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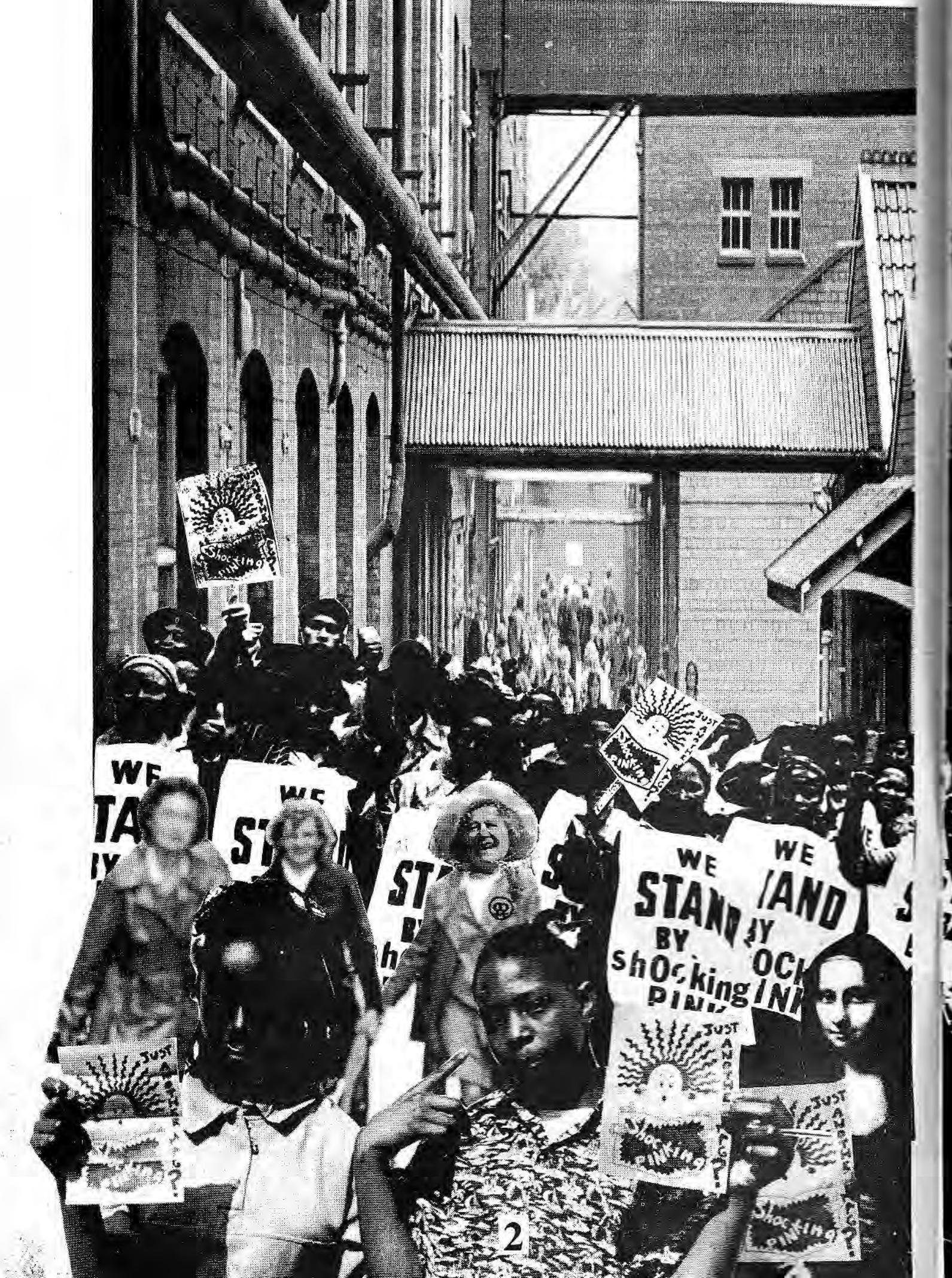


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ON THE OFFENSIVE





WHERE WE STAND

We don't like the way they treat us like we're stupid or something. Older people have no idea of what we think about. They make out that if we sit on a park bench looking pretty and sob, and a handsome boy with a shaggy dog will come and solve all our problems. It's a load of rubbish and most of us know it. So we've produced an alternative. It's not perfect, but it's a start and if enough people help it could be quite good.

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FASHION...POP..ROMANCE.....
BOYS... BBBB BBBB OYS...
Shocking Pink II wants to fight unnatural obsessions with trivial things like boys, fashion, spots and suntans. We've had enough. There are many more things we're interested in, like motorbikes, jobs, sport, parents, our grannies, politics, news.....**

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Politically we're left wing, somehow marxist with shades of anarchy. We expect that a lot of people will say that SPII is offensive, but really if you think about it, Jackie, My Guy and The Sun are far worse. Another thing is that because we're all voluntary we haven't had time to get all the content we wanted, so unless you want to help us make it better or to accept it as it is, you'll have to reject the ONLY attempt at an alternative magazine for young women.

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**** VERY PLEASED KATY ****

Dear SPII,

I am very pleased that you and your friends have got together and are planning a magazine to be made by girls in their teens. The magazine will be true because it is produced by our own age, who have experienced the same difficulties.

I am 13 yrs old and have always wanted a magazine by girls teenagers. I am very confident that it will be a success. I would love to help.

Yours faithfully,

Katie Tape.

Thank you.

HILDA'S HANDY HINTS COOKING TIPS FROM THE PM TO HER 3M

Well readers those - important necessities like nuclear missiles, for killing nasty little Russkies, don't come cheap these days (that's why you do without hospital beds and school books now).

So it's time for us all to cut back on the Heinz tomato soup and Robinsons marmalade and take a page out of grannys' recipe book.

Yes she lived through the poverty of a Tory government so should know how to feed a family of six with one brussel sprout, shouldn't she?

A quick and easy meal which costs practically nothing (so it's ideal for you dole dossers) can be made by taking a selection of leaves from any nearby bush or tree, adding a handful of nourishing twigs and a sprinkle of fresh green grass. Voila! Hedgerow Salad!

Pond water - leave the pond weed and frog spawn in it - makes a wonderfully thick broth. Simply bring it to the boil and simmer for three minutes (if you are one of the lucky few who own a saucepan).

A yummy thin soup that won't even need heating can be made from nettles. Yes! The Famous Nettle Soup! But watch your hands when picking the leaves!

Some of you may have, as youngsters, played at making mud pies. Nowadays you should try eating them as well. They're delicious!

That's all for now my dears. Bon Apetit!

Yours,
HILDA

P.S. You in the inner cities can work out your own variations if you can't find any grass or ponds.

By Krystle Glass

***** STAR LETTER *****

**** DOT COTTON ****

Dear Shocking Pink,

I thought all you SP readers would like to know that my Nan has the same handbag as Dot Cotton out of Eastenders.

Yours,
Jenny, Vauxhall.

**** COBLERS ****

Dear Shocking Pink,

I'm fed up with the romantic stories from the pages of such cobblers as 'My Guy', 'True Love' etc, where the men are handsome strong hunks and the women are weak, weak, WEAK.

A lot of young women are into equal rights, feminism etc. So why don't WE get what we want in (supposedly) our magazines? Most magazines are stereotypical trash that puts women down. That's why I'm so pleased that SP is back to fight this.

From
Lisa Howells. (15)



I went on a camping holiday last week and I really fancied this lad there. I don't know his name or address, we just looked at each other a lot. I phoned the camp and described his tent but the woman I spoke to said she couldn't help. I spend all day thinking about him and crying — can you help me trace him before I go mad?

I have to be honest and say that trying to find this boy will be like looking for a needle in a haystack — after all, you don't have much to go on, do you? And what would you say if you did find him? That you fancied the look of him so much you had to find him again? That's fairytale stuff — not real life.

You're making yourself miserable over something that simply isn't worth it — there are hundreds of boys out there, he isn't the only one! Next time you see someone who catches your eye, pluck up the courage to speak to him and get a real relationship going instead of eating your heart out over what might have been.

FOR SALE: 11 year old brother! Good condition. Bad temper and very mischievous. Price to be discussed. 01-352 0102



Horroscopes

Taurus

A mysterious and elegant woman will enter your life and offer you some Turkish delight this November. Just before Christmas you will find a ten pound note behind the skirting board in your room. Your world is becoming increasingly distorted as you continue to lose your grip on reality.

Leo

A terrible craving for attention will force you to compromise your political principles and join the circus as a trapeze artist. Your time in the limelight will be brief, however; a performing elephant will become increasingly hostile towards you and will bring your downfall.

Libra

A strange potato-shaped planet moves into your orbit this Winter, bringing an oddly chaotic pattern to your usually methodical and ordered way of life. Possibly you will become interested in the political philosophy of anarchy, or else something — or someone — very close to your heart will begin to disintegrate.

Capricorn

Something inexplicable will take hold of your mind in the months to come and will obliterate completely your normally profound sense of proportion. You will have nightmares of huge and terrifying monsters, and start watching all the soap operas avidly. You will start to believe what you read in horoscopes.....

Aquarius

You are not happy with your bottom, and will decide that now is the time to do something about it. By Thursday you will realize there is nothing you can do about it.

Pisces

Ignore friends who tell you you are looking well.

If you weren't lucky enough to get your sign included, don't despair; buy the next issue and it might be in there.



THE STINKING SYSTEM



On Women Priests

From the postbag on this subject Fr Redford chooses two:

In Faith Alive No 37 you ask for opinions on women priests. I am against them because:

One: Man is the head of the family, stronger physically than woman and less emotional.

Two: Woman's function is to minister to man, in a loving relationship, in an attitude or reality of motherhood. To be an object of man's pursuit, with marriage the objective. This would detract from the detachment of a woman priest, especially if young and attractive. She would become aware of male admiration.

Three: The parish priest, as in a family, is the head of the parish, and is looked up to as such. There would be 'wrongness' about a woman taking the place of a man as parish priest.

John Keenan, Stowbridge

Patrick Jenkin, when Secretary of State for Social Services remarked 'If god had meant women to go out to work he would not have created two sexes'.

REUNITE THE NATION

During the run up to the General Election claims were made that Britain is a divided country; is that so?

The North of Britain was the backbone of the Empire during the days of Queen Victoria, but now it is the 'whizz-kid' bankers of London and the South that are keeping Britain's regal head above the waves of international debt.

If you have ever driven through Sheffield you will instantly know what I mean: Sheffield - famous for its two soccer teams and knives and forks. Or at least it once was. A trip from the outskirts, through Hillsborough and past 'Wednesday's' home turf, will take you past more than one redundant steel mill.

Besides the closure of the steel

boundaries The North (as advertised on the M1 from Watford upwards) has been hit by a decline in the cotton and woolen industry (Lancashire and Yorkshire), pit closures and closure of docks and ship builders (Clydeside, Liverpool, Tyneside and Humberside). Faced with these daunting prospects the eager young Northerner, wanting fruitful and prosperous employment must 'get on her bike' and 'free-wheel' all the way to the South!

In a region where business is blooming and booming, there are many job opportunities that are rarely seen up North, but now that the prospective employee has pedaled South she has nowhere to park her

proverbial bike, moped, motorbike, pit pony & cart or car, let alone herself. There is a considerable amount of difference in the prices of a Northern 'des res' and a Southern 'home-sweet-home'. A dockland wharf is converted into luxurious flats from redundant warehouses for up to a quarter of a million pounds each. Equivalent cash could get you a nice little Yorkshire mansion with a couple of acres of garden (or an ordinary house and leave enough to squander on whippets and greasy food).

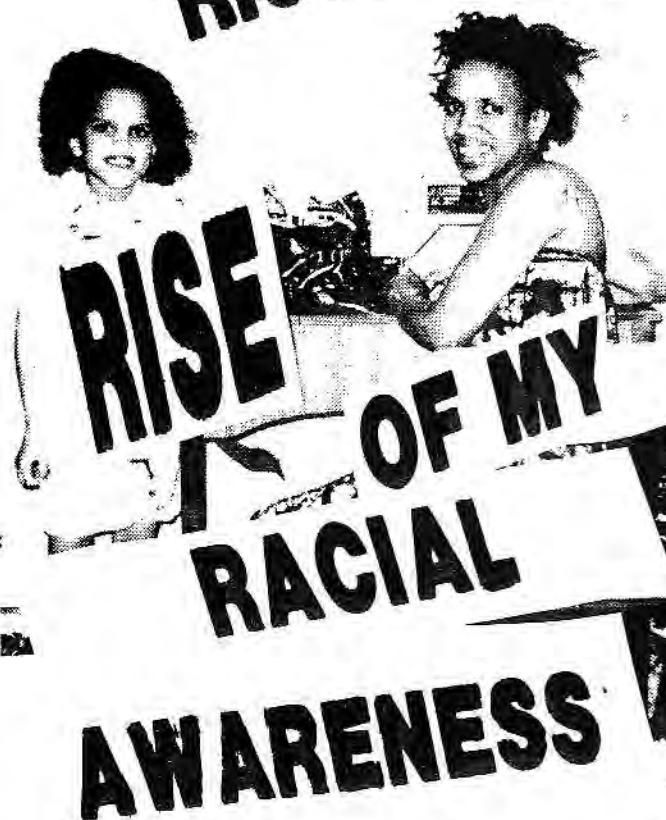
There is squalor and deprivation in the South and especially inner-city London but it cannot be compared with the widespread idleness of the forgotten North.

'Today' had been trying to boost sales before the election by heralding their advertisement: 'Will Tactically Voting Re-unite the Country?' Does it??? Can anything bring back the industry that is now feared as being lost forever? Can, and will, the South share its prosperity with the Provinces or will it watch the backbone break?

If so, how long will it be before Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford and many others fall into the realms of GCSE history books beside the Roman Empire and the Spanish Armada? How long will it be before the M1 turns in to the road to nowhere?

Sarah Teasdale

THE RISE AND



I am a black Afro-Caribbean-British woman. I have not always known that or been proud of that. I was born in this country, England, of Jamaican parents, in the city of Leeds. The area I grew up in, Harehills was predominantly white. (There was also a minority of Asian families.) The schools I attended were also predominantly white and even the Church I attended had this racial pattern too. It was no wonder I was unclear about my identity. Black people were invisible in my background (except in my home) particularly in school lessons such as history. But if they were visible black people were generally shown in a negative light on the television or in the papers, as violent or unintelligent.

Being English and white was trumpeted loud and clear in the media. English people had 'civilised' the world. White people, particularly white anglo-saxon women both in Britain and the States were paraded on the screen and in magazines as the paragon of beauty. Black women were not beautiful. When I was younger I used to put underskirts on my head so that I could pretend I had long flowing hair like 'beautiful' white women. I have known of other black children who even bathed in bleach to become adonics in this society's outlook. So as I got older I rejected a part of my identity.

At eighteen I decided that I had stop refusing to come to terms with being a black person with all the implications of that and discover myself (sorry about the cliché term). This involved finding out about Afro Caribbean culture in all its' aspects - history, music, dialects, food, dress, folklore, etc - from books but more importantly from Afro-Caribbean people (especially women - the carriers of a cultures' heritage) of my parents generation who mostly came to Britain in the 50's and 60's. This research is an ongoing thing and has certainly helped make me proud of my heritage. I am no longer ashamed of the thought of being descended from Africa's people since rediscovering for myself that Africa was civilised long before Europeans came out of caves (Eg. Egypt). Africans were not the superstitious savages as shown on television or as taught in geography lessons but a proud strong people whose continent was underdeveloped and raped by Europe. So as not to neglect my British side to an extent, I have taken to looking at Black presence in Britain over the centuries. It has shown up how African people have helped to make Britain's history and herstory.

So there it is, my pilgrimage to become aware of myself racially and because I appreciate my culture I am sure it has helped me appreciate other peoples' culture too.

Shocking Pink II promotes positive images and challenges stereotypes about young women. That has to extend to young women of the ethnic minorities, but that can only happen if we raise our voices and lift our pens.

Lorraine Dixon. Training as an Anglican Minister.

NEWS ... WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Write and tell us of anything that's happened in your area, or that you hear of, in Britain and other countries. We're particularly interested in protests and young women and people fighting back against all the shit that they get.



IT'S UP TO US.

They're attacking the Abortion Act again, this time trying to cut the upper time limit from 28 to 20 weeks, and generally restrict abortions.

Liberal MP David Alton is planning to introduce a bill to parliament banning termination of pregnancies after 20 weeks - as if the bill presently before the Lords to reduce the limit to 24 weeks wasn't bad enough.

In Britain 110 000 women have abortions every year, either because the contraception failed or they couldn't get any, or were raped.....

50% of women who have abortions performed after 20 weeks are under 20 yrs of age; their situations make it much harder to seek advice and help with contraception and pregnancy. Other late abortions are necessary because a severe foetal abnormality has been detected as late as the 24th week or after. A third of 'late' abortions are the result of admin delays in the NHS.

Even now, while it is still legal to have an abortion after 20 weeks, many women are refused the operation.

A Marplan poll in 1985 found that 80% of people believe *it is up to the woman involved*....NOT a male liberal MP, a load of tory MP's and lords, or a sickening moralistic self righteous prig like Victoria Gillick. What we need is better access to NHS pregnancy testing and abortion services in early pregnancy and an end to the silence, secrecy and guilt surrounding abortion.

THE WAY TO REDUCE LATE ABORTIONS IS NOT TO OUTLAW THEM, BUT TO IMPROVE METHODS OF CONTRACEPTION, IMPROVE NHS SERVICES FOR EARLY ONES.

THE NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN WILL BE FIGHTING HARD THIS WINTER TO DEFEND ABORTION PROVISIONS. IF YOU WANT TO HELP GET IN TOUCH WITH CERYS WILLIAMS, C/O NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN, WESLEY HOUSE, 4 WILD COURT, LONDON WC2 SAU.

We've wedged all the news together so that anyone who doesn't like news can skip those pages and not be worried that it will crop up again!

Deportation

In August 1986, Mrs Renouka Lakhani came to Britain from India as a temporary visitor. As such she had no legal rights whatsoever. Shortly after her arrival she met and married her husband Bipin.

For a British woman, all would have ended there, 'happily ever after'. But fairy tales don't have Asian women as their heroines. In order to stay in Britain with her husband, the now pregnant Mrs Lakhani applied to the Home Office for permanent residence.

More than 6 months passed before she received so much as an acknowledgement of her request. No doubt the government have more important issues to deal with - censoring the sale of MI5 scandals perhaps? The response, when it did come, was negative; she must go back to India by August. But all is not lost! The kind, generous souls actually offered to pay for her baby daughter's passage!

An appeal was launched with the support of the local MP, Keith Vaz, but this earned nothing more than a temporary reprieve in July '87. Desperate, Mrs Lakhani sought sanctuary in a Hindu temple, where she and her daughter remained, relying on friends & family for all basic necessities, for one month.

Mrs Lakhani has recently been persuaded to come out by Keith Vaz, who promises that the case will be reviewed urgently.

What will this mean? Another 6 months suspense? How can the government dare to call Britain 'a free country' when a woman is forced to suffer such degradation? (Will Mrs Lakhani's daughter be deported despite her British citizenship. Will the hypocritical Thatcher government who goes on about the importance of the family unit split up yet another family just because they are Asian?)

A Home Office spokesman says; "We recognise that Mrs Lakhani's marriage appears genuine". How condescending can you get?

As we go to press, the case continues. We hope she wins, not only for her sake, but also for all the other harassed women in similar situations.

Angie Marston and Ruth Marshall

STOP PRESS!!! She did win, but there are many more cases each week that don't get the same publicity and get deported.

City Financiers take Over Prisons.

The government plan to privatise prisons - we would have city financiers deciding how many people would be locked up on the basis of profits.

The Prison Officers Assoc. have voted unanimously to campaign against privatisation, after visiting USA's private prisons. In one jail women were compelled by warders to perform private strip shows and there were many cases of sexual abuse by male prison warders.

Privatisation, (which is what Douglas Hurd etc want) is a sick idea. Conditions would get even worse. We can't allow the profit motive to determine how the penal system is run.

What do you think about the proposed privatisation of prisons? And our penal system in general?



workers for freedom:

At their annual conference, NICARAGUAN members of the FES (federation of secondary school students) are discussing ways to improve their education. Since the revolution, students have a say in the content of their curriculum, the professors, and the way the budget should be spent. The development of Nicaraguan education suffers because over 50% of state funds go to the war.

In spite of this debate about sex education, equality for women, and greater representation at union level is angry and loud in Nicaragua.

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LET'S
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NOW!



Mother Teresa, under a portrait of Karl Marx, addresses a press conference in Moscow yesterday. The Soviet Press chief who also met Metropolitan Pavao, an Orthodox Church leader.

Degree of the faculty of the University of Bologna 1337: 'And whereas woman is the fountain of sin, the weapon of the devil, the cause of man's banishment from Paradise and the ruin of the old laws; and whereas for these reasons all intercourse with her is to be diligently avoided, therefore do we interdict and expressly forbid that anyone presume to introduce in the said college any woman whatsoever, however honourable she be....'



Jean Jacques Rousseau in 'Emile' 'The whole education of women ought to be relative to men. To please them, to make themselves loved and honoured by them, to educate them when young, to care for them when grown, to counsel them, to console them, and to make life sweet and agreeable to them - these are the duties of women at all time...'

EDUCATION

WHOSE CHOICE?

Just as the government is set to alter the education system a report funded by the Scottish Office shows that exam results have IMPROVED under comprehensive education - and strongly denies any evidence of the 'lowering standards' everyone seems to be worrying about, and using as an excuse to do loads of quite sinister things to our education system. Also the 8 yr study shows that both middle class and working class pupils have got better exam results. Between 1976 and 1984 there was a 5.5% rise in the number of middle class pupils obtaining one O level pass and a 12.5% rise in working class pupils results. All this rubbish about lowering standards in schools is government propaganda just so they can get away with changing things and creating a more prejudiced, elitist system.

DEWSBURY

PARENTS ARE REFUSING TO LET 26 OF THEIR DAUGHTERS AND SONS GO TO HADFIELD SCHOOL BECAUSE MANY OF ITS' PUPILS ARE ASIAN.

This 'lower standards' tactic (a sick one) is used again and again to justify worse and worse injustices; In the Dewsbury protest Ray Honeyford the racist ex-head of Bradford's Drummond Middle School said 'I do sympathise with the parents. When you get a disproportionate number of children using English as a 2nd language then in my view standards tend to fall'. But all the evidence is that schools with a large number of Asian students do as well if not better than other schools. Hadfield has a good reputation with both Asian and white parents. The people SUPPORTING the parents are people like Honeyford, and Naylor, an extreme Right-Winger who says that EQUALITY in education is 'illiberal and totalitarian'. These people have horrifying beliefs; Honeyford said 'Pakistanis can't cope with democracy. The Indian subcontinent has a hysterical political temperament.' The protest has created a climate of fear among many Asian parents. One father outside *Hadfield* school said 'I work night shift. But since this happened my son has asked me to take him and pick him up from school. That's the only way he feels safe.' A woman who runs a local shop said 'some of the parents who want their children to go to another school have been into the shop to persuade me to keep my daughter away. When I refused they called me names but I will not change my mind. These parents are pitting members of our community against each other.' Many parents and pupils oppose the protest and 800 signed a petition against this racist boycott, BUT if Kenneth Bakers education bill goes through, and even worse if they go ahead with proposals for segregated schools, these parents would be completely permitted to be disgustingly racist and offensive. Eric Healey, spokesperson for the Dewsbury parents says 'What we want will become law next year if the government legislation goes through.'

THE 300 GROUP

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Dear S.P.,

You wrote to me asking me to get some info about racism in our schools, however you told me which side to take before I even began. As it happened I support the white parents. I thought S.P. was a free thinkers' magazine, but obviously I was wrong, so there's not a lot of point in writing my views.
Yours Sharon Woodcock.

Dear Sharon,

We do not believe that the white parents in the Dewsbury row are justified. So-called 'free thinking' is a total fallacy when so many peoples' liberty is prevented BY the government. Thatchers' 'freedom to choose' policy is for racists, fascists, capitalists and members of the ruling class. It is not choice for the majority of the population - the working class. We don't have the power to choose because we don't have the money which is the basis for this 'choice'. Shocking Pink 2 is not an unbiased, non-political magazine, we wouldn't bother slogging our guts off to produce it unless we thought the political situation was intolerable. It's your choice whether to write in Shocking Pink but we are not prepared to publish anything, that we, as a collective find offensive, but we will print letters and answer them. Working class people who side with the racists are falling into the trap that the ruling class want us to and it is not in our interest to do so.
From SPII.



Britain has often been found in violation of the EEC Equal Pay Directive.

Revolting Youths

If you redefine work to include unpaid work it means that men are getting paid at a rate 18 times that of women.

90% of the unpaid work of the world is done by women (according to the International Labour Organization data).

A 1979 UN report on the status of women declared that women do 2/3rds of the world's work and receive 10% of women's income.

Throwaway Workers of Thatcherism

Ruthless Bosses Exploit Young Workers: Thousands of young people are being exploited by bosses - who pay as little as 2p an hour and put us at risk physically.

Mr Kostas of Unit C, Spencer Ave, Wood Green, who works for Miss Sam Ltd dress manufacturers pays young people £15 for a 45 hr week, and said 'There are lots of 12 yr olds we use. They keep each other company'.

A boy, Robert was, bribed to stay off school to do a factory shift, and lost most of his hand in a horrific accident. He received only £40 compensation.

The scandal was exposed at the Blackpool Conference of the TUC, who promise to try and bring part timers and temps into the TU for their protection.

Contact the Anti-Slavery Society (which sadly we don't know the address of) or the Childrens Legal Centre (20 Compton Terrace, N1 2UN. Tel 01 359 6251) or the Child Poverty Action Group (sorry we don't have this address either) if you're being exploited by a boss, or go to a Citizens Advice Bureau.

*****If you want more info on this topic or have anything to tell us, write in as soon as you can.... One group from Plaistow has already contacted us; they are interested in setting up a National Union of Paper Girls.... if you want to be involved let us know*****



Child Poverty Action Group

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STRIKES

Over the summer and autumn students and young people have been protesting:

IN THE SUDAN

July 25: a state of emergency was declared after a wave of strikes and demonstrations against the government. The government news agency reported that thousands of school students, angry about shortage of books, demonstrated in the capital shouting to the PM 'How much is your salary and how much does an exercise book cost?' They were sentenced to lashes. Schools were closed indefinitely. In one school in the Western Province a protest sparked off an attack on the headmaster, who had a big brick dropped on his head. He is still alive.

BANGLADESH

Students marched on parliament to claim the 'right to cheat' in exams because they don't like competing with their friends and believe it would be more constructive to help each other.

In Italy 85% of mothers with children with full time jobs outside the home, are married to men who do no domestic work at all. STRIKE! ORGANISE A PICKET IN THE KITCHEN! START A GO SLOW!

LONDON

In April hundreds of London school students protested outside County Hall against the school cuts by ILEA, who seem to have buckled under government pressure.

Have you or your school been involved in strikes or demonstrations? What do you think about the school system, cuts etc.? Organise a strike and write and tell us about it.



LIFE without school

We are not toys for adults! We want rights!

Living in communes!

We belong to ourselves, not mothers or fathers or teachers or the state! Life is a war for us! The "peace movement" sides with our enemy in this war and betrays our liberation! The law makes LIFE to HELL for runaways, truants, all free-thinking young people and their lovers. This is the condition of their so-called "peace". Their "peace" is schooling, training, child guidance, conditioning, education. 3 to 5 children in almost every country die every day in this war. Solidarity for the black people in their liberation-struggle! Thousands of under 16s are sealed up in cruel families, homes, psychiatric units, residential schools, assessment centres, secure places, youth custody wings. This is the work of grown ups they can't run their lives without rules. Laws, schools, families, churches, drugs! TV, cars, fashion money, police, weapons... all products of a deformed adult-world. Hard Rock, Punk, heavy metal aren't really very different: they have raped our sexual desires and put them on sale like merchandise in store windows. The youth industry has captured our bodies and minds and crushed our sexual urges. It sells them as books & theories and lectures and TV documents and adverts.

Up yours! We'll love who we want to! No apologist of the "peace movement" ever talks about the ritual terrorising of children or the destruction of childhood. This ritual is the real reason for the nuclear threat they keep talking about. TRAITORS, you are no different from parents and pigs and

Screws who lock us up, pump us with drugs, label us delinquent, hyperactive maladjusted!

when we say: Fuck SCHOOL!

Here we learn HATE! Outside school! We can learn more outside school! We want a LIFE without school! We are not toys for adults! We want rights for children! Our commune is a refuge for young people who escape from homes, psychiatric torture chambers and nazi-parents. We live of odds and ends and run a bike repair shop. VISIT US, WRITE US, SUPPORT OUR STRUGGLE for our rights!

These must be the political demands of harrassed children:

- The right to leave families when we like, and to live with anyone we choose*
- The right to travel anywhere, also without adults!
- End compulsory schooling and corporal punishment!
- Close down all homes, institutions, custody centres and other prisons!
- Our right to enjoy our own bodies and to choose relations which are voluntary!
- Free sleeping places, eating, free trains and busses for all children!
- Financial independence from grownups!

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Toops!

for children!

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These are the political demands of harrassed children: The right to leave home when we like, and to live with anyone we choose.

- Abolish all penalties against runaways!
- End compulsory schooling and corporal punishment!
- Close down all homes, institutions, custody centres and other prisons!
- Our right to enjoy our own bodies and to choose sexual relationships among and with children
- The right to travel anywhere without adults.
- Financial independence from grownups.
- Children are not playthings for babies and lonely mothers to pamper.

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We belong to ourselves! Not to mothers, fathers, teachers, bosses... not to the army, the state or the church! Life is a WAR for us! Even the "peace-movement" sides with our enemies in this war. TRAITORS! The law makes LIFE to HELL for runaways, truants, all freethinking young people and their lovers. This is the condition of their so-called "peace". Their "peace", that's education, pedagogy, therapy, beating, working, money and once more working! They always say: "It's for your best!" Hahaha! In West-Germany, 3 to 5 children die in this war every day. How many in GB? More than 100,000 under 16s are prisoners in homes, psychiatric units, residential schools, assessment centres, secure places, youth custody wings... Not included the millions of us which must stay in families and school all day long. This is the work of grown-ups, who can't run their lives without rules, laws, oppression and duties. Families, school, money, factories, T.V., cars, chemistry, government, police, computers, apartheid, prisons, genetic-technology, weapons, army, frontiers, nuclear power, church and drugs show us the incapacity and dangerousness of adults. The youth industry determined our fashions and our moral. For their stinking profit they have raped our love-desires and captured our bodies and minds! No demonstrator claims: BOYCOTT CONSUMPTION!!!!

Are you a puppet of children-maltreaters? You call us "immature", "crazy" and "sick" just to keep us under control. In school, they teach us how to play their war-games.



Recommended reading

A DANGEROUS KNOWING - 4 black women poets. Sheba £2.95.
Check especially Jackie Kay's 'Happy Ending', Gabriele Pearse's 'Queiro - I want/love', Barbara Burford's 'Christine' and Grace Nichols' 'Between Women'.

GIRLS ARE POWERFUL - Young women's writings from Spare Rib and the original Shocking Pink, ed. Susan Hemmings. Sheba £3.95.
This one isn't just recommended - it's essential. A collection of poems, letters, photos, cartoons, articles & interviews. If you're not convinced that feminism is applicable to young women this book will change your mind.

TRUE TO LIFE - Sequel to Girls Are Powerful. Sheba £3.95.
If Girls Are Powerful changed your life True To Life will come as a welcome reminder that young women still know how to unite, fight and write. Ignore the off-putting cover and illustrations and concentrate on the brilliant stories, poems and articles, chosen from entries to a competition run by the National Assoc. of Youth Clubs in 1985.

This book should be the bible of Shocking Pink 2 readers - cos like SP2 it's about the reality of being a young woman in the 80's - pulling no punches and telling it like it is.

THE THRESHING FLOOR - Barbara Burford. Sheba £4.95.

Ignore the cover - the books' brilliant. Short stories about life in Britain today. 'There were several times when I was reading it that I almost burst into tears.' Jo from SPII

THE WATERS EDGE - Moy McFady. Sheba £3.50. Angie from SPII says its about Irish people in Liverpool. She says there are loads of different stories about the past, the present and prejudice and there are all sorts of different characters who have all sorts of different difficulties. She says she liked it.

GOLDEN OLDIES - THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL BOOK by Soren Hansen & Jesper Jensen. Our edition was printed in 1971 and cost 30p from Stage 1, 21 Theobalds Rd, London WC1X 8SL. If you can't get a copy from there you can borrow ours. Anyway, it's quite a sexist book, BUT it's good. Tells you about drugs, sex and school. There's bits on how to make your teacher teach you what YOU want, how to organise a strike if you think things are unfair, are marks a swindle?, discrimination against girls and it explains that school isn't actually designed to teach you things but instead it's there to train you to do a job in later life and if that means getting you used to being bored stupid they'll do it.

THE BURSTON REBELLION by the BBC is about the longest school strike ever which was a long time ago in East Anglia.

THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO by K. Marx & F. Engels. Linda Bellos, leader of Lambeth Council says she read Das Kapital at 14, but if you find that a bit hard try this. It's short, snappy and quite easy to understand. If you find this difficult try Marx for Beginners, that brown cartoon book.

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DOES SHOCKING PINK II HAVE A RIVAL?

Vicious rumours have reached the SP2 HQ that the Lewisham Young Women's Resource Project is finally on the verge of launching another thinking girl's alternative to 'OH BOY!' 'HEX' includes some brilliant poems and short stories (check out the rap 'Boys Think They're Hard' and find out what happened on 'The 36') plus features on homelessness and what it's like to be a woman plumber. Available through youth clubs and schools in the Lewisham area, or contact:

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a London based politics, arts, music and features magazine produced every other month.

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FILMS
BUSINESS AS USUAL.. deals with sexual harassment in a clothes shop & how workers can fight back. Jane of SPII says 'It's excellent, uplifting & exhilarating.'

GOLDEN OLDIE
A QUESTION OF SILENCE. Its got English subtitles. Four women kill a man in a clothes shop for no apparent reason ... or so the woman lawyer who's defending them thinks at first. The film shows the lawyers gradual realisation of why women can kill a man JUST because he is a man. It's a lovely film.

**THESE ARE BRIEF REVIEWS
TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO
GET HOLD OF AND READ
THE BOOKS MENTIONED.
WRITE AND TELL US WHAT
YOU THOUGHT OF THEM.**

OUTWRITE Women's Newspaper was forced to temporarily suspend publication over the summer, but will **RELAUNCH** in November. For 5 years Outwrite brought us news of women's struggles all over the world. Like so many other 'alternative' publications they constantly fight to keep going, and are suffering in the hardening political climate in Britain today. When the paper first appeared in 1982 the Shocking Pink collective advertised it and wished them luck. Now in the 2nd launch of Shocking Pink we hope we can help a little by appealing for support for THEIR relaunch; HELP OUTWRITE TO SURVIVE! Contact them for info. and to find out how you can help at 'Outwrite, Oxford House, Derbyshire St, London E2 6HG, tel 01 729 4575.

STOP PRESS

Outwrite haven't been got the money they'd hoped for from sponsoring bodies and they're going to suspend their relaunch for a little while longer. They are about to advertise for new collective members so if you're interested get in touch. If things don't get better they think they might have to produce it on a voluntary basis which would mean new members being unpaid. If you can't donate some of your time to them try to give some money or even just write a letter of support.

Sowing The Seed.

A short story written especially for Shocking Pink II by Dawn Morris.

The noise, initially welcoming had become loud and bold, and disturbed a part inside of Teri. How she felt humiliated by this whole place! A sick uneasiness began to churn in her stomach, and her body was stiff and nervous, bringing back fatal emotions and severe desires. The uneasy feeling of guilt began to gnaw violently through her bones sapping all her energy and leaving her weak and tired.

She clenched her fists and set her teeth.

She could feel his lips brush her hair and feel his clammy breath on her ear. She clenched her fists and set her teeth. 'Have you been on holiday this year?' His face was still close to hers, so he could not see her close her eyes for a moment. 'Oh, why me? Why did he have to come and dance with me? Couldn't he see I wanted to be alone!.....And why did he have to ask me that?'

She could not bear to look at him in case she betrayed any of her feelings. Yet she was growing more aware of his masculine presence, and it repulsed her.

She felt a sick feeling expand around her whole body.

His voice was getting more and more excited and the sickening dead feeling had reached Teri's throat. She looked at him for the first time - he was not handsome, but beautiful with his slim figure and deep-set eyes. Yet he frightened her. She wanted to escape, just to run and be free from his suffocating presence and everyone else: to think about herself and come to terms with her life. But still she remained while his body crept closer to hers. Shrinking within herself, she felt the sick feeling expand round her whole body.

She did not blend in and a sense of renewed awkwardness swept over her. It was like an out of focus picture; nobody seeing or understanding the real subject. She could take no more. Her partners eyes darted after her as she pushed her way through the people. He was angry, for he had liked the almost melancholy aura about her and thought himself in with a chance with her. And she had abandoned him! 'Oh well, better luck next time!' he thought to himself as he glided off the dance-floor suavely glancing at all the other girls dancing together, obviously unconcerned.



Teri could hear herself pant as she clung to the basin in the toilets. She could not remember how she got there and felt an overwhelming sense of fear and claustrophobia. She looked down at her hands still clutching the edge of the basin; she then raised her eyes to look at her reflection in the mirror. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes large and bright, like a hunted animal's. Indeed she felt hunted, but now she wanted to hunt herself to find her own existence. The seed was now sown.

Someone who was real, someone who loved and understood her. That someone was Anne.

Her dream of love and companionship had eventually come true while she was on holiday. It was someone who was real and tender, someone who loved and understood her. That someone was Anne. Yet, they knew from the beginning that their love, which was precious to them, was forbidden by others. Anne was the one who answered all of Teri's desires and needs, not just as a lover, but as a true friend.

both had a glimpse of true happiness, but neither were sure enough or strong enough to face the pressure of their relationship or the guilt they felt within themselves. The only solution was self-denial. Now, they didn't even speak to each other.

She had tried to live as everyone else.

When Teri returned home, everything was the same, but inside a seed had been planted, one of doubt, one of sexual awareness and love, and one of guilt and hatred. She felt betrayed and hurt, that society refused to accept her. She had tried to live as everyone else, keeping her sexual needs to that of the male sex, but now that the seed of love was planted, roots had started growing.

Grabbing her handbag and giving her face a splash of cold water, she walked out of the disco into the surrounding streets. The cool air struck her immediately as she paced herself towards home. Where was home? At that moment she

she could no longer live a lie and had to start afresh. Couples were hiding in corners everywhere, laughing and kissing. How she felt jealous and hard towards all these lovers when her own love was banned from the world! She realised she could never hold her lover's hand or hide kissing in street corners, but she now knew that it was a beautiful and rare love that should not be grabbed away from her. She had now accepted within herself her own sexuality and its requirements. She felt alive as if newly born.

As she passed a phonebox, she thought of Anne and their yearning for each other. Although it was after 3 o'clock she knew what she had to do. Her trembling fingers found it hard to press the buttons and it required all her mental strength not to hang up when she heard the phone ringing.

'Hello' said the soft sleepy

voice. It took her a minute to find her voice and answer, 'Hello, is that you Anne?'

The seed was now blossoming fast.

LESBIANISM

A bit by Sheffield Young Lesbian Group.

Living in a society that is dominated and designed by men is difficult for all women. We are expected, as young women to conform to a wife/mother image - to have a boyfriend, to get married and have children.

If we don't conform to these rules we often experience a great deal of hostility, rejection and often anger, as a womans' value as a person is often measured by her success in these roles. As young women we are pressured to adapt to these stereotypes - almost everywhere we go we are surrounded by images of what we should be, how we should act, what

we should say and how we should behave - On TV, in magazines, in history books, in school, at home, almost everywhere you can think of reflects these attitudes.

Women are not seen as having a sexuality of their own. i.e. They are seen only in relation to men, having babies and having no independent sexual feelings of their own.

Often we find ourselves in relationships that we have started in order to be like everyone else. We often feel unhappy, under pressure and confused about these. As young women we should be able to choose whether

we have relationships at all; whether we have a relationship with a member of the opposite sex or whether we choose to have a relationship with a member of the same sex.

Key words here are;
CELIBATE - This means being able to decide not to get involved in any sexual relationships at all, and feel that it is OK just to love ourselves.

HETEROSEXUAL - This means preferring to have sexual relationship/s with a member of the opposite sex.

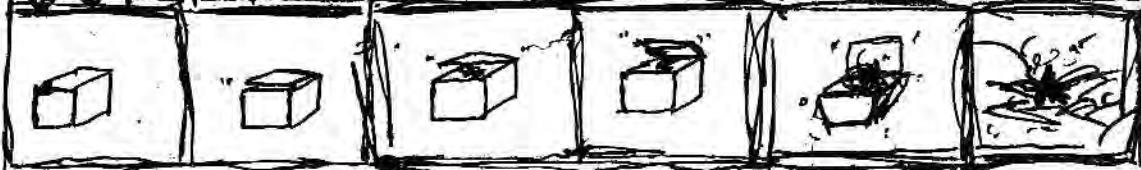
LESBIAN - This means to love another woman. To have an emotional and

sometimes sexual relationship with her.

If we choose to have relationship/s with men and women this is known as bisexual.

Any young women questioning their sexuality are in effect challenging all that is expected of them. Often other people, women and men get upset by these choices and frightened by their lack of understanding of what it means to be gay or bisexual. This can cause a lot of hurt and distress for the young woman in question. Often we say nasty and painful things that can make any woman making these new decisions in her life become very negative about herself and her feelings.

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COMING OUT - A process which involves lesbians acknowledging themselves as lesbians and then coming out to others. They may choose to tell only certain people e.g. good friends.

OUT - The end process of coming out. Being open as a lesbian to other people.

STRAIGHT - A word used to describe heterosexuals. HET.

ROSEXISM - A belief that only heterosexual and heterosexuality is 'normal' and 'natural'. This belief is directed through society in education, newspapers, T.V., laws and language. **HOMOPHOBIA** - 'The fear of feelings of love for members of one's own sex and therefore the hatred of those feelings in others'. (Audre Lourde)

SEXISM - The putting down of women by men in society, reinforced at home, at school, at work etc.

* MYTHS *

Lesbians can be cured, it is a sickness.

Lesbians are ugly.

Lesbians only love each other because they can't find a man. All lesbians have had a bad sexual experience with a man and that is why they have become lesbians.

All lesbians want to be men.

All lesbians are white.

A lesbian is a man inside a female body.

Lesbians are unable to control their sexual feelings, they make passes at all women who they come into contact with - even young children.

No lesbians can have long-term relationships, instead they drift from person to person.

Lesbians are butch.

All lesbians wear trousers.

YOUNG LESBIAN WOMEN.

We may be any age when we first realise that we are attracted to other women. Sometimes we are quite young - at school or in our teens. This might mean having a sexual relationship with another girl, having a special friendship which we only later recognise as a 'Lesbian Relationship' or feeling different or out of place.

Things are usually made extremely difficult for young Lesbian Women - parents and other adults try to split us up from our friends, make us conform and tell us we are too young to have taken decisions about our sexuality. On top of this are our own doubts and confusions due to lack of information or understanding and to feeling isolated.

In the last few years, groups for young women questioning their sexuality have been started in different cities, towns - they provide an opportunity for young women to meet, discuss, socialise and gain the support of young women their age.

'Extract ... 'WOMEN LIKE US'



* TRUTHS *

Lesbians are making positive choices about their lives.

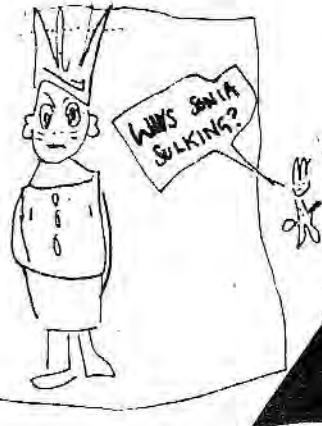
Lesbians are independent, strong women.

Lesbians are all races, all cultures, all classes. Lesbians have children, can be old, young, able bodied, disabled, employed, unemployed, and students.

LESBIANS ARE EVERYWHERE.

Don't forget. Things are not quite what they seem...

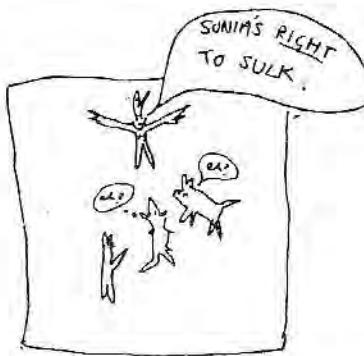
AT THE PARTY.



SULKING? - IT'S OUR RIGHT.

There's every reason to sulk.

SULK



BRIDESMAID SACKED FOR THUMPING THE BRIDE!

I was horrible,
says Reanna, 5,
after bust-up



BRIDESMAID Reanna Quinn got the boot five weeks BEFORE the wedding . . . because she was such a little horror.

Five-year-old Reanna was sacked after she:

• THUMPED the bride-to-be, then shouted and spat at her.

• PUNCHED and kicked one bridesmaid and reduced another to tears.

• STOMPED off in a huff when the groom tried to calm her down.

Reanna went on the rampage when the bride, her cousin Catherine Pitts, took the bridesmaids to be fitted for their dresses.

Catherine's fiance, security guard Kevin Daniel, said: "Reanna just wouldn't do as she was told. She was arguing with everyone and when she started kicking and spitting that was it."

Hopeless

"We told her mother that unless she was going to behave we couldn't have her as a bridesmaid.

"Unfortunately, that seemed to cause even more upset."

"It was hopeless. Catherine is very upset."

Reanna, who lives in Portmead, Swansea,

GLUM: Reanna — "I'm very sorry"

By MIRROR REPORTER

admitted yesterday that she'd been a little horror.

She said: "I was a naughty, cheeky and shocking little girl but I am very sorry now. I will not do it again."

She's even hoping another couple will have her as a bridesmaid.

Reanna's mother Elaine said: "I can only hope another young couple would like to give Reanna a chance."



Final straw: the star of Islington Green's under-12s soccer team, Natalie Buckley, was relegated to the touchline on Wednesday when her school played a quarter-final cup game against Sir William Colling. The rules of the English Schools' Football Association bid girls to take part in competitions



If you're sulking at the moment, or if at any time you have sulked, write and let us know why, and we'll agree you were right.



'From when I was very young, I just knew that being a girl and being charming in a feminine sort of way could get me a lot of things, and I milked it for everything I could.'

Sheffield Young Lesbians - who did the thing on the previous pages have been attacked by the press, the education system & the council. Here is an account of what happened.

Park House School originally contacted me and I visited the school on a number of occasions. The leaflet and phone number of The Young Lesbian Group was forwarded to the school at the request of the staff. I was invited for a further visit, to address groups of 20 fourth form young women about sexuality. I prepared an information pack which was briefly looked at by staff. I used the video 'Framed Youth' to open the workshop, dealing with terminology and raising questions of how women's sexuality is perceived and how women understand their sexuality.

The morning workshop went well. The second session that took place was completely unstructured. A group of young women came into the room in an angry, provoked manner, hurled abuse, used obscene language, imagery and behaved in a deplorable, unapproachable manner. The session ended in a volatile way, a lot of the young women were very angry and the two women that had accompanied me, and myself were very upset and angry about the incident. Following that session, we approached the staff present in the workshop and informed her that due to the lack of respect, we felt unable to complete the third workshop.

I spoke to two members of staff prior to the workshop with regards to sex education laws now present, and they assured me that they were well aware of their, and my position in view of the issues that would be raised.

WE DID NOT KNOW THAT:

1. No ground had been covered with the girls to prepare them for the session.
2. The girls were under the impression they were going to a P.E. lesson.
3. During the lunchbreak, after the first session, some of the girls seemed to have 'briefed' the young women coming to the second session that there were three lesbians in the school - 'go and get them'.

AFTER EFFECTS...

1. The girls went home and told their parents about the sessions. Parents rang the school angry about what they saw to be the school condoning a 'recruitment' campaign by the YLG.
2. The school pointed the finger at the YLG, accusing them of misleading the teachers involved in setting up the sessions. And supporting the parents line that the YLG should never have been allowed in the school and that the YLG had conducted a 'recruitment' campaign.
3. The Education Department stepped in, making statements to the press before a full report had been completed the line. The Education Department took was to say that an error of judgement had been made.

Before a full investigation had taken place the following steps were taken by the Education Department:

1. The YLG were told that they could not use any of the facilities which had been openly available to them through GAP (girls/young women's project).
2. Headteachers have stopped girls visiting GAP for a wide range of activities.
3. The YLG Grant-aid application is under threat.

The worker for the YLG has been systematically victimised since she started working for Sheffield City Council. She is now not allowed to:

1. Make any phone calls from Council phones.
2. Send out any mailing whatsoever.
3. Use any Council office facilities/resources.

Nowhere in the Council has anyone taken up the case of the abuse the three women were subject to, nor has anyone challenged the victimisation that has followed, not even the newly



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formed women's unit on the council. This makes nonsense of the City Council's equal opportunities policy.

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Tasteless? Offensive?

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Shocking Pink are very interested in your pubes. Do you think yours are especially lengthy? We want to find the women with the longest in the world... Take a bath, pluck a pubic, stick it to a piece of sellotape, stick the sellotape to this form

Name.....

Address.....

Length.....

PRIZE: A guided tour of The Oval Tube Station for 2, no expenses paid.

Dirty pubes will be disqualified. Only one entry per household.

No homeowners may enter. No BP, Telecom, British Gas and BA shareholders may enter. No relatives or friends of the SP collective may participate. No boys. This will not affect any statutory rights you may have.

Results and details of winners will be published in next issue.



SHOCKING PINK. THE ORIGINAL

- Stopped coming out in 1982 after 4 issues. It sold really well - 4th issue 8000 copies! BUT it's so much work, and they were doing it all unpaid so they stopped. 9 months ago ... the original Shocking Pink collective (the angels) handed over their name and bank account to us, the new collective..... THANKS (kiss kiss) to Sally, Kate, Igona and the others we never met.

CLITORIS

- Anorexia and Bolemia Association. 01 885 3936

- A Woman's Place. Hungerford House, Victoria Embankment, London WC2. 01 668 2519

- Institute Of Race Relations. 247/249 Pentonville Road, London N1. 01 837 0041

- Women For Unity. Unity Association, Jack Ashley School, Prah Road, London N4. 01 389 8111

- Women's Reproductive Rights. Info Centre, 52/54 Featherstone Street, London EC1. 01 251 6332

- Women's National Cancer Control Campaign. 1 South Audley Street, London W1. 01 499 7832

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This is a very strange address.

Thanks to Serena Falzon for this one;

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CLOUTIER

• CERVICAL SMEARS: cancer can be detected quickly and simply, before it causes any difficulty, or even when it isn't there. However, surprise, surprise, HMS Government doesn't put enough money into the health care system of the country, and you have to fight to make sure you get the right treatment. 90% of women who get Cervical Cancer haven't had the smear test. When the cases are increasing, especially in older women, and those who have been sexually active, check that you have had one. Every woman should have a smear every 3 to 5 years. Justine says she read in all the other papers that a lot of women in Liverpool got the wrong results and thought they didn't have cancer when they really did. She says this is typical of the health service under the Tories. Contact the Womens National Cancer Control Campaign, 1 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5DQ 01 499 7832 for more info.

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THE SHIT THEY WRITE?

A continuing series of metropolitan types. This week ...

The Moral Vigilante

"THE amazing thing about Rexie," say her friends in admiration, "is she is so strong." What this means is that Rexie (it's an assumed name—she doesn't think Jennifer suits her since her consciousness has been raised) is phenomenally aggressive. She's a moral vigilante and she'll argue with anyone.

Bus conductor less than jovial to a pensioner (female)? Rexie lets them have it. Local supermarket stocking South African peach halves? Rexie demands the manager.

She'll send back her vegetable tajin, picket performances of Dressed to Kill and help to eject drunken football supporters from the women-only disco.

Men just can't understand her. Why would any young woman seem to want to go out of their way to look so unattractive?

The problem is that Rexie just has a very bad case of the antis. She's anti everything—men, carnivores, Yippies, Tories, women who wear make up, the police, McDonalds, women who wear high heels, estate agents, advertising agencies, newspapers, Americans, women who like men.... Poor Rexie.



Drawing by Weef
Words by
Maggie Alderson

Remember...things aren't quite what they seem...

BOYS



CORNER

This month's Boys Corner comes from our science correspondent.
PRE-SPERMATIC TENSION (PST).

WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Until now, no one has been able to explain why males have more motorbike accidents than females. We now have the answer.....PST.

SYMPTOMS. Moodiness, lack of judgement, frustration, alienation, lack of sensitivity, recklessness and shortsightedness.

CAUSES. Male body making spermatozoa and creating hormonal imbalances.

WHEN DOES IT HAPPEN? Unlike its' sister PMT (which is regular, predictable and goes away once a period starts) PST never stops. It occurs randomly each and every day.

ARE ALL MEN AFFECTED? No - Fortunately it only affects males who have reached puberty.

IS THERE A CURE? There is no known cure. (Not surprising - the government spends no money on research into PST - says it prefers to spend it on defence!).

NEXT ISSUE.....Scrotal odour embarrassing? SPII provides the cure.

! STOLEN!

FROM 'Jackie' for Shocking Pink

THE STORY SO FAR...
GARY AND GAIL HAVE BEEN TWISTED BY CARY AFTER ALL THE TO-ING + FRO-ING + I WONDER IF HE FANCIES ME ?? - INC THAT YOU GET IN STORIES LIKE THIS. SHE HAD CERTAINLY FALLEN FOR THE BOY IN A BIG WAY! WAS EVEN PREPARED TO APPEAR IN A NAPF "PHOTO-LOVE" STORY WITH HIM BUT THERE WAS ONE THING WHICH SHARON HAD TO SAY "NO" TO.....

BUT, GARY...

IT'S OK, I GOT SOMETHING FROM THE CHEEKS ON THE NAVY HERE.

GAY WE CAN'T...

NOT HERE

NO, NO! WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE SEVENTEEN?
I AM! YOU FOOL! BUT DON'T YOU REMEMBER LAST TIME THEY SAID WHEN WE TALKED THE STORY?

NO, WHAT?

BY NOW THEY WERE BOTH BECOMING A LITTLE FRUSTRATED.....

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED... IT'S A RULE!
WE'RE NOT ALLOWED... WHAT?
WE'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO MENTION IT! STUPID!!!
WHAT??!

SEX!!

COOPS!
NO... I'M SORRY... WE ONLY WRITE STERETYPES IN OUR MAGAZINE. WE DO NOT PRINT REAL-LIFE RELATIONSHIPS AND AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED, THAT DOES NOT EXIST!!!! YOU'RE FIRED

JACKIE EDITORTHE END

BY TIM O'TRY.

cobweb

at the Editors' COBWEB OFFICE,
52 Cobham Rd, KINGSTON-ON-THE-HILL,
SURREY KT1 3AF.

Sarah & Becca, editors, produce 'Cobweb' monthly. They are both 14, and very involved and concerned about their community and report on (and seem control...) what's happening down their Rd - they organise campaigns against private property developers and dog shit.

Classified ads:-

FOR SALE: 11 year old brother! Good condition. Bad temper and very mischievous. Price to be discussed.

There is one red face in this road, and he has not turned that colour because he has just been to Greece for two weeks. It is him he has been grounded until Christmas. What has he done to ask?

IF YOU WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TURN TO PAGE 24

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS!

OK, OK, could somebody please inform me exactly what it is about the opposite sex that makes so many girls huddle together in groups to whisper and giggle about/at them? Or why boys are the obsession of so many empty-headed females? And why, oh why was it that when I told an acquaintance I didn't have a boyfriend and wasn't really interested, she gasped in horror, "Not interested in guys?!"

Is there something these girls know that I don't? It seems to me that some girls and boys just treat the opposite sex as status symbols! I am fourteen and, quite frankly I am perfectly happy to have friends of the opposite sex without even thinking about romance! Besides, I often wonder what the point is — from your Cathy and Claire page and your stories, it seems that boyfriends only bring trouble.

Beetles Fan,
Sandham.
(Her's £2 towards psychiatrist's fees! — Linda.)

ASHA

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- More about Women's Moves in the 'moving' issue .. coming soon,

Have you got anything like Women's Moves where you live? Is there any transport provision for women eg: late at night? There should be shouldn't there? Send us information and news.

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01-400 8446 (24 hr radio page)

Everyone's doing the Breast Test!

It's important

It takes very little time each month to check for yourself that your breasts are healthy. It's a simple and easy routine and it's important to make it a habit.

By examining your breasts regularly, you get to know what is normal for you. Then you'll find it easy to spot any changes.

If you do find something wrong, you'll be able to get treatment early. In most cases it won't be cancer but just a cyst or growth which can be dealt with very easily, especially when it's found early. If it is cancer, then early treatment gives you the best chance of a complete cure.

The best time to examine your breasts is just after a period, when your breasts are usually softest and no longer tender. Or, if you've stopped having periods, choose a day in the month you'll be able to remember, like the first day or the last. The important thing is to examine your breasts regularly, at the same time each month.

There are two stages to examining your breasts. The first is looking and the second is feeling.

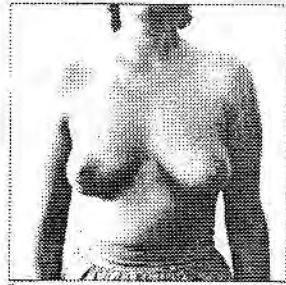
Looking

When you examine your breasts you're looking for anything that's unusual. For this looking is just as important as feeling.

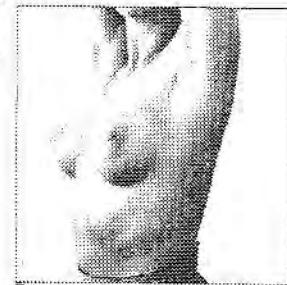
Undress to the waist and sit or stand in front of a mirror in a good light. When you look at your breasts, remember that no two are the same - not even your own two. One will probably be slightly larger than the other, and one a little lower on the chest.

Now what to look for:

- any change in the size of either breast
- any change in either nipple
- bleeding or discharge from either nipple
- any unusual dimple or puckering on the breast or nipple
- veins standing out more than is usual for you.



1 First let your arms hang loosely by your sides and look at your breasts in the mirror.

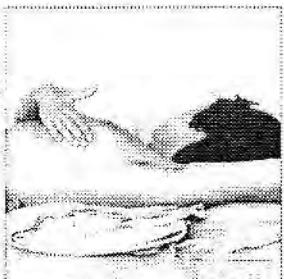


2 Next raise your arms above your head. Watch in the mirror as you turn from side to side to see your breasts from different angles.



3 Now look down at your breasts and squeeze each nipple gently to check for any bleeding or discharge that's unusual for you.

Feeling



Lie down on your bed and make yourself comfortable with your head on a pillow.

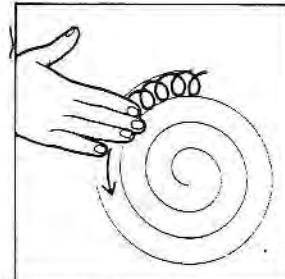
Examine one breast at a time.

Put a folded towel under your shoulder-blade on the side you are examining. This helps to spread the breast tissue so that it is easier to examine.

Use your right hand to examine your left breast and vice versa. Put the hand you're not using under your head.



Keep your fingers together and use the flat of the fingers, not the tips. Start from the collarbone above your breast.



Trace a continuous spiral round your breast moving your fingers in small circles. Feel gently but firmly for any unusual lump or thickening.



Finally, examine your armpit. Still use the flat of your fingers and the same small circular movements to feel for any lumps.

Start right up in the hollow of your armpit and gradually work your way down towards your breast.

It's important not to forget this last part of the examination.

Any problems?

If you would like advice about examining your breasts, ask your doctor, or the nurse or health visitor at your local clinic. They will be pleased to help.

Remember, most lumps are not cancerous.

If you think you've found something unusual in one breast but you're not sure, check the same part of the other breast. If both breasts feel the same, it's probably just the way your breasts are made.

If you still think something may be wrong, then see your doctor. It doesn't matter how uncertain you are. It's far better to see your doctor and set your mind at rest than risk neglecting something serious.



SPARE MONEY?

JUST FOR A CHANGE.

....Shocking Pink II receives NO funding, and the collective are unpaid workers for the benefit of society at large. If you have a bit of money read on - if not skip this & go on to the bit below.

*So - you've got a bit of money to spare?
Well, why not give a standing order to SPI?*

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PART I- send this to SPII, the South London Womens' centre, 55 Acre Lane, Brixton, SW2.

I have instructed my bank to pay you £
on theday of each month starting
until further notice.

Name _____

Address

Part II - send this to your bank.
Please pay to the account of Young
Womens' Magazine Collective, TSB Bank, 18
Acre Lane, Brixton, London SW2 5SQ, Ac-
count No. 84911060 sorting code 77 91 09, the
sum of £ on the day of each month
starting from until further notice.

Name Address

Signed _____ **Date** _____



So, you've got no money either? Well, in that case you'll probably be looking for ways to make it. Why not sell SPII? We'll send you copies for 45p each (we pay the postage); you sell them for the cover price of 60p, thus making money for yourself or your group. WOW! If, for example you sell 100, you will make £15 which is a lot. Just fill this in.....

I would like to sell Shocking Pink II. I enclose a check/PO for £..... which means I want copies at 45p each. (Minimum Order 5 copies per quarter)

Name
.....

Address

If for some strange reason you can't sell them send them back & we'll refund your money.

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HUMP 'EM & DUMP 'EM.

COMPETITION TIME!
Answer the following question correctly and you could win an exciting visit for two to the Oval tube station.

Q:- The correct fragrance to wear on your first date is.....?
Now for the tie breaker.
Complete the following statement in no more than one word:
Women are better than men because.....
The judges decision is final!

Sara from Scotland says;

I believe that Scottish guys have two separate brains: one in their head and the other in their jeans. The two are joined only by alcohol, when they both make the same lousy decision.

A Friday night, you see is not a Friday night if you don't go out with your mates and get wrecked. Up in Scotland the off-licenses serve people of all ages. Even a twelve year old could get served. (Rebecca from SP thinks this is good). Once you've got your 'carry-out' your off to find a lumber for the night. I call it unpaid prostitution. Well anyway once you've got your lumber you say bye-bye to the British law of girls under 16 not allowed to have sex. So why bother to have such a law? Most people I know don't even know the age limit, they just go out and have fun while they're still young. Most teenagers don't know where they stand and so ignore the issue completely.

Sadly though boys tend to have more influence over girls in the district that I live in. If he wants a quick one in the back of his mum's green mini or on the couch while his parents are out, the girl will respond to his needs. Then the next day he'll dump her. Hence the saying 'Hump 'em and dump 'em'. Then follows the branded names.

It's never the guy that has to put up with all the insults. He somehow ends up the big hero. While the girl gets called slag, slut, etc. If Martin sleeps with five girls he's renamed super stud. If Trish sleeps with one guy she's the old slag.

So there you have it. The injustice of the situation. If a boy accomplishes a degree of teenage exploration, he instantly has his own fan club. Catch a female going past the holding hand stage and she's an 'old slag'.

We strive for equality in all things, yet, when it comes to a spot of hanky-panky, the old double standard is as strong as ever.

Sara Robertson

RIGHTS

- TIME OFF FOR WOMEN...
Wed Oct 21, Womens Speakout in Central London; Fri. 23rd protests outside the DHSS/dole offices/job centres protesting against cuts in benefits, which means more work for women. Sat. 24th local Trade Union activities, contact local union. Sun. 25th anti-cruise convoy to Greenham, contact Kings Cross Womens Centre, 71 Tonbridge St, London WC1 for more details about all above activities.

- Advertising Standards Authority, 2/16 Torrington Place, London WC1. Phone up and give 'em an earful about any sexist ads you see.
- Campaign For Press And Broadcasting Freedom, 9 Poland Street, W1V 3DG 01 437 2795
- London Friend Women's Group, 33a Seven Sisters Road, London N7 6AX 01 281 4970 (Thur, 7.30/10 pm)
- Children's Legal Centre, 20 Compton Terrace, London N1 2UN 01 359 6251



THERE ARE NO LAWS TO PROTECT LESBIANS FROM BEING SACKED BECAUSE THEY ARE LESBIAN

Lesbian Employment Rights is an autonomous group within Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights (LAGER). We investigate and challenge all forms of discrimination that lesbians experience in the workplace and on the dole.

Contact us if you feel you are having trouble at work even if you do not want to pursue the matter further or feel that you do not have a clear cut case of discrimination. We are here to give practical support and advice to any lesbian who requires it.

We know that every day lesbians are fighting homophobia, racism, sexism, class, disability, age, and status as mothers. We are committed to realising these aspirations alongside you.

We produce a regular newsletter with updates on employment legislation which effects us and other issues of interest to lesbians. Our support group is open to any lesbians who have an interest in the project. The office is wheelchair accessible and situated in central London. Exact access details are available on request.

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LOOK & COULDNT
FIND ANYTHING TO
GO ON THIS PAGE...
... INDICATING WE
HAVE FEW RIGHTS..

USEFUL GROUPS

London organisations who can help you with legal enquiries or refer you to sympathetic law centres or solicitors are:

Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights, Room 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SL.
Tel: 01-587 1626 (Lesbian) 10-1pm Mon-Fri
01-587 1643 (Gay Men) 12-6pm Mon-Fri

London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard
01-837 7324

Lesbian Line BM Box 1514
01-251 8911

Gay Legal Review c/o LLAG 67-69 Cowcross St, London EC1
01-253 2043 7-10pm Mon-Fri

Terrance Higgins Trust BM AIDS, London WC1J XX
Helpline 01-242 1010 3pm-10pm Daily
Particularly for employment problems related to AIDS/HIV - ask for legal advice

OFFICES OF WOMEN 52-54 Featherstone St, London EC1
01-251 8877 7pm Tues and Thurs

Campaign for Homosexual Equality 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AF
01-253 3912 10pm Mon-Fri

Women's Reproductive Rights

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information and support on:

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Monday-Friday 10-6

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Problems: 26 Mortimer
W1N 8AB. Tel: 01 637

Family Problems? The National Family Association, 162 Rd, Cambridge CB1 2DP. Tel: 0223 460312.

Women in a Marriage? National Guidance Council, Herbert College, Little Church St, Warcs CV21 3AP. Tel: 0182 73241.

Becoming a Bore but Can't Kick the Habit? Anonymous, 17-23 Blenheim St, London SW10 0DT. Tel: 01 582 3060.

You're More Attracted to Members of the Same Sex but worried? Lesbian Line will talk to you and perhaps it will help.

Lesbian Line didn't solve the trouble in your Mind? Try the Lesbian and Gay movement on 01 317 5555. They also sometimes run seminars.

Writing Letters? Write to Shocking Pink II You could also try Penfriends Worldwide, 60 Ellesmere Benwell, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne NE4 8TS. London Lesbian and Gay Centre: 57/65 Cowcross St, London EC1. Tel 01 608 1471. Need to meet other lesbians? Drop into Europe's largest Lesbian & Gay Centre, Cafe Bar/Live Entertainment, Ring for opening times.

Shocking Pink Switchboard: BM Shockboard London WC1. Tel 01 582 7324. Helpline for Gay people. May help to solve practical problems like housing.

London Gay Teenagers Group: Willow Gardens Centre, 6-9 Manor Gardens, London N7. Tel 01 272 5741. Make links with other young gay people.

Lesbian & Gay Youth Movement: BM GYM, London WC1N 3DX. Tel 01 317 9690. Join to explore issues and campaign for young gay people.

Raise more Issues! Contact Les, Sex & Policing Project (LESPOP), 30 Mount Pleasant, London WC1. Tel 01 833 4996/4999.

GEMMA, Advice and Support for Lesbians with and without disabilities. BM BOX 5700, London WC1 3XX.

Homeless? Unsigned? Need some support? Alone in London 5/6 Rufford St, London N1. Tel 01 609 7167-8.

For Housing Advice and updates on campaigning, esp changes in social security regs. Contact SHAC, The London Housing Aid Centre, 189 Brompton Rd, London SW5 QAR. Tel 01 373 7276. OR: Homeless Action Aid, Womens housing advice centre, 52-54 Fetherstone St, London EC1Y 8AT. Tel 01 251 6783. OR, Housing Advice Switchboard (24 hr telephone advice for childless people) 47 Charing Cross Rd, London WC2. Tel 01 434 2522.

Cat Youth Help Service, 37 Rosenthal House, 48 Rushey Green, London SE6 4AR 01 598 2857

So you saw our mistake above? Here's the number for Lesbian Line then. 01 837 8802 or it could be 01 837 5324 we're not sure which one of these is right, so if you get a wrong number first time, hang up and start again! Phone up for a chat - they're angels!

National Abortion Campaign 374 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1 01 279 0153

Youth C.N.D. 11 Goodwin Street, Finsbury Park, London N4.

Teenage Information Network, 20 Harper Road, London SE1 0403 2444

Alone In London, 5/6 Rufford Street, London N1. 01 609 1168/7

LISTINGS <<<

From English Common Law in the early part of the 19th century a woman's husband OWNED her body, her property, her personal jewels and her income, whether they lived together or separately. He could deprive of her assets entirely as he thought fit, and could do this whether HE were dead or alive.....shit eh?

A 19th century justification of keeping women out of education was that the brain & the womb had to compete for energy: education would cause the womb to atrophy....



DON'T BE EMBARRASSED BY THE WORD MASTURBATION

Masturbation isn't a dirty word. Many people do it to relax and to help them to sleep easier. When someone masturbates it (in most cases) turns them on. Boys mainly masturbate by rubbing their penises rhythmically 'their hands going up and down'. Girls masturbate by rubbing, stroking or fiddling with their genitals.

Like sex, at the end of your masturbation goey white liquid may leave your vagina or penis which is called orgasm.

This is also called coming or having an orgasm.

GO ON, TRY IT! DON'T BE ASHAMED TO MASTURBATE.

By Jenny.

If I were you I'd subscribe to this magazine... It's only £2.20 for 4 issues or 60p for 1 (and they pay the postage). Send a cheque or PO to Young Women's Magazine Collective at 55 Acre Lane, Brixton, London SW2.

I've just found another number for Lesbian Line: 01 251 6911. THIS IS DEFINATELY RIGHT.

YOUR
Body
is
your
own

As you read this a third of a million women are in labour - 300,000 babies a day!!!



GIMMAC.

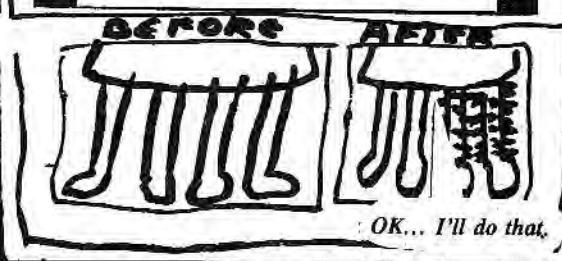
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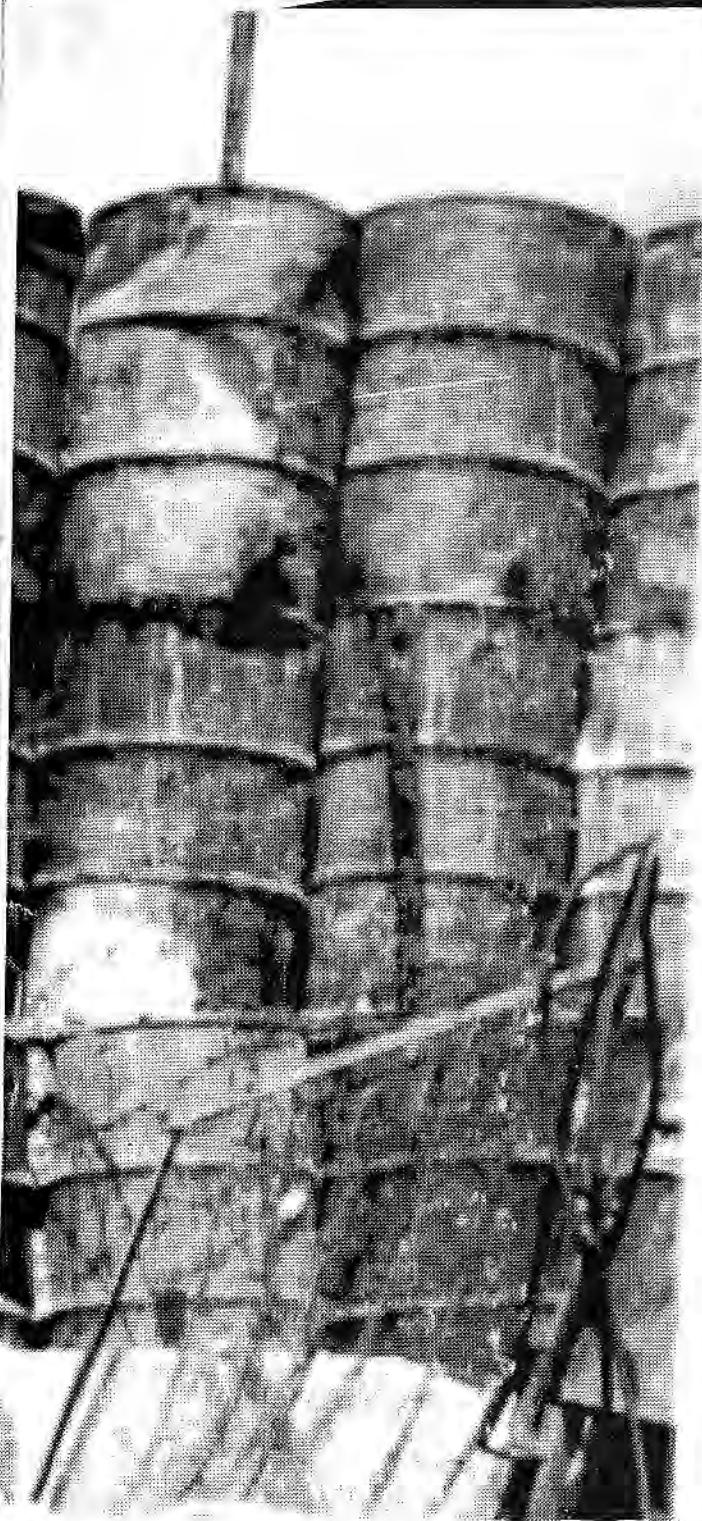
We tracked this quadruped down last month and were pleased to discover that, as we predicted, the growth of hair on the two treated legs was thick and strong whilst on the untreated legs it was scarcely visible.

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DON'T BE TAKEN IN BY FREE OFFERS OF GIMMAC ETC. IT COULD COST YOU HUNDREDS OF POUNDS AND HOURS OF TIME SPENT USING THESE PRODUCTS.



YOUTH STRUGGLE IN GAZA STRIP



This barrier was built by Israelis to keep Palestinians in camp.



Today Najer is 18, as a Palestinian, she lives in the Gaza Strip, part of Israel's occupied territories. For the last four years she has sat behind a machine, sewing fine quality clothing for sale in Israel and Europe; underpaid and unorganised, invisible to us all.

Since 1948, thousands of Palestinians have been living in the overcrowded refugee camps in Gaza, where a new generation have been born to a life of hardship, want and political tension. Many have to find work in local sweatshops of in Israeli Industry, and as R——— describes, even those who are able to finish school have little chance to learn;

'I'm 16, I study in secondary school. We have very many problems in school; like they beat us up with sticks and are very bad teachers.'

Israel pays very little money for the teachers, and they control all the classes. For example, History is about Egypt and other Arab States but never about Palestine. Maths is very old and the book is expensive.

The History teacher or anyone else, teaches English. We have no Science laboratory, and no library. The Israelis' keep very tight military control over the area and leave the people in poverty - gradually trying to force them into submission and collaboration. 15 yr old M——— has a worn, faded face, her brother has been arrested and is still suffering in prison, waiting for a trial;

'There is always a radar balloon in the sky.'

The people are seen all the time - spies.'

Soldiers come to Gaza and enter our homes, they take boys and men

'away to prison, often they bulldoze the whole house.'

Simmering anger can be seen in the eyes of young people in Gaza as they watch the army; jeeps and guns, move freely into the streets:

'We didn't go to school on Land Day (when we remember our real homes and lands). 2 students from Gaza were shot dead at University so we made a meeting in the street. The soldiers came and hit us; they had guns and dogs. We threw stones back, and put lights to tyres in the streets. Many were taken away.'

Another young woman adds: 'They arrested girls and women too. Often the soldiers enter the school and hit us. In the last year the school was closed for 3 months. They take the students to Gaza or Ashqelon prisons.' T——— from Jabalia camp lost her youngest sister, Najah, when she stepped outside the house during a 24 hour curfew - a 12 yr old girl shot dead in cold blood. Children go hungry, and adults are kept away from work, as the army exercises its' control over the people.

Yet, resistance is strong, some fight militarily, others in the growing Trades Unions and Committees. School students have joined illegal unions to challenge the authorities, as a militant 16 year old woman described:

'It is forbidden to form a Union. In spite of this we form a Union. We have 2000 members in Gaza and the West Bank. The committee meets twice a month and have a plan. New members, posters for school walls, visits, meetings and elections are organised. Every member pays a little money to help the poorer students buy books and start a library.' In the same way, women have been organising for self-education, to take part in the National Liberation Struggle. In their words:

'In view of the racist policies of the Jewish state, and in the absence of a Palestinian Nation State, the role of Palestinian women has proved decisive in the struggle to end occupation and to exercise the right to self-determination, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State under the leadership of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.'

As Y——— said:

'Tell the world. Let them know about Palestine. We need support'

and a strong socialist fight for our freedom.'

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT

SHOCKING PINK:
IMPOSTERS - Jackie
COMPELLING - Marxism

TODAY
I ONLY KNOW YOUR
REPUTATION - Keith (nodding
with a heavy head)

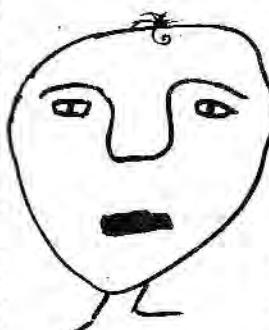
GARDENER'S WORLD
IT'S SORT OF TRUTHFUL -

SIR DICKIE WAS PLAINLY
SHOCKED - Someone I met in
the queue at Tesco's

POWERFUL STUFF - The
Financial Times (no comment)

BUT I KNOW YOU'RE ONLY
DOING IT TO HURT ME -
Papa Smurf

DON'T BELIEVE ALL THE
NONSENSE YOU HEAR - Mr.
Silly



WOMAN

Don't go bald
but
Mons D.O.

MOT by Kelly. Who is still quite
young.

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delighted), MOT April 88, £550. 992 236
(near Ealing Common tube).

• Sherper van, 1983, white, 280 diesel,
MOT for nine months, tax, radio cassette
must be seen, £2,100ono. 653 2458 after
7pm Norwood.

• Shocking pink, armoured car, based on

Ford Transit security van, has air conditioning

and two bank counters built into side for

use as mobile bureau - de change, offers to

George 701 3044 Camberwell/Walworth.

• Sprite 400, fast food caravan, aluminium

body, 5 burners, tea urn, griddle, fully fitted

to health authority standards, £1,500,

possibly with spot to trade at 698 3923 Cat

Todd Bellingham.

• Toyota Hiace, 1972, 6 month

MOT, radio, heater, good mo

motor copper but need to

The format and content of this issue is
NOT how it will always be... eg we will have
a music section once we're off the ground,
and a lot more news once our network
grows, and good listings of events, advice
etc.

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WHAT A PRAT! I'LL HAMMER HIM!
HE CAN'T KNOW I WON THE AREA
UNDER-21 BELT LAST YEAR!

CHARGE!

C'MON, TAKE PITY ON A LONELY
BLOKE. I USED TO THINK YOU
QUITE LIKED ME WHEN WE
WERE AT SCHOOL!

I JUST MY LUCK! HOW AM I
GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS
ONE?

THE END

Had to happen, really...

A happy ending

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Shocking Pink 2, it's only £2.40 for 4
issues or 60p for one. Send che-
ques/PO's to 'Young Womens
Magazine Collective' at the South
London Womens Centre, 55 Acre
Lane, Brixton, SW2. Don't miss it. I
did and look what happened to me.

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Society, Tavistock House, North
Tavistock Square, London, WC1H
9SR 01 388 4097

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BRADFORD 0274 308 270
BRIGHTON 0273 203 713
BRISTOL 0272 428 331
CAMBRIDGE 0223 358 314
(Wed 6/12pm, Sat 11am/5pm)
CLEVELAND 0642 225 787
CORNWALL 0209 713 407
COVENTRY 0203 77229
CUMBRIA 0228 36500
(Mon 1.30/4pm Wed 7/10pm)
GRAYS THURROCK 0375 380 609
LEEDS 0532 440 098
MANCHESTER 061 228 3602
NORWICH 0603 667 687
(Mon 6/8pm, Thu 8/10pm, Sat
4/6pm)
NOTTINGHAM 0602 410 440
OXFORD 0865 726 295
READING 0734 55877
ROCHDALE 0706 826 279
SHEFFIELD 0742 775 255

**Don't miss the
NEXT ISSUE:
Coming Soon:-**
**Why Sonia is still sulking,
better listings, better
prizes for the competitions,
Violence BY women—
What women do when
they can't stand it
anymore.**

RESOURCE CENTRES

- Junction 28 Community Arts Project, New Street Centre, New Street, South Normanton, Derbyshire. 0773 813 343

- Coventry Resource and Info Service, Unit 15, The Arches Industrial Estate, Spon End, Coventry. COV 7719

- New Perspective Arts Workshop, 13 Curriers Lane, Ipswich. 0473 212 165

- Triangle Press, The Triangle Arts and Media Centre, Holt Street, Birmingham B4 7ET. 021 359 7682

- Women in Print, 90a Camberwell Road, London SE17. 01 701 8314

- Why don't you set up a Shocking Pink CLUB in your area ?? Help sell this magazine, write articles, go and interview people in your own area, even make friends. Send us a letter with your name and address and we'll find other young women in your area to help.

- ALL MATERIAL FOR THE NEXT ISSUE... SEND IT QUICK!!!!** It must all reach us by Dec 31st. If you want to help; learn to typeset, design, edit, printing, or layout.... then come to any Shocking Pink meeting on Saturday 1.30 till 5pm, at the South London Womens Centre, 58 Acre Lane, Brixton.

ACTION

- National Union of School Students, c/o Central London Poly, Students Union, 104/108 Bolsover Street, London N1 01 636 6271

- National Union of Students; Womens Rights Group, 3 Endsleigh St, London WC1. 01 387 1277.

- Volunteers urgently needed for the AAM's SANCTIONS NOW national demo on Oct. 24th. If you can offer any of your spare time, day or evening between now and then, contact volunteers, AAM, 13 Mandela St. NW1. Phone 388-2798. Free Nelson Mandela and all political prisoners picket of South African Embassy, Trafalgar Sq. WC2. Organised by the City of London AA picket, details 837 6050.

NEWHAM WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

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BOOKS

- Feminist Arts News, 195 Station Road, Kingsway, Birmingham 14 7TB

- Sisterwrite Bookshop, 190 Upper Street, London N1. 01 226 9782

- Virago Bookshop, 34 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HF. 01 240 6638

- The Burnham Report. Written by an American judge, Burnham, who was invited by Haringey Council to observe the PC Blakelock murder trial, in case press hysteria prejudiced the verdict. It did, three people got life sentences based on no evidence. The 18 page report is clear and easy to read. It exposes horrific injustice and a campaign of terror and revenge launched by the police, which sets a precedent unseen on mainland Britain except by the Irish community. Available by person or post from The Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign, 12/16 Tangmere, Broadwater Farm, London N17, price £1.

- Pacific Paradise Nuclear Nightmare. Written by Women Working For A Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific. It is a well laid out and thorough examination of historical and present (wide) spread of the nuclear industry, military and other in the Pacific. £2.25. CND publication.

- Counter Information is a regular free bi monthly newsletter covering topical issues such as strikes, South Africa and anarchy in Spain. Available from Counter Information, c/o 43 Candlemaker Row, (Pidgeonhole 81), Edinburgh, Scotland.

- France Goes Of The Rails tells of the movements in France, Nov 86 to Jan 87. It's an A4 booklet with leaflets by autonomous striking electricity, post and railway workers. Witty and biting, plus a lucid commentary. Essential reading. £1 BM BLOB, London WC1N 3XX.

- Wavelength is published by Groundswell, a lesbian feminist group in Washington, trying to make political connections with other feminists - and build an international revolutionary feminist movement. In quite a few languages, from 113, 24th Avenue East, Seattle, WA. 98112, USA.

- Nov. 1st Sun. November Moon, (film) women only. Rio Cinema, Kingsland High St. Dalston, London E2. £2.80/1.70 concs.
- Nov. 11th wed. The Ideal Vampire - talk by Isiling Mack-Nataf, raising issues concerning the way lesbians and black women/lesbians are deemed to hold certain meanings for the (white, male,) film-maker's audience. 7.00-9.30 Rio Video lounge, Rio Cinema, Kingsland High St. E2.
- 18th Nov. Wed. Breakthrough or Backlash - lesbian sex scenes in mainstream films/videos. Speaker & organiser Cherry Smyth 7.00-9.30.
- 25th Nov. Wed. Framing ourselves - different ways sex scenes are used, speaker & organiser Cherry Smyth.
- 2nd Dec. Wed. Coming Out With The Lesbian Life Story - discussing the use of film documentation of les-



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- Drugs Causing Problems? SCODA, 1/4 Hatton Place, London EC1N 8ND. 01 430 2341

- Health Education Council, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH. 01 637 1881

- LESBIAN & GAY SWITCHBOARD (24 hrs) 837-7324 Lesbian Line 251-6911; (Tues. Thurs. 7-10 pm; Mon. Fri. 2-10 pm.) This is the London Number but if you live outside London phone them and they will give you the local number.

- London Women's Centre, Wesley House, 70 Great Queen Street, London WC2 01 430 1076 or 01 831 6946

- Drastic Weight Loss? Anorexic Aid, The Prior Centre, 11 Priory Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 6SL. 0494 21431

- Justine says she is very sorry that all these (or most of these) numbers are London based. She hopes to improve on this in the future. If you know any useful addresses in your area please let her know.

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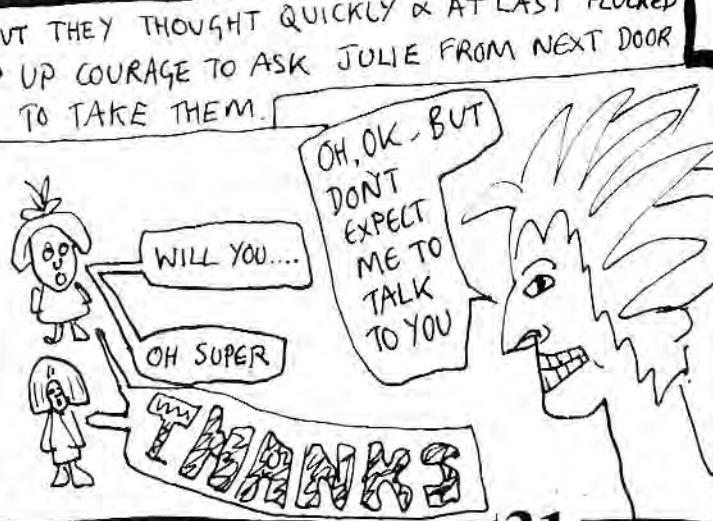
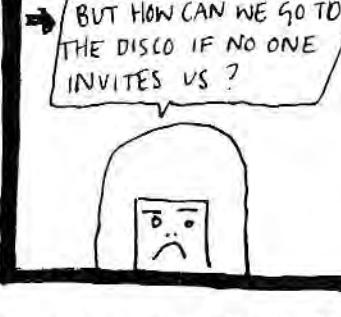
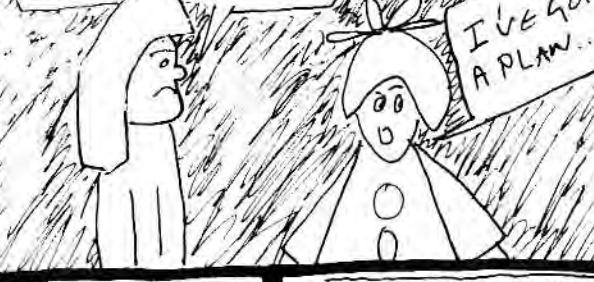
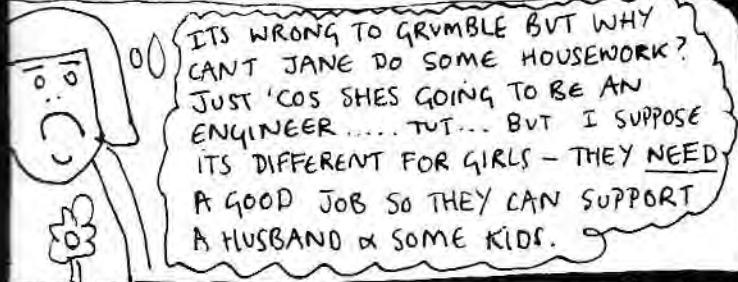
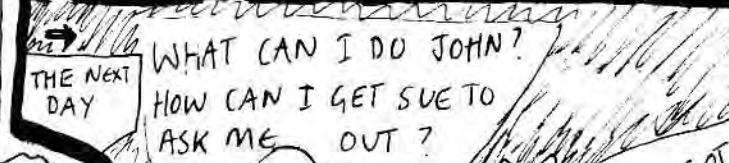
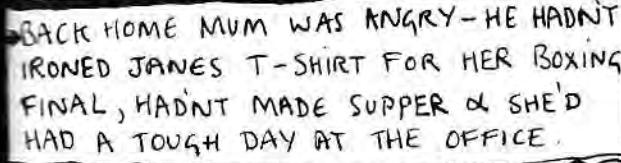
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