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## Lock up the Tories! Free the People!

*"When a man has been condemned to spend the rest of his life in jail, death is at the heart of prison life, and prison is the worst misfortune that can befall natures which are still enraptured with the taste of freedom - I have said prison and not solitude." (Genet)*

NOT CONTENT with the meagre lot of a Home Secretary, Mr. Whitelaw has decided to crown himself Emperor. His Imprisonment (Temporary Powers) Act, dragged through Parliament in a day, confers upon the Home Secretary extensive and deliberately vague powers for dealing with those in prison, those on remand, and what is and isn't prison. The most alarming aspect of the Act is that it gives Mr. Whitelaw the power to declare any "approved place" a prison where ordinary prison rules will apply. Inevitably, the military have got in on the act, malevolently inching their way more and more into daily civilian life.

Of course this is a very useful piece of legislation. It's one of those "magic buttons" Mrs. Thatcher is so earnestly looking for: declare the four countries that make up these islands an approved prison and you neatly solve the problem. This is not likely to happen tomorrow, but it is a mistake to see this Act solely as a response to the action of the prison officers. This is emergency legislation, not for a particular dispute, but for a system which is creaking towards collapse. As the social crisis becomes yet more severe, the state, if it intends to maintain its power and we have every reason to believe that it does, is going to need every resource available. The authority to turn the school down the road in-



Because guards don't make a move when a deadly battle rages, you think they're brutes and you're right." (Genet)

to a prison camp is just one of those powers.

This sort of Enabling Act has been tried, tested, and not found wanting. The Prevention of Terrorism Act, another piece of "temporary" legislation, has been immensely successful in undermining and suppressing opposition to the military occupation of Northern

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## Editorial

**THE PROPRIETORS** of *Zipper* have said that *Gay Noise* should forget about the nuclear holocaust, politics and the like – concentrating instead upon the fundamental issues – like fancying blonde men in suits with a fascist flair, no doubt. People, from other directions entirely, have accused *Gay Noise* of looking for a ‘gay angle’ on issues that are better left to our heterosexual betters.

Presumably, gay men, like all women, are expected to confine themselves to providing comfort, reassurance and entertainment for heterosexual men as objects to be used, desired, defiled or despised.

But we will have none of this trash.

The millions of lesbians and gay men throughout the four countries in these islands play a full part in the heartlands of economic and cultural life – in the mines and the mills, on the buses and behind the cash registers, packing biscuits and building cars, teaching school, singing in the opera, lecturing in the universities, laying bricks, driving tractors, staffing the drawing offices, and standing in dole queues.

Everything that goes on in this society is our business and we will bring our organisational ability and our banners, our perceptions and our insights – as oppressed citizens and proud homosexuals – to any and all of the problems that confront our people.

## Theatre Review

by Rita Glossio

**THE PROBLEM** with Gordon Zola’s latest play *Smegma at the Almost Brie* is that it’s so messy. Literally. I went to a sneak preview and my gold lamé cat-suit got absolutely ruined in Act 2.

Anyway, cheese is back in town, or so it seems. An epidemic of highly contagious homophobia *violens* has broken out all over Britain. Gangs of thugly types, or “smegs”, roam the streets assaulting gays. This is nothing new, you may add; gays have been oppressed under the heavy smeg-yoke for centuries now. But when out gay lexicographer, Prof. Herman Broadbean gets brutally murdered by one such trio of smelly smegs in lower east-side Goole, things start curdling. The Law is at first bamboozled; the only clues are the less than fragrant stench of Danish Blue permeating the scene of the crime and a copy of the Prof’s Greater Dictionary of the Spoken English Language, Vol 3, *Masoch-Queerb*, open on the last page. There is a grubby fingerprint over the final entry which refers readers to see under “smegma” in Vol 4, due out a few days after the murder.

Trouble really starts when the smegs discover with horror and in private that they’ve entered the tertiary phase, where their cocks, unwashed under the foreskin for months, have turned into gruesome stale sweaty clods of cheese which are taking over their entire bodies. Now the smegs merge into one seething morass of viscous cheese and take to the streets, no longer mere smegs, but the terrible *Smegma*. Horrific welsch-rarebits with dozens of hair-dos and twice as many eyes, reeking, foul, suppurating blobs of low intelligence goo ooze along the gutter, becoming one with lots of second degree homophobes en route and leaving a trail of gay corpses in their wake.

Openly gay detective and political activist George Szabo tries to rally the gays at a mass conference called “Beyond the Smegments”. “Careful,” he warns, “for tonight you too could be attacked by a dubious excrescence on YOUR street corner – so don’t be tempted by smegamy.” Self-defence techniques prove worthless however, never having been designed to cope with dairy produce, and reasoning fares little better – have you ever tried to have words with ½lb. of warm Wensleydale?

Anyway, George takes on the Broadbean case only to find that self-defence has been outlawed; obviously someone very high up in Whitehall has been infected and refuses to go to Harley Street about it.

As the cheese spreads all over, the police prove highly susceptible, and chic tourists stay at the Stilton. Whole towns wake up in the morning to find themselves metamorphosed into neat rows of processed cheese slices. So George, utterly alone in a hostile world now realises that the motive behind the killing was a simple one: the smegs just had to get the Prof. before he revealed their true identity.

As George and the gays are getting into their rodent drag, the sinister *Smegma* now emerges and dances a triumphant conga round the gangways (and all over my cat suit, I hasten to add) and a group of little boys are gladly sacrificed to the unlovely onslaught of jerking cheesecake by gleefully laughing fathers who dive in after them. But suddenly the now goofy gays descend and gnaw away, and the top government official who wanted to prevent us hijacking another word ends up decorating a pizza. Music plays, the sun comes out and so do a lot of gay trowels which scrape this hideous secretion from the stage as the masked mice proclaim: “We’re not frightened any more!” Which makes one wonder, what came first, the chicken or the smeg?

## Pat Malone

**AS WITH** most women who get killed, from the moment of the discovery of the body, Pat Malone’s way of life commanded infinitely more attention than the manner of her death.

Headlines screamed “Lesbian Clue in Murder Hunt”. Official statements speculated on the possibility that she had been killed by “a jealous lover” (lesbians are notoriously prone to neurotically possessive relationships). Police posters billed her prominently as a “lesbian and a prostitute”, referring to her throughout as “Butch” (not, one would think, an essential clue to her identity for those who knew her).

But once having served its purpose in stripping the victim of any possible public sympathy, the “lesbian link” was remarkably absent from the pursuit of the enquiry itself. Police repeatedly visited houses where lesbians known in the Kings Cross area lived, but denied any connection with the Malone case. *Studio 21* was raided and names and addresses taken on the only night of the week when it functions as a lesbian club: – but for a “licensing infringement”. No co-operation was sought from lesbian groups or the gay press. In fact, for a case which police and press had originally billed as the Great Lesbian Murder Mystery, the former were surprisingly secretive about their progress within the lesbian community. Within a few days, the case disappeared from the papers.

Eventually, a few of the national dailies announced, in small print, that a policeman was being questioned in connection with the murder. “Blue Serge Clue in Murder Hunt” would obviously be too much to expect, but, typically, the switch to this line of enquiry was superbly underplayed.

When the suspect was subsequently charged, he was described, on the basis of papers and cuttings found in his flat, as “unstable” with “no sense of reality” and having a “fiendish sexual attitude to females”. Quite aside from any possibility of particular guilt in this specific case, this must surely be one of the most alarming aspects of the story so far. How could someone with these characteristics work undetected for years in the police force, in a section which is often issued with weapons? Psychiatrists would no doubt point to the “habitual cunning and secrecy of the “psychotic”. Feminists could do worse than to point to the “Butch Pat” posters and the official police statements, and remark, wearily, that even if a “fiendish sexual attitude to females” had occasionally become apparent in beery chat at the local or over a cuppa in the canteen, it undoubtedly passed for quite normal: he was, after all, just being one of the lads.

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# Free the People!

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Ireland. Its latest victims were two women who were arrested while attempting to attend the Socialist Feminist Conference in London on October 25. Writs of habeas corpus for their immediate release were rejected by a High Court Judge "as a contribution to the cause of liberty". At the time of going to press, seven days later, they are still being held in custody. Their imprisonment is as monstrous as the plight of the H-Block hunger strikers, none of whom has even been allowed trial by jury. Instead they are hauled before the Diplock Courts, a kangaroo court if ever there was one, which has one judge, no jury, and where the burden of proof of innocence is upon the accused. These people are then denied the special status of political prisoners that use of these special courts implies.

The Tories, and their Labour predecessors, have been paving the way for a massive increase in the number of people detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure. They often shed crocodile tears for the huge and growing prison population. They complain that there are many in prison who should not be there: debtors, "petty thieves", and the like. They suggest, in sinister liberal tones, that it might be better to use the mental institutions and psychiatry to drug people into a stupor of normalcy and ordered personality. It is noticeable, though, that no mention is made of the many gay people who are in prison for having tried to freely enjoy their sexuality; nor those, many of whom are gay women, who are forced into alleged criminality by the social pressures of isolation and poverty. The truth is that the state does not regret having a large prison population; what it regrets is that it does not have more prisons. Hence, the usefulness of Whitelaw's new Act.

Why though do we need prisons? The number of people who are a real danger to society is incredibly small. Most of them aren't in prison however; you'll find them instead in the Tory government, at Gallagher's cocktail parties, in the CBI and in the armed forces.

## Gay Communists

GAY MEMBERS of the Communist Party recently had discussions with Dave Cook, the Party's National Organiser. Many problems were discussed and plans were considered on how best to develop the work of the gay group. First among these are the arrangements that are being made for the gay group to present a report to the industrial committee of the Party.



Photo: Terry Cahill

## Gays South of the River

A SOUTH LONDON conference on 18th October attracted about 60 people. Discussions were held on housing work, violence, the PIE trial and facilities in South London. In such a short time most of these topics were only touched on. A bold attempt to break the alienation that so easily sets in when groups of men come together was the workshop on violence. Discussion was set in a context of shaking, touching and considering feelings of fear in a direct and personal way.

In a final discussion it was decided to set up a coordinating committee to force Lambeth Council to provide premises for a Gay Centre. Some people were doubtful about such a committee and felt that establishing a stronger and larger Gay Liberation group was the priority. It was also noted that Brixton had had a Gay Centre between 1974 and 1976, that

no one was clear about the lessons of its successes and failures and that in 1980 different social and political conditions apply.

A thorough discussion of this was required to assess the kind of 'centre' that was workable and appropriate. (Could it for example house a photographic archive, provide facilities for other gay organisations in the area like Icebreakers, and *Gay Noise*?)

Whatever the disagreement over priorities the conference certainly registered an acute social need. Gay Life in Brixton at the present time amounts to the foyer of the Ritzy and the cottage opposite the Town Hall (7 a.m. - 8 p.m.). Gays South of the River expect and deserve much more.

The Coordinating Committee can be contacted on 01-733 9733. See future issues of *Gay Noise* for details of the next conference.

## Hops in Hull

E.M.I WILL soon be providing entertainment for gays in Hull. "Romeo and Juliet's", owned by EMI, have agreed to open their doors to gays for dancing on Sunday nights. They are already doing this successfully in other towns, whilst Mecca Leisure still maintains its national ban on all gay social events on their premises.

Meanwhile, there is hope that Hull gays may finally get an Urban Aid grant from the city council after many attempts. When representatives from Hull Gay Centre put their case in person to a council seminar, the city elders were so impressed that they specifically invited the Gay Centre to re-apply. The outcome is eagerly awaited and *Gay Noise* looks forward to the opening of "Romeo and Mercutio's" and "Helen and Hecuba's".

## Smegma Attack

ON SUNDAY 26 October at 10.45, David, a gay man from Wimbledon, was setting off home after an evening with friends at the Oval House theatre. He left the Surrey Tavern pub, opposite the theatre, at about twenty to eleven and set off for the bus stop. As he was passing the Church at Kennington Oval a gang of smegma set upon him, raining punches and kicks on him as he collapsed onto the pavement. Breeders that were passing by and even one gay man failed to come to David's aid. Eventually, the three smegma tired of bashing him and calling him queer, ran off. David managed to get to a phone box and friends arrived, hot foot, in a taxi. The feelings expressed to *Gay Noise* about this latest attack by the smegma is that sooner or later the gay community will have to douche them off the streets.



## Gardners: The Domino Theory

ON THURSDAY, October 2nd, the 2000 workforce at L. Gardner & Sons Diesel Engine Factory in Eccles, Manchester, voted to take action in defence of their jobs. That action has involved the 24 hour occupation of the plant for five weeks. The local paper, the *Eccles Journal*, under headlines like 'No Time For Dominoes', has repeatedly attempted to undermine the occupation, supporting management that has just delivered 590 redundancy notices.

But the occupation is hardening and the fear of the employers, and the right-wing has nothing to do with the workers whiling away the time with dominoes. On the contrary, if playing dominoes was all the men and women at Gardner's were doing, the employers, their government, and their press would be well pleased.

What is happening in Gardner's is a fight to get the redundancy notices withdrawn, and it is in the process of this struggle that the deadly routine of darts, dominoes, overtime working, bed and telly has been disrupted. It is a disruption that has given the working people in occupation the opportunity for a continuous teach-in, discussing, arguing and analysing the effect that unemployment and the arbitrary rule of employers has on their own lives and those of their lovers and their families.

What haunts our rulers is the fear that working people, once drawn into struggle at plants like Gardner's, will produce new industrial plans and new economic strategies - strategies rooted in the needs of our people, rather than the survival of the capitalist system.

The media expects us to applaud Gdansk one week and forget Gardner's the next, to admire the saying of Mass in Polish shipyards and sneer at the playing of dominoes in Eccles. But the TV eye will not blind us.

Already support is pouring into Gardner's, and there can be no doubt that the example set by these working people will be taken up a hundredfold in the year ahead.

### Edinburgh Conference

THE TRADE UNION Group for Gay Rights have organised an Half-Day Conference on Saturday 29th November from 10.30a.m.-2.00p.m. in the Trades Council, Picardy Place, Edinburgh. "Gay Rights at Work" in the title of the Conference and the implications of the John Saunders case will be discussed.

The main speaker will be Barry

Prothero, the NCCL's Gay Rights Officer and there will be speakers from the labour movement.

There will be refreshments, a book-stall, and a collection of 40p each to cover expenses.

People wishing to go to the conference should contact the Secretary, T.U. Group for Gay Rights (Lothian), 60 Broughton St. Edinburgh.

## Support grows for Gardners

**STOCKSBRIDGE** Steelworks in South Yorkshire have sent £500 from the Joint Shop Stewards Committee, and will be reviewing their donations weekly.

**Lambeth** Trades Council has backed the occupation, along with other local unions.

**Huddersfield** Trades Council has set up a support committee. After the first meeting, delegates collected £50 for the occupation. The bus depot in the town has organised collections. The 986 ASTMS branch there sent a telegram and a donation, and the AUEW District Committee has given its support.

In **Manchester**, the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions District 11 is organising an emergency shop stewards conference to discuss solidarity with Gardner's, and the fight against unemployment.

**Birmingham's** support committee has received the support of eight members of the engineering union's Birmingham south district committee, three Labour councillors, members of the TGWU engineering district committee, and the chairperson of the Lucas, Birmingham area, senior shop stewards committee: Larry Connolly.

**CND Rally** - £1,200 was collected for the occupation at the huge peace demonstration in London on October 26 under the slogan "Jobs Not Bombs".

**Revolutionaries organise** - all the forces of the Communist Party, the International Marxist Group, the Socialist Workers Party, and Marxists in the Labour Party, are being thrown behind Gardner's, organising support meetings, collections and getting the truth across to as many people as possible, as well as mobilising the entire resources of the labour movement behind the occupation.

**Gay Noise** has sent a telegram which reads: "Brothers and sisters, greetings to all in occupation. Your battle against unemployment inspiring all in struggle against oppression." Signed: *Gay Noise Collective*.

**We would urge all gay organisations to discuss the implications of the Gardner's occupation and send donations and messages of support to: Dave Marsden, Strike Committee, 187 Barton Lane, Eccles, Manchester M30 0HN.**

## Go to Helsinki!

OVER FOUR years ago, Jeff Dudgeon of the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association (NIGRA) lodged a complaint against the British government with the European Commission for Human Rights in Strasbourg. He alleged that the government's refusal to extend the Sexual Offences Act 1967 to Northern Ireland, and the repeated harassment of himself and other gay men in Belfast by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, was in breach of Articles 8 and 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The Commission has now issued its report, and in good liberal style has managed to look both ways at the same time.

The Commission took evidence from all quarters on the subject of law reform. The British government's defence of the situation in Northern Ireland (where all male homosexual activity is outlawed by the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act, and the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885) makes interesting reading. They state that:

"The law is designed in part to protect young males from influences and pressures of an undesirable kind... Similar influences and pressures do not exist in relation to heterosexual relationships. The law is also designed to uphold the moral standards supported by significant elements of the Northern Ireland community. These standards tend to protect the family as a fundamental social unit, and the threat to the position of that unit as the basic constituent of society comes more from homosexual than from heterosexual relationships. This means used in the present law (the threat and use of criminal sanctions) are not disproportionate to the aims of the legislation."

Which is perhaps the most honest admission by a capitalist state of its position on homosexuality - something the liberal stalwarts of the gay movement cannot ignore.

The Commission's report supports Jeff's claim that Article 8 (rights to individual privacy, except where "national security", "public safety", etc. are threatened) is violated by the laws on homosexuality in Northern Ireland. Even if the majority of people in Northern Ireland object to homosexuality, they do not have "an unqualified right to impose (their) standards of private sexual morality on the whole of society".

However, the tangle and confusions arise when the Commission considers violation of Article 14, which aims to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals from discrimination on any grounds. It concludes that "the legal prohibition of private consensual homosexual acts involving persons aged under 21 years is not in breach of (Article 14)". The justification for this nonsense is the "criterion of social protection", that is

the "all-gay-men-are-child-molesters" argument.

Barry Prothero, Gay Rights Worker at the NCCL, commented on the findings that "the government has lost its case and there can be no honourable reason to delay law reform in Northern Ireland. However, the Commission's finding that discrimination against gay men with regard to the age of consent is justified for the 'protection of society' can only be based on irrational fears or crude prejudice. There is no evidence to support that view. It is an unfortunate decision which must be strongly contested when the case goes to the European Court."

But this is not quite right Barry! The government has won its case, in principle, because the European Commission has recognised the right of the British government to discriminate against us.

The point is that the gay movement must not be fooled into thinking that the British Government, or any other signatories to the Convention, has any real respect for human rights. They care nothing for the rights of gay people, Irish political prisoners, immigrant workers, Basques, or any other oppressed group of people. Their damp-eyed utterances about human rights are meaningless, and cannot be relied upon as a way of achieving gay liberation or any other liberation. The Strasbourg Commission and its Court can go to Helsinki!

## 4,000 gais pieds sur les rues

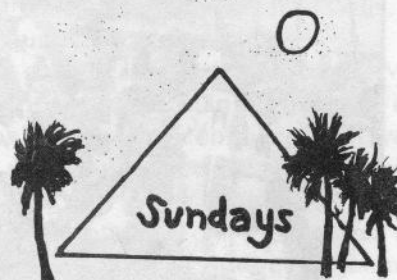
2,000 GAYS marched in the streets of Paris on October 23rd in protest against new legal restrictions - with a familiar paedophile connection.

Following the revolution of 1789 no anti-gay laws at all were in existence in France until 1940. There was only an obsolete law about drag. It was the fascist Armistice Government of Marshall Petain who introduced Article 331 (which was later confirmed by de Gaulle). This is concerned with "sexual assaults" on minors (i.e. anyone under 18) and Alinea 3 doubles the sentence where a man and a boy are involved.

In 1977 the Assembly, following the Majority MP, Mirguet, passed a law classifying homosexuality as a "social disease", along with prostitution, alcoholism and T.B.

In 1977 a committee working on the reform of the criminal law recommended the repeal of Article 331 (including Alinea 3). A bill to this effect was introduced to the Assembly in 1978, following an initiative taken by Senator Marcel Caillevent (then majority, now opposition MP), and supported by the Senate. Earlier this year, the Assembly voted against this bill. It was sent back to the Senate and surprisingly, on 16th October, the Senate voted in agreement with the Assembly, leaving the law on

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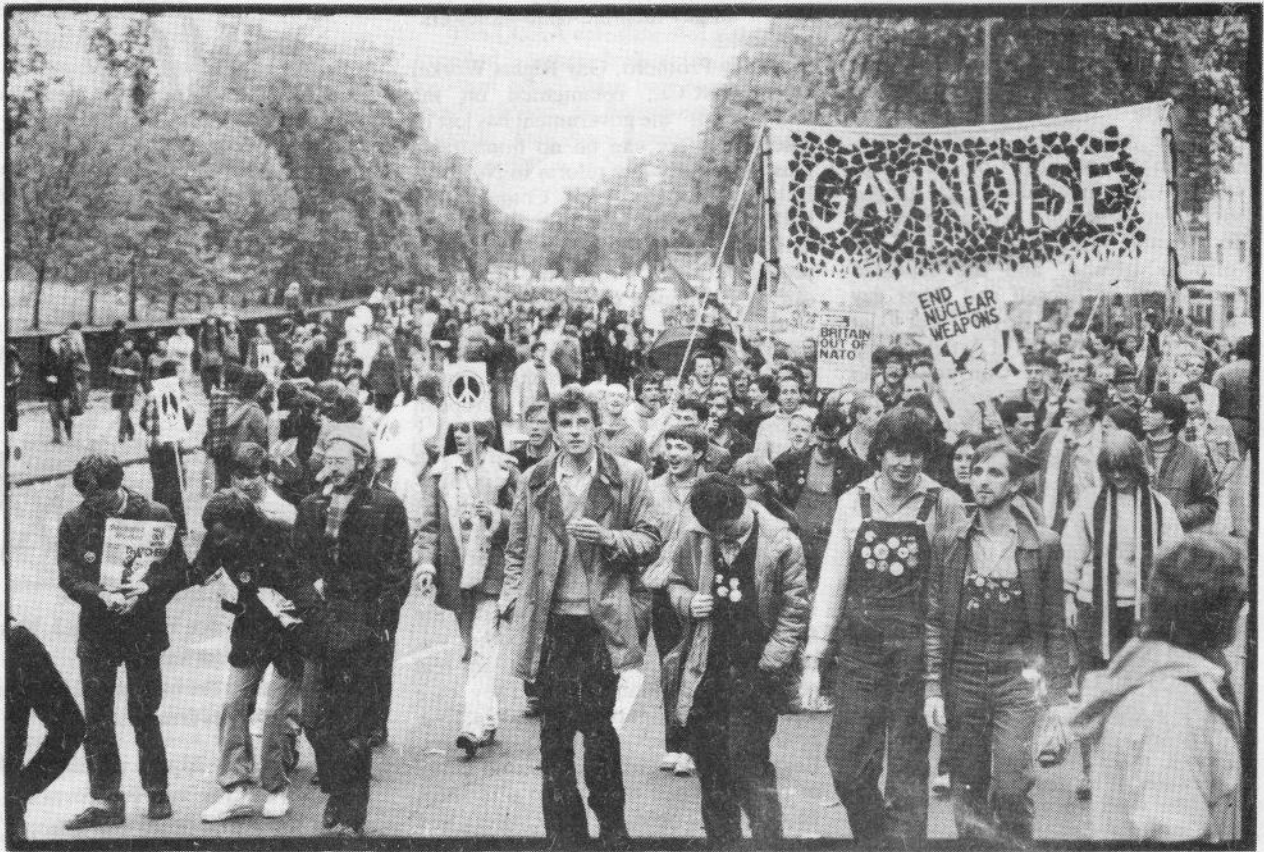
"sexual assaults" unchanged.

The demonstration of October 23rd was called by CUARH (Emergency Committee Against Homosexual Repression). A petition circulated in connection with the demonstration received signatures from Guy Hocquenghem (internationally known gay liberationist), Yves Montand (film star), Jean Ellenstein (C.P. intellectual) and Jules Aragon (writer and historian).

Not surprisingly, all this is happening in a pre-election campaign climate, where President Giscard is seeking to secure his re-election by any means. In 1974 he was elected with 51% of the votes - a difference of 200,000. In these conditions, better please as many people as you can...

## Worker wanted

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## The Groaning Sacrifice

A CERTAIN amount of confusion seems to have arisen as to why three to four hundred gay people should feel it necessary to join the CND rally; and why *Gay Noise* took the strong line it did against the predominantly heterosexual basis of CND's perspectives.

Whether or not the majority of gay people have children and whether the human race as a whole is fond and concerned about children is irrelevant.

Gay people are fighting for their own skins in this battle as in any other for one reason; there is no-one else to do it for them. We will not be sacrificed on the altar of the great heterosexual myth: continuation of our race and society in its present form. A nuclear war would strike at all and surviving children, regardless of their parents sexuality, would be brought up in an oppressive, militarily governed and anti-gay society.

We have seen no evidence of the "innate altruism of the human race"! We believe the majority of heterosexuals will not be fighting for our rights in a post-nuclear holocaust world, but our total elimination. There is only one way to ensure that situation does not arise, and that is for gays to fight for nuclear disarmament and to make sure we win.

If we lose, and the arms race reaches its inevitable conclusion, we have to examine the question of who will suffer. It will not be the Tory war-mongers or the armed forces, who are helping us along the road to conflict. It will be the elderly, the sick, the handicapped; all those incapable of defending themselves including the young. In a conflict of this nature these elements of society will be described by the post-war military regime as acceptable losses. We do not accept the doctrine of acceptable losses, implying as it does, that those who cannot make a straight heterosexual contribution to the rebuilding of a capitalist society must be regrettably but necessarily "lost".

Where lies the sacrifice? Both sides of the nuclear arms debate are demanding sacrifice; both are obsessed with the uninterrupted continuation of a society based on the nuclear family. We do not accept that the only reason for avoiding nuclear war is to protect the generations yet unborn. We do not accept that in the event of such a conflict the immediate priority is the re-establishment of straight society. There will be no sacrifice.

## CND March & Rally

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER, saw the largest CND rally in London for seventeen years. At least 100,000 people from all parts of the islands, marched from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square. Their main concern was the stationing of US Cruise

missiles on bases on the islands. The demands of the rally were total disarmament of both NATO and the Warsaw Pact.

The large gay contingent was to the fore of the procession. It rallied round the four gay banners in Hyde Park. The banners were: Icebreakers, Gay Switchboard, Gays Against Nuclear Energy and *Gay Noise*.

The importance of a strong gay presence at this event can hardly be too strongly stressed.

Our aim was to make it clear to everyone including the other groups in the rally that in the event of a nuclear holocaust, there would be no survival for gays. Our presence in a post-war society would be considered irrelevant. Post war plans, already drawn up, will be concerned with population expansion and the organisation and control of an obedient and docile workforce. Surviving elements of society who do not fit into this scheme would be discarded; and any public manifestation of homosexuality would be instantly suppressed by the military authorities. History has already shown us what methods would most likely be used.

## Heckling reaches the Parts . . .

You might have expected that an anti-nuclear demonstration would be an occasion when we

would not need to defend ourselves. But it was.

From the platform that brought us a nun who believed that the arms race was a sin greater only than abortion, came the following:

"And now," said the monsignor to the shadow minister, "we will hear from Neil Kinnock, who has a certain special skill. Let's see how he'll perform today."

"Thank you, Bruce," said the shadow minister, "With all that talk about special skills, you make me sound like a pervert."

But it wasn't only gales of laughter that greeted Mr Kinnock's merry little quip. Instantly, the cries of "shame" and "oh" from a gay contingent that was several hundred strong, drowned the remainder of his speech, while the *Gay Noise* banner was thrust forward through the crowd to get a little nearer to the speaker, who either hadn't bothered or hadn't wanted to look. The shadow minister of education was cornered and duly educated by some members of the gay contingent. He rose later to express regret that his remarks had offended a "certain sector" of the crowd. He added that we all need to stick together.

*Gay Noise* has written to Mr Kinnock, formally registering our protest. Meanwhile, the *Guardian*, clarion of liberal and liberated opinion, published a snide and erroneous version of the incident in its Diary column, accusing us of being dreary and humourless. We wrote back to tell them that they were intellectual queer-bashers.



Photo: Joanne O'Brien

## Gay Star Letter

Dear *Gay Noise*,

In *Gay Noise 3* you reprinted an article from *Gay Star 2* entitled *Do the Gay Activists Alliance support Ian Paisley?* This has been replied to in *Gay Noise 4* by the London Gay Activists Alliance and, in a letter, by Padraig O Flaithimh.

Unfortunately, you printed the article as though it was an official policy statement by NIGRA, and you also cut out half of it without indicating that anything was missing. In replying to criticisms of the article rather than general criticisms of NIGRA, I am replying as the author and also as the editor of *Gay Star*, a paper that welcomes articles from all contributors and exercises no political censorship.

Both the LGAA and Padraig O Flaithimh see the oppression of gays and the strength of the churches throughout Ireland as a function of British colonialism. It may just be possible to make a case for this in Northern Ireland, which is still part of the United Kingdom, but how do they account for the Republic of Ireland, which has been independent for over fifty years?

The Constitution of the Republic – to which David Norris was appealing in the Dublin High Court – is the most clericalist constitution in Europe (possibly excepting that of the Vatican itself). It contains word for word quotations from encyclicals of Pius XI on education and the family.

It is true that the anti-gay legislation both in the Republic and in Northern Ireland is basically the pre-1967 British legislation. But Padraig O Flaithimh's view that, had David Norris succeeded, the Republic would have repealed *all* anti-gay legislation (including, as he implies, any age of consent) is ridiculous. Sadly, of course, David has not succeeded. But even if he had, it would not have affected us, except by way of a good influence, since, like it or not, we don't happen to be living in the same state. Padraig's advice that we should have dropped everything to support him is therefore rather out of place. If the Strasbourg case succeeds in establishing that anti-gay legislation is in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, it might make law reform easier

in the Republic.

The LGAA calculate that if Britain expelled Northern Ireland from the UK, loyalism, which exists only because it is "underpinned" by Britain would crumble. That is not a calculation made by many people in Northern Ireland. The predominant view of both Protestants and Catholics is that the opposition to a United Ireland in native to Northern Ireland, is very substantial, is armed (in the RUC and the UDR) and would resist incorporation into an all-Ireland state, even if Britain withdrew. The most likely result of the "anti-imperialist" troops out policy of the LGAA would be a Protestant dominated independent Ulster, and if the LGAA or Padraig O Flaithimh will explain how *that* will benefit Catholic workers, I will be glad to hear from them.

Incidentally, the LGAA say that in the last eleven years, "Loyalist power has in no way been attacked, but rather preserved and reinforced". What do they think happened when Stormont was suspended? The unionists used to have a *monopoly* of political power. Now the only power they exercise is through some local councils which, since the Macrory reforms of the early seventies, are vastly less powerful than their equivalents in Great Britain.

There is simply no point in NIGRA uniting with "anti-clerics and anti-Imperialists throughout Ireland" as P. O Flaithimh suggests. For a start the "anti-Imperialists" (the Provos and the Irish Independence Party) are not at all anti-clerical, and the Provos have a nasty habit of dropping concrete blocks on to the legs of "child molesters". It is difficult to find the "anti-clerics". Sinn Fein, the Workers Party, might just qualify if we forget the grovelling attitude they adopted at the time of the Pope's visit. But they are calling for a majority rule devolved Parliament in Northern Ireland so they could hardly qualify in Padraig's eyes as "anti-Imperialists" – and their policy would result in domination either domination by Paisley or by the Official Unionists, which would not be very beneficial to us.

Finally, I apologise if I got the LGAA's line wrong on Strasbourg. But their policy, in their own words, that "the campaign for decriminalisation should be made in the context of demanding British withdrawal" is just as bad. It would turn us into an ineffectual support group for the Provos and could bring us no gains of any sort – other than the applause of the LGAA. It would make it impossible to fulfil our basic function, which is to provide a tolerable social environment for *all* gays in Northern Ireland, thereby encouraging as many gays as possible to come out and confront the world – including the clerics – with their homosexuality.

Yours,

Peter Brooke

Editor: *Gay Star*, Belfast

## An hour of Andy Pandy

Dear *Gay Noise*,

Following the scathing attack on Amsterdam's "De Softies" in *Gay Noise 6*, and the proclamation by its writer (this time in his capacity as MC of the new Brixton Faeries Cabaret) that "we are members of a terrorist organisation", the public could have been forgiven for expecting an heroic saga of epic proportions from the Faeries. The tale of Johnny B. Gay perhaps? Revolutionary Brixton squatter and member of the Icebreakers collective. Or how about Sarah Heartburn; radical queen with a fiery determination to kick up her stilletoes in the streets of south London despite the ever increasing incidence of anti-gay violence. Such was not to be.

Instead we are treated to a return of the simpering '60s; that nostalgic, pre-gaylib era when titles such as "Lipstick on your collar" were all the rage and in deadly earnest. Indeed the only forward looking number is a revival of Noel Coward's piece "There are bad times just around the corner" whose happy homily for the audience is to "learn all the lyrics of the old red flag, and wait until you're shot down dead". Directed as it was on the Sunday night, to an audience who'd just marched their feet off ("Cruising against the Cruise Missiles", as someone so aptly put it), this all seemed just a little too glib.

There followed a series of "romantic" numbers which would have brought tears to my eyes had I not been too busy trying to work out whether I could afford bread and cheese as well as soup for dinner. But never fear! Suddenly, out of the shadows our hero emerges. Johnny B. Gay and Sarah Heartburn make way. Captain Cottager has the floor.

While I have nothing against cottaging per se, the average cottager, as classified by the Faeries themselves, is "someone who will never come out at work, someone who never attends a Gay Lib meeting or goes on a gay parade". Oh well, I sigh, someones got to work in the underground I guess.

Not that I am suggesting you shouldn't see the Faeries show. It was amusing, diverting and free (which in these troubled times is worth watching out for). But it had about as much political analysis as an hour of Andy Pandy on a wet afternoon. As for their self-proclaimed label of "terrorist organisation" it was thoroughly undeserved (unless they are infiltrators from the extreme right, which even in my more paranoid moments, I tend to discount).

I can't help wondering if the slogan "abandon the barricades and reconvene in the cottages" wouldn't be more appropriate.

Chris Dobney

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## Paedophilia: the Radical Case

Dear *Gay Noise*,

I entirely accept the criticisms made of my book, *Paedophilia: The Radical Case*, by *Gay Noise*, and serious ones they are too.

I do not, however, think that "the myth of children being asexual is due merely to misinformation", as was suggested. The fact that I have refrained from theorising as to the roots of the sexual oppression which has sustained the myth simply reflects the fact that I feel the matter is more complex than some would have us believe. By all means let us seek common cause among the sexually oppressed, among women, gays, children and paedophiles, but not on the basis of facile sloganising and ill-researched "history" which is too often dignified as theory, and which dominates the work of those who value unity above honesty.

My own view of history has until now been essentially Marxist, insofar as that term designates a materialist theory of social evolution. But the concept of class struggle which is sometimes, in a sexual context, crudely imposed on this core philosophy, has long struck me as sitting uncomfortably. When, for instance, elsewhere in *Gay Noise*, it is asserted that "The prevailing morality of a society merely reflects the interests of those in power", a half-truth (admittedly a crucial one) is made to do service as the complete thing: the teasing, subtle, unstated other half is that no-one is more sexually oppressed than those in power—witness the entire, self-oppressing hierarchy of the Roman church. And who could be a more powerful, yet more sexually desolate figure than J. Edgar Hoover? We are all—the "ruling" classes, everyone—oppressed by a view of sexuality which, while it may be generated entirely by relations of power that themselves depend ultimately on economics (I am thinking primarily of power relations in patriarchal family structures), cannot be fathomed solely by reference to the convenience (certainly not the *sexual* convenience) of ruling class interests.

Finally, in response to the typesetter's remark ("I have not seen—here or anywhere else—any refutation of the feminist argument against paedophilia. Just put-downs. I have not even seen a statement of what the feminist argument is..."), I would suggest a reading of my chapter on "Power and Equality" in paedophilic relations (*what at £15?? typesetter again*), which is based very largely on a discussion of feminist objections.

With best wishes for the future of *Gay Noise*,

Tom O'Carroll

## Gay Martial Arts Group?

Dear *Gay Noise*,

Mr A M Allen has written to us to say:

"With regard to the recent publicity concerning attacks on gay people: this has concerned me greatly for some time and I would like to help the situation in some way. I am a second Dan Black Belt in the Korean Martial Art of Tang Soo Do and 1st Dan Black Belt in Japanese Sankikai Karate and Aikido. I'm chairman (sic) of the Milton Keynes Martial Arts Association and run a number of clubs in the area.

"I would appreciate any suggestions you could give in the development of a gay Martial Arts Group to help combat the number of attacks that go on. I feel both as a Martial Artist and as a gay person myself that something should be done to help rectify this."

I could suggest that anyone who is interested should write to CHE at 42a Formosa Street, London W9 2JP and I will forward their letters to Mr Allen.

Love,

Anna  
CHE Administrator



## Christ?

Dear *Gay Noise*,

I note with interest that you do not include any religious organisations in your listings. I know for a fact that some of your readers are Christians (I am, for one) so am wondering if you will include the Metropolitan Community Church of London which worships at 2A Sistova Rd. London SW12 (Tel: 01-761 0248)? This Church is ecumenical in worship and also offers a counseling service.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. C. Messenger  
Secretary, MCC London

## Christ!

GAY NOISE does not publish the details of religious organisations because we do not want to be associated with the obscurantism, the sexism and the sin defined by the jealous, vengeful God of the Jews, the Christians, and the Muslims. That there is much that is good in the Jewish-Christian-Islamic tradition we do not doubt, but on balance we feel that God and His hosts are not on our side. Therefore it would be irresponsible for us to indicate, suggest or imply that we think that Talmudic law, Koranic tradition or faith in the Christian Message can do anything but confuse and disarm homosexuals in our perpetual struggle with the Devil.

Gay Noise Collective



## NOT Puritan

As the feminist typesetter who so rudely interrupted *Gay Noise's* utterances on paedophilia in issue 6, I agree with them that some explanation of my anger would be a good idea.

I was shocked (but then maybe I'm naive about such things...) to see anti-feminist sentiments in *Gay Noise*. I cannot interpret the idea that feminists are puritans in any other way, even after thinking about it for two weeks. Feminists are *not* puritans. We are concerned with asserting women's concepts and ideas in every sphere of our lives. Of course, this necessarily means to *deny* the all-pervading male ideology in many instances. Particularly in so far as sexuality is concerned, sexist men have interpreted this denial of their own wishes and fantasies as puritanism. So where does *Gay Noise* fit into this? I cannot explain it—maybe they can.

Paedophilia is not an issue in the women's movement in this country at the moment. I have never heard it discussed, and neither have any of the women I have asked about it. If *Gay Noise* wants to ensure that no realational debate takes place around the issue, they are going the right way about it.

## Gay Teachers Picket Union

THE TEACHERS in Further and Higher Education Gay Group have called a picket of NATFHE's National Council. This is because of their failure to publish their policy statement on gay rights which was promised for 1977. Already two regions (Outer London and East Anglia) have passed resolutions calling on NATFHE to publish this statement, and the picket is expected to be the largest gay picket of a teaching union.

Assemble: Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1, at 10.30am, 8th November, 1980. For further details ring 01-263 5241.



## Socialist Workers Party Meeting

IN MANCHESTER over the weekend of 18 and 19 October eleven gay members of the Socialist Workers Party met to discuss how best to continue and develop the work of the Party's Gay Group. Concern was expressed about the small amount of gay coverage in *Socialist Worker* and *Women's Voice*. But comrades felt that this weakness had more to do with their own failure to regularly prepare material for the party's publications, than any reticence within the organisation to take gay work seriously. The importance of making the connection within the gay movement between gay unemployment and concrete struggles against unemployment in the wider labour movement was also stressed.

After a discussion of International work Manchester's SWP Gay Group agreed to strengthen their links with FUORI and socialist organisations in Italy generally in preparation for next year's International Gay Association Conference in Turin.

The need for a general meeting of lesbians within the Party was also discussed, and provisional arrangements are that it should be held on Sunday 22 February at Manchester Gay Centre.

For more information about the group's activities contact: SWP Gay Group, P.O. Box 82, London E2.

## Rags! Rags! Rags!

A COMMONLY neglected area of gay publishing is the production of periodical newsletters, broadsheets, and bulletins. These may be produced by national organisations (like *Gay Scotland*, The Irish National Gay Federation's *In Touch*, CHE's *Broadsheet*), some are produced by organisations for distribution amongst their membership (like the disabled lesbians' *Gemma* newsletter), and others are produced by local gay groups, either to distribute to their members (like Lancaster Gay Group's Newsletter, Manchester Gay Centre Newsletter and Hull Gay Centre Newsletter) or additionally to be sold (like NIGRA's *Gay Star*, St Alban's *Gay Voice* and *East London GLF News*).

While their format and quality varies, this largely reflects the different aims and purposes of the publications, the nature of the organisations which produce them and the extent of their resources. Their strength and importance lies in their usefulness as organisational tools, both locally and nationally, and in the information and news they give to other areas of gay publishing. *Gay Noise* feels that their importance cannot be stressed enough, and urges all gay groups who publish such newsheets to send copies to us and as many other organisations as they can afford.

## "Time" called at Brady's

ON FRIDAY 24th October, the new manager of Brady's pub, *The Railway*, in Brixton sacked three of his bar staff. He intended to turn the pub into a male gay bar. After a meeting in the pub's largest bar between the barmen and the customers 260 customers left the pub in protest and pickets were put on every door. By 10.15pm *The Railway* was as quiet as the grave.

Bewildered by the consequences of their commitment, scores of perplexed gay socialists, feminists and heterosexual

radicals were to be seen wandering through the streets in search of another drink.

The gay man on the staff, explaining why he came out on strike in solidarity with his heterosexual colleagues said that he had no objection to the pub becoming a gay bar, but that this could not be done at the expense of people's jobs or homes.

All five barmen have now been sacked and evicted from their rooms above the pub.

Pickets are still posted on the quietest pub in London.

## Have you heard the Noise?

TO MAKE a louder noise, and to air readers' criticisms and suggestions etc., *Gay Noise* will now be holding its development meeting in Manchester at the Manchester Gay Centre, on the weekend of the 6th and 7th December, starting at 2.00pm Saturday. Registration will be £1.00 for waged people, free for unwaged. We hope as many people as possible will be able to attend.

In the context of discussing the prevailing political conditions we will be considering how to improve the breadth and quality of news coverage, how to expand our distribution throughout these islands, how to raise funds, and giving ourselves the old pat on the back as usual, if no one else will. For further details, contact *Gay Noise*, 149 Railton Rd, London SE24, England.

## Lesbians to meet in Edinburgh.

A GATHERING has been organised in Edinburgh for lesbians from all over Scotland, so that gay women can meet each other, keep in contact and have a growing lesbian support network. There will be political discussions and workshops on practical skills like woodwork. Lunch on both days, a disco with a lesbian band and a bookstall will be provided. If you require accommodation, creche facilities or to be met at train or bus stations, please let the organisers know as soon as possible. The gathering will be held on 29th and 30th November at Workers Educational Association, Riddles Court, Lawnmarket, Royal Mile, Edinburgh. It will cost £3 for earners and £1.50 for non-earners. For further information contact Linda, 31 Regent Street, Edinburgh 15 (031-669 1501).

## ★ Lotte Cash's Fighting Fund ★

**"I think I can live with myself".**

*PERSISTENT RUMOURS circulating last week about myself in relation to an incident in Brixton Tesco's are quite unfounded. I will end all speculation now with a full statement of the facts.*

*Every Monday I go to the bank to deposit your donations and to check that the cash limits are still good and tight. I then do the Gay Noise weekly shopping. Last Monday, I was in more of a hurry than usual because I had two socio-political engagements that evening. Somewhat distracted, I walked out of Tesco's and was immediately stopped by the store manager. He brusquely demanded to see my purchases. To my embarrassment I had absent mindedly placed a carton of natural yoghurt, a tin of peas, a packet of Custard Creams, a pair of tights, A bag of sugar, and some New Tesco's Buggy Lunch (for the rabbit) in my inside coat pocket (this was a secret pocket where I kept the cash books etc.). The manager immediately accused me of shop lifting.*

*I was of course shocked and told him I'd sooner rob a bank than eke out a meagre living on 87 pence worth of Tesco's Tat. I also denied that I had been banned from every other shop in the Brixton area. However he persisted and called a policeman. The constable was clearly embarrassed when he saw me (he had obviously attended one of my many private functions). I was held in the station for three hours. When I arrived back at the office I found workmen outside disconnecting the electricity! I remonstrated with them, but they were not to be swayed. Not even anthropomorphic appeals on behalf of the hen and the rabbit moved them. They told me they required £300 for a reconnection and £300 deposit. I left the scene in disgust.*

*We are now homeless and so renewed efforts on your part are required to maintain our spirits and help us establish a new office. Cash is of course the best way. Last week brought in £130, including two donations for £50 from individuals (they prefer their names to be kept secret). My debut at the Hemingford Arms brought in £23.03. I look forward to a return visit but I must ask that security arrangements (as opposed to the security guards) are tighter next time.*

*I do not yet know whether a court case will result from the Tesco's Humiliation. In the meantime, I would ask you to boycott them in solidarity with myself, and send any money you might save to Gay Noise, c/o L. Cash.*

*Yours, in trust,*

*Lotte Cash*

## EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- Sat. 8th**  
*Women's Voice Dayschool*. Hemel Hempstead. Ring: Jane, St Albans 68678
- Sat. 8th**  
**NATFHE Picket** assemble Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1 at 10.30am. Ring (01-) 263 5241.
- Sun. 9th**  
 'Crimes of the Future' exhibition of collages. Gays the Word, Marchmont St, London WC1. For two weeks.
- Wed. 12th**  
 'Prostitution'. London Gay Workshops. 7.30pm Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.
- Thurs. 13th**  
**Insulting Behaviour Picket**. 10am Bow Street, Covent Garden, London. The trial of Paud Hegarty and Gareth Thomas for kissing on the street.
- Sat. 15th**  
**Don't Let Them Die**. Demonstration in support of the hunger strikers in the H Blocks. Assemble 1pm, Thames Embankment, London.
- Thurs. 20th**  
**Gay Pride Week Committee**. 8pm 42a Formosa St, London W9.
- Sat. 22nd**  
**Gay Socialist Conference 1980**. Sat 10am-Sun 5pm. Caxton House, St. Johns Way, London N19. £2.00 waged, £1.00 unwaged.
- Employment Protection Appeal Conference**. 10.30am-2.30pm Central Community Halls, Maryhill Road, Glasgow.
- Mon. 24th**  
**St. Albans CND Meeting** with film 'The War Game'. St Albans Civic Hall. Details: John, St Albans 64372.
- Tues. 25th**  
 'The PIE trial'. London Gay Workshops. 8pm Lower Common Room, South Bank Poly SU, Rotary St, London SE1.
- 'Women and Music' *Women's Voice* meeting. 8pm. Details: Jane, St Albans 68678.
- Wed. 26th**  
 'The implications of the PIE trial'. London Gay Teachers Group meeting. 7.30pm 42a Formosa St, London W9. Details: (01-) 670 4798.
- Sat. 29th**  
**Gay Rights At Work Conference**. 10.30am-2.00pm. Trades Council, Picardy Place, Edinburgh.
- Sat/Sun 29th and 30th**  
**Scottish Lesbian Gathering**. WEA, Riddles Court, Lawnmarket, Royal Mile, Edinburgh. Ring 031 669 1501.
- Joint Committee Against Repression**. Lancaster planning meeting. For details write to *Gay Noise*.

### DECEMBER

- Tues. 9th**  
**Hull Gay Centre Christmas Disco**. 8.30pm-1.30am. Romeo and Juliets.

## Issue 8 musts

- Mon. 10th Nov.**  
 Business meeting and discussion of previous issue. 7.30pm
- Wed. 12th Nov.**  
 First final copy meeting. 7.30pm
- Sat. 15 Nov.**  
 Final final copy meeting. 10.00am
- Tues. 18th Nov.**  
 Paste-up. 9.00am
- Wed. 19th Nov.**  
 London distribution and fold-up meeting. 6.30pm.
- Advertisements, entries for Events and alterations to Listings must reach us by 12th November. Other material must be in by 15th November. All copy (even letters) must be typed, double-spaced. Ring (01-) 272 5628 for meeting details.

## Next Issue Out On Thursday 20th Nov.



## Joint Committee Plans

LANCASTER GAY GROUP have decided to host the first meeting of the Joint Committee Against the Repression of Gay Women and Men, due to take place in Lancaster over the last weekend of November.

The meeting, starting at 2pm sharp on November 29 in the Lancaster Trades Hall, Fenton St, will consider plans for the mass demonstration in Manchester which has provisionally been called for Saturday, February 21 1981.

It is important that as many individuals and organisations as possible attend this meeting, so as to make the committee as representative and effective as possible.

Registration will be free for unwaged people and £2 for waged people. If you are bringing your kids please tell us when you register. Everyone must register, by post to *Gay Noise*, at least one week before the meeting, so that accommodation, creche, and other arrangements can be properly organised. Money orders must be made out to Lancaster Gay Group and sent to *Gay Noise*.



## Newworkers for Workshops

FIRE WITH the success of the workshops so far, London Gay Workshops are contemplating a further series in the Spring. With this end in view, they are keen to expand the organising group. People who are interested in being involved should write to: Gay Workshops, c/o 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1, or phone Philip Payne on 01-520 8782 after 5pm most evenings.

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To reply to a box number seal your reply in an envelope addressed to *Gay Noise*, 149 Railton Road, London SE24, with the box number marked clearly on the front. Please mark the top left-hand corner of the envelope "Ads".

When opening a box number remember to enclose a large envelope addressed to *yourself*. Replies will be forwarded once a week.

# LISTINGS

Aberdeen Trades' Union Gay Rights Group, c/o Boomtown Books, 167 Kings St., Aberdeen AB2 3AE.  
 Anti-Apartheid, 89 Charlotte St., London W1.  
 Anti-Nazi League, PO Box 353, London NW5.  
 A Woman's Place, William IV St., London WC1.  
 Brothers and Sisters, Deaf Gay Group, 11 Hawthorn Ave., Rainham, Essex.  
 Campaign Against Public Morals, Box BM 1151, London WC1V 6XX.  
 Campaign for Homosexual Equality, 42a Formosa St., London W10.  
 Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 29 Gt. James' St., London WC1. 01-242 0363  
 Communist Party, 16 St John St., London EC1. 01-274 0843  
 Employment Protection Appeal, 60 Broughton St., Edinburgh.  
 Gay Activists Alliance, 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1.  
 Gay Left, 38 Chalcut Rd., London NW1.  
 Gay Men's Press, 27 Priory Ave., London N8.  
 Gay News Ltd., 1a Normand Gardens, Greyhound Rd., London W14. 01-381 216  
 Gay Post Office Workers Group, BM GAYPO, London WC1V 6XX.  
 Gay Pride Defence Committee, 42a Formosa St., London W9.  
 Gay Rights At Work, 7 Pickwick Court, London SE9. 01-857 3793  
 Gay's Against the Film "Cruising" (GAF"C"), 7 Pickwick Court, London SE9. 01-857 3793  
 Gay Sweatshop, 5 Leonard St., London EC2. 01-250 1762  
 Gay's the Word, 66 Marchmont St., London WC1. 01-278 7654  
 Gay Youth Movement, c/o 6-9 Manor Gdns., London N7.  
 Gemma, Disabled Lesbians, BM Box 5700, London WC1V 6XX.  
 GLAD, Gay Legal Advice 01-262 2892, 7-12 nightly.  
 Icebreakers, BM/GAYLIB, London WC1V 6XX. 01-274 9590 7.30-10.30 nightly.  
 International Gay Association, Hirschfield Centre, 10 Fownes St., Dublin 2 70-08-95

International Marxist Group, 328/9 Upper St., London N1.  
 LesbianLine, BM 1514, London WC1V 6XX. 01-837 8602. Mon & Fri 2-10pm. Tues-Thurs 7-10pm  
 London Friend, 274 Upper Street, London N1. 01-359 7371, 7.30-10 nightly.  
 Lothian Trades' Union Gay Rights Group, 60 Broughton St., Edinburgh EH1 3SA.  
 NALGAY, 7 Pickwick Court, London SE9. 01-857 3793  
 National Abortion Campaign, 374 Grays Inn Rd., London WC1. 01-278 0153  
 National Council for Civil Liberties, 186 Kings Cross Rd., London WC1. 01-278 4575  
 National Gay Federation, 10 Fowes St., Upper, Dublin 2  
 Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association, PO Box 44, Belfast BT1 1SH.  
 Parents Enquiry, Rose Robertson, 16 Honley St., London SE6. 01-698 1815  
 Peace News, 8 Elm Ave., Nottingham. 0602 53587  
 Release, legal & medical emergency service 24hrs, 01-289 1123  
 Revolution Youth, 328 Upper St., London N1.  
 Right to Work Campaign, 265a Seven Sisters Rd., London N4.  
 Sappho, The Basement, 20 Dorset Sq., London NW1.  
 Scottish Gay Activists Alliance, First of May Bookshop, Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh.  
 Scottish Homosexual Rights Group, 60 Broughton St., Edinburgh.  
 Sequel, 49 Pratt St., London NW1.  
 Smash the Prevention of Terrorism Act, BM RCT, London WC1V 6XX.  
 Sisterwrite, 190 Upper St., London N1.  
 Socialist Workers Party, PO Box 82, London E2.  
 Spare Rib, 27 Clerkenwell Close, London EC1. 01-253 9792  
 South London Women Against Imperialism, 71 Saltown Rd., SW2.  
 Troops Out Movement, 2a St. Pauls Rd., London N1.  
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**BLACKBURN**  
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 News from Nowhere, 100 Whitechapel Rd  
 Adelaide Bookshop, 14 Cecil Court, WC2  
 Balham Book & Food Coop, 2-16 Culmore Cres, SW12  
 Bookmarks, 265a Seven Sisters Rd, N4  
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 Bread and Roses, Upper St, N1  
 Central Books, Grays Inn Rd, WC1  
 Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High St, E8  
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 Colletts, Charing Cross Rd, WC1  
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 Crouch End Bookshop, Crouch End Hill, N8  
 Gay's the Word, 66 Marchmont St, WC1  
 Housman's, 5 Caledonian Rd, N1  
 Kilburn Bookshop, Kilburn High Road, NW6  
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