

# NOTTINGHAM PRIESURGENCE



**MARTIN  
BRANDON BRAVO  
MP Nottingham South**

‘ There are characteristics of decline here — to face them before they get out of control is far better than to find oneself with problems that almost defy any ability to act ’  
Mr Heseltine

Stop the decline:  
Shoot the bastard.

SILENTNIGHT

MIDLAND GROUP

FLYPOSTING!

RESTART

AND MORE!



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the third issue of the ever-ready Resurgence! You may have noticed a little gap in production, due to..... but we're back in action again!

In this issue we talk about bad housing, rising and rising unemployment, the state crackdown, the banning of flyposting and lefty opportunism amongst other things.

However we're not overly depressed and we're sure that you're not either. It looks like the pot is coming to the boil and maybe the lid will blow.

We can already see the anarchist black flags streaming in the wind as people take up the challenge - and Resist!

We shall seize the factories and burn down the iniquitous and vile courts of the ruling class. In breaking our shackles we will cast down into the pit those foul exploiters whose cruel oppression has meant hunger, death and hopelessness.

We will form communities that are true to the word, making decisions by the mass assembly of the people.

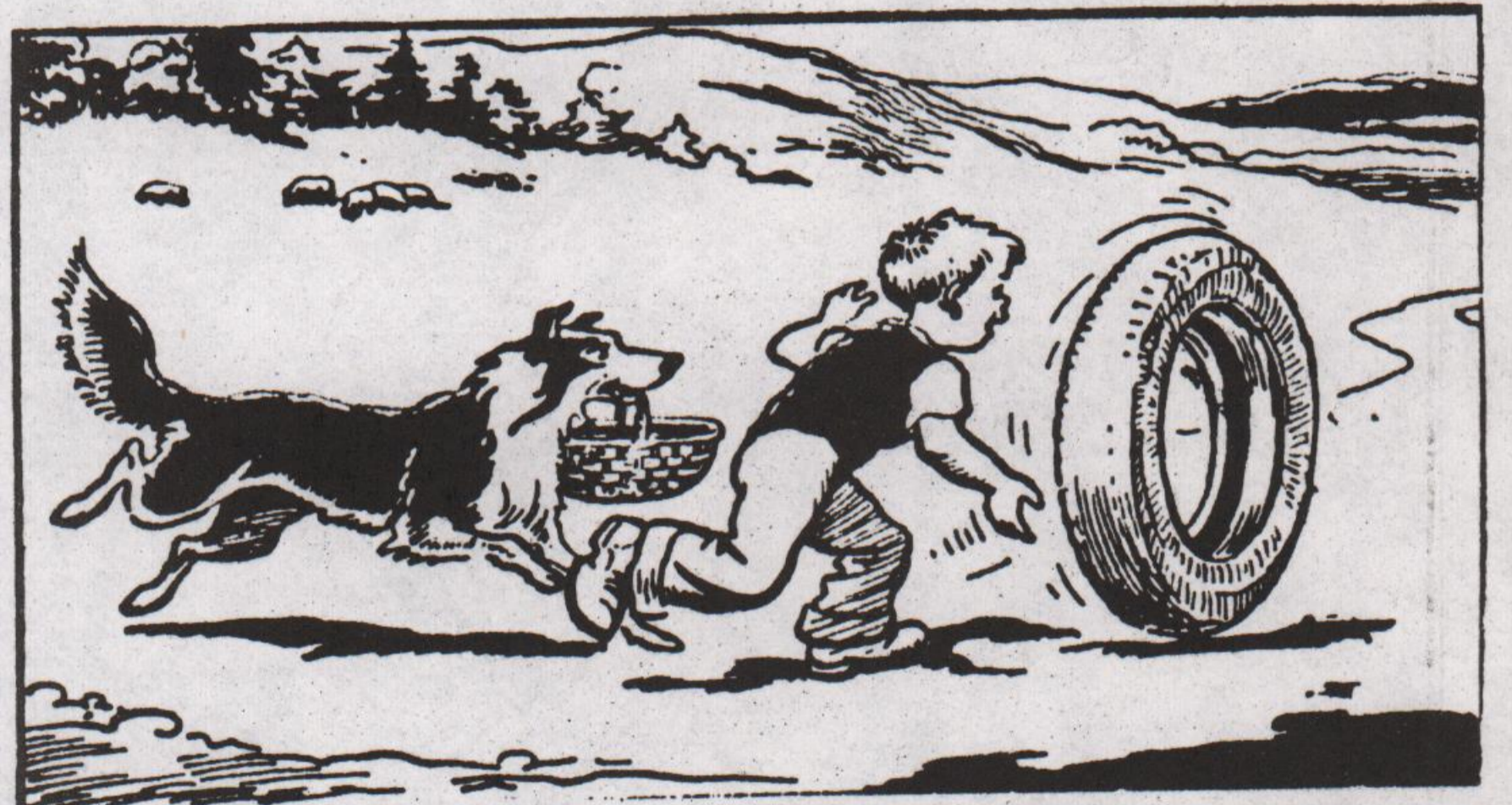
Working in co-operation with other communities on an international scale we can set free the soaring potential of humanity - who knows what we may achieve!

Well maybe.

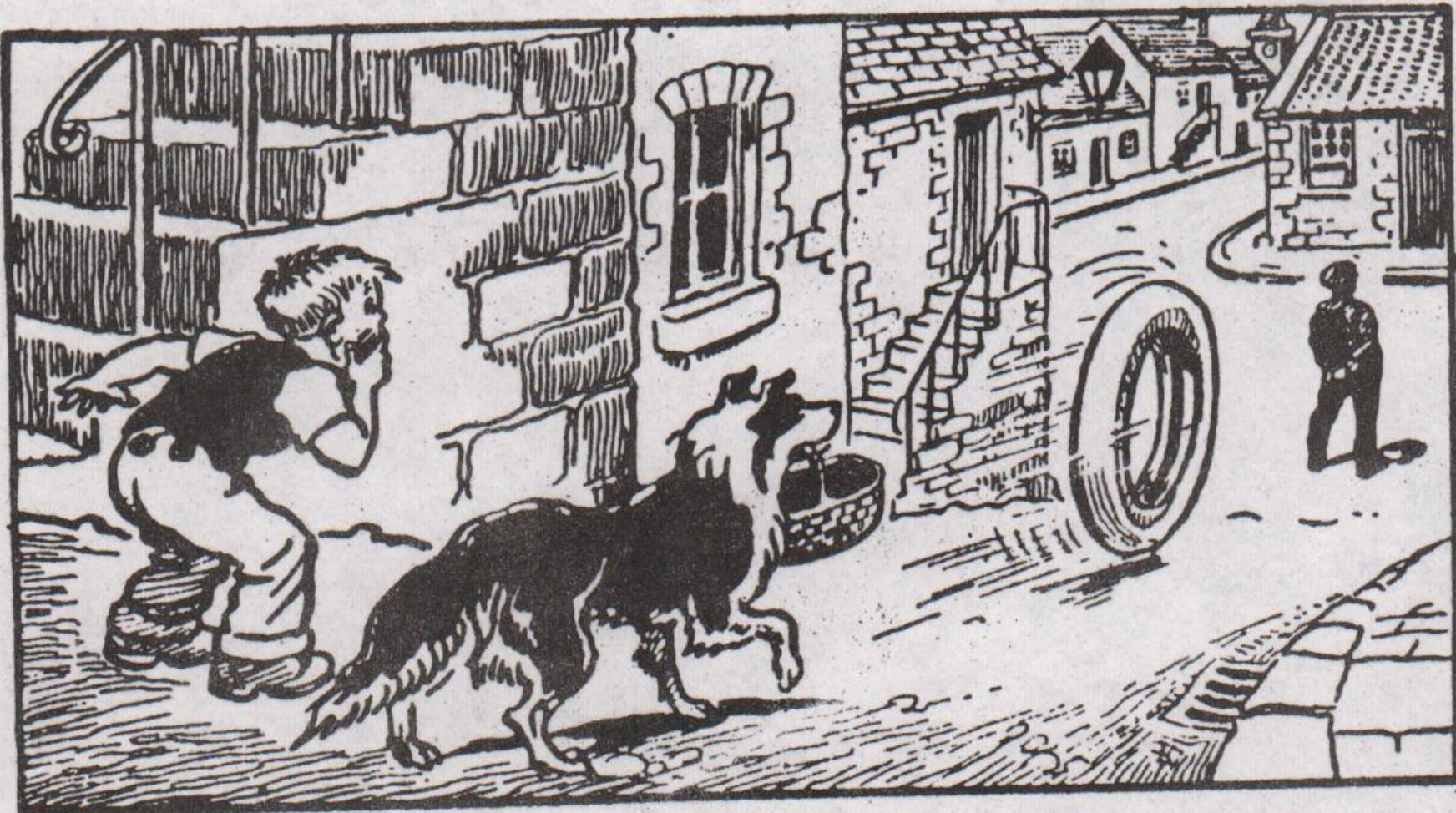
# RESURGENCE

## BLACK BOB

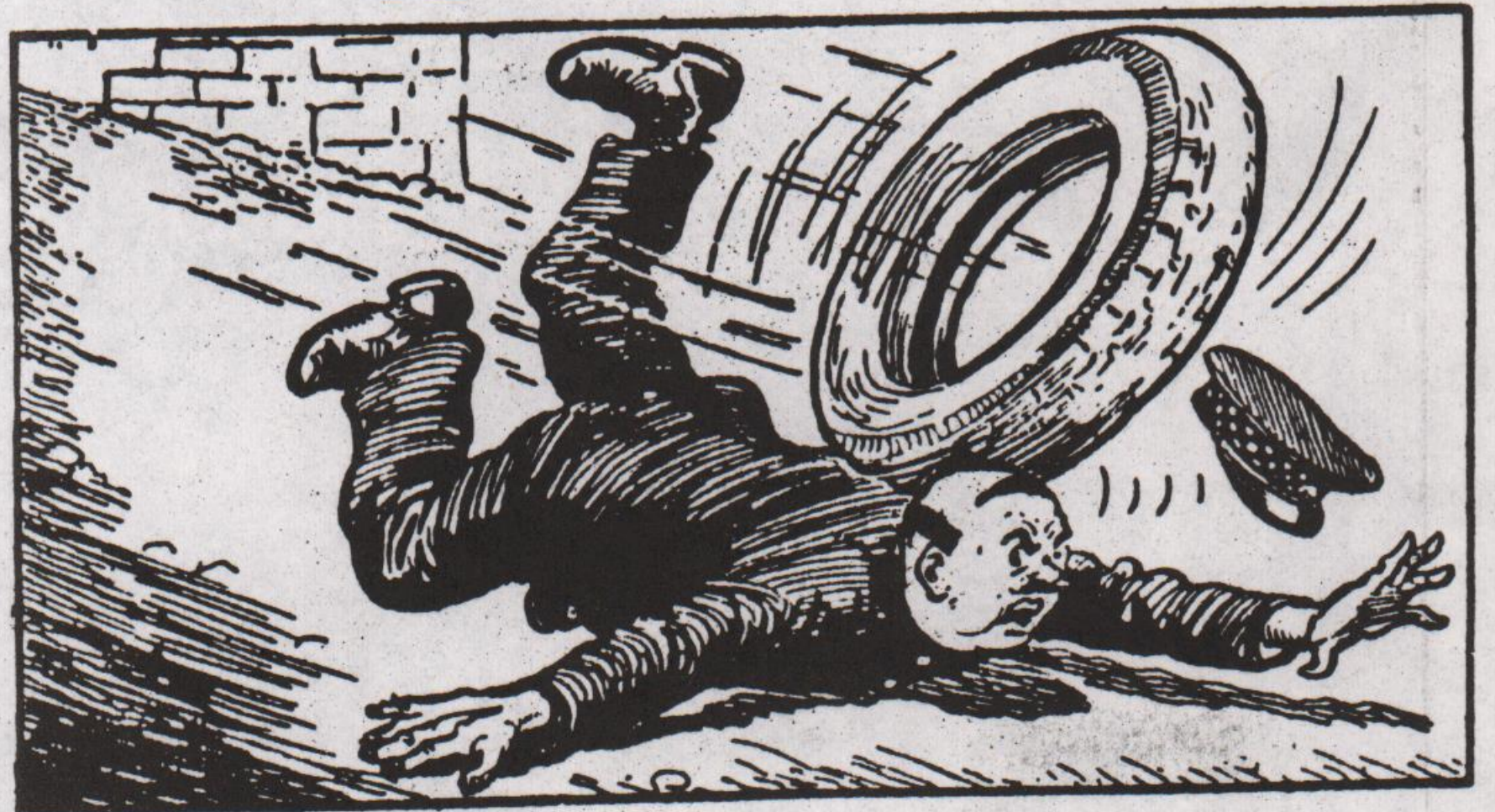
### THE ANARCHIST DOG



"school is just training us to take orders" said Jack "I've had enough and now I'm not going back!"



Holding back a snigger "Look Bob!" he said "This tyre will hit that P.C. Bastid on the head"



P.C. Bastid took a tumble and as his face hit the floor Jack cried "Oh great! Another blow for the class war!"



# Braindeath Bravo

Braindeath Brandon Bravo, (Martin to his friends and well known Tory 'yes-man') has been at it again. The M.P for Nottm. South has recently noticed some opposition to the sale of council houses.

Outraged by the sheer nerve of these crazy radicals he launched a blistering attack on what he described as 'a mouth-piece for left-wing housing policies'. Even more than this, spluttered Bravo, turning purple with the effort involved in co-ordinating his brain and mouth, these people want to 'control peoples lives by controlling their homes!'

Sinister stuff eh? Black booted bully boys at your back door, demanding rent and stopping you from painting the window frames.

It comes as a bit of a surprise to learn that the 'radicals' in question are none other than Shelter.

Apparently Shelter have questioned the wisdom of selling council houses when waiting lists for the City are 2-3 yrs and getting longer.

It's not for us to defend Council Housing, for at the end of the day bureaucratically administered housing hardly adds up to the control that should be the occupiers by rights.

But Bravo's answer is to buy your own home. Bravo doesn't know that the unemployed and the low-paid exist, he thinks that pensioners should get mortgages.

The freedom to choose he talks about is the freedom to be either homeless or to live in a house, which unless you're particularly well oiled is owned by the building society anyway.

The fitness of any Tory to talk about freedom to choose in housing, when they're preventing the building of new stock, by putting cash limits on council housing spending and leaving builders on dole is of course, a wholly different issue.

But let's get one thing straight. Freedom to choose means that housing should neither be a commodity to be bought and sold, as Bravo wishes, nor a service run (if they can afford it) by some faceless bureaucracy. It should be a freedom, but one run by and for the people who occupy.

# Come on... hit me

ENOCH POWELL cordially invites you to WIPE THE SMILE OFF HIS FACE.



Enoch Powell will be attempting to speak at the Trent Building at the University on Friday 21st November at 1 o'clock. Be there! Demonstrate!

## 4<sup>o</sup> CONGRÈS I.F.A. PARIS 1986

From the four corners of the globe they came, to plot the overthrow of the worlds governments - to usher in a new dawn. Well, very nearly.

It's true that the anarchist movements of Japan, Canada, Sweden and Bolivia were represented at the Fourth Congress of the International Anarchist Federation in Paris, along with a dozen or so others. Thanks to the work of the French comrades the organisation was excellent - people were housed and fed, and given maps etc to find their way round.

Links were made and strengthened. Vital issues such as workplace struggles 'national liberation movements', education, the prospects for the abolition of capital and the nation state were discussed in a sometimes confusing mix of tongues. One outcome was the sending of a delegation to assess the situation in Nicaragua.

The range of age, from 18 to 80, and the commitment to 'organisation without leaders' were inspiring features of the congress.

And not a cape and bomb to be seen!



# Flyposting

If we were a company and we wanted to advertise we'd probably rent a billboard. As it is were not, so that again should we want to advertise or publicise a meeting, event or gig then we may well turn to fly-posting.

Nottingham City Council, along with numerous other Councils around the country, are cracking down hard on this most hienous of all crimes. It goes without saying that if successful, our city will be bereft of this traditional and decorous means of communication.

Derby City Council, last year successfully prosecuted the British Union of Anti-Vivisectors because of fly-posting. They didn't argue that the B.U.A.V., nor their members, were responsible and proceeded with the court-case simply because the B.U.A.V.'s name and address had been included on the posters in question.

Obviously community centres or publicans who allow events held on their premises to advertise using fly-posting, are now left vulnerable to threat and intimidation from the councils and their stooges. The precedent has been set and their have been further court-cases.

By banning fly-posting Nottingham council are in effect imposing an insidious form of censorship on anyone or any group lacking the resources to publicise in more 'acceptable' ways.

Why are they doing this? To clean up the city? Then they should take a look at the nauseating trivia and outright crap advertised on the billboards.

And by what right do these jerks in the council-house decide that fly-posting empty shop fronts and stark subways is tantamount to 'defacing' the city.

This is yet another example of the powers that be denying us, the less well-placed and heeled, access to the city in which we live. This is yet more proof that 'freedom of speech' (or at least effective 'freedom of speech') is a privilage meant only for the rich.

(Fuck the flyposting: Paste the rich!)

## PUBLIC MEETING

There is a meeting on Thursday 20th of November at 8pm in room 5 of the International Community Centre to discuss the possibility of getting a campaign off the ground, against the banning of flyposting.

# Atkin Shock!

Rumours have been confirmed that Sharon Atkin, Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for Nottingham East, dramatically missed a meeting last week.

Atkin, whose face has appeared on the platform of every left-of-centre gathering in Nottingham over the past few months later apologised for her non-appearance.

She denied that her attendance at all these events had anything to do with something as insidious as vote-catching or 'electioneering'.

"I'd just like to see Nottingham before the next general election, because if I win the seat you'll probably never see me again." she told Resurgence.

Sharon Atkin is from London, which is just outside Nottingham.



“Let every dirty, lousy tramp arm himself with a revolver or a knife and lay in wait on the steps of the palaces of the rich and stab or shoot their owners as they come out. Let us kill them without mercy, and let it be a war of extermination and without pity.”

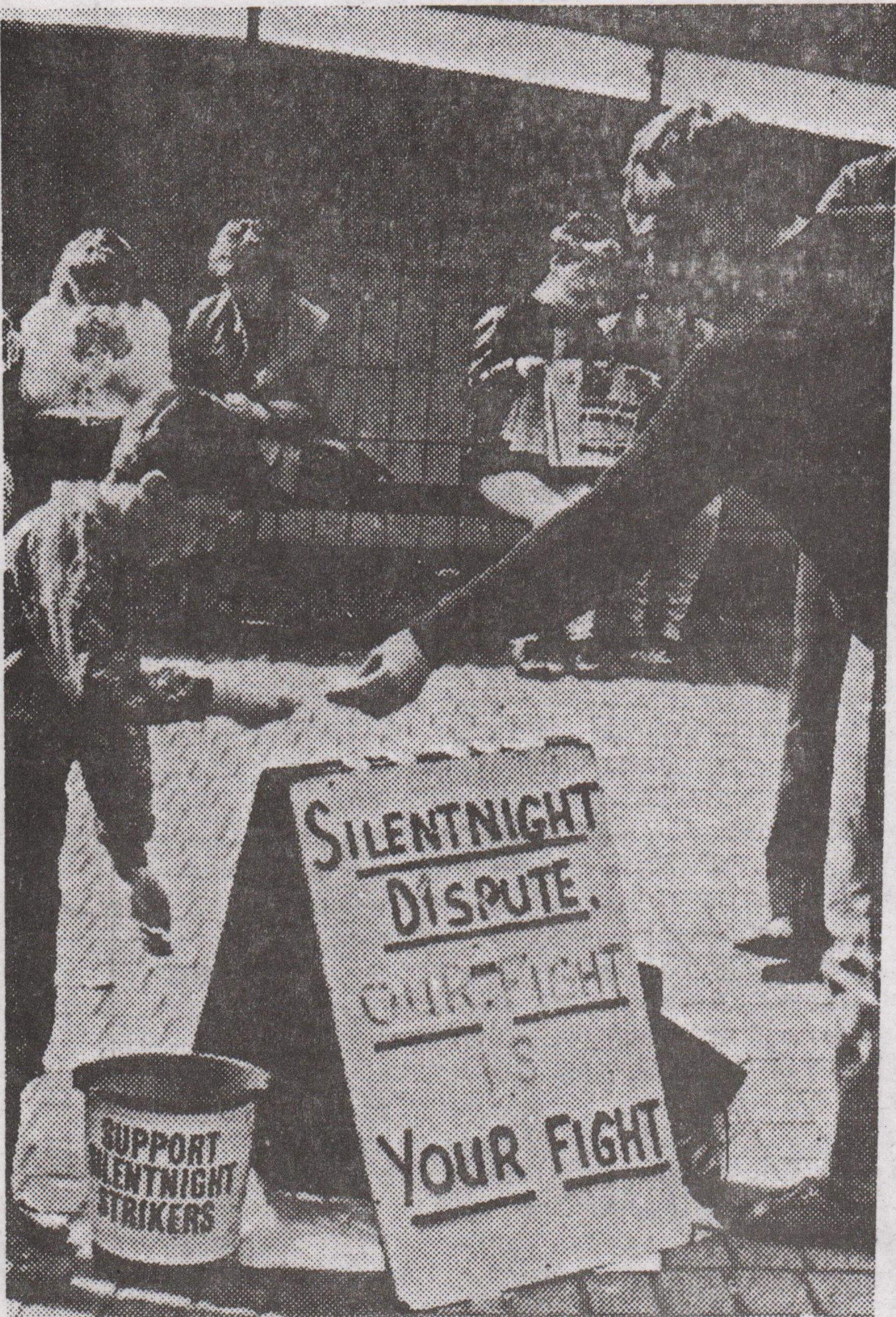
*Suey E. Parsons*



# Silentnight

The Silentnight workers at the bedding factories at Sutton, Yorks. and Barnoldswick, Lancs. are now well into the second year of strike action in the dispute with Silentnight boss, Tom Clarke, dubbed 'Mr. Wonderful' by non other than Thatcher.

This dispute arose after workers at Silentnight agreed to forego a nationally agreed rise in return for a guarantee that there would be no further redundancies. Just 8 weeks later there were 52 redundancies. Following attempts at conciliation and arbitration workers finally agreed to strike action. Six weeks later over 500 workers were dismissed for refusing to end their strike.



Since then, scabs, mostly recruits from the dole queue have been bussed in to the factories and strikers have noticed that there are now always about 5 or 6 police without numbers on duty. The DHSS is playing a part in trying to break the strike by threatening single workers with the choice of either an MSC scheme or no social security.



However, despite all this the company is suffering from the effects of the strike. Sales are falling as are share prices and productivity. Countrywide strikers and supporters are picketing shops selling Silentnight beds. the Co-op, in particular is receiving a lot of attention for its continual policy of selling Silentnight beds, despite its connections with the Labour movement.

At Selby, N. Yorks. workers at the Co-op have refused to handle beds. The Co-op at High Wycombe, Bucks. has cancelled its order for Silentnight products. The Famco shop in Huddersfield, owned by Tom Clarke's son has shut down after picketting.

The actions against the Co-op and other Silentnight outlets such as picketting, leafletting and sabotage are essential. Such a long running strike needs nationwide support and solidarity. The likes of Tom Clarke should be silenced for good. Night Night Tom!

## PUBLIC MEETING

STRIKERS FROM SILENTNIGHT  
TALKING ABOUT THEIR PRESENT  
STRUGGLE.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st NOVEMBER.  
AT 7.00 O'CLOCK.  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE.  
MANSFIELD ROAD.

For further information about  
the strike contact:

Terry Bennett. 22 Garrick St  
Nelson, Lancs.

Donations to:

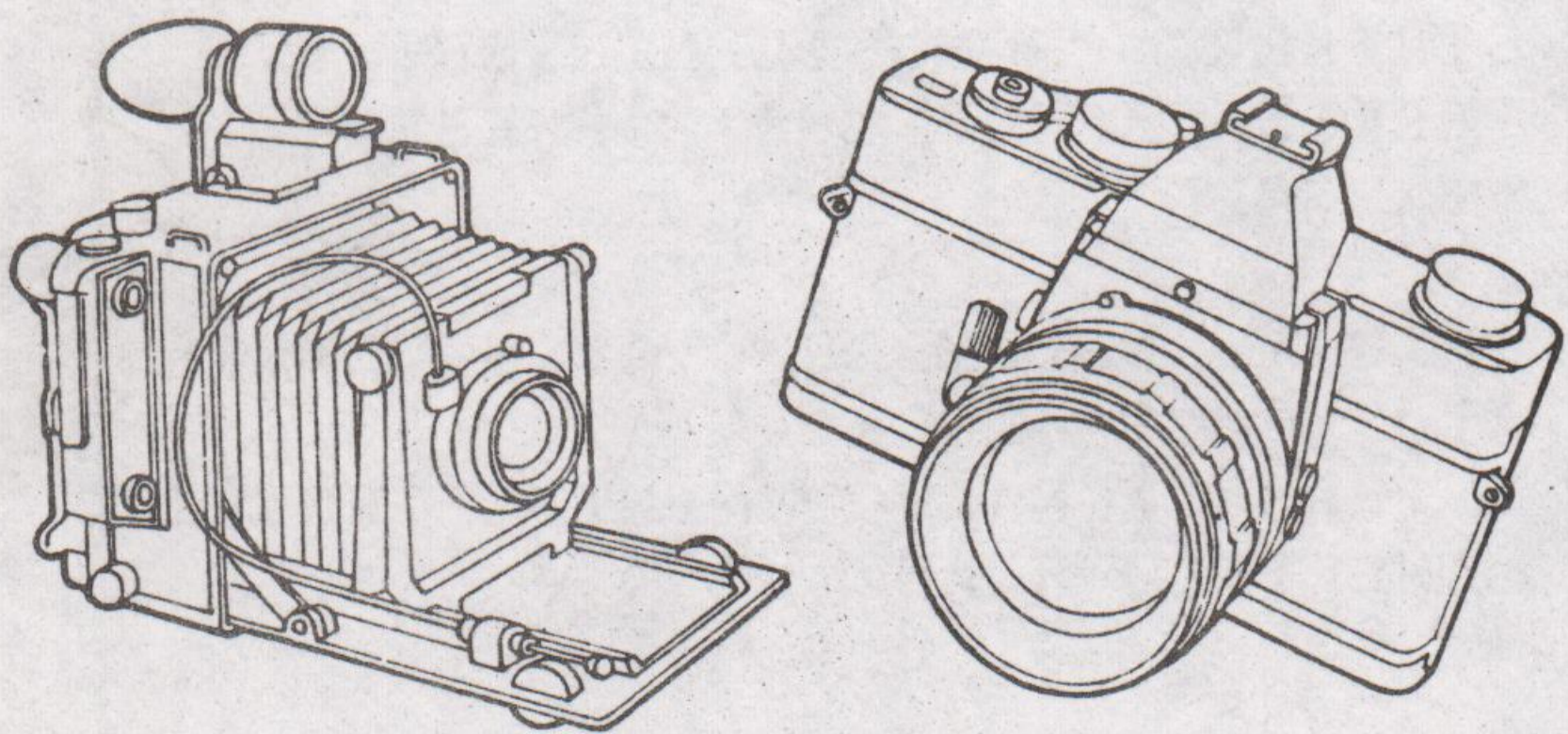
Ann King. 10 Rainhill Crescent  
Barnoldswick  
Colne, Lancs.



# Art Attack

The Midland Group in Hockley will be closing for about 9 months on Xmas Eve this year to enable major alterations to be carried out. To most of us this is probably the least of our pre-Xmas worries as the Midland Group appears elite, exclusive and unwelcoming, serving the interests of a small clique of the local community. But behind this decision to close the centre lie issues involving the continuing paranoia of anti-trade unionism, arts organisations in general and, in particular, the role of the Midland Group within a community it seems further and further removed from.

Due to overspending and over-ambitious plans the centre has been left with massive deficits and hence in financial crisis. This led to the Management Committee, on the recommendation of Tony Bellekom, Director of the Midland Group, serving redundancy notices to eight full time members of staff who are all ASTMS members. This, said Bellekom "was just a coincidence." Nothing to do with his dislike of unions or more particularly politically active workers who may upset the apple cart. Bellekom was in fact expelled from the Labour Party for refusing to join a union. His excuse was that as the Director he was unable to join. Strange how the previous director was in the ASTMS. Strange also how those workers kept on as core-staff during the closure are all either non-unionised or not active politically. Whether or not ASTMS being part of any negotiated settlement will make any difference to the way the Midland Group is run is, of course, another issue. Their concern is primarily the lack of negotiation and defending particular jobs and not with the middle-class elitism of the centre itself.



Following a demonstration outside the centre during a Management Committee meeting two workers were reinstated; a case of furious back-peddling in the light of the glaringly obvious and clumsy decision to sack only union members. The union for their part have accepted that some redundancies were inevitable as a short term

measure due to the financial situation and because of the restructuring of the centre. The fact is that there had been no negotiations over the redundancies and that workers had been excluded from participating in discussions about the future of the Midland Group and yet, claim the workers "it is only them at the Midland Group and not the Director or the Management Committee who have consistently shown the desire to respond in practice to the criticisms levelled at the centre. Their sacking, if successfully implemented in this way will be the death knell of any hopes of real change at the Midland Group."



And therein lies another crucial issue: what's the point of supporting these workers if it will only mean that the centre will re-open with the same policies and attitudes? Until the centre becomes a place made more accessible to local artists and performers and to a much, much wider cross-section of the public than the Midland Group will remain in its' own vacuum. An East Midlands Arts Review of the Midland Group contained criticisms from the black arts community who felt particularly excluded from the centres activities. They are not the only ones.

The Midland Group has failed in its attempt to act as an arts centre for people of the midlands. It has merely served as a centre for meaningless decoration, introspective and intellectually uninspiring drawing the same relatively privileged elite, with the majority of stuff going on there being 'art' as defined by the rich and the professional for us to idly consume as part of a spectacle: art on a plate.

Until it starts to have some sort of relevance to peoples daily lives, some basis in reality and something that we can all relate to it will stay in its elite rotting ghetto.

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# Cage the residents

The County Council has come up with the ultimate solution to vandalism. They proudly unveiled their "vandal free" model at Southchurch Court flats in Clifton. The block of flats comes complete with a 6ft iron fence around it, video monitoring in all the corridors, and reinforced steel security doors. The icing on the cake is comprised of three full-time block patrollers.

How exactly the residents get in and out of this modern day stalag was not mentioned: presumably by some sort of identity card. Apparently the residents are relieved that something is being done about the "problem". But is putting residents behind iron doors the answer?

Just a couple of miles down the road is Edwalton: palatial houses set in  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre gardens. Strangely enough vandalism in this area is nil: apparently the rich feel no need to scrawl over their walls or smash their own windows. Perhaps this reveals something about the nature of housing in places like Clifton?



Faced with a massive problem of homelessness and poverty planners came up with the ultimate answer - tower blocks, on massive uniform estates. They cram 300 people into a total ground space of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre by shooting huge grey blocks 200 feet into the sky.

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At places like Balloon Woods and Basford we see the disaster of previous solutions. Here the council packed all it's "problem" families along with their own personal dole office!

It was an attempt to get rid of an embarrassing problem, put them all together...contain and control them. In sub-standard housing with few parks or facilities and little money, 'it was nice housing at first' - planners will argue - but would they live in them? On £30 a week it's hard to make a place as palatial as these Edwalton residences.



It comes as no surprise that people faced with everyday poverty or boredom and who are shoved into shitholes about which they had no choice, will fight back. They didn't choose to live there and smashing it up seems like one alternative on a grey afternoon.

Maybe taking a walk down to Edwalton is another - there are plenty of desirable residences there...and no security!

## Art Attack

We want an Arts Centre that plays a role in its own community, not one that panders to the 'art-world elite' lapping up any and every new trend and selling it to the people. It must include and involve and be accountable to the community it is meant to serve.

This dispute is worth supporting because we must challenge the right of a Director and the Management Committee to make decisions about a centre, riding roughshod over workers and their recommendations, that is supposed to be for us all. We must challenge, as with every such conflict, the power of the bosses to manipulate and use workers for their own ends. At the same time, in giving support our own demands must be made clear.



# RAPE



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A couple of months ago, two women were raped in Forest Fields and the headlines erupted with fury. Every day we hear more and more reports of rape and child rape, there is even a 'child watch' campaign run by the media now and a 'hotline' for the young 'victims' to ring.

Images of crazed street rapists plaster the front of newspapers - just sick individuals, sex-starved prowling lunatics, because sensationalism sells papers. Meanwhile back at central, the police rush around in a mad attempt to apprehend the 'nutter', all the time informing women to stay in their homes lock the doors, and never venture out after 6pm.

But all this activity is really just a smokescreen, the police care very little about catching rapists. Most women who are raped find themselves in a situation where the police disbelieve and 'interrogate' them, and neither the police nor the media look for the real causes of rape and how to stop it.

Perhaps the most common misconception about rape is the image of the rapist as a 'maniac'. Contrary to what the media and press would have us believe, it is not usually the isolated madman who rapes, most rapists who are interviewed by psychologists are declared to be 'normally' adjusted.

Statistics which are coming to light now show that most women are raped by men they know; often more than once; often by men in their family circle and often at a young age.

So, statistically at least, you are more likely to be raped by your husband, lover, father, uncle.... the list goes on. But why is there this myth about rape, why don't we talk about what happens in the family?

To look for the answers, we have to look at our society. It is our society which produces rape in the form that it takes and we have to look at how women and men are brought up to relate to each other. More than this we have to look at the structures of society which create images and values that in their turn create rape. You can be sure that that rape is no more 'natural' than MacDonalds hamburgers.

If you just take a look at society you'll notice that on the whole, it's run by men - powerful, aggressive, get ahead men.

At this point I can hear you saying, oh yes, just another feminist shouting her head off.

But I'm not asking you to listen to me, what I'm asking you to do is look at your own experience. Just how many women bricklayers, engineers or plumbers do you know?

So what? You might add but the fact that men and women have such very different roles tells us something very basic about our society. Women are perfectly capable of being engineers but they are not. Women are pushed into 'soft' options like office work or domestic work, cleaners or canteen workers.



At school, in the home and in society itself women are given a 'caring' role, a domestic one, cleaning up everyone else's mess.

In every advert the woman is the happy housewife, not only a domestic loving servant but, surprise, surprise, sexually available as well. We can't just cook, we have to diet too.

Women's bodies decorate cans, shaving cream, drinks. They sell products and are sold themselves, women's bodies become products for consumption.



You may wonder what is wrong with being beautiful and caring, and I'd answer that there's nothing wrong with it apart from the fact that men are trained to be the opposite. They are told loud and clear that women are there for their pleasure. If a man rapes his wife it's his 'Right' isn't it? Women enjoy a bit of violence, they "need a good fuck". Men are given the opposite training to women, they are told to get out of the home and make their mark on the world, it's soft for a man to cry.

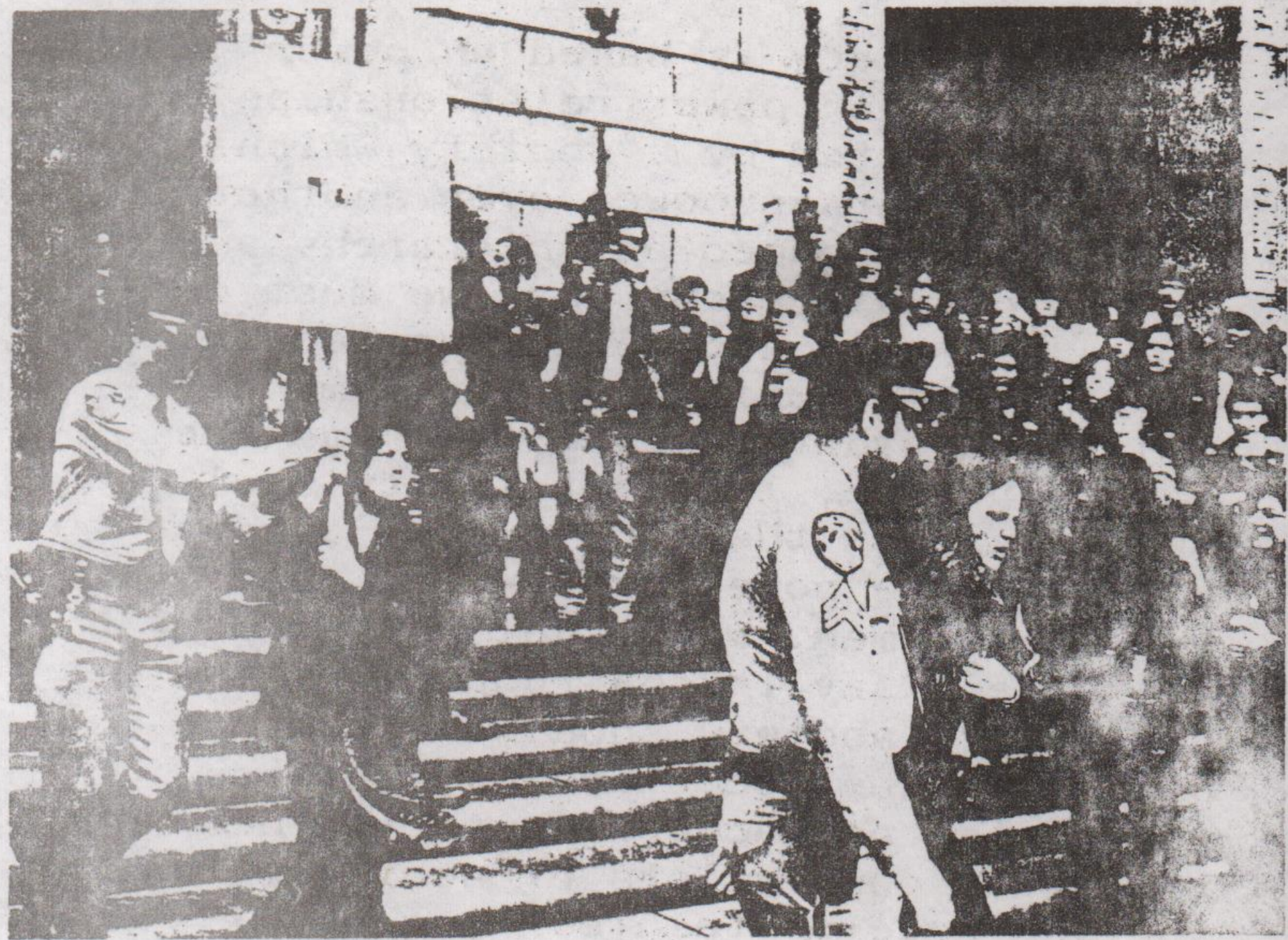
When I look for these training grounds I seem to come back time and time again to the family. It seems to be the first and most important place where we are taught how to behave. The head of a family is usually male. No matter how much a family is 'run' by a mother the ultimate power lies with the father - just wait 'till your dad gets home;



More than anything else the family reflects society and at the same time trains us for it. It teaches women to be domestic and to defer to fathers and brothers and it teaches boys their superiority over their sisters. The nastiest insult you can throw at a boy is to call him a girl.

Sure in families people often love and care for each other but the unseen side of families is a different reality.

This reality is one of wife-battering, incest, murder, rape or just plain hang-ups.



The reality is that the family reflects the way in which society is organised. Our society is organised in terms of those who take orders and those who give them. There is just one big ladder and we're all trying to get up to the next rung. Orders come from the very top - from those who own and run the industries and the multi-nationals down through to managers, politicians, office and shop floor bosses and even teachers. If you are on a higher rung you get to boss all those around who are lower than you.

The family makes us ready for this lovely little arrangement, as well as school and the values of society in general. In the family we learn that there are bosses to be obeyed unquestioningly. Men learn that they can take out their frustrations on women when the going gets tough at work, they learn that they have power over women and power is what it comes down to.



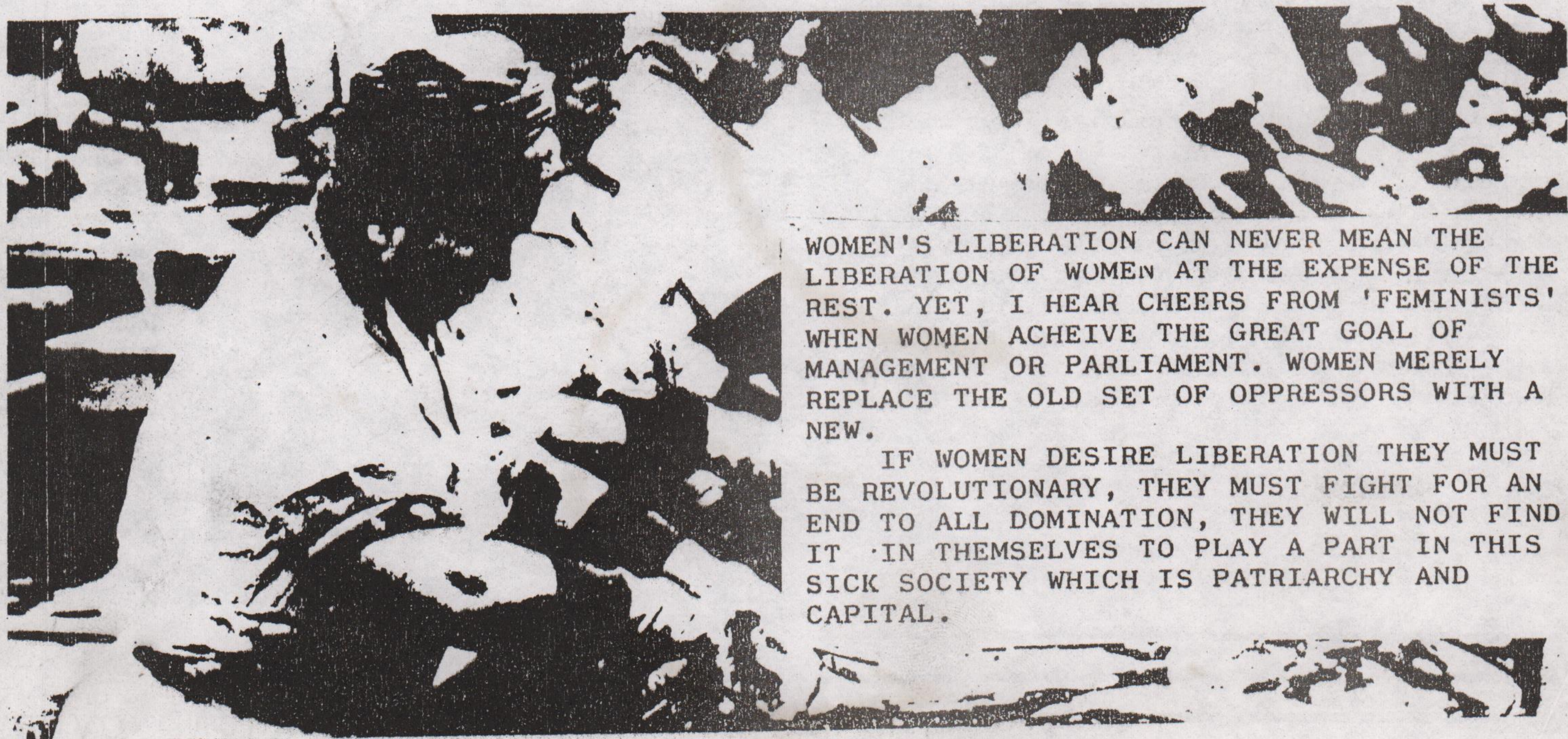


Our society is based on power structures and power relationships. Rape is created by a society which gives one person power over another. It is a society based on hierarchy and it is this hierarchy that we must destroy. We could shoot all the men in the world and we'd have the same problem if we didn't realise what was the cause of rape. It's not 'nasty men' it's the fact that our system allows them to have power over women, and over other men. We've got to let people have a say in the running of their own lives, society should be run according to the decisions of the mass of people, not according to the decisions of capitalists or social workers, whether male or female!

So what can we do now? Well there's a lot going on at the moment. Women's centres, women's refuges, rape crisis centres. But these things aren't enough on their own, rape is created by our society and it is this that we must destroy, and in destroying it we create a society based on the co-operation and involvement of all.

Women have always been involved in struggles to change society - find out about the role women in the Spanish revolution. But this time we understand our oppression enough to play a bigger part. A revolution that gives us freedom is not possible without our active involvement. We can destroy this society and create anew. We can be involved in our women's groups but be involved in other struggles as well - making others aware of our oppression and our demands.

They may be at the top of the ladder, but the air gets very thin up there.



WOMEN'S LIBERATION CAN NEVER MEAN THE LIBERATION OF WOMEN AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REST. YET, I HEAR CHEERS FROM 'FEMINISTS' WHEN WOMEN ACHIEVE THE GREAT GOAL OF MANAGEMENT OR PARLIAMENT. WOMEN MERELY REPLACE THE OLD SET OF OPPRESSORS WITH A NEW.

IF WOMEN DESIRE LIBERATION THEY MUST BE REVOLUTIONARY, THEY MUST FIGHT FOR AN END TO ALL DOMINATION, THEY WILL NOT FIND IT IN THEMSELVES TO PLAY A PART IN THIS SICK SOCIETY WHICH IS PATRIARCHY AND CAPITAL.



# DOLE WARS

This Government has never been known for its compassion - with the unemployed it's probably better known for the sheer lack of it. Perhaps with its blatant 'brick in the face' nastiness, it's just more honest than most Governments.

Its approach to unemployment has been threefold. Firstly they've sought to hide it. Secondly they've introduced half-baked measures designed to convince us that they're actually 'doing' something. Their latest Scheme here is the dynamically entitled 'Action For Jobs' - a persuasive name designed to 'sell'. The Restart campaign is a part of this. Thirdly they've set out to stigmatise the unemployed, to cut their benefits and to generally make life hard for them. The upshot of their strategy here is that by reducing the value of benefits and by making them harder to get people will be forced to accept jobs that are low paid or insecure or just plain crap...or even all three.



Thus far we've seen:-

1. All those who though unemployed are not registered as such have been dropped from the figures. Two-thirds of this group are women, who, because many are married are not entitled to benefit.

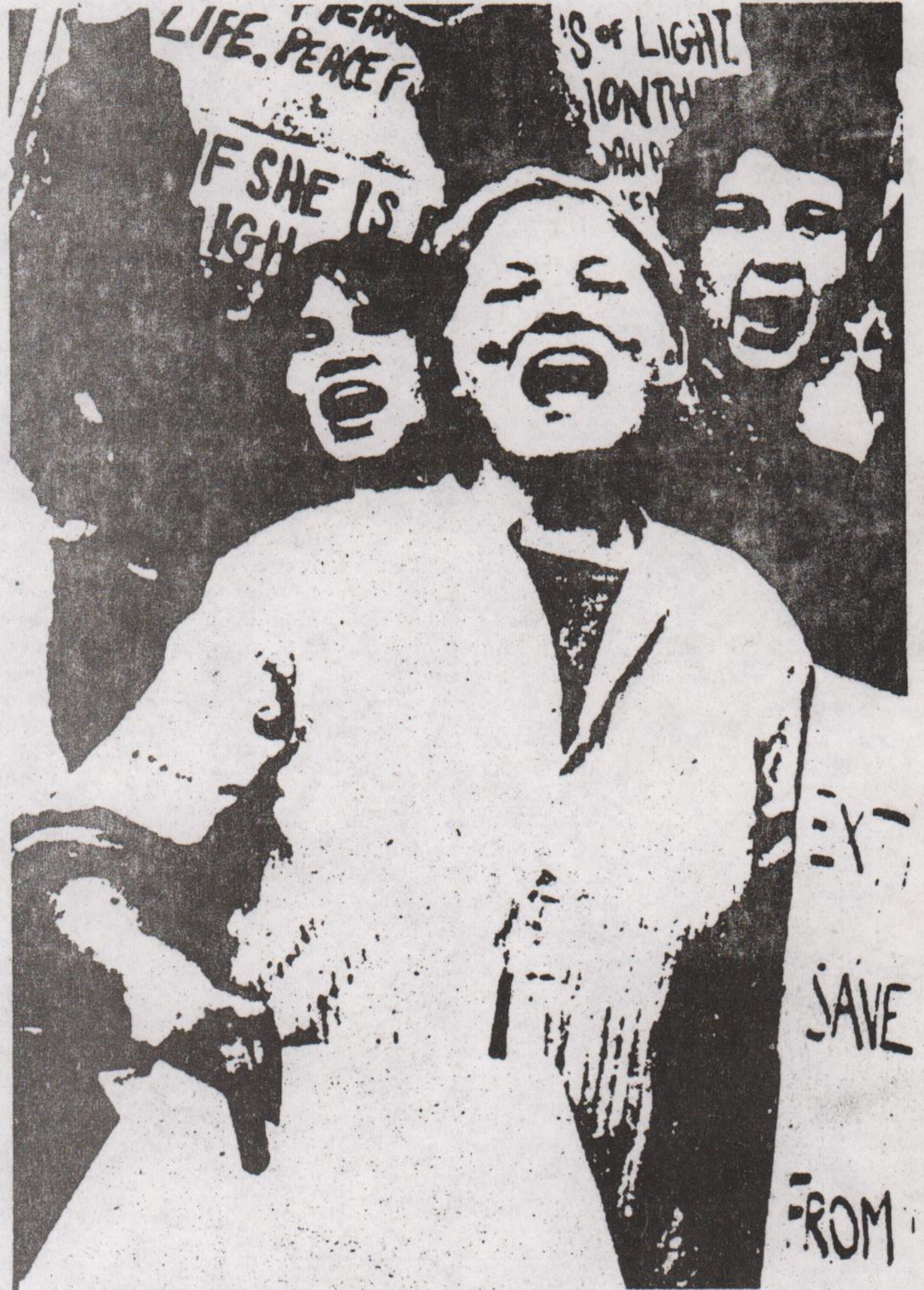
2. Likewise half a million in temporary employment or on training schemes have been excluded. As have those on the YTS which when extended to cover two years will cause even more young people to 'disappear' from the official figures.

3. In 1982 all men over 60 were dropped from the registry and the Govern-

ment stopped counting all those 'seeking work' in favour of only those entitled to benefit.

4. Single parents, the disabled and those in part-time work are all classed as 'unavailable for work'.

All this is to say nothing of the stringent Bed and Breakfast ruling, the ending of single payments and the stepping up of surveillance and inspection. Amongst other things.



Of course this policy of deceit and coercion represents another episode in the state's attack on the working class. And it is a gross public relations exercise designed to gloss over the facts of the 1980's.

But to understand it more fully let's look briefly at the political and economic background that has influenced this choice of strategy.

### The General Election:

The unemployment problem, and especially that of the long-term unemployed, is going to be a major issue, and it is one in which the Labour Party seemingly hold most of the aces.

With this in mind 'cooking the books' and starting schemes supposedly to combat the problem, lends credence to the Tories claim that they are actually 'doing' something. With this they hope to take some of wind out of the Labour Party's sails.

In fact these schemes do nothing, bar reduce the figures and force people to take low-paid, crappy jobs. For instance, if someone now classed as long-term unemployed can be removed from the register even for only one week, then they cease to be classed as long-term unemployed!

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Pure cosmetics it may be; but then elections are sales events and confidence tricks without compare!

Furthermore, screwing the most vulnerable groups in society, in this case the unemployed, allows the Government to cut down on the amount it has to pay in benefits.

This has got a lot to do with the Tories wanting to save money in order to finance things like tax cuts for the middle class - appealing to their financial self-interest they hope to guarantee their future support. The low paid, the unemployed, workers of all kinds are being squeezed for reasons, in this instance, of political expediency. In other words, it suits the Tories purposes to screw them!



Forcing Us Into Low Paid Jobs.

From the point of view of this Government we can see that chopping benefits and forcing people into low paid work pays particular political dividends. Yet it's also beneficial to the state in general, and especially to that part of it in control of the purse strings - the Treasury. Purely and simply it casts them less - for let us not forget that the state is also trying to make ends meet in a situation of crisis.

But more importantly than either of these; low paid, temporary and insecure jobs are of benefit to the bosses. In a crisis like this one the bosses need to step up the 'rate of exploitation' - they need to get more from the workers for less. And they also need a more flexible workforce, that can be shoved around or dismissed as and when it best suits their needs. British bosses have to compete in the world market where they face not only the obvious countries like Japan and the USA but also places like Korea and Singapore where working conditions and wages are far worse than they are here. To compete, they argue, workers must be prepared to accept similar conditions, else people will simply not invest here. Of course, British capitalists have never been overly keen on investing here - there's

easier money to be made elsewhere. And the working class are being made to pay for it's incompetence.

The entire Tory strategy in this respect has been aimed at creating just those conditions in which British capitalism can compete. Their efforts to smash the unions, regarded as the institutions there to represent and defend the working class, is an example of how they can create these conditions. Their attempts to force people to accept low paid and tedious jobs, in fact giving them no choice but to accept them, is another plank in this policy.

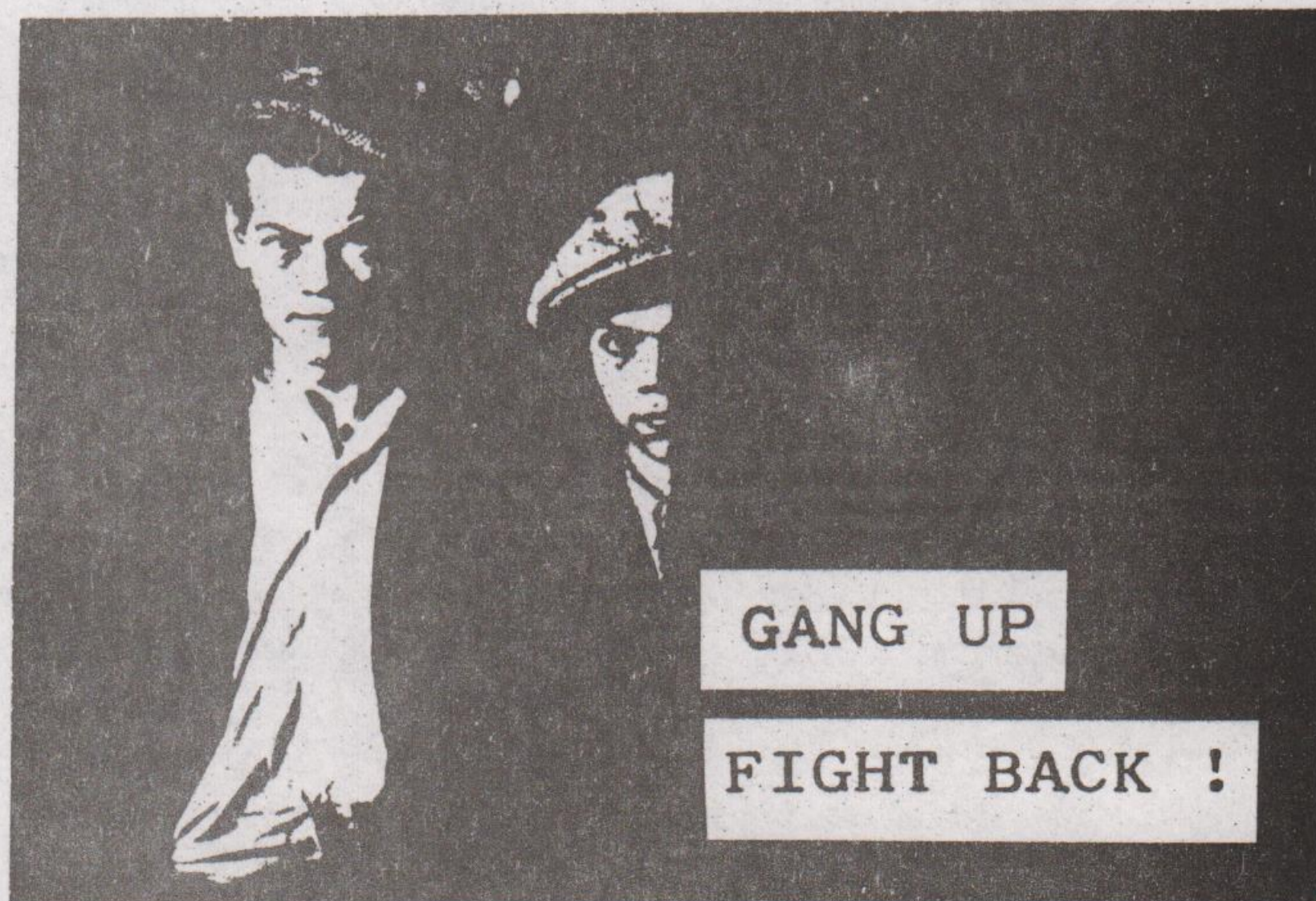
Of course, most Tory cabinet ministers are also major shareholders in a number of companies - from this you can draw your own conclusions!

#### Reimposing Authority.

One of the main drawbacks of a crisis as far as the ruling class is concerned is that people, denied the security (financial and otherwise) they could once expect, may begin to question not only the privilege of the ruling class but also the role that they are forced to play in society. The system may begin to lose its credibility and its legitimacy. For example, people on the dole might begin to enjoy being free from '9 to 5' tedium, despite the money problems! Indeed there is evidence that the numbers 'rejecting' work, or making their way in the 'black economy' are on the increase. Absenteeism, rife especially amongst those who were themselves recently unemployed, costs more to British industry each year than strikes do. (It is reckoned around 40 times more - The Guardian 30/10/86.). In other words people don't seem that fond of 'employment'!

By intentionally making it hard for people to live outside of employment, by stigmatising those on the dole, by forcing people to take any 'old job' the Government is trying to reinforce the basic relations of capitalism - this means bosses and workers. These days with power very much in the hands of the bosses. Questioning the idea that the only way to 'live' is to have a job, or that self-respect is not dependent upon employment is something cracked down on hard. Why else did they kick the shit out of the convoy?

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And would things be better if it were not for the Tories? Certainly their purely political concerns, including a neurotically anti-working class sentiment, do loom large. Yet there are other 'forces at play' - themselves beyond the control of Government. In short capitalism in crisis demands broadly the approach that the Tories are following. The Labour Party may make political capital out of unemployment, but their alternative 'capitalism with a human face' would soon come around. The same bosses would be there pressing for low waged workers. The state would still be trying to make ends meet and in consequence watching the pennies. In short they would have no choice but to toe the line. And the unemployed would still be there, a vulnerable, easy to clobber group. It was Dennis Healey who first introduced monetarism, remember? They may make sympathetic noises, but when it comes to the crunch they like the Tories want first and foremost to make capitalism work. And if that involves screwing the working class, then so be it.

For now we should not look to any change of Government for salvation, the power we need lies only with ourselves.

We must build bridges between the employed and the unemployed, between the low waged and the better waged. And we must push back those wedges that the ruling class are driving deeper between us.

But most of all the unemployed must gang up and fight back, tackling the lies put out by the state in an attempt to marginalise them, making the employed listen - that they have nothing to be complacent about. Searching out alternatives to show that there's more to life than the hum-drum tedium of working for the boss.

When you get hassle at the dole office take your mates along next time. Get more hassle, then take the damn place over. Direct Action speaks louder than words and the only reason that they can push us around is that we let them.

# RESURGENCE

## letters



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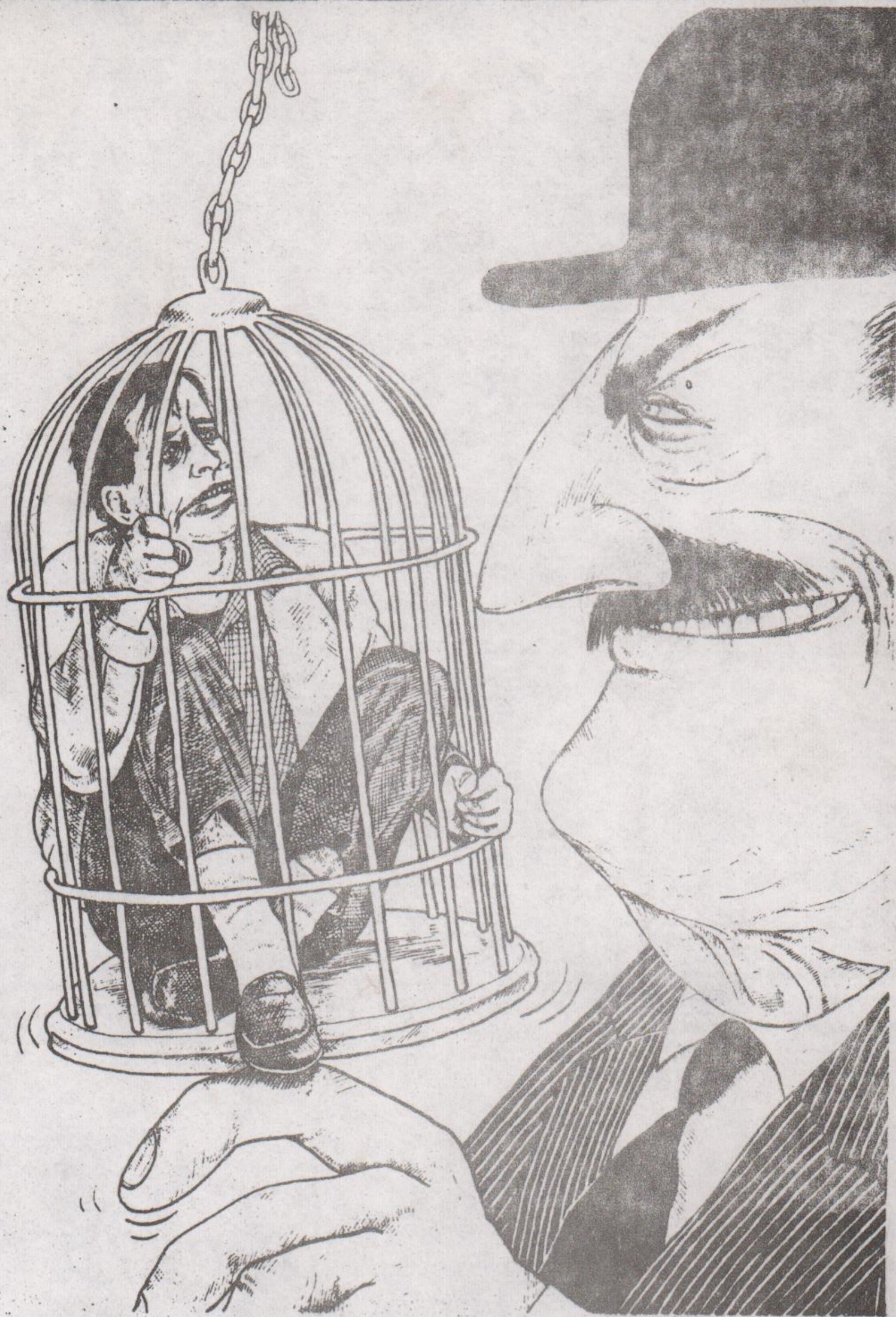
To equate the violence of the slave with the violence of the master is to accept the morality of the master.





# IF THIS IS HOW LIFE MAKES YOU FEEL...

How often do you feel completely powerless? Without a voice? Unable to do anything without those with power taking control and deciding what's best for you? Will they allow you to organise for yourselves without any controlling authority or party leadership interference? Will you be able to organise around your own needs and make decisions that effect your own life?



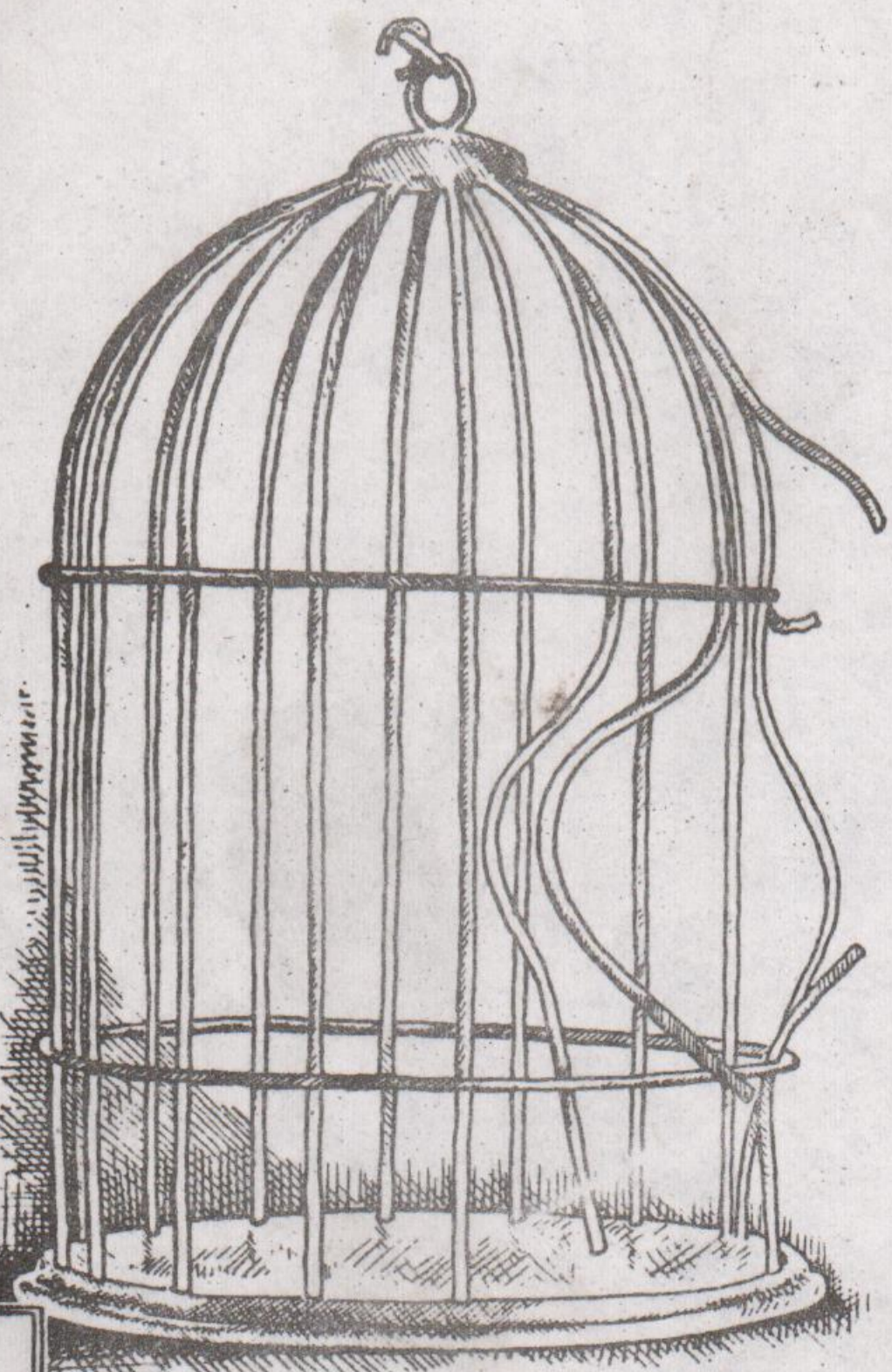
## THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE

We believe that you should be able to do all of this and more. That's why we advocate ANARCHY a truly revolutionary idea when compared to the party politics you're probably used to. Just think about it: Residents controlling their own community, ensuring decent housing for all: Workers managing their own work-places: People exercising control over their everyday lives without being dictated to by bosses, managers or party hierarchy.

## ANARCHY!

Unlike all parties, with ANARCHY you don't have to wait for authority from above to act. ANARCHY is in us and around us all the time. We are all capable of acting independent of authority. Try it.

Isn't it time you had a taste of ANARCHY?



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