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Quicksilver Place organise a demo outside the Tate Gallery for the 'Turner Prize'.

Enfield Site Mtg. voted to ban all political newspaper selling at the main gate. Non-students to be identifiable and invited on to sites.

Cat Hill students agree to suspend separate negotiations and join the polywide negotiations, as recommended by the other college unions, Nafhe, Nalgo and Nupe who have bitter experience of managements divide and rule tactics.

Delegation work began with students visiting other colleges and student union meetings to encourage them into action.

26/11/91

General Polywide demands agreed upon.

Pickets set up on main roads near sites asking motorists to 'toot' in support.

Leaflets from the 1988 occupation were discovered which predicted the problems faced now.

Full timetable of unofficial lecturers available at Enfield.

Hendon Branch Meeting voted against occupation but business studies students are to write to their sponsors complaining about the course.

Details of the legal position of the occupation were distributed to all occupiers.

Elected delegates from each occupied site begin negotiations with management today.

27/11/91

Demo outside the Tate Gallery was attended by 200 students. Chelsea Art School, Brighton Poly and the London Institute joined Middlesex. Channel 4 filmed the demo and one of the VIP speakers at the prize giving spoke in favour of the students - this was also broadcast.

Cat Hill arrange tuition support.

Enfield visited by Martin Upham, prospective Labour candidate. He offered support and to pass on info to the front bench spokesperson for higher education.

2.30pm. Negotiations continue at the Conference Centre, with priority given to the victimisation of BAPAs. Once it is agreed that assessments can be rescheduled 80% of BAPAs are reported to support the occupation.

Comedy Store performed at Enfield.

28/11/91

Management agreed to the 'No Victimisation' demand.

Grants were released from Finance Offices and transferred to Bounds Green or All Saints Admin. Dept.

Press Committee Mtg. at Trent Park, 1pm, to co-ordinate press coverage.

A petition is being developed for presentation at No. 10 Downing

Street.

Two students have been chosen to liaise with the Union Solicitors in the event of legal action being taken.

29/11/91

NATFHE issue statement in support of current student action.

Enfield site cancels all night rave due to damage caused by visitors the previous night.

30/11/91

Pauline Green, Labour MP, North London, visited Trent Park.

£33. collected in Enfield Town. Leaflets distributed to general public.

Wood for fire at Enfield was donated by a local factory.

WEEK THREE

1/12/91

Students visited Ponders End Bus Garage and spoke to the Union shop steward. he invited a delegation to address their next meeting on 4th December.

2/12/91

Bounds Green Occupation nearly evacuated due to fire at neighbouring factory.

Nursing students victimised by course work deadlines not being changed. This is contrary to victimisation agreement.

Negotiations continue on the point of staffing levels. Director argues he's under pressure from both sides, government and students.

Mtg. at Hendon between students and director and dean. The dean tried to stop MPSU Executive member, Paul Hanton from attending because he was not a student at that site. The students, however, demanded that he be allowed to speak.

3/12/91

Director tells delegates that legal action will be taken if occupied sites are not vacated by Friday, 1pm.

Students visited Edmonton Ambulance station and Church Street Fire Station.

Vivienne Westwood visited Cat Hill.

4/12/91

Goldsmiths College was served with an Injunction and they left.

5/12/91

Students give directorate a set of proposals as a means of ending the occupation. Directors agreed to have their response ready by 9am the next day so they could be considered by all sites before 1pm.

6/12/91

Morning site mtgs held at all sites to discuss and vote on Director's proposals. Although the proposals are very worthy they only offer the small changes that were going to be implemented anyway, they do not begin to make up for the huge cuts this term or the continued increase in student numbers. All sites voted to remain

in occupation.

Management waiting at gates of Enfield. Occupiers gave them a chorus of 'We shall not be moved'.

7/12/91

NUS Winter Conference attended by a delegation. NUS Executive didn't want them to speak but eventually they did. 'Poly' section supported call for indefinite occupations. Motion was not actually heard by full conference, in fact the only concrete decision was to abolish winter conference!

WEEK FOUR

9/12/91

Bernie Grant MP visited Enfield, listened to the evening site mtg. then spoke to the students afterwards; he promised to take our grievances to front bench. Delegates were invited to speak to the Socialist Campaign Group of MP's of which he is a member.

10/12/91

Collections from local Unions and public - £62.

Government announced a Commons Select Committee to investigate student poverty.

Summons served on all occupied sites naming 32 people plus 'persons unknown'.

Court hearing set for Monday 16/12/91 at High Court.

11/12/91

Directors and Deans propose changes to term dates for occupied sites bringing end of Winter term forward by 1 week and starting Spring term 1 week early, exams being held at the usual times. Intersite met. formulated a statement in objection to this proposal to be read at the Academic Board mtg. tomorrow by Richard Earl, Academic Officer.

12/12/91

Academic Board agrees to change term dates; did not allow Richard Earl to speak.

Candlelight vigil held outside Director's residence at Trent Park.

13/12/91

SWSS propose to end the occupation the following day and reconvene on Monday for demo outside the High Court.



Enfield voted against. Trent Park and Bounds Green vote to finish on Friday.

Ex Middx student Maria McAndrew issues press release from Enfield about her recently receiving compensation having been trampled and severely injured by police when they rode horses into an anti-loans demonstration in 1988.

14/12/91

Trent Park and Bounds Green de-occupy/suspend action.

City Poly agree to stay in occupation until Monday to unite with Middx.

WEEK FIVE

16/12/91

Morning court hearing where injunctions are only served on those who attended, ie. President Colin Surrey, General Secretary John Bolt and Academic Officer Richard Earl. If they advocate occupations in the future management now have the option of taking them back to court and doing them for contempt of court.

All sites de-occupy/suspend action at midday.

500+ at demo outside the court, supported by students all over London, PNL, City etc.

Case against the 32 students and persons unknown thrown out due to management's legal errors and the suspension of action.

Students went to LSE & City Poly for serious drinking.

Support messages from other college unions included:

Tyne Tees NUS
Camberwell College of art
University of Sussex
University of London
Bristol Poly
Staffordshire NUS
Southbank Poly
Polytechnic of North London (who along with many other colleges sent a delegation)
Vauxhall College (who sent a food parcel)
Royal College of Art
Leeds Poly
Roehampton college
Chelsea Art School
St. Martins
Manchester Poly
Hull University

Egam College
Newcastle Poly
York University SWSS
University of Essex
Lancashire Poly
Birkbeck College
Thames Poly
Nottingham University
students from the Polytechnic of East London

Goldsmiths College
Birmingham Poly
Sheffield City Poly
Cambridge SU
Dundee University
Exeter University

Coventry University
City Poly
Kingston Poly
Queens University, Belfast
School of African and Oriental Studies
Glasgow Polytechnic
Luton College of F.E.
Polytechnic of Central London
Lancaster Poly
Brighton Poly
Sussex area NUS
Essex area NUS
City University
KIAD Canterbury
University of Salford
Lancaster University
Royal Holloway and Bedford New College
NUS Wales (with 2 cards)