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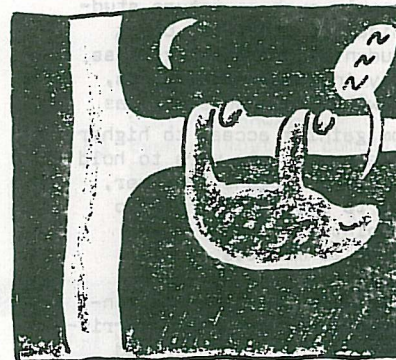
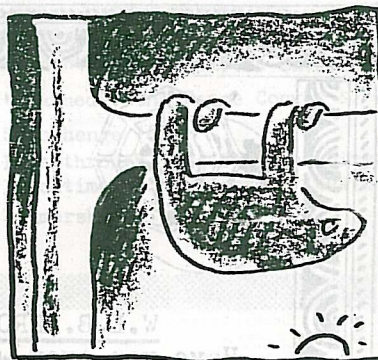
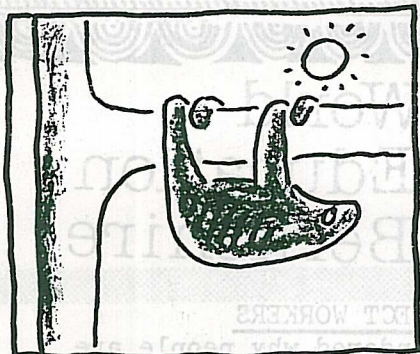
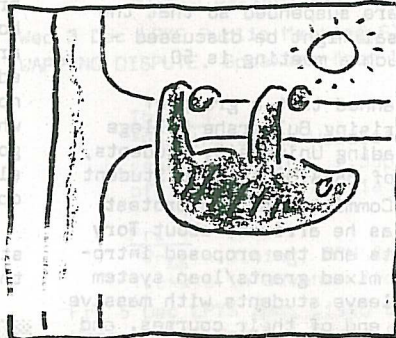
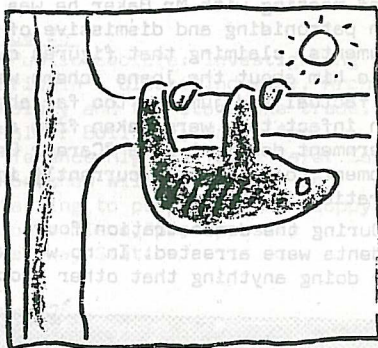
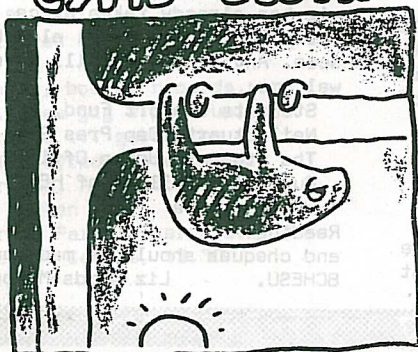
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"GOVERNMENT MINISTER" VISITS BULMERSHE

BULMERSHE COLLEGE "STUDENT LOANS" PROTEST

Contrary to many scurrilous reports in Reading's less objective rags, no riot took place at Bulmershe College on Nov 7th, nor indeed was the protest staged arranged, orchestrated, infiltrated or otherwise manipulated by "Non-student activists", "Reading Anarchists" or any other group - I'm sure this comes as a great surprise to many of you!

Having been informed that Mr. Kenneth Baker was due to visit Bulmershe, the Students Union Executive requested that he attend an open meeting with all students. It was in response to his refusal to do so that the Exec officially called for a demonstration to take place on the day of his visit, and this decision was endorsed by about 90 students present at an EGM where standing orders were suspended so that the Exec's proposal might be discussed - quorum for such a meeting is 50.

It was planned that a group of people, comprising Bulmershe College students, Reading University students, and members of BASA (Berkshire Area Student Assoc.) Exec Committee should protest to Mr Baker as he arrived, about Tory Education cuts and the proposed introduction of a mixed grants/loan system which would leave students with massive debts at the end of their courses, and which would effectively prevent large numbers of people such as mature students, women, disabled students, black students, students from working-class, or financially insecure backgrounds, and students with dependants such as children from gaining access to higher education. The protestors were to hold placards and chant slogans. However, in an attempt to avoid listening to the student point of view, Mr Baker chose to arrive 25 minutes earlier than officially planned, at which point students were only just beginning to congregate. As more people arrived they were told that Mr Baker had already entered the building and eventually there were about 60 of us (this number grew to about 150 over the next hour) waiting for Mr Baker to come out. At this point the planned protest would have taken place, after which Mr Baker would have been free to continue. However, Mr Baker, who was obviously unwilling to face even a peaceful protest, never mind the questions he might have had to answer at a public meeting, failed to emerge.

Students split into two groups and entered the building by two separate doors intending to find Mr Baker and protest as planned. We finally tracked him down in the Senior Common Room, where there were disgusting scenes of gratuitous violence and brutality as we sat down and sang Mr Baker a song, composed by one of the students, about the problems of an inadequate grants system, and how these would be compounded by the introduction of a loans scheme.

Mr Baker left by a side door and students then followed him around campus questioning him about Tory education policy, education cuts and the proposed loans, and chanting slogans such as "EDUCATION IS A RIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!" or "NO IF's! NO BUT's! STOP THE EDUCATION CUTS!"

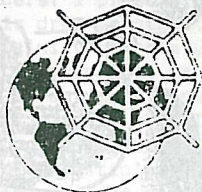
Throughout, the demonstration was noisy, but peaceful. At no point was Mr Baker "mobbed", missiles were NOT thrown nor was Mr Baker or any of his party physically threatened. The most that happened was that people sat down in doorways, passages etc in order to impede his progress and thus make him listen to a point of view which he so obviously wished to ignore. Even when a delegation of nine students had a brief meeting with Mr Baker he was both patronising and dismissive of the arguments, claiming that figures quoted to him about the loans scheme were not factual and "jumping too far ahead" when in fact they were taken from a government document on a "Career Development Loans Scheme" currently in operation in this area!

During the demonstration four students were arrested. In no way were they doing anything that other protest

ers were not also doing. It seems possible to me that the police wished to make arrests in order to deter student from demonstrating in the future. In the light of claims made since that the protest was "violent" or "riotous" it is interesting that all four arrested were male. They have all been charged with "Breach of the Peace" and one with "Assault of a police officer". It is the view of Bulmershe Students Union that all four are completely innocent and thus every effort will be made to have them acquitted. Obviously this will mean expense in terms of legal fees and so on. We have applied to the NUS for financial support and it is their policy to pay 75% in cases such as these. This leaves Bulmershe with the other 25% to find. A benefit gig has already taken place, and hopefully the Univ SU will also hold one soon. Any donations will be extremely welcome:

Students Support Fund,
Neil Stuart (Dep Pres SU)
The Students Union Office
Bulmershe college of HE
Woodlands Ave

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EVENTS

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 1986

DURRUTI bought a bullet in the head fifty years ago today. Active during the Spanish War, he gave anarchy a good name by believing in ideals and getting things done. More of it.

Fri 21st: Veggie Dining, in aid of "paraphernalia" for veggie-diners. (Does this mean we will actually get knives and forks to eat with in future?). Tickets in advance from Acorn.

*Great Western Society: a talk on the branch railway which ran from Oxford to Fairford. 7.30pm Abbey Gateway. (Yes, I was a closet trainspotter too once!)

Sat 22

*Anarchist Bookfair all day at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. Stalls, books, records, videoshows, free gig & piss-up, rowdy arguments ... gathering of all the self-styled bestest anarchist mobs around. Admission free after door broken in.
*Reading Green Party Alternative Fair, St Mary's Centre, 12.30

Sun 23

*Berks Conservation Volunteers working on chalk grassland. Open to anyone over 16. Transport leaves BR station 9am. Where wellies!

Mon 24

*RED RAG Collective meeting all welcome. Contact Box 79 for details. (If you shout into it you probably won't get much of an answer, try leaving a note and you may still probably not get much of an answer, but do try.)
*Gay & Lesbian Youth Group: "Women & AIDS" talk by Zoe Scott of Trance Higgins Trust. 8.30pm Wine Bar, Students Union, Univ. Free and not just for students.

Tue 25

*Public Lecture: Investigating Britain's Oldest Industry. Archaeology and the stone axe trade. Palmer Building, Univ, 8pm
*Terence Higgins Trust Safer Sex Roadshow will be meeting and talking to people at the Sloppy Joe's Disco, 9pm, (opposite Railway Station)

Wed 26

*Stonehenge '87 Campaign Meeting 99 Torriano Ave, London. Workshop: 4pm/meeting, 7pm
*LPYS meeting "Build the school students Union" 8pm, 121 Oxford Rd
*Trashed - the Peace Convoy & Stonehenge '85
*Breakthrough 1984 Stop the City Lunchtime videos, Lecture Theatre, Bulmershe Free

Sat 29

*Marking the Polaris Convoy routes with banners placards people etc. This is a national action and part of Polaris Watch Month. Duncan 476196 for details
*Start of National Tree Planting Week. Contact Urban Wildlife Group via Paul 342143
*Nicaraguan Solidarity at RCU 2 - 5pm. See separate article.

Sun 30

*"Reading's Gay Day" Organising meeting 4pm. 666528 for details
*Ramblers Assoc 5 mile walk near Three Mile Cross. tel Dave Ramm. 692878
*Berks Conservation volunteers: Bucklebury Common. see Nov 23

Mon 1 Dec

*Gay & Lesbian Youth Group meeting. Wine Bar, Univ SU. Not just for students.

Wed 3

*Woodley Peace Group meeting 36 Hazel Drive 8pm
*Which Side Are You On? Miners Strike, as 26 Nov

Wed 3 Dec LPYS Public Meeting, ST Marys Centre WAPPING DISPUTE. Speakers from NGA and EETPU

Thurs 4

*Reading Urban Wildlife Group general meeting. 7.30pm. CEE offices, Univ - Acacia Rd entrance

Fri 5

*Veggie Dining, RCU 8pm
Tickets in advance from Acorn

Fri 5 Dec LPYS Xmas Disco 8 til late Upper Deck, Horse & Barge £1/£1.50 waged

COMING SOON:

SAT 13 Dec "Readings GAY Day" RCU, 4pm onwards.

Events (mostly) compiled by ERIK. Send us the stuff or we might not find out about anything and have to sit at home watching telly instead...

film and video

Fri 21 - Sat 23 SHP. (£12 ish for who whole weekend/£3ish per day/UB40 price INDEPENDENT VIDEO FESTIVAL.

As time goes on the Independent video sector gets more incorporated into mainstream production. This year's festival boasts stuff from Japan & Holland as well as the usual socially conscious videos from around this country, suitably categorised into women, community, art & the like. Get an overkill of video, it may take weeks for your brain to recover but it may be worth it. There are also discussion workshops and lots of people who think they might be famous

Mon 24. (until 26th)

*An Impudent Girl (15) SHP 7.45 French film in which a tongue-tied frustrated girl meets a contemporary who supplies the means of her enlightenment. 1985. 96 min. dir Claude Miller

Wed 26.

*Womens Video Course. RCU 10-12 free
*Film & Video course. WEA organised Waingels Copse School, Earley, 7.30pm
*The Assam Garden (u) RFT 8pm. A garden in SE England, tended by Helen, recently returned from India and left alone by the death of her husband, is considered for a book. This film unobtrusively and with excellent photography investigates her efforts to prepare the garden and her relationship with her Indian neighbour who helps her get it into shape. GB 1985 92min, dir Mary McMurray

Thur 27

*Dangerous Moves (PG) RFT 3pm. A Cold War thriller using a Soviet Grandmaster set against a younger Lithuanian defector. The chess game is used as a metaphor for psychological struggle against their political manipulation. Swiss 1985, subtitles.

Fri 28 (til 3rd Dec)

*Dessert Hearts (18) SHP 7.45 Soon-to-be divorcee settles in Reno and falls in love with her landlady. Interesting exploration of love between two women, and reputedly good score. US 1986, dir Donna Deitch 93min

Wed 3 Dec

*Womens video course as last week.
*Film & Video course as last week.
*Jagged Edge (18) RFT 8pm USA 1985 Courtroom drama with defence attorney falling for accused charmer, keeps us guessing to the end

Thur 4 Dec

*Jagged Edge as 3rd

Fri 5 (til 10th)

*Hannah & Her Sisters (15) SHP 7.45 A testimonial that recalls moments from his previous films more than ever before. Thankfully Allen himself takes a back seat as Mia Farrow and her sisters work out their middle class American hang-ups and let-downs. Entertaining, witty, and sad, another Woody Allen classic. USA 1986, 107 min.

original rockers

"Hicney a fe circle around Jamaica
Bud-a-by-by-by
Ca dem ya know it is a germs carrier..."

One live to each and every one in the
area seen? Special request to the
youths massive, respect due in this
month of gad ... back in tune to orig-
inal rockers, the best & rest of soul
& reggae in the Thames Valley area.
Hold tight Demon hold tight Jesse Dread
Hold tight Unity Crew, ca Unity come
fe fling down brand new!

Thurs 20 Nov Mighty sound like Jah
Shaka at the Caribbean Club, 112
London Street, Reading town nice -
chant down Babylon Dance 9 - Dem
Admission on the gate for lion's
share of dub.

Fri 21 Nov and it's getting hotter,
Freddie McGregor at Central (36/42
London St) with a 9 piece studio one
band and Volcano Hi-power and Local
Bubblers studio magic. Five nuggets
on the gate and cheap at double!!
Also Sounds like Stereophonic from
Wycombe.

Same Night King of the Zulu Tribe
Jah Shaka plays his regular session
in Peckham ... Boom Shaka Lakal!

Sun 23 Nov Man like Freddie McGregor
at Brighton Pavillion, £5 on the
gate and don't be late.

Wed 26 Nov Check out Misty in Boots,
Kentish Town "Town & Country Club",
seems like the place to be in London

Fri 28 Nov and back in Reading, don't
feel away - Studio Magic & Luton's
No.1's Gemini meet at the Caribbean
Club. Will Studio Magic's new set &
clean sound nice up the dance and
lick Gemini (with Unity's old boxes)
Check it and see!

Same Night Sly & Robbie's Taxi, with
Ini Kamoze, Half Pint, and Yellow-
man Connection at Bristol Exhibition
(On 27 they were at St Austell,
Cornwall, and 28 sees the same bill
at the "Town & Country".)

African Roots continue to do regular
Thursday night sessions at the Caribb-
ean (unless Shaka come fe mash down)

Fri 28 Nov The African Roots Posse
reach the Midlands, 5 shows with
Nitty Gritty & Duke Alloy. Mean-
while also in Reading on 28, David
Rodigan from Capital Radio is at Cen-
tral with Studio Magic (operator D.C.
Digital, MC's like Daddy Curley,
Daddy Slim & Junior Crucial - Raga-
muffin business, seen!) Rodigan? A wha
dem? Deadstock business!

Sat 29 Nov at Central, King Dick
fling down brand new calypso(!!!)
at a Domino Dance. Interruption
business!!... Sound a sound, old
pan a old pan, seen!! Now come down
demon an' shock on T!!

Fri 12 Dec Slough Community Centre
there's a soul extravaganza .. How
much coke dem a snort man? But hold
tight with massives, Daddy Unity &
Mighty Volcano Hi-Power play sweet
reggae music inna backroom style!
coach from Reading, so with sounds
like Unity General, All will be well

And that's it, part from Fri 12 Dec
when there's a pre-Christmas Boom
at the Caribbean Club ... Studio
Magic and Diamonds (a girl's best
friend) Big people don't mix with
slackness, y'know?

"Girls don't go crazy
When a man leave you seen?"
Listen Lornagee an' get educated
And don't forget Miss P, Crucial
Sounds of Radio One 11-Midnight
Sundays, and neither Tony Williams,
Radio London 94.8 FM 1-3 Sundays ..
ca we rule - we rule in a de D.J.
School ... this sound system is
cool - seen!!

LOVE & UNITY

live music

"Well it's all very quiet really,
innit? The best & the rest in live
music over the next couple of weeks
includes:

Thur 20 Nov

*SHP - It's again "Whooo?" 8-11pm
75p/£1.50 if waged
*Cap & Gown - Smokey Joe's Blues
Band. £1.50 8-2am

Fri 21 Nov

*Central see Original Rockers
*Paradise - Friday Night Live with
"Nightshade" & "Ministry of Humour"
last band at 11.30pm.
*Cap & Gown - rock band "Vagabond"
have cancelled due to loss of singer
Don't know who's replacing them
*Univ Great Hall, London Rd - 20th
Century music programme at 7.30pm
with Univ Chamber Orchestra.

Sat 22 Nov

*University - Military Surplus
(Roots Dub Poetry) & Nemoza (ener-
getic funkomatic rockkk). £2 by
ticket only for we prole townies.
Early start/finish (11pm bar) Bene-
fit for people with special needs
*Hex - Hookline & Silverfish (dancy
pop) 12.15 Free
*Cap & Gown Raildogs 8-2am, £1.50

Sun 23 Nov

*Riverside Club Fetcham (where?)
Tadley teen pop foursome the
Jeremiahs support 1,000 Violins.
*Caribbean Assoc, Basingstoke -
Plot presents The Gathering 8-1am
£2/£2.50

Mon 24 Nov

*Paradise - Far out, nay inter-
planetary evening with space crus-
aders Webcore (psychedic) and ye
Jeremiahs (pure poetic pop.pp)
to be confirmed...

Tues 25 Nov

*Turks Head - Pete James Jazz Band
(quite good). Packed with students
which is better than weekend nf
boneheads,
*Majestic closed for a more profit-
able function.

Wed 26 Nov

*Paradise - Poison Girls (@ punk
come a long way, and better for a
dose of reality) and You & I (fem-
inist duo) and Vi Subversa/Richard
Famous doing their own set too.
Conspiracy do, benefitting Berks
Anti-Nuclear Campaign. £2 from
Acorn, Listen, Pop Records. £2.50
on door. 12.30 finish
*Nino's, Duke St - Mr Moonshine's
Sick Serenaders, sorry, Moonlight
Slick Serenaders. 20s/30s twee
*Majestic rake it in with another
private do. That means No bands
there this week.
*Cap & Gown Mark'n Mark's Tamla/
Soul disco 8-2am. £1.50

Thurs 27 Nov

*SHP Celler Bar - The Gathering
8-11pm, 75p/£1.50 waged
*Cap & Gown - Full Moon cancelled

A SLICE
OF THE

NEW
OFFER

folk

Let's skip the folkey introductions
- down to the info.....

Thurs 22: Maidenhead Club at the
Rosa, King St., Maidenhead. Jubilee
Row, a local traditional foursome.

Fri 23: Comrades Club, above BSM,
Oxford Road. Spingere's Club.

Sat 22: Bracknell (South Hill Park
Cellar Bar). Bob Walser - American
shanties.

Aldershot West End Centre,
Queens Rd, A'shot. Ricardo Tesi &
Alberto Balia. Italian melodeon &
vocals with Sardinian guitar. App-
arently brilliant!

Sun 23: Readifolk at the George,
corner of Broad St. Scorp of the
year. The only British gig by
John Renbourn & Stefan Grossman-
long-established ace guitarists,
models for generations of hopefuls.

Go and see how it can be done, and
go early!

Pressgang Club at the Cap &
Gown, Kings Road.

Mon 24: Nettlebed, at the Bull.
Nick Dow. Trad singer. "Laid back".

Tues 25: Turk's Bottom at the Studio
Bistro, London Rd. Paul Bardos. "The
people's Post". Lovely voice.

Fleet, at the Fox & Hounds.
Richard Grainger.

Oxford (Urcho Tavern,
Walton St) Tesi & Balia see Sat
above.

Thurs 27: M'head: Cosmotheke.
Music Hall; very popular.

Fri 28: Comrades.

Sat 29: Oxford ceilidh at the
Clarendon Press Centre, Walton
St, Oxford with Blowzabella. They
run a dance for fun, not as a
military exercise with people boss-
ing you about all the time. And the
music is superb. If you're cagey
about dancing, this could be the one
for you.

Aldershot: R'n'B legends The Pirates
plus Sonny Black's Blues Band. 8.00pm.
£4/3.50. Box office A'shot 330040.

Sun 30: Readifolk: Terry Clark, Sara
Daniels, Pippa Jones. Local Irish
meets Country and Western and more.
Should be good.

Pressgang at the Cap & Gown.
Mon 1st Dec: Nettlebed. Chronicle,
local harmony group, leading a local
performers evening.

Tues 2: Bistro. Singers' Night. It's
getting really packed down there
these days. A veritable folk revival.
Oxford. 4 local acts - people
who've done support spots returning
by request.

Wed 3: Eversley Cross (at the Toad &
Stumps) Mabsant.

Thurs 4: M'head. Wendy Freer.

Fri 5: Comrades.

Sat 6: Oxford. 2-day voice workshop
with Mavis Gandy, 0881/514620 for
details.

Bracknell: Bread & Roses.
Four local women singing excellent
harmonies with a wide range of
material including a fair amount of
women-oriented songs. Entertaining
tool!

Sun 7: Readifolk, The Stewarts of
Blairgowrie.

Pressgang at the Cap & Gown
Farnham Meltings. on the edge
of Farnham town centre. Folk Roots'
third monthly concert, featuring
Hassan Erraji, Moroccan singer,
percussionist and ud player, who is
absolutely wonderful (Columnist's
brain fails to find adequate
words) and Dick Gaughan who is
not only a great singer and song-
writer, he is also, to my mind, the
most convincing and committed
revolutionary singer in Britain.
Very special.

Next time, endless Xmas parties.
I promise some new adjectives for
the new year. Pressgang will be
moving to Thursdays, who knows what
else is in store?

Ta to Mike and to the West End
Centre for sending info. More, please!
To Folk Bit, Box 79, 17, Chatham St,
Reading or ring 53437. (Liz)

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 28 Nov
*Paradise

*Cap & Gown - Beyond the River
8-2am, £1.50

Sat 29 Nov
*Cap & Gown - The Gathering (local
new rock/guitar based band just
done tour supporting Erasure

*Hex lunchtime Keith James, man &
guitar, Free.
*Red Rag copy deadline 6pm, Box 79
Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham St.
Have YOU written anything?

Sun 30 Nov
*Hex - Les Lawrence presents momen-
tous moods in music - who'd have
thought it?
*210 7pm-8pm Off The Wall demo
tapes, gig guide etc

Mon 1 Dec
*Paradise - Planet Earth Project
benefit with Ozric Tentacles (Space
spacey time) & Lifecan. Except
they've split?

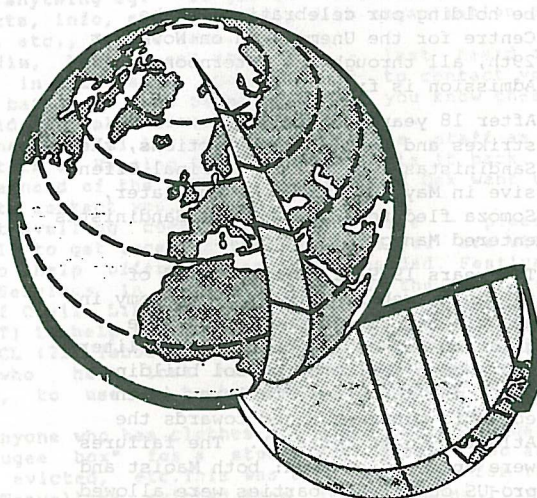
Tues 2 Dec
*Majestic - Big Brute will be doing
a biggish rock band for £4ish
*Turks Head - jazz

Wed 3 Dec
*Red RAG out. How did it get out?
*Paradise - conspiracy date -
watch out for posters.

Thurs 4 Dec
*Military Surplus at William
Morris Club Wimbledon. Perhaps
Namoza in support?
*SHP cellar bar

All info/tip-offs etc to
GIG GUIDE, Box 79, Acorn.

Sorry about mis-typings....
DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:
6pm, SAT NOV 29th.



WORLD?

LEST WE REMEMBER ?

REMEMBRANCE DAY



For the past few years on Remembrance Sunday at 11am, members and friends of Reading Peace Pledge Union group have got together to lay a wreath of white poppies at the war memorial, Forbury Road, near the centre of town. In using white poppies we recall all those who have died and are dying as a result of armed conflict worldwide. It also expresses hope for the future. For various reasons only a couple of people were able to make it along there this year, and this briefly is what happened to them.

They parked their minibus nearby and began walking to the memorial. Almost immediately they were halted by 4 aggressive-looking policeman who asked them to return to the vehicle. They were promptly booked for a faulty tyre (debatable) and for not properly displaying a road tax disc, with scant regard for our friends' feelings about the day. "Break the law and you suffer the consequences", they said. "Then

why were you at Greenham the other night in contempt of international law" was the reply. Various contemptuous mutterings from the police.

Saddened by what had happened our friends laid their wreath but were nervous about returning to the minibus which they thought might lead to further harassment, so walked home. When one of them returned with a friend around lunchtime to collect it, they discovered the wreath had been trampled on and now lay at the back of the memorial out of public view. They tidied it up and restored it to its former position. Later that day it was found that the wreath, which in previous years had remained intact amongst the red ones for a number of weeks, had disappeared completely.

Have our friends witnessed another example of the state's apparent contempt for those who choose to believe in the oneness of humankind?

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nicaragua

The Sandinista organisation of resistance to the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza was established in November 1961 by Carlos Fonseca Amador, Tomas Borge and eight others. The 25th anniversary of the Sandinistas will be widely celebrated this month. In Reading we will be holding our celebration in the Centre for the Unemployed on November 29th, all through the afternoon. Admission is free.

After 18 years of guerrilla warfare, strikes and partial insurrections, the Sandinistas launched their Final Offensive in May 1979. Two months later, Somoza fled to Miami and the Sandinistas entered Managua in triumph.

The years 1979-81 were a period of trying to rebuild a wrecked economy in a socialist direction. There were great successes (in health care, literacy, women's rights, school building etc.) and there were failures (with economic management and towards the Atlantic Coast Indians). The failures were openly discussed: both Maoist and pro-US opposition parties were allowed to publish freely.

Since 1981, the Nicaraguan revolution has been under brutal attack from Reagan and his Contras. But the Sandinistas still have the support of most of the Nicaraguan people. Join us on November 29th to celebrate their courage and their achievements.

David Sutton

Reading Nicaragua Solidarity Group & Reading Central America Group
Jointly Present

"THE SANDINISTAS" 1961 - 1986



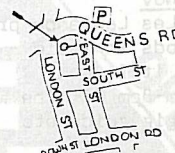
A 25th Anniversary Celebration
EXHIBITION, STALLS, VIDEOS, MUSIC
TAPE-SLIDE SHOW BY A RECENT VISITOR TO
NICARAGUA, From 3pm onwards
Drop in for 5 minutes, or stay the whole Afternoon

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BOOKS, BADGES, POSTCARDS, MUGS ETC.

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FREE INFORMATION NETWORK

WINTER SOLSTICE

22nd Dec 4am

We have been promised access to the stones by English Heritage from 4pm on the 21st. How late this goes on depends on us and the weather! We'll be there. This is a real possibility for us to celebrate peacefully at the stones without harassment, so let's not abuse it. Maybe through the solstice we can show the world how serious we are, and that we're not just a load of troublemakers harassing the police one month a year, but that ours is an ongoing struggle.

* FREE INFORMATION NETWORK

FIN, c/o 99 Torriano Ave London NW5

* There is a pirate TV station every Friday after 12pm. You can tune into it near the Itv Channel.

* STONEHENGE '87 CAMPAIGN

The object is to reinstitute the Peoples Free Festival at Stonehenge next Summer.

* FIN was formed following the events of June 1986, to open contact between festival-going people of all walks of life, and to keep this contact going throughout the year. The idea is to encourage people in different areas of the country to form themselves into groups of no more than 19 (new Public Order Bill Act). Some such cells exist already, eg various travelling groups. These cells will regularly exchange information with the aim of drawing our attention to various gatherings, gigs, groups etc, and building up friendships, and helping each other...

STONEHENGE 1987

STONEHENGE 87 CAMPAIGN NEWS

Polytantric Newsletter No.20 Nov. 86
c/o 99 Torriano Ave., London NW5 2RX

WE ARE COMPILING OUR MAILING LIST FOR 1987. IF YOU WISH TO BE ON IT AND RECEIVE FURTHER INFO, SEND A NOTE AND AN SAE TO STONEHENGE 87 CAMPAIGN AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

TSCHERNOBYL/WACKERSDOFF (LIFE - 10% OFF)

A 40 minute video about Tschernobyl and the resulting anti-nuke demos and battles at Wackersdorf and Brokdorf in Germany can be borrowed for public showings from Anarchists Film Library, c/o 121 Books, 121 Raiton Rd, Brixton; or Stonehenge Union; or Anneres, 10A Bradbury St London N16 8JN.

MAIL ORDER AVAILABLE

- 1) "Egyptian Eye" - a 2 hr video of Stonehenge 83/84 Free Festivals. £20 per copy including p&p. Profits to Polytantric. Available from Stonehenge Union. Video shows Hawkwind, Doctor and the Medics, Natural Roots. An exclusive Polytantric release, shows Festival in all its glory.
- 2) From the Moonstone Pottery: Stonehenge mugs £4.25 inc. p&p. and replicas of the Stone Circle (small) £5.25 inc. p&p. Profits to SU. Available from Stonehenge Union.
- 3) Stonehenge stickers 87 £4.00 per thousand inc. p&p Available from SU.

HELP-EXCHANGE FILE

If you have anything to offer eg. accommodation, time, energy, materials, skills, info, transport, etc., please let FIN know, or add it to the newsletter. If you need anything eg. to get in touch with someone, new contacts, info, supplies, help with organisation of festivals, etc., do the same.

- * CALLING Jim, Heather and Shea P. - last heard of somewhere in Scotland. George needs to contact you about the battle of the beanfield. If you know these folks could you ask them to contact FIN.
- * CALLING the Grateful Living who used Tony's staff as a talking stick at Hanging Langford - he wants it back.
- * CALLING Bernard of the mutants. Jacqui and Oak want to know how to contact you.
- * CALLING travelling communities everywhere - please contact FIN to get together info on where you are with a view to help offered as and when needed. Festival Welfare Services in conjunction with the National Council of Civil Liberties have set up Travellers Aid Trust (TAT) to help travellers with DHSS, legal advice, etc. NCCL (21 Tabbard St, London) are looking for people who have lost homes and possessions at trashings, to use as test cases in the Human Rights Courts.
- * CALLING anyone who has clothes and other bits to donate to a "refugee box" for a stock for people who are trashed, evicted, etc. This was done last year for the New Age Travellers evicted from Stoney Cross. If you have any, contact FIN.
- * CALLING anyone who has a permanent storage place for the Polytantric stage, let us know. At the moment it's being moved about from squat to squat. A suggestion made at the Stonehenge meeting is to store it in a lorry. This would then be available as and where needed. Anyone got a lorry?
- * CALLING people with legal knowledge. There is a legal group being started up for Stonehenge campaign and Stonehenge cases. Contact FIN for more details.
- * CALLING anyone who has info about the Hood Festival. Is it happening this year? Are any other legal festivals arranged for 1987?

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME

GURDIP KAUR CAMPAIGN

To make donations, send cheques made out to: Gurdip Kaur Campaign, c/o VSC, 24 Westcote Road, Reading.

Could Red Rag readers please write to Mr C.J.E. Nicholls, Branch Crown Prosecutor, 4th Floor, Liverpool Victoria House, 7 Cheapside, Reading RG1 7AQ and ask why apparently the same evidence (the testimony of Gurdip's 12 year old son) has been used to prosecute Harbax and yet to release his brother Gurbax. (Gurdip's son says they BOTH did it). Please demand that Gurbax be rearrested and charged with the murder of his wife, so that justice may be seen to be done.

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BALWANT KAUR CAMPAIGN

A campaign has been organised in London to demand justice in the case of Balwant Kaur, an Asian woman who was stabbed to death by her husband whilst hiding from him in a refuge in Brent.

As in the case of Gurdip Kaur in Reading, the campaign is trying to raise the issue of domestic violence and to get it taken seriously by police, courts and the community. Balwant's husband's case was to come up at the Old Bailey on Nov 24th, but as in Reading the courts intend to thwart attempts to pickat by switching venues and dates at the last moment. To find out the date & venue of this courtcase, women should ring 01-843 0578

RED RAG OUTLETS:

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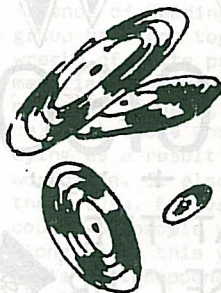
POP RECORDS

6 Yield Hall Place
and 172 King's Road

Reading's only shop for second-hand records. We buy albums for about £1 and sell them at between £2 and £2.90 unless they are really crap ones. We've also got thousands of singles from 10p-90p each. About 15,000 discs to look through.

Open Mon-Sat 9 - 5 pm.

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LETTERS

Dear Readers,

I would like to bring to your attention an incident that occurred at the Majestic in Reading on Wed 5th November at the Dog'ouse, Dr Feelgood gig. During the set I noticed a young man no older than twenty and no taller than five feet being carried out by two of the bouncers! I presume that this was due to his drunken state. Having stood in the vicinity of this young man for most of the evening I can safely say he posed no threat to anyone. Thus my horror and disgust when I left and saw the same boy being brutally beaten by two of the Majestic's bouncers. I've since heard that he received a broken jaw! from this vicious onslaught. I cannot begin to describe my feelings on this but the two Neandertal morons responsible should be castrated.

If the boy concerned who was wearing a black leather jacket and had fair curly hair would like to take action in court, which I recommend he does, I would gladly act as a witness. He should get in touch.

Yours disgusted, A.H

RED RAG: We'd be pleased to hear from anyone else who witnessed this or similar incidents. PLEASE include your name and address, although we won't publish it unless you specifically ask.

PROGRESS THEATRE presents...
"Fuente Ovejuna" (translated)
Nov 20th to 29th at 7.45pm
£2.50/£2.20 concessions
Box Office: 477594

If we had someone doing a theatre guide we'd tell you more about it...Any Offers?

Dear Red Rag,

Back just in time....Good on ya. Readers may be heartened to know the model shop at Chatham Street is now stocking RAMBO (made in Taiwan - sic) survival knives. Real steel at £7.99 upwards.

Just the thing for every little child who's seen the Rambo video this year. Letters of congratulation to the Model Shop and personal thanks will be welcomed by the 'lets kill a commie' brigade. How about it folks? Check it out.

Sid Slaughter

MAYDAY '87: planning has started for rally, march & evening entertainment on Sat 2nd May. All help welcome

The First Thames Valley Natural Health & Beauty Fair takes place soon. A wide variety of alternative health practitioners and consumables brought together at once. The main aims are to inform the public of exactly what is available in this area, to make practitioners more aware of others in the same area, and to generate more interest in the whole subject of "natural health and beauty". More details, hopefully, in the next Rag, or contact Diane Hall, Rdg 51909

Sorry about mis-typings....
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