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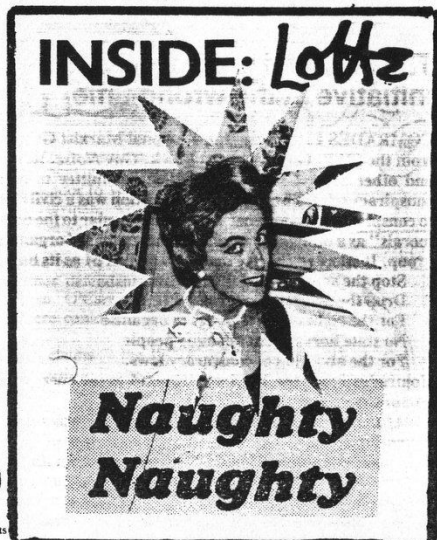
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I AM A PAEDOPHILE CLAIMS FIFTY YEAR OLD JUDGE:



TODAY, IN a dramatic turn of events, the Central Criminal Court was shocked to learn of judge John Leonard's relationships with 'my friend's son' and 'indeed my own son'.

Presiding over the conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals case at the Old Bailey, John Leonard, second senior permanent Old Bailey judge who gained both notoriety - and promotion - after prosecuting the ABC "official secrets", accepted that within the terms of PIE's definition of paedophilia, when taken in conjunction with the terms of the Conspiracy indictment, that the opportunity and access he has as a parent marks him out as a paedophile when talking to "my friend's son" or "indeed my own son".

Innundated

Later, when turning his attention to adult homosexuals, Judge Leonard spoke of gay hostels as "merely a rather a nice bar in the right place, in the right part of London". It was not therefore necessarily the publican's fault that he was inundated by homosexuals. However, if "he did nothing about it", or "put advertisements in newspapers", "it could be a different situation", thereby resulting in the publican's prosecution for Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals. The 1967 Act, said the judge, had only legalised certain male homosexual acts in private instead of removing from the law the concept of homosexuality itself being corrupting.

Whimper

In displaying equal concern for "choir master, scout masters and school masters", who by virtue of their wholly "innocent interest in children", which though perfectly honourable, may nonetheless "border on the erotic", Mr Shields for the defence complained that the Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals might make it difficult for people in such occupations "to do their jobs".

His Lordship was at pains to point out that such references as he had made to gay bars were not to be confused with a bar in Oxford that he used to frequent in the '40's that had up in it the sign "no soliciting".

The case continues.

The IMG and paedophilia: the wrong initiative at the wrong time

COMRADES FROM the International Marxist Group, together with those from the SWP, Gay Rights At Work, *Gay Noise*, Revolution Youth, CAPM and other groups set up an ad hoc committee to agitate against the PIE conspiracy trial. The committee's position was a civil rights one, of opposition to conspiracy laws in general and in particular to the use of a notion of "public morals" as a bludgeon to crush an emergent self organisation by an oppressed group. It adopted the five demands of CAPM as its basic slogans:

- 1 Stop the show trial of the PIE five
- 2 Drop the charges against the PIE five
- 3 For the right of paedophiles to organise
- 4 No state harassment of young people
- 5 For the abolition of conspiracy laws.

Comrades from the IMG contributed great energy and hard work to the committee's work.

At the meeting on Wed 21st Jan. a letter was received from the Political Committee of the IMG announcing that they would no longer be involved in the ad hoc committee. The committee has not yet included its own reply.

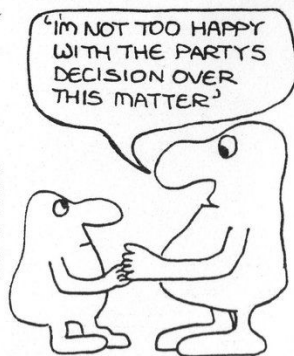
The *Gay Noise* Collective felt that it must publish the letter and take up the issue with the IMG. They offer two reasons for their withdrawal. Firstly, a disagreement as to the importance of the trial. Secondly, they do not support the demand for the right of paedophiles to organise.

The first ground is obviously a red herring, though one which reveals their lack of consideration of this issue. Though it is true that the press haven't yet taken up this case in the way expected, the remarks of the trial judge - see court report elsewhere - reveal that the judiciary is fully aware of the way that this law could be used specifically to attack gay organisations and meeting places. The trial should not be seen as "an attack of the ruling class on democratic rights", but specifically as an attack on the right of paedophiles to organise and by implication gays - who are also regarded as "immoral" by the judiciary. If the IMG is seriously committed to supporting gay rights then they must accept the importance of this trial. The previous involvement of their comrades could hardly have been a major drain on their resources. *Gay Noise* cannot but regard this argument as a bit of padding for the second and even more contentious one.

"We do not agree with the demand for the right of paedophiles to organise. We do not regard the self-organisation of paedophiles as a contribution to the struggle for liberation, but one which can actually oppress youth." Now part of our problem in assessing the IMG position is that they also say they will continue to support the opposition to the trial on civil rights grounds. We would assume that any notion of civil rights axiomatically included a right to free association and organisation of oppressed people. Do the IMG not accept that?

It is the prosecution argument in this trial that any organisation of paedophiles is "corrupting". The IMG's condemnation of any idea of paedophile self-organisation can only reinforce this myth. It is true that all paedophiles, qua adults if they are, have greater power than children. It is also true that PIE has many oppressive and sexist characteristics, and that it failed to consider the ideas about power and sexism current in the women's and gay movements. But then what group has emerged from the isolation of its oppression with instant purity of ideology and practice? Moreover the isolation of PIE from the ideas of the prior sexual politics movement was not just a product of their own choice but also the hostility of the gay and women's movements and left groups.

The *Gay Noise* collective will continue to support paedophile self-organisation and criticise where we think necessary. We condemn the refusal to support the right of paedophiles to organise as reactionary and reinforcing of the myths about sexuality which bolster the oppression of young people, women and gays. In taking this position the IMG has reneged on its commitment to fight any discrimination on grounds of sexuality.



PO Box 50, London N1

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This is to inform you of our withdrawal from your campaign. We will continue to call through our press for the dropping of the charges against the members of the "Paedophile Information Exchange", currently on trial for conspiring to corrupt public morals. We will also call for the repeal of these laws. The basis on which we will motivate our case will be in defence of civil liberties and why, if this prosecution succeeds, it will further legitimate the use of these laws against oppressed groups in society.

Our decision owes in part to our disagreement with the orientation of the campaign and in part our assessment of the significance of this trial.

We do not agree with the demand for the right of paedophiles to organise. We do not regard the self organisation of paedophiles as a contribution to the struggle for liberation but one which can actually oppress youth. We do not agree with actions organised on this basis.

Secondly we disagree with the assessment of those involved in the campaign as to the importance which this issue has for the overall attacks of the ruling class on democratic rights. We think the campaign overstates its importance. In the light of both these factors the IMG will not continue its participation in the campaign.

Steve Potter
National Organiser IMG,

Scottish support for the Campaign Against Public Morals

LAST MONTH the Annual General Meeting of Scottish Homosexual Rights Group passed resolutions in support of CAPM.

Since then the National Executive Committee has decided to send £25 to CAPM to help defray the considerable costs of publishing their valuable booklet.

THE PAEDOPHILE INFORMATION EXCHANGE TRIAL

ON MONDAY January 19th the Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals trial opened at the Old Bailey. The charges against them were slightly altered on the third day of the trial and the indictment split into two parts. They are accused (1) of conspiring with Keith Hose (not present at the trial) and other members of the Executive Committee of PIE to publish a contact sheet with the intent that the advertisers should thereby induce readers to provide the advertisers with opportunities to commit unlawful sexual offences with children and with the intent to debauch and corrupt the morals of children and adults alike. (2) Conspiring with Keith Hose etc to publish "with the intent that advertisers should thereby induce readers to publish obscene articles to them, and send such articles through the post contrary to the Post Offices Act, with the intention to debauch and corrupt etc."

The judge ordered the acquittal of David Wade on count 1 because of lack of evidence. At the outset, the prosecution stated that the defendants were not on trial for their membership of PIE or for their beliefs, but it soon became evident that they, and also the defence, were using this disclaimer to pander to the prejudices of judge and jury. Where they begged to differ was over the apportioning of "blame" - to the defendants for publishing a contact ad sheet (the prosecution's case), or to the witnesses, who both sides had agreed were "lonely", "depraved", "pathetic", "sad", "emotional cripples" and who according to the defence were already confirmed as such prior to joining PIE, which was a "serious" organisation. The prosecution's advice to those "afflicted" with such desires would be the exercise of the "old fashioned virtue of self-discipline". The defence contended that it was "possible to have a paedophile relationship with a girl (or boy) without overt sexual approaches". Successfully, the defence and prosecution completed the process of shattering the lives of the four ex-members of PIE who had been induced to appear on behalf of the prosecution after extensive enquiries, sometimes resulting in charges against themselves or the likelihood of charges being brought, into the lives of these men. After suffering at the hands of the defence and prosecution they certainly did look "pathetic"!

The only unexpected feature of the trial is that the prosecution have abandoned about seventy-five per cent of the documentary evidence they had hoped to use and reduced their witness

list from 13 to 4. It is thought that this has been done in order to preclude mention by witnesses of the involvement in PIE of the former British Ambassador to West Germany, Sir Richard Hayman, who joined PIE under the pseudonym of Henderson.

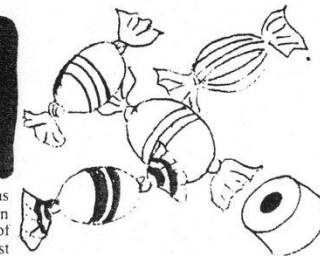
The main defense line has been to argue that the three other defendants were not party to Tom O'Carroll's knowledge, and thus there could have been no conspiracy.

The prosecution claims the constitution of PIE necessarily indicates control of the day-to-day management of the organisation by the defendants, and hence collective involvement in the production of the contact ad page. Responding, the defence has claimed that since three out of the four "real" conspirators are not available for the police to bring to court, this leaves only Tom O'Carroll out of the genuine conspirators standing in the dock. This is a technicality. It does not represent a solid defence and could result in a conviction against Tom O'Carroll.

The judge's pronouncements make an extension of the law on public morals and conspiracy that would get round the need for the police to rely on statute law as an excuse for their increasingly frequent and well co-ordinated attacks on gays.

Judge Leonard has accepted Lord Reid's judgement of the IT case (see *Gay Noise* 2) that the 1967 Act only legalised acts in private under strict conditions, while homosexuality itself remained in law as a corrupting sexual behaviour. This Leonard applied, for example, to gay bars. Although these might be "merely a rather nice bar in the right place in the right part of London", in which case it would not be the publican's fault if his hostelry was inundated with homosexuals, the situation would be different if the publican "did nothing about it", or put advertisements in newspapers - thus allowing for the possibility of a charge of Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals. Under the case law being developed out of the PIE case, the police would also have a free hand to investigate if they so desired any relationship between child and adult for the purpose of maintaining public morality.

At present, this trial is devoting most of its attention to homosexuality, putting at risk every single gay bar, group, newspaper, in fact any situation in which two or more homosexuals have something to do with each other.





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Huddersfield: Action Committee gets under way.

THE WITCH-HUNT in Huddersfield continues. Following the raids on the town's Gemini Club, the arrest and detention for two days a nights of the club's joint owners, John Addy and Anthony Porter, the increased police activity in the local cottages and the general harassment of gays in West Yorkshire an Action Committee has been formed.

The committee is to fight for and demand an end to the anti-gay crusade being waged in West Yorkshire. Huddersfield's senior policeman, Chief Super. Frank Storey, denied there is an anti-gay crusade being waged, but admits to having compiled a very large dossier, some of the inquiries pending consideration by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

He also denies allegations that one officer in particular, one Inspector Brown, is pursuing a vigorous "Save Huddersfield from Sodomy" Campaign. However Inspector "Anita" Brown has been quoted as saying that the 1967 Sexual Offences Act should never have made it to the statute book. Huddersfield's troubles began two years ago.

First of May Wages Appeal

IN THE spring of 1981 the Edinburgh Books Collective moved their shop to new, larger premises in Candlemaker Row. From there they have greatly expanded their stock and have been able to create two full time jobs. But the expansion has brought its own problems.

At present they struggle to pay the two shop workers £35 before tax, per week. Their first priority therefore, is to raise their wages. But they also need a third worker; at present the two workers and unpaid collective members are submerged in a heap of books, invoices, orders and the day to day work of running the shop. They also need to increase their contact with the universities and colleges, and the trade union movement; a third worker will make this possible.

They have no other income except from money generated by sales and the work put in by unpaid collective members. If you are earning more than £35 per week, will you consider contributing to the Wages Appeal?

The money raised from the Appeal will be used specifically to: 1) increase the wages of the two shop workers to a more realistic sum; 2) Make it possible to create a third full time post. You can make a one-off payment or fill in the Standing Order form available from the Bookshop direct.

Their address is: Edinburgh Books Collective, 43 Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh.

Inspector Brown moved to Huddersfield two years ago and has said that he had never met any homosexuals till moving to the town. Brown thinks it is unnatural and morally wrong for two men to have sex together (what about 3, 4, 5 or more?). There are Biblical constraints he says. He also feels that the Gemini Club and its owners are guilty of the heinous crime of running a club which he has compared to a "honey pot" around which all the bees are being encouraged to gather".

On this point Inspector Brown is quite correct in recognising that the Gemini is a focus, an essential "honey pot" for gays in Yorkshire. And this is why the so-called impartial forces of law and order want to close the Gemini down by objecting strongly when the club's licences for alcohol, music and dancing come up for renewal soon.

The Action Committee can be contacted, with support and solidarity, or for information through the Gemini Club, Huddersfield (0484) 24646 or John Addy (0484) 662429. A telegram pledging support and solidarity has been sent to the Action Committee by the Gay Noise collective.



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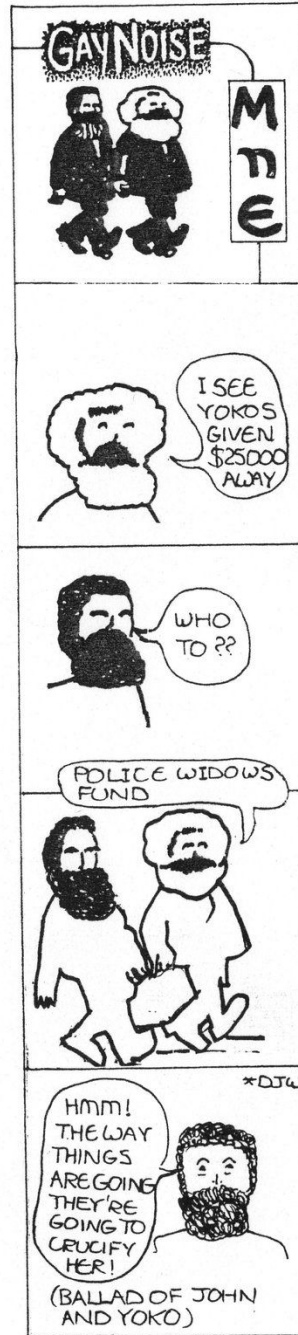
Gay Men and Prison

(THE FOLLOWING article has been written by gay men; while recognising that lesbian prisoners have much in common with gay male prisoners, we are not able to deal adequately with the specific aspects of prison life which lesbians experience.)

Life in prison

IT IS almost impossible to form a coherent picture of the conditions encountered by gay people who are sent to prison. Some gay prisoners are committed to prison for homosexual offences; others may be committed for offences unrelated to their sexuality. For this reason statistics can be misleading for "homosexual offenders" make up only a part of the total number of gay men in prison. The experience of one prisoner does not necessarily reflect that of others in different institutions or imprisoned for different offences. In certain prisons it may be that the authorities and the other prisoners are relatively "tolerant" towards gays. The attitude of the authorities depends largely on the degree of enlightenment of the governor and the influence this has on the other officers. Unofficial sources suggest that there may be a policy of sending gays, whether convicted of sexual offences or not, to Camp Hill prison. It is certain, however, that great discrimination against gays exists, especially where the prisoner is a known paedophile, both on the part of the guards and of the other inmates. In fact paedophile prisoners are generally given the chance to elect for the use of Rule 43A of the prison regulations allowing solitary confinement where this is considered to be in the prisoner's own interest. Not only are adult paedophiles punished by "respectable" society, they are also punished by the other prisoners.

The use of the "liquid cosh" - drugs which are used to control the behaviour of prisoners, and which can result in permanent physical damage, such as cancer (from Largactil) - is widespread. The administration of drugs by prison psychiatrists varies according to the institution. 916,000 doses of drugs, of which 250,000 doses were of sedatives or tranquilisers, were administered in British prisons during 1979, a year in which the total prison population was about 400,000. As part of the Home Office rather than the DHSS, prisons are not subject to Health Service controls or to the possibly restraining influence of the BMA. However more "traditional" methods of controlling prisoners, i.e. physical violence, have not been replaced by the use of drugs. Drugs may be used misguidedly as a means of "softening" the prisoners' reactions to the depressing and demoralising conditions. With violent prisoners drugs are used less often in order to keep them aware of the harsh realities of prison life.



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THE GAY NEWS Guide carries all the facts and figures of gay meeting places, but what are they actually like, these pubs and clubs and coffee bars etc? Gay Noise will reveal all, with a regular feature carrying reviews and opinions of gay places, sent to us from all corners of these islands. And to kick off the series, a London club - Bangs.

Open Mondays and Thursdays. Bangs can be found under the guise of the Sundown (a straight disco for the rest of the week) in Tottenham Court Road. For non-members, entrance is as expensive as the bar prices, so if your finances are as non-existent as the Gay Noise Expense Account, it is best to get pissed before arriving, then drink water as you slowly dehydrate throughout the night.

At just after 11.00, there are few people there - the odd diehard poser and those on the podiums at the front warming up for their usual display of disco gymnastics. Time to wander round and lean over the balcony to see who's here and watch people arriving.

On a good night, when it fills up, the atmosphere ignites, the music gets louder, and you can venture downstairs to poser's corner to the left of the DJ. And on such a night, Bangs is great fun. It has an amazing light show, highly sophisticated sound system and the music is good, danceable disco which avoids the computerised dreck that fills your ears in the likes of Heaven.

Bangs is fairly cruisy, especially around the dance floor and on the

balcony, although the management seem to be cracking down on clogging recently, with staff guarding the loos ready to put a stop to any budding friendships, which seems a general trend in certain gay clubs and pubs at the moment.

Tired of bopping, or just bored, you can sit and watch the equally boring and tasteless soft porn stills shown on the screen behind the DJ. It's much more effective and fun when clips of old Fred and Ginger or equally kitschy movies are shown, which is an increasing rarity these days.

A surprising number of people turn out on Monday night, considering its nearness to the weekend. The crown is a motley collection of die-hard disco persons, posey followers of the New Fashion and Steve Strange, and a liberal sprinkling of moustacioed ones. On a Thursday, its just as crowded, but with a completely different set of people - a lot less posey, a lot less energetic.

When Bangs is bad, it's still OK; and when it's good, it's great fun, in fact, some people liked it so much, they erected a monument across the road and called it Centrepoint. As it is probably the best central London disco, it's a great pity it's not open at the weekends for a Friday or Saturday night bop.

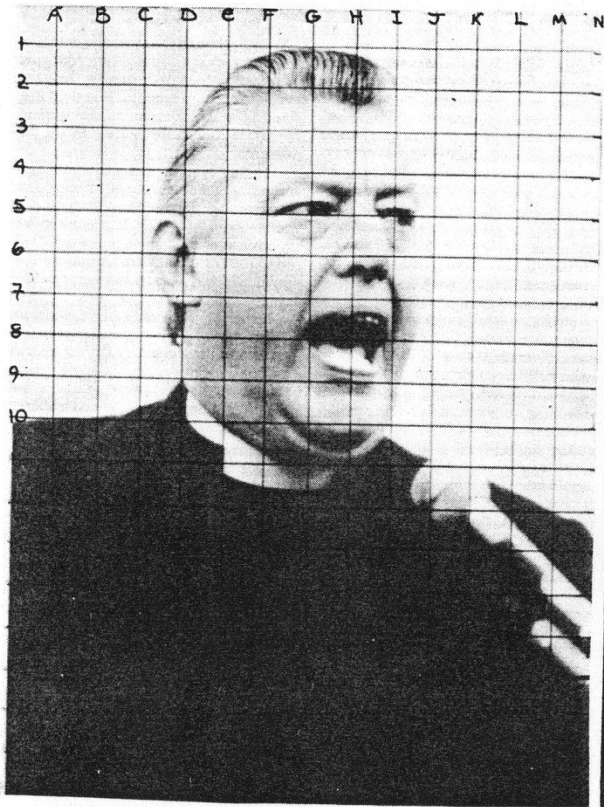
So that, in a nutshell, is Bangs. Exploitative, but fun. So let's hear about other clubs and pubs - moans and groans or recommendations. All equally welcome. And send them to the usual Gay Noise address.

Gay men in prison (cont):

Along with simply sedative treatment, gays, paedophiles and transsexuals will have their self-defined sexualities treated as a "sickness" to be cured. Non-violent paedophiles will be bribed into accepting "voluntary" hormone treatment as the only possibility of securing a reduction in their (usually very long) sentences. Hormone treatment ("chemical castration") and aversion therapy may also be used on non-paedophile gays, who, irrespective of the gains in gay consciousness, may be coerced into accepting it. Transsexuals on the other hand may find that they are denied hormone treatment, even where as post-operative patients this may be necessary. Transsexuals are not recognised in law, and are treated as though belonging to their original sex when sent to prison. One male-to-female (post-operative) transsexual spent five years in Wormwood Scrubs. A major problem resulting from this is the likelihood that transsexuals will be raped by male prisoners.

Although all sexual acts are forbidden by prison regulations, it is clear that there is a high level of homosexual activity, even though the majority of persons involved may define themselves as hetero-

sexual. Most male prisoners come from the working-class and outside prison would generally adhere to the bourgeois construct of sexuality. Imprisonment disrupts stable heterosexual relationships; the more "progressive" liberal thinkers have proposed sexual contact with spouses inside prison. Needless to say, gay couples are not considered for such potential privileges. Once removed from the possibility of aspiring to heterosexual utopia, sexual experimentation can occur. At times officers may "turn a blind eye" to sexual liaisons, but official policy punishes known sexual activity. (One man who contracted V.D. while serving a sentence was placed in solitary confinement for committing a breach of discipline.) It seems doubtful that this sexual experimentation is liberating or radicalising. On a personal level, a prison sentence deprives the prisoner of those freedoms of self-determination which are still available outside, (even in 1981). From our perspective (and from the biased view of the media) relationships do not appear to develop in particularly loving way. A brutal and dehumanised fuck appears to be more common than a freely-entered homosexual friendship.



Get this muck out of GAY NOISE

One of the more creative members of my staff (that is how he is described at any rate) has come up with a scheme which involves visually assassinating public figures. You will see here a picture of a certain Rev Ian Paisley. The photograph, you will see, is divided into 100 squares, each of which has a grid reference. The scheme is that for each unit of £5 received in donations and bankers orders, the square of your choice will be removed. So for a total of £500 Ian Paisley will be completely eliminated from the pages of GAY NOISE. A progress picture will appear in issue 13, though I hope there will be none of him left.

LOAN FUND
Finally I am devising a scheme which might bear some resemblance to something of old called the National Debt. It will give wealthy individuals the opportunity to lend large sums of money to GAY NOISE at terms most favourable to the collective. I would administer this fund myself.

With the consent of Mr Cash, I shall be reporting in future issues on developments in the GAY NOISE Exchequer. I must stress that the situation is crucial. It is not my intention to associate with lame ducks, and while I think this newspaper has massive potential, its current foundations are looking distinctly webbed.

I urge you to support GAY NOISE in all ways possible; you can start by dipping into your pockets.

Mr Timothy Lunn BA (dropped out)

Reasons to be cheerful – Part 1

AFTER A long discussion about the papers organisation (or lack of it) we decided a team of three will co-ordinate each issue from conception to distribution and one of these three will be "chosen" to carry on that job in the next issue with two "fresh" co-ordinators.

We also agreed that one of the co-ordinators would write a column giving a personal view of the issue's main problems. So I've kicked off with this...

... There I was – out selling the paper in the pubs – the Coleherne in fact – venerable institution of pre-Stonewall days in London's Earls Court. It was heavy going. "Twenty pence? What do you mean, you're desperate for money – you're running a newspaper; you must be rolling in it!"

I sighed again and went into the spiel; "It's all a myth – radical fortnightly gay liberation papers have not yet cornered the mass market and many potential advertisers steer clear as a result."

I'd like to address this to each one of you who buy the paper and feel it means something and has a place in your life – however small. Don't think its existence is assured. It's not.

If you value us you must pay for us. This issue will cost another £400 to produce – we will then be £1300 in debt. Unless you send us a donation now this could be one of the last *Gay Noises* you'll ever see. Sad to see it go? That's fine, but sentiments are useless.

We cannot fall back now, to Stonewall and before. We will not accept your sympathy. Send us your donation immediately – or the issue 13 co-ordinators may find they no longer have a (voluntary) job to do.

Dave.

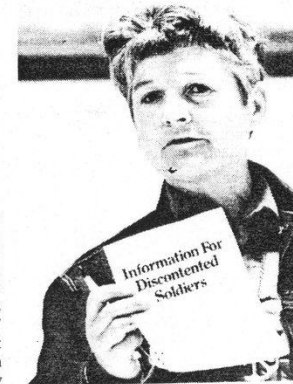
Klan Members Released by Jury

IN NOVEMBER 1979 five leading members of the American Communist Workers Party were shot dead in Greensboro, North Carolina. Their killers were local members of the Klu Klux Klan led by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Now, thirteen months after the killings, a jury packed with white racists has let the assassins go completely free.

The CWP has launched a world-wide campaign to attract attention to the killings, the involvement of the FBI and the rigged decision of the North Carolina jury. As a part of this campaign a London Rally will take place on Tuesday 24th February, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. The Rally will start at 7.30pm and include speakers from the Communist Workers Party (USA) and the Revolutionary Communist Group (UK) and a film.

CAPM at ULU Gaysoc

ON THE 15 January, a member of the Campaign Against Public Morals went to speak to the University of London Union Gay Society about the Paedophile Information Exchange conspiracy trial at the Old Bailey. He unfortunately turned up late but soon set about addressing a group of about forty rowdy homosexuals (all men) on the relevance of the trial. He sent them all to sleep by extolling CAPM's concept of right populism, which we're told is thoroughly undialectical, but managed to extract some laughter from this difficult audience by referring to ex-ambassadors and the like. This seasoned paedophile/gay activist managed to speak for about twenty-five minutes because he had been plied with best bitter in the Salisbury beforehand, by a member of a certain collective which produces a fortnightly gay socialist newspaper, and one of the typesetters of the same journal. The debate which followed was very loud. It seems that the "brothers" of the Gaysoc did not want to be tinged by this pervert in their midst. At one point the speaker was shouted out and called a "child molester". The meeting soon came to an end. The comrade from CAPM escaped with his life. He was invited by the organisers to the union bar for a drink but declined. We will not be queer at gay meetings.



Gay Noise meets the people

OR AT least some of them. In London on February 10th at 7.30 in the Marchmont Community Centre, Marchmont Street, London WC1.

The meeting has been organised so that all the people who hate the paper, love it, or merely think that it is in real need of improvement, can come along and give the collective ear a piece of their mind. Don't miss this crucial gathering: February 10th, 7.30, Marchmont Community Centre.

Lotte Cash's fighting Fund

"Jogging will be a thing of the past..."

This morning I started to read the last issue of Gay Noise. When I woke up this evening, I put on my new (made to measure) track suit and went for a jog on Clapham Common. "Jogging" I find, is a useful way of reviving the body and soothing the mind after an unwelcome dose of boredom-induced sleep. Also, one is likely to meet other joggers in a similar state... those that have been stifled by New Left Review, smothered by Marxism Today, or those who have had their spirits shattered by a cocktail of Socialist Worker, Socialist Challenge and the Morning Star. The technical term for the joggers' state is "jargon shock" – a temporary erasure of the personality, the feelings and erogenous zones by a certain kind of politics.

After about half an hour of jogging one begins to come down, as it were. On meeting other joggers, little is usually said, since one is not able at this stage to express a feeling as such. Joggers simply look into one another's eyes, smile a little and perhaps swap track suits. They sometimes go home together and attempt to revive each other's "erased parts". This works for a while, but old habits die hard and they are usually back jogging again in a few days.

It is said that I have to recommend this therapy to Gay Noise readers. As long as the jargon johnnies on the Collective get their way, however, it will be necessary. Not that things aren't going to change quite soon, I promise you! My personal staff are organising a special Gay Noise one day conference to make the paper more democratic. A new electoral college will be devised, with 10% for the readers, 10% for the collective and 80% for myself, with the emphasis on policies rather than personalities. We shall then rid Gay Noise of jargon. You can sell your track suits and send the proceeds to Lotte. Jogging will, at last, be a thing of the past and I and my cousin, Isadora Cash will give compulsory dancing lessons to all our readers and members of the collective for only £6.95 per hour.

Write, by return, with your fees, and indicate your support for the proposed college.

Yours,

Lotte Cash

Court No. 1, Bow Street Magistrates Court. 12 1 81 (a.m.)

"WHATEVER WOMEN do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult." Charlotte Whittow.

Taking the stand, Pat Arrowsmith saw a male clerk – "how do you plead?" – a man alone on a bench marked "PRESS", a police man in the witness box – "I swear by almighty God" – a male probation officer, and a man who was announcing which charge was which to a male magistrate. Along a bench behind her sat six more policemen waiting for their time in the box to read from notes to describe unnecessary arrests for unnecessary reasons of (mostly) unfortunate men, too unhungry to resist. At the back of the court, finally, were the fourteen women and three men there in her support.

The charge was willful damage and Pat pleaded guilty to causing it. The policeman in the witness box then started reciting from a little black book. At one point he picked up a transparent plastic bag with pieces of china rattling in it, held it for a moment, and put it back beside him. He passed a file to the magistrate – "politically motivated offences in the past, Sir" – and then he shut up. The magistrate was not interested in the file.

In complete contrast to the men preceding her, Pat spoke clearly as she put a couple of questions to this P.C. Yes, he said, her manner was perfectly calm when he had arrived at stall 26, Covent Garden Market one afternoon last December, and yes, she had fully co-operated with the police, once her solicitor had arrived at the station. Pat then had the P.C. remove the contents of the bag, placing it in front of the magistrate. It was a clock, the figure of a naked woman entwined round it, her legs open. It was on sale at stall 26 when Pat spotted it. She stopped to ask the man who was selling it what he thought of it. Did it not degrade women? Was it not offensive? What the man thought, as Pat moved to go, was "silly cow". She turned back, picked up the clock, and dropped it on the floor. Reading from a prepared statement, Pat spoke of the alarming increase in male violence towards women. She spoke of the increase in the use of women as objects of male violence in film, pornography and advertising. She was undoubtedly guilty of causing willful damage to the clock. She was not sorry for the damage or the trouble she had caused. She felt no remorse. She was given an absolute discharge.

Manchester 28th Feb

YOU MAY have heard vague rumours that there is to be some sort of gay demonstration in Manchester in the next few months. Well, from last weekend, January 17th, the demonstration against the state harassment of lesbian and gay people really does exist.

The planning meeting that took place in Manchester was worried that so far not as much work as we hoped had been done for this initiative, and that the planning meeting itself was rather smaller than we had hoped. People in Manchester in particular had been worried about the effects an unsuccessful demonstration would have on their work and morale. This discussion forced us to go through the arguments behind the demonstration in the first place in order to decide what should be done.

We talked about how important it was for lesbian and gay people to show their anger and resistance in the present political situation. We thought that it wasn't possible to postpone the demonstration, given the work that had already been done. The alternatives were either to go ahead or to call the whole thing off. To call it off might mean that we couldn't try again, for at least another year, by which time our situation might well be even worse.

We felt that one of the important things about this demonstration was that it was not just for gay people, but for everyone in the women's, trade union and labour movements, and among students and young people, who would support us. Important work has already been done in some of these fields: the NUS gay liberation campaign supports the demonstration and has organised a week of action to build for it. The CP, SWP and IMG are backing it and there is a real possibility of getting some commitment from at least those trade unions which have a policy against discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation. We felt that although the support we could get now (given that proper publicity had not gone out) we still thought we could make a success of the demonstration. We thought that working to win support among labour parties and trade unions was an important back up for those of us already involved in more long term work in these areas.

Having convinced ourselves that the demonstration should go ahead, successfully, if we put our backs into publicising it in the next weeks, we got down to practicalities.

We discussed the production of leaflets, posters and more detailed material that would get across the arguments behind the demonstration. This was interesting because there was the same concern as in the previous planning meeting that our publicity material should do its best to relate to women and to young people. This

necessarily involved a more complicated way of thinking about the "state" than just looking at the law and the police. After a lot of hard work all the publicity material is now available, and can be obtained from *Gay Noise*.

We talked about the way the day itself should be organised and reaffirmed the decision of the Lancaster planning meeting that it would be really nice to have entertainments during and after the march. People from Lancaster have agreed to find theatre groups to perform, and films we could hire, so that we could have afternoon events running through to discos in the evening. We reminded ourselves that there was to be a women-only pop; something essential for the enjoyment of the women we hope will attend the demonstration.

We discussed the rally afterwards and came up with a whole shopping list of speakers that we should invite. We decided to write to the Labour Party NEC and ask for a speaker and also to approach Joan Maynard and Joan Lester individually. We are inviting Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Oldham who has a good record in speaking out against Anderson, Manchester's anti-gay evangelical police chief. We'll contact NUPE for a speaker as it is one of the unions with policy against anti-gay discrimination. For gay speakers we agreed to invite Willie Waugh from Edinburgh Gay Youth groups, Gordon Wiseman and Barry Prothero from NCCL. Theresa Conway will chair the meeting on behalf of CASR. Bearing in mind these various possibilities, we must ensure that we shan't end up with a very male platform.

One of the most important discussions of the day was on finances. Two people agreed to put up loans of £100 each, which is what has made possible the production of publicity materials. When the planning meeting took place we had £4 in the bank. We did a rough calculation and estimated that we would need £300 - £400. In fact it seems as if our costings were too low and that really we could do with more. So any one who can get money out of their gay group, trade union, friends or bank account, we need every penny. Cheques made payable to CASR and sent to Manchester Gay Centre, 61a Bloom Street, M1.

A London organising committee is being formed, one in Manchester already exists, and Lancaster has taken on some work. It would be good if gay groups in different towns could get together to organise support for the demo; leafleting gay pubs and clubs, sympathetic leftists or trade unionists, getting posters displayed, organising transport to get there (often motions of support through students unions can include booking a coach and selling seats very cheaply) and maybe even

organising a benefit to raise money for us.

Note: The meeting called to plan this demo agreed to organise two important large leafletings: that of the Labour Party special conference at Wembley and of the Glasgow Unemployment demo on Feb 21st, especially the coaches from Manchester.

See you in Manchester!

Theresa Conway for CASR

Wanted theatre groups, singers, entertainers interested in performing during or after Demo v State Repression. Any payment will be totally minimal and depends on our liquidity. If you're still interested contact Lancaster Gay Group, c/o Trades Hall, Fenton St., Lancs.

Police in the London Borough of Lambeth

THE LABOUR COUNCIL in the London Borough of Lambeth, disturbed by tense relations between the police and the community, set-up an independent working party to hear submissions from the community concerning police practices within the Borough. The police refused to co-operate and so did the Home Office. However, the working party pressed ahead and took submissions from thousands of individuals who live or work in the area and from dozens of organisations based in Lambeth. It makes grizzly reading and offers few surprises to those from the Black Asian or Gay communities who experience police brutality, harassment, or simply rudeness and disregard every day of the week.

The implications of this report are that the police tactic of saturation policing and aggression disrupt the life of the community and do nothing to protect people living in the Borough.

Smashing the idea that the "Bobby on the Beat" can minimise the aggravation caused by Starksy and Hutch methods, the Report points out that the tendency of foot patrols to call, by radio, for massive car-borne reinforcements whenever they encounter trouble has the effect of turning every minor incident into a potential riot.

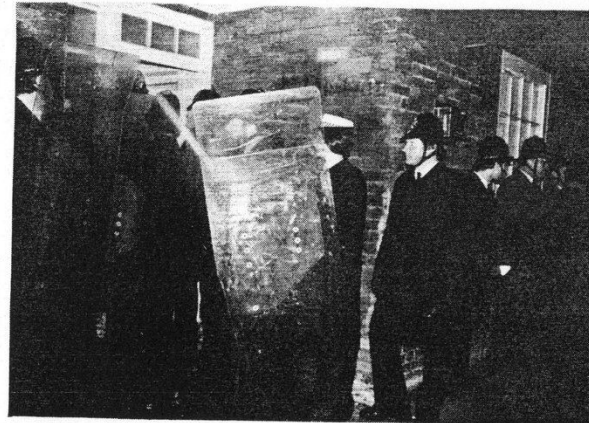
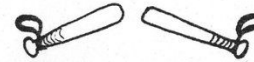
Needless to say, neither the Working Party nor its Report comes up with any clear alternative to the kind of "armed-occupation" policing that characterises life in the Borough. But the Report does provide ample, and sobering evidence for those who are sceptical about criticisms of "Our Wonderful Police Force".

Scotland as Guineapig for new police powers

THE CRIMINAL Justice Bill (Scotland) 1981, which legalises homosexuality in Scotland, should not be seen as a cause for total rejoicing. This part of the new legislation was tagged on to a Bill which gives the police massive powers. It has been strongly suggested that Scotland has been used as a try-out for the other parts of these islands.

The main extension of powers is that the police can "detain" someone for up to six hours without arresting them and without their permission. The person can be searched, fingerprinted and medically examined without a warrant, and under detention has no rights at all. The police do not have to tell anyone, not even a solicitor, and the "detainee" is not allowed a phone call. The police can also hold someone they believe has witnessed an offence and compel them to give their name and address, detaining them until it is verified.

The Scottish Homosexual Rights Group is to be complemented on mail-out of an info sheet to 2,500 members on these new powers with guidelines as to how to behave while being questioned. They emphasise the importance of not saying anything either about yourself or that might incriminate others. One hopes that the combination of these new powers plus the more oppressive stance the police are taking, particularly against young gays, does not indicate the way the state plans to effect the new legality of homosexuality in Scotland.



BREAKING AND ENTERING? NO - EVILTING SQUATTERS... JUST ANOTHER ACTIVITY OF LAMBETH POLICE.

South-West-Region Gay Liberation Conference

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY GAYSOC is organising a Gay Lib Conference on February 13th - 15th. The Conference is not restricted to the NUS Gaysoc, but open to all organisations working for sexual and social revolution. The conference will be followed by a gay action week, 16th - 21st February. There will be a speaker from the *Gay Noise* Collective.

The registration costs are £6 for people coming from outside Bristol - accommodation will be provided. If you are interested in this conference, contact William 0272-312953 or write to Graeme Conally, 82 Coldharbour Road, Redland, Bristol 6.

Grass-Roots Books

GRASS ROOTS BOOKS have just published their book list. The selection of books available ranges from books on general politics, feminism, gay politics, history, to fiction, poetry and books on art and photography. They have also a selection of political records and jazz. The bookshop is run by a collective consisting of six women and two men, and is registered as a Workers' Co-op.

Their aim is to offer a wide range of political newspapers and magazines and to be also a resource centre for different local groups.

If you'd like to get their booklist, which costs 20p plus 20p postage, write to: **Grass Roots Books, 1 Newton Street, Manchester U1 1H.** Postal orders payable to Grass Roots Books.

Policeman plays St. Paul

DID ANYONE notice anything strange about the story of Bruce Lee, the Hull arsonist? In both the *Mirror* and the *Telegraph* it was reported that Detective Superintendent Sagar wandered the streets of Hull worrying where the phantom arsonist would strike again, until, like Saul on the road to Damascus, he suddenly thought there might be some homosexual connection. Do people really operate like this?

His next step was to order a "day in, day out" surveillance of one public toilet in the town for six weeks, resulting in the arrest of twenty men. Each of them was accused of being the arsonist, until Lee said, "I didn't mean to do it". Seems like a nice way of killing twenty birds with one stone. Also, Lee, we are informed in the *Guardian* was "introduced to homosexual practices. He has low intelligence, but has shown animal cunning". Interesting juxtaposition of labels! The *Mirror* tells us that "in care he was homosexually assaulted and taught abnormal practices." One might ask what are "normal practices"?

Lesbian Newsletter for London

AFTER A discussion at a meeting earlier this month a group of lesbians have decided to go ahead with a London lesbian newsletter.

Ideas raised at the outset were that it should contain a listing of addresses and places to go, a diary of events during the period of the newsletter, news items of interest to lesbians in London; also women writing in about places they have visited.

Another idea raised was to coordinate information for a London broadsheet aimed at visiting lesbians who have little or no idea where to meet up. It's hoped to get this off the ground very soon and current information is now required - up until about mid-March.

Address any details and offers of help to Sheila Berkovitch, c/o Gays the Word, 66 Marchmont St, London WC1.

Women and the Welfare State

AS REPORTED in *Gay Noise* 11, a conference has been planned in Brighton around the subject "Women and the Welfare State", discussing what women as consumers of the services provided think of them, how they could not only be defended but also radically altered to meet women's needs, rather than those of the welfare establishment.

The date of the conference has been changed from Feb 14th to May 2nd however; further details will be given in *Gay Noise* nearer the date.