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 Brothers and Sisters, Deaf Gay Group, 11 Hawthorn Ave., Rainham, Essex.
 Campaign Against Public Morals, Box BM 1151, London WC1V 6XX.
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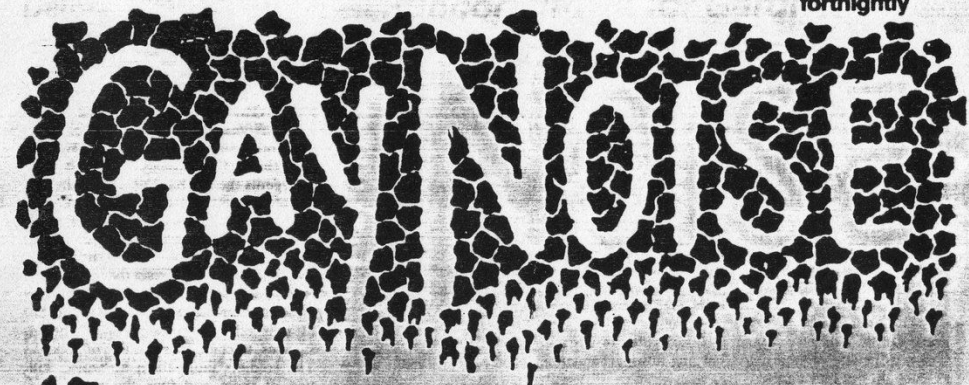
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 Scottish Homosexual Rights Group, 60 Broughton St., Edinburgh.
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Politics of Homosexuality

A reprint of Don Milligan's pamphlet *The Politics of Homosexuality*, first published in 1973, is now available from 60 Broughton St, Edinburgh EH1 3SA. It costs 25p plus 10p p&P, but discount is available for bulk orders of five or more.



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Manchester backs Demonstration

IN MANCHESTER on the 9th of November, the delegate conference of the National Union of Students Gay Liberation Campaign voted to support the mass demonstration against the repression of lesbians and homosexual men, called for February 21st, 1981. This move has since been backed by the University

of Manchester's Students' Union. General Secretary, John Anzani, has written to *Gay Noise* informing us of his executive's decision, and their plans for building support for this demonstration within the NUS.

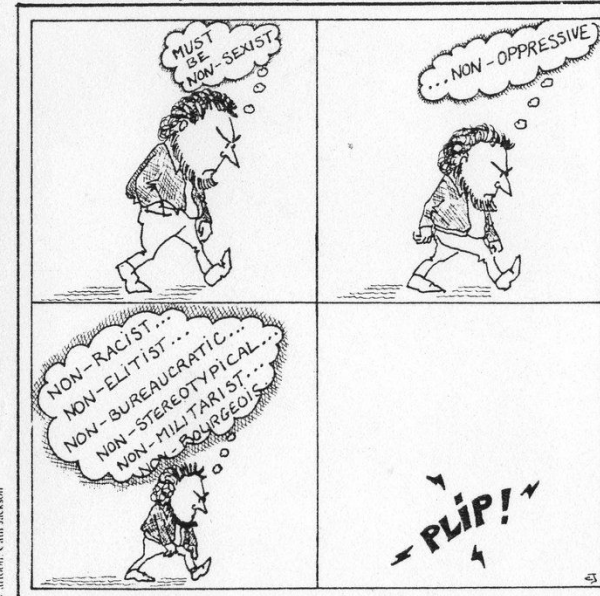
Contained in the conference motion of support was also an instruction to the NUS Gay Liberation Committee to co-

ordinate a national gay week of action for 16th to 21st February to build support for the demonstration throughout the student movement.

Earlier in the afternoon, a motion was passed demanding that a press statement be released expressing support for the five defendants in the PIE trial, including in this statement the five demands of the Campaign Against Public Morals. However, this was amended so as to include the sentence "this conference does not necessarily support the notion of paedophilia". This motion came at the end of the debate around the issues of paedophilia and child sexuality, which had been maintained throughout the two and a half day conference. This had started when a member of CAPM spoke on the PIE trial, and was continued with a workshop on the trail, and one on women and the age of consent. It was out of the latter that the amendment to the original motion came, although it was clear that the members of the group proposing it differed considerably in their stances on the issue. It was noticeable in this debate that there was a shift towards a more pro-paedophile position amongst many delegates.

Arising from the session during which motions were passed were a number of changes which will alter the direction and effect of the students' campaign and conference, and hopefully increase their usefulness. Acknowledging the importance of the co-ordination and sharing of individual and local experience, the Gay Liberation Committee will in future try to organise two conferences a year, rather than the one at present.

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Cartoon: Cath Jackson

Editorial



AFTER TRYING a sneak attack on council house rents, the Tories scream blue murder because Labour left MPs messed up the end of term panto. Puss in Boots, better known as Black Red, got fussed, the Lords got kept waiting, and once again a Tory Minister was caught red-handed in his attempt to cut the living standards of working people.

If the Tories confined their activities to breaking trades union agreements, wrecking the economy and barging into parliamentary pickets, this would be bad enough, but they don't.

They have also set their sights on paralysing the gay movement.

Gay Noise has not uncovered a plot of CIA proportions. In fact there is no plot at all. Rather it is the fact that conservatives within the gay community persistently and irresponsibly attack all those within our movement who strive to understand the nature of the oppression of homosexual people.

Whenever and wherever we come together to organise and fight for our liberation we are confronted by the smug complacency of some Tory half-wit who seems to think that all socialist reason and analysis can be swept away by glib references to stalinism. That stalinist dictatorships viciously persecuted lesbians and gay men we have no doubt. However, it is not the members of Gay Con or their acolytes who strive to understand or develop a critique of stalinism. In fact it is only those engaged in the struggle to determine the relationship between social oppression and economic exploitation who can even begin to understand the nature of stalinist repression.

The fact is that gay Tories feel that the difficulties they confront as homosexuals within this society are all the result of some misunderstanding. What is more, they believe that this misunderstanding is compounded by the public presence of butch dykes, drag queens, and hectoring socialists. They think that by shitting on us they can reassure those in power that homosexuality does not constitute a threat to family life and the social fabric of capitalist society.

As a result, gay conservatives are nothing but treacherous in their dealings with their gay brothers and sisters. They are hostile to the perceptions and struggles of the women's movement, and they regard any effective gay struggle, be it on the streets, in the workplace, or in the home, as unseemly. They see struggle as undignified and do all in their power to sabotage it. Gay conservatives have neither answers nor explanations, nor analyses.

For years, they have perceived and presented themselves as the respectable ballast that has kept the gay movement on an even keel. Thanks to their weighty misconceptions our movement has wallowed low in the water. It is high time that we pumped the bilges dry and threw these stowaways overboard, the dead-weight of their ideology tied firmly around their necks.

Bon Voyage!

OMEGA

OMEGA IS not only the newspaper of Edinburgh's student community, it is also committed to attacking homosexual people and to the suppression of debate. Colin Salter, who writes about gossip and such like, has recently struck out into more demanding spheres of journalism by writing about the film *Cruising*. *Cruising* is, writes Colin, "More than just another police drama, this (film) is Friedkin's statement on Homosexuality, and as such it is an important film." Friedkin, Colin tells his readers "creates a sharp contrast between the gentle, harmonious atmosphere in scenes of normal heterosexual relationships, and the harsh, violent, sweaty world of homosexuality (and its murders)." We

are, says Colin, encouraged "to be genuine free-thinkers instead of the free-thinkers others would have us be. All power to his (Friedkin's) clapperboard - it bites." Following this perceptive and thought provoking little piece Murray Carmichael Forgie, President of Edinburgh College of Art Gay Soc, wrote to *Omega*. He has not received a reply, instead Gay Soc posters have been ripped down and at the time of writing *Omega's* editors have suppressed all debate or discussion of Colin Salter, and his free ranging thoughts. *Gay Noise* has written to *Omega* and to the National Union of Students National Executive concerning this matter and we, like Murray, await a reply.



THEY SAW, THEY CAME THEY CONQUERED

HOWARD BRENTON'S epic play, *The Romans in Britain* is an uncompromising exposure of British Imperialism in Ireland. At last the bourgeois theatre has broken the silence about events in Ireland over the last decade. That achievement is seriously undermined however by the play's central image - the notorious 'homosexual rape'. To set the scene - the Romans arrive to find three naked athletic young druids, who have been established as pre-colonial noble savages, unclad, unarmed and unfucked. The soldiers taunt them as 'wogs', kill two of them and fuck the third. The young Celt's arsehole is first cut open with a knife and the rape is enacted as an imperialist rite of passage. The druid, feeling himself to be defiled, kills himself.

It is this scene, and not what the play says about Ireland which has caused the controversy. The predictable interventions of Whitehouse and Horace Cutler disguise the fact that both they and Brenton are actually agreed in their shared revulsion of homosexuality. The difference between them is that Brenton is prepared to make art (and money) by presenting what they would prefer to suppress and ignore.

There is also a concurrence of ideas.

In establishing an association between buggery and sacrilege he is recreating the old idea of buggery as blasphemy. Mary Whitehouse did the same thing at the Old Bailey three years ago. Whatever his political and artistic intention, the image is perceived as one of homosexuality, not of imperialism; and homosexuality is construed as an act of violence.

Instead of taking up the challenge of gay liberation, straight men like Brenton and Friedkin prefer to exercise their distress about homosexuality by presenting it as a predatory threat. In so doing they are allies of the puritan right and if their images mean anything, they reflect the futile decadence of the heterosexual male artist.

Lesbian Conference Success.

A HIGHLY successful conference for gay women took place in Lancaster on the 18th October. Over 100 lesbians attended the various events and workshops during the day and about 60 took part in the evening entertainments and disco.

Following the success of the conference the organisers went on to organise a benefit disco in aid of Lesbian Line. For details of any further events planned phone Lancaster Gay Switchboard: 63021 (Thurs & Fri 6pm-8pm.)

Demonstration

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The conference decided to accept the invitation of Queen's University, Belfast and the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association to hold the next November conference in Belfast. Another motion passed means that lesbians will in future work autonomously within the Gay Liberation Conference, since a separate lesbian conference is not economically viable.

While these changes are only organisational, they reflect a new mood within the student gay movement, and a desire to move forward more forcefully.

Planning Meeting for the Demonstration
Registration for the meeting of the Joint Committee Against the Repression of Lesbians and Gay Men will cost £2 for waged people and will be free for unwaged. The meeting starts at 2pm on Saturday 29th November in Lancaster Trades Hall, Fenton St, and you must have registered by Monday, 24th November. Please let us know if you require accommodation or creche facilities, and send cheques, made payable to *Lancaster Gay Group*, to BM *Gay Noise*. London WC1N 3XX.

HIGH COURT INJUNCTION

SIX PEOPLE picketing the Railway Pub in Brixton, South London, have had a High Court injunction brought out against them. They were picketing the pub after Terry Stewart, a member of the Socialist Workers' Party gay group, had been banned from the pub. This is the latest development in the dispute between the former barstaff and the new management of the pub.

As reported in *Gay Noise* No 7, the new manager of the pub sacked three of his barstaff, at the same time depriving them of their homes above the pub. In response to this the customers and staff walked out of the pub and a picket was mounted.

On the 4th November an agreement was reached between the management and ex-workers. Each of the sacked bar staff would receive £500 and would stay away from the pub for 28 days. There would be no victimisation of customers who took part in the picket.

However, this agreement was broken when Terry Stewart was banned from the pub for having organised the picket. The picket was revived in support of Terry and a High Court injunction was brought against him, Leana Nixon and the four old staff who were picketing in his support.

The Railway has ceased to be Brixton's radical pub and the gay socialists, feminists and heterosexual radicals of the area have found a new watering hole at The Albert on Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, London.

Support grows for Gardners



John Strickland Report

AS THE occupation of Gardner's diesel engine factory in Manchester continues, support grows for the action of these workers fighting for their jobs.

A tour of workplaces in Glasgow and Edinburgh is thought to have collected between £10,000 and £14,000. Lothian miners have organised regular pithead collections, and the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders fighting fund have donated £1000. Meanwhile messages of support

and donations have poured in from workplaces, individuals and organisations all over these islands.

The Gay Rights at Work Campaign are organising a collection for the Gardner's fighting fund and all donations should be sent to: Gay Rights at Work, 7 Pickwick Court, London SE9.

Invaluable Picket

FOLLOWING A successful picket of the National Council of NATFHE, the union for teachers in Further and Higher Education, four members of the union's gay group met with the chairperson and vice-president of the Union's Salaries and Conditions of Service Standing Advisory Committee.

The picket, held at NATFHE's London headquarters on November 8th, was supported by 30 gay people. They were protesting at the union's failure to publish its statement on gay rights, which had been promised for 1977.

The two NATFHE officials who met with the gay group members explained that though they opposed discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, the subject would not be put on that day's agenda. Instead it would be referred to the advisory committee's meeting in January, for which the NATFHE gay group will be producing publicity and information in support of its demands.

Bob Cant, a member of the NATFHE gay group, said "The picket was invaluable. Without it, they would never have considered meeting us." The chances of the NATFHE statement on gay rights being published within the next few months now appear to be much greater.

Fascist bomb threat

AT 3AM ON November 8th a bomb threat was issued to *Gay Noise* by a man claiming to be from Column 88, a fascist terror organisation. The threat, which was made by phone to collective member, Don Milligan, was that a postal bomb (or bombs) was being sent to *Gay Noise*.

When the collective met to discuss the threat, we decided to consult Jewish, revolutionary and anti-fascist organisations to see what procedures they adopt in these circumstances. As a result of these consultations we then wrote to the Post Office, the regional office of the Union of Post Office Workers, and for the record to Scotland Yard. Two members of the collective were subsequently required to give a statement to the police 'anti-terrorist squad' at a designated police station. All attempts made by Scotland Yard to gain access to our offices were successfully thwarted.

By coincidence, we were being evicted from our Railton Road office at the same time. Rather than publish the address of our new office, we have decided to use a 'British Monomark' address. This precaution is aimed at protecting ourselves and our office, and ensuring the regularity of publication.



FASCISTS TRY TO RECRUIT HOMOSEXUALS
 HOMOSEXUAL MEMBERS of the Viking Youth have been reported to have been drinking and cruising in gay pubs in North London. The Viking Youth, formed by Paul Jarvis, a member of the National Front and formerly a member of another fascist organisation, the British Movement, have been recruiting homosexual boys.

Jarvis, who has a conviction for owning gas guns, is affectionately known as the Gruppenfuhrer within the group. It is an offshoot of the German 'Wiking Jugend', formed in the 1950s, which is a direct descendent of the Hitler Youth. While their activities usually involve going on endurance marches and recruiting in street markets and at Scout gatherings, their presence in North London's gay pubs, where they argue with 'Commie Queers', marks a frightening trend towards infiltrating gay meeting places.

We will not tolerate the presence of these fascists in our pubs or anywhere else in our lives. *Gay Noise* would like to hear from anyone who has encountered members of this or any other fascist group in gay places.

Reading Sore

IT WOULD appear that the Royal Berkshire Hospital is still living in the sixties in its attitudes towards gay patients.

Notices on the wall of the clinic inform you that the doctor is the best judge and exhort you not to withhold information even if you think it is not relevant. You are also told that if you default on an appointment made by this best judging doctor, "steps will be taken which will be in your best interest". Unpleasant enough. The receptionist, whose main interest is if you are married or not, and insists that everyone has a christian name, veers between being whitesugar sweet or totally authoritarian.

The doctors go in for the full patronising mumbo-jumbo we used to expect from the medical services. Request for a full check-up by a gay man was covered by a cursory glance at the penis. A consultant, when asked the reason for his speculative diagnosis gives the frosty reply, "because of my forty years experience".

When asked why results from tests have not come through, doctors reply that they have no idea. When pressed they admit, that results for this clinic takes three weeks to come through. Readers will not be surprised to learn that this 'special clinic' which covers the



Fascist smegma displaying British Movement tattoo.

Lucy Spinkham (left)

Reading area, is only open three hours per sex per week.

The contact tracer, however, was able to assure our correspondent, that there are only three active cases of syphilis in the Reading area, and that this should be borne in mind if you're planning to go cottaging in the area. At least they recognise that cottaging occurs.

This punitive, patronising and prejudiced attitude to VD has never been acceptable and will not be tolerated now.

If you are interested in pressing for adequate VD treatment in the Reading area, without having to travel to London, please contact Robert Bell, Gay Soc. c/o Student's Union Clubs Offices, University of Reading, Whiteknights Park, Reading, Berkshire.

Paedophilia Workshop

ABOUT TWENTY lesbians and gay men took part in a recent workshop on paedophilia in Edinburgh. The meeting was addressed by Roger Moody, (author of *Indecent Assault*), but then broke up into informal groups before coming together again for a final exchange of ideas.

The use of conspiracy laws in the PIE trial was condemned, and there were considerable discussions about adult authority, lesbian paedophiles and male power.

The workshop was considered a success, and will doubtless be followed by a more widespread discussion of paedophilia and children's rights. Perhaps it would be a good idea for other groups to follow Edinburgh's example.

Gays for Europe???

BEARING IN mind our presence in the Common Market, and the practice of French men, we can hardly define "insulting behaviour" so as to include two men kissing. This was the substance of a comment made by a magistrate in a case at Bow Street Magistrates Court in London on November 13th. The cases against Gareth Thomas and Paul Hegarty, charged with "insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace" and "obstruction" were dismissed, and the magistrate in a further moment of humour declined to bind them over as, he said, we are no longer in the fourteenth century.

The charges had arisen on September 28th at a picket of the film "Cruising", when Gareth and Patrick kissed each other goodbye before leaving for their respective homes. They were arrested for "obscene behaviour" after the police claimed they had received a complaint from a member of the public, who refused to give his name or address; the charges were changed when they reached the police station. In court the prosecuting policeman emphasised the presence of children and women at the time the "offence" took place. However the crux of the disagreement between prosecution and defence was over the legal position rather than about the facts of the situation, and it was here that the magistrate said that it was not sufficient for behaviour to be "rude" or "offensive" for it to be "insulting".

Earlier in the day, in a different court in Bow Street, Gareth Thomas (again!) and Shane Enright had been charged with "obstruction". These charges had similarly arisen at a picket of "Cruising", and again the magistrate felt there was enough doubt in her mind to dismiss the cases, although in none of the cases were costs awarded against the police. The picket outside the court was well attended and the public galleries packed. The numbers were boosted by Goldsmith College and London School of Economics Students' Unions, who had passed motions in support of the defendants, mandating their executive to attend the picket.

There is no cause for jubilation, however, that these cases were dismissed: the magistrate's decision does not create precedents, so you can still be arrested for kissing someone of the same sex. These men should not have had to pay for their defence: they should never have been in court.

A fund has been set up to help pay for costs and travel expenses of these three defendants, as well as preparing for the trial on December 1st of two other men arrested at pickets of "Cruising". Please send donations to *Gays Against the Film "Cruising" Defence Fund*, 7 Pickwick Court, London SE9 4SA.

Nottingham CHE disappointed

NOTTINGHAM'S Director of Education, James Stone, has rejected an application by Nottingham CHE to hire the Teachers' Centre. CHE had planned to show an educational tape and slide kit to the town's teachers. Several months earlier a similar application (to hold a forum for teachers, social workers and probation officers) had been accepted, only to be rejected shortly before the event was due to take place.

Nottingham CHE took issue about the rejected application and raised support among a number of County Councilors, M.P.'s and local organisations. But Mr. Stone would not rescind his ban and managed to belatedly secure the approval of the Education Committee for his position.

Nottingham CHE then lodged a complaint with the local government ombudsman, alleging injustice on grounds of prejudice. However the ombudsman decided not to investigate the complaint formally on the grounds that, on the first occasion complained of, the forum was eventually held on County Council premises - albeit not those under the control of James Stone.

CHE is disappointed with the ombudsman's decision, but believe that the exercise was useful in drawing public attention to the discrimination against gay women and men and their organisations: when the appeal was first made it received front page coverage in one of the local papers.

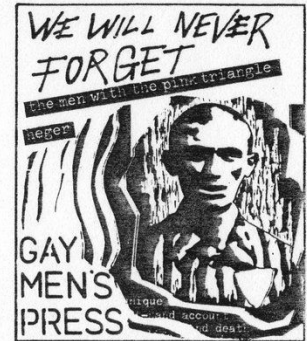
Nottingham CHE are now asking candidates for the coming County Council elections where they stand on the ban.

It's called Parliamentary Democracy

THE LORDS' amendment to Robin Cook's amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill went through the Commons unopposed, and has now become law. Robin Cook, aware of the lunacies of English law on the matter, intended at first to amend the Lords' amendment so that at least the limit of two men present would only apply to the room where sex was happening.

He was assured however, by Malcolm Rifkind, Minister for Home Affairs at the Scottish Office, that any such addition would be redundant, as it was most improbable that a Scottish Court would accept that a third party were present if they were not in the room.

One up for Scottish common-sense. But there was no sensible reason why English courts should have done otherwise in interpreting 'in private' in the English statute. Judges anywhere are assiduous in harassing gays, even if they begin to look ridiculous in the process. Will Scots be able to be present while absent? Watch this space. Baffled? So are we!



There is gay life in Greece outside Mykonos

THE TRIAL of the Greek gay magazine, *Amphi*, due to take place earlier this month has been postponed yet again, and will now be held in March.

Copies of *Amphi* were confiscated by the police a year ago because of a poem by Nicos Spanias which contained the word 'kavli' (erect prick) and was accompanied by an illustration of a nude man.

Well-informed sources are speculating that the latest postponement is due to Spanias, the main defendant, being too ill to attend court. Spanias lives in New York and is suffering from cancer.

The *Amphi* Benefit Show however is still going to be performed on Monday, November 24th at Theatro Technis, 26, Crowndale Road, London NW1 at 8.00pm.

The show is being staged as a gesture of solidarity with the Greek gay movement (AKOE) to which all proceeds are to be donated. It is based on original material taken from *Amphi*, translated into English and adapted for the stage by Micky Silva.

"You've all heard of the film of the book," says Micky, "well, this is the Benefit Show of the Magazine."

Amphi might all be written in Greek, but the performance is in English, so people here can get a clearer picture of what it's like being gay in Greece today and see what they're supporting for themselves.



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WE PRINT HERE two extracts from the CAPM pamphlet *Paedophilia & Public Morals*. The first is the introduction; the second an article reprinted from *Revolution*, the newspaper of the revolutionary youth organisation of the same name. Both give a good idea what *Paedophilia & Public Morals* is about – and why *Gay Noise* thinks that the pamphlet is so important – and why we think that everyone who reads *Gay Noise* should read it as well.

The Show Trial & Populist Offensive

ON JANUARY 5th, 1981, the Director of Public Prosecutions intends to bring five men to the Old Bailey for trial, charged with 'Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals'. The trial is certain to attract massive reactionary publicity in the popular press. The task of this pamphlet is to forewarn and forearm all radical movements, and in particular the sexual political movements in respect to the issues that will be on everyone's lips in January.

Who are these men on trial? They are members of the Executive Committee of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE). Paedophiles are adults who feel sexually attracted to children. PIE attempted to bring these people together in order to come to a common assessment of their sexuality and to form a corresponding programme of legal reforms. We will discuss PIE's evolution and positions in more detail later in Chapter 7.

What is the trial about? PIE published a contact ad sheet. Members who wanted to could put their membership number, address and interests upon this sheet. It was then circulated within PIE and thus afforded the opportunity for paedophiles to correspond with one another. The police and the DPP allege that individuals (not the defendants) used the sheet in order to facilitate criminal and immoral activities to procure unlawful sex and to debauch and corrupt morals of children and adults alike.

The history of this particular charge dates back to 1663. A poet courier of Charles II's court got drunk at the Cock Tavern and proceeded to climb up to the roof of the Cock, whereupon he opened his breeches and pissed onto the street below. He then stripped naked and 'preached blasphemy to the people'. When the offended establishment dragged the poor poet into court, it was discovered to be the case that no suitable statutory law existed to deal with such contingencies, so the judges invented a charge of 'Corrupting Good Manners', but it was not until the 1960's that the Conspiracy element was introduced. As the law stands at present, it is impossible for anyone to actually corrupt Public Morals, but it is possible to conspire to do so. (see section on Conspiracy laws, chapter 2) They are arguing that the five defendants, as prominent members of PIE, who were responsible for the production of the sheet and are therefore central to a conspiracy to encourage the above activities to take place. Unfortunately, this is about all we can say about the content of the charges. This is not out of coyness. It is because the rest is *sub judice* and we would be in legal trouble ourselves if we were to go into them in any more detail. We will however endeavour not to avoid the many controversial issues which are likely to come out at the trial, even if we cannot specify the context in which they come up.

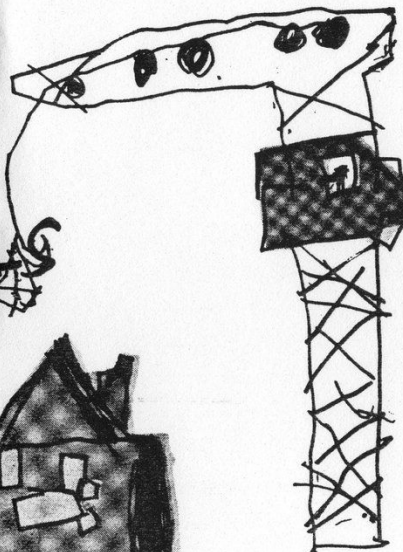
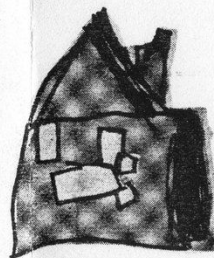
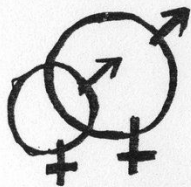
All this has to be seen in the context of the general political and economic crisis. The period we are now in should be sharply distinguished from the crisis which took place in the late sixties and early seventies. In all crises there are tendencies which create two radically different kinds of polarisation: polarisations between the oppressed and their oppressors and polarisations between different oppressed groups. In the previous crisis the former polarisations predominated. In particular we should note the increased class polarisations expressed in the industrial battlefield which eventually brought down the Tory government, the meteoric growth of the Women's Liberation Movement, and the growth of many significant radical tendencies.

At present however, the other polarisation tends to dominate. This isn't primarily because of the tactics of the present government. It is because of the specific nature of the crisis and in particular because it involves the demise of the welfare state.

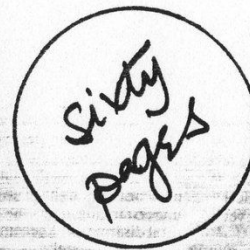
The present government have merely made a virtue out of necessity. For the significant period prior to taking government, the Thatcher/Joseph wing appreciated the climate and adopted an aggressive 'right populist' stance. In the run up to the elections they seized every opportunity to champion the 'bigotry' of the people against each other. Once in government they have continued this approach escalating the already existing inter-ethnic warfare. Classic examples of this have been their stand on immigration and on social security 'scroungers'.

PAEDOPHILIA
AND

PUBLIC
MORALS



A CAMPAIGN
AGAINST
PUBLIC MORALS
PUBLICATION



The coming trial will give them an opportunity they cannot afford to miss. For the last few years, quite independently to any government intervention, the popular press led by the *News of the World* have been waging a campaign against PIE. They will spontaneously bring this campaign to a thundering climax when this trial goes ahead. A right populist government cannot stand idly by when this happens. The government and all other levels of State apparatus are likely to adapt to the press created climate by launching an offensive against the gay community, against women and the most important, against children. We cannot predict the precise form this will take but we can be fairly certain of a witch hunt against lesbians and gay men who have contact with children. We can also be fairly certain of a dramatic re-assertion of the responsibilities of motherhood and the role of women in the family. We can be certain of a clamp down on autonomous activities of children inside the family in all spheres of life, and specifically of an attempt to smash any gay youth groups. And we can be certain of a concentrated effort to split the Women's Movement and the Gay Movement on the question on which they have been historically the weakest: paedophilia and child sexuality.

That is why we say this trial will be a show trial and that we must try and stop it, and prepare ourselves for the battle which will surround it.

We are not defending the five because we agree with their politics. Many of the arguments in this pamphlet run counter to what some of the defendants believe. We are not defending them because they are wonderful right on people with impeccable revolutionary socialist credentials.

We are defending them because they are on the front line where they are likely to receive the fiercest blows of a generally barbaric offensive. This we cannot tolerate.

For more information, leaflets, counter information newsletter, (planned for the eight weeks of the trial), enclose 20p and write to:

CAPM, BM 1151, LONDON WC1V 6XX

Single orders of the pamphlet 'Paedophilia & Public Morals' are 95p, bulk orders of 10 or more 65p each; add postage in both cases. Orders to the address above.

Age of Consent: The Facts

The Criminal Law Revision Committee is currently reviewing the Age of Consent laws for heterosexuals and homosexuals as a result of a report by the National Council for One Parent Families advocating the abolition of the Age of Consent for heterosexuals.

Revolution Youth is opposed to the Age of Consent laws for homosexuals and heterosexuals on the grounds that we stand for the rights of consenting people young and old to determine their own sex lives. The hue and cry that has developed over this issue in the popular press and in the women's movement cannot go unanswered. We are shocked to find that feminists in the women's movement have been among those favouring the retention of these repressive laws.

The law to raise the Age of Consent from 13 to 16 years, passed in 1885, was seen at the time as a victory against the exploitation of young women as prostitutes. But it was more ambiguous than that.

It happened in the context of a massive moral crusade during the 19th century which was attempting to discipline youth – sexually and socially in order to train a regimented workforce for the new factories and industries which were opening up.

In fact the Age of Consent laws actually denied the existence of women's sexual needs altogether. For example, there are no laws on homosexual consent for women because people like Queen Victoria didn't think it was possible for women to have fulfilling sexual relationships together (where penetration isn't involved what's the point?). Under the heterosexual Age of Consent laws it is the male who is prosecuted for intercourse with a woman under 16 years not the other way round because it is assumed that whether or not the girl consented to sex (let alone wanted) is irrelevant.

In fact if a woman under 16 does consent that makes it worse – it means she can be placed in care on the grounds that she is in 'moral danger' to herself because of her 'abnormal' sexual appetite.

Young people get the worst of it all round: the report cited many cases of young women, who, because of the existence of the law have been frightened to go and obtain contraception or to tell a doctor they are pregnant in case the doctors tell their parents. Some doctors won't even provide contraception to women under 16. Even before the law is used to prosecute it is a permanent basis of harassment of women.

This law does not protect young women from rape. Very few prosecutions are brought under it anyway (700 out of a possible 40,000 in 1975) and they are brought against young consenting people indiscriminately. Rape and sexual assault have to be dealt with under the existing laws. We have to campaign on this and fight for women to organise themselves against male attacks.

Rape cannot be dealt with by repressing the sexual expression of youth. That is just playing into the hands of moral bigots like Mary Whitehouse.

The Age of Consent should be abolished altogether. The law cannot define out sexuality for us. These laws are a product of a twisted society which seeks to punish and destroy loving and consenting relationships while turning a blind eye in many cases to the rape and violence which women are subjected to inside the family as well as out. We support the demand of the women's movement for the right of all women to determine their own sexuality.

Jude A.
London.

THE CAMPAIGN

The CAMPAIGN AGAINST PUBLIC MORALS (CAPM), exists to defend the five PIE defendants, and to alert people to the dangers surrounding the trial. The pamphlet has been written to encourage debate around the key political issues raised by the trial. To this end, certain arguments and positions have been put forward which are those of the particular authors. Involvement in CAPM does not necessarily mean agreement on such questions. The authors however do believe that it is vital to argue for the abolition of the age of consent, the right of children to an independent income etc.

CAPM's basic demands are printed along the bottom of the page.

CASH DONATIONS FOR THE CAMPAIGN ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED

Letters

Dear Gay Noise,

Like the "feminist typesetter who so rudely interrupted *Gay Noise's* utterances on paedophilia in Issue 6", I, too, am "shocked... to see anti-feminist sentiments in *Gay Noise*", especially when such sentiments are expressed in an editorial, which presumably voices the opinion of the collective as a whole.

In the dark? Well, I'm referring to the editorial in *Gay Noise 7*. The general drift is o.k., as far as it goes: of course lesbians and gay men "play a full (and not 'just' a sexual) part in the heartlands of economic and cultural life", but it is only "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 the dole queues"? What about women in the home? Surely the family is a heartland of economic and cultural/ideological life, and a crucial one at that?

I hope I'm wrong about this, but from reading the editorial, the sneaking suspicion grew that, being on the defensive, you'd ditched your sisters when it came to the unpleasant, tedious crunch of criticisms from male lefties whose tacit view is that the oppression of women is only a serious business when it leads to our exploitation at the point of production. In other words, you implicitly accepted the straight left's definition of the 'serious' and 'the important' in your bid to convince it that lesbians and gay men have political positions on all issues.

As I say, I hope this suspicion is unfounded, but even if it is, and all of you in fact give the oppression of women a prominent place in your politics, wouldn't it be better if you were seen to do so? Feminist women's suspicion that ultimately men (even gay men) can't be relied on to fight with us isn't the fruit of arm-chair reflection, but the bitter product of experience.

Yours in expectation of a continuing and otherwise excellent *Gay Noise*.

Helen Power, Liverpool

We stand corrected.

Our failure to mention work in the home in *Editorial 7* was not the result of any conscious response to the narrow limits imposed by some sections of the left. Nor was it the result of a stylistic error. It was backsliding on our part.

Gay Noise Collective

Dear Gay Noise,

I want to protest most strongly about your theatre critic's use of the word "cheese". Furthermore, you neglect to give a value for the half-life of smegma. Failure to distinguish between smegms and fast breeders can only lead to fusion. I don't want us to fall out over this, but the very idea of it vitiates me.

Yours sincerely

Chris Halfbreeder, London

Dear Gay Noise,

I stand accused by Tom O'Carroll in his letter (*Gay Noise 7*) of asserting a "half-truth (admittedly a crucial one)" when I wrote (*Gay Noise 6*) that "the prevailing morality of a society merely reflects the interests of those in power". I'm not sure that I fully understand what his criticism means, but for the sake of clarity (not argument), I'd now like to assert a truth—not, I hope, a half-crucial one—with regard to this.

I think we may be at cross-purposes over the meaning of "interests". I was using the word in the sense of class interests and sex-supremacist interests. Of course these interests, and the morality which serves them, are often at odds with the personal interests of certain powerful individuals. But I don't give a fuck how oppressed or self-oppressed my oppressors are. I don't think the paradoxical position of such as Pope Paul VI, J. Edgar Hoover, gay policemen or Margaret Thatcher should divert us from our perspective of the actual enemy in the struggle against racism, sexism and capitalism. To see our own racism, sexism etc. as a reason for abandoning our current strategy is

Dear Gay Noise,

Yes you are quite correct to discuss issues which involve the vital topics for gays and gay voices must be heard. However, it is unlikely that all gay people will agree on a policy and I certainly feel you are wide of the mark on the nuclear issues.

For five years, when I was a Navigator in RAF Bomber Command, I was part of the nuclear force. As a result I have thought long and hard about the issues involved from a very personal viewpoint.

All sane people want a world which has no arms of any sort. I would like to get rid of nations as well so we remove one of the prime causes of war. However, the reality of our lives in 1980 is that we have weapons and we have distrust, fear and enmity. I do not believe that getting rid of the weapons will resolve the distrust nor is it a practical option. Nuclear deterrence has not yet

completely self-defeating. The conflict between the personal and the political within the ranks of those in power has never stopped them from understanding the need for solidarity or from using their very real arsenal of moral, political and economic weapons to coerce and bully people, whether powerful or not, into maintaining and respecting a political and psychological order, which (although it may interfere with what David Cooper calls their "radical needs") nevertheless sustains their power.

Tom O'Carroll rejects a solidarity based on the "facile sloganising (...) of those who value unity above honesty". He implies that he rejects socialist-feminist theory and praxis as a satisfactory means of moving towards human emancipation. He hints at, but doesn't elaborate on, a less convenient but more comfortable method of transforming the world and changing life.

love

Alex Hirst

failed. In Europe during the last 35 years there would have been several conventional wars (Trieste, Berlin, Finland, Hungary) in which gay people would have suffered just as we did in World War II and in Cambodia. Being killed by a bullet is not significantly different to dying in a nuclear explosion.

If I felt for a moment that unilateral disarmament would reduce the overall risk to human life and happiness I would fully support it. The only real way forward is to work for arms limitation and for international control and monitoring. Meanwhile we must reluctantly accept U.S. weapons on our soil as we cannot, as a nation which relies on international trade, avoid taking part in war posturing.

We should use the time which nuclear weapons have given us to build understanding and cooperation so that total disarmament becomes possible.

Yours sincerely,

John Bennet, Doncaster



Lifted from
The Leveller

Dear Gay Noise,

A friend of mine and regular reader of your paper showed me your article on the October 26th CND rally in Trafalgar Square.

I very much regret the pain given by Neil Kinnock. At the same time I do not believe that his remark was aimed in your direction or that it was meant to have sexual reference. No matter: those who have already suffered more than enough from the insensitivity of others were made to suffer on a day when we should all have been united against the obscenity of nuclear war.

However for the record, and in the interests of good reporting, please allow me to say that I did not introduce the speaker and the dialogue which you record simply did not take place. At the time I was on the other side of the plinth wondering how the crowds pouring endlessly into the square with their banners would ever find a place.

Good wishes,

Bruce Kent, CND

Dear Gay Noise,

We were pleased to see a sympathetic review of our pamphlet in *Gay Noise 6*. However, we felt that we couldn't ignore the debate between the reviewer and the typesetter. We particularly foresee the danger that the views of the reviewer and the Campaign might be lumped together in the minds of your readers so we have decided to set the record straight (straight!?)

1) The quotation of Kate Millet's,

The Beat goes on

DUSTURBING REPORTS are reaching *Gay Noise* about police activities in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. We understand that over the last few weeks at least ten gay men have been arrested and subjected to prolonged interrogation.

Beginning with the arrests of two 17 year old gay men, the police have used their personal papers, contacts, and other 'evidence' to spread their enquiries to cover many more gay people. This is a common procedure: people are held in custody for more than one day, subjected to prolonged interrogation, sleep deprivation, and other forms of torture. Under such circumstances, people can be forced into giving all sorts of seemingly unimportant information. The police then use that information (who knows who, who lives where, who sleeps with whom) to investigate others, and so build up a comprehensive picture of the local gay community.

Over the years it has become quite apparent that there are different methods of interrogation used against 'sexual offenders' as opposed to those used against, say, 'hardened criminals'. The central tactic in these drag-net operations seems to be bringing 'co-operation' from isolated and frightened men.

chosen to illustrate 'feminist puritanism' is one with which we are in complete agreement. We cannot see what the reviewer is objecting to. It may be that the totality of Kate Millet's contribution to *Semiotext* does not go as far as we would like, but that is quite another question.

2) We totally support the typesetter's objection to the unsubstantiated use of the term 'feminist puritanism'. This kind of language has been used over and over again by defensive men who feel their privileged and predatory sexual licence is threatened by the Women's Movement. We do not believe that this is the way the reviewer was using the term. What he did mean by it, however, remains unclear to us.

3) There have been a number of anti-paedophile arguments and sentiments expressed quite vehemently by feminists in recent times. There have been serious attempts to answer these (see the three sided debate in the *Leveller*, particularly the article criticising both Maureen O'Hara and Tom O'Carroll). We know that these views are not representative of the feminist movement as a whole and we are not in a position to judge how typical they are.

We do not believe that they are the product of puritanism. We suspect that the root of these anti-paedophile ideas lie in the material

reality of women's oppression itself and in particular, the patriarchal insistence that women speak as representatives of motherhood rather than as themselves. To suppose that the women's movement can instantly dispel such sentiments would be to deny the seriousness of the struggle in which that movement is engaged.

Revolutionary Love,

Dave Landau, for the Campaign
Against Public Morals (CAPM),
Box 1151, London WC1V 6XX.

I thought that was so good I even corrected some of the spelling mistakes in it. (typesetter)

Dear Gay Noise,

In issue 7 your cover story managed 590 words before mentioning gays. Is this competition now over and the prize awarded, or may we look forward to more heroic efforts from the workers and peasants of the collective?

Yours

Roger Depledge, York

Dear Roger,

Yes, this competition is now closed. We are now opening a new competition to see if anyone can write a letter that is more fatuous and stupid than yours.

workers and peasants collective (gay)

... And On ...

BERNARD GREAVES, from Leicester Gay Group, has written to us following our reports in *Gay Noises 3* and *6*. He asks *Gay Noise* three questions.

1. What do you think we should do about the Leicester police exceeding their powers to get arrests in Leicester cottages?
2. What has been tried elsewhere and succeeded?
3. Why don't you attack, or at least give free advice to all those people who are letting this kind of police harassment go on without protest?

First, We think that you, and other gay groups in similar positions, should organise publicly and politically against police harassment. You can do this by organising a picket of the local police station. Leaflets and articles must be written, explaining clearly what is going on, citing evidence of harassment, and calling for support from gay, socialist, and feminist groups in the area. Courts should be picketed when lesbians and gay men are put on trial, and all charges should be contested.

A Defense Committee should be set up so that resources, ideas, and experience can be pooled, and a clear strategy developed. You should also widely advertise amongst the gay community details of a person's rights

under arrest and that they can get supportive advice and help (GLAD, NCLL).

Second question we would point to the acquittals achieved so far of the ten gay men arrested on the 1980 Gay Pride March, and the acquittals last week of those arrested on the London "Cruising" pickets. In both cases, there were organised demonstrations (picketing, leafletting, publicity) against the charges. There are other examples:

In Bradford, a few years ago, a police witchhunt against lesbians and gay men was successfully stopped for 6 months once the gay community there had started to organise publicly against the police. The repression was only started because the level of gay opposition was not maintained.

The police will quite happily walk all over people if they are sure that they can get away with it. They are more cautious if they are confronted by an organised campaign of opposition and anger.

To co-operate with the police is to play into their hands. It gives a legitimacy to what they are doing, and involves an element of trust which is dangerous and foolish. Like all oppressed groups, our only weapon, though it is a powerful one, is to organise independently and publicly in total opposition to the actions of our oppressors.

EVENTS

November

Sat 22nd

"No Nuclear Waste, No Nuclear Power"
Demonstration. Assemble at 12.00 Noon.
Wandsworth Common, SW18. Called by
London Region Anti-Nuclear Alliance.
Creche available. Phone Dick Tapsall (01)
688 4248 for details - LONDON

Women's Liberation National

Conference on Sexual Violence Against
Women. Royal Park School, Queens
Rd. Leeds (For details send large s.a.e.
to: 'Sexual Violence Conference',
Womens Centre, 32a Shakespeare St.,
Nottingham.) - LEEDS

Gay Socialist Conference: 10am-6pm Sat
& 11am-5pm Sun at Caxton Hall, St.
Johns Way, N19. Registration £2 for two
days. Details from 'Gay Socialist
Conference', c/o 38, Chalcot Rd. NW1 -
LONDON

Employment Protection Appeal

Conference. 10.30-2.30pm. Central
Community Hall, Mary Hill Rd. -
GLASGOW

Womens Fightback Conference for
Women in the Labour Party. Islington
Central Library, Holloway Road, N.7.
Phone (01) 607 9052 for details -
LONDON

Sun 23rd

Gay Outdoor Club - 10 mile hike. Meet
11.00am Kettlewell Car Park. Tel. Peter,
via Sheffield Friend (0742) 68039 Tues &
Fri 7.30-9.30pm - WEST YORKSHIRE
Anti-Fascist Counter Demonstration
organised by the Anti-Nazi League and
Paddington Campaign Against Racism.
Assemble at 11.30pm at Ladbroke
Grove station for a march to Paddington
in protest at the British Movement
march through Paddington that day. Tel.
John Rossington - 969 7437 or 969 1427
for details - LONDON

Mon 24th

Femme Disco 8-11pm. Upstairs at the
Sols Arms, corner of Hampstead Road/
Drummond St. NW1. Admission 60p.
All women (only) welcome. Every
Monday - LONDON

CHE London Monday Group with a
speaker from Campaign Against Public
Morals: 8pm. upstairs at "The
Chepstow", Chepstow Place, W2.
LONDON

AMFI Benefit Show in aid of the Greek
Gay Movement (AKOE) 8pm Theatre
Technis, 26 Crowndale Rd. Mornington
Crescent, NW1. Tickets £2 (£1 unwaged)
- LONDON

St. Albans CND Meeting with the film
"THE WAR GAME". St. Albans Civic
Hall. Tel. John, St. Albans 64372 for
details - ST. ALBANS

Tues. 25th

Sappho Meeting with speaker Sally
Davidson of the CND. 8pm. Upstairs bar
of the "Chepstow", Chepstow Place,
W2. All women (only) welcome -
LONDON

Gay Workshop: The PIE Trial with
speakers from Campaign Against Public
Morals. 8pm. Lower Common Room,
Students Union Building, Polytechnic of
the South Bank, Rotary St. SE1. -
LONDON

Women and Music Womens Voice
meeting. 8pm. Details from Jane: 68678
- ST. ALBANS

Wed 26th

"The Personal and the Political"
discussion group. 7.30pm. The Gay
Centre, 61a Bloom St. with speakers
from Gay Icebreakers - MANCHESTER

Gay Teachers Group meeting -
Paedophilia/The PIE Trial. 7.30pm.
CHE Headquarters, 42a Formosa St.
W9 - LONDON

Gay Group Discussion: Gays and Party
Politics 8pm Trades Hall, Fenton St. -
LANCASTER

Thurs 27

Womens Action Day - Lobbying of
Parliament. Meet at 2pm. Central Hall,
Storeys Gate, Westminster. Details from
the Steering Committee of Womens
Action Day, c/o Jackie Mackenzie,
Sappho Basement, 20 Dorset Square,
NW1. All women (only) welcome -
LONDON

Fri 28th

CHE Disco from 8pm-midnight. Orme
Bar, Alexandra Hotel, Clonmel St.
Admission 70p. All gay women and men
welcome. - LLANDUDNO

Sat 29th

Scottish Lesbian Gathering at the
Workers Education Association,
Riddles Court, Lawnmarket, Royal
Mile. Accommodation & creche
available. Cost £3 (incl. lunch) for two
days (£1.50 for unwaged). Contact
Linda, 31 Regent St. Edinburgh 15, Tel.
031 669 1501 - EDINBURGH
Gay Teachers Group, Teachers in
Further and Higher Education meet
2pm. 89, Great Russel St., WC2 to plan
ongoing campaign for gay rights in
NATFHE - LONDON

Gay Liberation South London, all day
workshops and social events. 11am-
11pm at the Vauxhall Training Centre,
Walnut Tree Walk, off Kennington
Road. Tel. 733 9733 for details -
LONDON

Joint Committee Against Repression.
Lancaster planning meeting for the
proposed demonstration in Manchester
on February 21st, 1981. Registration will
be £2 for two days (free for unwaged).
Cheques & POs should be made out to
Lancaster Gay Group and sent to *Gay*
Noise. Creche available, please let us
know if you are bringing children with
you when you register. Please register by
post one week in advance. Write to *Gay*
Noise for further details - LANCASTER

Gay Rights at Work Conference
10.30am-2.00pm Trades Council,
Piccadilly Place. Details from the
Secretary, TU Group for Gay Rights
(Lothian), 60 Broughton St -
EDINBURGH

Support the Gardners Occupation.

March in support of the workers
occupying Gardners' factory in
Manchester in protest against sackings
and unemployment. Details from Gay
Rights At Work 01-857 3793. -
LIVERPOOL

DECEMBER

Sat. 6th

Gay Noise Development Meeting. 2pm.
Manchester Gay Centre. Registration £1
(free for unwaged) for 2 days. Write to
Gay Noise for further details -
MANCHESTER

Sun 28th - Wed 31st

1st International Lesbian Conference of
the IGA. In Amsterdam. Write now for
full details: The Iliis. NVIH-COC,
Frederiksplein, 14. 1017 XM -

ISSUE 9 MUSTS

Mon 24th Nov.

Business meeting and discussion of
previous issue. 7.30pm

Wed 26th Nov.

First final copy meeting. 7.30

Thurs 27th Nov.

Final final copy meeting 10.00am

Tues 2nd Dec.

Paste up. 9.00am

Wed 3rd Dec.

London distribution and fold up meeting
6.30pm

Please note our final final copy meeting is
two days earlier than usual to allow us to
be at the Labour Party demonstration
against unemployment in Liverpool, and
the meeting of the Joint Committee
Against the Repression of Lesbians and
Gay Men in Lancaster. Advertisements,
entries for events, and alterations to
Listings must reach us by **26th**
November. Other material must be in by
27th November. All copy (even letters)
must be typed, double spaced.
Ring 01-272 5628 for meeting details.

NEXT ISSUE OUT ON THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Politics of Homosexuality

A reprint of Don Milligan's pamphlet
The Politics of Homosexuality, first
published in 1973, is now available from
60 Broughton St. Edinburgh EH1 3SA.
It costs 25p plus 10p p&p, but discount is
available for bulk orders of five or more.

GYM Gets Together

GAY YOUTH MOVEMENT will be
holding its next conference in
Birmingham on 6th December. The
Conference will discuss the constitution
and structure of GYM and elect officers.

More information about GYM, its
conference, and a report on the last one
can be had from GYM, c/o 18 Moor St.,
Birmingham 4.

Mexico: Conference date fixed

THE FIRST ever National Gay
Congress in Mexico is being organised
for the 13th/14th December by the
Frente Homosexual de Accion
Revolucionaria.

For information, write to FHAR,
Apartado Postal 13-320, Mexico 13,
D.F., Mexico.

Gay Noise will try and report on the
conference in future issues.

Get Out Your Thimbles!

FIRED BY the heady excitement of
international acclaim, the *Gay Noise*
Banner-Making Collective has issued the
following terse statement: "The
magnificent *Gay Noise* banner will not
appear on the Manchester
demonstration against repression if it is
to be accompanied by a rag-bag of
shabby, tatty, and small bits of cloth
attached to poles.

No gay banner worth its thread
should consist of less than 3 colours and
be smaller than our collective Egos. You
have been warned."

The *Gay Noise* collective as a whole
can do little about these threats and
assertions - the banner-makers are
ruthless and hot-headed individuals who
always mean what they say. Our only
advice is for you to accede to their
demands and to get making huge,
beautiful, gay banners.

★ Lotte Cash's Fighting Fund ★

*I have always thought that all the anxiety about growing unemployment is somewhat
misplaced. We now have, we are told, 2,500,000 unemployed in the country. All in all
10% of the working population is idle.*

*Now 90% by any standards is surely a high figure. If you managed, any of you, to
get 90% in an end of term examination at school, you would probably have come top,
with a Grade A, and a special prize. Certainly, no one would have talked about civil
disorder and misery just because you didn't manage that other 10%. In fact if you had
got 100% people would probably have called you a swot. And nobody likes to be
called a swot.*

*So my advice to you if you are depressed about mass unemployment is this. Don't
be miserable! Think laterally! Consider just how much more mass employment there is.
And of course, if you are idle yourself there is always voluntary work. For example I
myself am always looking for people who don't want to be paid.*

*Of course we cannot apply the same criteria when it comes to my fighting fund. Our
strict cash limits require 100% or nothing. We cannot get away with paying 90% of our
bills, not even 99%. That means that you have to divert your concern for
unemployment to us at Gay Noise. We still need cash. After all I'm sure many of you
are still among the lucky 90%!*

Yours

Lotte Cash

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