

# RED RAG

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I keep in touch with all  
the latest trends with  
the Going Out Guide... P10

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Hey, it's arrived!

Footprints in the artwork  
by Clyde.



Bleugh. Those ghastly squatters  
across the road are moving in  
next door to us ... P3

More than 12 pages of property inside...

... but none of it in our price range and  
all of it scheduled for office redevelopment.

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Fill in the questionnaire!

Quick, hand me that Swiss Bank  
Account Number. These good  
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# SHEHNAZ SHEIKH CAMPAIGN MARCH & RALLY SAT. JAN. 15

This is Shehnaz. She is a 26 year old Asian woman, who has been living and working in Reading for more than three years. The Home Office has removed her right to indefinite stay in Britain, on the grounds that her marriage was not valid. Despite evidence to the contrary they are insisting that she be sent back to Pakistan.

The Friends of Shehnaz, her lawyer, her local M.P., Anwar Ditta and others are fighting the case, but we need YOUR support to persuade them to re-examine the evidence - evidence which shows their case to be unfounded.

Over 100 people attended a public meeting in December. Over 1,000 people have signed petitions to the Home Office. NOW we need a massive display of public support for Shehnaz, to ensure her security and the right of others to stay in this country.



## come to the march and rally jan.15th

12.00 p.m. ASSEMBLE in St. Bartholomews' Road

MARCH through Newtown, through town centre to the Civic Offices

1.30 p.m. RALLY in front of the Civic Offices

Proposed speakers to include : TARLOCHAN GATA-AURA

(Anwar Ditta Campaign)

: Members of RACE TODAY COLLECTIVE

: Satya Soni (Asian Community Worker)

## time is running out

What else you can do : sign the petition

: write to your local M.P. & the Home Office

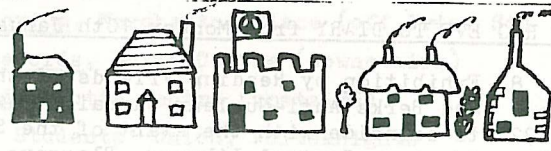
: send donations to Friends of Shehnaz Campaign ■

Box 30 17 Chatham Street, Reading





# PEOPLE VS PROPERTY



## Squatters Against G.V.T.

No more community!  
We want community, Now & Here.

First the bad News.

On Wednesday 5th of January, 1983 at 10.30am, we had the rather unpleasant task of appearing before the Reading County Court for the immediate passing of an eviction order on our wonderful squat at 5 Dover St.

As we left the court room singing the chorus of Alice's Restaurant, a feeling passed through us that it was a total waste of time even waking up. The judge mumbled on in some kind of law jargon to the councillor then proceeded with our say in the matter hurrying it into a 30 second space. He then slyly stooped over and signed the eviction order.

I thought it was very unjust. His so-called honour didn't even appear to be listening to us. I pleaded that the case should be moved forward and adjourned to a near future date there to give us a chance to get a legal case together, I also said we had not had sufficient warning of a court hearing but all he could say was, "You have no need of time to gain a case as you have no case at all." My reply was that, "Surely that is to be debated, not stated." Before the words' echoes had faded, he had written and stated "Eviction quite quick son, and let that be the end of it."

## A Action progress

First on the subject of the recent court case we are ready to move out of our 5 Dover St address and all the way across the road to number 8 Dover Street and hopefully to two new premises. This means that the recent eviction of number 5 can be taken with a pinch of anything you fancy, and logged as a good gain of experience.

The experience of being pushed around in court the way we were has made us begin approaching the court laws and Rights in a new light.

We do have a good knowledge of the law on gaining and holding on to squats up until a court eviction, but hardly any as lawyers. This fact is to change quite quickly. I was never aware that slyness, cunning and deceit were a part of the justice of court.

We'll just learn to dissolve them with a little help from Radio Gnome Invisible of course.

New News - a friendly squat group from London came down on Tuesday and are getting very involved with us. We have started a band and will be doing free gigs in every possible place outdoors in Reading as soon as we can get hold of a generator, so if you have one or know of one we would love to hear about it - also possibly someone who could lend me a pushbike to cycle round Reading in search of new premises, that would be great - just contact Acorn Bookshop and they'll let us know. We're also hoping to hold a few demonstrations with the London squatters in the near future, so if you think you like what we are doing, please contact us - the more people the better. We have many properties ready for occupation, we just need the people. So get out of your heads on action Now & Here & contact Acorn Bookshop and they'll put you in touch with us. Give us your ideas and we'll give you ours.

Signed Xen xxx

## Word from Cambridge Peace Centre

Almost 5 months ago about 20 of us moved into a large disused vicarage in Cambridge and set up the Cambridge Peace Centre. Now there's about 10 people living here who would otherwise have been homeless, as well as a few people usually staying with us.

We intend the house to be a sort of urban peace camp, taking the idea and way of life of peace camps into the towns. Reaction from some local groups such as CND has been doubtful, as we're squatting and they feel this could alienate people. But peace camps are squats too, and the women who embraced the base at Greenham weren't put off by that. We've also maintained links with peace camps by providing somewhere for campers to stay in a town - people from Molesworth, Lakenheath and Greenham have stayed with us, and people from the Centre have also been to many of the peace camps - we're becoming a coordinating centre for lifts out to them.

Since we opened we've been providing rooms for people to meet in - local peace groups have used the building, and the local group of the Anti-Nuclear Campaign - but also the University Gay Group, and "The Heckler" - a radical magazine from the University.


We feel that it's important to broaden the aims of the peace movement beyond leafletting or attending meetings, though these things can be useful, and beyond concern with getting rid of nuclear weapons (or in the case of Cruise and Trident, with getting rid of just some of them). Sure, stopping Cruise and Trident is necessary to the sort of society we're after, but at times the peace movement almost seems to be saying that these weapons are the only things wrong with this society. We need to work as well for animal, gay and women's liberation, and against racism and the alienation and poverty people are suffering every day - not just "when the bomb drops".

**2-DAY EVENT - END OF FEBRUARY : SEXUAL POLITICS, MILITARISM AND VIOLENCE / FEMINISM AND PEACE / MASCULINITY AND VIOLENCE.** Events for women, men, gays, socialists, anarchists and everybody!!!

With this in mind, we're getting together an event for the end of February, probably lasting around 2 days, to discuss the whole area of violence and militarism and the insights of sexual politics into it - masculinity and violence, for example, or the nuclear family and the nuclear bomb. We want the event to be what those who'll attend it want, so if you're interested, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE get in touch and say how you'd like it organised, how much organisation you'd like anyway, the sort of things you'd like to happen and so on. What we don't want to do is organise something in a lot of detail that nobody much likes - so do get in touch!

Core info: Colin Wilson, Cambridge Peace Centre, 45 Jesus Lane, Cambridge

Anybody interested in, or with access to, transport up there, contact HUW. Reading 667583, or Fox 17, Acorn Books.

'Funky dwelling unit, sweet  
Funky dwelling unit' 



# events

## RED RAG EVENTS DIARY from Monday 10th January

Sat 8 Exhibition by Reading Friends of the Earth to and Berks Anti-Nuclear Campaign power group, to coincide with the start of the Sizewell inquiry. Central Library, Blagrove St.

Mon 10 Anarchists: weekly meeting 8pm. To find out where phone 666681.

South Reading BANC neighbourhood group meeting. 8pm, S. Reading Community Centre, Northumberland Avenue.

Caversham BANC meeting (1st Mon of month): "their first concerted effort to gather signatures on the nuclear free zone petition." 7pm, 70 St Peter's Avenue. Contact Ruth Winchester on 482881.

TV: Friends of the Earth recommend you to watch Horizon at 9.25 on BBC2 tonight, on "Sizewell under Pressure".

Tue 11 Sizewell: to mark the opening of the inquiry into Sizewell 'B' there will be an "enormous public protest" 9.30am at the Snape Maltings, near Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Coaches from Ipswich station 8.45. Contact Ipsw. 214308 (East Anglian Alliance Against Nuclear Power)

Video and Music: weekly course starts at South Hill Park. How to make promos, record gigs etc. Contact Barry Gibson or Tim Hill at SHP (Bracknell 27272). 7.30 - 9.30 in the studio, SHP, Bracknell.

Berks Anti-Nuclear Campaign/Reading CND AGM. Reports, elections, constitutional amendments and policy resolutions! 8pm Friends' Meeting House, Church St (off London St).

Woodley & Easley BANC meeting to draft a leaflet for their stall (see 29th). 8pm, 2 Western Avenue. Contact Sue Watts 690813.

Wed 12 Socialist Workers' Party: weekly meeting 8pm at the Red Lion, Southampton Street.

East Reading BANC: business meeting. 8pm at 71 Hamilton Road. Contact Steve Gavin 663177.

National Guild of Co-operators: Canon Boulton "A Christian looks at Peace and War Today" + open discussion. 8pm, St Mary's Centre, by the church in the Butts.

Films - to introduce the Marx Centenary Lectures at the University. "Strike! + "Battleship Potemkin". Room G10, Palmer Building, Whiteknights. 2pm. £1.

Thu 13 Picket: 10.30am or earlier outside Reading Magistrates Court, where Liz Cowgill faces charges of non-payment of fines for action at Greenham. She intends to do a sponsored gaol sentence... Contact Marion Sim on 61361.

Fri 14 Conservation Society: talk: "Soil Erosion - a Consequence of Man's Interference with Nature?" by P. Gregory of the University. 7pm, George Palmer School, Northumberland Ave.

Community Work Training Group: "Police Liaison & its dangers" - talk by Phil Sealey, race relations adviser, "who will help place what is happening in Reading in a national context." 7.30 at Central Club, London St.

Berks Humanists: meeting to discuss International Calendar Reform! and plan future activities. 8pm at Friends' Meeting House, Church St, off London St.

Sat 15 Shehnaz Sheikh: march and rally to oppose her deportation. Assemble 12 noon St Bartholomews Road. March to rally 1.30pm outside Civic Offices. See elsewhere this Rag for more and how to help.

BANC benefit: the Nozes at the Horse & Barge, 8 - 12.

Sun 16 RED RAG Collective meeting. Everyone very welcome, so come and bring your ideas, enthusiasm and constructive criticisms. 4pm, 24 Norwood Road, tel 666681.

Mon 17 Women's Media Workshop: first of 4 weekly presentations to relaunch the WMW at South Hill Park. This week Sarah Boston, freelance director. 7.30 at the cinema, SHP, Bracknell. Free. Contact Judith Higginbottom at SHP (Bracknell 27272).

Reading Tree Club: "Trees of the Pacific Coast," by Dr M. Keith-Lucas. 7.30, G1 Music Room, University London Road site.

Tue 18 Burghfield Peace Camp (again): meeting for those interested in past and future activities concerning ROF Burghfield and other local anti-nuclear events. 7pm, 58 George St. Contact Paul or Pogle on 587381.

Wed 19 Marx Centenary Lectures: "The relevance of Marxist economic theory to contemporary economics," by Dr John Cantwell. 2pm, Palmer Building, the University, Whiteknights.

Rape Crisis Collective meeting: any women interested in getting involved in any way very welcome. 7.30 at the Women's Centre, basement of Old Shire Hall, Abbey St.

Local/Community Action Group meeting. "To discuss Mutual Aid, Wholefood Collective, Peace Activities, Veggie Dining and any other suggestions." 7.45, Fairview Community Centre, end of George St near Central swimming pool.

Civic Society: "Traffic in towns: science fiction versus cheap tricks." Illustrated talk by Prof P. Hall. 8pm, Vachell Room, the Hexagon.

BANC Committee meeting. 8pm, Jury Rooms, by the Abbey Gateway. All members welcome.

Thu 20 RED RAG: copy deadline for next issue. If you would like to help with typing etc this time phone 599804.

Friends of the Earth: "Rail v Road", John Rigby on options for freight and passenger transport for the future, including the real costs of motoring. 7.45 at the Museum, Blagrove St.

West Reading BANC: meeting to discuss activities for 1983, including the W. Rg. Festival. 8pm at 6 Cranbury Road.

Sat 22 RED RAG production. To help phone 599804.

Sun 23 RED RAG collation (am) and distribution (pm).

Mon 24 Women's Media Workshop - details as Mon 17th. Erica Stevemson, camerawoman.

Tue 25 Berks Organic Gardeners: talk: "Starting crops early in the year - clothes, hot-beds etc." 7.30, St Mary's Centre, Chain St. All welcome.

Wed 26 Nuclear power - WEA Industrial Branch teaching. Workshops on nuclear power & weapons; n. power for beginners; safety aspects; costs & alternatives; politics of n. power. 7.30pm Centre for the Unemployed, East St (off Queen's Rd). 50p.

Thu 27 Workshop on Co-operatives: advantages & disadvantages; different types; how to set one up; likely problems; the answer to unemployment? Speakers from Oxford Co-op Development Agency, Stonebridge Bus Project, Buildit co-op, Bristol. 7.30 at Unemployed Centre, East St.

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Sat 29 E. Reading BANC: book & record sale. St Lukes Erleigh Rd, 2-6pm. Details: Steve Gavin 663177.

Woodley & Earley BANC: leafletting in Woodley shopping centre. Contact Sue Watts on 690813 if you'd like to help.

Sun 30 "The Working Class in Berkshire" - 8 weekly sessions, 10.30 - 12.30 Suns, Unemployed Centre, East St. £7 (£3.50) or £1.50 per session. Today: "From the field to the factory via collective bargaining by riot" - Peasants' Revolt, Captain Swing & Chartism. Introduced by Wolf Wayne of Slough College. Details & enrolment: Pete Ruhemann, 897, Oxford Road.

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### Advertising

A number of people have asked about the bit in the last Rag which suggested that the Rag takes ads. This is to amplify.

First, Red Rag is now constantly in dire financial trouble, despite the generous support of our core of readers, who get the paper delivered through their doors each fortnight. Most of you who have money to spare send us some occasionally, and until late last year this has always been enough to pay for the printing. It is no longer the case.

In order to grow and spread the word, the Rag is now distributed through a number of 'retail' outlets, still at no charge. This section of our readership sends us less money. On the other hand, it means the Rag is reaching people outside the 'Left ghetto' of the town. If we want this section of the readership to grow (and we do, and not just because we are megalomaniacs), we have to finance that growth. We don't feel we can yet charge for the paper, though we might have to do so in the end, and we have no rich sponsors.

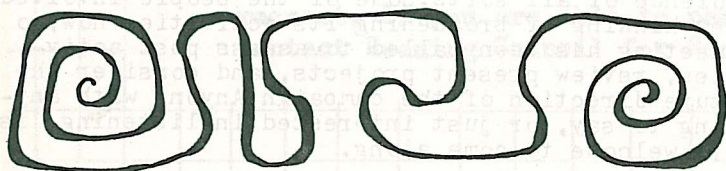
One possible avenue is through advertising appearing in the paper. In marketing terms, we can present a good case to people who want to make money by promoting, say, gigs or restaurants or record shops etc locally. They could buy exposure here, in a different form to any mentions they may get in the 'editorial' bit of the paper. We can use the money to increase the size and/or circulation of the Rag.

If ads do start appearing, the way we deal with the rest of the paper would be unchanged, as would the way we deal with people who want to promote their favourite cause or campaign. Anything non-commercial would continue to appear free because that is what I think we are here for - to spread words that don't get a fair showing in the commercial media, to allow us to talk to one another.

There remains a good deal of disagreement within the production groups about the issue, although it is clear that within the next month we must decide whether to pull back on our printing costs and circulation, or we must find a new source of revenue.

Which is it to be? I hope the issue will be discussed at the next Rag general meeting, which is on Sunday 16 January (details elsewhere in this issue). If you have a view, please either write to us before then or come along and talk about it. My view should be pretty clear from the above,

Mark



### Red Rag Outlets

Don't know where to get hold of a copy? Try:-

Acorn Bookshop, under the Chatham St car park

Pop Records, 172 King's Road

Centre for the Unemployed, East St (off Queen's Rd)

Brets, (where the burgers come from), Friar Street

Reading Emporium, Merchants' Place (off Friar St)

Our Price Records, Butts Centre (downstairs)

Lazer Records, Butts Centre (upstairs)

Ken's Shop, Students' Union, Whiteknights

or our new outlet

Central Club, bottom of London Street

....but to make sure, ring Distribution on 61257 or 666681 to get it delivered free to your door!

By the way, someone in Wokingham has offered to distribute there. Anyone interested? Get in touch.

If you move, please let us know! Both your new address and the old one so we can delete it. Also, if your copy doesn't get delivered - tell us. Offers of help with distribution much appreciated in all areas...

### Folding Red Rag

If you've nothing better to do than sleeping off a hangover on the morning of Sunday 23rd January, why not ring 599804 and come and do a bit of collating folding and labelling?

### Red Rag Folding?

Before this issue we had £15.87 in the bank, plus a few pounds in Acorn. This looks like being a fairly small number, but even so - despite our missing an issue over Christmas - we don't have the money to print it. A 12-sider would cost about £60. Unless we get lots of money pretty soon there won't be another one. Send cheques (to 'Red Rag') or postal orders to us c/o Sue Clarke, Flat 7, 66 Wokingham Road. Put money in the box at Acorn. Fill in the standing order form below to make a regular contribution. (When did you last make a donation?) Give us ideas for how to raise money. Any events you'd like to organise? The last social in the Crown made precisely £1... Help!

To:- (your bank's name and address)

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Please pay to the account of RED RAG, Co-operative Bank, Reading (08-90-16, a/c no. 50148637),

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on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), and on the same date every month/three months until further notice.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

Your a/c no \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to Sue Clarke, Flat 7, 66 Wokingham Road. NOT to your bank. Ta.



# Snakes and Ladders



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Having been held in Newbury, Reading, Oxford and Slough police stations, 44 Greenham Common peace campaigners were released after appearing before Newbury magistrates on Monday Jan 3. The women had previously been refused bail at the instigation of the Thames Valley police under a 600 year old law (described as 'bizarre' by Patricia Hewitt, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties). They were accused of 'disturbing the peace' on Jan 1 by 'unlawfully trespassing on the Greenham Common airbase by scaling the main security fence with ladders, occupying a high security area and disrupting and inconveniencing people working there'.

The women had used aluminium ladders bought from Reading Woolies; the scheme worked beautifully until the police took away the ladders while a 73 year old woman was still at the top of the 12 ft perimeter fence. She had to jump....(the police allowed her out on bail until Monday's hearing). The women then ran to a cruise missile silo and stood on it, chanting and waving banners and dancing while 50 or so peace campaigners stood outside the fence and showed their support.

Similar scenes took place in the courtroom at Monday's hearing. The women intend to deny the charge against them on Feb 14 when the case will be heard.

The 11 women in Reading police station received some support on Sun Jan 2 when 50 or so people stood outside with banners and sang, played music and held candles. Three women were taken to see three of the women inside by a sympathetic officer ('I don't want the bloody things here either'. The women, Bea, Kerry and Mandy, were fine, but couldn't stand the white walls of the cells which had blue and green flex running across them and please could they have some coffee and fruit juice? They also mentioned that when they wanted to contact their solicitor, her phone was mysteriously out of order....Strange, something very similar happened just before the September eviction. We'll be resorting to carrier pigeons (doves?) before too long....

Meanwhile, peace campaigner Liz Cowgill is to do a sponsored prison sentence as she faces charges for non-payment of a fine for action taken at Greenham Common. There will be a picket at 10.30 or earlier at Reading Magistrates Court on Thursday Jan 17. Contact Marion Sim on Rg 61361.

## Clash at A-plant

No it wasn't The Clash making a public appearance. It was, in fact, the headline used by the Sun, to keep its millions of readers in blissful ignorance of the Burghfield Christmas Fast.

For the benefit of 'Conned' Sun readers everywhere, and people like you, who prefer the factual reporting of Red Rag. The Defence Ministry policemen couldn't have been friendlier, (we suspect some of them must be on a transfer list by now - for talking to us for so long) once they got over their initial shock of seeing twenty-five people turn up at midnight on the 23rd (Dec) to start the fast.

Overall, there were 50 or so people who took part in fasting for various periods of time, the maximum being 120 hours. Four people managed to refuse food for the full five days. One person, Trevor Stoddard of Chippenham, broke his five day fast with an apple, and then found enough energy to ride his push-bike home!

A reasonable cross section of society was represented by the fasters. The youngest was 16, and the oldest was 61. They covered a complete range of political thought, from a conservative headmaster,

to an outright anarchist. Their time was spent, in stimulating conversations with the many visitors who bothered to go and see them.

Some £1000 is hoped to be raised through sponsorship for War on Want. The aims of the fasters were two-fold: a) To draw the links between huge sums of money being spent on arms (notably nuclear weapons) and millions of people dying of starvation. b) To show that we can do something now, which is constructive.

The press and broadcasting media paid a small amount of attention, both locally and nationally, to the event, their coverage can only be described as fair.

Finally, a word of thanks, to everyone who got involved, (fasting, sponsoring, visiting and reporting) without you, it wouldn't have happened.

Paul & Pogle.

Psst. All sponsor money in by 12/1/83 or a.s.a.p. Phone us on Rdg. 587381 if there are any hitches. The sun report should read:

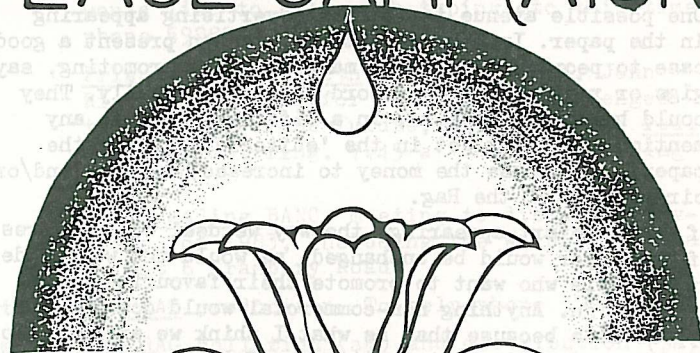
Security police and protesters clashed yesterday outside a



secret base where atomic weapons are made.

The defence ministry police asked fasters to take down their 'Give peace a chance' balloons from the fence. When it became evident that the fasters weren't going to comply, the police took them down themselves. The clash followed a five day fast outside the base at Burghfield."

## BURGHFIELD PEACE CAMP (AIGN)



TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
MEETING 7pm 58, GEORGE ST,  
RDG

This campaign originated with the peace camp and still retains the aim of publicising the existence and function of ROF Burghfield, and campaigning against it as an extreme manifestation of a society which encourages the use and threat of violence of all sorts. Some of the people involved are thinking of broadening its activities now, so a meeting has been called to assess past activities, review present projects, and consider the future direction of the campaign. Anyone with anything to say, or just interested in listening, is very welcome to come along.



## All around Greenham Common

12th December 1982

Two magpies fluttered my path  
As I walked all alone  
Through the rain to the bus.  
Then there were people I knew  
And we boarded together  
Looked out through windows  
Clouded with breath  
A mother kissed her two children goodbye  
'You're going for the whole day and that's long  
enough'

The elder one said, while Dad stood nearby.  
Lovers and husbands returned to their cars  
And then we departed  
Hurtling through country lanes  
With a wake of water  
Flying from the wheels.

We arrived at the place  
Cars and buses were wedged  
All around. We were set down  
Walked to Orange Gate, then to Red Gate  
And there we stopped on the grassy verge  
There we wove LOVE into the wire  
With the long grasses growing around  
While on every side women hung mementos  
Photographs, poems, patchwork, posters  
And miracles of nature's artistry  
A flower, a seed, a fruit  
To the world irreplaceable.

The sinister purpose of the fence was disguised  
Balloons and scarves fluttered in the wind  
Barbed strands festooned with babies' clothes  
Which grew on the imprisoning mesh  
With many woven slogans -  
PEACE, NO CRUISE  
ARMS ARE FOR EMBRACING  
WELFARE NOT WARFARE  
While our fingers ached with cold.

The sun shone as we joined hands  
And shouted FREEDOM to the skies  
And danced and sang while all around  
Many laughed and cried.  
Those who had brought seeds  
Flung them over the fence in the hope  
That they might grow  
On the ground where we could not go.

As dusk fell we trod the pathway home  
By the light of candles set all around the base  
And fires flickered in the darkness  
Around which sat those who would stay the night  
Encamped around like armies of olden times  
Before the dawn of battle.  
But this battle was to be fought  
Not with weapons of steel and the taking of  
men's lives

No blood to be shed -  
Heart and mind, body and soul  
Courage and love were our weapons  
In this war for peace on earth.

Vivian Wright

## APPEAL FROM THE FRIENDS OF SHEHNAZ.

As stated in the leaflet in this edition, "time is running out" for Shehnaz. The campaign urgently needs help from people with a few hours to spare - to publicise the march & rally on the 15th January.

Below are the names of people that you can contact for specific tasks :-

Town Centre leafletting	- Clive	667971	
Factory / Office leafletting	- Breda	584558	home
		583773	work
Neighbourhood (door to door) leafletting			
Katesgrove	- Annabel	589214	
Oxford Rd.	- Jane	597834	
Newtown	- Neil	661004	

If you are willing to publicise in a different way (or different neighbourhood) please contact Chris a.s.a.p. (662466 evenings, 596639 daytime)

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N.B. The march & rally is one very important phase of the campaign, but it will not be the end - further action planned will be explained at the rally. Petitions will also continue to be circulated, & these can be supplied on request. If you are able to pass them round & encourage further support contact Reading Council for Racial Equality (583773).



SHADOWS

The year is dead  
The night: asleep  
Let the New Year in  
Let the cold wind beat.

I wish I were  
an aeroplane,  
I wish -  
but the cold wind beats  
and the New Year creeps  
among cardboard men  
among cut-out men  
among charcoal trees.

She said  
'god knows - god does not care  
I know he is not there  
the sullen, not the fair  
our brittle wafers share.'

She said -  
but you will not cry, my friend,  
nor will you laugh, again.  
Not with the heart  
you laughed and cried with then.  
So  
Let the cold wind beat  
Let the cold wind beat  
With the pipe and drum  
On the trucks and guns  
On the oil spills.

And the quiet men  
think now and then  
'This is like a dream  
like a kind of dream.'  
We are shadow men  
These are

shadow-friends

Which shadows we kill  
only depends  
on a kind of dream  
on a line of dream  
where one shadow ends  
where one shade begins  
in a kind of dream.

She said  
(Do you remember when she said - ?)  
She said she was ashamed  
She said she dreamt of graves  
She said she dreamt of planes  
She dreamt of burning planes

I wish -  
but George laughed, saying  
'No use crying over spilt blood.'  
an aeroplane.

For though  
the sharp snowflakes bite  
it is the cold wind that kills  
So let the cold wind beat  
Let the cold wind beat  
through the snow-capped hills  
with the pipe and drum  
On the icy mud  
On the trucks and guns  
On the oil spills.

The year is dead  
The night: asleep  
Let the New Year in  
Let the cold wind beat.

- Luke Andreski

Machine Translation

(A while back someone tried translating  
the saying 'Out of sight, out of mind'  
into Russian then back into English again  
by computer-it ended up as "invisible  
maniac"!)

Out of sight is out of mind  
Watch the senseless lead the blind  
Into crime - killing time  
To cheat the future  
The skies are crying  
For Human Nature.

War of words spells out oppression  
Rule of thumb by opposition  
Bloodstained ballpoint - no forgiving  
Lining pockets for a living  
Smile for the camera  
You invisible maniacs.

Huw Jones

21-piece set

My aunt kept precious crockery  
Wrapped in newsprint  
Only taking them out now and again  
To be cleaned and put back in the cupboard.

On her daughter's twenty-first  
She borrowed cups and plates from neighbours  
Saying she would keep the others  
For special occasions.

World leaders  
When you, too, have passed on  
Will your weapons  
Come out of the cupboard for smashing?

Sheila Sexton  
November 1982

AT THE CONTROLS

Hello Red Rag readers. Within a fortnight  
or so there's going to be a (wait for it)  
brand new magazine in the area! It's  
called AT THE CONTROLS. Essentially  
centred around music, it will also  
cover other areas. If you have any ideas  
or contributions in the form of Art,  
Poetry or anything write to:  
AT THE CONTROLS,  
56 Kingfisher Drive,  
Woodley, Reading

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Huw Jones

15th December 1983



## UPPER HEYFORD BLOCKADE

USAF Upper Heyford, 12 miles North of Oxford, is the home of American F-111 Fighter-Bomber warplanes, each equipped with two nuclear bombs with a 200 kiloton warhead yield. The base is also host to occasional visits by many of the West's latest warplanes.

A Peace Camp was set up last Easter on a stretch of disused footpath next to the perimeter. Since the Autumn, the campers have also occupied 30 acres on the far side of the base. This land has been purchased by the local authority for transfer to the Ministry of Defence. The American Air Force plans to use it to accommodate another unit - new EF-111's, specially equipped with electronics to increase the F-111's "survivability" when put against the Soviet war-machine.

Several people from Reading took part in a peaceful blockade of the base for 12 hours on New Year's Eve, together with 350-400 others. It was a total success. The camp is also continuing with a hectic series of other smaller activities: Ten people had to be removed from County Hall in Oxford on Jan 6th in connection with the campaign against this particular escalation of the arms race.

Upper Heyford Peace Camp,  
Portway,  
Camp Road,  
Upper Heyford,  
Oxon.



### Upper Heyford - a wimp's eye view

"I'm sure that in 10 years' time people will view the present peace movement much as they view the 20s' suffragette movement now (sic.). They'll be saying: 'Well of course I supported the ideas all along.' The people round here know that it's wrong to have nuclear weapons, it's just the government; but they're frightened about what will happen if the Americans do go. This area depends so much on the base for jobs. When they have a moan at me for, say, giving the peace camp a hamper for Christmas, I point out that I also gave the church bazaar a food voucher to spend in the shop. I say: 'if you support one, you've got to support them all.' " - Upper Heyford village shopkeeper, quoted from memory.

Having spent the night desperately trying to sleep crammed together in a marquee with 100-odd "others", some of whom were drunk and noisy, it was a fairly shaky start to the day when we all staggered out of our sleeping bags and tents and vans to mock-reveille calls and strident "wakey-wakeys" from one of our number who said he used to be in the army; - "Why don't you go back to it?" and "Do you have to impose your will on others?" were the grumpy responses from some of us! Tempers were soothed by the amazingly durable porridge and coffee served by the excellent "Munchies and Slurpies" of Oxford, who were to keep us fed for the day in return for optional donations - if you were broke you could eat free!

It was still dark as we gathered into groups: "Peace camps gate-here", "South Oxford gate-here" came sleepy calls through the smoky 5am twilight. Each group - one for each of the 10 base entrances - gathered names and contact numbers for the legal observers, then formed circles, arms round shoulders, gently swaying, singing "You can't kill the spirit", seeking a sense of solidarity and closeness we'd need for the day to come.

The day's events turned out to be not quite what some of us had expected. Techniques learnt during (for some) weeks of non-violence preparation were barely needed. Most of the base contractors were not due to return to work until the new year, and the USAF had given its personnel the day off - to avoid hassles? Later on we heard that traffic police were advising those bound for the base to turn round and not to bother trying to get in! Police presence reached near-overkill(!) proportions

- a whole fleet of motorcyclists directing people to parking spaces etc, we counted at least 3 riot-control vans, and on average at least 10 police on duty at each gate throughout the day, with many more being drilled and milling round here and there. Presumably they had shared our expectations of the day.

It turned out to be one of the most harmonious and loving demonstrations I've been on - people span wool webs across the entrances largely unimpeded, sang songs with a band of wandering musicians (if you can suspend your cynicism, it's amazing how moving a simple song like "We shall overcome" can be!), talked, exchanged details and hugs and kisses. News came of a "Jobs not Bombs" march planned nationwide for 1983, and always there were tidings of "new" people and groups becoming active. The police in general seemed to have caught the mood of the occasion; they appeared to want to use it as a public relations exercise - though, of course, unwilling to venture personal opinions while in the uniform which at once set them visually apart, and made them seem faintly ridiculous and somehow anachronistic. There was one reported "incident" at the Green Gate. A call came over the 2-way radio at the peace camp that "the police are moving people", so a few of us sneaked off, primly eager to be in on any non-violent action there was, if needed. It was all over by the time we got there - those there at the time said that a red, unmarked police car bristling with aerials had roached the gate, stopped when it was almost touching the protestors, and an irate policeman got out and started bundling people out of the way. All this achieved was to excite a feeling of indignation in some that "someone had tried to mar a peaceful atmosphere!" "There's one in every crowd", and he had to enter on foot this time! Later, an American serviceman attempted to enter at another gate. Faced with a hastily-constructed blockade of linked arms at least 3 deep, he entered the base through one of the low hedges along the Camp Road. Last seen, he was having his name taken by a superior - apparently they don't like their men breaking through the hedge, even when the gate's blocked! Another serviceman had thrown a flyer to some people collecting donations below, from his vantage-point in one of the residential buildings across the road from the base. He escaped retribution. A few passers-by were relatively hostile: "If I had my way we'd have half of you here, and ship the other half off to Russia..." - "You going to pay our fares, then?" - He drove away flushed and flummoxed.

As the long arm of the law relaxed, they started to tease and play with some of us, seemingly desperate to shed the "fascist" image imposed on them by the press and others! Probably relieved at the outcome, no doubt with directives to cause less of a fuss at this blockade than at Greenham on Dec. 13th, certainly caught up in the atmosphere of the day, one suspects that many do share common views with the protesters, on the nuclear issue at least, but as one wryly pointed out: "Where else could I earn 6000+ at my age?"!

Perhaps because it was smaller in scope and passed off so peaceably, Upper Heyford's blockade did not receive the same press coverage accorded, say, Greenham's December 13th action, but to some it proved (if proof were needed) that women and men - people - of many different persuasions - monks to police can unite and act non-violently together. Perhaps a "moral victory" (again if one is needed!) can be claimed by all from the day's events - despite assertions from USAF to the contrary, we certainly held up some of the work at the base for the duration (if with the USAF's cooperation this time!) - and many people seemed to gain a lot from the occasion - which should stand us in good stead if and when things get rougher later this year!

"...and the meek shall inherit the Earth..." - Biblical lore.

"We're the meek and we'd like it now - if that's alright by you." - Wimp lore.



# GOING OUT GUIDE

## SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

- ▶ Gallery Strings [recital] at St Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Sq. 7.30 £? Tickets from Viola Gallery, Cholmeley Rd
- ▶ Twelfth Night at Angies, Milton Road, Wokingham. 9pm £1 + membership, £1.50 guests
- ▶ Beware of the Fridge [theatre] at South Hill Park, Bracknell. 2.30pm £1.70/£1.80
- ▶ Jour de Fete (v) + Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (v) at South Hill Park. 7.30 £1.90

## MONDAY 10 JANUARY

- ▶ Paddington Bear's Magical Musical, various times and prices. Hexagon, phone 56215 for details. Till 15th
- ▶ Denny Illett [jazz] at The Horn, St Mary's Butts. 8pm free
- ▶ Exhibition of work by Reading University Print Workshop at Art Gallery, Blagrove St. 10-5.30, free. Unfil 29th
- ▶ The General [Keaton] (v) at South Hill Park. 7.30, £1.90
- ▶ Folk Evening at The Bull, Nettlebed. 8ish £?
- ▶ Relatively Speaking at Oxford Playhouse. 7.45, sat 4pm > 8pm £?

## TUESDAY 11 JANUARY

- ▶ Gay Disco at Tudor Arms. 8pm free
- ▶ Brimstone & Treacle (v) at South Hill Park. 7.30 £1.90, till 16th

## WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY

- ▶ Ruth Ascher [piano] at University Dept of Music, Upper Redlands Rd. 4.30 free
- ▶ The Animals Film (AA) at Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, University site. Uncut. 8pm £1 members, £1.50 others

## THURSDAY 13 JANUARY

- ▶ Cutters Way (x) at RFT. 8pm £1/£1.50
- ▶ Chamber Concert at University Great Hall, London Rd 8pm £2 + conc
- ▶ The Vetoes at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1-2

## FRIDAY 14 JANUARY

- ▶ The Nozes at University
- ▶ The Waltons at the Caribbean Club, London St. 10ish, £2
- ▶ Gay Disco at Tudor Arms. 8pm free
- ▶ Cinderella at shinfield Players Theatre, Whitley Wood Lane. 7.45 £1.25 + conc. Also 15th and 22nd at 6.30

- ▶ Disco at Target. 8ish free?

- ▶ Beethoven Recital at South Hill Park. 8pm £2.75/£3
- ▶ A Bigger Splash at Angies Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2

## SATURDAY 15 JANUARY

- ▶ Spirit Level [jazz] at Hexagon. 12.15pm free
- ▶ New World at Target. 8ish free?
- ▶ Mungo Jerry at Caribbean [really]. 10pm £2.50
- ▶ Come all ye [folk] at SHP. 8pm £1.20/£1.50
- ▶ Naughty Thoughts at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2

## SUNDAY 16 JANUARY

- ▶ The Nozes at Fives. 7.30pm free
- ▶ 18th Century Music at Christ Church, Christchurch Rd. 3pm £1.75 + conc
- ▶ Push at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2

## MONDAY 17 JANUARY

- ▶ Educating Rita at Hexagon. Mon-Fri 7.30 £2.50 to £4. Sat 5-8pm, mat £2.50. Till 22nd
- ▶ Jazz at The Horn. 8pm free
- ▶ Folk Evening at The Bull, Nettlebed. 8ish £?

## TUESDAY 18 JANUARY

- ▶ Seychelles at Fives. 7.30 free
- ▶ Recital at Palmer Building, University. 1.10pm silver collection probably
- ▶ Gay Disco at Tudor Arms. 8pm free
- ▶ Poltergeist (x) at SHP. 7.30 £1.90. Till 23rd
- ▶ Lennie Best Quartet + Don Rendell at SHP. 8pm £1.90/£2.10
- ▶ Twelfth Night [the play not the band] at Oxford, Playhouse. Phone 47133. To 29th

## WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY

- ▶ Mephisto (AA) at RFT. 8pm £1/£1.50

## THURSDAY 20 JANUARY

- ▶ Talking about music at Hexagon. 1.10pm free
- ▶ RFT as above
- ▶ And a Nightingale sang at Progress Theatre, The Mount. 7.45 £1.80. Till 29th
- ▶ Neil Innes at SHP. 7.30 & 10pm £3/£3.25 and £3.25/£3.50 on door
- ▶ Smart at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2



## FRIDAY 21 JANUARY

- ▶ The Ballistics at the Caribbean. 10.30 £2
- ▶ Tony Williams [Radio London] + Melody Rockas + Sounds at Central Club, London St. 8 till late £2.50
- ▶ Gay Disco at Tudor Arms. 8pm free
- ▶ Jane Eyre [play] at SHP. 7.45 £1.90/£2.20, also Saturday
- ▶ Beethoven recital at SHP. 8pm £2.75/£3
- ▶ John Cooper Clarke at SHP. 8.15 £2.25/£2.75
- ▶ London Apaches at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2

## SATURDAY 22 JANUARY

- ▶ Martyn Oram [folk] at Hexagon. 12.15pm free
- ▶ The Duncans at the Caribbean. 10ish £?
- ▶ Jeep at Angies, Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2
- ▶ Tony McPhee Band! at Pennyfarthing, Oxford. 8pm £?

## SUNDAY 23 JANUARY

- ▶ Reading & County Youth Orchestra at Hexagon. 7.30 £2
- ▶ K.K.Khan at Angies Wokingham. 9pm £1/£2

## MONDAY 24 JANUARY

- ▶ Fou Ts'ong [Chopin] at Hexagon. 7.30 £2.50/£3.50
- ▶ Jazz at the Horn. 8pm free

## TUESDAY 25 JANUARY

- ▶ Gay Disco at Tudor Arms. 8pm free
- ▶ Cat People (x) at SHP. 7.30 £1.90. Till 30th
- ▶ WASO Gypsy Band [jazz]. 8pm £2/£2.20

BOOKING NOW AT THE HEXAGON FOR 18 FEBRUARY. Alexei Sayle £3 AND FOR 24-26 FEBRUARY - Extemporary Dance Theatre £2.50/£3.50

## CINEMA FOR 1 WEEK FROM 9 JAN

- ▶ Odeon Cheapside 1 Tron  
2 Trail of the Pink Panther
- ▶ ABC Friar Street 1 ET  
2 First Blood  
3 Dead Men don't wear plaid
- ▶ TARGET has bands every Saturday
- ▶ FIVES has bands every Tuesday and Sunday

## A BEAT SURRENDER

At the moment it's quite trendy to snigger cynically at the Punk Explosion of 76/77. I don't want to swim around in circles in nostalgia, but at least music then was exciting, fresh and had soul (in other words it came from the heart not the bank manager.) Compare the Clash's first L.P. (circa 1977) to "Rio" by Duran Duran, or Crass's latest offering. I'll probably have a fistful of knives thrown at me for knocking Crass, but I saw them at the Ol' Town Hall and they were shit! They had no soul, no rhythm and no ENTHUSIASM!

One band that had rhythm, soul, energy, beat and enthusiasm was The Jam. I'm not going to praise The Jam to the hilt, but they were so alive. Right from "In The City" they provided fast, energetic and, dare I say it, exciting music. Recently Paul Weller complained in the N.M.E. that there were no more working class heroes. He was wrong there because there are plenty, the most obvious at the moment is himself and the other two members of The Jam.

The Jam are now dead, but hopefully Paul Weller will remain as one of the best 'Political' and 'Social' commentators that we've got. He knows who the enemies are, and is a socialist because he is an anti-capitalist, anti-racist and anti-sexist, pro-freedom, pro-equality etc; not the other way around. He knows that it's the working class, the ordinary plebs like you and me not the middle class, who can really change something for ourselves.

So you might think: 'What's this got to do with music?' It's got a lot to do with it, and although The Jam are dead, their music remains as a great communicator. Their music lives on in their various L.P.s and singles. So when you want 'political' music, music about US play a good Jam song (not forgetting other bands like the Beat, TRB, Clash etc.)

Forget the pop drivel of Duran Duran, Japan, the meaningless heartless crap of Haircut One Hundred and Dig The New Breed. The Jam are dead. Dig The New Breed.

David Ingledew



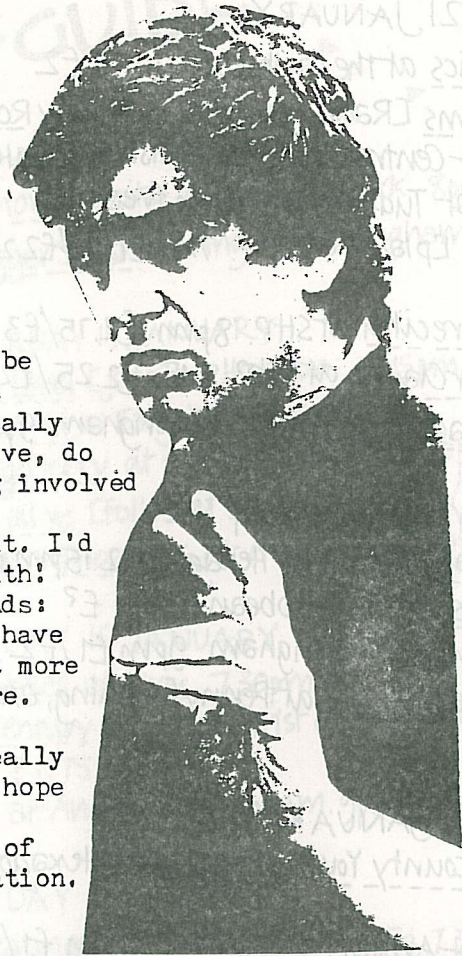
# a better world

**WORK:** I'm so lucky having a job, so in 1983 I'll be counting my blessings - hopefully. I just wish it were one in which I could be more sort of politically consequent. If I didn't have a job, I'd stay active, do cultural things, hobbies, helping people, getting involved in real, well, political things and writing.

**HEALTH:** The cardinal sin would be to put on weight. I'd love to run in a people's marathon. All that warmth! Followed by a dinner party with a few close friends: Carrot and watercress soup, Poussin Marsala. Men have never had it so good in fashion, so I'll be a bit more adventurous in that respect - be myself a bit more.

**HOME:** This is the year I'll finally get round to having my political posters block-mounted. I'd really like to spend more time playing with the kids. I hope I can encourage my wife to get out a bit more.

**HOPES:** Peace, an end to Thatcher, militant unity of Trade Unions, an end to oppression and discrimination.



# a cheerful kitchen



## DINNER TO DRESS UP FOR

(formal, planned-ahead for 6 people, including you and him)

*Asparagus—Butter Sauce*

*Poussin Marsala\**

*Baby New Potatoes—Garden Peas*  
*Sauté Mushrooms*

*Poached Peaches and Cream*  
*Coconut Curls*

PRINTERS NOTE. THIS PAGE LOOKED BETTER AS A TREE. FUCK ART LETS LIVE!



THE Danish trawler skipper who is challenging Britain's fisheries protection fleet by fishing inside the 12-mile limit rates himself a good friend of the British.

Thirty-five-year-old Kent Kirk speaks flawless English and is as Conservative as Margaret Thatcher, whom he would clearly like to emulate politically.



BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY!

## Sit-in strikes by magistrates

Lagos: Magistrates throughout Nigeria are holding sit-in strikes in their courts today to back demands for free housing, lower taxes, and Government-supplied gardeners and cooks.

The strike, which began yesterday, is also attempting to force state governments to give the magistrates free electricity and water, day and night security guards, and official vehicles. — UPI.

## Fraud figure

THE social security arrests by police and DHSS in Oxford last year have so far resulted in prosecutions for fraud totalling £16,000, far short of the £15 million originally estimated.

JAMES Wentworth Day, the author, journalist and publicist, who for 60 years wrote articles and more than 50 books about the countryside, has died aged 83.

His attitude was that of a high no-nonsense Tory, intolerant of sentimentalism, property development, pollution and "office boy conservationists." For over 20 years he wrote a nature column for the Daily Mail.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is the most "interruptible" politician in Britain, according to a study published by three psychologists. It isn't so much what she says, it's how she says it, they decided. The research, conducted by three academics from the Universities of Sheffield and Sussex, analyzed Thatcher's speech patterns and concluded that she gets cut short by journalists more than any other senior British official because she drops her voice at the wrong moments and gives false cues to journalists to break in. The academics' conclusions, published in Nature magazine, were tested on large numbers of Sussex University students, all of whom had an irresistible desire to interrupt when shown video recordings of Thatcher speaking, the report said.

## Chemical risk from ferry

SUFFOLK County Council yesterday said that 13 kinds of toxic chemicals were aboard the European Gateway ferry, which capsized in a collision off Felixstowe last month.

## New governor for Scrubs

THE new governor of Wormwood Scrubs prison will be Mr Ian Dunbar, aged 49, the present governor of Wakefield prison, the Home Office announced yesterday.

Mr Dunbar, also a former governor of Feltham borstal, replaces Mr John McCarthy, who resigned recently from the prison service.

During his 30 months at Wormwood Scrubs, Mr McCarthy denounced prison conditions as uncivilised, and described his prison as a "penal dustbin."

## Propaganda call

THE Soviet Union called on its writers and artists yesterday to improve ideological propaganda and help the country to fight waste and mismanagement. — Reuter.

THE US defence department expects a crippled nuclear-powered Soviet spy satellite to crash-land probably at the end of this month.

The Pentagon said last night it was monitoring the situation closely but did not know precisely when or where the Cosmos 1402 satellite, used to spot ships, and its 100-pound nuclear power pack would come down.

Think that "Snuff" videos are just a product of a propagandist's imagination? Visit the video shop in the Harris Arcade, and be truly sickened.

16th Dec.: very busy shopping day in Reading. any leaflets were distributed asking people not to buy children war toys for mas. tickers also found their way into shop. The number of Trent's in the Butts was not amused.

Christmas Day: "missiles" found by police in the broken remains of windows of three sex shops on the Oxford Road. Is this where all the profits are destined to go?

## NEW ROAD FOR CONVOYS

MAJOR bomb convoys will be diverted from a built for bomb lorries travelling from the M4 to RAF Berkshire village — following a Government go-ahead. But the slip-road will only be open for a maximum of 10 days a year — because she says a permanent exit road from the M4 could cause motorway hazards.

Transport under-secretary Lynda Chalker has announced that an

Mr Robin Gordon-Walker, former diplomatic correspondent of the Central Office of Information, was fined £500 yesterday at Bow Street magistrate's court under Section 2 of the 1911 Official Secrets Act. It is believed to be the first time a case has been brought under Section 2 (1)(c) of the Act which relates to careless handling of official documents.

The documents were picked up and passed to the London magazine City Limits, which published extracts in its September 30 issue. Marked secret and confidential, the papers showed how the Foreign Office anticipated Israel's invasion of the Lebanon, discussed the FO's attitude towards the PLO, and showed that Britain was solely responsible for blocking an EEC aid package to Nicaragua. The FO obtained an injunction preventing the magazine from publishing further extracts.

## Drinking spree in Woolies

PETER BLAXLAND, 41, of no fixed address, who found himself locked inside Woolworths' store in Portsmouth when it closed for Christmas, spent the holiday drinking whisky and other spirits from the counters. He pleaded guilty yesterday at Portsmouth magistrates court to two charges of stealing drinks worth £39 and damaging bottles and pillows worth more than £60. He was jailed for seven days.

A similar Soviet Cosmos radar ocean surveillance satellite crash-landed in Canada's North-west Territories five years ago scattering radioactive debris.

Vladimir Kotelnikov, of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in Moscow, denied the satellite was out of control and likely to crash. He said it was working normally and was safe.

## Porn laws

PEOPLE who persist in buying, reading, or selling pornography face work camps and fines under China's strict new laws against obscene literature. Canton radio said the new laws apply even when someone is guilty but firm evidence is lacking. — AP.

## Greenpeace man held

Greenpeace director, Peter Wilkinson, was released yesterday after being arrested by French police in Fecamp on Monday night. He was told that since he demonstrated against nuclear fuel reprocessing at La Hague in 1980 he had required special permission to enter the country.

Security at the Greenham Common air base is being tightened after the invasion by supporters of the women's peace camp on New Year's Day.

A base spokesman said yesterday that men from the RAF Regiment were being moved into the base, where 96 American cruise missiles are due to be deployed later this year.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence refused to confirm the posting of men from the regiment to Greenham Common. "We do not discuss security or the whereabouts of this regiment."

Mr Michael McNair-Wilson, the Conservative MP for Newbury, has written to Mr Peter Blaker, the Minister of State at the Ministry of Defence, calling for a full inquiry into the invasion and asking for a review of security.

A GREENHAM peace woman and her five-year-old twins got hotel accommodation on the rates after putting themselves at the mercy of Newbury District Council.

Now Shelter — the association for the homeless — is saying that the family's plight serves to highlight the critical lack of accommodation available in Newbury.

They claim that all available rented housing has been taken by American service families who are coming to Greenham to man the 96 American nuclear cruise missiles due to be based there later this year.

It was the council which made me homeless because they took away my caravan when they evicted the peace camp last September."

More than 1,500 American servicemen, many with families, are coming to the Newbury area with the cruise missiles. Although new houses are to be built for them there will be a shortfall of several hundred homes.



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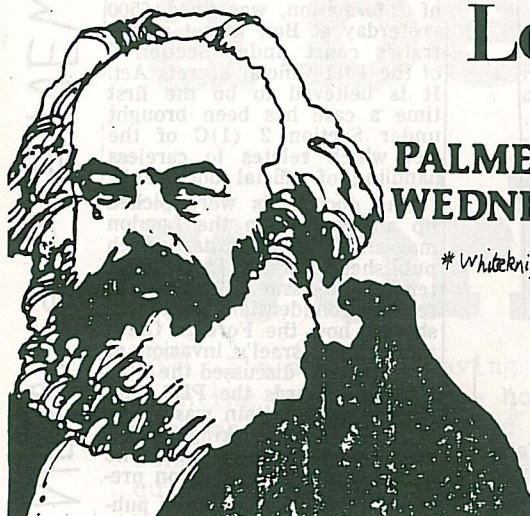
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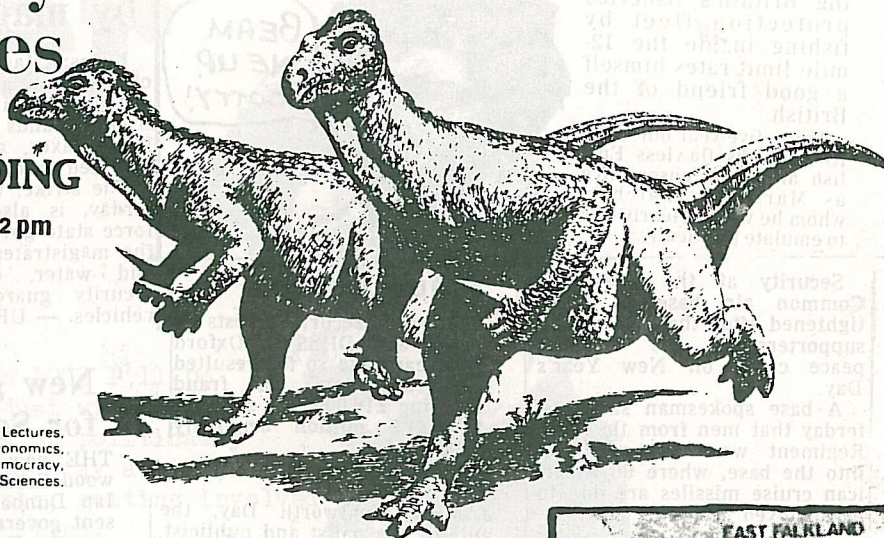
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## Red Rag Questionnaire

Some of us feel that we'd like to know who it is that reads The Rag - it helps to know who, if anyone, you are talking to! So we'd be really grateful if you could fill in your answers and return them to Red Rag c/o Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham St Reading. If you object to any of the questions, please don't let it put you off **answering others!** If anything interesting comes out of this we may print an article, but don't expect a statistical breakdown! That would produce a tissue of lies, and we've all got our own breakdowns to cope with!

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Occupation(s)?
4. Do you read your Rag for: a. the lot b. events c. going-out guide d. news e. the daft questionnaires f. anything else (please say what)?

5. What issues/campaigns or activities are you interested in?

6. Do you have any ideas for improvements and what are your criticisms?

7. Where do you obtain your copy of Red Rag?

8. Roughly how many people read this copy of Red Rag?

9. Can you suggest any other outlets for the Rag?

10. Is there anything you feel you could contribute to Red Rag? If so, what?

11. What happens to your Rag after you finish reading it?

12. Do you feel the quality of the paper of the Rag  
a. too abrasive? b. too absorbent c. deliciously sensual?

Please turn your questionnaires by Saturday 29th January. : you find there's not enough room/not enough forms for your answers, just use a piece of scrap paper. Thanks, folks!

## Heseltine In-Nott Out



"Mr. Heseltine can be expected...to be a much more public defence secretary than Mr. Nott who intends to return to the back benches before bowing out of political life altogether at the next general election. In his letter to Mrs. Thatcher, he insisted that he was leaving the Cabinet with regret. He said that he had greatly enjoyed working with Mrs. Thatcher and that his term as defence secretary had been stimulating and eventful." (Gardian, 7/1/83)  
(Here today-gone tomorrow indeed!)

An acre of land yields the following protein (for one person) :-

Enough for 2,224 days if soybean is planted  
Enough for 887 days if wheat is planted  
Enough for 354 days if corn is planted  
Enough for 77 days if beef is produced.

