

THE CROWBAR

FREE TO SQUAT NETWORK

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HEIDI SAVED

Early on election day nr 67 Loughborough Park, a big beautiful house was evicted. There were two people home, seven had moved into new squats the day before.

The door was well barricaded and the bailiffs had to go for heavier tools, before smashing it down. The last two squatters were turned out without their belongings and a team of councilmen spent two days barricading the place.

One of four cats living there had been left behind, as she couldn't be found, and was later boarded in by the council. The cat, named Heidi, was rescued on Friday evening when the squatters, in turn, broke down the front door.

The house has been evicted before, and left empty and re-squatted twice. Now the council housing officer claims it is used for a Homeless Person Unit (pretty ironic, as 9 people were made homeless to do it) though the planning permission is for conversion to three flats.

Now the house is yet again empty, and in a horrible mess. But if the council do nothing again no doubt some enterprising squatters will occupy it again. Houses like 67 are ideally suited for group living.

LAMBETH LABOUR COUNCIL PLANS TO EVICT 441 SQUATS THIS YEAR EVEN THOUGH THEY ALREADY HAVE NEARLY 2000 PLACES EMPTY

PICKET AGAINST EVICTIONS

20th JUNE
6.30 p.m.

LAMBETH TOWN HALL

...56 MAYALL RD. THE LAST FRONT LINE CLUB, IS DUE TO BE RE-LOCATED. E. AREA, AS POLICE & COUNCIL CONTINUE THEIR RAMPAGE UP RAILTON RD. HEAVY POLICE HARRASSMENT CONTINUES TO ESCALATE. RAIDS, SNATCH SQUADS, RANDOM ARRESTS.

9TH JUNE, BAILIFFS AND COPS SMASHED DOWN THE DOOR OF THE BARRICADED NO. 67 LOUGHBOURGH PK. WHERE 9 PEOPLE HAD BEEN LIVING. THE HOUSE HAS BEEN EVICTED & LEFT EMPTY BEFORE THE COUNCIL REFUSED TO LET THE SQUATTERS BACK IN. GET A CAT CALLED HEIDI WHO...

3RD JUNE, 30 EVICTION CASES WENT THROUGH THE COURTS THIS MORNING, IN ALL BUT 3 CASES THE SQUATTERS FACE IMMEDIATE EVICTION WITHOUT RE-HOUSING.

16TH MAY, EARLY TODAY THERE WERE 9 EVICTIONS FROM LAMBETH. 4 OF THESE WERE POLICE & BAILIFFS THREW PEOPLE & BAILIFFS OUT, INCLUDING A BLACK COUPLE & CHILD & BOARD...

121 BOOKSHOP AT 121 RAILTON RD IS NOW DUE FOR EVICTION. THOUGH RENT HAS BEEN OFFERED & THE COUNCIL CANT FIND A TENANT WILLING TO RENT IT. THE EVICTION IS PARTLY DUE TO BRISTON SQUATTERS AIDING US. 15 PEOPLE HAVE VOWED TO STAY AND BARRICADE WHEN...

CO-OPS IN LAMBETH FACE GROWING FRUSTRATION AS THE COUNCIL STALLS ON GIVING THEM UP IN BUREAU...

LATE NEWS

AT A MEETING WITH HAZEL SMITH ON THURSDAY THE COUNCIL AGREED TO PUT OFF THE 121 EVICTION FOR A MONTH FOR MORE TALKS. IT CAME OUT THAT THE MAIN REASON FOR THE EVICTION WAS COS THEY HATE THE CROWBAR. WE HAVE NOW CHANGED ADDRESS.



COMMUNICATIONS

ELECTION FARCE

Big newspaper headlines declared on Friday "TORY LAND SLIDE", "MAGGIE VICTORY". we are told that a conservative group has taken over Parliament. Described as fanatical right wing terrorists which uses violence discriminately to govern Her Majestys' fucking country to 1988.

From a simple system of standing in kiosks crossing boxes, counting as staying up all night listening to windbags doing oral farts about their constituencies swings.

The conservatives have forcibly obtained an 190 seat majority and any threat from the labour, liballiance, ecology parties or the assassins bullet did not happen.

It went smoothly, makes you wonder if it was rigged. The polls and pre-

The lies they write
The lies they say
pour out from the TV sets.
meaningless
sedating the population

dictions were accurate. (In Albania the electorate voted 99% for the Communist ruling party).

The people who really run this country (the establishment, capitalists, managers, owners-whatever they are called) could easily call off the whole show and save the money spent on the election (they do pay tax) and go and have another holiday or buy bigger diamonds. Election or not it wouldn't make our lives more satisfying. It is incredible the way millions of people have been pushed and messed around over the last four years and then go vote again- mass social masochism.

However, it may be good news, there were more votes against Thatcher. But they still rule in "the Free World" under "Rule of Law"- their laws and their freedom, not ours.

At many constituencies no party won as the biggest majority were the non voters, who don't believe in the electoral system. The highest percentages were in working class areas e.g Peckham where a huge 49% ignored the ballot box.

For many it is frightening, of what is ahead, perhaps another Fucklands or the nuclear flambe. But to wait the five years for change from a political manifesto is naive. Together those who did not vote Tory and want real change e.g. no nuclear weapons, socially useful work, better quality of life, freedom from big shits, then we have to organise and resist the pressures and constraints that will/is put upon to lead our dull poor, boring, monotonous lives till we die.

By next year the headlines could be "MASS BRITISH UPRISING" "PEOPLE DISCOVER PLEASURE" "BALLOT BOX DEPOT DYNAMITED."

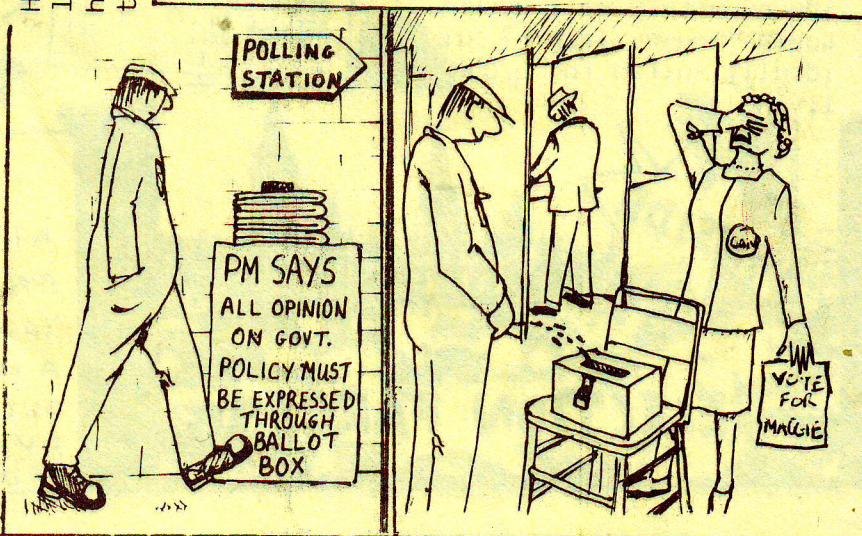
LABOUR PARTY

On the morning of June 10th 4am three revolutionaries of the kind- like Soviet, alworth, namely one Lenin, one Trot and one Anarchist walked to Labour party HQ in Walworth to offer fraternal condolences upon the previous days class struggle (typist-burp).

Carefully making their way through weeping sympathisers, they tried to gain entry into the hollowed shrine of the working class. Not having an invitation they were ordered out by assorted pigs and bouncers. Protesting that they represented the masses brought about nasty threats. The late night politicians regrouped on the pavement outside and took up comradesly chants, "Michael row the boat ashore". Now arrived, "fuck off" quote one, "else I'll kick you for obstructing". Appreciating his worthy desire to keep the thoroughfare open to the poor people milling around, beat a hasty retreat. The three returned home, secure in the knowledge that party so caring so much of the peoples need and desires would always be assured of the popular support which it so obviously deserves.

Hazel Smith

Hazel Smith is the new housing leader in Lambeth. Kevin Moore has been disposed for being too wet.



HOME NEWS & VIEWS



One cop lost one Panda car and a few hurt after they tried to raid no.56 Mayall Rd, the last Front Line club. Don't believe the LIES in all the papers, there were 300 cops in the area BEFORE the incident. They followed up with snatch squads, two pigs left their car and it was set alight and turned over. Crowds gathered to watch, then WHOOOMP, the petrol tank exploded as everyone cheered...and the press got there story. One cop lost his radio. The famous STABBING was nothing more than a scratch. The police went to evict No 56 Mayall Rd, and the I2I Anarchist Centre (HOME OF THE CROWBAR) and released a lying racist press statement.. Now both centres are determined to resist police raids and/or evictions....

♀ MASS EVICTIONS

To be evicted forthwith, 25 flats in the Loughborough Estate. This is where the squatters are weakest...this is where the Council attacks!

Most of the squatters are single, and need not be rehoused, and many are migrant workers from Italy and France, who come here from necessity and are forced to take any kind of housing and work at the lowest possible wages.

About one third of the flats in some blocks stand empty, partly because they are riddled with blue asbestos, partly because no one wants to live there, due to broken lifts, robberies, muggings, noise, etc. It is not true that the council are evicting the squatters to clear out the deadly asbestos. There are dozens of flats empty which they could begin work on if they wished.

The main reason for the evictions is purely so that they can say they have had some success with evictions! This

SAVE OUR SQUATS

Three houses from the squatters community in Arlingford/Brailsford roads are now due for eviction, following 'rubber stamp' court cases on June 3rd. One house has a family in it, and they are negotiating for a license.

At another, 71 Brailsford Rd, the squatters are angry and amazed, as the house is semi derelict. The council's own Anti Squat Plan says they will evict only houses suitable for rehousing people. If they evict no 71 (and it is being barricaded and an alarm system set up) then Brixton Squatters will have no more reason to advise people not to squat 'prime letting stock'.

If people are evicted as quickly (or quicker!) from old ramshackle houses, then we might as well take the best! A further grievance in the case of No. 71 is that the squatters actually saved the council at least £5000 by repairing the roof before last winter, as well as putting in a complete electric and water system, in the belief that the squat would last a reasonable time.

The squatters at No. 71 have also declared that they are not leaving, in fact more people are moving in. Their eviction date is June 17th (they got a 2 week extension for having a pregnant 'lady') and they expect an attack by bailiffs and police within 2 weeks, other local squatters have offered to help.

No 73 Brailsford Rd, one of the few private owned squats in the area, is also now under threat as the owner wants to sell it.

is the logic of bureaucracy, but what it comes down to is forcing people to move from one nasty unwanted flat to another.

Brixton Squatters Aid is trying to help the squatters find better places. We also urge them to organise themselves to resist and frustrate the stupid evictions of the so called 'labour' council.


The flats now overdue for eviction are in Kettleby House (nos. 13, 49, 86, 27, 56, 20, 62 etc.), Edgehill House, Dane House, Kemble House etc.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MAY 83

Exactly 15 years after May '68 finds French students of a different kind on the streets. Medicine students had been quietly striking for three months, all most people knew was from graffiti in the Metro saying "Medicine en colère" (Angry Medicine). Suddenly in May it all erupted and other faculties, notably law, joined in, striking against a new education reform, which was to enable more people to go to university. I've realised that these students were protesting against an extension of the changes brought about by the May '68.

There were marches on the streets most days, aided and abetted by members of the French "Front National", who told the press, "You've heard of the British NF? WE'RE the French bulldogs". Because they were right wing they thought they'd be safe from the riot police (C.R.S.) who are always quick to over-react. However, they were wrong, and the demos soon turned into riots - C.R.S. tear gassing the students who soon became very well organised, and issued instructions not to wear black leather jackets as it was associated with the Left(!), carried lemons and wore scarves over their mouths to protect against gas, and hurled molotovs and iron bars at the police and cars. In return the C.R.S. charged around tear gassing everywhere. Although both police and students have been injured no-one has yet been killed.



A police dog rips a squatters arm after a Big Squat failed in Amsterdam. 120 squatters stormed a building heavily defended by police, due to a tip off, but were evicted minutes later and many were beaten up, a broken arm, a charge of attempted murder, etc. many arrests. The failed squat was on Sunday 29 June... the same day riot police failed to seize the police owned 'screws flats' in Africa Rd. Maybe next time we'll both get it right!

EARLY SQUATTERS

The first french squatter was called George Cochon. In 1913 he and his friends invaded the Hotel de Ville. Shortly after several 1000 homeless took 1st Eglise de Madeleine and in June 1913 occupied the Chateau d'Eau. The occupations spread through Paris, and to Montpellier, Marseille etc. In the 19th quarter of Paris the movement became well established and the "renovators" animated the area with their cultural and social scene. If you read French a new dossier is just out, called Les Squatts, costs 10 F from B.P. no 53, 75861 Paris.

PROTEST TWENTE



None of us got to the punk Doe Wat festival in N. Holland, but we heard the story. Everyone went out to this factory and cut the fences, the riot pigs attacked, so they all went back to town for a little smashing in a location. Later the head of the Dutch fascists was due at the station to speak at the town hall. Our friends blocked the rails, but were cleared by cops with drawn pistols. Next the town hall, occupied and the Black Flag up, and barricades as the cops attacked again. 36 arrests altogether.

This year...vote with your feet...

VOTE X
VOTE X
RIOT
NOW

Dunboyne said: "It is in your interest that you should understand that if you go around biting police officers ... you lose your liberty."

KICK OUT THE COPS!!!

Not that anyone really wanted Thatcher, it was just that the SDP are such a shower of shithheads, and as for the Labour Party, that bunch of self seeking sold out power frieks, that pathetic bandwagon of squabbling liars and actors, and behind them all the little lefty parties, crying Maggie, Maggie, Maggie what about our soft jobs?

At last it all comes clear. When the Union bureaucracy sells out, time and again, and mumbles about moderation, as whole industries are sacked, and the power of the workers is broken. When the media sells us fascism in full colour, racism, sexism, national hysteria and corn flakes for breakfast. When the peace movement delights in passivity. When the pigs get more power and the army looks forward to War. Now at last surely the liberal mask of the 60's and 70's is torn off. The future is poverty, and graft, homelessness, prison and War. Now at last we have a firm base for resistance..The riots of Tomorrow..more wide spread, better organised, the angry brigades, the anti war underground, the wildcat unions. Surely yes!

Yes a shock. Thatcher back! Surely now at last the English, famous now only for their passivity, will start to wake up and seize control of their own lives. Now at last we can see the proof, that Parties and top heavy unions are a waste of time and life, and start to create our own free organisations, without control or leaders..... The Optimist

5 YEARS OF THATCHER
5 YEARS OF RESISTANCE

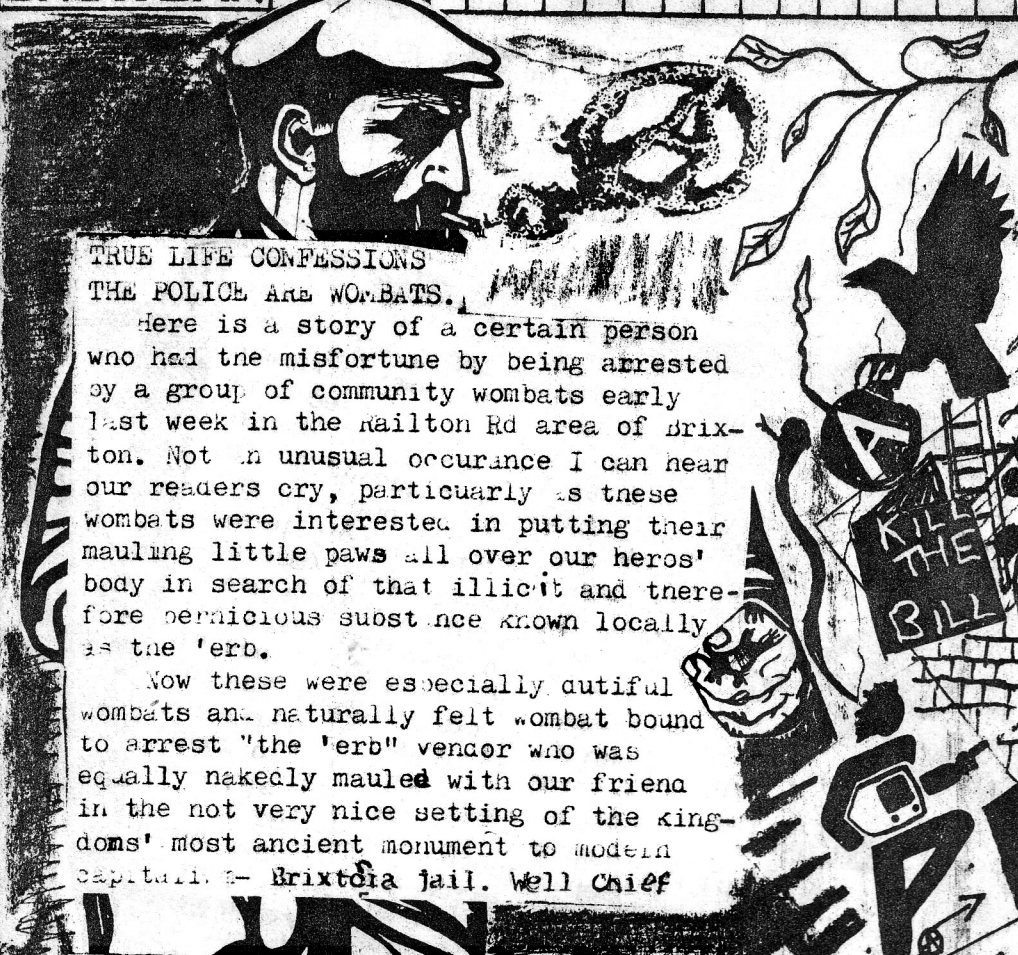
As you probably know 752 people got nicked at Upper Heyford finally proving that symbolic protests don't work. The Lambeth SAW group (Sabotage War) have issued a statement advising people to 1) give false names and addresses at future mass arrests 2) hit and run, rather than passive resistance.

They go on to give a long list of possible actions by small autonomous groups, ranging from cutting the fences to digging up or blocking the roads, from graffiti to delayed action petrol bombs, from deluging the MoD with nasty phonecalls to mining runways. The SAW pamphlet encourages people to do what they can, but to make the action, however small, one that actually costs the military, rather than being a symbolic appeal through their media.

This tactic aims to encourage others to do the same and inspire selfconfidence and self-direction, instead of control and passivity. For example, if 10,000 people went to Greenham with the aim to cut the fence - there would be very little left!

Donations for Upper Heyford should be sent to

Alan Daggort
1, Gaskarth Road
London SW4



STONED HEDGE

This weekend and all this week the hippy solstice festival continues at Stonehenge. Many people feel that the festival should be a no-go area for police, as in previous years, but the cops have promised a strong presence. Our Radio (the open access pirate) will also be there, and hopes to broadcast the big stage live to the surrounding countryside

VERY NASTY LANDLORD

GUHAR NAWAD is a rich pig. He runs hostels, mostly for defenceless immigrants. Some of his tenants have banded into the Access Tenants Action Group to fight against his illegal evictions, lack of hygiene and repairs. They are in the Dudley Hotel in Clapham Common and the Lenscote in Bedford Hill. Mr Mawad's staff are also complaining that they are forced to work a 12 hr day, 6 days a week for £45, no Nat. Ins. or tax is shown on their weekly payslips. Guhar Nawad seems to own at least six of these 'hotels' in this area, which he gets by buying houses and converting them into innumerable flats, using of course his own slave labour. His address is in the phone book. Check it out.

TRUE LIFE CONFESSIONS

THE POLICE ARE WOMBATS.

Here is a story of a certain person who had the misfortune by being arrested by a group of community wombats early last week in the Hailton Rd area of Brixton. Not an unusual occurrence I can hear our readers cry, particularly as these wombats were interested in putting their mauling little paws all over our heroes' body in search of that illicit and therefore pernicious substance known locally as the 'erb.

Now these were especially dutiful wombats and naturally felt wombat bound to arrest "the 'erb" vendor who was equally nakedly mauled with our friend in the not very nice setting of the kingdoms' most ancient monument to modern capitalism - Brixton jail. Well Chief

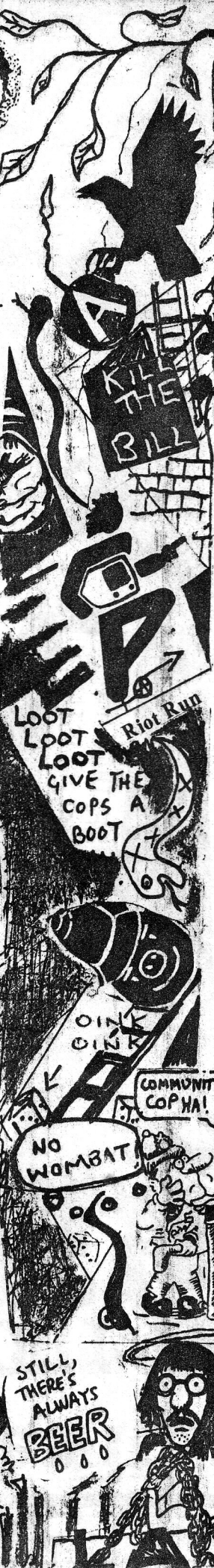
Sheriff Wombat was a very nasty monster who locked up our friend for some hours - laying all sorts of evil curses upon his head.

Fortunately Harvey here kept his wits and denied all knowledge of that illicit and highly dangerous substance. Yes Harvey kept to his story and sure enough after some weeks later the central wombat drug lab confirmed that the 'erb was not the 'erb.

As honest as ever Harvey kept to the story that the afore mentioned substance was actually JOGGANO!

When asked why the accused had orange in his underpants the defendant replied that it was an old Jamaican recipe for crutch rot. Not being able to pick this dirty squatting bastard the woman verbalised all over him - "Why don't you wash and get a job" etc. Harvey coolly explained, particularly perceptive brand of legal soap had caused the crutch problem in the first place. To which a snare sounded and a large soapy egg dropped from the sky and splattered on the wombats' snouts.

Harvey sauntered free eagles and smiling into the shimmering Brixton sunset.



"History tells us that every oppressed class gains true liberation from its masters through its own efforts."

"It is necessary that women learn that lesson, that she realise that her freedom will reach as far as her power to achieve her freedom reaches." Emma Goldman



LAST...BUT NOT LEAST

Daily Telegraph man sits in the sun waiting to be served with souvenirs and holiday snaps.

Rudi holds court with the hoodlums. He sips Nutrament, flicks ash off his suit and speeds off home in this silver machine (registration number noted down by two roller-skating special branchmen).

Plainclothes men with eyes like dead steel finger thro second hand books and scratch noses knowingly as they absorb themselves in musty Rider Haggard and nibbled copies of Norman Mailers first novel.

Bored with waiting, the squatters take their walkmans and shades and got for a swim in Peckham, a drink in Dulwich, a dance in Leicester Square (Leicester leaps in) and a film in Hampstead.

Meanwhile unicycling bears in marzipan muzzlers hurtle down Railton Road juggling blue and red balls, scattering rioters, extinguishing fire-eaters and breathalysing buskers. Hot dog sellers liberate the SPG vans, lemonade sprays out of the sirens and Mr Whippy Supersoft whirls out of the exhaust pipes, the petrol tanks are full of Polish Spirit and free straws are given out to all the passers by who suck one tank dry and stagger on to thenext taking a

PILLS

CROSSWORD.

Clues Across.

- I. Testicles.(8) I've done my job,
 7. Not no.(2) I've paid my bills,
 8. Stupid parental name.(5) I've had enough,
 9. Anguish. (3) I'll take my pills...
 10 Stupid name for a computer comp.
 12 Hippy woman.(11) (4)
 15 Grope with lips.(4)
 16 Molest.(6)

Clues Down.

1. Halitosis (3,6)
 2. Absurd, like licorice.(9)
 3. Expensive stone.(4)
 4. Wrongly spelt animal.(3)
 5. Wal worth Squatters group.(4)
 6. Stoning instrument.(4)
 11. Anagram of emcaxe(5)
 13. Slang for wank!(4)
 14. Anger.(4)

The first correct answer will be given a set of matching wet look size 4 galoshes.
 Entries to I2I Railton Rd.



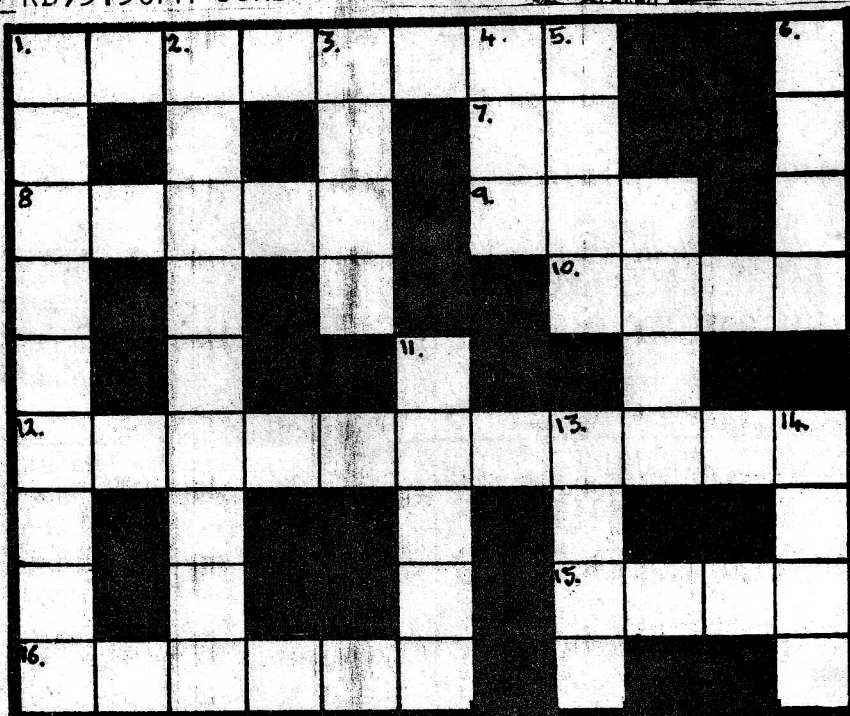
detour past the bubblegum machines which now upon receipt of 2p or 5p give 1/2oz or 1/8s of handpacked chewy Moroccan (a fact which disappointed one six year old who only likes the aniseed bit in the middle and gave his to the nearest passer by who happened to be dipping a lolly into a bag of sherbert speed.

Just before the intermission all the Rhinos in Leeds stanpeded past down the Railton Road 'to get to the mushroom fields', they giggled. Then darkness fell and we all carried on till dawn when we pulled up paving stones and plumped up the tarmac and went to sleep in narrow daylight when the bears (now dressed as hells angels) pedalled off to the American bases leaving luminous lemon exhaust fumes. Once there they ate the barbed wire, pissed in the silos and abducted the personnel as pets to cohabit with the mystic cult of CNDers who live in polythene tents in bird cages.

Meanwhile life carries on as abnormal.

SOLIDARITY ACTION.

A MEETING TO ORGANISE
 SOLIDARITY ACTIONS WITH
 THE COMISO OCCUPATION
 WILL BE HELD AT
 121 BOOKSHOP, 121 RAILTON
 RD, 3.30PM SUNDAY 26TH JUNE



WE'VE GOT A LITTLE BIT OF SPACE HERE

STOP THE EVICTION

SAVE 121

'RED' TED KNIGHT IS TRYING TO EVICT 121 BOOKSHOP FROM ITS HOME AT 121 RAILTON ROAD. 121 IS NOT FUNDED BY THE G.L.C., LAMBETH COUNCIL, ANY POLITICAL PARTY, CHURCH OR BUSINESS. IT SURVIVES THROUGH MUTUAL AID. VOLUNTEERS CO-OPERATE TO KEEP THE CENTRE OPEN. COLLECTIVE MEALS, A LIBRARY, MEETING SPACE AND AN EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE EXIST THERE. WE NEED YOUR SOLIDARITY TO STOP THE EVICTION. IF THE POLICE & BAILIFFS SUCCEED WE WILL OCCUPY ANOTHER PLACE - WHY DON'T THEY LEAVE US ALONE? SUPPORT THE RESISTANCE... IF YOU PAY RATES STOP; IF YOU PAY RENT STOP; BE ON THE PICKET AGAINST THE COUNCIL'S REPRESSION. BE IN THE STREET WHEN THE BAILIFFS COME; JOIN OUR ALARM LIST.

YOU MAY DISAGREE WITH OUR IDEAS (THAT WE ARE ALL CAPABLE OF RUNNING OUR OWN LIVES FREE OF THE STATE PARTYS, POLITICIANS, GENERALS AND PRIESTS) BUT IT TAKES ALL SORTS TO MAKE A LIVELY COMMUNITY. CENSORSHIP & REPRESSION WILL NOT MAKE US GO AWAY. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOM.

TED KNIGHT, THE POLICE CHIEFS & THEIR KIND CANNOT SILENCE US.

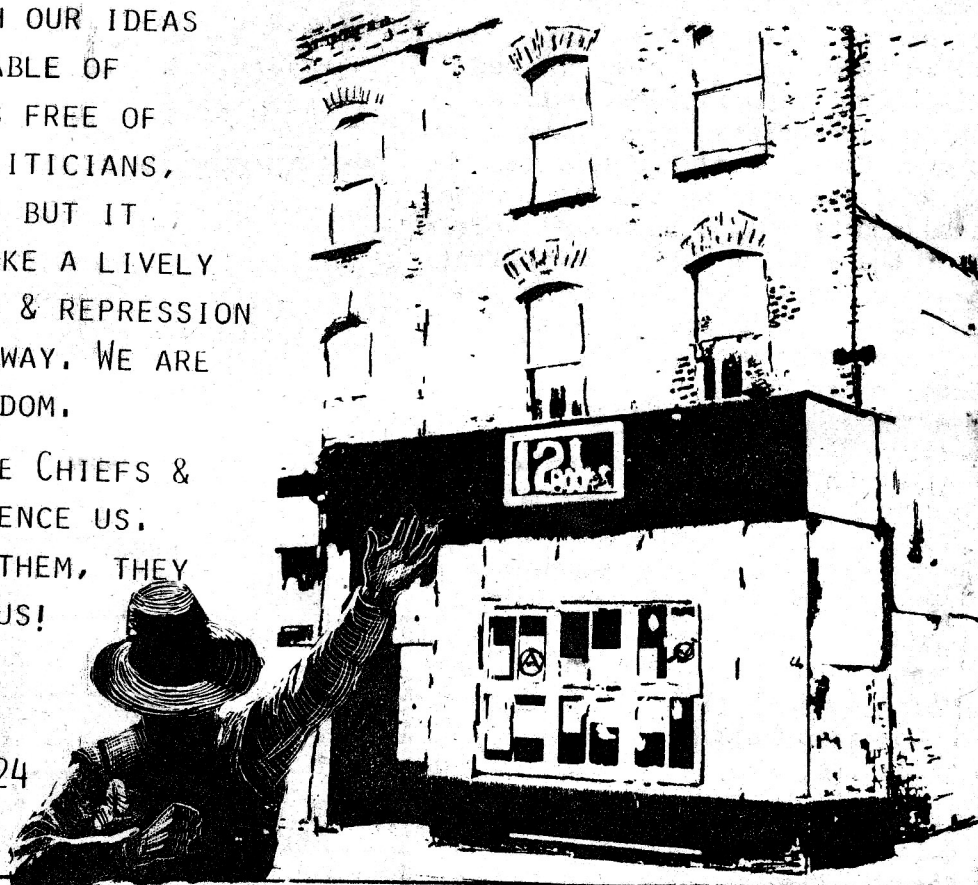
WE DO NOT DICTATE TO THEM, THEY SHALL NOT DICTATE TO US!

LOVE AND RAGE

121 DEFENCE GROUP

121 RAILTON ROAD S.E.24

TEL: 274 6655



OCCUPATION AND FESTIVAL AT COMISO, SICILY CRUISE MISSILE BASE....

FESTIVAL BEGINS 21ST JULY
WITH BANDS FROM ALL OVER
EUROPE. ENDS ON JULY 24TH.

OCCUPATION BEGINS ON 21ST
AND GOES ON INDEFINITELY.

Comiso in Sicily will be the
first cruise missile base in

Europe, already the structures are being built and 15000 US personnel are starting to arrive. For the last year a movement of "self managed leagues" has been growing in the area, the people have a long history of land take-overs and resistance to police and army repression. On 21st of July a horde of punks and proletarians will arrive from the north of

Italy and all over Europe and join with the local people in a mass occupation of the missile base. For three days there will be a music festival, but the aim is to hold the land longer, and to use it as farmland by the dispossessed peasants in the area.

If you go to Comiso, you are asked to respect the customs of the local people.