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RED RAG"MAY FOLD"- REPORT





The WOMEN'S CONFERENCE this weekend hopefully-and probably- reached many women ir Reading, coming together to meet new women, discuss old and new issues, feelings and interests, to participate in or watch lots of performance and workshops, and ultimately to have fun and share experiences. Women are proudly pushing their rights and resources, coming together in strength all over England and internation ed them as being the wives of the sack -ally as well-The 9th to the 16th of March being INTERNATIONAL WOMENS WEEK. Events continue this week in London,

for example-a feast of than, particularly with the Race Relations Group in Hackney Town Hall (phone Dawn or Pauline on 01 985 6732).

And there's always more to put energy into here another display is going to be put on soon by the RAPE CRISIS LINE . This wild include general information and observation about the media, the police and the courts, and how they treat rape victims; how schools and establishments regard sexuality; and, amongst other contributions, feelings about incest, rape and sexuality-with some poetry, art, photo graphs-and humour.

Any women are welcome-it will be another important opportunity to share thoughts and to meet other women locally. The date will be made known nearer the ~ime.Meanwhile, anybody who would like to Fontribute to the display please drop a note in to The Women's Centre: the basement, Old Shire Hall, Abbey Street JEFORE 13th MEARC 1986.

Thank You

WAPPING INFORMATION OUTBREAK MYSTERY.

Of the 6000 newspaper workers sacked by Murdoch, some 700 are women clerical wor kers in Sogat. When I first went down to Wapping about a month ago, a march had been organised by these women to highlight the fact that not all those sacked were male printers.

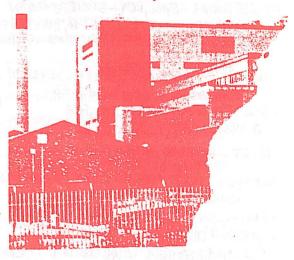
The need for such a demonstration was underlined by the BBC, when they report--ed printers. The women marched down to the picket line to join the men , but Brenda Dean, the leader of SOGAT, asked people to leave the picket line and come to listen to her, and other speakers, at a rally up a sideroad.

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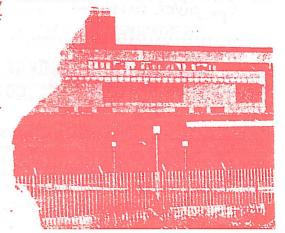
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So far the tactics have produced no results, and although the leadership are still persuing the same line, the rank and file are realising that more definite action is needed.

Although on the evening of the Womens Rally there were several thousand people outside the Wapping plant, no attempt was made by union officials to organise an effective picket.



The following week, however, the mood had changed. There were at least 7000 people down at Wapping and the feeling amongst the crowd was more angry and determined.



SHOCK NEWS BROKE TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE INFAMOUS"UNDERGROUND" MAGAZINE, RED RAG, MAY SOON DISAPPEAR.

A member of the collective, who refused to be named, told reporters: "An issue costs us about £80 to produce. If every one of our readers could be bothered to give Red Rag lp a week, that would pay the bill. But they don't."

The magazine, which has been available for free for nearly six years, has approached bankruptcy several times.

"another major problem is that not en enough peolpe are involved in Red Rag." said the spokesperson. "Anyone can paste up, print or write articles:don't they care enough to get involved."

It is rumored that there will not be an edition in a fortnight's time, unless people offer support and help via the secret Acorn Bookshop contact add-

The news was greeted enthusiastically by the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police. "These people have been getting up my nose for years with all their pranks. Now that they could be going, we can look forward to running things as we really want to."

Readers of the paper were unavailable for comment.

> Mark Robinson Media correspondent.

*Reading's Gay, the newsletter produced by Reading's Gay Collective, is out nowpick up a copy from the Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham Strret, Reading ... or from the Party at the Horse and Barge, Duke St, Saturday 15th MacTh 8pm,

No 5 COUNSELLING AND INFORMATION SERVICE.

Workers (29 hrs. per week) to work mainly with young people. Main areas of work are Housing and Welfare

Some experience of either would be preferred (personal or otherwise!). You should be able to relate well to people, and to pick up new skills

Details from Barry McInnes or John Towler at 2/4 Sackville Street or phone Reading 585858.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMME REGULATIONS ADDIV

· MONDAY 10 MARCH

· FOLK - THE BULL, NETTLEBED, 8 pm FREE SCOTCH · JAZZ FUNK - THE THATCHERS, FAIRWATER TRIVE prevent the delivery of Murdoch's news WOODLEY, 8-11, FREE. LOCAL FOR USAF PEOPLE.

· JAZZ - ALBION HOTEL OXFORD RD: PETE HAMEC ML STAR JUBILEE JAZZ RAND.

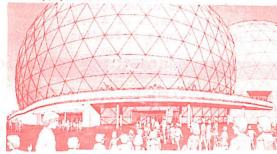
· JAZZ - STUDENTS UNION, UNIV, 9pm, FREE.

. CHP - " SUPERGRAS" (15) 7.45 PM +2.50: COMIC STRIPS HEROIN SMUGGLING.

· SILKS, THATCHAM-ROCK NIGHT.

· TOLK - KENNET ARMS, IRISH MUSIC 8pm.

· EXHIBITION (TIL GAPRIL) -SHP - WORK OF IS LOCAL WOMEN ARTISTS. FREE.



Tuesday Il March:

. MEETING - PRINTERS SUPPORT GROWPS PM AT THE PARADISE CLUB, LONDON ST.

· UNIV STUDENTS UNION - AMAZULU (REGGAE FOX) + SUPPORT. TOWN TOLK GET IN WITH TIGGET ONLY.

· GAY DISCO-TUDOR ARMS, GREAFRIARS RD, 8 pm. MANLY MEN.

· LIVEMMERC - KEITH JAMES - BI MOONS, KINGS RD, Epm. · FILM-BULMERSHE OLIEGE: MANHATTON & PM?

· BALLET - LONDON CITY BALLET & HEXAGON, 7:30pm · FILM - "SWPERGERSS" AT SHP AS 10th.

JAZ- DON WELLER QUARTET, SOUTH HILL PARK,

8 Dm t2.70 Number 5 is looking for two Assistant Information TRANSFIGURATION & CLAIRVOYANCE -SLP, 7:30pm 12:00

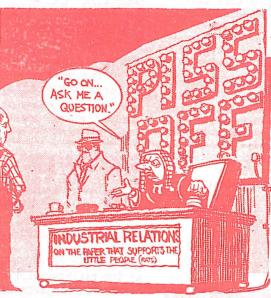
Wednesday 12 March:

VIDEO - RCU, WOMEN'S VIDEO SCREENING, 1:30-3, PPONLY FILM- READING FILM THEATRE "BIRDY" (IS) 8 pm US VIETNAM VETS IN MILITARY HOSPITAL TOUCHING DRAMA.

BALLET - AS 11th, PLUS 2pm MATINEE. FILM - "SUPERGRASS" (15) AS LOTH, SHP.

THIS EPICOMIZED THE DEHAVIOUR OF THE leaders of the print unions throughout the dispute.

Rather than organize mass pickets to papers, the leadership wants to conduct a low key campaign , aimed at capturing public opinion and persuading people not The major pickets down at Wapping are to buy the Sun.

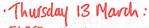


The police themselves were very provocative and cleared the road using horses and riot police. Such action shows the lengths to which this government is prepared to go, to protect one individual's private profits and to uphold the right

on Saturday nights, and on the Jact two Saturdays the papers have been . delayed by pickets until gone midnight. This just shows that the pickets can be effective and that it is important that as many people as possible get themselves down there ...

Last Tuesday a SOGAT member, sacked from the Sunday Times, came down to Reading to address a public meeting on the dispute. He expressed the feeling of the rank and file that action must be stepped up and mass pickets supported. At this meeting a Print Support Committee was set bet up , and it will be meeting at the Paraduse Club at 8pm on Tuesday 11th March. Come along and support the printers, and get along to Wapping on Saturday night.

a member of the Print Support Committee.



· FARCE - HEXAGON MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETAT CWIC OFFICES, 6.30 ML WELCOME

· FOLK - THE ROSE KING ST, MAIDENHEAD - 8PM FREE: ANONYMA

· COUNTRY - SPORTSMAN (SHINGRED PD)+ CROSS KEYS.

· FILM - "BIRDY" AT RFT, AS 1212: UB40 DISCOUNT. · BALLET - LONDON CITY BALLET, AS 11th (HEX).

· FUNK LOUL - "MUFF": PARADISE CLUB. 9-10-30

HAPPY HOUR. · LIVE MUSIC - SHOP CELLAR

. FILM - "THE LAST BATTLE" (IS) 7.45PM £2.50 CPEECHLESS SURVIVORS OF ARMAGGEDOON SCRATCH OUT LIVING IN RUINS OF PARIS. - "STYLISH & WITTY." AT SOUTHILL PARK.

· HEATRE - "THE 3 SISTERS" (CHEKOV) SHP. 7.30. SHAPED EXPERIENCE COMPANY. 18AGI-COMIC LIFEIN TSARIST RUSSIA!



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· Friday 14 March:

· REGULAE - HALF PINT IN CONCERT WITH LEVI ROOTS. SIR COXCONE OUTERNATION AL SOUND SYSTEM LONE OF THE BEST) PLUS GUEST PAS BY SINGERS TOIS-FRANKIE PANL, BRIGADER JERRY, JOSEY WALLS + MORE CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON ST. 5-VERY VERY LATE. LSON ON DOOR.

VEGGLE DINING - 8 pm, RCM - 3 COURSE VEGAN NOSH, BRING DRINK. £3/£2.50, TICKETS FROM MOSEN BOOKS. BOVEFT FOR BOADING STEMER Conditional consentwas given by local SCHOOL PROJECT.

· PARADIZE - THE MEMBRANES (WONDERFUL DISTORTION + POWERHAMMER RHYTM) + SUPPORT. E3

x FOLK-THE LAMB, EVERSLEY, Spm, FARE

· LIVE MUSIC - CAPSTGOWN, KINGS RD, ŁI

· BALLET - HEXAGON as 11th.

· GAY DISCO -TUDOR ARMS, GREY FRIARS RD, 8 pm FREE MAINLY MEN.

· FILM - ODEON CINEMA, LYGAPSIDE: UB40 MATINEE.

· THEATRE - CHEKOV AT SHP, AS YESTERDAY

· FILM - "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETTE" (S) 7.450 m AND IT'S FREE! RITZY LAUNDERETTE PET UP ON STOLEN CASH BY GAY ASIAN MAN. EX-NF LOVER WANTS TORENEW AFFAIR TOO.

· DECITAL (TUNES) BY SHIP MUSICIANS, ATTHE PARK 8pm SILVER COLLECTION.

BERKS. VIOLENCE OUTBREAK "WORST EVER"-TOP T.V. COP

I fear my article on "Violence and Red Rag", published anonymously a couple of issues ago, has been misunderstood. Either BGP confuses me by using different levels of irony throughout her/his reply, or s/he is misrepresenting what I tried to explore.

MONEY BREEDS IN READING-PROBE.

Local developers Pinefrost Ltd of Ascot are among the latest to cash in on Reading's rumoured high tech boom, with a 56000 square foot scheme in South St.

planners in July 1982, but now the company look forward to starting work soon on the 16 french cottage lookalike sheds that will grace the South St/East St site.

A spokesperson for the developers, Mr. Tarquin Scumbag, told Red Rag: "I've been to public school and am a qualified chartered surveyor. Obviously this entitles me to make pots of money out of other people's lives."

The scheme, which includes no housing £2 million to build, but demolition, professional fees and finance charges will push the bill up to £2½million. >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

Tarquin, however, is optimistic: "Altho' it'll cost us a couple of hundred thou' to shift the sheds, er sorry, to market the exclusively designed high tech units, unavailable for comment. we can still draw over £900000 clear profit. This is based on a typical markup of 17 percent on the value of the finished product."

Rents for such property are about £8 a square foot, giving a capital value for the project of just under £5½million,or 110 new houses."

The development is only going ahead on condition that the company makesmajor concessions to local planners. These include speaking nicely on the phone, not driving their Daimlers into council officers 2CV's, and building a couple of access roads to the site.

"Obvoiusly we'd have built the roads anyway, "a smiling Tarquin told reporters do their bit , what?"

Mr Scumbag, who does not live in Reading or community facilities, will cost around admitted that the scheme's budget included over £1.2 million to buy the site.Although he would not reveal the price paid, he joked that: "only idiots would pay so much"

Reaction to the development has been mixed. Reading Labour Party was on a vote trapping expedition in Spencers Wood, and

A spokesperson for Reading Trades Council said:"It wasn't like this in 1926. Mind you, I wasn't alive then. What can you do? Who cares that workers' conditions are decided by speculators as much as by their bosses-"

Some local residents are more willing to make a stand. Sarah Bright and John Warr said: "we remember this site from when we were squatting the dole office across the road a year ago. The land was better used then as a temporary gypsy site. Pinefrost should be collectively shot."

Martin "Anarchist" Flanagan, business correspondent.

Clever dick nazis (and not just wallies who don't know what the things mean) have been going round painting NF and @ signs next to each other on walls. It is one small example of the right's psychological operations, aiming to spread the political confusion, chaos and terror from which they profit. But, hold on ... isn't this exactly the same lovely confusion and chaos the discordians like and are trying to promote among us?

SOUTH STREET WOMENS SQUAT ACCOMMODATION AND WORKSHOP SPACE SAT 8TH AND SUN 9TH MARCH

The Old Unemployment Benefit Offices in South Street are in use once again.

The building has been occupied by a group of women, in order to provide accommodation and workshop space, for women, on Saturday 8th March (International Womens Day) and Sunday 9th March.



I think violence is undesirable. I have not renounced it. I'm not sure I would know how to.

I think the present widespread practice of shitting and pissing in toilets connected to a mains water supply is undesirable. The production and consumption of such quantities of 'clean' water has undesirable environmental impact; the many valuable qualities of our excretia are wasted, and the disposal of masses of effluent is an expensive and difficult problem. But I do not therefore "renounce" using the toilet. Safe, acceptable alternative means of putting my wastes to good use are not readily accessible to me: I don't know what else to do

with my shit, nor have any necessary equipment or facilities. But I certainly don't intend ceasing to eat or drink. Isn't it a very similar dilemma to that surrounding the use of violence?

I intend remaining in the world with all its anger and violence and crap like that. I want to develop practical, sustainable ways, necessarily collective, to deal with it. Heroics just distract from that task.

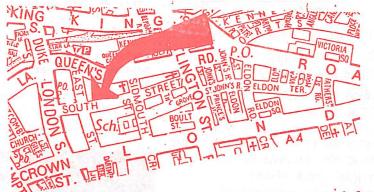
I didn't intend telling anyone not to be violent; I hoped to encourage a slightly more understanding view of the issue. It is an issue which, unnecessaily I believe, all too often divides us.

I certainly wouldn't waste my breath telling "THEM" not to be violent: violence is what "THEY" thrive on. It is a symptom of "power".



In response to another part of BGP's reply, I can't resist asking, Which is the most pointless of empty pers onal geatures: lying down in front of their tanks, or facing "their truncheons, riot sticks, CS gas, pistols, machine guns, tanks aircraft, missiles, bombs; their prisons, asylums, torture, humiliation and harrassment ... with, if I'm lucky, my Red Rag petrol bomb in my hand."?

And on the differences between violent self-defence and violent attack, remember that thousands of people in the country sincerely work for the Ministry of Defence. Offensive to us perhaps; my hairstyle is offensive to some of "them". I know there is a difference, but I"m not satisfied I know what it is.



The building has been sitting empty and unused for over two years, apart from a very successful festival of arts activities last March.

We are occupying it for this weekend celebration, in protest because we feel it is a waste of a space that could be put to good use by people in Reading.

SOUTH STREET WOMENS SQUAT

THE RED RAG BENEFIT ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH AT THE PARADISE CLUB HAS, REGRETTABLY, BEEN CANCELLED, BECAUSE RUPERT MURDOCH REFUSES TO PLAY(SEE LAST ISSUE).

NO ALTERNATIVE OF EQUAL QUALITY AND DISTINCTION COULD BE FOUND. SORRY TO ALL RUPERT'S DISAPPOINTED FANS IN READING.

A NEW POSSIBLE TARGET FOR ANTI-APARTHEID STENCILLERS AND GLAZIERS SUPPORT GROUP MEMBERS...60 QUEENS ROAD, A NEW OFFICE BLOCK RECENTLY LET TO BARCLAYS FOR ABOUT £300,000 pa.

TRANSCRIPTION

I need help in transcribing tape recorded interviews verbatim for my PhD thesis.

Longhand is fine, but if you can type, I can probably provide access to an Amstrad word processor.

Please reply with fee required for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour cassette to Box 2, Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham Street Reading.



The state seeks to divide, disorganise and confuse us in order to rule us, to overcome the state we must ORGANISE, unite and fight! Anarchy means SELF-ORGANISATION without leaders and hierarchy, chaos just means fascism, filth, war, terror, domination, poverty, ignorance, divide and rule, confusion and fear, so wise up mugs or push off!

Paul Petard Thames Valley Anarchists

· Saturday 15 March:

* COACH TRIP - GET THE XI AT 5-45 FROM BROTID ST & GO PICKETING AT WAPPING. BRING A PACKED LUNCH+WARM WOOLENS.

· BALLET - HEXAGON, AS BEFORE +2:30 MATINEE.

· JUMBLE SAVES - SOMEWHERE!

· SINGING -HANDEL'S MESSIAH: GREATHAN, UNIV LONDON RD, 7:30 pm.

MORE SINGING -BEADING PHOENIX CHOIR, ATST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, HURST SPM, +3:14 783041.

· CAU+LESBIAN PARTY - HORSE+BARGE, DUKE STREET, 8pm . 80p RAFFUE TICKET.

· DANCING - (FOLKSTYLE): WATUNGTON HOUSE, WATUNG-TON ST, 7:30. £3. Fel 4155 78 (TICKETS).

SOULY FUNK - TIM WESTWOOD ROADSHOW AT THE PARADGE CLUB, LONDON ST, 8-LATE.

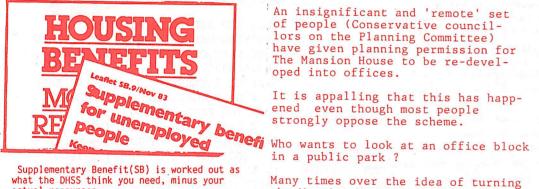
THORTRE - AS 13th, SOUTH HILL PARK.

· FILM !! MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETTE"(15) 7.45 pm AND AT 10:30 ; £2:50 GR FREE?

· FOLK—TOM O'FARRELL (GTR:+ VCMS) SHP, 8pm 180. · OPRY - SHP RECITAL ROOM, 8pm Soirée. 23/12.



DHSS FRAUD -SHOCK HORROR



Supplementary Benefit(SB) is worked out as what the DHSS think you need, minus your actual resources.

A basic guide is that if the Dhss class you as a couple, both people's resouces and needs are taken into account, along with those of any dependents. The basic rate is £47.85 a week, compared with 2 times£29.50 =£59 a week for two people who can present claims as single people.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SB?

So obviously, if both of you are eligible for SB, try and claim as 2 individuals who are NOT "living together as husband and wife". To be eligible to claim SB you must (generally):-

*be over 16 , living in Britain, ¬ at

*work for less than 30 hours a week, *sign on as available for full time work(with exemptions),

*studying less than 21 hours a week, if you're studying whilst unemployed, *have less than £3000 savings.

WHAT SORT OF CLAIM IS BEST? Now you can decide who can claim SB.If you boyh fit the bill, then try and make 2 individual claims and prove you're not

living together as husband and wife.

But if one of you is NOT eligible for SB in her/his own right, then look at claiming as a couple and proving that you ARE living

MANSION HOUSE-WE NAME THE GUILTY MEN

An insignificant and 'remote' set of people (Conservative councillors on the Planning Committee) have given planning permission for The Mansion House to be re-developed into offices.

Many times over the idea of turning the Mansion House into offices has been criticized. Some people believe that the House is worth restoring as a "period" building, some believe that it could be renovated as a leisure amenity, others that the building is not worth keeping and should be demolished.

Any of the above options are far more acceptable than allowing commercial development in the park. Because Prospect Park is such an important place for leisure and recreation any changes within it should be compatible with its' natural features.

The unacceptable fact is that the Conservative group has willingly negotiated with property developers to put the scheme together. ************

- · Sunday 16 March:
- · MEETING RED RAG COLLECTIVE TACK ABOUT THE RAG . EVERY ONE VERY WELLONG. Spm AT 7 CHRISTCHURCH GARDENS.
- · FILM "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETTE" AS 14Th, SHP.
- · 1477 EITHOR (IDNI AND MAIN AND LINE ON AND STORILLAD

All avenues of public involvement have been restricted or blocked altogether. This again is totally unacceptable, especially as many people do have sensible and relevant views to contribute.

While the decision made on Friday (March 7th) approved Planning Permission for the scheme, the matter is not over with, although the Tories would like to think so.

Because the Mansion House is a listed building permission from the Secretary of State for the Environment is needed to alter the use of the building.

Members of the public - YOU !!! please write to the Secretary of State, some of the points you might like to raise are:-

- 1. The loss of valuable open space.
- 2. The detrimental affect the scheme would have on the park.
- 3. A listed building would be destroyed.
- 4. A precedent would be set for future unwelcome developments in the park.

If you haven't written to the Borough Council yet objecting to the scheme - please write this one! If you're one of the hundreds who have already written the campaign must be continued, only by sustaining and increasing

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three three three Tuesday 18 March:

- · LIVE MUSIC THE CONSPIRACY PRESENT "THE GATHERING (GUTTARSI) + UFECAN (PSYCHEDEUA+PUNK+YOUM) + RUBBER RUBBER VORTEX. 9.30 -1:30 AT PARADISE CLUB, LONDON ST. EISO ENTRY.
- · FILM BULIMERS HE COLLEGE ANYTHING ON?
- · FILM "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETTE" AS 14th.
- · JAZZ-WILD BILL DAVIDSON +JIM SHAPHERD'S BAND, AT SOUTH HILLPARK, 8PM 63.00
- · UNIV EASTER PARETY: GENO WASHINGTON . 8-2.
- · GAM DISCO -TWOTE ARMS, GREYFRIARS PO SOM MAINLY MON.
- · UVE MUSIC-KEHH JAMESAT BIMOONS, KINGGRD, 8pm
- · HEX-SPECTALLE AS YESTERDAY.
- · PRINT SUPPORT MEETING. WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS.
- · LECTURE-"WIND ENGINES+ RECENT INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY, UNIN MIKEUM OF ENGUSH FURM LIFE 7.30pm.

·Wednesday 19 March:

- · VIDEO- WOMEN'S VIDEO SCREENING, RCU, 1.30-3 PM FREE. WOMEN ONLY.
- · SOUL REGUAE PARADISE CLUB. NO DETAILS YET.
- · FILM "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETTE" AS 15th.
- · FILM "WHITE DOG" (IS) 8PM : DOG TRANAED BY PACISTS TO ATTACK BLACK PEOPLE SOUNDS LIKE THAMES VALLEY PO-LICE. REPOING FILM THEATRE.
- · JOSEPH & TECHNICOLOUR DEFAMCGATAS 18th.
- · TRAGIC FARCE BORONGH COUNCIL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEET AT CIVIC OFFICES, 630.0 PEN TO US.
- · BEVETITGIC BULMERSHE COLLEGE-FOR ANTI -APARTHEID : THE THROATIES + THE EARTH 10-12 PM E1 ON DOOR

· Thursday 20 March:

- · PED RAG EDITORIAL, WHERE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE READ AND PASSED FOR NEXT RAG. ALL WELLOME. PHONE NO. ON FRONT FOR DETAILS
- · FOLK ROSE, KING ST, MADENHEAD

the claiming partner signs on as available for full time work and is entitled to SB, the "couple" rate will be paid. So one person could be in full time work, and ,if the wages are low enough, the Dhss will make payments at a "suitable" rate.

(If one of you DOES work full time on a low wage, compare claiming SB with a claim for Family Income Supplement-you could get more)

WHO CAN BE CLAIMANT IF YOU CLAIM AS A COUPLE?
You have to have been, for the 6 months before your claim:?

*working at least 8 hours a week OR

*signing on OR

*claiming Sb in a few special cases(including being a single parent with a child of under 16 living with you), OR

*in prison or on YTS or abroad, OR *one or two other special cases. AND YOU HAVE TO BE ENTITLED TO SB

WHAT IS "CO-HABITATION"?

If you think you'll get more money by claiming as a couple, and you've found out who will be the claimant, what does the DHSS regard as "co-habitation"-the basis on which unmarried couples are paid as "husband and wife". The DHSS loks at:-

1,are you living in the same household? Arrangements for cooking, storing,buying, and eating food, paying rent, etcwill be relevant.

2.is there a sexual relationship? The DHSS cannot ask direct questions on this, so it depends on what you tell them.A sexual relationship on its own is NOT enough to turn you into a DHSS-classified couple.The other things on this list are just as important.

LOTS OF JAZZ BLUES RECORDS: THE BUTLER - CHATHAM ST. 8pm. FREE.

· FOLK - GEORGE HOTEL, BROTO ST, 815h

· SLICK SERENADING -STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD, 8. · GARDEN WALK + ROSE FRUNING DEMONSTRATION -

230-4:30 CAVERSHAM COURT.

· JAZZ - GRAHAM HEW ITT HIGH SOCIETY J. B: VICTOPIA ARMS, WOKINGHAM, &ISL FREE

3.the financial set up:who pays whose rent?
Are bills paid from common fund or on a fixed 50/50 basis.?

4.are there any children?

5.how do the couple appear in public?eg on the electoral roll?has one partner changed their surname?

6is the relationship stable?and what sort of relationship is it?)

BE PREPAERED!!

A DHSS Visiting Officer should check out these questions of fact-this personmay call even if you don't ask them to.When youre filling your forms in, decide what you want to tell the DHSS.The Visiting Officer gets the same facts when s/he calls around later on.

The DHSS can be stupid enough, for example, to classify a lodger and landlord/lady as "living as husband and wife". If you have to appeal, do it within 28 days of the DHSS decision. In your appeal letter, also ask for an A124 form, which sets out how the DHSS have worked out your claim. For help contact the Centre for the Unemployed (596639)

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Important: Use only number 69 lead pencil. Fill the squares completely. Do not mark more than one answer. You will be penalized for unanswered questions or correct party lines. Fill in birthdate, social security number, federal homosexual identity number, and sun sign in the spaces provided. Be prepared to present three photo IDs; out-of-state licenses are not valid. No open-toe shoes. No joans. Must be over 21 to enter. Void yourself where prohibited by law.

THE STATE'S HOMOSEXUAL INQUISITION TEST 1. The traditional family consists of: 3. The most important components of good 5. A woman is abnormal if: a) husband, wife, child and divorce parenting are: La) she owns a hammer attorney ☐ a) pantyhose and stiletto heels (i h) she is not pregnant ☐ b) a talking refrigerator, a microwave [] b) Cabbage Patch dolls and a big i c) she wins an argument with a man oven, and a vegomatic backyard . d) she can't clean the house and cook C) two fags C) dykes and fags the dinner after work before she d) one fag and a bottle of poppers □ d) Barbie and Ken helps the kids with their homework, bathes them and puts them to bed so 2. D.S.S. is an abbreviation for: that her husband can have a little a) Disruptive Social Services peace and quiet after a long, hard 4. A man is abnormal if: ☐ b) Desperately Seeking Susan day a) his lipstick and fingernail polish clash C) Dukakis' Standards Suck b) he smokes while he's in the shower d) Dyke Sexual Superiority 6. A healthy family environment would (c) he takes up less than three feet of encourage kids to. space around him when he walks HOMO ID a) eat their vegetables down the street (1 b) learn their lessons good [] d) he has the words "fuchsia" and (c) ask Beth beaded curtains" in his vocabulary d) respect both of their mothers equally

is there any hope of stopping this unwelcome development.

You, the park and the House deserve much better than an office block and other changes not in keeping with the park's fine, natural features.

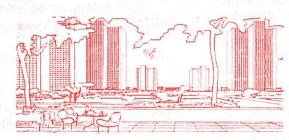
The public should be fully and properly involved in deciding what happens in Prospect Park - not just a few councillors and property developers who have a common self interest.

Please write to:-

Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, House of Commons, London SW1.

The future of Prospect Park and the Mansion House is in your hands - do something about it now before its too late !!!!

Prospectus Mansionus



· Friday 21 March:

· FOLK — THE LAMBEVERSLEY - 8 PINTHÉ TOFFS

· COUNTRY - SPORTSMAN + CROSS KEYS

JAZZ-UNIV. UNION, 9154, TREE.

· LIVE MUSIC-SHP CELLAR BAR

· SOUL FLANK - PARADISE CLUB.

· FREE VIDED SCREENING IMEDIA EDUCATION IN

· YOUTH OPERA -"THE LOST DOMAIN", BASEDON

GROW TO MANHOOD THROUGH IDEAUSTIC

· MARTIN SALTER - LETSURE COMMITTEE, 6-30(11/10)

· JAZZ/FUNK - GEORGE HOTEL, BROYD ST, BIGGFREE.

· JAZZ - VICTORIA ARMS, WOKINGHUM - THE NEWBURY AN STARS

ALAIN-FOURNIER'S & LE GRAND MEANINES", AT

SHP. 7.30 . £4 1£2 UB40 " 2 SCHOOL FRIENCE

PRIMARY SCHOOLS, "SHIP 7.45.

· TECHNICOLOUR DRAMCOAT - AS 18th.

ADOLESCENCE", IT SAYS 'ERE.

OFFICES. NOT TO BE MISSED!

· LIVE MUSIC-CAP & GOWN, KINUS PD, 9154, £1

· PARADISE CLUB -THUBOYS (LIKE JOHNNY THUNDERS).

· GAM DISTO —THUOR ARMS, GREYFRIATES RD, 8 pm FREE. MAINLY MEN.

· OPERA - "THE LOST DUMAIN" SHP AS YESTERDAY.

· FILM - "THE EMERALD FOREST" (IS) 7-45 PM t2-50. SHP - AMERICAN' CHILD ABDUCTED BY INDIANS WRETS FATHER ID YEARS LATER.

· PIANO RECITAL -SHP, 8pm +3.50.

· HEX - TECHNICOLOUR PREAMCOAT AGAIN.

· FILM - UB40 MATINEE DISTOUNT ATTHE ODEON.

· Monday 17 March:

· TOLK - IRISH, AT KENNET ARMS, PELL ST, 8 pm FREE

· ROCK - SILKS THATCHAM.

· JAZZ - ALBIGH HOTEL, ONTERS PD/UNIV UNION.

· MRETING AT PARADUSE CLUB. 16 NO GIGS etc.

· LECTURE - "TO RESTRY COMMISSION + THE FUTURE", UNIV PALMER BUILDING 7-30, 509.

· FOLK - THE BULL, NETTLEBED: 8 PM BLUNT INSTRUMBNTS

· SONG+ SPECTACLE - JOSEPH THE AMAZINGTECHNI-CO LOUR DEPONICO AT - HEVAGON , 7:30 pm PLUS 2pm MATINEES STARTING TOMORROW. ENDS ON SAT. 22MD.

· FILM - "MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDERETE"SHP: AS 14Th.



READING'S ONLY NEWSPAPER

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STONEHENGE THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN-STORY

Raving the night away to the cool tunes of the Biz, Webcore and the Ozrik Tentacles for those who made all the way to the far awayness of the Paradise club the evening was most enjoyable the biz profficient local unit Webcore my fave rave at the moment not omly is the music made for the heads of this world and others the poetry Thurs:13 R.C. Creative writing in motion with the vocal oogimaflips is also beyond the confines of this lump of rock that we claim to live on the Ozrik Tentacles more of an attraction in reading due to the high proportion of acid casualtys Sakus ... freaks and general living in the past types not to put down the band at all their doing it in a refreshing way so dont drag them back into the past folks they are an 80s musical experience and i love it . So if you havn't discovered the paradise when the conspiracy are putting on the show then how can you claim to be enjoying yourself especially if you want to see something different you may not think it is but it is up to U coming soon benefit for Nicaragua at Bulmershe 13th March the Gathering Military Surplus Robyn Hitchcock benefits Tues: 18 R.C.U. Fast St. Art & design for ye olde ragge anti apartheid Stonehenge More update on stonehenge next ish as we move out of the local space some and into galactic garble

see ya Wal de Wom

-"ANARCHISTS" IN 'TRENDY' SCARE.

DMONIO R.C.U. - Prepare for self employment 12.30 - 2.30

Sign language. 1-3.

Tues: 11 R.C.U. - East St. Art & design . 1-3 Tasty cooking on a low budget: cookery room, Kensington Rd. 1-3 Key English. 10-12

Storytime for the under 5's. 2.30 - Palmer Park Library

Weds: 12 R.C.V. - 99 day: 9's Self Expression. 10-12.30

Video Screenings: International wor Fabric & yourn crasts: 10-3

wildlige garden project. 1-3

Central Club: 9's dance group. 10.15-11.45 Fri:14 R.C.U. ?

Sun: 16 Reading cyclists: Cycle ride to winchmore Hill. leave coversham bridge at 9.15 am. Contact Jon -Herley 577207. 60 miles.

. Mon: IF R.C.U. Prapare for Sels employment. 12.30 - 2.30

Sign language. 1-3. Ecology party / Green party meet: 252

Tilehurst Rd., 8 pm. University gay Social youth group. most upstairs, Students Union. 8.30

workshop. 1-3 Key English. 10-12.

Tasty cooking on a low budget:1-3 Cookery room, Kensington Rd. Storytime for the under 5's. Palmer Park

library. 2.30 Wokingham 9's studies group: Women from World Education Berkshire will talk about their work a 9's roles. 3.15 pm - 9's Centre, la, milton Rd. greenham Support group. 9's centre,

Abbey St. 8pm.

EVENTS GUIDE.

D Wedsila R.C.U. - 9's day : Womens sels expression . 10 -12.30 Video screenings: Sexuality.

Fabric & yarn Cragts. 10-3 DThurs: 20 R.C.V. Creative writing work-

Shop . 1-3 Wildlise uproden project. 1-3

S.W.P. meet at the Wellington Arms. Whitey St. 8pm.

Red Rag editorial meeting - all welcome

Pre & Post notal yoga, Abbey room 2nd gloor, central library. 1-2.30 also-'phone 584191".

> Fri: 21 ?

▶ Sat: 22 ??

D Sun: 23. Reading cyclists - cycle ride to Burghelere & Watership down. SO miles. Contact Peter - 695832. Leave caversham bridge at 9.15

Day walkers are needed at Birfield Dog rescue. Especially week days, between 11-3. Phone Broknell 421490 gor ingo ..

Peace pleage union - Pacifist, non-Violent direct action group. Membership to P.P.U. not essential to join in meetings, Contact 483416 or 667085

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*ETRUSCAN SHREW, MOON RAT, PRAYING MANTIS AND JAPANESE MACAQUE GOING SPARE-ANYONE FANCY A SWAP, PHONE 868488.

*OLD AMP AND RECORD DECK (BOTH IN WORKING ORDER I THINK) NEED A NEW HOME. FREE, OR DONATION TO RED RAG.. RDG.665332.

*ANYONE INTERESTED IN SHARING BULK BUYING OF "ORGANIC" VEG, CEMETERY JUNCTION AREA, TEL 64178 *FOR SALE, DRUM KIT: PREMIER, 4 DRUMS, HIGH HAT, CYMBAL: EXCELLENT FOR BEGINNER, £200.RDG.665332. *WANTED ELECTRIC FIRE/HEATER THAT WORKS.MARK 868488. *PERSON WANTED TO SHARE CENTRAL

READING FLAT, £103.50 PCM+BILLS+ RATES.TEL.JAMES 595605.

· Saturday 22 March:

· RED RAG PASTE UP — PHONE COOPDINATOR (SEE FRONT OF RAG) FOR DETAILS.

· FILM - "THE EMERALD FOREST" AS YESTERDAY, AT SHP, PLUS 10.30 SHOWING

· XI TOWARPING 5.45 /ASTEMBLE TOWER HILLTUBE AT7-30pm.

· FOLK - VIC SHEPHERD ENJOHN BOWDEN ATSKP, 8pm E1.80 . NORTH YORKSHIRE SONGS, MELODIAN +JEW'S HARP.

OPERA - "THE LOST DOMAIN" ATSHP AS 2151-PLUS 2 pm MATINEE.

· LAST DAY OF TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT AT HEX.

· PARADISE CLUB - NOTHING FIXED YET.

As Nick of the 'Discordians' states, absurdity does threaten any organisation. But Nick does seem to have a very limited view of what 'organisation' means. There is nothing un-anarchist about getting organised. What Nick describes as 'organisation' is the hierarchical management of society - he seems to be unaware of the potential for free, co-operative organisation that does not involve compulsion and is for our mutual benefit.

Organisation - between and by ourselves - is necessary to achieve maximum enjoyment of life, and indeed to sustain life itself. Organisation is essential if you want food to eat, clothes to wear, fuel to keep you warm in winter, medical care when you are sick or injured, etc. There is nothing un-anarchist about the effective organisation of time and energy. Is it reactionary to expect a bus or train to leave at the announced time rather than an hour later or an hour earlier? Naturally, no anarchist wants to replace one set of rulers with another, that is why we have to learn how to co-operate and organise effectively without bosses.

With his idea of a society where "everyone has the same 'control' over everyone else", Nick reveals that his true commitment is not to anarchist ideas but to J.S.Mill type liberal individualism. Most anarchists have little time for this kind of sleazy tolerance - "I'll let you get away with your scene if you'll let me get away with mine". This is not anarchism. It is far too negative i.e. restricting our freedom at the point where it bumps up against other peoples freedom. Nick, for all his talk of anarchy, is expounding yet another philosophy for restricting freedom. Anarchism is a positive philosophy for expanding freedom - "What can we do to enhance and improve each others pleasure and enjoyment of life?"

Nick seems to use the word 'anarchy' quite freely but with little understanding of what it means. As anarchism has become the fastest growing and most active revolutionary movement in Britain today it has inevitably become trendy and others want to jump on the bandwagon. Witness how many groups and individuals, from the plain confused to the downright deranged, who hope to spice up their pathetic political menus by slipping the word 'anarchist' in the title somewhere. Amongst the latest arrivals on the anarchy bandwagon are the 'Discordians', so it is worth a pause to look at their origins. Where does all this 'Hail Eris', 'All Hail Discordia' baloney come from? Truth to tell it all comes from a Sci Fi trilogy called 'Illuminatus' produced in the States by a couple of ageing hippies in an attempt to keep themselves in a style to which they would like to become accustomed. As a bit of inconsequential reading it is quite a fun dip into the 60's underground press 'conspiracy' myth bag (the hero sails around in a yellow submarine. Geddit?) and its racy style and patronizing sexism is not difficult to explain when you realise that the authors were previously story writers for 'Playboy' magazine.

· Sunday 23 March:

· A YEAR AGO TODAY THE SOUTH STREET DOLE OFFICE OCCUPATION ENDED.

· RED RAG FOLD ING + DISTRIBUTION FROM ACORN PHONE SUNDAY PERSON TO VOLUNTEER!

· JAZZ - BUTLER, CHATHAM ST, AS LAST WEEK.

. FOUR - GEORGE HOTEL, BROAD ST, Epm. PAYING.

· JAZZ - VICTORIA ARMS, WOKINGHAM, BISLFREE.

· RAMBLE - TINKERS GREEN + TOKERS GREEN
2-30pm From MAPLEDURHAM PLAYING FIREDS.

· FILM - "THE EMERALD FOREST" (B) AS 21st.

· POETRY REPOING—SHP—FREE AT NOON: WENDY SMITH "BRILLIANT, WITTY" IT SAYS 'ERE.

South BERKSHIRE MUSIC CENTRE CONCERT ATSMP YOUTH ORLHESTRAS | CHOIRS, 7pm.

· Coming Soon

· THEATRE - "KNUCKLE" AT THE PROGRESS, (MOUNT OFF CHRISTCHWRIH PD), 7.45; 2412 - 2612

· LIVE MUSIC - ROOTS DIMENSION + MILITARY
SURPLUS + SURVERY SOUND, TOBE CONFIRMED.
ROOTS REGGAE AT THE PARASICE THES 25th.

· VEGGIE DINING - RCU Spm on 2811 - PEGGE PLOWE UNION BEN EFIT.

· LIVE MUSIC - (ANTIB) 4TS BENEFIT ATPARABISE CLUB, LONDON ST - MON 24th (SEE BELOW)

· FARCE - PLANNING COMMITTEE 4th APRIL.

. YTS RENEATT: SECOND EMOTION+THE CLIFF HANGERS, 8-LATE, ±1 UB40/EZ WAGED

·KEY

· HEX HEXAGON, QUEENS WALK: 591591

· SHP SOUTH HIN PARK, BRACKNEW: B 484123

· PARADKE :- PARADKE CLUB, 112 LONDONST READING: tel 576847

· P.C.W. - PRYDING CENTRE FOR WNEMPLOYED, EAST ST: HE SAGGSA.

· INFO TO MARK 868488. LOTS OF LOVE!

Mark AXX

The 'Discordians' have adopted as truth what is, in fact, a parody of all that is dippy in the libertarian-chic milieu. Thankfully their revolutionary activity doesn't seem to extend beyond writing further self-parodies in 'Red Rag'.

Zed Feecher

