

MUM? How come
Dad gets double
the wage you get
when you're at
least six million
times cleverer
than him?

(it's been playing
on my mind.....)

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PINK!

has the answer,
to this, and other
probing questions.

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Dear Sp,

Your issue dealing with violence against women, stirred me to write and tell you of my own experience.

When I was a teenager, my mother's boyfriend (and don't they love to act 'Mr Nice Guy' when first on the scene) attempted to rape me, it was because of my loud aggression he didn't succeed—mother was asleep next room—I repressed the eloquence of my anger, it festered. A little later that year, reacting to my Mother's painful screams, I found him beating her. No laughing matter.

With an iron bar (yes, iron, as in heavy, that's a lot of 'nails') I hit him many times and bruised his hands, arms and chest, he whimpered and took to his bed. Now you can smile.

I am not proud, for my own violence appalled me, but then violence by men against women appalls me that bit more, I cannot help feel my action was justifiable. Yet when women fight back the media portrays them as dangerously mad, or funny ha ha, or not at all. We must be taken seriously. This is not a recommendation to retaliate violently—not alone anyhow—one can only take so much.

We kicked him out by the way, he's just a shit in the gutter now. My father (well & truly deceased) was also violent and cruel, but that's another story.

Take NO shit from men,
Janet Baker.

This government (**shits that they are**) announced in December that they want to abolish the Wages Council, which sets legal rates of pay. **Flexible pay** is the government's policy! ie; about 5p for most people and 2 billion for the sort of people who make the policies. The government says **most workers in wage council trades are part-timers, many or them contributing a second income to the home**. What about women with kids who HAVE to work part time, people who can't find full time work?

Under 21's lost wages Council Protection in 1986. The Low Pay Units report wages as low as 90p an hour.

All other EEC countries have legal minimum wages.

• **1992. so what?**, well, I met someone who said that in 1992 Britain is going to become an integral part of Europe and that we'll have to come in line with some of the EEC laws. And that actually a lot of the EEC laws are better than ours so Thatcher will find it harder to grind us down. Which sounds good. As you can see the reporting in Shocking Pink is not always very incisive and I'll tell you why. It's really difficult to find things out. If YOU know anything interesting please tell us, or come along and run sp for a while....

HER WITS ABOUT HER — Self Defence Stories by Women, Women's Press £5.95

Edited by Denise Caignon & Gail Groves. Forward by Anne Dickson.

This book is brilliant. It made me feel really good about myself, about situations I had been in and dealt with. Women fight back every day. We don't just lie down and take it. In the news, on the TV and in the papers you get to hear about women who've been attacked but there's never news about women fighting back and saying 'NO, FUCK OFF, LEAVE ME ALONE. I DON'T WANT THIS'. This book is a collection of short stories, a celebration of Women who did fight back and survived. From women talking their way out of being attacked to women shooting their attacker. It shows that women are not passive 'victims' but strong, with determination to live and take control of the situation.

'After I subjected him to a torrent of profanity and a number of threats to his life, I left. Accidentally, but gratifyingly, I stepped on his eyeglasses as I walked away. I had knocked them off his face when I'd hit him'—Donna Sirius. This is just a little part of one of many fantastic stories. Go out and get hold of a copy—feel good about yourself, your POWER. You can fight back and get away—something we're not often told. There's also a heavy emphasis on getting women to go to self-defence classes which sounds like a good idea. You are strong. You can fight. Women are SO beautiful beautiful beautiful beautiful

The end.
A Happy Ending.

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They've abolished a defendants right in court to have members of the jury changed, ie if the defence thought someone would be racially prejudiced, bigotted they couldn't ask to have them changed. Now only the judge and the prosecution can get the jury changed.

Also, they want to change the history syllabus to put more emphasis on British history & 'Global Influence'!!!! Ugh.



I hope you can mention this
in your paper.

Thanks a lot.



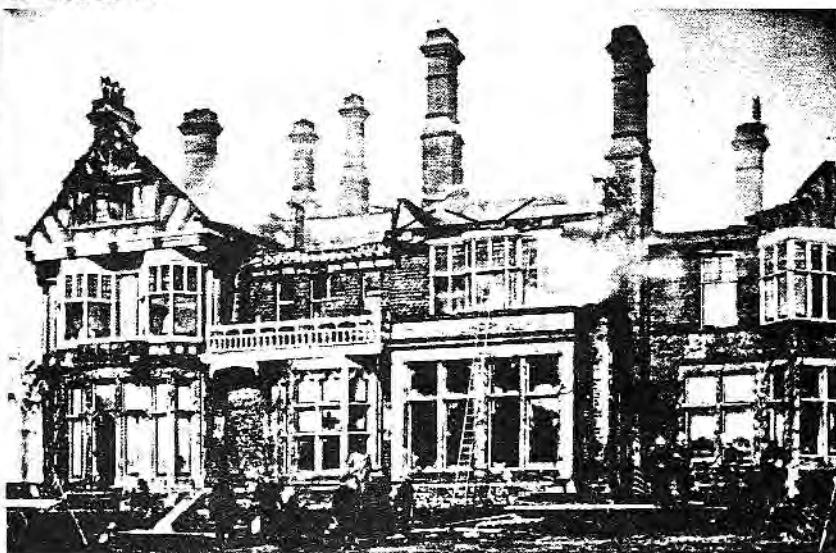
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Suffragette arson. April 15, 1913. Levetleigh the seaside house of Arthur du Cros, M.P. for St Leonards, is gutted by fire.

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THEM. GOOD LUCK TO YOU!

MAIL LETTER ↓

Easy enough, I hear you saying to yourself. Well to give you a bit more of a challenge some 'things' are moved to different pages! HA HA.

• Dear Shocking Pink,
Why don't you have contributions from men? Surely this is sexism. Equality works both ways you know.
Donald.

★ Donald,
The editorial board has found the contributions by men to be so pathetic that we can't print them. If you're worried about getting your stuff printed we recommend you approach something like the Guardian, Independent, Viz, Private Eye, The Timesetc... which all positively discriminate towards men.
Shocking P.

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REMEMBER BLAIR PEACH
He was killed by the police on April 23rd 1979, during a protest against the National Front. Hundreds more were injured and attacked by the police. Blair Peach's murderer has still not been brought to justice. SHIT. April is also 100 years after Hitler's birth and Nazi and fascist groups'll be stepping up their activities. Further info: 01 843 2333 or 01 555 8151

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They've finally done it! It's only a small step in the fight against inequality, but a very nice little step. A group of men have set up a fund called WODGEM - Women Don't Get Enough Money - into which they each pay the bit of their wage that they know they wouldn't get if they were a woman. They've asked Shocking Pink to organise the redistribution of the money. So tell us how much money you should be getting and we'll see what we can do. Men, make your covenants, cheques, POs, preferably Direct Debits to SHOCKING PINK, TSB, ACRE LANE, BRIXTON, LONDON SW2. OK! Bye Then. Thanks!

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Sisters of The Long March

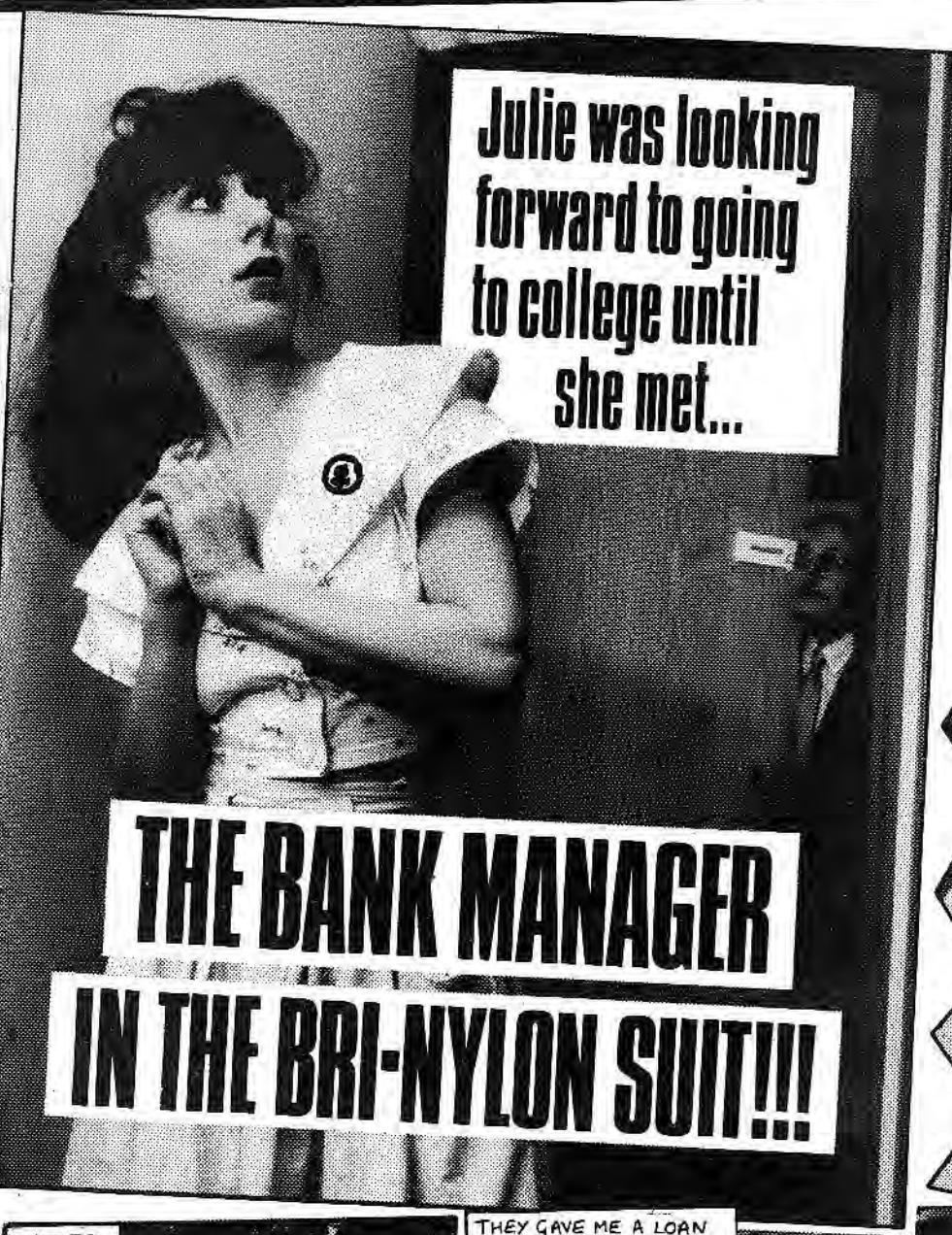
Nov. '88: Women students uproot dense bushes and march to the directorate's office at Newcastle Poly.

At least two women have already been attacked this term on campus and the 60 strong protest is in response to continued inaction by the Poly Authorities over women's safety.

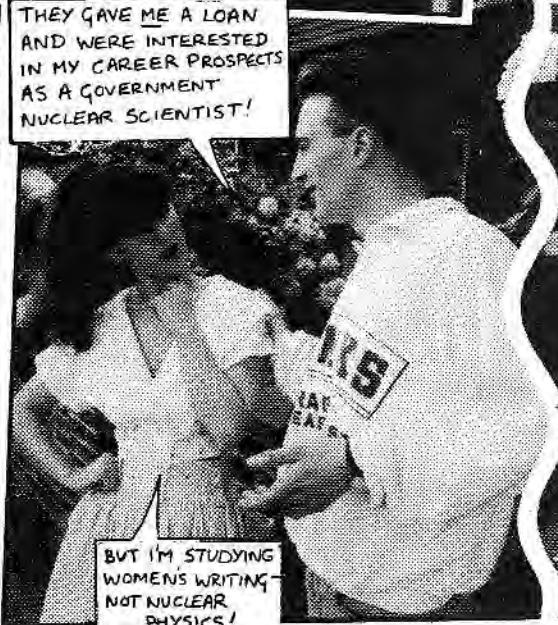
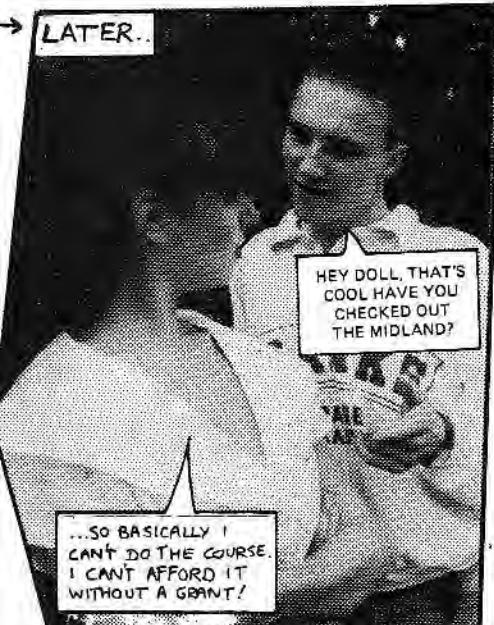
A petition demanded the removal of a number of dense bushes round the campus as well as better lighting. But, rather than wait for the directorate's response the students decided to take direct action over the bushes.

There is now more confidence among the women to take further action if nothing is done by the Authorities.

READ THIS ACROSS THE TWO PAGES (PLEASE) → → → → → → → → →



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The letter

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That the miners will never be beat.
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Can't you see we're winning the FIGHT
Because all the unions are with us
To stand for the just and the right.
You've tried to starve us dear Maggie
How cruel can anyone be
But you'll never succeed dear Maggie
For united we have the key.
To stand and confront you dear Maggie
As we know when this day is through
We'll win the right to work
And that will be goodbye to you!
Kerry Adele Evans, 12, Wales

'More Valuable Than Gold' by Striking Miners' Children (pp30, £1.50) is a striking collection of writings on the Miners' Strike of 84-85 by Striking Miner's children. This book consists mainly of poems with writing and pictures by young people whose lives were directly affected by the Miner's Strike. OK, OK, I know that the strike was 4 or 5 years ago, but this book is definitely worth having on your shelf. Realistic, Serious, Funny. £1.50 + 50p postage and packing. From MVTG, 10 West Bank, London N16 5DG. Cheques and POs payable to 'More Valuable Than Gold'.

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d) You ask your best friend what to do.

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a) Pissed off, he gets all the breaks.

b) A bit disillusioned. You were twice as good as him at woodwork at school.

c) Think 'Oh goody, now he can feed and protect me and I can be totally dependent on him. If we split up I won't have a leg to stand on'.

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Shocking Pink say: This is quite good but there's not a lot of jokes in it.



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Garages rip off women

GARAGES are charging women up to five times more for car repairs than men, it was claimed yesterday.

A Birmingham woman complained she was quoted £165 for MOT work while her brother was only quoted £28.50 when he brought the car to the same garage a week later.

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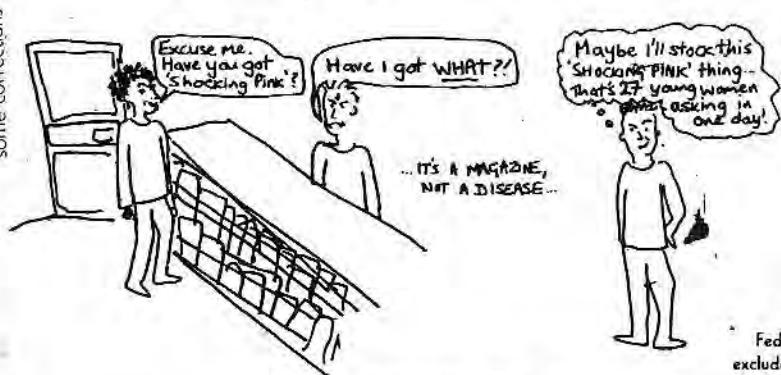
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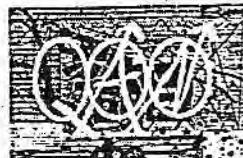
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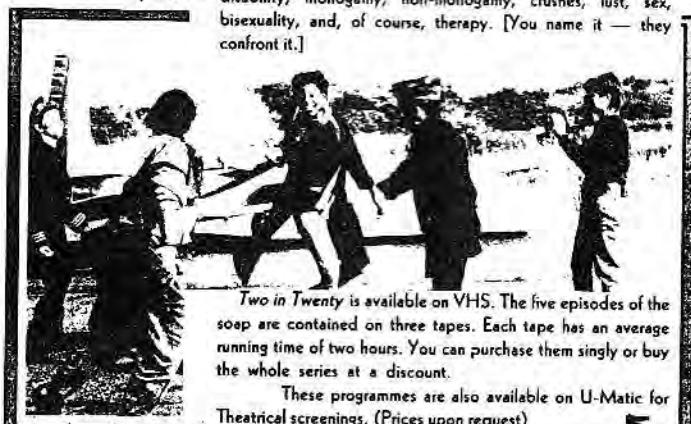
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Shocking Pink Collective.

In response to your questions on the subject of castrating rapists (in issue 4), it is a fairly useless (but still fun) idea since it won't stop men from raping women with broken bottles, etc. The best response I think, is a community response. For instance you noted that some women in Dallas distributed lists of convicted rapists. They were hesitant at first because they thought this list would contain a disproportionate number of working-class and black men, but for some reason they changed their minds and distributed the list. In my opinion, they should not have distributed the list for this reason. If the women involved were largely white & middle-class, then it seems rather racist & classist (and would probably be thought so by black & working-class communities) to go after these men

especially in the light of America's history of lynching innocent black men for rape in order to keep the white race pure.

Instead, a more appropriate response for white middle-class women is to go after white middle-class men. This may require finding rapists by other means than finding out who has been convicted. Some groups target such men who were found innocent but who should have been found guilty were they not the beneficiary of a patriarchal judicial system. Fighting rape by black & working-class men would be more effective if the white middle-class women left that to the black and working-class communities. Black women are much more capable of devising strategies that meet the needs of their communities that white women are. Examples of such community action in black communities are described in

CHARTING THE JOURNEY (which you may have already read). Then, it seems to me, white women's groups could act in solidarity with black women's groups under whichever terms they require. But each group should devise strategies relevant to its particular community if we are to have the most effective anti-rape action.

By the way, have you all read FIGHT BACK: FEMINIST RESISTANCE TO MALE VIOLENCE? It lists many fun things feminists have done to fight rape. My favorite was one group who would kidnap rapists, shave their heads and dye it colours. Sorry for blathering on like this (my job is very dull).

Thanks again, Andy Smith (SP says that this is a woman in case you're just about to erupt about right on men).

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I want to get in touch with bisexual women who would be willing to fill in a questionnaire. It covers sexual behaviour, emotions, desire, background, politics, lifestyle, etc, and I am keen to contact women from the widest possible range of backgrounds in terms of age, race, class and experience. Absolute anonymity is guaranteed, although I hope some women would be willing to be interviewed at a later date.

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BISEXUALITY
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• RACISTS REGROUPING. In a couple of shops in Carnaby st you can buy NF regalia (things like swastika pins & badges) & the video and merchandise of White Power, a racist band. A journalist interviewed people in the street on the content of the material and it was widely agreed that it was inciting racial hatred. Under law the police can prosecute anyone inciting racial hatred but when approached they weren't interested & handed the matter on to an independent body. So that's bad. What with the deportation of Viraj mendis and Le Pen in France things aren't really getting much better. For more information contact the anti fascist action group.

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This book tells of the lives of two young Northern working class women, who run away from home around the time of the first world war. Biff, because of her suffragette activities disguises herself as a man, to escape the police. And Moss because she and her lover Florence are raped at the house, where they are both maids, by the lord and his brother. It is the story of how they make their life together, and of how the generations to come are affected by their love. A BRILLIANT BOOK!

INTERVIEW WITH THE AUTHOR CAEIA MARCH BY Berenice SP

The character Biff was very involved in the suffragette movement as a young woman, Did you do research into the suffragette's before writing it? Well, I did something about them when I studied sociology at university, in which we were taught that it wasn't the suffragettes struggle that won women the vote. It was the work of the women during the first world war, their contribution to the war effort was so recognised by the government ie the men in power, that they 'gave' women the vote. I was pretty angry about that at the time, but it was long, long before I had a feminist analysis. And it was all part and parcel of when ever anything came up about women's struggle, it was not seen to be the reason that something was won by women. Similary, the same kind of thing happened when people say that it was Wilberforce and the anti-slavery lobby and white people, that gave Black people their freedom and the end of slavery. Rather than that it was slave rebellions and Black people's own struggle in America and the Caribbean.

Another part of it, was In the 70s I saw the BBC programme 'Shoulder to shoulder' in which Shan Phillips played Emmely Pankhurst. That was very moving and disturbing to watch, because they actually showed force-feeding. But their it began to show the strength of the women and the very wide ranging support that women had for the struggle, right the way through all classes and across all ages. So when I started doing the research in the early 80s, it was from friends who were reading lesbian history, photographs in the Fawcett library. I saw the photo of Jessie Kenney, there, she dressed as a Post Office telegraph boy as a cover for her suffragette activities in the early 19 hundreds.

It was then that I started to looking at the working class history behind the middle class presentation of the suffragette's. I also looked in the Actress's newspapers that were published at the time, about street theatre and the effect of that on some of the big industrial towns of the north. And looking at the part that women played in unionising themselves in the factories. I realised that this was all part and parcel of the same sets of struggles, that the middle class women needed entry into the professions which was being blocked. Working class women on the other hand, needed contraception, abortion, healthcare, good education for their children, housing. These were all of the issues, so that four main things emerged from the research. Firstly, that it was women of all ages and that young women were extremely significant in the suffragette struggles. It was something that I didn't quite take in, until it kept coming up again and again in the research, that some of the women were very young (Jessie Kenney was in her teen's). I also saw photos of women with their arms around each other and lots of women in crowds, and realised that it was definitely a movement across all classes. The women with money were needed for the vast expenses that the campaign needed and the working class women were mobilised in all types of work places.

The women's social and political union was founded in Manchester in 1906 and subsequently it became nationally and widely known and there were a number of other suffragette groups as well. It was a national issue, and a national movement. The northern cities were very important, so it wasn't specifically based in London. If you actually go to the northern cities, the women's movement is very strong. That tends to get forgotten, and that's something that I think is a wonderful and important part of the current history as well as the old history.

Another thing I found out was that it wasn't just the vote, that the vote was the symbol of oppression both for working class and middle class women. The issues were very much wider than that, sexuality, abortion, independence. And that the women were concerned with all types of politics, both national and world wide.

So within all this research, the working class history was hidden. But the lesbian history was buried right under all of that. What happened to me was I had some leave from work in 84, and because I had some free time I was able to give a lot of thought to the issues that were on my mind which were, the Miners strike, working class and lesbian history. And out came Moss and Biff as characters. And within the first 30 pages I'd got the sense that Biff was an escaped suffragette and that Moss had had the family background that she had, and the scene was set for the rest of the book.

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• A woman at the Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign says she'd love a LOT of women to go on the cycle ride. OK?

Ritu was born in 1963, she's a second generation Indian, a part time DJ, (at the London Lesbian & Gay Centre on Saturday the women only night). She's a Haringey Youth Development worker, she lives in Tottenham, she's single, she identifies as a Black lesbian feminist, and she's a fine arts graduate.

We went to the L&G centre to ask her a few things.

And this is what we found out.

When I first came out, which was just over four years ago, I started to have, what was a long term relationship with a white woman who'd been involved, socially & politically in the Lesbian & Gay community for quite a while in England & when I first met her I was still sort of **young, naive & innocent** and also still recovering from my own internalised oppression around being an Asian woman or being a Black woman. So we used to have numerous discussions about racism etc, and gradually things started to filter through to me, through her, through me working on myself and though my involvement with various groups, collectives etc. The one thing I never quite could grasp was what she always used to say about how white people can never be non-racist they can only be anti-racist. Every white person is a racist. I'd be towing the other line and saying, no no that's not the story, because white people support Black people in lots of cases. And then there was this incident one day which brought the argument home to me. It was when I was returning from a friends house back to the flat and I got off the bus & there were these two great big ginormous skinheads sitting at the bus stop and I was absolutely terrified when I saw them. So I ran and skipped past them hoping they wouldn't see me. When I got past them I ran through the estate, up the stairs into the flat. She said 'what's the matter? What's the matter?'—'There were these two great big skinheads at the bus stop and I feared for my life momentarily'. She calmed me down and eventually she said, 'Now d'you see what I mean about how white people can't be racist?' And I thought what? She said 'If I as a white woman had got of that bus and seen two great big skinheads I'd've thought—well, two big skinheads, not very nice people, possibly violent but there you go, never mind and I'll probably be OK. Whereas for you Ritu as an Asian woman who grew up round the Ilford area round the 70s when there was a lot of skinhead activity and skinheads basically meant 'death to pakis'... so you said the point is white people don't have a black persons experience in a country where racism is prevalent such as Britain, for you it meant something completely different.'

We are divided by the institutions.

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I am not a pessimist!



Although politically I identify as black, in the police's eyes I'm not Afro-Caribbean I'm Asian, and they have a very different way of treating Asian people to the way they treat Afro-Caribbean people; I'm not saying they treat us with any more respect and give us any more sense of dignity but the treatment is different, and with regard to the Afro-Caribbean community I think they're incredibly hostile and are ready to have a go at any given—or non-given chance, and with the Asian community it tends take the form of 'Oh well we'll leave them alone but as soon as there's a racist attack on them: we won't bother, we won't follow it up'. Yerh, and that creates a whole other ball game and you've got the divide and rule issue, and what comes out in the media.

Woodrow Wyatt in The News of the World, the 'voice' of the people regularly does articles, not calling us Asian but 'our coloured immigrants' and how well behaved we've been since we've come to this country, 'they make the most of themselves and set up businesses'. Then he talks about Afro-Caribbean people, who he refers to as black and it's all about how they form the majority of people who have been arrested and put in prison, 'A higher proportion of the prison population than they should do'. To me what that does is: one, it creates images of the two communities in the eyes of white people and as far as the black community is concerned as a whole, it divides us, so you've got the Asian community set against the Afro-Caribbean community and Afro-Caribbeans set against Asians so that there's no way that the two will come together and become a solid cohesive group, we are divided again by the institutions.



This is page 11.

I used to read Just 17, Jackie and 19, I feel that to appeal to young people everything has got to be gloss gloss gloss. I think that that is one of the ways that Shocking Pink is not going to grab a mainstream set of young women, it's not glossy, it's not got colour. Also I think that the majority of young people aren't politicised, they are not really interested in being so. If they knew more about it maybe they would be.

Maybe I'm just being pessimistic but I can't see the people in this country organising. I can't see the working classes coming together with black people, coming together with Irish people, coming together with disabled people, coming together with lesbians and gays and all of us overthrowing the people who hold the power. But having said that I don't feel that that is a reason to give up, I feel that we should be going for it and that we should be organising and encouraging younger people to be doing that.

I think that Kinnock and the Labour Party are fair—weathered friends, that really came home to me when the GLC was going. I remember having conversations with people who had been involved in the party, lesbians and gays, and they were suddenly dropping out. I don't honestly believe that the Labour Party is capable of running this country. I'd like to see the Tory Party out as soon as possible. I feel that the longer they are in the more unemployment there is going to be, the less realistic the figures about unemployment are going to be, I envisage slums and more people out there living on the streets and what with the poll tax coming in and everything it's like... shit! It's really scary. I think that the ecological issue should be at the top of most peoples agendas. Ideally what I would say is that I think a group of lesbians should join together, put money together and go off and buy an island, start of a lesbian island and not have men anywhere near it. But having said that you do watch lesbians ripping each other to shreds too. I would describe myself as a separatist but I don't expect other lesbians to be, it's up to them whether or not they are.

In my job in Haringey I have a lot of contact with the women's unit and whenever I've rung up colleagues or friends in the women's unit often they have to put the phone down early because they are busy screaming at each other and it was the same at the GLC women's unit, you could hear all these women throwing things at each other in the background. I was in the Lesbian Line collective for over a year and again the same story. I probably sound like a real pessimist. I am not a pessimist!

Thanks then.

Dives, every thursday at The Rose and Crown, Mare st, Hackney. With Wendy Wild, Jackie and Ritu doing the music. 9 till late. £1/£2 to get in

PAY NO POLL TAX

RESIST IT

don't pay it.

POLL TAX

RESIST IT—DO IT FOR YOUR GRANNY.

DON'T PAY IT.

We're hoping not to.

This Anarchist mag. Black Flag got sent an internal document outlining implementation plans. Apparently Lambeth are planning to the first postal canvas in April 89, postal reminders at the end of June & doorstep canvassing in July & August. Then they'll try to get everyone in by November. If you're on the dole the DSS will register you automatically. And they're planning to give us all UNIQUE PT numbers which'll stay with us for life. Bad eh?

BUT...they keep mentioning that 'if 10% of the population were not registered...' — almost as if they're planning, expecting 10% not to.

* SO *

LET'S NOT REGISTER. The worst that will happen is they'll catch you and make you pay it. Shit, yeah, maybe a fine too. But they can't catch us all and the more of us who do it the more hassle for them and there'll be less chance of each individual being caught. We can set up defence campaigns. Go on. All we can lose is our chains.

IF WE ALL DO IT WE MIGHT GET RID OF THATCH.

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THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ART
I'VE SEEN IN MY LIFE!

INFORMATION PACKS on poll tax resistance available from COMMUNITY RESISTANCE TO THE POLL TAX, p/hole CR, c/o 11 Forth St, Edinburgh.
Clydeside Resistance broadcast from p/hole 30, 340 W. Princes St., Glasgow (send large S.A.E. or donation).
National Anti-Poll Tax Demonstration, Glasgow March 18th, 11 a.m., Glasgow Green (special trains coming from London).



SWAPO WOMEN HEAL

SWAPO WOMEN TEACH

SWAPO WOMEN WORK

SWAPO WOMEN NEED TRANSPORT

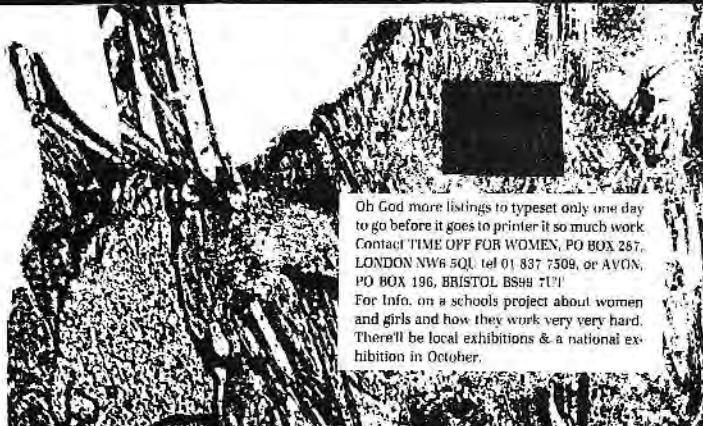
The vital importance of women in the liberation struggle for a free Namibia led to the formation in 1969 of SWAPO Women's Council (SWC). Through SWC, Namibian women organise to confront their oppression as black Namibians and as women, and are encouraged to take full and equal participation in building the future independent Namibia. SWC run projects in the SWAPO settlements, enabling women to gain control of their own production, reproduction and health care. Lack of transport severely disrupts SWC projects so SWAPO Women's Solidarity Campaign (SWSC) are launching an appeal to help overcome this problem. **Help SWAPO women to continue the struggle, support SWSC.** Send a donation to SWSC, PO Box 16, London NW5 2LW, or 'phone 01-267 1941 for further details.

A book review...

RUBY : ROSA GUY, Puffin Plus £2.50

This book is only just back in print in this country after years of being ignored because it's about 2 young women having an affair. Like most of Rosa Guy's writing it is an incredibly powerful read and the characters are so believable and frustrating you want to jump in the book and advise them, but I finished it with serious worries. Although it's good to read a book aimed at young women that doesn't idealize relationships and the ending is true to the nature of the characters I was disappointed that the book, like Ruby, gave in to the demands and expectations of straight society. Still it's about the only book I can think of that's about young Black lesbians and what it lacks in positiveness it more than makes up for in gut realism.

Phew, is that all then? Enough typesetting for me.



Oh God more listings to typeset only one day to go before it goes to printer it so much work Contact TIME OFF FOR WOMEN, PO BOX 267, LONDON NW6 5QU, tel 01 837 7509, or AVON, PO BOX 196, BRISTOL BS8 7UJ

For info. on a schools project about women and girls and how they work very very hard. There'll be local exhibitions & a national exhibition in October.

• Thanks A BOMB to all you wonderful readers for replying to my plea for stuff about nuclear power for my A level project. If I'd of (surely that's HAVE) relied on you I'd of FAILED. I can't see why you didn't reply. I mean, I spend all this time typesetting things for YOU lot and what do I get as thanks from you? NOTHING. I do feel quite annoyed about that. I should of pretended I was waiting for justice, then I'd of got all those replies.

And incidentally, are you

Waiting for
waiting for
Justice???

Well it hasn't been produced yet. So you'll have to wait a bit longer. The women who were producing it say they're really sorry.

LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY SWITCHBOARD, Tel: 01 837 7324 (24 hour).

LONDON LESBIAN LINE, Tel: 01 251 6911.

On the 21st December 88 four member organisations of the international wages for housework campaign (from the Kings Cross Womens Centre), gave evidence as major objectors at the Hinkley Point 'c' Nuclear power station public inquiry in Somerset.

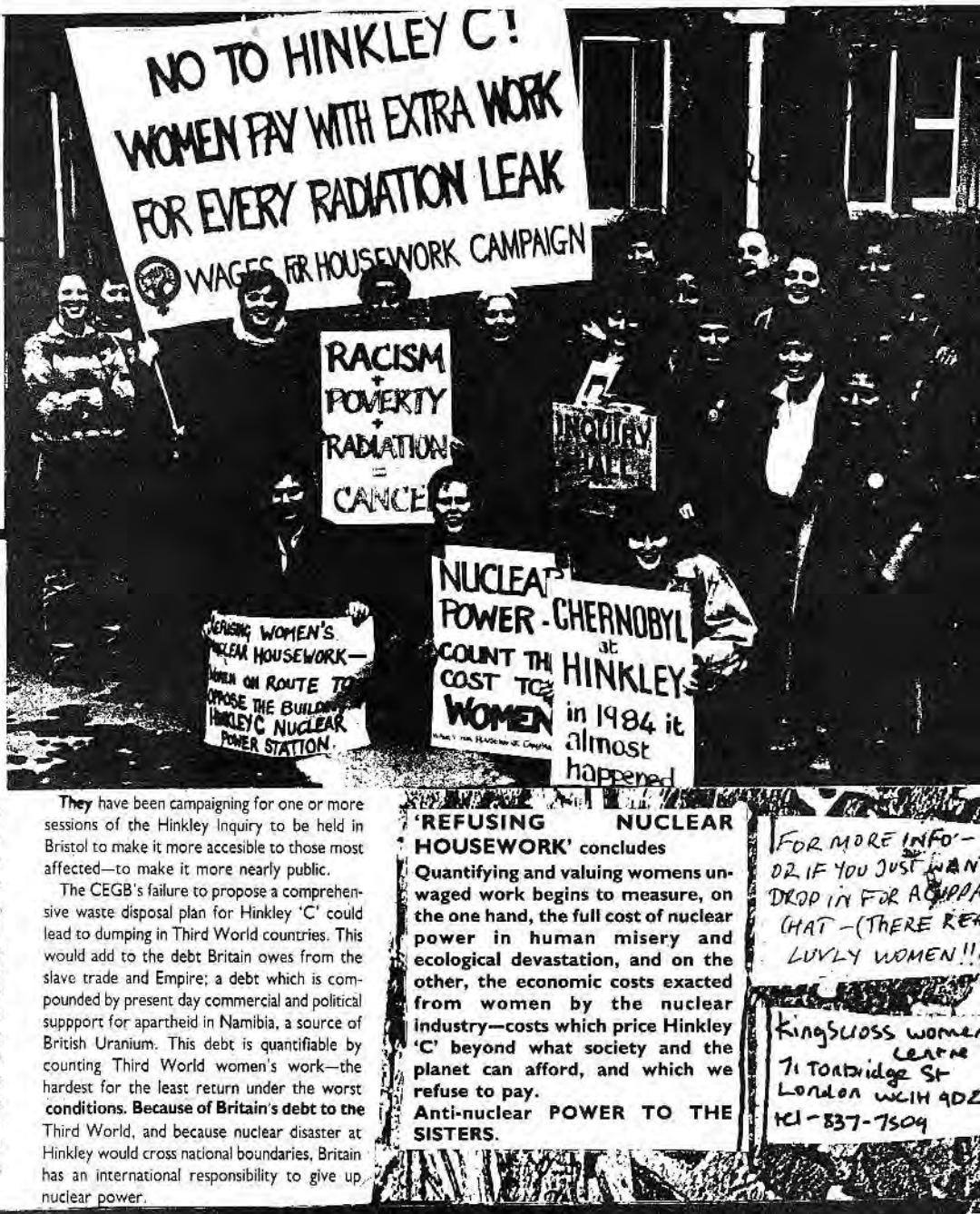
They showed in their statement that nuclear power turns women into 'nuclear workers in the community': doing the unwaged physical and emotional housework of coping sometimes with chronic or fatal illness and always with constant worry and fear, as well as taking on the additional work of organizing protective measures—from improving family diet, demanding radiation monitoring by local councils and schools, to resettling in other neighbourhoods.

Their opposition to Hinkley 'c' is part of their campaign over many years for women's work to be counted and compensated.

Their evidence describes many costings of women's unwaged work (these would be greatly increased by further 'nuclear housework' resulting from Hinkley 'C'). They also show that sexism, racism, discrimination against people with disabilities, and class are health liabilities which make the financially weakest sectors of working class people—particularly Black people, people with disabilities, one-parent families—most vulnerable to nuclear 'worry', radiation and nuclear accidents.

The cost of the greater vulnerability of the health of working class as a whole, and of women in particular start to be quantifiable by counting women's unwaged work caring for working class communities, and should be calculated in the costings for Hinkley 'C'.

Applying these calculations to innercity Bristol the nearest city to Hinkley, they show that the cost of an accident to Bristol's communities cannot be calculated unless the impact of racism on plans for evacuation is taken into account. The scene from 'The War Game' where a white man, before agreeing to accept evacuees into his home, asks 'are they coloured?', immediately springs to mind. To this must be added Black peoples experience of police racism and harassment ... many people living in inner city Bristol would not trust the police and be guided by them in any emergency, nuclear or otherwise.



They have been campaigning for one or more sessions of the Hinkley Inquiry to be held in Bristol to make it more accessible to those most affected—to make it more nearly public.

The CEGB's failure to propose a comprehensive waste disposal plan for Hinkley 'C' could lead to dumping in Third World countries. This would add to the debt Britain owes from the slave trade and Empire; a debt which is compounded by present day commercial and political support for apartheid in Namibia, a source of British Uranium. This debt is quantifiable by counting Third World women's work—the hardest for the least return under the worst conditions. Because of Britain's debt to the Third World, and because nuclear disaster at Hinkley would cross national boundaries, Britain has an international responsibility to give up nuclear power.

'REFUSING NUCLEAR HOUSEWORK' concludes

Quantifying and valuing women's unwaged work begins to measure, on the one hand, the full cost of nuclear power in human misery and ecological devastation, and on the other, the economic costs exacted from women by the nuclear industry—costs which price Hinkley 'C' beyond what society and the planet can afford, and which we refuse to pay.

Anti-nuclear POWER TO THE SISTERS.

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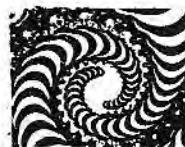
2nd Black Lesbian Conference to be held on the Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd April 1989 at Birmingham University.

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The conference will be an opportunity for us to plan strategies for the future, discuss issues of importance to us in a safe environment, celebrate the survival and growth of the Black Lesbian Communities, meet new women and generally have a good time.



Accommodation available—places are limited so early registration is advised.
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY? WHAT'S THAT?



Women all over the world celebrate March 8th, International Women's Day. But what is it that's being celebrated, and how and why? Well, a 13 and a half minute videotape answering these questions is now available from VERA PRODUCTIONS.



Suffragette prisoners parched by hunger and thirst strike. 1913

1913

They also include brief, entertaining interviews with a variety of women shoppers in Leeds city centre, who say what they think about the idea of the day, and about women's liberation generally: 'We've got to get over to people that women are as equal as men—with a brain!' (Middle aged woman). 'It's great—yeah' (School girls).

FULHAM & CHELSEA INSTITUTE tel 01 351 7127 for details of car maintenance for women course, April.

Photo exhibition by Derbyshire women on tour. Phone Sally at Third Piper (which is an outreach community arts project) for details. 0246 826293.

A QUEER TRIBE new radical community newspaper for Lesbians & Gays in Brighton—c/o Lesbian & Gay Office, Students Union, Falmer House, Univ. of Sussex, Brighton tel Steph 0273 697835. Out on May 1st.

OUT ON TUESDAY HAS too many men in it.



Suffragette prisoners released from Holloway. July 31, 1908.

The writers of the Communist Manifesto. left: Friedrich Engels,

It tells the story of the Day. Some claim it began in 1857, when New York sewing-machinists marched for higher wages, others in 1909 after the Chicago women worker's strike. We do know that in 1910 Clara Zetkin called for March 8th to be celebrated as International Women's Day—and so it's been ever since.

However the day began, in the 1980's women from many different cultures and backgrounds, in the Third World, the West and the Soviet Bloc, set time aside around March 8th every year to celebrate, demonstrate and make public whatever issues concern them as women. Among them, peace, violence against women, pornography, racism, the British presence in Northern Ireland, struggles for land, low pay and lesbian rights.

Their video, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY : 130 YEARS OF CELEBRATION AND STRUGGLE, illustrates many of these activities, and highlights recent events in Leeds on IWD.

So if that made you want to get it contact; Vera Productions, Video Vera, PO Box HP5, Leeds LS6 2ED. (0532 717460). It's in VHS but they've also got Low band U-Matic & Betamax. It's only in English and it costs £15 plus £1 p&p for one showing only or £30 plus £1 p&p to buy.

Women be transformed into an ideal society. What mechanisms could make this transformation from hell to utopia possible? Why had the power to bring about such a change? Why had exploitation become possible and what was its root cause?

As Marx informed us, capitalism had to grow in one area seemed to boom larger and larger in his thinking economy. The basic cause of all this suffering appeared clear to him. It was due to the unequal distribution and control of the means of production, land machinery, factories, investment capital.

Marx presumed that capitalists were rich, powerful and exploiting because they owned and controlled these means of production. Workers lived in squalor, poverty, dy-

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Don't forget, girls — NEVER accept lifts from strangers!



E.T.BLASTED



SHOCK.....HORROR.....how did THEY get in? Consternation for the bosses as anti slave labour protestors disrupt the launch of the Employment Training Scheme at the Crest Hotel, Edinburgh, on 1st September.

NEW SLAVE LABOUR SCHEME STARTS

The new Employment Training scheme started on 5th September. Modelled on American "Workfare", E.T. is a cynical con-trick to reduce unemployment figures by forcing the unemployed to work for dole. "Benefit Plus" is an insult - it might just cover travel/work costs. "Training" is either a pathetic farce or just non-existent - as in the Lifeline project in Edinburgh where "trainees" walk the streets with clipboards all day, 5 days a week. It's great news for the bosses - unpaid workers replacing paid ones; wage levels dropping and profits rising.

Contact: Campaign against Workfare. c/o EUWC, 2 Cranston Street, Edinburgh.

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Cartoon from
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Kapow! Gran's a champ

A PETITE British granny has punched and kicked her way to the top in the tough sport of Taek-wondo.

Margaret Ragsdale, just 5ft tall, won three trophies at a tournament in Florida.

She said yesterday: "I took up the Korean martial art because I'd done knitting, dancing and swimming, and I wanted to try something else.

Peace

"It was tough at first, but you get such peace of mind."

The 68-year-old from Aspley, Nottingham, added: "Men who are much bigger than me stand there all butch and when they see me their mind goes."

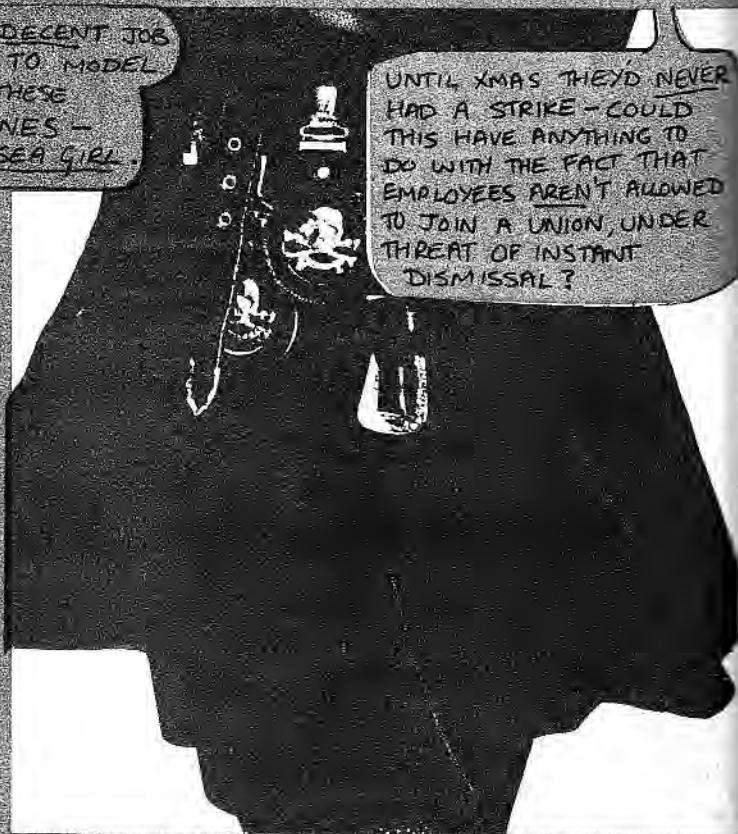
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and Dad
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Bad girls who want to cause a stir wear nothing else but a risky mix of skimpy clothes with mean and moody biker style. They're simply shocking.



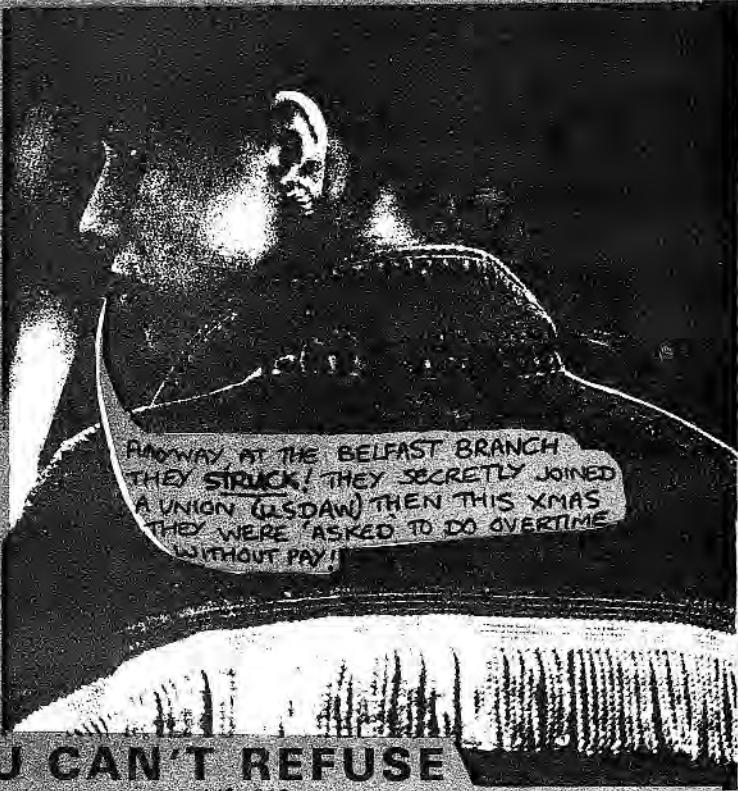
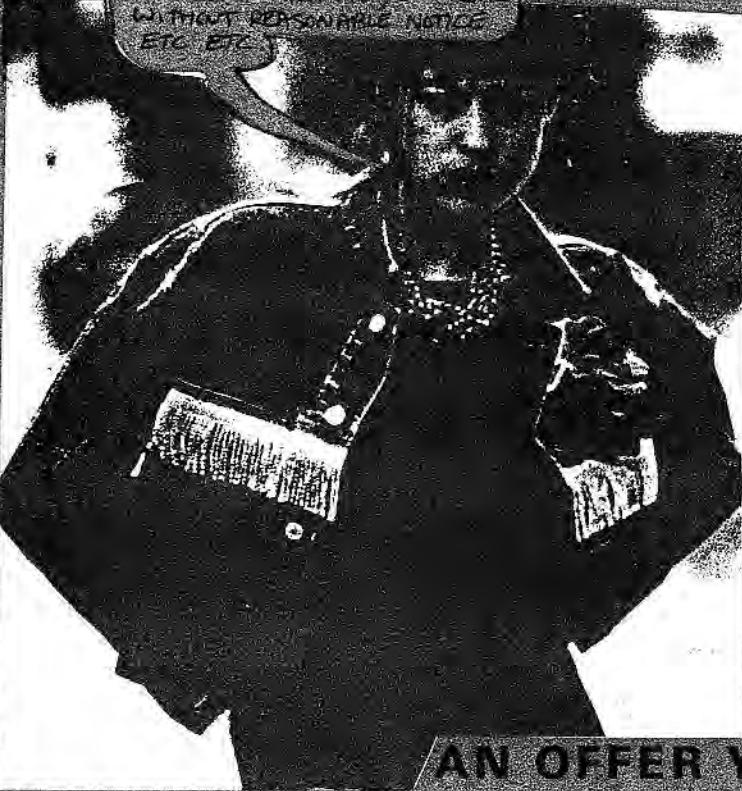
IF I HAD A HALF-DECENT JOB
I WOULDN'T HAVE TO MODEL
FOR 'JACKIE' AND THESE
GRUB-SUPPLY MAGAZINES -
I WORK AT CHELSEA GIRL.



UNTIL XMAS THEY'D NEVER
HAD A STRIKE - COULD
THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO
DO WITH THE FACT THAT
EMPLOYEES AREN'T ALLOWED
TO JOIN A UNION, UNDER
THREAT OF INSTANT
DISMISSAL?

WE GET £100 P MONTH
THAN TOP SHOP WORKERS FOR
THE SAME WORK, OVERTIME
WITHOUT EXTRA PAY, DISMISAL
WITHOUT REASONABLE NOTICE
ETC ETC

HIDDEN BEHIND the glossy facade of Chelsea Girl, Top Shop etc is a sordid reality of low paid workers, sweatshops and exploitation. To cut costs & bypass labour laws large corporations prefer to contract-out work to small, non-unionised firms or even sweatshop clients. It not guarantees employment & pay workers hardly anything. BENETTON (Italy) has fewer than 2,000 people on its payroll but gives work to 6,000 who work for 200 small makers of semi-finished clothes, often in sweatshops or their own homes. In ITALY 70% of underground workers are women, most of them working at home in the garment & textile industry. 44% work more than 8 hrs a day, 20% between 10 & 12, and 20% more than 12 hrs daily.



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Just £39 from American Apparel, 27-29 Tenterden Street, London WC1. Tights £1.75 by Fratty Polly from major department stores. Long evening gloves £6.95 by Denimique of Cheltenham.

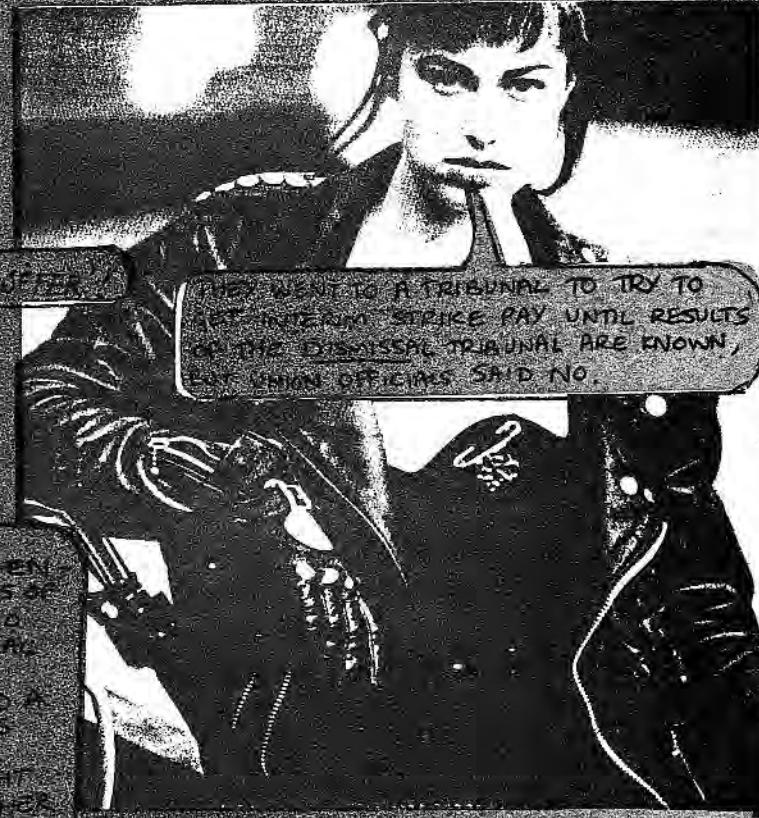
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THEY RELEASED THE SPEED
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34 EMPLOYEES—all women—
WERE SACRED AND LETTERS OF
DISMISSAL WERE ISSUED SO
WORKERS CAN'T CLAIM SOCIAL
SECURITY.
SINCE THEN THEY MOUNTED A
PICKET, AND FEW SHOOTERS
CROSSED IT BUT THE
MANAGEMENT HAVE BROUGHT
IN SLAB LABOUR FROM OTHER
BRANCHES AND RECRUITED
NEW WORKERS.

UK. 72% of female home workers earn less than the statutory minimum wage and three-quarters of those earn £1 or less an hour.



WE ARE WAITING FOR THE TRIBUNAL TO TRY TO
REACH STRIKE PAY UNTIL RESULTS
ARE KNOWN. THE TRIBUNAL ARE UNKNOWN,
BUT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS SAID NO.



SHOCKING PINK (WHO WE DON'T
WORK FOR IF I HAD TO DO THIS STUFF
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I DON'T KNOW IF THE SONGS OF LOVE
CONTACT WHEELING COLLECTIVE
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AND THE BASTARDS
DON'T EVEN LET ME HAVE
A GO ON THE BIKE

US. RAIDS in New York City in 1983 uncovered 3,000 sweatshops employing 50,000 people working 12 to 16 hours in substandard conditions. FRANCE. Crackdowns in Paris in 1980 uncovered 217 clandestine tailoring sweatshops using cheap illegal immigrant labour. SWITZERLAND. Illegal immigrants are used to work in the textile industry for informal bosses. Over 250,000 Latin Americans—a quarter of the US intake of illegal immigrants—are smuggled over the Mexican border each year by profit-motivated middlemen. In the US, 10 million people, who get jobs are either fired or handed over to the immigration authorities by their new bosses before payday. HERE AT SHOCKING PINK WE THINK IT'S INCREDIBLE THAT MOST OTHER MALES ENCOURAGE US TO CONSUME MORE & MORE FASHION ITEMS WITHOUT TELLING US THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.

The Truth The Whole Truth and Nothing But The Truth.



What Really Happened at THE LESBIAN ARCHIVE



REAGAN: Praised
"defeat" of communism.

NEWS

So it all started in June 88 when a part time post at the Archive became available. Since the collective consisted entirely of white women, who were mainly middle class and able bodied, there was discussion about hiring a black worker. A number of collective members placed little emphasis on the issues of class/race and disability arguing that difference is divisive and that it wasn't as important as having the 'right' politics. Some of the collective clearly felt threatened by having a black or ethnic minority worker. These women insisted that no black or ethnic minority applicant would be considered if she had any political disagreement with the white collective, if her politics clashed with the politics of some members of the collective, or if she was 'overly assertive'. Other members of the collective were astonished at this attitude. The workers drafted an ad making it quite clear that they wanted a black or ethnic minority worker. 7 out of the 12 collective objected strongly to this. This surprised the workers and the rest of the collective. The disagreement was halted during the 4 days of the lesbian summer school in late July, but heavy emotions were generated as a result of showing a film which further divided the collective. In September the job was advertised saying 'Black and ethnic minority lesbian feminists are particularly welcome'. Then in October there was a meeting of the Archive. 6 or 7 of the collective declared themselves to be the 'management committee'. The workers had invited a black worker from Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights to advise the 'collective' on selection procedure for the new job. The 'management committee' said that the woman from LAGER had no right to be there and that it was none of LAGER'S business what the Archive did anyway. The 'management committee' freeze the new job, which left one woman who had applied in suspense. The 'management committee' also tried to have workers names removed from the bank account without consulting the workers or the collective. The Black Lesbian and Gay Centre wrote this to the 'management committee': We deplore your racist behaviour in failing to treat black lesbians' views and experiences with respect; refusing when the post becomes vacant, to advertise specifically for a black or minority ethnic worker; deciding not to involve any black lesbians in the selection procedure, or even to ask their advice

on anti racist employment practices; insisting that a black woman should not be appointed if she had independent opinions which did not coincide with yours; continually treating black women who disagreed with you in a derogatory or dismissive way; freezing the post leaving black or other applicants in suspense; and victimising the white workers for not colluding with these actions.'

The Archive does have an equal opportunities policy but the 'management committee' said that it was just a product of local government bureaucracy, and felt that if they had to have an EOP in order to qualify for a grant, they would rather not apply and felt that the Archive needed neither funding nor workers.

On November 30th the Archive workers, Moree Gladwin and Annabel Faraday were sacked by the 'management committee'. The 'management committee' consisted of Sheila Jeffreys, Carol Fenwomyn, Elaine Miller, Marion Chadwick and Margaret Jackson. The Archive was closed to all but these women. From the time the workers were sacked the locks were changed. Because the Archive didn't have a structure it was relatively easy for this situation to have arisen. 'If they don't follow the rules you're in a really bad situation.' On December 7th it was decided that the collective no longer existed. There was a meeting of directors who agreed that the workers were still employed and that the job vacancy should be unfrozen. The 'management committee' then served injunctions from the High Court on 4 of the original collective, the 2 workers, therefore the directors decisions couldn't be implemented. It also required that the financial records and money be turned over to the 'management committee's' solicitor.

A public meeting was held where it was agreed that the Archive should be made fully functional by the workers immediately, and that the dispute should be taken out of the courts and a solution reached within the lesbian community. Both sides agreed to negotiate through independent arbitrators. There was a further public meeting organised by the 2 sacked workers and their support group. 50 women discussed draft proposals on resolving the conflict and these were firmed up into a draft agreement at a meeting of all directors and mediators. Pending legal advice this will be turned into a binding contract. The settle-

ment covers 3 main areas: company, materials and money. Workers and 2 other directors have agreed to resign from Orinda Ltd which owned the Archive and let the others keep the company on certain conditions, including that the name Orinda is not used in connection with the Archive. The materials may be split but the largest collection will stay where it is at the Archive in Wesley House. 'We know that hundreds of women have given things to the Archive and they are very angry. All of a sudden the word split the Archive came up and we didn't know what that meant. There's no way you can do that. At the moment we are in the last stages of signing deals with the lawyers. We came to a general agreement. A lot of women are really angry about the split but we've made it clear that the only reason that we are doing it is because we have been forced to. If we had gone to court and won that would have been different. The funding situation is desperate at the moment. There is a lot of restructuring going on at the moment, making the Archive more representative. Beforehand I was more idealistic, but now I feel that collectives will always have power struggles. To me the politics of the Archive is the survival of lesbians. It is a basic aim that everyone agrees on. The role of the Archive is not to split and divide and compete and argue.'

The Archive seems finally to have resolved the situation and is now open, you can find them at Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, London WC2B 5AU. They contain a collection of material relating exclusively to lesbians. You can contact them at: The lesbian Archive, BOM Box 7005, London WC1N 3XX. Or phone them on: 01 405 6475. They are open Mon 11-5.30, Thur 11-5.30 and 6.30-8.30, and also the second Sat in every month 11-5.30. They are looking for volunteers, especially young lesbians, so if you're interested go along and have a chat to them.

This article was compiled based on an interview with Moree Gladwin and Laura Coutts both of whom were directly involved in the dispute, Moree being one of the workers who was sacked by the 'management committee', and Laura being on the side opposed to the 'management committee' too. Information given to us by these women (press cuttings and releases) were used too.

Star LETTER

• Dear Shocking pink,

There's one problem, you list interesting events but you often don't say when they are, which means I can't go to them. love from Andy.

• ON ONE OF OUR TRIPS TO THE

FALLEN ANGEL to sell sp we were amazed to be able to sell a lot of mags (including back issues) to a group of German women. Odd we thought. On asking what they were up to they told us that HAMBURG council had sponsored them to come on a fact finding mission to Britain. They said they were particularly interested in Womens' creative stuff like music, art, writing, cabaret, video. And they said that if we knew anyone who wanted to go on a trip to Hamburg to perform their thing they should send demo tapes etc, to the following addresses:- Bildwechsel/Weltnotiz, Rostocker STR.25, 2000 Hamburg 1. (thats for video, photography, exhibitions & meetings etc) or Frauenmusikzentrum, Grosse Brunnentrum.63, 2000 Hamburg 50. (and that one is for bands, exercising, gigs etc). And the impression we got was that if they like the sound of you that they'd pay for you to go there. Very Very odd.

• GREENHAM GOES ACID HOUSE.

We heard on the grapevine that Greenham Common has turned into an Acid House Camp. So they listen to Acid house Music and go out to Acid House Parties and wear smiley face badges. This is serious, we're not sure how much of Greenham it has affected and our political analyst does not know what the long term consequences will be but she will be investigating & let you know asap.

Shocking Pink is now available in good newsagents in London, distributed by Thames News Services. Blah blah blah. Ask for it in newsagents; then can order it for you personally. If you can, get it from a newsagents rather than a bookshop because then they'll keep stocking it. Which will be good. In fact it's brilliant.

What about the bookshops though?



• A bold move from News From Nowhere in February.

Sally, Julie, Pauline & Mandy, the bookshop workers say they're moving to 140 ECDR, Liverpool. Sounds OK to me.

• I used to read Jackie, My Guy and patches. I never wrote letters to them. I STILL read them and never send letters. I feel a bit strange now sitting on

a tube & reading them 'cos I get strange looks. Anyway I just think it's weird that people write to Shocking Pink, that's all.



Dear Shocking Pink,
Please, please, please, print a picture of BROS. Thankyou. Love from Kylie.XXX.

OK.

I've got a complaint to make about the Star Letters - they are just so depressing.

£50 A DAY WIFE

THE love of a wife is worth £50 a day - that's the ruling of a Co Meath judge.

And the weekly worth of a woman's work at home was valued at £370.

These estimates were made during a hearing at Kell Circuit Court when a husband was awarded £50 a day for "loss of consortium" with his wife.

The "loss of consortium" resulted from a car accident and Justice M.P. Smith award Patrick Grimes of Sheeney, Kells, £3,849 - including £1,300 for loss of consortium with his wife - as a result of the car accident.

Mrs Grimes was seriously injured in the crash and her husband claimed that he lost wages at a local factory because he had to undertake the housework and mind their six children while she was recovering in hospital. Mrs Grimes spent just under a month in hospital as a result of the accident.

During the court hearing consortium was described as "the sum total of benefits a wife may be expected to confer on her husband while they are living together".

Justice Smith put a value of £50 per day for the 26 days on the consortium and he also awarded just over £1,600 for the damage to his car and loss of wages at Wellman International, Mullagh, Co Meath.

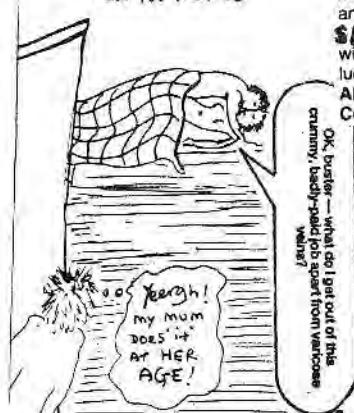
STICK of Government?

A compliment

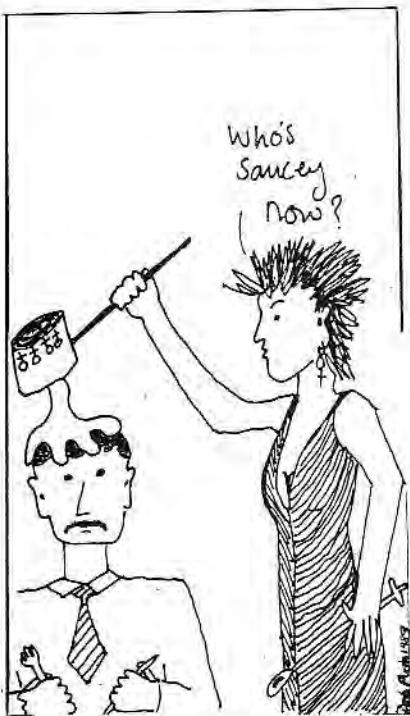
May I compliment you on your excellent magazine. It is much better than your rivals - and good value.

SPUNKY magazine is packed with interesting things. Good luck with future editions. Abigail Howl, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Death of the earth mother



OK, buster - what do I get out of this crummy, bath-fried joint?



..Wir, y profiad gwaetha'ges i ym'y myw. Dwy funud a hanner, ded o'n i'n teimo fe wrth 'yn watsh. Stret mewn, cwpwl o hymps ac yna'n syth i gysgu. A'r diawl yn winco bore wedyn, gweud wrtha'i mod i'n ferch lwcus iawn a diflannu. Heb glywed wrtho fe ers 'ny."

"Bastard."

A weles i fe yn y 'Glasshouse' neithwr, o bell, o'dd e'n prynu Margaritas i ryw ferch mewu ffrog srappless goch. Yr un blydi rwtin yn union wrth 'i golwg hi. Whipo mas i leityr i gynnui'i ffags hi, edrych ynddwyn iddi'i llged hi."

"Bastard."

Syllod Gwen i'w chwynn coffi; golwg ddifrifoll ar ei gwyneb.

"O'n i'n trystfo fe. O'n i'm lico fe. O'n i'n maddwl fod e'n siriys amdana'i."

"Bastard."

Nid oedd gan Sylvia eirfa eangg iawn a gwbl.



2. Martina Navratilova (US)

Acknowledged as the greatest female serve-volleyer, of all time,

Dear Shocking Pink (2),

After reading your brilliant mag' my 18 year old brother threw it out! As you can tell I was utterly pissed off!

Fortunately I found a pair of rubber (pink) gloves and retrieved SP. As I turned a page I found the remains of an egg (raw) on Mrs Twats' (Thatcher's) face. Could this be a symbolic meaning or intellect?

I had to buy a new mag' to compensate for the other one. As you can tell my brother is a fucking male shit who thinks he can order his 16 year old sister around! (I made him give me 60p).

Could you please give my sympathy to the daughter of the mother who wrote to J17 & said SP's contents was too overwhelming for her. BEST WISHES & LUCK, from Lucille, a young feminist Michelle Shocked fan.

P.S. Have you got any job vacancies?



The Women's Center in Nigeria has launched a massive door-to-door education drive warning women about the direct connection between AIDS and genital mutilation. Of the 98,000 reported AIDS cases in Africa since 1984, 75% are women from areas where genital mutilation is widely practiced. To help the Center continue their work contact Mrs. Hanna Edemikpong, Women's Center, Box 185, Eket, Cross River State, Nigeria, West Africa.

★41,000 CIRCULATION
= 250,000 READERS PER WEEK★

SNOGGING

• WOMEN SNOGGING. We haven't had many pictures of women snogging in Shocking Pink. Spare Rib has lots. Please send us photos of your snogging experiences.

N.B. Distributors must be over 3 years of age

SHOCKING PINK



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I am interested in the position of:

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SHOCKING PINK SAYS thanks for the letter LUCILLE and we think your brother sounds disgusting. As for 'job vacancies', our story is NOT a new one. We have masses of work to do: typesetting, layout, writing stories, worming exciting news out of people, research, sending subscriptions out, selling mags etc etc but NO ONE GETS PAID ANYTHING FOR IT. Actually it's not that bad doing it and not getting paid because it's so obviously contributing to making the world a safer and happier place, so if you, or anyone else reading this wants to work with us get in touch. OK.

P.S. if any one out there is into investigative journalism could you find out the following things for us... where are all those Kilograms of plutonium that the British nuclear industry has 'lost', how many young women have been swindled out of social security and forced to work on the slave YTS scheme and who writes and controls Jackie and Just 17 and why are they such rubbish.

Department of Health and Social Security

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

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SECTION A

1. FIRST NAME	3. ADDRESS
2. SURNAME	
4. DATE OF BIRTH	
6. NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER	5. TEL. NO.
7. STATUS	8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SPOUSE
9. NAMES OF CHILDREN	

10. HAVE YOU ANY DISTINGUISHING FEATURES? Please specify.

SECTION B

1. ARE YOU PRESENTLY RECEIVING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT HOUSING BENEFIT CHILD BENEFIT	2. HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU NEED TO LIVE ON PER WEEK? £200 £300 OTHER. Please specify
3. HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD GIVE YOU? £1 £10 £100 LOTS AND LOTS	4. HOW MUCH TAX DO YOU PAY?
6. DO YOU EARN LESS THAN: RUPERT MURDOCH RICHARD BRANSON MR. SAINTSBURY TERENCE CONRAN NICHOLAS GOODISON THE POPE JEFFERY ARCHER	5. ARE YOU FIDDLING THE GOVERNMENT?

SECTION C This section decides how much you get from us:

1. ARE YOU A WOMAN?
2. ARE YOU LIVING?
3. ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0-150 YEARS?

If the answer is yes to any of the above then you are entitled to claim.

To assess your claim more quickly please send details of previous employment, including the address of your employer, your salary, and answer the following questions:

1. WAS YOUR EMPLOYER A MAN?
2. WAS YOUR EMPLOYER A CAPITALIST?
3. DO YOU THINK THAT IN ORDER TO BE AN EMPLOYER YOU HAVE TO BE A CAPITALIST?
4. DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT KILLING YOUR BOSS?
5. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO ANY CONSCIOUSNESS RAISING GROUPS TO TALK THROUGH YOUR VIOLENT TENDENCIES?

6. DID YOU ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE HATRED FROM YOUR CO-WORKERS TOWARDS YOUR BOSS?
7. WERE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INDUSTRIAL ACTION THAT TOOK PLACE AT YOUR WORKPLACE?
8. WERE YOU OFTEN OFF 'SICK' A THE EXPENSE OF THE COMPANY YOU WORKED FOR?

If you answered 'YES' to two or more of the above questions then you will receive an extra cash 'BONUS' on top of your claim.

Seeing as women do two-thirds of the World's work but only receive 5% of its income and only own 1% of its assets; the unremunerated contribution of women to all aspects and sectors of development has now been recognised by the government. A repayment scheme has been set up to re-evaluate this problem. Fill in form SP11023F and send it to: DHSS, Shocking Pink, c/o The South London Women's Centre, 55 Acre Lane, London SW2, where your claim will be assessed and you will be re-paid accordingly. Head your envelope 'CLAIM FORM'.

For office use only.

Behind The Veil...



BENAZIR BHUTTO has at long last become the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the British media has launched itself gleefully into the debate on whether this will or will not change the political consciousness of Muslim women.

Every television channel blinks, every radio frequency crackles and every print press rattles with the concerned head-shaking of liberal 'third world conscious' people as they earnestly discuss the liberation of their oppressed Muslim sisters in Pakistan: the whites support the browns, the free support the enslaved, the civilised world supports the uncivilised.

What is so annoying about this debate is not that there is no oppression of women in Pakistan, nor that there aren't appalling violations of human rights under the version of Islamic Law introduced by the late president, General Zia ul Haq. It is that the West, after its brief and as yet largely unsuccessful experiment with equality for women feels itself qualified to sit and hold forth on the injustices that Muslim men vent upon Muslim women.

Listening to their anxious (smug) inquiries about how things might be improved for women at the mercy of evil (fundamentalist Muslim) males, it soon becomes uncomfortably obvious that this new found concern and this sudden interest in feminism is nothing more than a veil for the basic, unabashed racism that Black and Asian women and men have come to know and live with in the West.

Talking of veils, let us remind ourselves of some of the facts. When (mostly white) pseudo-feminists (men and women) ask with pity: 'Is it true that Muslim women must cover their bodies at all times, and aren't allowed to wear what they like?' I am always tempted first of all to scream and then to retort: 'Is it true that women appear naked in your daily newspapers, on your television screens and in your advertising as sales incentives, commodities and consumer goods? Is it true that women constantly strive to emulate the man-made icons of a primitive media culture and go to extraordinary and painful lengths to shave their skins, lift their breasts and expose as much of their flesh as can be made palatable for men?'

This type of white feminist can one day be seen bitterly expounding the evils of a society where only a few years have elapsed since the Equal Opportunities Act was passed and wife-battering was made illegal; where women do ill-paid, hard labour outside the home and unpaid, unvalued work in the home; where the pressure is on them to work for money to prove their worth, but for whom child-care and home help is unavailable. The next day this same feminist will be asking Pakistani women how they can wear a veil in all that heat.

There is behind this attitude no real understanding of women's issues, only a deep-seated and pernicious racism founded on a never-to-be-admitted assumption that non-white cultures are more barbaric, more unjust and more repressive than white ones.

But these feminists will refuse to believe that their attitudes are anything but libertarian. They will say a woman should have the chance to go out and follow the career of her choice, to become economically independent (so far so good). They forget that a job/career is by no means the key to freedom but is more often another exploitation. To measure freedom in terms of economics, to value people on the basis of their earnings, is essentially to adopt the standards of a world created by men. It is to act like a man in a man's world, and to use the ruler of men to measure our own worth.

In Pakistan, working class women have a different idea of feminist consciousness, and have made men accept their own standards of what is worthwhile. They have always worked on the land, and in the factories and mills, alongside men and still do. They know there is no intrinsic worth in menial labour.

But while being an indispensable half of the workforce, they have maintained—and forced men to maintain—the prestige and status of motherhood. It is a refusal to be measured by the standards of a world which gives you respect only if you are earning money. It is an assertion that women will not accept 'freedom' on the terms of men. Freedom is only possible for women when a new set of values is adopted. Otherwise the dice are loaded.

Most Western feminists now recognise that when feminism rejected and devalued motherhood it was a mistake. It was in fact just what the men needed. Now they had a whole new bunch of people to do menial low-paid work, because they didn't respect themselves unless they did.

recognize recognise? reductio ad absurdum

In the villages of Pakistan, this realisation is nothing new. Feminist imperialists should go and learn. The women have a humbling strength, dignity and political consciousness and a complete sense of self-worth not to be found in the West.

Everyone, men and women, works on the land (men have as few career choices as women). If the government of Pakistan were really to succeed in putting all women behind the walls of their houses, the economy would collapse. The government knows this, and has sought to undermine the worth of women's labour by imposing a morality (in the name of Islam) which says that a working woman is a bad one. But this ridiculous notion has found no takers among these women for whom work is not an option but a necessity. 'If Zia will feed our children, we will stay at home' they say scornfully, and get on with their lives. The real problems for them are the same as for their menfolk: poverty, housing and education for their children.

If one compares the confidence and comradeship of such women and their relatively high regard in the eyes of their men with the shaved legs and high heels of the West's liberated woman as she totters towards her office typewriter, one may well be tempted to ask which is the more oppressed.

It is true that 'Islamicisation' and the introduction of General Zia's own version of Islamic law (there are as many versions as there are Muslims) set the legal system heavily against women, and that the most obscene injustices have been perpetrated on women by men in the name of the law.

But the women's movement in Pakistan has flourished rather than withered with the injustices. There have been triumphant marches through the streets, violent demonstrations, protests, radical theatre, poetry and solidarity all along the line. Those who demonstrate are mostly middle class, because the remainder must meanwhile fight the tyranny of hunger and poverty.

The issue of Islamicisation has been used by General Zia to excuse and ignore the more pressing problems of his people - those faced by a country struggling for an identity after 200 years of British pillaging and rape. And the British media are much more interested in debating this irrelevant oppression than the real oppression of poverty which was the legacy of the Brits when they left India.

Pakistan's working class women may be illiterate and uneducated but they have a political consciousness which terrifies oppressors like General Zia. His supporters did their best in the run up to the election to prevent working class women from voting.

But they voted anyway, and they voted for socialism and against poverty. Not only women, but masses of men also, voted for a young woman, Benazir Bhutto, on a platform of socialist reform. With their collective power they showed that the 'massive support' Zia had claimed for his Islamicisation was pure fiction. Muslim women have a mind and a voice of their own, and last November they proved it.

And what did the Brits prove when they voted in Maggie Thatcher?

Islam is a religion, and like all religions it can be abused horrendously. As fate would have it, religion has almost without modern exception been kept in the sweaty hands of men, who like to have God on their side when they attempt to subdue women - look at the Church of England's shameless stand on refusing women bishops.

Those who single out the evil oppression of Muslim women by Muslim men are either guilty of a crass ignorance coupled with racism, or they are fooling themselves.

Their racism has long since ceased to be anything more than irritating. It is a fact of life for us Asians and Blacks in Britain (and what would we think about without it?). But what angers me as a woman and as a feminist is that they are prepared to use the cause of women and the voice of libertarian feminists to articulate and propagate their racist attitudes.



Prostitution

BIG BUSINESS

- Pimping and procuring is the third most profitable business in France, earning \$7 billion a year
- 10,000 prostitutes work in Calcutta, India
- 40,000 prostitutes work in Dakar, Senegal
- 100,000 prostitutes work in Bangkok, Thailand

WHO PROFITS?

In most countries the majority of prostitutes operate from brothels or with the 'protection' of a pimp. Pimps and brothel owners keep the lion's share of what a prostitute earns.

- 80% - 95% of prostitutes in Hamburg, West Germany have pimps
- 80% of prostitutes in San Francisco, US have pimps

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Where prostitution is illegal or restricted, it is the prostitute rather than her customer who is prosecuted. These figures are for one year in San Francisco, US.

	Prostitutes	Customers
Arrested	2,938	325
Imprisoned	419	0

Pornography

• 18 million American men together spend \$500 million a year on a range of 165 pornographic magazines

- US porn films gross \$1 million a day.
- The pornography industry earns a profit of \$4 billion a year in the US alone
- Porn videos outsell ordinary videos by 3 to 1 in the US.



Dear "Shocking Statics
Pink"

- an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind, a castration for a rape leads to global moral impotence and universal futility. yes, it does! How can you be so guiltily idiotic? Hatred of life expressed as hatred of body's body is the fascist trip!

Lead or feathers?

Action Not Words
Photograph Stuart Whitehead

Karen M.

South London Women's Centre

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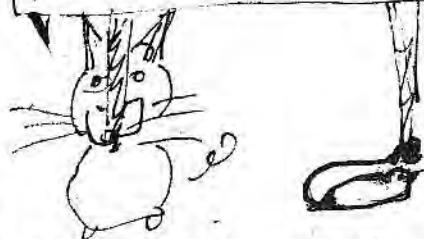
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I disagree with people who say all castration is wrong. I think 'spontaneous' castration in anger is a reaction, given the inadequacy and prejudice of the legal system. But I'd never suggest all rapists be castrated.

WE ARE INNOCENT!



"He won't eat this feed because I've put worming powders in it," Petra explained.

Animal products are unnecessary. In the face of this fact can we in the rich countries possibly continue in our old ways, while animals suffer and humans starve? If not, then the role of veganism in ending mass hunger must be more widely recognised.

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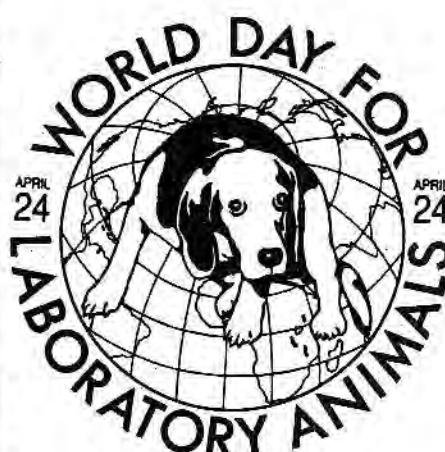
Berenice replies (I don't think this is finished yet) I don't see what this is going on about. If you hate life (ie you hate a man who has raped you), you are obviously going to take that hatred out on a body (ie man). You may not go up to him and chop his willy off, but you can hate him in other ways. You may not

express it to him—but you will feel it inside. We are all human beings and if a human being who caused this hatred, you are obviously going to take it out on him. WHO ELSE IS THERE TO LAY THE BLAME ON?... the animals are innocent! WE MUST FACE OUR OPPRESSORS.

Love's body has been distorted. A rapist has no love for his fellow human beings, otherwise why did he rape her.

We find this term really offensive.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING A LESBO!



Every year, millions of animals throughout the world suffer and die in laboratories in the name of 'science'. The untold suffering of these defenceless, feeling beings is only easy to hide whilst we, the public, allow it to be so. Join us in a day of remembrance for laboratory animals all over the world. Find out what action you as an individual can take on Monday 24th April, and the events to mark the day at the weekend.

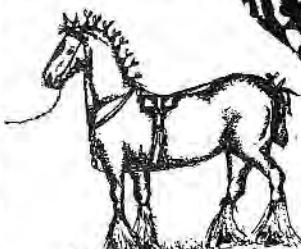
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL, LEEDS,
PROTEST AGAINST VIVISECTION
2pm march through Leeds Town Centre to Indoor rally at Queens Hall.

BENEFIT CONCERT
QUEENS HALL, LEEDS, SATURDAY 22ND APRIL.
6:30-10:30pm Programme to be advised.
Ticket only.

MONDAY 24TH APRIL.
Wear a black armband this day, to mark the deaths of millions of animals.

Details from: National Anti-Vivisection Society, 51 Harley Street, London, W1N 1DD.
Tel: 01-580 4034/631 0612.

Shire horse



Caroline Andrews,
Wimbledon, London.

Never forget the Green Cross Code. It could save your life!

i wish i loved

*i wish i loved
this my master's language
then perhaps
hector would be alive
but then
i do not*

*i wish i could speak
this my master's language
then perhaps
a mother would know no sor
but then
i cannot*

*for where the blood was spill
there a sapling grew
of hatred*

mistrust

revenge

*nurtured and nourished
by the tears of all the grieved
and it is under the shadow
cold*

of this tree

*that all africa shall be
until a mother knows peace*

Mogorosi Motshumi

*If anyone at all is to stop war, it will be
the mothers. They are the ones with
nothing left to lose'*

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OK, buster — what do I get out of this
crummy, badly-paid job apart from varicose
veins?

Dear Mum,
I'm really
sorry if I've
been troubling
you, love
you lots!
B.



MOTHER IRELAND — includes interviews with Mairaid Farrel who was killed by the SAS in Gibraltar, and Bernadette McAliskey. Many of women are 'banned' from TV and Radio by the Home Secretary's directive. Channel 4 decided not to show it. BUT LOOK OUT FOR SHOWINGS. Sorry, we've missed the ones we were told about...

Skateboarding, Surfing and Windsurfing are still very male dominated sports, especially the first two. Why should something which is so fun and exhilarating be only done by men.

Boys from a young age are socialized into a role where they are encouraged to be confident, physically strong and to confront danger.

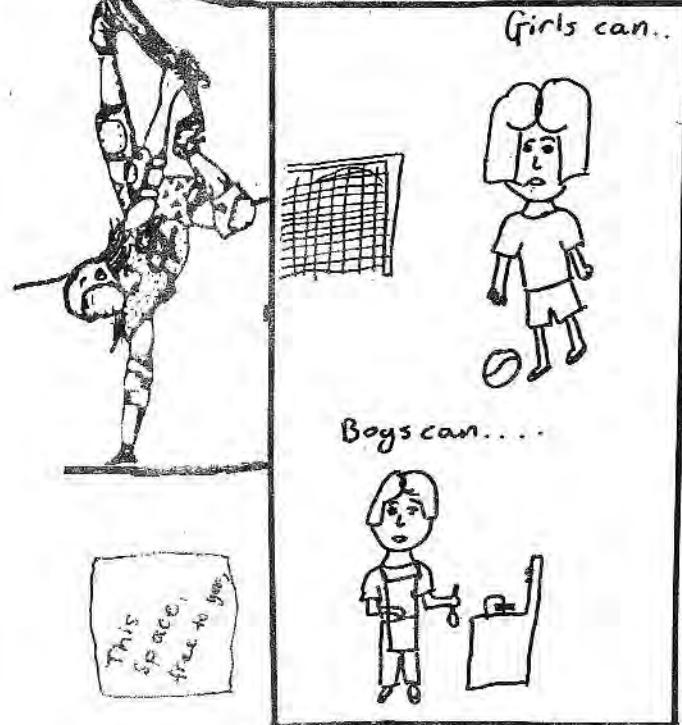
Girls are conditioned into more caring, gentle roles, when they are just as capable of being physically strong and confident.

I would like to see more streets full of girls, and women on skates, Skateboards, Scooters, BMX, and just generally taking up space which is ours as well as theirs.

Sad

There is already established women's windsurfing group.

Girls can...



Boys can...



Ben said "Look, Gill can cook."

Gill said "so can you, Ben!"

Ben said, "Cooking is for girls!"

"No it's not," said Gill "Boys can cook too."

Gill said, "I can play football!"

Ben said, "only boys can play football!"
Gill said "

Gill said, "any one can play football if they want to. Any one can cook!"

Ben said "girls are weak and feeble, they stay at home and do the cooking. Boys go out to work!"

"My mum works. She works as a businesswoman" said Gill.



• Any women surfers, (not wind) want to meet a lonely kiwi surfer please contact Nikki, c/o Shocking Pink.

GIRLS' GROUP— LEAMINGTON SPA



PROBABLY THE MESSIEST ARTWORK I'VE EVER SEEN!
Signed A. Graphic Designer
who can't spell!!

The INFAMOUS girls group first introduced to SP readers in issue no.4 (article: Freedom in Education) are STILL on the loose! Here's what our Leamington Spa correspondent Ang Wright and her friends have to say for themselves: Our girls' group is named 'SPACE' due to the fact that we feel we need our space and we gather in a space for our meetings. At the moment

we have 15-20 members, and meet on Monday nights from 7.30 - 10 pm. We decide what we want but we also decide what we don't want. Our aim is to work together as a group and to get on well together. At the moment we are having photography sessions with the community arts photographer, Fiona Bailey. We'll keep you posted. Watch this SPACE!

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NEXT ISSUE

Hype!,
poem
Leonora,
cartoon
&
Duncan
Campbell in
the BOYS
corner.

MILK!
MILK!
MILK!
MILK!
WANT MY MILK, MUMMY!
MILK!
MILK!

Dear
Polly &
Kim,

We couldn't fit your interview in but it's TOP priority for issue 6.
THANKS!

A CAPPELLA
Polish anarchist youth magazine. Needs donations badly. Please send anything you can to:
Wieslaw Wesołek, 80-392 Gdansk, ul. Słupska, 32/2, POLAND.
Unfortunately details of how to send the donations (eg cheque, giro-transfer, etc) are not given. Suggest you write first.

NEXT ISSUE

BIT TOUCHY, AREN'T YOU?
THOUGHT GIRLS LIKED
STAYING AT HOME WITH THE
BABY!

(THE UNSYMPATHETIC
ARMCHAIR)

FAMILY IN THE PINK!

NEW mum Jane Dunning, 18, followed tradition when she gave birth to daughter Gemma. There hasn't been a boy in her family for FIVE generations.

Jane's mum Maureen, 36, had two daughters. So did HER mother Holly Hughes, 56. And Holly's own mother Elizabeth Harper, 75 — Gemma's great-great-grandmother — had three girls.

All five live within 100 yards of one another in Sherburn Hill, Co. Durham.

Maureen said: "We just knew Jane would have another girl."

CONTRACEPTION



NEWS

Pill Death

A 19 year old woman died in May, 3 months after she started taking Femodene, a low-dose birth control pill. Ms. Dawn Watson suffered a deep vein thrombosis, a known although rare, side effect of the pill. An inquest into the death recorded an open verdict. A pathologist at the hearing was reported to have said that Femodene is "the safest Pill on the market" and its manufacturers say it "is probably the most widely researched oral contraceptive ever made available to British women". The inquest heard that Ms. Watson was of "above average build" and a representative of Schering, who makes the pill, agreed to a suggestion that warnings about "obesity" and smoking should be placed in a more prominent position in the literature that accompanies Femodene. None of the reports mention the doctor who prescribed the pill or question why it was given in the first place.



Tricia Jennings celebrates outside Burtons in Edinburgh after winning her industrial tribunal. Burtons had to pay £1,780 compensation for sacking Tricia because she was pregnant.

Burtons shops country wide were picketed by Tricia's supporters. Though Tricia didn't win reinstatement, the outcome will hopefully encourage workers to fight such sackings in future.

Help us set her
up in business. If
someone else does
THE STATE IS THE
ONE THAT'S GOING TO
GET RICH!

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THE RAPIST WHO PAYS THE RENT — A RAPIST LIKE ANY OTHER — A Scottish judge has ruled that a husband can be charged with raping his wife. Lord Mayfield's ruling is the 1st time the charge of rape has been allowed when the couple were still living together. LEGAL RECOGNITION THAT MARRIAGE VOWS SHOULD NOT BE A LICENSE TO RAPE IS A VICTORY FOR WOMEN. (Sick world, eh?)

Women Against Rape Survey found that rape in marriage is the most common rape of all and 83% of women think it should be made a crime.

Instead of protecting women made vulnerable by economic dependence and family ties the law and courts actively protect the rapist who pays the rent. Cuts in benefits, wages, housing, healthcare etc push women back into even greater financial dependence on men and increase our vulnerability to rape.

30,000 Afghan Children At Risk Britain opposes UN mercy airlift

KABUL — More than 30,000 children run the risk of major illness or even death as a result of malnutrition amid the deteriorating food and health conditions in the Kabul area, according to doctors and international relief officials. Already living on the edge, these children, along with nursing mothers and pregnant women in the poorest sections of Afghan society, are viewed by health experts as being least able to withstand the rigors of the Afghan winter and the food shortages that are affecting the city as the war moves into its final stages.

At Kabul's Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital, the children — the faces behind the statistics — struggled to recover from the effects of lack of food or vitamins. In the malnutrition ward, worried mothers sat beside beds while children with thin limbs and sagging skin fought to recover.

- This young woman, Sonia, died in a British hospital when she didn't get an urgent heart operation for a week because officials were so busy haggling about who was going to pay for it. WHY? Because Sonia was from the British dependency of Montserrat, which is in the Caribbean—a remnant of the British Empire. But if you come from one of the other dependencies, like the Falkland Islands or Gibraltar, the British government pays for your treatment in a British hospital. Why don't they pay for people from Montserrat (a tiny island where they have never taken the trouble to build sophisticated hospitals)? Because these people are black, of course. Sonia died because of the colour of her skin, not because of the hole in her heart.

Indeed Britain is opposed to a UN airlift of food and medical help for the besieged population of Kabul, even though it is recognised that there is a growing risk of starvation among the city's children — "sending fresh food supplies would only prolong the agony," as one Whitehall official put it, and there was "no point in helping the Kabul regime to survive artificially".

As he spoke, babies and children cried in the ward. One 2-year-old showed signs of acute malnutrition, with distended stomach and skin that had long since lost its tone. The child, who should have weighed 25 pounds, was down to 11 pounds. Another mother nursed her sick child, who was brought in 15 days ago near death. "There are many children in my neighborhood who are very weak like my child," she said.

QUESTION: Why will Ms Thatcher supply Blowpipe missiles to Afghan Rebels but not food to Afghan Children?

QUESTION: Would there have been ten years of war in Afghanistan without Western support?

ANSWERS: Afghan lives don't matter in a war against the Russians.

No.

SP investigators think that all this about WINNIE MANDELA being involved in a murder is TOTAL RUBBISH. We think it is a DELIBERATE MALICIOUS PLOY of the RACIST BASTARD government to SLIME the name of Mandela because they can then safely release Nelson from prison and get all the credit. The allegation is that the Mandela Football Team (Winnie's bodyguard) killed a young boy called 'Stompie' Mokoetsi and then killed a doctor called Abu Baker Asvat who had seen Stompie before he died. But there is no evidence for any of this, and nobody can explain why the football team should have done such a thing—it's not even certain that Stompie is dead. One thing is certain though, Stompie and Dr Asvat were both activists and the South African police would have wanted them dead. So... We still love Winnie Mandela tremendously and are setting up the Shocking Pink Football Team in solidarity.

• The British Government behaved like a set of COMPLETE PRICKS to VIRAJ MENDIS, the Sri Lankan refugee whom they deported last month. Any system which can send a man to VIRTUALLY CERTAIN DEATH for whatever reason is totally BARBARIC and SP spits on it. Before he left London, the Germans agreed to give him sanctuary, but out of nothing less than SHEER MURDEROUS VINDICTIVENESS the Pigs made him go back to Sri Lanka instead. They held him in handcuffs all the way, which is ILLEGAL, as it was a Sri Lankan jet and therefore was not British territory. The British Government is therefore guilty of BREAKING AND ENTERING, ABDUCTION, KIDNAPPING, ASSAULT and ATTEMPTED MURDER. We think THEY should have been deported.



Another person we love lots is SALMAN RUSHDIE. We don't think he meant to INSULT Muslims, because The Satanic Verses is about loads of other things, especially the DISGUSTING treatment of Asians in Britain. We think the Ayatullah is using the book politically to prove to extremists in his country that he's not being too friendly to the West, and to try and make himself some sort of spokesman for the whole Muslim world. In fact, as a Shia he only represents about 10% of Muslims and probably not all of them agree with him anyway. Britain's top Muslim for example has said he would shelter Salman in his house. So we object to the Ayatullah threatening Salman, but we don't like the anti-Muslim feeling that has been stirred up either. If the Ayatullah is using Salman as an excuse to flex his political muscles, there are plenty of people in the British press and government who are using the Ayatullah as an excuse to be racist.

For those who haven't read The Satanic Verses yet, we will be serialising it in Shocking Pink, starting next issue, and we will send one to the Ayatullah too.

The sound of freedom

The sound of freedom
Hear it
It is coming
It is coming slowly
But it's surely on its way

Hear it.
It is almost here
Soon it will be here
Soon we will be free
We will be free
We will love our freedom

If we want our freedom
We must fight for it
We must study for it
We must work for it
But we will get our freedom
The freedom that we want.

**Barbara Marin-Rivas
aged 12**



- Wesley House, the London Women's centre is in danger. Phone 387 2680 for details.
- Irish Hunger Strike Commemoration rally—Sat May 6th. More details available from PO Box 540, Sparkhill, Birmingham B11 4AV.
- Sensible Footwear have launched a 'cassette of songs'—info from Rosalind 482 2633.
- Gotta camera? U25 & a lesbian? Then there's a competition you can enter. Phone Kim 359 2884. (It's a photo comp).

'The battle in Parliament Square on Black Friday. Pictures showing attacks on the Suffragettes were suppressed and those showing the women as aggressors were published.'



MARTINA ANDERSON-DURHAM GAOL

Martina: No. D25134,
Birthday 16th April: HM Prison Durham, Old Elvet
DH1 3HU. Support the United Campaign Against Strip
Searches (UCASS) c/o ALA, 36 Old Queen Street,
London SW1.

rape victim charged by police....

In early October 1988, a Hackney woman finally gained the strength to leave her home which she was sharing with her boyfriend. She was forced to leave for her own safety as this man had raped & violently beaten her up in the past two years.

Although she didn't want to leave her place, where SHE was the legal tenant, the women had no other option. She had asked him to leave on many occasions, but he totally ignored her saying 'you're just using my violence as an excuse to get me out of the house'.

She discussed a non-molestation order with her solicitor, but rightly felt that this was inadequate and would probably provoke more violence. She went to stay with sympathetic friends, which brought what he'd done out into the open. After she'd been there a few weeks, one of the other tenants from the house told her that the man had left. A few days later the woman moved back into her home, hoping that she would be able to piece her life back together. At 7am on Tuesday 25th October, 10 Police officers raided the house. They searched the whole place ripping up the floorboards in the process. The woman was taken to a police station where she was held in custody for 52 hours. For 12 of these hours she was held in a cell with human excrement on the floor and no toilet. After 10 hours of questioning and constant intimidation in her cell, she was finally charged with conspiracy to kidnap Mark Berry, the man who she'd been living with for the past two years.

At the start of her questioning she was asked about Mark Berry. She recalled her experiences of his past violence towards her, which she found traumatic to talk about, especially to two aggressive male police officers. When she made the rape allegation, the reaction of the police was 'it's your word against his'.

When the woman was taken to court, she found that seven other people had been charged with kidnapping and administering a noxious substance to Mark Berry. All this happened because Berry went to the police & made a statement claiming that 20 men & women had come to his house one morning, drugged and kidnapped him and then abandoned him, tied to a tree on Salisbury plain—all in broad daylight!

Before being exposed as a rapist Berry portrayed himself as a political activist, getting involved in local campaigns. He was very fond of informing people of how he patrolled the streets at night to keep them clear of rapists & fascists. His false image was shattered when the truth became known. In reality Berry's life was one of extreme violence, abuse of other people, and paranoia exaggerated by a regular intake of drugs.

There have been further arrests and now 11 people are facing very serious charges, many of whom are activists in the local community.

All of this while the rapist walks free and uncharged. This clearly illustrates the police's deplorable record on domestic violence. Instead of charging the rapist they have charged the rape victim.

Mum to sue

A mother of four, who says she was beaten up by four policemen, is to take legal action against them, after they arrested her for a 'suspicious' car tax disc.

Ms Olubunmi was detained at Dalston police station, locked in a cell and allegedly beaten up. They only stopped when she pretended she was pregnant, she claims.

Strip stats

Strip search statistics should show the number of black victims, MP Bernie Grant has urged.

After new figures last week revealed that over 16,000 people were strip-searched at ports of entry around the UK last year, Mr Grant said he was sure that black people disproportionately suffered this indignity.

STUFF THE LAW - WE WANT JUSTICE
For more information and leaflets with a description of Mark Berry contact:
The Hackney 11 Defence Campaign, c/o Hackney Trade Union Support Unit, 489 Kingsland Road, London E8 4AU.

Knowing what we're talking about

WHAT IS AN ORGASM?

When I have sexual intercourse with my girlfriend, she keeps asking me if I have had an orgasm. The only problem is I don't know what one is. How am I going to answer her?
Barry, N. West.



★ Do you know any Lesbian diplomats? Or how possible it is for lesbians to contract the HIV virus during sex? Or what steps the TUC and the Labour Party are taking to protect lesbians? The new copy of LESBIAN EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS NEWSLETTER No. 7 will answer all these questions. Other articles include racism at Lesbian Archives, the effects of the Housing Bill on lesbians plus MUCH MORE! Get it free from: Lesbian Employment Rights, Rm 203 Southbank House, Black Prince rd, London SE1 7SJ. Tel: 587 1636

HEY!

Dear Shocking Pink

THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

Are there any biology A-level students out there? I bet there are, and I wonder how many of you have had the dubious horror of viewing the film **THE MIRACLE OF LIFE** bestowed upon you? I HAVE. The Miracle of Life is meant to be a film about Human Reproduction—that is SEXUAL reproduction. The significant thing about this otherwise dull film (endless pictures of developing foetus accompanied by violins) is the oversight on the part of its makers of the existence of the **FEMALE ORGASM**! We are taken on a tour of the inside of some guy's balls and penis, and have described in great detail how this guy gets turned on and what happens. Guess What? He gets an erection. Scientific REVELATION!!! 10 minutes of the film are HEAT SENSITIVE PHOTOGRAPHS of this guy's THROBBING RAINBOW-COLOURED organ getting hard from various angles. All of this has an appropriate soundtrack—great RUMBLINGS like Star Wars III or something. I was overwhelmed by the grandness of it all. Then he shoves it in (into what? you may well ask—the woman is ignored) and comes. The excited viewing audience gets to ride along inside a tiny camera. We are carried through with the pretty creamy sperm. Next thing I know, the egg is fertilised, the foetus grows,

the baby is born and the credits roll by. The class ends and we all go home for lunch. I was a bit stunned ... all this stuff about the dude getting sexually excited — nothing about the woman!

Now I can understand the woman whose ovaries we tour in our tiny camera may not have been having a great time, but surely something must have happened! I mean, she couldn't have just laid there like a dead fish? There was no description of the sexually excited state, so here it is:

- 1) vagina engorged with blood and flushed with colour
 - 2) labia firm and taut
 - 3) head of clitoris may lift up, exposing the perky little gem
 - 4) vaginal canal lengthens and widens, the cervix rises and
 - 5) the os opens slightly,
 - 6) secretion of fluid increases to create a slippery sexy environment
 - 7) rhythmic abdominal contractions ...
- ... the list could go on! Somehow all this was missed by the man narrating the **MIRACULOUS** story of Boy meets Girl. This list should be included in any essay or work on reproduction done by the right-on biology student.

Sincerely,
Ms Zo Ology.

If you haven't already subscribed to RESISTER then you're missing out. Send £4/£5 made out to RESISTER to c/o Box DAM, 52 Call lane, Leeds. It's a local Leeds paper but it's so fantastic that every woman in Britain would enjoy it.



(top) Angora rabbit

WKS
Melanie McFadyean is a freelance journalist, and advice columnist for *Just 17*. She is co-author of *Only the Rivers Run Free*.

Check your bike's brakes regularly. Your life could depend on them.

SECOND WAVE

YOUNG WOMEN'S arts project

SECOND WAVE organised THE FESTIVAL OF NEW PLAYS BY YOUNG WOMEN last year, which was AMAZING, and included 14 year old CHEVONNE MARTIN'S play 'DOMINATION' - a vision of a world where women have the upper hand.

The last SECOND WAVE project is a VIDEO PRODUCTION COURSE FOR YOUNG MOTHERS running until April. They will be organising further events for young women, all of which are cheap or free with a creche provided.

Contact Muna or Ann at SECOND WAVE 691-8016 for details. Write, phone or drop in! Second Wave at the Albany Empire, Douglas Way, Deptford, London SE8 4AG.

I like Smart Pages. Some of those in the last issue you couldn't even read.

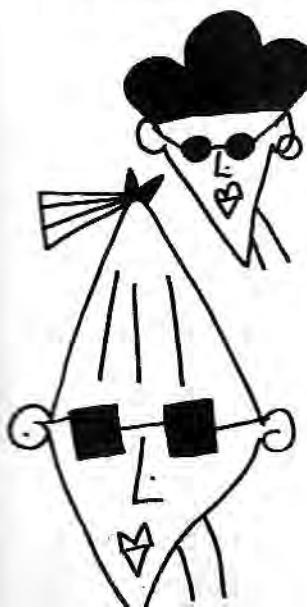
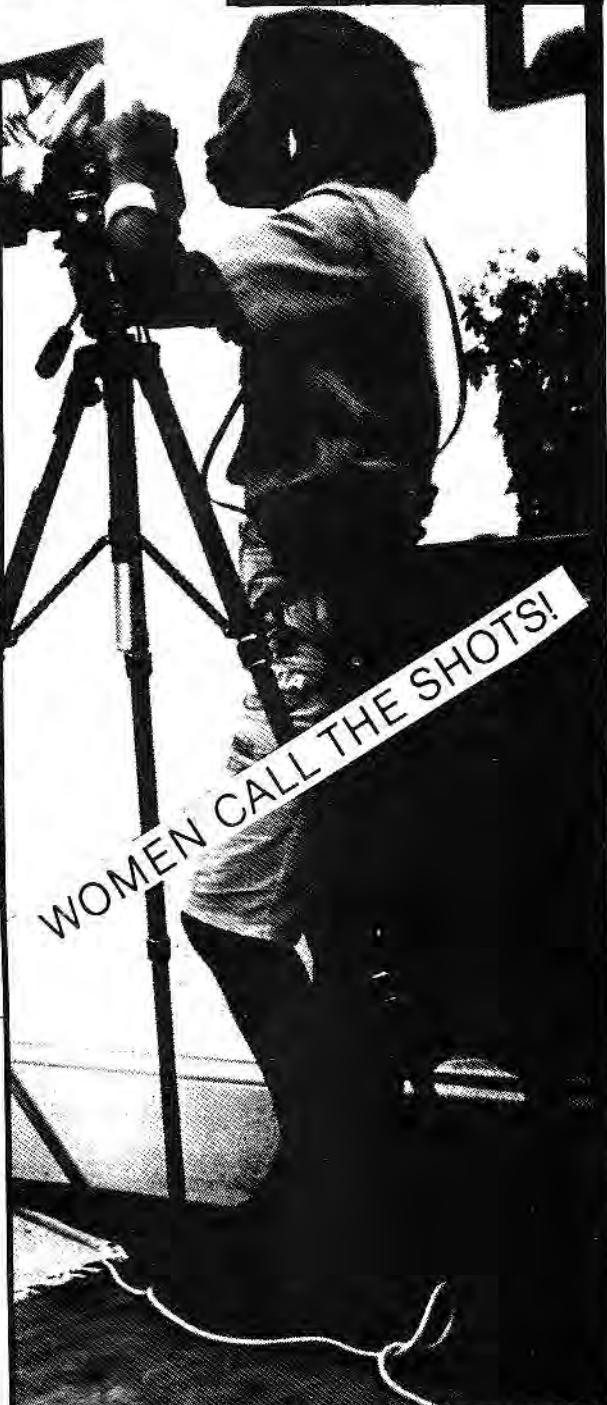
HELP AT LAST!!- CRISIS COUNSELLING FOR ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS

STEALING TIME

In a moment of forgetfulness you wander out of a shop clutching an unpaid-for item and wham! The store detective is upon you like a ton of bricks. Or the alarm bell goes off, alerted by one of those plastic tags...

According to the Crisis Counselling Services for Alleged Shoplifters (CCAS for short), thousands of people are wrongly accused of shoplifting, often because the store detective has made a mistake. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to accompany the detective back to the manager's office, nor tip out the contents of your bag except in the presence of a police officer.

Stand your ground and insist that the police are called immediately. If they try to physically lead you into the store you can resist and sue for assault if they use force. Don't be intimidated into pleading guilty; apart from the emotional stress and subsequent fine, you'll be branded by a criminal record for the rest of your life. CCAS will advise, counsel and put you in touch with a sympathetic solicitor (tel: 202 5787 or, after 7pm, 958 8859).



Rich Anarchist with mafia connections sends SP 50 squid to assassinate M. McFadgean.

Dear Pink Person,

I picked up your mag for the first time in years, & I think it's now WONDERFUL, & thank god(ness) for some proper thoughtful Anarchy again.

I'll give Melanie Mcfadgean a talking to next time I see her! Hope this donation helps you with your work - I don't need a subscription, I'll just pick Shocking Pink up as I go along.

In sisterhood,
Amanda

On October 13th WORKFARE LEGISLATION (the family security act) was signed into law in the USA. It says that people who dependents, who receive welfare (mostly women), HAVE to do job training and take jobs offered or they will lose benefits. On the job training they get insufficient subsidies towards child care, and insufficient payment. If you're under 18 and have a kid, you HAVE to stay with your PARENTS AND stay at school, or you'll lose benefit. Another bit of legislation says women have to reveal who the father of their child is.

Workfare's attack on women! Other US welfare claimants are vulnerable targets single mothers assuming they are not working and must be forced into low-paid jobs - where they are used to undercut other women's wages especially women who have been unionising, often minority women. The US media were key in providing the case for the workfare; there is more to this which will be typeset later.

OK. I'll finish it off, what typeface were you using?

The US media were key in promoting the case for the Workfare Bill, censoring news of opposition and spreading the misconception that most claimants are black. At the same time the anti-poverty lobby, trade unions, the church and feminists, many of whom had the ear of legislators, or were themselves legislators, refused to oppose the essentials of the bill or to put women's case, and even blocked grassroots women from putting their case directly. The bill passed but with a narrow majority. The anti-Workfare lobby won significant concessions. Workfare is not universally mandatory, there is an increase in childcare and travel allowances, and medical cover is provided. Audiences in Britain listened keenly to the US struggle to strengthen their own Opposition to Workfare's UK version. Employment training schemes are growing, and in Scotland there is a mass movement against Workfare and the Poll Tax.

If anyone at all is to stop war, it will be the mothers. They are the ones with nothing left to lose!

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NONONSENSE

You did it!

Now tell your friends how
easy it is.



CONGRATULATIONS!
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