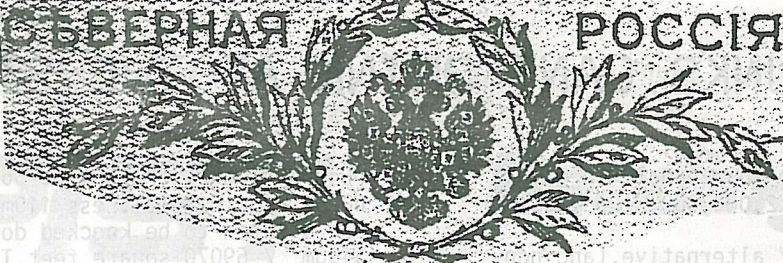


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FRATERNAL GREETINGS,
MIKHAIL HESELTINSKI & LEONID BRITTENOVITCH.

I LOVE THE SOUND OF BREAKING GLASS

Yesterday I kicked in the glass door of the DHSS in Market Place, in full view of the sublimely pleasant security guard and that nauseatingly cheerful old receptionist who had my name written down in front of her. From my side it was the most soul satisfying event of my fairly confused life to date, like making contact with an internal fire and releasing it's fury. There was reason, responsibility, joy and power behind that boot. From their side I can only guess from the cryptic expressions of horror as the glass developed into a beautiful cobweb like arrangement. I was an undisciplined job; sigh, sigh, tut, tut, and off they scuttled.

The reason for this spontaneous surge of new life in me? Anyone who has had dealings with the DHSS must have come to hate the gross inhuman inertia that exists in that hole the waiting, the smokey haze, the windows that don't open, the screaming kids, the ticket machine, the screens, the sheer impossibility of getting action; the place strains human conduct to such limits that you almost feel the piss dribbling down on you. And the dejection. You rarely talk to whoever you've been lucky enough to sit next to for the previous four/five/six hours because to talk, to socialise would be to trivialise the whole experience.

After a whole day of very unhealthy and socially insecure frustration waiting for an interview (this was to get a replacement Giro for one lost in the post) I was not too happy. The usual would be to end up getting pretty

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Workers of All Countries, Unite!

WHY PUNKS CANT DRINK AT THE STAR

Decisions have been taken on your behalf to give a property development company £2,000,000. Have you a right to know?

At the end of January, one of alternative, (and non-alternative), Reading's best known shops-Rag Doll on London Street, just over Dukesbridge-will close. The shops on either side are already empty. This decline started a couple of years ago, when the Star pub, the other building in this block, was closed down.

This may seem ordinary-shops close all the time. What is NOT ordinary is the proposed demolition of the entire block, and the "development" of two office buildings totalling 60250 square feet, plus 1130 feet² of ancillary space.

In August 1985, County and District Properties Ltd asked for planning permission to "develop" the site. They have already bought The Star, and own No.1 London Street, the completed office block next to the ex-pub. No.1 has been finished but unlet for 2 years, part of the oversupply of new offices in the town.

The "development" company want a three and a four storey block, both V shaped and pointing away from the Kennet. A feeder road will link the offices to the Queens Road.

County and District (address: 46 Green St, London W1Y 3FJ), want to build a slab sided pair of mirror-glass covered profitmakers.

Originally, there was to have been a ground floor computer showroom in the scheme, but C&D don't include that now. Four existing flats above the shops will be lost, not replaced. This is a 100 per cent office "development".

The Borough Council can't really help this, as they don't fill in the application for planning permission -that's up to the "developers".

The proposal is in direct conflict with the Central Reading District Plan. This document provides a basis for the Borough Council to (supposedly) control land uses in the town.

The Star site is specifically identified (Site 69: "3-11 London St and Queens Rd garage), and the Council's proposal is for:-

"restoration/redevelopment to provide mixed scheme for offices, with retail on the ground floor-net office floorspace gain allowed: 1500 square metres"

Written Statement, Policy Schedule OFF 1.

Where's the "retail"? Where's the "restoration"? And is the net gain in office floorspace 1500m² (16140 square feet)??

County and District want 5600m² of new offices (that's 60250 square feet). Less 110m² (1180 square feet) of old offices to be knocked down, that's a net gain of 5490m² / 59070 square feet. Three and a half times that permitted.

All this can be checked by going to the Borough Council Planning Dept and asking to see application 85/TP/675. Everyone has the right to look at the register of all applications, and at any individual applications. That's how I wrote this article.

C&D's application for outline planning permission, received by the Council on 13/8/85, was turned down by them on 25/10/85, Probably because the scheme was completely at odds with attempts to control office epidemics.

It's a shame that the Council officers and members of the planning committee took more than 8 weeks to decide this; this being the legal time limit.

As a result, County and District have been able to appeal against the refusal.

The appeal is to be heard by the Secretary of State for the Environment, because allowing so much office space on the site would really screw up current planning policies.

For example, Site 69 is only included in the District Plan as a n office site, on the presumption that the "developers" would give community facilities, road/environmental improvements etc, in return for planning permission. Where are they in C&D's scheme???

Such "community gains" cost the "developer" money. It doesn't come out of their calculated profit (see valuation), but is included as another building cost and so reduces the amount available for land buying (the residual sum at the bottom of the page). To be able to bid "competitively" for the land, C&D would demand EVEN MORE OFFICES to cover the increased costs, to give them the same £2,000,000 to spend on the land.

Do the Council realise they are trying to play capitalist with the pro's? That identifying office sites on the basis of community gain assumes they understand the costs and profits of office "development", and that they accept the capitalist profit motive.

All landuse planning at the moment just tinkers with the property market. It's reformist, (ideologically unsound etc), but are there any other ways of tinkering? Any ideas??

Mark R.

I LOVE THE SOUND OF BREAKING GLASS

depressed, go home at the end of it all and think I could shrug it off, meanwhile the pressurised bile in my tum would be merrily burning unwelcome holes.

At about five to three I zipped round the corner to the library and came back to find the doors close and my friend the security guard on the other side of it. After much haggling I was told to come back at nine o'clock in the morning- that's after six hours waiting with no explanation and hence the boot.

The next morning I arrived at ten to nine, they opened the doors at ten past, no-one had bothered to put a new roll of numbers in the ticket machine. Two hours later I asked what was happening with my interview. The reply was that they couldn't find my file!!! Now I've resigned myself to going hungry till the next Giro and finding a more humane way of dealing with this twentieth century farce.

I do not regret for one moment kicking in the door. It was a positive reaction against the injustice of a state inflicted poverty trap and being abused by a group of workers who have become desensitised to the feelings of those they deal with. I don't believe in unimaginative

premeditated violence, that seems to me to be almost as bad as whatever/whoever you are attacking. What is important is to develop creative, personally enjoyable ways of getting through to people the way you feel.

love and contented toes

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24/1/86 9p.m.

Since this (see above) was written the 'victim' has been arrested and is at the time of writing being held at Reading police station. Chris was arrested this afternoon... He is likely to be charged with 'CRIMINAL DAMAGE'. It's a rotten shame the faces behind the D.H.S.S. aren't being charged with EMOTIONAL DAMAGE... CHRIS DE BURGH

THIS ISSUE READING'S ONLY NEWSPAPER LOOKS AT TWO OF ITS LESSER KNOWN RIVALS.....

READING EVENING PIST

ANARCHY HORROR RIDDLE

by Andrew Hawkwind



An anarchist cartoon in a local anarchist publication anarchist anarchist describes how to anarchist make an anarchist petrol anarchist bomb. (*Thats enough anarchists Andy. Ed.*)

Our investigations have uncovered the fact that the explosive substance 'petrol' mentioned in the cartoon is in fact an oil product widely produced in many Arab countries. Libyans are Arabs and this exposes the clear link between *Red Rag* and the Libyan dictator Colonel Qadafi.

We are making this our front page headline story in today's *Pist* because it is of vital interest to the people of Reading, but also because the only other stuff we have today is a story about three puppy dogs, some clapped out ex-pop star who nobody remembers has gone into hospital and a New Years honours list full of time-servers and Tory arselickers.

Basil Ohms Viewpoint

There comes a time in the publication of a newspaper when it is necessary for the editor to make a difficult decision. When an editor wants to get the knife into some particular group, but doesn't have the bottle to write a really strong editorial himself, he turns to the 'elder statesmen' of the journalistic world. Editors can always find some cantankerous old buffer who will be glad of a few quid to knock out a few columns of right-wing drivel. Why do they do it? What do they gain? What do I really look like? How many years has this paper run the same picture of me? We should be told.

Rimbaud II

Rambo is a fun film about a revenge obsessed mass killer. Violent death occurs in this film at the average rate of one death every 55 seconds.

The Reading Evening Pist is now running a competition and we are looking for 8-12 year old Rambo lookalikes. Dress your boys up as psychopathic killers and win free tickets to see this uplifting film!

From the girls we are looking for a Madonna look-alike - so come on all you little eight-year-old girls, put on that make-up and those sexy, sexy clothes and shake it about a bit!

NEXT MONDAY: Special Evening Pist Report on the horrors of child porn - don't miss it!

Reading Chronic

FURY! FURY!!

by Joe Dumb
and Claire Voyant

Local residents lashed out today at Reading Anarchists' plan to hold another Free Festival. Newspaper editor Gavin Nazi said, "This is the third Free Festival these Anarchists have held and unfortunately each time it has been well run and successful. Heaven knows we've tried to incite the police to kick the shit out of these people....it's not a good story for me if there isn't some blood."

Superintendent Ronald Kray of the Thames Valley Police said today, "You go rushing in to one of these Anarchist squats with the riot shield down on the van and these bloody silly combat jumpers on, and what do you find? A crowd of ordinary people standing around listening to music, talking and enjoying themselves. You feel like a right bunch of wallies. I don't think that people should expect the police to suffer this kind of embarrassment."

FART ON FRIDAY

These Anarchists. What can you say? It seems to me, and heaven knows I'm as liberal as the next man, that what everyone is thinking, if I'm any judge, and I hope I am, that it wasn't like this when I was a youngster. It was different then. We had trams and trolleybuses for a start. 'Come off it', I say. What will they think of next? I ask you. It stands to reason.

And what about these Social Workers? They're another lot. Not like the first lot, but another lot just the same. What's it all leading to? Damned if I know. (*is this enough? F.*)

with FRANK FARTARSE

R.B.

The two newspapers above should not be confused with two other newspapers with similar titles.

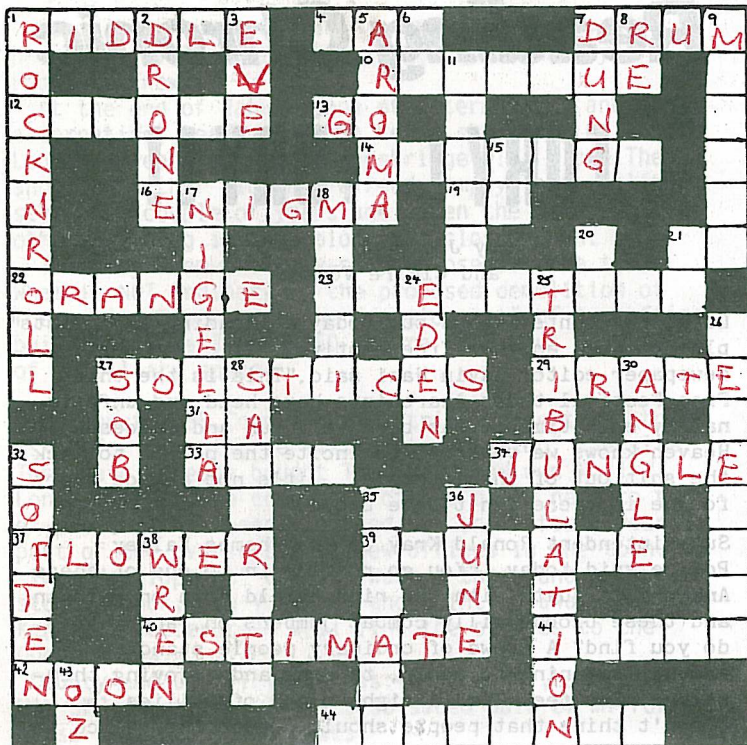
The *Reading Evening Post* is an evening newspaper owned by the International Thomson Organisation - a Canadian based multinational with wide interests in the oil and forestry business, publishing and advertising (Yellow Pages) and package holidays (Thomson Holidays and Lunn Poly). It owns four publishing houses in South Africa and banks at Barclays.

The *Reading Chronicle* is a subsidiary of the British Electric Traction Co PLC which is a gigantic British-based multinational. Its varied interests include television (Associated Rediffusion), newspapers, transport and 'household' names like Advance Laundries. It owns forty-three South African subsidiaries including Cabora-Bassa Transport and Greyhound Bus Lines. Naturally it also banks with apartheid's best friend.

But for all of this, both of these newspapers are local newspapers. They are every bit as local as, say, the local branch of McDonalds.

Zed Feecher

INTELLECTUAL DILETTANTE'S CORNER



Across:

- 1. Guessing game. (6)
- 4. Trip. (3)
- 7. Tin machine keeps the rhythm. (4)
- 10. Just in case. (7)
- 12. Metallic European Capital. (6)
- 13. Chinese game. (2)
- 14. Bottle contents. (7)
- 16. Mystery. (6)
- 19. Destination this way. (2)
- 21. Half a famous River-God. (2)
- 22. Picked from the Rainbow and eaten alive (6)
- 23. They are in con troll of the machine
Stop error.e (9)

- 27. Celebrations of change. (9)
- 29. Angry paramilitary Tease England. (5)
- 31. Definitely French (f.) Sixth. (2)
- 33. How high. (4)
- 34. Concrete. (6)
- 37. A wolf going back to the scent. (6)
- 39. Sexist biological joke. (7)
- 40. Informed guess. (8)
- 41. Structure or style of a musical bag. (5)
- 42. A negative reflects itself. (4)
- 44. Negative feeling I cannot understand. (8)

Down:

- 1. American folk music. (4,1,4)
- 2. Continuous Bee. (5)
- 3. Before the first woman. (3)
- 5. Scent of Italian Capital. (5)
- 6. Beginning. (2)
- 7. Manure. (4)
- 8. Musical second. (2)
- 9. Folk dance. (6)
- 11. All Woman as one to all. (6)
- 15. Musical fifth. (2)
- 17. Love-in-a-mist. (7)
- 18. Mud-men. (5)
- 20. Origin. (2)
- 21. The other half of 21 Across. (2)
- 24. Need a lost garden? (4)
- 25. Singular companion of trials. (11)
- 26. Long-distance writing. (8)
- 27. Cry. (3)
- 28. Soaked on the Sabbath. (8)
- 30. Measurement where line meets red. (50)
- 32. No, Stef, make it easier. (6)
- 35. Land of Spirit and apple of the Earth. (6)
- 36. Month of one of the 27 Across (4)
- 38. A little bird or historic reconstruction. (4)
- 43. The wizard of four quarters. (2)

MANSION MADNESS

Giving it all away.....thats Reading Borough Council, bowing to the business interest and wasting away invaluable open space - hell bent on destroying the town's best park.

What better way to bring you up-to-date about proposed development of Prospect Park than the following extract from a telephone conversation between a leading tory councillor and the property developer involved in the scheme.

".....For one thing people play in the park, this is not something we can approve of, therefore it seems logical to reduce the amount of space available. If you can make the biggest office in Reading and surround it with car parks and a fence, we'll let you have it all for only a million! A bargain, I'm sure you'll agree, in the town centre it would cost you at least ten million for 20,000 square feet. Just think how prestigious it will be, situated in the park.

On! we only ask you to provide money for changing accommodation. We've designed the building, not so unlike a barracks to look at. Its all yours after that 125 years, who knows what else you can do in the future. Although we say there is not to be further development, we do know council business inside out (we do it to suit ourselves, of course).

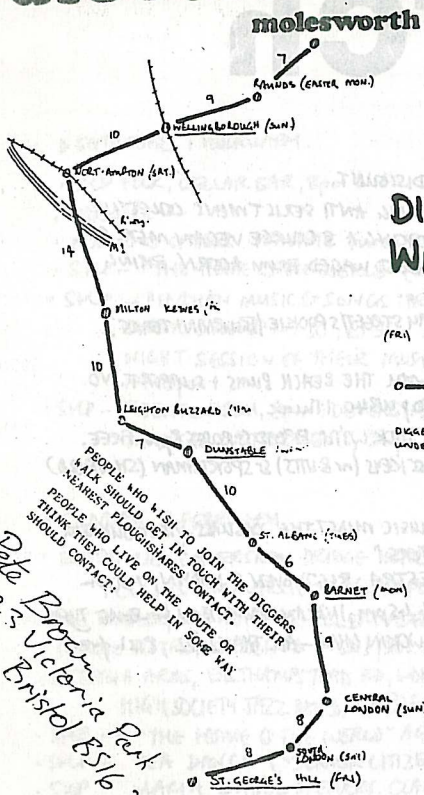
From our standpoint we can use the money to show what an efficient council we are, doing our bit for the ratepayers. We look forward to working for you, as we understand your language very well indeed".

At that point the future of the Mansion House and Prospect Park looked bleak, but the disenchanted public began to revolt - shaking their handbags, placards and banners in the direction of the councillor quoted above at the Policy Committee meeting of the council on Wednesday, February 5th, 1986.....there you are advance notice if you have a protest to make about the commercialization of Prospect Park thats a good time to do it, Its an early start at 5:30 p.m. See you there.
Prospectus Mansionus.

P.S. Any resemblance of characters referred to above to persons now living is purely fictional.

diggers walk

MOLESWORTH, TOOLS FOR ERITREA MARCH



DIGGERS WALK

Late news from your roving red rag reporter in the Butts Shiny spanking new black Rolls Royce and Jaguar had a paint job when a tin of white paint happened to fall and splattered all over aforementioned Roller Tee Hee!

IN 1649 Gerard Winstanley and his followers the "Diggers" occupied the common land at St Georges Hill in order to cultivate it. Their intent, they made it clear, was that the earth should be made "a common treasury for all". Their peaceful action was aimed at building a time when the land would be shared by all people and not exploited by a privileged few at the expense of the many.

In Eritrea the exploitation of land by the few is one of the causes of poverty of the many. The exploitation is fed by the arms race.

On Thurs 20th March 1986, Ploughshares groups will leave St Georges Hill for the Diggers walk - carrying tools to dig the land at Molesworth, to show that it too could be made a treasury for all. We hope in the walk to carry our message to people we meet on the way and to prepare for the action of civil resistance at Molesworth.



Is your home covered in right on posters yet still lacking something?
Do you yearn for a little friend at work?
Then worry no further Red Rag is giving away with every issue a free cat.
Cute and lovable the cat will be your companion for life.
No longer will your home feel empty or your work place lonely!

How to get your free cat

- i) Glue a piece of card to the back of this bit of paper.
- ii) Cut along the dotted lines.

(Next week: Free molotov cocktails)

You will remember that the massive CND demonstration at Molesworth last Easter had as its theme "Wheat for the Starving", to draw attention to the waste of good farmland to make a cruise missile base, in a world where people don't have enough food. A token amount of wheat had actually been grown by direct actionists on the base itself, and thousands of people brought bags of wheat to the base on Easter Monday. As a result more than 150 tons of wheat, both food and seed for planting, was sent direct to Eritrea from Molesworth.

This Easter the same theme is to be taken a step further - Molesworth Tools for Eritrea. Agricultural hand tools - spades, shovels, hoes - which have been asked for by the Eritrean Relief Association, are being collected by groups all over Britain. These will be carried on a march to Molesworth from St. Georges Hill, Weybridge, beginning on March 20th and ending on Easter Monday at the base.

Cnd groups along the route will be supporting the march in various ways e.g. joining it for a while, presenting tools and so on and tool refurbishing workshops and NVDA training sessions are to take place along the route in order to "nourish the spirit of the march". When the walkers arrive at Molesworth on Easter Monday it is planned to enter the base and use the tools in a token digging of MOD land, until the authorities intervene and take them away from us.

The final twist is that since the tools will each be inscribed "The property of the Eritrean People" the police will be legally obliged to return them, if not to us, to them. If they seem reluctant to do so, the ensuing legal battle can only draw even more attention to our theme - that the use of huge resources by the military is perpetuating world economic stagnation and starvation.

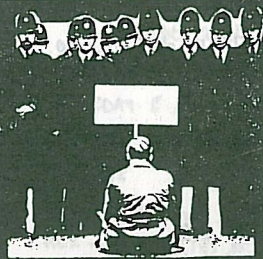
For further details, offers of transport or other help, write quickly to: Tools For Eritrea Walk,

tel reading
483416

Old School House
Clopton
Northants NN14 3DZ

your old
garden tools
could save lives

collection point 44 gosbrook road caversham



CRIME?

INTERNATIONAL LAW.....
decrees the indiscriminate mass extermination of people to be a crime


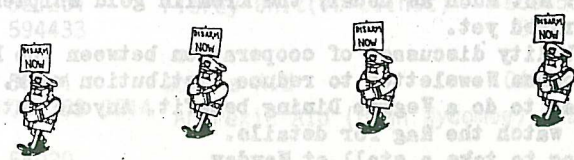
AT MOLESWORTH (Cambs).....
the U.S. plan to site 64 Cruise Missiles - equal to 1,000 Hiroshimas

BRITISH LAW.....
requires anyone knowing of a threatened crime to act to prevent it

SIT DOWN IN THE NAME OF THE LAW BLOCKADE MOLESWORTH

ACT NOW TO STOP

CRIME

GOING OUTOVITCH

MONDAY 27 JANUARY

- HEBACON - WRESTLING, 7.30. "A REALLY ENTERTAINING EVENING OUT".
- SHP - "TWO DAUGHTERS" (U) 7.45 £2.50 - BASED ON 2 SHORT STORIES BY INDIAN AUTHOR RABINDRATH TAGORE. MORE TOMORROW - PART OF THE PARKS 'ASIAN ARTS SEASON'. UNLIKE SLOUGH'S RECENT ASIAN & AFRO CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL, IT'S NOT ORGANISED BY ASIAN PEOPLE, AS FAR AS I KNOW. STILL...
- BULL, HIGH ST, NETTLED - FOLK CLUB, 8.15, FREE "CROWS".
- UNIV UNION - JAZZ, 9pm, FREE.
- SILKS, BATH RD THATCHAM - ROCK NIGHT.
- PARADISE CLUB, LONDON ST - ANTI - APARTHEID MEETING, 8pm
- KENNET ARMS (PELL ST/ELGAR RD) - IRISH MUSIC, 8.15 FREE.
- ALBION HOTEL, OXFORD RD - PETE JAMES ORIGINAL JAZZ BAND, 8.15, FREE + HECCIC
- THATCHERS, FAIRWATER DRIVE, WOODLEY - SOUL/FUNK 'n' SOUL SPIVS, 8-11 FREE
- AUSTRALIA DAY.

TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

- PARADISE CLUB - RED RAG BENEFIT WITH SOMETIMES SAETRE, LIFECAN & A VERY NIFTY BLUES BAND (incl WASHBOARD!). £1.50 FLAT RATE ENTRY, 9.30-1.30. WE'RE SKINT, SO COME ALONG!! DO YOU SUPPORT THE RAG?
- UNIV - PALMER BUILDING, G10, "THE PERCEPTION & USE OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT IN PERSISTENT SOCIETIES." 8pm. A LECTURE. FREE.
- TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAM DISCO, 8pm, FREE. MAINLY MEN.
- UNIV - PALMER BUILDING - ANOTHER ONE!! "THE PEERLESS POTATO", 8pm A LECTURE BY SOMEONE FROM THE AGRICULTURE DEPT. COMING SOON - "THE CLASS-CONSCIOUS CABBAGE"? "THE ANTI-STATIST AUBERGINE"??
- HER - "WOMKY WIZARD" 12.30 - 1.30, FREE FOR KIDS.
- HER - COOKERY EXTRAVAGANZA £1.50 7.30. MARKETING EVENING FOR LATEST CONSUMABLES, MAINLY MICROWAVES. ONLY FOR THE RESOLUTE & THOSE WITH STRONG STOMACHS.
- BJ MOONS, KINGS RD - KEITH JAMES, 8.15, FREE.
- SHP - JAZZ: THE CLARKE-KANE QUINTET, 8pm, £2.50. BE BOP.
- SHP - "MANIKARA" (U) 7.45pm, £2.50 - 3rd film of the work of the Indian poet TAGORE - A GHOST STORY.
- BULMERSHE COLLEGE, FILM SOCIETY - "MOMMIE DEAREST." 7.30pm start? I dunno. I THINK THIS ONE'S ABOUT A FILM STAR LIKE JOHN CRAWFORD (?) & HOW SHE TREATED HER FAMILY.

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

- SLOPPY JOES, STATION HILL - GAM DISCO, 9-2AM, £1.50.
- RCU - WOMEN'S VIDEO SCREENING, 1.30-3pm. ♀♀ only
- READING FILM THEATRE - "THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO" (PG) 8pm. WOODY ALLEN DIRECTS. SET IN THE DEPRESSION OF 30s, A "HOUSEWIFE" HAS A "CHAOTIC LOVE AFFAIR" WITH THE STAR OF A FILM SHE GOES TO SEE.
- HER - RSPB FILM SHOW 7.30
- SHP - "TRY IT": INDIAN COOKERY 1.15-2.45pm, 80p
- - "THE ADVERSARY" (PG) 7.45pm £2.50. ANOTHER FILM DIRECTED BY SATYAJIT RAY, A LEADING INDIAN DIRECTOR - THE ADVERSARY BEING LIFE ITSELF, BUT "THE CREAKING BUREAUCRACY OF INDIAN ADMINISTRATION GOES ON, IT SAYS HERE.
- SHP - BRITISH ASIAN THEATRE COMPANY, 7.45, £2.50: GROUP OF YOUNG ASIAN PEOPLE FROM THE EAST END - AIMING TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN CULTURES.
- BULMERSHE COLLEGE - GAM SWBATSHOP PRESENT "RAISING THE WRECK" AT 7.30pm, IN BRIDGES HALL. £3/£2.

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY:

- RET - AS LAST NIGHT PLUS UB40 DISCOUNT.
- RCU - VEGGIE DINING, 8pm. READING ANTI SERVICEMEN'S COLLECTIVE TAKE THEIR TURN AT COOKING A 3 COURSE VEGAN MEAL FOR 40-50. TICKETS £2 UB40 | £2.50 WAGED FROM ACORN. BRING YOUR OWN DRINK.
- PARADISE - ROCK NIGHT: ONE WAY STREET/SPOOKIE/BEURMINI TENTS. £1.50/£2.
- SHP - CELLAR BAR: SURF-PUNK WITH THE BEACH BUMS + SUPPORT. NO BAR EXTENSION. £1.50 | 50p UB40 I think.
- THE ROSE, KING ST, MAIDENHEAD: FOLK WITH BREAD & ROSES, 8pm FREE.
- FREE COUNTRY & WESTERN: CROSSKEYS (nr BUTTS) & SPORTSMAN (SHINFIELD)
- UNIV UNION - JAZZ, 9pm, FREE.
- BARRIST HEAD FRIAR ST - LIVE MUSIC MIDST THE CASUALS, VIDEO JUKEBOX & "POPULAR BAR CHARACTERS."
- HER - READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: BEETHOVEN & MADYN, 7.30pm
- SHP - FREE VIDEO SCREENING, 7.45pm; IND/AN CONNECTION OF SOME TYPE
- VICTORIA ARMS, EASTHAMPS ROAD, WOKIN HAM - ALL THAT JAZZ, 8.15 free

FRIDAY JANUARY 31

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY NATALIE!!
- CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON ST - REGAIE STAR MAXI FRIEST + THE CAUTION BAND. Y'S SAFE! PLUS BLUES AT EAST ST - CENTRE AFTERWARDS?
- DINGWALLS, CAMDEN LOCK - HERE & NOW'S LAST GIG.
- WOMEN'S CENTRE, BASEMENT, ABBEY ST - POT LUCK SUPPER: BRING FOOD & DRINK TO SHARE, plus CUTLERY etc. 8pm start.
- PARADISE - A ROCKIN' PARTY WITH RED HOT & BLUE (LONDON) + THE TEENAGERS FROM OUTER SPACE (ROCKABILLY/TRASH BLUES - LOVE IT!!) + CAT BURGLARS + RHR BLUES INC. £2 UB40 INUS, £3 WAGED. 9.30 START.
- RET - "THE SEVENTH SEAL" (PG) 8pm - BRUTALLY REALISTIC IN PLACES, A MEDIEVAL SAGA OF A RETURNING CRUSADERS SEARCH FOR GOD, WHICH INVOLVES PLAYING CHESS WITH DEATH (STAKES: HUMANITY.) DIRECTED BY INGMAR BERGMAN. UB40 DISCOUNTS APPLY
- HER - FRIDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT. SURE IT IS, BUT NOT AT THE HEX.
- SOUTHCOTE LIBRARY HALL, SOUTHCOTE LANE. A BIT OUT OF THE WAY FOR RIGHT-ON READING, BUT THERE'S A TALK BY SOMEONE FROM THE THAMES VALLEY POLICE'S UNDERWATER SEARCH UNIT AT 8pm.
- SHP - "THE HOME & THE WORLD" (U) 7.45 + 10.30pm, £2.50 - SET IN INDIA IN 1908, THE STORY OF A WESTERNISED LIBERAL, & HIS WIFE, WHO FALLS IN LOVE WITH HIS FRIEND.
- SHP - WILDE THEATRE - INDIAN COMMUNITY DANCE GALA WITH DANCERS FROM READING, CAMBRIDGE, BASILDON & LONDON. 7.30pm, £1.50 | 75p UB40: SHOULD BE A WIDE VARIETY OF STYLES.
- LAMB, EVERSLEY - FOLK CLUB, 8pm: "NOT FINGER IN THE EAR!!"
- TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAM DISCO, 8pm, FREE. MAINLY MEN.
- UNIV - UNION DISCO, BAR TIL 11pm. NEED A UNION CARD SOMEONE TO SIGN YOU IN. DON'T WAIT TIL CLOSING TIME EITHER - IT GETS BUSY.
- ODEON CINEMA, CHEAPSIDE - DISCOUNT AFTERNOON MATINEES FOR UB40S??
- CAP & GOWN, KINGS RD - LIVE MUSIC

OFFICIAL LEAKS FROM THE RECENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

- (1) Advertising to be taken over by Pogle and Posties by Veronique.
- (2) MONEY: Not much as usual; the Kremlin gold shipment has not arrived yet.
- (3) Possibility discussed of cooperation between the Rag and the Womens Newsletter to reduce distribution work.
- (4) Red Rag to do a Veggie Dining benefit. Anyone interested in helping watch the Rag for details.
- (5) Red Rag to take a stall at Mayday.

URGENT!

K. Маркс

ЗАРАБОТНАЯ ПЛАТА, ЦЕНА И ПРИБЫЛЬ

На английском языке

DETAILS TO
MARK 868488

KEY # PARADISE = the Russian proletarians glorious revolution also at 112 London St Reading
HEX = The Bolshoi ballet, hexagon theatre, queens walk. tel. 591591
SHP = State peoples centre for the arts, south hill park bracknell tel. 0484123
RFT = Russian film theatre, Jenni state university, palmer building
RCU - There is no unemployment in Russia but if there was you could go to 4-6 East St

▷ SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY.

- SHP FOLK, CELLAR BAR, 8pm £1.50 - AGRICULTURAL THEME NIGHT.
- PARADISE -
- MARKS & SPENCER PRIVATE FUNCTION KEEPS US OUT OF THE HEX
- SHP - "THE HOME OF THE WORLD" (U) 7.45 £2.50 as last night
- SHP - "INDIAN MUSIC & SONGS PRESENTED BY THE AOT ASIA MUSIC GROUP - 7.30, £1.50. PLUS FREE ENTRY TO LATE NIGHT SESSION OF THEIR MUSIC IN THE WILDE THEATRE BAR, AT 10pm.
- SHP - RECITAL ROOM, 8pm: DEMONSTRATION OF TRADITIONAL INDIAN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, 50p.

▷ SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY.

- BERT FOLK - CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, P. IS FREE. A WICK, BEFORE IT CLOSES IN MARCH TO ALLOW FOR THE CROSS TOWN ROUTE.
- THE BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - CLEM ADELMAN'S MOD. JAZZ, 9.15, FREE
- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - 201 301 SLICK STRETTADERS, evening.
- VICTORIA ARMS, EASTHAMPTON RD, WOKINGHAM - GRAHAM HEWITT'S HIGH SOCIETY JAZZ BAND, 8.15(?) FREE.
- SHP - "THE HOME OF THE WORLD" AGAIN, AS YESTERDAY
- SHP - TEA DANCE ("SENIOR CITIZENS" SPECIAL?) 3-5pm, £1.50
- SHP - MARIA ISABEL SIWEES, CLASSICAL GUITARIST: MASTERCLASSES AT 2pm + RECITAL (£2.50) at 7.30pm.

▷ MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

- BULL, HIGH ST, NETTLED - FOLK w/ CHRONICLE, 8pm, FREE.
- SILKS, THATCHERS, ALBION HOTEL, KENNET ARMS, UNIV STUDENTS UNION - ENTRIES ALL AS LAST MONDAY
- HEX - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, 8pm OXFORD PLAYHOUSE CO
- SHP - "THE ASSAM GARDEN" (U) 7.45pm £2.50: ENGLISH WOMAN IN INDIA LEAVES PRIVILEGED POSITION TO COME TO JULLY OLD BUGHTY + TEND HUSBAND'S GARDEN - AND IS OFFERED HELP BY A LOCAL INDIAN WOMAN.
- SHP WILDE THEATRE - "TVS QUESTIONS" 7.30pm - AUDIENCE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE BOX OFFICE.

▷ TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY.

- MAJESTIC, CAVERSHAM RD - ALIEN SEX FIEND + TH EM HORRORS
- UNIV UNION - ERASURE (VINCE CLARICE, ex YAZOO + DEPECHE MODE)
- TUBER ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAY DISCO, 8pm, FREE. MAINLY MEN
- B.J. MOONS, KINGS RD - KEITH JAMES, free, 8ish
- HEX - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, 8pm.
- SHP - JAZZ w/ CHRIS BARBER, 8pm, £4.50.
- - "THE ASSAM GARDEN" (U) 7.45pm £2.50 as yesterday
- BULMERSHE COLLEGE, FILMSOC. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD: 7.30pm? - FY 662387.

▷ WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

- RCU - WOMEN'S VIDEO SCREENINGS, 1.30 - 3pm, FREE. SPONLY.
- HEX - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: 2pm & 8pm
- SHP - "THE ASSAM GARDEN" (U) - as yesterday
- SHP - COMEDIAN (?) CLIFFORD HENRY, 2pm.
- SHP - TRY IT WORKSHOP - FABRIC PAINTING & GLASS DECORATING, 1.15 - 2.45pm, 80p.
- RFT - "FALLING IN LOVE" (PA). DE NIRO & STREET IN ' BRIEF ENCOUNTER' - LOOKALIKE. FAIR ENOUGH! 8pm.

▷ THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

- RFT - "UNDER THE VOLCANO" (15) 8PM - MEXICO, 1931: THE LAST DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DRINK SOBBER ENGLISH MAN - THE CELEBRATED DAY OF THE DEAD. HMM!! UB40 DISCOUNT.
- HEX - "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST," 8pm.
- SHP CELLAR BAR - MAGIC MUSHROOM BAND + support, tu 11. £1.50/50p
- THE ROSE, KING ST, MAIDENHEAD - FOLK WITH BOB & GILL BERRY, 8.15, FREE.
- UNIV UNION, CROSS KEYS, BOARS HEAD + SPORTSMAN - ALL AS LAST WEEK.
- VICTORIA ARMS, EASTHAMPTON RD, WOKINGHAM - JAZZ WITH BAS LIDDON'S TRAD JAZZ BAND, 8.15, FREE
- SHP - VIDEO SCREENING, 7.45, FREE. TEL B. 484123 for detail
- SHP THEATRE - ADULT ONLY: "STEAMING" (NEED DUMN) - "AN EARTHLY + HIGHLY ENTERTAINING PLAY", SET IN A LADIES TURKISH BATHS. LOTS OF NUDDIM (NUDGE NUDGE). ART OR VOYEURISM? 7.30pm.
- RED RAG EDITORIAL - everyone welcome. Phone the number on the cover for details.

▷ FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

- LAMB, EVEROLEY, FOLK w/ A DIFFERENCE: JACKO LANTERN, 8, FREE
- PARADISE - SOUL: RAP ATTACK + SOUL SHOW?
- HEX - TRAVESTIES - TOM STOPPARD HAS LENIN, JOYCE & A DADIST DOING "THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST" IN ZURICH. 8pm 2pm matinee
- TUDOR ARMS - GAY DISCO, 8pm FREE. MAINLY MEN.
- CAPE CROWN, KINGS RD - LIVE MUSIC
- CHEM MATINES at ODEON FOR W340s??
- SHP - THEATRE - "STEAMING" as last night.
- SHP - "A NIGHTMARE ON ELM ST." (18) 7.45pm £2.50: RAZOR FINGERED BOGEYMAN TERRORISES 4 AMERICAN KIDS.
- SHP - RECITAL ROOM - LAMONTA QUARTET: MOZART, BEETHOVEN, MENDELSSOHN. 8pm £3.50.

▷ SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

- SHP FOLK - THE OYSTER BAND - FOLK, 8pm, £1.50.
- PARADISE
- RED RAG PASTEP IS PRINTING - phone coordinator for details
- HEX - TRAVESTIES at 8pm: see yesterday
- SHP - STEAMING (see above)
- "NIGHTMARE ON ELM ST." (18) 7.45 + 10.30pm (see above)

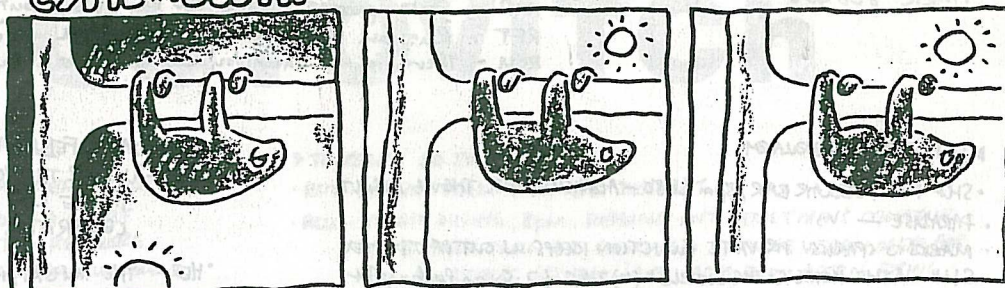
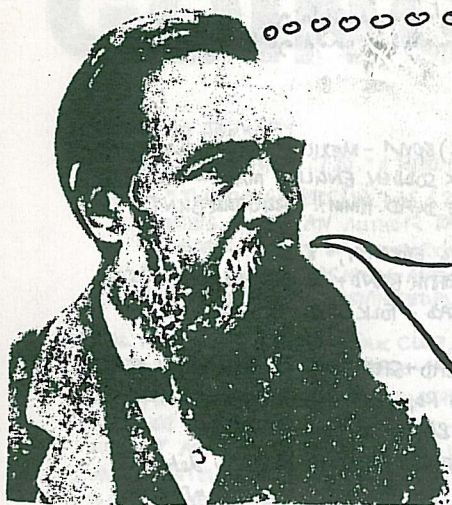
▷ SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

- RED RAG FINDING / DISTRIBUTION, 11am ATEN. WE NEED LOTS OF HANDS & TRANSPORT - VOLUNTEER TO THE NUMBER ON THE FRONT COVER
- USUAL FARE AT THE BUTLER, STUDIO BISTRO, THE CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, VICTORIA ARMS (WOKINGHAM).
- SHP - "A NIGHTMARE ON ELM ST." (18) 7.45 - BOURNEMOUTH SINFONETTA 7.30pm.

▷ Advance warning 3 Johns Reading Univ Tues 11 Feb
Red Rag Benefit "OPEN DOOR" ESCAPISTS + Mysterious guests 17 Feb

HELP LISTING:

Legal Aid	585111	Reading Council for racial equality	NSPCC	479547
Release	01 603 8654	Age Concern	Rape Crisis	55577
Alcoholics Anonymous	597494	Parents Anonymous	Gay & Lesbian Helpline	597269
Citizens Advice	598059	DHSS	(also AIDS Helpline)	
Unemployed Centre	596639	Unemployment	Florey Unit (VD clinic)	863355 (appts)
Samaritans	54845	Benefit office		875111 x299 (info)
Nightline	872268	Housing Aid		
No.5 Counselling	585858	Squatters advice	55911 Womens Aid	01 837 9316 (24hrs)
		REAP Homeless	01 359 8814 Anorexic Aid (High Wycombe)	HW21431
		Night shelter		
				54020



EVENTSKI

Mon: 27

RCU - Prepare for self employment. If you have been thinking about self employment recently, why not go down and sound out your ideas? 12.30 - 2.30.

Sign language. Develop your communication skills. 1-3.

"Fighting Apartheid". Public meeting at the Paradise Club. Speakers from ANC etc., 8pm. Details from - 61783 or 664976.

Tues: 28

RCU - East St. Art and design workshop. Experiment with different forms of art-work. 1-3.

Tasty cooking on a low budget: Prepare food with minimum of equipment for all sorts of cooking: Vegetarian, foreign, bedsit cooking etc.. 1-3. Cookery room Kensington Rd.. Tel. 55575.

Key English. Help &/or improvement on basic reading & writing. 10-12.

Storytime for Under Fives - Palmer Park library. 2.30 pm.

Reading Trades Union AGM. R.C.U. at 7.30 pm.

Red Rag benefit! Paradise club - 8-late - (A must!) £1.50 adm. for ALL.

Weds: 29

RCU - ♀♀ day: ♀ self expression: Take part in acting, singing, mime, dance and have a lot of fun! 19-11.30

Video screenings: This weeks topic is... "Our Images of Ourselves." Videos by ♀♀ on subjects concerning ♀♀. 1.30 - 3.30

Fabric & Yarn crafts. Wool and natural dyeing. 10-3.

Thurs: 30

RCU - ♀♀ dance group. Central Club, 36-42, London St.. (Creche facilities at RCU. 10.15 - 11.45. Active good fun!

Creative writing workshop: Don't worry if you haven't written before... the focus is on sharing thoughts & feelings. 1-3.

Wildlife garden project: Get away from the busy streets and into nature. 1-3.

Pangbourne Peace group. meeting 8pm, 1, Short St..

Fri: 31

RCU - Jobsearch - 1-4. Twice weekly course for 3 weeks. Involving job-search skills, interviews, applications etc.. Mondays & Fridays.

Here 3 Now's last ever gig: The "peoples band" (?) who started out in '76-'77 playing free festivals, play their last tonight... out of the ashes rose the phoenix... at Dingwalls, London, T/Kts on door? price.

Reading Single Parents group meeting. 1pm RCU.

Sat: 1 Feb..

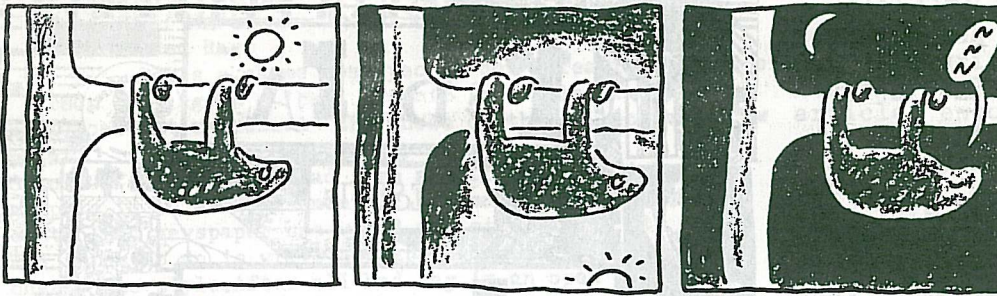
Anti-Apartheid campaign: Picket Waitrose Woodley & Tilehurst shops. 10-noon. ♀♀ Self defence: 10.30 - 4.30 one day course in how to protect yourself R.C.U.

Sun: 2

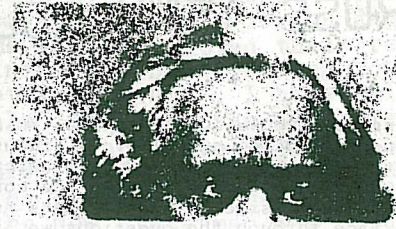
R.C.A.B.C. meeting. 6.30pm. Check for venue.

Berks.. Conservation volunteers. Moor Copse. Reestablishment of Coppice cycle ride. Tel. 781041 (Wilham.)

Cyclists Touring Club: meet at Caversham bridge - 9.15 for ride to the 11sleys. Tel. 884301



IDENTIFY THIS MAN AND YOU COULD WIN A WEEKEND IN VLADIVOSTOK



- Mon: 3
 :RCU - Prepare for self employment. as last week. 12.30 - 2.30
 Sign language. 1-3.
 Jobsearch - 09.30 - 12.30
- Tues: 4
 :RCU - East St. Art 3^d design. 1-3
 Tasty cooking on a low budget.
 Cookery room, Kensington Rd.. 55575
 1-3.
- Key English. 10-12.
- : Storytime for under 5's. Palmer pk. library. 2.30
 : Woodley peace group meeting? time? venue.
 : Wokingham ♀♀ studies group. Video & a discussion on U.N. decade for ♀♀. 8.15pm
 Phone 791355 for details.
 : ♀♀ conference meeting to prepare for 7th, 8th & 9th March, when the ♀♀ conference takes place. All ♀ welcome - 7pm ♀♀ centre, Abbey st.. (will meet every Tues. until the conference.)
- Weds: 5
 :RCU - ♀♀ day: ♀ self expression. 10-12.30
 Video screenings: 1.30 - 3.30.
 Fabric & Yarn craft: 10-3.
- Thurs: 6
 : Central Club: ♀♀ dance group. 10.15 - 11.45
 :RCU - Creative writing workshop. 1-3.
 Wildlife garden project - 1-3.

- Fri: 7
 :RCU - Jobsearch - 1-4.
 : Reading single parents group. 1pm.
 : Reading Christian Socialist movement: Public meeting at St. Giles church hall, Southampton St. 8pm. Speaker - Peter Hudson on "Post revolutionary Nicaragua". ALL WELCOME.
- : MENS GROUP COLLECTIVE MEETING
 6PM. FLAT 6, 107 CASTLE HILL
 PHONE 545605

- SAT: 8
 : Red Rag paste - up. phone co-ordinator.
 Sun: 9
 : Red Rag folding & distribution.
 : Cyclists touring club: ride to Stratfield Saye. 10.30 a.m. meet at Caversham bridge.

Regular Events...

- > Reading Cycle Campaign: meet 2nd Mon. of month. 8pm at the Sun, Castle St..
 > R.O.A.R. 1st Tues. of month. 7.30 chain st. St. Marys centre.
 > Ecology party book & record sale: 1st & last Saturday of month.
 > Gay & lesbian social youth group: upstairs above students union. Mondays - 8.30
 > Greenham Support. (♀♀ only.) ♀♀ centre, abbey st.. Tuesdays, 8pm.
 > Shelter: 1st Tuesday of month - R.C.U. 8pm.
 > Ecology party meet 1st Mon. of month at 8, college rd.. 8pm and on 3rd Mon. of month at 252, Tidhurst Rd.. 8pm.
 > Labour party young: Weds.. fairview community centre. 8pm.
 > S.W.P. Thursdays. Wellington Arms. Whitley st.. 8pm.
 > BANC - 2nd Tues. of month. 8pm. Friends meeting House, Church st.. (But check BANC notes!)
- > Please, please keep events coming in. (Next issue of BANC notes needed!)
 After all, it's free publicity for your events! Take care.

MOLESWORTH BLOCKADE
 FEB 6TH

- C.N.D. national day of action at Molesworth. Take the day off and join a mass blockade: 6 a.m. onwards. Details via BANC or 667025 re. R.O.A.R. ALL WELCOME.
- : Red Rag editorial: phone co-ordinator.

luv n' hugs Paul

CROSS TOWN ROUTE

The Cross Town Route (CTR) proposal is a blatant cooption of Reading Council by interests of capital. The transparent and contradictory claims of the Council no longer conceal the conflict that we, the Thames Residents and Business Association (TRABA), face through the questions we are posing.

We have been alarmed into action by the way in which proposals affecting/destroying our every-day life have been imposed on us. We call on the people of Reading to reveal these insidious forces so as to be able to discuss and choose the way we want to live.

THE CTR:

Conditional on the granting of planning permission for 1 1/2 million feet of development, the CTR will carve its way through our community in the Thames area of Reading. As the map illustrates, it would connect the A 329M from the east with the A 329 at the junction of Oxford Road and Portman Road in the west.

Some Details -

* The CTR is a profit-seeking-developer-led highway:

The road would cost £30million which the County Council could only afford with the anticipated (£20m) pay-offs from the developers of the 6 high tech sites (1 1/2m sq ft) along the CTR.

The developer pressure behind the CTR is demonstrated by looking at the £10m contribution proposed by Speyhawk in context:

'Their' site (Sutton Seeds) of 1.1m sq ft represents a capitalised rental value of £150m. Deducting building costs (£40m), land costs (£20m) and the contribution for the CTR (£10m) Speyhawk are left with a profit of £80m!!! Plenty to line the pockets of a Chief Officer or the editor of a local evening paper.....

* The CTR would not solve the traffic problems of Reading:

- It would attract more vehicles and as the town centre expanded to the Thames the feasibility of public transport as an alternative would diminish.
- The elements of the 1983 District Plan concerned with small business and tourism would be contradicted, exacerbating the moves toward a mono-employment (very skilled) town.
- Suburban land would be developed for the migrants to live in, perpetuating the cyclical pressure for the creation of new highways.

* The proposals have not been publically discussed. They are disastrous for the people of Reading, particularly those of us living along the Vastern/Caversham Roads of the CTR. Our jobs would be displaced, community destroyed and another 'living history' of Reading destroyed, for ever.

ACTION

We are taking the Council to court as being ultra vires for their grant of planning permission to demolish the Caversham Hotel

We are devising alternative strategies to alleviate our traffic problem and to use land already available for high tech use which would preserve Reading's character.

We need to find out which organisations and firms are buying up the private rented accommodation all along the proposed route (the logic of the proposals would lead to offices along the banks of the river - what huge rents the views would command, how convenient the new access to the station would be....) so we know who it is we are really fighting.

The Planners are but pawns in the landowners' developers', and multinationals' game. They bicker and scheme with Sadian delight over the rape of Reading

Together, we can stop them.

*For a copy of our newsletter
get in touch with
George Howley
Corner Cafe
51 Vastern Rd*



VICTIM OF IGNORANCE

The myth about Cannabis being a dangerous drug has claimed yet another victim. This time it has happened to a good friend of mine, Mark Winterbourne, better known around town as 'Biggles'. On Thursday 16th January this year he was forced to submit to the States twisted idea of justice, he was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

It really is out of order that Mark gets treated like this when Breweries & Publicians get well paid for their part in creating a well known social disease called alcoholism with -out the slightest twinge of conscience, and the Tobacco industry literally gets away with murder, selling cancer by the packet. (Incidentally - now that the number of smokers has decreased in this country, the tobacco companies have turned their greedy attention to the third world. Smoking has increased by a factor of 3 in the last year.)

Every unbiased medical & government report has stated that cannabis is not only less harmful than the above mentioned drugs but also has more beneficial effects.

The next time you score or light up a joint have a thought for Mark (and the twenty thousand others who were busted last year) languishing in rotten Reading gaol just for spreading some peace & joy among his friends.

Letters & postcards of support would be welcome and should be addressed to:-

L56491.
Mark Winterbourne.
H.M.P
Forbury Road,
Reading.

Thanks, Mark will appreciate being reminded that he is not alone. One Love!

Mary Jane.

KOMRADES KORNER

Dear Red Rag,

It's a shame some people don't realise that one person putting in a 'bad' graphic (a couple of Red Rags back) does not represent the whole of the collective view point.

Surely if one read or had seen an offensive article/graphic in an establishment (i.e. Commercial Money making controlled) newspaper one would not stop taking it. The thing to do is write and express one's feelings to change the style. After all Red Rag is an open collective and has no single editor.

So, to those who would stop taking Red Rag I would say **don't bury your head in the sand - do something positive - write something to let people know, there is always room for another viewpoint.**

Red Rag will grow and change if everyone contributes.

Right on.

Abiezer Coppe

RJK

Dear Red Rag I thought a special thank you to Function at the Junction must be sent for their splendid set on Sunday night. It's a pity that only a handful of people saw it, also that the majority of the bands (bar 2 or 3) due to play on Sunday did not.

A sad day was ended well. thanks Phil RHK

Hi all you ragged redders!

Merry Xmas, Happy New Year and every thing to y'all! First of all can I say that your rag is getting incredibly readable, wunnerful sense of humour (humous?) and neat cartoons... I tried a molotov cocktail but it tasted 'orrible' (specially when I lit a fag afterwards). Don't worry about people knocking your mag. You're committed to providing a free, un-biased newsheet, you go ahead and print what you bloody well want y'hear? If some people don't like it they can always turn the page.

Over the past few fortnights I've watched your mag progress from a scibbly (but well intentioned) scrap of paper into a very together genuinely sincere magazine. It's so nice to read about real people rather than the plastic vegetarian "Time Out" readers, who think "Anarchy" is something you blow your nose with!! I have firm beliefs in Vegetarianism, animal rights, human rights and CHAIRMAN of "C.F.F.Y.S." (campaign for fewer yellow sweets) Note the Political Subtlety (stop sniggerin' back there) How many REDS do you see in a "Jelly Tots" packet? And have you ever seen a black "smarfie"??

Your mag is getting closer and closer to my favourite mags of yore "International Times" and "Oz" (still brings a lump to me throat) "Freedom to print the Truth" was what they espoused, these two were caught and suffocated you have the strength and commitment to survive...

more power to yer elbows...

THE ACCEPTABLE FACE OF CAPITALISM

Badly wanted: a new treasurer for RED RAG. It's not very difficult. Please contact James on 595605

Wanted: room in shared house, preferably with garden. phone chris52947

FLAT/ROOM NEEDED DESPERATELY FOR GREENHAM WOMAN & DOG RECOVERING FROM CAR ACCIDENT. Under £35/week preferably near royal Berks. Hospital. contact Lyn Barlow, 10 NEW RD Reading OR Greenham Support Group, Reading G centre.

WOMENS CONFERENCE

The Reading Womens Conference will be on 7/8/9 of MARCH so women keep your diaries free!

Planning meetings are every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. at the Womens Centre, abbey street. All women welcome to come along and get involved

we need volunteers for cooks and creche workers for the forthcoming Qs conference. Anyone who is interested in helping please phone ...Karen (day) 596639 (evng) 669694 Ana (evng) 665332

Hello JONI! Welcome to the world - The fun has just begun... Pssst Love to you, Gary and Rebecca from P.H.P.s and friends everywhere. xxx (24/1/86)

FOR SALE/SWOP: Sofa and 2 matching chairs, tape recorder, portable B, and white T.V. Please phone: 667085. Donation to Rag.

OTCHAVISCH TOVARISCH !

Dear Red Rag

I am writing in support of the stand taken by Reading Wholefoods over the recent series of articles encouraging violence in the Rag.

The article which prompted their response was that containing graphics showing how to produce a 'molotov cocktail'. I have only just seen this article, having been away over Christmas, and therefore have had the benefit of reading 'Red Fury' in Jan 12 - 26 Rag and knowing that the graphics originated from a C I A leaflet. The fact that the New Statesman was credited in the original article gives no legitimacy to displaying such graphics. An article condemning such action by the C I A and mentioning the existence of the leaflet and the date of the original New Statesman article would have been reasonable. However, I also think that the printing of such graphics is open to misinterpretation by not only the local press, whatever their motives, but also by regular readers of the Rag.

The latest in the series of articles promoting violence has come in the form of 'Auntie Ana R Chists Corner', (Rag 12 - 26) which sickened me. Anyone who writes articles suggesting that people should burn and poison others and then condemns the 'arms dealing banks' is producing a massive contradiction as both support violent action be it governmental or civilian or by financial institutions.

The view in 'Red Fury' that in 1986 we should be a little more positive and constructive I agree with. However though whoever wrote Red Fury, suspects the motives of the local press - mine and I am sure others are clear - violence presented by the national media of Red Rag should not in any way be joked about, and these latest series of articles have appalling aftertaste of sick humour.

If the series of articles and letters promoting violent action in recent Rags was intended to provoke a reaction, it has succeeded, however it will also, if it continues, to alienate many of the Rags supporters, and lead to unnecessary confrontation.

Please please let 1986 be a year of positive and constructive PEACE MAKING.

Ruth B
(Tel 588459 15 Stanley Grove)

Unemployed man (23) urgently needs flat/room in shared house. Phone Giles 858896

wanted; Large metal Pan or Billycan for short loan or cheap sale. Required for dyeing. Contact Dave 666774
Desperately needed: A copy of LP HARTLEYS 'FACIAL JUSTICE'. please contact dave 666774 if you can help.

The womens centre desperately needs a fridge eg for pregnancy testing kit. phone Karen 596639 (day) 669694 (eve) if you can help

Beautiful black cat (4 years old) wants a good home phone Chris or Sue on Rdg 582350

Calling all HERE and NOW 'fans' if you want to see the last gig by this long standing radical band need transport to Dingwalls in London on 31st Jan. and are willing to share the transport costs equally get in touch with Mark in the Acorn Bookshoppe by Wednesday 29th Jan with the LATEST, should no problem getting in as long as we're there by 8.00 P.M. GO FOR IT SEE THE LAST HERE AND NOW GIG

FOR SALE

One helicopter firm going cheap, or donation to Red Rag. Americans only need apply to Box 28, ACORN.

SITUATIONS WANTED

Ex Cabinet Ministers require post with advisory function. Rubber stamping our speciality. Contact Box 259, Palace of Westminster.

DISCORDIANS

The Discordian Society is a loose pre-situationist conspiracy, founded in 1958, Its main activities are to plot against almost everyone, including themselves, ("We discordians must stick apart" - Malaclypse the younger K.S.C.) based on the notion that the enemy of authority is absurdity. It claims also to be a religious body concerned with the doings and dontings of Eris; Greek goddess of chaos, confusion and discord.

Q: Is it a joke disguised as a religion or a religion disguised as a joke?

A: See form (ref ODD/5H-23)

About a year ago, a local branch of this noble and fearless rabble was formed; and after many months of careless deliberation and sleep, we have decided that we ought to do something.

At this point we would like to make it quite clear that although we have some of the anarchists of Reading as members; none of them has any connection with, sympathy for or knowledge of, Reading Anarchist Group, and indeed would probably like to hurl abuse and anything else to hand at them.

You can easily tell us apart. They are the ones looking all mean and moody in black clothes, and providing a fair slice of the hair-gel industry's profits.

To return to the libretto however. The Reading branch of the foul discordian conspiracy against nation, church and good taste has decided to leak its confidential analysis of and solution to all the world's ills:- "PAN-PONTIFICATION"

According to the roman catholic church, the Pope (any pope) is infallible. In other words, not only can he make NO MISTAKES; but every word he speaks is ABSOLUTELY AND INCONTROVERTABLY TRUE, no matter how ridiculous.

Big Magic- yes? The problem is that all of us lesser mortals are not infallible, and we keep making mistakes:- War, famine, plague, death, voting Tory, voting at all, burning the dinner-you know the sort of thing; and telling lies:- Hello post, hello chronicle, hello Leon, hello Martin Salter.

Well the solution hardly needs to be said does it? We aim to make every man woman and child on earth infallible, and so eliminate all the aggravation. Simply cut out the box below, paste it onto a piece of card and sign it:-

THE BEARER OF THIS CARD

is a Genuine & Authorised

POPE

SO PLEASE TREAT THEM RIGHT.

SIGNED

Kallisti!

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Congratulations, you are now an absolutely genuine, authorised and INFALLIBLE pope; so off you go and have fun.

You may, and in fact are positively urged to reproduce and distribute this card as widely as possible. Around your local church or government building for example; or perhaps simply among your friends.

Additional cards, for those of you too lazy to use a photocopier, are available along with more disinformation about the Sublime and Holy Truths of Discordianism, from

The Discordian Society,
& Erisian Peoples Popular Front
(Charles Dodgson Cabal)
Box 23
Acorn Bookshop
17 Chatham St
Reading.

We are a non-prophet, irreligious, disorganization. (FNORD)

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