our support to bring the historic GRUNWICK strike to an end. The strike is a Dunkirk for our Trade Union movement. Ranged up against us behind George Ward are all those forces who want to drive back all the advances that the working people of this country have made.

It was mass action by our great movement that lifted our dispute off the floor during the summer months. The miners, printers, dockers, builders and engineers and others who came from all over the country and the magnificent Crickelwood Postmen helped us to bring GRUNWICK to its knees. Then, the Court of Enquiry was set up. The steam was taken out of the situation but we were told that the Court of Enquiry would resolve the situation.

Now, Ward has made industrial relations history by defying the Court of Enquiry. It is clear that what we have said all along is correct - IT WILL

ONLY BE TRADE UNION STRENGTH THAT
WILL WIN THIS BITTER BATTLE.

We welcome the call by the General Council on Wednesday, 28th September, for action by the Unions providing essential services to the company. Now we are on the move again. But it is vital that the pressure is stepped up to ensure that the words are turned into action. Monday, 17th October, will be a mighty declaration of the determination of the Trade Union movement not to allow Ward and the National Association for Freedom to inflict a humiliating defeat upon us.

We call upon every Trade Union body to send the largest possible delegation on the Monday. Get together with other Trade Union bodies in your area and book a train or coaches. Bring your banner. We are asking for Trade Union banners and Strike Committee placards only.

The mass picketting will then continue after the Monday. When you arrive, please report to the Trades and Labour Hall at the address below. The picket will begin on the Monday and the following days at 6.30am. We have struggled for 58 weeks on behalf of the movement. Stand with us and we will win a mighty victory for Trade Unionism.

BRENT TRADES AND LABOUR HALL, 375, HIGH ROAD WILLESDEN, LONDON, NW10

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL!

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"LIMITS OF THE LAW" - A review

I have always been fascinated by the question "Who owns the Law?" A question that baffles most lawyers and legislators, who naively believe they operate a neutral framework of rules governing society. But it is a good question - the law is no more neutral and free from sectional domination than the press, the Labour movement or schools.

The question is answered in a brilliant and exciting CDP pamphlet "Limits of the Law". At last, the real issues are addressed. The authors look at what actually happens and come to a simple, frightening conclusion: "The law operates to protect and promote dominant interests in the economy, at the expense of the working class".

No doubt this will be dismissed out of hand by many lawyers and most M.P's as being Marxist trash. It isn't. The conclusion follows compellingly from the facts. And unlike M.P's and lawyers, the authors of "Limits of the Law" are writing with the insight of the consumer. It is those who maintain that the law is neutral who are being doctrinaire.

"Limits of the Law" examines four areas of state activity - immigration control, social security, housing allocation and public health. All areas where the law is held to be in the interests of the people concerned. And it shows how the operation of the law is often a simple example of divide and rule.

More fundamental is the first section, in which the free movement of capital is examined, again from a severely practical viewpoint. Firms close down, people lose jobs, and that's it. Law is irrelevant.

People who cannot bear the conclusion of "Limits of the Law" will say the evidence is selective. Anyone working at neighbourhood level will know that it isn't. Of course, there are some local authorities with keen environmental health officers, just as there are some good, honest men running companies. I have heard it said that there are some civilised immigration officers. But they have to work within a legal system that is onesided and wzniting.

What lessons can be drawn from this vital pamphlet? Firstly, community work can have only a marginal impact in producing the goods - i.e. adequate income, work, shelter etc. Perhaps its main value is long term education. Secondly, combine, combine combine. Don't allow anyone's problem to be individualised.

"Limits of the Law" is essential reading for any community worker or professional attached to a community project. It deserves to be a best seller simply as a thriller. Given the ignorance of most middle class people as to the real nature of the law, it even deserves serialisation in the Readers Digest in the "Fact is Stranger than Fiction" series. It is by far the best publication on law that I know of. An in five years work at a law centre, it is the first thing I've read that makes sense.

James Pitt

(soggy liberal - not a marxist!)

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LA CECILIA



"Of the new films screened at the Edinburgh Festival this summer, the one that impressed me most strongly... was Jean-Louis Comolli's *La Cecilia*. It is necessary to state this thus baldly, because the film attracted relatively little critical attention and has not yet found a distributor in this country: it would be tragic were it allowed to disappear. Although set in the nineteenth century, it raises the most central and crucial contemporary issues and treats them in a highly intelligent and complex way. Based on fact, it describes the efforts of a group of Italian anarchists (eleven men and one woman) to found a colony (the 'La Cecilia' of the title) in Brazil - a commune without fences, either literal or metaphorical. The film, through its unambiguous sympathy for the enterprise, challenges all the major ideological assumptions of established society - property, monogamy, the family - while acknowledging with great honesty the difficulties involved in an attempt to break cleanly with an ideology that is not merely something 'out there' but is structured deeply within each individual."

—Robin Wood.

La Cecilia

FRANCE/ITALY 1976

Sat 4 Dec 6.15

Director: Jean-Louis Comolli

Production: Filmoblic - C.E.C.R.T. (Paris)/Saba Cinematografica (Rome)

Producer: Pierre-Henri Deleau, Fanny Berchaux, Bruno Paolinelli

Screenplay: Jean-Louis Comolli, Eduardo de Gregorio, Marianne di Vettimo

Photography (Eastmancolour): Yann le Masson

Music: Michel Portal

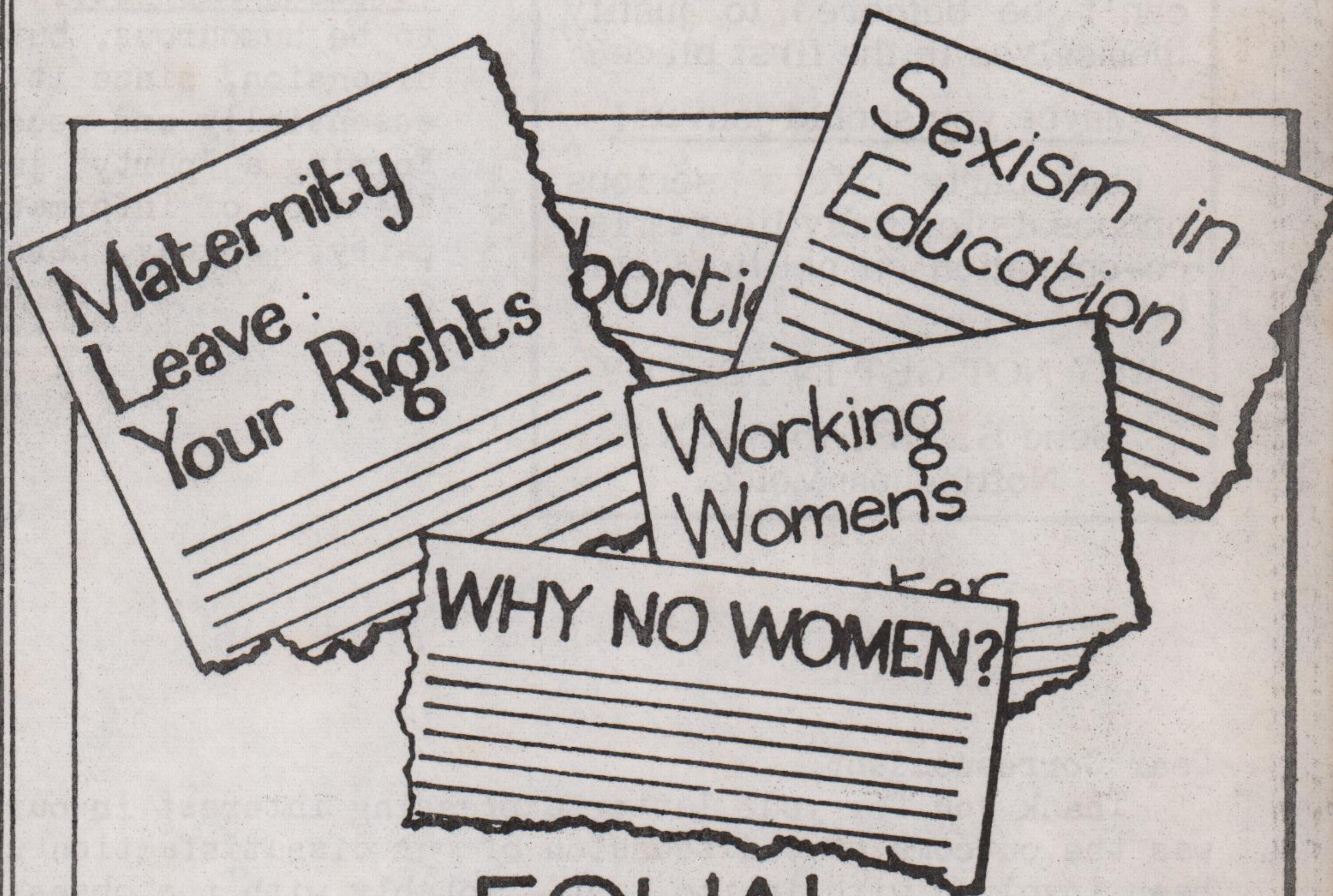
Sound: Tonino Testa

Distributor: NEF Diffusion, 92 Champs Elysees, Paris

Leading Players: Massimo Foschi, Maria Carta, Vittorio Mezzogiorno, Biaggio Pelligra, Giancarlo Pannese

Cannes, Edinburgh Film Festivals 1976

PROVISIONALLY THE BENEFIT SHOWING OF LA CECILIA IS AT THE FILM THEATRE THURS 27 OCTOBER AT 7.30 RING NOTTINGHAM 622593 OR SEE NOTICE AT THE FILM THEATRE TO CONFIRM



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Notts Divisional Young Teachers Day School on Saturday, October 8th 1977 from 11am till 5pm at the Nottingham Teachers Centre, Cranmer St.

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BOOK OF THE FILMS NOW ON SALE 30p

"THE PARTY"

Ever felt that you should be an
ANARCHIST?

Fed up with people who take political parties more seriously than they take themselves - or the issues?

Are your intellect and ethics abused by people who can't be bothered to justify themselves in the first place?

Maybe you should join us!

Our party offers serious proposals for truly libertarian co-operation on political activity.

WHY NOT GET IN TOUCH?

Send S.A.E. to Box N,
Nottingham Voice.

Readers of the NOTTINGHAM VOICE may have noticed the advert (reproduces here) in the May and June issues of that magazine. Our contributor Louis Ling, followed up the ad and recieved the letter printed below in reply.

While the idea of an anarchist party is not a new one, their emphasis is normally on humour, e.g. the Anarchist Party of Canada (Groucho-Marxist). This one doesn't intend to be humourous, but is not without its comic dimension, since it seeks to formalize an essentially and necessarily informal set-up. Forming a "party" just tends to discourage the flow of information to people outside the party. Anyway, here's the letter. . .

The Party,
c/o 33, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham.

27/7/77.

Dear Correspondent,

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in our new party. The Party was the outcome of a discussion of our dissatisfaction with left groups we had been involved with in the past - notably with the obsession with abstract party lines, and the crippling sectarianism which inevitably ensues, and the priority which this kind of narcissism seems to have over the real business of fighting and winning particular issues.

We felt that a possible alternative would be to take our libertarian prejudices seriously by initiating a group which would make ABSOLUTELY NO DEMANDS on the people involved, but which would enable people to offer their skills to projects which they felt were worth spending time on. The beauty of this plan is that activity would only occur when someone was able to convince others that a particular course of action was worth persuing. Differences of ideology would immediately become irrelevant, as would the need to check proposals against the 'party line' since the party as such would not be involved, only a group of like minded people. Problems of infiltration would also disappear since there would be no power structure to be taken over which could lead people to take action they would not freely choose.

From this beginning it is to be hoped that individuals would come to trust one another's 'political sense' and so would be prepared to 'act first and worry about it afterwards', when called upon for urgent action. We can see the establishment of this trust as the SOLE EXPLICIT AIM of the party.

STRUCTURE

The essence of the party is communication, so the only formal structure required is a clearing house to which proposals and ideas would be sent for duplication and circulation to other 'members'. I am prepared to take on this role in the beginning, but as this is potentially a position of some power I think that it is imperative that other 'members' be prepared to take it on in

rotation. A way in which it mightwork would be for people to synchronise their correspondance with the clearing house and to include an SEA so that the correspondance of the others could be passed on to them.

PROPOSALS

Since placing the ads we have had a few people get in touch with us so the time seems ripe for some ideas proposals from 'members', so that we can get some communication going during August. For our part, we would like to suggest that, having read this 'manifesto', people try to spread the word amongst their contacts and in media to which they have access.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

(No signature given)

NAC picket of SPUC public meeting on Tuesday 13th September

Thanks to everybody who turned up to our picket.
It was great to see so many people at such short notice (40+).
Thanks.

Judy Wood (Nottingham NAC)

P.S. Don't forget NAC disco on October 7th: see DIARY

A SANE REVOLUTION

If you make a revolution, make it for fun,
don't make it in ghastly seriousness,
don't do it in deadly earnest,
do it for fun.

Don't do it because you hate people,
do it just to spit in their eye.

Don't do it for the money,
do it and be damned to the money.

Don't do it for equality,
do it because we've got too much equality
and it would be fun to upset the apple-cart
and see which way the apples would go a-rolling.

Don't do it for the working classes.
Do it so that we can all of us be little aristocracies on our own
and kick our heels like jolly escaped asses.

Don't do it, anyhow, for international Labour.
Labour is the one thing a man has had too much of.
Let's abolish labour, let's have done with labouring!
Work can be fun, and men can enjoy it; then it's not labour.
Let's have it so! Let's make a revolution for fun!

D. H. Lawrence.

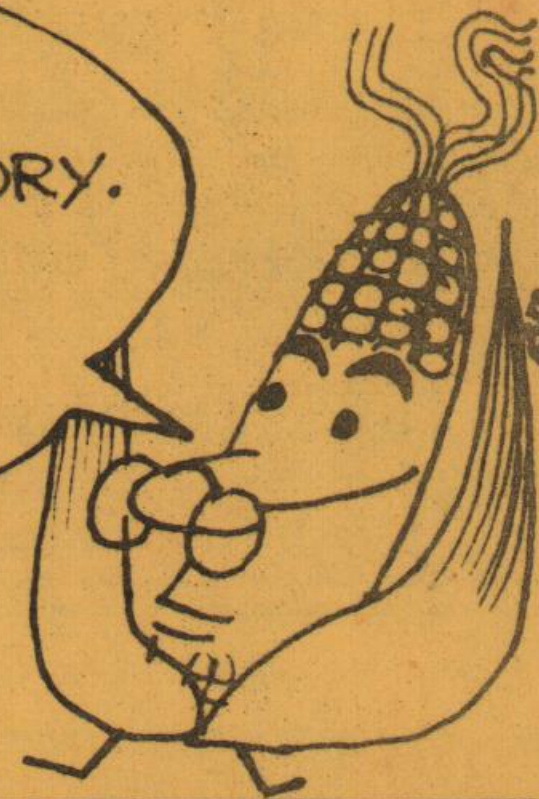
FOOD AND FREEDOM

IN WHICH WE
LEARN THAT
SUCCESSSES
LIKE CHINA'S
HAVE NOT BEEN
AT THE PRICE OF
A MONOLITHIC
LOSS OF FREEDOM.



COOPERATION WORKS IN CHINA
BUT THEY'RE FORCED TO AGREE
TO HAVE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER
MUST YOU STOP BEING FREE?

CHINA IS THE MOST
DRAMATIC SUCCESS STORY.
FOR A COUNTRY THAT
USED TO HAVE
ANNUAL FAMINES.



CHINA TODAY HAS:-

- * NO SHORTAGES OF
ESSENTIAL FOODS.
- * 1/3 OF THE WORLD'S
IRRIGATED LAND.
- * DOUBLED GRAIN
PRODUCTION IN
15 YEARS.
- * NO INFLATION,
- * FALLING BIRTH
RATE.

BUT ALL THIS IS
BECAUSE WE HAVE LESS
NOT MORE CENTRAL
CONTROL OF AGRICULTURE
THAN MOST POOR
COUNTRIES.



MOST THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT
PLANS ARE MADE BY BUREAUCRATS
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.



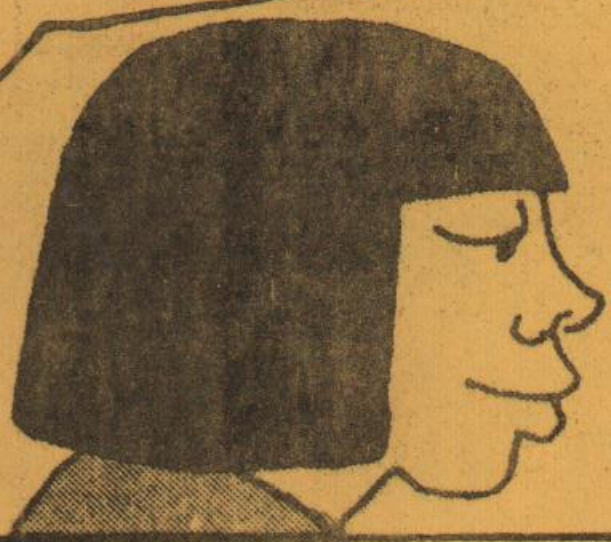
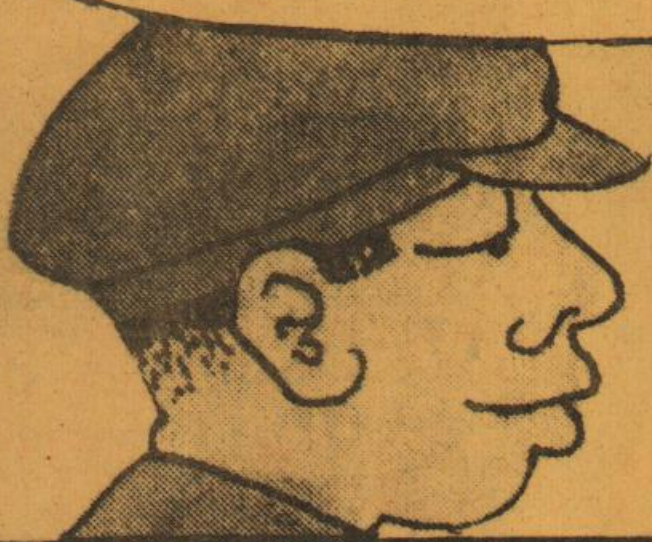
NO WONDER
THE PLANS
NEVER WORK!



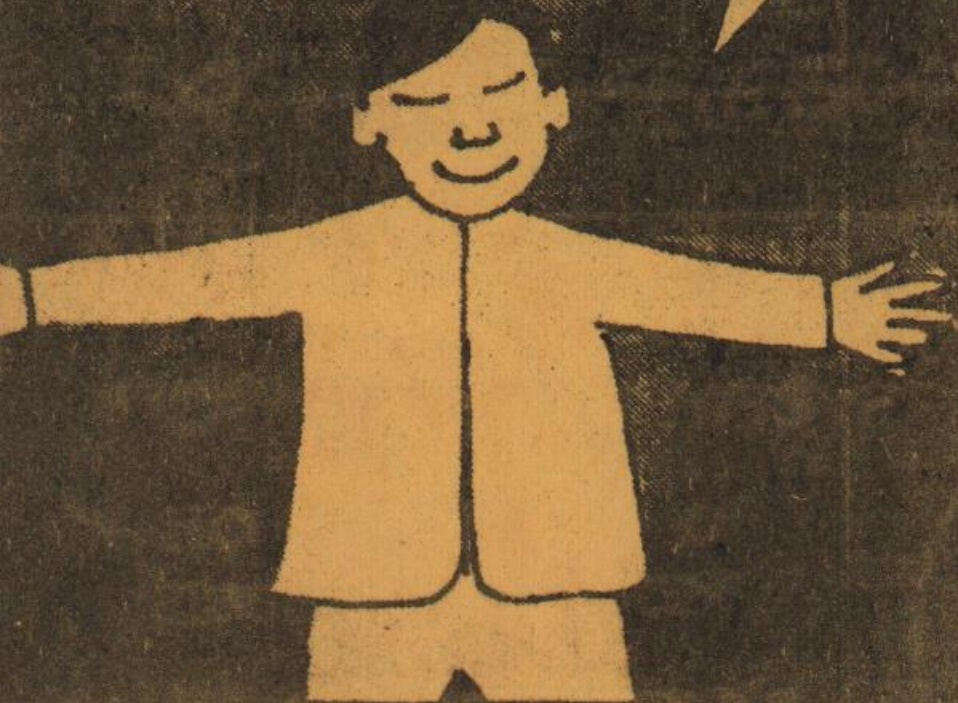
IN CHINA EACH COMMUNE HAS
ITS OWN FARMING IDEAS AND
THEN TELLS THE GOVERNMENT
WHAT IT WANTS TO DO.

JUST HAVING A MASTER
PLAN FROM PEKING
WOULDN'T WORK AT ALL.

OUR SUCCESS IS
BASED ON CONTINUAL
EXPERIMENT AND CHANGE
— IN COMMUNES ALL
OVER THE COUNTRY.



IN FACT WE THINK
OUR DECISIONS ABOUT
FOOD DISTRIBUTION
ARE MUCH MORE
DEMOCRATIC THAN
YOURS.



TO LEARN FROM CHINA'S
SUCCESS WE DON'T
HAVE TO SLAVISHLY COPY
THE CHINESE CULTURE.



THERE ARE
LESSONS THAT
EVERY SOCIETY
CAN TAKE.

THEY ARE :

- * THAT HUNGER IS
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NOT A TECHNICAL ONE.
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