

On January 12th, police invaded an abortion clinic in Florence, Italy, and arrested the gynaecologist, Dr. Conciani, and four women assistants. Seven women were awaiting abortions, already under anaesthetic.

Who benefits from these actions and laws? Worldwide, the State, the Church and big business are trying to regulate women's reproduction: to make us have children or prevent us from having the children we want, when, where and in conditions that they dictate.

- * They say they're against murder - but they force us into backstreet abortions that murder us, and plan or turn a blind eye to the genocide of famine.
- * They make us work, wageless at home and for pennies outside, and then expect us to pay hundreds for the control of our bodies.
- * When we want to have children, we don't have the money to keep them, the housing to shelter them, the time to enjoy them.
- * When they want us to have children it is for their own ends - to expand the workforce, to expand production, to increase profits, and they want us to bring them up for free, for "love".
- * When too many people are their problem, abortions and sterilisation are condoned. In Pakistan recently even the Catholic church has advocated forced abortion and sterilisation. "It need not be a repressive sort of thing," said a missionary. "But it must be compulsory."
- * They try to make us think that getting an abortion in Britain is easy. Anyone who's met unsympathetic doctors, hospital bureaucracies, ruinous private clinics, knows it isn't. And now a powerful lobby of MPs, churchmen, leading industrialists, are pouring money into a campaign to make abortions even more difficult to obtain.

THEY NEVER LET US DECIDE. EVERYONE'S LIFE IS SACRED BUT OURS.

NOWHERE IN THE WORLD WILL WE ACCEPT THEIR PLANS FOR OUR BODIES. NOT WHERE THEY PAY US TO HAVE CHILDREN AS IN FRANCE AND ESPECIALLY EASTERN EUROPE. NOT WHERE THEY PAY US NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN AS IN INDIA - WITH TRANSISTOR RADIOS. EITHER WAY, WE REFUSE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY DEALS. IF WE HAD OUR OWN MONEY, WE COULD DECIDE. AND THAT IS WHAT WE WANT.

WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THOSE ARRESTED IN FLORENCE, OF THOSE 263 WOMEN ON TRIAL IN TRENTO, ITALY. WE DEMAND THE RELEASE OF ALL WOMEN'S BODIES FROM THE CONTROL OF ALL STATES.