

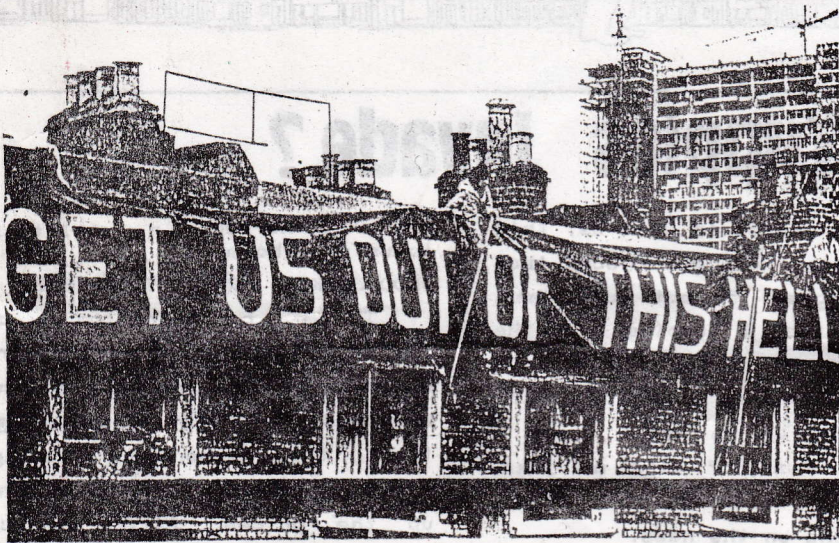
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HOUSING CRISIS



IN OUR PROSPEROUS and booming town, the big business developers are having a bonanza.

* On the site of the old Wilford Power Station, the greedy developers are building yet more "leisure" complexes, including a hotel, a fast food complex, a night club, and, apparently, yet another multi-screen cinema -- costing a total of £50 million.

* At Castle Marina there will be a £3 million Holiday Inn and a drive-in McDonalds.

* Another Texas homestore is being built on Radford Boulevard.

* There is now another Sainsbury's at Castle Boulevard. (Continued page 2)

£2,500,000 NOTTM BENEFIT CUT

A PROSPEROUS CITY? MAYBE, but not one that Nottingham's poor can benefit from! While big businesses in Nottingham have been booming all the way to the bank, we've been plunging down to the DISS offices -- or not, as the case may be. In the last 12 weeks, since the changes in the social security system were introduced, Nottingham's poor have become £2½ million worse off -- £150,000 has been taken from people in the Forest Fields area alone.

Money 'saved' by the government as a result of social security and other cuts is being blasted into developing

businesses. This means that, as ever, wealth is being channelled from the poor to the rich. We have nothing to gain from 'business enterprise', but we've lost the little we had. Since April's benefit changes -- even our homes.

EVICTON THREATS

Since April, tenants with arrears leading to possible evictions have risen by 70% in Nottingham. Homelessness is on the increase, while estate agents and landlords rake in the profits brought about by the gross house-price rises. Homes are being kept deliberately in

short supply, and rents are on the increase -- to keep up the housing 'boom'. The ASDA affair epitomises the present situation -- we need homes, we get another hypermarket.

PEOPLE HIT HARD

In an article in the *Post* earlier this month, two cases of people particularly hit by the Housing Benefit changes were reported. The first, a widow living in Clifton. Last year she paid £16 per fortnight for her council house. Today she pays £54. The increase was not only brought about by April's changes, though, it was also

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Some of these sites were promised for badly needed housing. But now the council has joined the developers, under the blessing of the government, because they will provide employment in "those inner cities".

In the midst of this, there is a housing nightmare, with landlords charging high rents, and declining conditions in the decreasing stock of council housing for the poor.

COUNCIL SELL-OFFS

There are over 10,000 people on the council housing lists, yet councils are selling off as much housing as they think they can get away with.

City council leader, Bill Bradbury, claims that the new housing policy aims to "get management nearer the people".

This means more housing in private sector hands, and no regard for council tenants.

The council are only too happy to be wined and dined by developers and put profits before people.

SNEINTON

The council is to decide whether to modernise, sell, or knock down and sell the site of Victoria Park View Flats.

The flats are likely to be sold to private developers who will create "studio apartments". Their offers? £100,000 and £120,000. Their profits? Enormous.

BULWELL

The city council decided to sell a 4-storey block of flats on Crabtree Farm Estate without telling residents. If the council sell Bradford Court, they will receive a £300,000 government grant for improvement on the estate. Improvement is unlikely - going on the council's record.

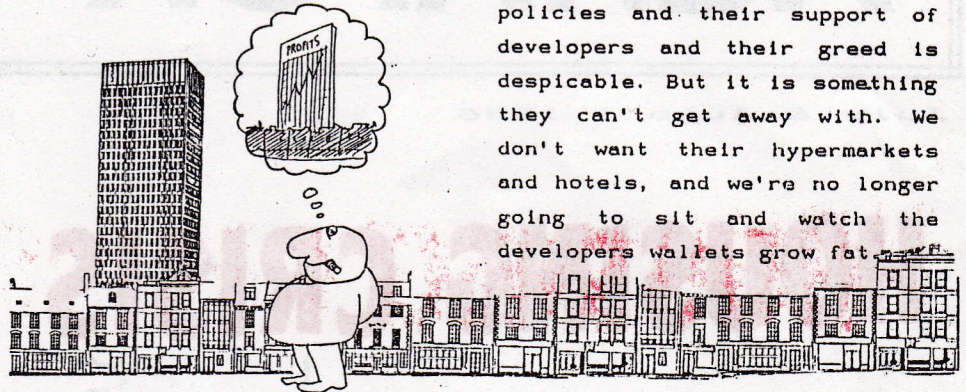
The Tenants' Action Group said: "If the flats are sold as

private homes, people here can't afford to buy them. We want property to rent".

Also marked for sale on the estate are Millbank Court, Padley Court and Spring Head Court.

CARLTON

Gedling Borough Council are using council repair money to



Yuppies Invade ?

An invasion is upon us, this time it's not our jobs that they've come for but our homes. Who are they? Yuppies from the South, come to buy up all our houses. How long before the wine bars open up in Hyson Green? Find it funny? It's no joke, it's true, after all it's in the papers and on the news.

As attractive as this story at first seems we'd do well not to jump to conclusions that our local newspapers (those brave supporters of the working classes) feed us. To understand the real story we have to look beneath the gloss of the headlines, at the marriage of convenience between the industrialists, property dealers and the government.

ENTERPRISE CULTURE -REVEALED

Since the end of the war British industry has been decimated. Unemployment has rocketed. Most new jobs have been concentrated mainly in the South East (SE) of England. This has been achieved through a continuous line of hand-outs to armaments manufacturers which

improve Princess Close and Queens Avenue, for sale to the private sector, at less than their real value.

RADFORD

520 flats at Denman and Connaught Gardens are currently being emptied for future sale.

The council's housing policies and their support of developers and their greed is despicable. But it is something they can't get away with. We don't want their hypermarkets and hotels, and we're no longer going to sit and watch the developers wallets grow fat.

has nursed a 'hi-tech' industrial boom.

BLOODSUCKING PROPERTY DEALERS

This concentration of investment is having dire effects for all workers. As the new jobs are in the SE people go there, this means more housing. Builders make a killing putting up the prices. After all it doesn't cost more to build a house in the SE than it does in Nottingham. As prices go up those without houses are forced to look further afield.

You can even see it happening in Nottingham. Builders take houses off the market at the eleventh hour leaving buyers high and dry. Later they appear up for sale again: at a massively increased price.

POOR FORCED INTO BAD HOUSING AGAIN

All this means that in Nottingham, as in the SE, it's the poor that are forced into low-rent accommodation or squatting. All this is a result of property dealers and builders getting a green light from the government to make even bigger profits.

Midlands women lowest paid in UK

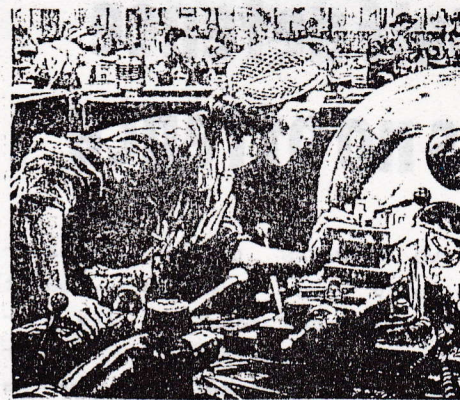
AVERAGE EARNINGS FOR WOMEN in the East Midlands are the lowest in Britain, according to government statistics, published earlier this month. The average wage for women in this area works out at £132 per week - a pittance, but over twice as much as most women homeworkers in Nottingham earn, whose wages range from between £5 to £80 per week.

There are as many as 10,000 homeworkers in Nottinghamshire alone, most of whom are in the garment and textile trades. Homeworkers make up a large and increasing proportion of Britain's workforce, and are the lowest paid and most insecure workers in the UK today. Not surprisingly, the vast majority of homeworkers are women, often with dependent children. Rates of pay for homeworking vary enormously, according to the type of work and the speed of the workers (its "piecework"), but the vast majority earn less than £1 per hour.

Most homeworkers do assembly work, machining or handsewing. Whatever the task, it's boring, messy, often noisy, and always hard work! The job security is also appalling - most homeworkers do not have a contract or regular agreement with their employer. Most do not get sick or redundancy pay. None get overhead costs. The wages are irregular and unreliable, and very few homeworkers are unionised.

MAXIMUM PROFITS

Homeworking is on the increase. Employers are choosing to close their factory premises and employ homeworkers - because it can guarantee them maximum profits. And despite the low pay, hard work and isolation of homeworking, many women are having to turn to it - partly because of lack of other jobs, but mainly due to family commitments. Money is needed to



support low family incomes, but due to appalling state nursery provisions, a job has to be found that can combine childcare. Homeworking does just that.

TWO ROLES AT ONCE

As the welfare state is being dismantled, women are being forced to pay for the economic crisis capitalism is undergoing. We're being forced to fulfill two roles: being driven back to the home to take on responsibilities of welfare the state once had, whilst being kept in the labour market, as capitalism demands.■

ASDA can still be stopped

THE CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION to give ASDA the final go-ahead to build a superstore in Hlyson Green *should* have pushed the campaign against the hypermarket into top gear. Instead, it seems to have ground it to a halt.

WE HAVEN'T LOST!

The "Stop Asda" group now seem to accept that the store will come, and are concentrating on 'chipping away' at minor aspects of ASDA's plans.

But just because all the legal avenues have been exhausted, does it mean that we've lost?

Of course it doesn't. But it means we have to wage a different sort of campaign to the one we've been fighting up til now.

The only way to put paid to

ASDA, then and now, is united action by the people of Hlyson Green.

A campaign based on appealing to Tory councillors, and relying on Labour councillors to 'represent' our opposition for us, was always going to be lost.

At the 'consultation' meeting between the smug PR-men from ASDA and local residents, ASDA bosses were asked what it would take to stop their store.

OBSTRUCTION AND DELAY

"If you really don't want us", they said, "the best way to stop us is to constantly delay and obstruct our plans. We can't sit round on an undeveloped site for ever".

That 'obstruction' needs to start hapening as soon as

building work looks imminent. We've got to make it as costly for ASDA - in money, in time and in their precious public image - as we can, until we force them to pull out of the site.

NEW COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

It will take a lot of work. It means building massive community pickets of construction traffic. It means occupations of the site. It means forging links between us and building workers who should be putting up houses, not hypermarkets. It means escalating our action way beyond the timid limits we've put on it this far.

Most of all, it means that in the streets where we live, we have to break through our isolation, and try to rebuild and rekindle a sense of community.■

Self defence is no offence

TWO MEMBERS OF a Leicester family face serious assault charges, and possible five year prison sentences, after defending themselves from a racist attack.

SELF-DEFENCE

The attack happened late one evening in March, at the Singh family chip-shop, when three white men chanting racist abuse smashed the glass front door. After defending themselves, the Singhs called the police -- who promptly arrested Jit, Narinder and Jagtar Singh, and let the racist thugs go.

ANGER SPREAD

As news of the attack, and the assault charges against the Singhs, spread, anger erupted in the asian community in Leicester. The Singh Defence Campaign was immediately formed calling for all the charges to be dropped, and demanding to know why the racist attackers had got off scot free.

CHARGES DROPPED

At the first court hearing in mid-June, police dropped all

charges against Jagtar, and those of "possessing an offensive weapon" against Jit and Narinder. With this victory behind them, the Singh Defence Campaign now hope to get all the remaining charges dropped.

Jit and Narinder are due to appear any day now in Leicester Crown Court on charges of

"wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm". Demonstrations outside the court are planned.

Latest news from: Singh Defence Campaign, c/o RAMP, 6 Seymour St, Highfields, Leicester. Tel: Leicester 21727.■



GAS CUT-OFFS SOAR IN CITY

SINCE PRIVATISATION of gas, the number of disconnections has risen by 33% nationally -- but the increase in Nottingham is way above the national average. In 1986 the figure for Nottingham stood at 469, but with people not being given enough time to pay, or being refused slot meters, the 1987 figure rose to 1025.

COUNCIL SERVICES GO 'OUT TO TENDER'

AS OUTLINED by the Local Government Act, Nottingham County Council will be putting 'public' services out to tender very soon, and will be accepting the lowest price from public companies to perform services. Cost cutting means low standards, low wages and job losses for council employees. So, when the rubbish is piling up in your street, think of the fat cats in county hall and think "couldn't we run things better without them?"

Poll Tax: Scotland fights back

The Poll Tax, due to be introduced into this country in April 1990 and in Scotland a year earlier, is a tax to replace the present rates system. Instead of having the value of your property taxed, as now, in theory the air we breath will be taxed as everyone over 18 will have to pay. The result of this tax will be enormous

savings for the rich each year and extra large bills for the poor.

However, the Poll Tax is meeting hot opposition from communities in Scotland. Although the tax has not yet been implemented, residents there have been using various tactics to delay the return of the registration forms which is

hindering and confusing those trying to collect the information.

MASS BURNINGS

There have been mass burnings of these forms on various hill tops throughout Scotland, such as Carlton Hill in Edinburgh on May 2nd. There have been other such ceremonial

Orange Order Stopped

ON SATURDAY JUNE 18th, the extreme right wing Orange Order was due to march through Chesterfield, supported by the Labour Council, to the tune of £46,000.

The Orange Order is an exclusively Protestant, all-male organisation, which unites Protestants of all classes on the basis of shared antagonism towards Catholics, and a hatred of any unity between the Protestant and Catholic working class.

A counter-demonstration to prevent the march, and calling

for Troops Out of Ireland, attracted some 500 people from all over the country.

After a march and rally, some 200 people waited on the route where the Orange Order were due to pass, but after about two hours it became apparent they weren't coming. Later reports confirmed that they had turned back after only 200 yards.

We can see this as a victory, but we must continue to prevent any right wing organisations from marching on our streets.■



Marching against the Orange Order

burnings in the Scottish communities of Summerton and Pollock as well as the driving out of Poll Tax snoopers, on necessary occasions, in these areas.

As well as these burnings of forms, up to 20 canvassers who were working to introduce the Poll Tax in Strathclyde have been forced to resign due to the public abuse they received. Incidents such as these are bound to increase as we approach April '89 and the birth of the Poll Tax in Scotland.

WON'T PAY CAMPAIGN

These delaying tactics will,

however, be utterly useless in defeating the Poll Tax, if they are not followed by a "Can't Pay, Won't Pay!" campaign when it is implemented. We need to organise together in our communities in order to have the strength and solidarity to refuse to pay. We can then protect each other from any harassment and victimisation from bailiffs and snoopers.

PILOT AREA

As Nottingham is to be a 'pilot area' to assess the costs of collecting this tax, let's follow the example of Scottish communities, and prepare to smash the Poll Tax!■

More Tea Vicar?

ROY LYNK, head of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM), is a desperate man.

On the one hand, he's got British Coal attacking UDM pits - exposing his phoney promises of prosperity in the Notts coalfield. And, on the other, the threatened breakaway from the TUC by Eric Hammond's EETPU and Bill Jordan's AEU, is stealing the limelight from his two-bit outfit.

In an attempt to recapture the initiative, Lynk has decided to rope in god to help.

At the recent UDM conference Lynk announced to an indifferent world that they were launching an 'alternative TUC' to be called the National Federation of Employees - and that they were calling on all vicars to join them in their crusade.

Lynk has decided that the Christian clergy is a large group of downtrodden workers in need of his kind of unionism. He does have one qualification for the job. He is used to going down on his knees before starting negotiations with management.

To be honest, the National Federation of Employees doesn't

want to restrict itself entirely to priests, vicars or clerics. It does hope to encourage EETPU and AEU members to join, and scabs from all corners of industry. Whether or not the Hammonds or Jordans of this world will take any notice of this jumped-up outfit trying to 'get in first' with a breakaway TUC is another matter.

Lynk, meantime, stumbles on regardless, having tea and talks with vicars countywide.■

BUTCHER BAKER!

WORKERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS: ALL UNDER ATTACK!

Anarchists have never tried to defend the British system of Compulsory schooling. We have never championed schools as centres of freedom, nor teachers as liberators. But nor can we ignore the Government's Education Bill which attacks education, young people's lives in schools and teachers rights as workers in a way never before seen in this country.

Below we look at some of the proposals of the new bill and what they will mean for young people and their parents.

Opting Out

UNDER THE NEW Bill schools with 300 or more pupils will be able to 'opt out' of local Education Authority control. A simple majority of parents voting will be enough to change a school into a grant-maintained school.

- * Pressure to be "successful" will lead to children being selected for these schools on the basis of ability or home-background, with likely discrimination against black, Asian, and working class children, and little incentive to admit children with special needs.
- * Grant-maintained schools will not have access to services currently offered by LEAs such as advisory services, English as a second language teaching, etc.
- * Grant-maintained schools will not have to comply with equal opportunities policies and practices.

Open Enrolment

Under the new proposals parents will be allowed "free choice"

over which school to send their children to provided that it is not full.

- * This means schools will close if they don't get enough pupils. Many areas will lose their local community school - particularly in inner city areas.
- * It could lead to racial segregation if white parents follow the example of Dewsbury and want to send their children to "all white" schools.
- * There are no safeguards to prevent schools favouring boys over girls and a situation where popular schools choose children on racial, religious, class, gender or ability grounds is not far around the corner.

This so-called choice will mean lack of choice for everyone except a tiny minority of rich white parents.

Testing

The Bill proposes testing children at 7, 11, 14, and 16. No tests are free of class and cultural values. Testing children as young as 7 is particularly pernicious and divisive. It will increase competition among children and lead to more children being defined as "failures", younger.

Curriculum Control

Proposals for a national curriculum will make some subjects compulsory and others will be wiped out completely. What little choice there is for children in schools is

eradicated. Any choice within subjects virtually disappears with the introduction of standardised testing from 7 upwards.

It is unlikely, for example, that any schools will be able to offer a language spoken by an ethnic minority - instead those children who wanted to learn Urdu or Gujarati will be forced into French or German lessons.

Unions - lobbying Lords and losing members

So how have the teaching unions responded to these vicious attacks? The largest teachers union, the NUT, the only one capable of mounting a real campaign against this Bill, has responded by calling off its industrial action. Strike action, its National Executive said, was not needed to defeat the Tories plans. What was needed instead was a lobby of "potentially supportive Lords". What a brainwave!

When this failed the NUT spent £20,000 of its members money designing a new logo of an outstretched hand - begging back its lost members??

Meanwhile the Labour party was spending most of its energy arguing that the national curriculum should be extended to "independent schools"....

We can forget the Labour Party and forget the new centralised NUT. The fight against these attacks on education now rests with teachers, parents and young people themselves.



NO Strike deal at college

THE GOVERNMENT is trying to get rid of teaching unions at Nottingham's City Technology College, it was announced recently.

Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, said that he intends to employ non-union labour and wants teachers at the college to sign a no-strike agreement.

The move is the latest in a series of attacks against teachers which will badly hit young people and parents in Nottinghamshire and Nationwide.

Heads will Rule

* Under the Education Bill more power is given to Heads who will force teachers to sign temporary contracts, or leave posts open in order to save money. Already in pilot schemes Heads are boasting that they have appointed teachers at the bottom of the scale, or have left jobs

vacant in order to cut costs.

* Pupils as well as teachers will suffer as this leads to larger and larger class sizes, less time for special needs teaching and no time for teachers to give individual attention to young people.

Break Out

* Breaks, dinner times and school outing cover arrangements will become matters to be decided at the whim of the Head not by Union agreements.

Victimization and Redundancies

* Redundancies also become school (ie Heads) matters and the Bill opens up the scope for more and more victimization of teachers, and dismissal of those who do not tow Baker's line. Baker has even given himself reserve powers to deny teachers the right to appeal to an industrial tribunal.■

A woman's right to choose?

IN A CLIMATE Of attacks on women's reproductive rights, a woman's choice of where to have her child is threatened. This year David Alton's Bill demanded an 18 week abortion limit. His Bill was defeated, but he'll soon attack abortion rights again.

Now, homebirths, maternity and post-natal units are threatened.

MATERNITY CLOSURES

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Health Authorities are planning to close maternity homes and units at Ilkeston, Ashbourne, Heanor, Belper and Newark.

UNDERFUNDING

Hospitals are reduced to self-subsidising by using appeals. Some have charged £3 for pregnancy testing. We want real health care for all not just for the privileged who have the "choice" of private care and clinics.■

Nottm air not fit to breathe

The catalogue of illnesses related to polluted air - chest infections, shortness of breath etc. - has always been known by the working class. Much of this pollution, and the illness related to it is a direct result from exposure at work.

The Government employs Factory Inspectors to enforce safety standards at work. Of course, this is no surprise, the industrialists need reasonably healthy workers to make their profits. The industrialists solution has simply been to dump their pollutants and poisons outside their factories instead - in other words into our homes.

SMOKE GETS IN YOUR EYES

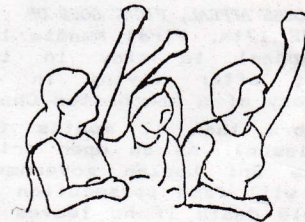
Smoke is of course the most obvious form of pollution. Just

after the war Nottingham was singled out as one of the worst affected areas in the country.

'Smokeless zones' were an attempt to change this. Ironically it actually causes more pollution to produce smokeless fuels than burning ordinary coal. The only difference in this case is that the pollution occurs in the areas of production of the fuels, not in the leafy suburbs.

NOTTINGHAM 'AT RISK'

If you dig out the Government's own figures on sulphur di-oxide emissions they reveal an horrific story. Much of inner Nottingham (Lenton, Radford, Hyson Green, Sneinton, The Meadows and Basford) are all 'at risk' of breaking European



Community guidelines on pollution of the air.

'ENERGY FOR DEATH'

It is possible to use less of these polluting fuels, but the Electricity Board, even when in "public" hands, is not interested in our health. Further, why is so much energy wasted by poor insulation and design of our homes? It's funny how it's always the worst off who have the coldest houses and so need to use more energy to heat them. Maybe its too cynical to say, could it be to encourage people to buy more electricity? Energy for life? More like energy for death.■

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because her daughter was placed on a Youth Training Swindle (YTS).

The second case was of a man on Industrial Injuries Benefit, whose rent jumped from £3.62 per fortnight, to £62.50 in April -- that's a 1,500% increase. And they still try and pretend that no-one's worse off by the changes.

HOUSING: WHOSE BENEFIT?

Since April, the government have backed down slightly on their Housing Benefit scheme. Now they have said that if you're getting at least £2.50 per week less HB than you were before the changes, you may be entitled to 'transitional payments'. (Although, if you make a 'fresh claim' -- e.g. if you move -- you lose your entitlement to it). This does not apply to those on income support, but if you're bringing up a child, are on a widow's

pension, are long term sick or disabled, or if your partner is over 60 -- apply now while stocks last!

According to the Post (6/6/88), investigators are now being brought into the city to try and "combat illegal Supplementary Benefit claims". (Don't they realise Sup Ben was abolished in April!?) Obviously, not happy with the £2½ million they've already taken from us, you can bet your house the investigators will be targeting the poorer parts of the city. Nottingham's rich tax-evaders and big businesses remain uninvestigated, while we get slammed for trying to pick up the breadcrumbs...

THE RICH NEED US

But, the biggest irony is this: The changes in the benefit system were introduced to "combat the benefit dependency culture". Yet it is the rich who benefit from our poverty and who depend on our class for their wealth.

* EDITORIAL *

Welcome to this is the third issue of *Nottingham Agitator*, a magazine produced by Nottingham Anarchist Socialist Group. We'll now be appearing on the streets of Nottingham every two months -- issue 4 will be out in September.

Our series of public meetings is continuing, and if you'd like any information about them, about our Aims and Principles, or about what else the ASG does, please get in touch with us

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* LOCAL NEWS *

VIRAJ LOSES APPEAL, FIGHT GOES ON

ON JUNE 17th, Viraj Mendis lost his appeal to stay in this country after living in the sanctuary of a Manchester Church for more than 17 months (see last issue). As an open critic of the Sri Lankan government, Viraj will face persecution and probable death if he leaves the sanctuary and returns to Sri Lanka. The Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign is pledged to defend the sanctuary from attack by the police and Home Office, while attempts are made to appeal to the House of Lords. For latest news of the local campaign contact: Nottm Anti-Deportation Campaign, Box A, Hiziki, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottingham.

NOTTINGHAM NHS SHORT OF £8 MILLION

A SECRET internal NHS report, leaked to local press, reveals that Nottingham Area Health Authority is underfunded to the tune of £8 million. The shortfall means staffing levels are kept low, equipment is not replaced, beds are lost and operations cancelled.

NOTTS COP'S HANGING HOBBY

WILFORD POLICE officer Terry Lambley was no doubt dismayed at the defeat of the Bring Back Hanging Motion in the Commons on Tuesday June 7th. Terry keeps a genuine 19th Century gallows in his back garden!

NOTTINGHAM ANARCHIST SOCIALIST GROUP

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

Our goal is the creation of a free, equal, and classless society.

At present the State and capitalism ensure that wealth and power remain in the hands of a few. The workers produce the wealth that the bosses enjoy. The power of the State is controlled by a ruling elite.

This creates a class of people who are deprived of the power to direct their own lives and to shape their own environment.

Movements of reform have never fundamentally changed the nature of the capitalist system: power has continually remained with successive elites.

Consequently, our goal can only be achieved through an anarchist social revolution. This revolution will not replace one set of rulers with another but will destroy both capitalism and the state worldwide.

Rulers and leaders have always taken power from the people they have claimed to act for. We must organise for our own liberation. No leaders can do this for us.

The system based on hierarchy and centralised power must be replaced with a society that is run by, and for, the people.

Because this is the kind of society anarchists want, we structure our group in the same way.

We actively support struggles in the work place and community (eg. against deportation, against discrimination and for better health care.). Whilst these may not be revolutionary in themselves, the common experience of struggle inspires revolutionary action.

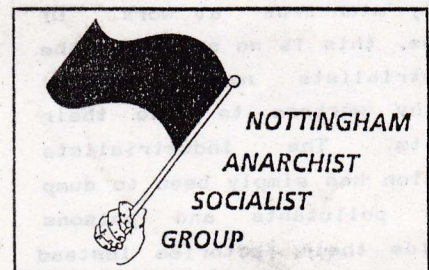
We will participate in these struggles as anarchists.

We oppose racism and sexism, acknowledging that all white people benefit from racism and all men benefit from sexism. We must fight against all forms of oppression on a personal as well as class level.

Because organisation is necessary for effective political action, and a formal structure allows for greater responsibility and accountability Nottingham ASG is a membership group.

Nottingham ASG is:

- *A class struggle group
- *Committed to organisation
- *Opposed to racism and sexism
- *A membership group



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