

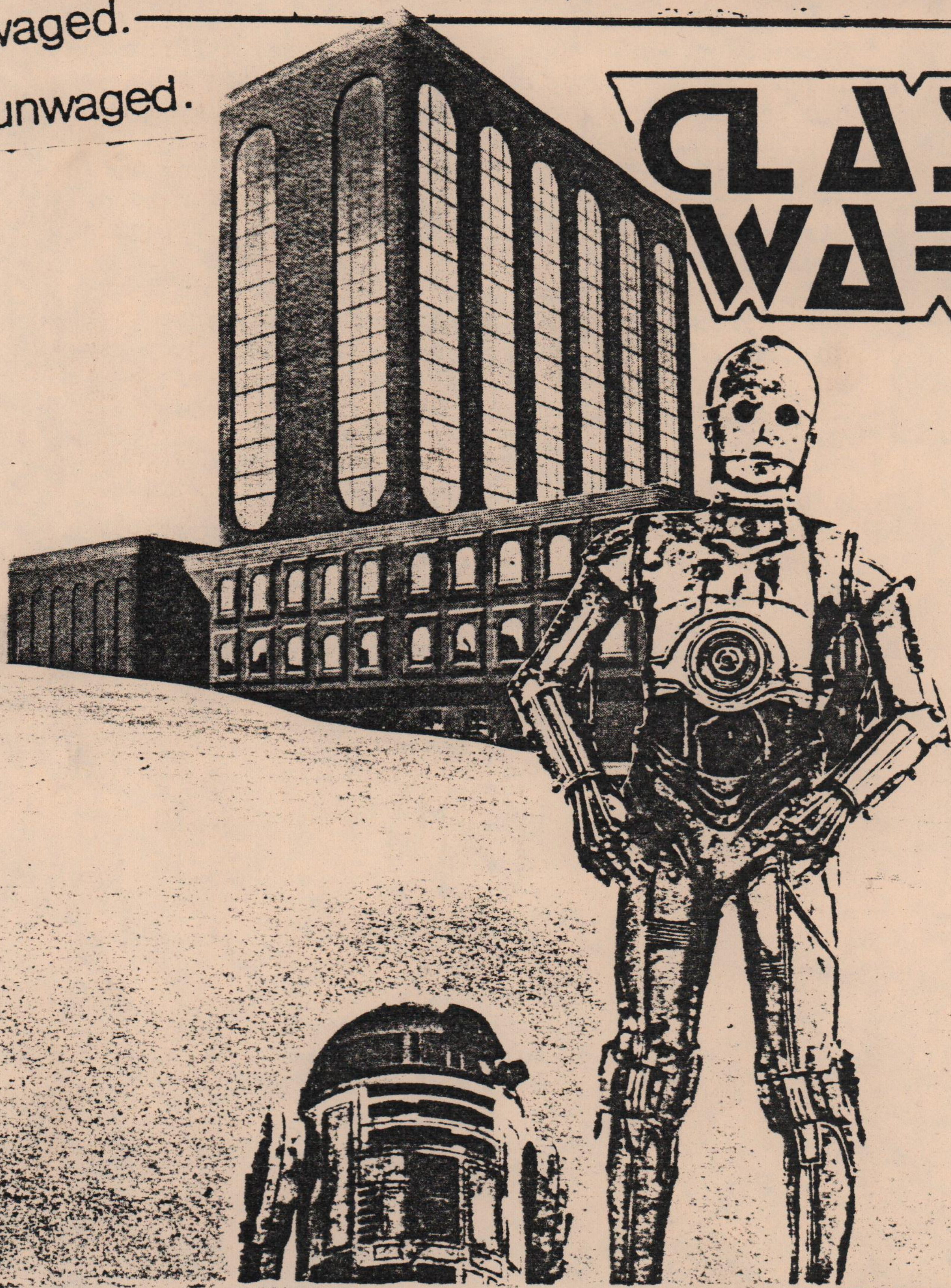
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON - JULY 15th. Around 50 people marched behind National Front banners through Grays town centre. Virtually none of the participants were from Thurrock. The march was originally planned for the Dagenham and Barking area and was changed at the last minute. We can only speculate on the reason why they chose Grays. They knew they could get away with it! Not only is there no organised opposition to racism in Thurrock, but racist attitudes are subtly condoned by the local authorities and the local press.



- * Attacks on Asians and their homes are increasing.
- * Recently an Asian shopkeeper was refused a liquor licence by Grays magistrates on the grounds that his English wasn't good enough - despite the fact that he manages and owns a shop!
- * Only a few weeks ago a leading Tory councillor made an outrageous verbal attack on Gipsies in Thurrock. His sentiments were applauded by the local Labour council.
- * This is not surprising since the same council last year welcomed the New Britain Party conference to the area, allowing them to meet on council property and subsequently ignoring the condemnation of the Sikh community, local residents and the Trades Council.

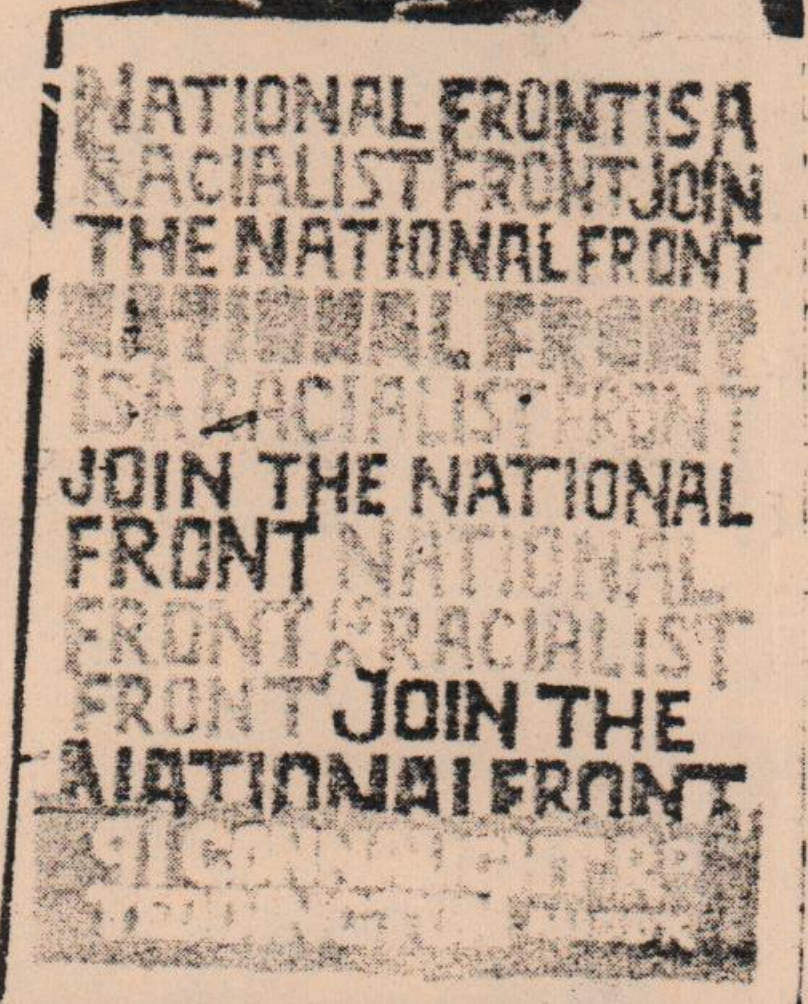


While local magistrates, council, police, press and local white population continue to tolerate and perpetuate racism, non-whites will feel more threatened from day to day and racial tension will increase.

Anti-racists must keep local authorities on their toes, question racist behavior and attitudes and support the minority groups within their community.



Reverse Order would be happy to support any initiative against racism by helping in any capacity - printing, distribution of leaflets, silk-screening posters or stickers, bodies!





**STUPID
BASTARDS.**

This is not to be read by that anachronistic of animals, the working class Tory unless it first takes two valium because what follows is an outsiders view and may insult. Truth can be harsh to the short-sighted, the stupid, the selfish, the parochial, the blind nationalist or the smug.

Working people who voted Tory - and there were clearly a lot of them from office workers to tradesmen and labourers and their mindless offspring - have been conned by their 'betters' who've pandered to their sense of greed, their disloyalty to their humble origins and a pathetic faith in a smug and illusory

sense of independent decision. They've sold their class down the river by wanting to buy their pathetic little council house on the cheap, thus condemning others of their own kind to an even longer queue, and relieving their 'betters' of the responsibility of building more homes for those who wait. They've voted for 'betters' who'll control them by screwing down the social services and distributing the savings amongst themselves. They've been conned by a social class who want to be even more separated from them economically and socially and they're achieving it by pretending to offer the same criteria of greed as they enjoy, in the full knowledge that you can't afford it.

Most pathetic of all, the privileged clique you've given power, fed you an image of 'strength' that is reactionary, elitist, aggressive, insular and dictatorial; all feudal qualities that exclude rationality, compassion, generosity and understanding.

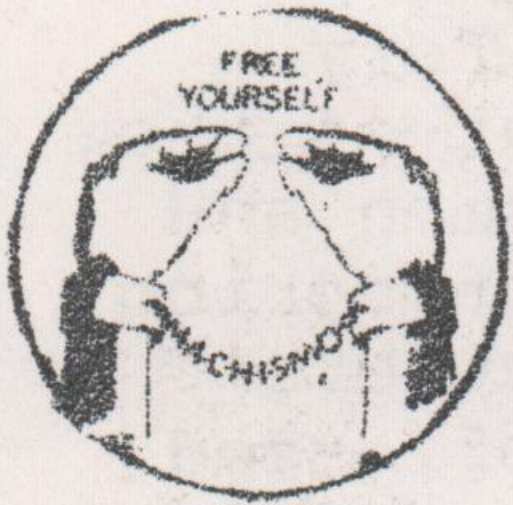
They made them sound soft.

Even the word 'people' sounded contaminated to them. And you lapped it up admiringly. Just as you were the gun fodder of the 19th. century who loved their masters that dispatched you into drudgery, so now you suck up to those who'll pile you onto the scrapheap of the unemployed (*), or churn you into nuclear mince. Real strength lies in right thinking and solidarity with your class interests so expect no sympathy now that you've sold out to the ruling minority class and their priorities. Suffer you British Officers and enjoy.

* OBVIOUSLY, IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TRYING TO SURVIVE ON THE DOLE ESPECIALLY FOR A FAMILY, BUT Unemployment is only the "scrap heap" in a society that makes having a job the most important part of a persons life. To those of us who see any job as exploitation, unemployment is the ideal opportunity to use our time for ourselves, not the government or the bosses. The right to work is the right to be used - to be employed is to be abused! (UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS OF R.O. COLLECTIVE) 3.



A CHANGE OF DRESS



Most people reading this will have a definite idea of how members of their own sex should dress. Such people are treading on weak and shifting ground. The vague uniforms of the sexes are forever changing. What remains, however, is a poorly defined, yet nevertheless real boundary.

A fuzzy modern word exists to label those who dare to test this frontier: transvestite. The word is generally associated with men. Women now have a far greater degree of flexibility than us. They are therefore far harder to pigeon-hole.

The varieties of transvestism are limited only by the number of transvestites. These range from the one who achieves the complete outward appearance of a stereotype of the opposite sex to the one who gains sexual pleasure from wearing perhaps a single article with their 'normal' clothes. There are also those who prefer dressing in a manner more (or less) impractical and flamboyant than is 'dictated' for their sex.

SOFT CLOTHES.

Until the nineteen- sixties the twentieth century was a fairly dull time for men. Women's clothing was and is generally either softer and smoother in line and material or more sexually provocative. Men have been barred from flowing skirts and stiletto heels and from the make-up that mimics the sexual flush of the face.

This is by no means because all men look naturally more 'absurd' like this than woman. Some look far better.

CHANGES.

There have been many periods in the history of our peculiar species when men have spent a good deal of time cultivating what would perhaps now be regarded as a 'feminine' look. Ancient Egypt is a fine example. There both men and women devoted equal time to their appearance. They used eye-makeup (kohl), lipstick, nail colouring, body paints, ornate wigs and translucent clothing. A similar picture can be seen in 17 century France.

Now with Punk and the so-called New Romantics radical changes have come in everyday dress.



Entertainment has always been something of an exception from the normal rules. But in some respects it guides and in others reflects current attitudes. Here it is now common for men to look or attempt to look pretty in a 'feminine' way.

DOMINANCE AND DESIRE.

Those most disturbed by male transvestites are the most macho men. They are absolutely terrified of being attracted, even unwittingly, to another man.

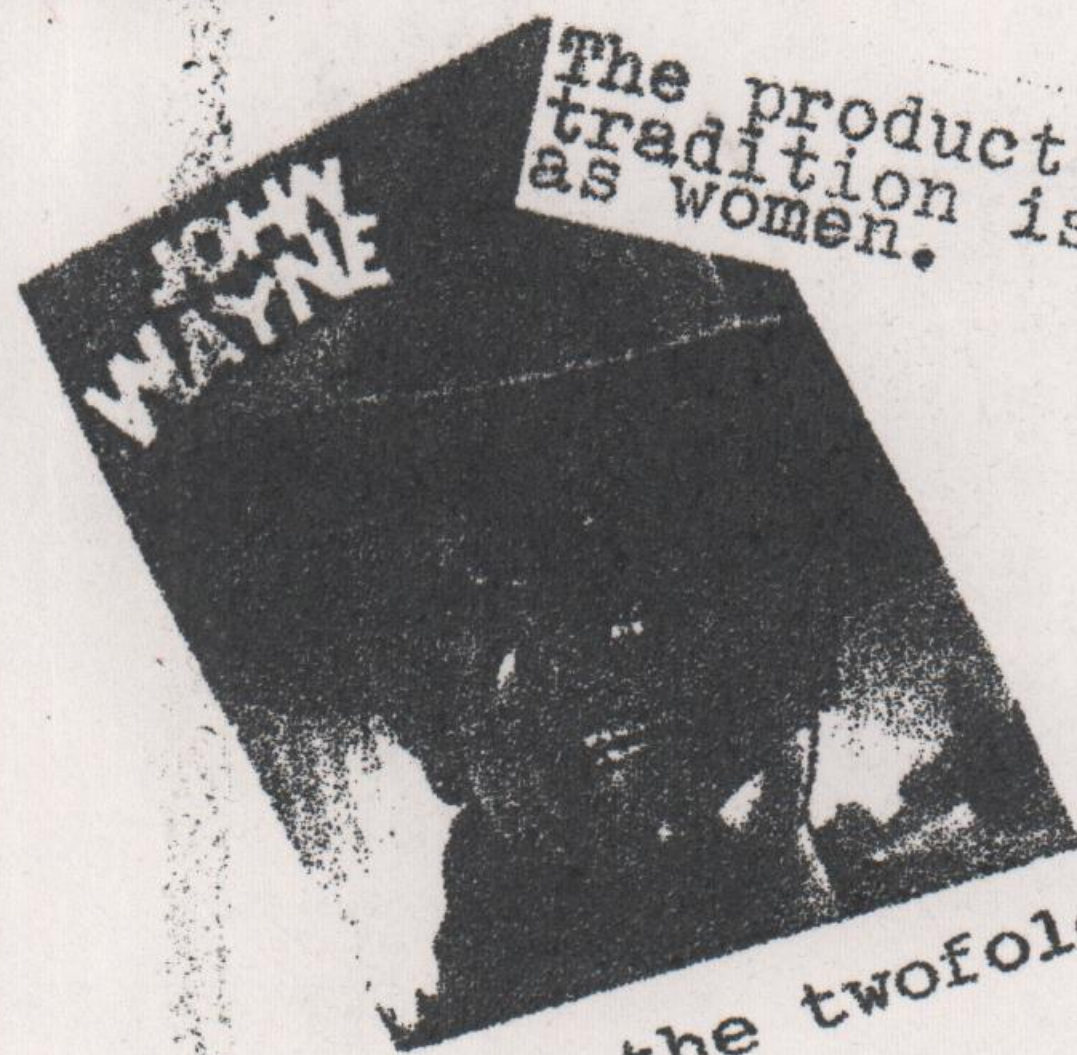
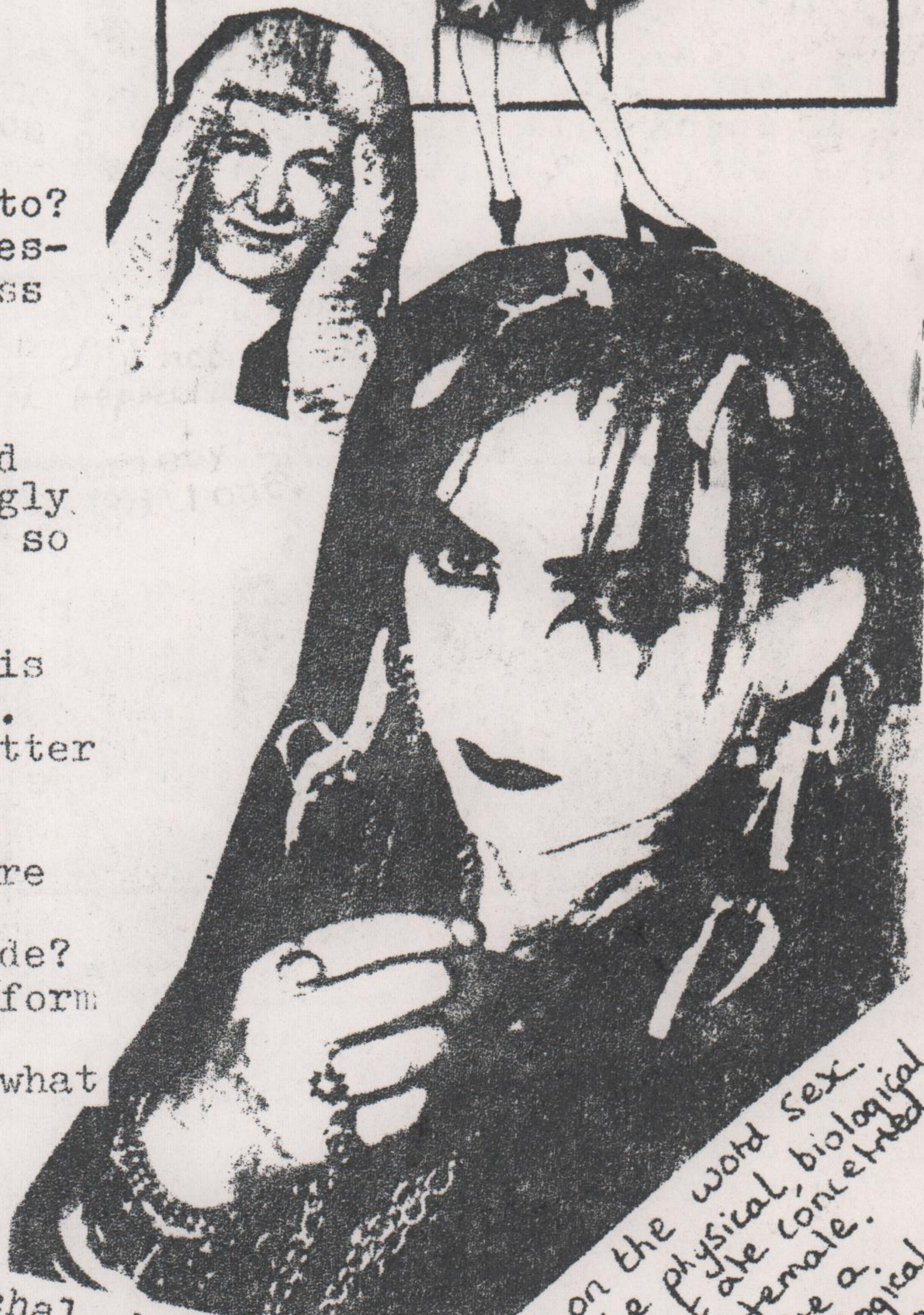
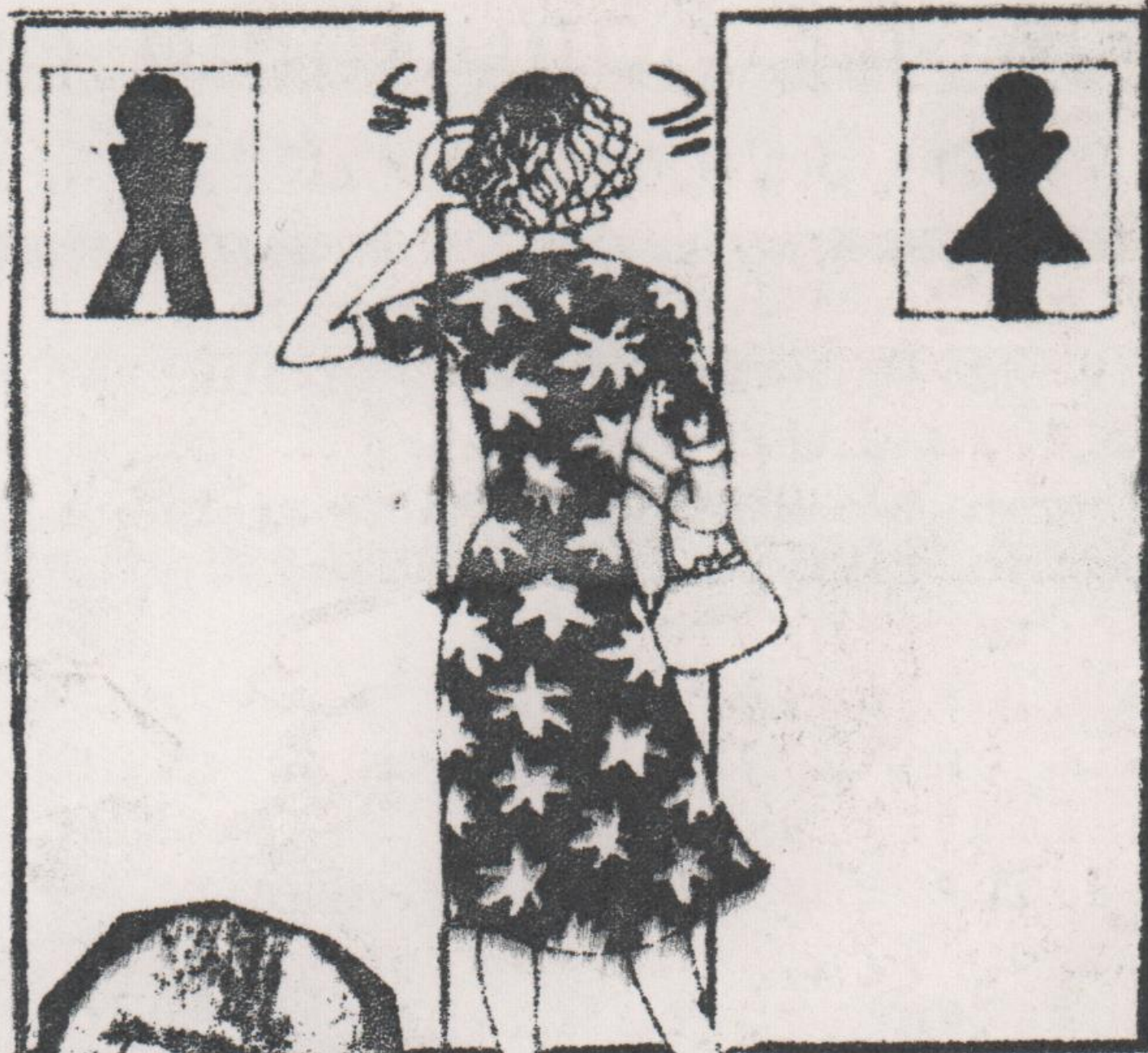
These are the ones, who from their dominant position insist that their wives and girl-friends wear more 'feminine' clothes.

What is it that they are attracted to? The woman as a person or as a clothes-horse. Do they really fancy the dress more than the person inside?

Not all men, even physically active ones, need to have coarse bodies and hard faces. Humans have a surprisingly wide range of body forms. Why is it so outrageous that they should wish to dress to suit themselves?

@ libertarian attitude to clothing is part of the struggle against sexism. It concerns everybody because no matter how disinterested in clothing you appear/pretend to be you still wear clothes. These you chose or they were chosen for you.

On what basis were these choices made? Are they for your benefit or to conform to a rigid pattern? Open the closet doors wide and see what comes out!!!!

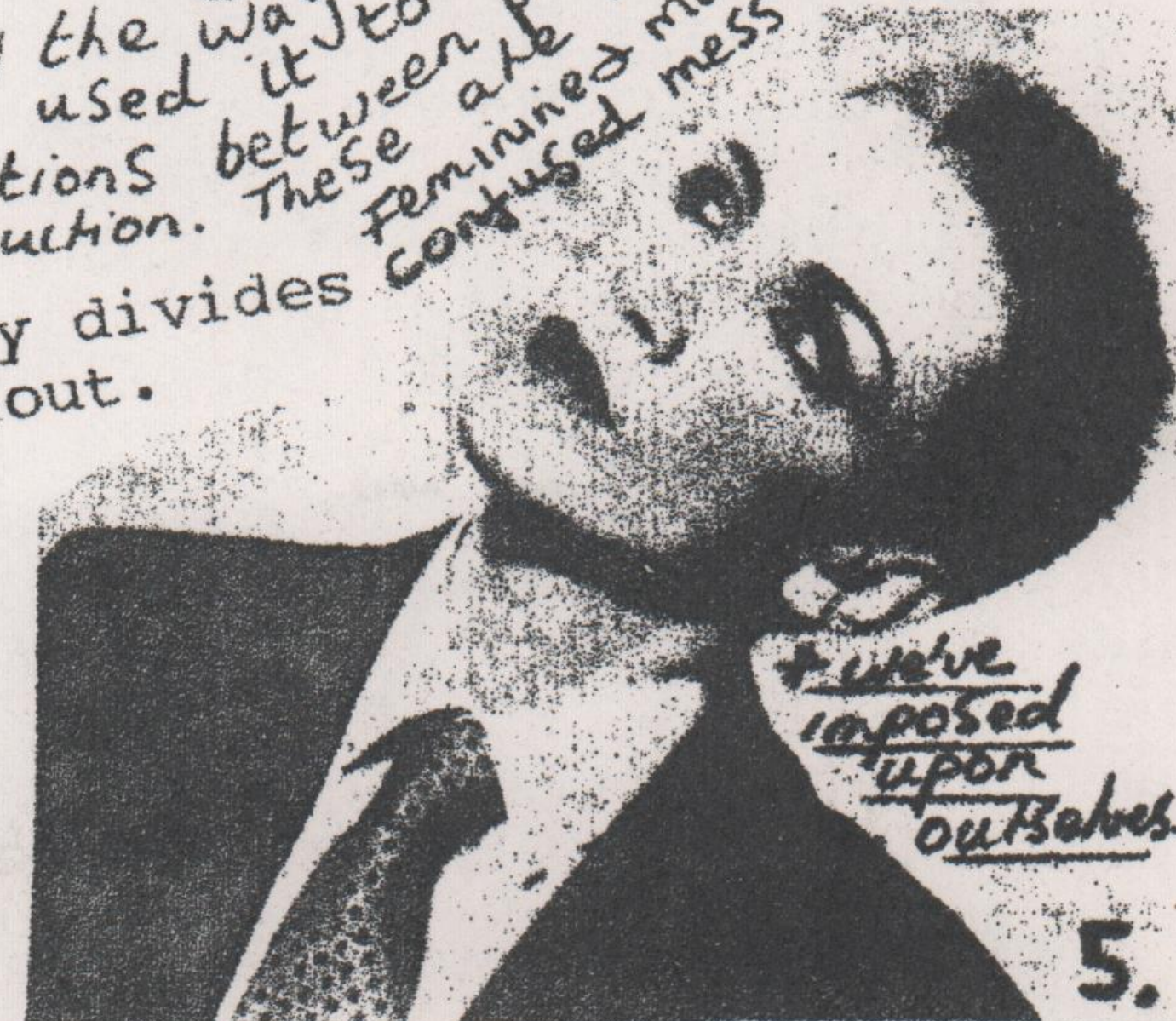


The product of a patriarchal, heterosexual tradition is the oppression of men as well as women.

Patriarchy: the twofold divide and rule. Our male dominated society divides us within as well as without.

By the way, a note on the word sex. I've used it to mean the physical, biological distinctions between male and female. These are confused mess of psychological conditioning.

Should you be worried about the law there's a little book entitled "The Law and Sexuality". It's written by Steve Cohen and others and was published by Grass Roots Books and the Manchester Law Centre in 1976.



* we've imposed upon ourselves.

Now for something completely similar.....

Y.T.S ANUVVER BRICK IN THE WALL

FOR MANY school-leavers the last walk out of the school gates is like leaving prison. But the situation outside is not too rosy. For most 16 year olds the 'choice' is:

(a) The dole, which you can't claim until the September after you leave.

(b) The various government schemes like YOPs & soon YTS. These tend to be either slave labour which puts other people out of work or a barely hidden attempt to keep you off the streets.

(c) Badly paid work which continues because it pays a little more than YOPs. The government has stated that it wants the average wage for 16 year olds cut to £40 a week.

(d) Joining the army and fighting the government's war against the Irish revolutionaries whose side we should be on.

(e) Returning to school and continuing with no money and fewer & fewer facilities.

THIS ARTICLE looks at one of the options, the YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME (YTS), which is to start in September.



YTS is to have a turnover of 400,000 young people a year. This makes it much bigger than YOPs and it was to be compulsory, but, given the employment situation, force is not necessary. To give some idea of the scale of YTS, it's worth saying that 1,476 places are planned for Basildon, just as starters.

The trainees will receive 15 weeks of 'training' in their first year on the scheme and a whole £25 per week with no travel or food allowances. This money is paid by the government who also pay the boss you work for £1850 per trainee. In other words, they pay the bosses to not pay you while you slave away to make them more profit.

Another aspect is safety, or lack of it. Norman Tebbit is being sued by the father of a YOPster who died in an accident

at work last year. His son was one of five who died and over 5,000 were injured - more than in the Falklands/Malvinas war.

MANY YOUNG people want to work and hope that these government schemes will provide a stepping stone to a 'real' job with real pay.

It doesn't work this way though. Firstly, the schemes replace 'real' jobs. Secondly, as more people go on the schemes they become more and more useless. If everyone has done a year and got a scrap of paper, then you've no more chance of impressing an employer because everybody else has the same 'qualification'. Thirdly, it's not as if the schemes taught you brain surgery - experience of sweeping floors or making tea is hardly going to get you work as a skilled engineer.

SO , HAVE all these schemes been a waste of money ? Not at all . Despite all of the tears about youth unemployment and how sad it is for you , the reasons for the schemes are less generous . As said above, the government is determined to bring down wages . The prospect of being replaced by a school leaver on £25 a week frightens a lot of people out of fighting for a decent wage . The schemes also train young people to expect shit wages and shit work. Closely tied to these economic reasons are the political ones: The government is scared of young people , especially when they are out of the control of the bosses . The government & bosses fear that once out of work , young people will become angry and dissatisfied and horror of horrors , not want to work for the scroungers who make profit from us . YTS etc. are designed to keep young people accustomed to the idea of work so that when the bosses want workers again , everyone jumps straight into line . This is what the organisers of YTS meant when they wrote ,

" a more versatile , readily adaptable, highly motivated and productive workforce

is needed by capitalism . YTS etc. control you during the week and the police at the weekends .

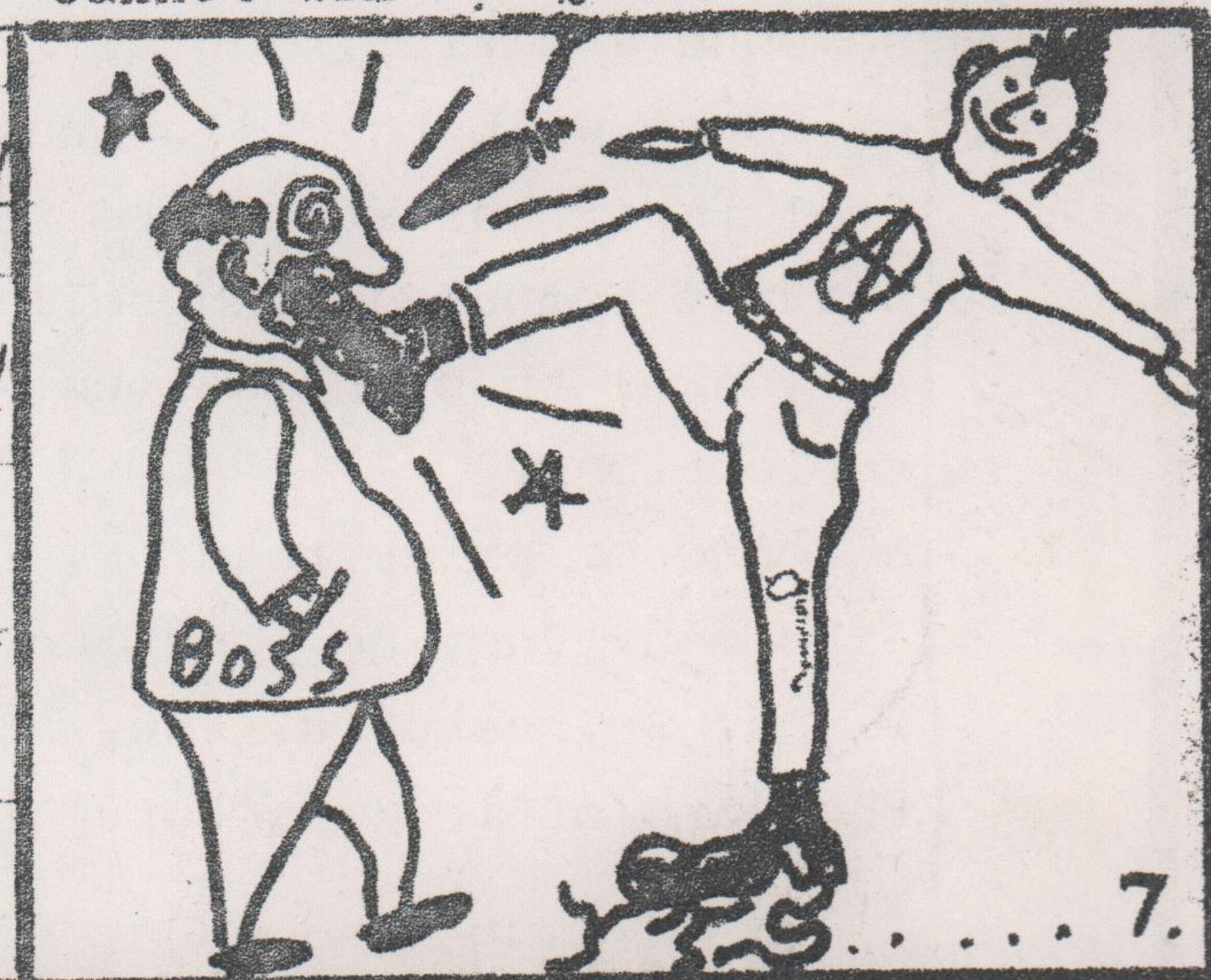
THERE HAS been very little resistance to any of these schemes . The Trade Union Congress is trapped by its own belief that all young people must work . It never considers that life on the dole might be better than being ripped off. This has meant that it has only criticised bits of the schemes when it should have rejected the whole lot . In fact the TUC has recommended YTS in the same way that it accepted YOPs. However , they did manage to persuade the government not to make the schemes compulsory & got them to raise the money to

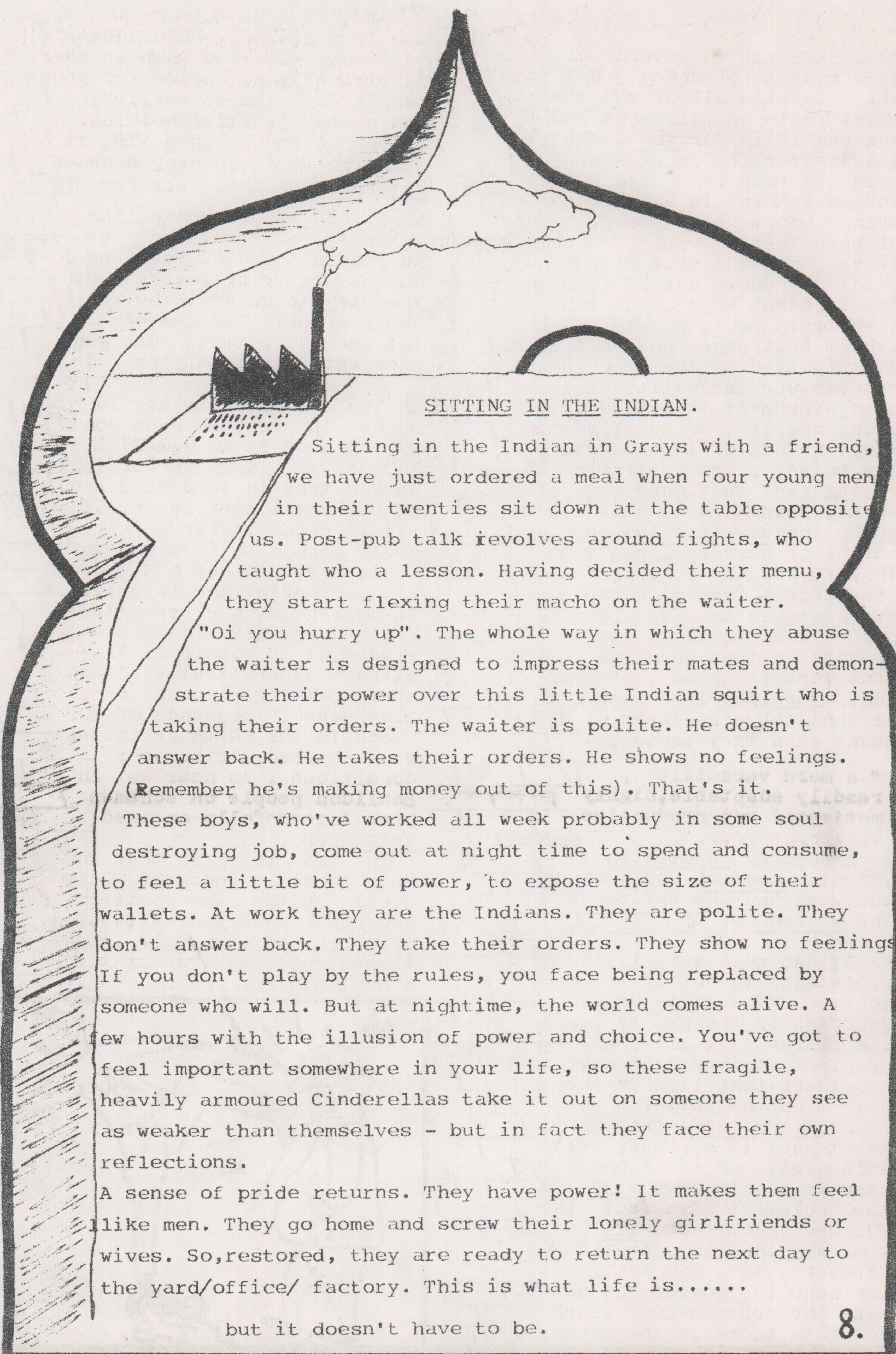
£25 from £14.40 . Unfortunately, this does not mean much as there is virtually no choice for young people as I showed earlier, & £25 a week is still nothing. If you do end up on a YTS, it might be worth joining a union but remember that very few are

that good at protecting the interests of 'trainees' as they aren't around for long & unions are being smashed when they try to do anything for their established members . But you should make sure you know who your safety rep. is.

IN THE END the only way to oppose the schemes once you are on them is TO ORGANISE YOURSELVES . This is difficult as you tend to be spread about in different workplaces BUT all it needs is for a few small groups to form and to contact each other out of work time or during the 13 weeks at college or wherever. If you can organise in a few places, it is possible to attract other 'trainees' and start putting pressure on . Last year , thousands of YOP sters in the North organised a widespread strike over conditions . As near as in **Basildon people on schemes have successfully opposed shit work .**

The main thing is that you have to do it yourself. Only people in the same position as you understand your situation properly and even well intentioned shop stewards or tutors cannot win for you .





SITTING IN THE INDIAN.

Sitting in the Indian in Grays with a friend, we have just ordered a meal when four young men in their twenties sit down at the table opposite us. Post-pub talk revolves around fights, who taught who a lesson. Having decided their menu, they start flexing their macho on the waiter.

"Oi you hurry up". The whole way in which they abuse the waiter is designed to impress their mates and demonstrate their power over this little Indian squirt who is taking their orders. The waiter is polite. He doesn't answer back. He takes their orders. He shows no feelings. (Remember he's making money out of this). That's it.

These boys, who've worked all week probably in some soul destroying job, come out at night time to spend and consume, to feel a little bit of power, to expose the size of their wallets. At work they are the Indians. They are polite. They don't answer back. They take their orders. They show no feelings. If you don't play by the rules, you face being replaced by someone who will. But at nighttime, the world comes alive. A few hours with the illusion of power and choice. You've got to feel important somewhere in your life, so these fragile, heavily armoured Cinderellas take it out on someone they see as weaker than themselves - but in fact they face their own reflections.

A sense of pride returns. They have power! It makes them feel like men. They go home and screw their lonely girlfriends or wives. So, restored, they are ready to return the next day to the yard/office/ factory. This is what life is.....

but it doesn't have to be.

KNUCKLING UNDER ?

Bosses employ people in order to make a profit from them .
In the past 150 years workers in Europe have fought for a
bigger share in the wealth they create so bosses close down
factories & move to countries where they can pay lower wages.
THIS MEANS MORE PROFIT .

A large number of people on the dole makes it easy to threaten
to replace workers if they don't accept lower wages .
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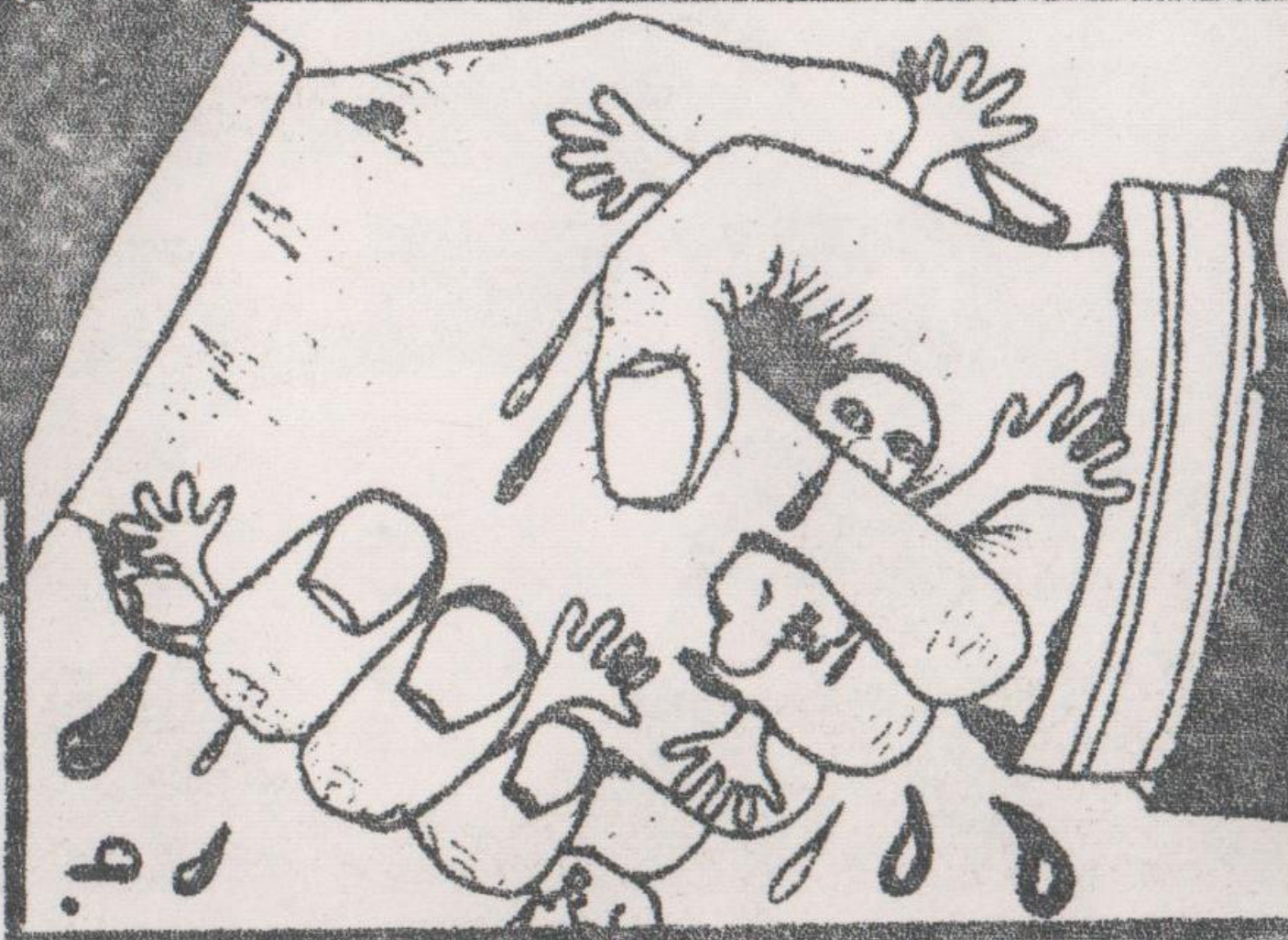
New technology means faster production and so fewer workers
create more goods for fewer wages .
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Because the government is capitalist it allows mass unemployment
and pays the bosses to take young people on as slave labour.
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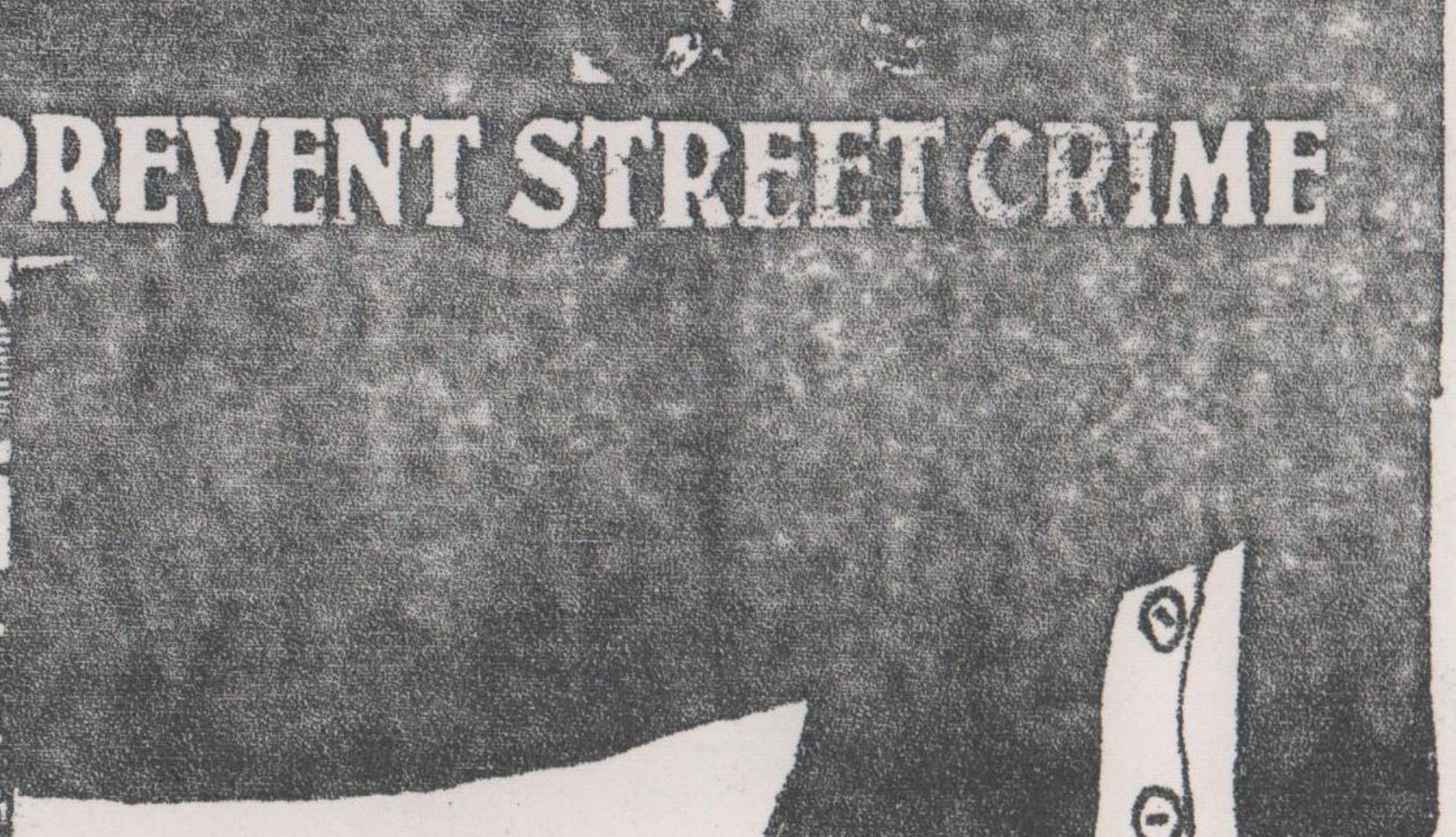
Unemployment exists because profit exists . Profit
exists because we allow ourselves to be exploited. While
bosses exploit us , the threat of unemployment exists .
There is no half way mark - either we condemn ourselves
or we overthrow the system based on profit and replace
it with a society which we decide on and we control .
" The freeing of the working class can only be carried
out by the working class itself." (Karl Marx).

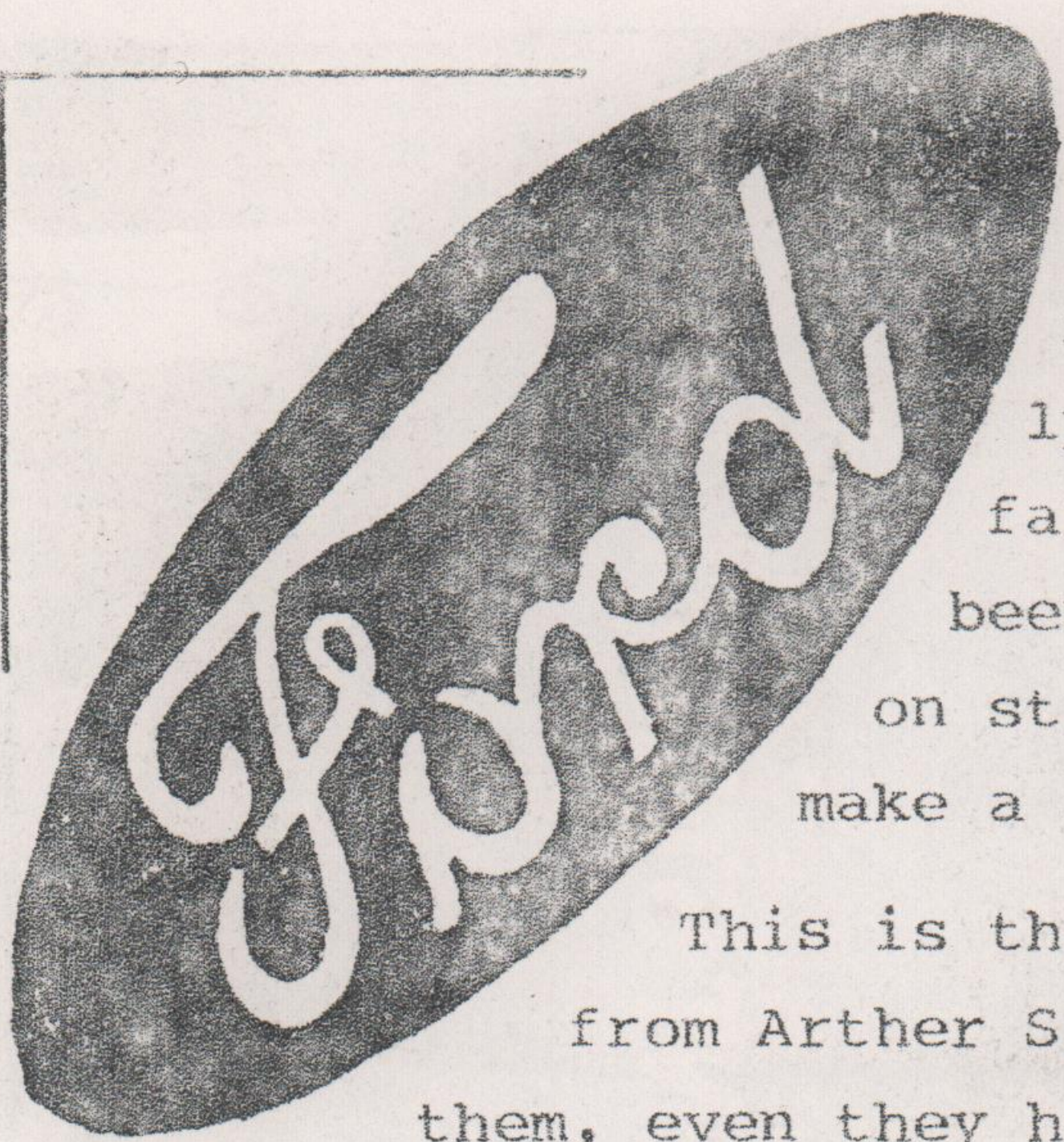


PREVENT STREET CRIME



WE
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SAME BOAT
...aren't we???



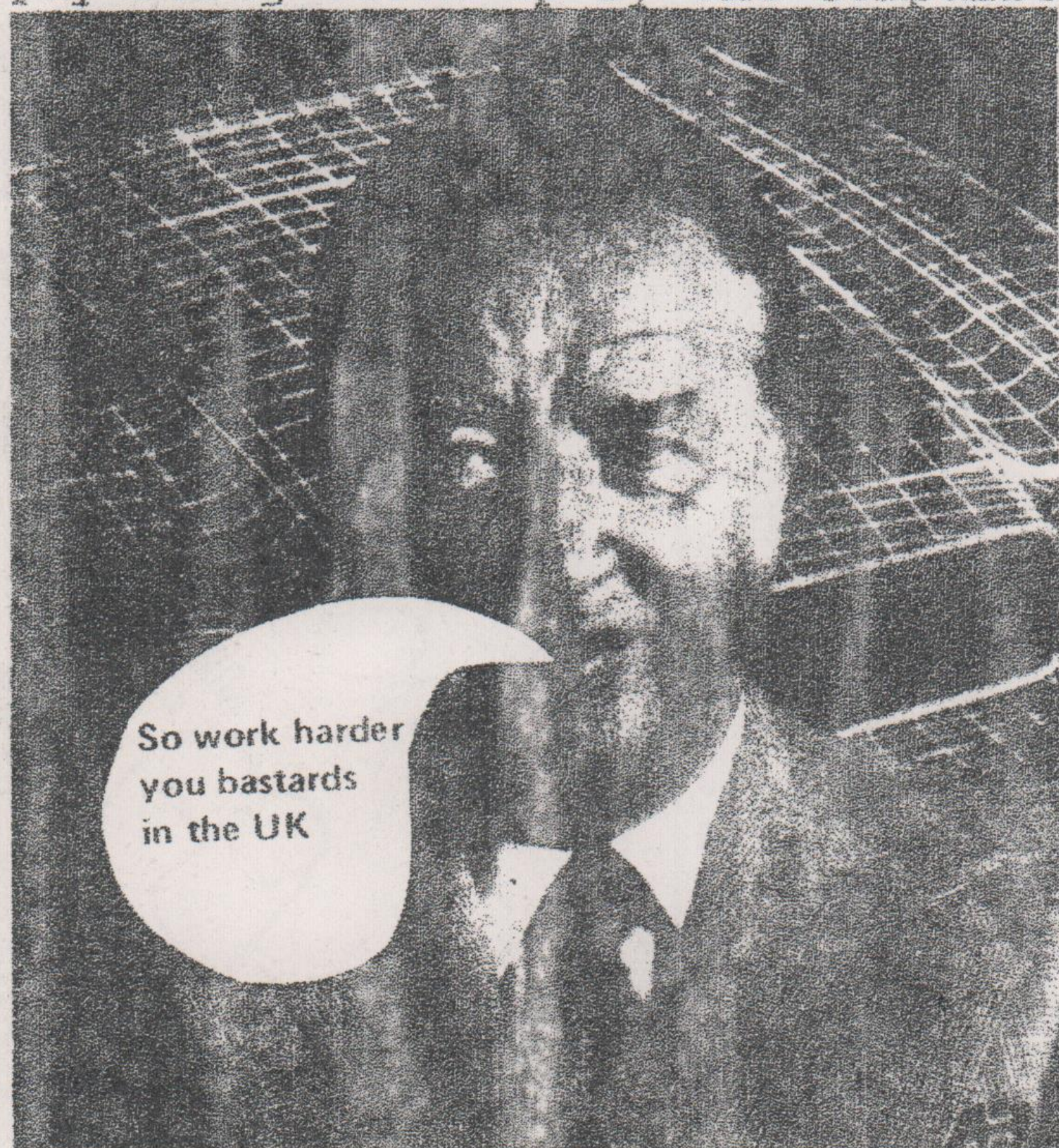


One of the most alarming results of Thatcher's policies has been the weakening of the 'grass-roots' solidarity of our unions. By deliberately creating a climate of high unemployment and falling standards of living, many workers have been frightened into saying 'I can't afford to go on strike'. The time has come however when we must make a stand. We can no longer afford not to strike!

This is the message that the miners have been hearing from Arther Scargill. Yet with massive redundancies facing them, even they have been weakened to the point of indesion. Obviously if our strongest union has been so affected, what has happened to the rest?

I am a Ford Motor Company production line worker, and have witnessed the near destruction of a once united and militant workforce. A line worker's job was never easy, but we have been forced into the vicious circle of exploitation whereby the harder we work, the less workers the company needs - and the more men they spit out - the more fearful we become for our jobs, and therefore the harder we work.

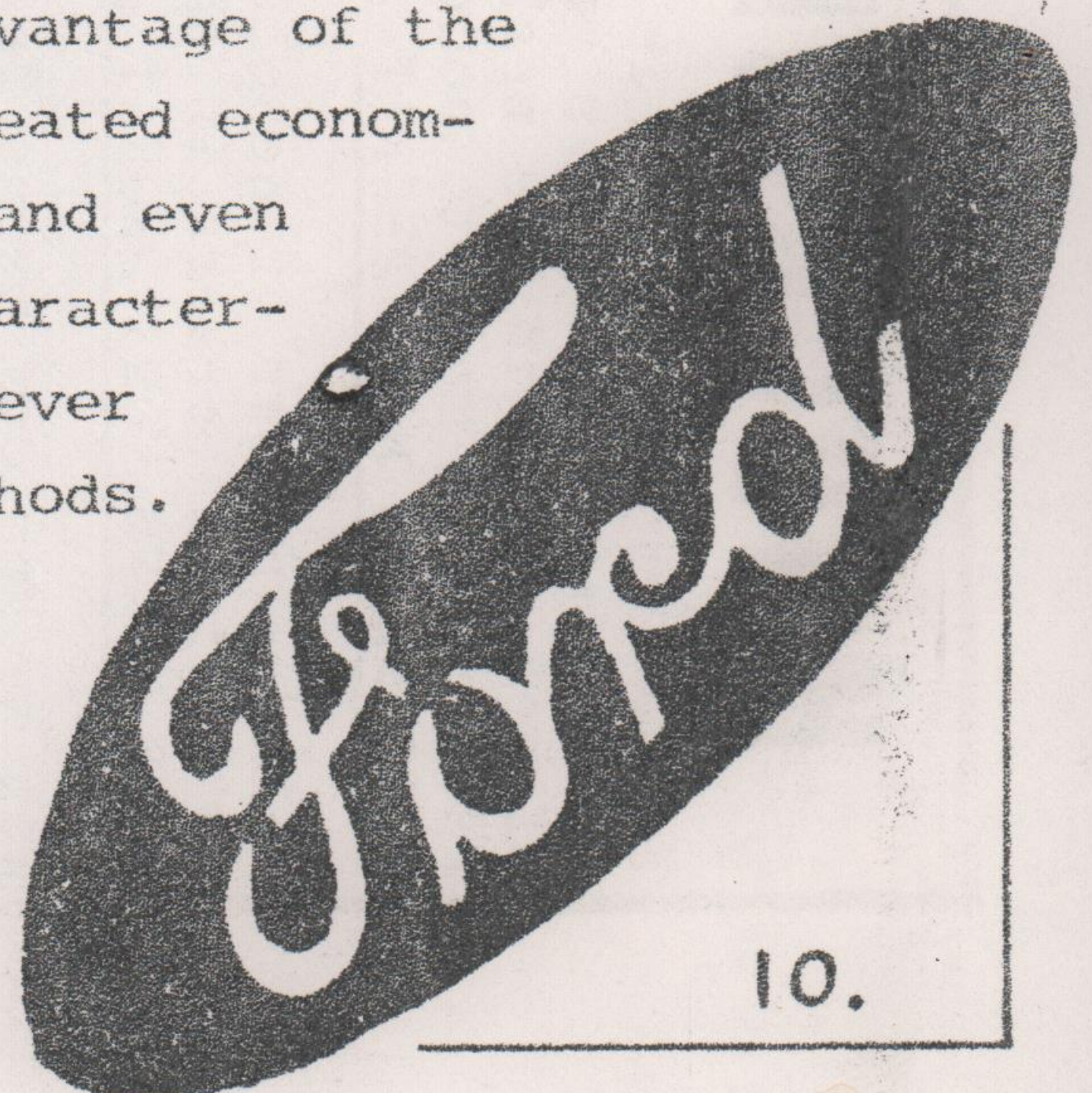
Two years ago I was one of over 50 men employed on the door line. Today, without modernisation or a drop in production levels, there are 22 men left on that line. Yet the great Ford Motor Company have not had to resort to redundancies to achieve this. They call it 'natural wastage'. There are three categories of ex-Ford workers. The natural (early retirement and voluntary) comprising about 20%. The pushed (the skilled workers offered the choice of severance pay or a job on the lines - the severance pay being eaten up by the compulsory six week suspension of unemployment

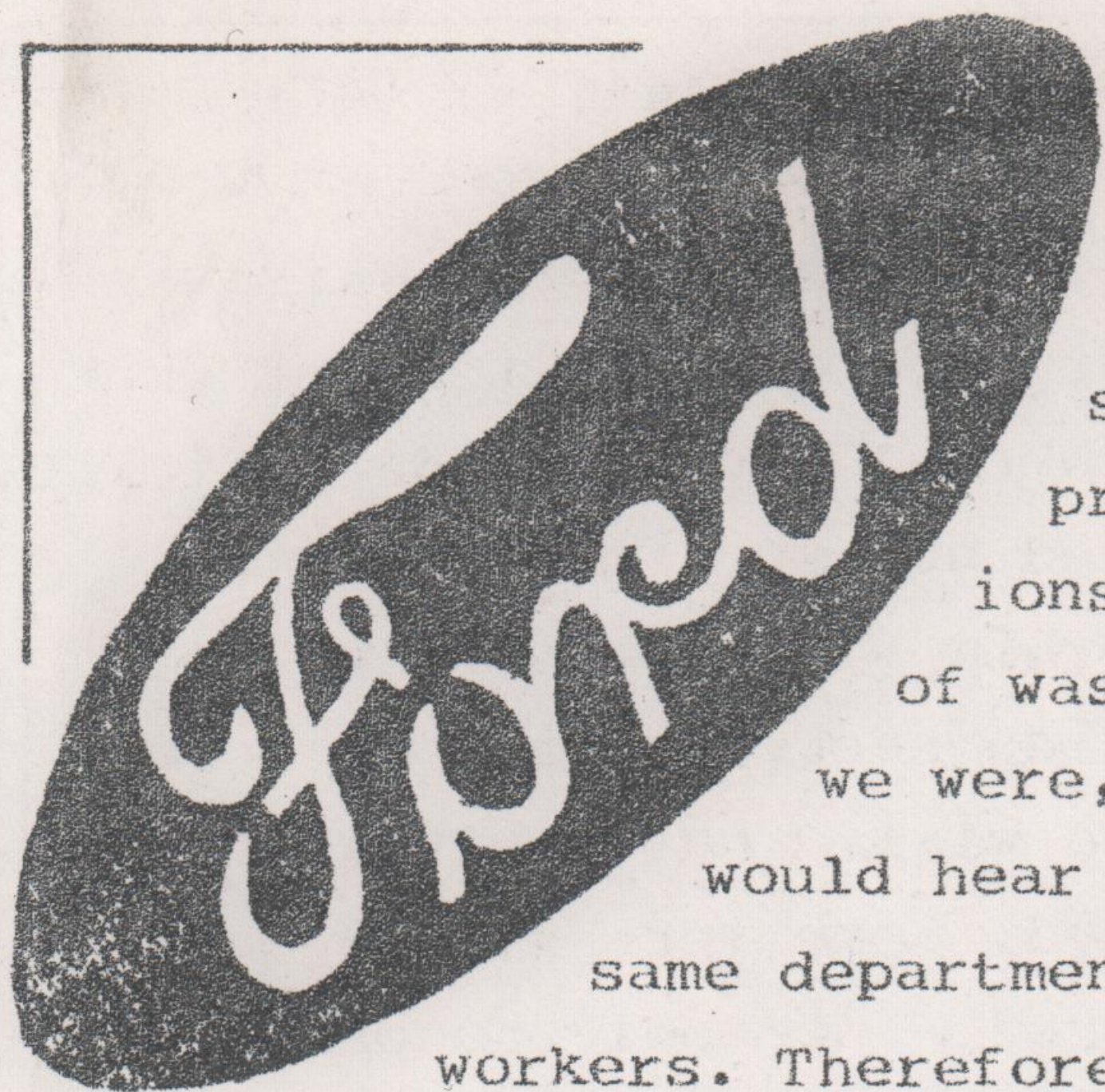


So work harder
you bastards
in the UK

Henry Ford

benefit) comprising 30%. The third category totaling a staggering 50% are the sacked. To achieve this in only two years, the Ford management took full advantage of the specially created economic climate, and even so were uncharacteristically clever in their methods. Their main tactic of course was that of divide and



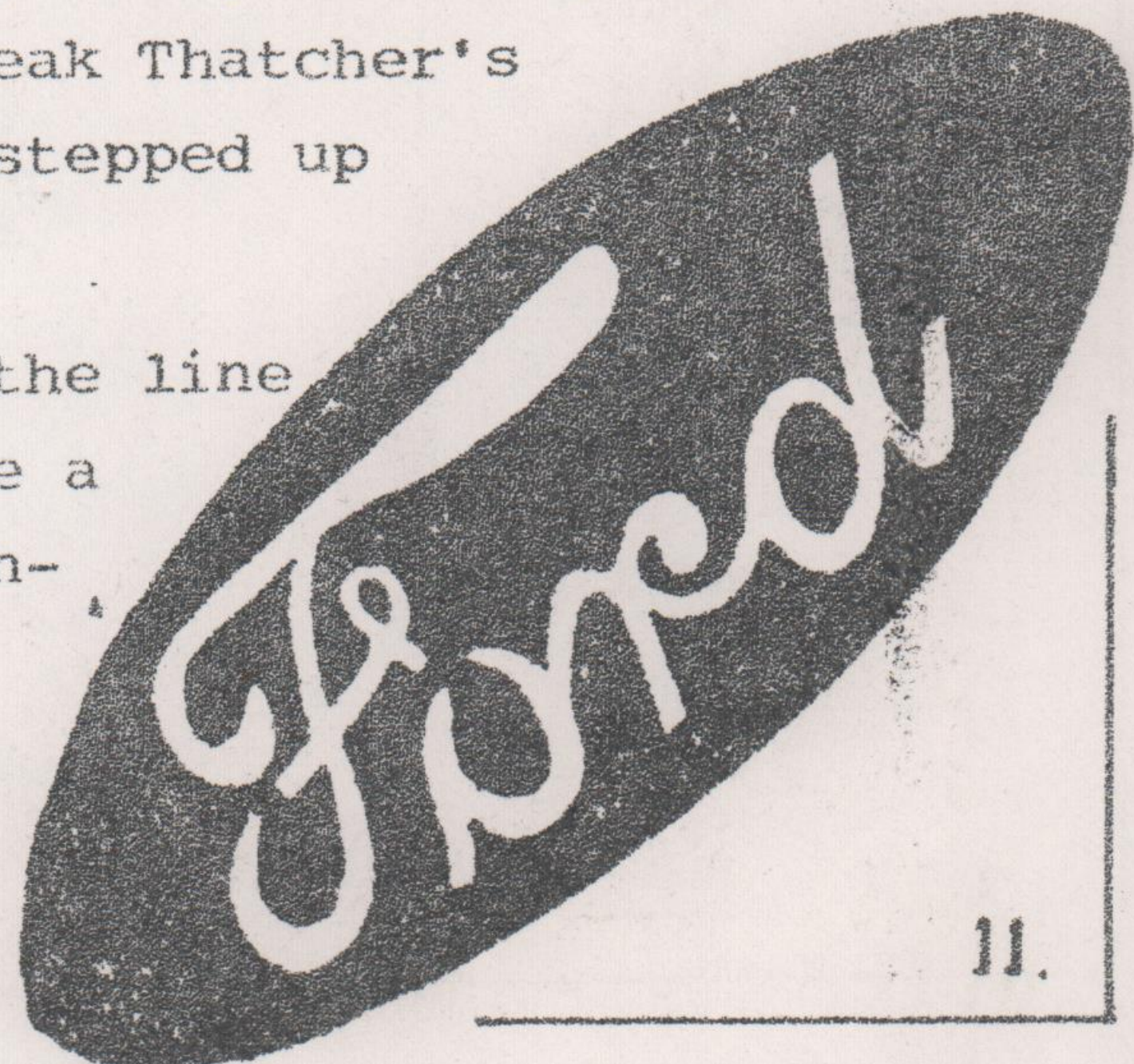


conquer, the organisation of the firm being a ready made platform. Each plant at Fords is split into departments, each department into sections. Our department for example, had five production lines, each with two or three sections of twenty or so men. The section I was part of was a particularly militant one and consequently we were, at first, left well alone. Now and again we would hear of a sacking in another department - never the same department twice - never a department with militant workers. Therefore no-one realised just how many men were being sacked. We were confident that they would never be able to sack one of us.

This feeling was strengthened after our first contact with the 'sacking campaign'. One of our workmates was sacked, and although it was a clear case of victimisation we had to take action before the company would back down. Even then they insisted that the man in question be transferred to another department. As this would mean an off-line job (infinitely better than a line job) he accepted and was replaced by a company picked man.

So began the breaking up of our section. With hindsight it is easy to see that this was happening to all the militant sections, yet at the time we considered these defeats victories. From the company point of view these transfers were effective in two ways. Firstly, they broke up the militant sections, which often left whole departments leaderless, as the shop stewards merely acted as guides (indeed a militant shop steward is now a very rare creature at Fords). Secondly the transferred workers were tagged as trouble-makers by the company and always placed in sections with little unity. Consequently, they were easily sacked as they received no support from their new colleagues. Resentment with the company's campaign was growing, and it is possible that they would have been beaten but for a gross error of judgement by the union leaders. Precisely at this point, they began to urge us to refrain from taking industrial action until the pay 'talks' which were only a month or so away. They were hoping to force Ford to a settlement that would help break Thatcher's policies. Ford saw the weakness and suddenly stepped up their sacking campaign.

It was a common practice to work your way up the line just before dinner, thus enabling you to leave a couple of minutes early. One day, without warning, everybody who did this was disciplined. Those workers that the company wanted were kept, the others joined the dole queues. Obviously, Ford won the pay settlement, and

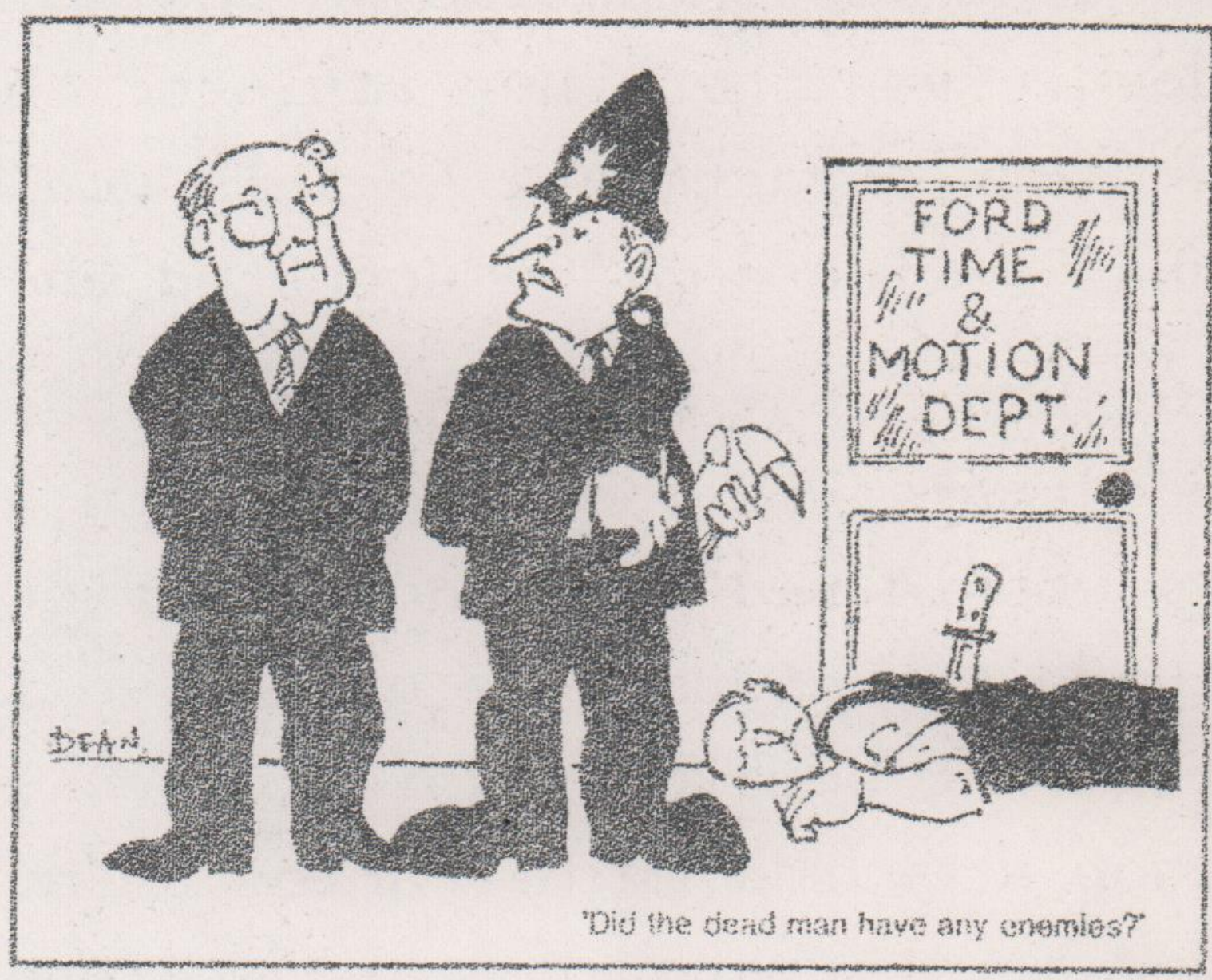


Ford

even managed to attack an efficiency agreement. This meant that they could move anyone anywhere and increase workloads as they chose. This was the death blow for our section, as it meant that any action that we took could not be made official. Again the company attacked our section, again we took industrial action. This time however, we were on our own as our neighbouring sections gave up hope and succumbed to the company's will. The result was that the entire section was disciplined. Some were sacked outright, the rest of us were transferred - not only to other departments but also to other plants.

The section I now work on, is made up entirely of men transferred from other departments. Our shop stewards are no more than company messenger boys - as has been stated, militant shop stewards have to be very careful. Of those men sacked, I don't know how many, if any, successfully took the company to an industrial tribunal.

Things are beginning to look better however. Solidarity is returning as we realise that the only weapon of Ford (or any company) is fear. The message is not to be afraid to lose money due to industrial action - there are millions of unemployed living on or below the poverty line.



Every time we increase our work loads we lengthen the dole queues.

If we are organised and solid at shop floor level then no law of policy used against us can be effective. WE ARE THE UNIONS!

(This is a simplified but accurate account of events from 1980 to the present).

Ford

BLACK MISCHIEF

Europe, the white man's continent, has several times been invaded by alien hordes, though on only a couple of occasions could they loosely be characterised as 'African'. Charlemagne, with holy justice, drove the first lot back across the Straits of Gibraltar. The second lot, the Turks, though more Asiatic by nature, had elements of African among them during the 400 years of their incursions and partial occupation, and our warriors from Skanderberg to Lawrence sought to confine them beyond the Bosphorus. History books universally applaud such efforts that liberated or defended our continent, our race and culture.

In observing European Expansion into Africa, one notices that the white man appears to have a blind spot when it comes to acknowledging that there may be a parallel reaction from Africans to intruders. Our forces of Empire in Africa have confidently been replaced by an imposed bequest of ideology born from European 'enlightenment', and imperially we still view any infringement of the rules as subversive, and any attempt at self-determination as terrorism, tribalism as outrageous and violence itself - the only resort of David against Goliath - a complete anathema to all 'civilised standards' (the export models of which are well known and taught to all aspiring nations by the British Council and the BBC World Service).

Indeed these banners are staunchly upheld by our white brethren in South Africa who share European faiths, technology, and criteria of wealth and culture, the very traditions which are the core of their isolation as they have defined good and evil as black and white, confirmed their confidence in materialism and power and consolidated their view of social order from a cultural base that exudes a blind parochialism.

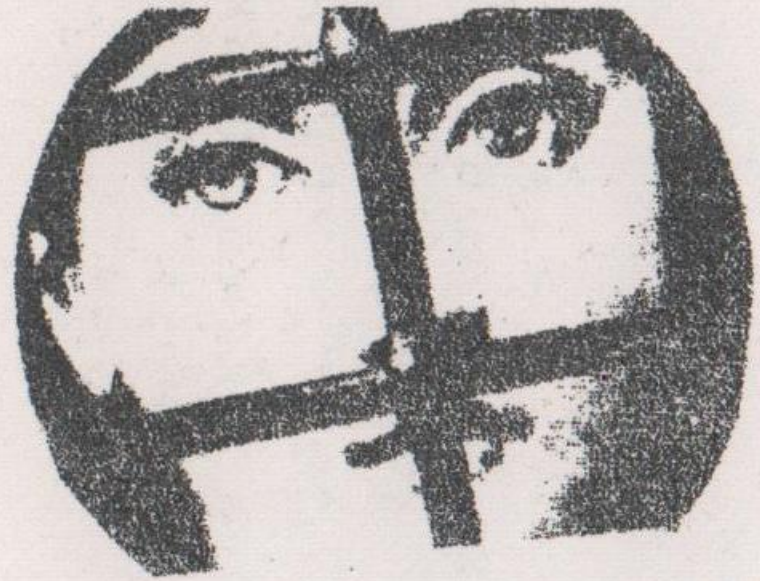
Nevertheless the majority they suppress have begun to resist, imagine resisting slavery and poverty and Patrician benignity. The recent explosion in Pretoria manifests the struggle. The Broederbond, not satisfied with hanging their culprits lash out at their neighbour who had given spiritual support as a moral duty. A bit like the RAF bombing Dublin following a disturbance in Belfast. Or the poles bombing London in retaliation for British support of Solidarity. No.

So to sterner comment as belies one's disgust. The attack on Maputo, the continued illegal occupation of Namibia, the incursions into Angola the suppression of the rights of non-whites in South Africa itself, the slave labour, and the creation of the 'homelands' are crimes against humanity. The magnitude of these crimes is no less than those we crushed in Hitler's Germany where racism and aggression were equally repugnant. The continued contempt for democracy, justice and human dignity in South Africa ensures the eventual destruction of the elitist white society there and our condonance of them ensures our alienation from the black African states.

Instead of having no truck with the republic of South Africa, we compromise our principles, to suffer those fascists as bulwarks of the Western alliance. Gold and big business provide a further distasteful dimension and the white tyrants continue to enjoy their extraordinary autonomy. Western hypocrisy sickens almost as much as Boer bloodshed. Is outrage dead in these islands? The pile has settled in the British gut, has it?

On December 10th 1948 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Most of the rights and freedoms protected by the convention are of a civil and political nature.

Here are the main points with comments as to why these declarations are not applicable to women.



THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY AND SECURITY OF PERSON. British Justice dictates that if women use their right to liberty by hitch-hiking, walking, using a pub, restaurant, cinema, using public transport, in fact being anywhere alone, then she is guilty of contributory negligence which jepodises her right to protection by the law. What woman has security of person if she is alone.

THE RIGHT TO FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. If a woman finds herself in court she is more likely to be sentenced than a male who has committed the same offence. She will be seen to not only have broken the law but to have departed from the rules of womanhood that male dominated society holds. Statistics prove that women are more likely to be sent to prison for first offences than males.

RESPECT FOR PRIVATE AND FAMILY LIFE. In most societies, too much importance is placed on the 'sanctity of the family'. The social services, police, neighbours etc. do not like to interfere with the rights of a violent male as head of the household be he father, husband or son.



FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION. A woman who chooses to have an abortion is condemned by patriarchal society, made to feel guilty. So much for freedom of conscience. Women have the right to choose their own religion but are forbidden to hold high positions. Their main function is to produce children as fodder for their particular brand of religion.

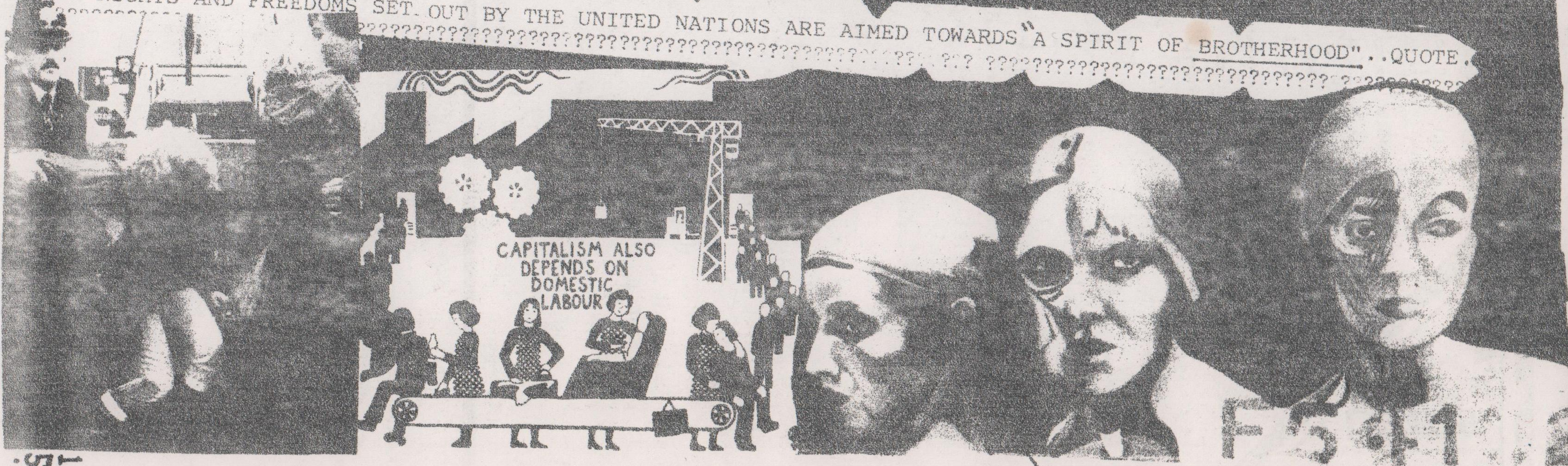
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND TO HOLD OPINIONS. As long as these opinions when expressed are the same as their husbands, fathers, boyfriends, sons and society in general.

FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION (INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO JOIN A TRADE UNION). Women who are now taking part in peace camps (such as Greenham Common) are ridiculed and subjected to double standards for not sticking to their responsibilities at home. How often does the press resort to reporting the appearance of male demonstrators. Employers often deny women the right of joining trade unions. Unions are often unwilling to have part time workers as members and yet many women have no choice but to work part time due to family commitments.

THE RIGHT TO MARRY AND FOUND A FAMILY. But do women have the right not to marry and found a family!

CERTAIN RIGHTS TO EDUCATION. Education is used to prepare women to fit into their future roles as mothers, housekeepers and wives. The way in which the curriculum is organised in schools directs girls towards arts options and makes them feel 'unfeminine' if they opt for science subjects.

THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS SET OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS ARE AIMED TOWARDS "A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD" ..QUOTE..



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After the Glastonbury CND festival we decided to go back to Stonehenge. We got a lift with a couple of casual acquaintances and off we went. As we were approaching the festival we were flagged down by the police and forced to stop. It was soon established that the driver of the van was unlicensed and uninsured, so they decided to take the van to the police station, we were led to believe that we were only being taken to the police station as a consequence of being in the van. Once at the police station the situation changed, the police became more aggressive and although we weren't locked up we were detained in garages while they went through "procedure". Procedure turned out to be a search of the van and all our belongings for drugs, something which was never before mentioned. When this turned out to be negative they then informed us that we were to be strip searched. Protests were ignored and although the threat of internal examinations wasn't actually acted on it was an extremely degrading experience.

While we were there a young man accused of eating dope was taken into the next garage. We heard the police screaming abuse at him, he was then beaten up and against his will, his stomach was pumped. We were eventually released about two hours later.

If the police really do want to "bust" people for possessing drugs, why don't they make more of an effort to bust the dealers who make large amounts of money out of it? Or will this just lead to more exposure of the "big" names such as De Loren, HESEL...NE..... And why give the police more powers (as proposed in the police bill). Everything that happened to us is actually illegal although as festival goers will know it has been going on for years; if the police so radically abuse the power they have now, surely this will increase as their powers increase?

Yours, etc...

1- Reverse Orlot feel that local music events are important enough to be featured in, what in the main, is a political journal. And after all, music can be a very effective way of communicating ideas and breaking down barriers between people. Then I feel that it is being directly shot by the magazine, dismissive and subjective reporting of which Gig News RSS is an example. None of this attitude was presented in an impetuous and intelligent manner, the quality is badly out of place with the insights of articles in Reverse Orlot. Music is important then it must not be trivialised. The way music has been reported in all Reverse Orlots so far smacks of tokenism. Both of the Thurrock Gazette and the Yellow Advertiser. Things badly need to be found out - like who organised the gig (not Angels are Go!) what was it for, why was that venue

chosen, what was it like, what was interesting about the bands, did they have anything interesting to say, did you talk to them, where did they come from, what musical references did they have? How can it be seen in context with the contemporary music scene in this area? Was it a positive step? etc etc.

Perhaps when writing any future articles on music in Thurrock you could have the opening page of Reverse Object in front of you as a reminder of the worthy ideals you started out with. Come on, your standards take shipping! I know you can do better! Love John
(Angels are Go!)

REPLY FROM R.O.

Well I was looking at RO no. 1 when I wrote this, in full view of our worthy ideals and I suddenly noticed that RO is NOT A FANZINE. If you made yourself aware of whats going on locally you could have contacted one of the three Thurrock fanzines ie FINAL CURTAIN, BLIND ATTACK, or coming out soon HYSTERIA. In this way you would have got the exclusive detailed coverage you crave. Why didn't Angels are Go take the trouble to review the gig themselves?

I can only conclude that your philosophical arty criticism of gig news is not only a petty bourgeois deviation but also p

P.S. I thought the gig was a token

The 'punk revolution' broke through the rock scene, where protest, of the package deal and neo-Marxist varieties, sometimes libertarian of sorts, was becoming commercialised just as much as the pop scene.

The rock revolution had previously substituted music for any other form of propaganda. Reading was at a discount. The appeal was to the senses not the head. But as people were so complacent and listless it was worthwhile, though in a way a return to the old oratory - now totally discredited and persisting only in illiterate parts of the 'Third world' and at election time everywhere.

Malcolm McLaren and Jamie Reed who wrote the lyrics to Anarchy in the UK formed Sex Pistols who pioneered the punk scene politically and introduced anarchism into the music charts. But there was an element of sneering at anarchism into it too - 'we're so 'orrible, we must be anarchists' kind of thing. The same went for Nazism too. David Bowie capitalised on that one... 'coo, look mum I'm actually wearing a swastika, I'm wicked I am'. Some punks not knowing what anarchism was or what Nazism was actually went around with circled @s and swastikas together.

Some people in the punk scene smelled money and catered for it. Some people in the punk scene - like CROSS, despite their pacifism - sensed what anarchism was and put it over. Some like the FOUR SKINS sensed what Nazism was and put that over.

Now the fascist infiltration in the punk scene - always present with the skinhead punks though never so dominant as now - is moving ahead. Tony Wilson owns Factory Records and the elite membership only Hacienda Club in Manchester - Factory groups include Joy Division now New Order which is the name of the rag the young National Front put out in the North. Wilson is also a television presenter and has denied the Private Eye allegation that he is encouraging the fascist groups (his denial must be to preserve his job with Granada TV). New Order appeared on Top Of The Pops. It was revealed by the 'Jewish Chronicle' that the previous title for the band was Joy Division (a slang name for the prostitution section of a concentration camp), and that footage of Nazi rallies was projected at the Hacienda Club.

Other fascist punk bands feature Swastikas, German armband symbols, and military Nazi drag. The Young National Front held Rock Against Communism gigs with bands like White Boss. As a counter-offensive against CROSS which tried to relate the punk anarchist scene to anarchism (as others have of Fascism, Racism, Sexism, Cruise Missiles etc). Some of them have confused ideas of what anarchism is, but try to relegate it by equating it with ideas it does not hold, or alternatively pretend to be anarchist and distort the message of anarchism. This is part of a general offensive of fascism against anarchism starting with winning the punks who may have anarchist ideas but are hazy about them.



ALL THE PRESS!

MOLOTOV DIRECT ACTION PIN UP #1
This month "Animal Liberation"
CHOP CHOP HURRY UP!

ALL MOMENTUM TO THE APOSTLES

FORGON ABOUT MY GENERATION
WILD
Animal
Research
Centre

GREETINGS
TO
CLASS
WAR
RAVE
ON



WITH THANKS TO EVERYONE AT WILDBLOOD'S
Performed BY JON LANGFORD 15/2/83
after a large meaty vegan breakfast

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

After much soul searching and overcoming the social problems, (though you try it if you're the one who cooks the food, and the rest don't feel the same) you've done it. A new vegetarian is born.

But what does it mean? Will you treat the world differently, will society stop shitting on you - I doubt it. Will it make oppression or a truncheon behind the ear any easier to take? Definately not.

Pacifism is a moral stance but vegetarianism is only a type of diet, which does not signify any state of mind. The reasons for not eating meat are either: the way you were brought up, medical necessity or the desire not to eat the flesh of a once living animal. The last reason can be part of a state of mind but vegetarianism by definition is not. Only Veganism (not eating or using any animal products at all) can use that claim and even then it's only with regard to animals.

Life is just a bowl of All-Bran, yeah, You've heard it all before blah,blah, blah, well, ... here it comes again.

Mother to son: "And what do you think of vegetarians?"

Son to mother: "They're O.K. aren't they?"

Well, it's like any issue, some are, because they just get on with doing it, and others (like priests and politicians) will try ramming it down your throat. Not content with just living and being and letting others do the same, their main concern appears to be a fanatical desire to dictate (is this facism) the feeding habits of the entire human species.

Animals all, we wallow in shit for most of our lives being fed dogmas from parched and arid minds. Let's begin using our own minds and not force-feed each other with crap any more.

Come on Mother Therasas, surrender in the name of Adolf Hitler who, as you all know, was a devout vegetarian!

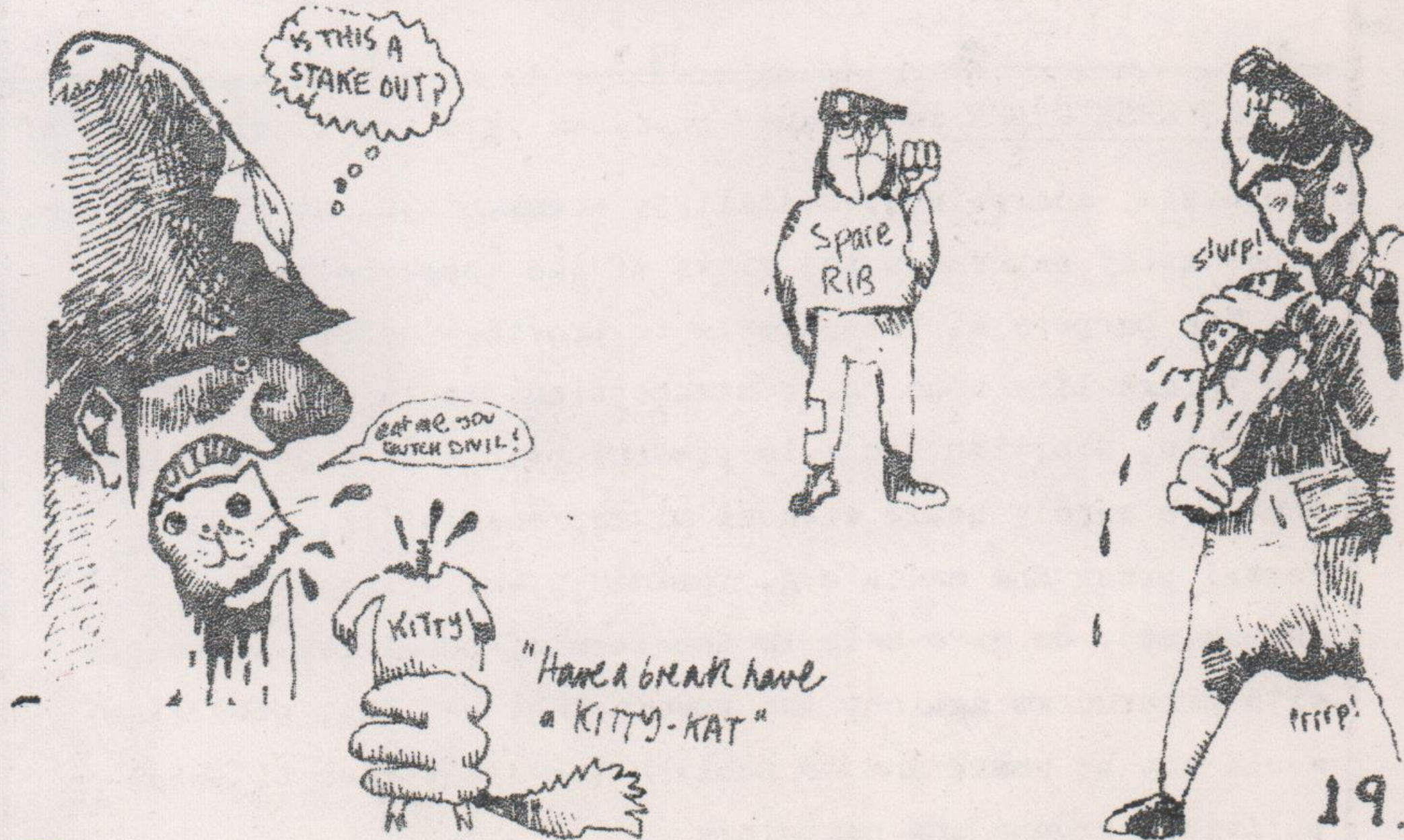
A NON MEAT-EATER.



The human animal is like a cancer on the world, feeding off its resources and destroying anything that cannot be used. Worse, it's a cancer with a hierarchy where those at the top (most power) feed off everything below them. The exploitation of animals is a very minor part of it and the pious holier than thou attitude of some vegetarians is just crap that doesn't stop them being a cancerous cell.

Let's get on with the job of ending all exploitation and not feel so superior about a meagre personal view.

A LIFE LONG VEGETARIAN.



shorts

FASCISTS MARCH IN GRAYS.

AROUND 2.00p.m. on Saturday 16th July about 50 or so supporters of the openly fascist National Front, marched around the precinct in Grays. The march which seems to have been planned for East London was moved at the last moment to Grays because of a London ban. All of the marchers were skinheads and were men in their twenties. The fascists were escorted by an equal number of police around the one way system while they chanted such inventive little numbers as "There ain't no black in the Union Jack" and "The National Front is a white man's front". One positive thing was that none of the skins who inhabit the precinct joined the march. The only local people to join it were a couple of 12 year old kids (just as well given that we have eyes everywhere). On the negative side, they got away with murder! Throughout their march and rally they got virtually no abuse from the Grays public. Black and Asian people were intimidated off the streets. The only two people who did start shouting at them got cornered by two thugs wearing Para's T-shirts who called them wog-lovers and threatened them with being forced to eat their cigarettes. It seems from the Gazette report that they might start a new unit in Grays due to their high election results (in the '79 election) and a claimed 'revival of interest' in the area.



NOW IS THE TIME FOR ANTI-FASCISTS TO START ORGANISING. NEXT TIME THEY TRY AN EXERCISE LIKE THIS WE MUST KNOW AND BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE.

USAF UPPER HEYFORD BLOCKADE

THE C.N.D. MOVEMENT'S BIGGEST EVER ACT OF CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE HAPPENED AT AN AMERICAN NUCLEAR BOMBER BASE AT UPPER HEYFORD IN OXFORDSHIRE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. The following brief account was written by someone who went from Thurrock..

REVERSE ORDER is a paper produced by a small collective of feminists, anarchists, socialists + communists, no one article necessarily expresses the views of the whole collective.

The purpose of the paper:- to provide useful information (on things like housing, contraception, social security benefits, abortion etc); to present points of view and ideas that are rarely heard without misrepresentation, in the normal press and media (e.g. feminist, anti-racist, anarchist); to give help in the form of publicity to people with grievances against the "powers that be" that otherwise would not be heard and to publish the activities of local political groups and campaigns.

A vast police presence remained throughout the action and the base continued functioning as usual. Due to being greatly surprised by the cops a strategy of well coordinated road blocking tactics was used, to block the attempts of the cops to totally block the main gate. It was revealed that the cops were kept busy for hours and didn't have time to take too easy. There were about 200 arrests that day and a total of about 750 during the days. People who are found over to keep the peace may be deterred from taking action when the police arrives but this action was a good publicity exercise. It could have been better so that more people would be able to cause disruption at any time.

DIRT

(further installments in the saga of *the council*)

As you know, the labour party is the party of the people (no don't laugh! Ann Mussolini Geaney told me so herself) so what has our labour-controlled council been doing recently in the service of the people?

Life under the Geaney regime...

* They plan to spend £10 million on a new town hall for themselves. This will include all the modern conveniences essential to public well-being - a councillors' lounge, a luxurious mayor's suite, and an emergency control bunker from which to control us in the event of an emergency (general strike, civil unrest, nuclear attack, etc);

* They're selling off empty council homes that could've been used to house people on the waiting lists to raise money for the new town hall;

* They have introduced a new council house waiting list policy which has been condemned by Shelter (the national body that campaigns on behalf of the homeless) which says it is one of the worst housing schemes in the country and that parts of it could well be illegal.

DEAR THURROCK COUNCIL,
On behalf of the people who supposedly gave you the power to do all this to us -
THANKS FOR FUCK ALL
YOURS, R.O. XXX

GRAFFITTI of the MONTH

'TONY THE PONY' (from an alley in Tilbury)
'EVILS ARE DEAD - LONG LIVE DRIFTWOOD' (on the way to Fenchurch Street, between Rainham and Dagenham)

Do you know of any others? Keep it to yourself cos we don't want to know!

excrement

Tim Asplin is the master of Essex Hunt and winner of R05's "Shit of the Week" for his comments comparing the horse-whipping of hunt saboteurs with beating a wife. He is also a solicitor in Grays (and an organiser of the Orsett Show). Any hunt saboteurs, wives or other interested parties can contact him at 90, Orsett Road, Grays or on Grays 4851 or 73516 to let him know their views about him. Other people have just bitten him on the nose (and good luck to them) but if you try that you run the risk of getting his horrid upper-class bogies stuck in the gaps between your teeth. **NASTY!!!**



MR. ASPRIN WITH BITTEN NOSE (SHAME!!)

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GRAYS. ESSEX.

**Don't forget to send your address!

READERS MEETING 16th AUG THE OAK (ON THE A13) 8.30
R.O. is having a reader's meeting. This is going to be a really important date in our calendar. We would like anyone who wishes to get involved in R.O. on any level ie, selling the paper, helping with art work, **! YOU BETTER COME!**

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reader's meeting (cont.).....
 printing, lay-out, writing
 articles or if you'd like to
 be involved in some more active
 campaigning work, then please
 do your best to be there. We
 will also unwrap our plan to
 take over Grays in 1984.

ARE YOU THE PERSON WHO
 SENT US THE ARTWORK ON
 IRELAND - IF SO, PLEASE GET
 IN TOUCH. SEND US SOMETHING
 ELSE OR THE SAME THING ONLY
 SLIGHTLY LESS VAGUE, Ta!
 R.D.C.

H.M.S

BOXER FIASCO

Thurrock labour party would have us believe that they
 are about to start pushing labour councillors to act
 on their year-old nuclear-free zone resolution.

IF they do this, it will be thanks to the pressure
 put on them by Thurrock CND, not to the labour party
 itself.

The labour party's first move was to pass a reso-
 lution opposing the adoption of any warship by the
 council. Then they decided they were not opposed to
 the adoption of HMS Pox, which carries nuclear weapons!
 Clever, eh!?!.....But what does it all mean??
 Answers on a postcard, please, to Thurrock labour party,
 because we're sure they have about as much idea of what
 they're doing as we do!!!

CLASS WARS THE GREATEST SPACE FANTASY OF ALL!

LATER, AT THE GIGANTIC SPACE STATION KNOWN AS THE

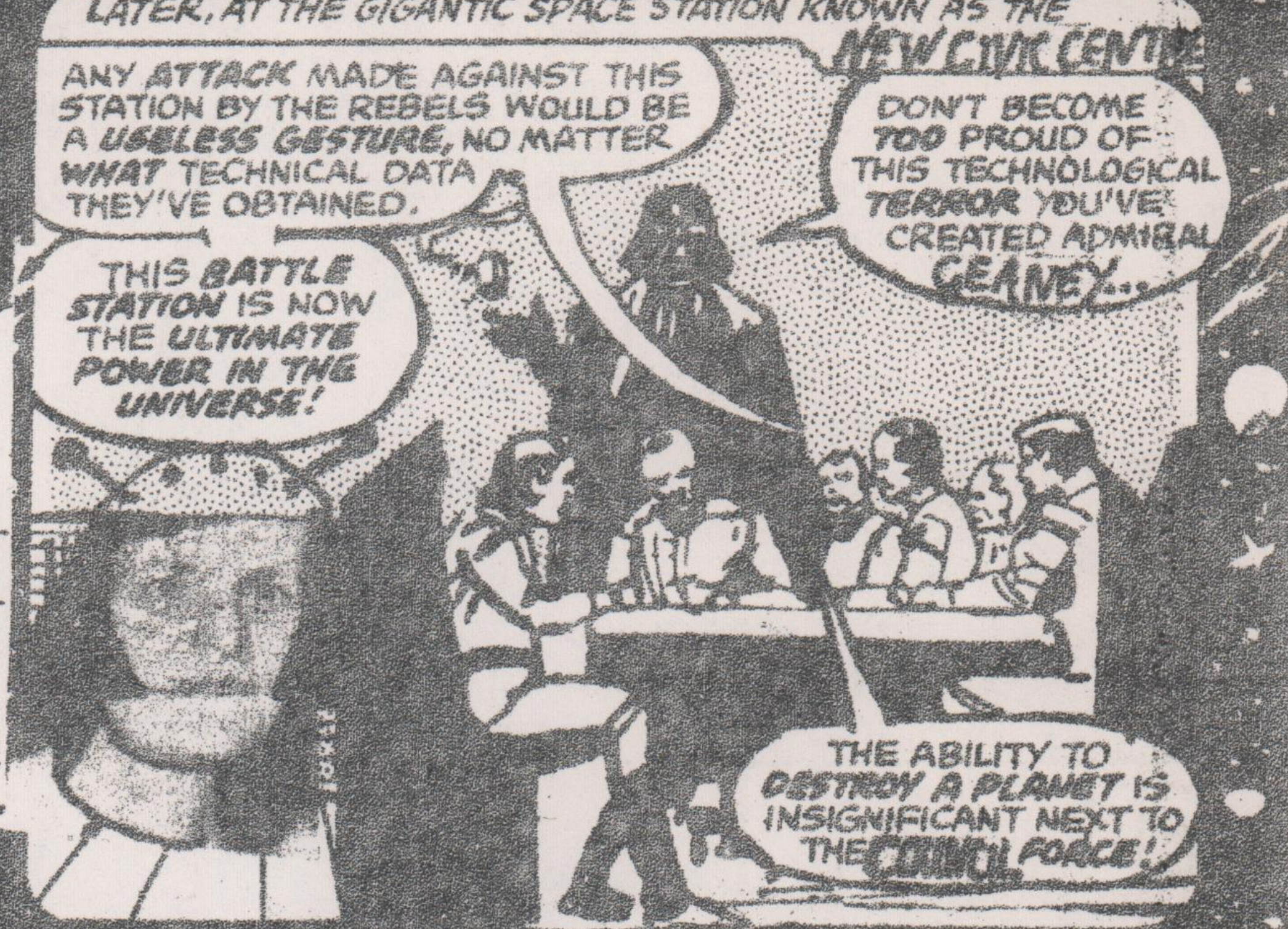
NEW CIVIC CENTRE

ANY ATTACK MADE AGAINST THIS
 STATION BY THE REBELS WOULD BE
 A USELESS GESTURE, NO MATTER
 WHAT TECHNICAL DATA
 THEY'VE OBTAINED.

DON'T BECOME
 TOO PROUD OF
 THIS TECHNOLOGICAL
 TERROR YOU'VE
 CREATED ADMIRAL
 GEANEY...

THIS BATTLE
 STATION IS NOW
 THE ULTIMATE
 POWER IN THE
 UNIVERSE!

THE ABILITY TO
 DESTROY A PLANET IS
 INSIGNIFICANT NEXT TO
 THE COUNCIL FORCE!



IF THE PROGRAMMES NOT THE ONE YOU WANT,
 TURN OFF THE SET, IT'S ONLY YOU THAT CAN
 DECIDE WHAT LIFE YOU'RE GOING TO GET.
 IF YOU DON'T LIKE RELIGION YOU CAN BE THE
 ANTICHRIST, IF YOU'RE TIRED OF POLITICS
 YOU CAN BE AN ANARCHIST.

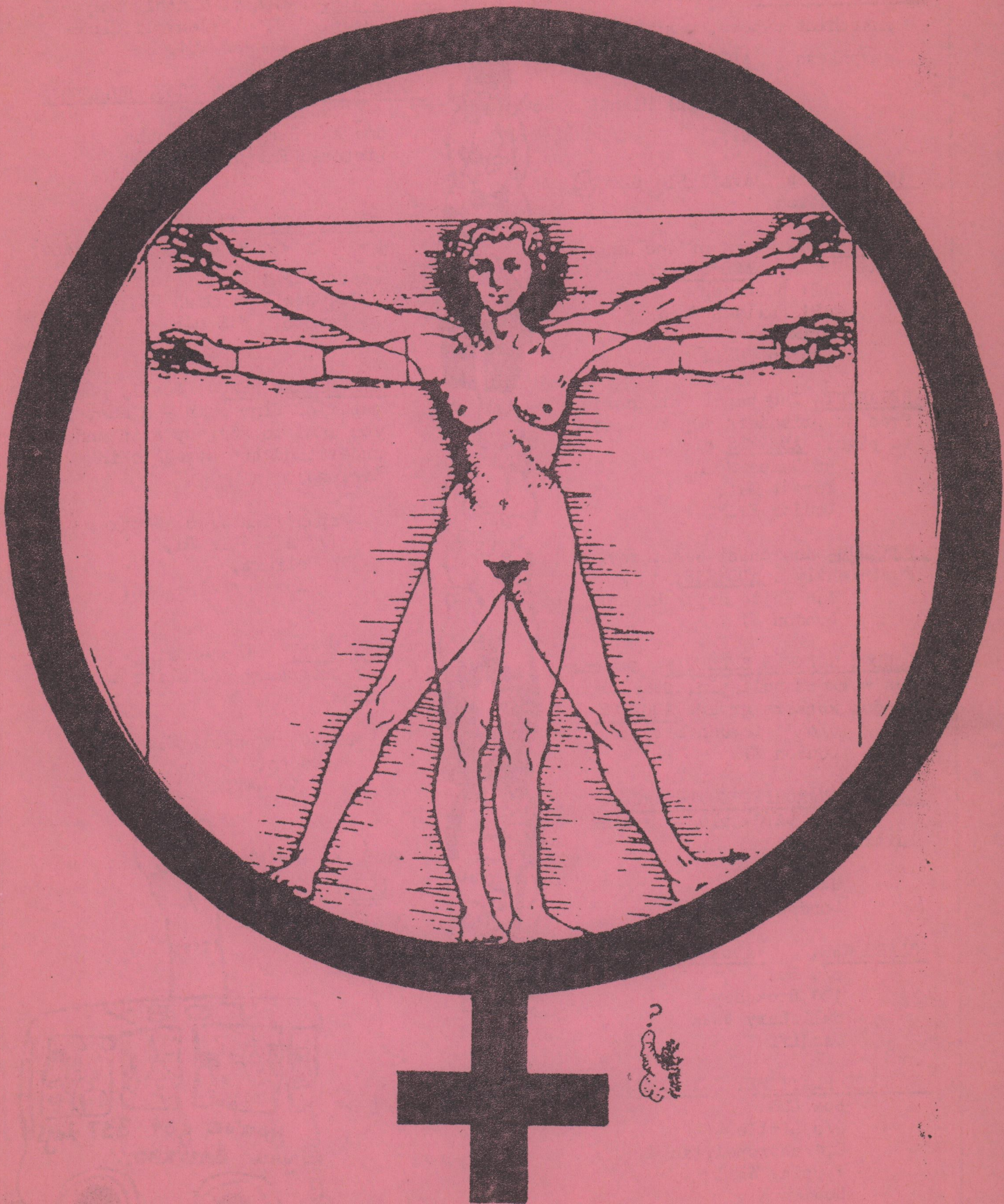
22. COMING SOON... 15p

STOP THE CITY SEPT 29TH!!

SOHO DEMO

On Saturday, 28th
 May there was a
 demonstration in
 Soho against male
 violence towards
 women. The demo
 was not against
 the prostitutes as
 some people thought
 but against the
 male oppression
 which exists ever-
 ywhere and can be
 especially seen in
 its most blatant
 form in such places
 as Soho.
 The demonstration
 got the support of
 many women in the
 area, both passers-
 by and prostitutes.
 The predictably
 hostile reaction of
 men was to call the
 protestors lesbians
 (presumably that's
 supposed to be an
 insult!?!?)





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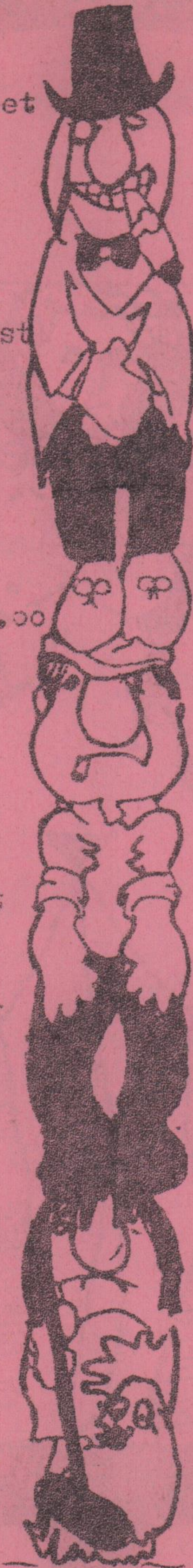
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