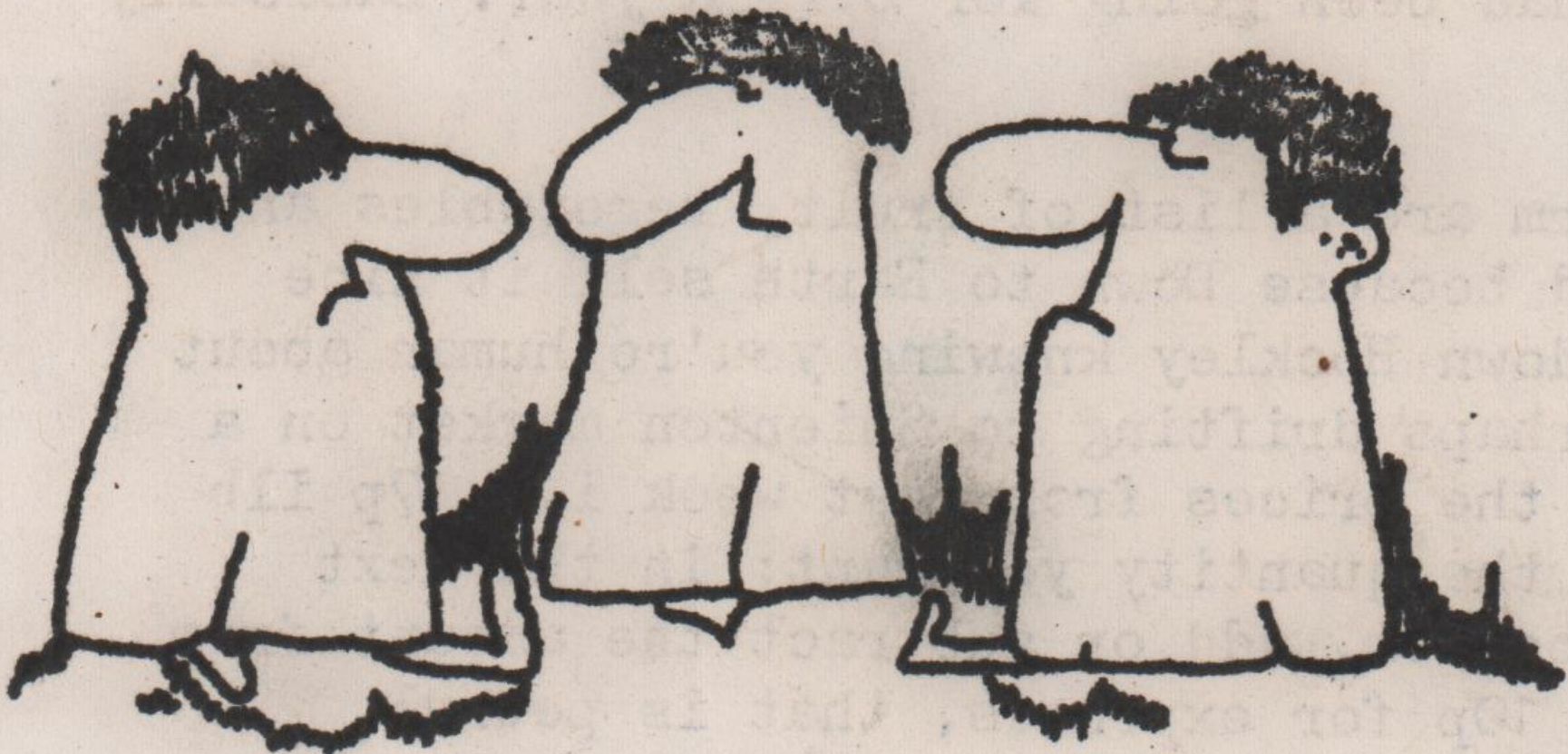


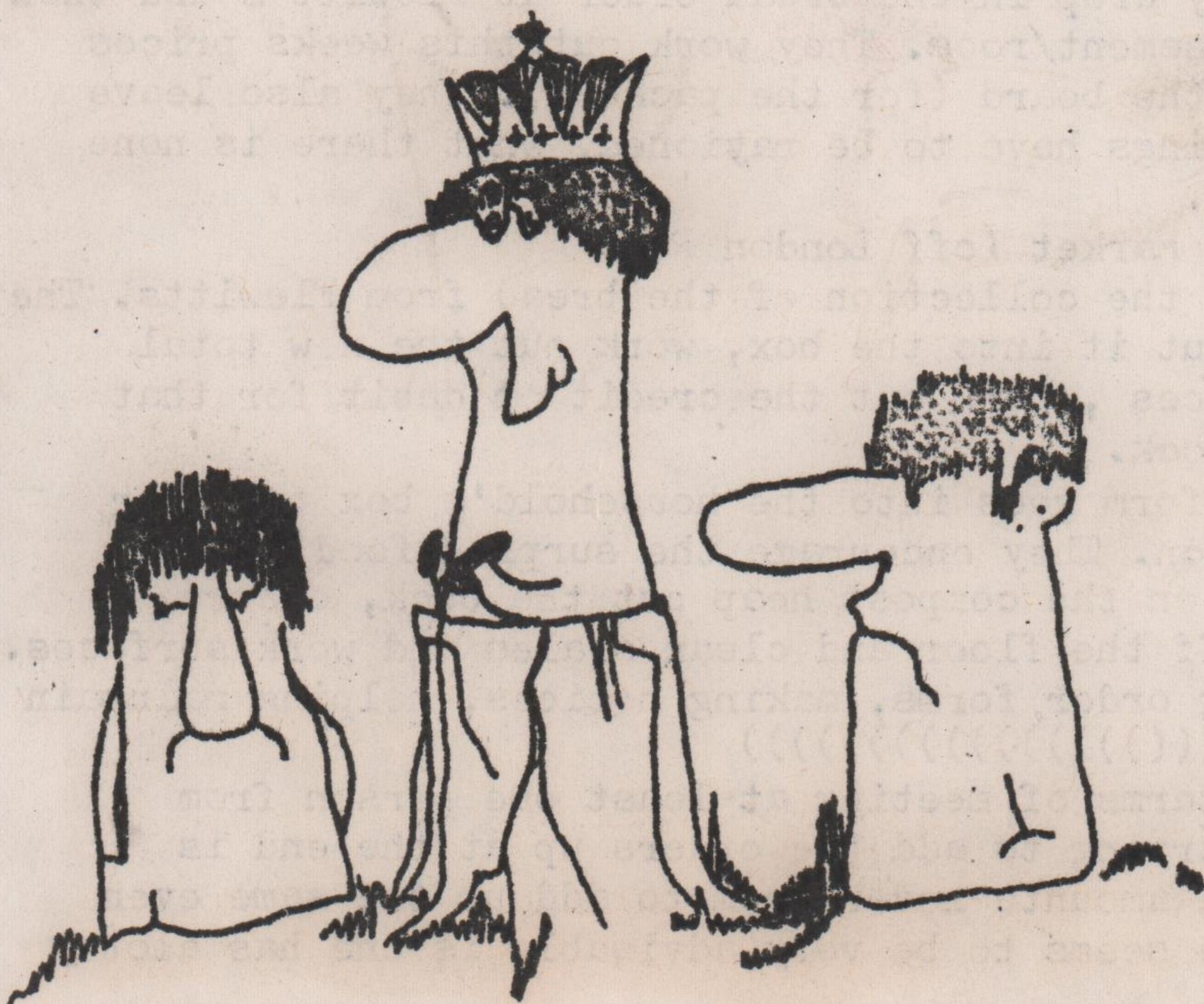
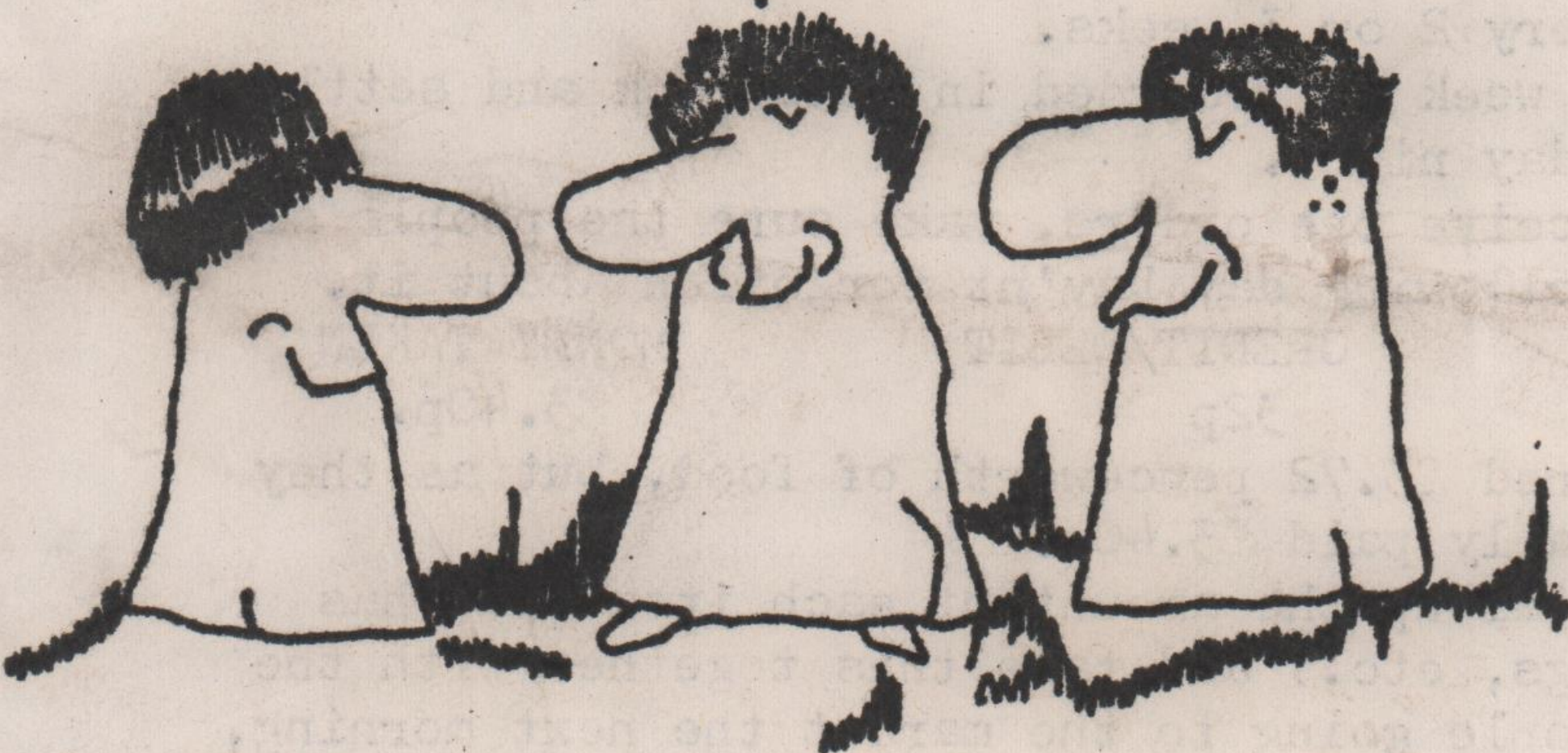
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LET'S GET ORGANISED!



The seventh issue of "IF YOU DON'T HIT IT . . ." spews forth from the loosest collective ever to have gathered under half a dozen roofs.

It's purpose, as always, is to provide information and communication about what is happening locally and provide a platform for ideas which we feel are worth reading about/discussing/criticising/acting upon.

For a newsletter like this, money, help and information are always needed. We need money to buy stensils and paper, but most of all "IF YOU DON'T HIT IT ..." needs new people and new ideas in order to justify its existance.

If you'd like to help in any way, please contact Nottm. 600337

or
602510

*** PASS IT ON ***

cup of hot tea at the cafe filled with wholesalers, retailers coming to do what you've just done and the odd early riser who was woken by the cold or the dreams or the desires. For the driver and loader(s) its the start to a long and fruitful (ugh) day. It'll cost you 10p. to get the motor into the Cattle Market where you can have another cup of tea.

The wholesalers at Sneinton Market are generally nice people, although you get some who wont sell you stuff because they don't see you as a whe retailer. But you get into going to particular blkes. Get the info. from previous drivers. One bloke called Wilf suggested buying the stuff at a store next door to the food wholesalers on Carlton Hill. That way one could get all the food together and nearer the quantities one wants. One of the Coops is looking into this one, but some people think that it gets away from the real usual activity of buying as the other retailers do. Some people are more into the idea of cheaper food than others while others are more into the importance of sharing the experience of getting food together ourselves as thus cutting out retailing ripp-offs.

You generally can make a saving of around 30%. Spuds can be 10-12p. for 1lb in the shops but if you go over Bobbers Mill bridge to the corner of the ring road you can get them for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. This is all in bulk of course. You can't get 10 oranges. They come in certain quantities- potatoes 56lbs., carrots 28lbs., sprouts 20lbs, onions 56lbs or half that I think, mushrooms 3lbs., apples 30 lbs., cauliflowers in dozens, orange boxes are near enough the same price but the "count" varies, 66 big ones, 156, 188.

The basic food bought is potatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, leeks, parsnips, swedes, turnips, sprouts, beetroot, bread- granary and large brown, apples, oranges, satsumas, bananas, mushrooms, tomatoes, grapefruit (mmmmmmmm!!!) and eggs.

I'm pretty certain people's diet has improved and people seem to be getting more aware of what they are shovelling inside themselves. People are into swedes, turnips, leeks, and grapefruits (mmmmm I love 'em).

Some people have talked about growing food for the coop but as far as I know there has not been anything done except 2 Phils are growing some food on the small plot behind the basement of our coop. There has also been talk about buying other goods like cans, bottles of things, toilet rolls, etc. from a cash & carry store. If people need or use them it seems worthwhile.

One of the difficult problems with the coop as with all forms of organization which have any semblance of control by those in it is learning responsibility for it and thus sharing. Some people seem to do more than others or think they do, some feel more responsible for it and its not only in their heads. Some do more than others, and I think that's why the food coop of a couple of years ago packed up; because it got more and more dependent on particular people. But I suppose that's all part of the process of learning. This is important as is also buying food cheaper and so cutting out the middle-men. Some would drop out of it if it got dearer; that's understandable especially if you've got a family whether kids or adults. Although I get alot from it when I do things I quite miss trundling through the Vicky market, eating me peas and pushing Scan trolleys- Sometimes anyway!

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If you want to know more about food coops or want a chat about getting it off the ground you can phone us at "If you don't hit it..." 600337 or 602510.

#### ASK ME ANOTHER SILLY QUESTION

A recent opinion poll survey carried out in Italy by the political weekly L'Espresso asked the question which type of coalition would be the most suitable form of Government in the present "crisis". The second largest result went to a Communist Party-Socialist Party coalition (20%). The largest result (27%) went to those who gave no answer to this stupid question. Let's call it unconscious positivism.



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A Couple of very good books

I've recently come across:

"Collectives in the Spanish Revolution" by

Gaston Leval and published by Freedom Press. It's about the 8million or more Spaniards who got collectives together in the mid-30's on the land, factory, trams, hospitals, boot and shoemakers, medicine, etc. Nitty Gritty details of real people 368 pages for £2.

Order them through Mushroom.

"The Unknown Revolution" by Vonin, I think; the other revolution in Russia- by the people. £2.

POLICE SHUNNED

A £25,000 advertising campaign to attract young black recruits to the Metropolitan Police did not produce a single applicant. (Guardian)

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Advert for the FIGHT TO LIVE CAMPAIGN

The Claimants Union Movement recently held a conference and carried on with the "Fight to Live" Campaign. This is for employed and unemployed and demands:

- 1) A living income - job or no job
- 2) Useful work - end wage slavery
- 3) Higher social security

Affiliated (official) Claimants Unions are made up of groups of people on social security who have got together to help each other and to fight collectively round the four demands known as the

CLAIMANTS CHARTER

- 1) The right to an adequate income without means test for all people;
- 2) A socialist society in which all necessities are provided free and which is managed and controlled directly by the people;
- 3) No secrets and the right to full information;
- 4) No distinction between the so-called deserving and undeserving.

For more information contact Midlands Co-ordinator, Newtown C.U., 19 Carlyle Road, Birmingham 16. Phone 021 455 0566.

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FESTIVALS- AND THEY ARE FREE!

Remember, Remember the 5th festival. Remember Windsor and Watchfield Free Festivals? Well the 5th will be held this year. We don't know where yet, but some people in Nottingham are into organising gigs to raise money for the festivals. If you are interested or want to help contact:

Dave Hayes, 27a Penryhn Terrace, Hartley Road, Radford.

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NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL

Believe it or not, it happens again this year between 12th and 27th of June. The Corporation have obviously lost interest in it and given only £300 this year. A Festival Fringe Committee has got itself together and one thing they would like to see (thank you very much) is people in their different areas putting things on, e.g. carnivals, fairs, etc. Perhaps people could celebrate by taking-over /squatting in a few houses in your area. If you're interested contact:

Chris Ryan or Ian Craig at Clarendon College, Mansfield Rd.

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LIBERTARIAN EDUCATION

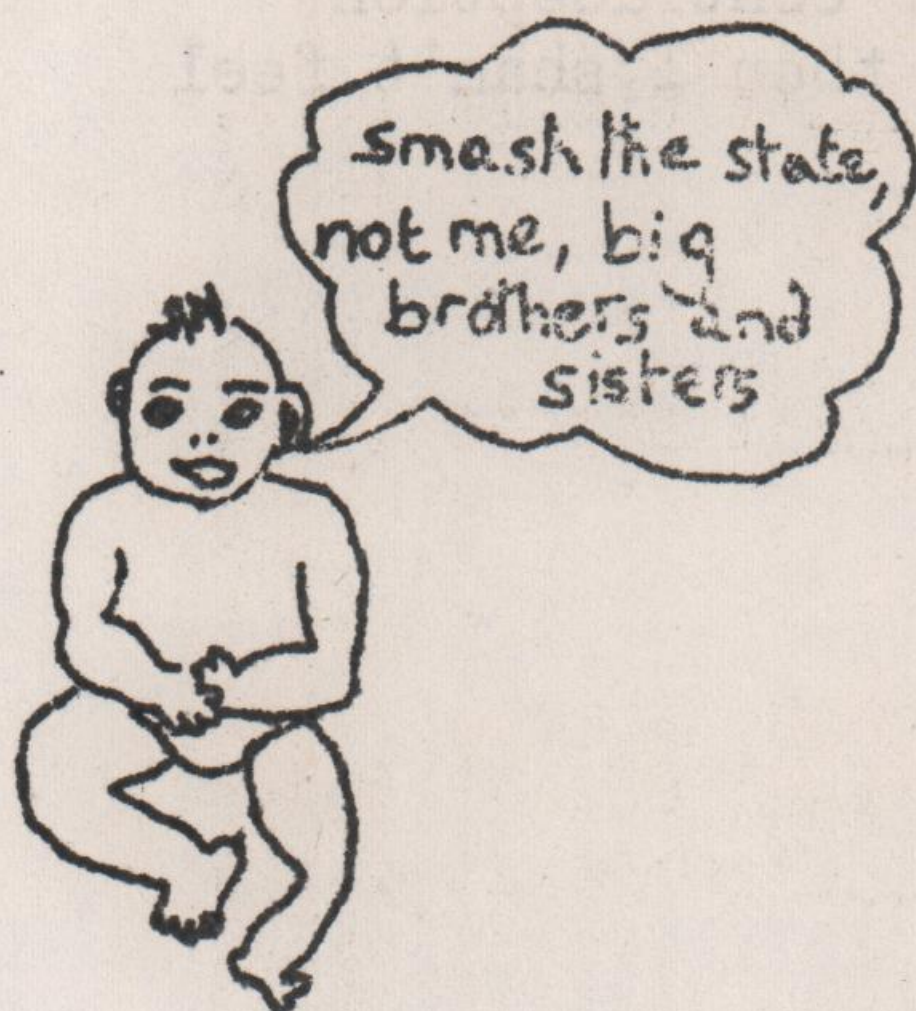
If there is such a thing, considering that education means something to do with order, from the Greek.

Well, a group of people who are interested in this sphere are at the beginning of talking about helping "Libertarian Education", which is put together in Leicester. We are meeting on 5th April (I know it's gone) to talk about doing a complete issue for us, then and you too. The people in Leicester are very keen on people in other parts of the country doing it themselves- writing, collecting, typing, laying-out, printing, distributing, etc. If you want to help phone 600337. or call round to 25, Church Drive, Carrington.

ANTI-ABORTION?

Abortion has been the subject of heated debate for a good few years, but it seems to me that the argument has become excessively polarized, particularly over the last year.

It may be that the polarization is inevitable given the political context (the parliamentary process interpreted and exploited by the mass media) in which the debate has occurred. Nevertheless it has had the unfortunate effect of obscuring some issues and viewpoints as fast as it focuses on and demystifies others. The possible positions on abortion have been presented as either pro-abortion, in which case you support the National Abortion Campaign (NAC), or anti-abortion, in which case you support the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) and LIFE. I want to put forward a third view of abortion, and I think there must be more, so lets be hearing them!



My first premise is that abortion is the termination of life - killing. It is therefore a moral issue - a matter of what we think is right or wrong in human conduct.

Angela Phillips of NAC was reported in the Guardian a few weeks ago as saying that she would like to see abortion removed from the sphere of morality and ethics, and be seen as a simple medical issue. To me this is a dangerous point of view. It means that we can evade decisions on the rights and wrongs of our behaviour by pretending that they're decisions about something else. It also smacks of the general disregard for individual life perpetrated by the State. If people like NAC are prepared to dispose of the beginnings of human life so conveniently then they can hardly complain when the State treats us as school-machine-cannon fodder, to be totted up for GNP and deleted when no longer profitable. A woman certainly has the right to chose, but let her choice be fully informed by all the moral and social arguments, not simply by whether she can have the abortion at lunch time or will have to stay in overnight. We don't take more responsibility for our own lives and decisions by reducing them to less 'emotive' considerations.

To say that abortion is a moral issue is not of course to say it is right or wrong. That decision can only be made by the individual for her/himself, with regard to individual values and circumstances. It is up to the individual to decide whether the preservation of life is always the one ultimate value in life ( in which case s/he may have some difficulty in getting an adequate diet!) or whether in certain circumstances it must be subordinated to other values, (e.g. the need for personal survival or the need not just to exist but to have a good life). So this is my second premise, that moral decisions should not be made for us, by other people such as friends or doctors, or by institutions such as the State. (Friends undoubtedly do influence the decision, but in the final analysis the individual should be left as free as possible to make his/her own decision.) I argue this because if we are to respect each other as equal individuals then we must allow that we can all determine the course of our own actions - we must respect each other's autonomy. This applies with particular force in the sphere of morality, where there are no absolute, agreed on, standards of right or wrong(cue for further debate?).



"THEY'LL GIVE ME AN ABORTION,  
BUT WE'RE STILL STUCK IN THIS PLACE."

The relevance of this to the abortion issue is in the part played by the Law. Many laws are restrictive, they don't allow dissent. They represent the views of the State or a powerful group within the State on an issue, codified and imposed on everyone else. We're supposed to adopt their decision as a model for our lives. This is particularly obnoxious in the case of moral issues, like abortion. This is one of the places I take issue with SPUC and LIFE. They seek to impose their morality on everyone

by means of a law restricting the availability of abortions. The demand of NAC, for abortions available on the NHS to anyone who wants them, is on the contrary enabling. You don't have to have an abortion, but the facilities are there if you want them, under the NAC proposals. If you decide to take another course of action you should, of course, be given equally good facilities.

I think, therefore, that it is possible to dislike abortion, and yet to support its availability on the NHS. I can only imagine a few circumstances in which I would have an abortion, yet I support other people's right to decide otherwise. However, if NAC continues to stress the "abortion as a form of contraception" side of its campaign, rather than "a woman's right to chose", then I shan't feel much like supporting them.

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#### A LETTER

We've had a letter which we thought should be printed:

Dear 'If you Don't Hit It etc.',

If, as you mention on page 1 of issue no. 6 of your newsletter, you wish to 'give wider ideas and views an airing', may I suggest you have the civility to print sufficiently clearly so that would-be readers won't need spectacles on reaching the end of an issue. If you continue turning out the rubbish produced you may well find people turning to the evening Post for light relief. Come on 'If you don't Hit It', don't insult your readership, turn out something they can read well enough to criticize (sic) if need be.

Yours

An avid would-be Reader

P.S. I was half way through the cartoon on page 1 and beginning to enjoy it when lo-and-behold, it disappeared off the page right in front of my eyes.

Please excuse terrible writing.

#### REPLY

We agree with some of the points in the letter and we apologise for the standard of duplication of the last issue. We'd like to point out to the avid-would-be reader, however, that 'civility' doesn't duplicate a paper - time, money and effort does, so if s/he is really concerned about the paper the best thing s/he can do is come and give us a hand instead of writing anonymous letters.

THE NEXT "IF YOU DON'T HIT IT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 27th APRIL AT 10 MILNER RD.  
SHERWOOD. 8.00p.m.

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#### THE TIGER IS ON THE LOOSE!

In February the Bengali Housing Action Group was started in the East End of London. (B.H.A.G. means 'Tiger' in Bengali and in Urdu and Hindi it means 'Share')

Following the actions of the individual families and whole streets of squatters - to cut out 'suat-selling' by officials and others, against the harassment of squatters by the Gas and Electric Boards, for rehousing - 70 heads of households gathered to form B.H.A.G.

They are fighting for housing for black people in decent rather than low-demand housing; because many of the husbands await their families from Bangla Desh they are classified as 'single' men and have no priority on the housing list. Now, however, B.H.A.G. is on the loose. (Race Today)

CRIMINAL TRESPASS

On 23rd March the Law Commission published its Final Report to the Government on "Conspiracy and Criminal Law Reform". This included a draft Bill which sets out to make trespass in certain circumstances a criminal offence, with sentences of up to 2 years imprisonment. These proposals will make it easier for the State/police/councils to deal with squatters/pickets/factory occupations. The measures have met with little opposition considering the threat which they pose to direct action of all kinds. The proposals are being sneaked through Parliament under the camouflage of the other Law Commission proposals which are the "liberalisation" of the Conspiracy Laws and a "tightening up" of the Obscenity Laws.

It is important that the Criminal Trespass proposals are opposed actively and their effect made clear to all those people who are likely to suffer under them, (all of us). The Campaign Against the Criminal Trespass Law (CACTL) seeks not only to work actively to stop the proposals becoming Law, but also to increase people's awareness of the repressive nature of the State in general, and the use of the Law for political purposes in particular. In doing this we hope people will begin to recognize their common position (their common humanity) with regard to the State rather than their differences of "class position" or "political line", which have so often been seen as important in the past.

Some local action is planned for this week. If you would like to help, or want to know more of the details of the proposals, phone 602510.

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SQUAT NOW WHILE STOCKS LAST!! Squatters Handbook available from Pathfinder or Mushroom (10p).

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SPAIN

As a series of reports on Spain that will be published in this and following issues of the newsletter, I should like to begin by looking forward at the purpose of these writings. The main one should be to give some information, as clear as possible, on the events that happened in Spain, from a point of view that escapes from the bourgeoisie or party linepress, especially the left, which gives an interpretation according to their interests. Such papers as these (both right and left) have boycotted persons and anarchist organisations, and have manipulated the popular struggles and recently explained them wrongly. The anarchist tradition of Spain is something that is still there. I can't believe that one of the two biggest organisations during the Spanish revolution, the anarcho-syndicalist (trade union) C.N.T., with more than 2 million militants, has disappeared totally even after 40 years of dictatorship. An example to reaffirm this is the news of a meeting that was held in Barcelona in the middle of last March at which there were 600 delegates from different groups and anarchist organisations in the Catalan region. They were trying to reorganise the regional federation of the C.N.T. in Catalonia, in order to strengthen the trades unions struggle against not only the monarchy but also the reformist pacts between the bourgeoisie and the different leftist organisations; Democratic Junta, which includes the Spanish Communist Party, the Socialists, the Christian Democrats, and other authoritarian groups: Trotskyists and other different organizations within the left and the centre democracy.

Another purpose will be to connect the social struggle in Spain with the rest of the world and especially Europe. Any person interested in this series of reports contact Gonzalo, 13 Wellington Square, Flat 3.

Salud.

There will be a meeting on "Spain Today", with speakers from the Spanish Libertarian Movement, on Saturday April 10th at 8.00 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Lion Hotel, Clumber Street.

## FREE FAYRE

One of the frustrations of living in Western society today is the feeling of helplessness; the apparent inability of the individual to have any say in matters that might improve the society in which we live.

We hear of numerous tales of one man's oppression and persecution of another; the wastage of materials and manpower in our machine/high productivity orientated industry be it nationalised or private; world wide pollution of the environment on a scale likely to cause irreparable damage to the very life support systems upon which we all depend; needless cruelty to animals in pursuit of pleasure and profit; the ever increasing restrictions imposed by an overpopulated society on human rights and self-determination; discrimination, sectarian views, etc. Nothing new in these 'doomsday predictions' one might say. So what can one do about it?

Last Autumn we were mulling over these problems and realised that the first step towards any sort of peaceful change within society must be preceded by awareness of the need for change, and that demonstrable, viable alternatives be available. Many of the groups participating in the Square have been active locally and nationally for some time. By coming together, for one day, to present a fayre, we hope it will offer people the opportunity to see what is and can be done; with a view to provoking and stimulating thought as to how more and more people can take on the responsibility of exercising their human rights.

A word or two about the presentation and organisation of the Fayre. Despite the inevitable red tape to be negotiated, the individuals concerned at Guildhall have been extremely helpful and co-operative in all matters.

We hope there will be an official opening of the Fayre at 10:15 am (on Easter Saturday, April 17th) by a local dignitary (to be confirmed). During the Fayre there will be a number of stalls and displays encompassing the environment/ecology; arts and crafts; the Campaign for Real Ale; abortion; women's rights; anti-vivisection; alternative technology; organic farming; vegetarian foods; play schemes; meditation, etc.

In addition we hope to present a street theatre performance with both music and dancing throughout the day.

One of the restrictions imposed upon us is that nobody is allowed to collect or receive financial donations on the day. Alternatively we have decided to ask the public for gifts of fresh fruit, toys, sweets, etc., that will then be distributed to local senior citizens, children's homes and hospitals.

Also look out for the rubbish tree.

Offers of help to Down to Earth, 20 Hockley (tel: 584322) or 78 Sherwin Road, Lenton (tel: 72746).

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HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE FREE FAYRE, THERE'S LOTS YOU COULD DO!  
CONTACT PETE REID AT EITHER OF ABOVE ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS.

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DON'T FORGET: THIS NEWSLETTER IS BROUGHT OUT NOT ONLY TO GIVE INFORMATION BUT ALSO TO ENGENDER DISCUSSION, ARGUMENT, CRITICISM. I JUST DON'T BELIEVE THAT ALL YOU OUT THERE AGREE WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S IN HERE, SO WHY NOT WRITE AND TELL US? SEND US A LETTER, A DRAWING, A POEM, AN INSULT. SEE YOURSELF AS A PART OF THIS, NOT AS OUR 'AUDIENCE' OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT: (READERSHIP, AUDIENCE, ETC.: PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIVE)

'DO NOT ASK ME TO LEAD YOU INTO REVOLUTION. FOR IF I CAN LEAD YOU IN, SOME ONE ELSE CAN JUST AS EASILY LEAD YOU OUT.'

Don't remember who said that but a friend of mine had it written on his wall; anyway who cares who said it first? There's a point there somewhere.....Hasta la victoria siempre.



The Charter was drawn up in March 1974 by the London Trades Council. Since then a lot of work has been done around the Charter and there are now various groups and organisations active on the Charter. These include:-  
12 unions, who have adopted it at their national conferences.  
61 branches of other trade unions.  
33 trades councils.  
85 other organisations including women's groups and tenants' associations.  
46 working women's charter groups.

What is the Charter? What does it say?

It has ten points, which are:-

- 1) The rate for the job regardless of sex, at rates negotiated by the trade unions, with a national minimum wage below which no wages should fall.
- 2) Equal opportunity of entry into occupations and in promotion, regardless of sex and marital status.
- 3) Equal education and training for all occupations, and compulsory day release for all 16-19 year olds in employment.
- 4) Working conditions to be, without deterioration of previous conditions, the same for women as for men.
- 5) The removal of all legal and bureaucratic impediments to equality, e.g. with regard to tenancies, mortgages, pension schemes taxation, passports, control over children, Social Security payments, hire purchase agreements.
- 6) Improved provision of local authority day nurseries, free of charge, with extended hours to suit working mothers. Provision of nursery classes in day nurseries. More nursery schools.
- 8) 18 weeks maternity leave with full net pay before and after a live birth; 7 weeks after birth if child is stillborn. No dismissal during pregnancy or maternity leave. No loss of security, or pension, or promotion prospects.
- 8) Family Planning clinics supplying free contraception to be extended to cover every locality. Free abortion to be readily available.
- 9) Family allowances to be increased to £2.50 per child, including the first child.
- 10) To campaign amongst women to take an active part in the trade unions and in political life, so that they can exercise influence commensurate with their numbers, and to campaign amongst trade union men so that they may work to achieve this aim.

To most women in the women's movement (and those people acquainted with the women's movement), the actual demands of the charter will seem unexceptional. Although the sum total of the demands do not equal liberation or an end to oppression, this is an extremely important document. It represents a first stage in bringing together the ideas and analysis of the women's movement - particularly on the relationship between the oppression of women in the family and their exploitation as workers - with the strength and organisation of the labour movement.

Bills, household budgets, baby-sitters, and another baby on the way, are all 'individual' problems - not ones to be tackled by the unions. BUT for many women workers, especially those with children (whether single or married), that kind of separation is rarely possible. Never before has the trade union movement acknowledged this impossibility in such a clear way as it does in the charter.

changes in the laws relating to passports and HP agreements.

The importance of a document like the charter is that it can be used now as the basis for campaigning amongst the entire labour movement -

## WORKING WOMEN'S CHARTER/Contd.

Alongside demands for equal pay, opportunity and training, are listed ones for contraception and abortion, for nurseries, for changes in the laws relating to passports and HP agreements.

The importance of a document like the charter is that it can be used now as the basis for campaigning amongst the entire labour movement - but specifically aimed at women workers - to lay the groundwork for the maximum possible gains out of any future struggles involving women.

Women in struggle need all sorts of assistance. The charter campaign can draw together the trade union movement to provide solidarity for women involved in a difficult dispute. Male workers will not automatically down tools to support a fight to reduce differentials, especially when their own wage won't be increased at the end of the fight. The charter campaign can prepare the way for male trade unionists to understand the need for solidarity when the need arises.

The campaign could lead to significant new developments in the level of struggles involving women, thereby effecting permanent changes in the degree of male chauvinism within the unions, and the degree of involvement of women in working class struggles. Only then can a more effective and co-ordinated challenge be raised to the present attacks on the working class as a whole. The division between social and economic problems, between home and work, between the responsibility of the individual and the class as a whole, and the divisions between what is the responsibility of the unions and those of the politicians, must be broken down. The charter campaign is the beginning of that process.

Nationally, there is going to be a conference of the charter, to discuss its shortcomings, the way forward for the campaign etc. in Coventry, 10th-11th April. There will be many amendments proposed to the charter, from various groups and organisations. One amendment which is definitely known about here in Nottingham, comes from the Gay Working People's Campaign, and from the Lesbian movement. This is:-

Point 2 of the charter:- Equal opportunity of entry into occupations in promotion, and defence of jobs, regardless of sex, marital status, sexual orientation, or hours worked.

Point 3 of the charter:- Equal education and training, regardless of sex, marital status or sexual orientation. Compulsory day release for all, and opportunity for all women for further training.

Point 5 of the charter:- The removal of all legal and bureaucratic impediments to equality, regardless of sex, marital status or sexual orientation, e.g. with regard to pregnancies, mortgages, pension schemes, taxation, passports, custody and care of children, Social security payments, hire purchase agreements.

Proposed amendments underlined.

A motion was also sent forward which stated that in connection to point 10 of the charter, that the participation of lesbians in trade unions be discussed at the charter conference.

Locally, the charter group have spoken to many t.u. branches, as well as a lot of other activities, including working in the National Abortion campaign. They are organising a one day conference on Women's Rights, jointly with the sex discrimination campaign, the NCCF and the women's sub-committee of the Trades council, to take place on 22nd May. They also produce a local Charter bulletin. Their next meeting is on Wednesday 7th April at 8pm at the Women's Centre, 26 Newcastle Chambers, Angel Row, Nottm.

Typist's note: This is extracted from the local women's group newsletter to provoke and initiate discussion, as well as give information. (Please excuse errors - it was an unfamiliar typewriter!)

IF YOU DON'T TICKLE IT...IT WON'T  
GIGGLE

## CHILE CAMPAIGN

The next meeting of the Chile Boycott Committee will be on:

Wednesday 7th April at 7.30  
26 Colville Terrace, off Nth Sherwood St.

The meeting will probably start with a discussion of I.T.T., it's role in Chile, Portugal and elsewhere (including U.K.) Future discussions could be on 'Women in the Chilean Struggle', Argentina, the Gorilla Govt. in Chile.

Other items \* contacting workers at local I.T.T. branches  
\* effectively continuing the picket at Ravels.

Also, the Chilean Junta is likely to assassinate GABRIEL SALAZAR. He is one of many 'reported missing' by the Junta - in fact, held prisoner.

- 1) We must demand that the Junta recognises his being in their custody
- 2) We must inform the Chilean Embassy in London we know he is alive
- 3) We must demand his immediate release from the torturers

Please send telegrams to Chilean Embassy; Minister of Interior, Chile and the Cardenal in Chile. More information from:

Chile Committee for Human Rights  
1 Cambridge Terrace, London N.W.1

## A SPANISH SPEAKING CLASS

Would anyone be interested in learning (a least a little) Spanish? It's certainly a useful language (South America, Portugal, Spain etc). There are people in Nottingham who speak Spanish and would like to learn better English so, perhaps some sort of self-help class could be organised.

In the meantime, an evening of Spanish could be organised, exchanging some of the most basic words and playing Chilean and, perhaps Spanish, music. For more details contact the Chile Boycott Committee

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## PORTUGAL

Following a meeting with a sister from Portugal, there is available some information on PORTUGAL : HEALTH CONDITIONS WOMEN'S HEALTH ASSISTANCE  
CONTRACEPTION

A group called 'Don't walk blind' which is concerned with Contraception and Abortion (which is illegal in Portugal) were involved with a T.V. programme 'Abortion isn't a crime'. The T.V. programme unleashed a lot of discussion - it was said that it ought to be banned by several of the political parties. The group would like more contact with women in U.K. If anyone wants to read the above information or any of several 'Don't walk blind' statements then please contact Keith through 'If you don't hit it'.

There is also soon to be a regular feminist paper produced in Portugal by the MLM (women's movement). Also, similarly available.

## FREE DESMOND TROTTER

Desmond Trotter was sentenced to death on the flimsiest of evidence for the murder of a white American Tourist. The manner of Desmond's arrest and subsequent conviction has strengthened the view that he was selected by the Dominican Government for the death sentence because of his political views and activities on the island. His appeal in U.K. at the Privy Council in London was lost. He may soon be executed.

For more background to the trial, the situation in Dominica and the attempt to stop his execution write to Race Today, 74 Shakespeare Rd., London SE24 or contact Nottm Destrot Campaign, c/o BPFM, 126 Derby Rd., Nottingham. (This information came from Race Today).

## INFORMATION PAGE

WOMEN'S GROUP meets every Thursday at the Women's Centre, 26 Newcastle Chambers, Angel Row, Nottm, at 8pm. Discussions every week. For more details phone O's newsletter collective 75985.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN meets every other Tuesday at the Women's Centre. For more details phone 45689 (daytime) or 42808 (evenings).

REFUGE FOR BATTERED WOMEN CAMPAIGN meets Mondays at the People's Centre, 33 Mansfield Road, Nottm. For more details phone Hucknall (35) 5440.

NURSERIES CAMPAIGN meets regularly. For more details phone 863894.

WORKING WOMEN'S CHARTER CAMPAIGN; next meeting Wednesday 7th April and regularly after that. National conference in Coventry, 10th/11th April. Local conference (joint WWCC, Sex discrimination Campaign, NCCL; women's sub-committee of Trades Council) on Women's Rights, on 22nd May. Wednesday meetings at Women's Centre at 8pm. Phone 47304 for more details.

SEX DISCRIMINATION CAMPAIGN meets regularly. Helping organise local conference (see above). Phone 344-2667 for more details or contact Women's or People's Centres.

WOMEN'S STREET THEATRE GROUP is battling against ebbing enthusiasm and lack of time to prepare something for the People's Fair on 17th April (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Any one else interested? Phone 43081.

WOMEN'S WRITING MAGAZINE: 'WRITE ON SISTERS': We're still trying to get this project off the ground (and into the sky), so any women interested should contact us, and any one who's got some spare money, we would be very grateful! Thanks to all (all? there weren't that many of them) who have given money and good wishes. Contact address: 7.34 Victoria Centre, or phone 43081.

LESBIAN GROUP meets every Wednesday at the Peacock Hotel, Mansfield Road (opposite the Victoria Centre), at 8pm. There is also; LESBIAN FEMINIST DISCUSSION GROUP which meets regularly. For more details of both phone 75985.

GAY LIBERATION FRONT GROUP meets every other Wednesday, 14th, 28th April, at 8pm at the Peacock Hotel. For more details, phone 75985.

GAY WORKING PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN GROUP meets regularly. Contact them through People's Centre, 33 Mansfield Road, Nottm.

NAIGAY can also be contacted through People's Centre.

FREE FAYRE Easter Saturday, 17th April, starting 10.15, going on all day. In the Square. Stalls, street theatre. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

PLAYPLOT Adventure/children's playground in Colville Street (near Arboretum) Need help and supplies/materials. Meeting on Tues. 6th April 7pm at 6 Colville Street. If you can help, go along, or contact them.

SPAIN Sat. 10th April Lion Hotel, Clumber St; meeting on Spain with Anarchist Speaker. Starts at 8pm. All welcome.

Tues. 13th April, International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Rd, IMG Public meeting on Spain; speaker from LCR (Spanish Section of 4th International.) Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome.

CACTL is an ongoing campaign. For more details of activities in Nottingham, phone 602510, or 43081.