

CONTENTS	PAGE
WHO ARE WE ?	1
WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A CLAIM	2
HOW TO CLAIM AT THE OFFICE	3
HOW TO CLAIM WHEN YOU'RE PREGNANT	4
MATERNITY GRANTS AND BENEFIT	5
WHAT WE SHOULD GET	6
VISITS	7
SPECIAL NEEDS PAYMENTS	8
APPEALS	10
WELFARE	12
PRISON	13
WORK	14
LOVE ON THE DOLE	18
FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT	22
HOUSING	23
COHABITATION	25
MAINTENANCE	28
KIDS	29
THE END	31

WHO ARE WE ?

We are a group of unsupported mothers who are members of Claimants Unions all over the country.

Claimants Unions are organisations of people on Social Security who fight the S.S. system. Unemployed, sick, disabled, unsupported mothers, we all fight together. There are 200,000 of us - women with children, or pregnant, who are claiming Supplementary Benefit for ourselves and our kids. THIS IS OUR RIGHT. Many unsupported mothers can't claim: women whose husbands are out of work or won't give them any money. Others are struggling to make ends meet in low paid jobs, a lot of them bringing home even less than they would from the S.S. They too need to know their rights. Some of them have tried to claim and given up because of the hostile treatment they've received in the S.S. offices. Some have met with outright refusal. We all know what its like to be treated like this, thats why we s.

UNSUPPORTED MOTHERS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED LONG ENOUGH. We've let the S.S. lie to us and harrass us for long enough. We've felt ashamed and guilty because we haven't got a man for long enough. The S.S. is worse than a husband: they keep us at bare subsistence, watch over our 'morality', spy on us with special investigators, walk in at any time to check on our housekeeping, our cleanliness but mostly to see if there's a man in the cupboard. Living on S.S. means being scared to have men around, terrified to let them stay overnight, careful not to go out too often. You don't live, you just exist. When the strings are cut, we're supposed to fall down.

NOW WE'RE STANDING UP FOR OURSELVES. Our only power is getting together to fight them back, backing each other up in the S.S. offices and in our homes when we are visited. By ourselves we can be frightened by a visiting officer: he's much less likely to intimidate us in front of witnesses.

We have to understand the way they use their 'discretionary' powers to play us off against each other, making us resent the 'lucky' person who gets a grant for shoes or curtains. Its not a JACKPOT, we are entitled to ask for what we NEED and if we are refused we can appeal and support each other at the tribunal. We don't have to go to the Salvation Army every time our kids need clothes. LETS FIGHT TOGETHER TO CLAIM OUR RIGHTS AND MAKE SURE NO-ONE IS LEFT WITHOUT

Comune di Padova
Sistema Bibliotecario

ALF - SLD

Sez. 6

Sottosez.

Serie 9

Sottos.

Unità 222

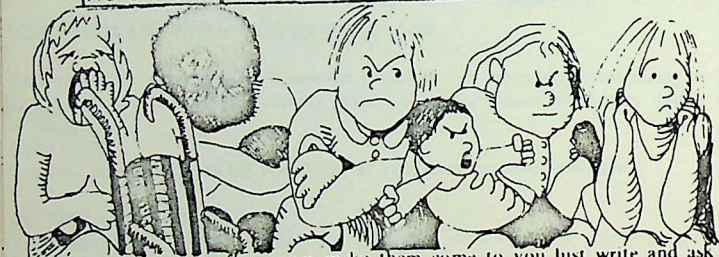
PUV 55

2
Any unsupported mother over 16 can claim Supplementary Benefit for herself and the children (mothers under 16 are supposed to starve)
The 1966 Social Security Act says that 'women who have dependant children don't have to make themselves available for work'
So we don't have to sign on at the Labour Exchange, we can go straight to the nearest S.S. office and claim, and we should get our money week by week from an allowance book which can be cashed at the nearest post office.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE A CLAIM
(for your guaranteed income for the next 16 years of your kids life)
WHERE TO GO

Go to the Social Security office nearest to where you are living
Most offices are open 10-4, but avoid lunch hours because they all go off for a good good long lunch and leave you waiting.
Be prepared for a **LONG UNCOMFORTABLE WAIT**. The offices are dirty, the chairs hard, most have no toilets, and they never have facilities for children or food and drink. So take food, drink, toys, crayons, and don't worry about being out when your name is called. They have to interview you

NO SMOKING NO SMILING NO ENJOYING YOURSELF.



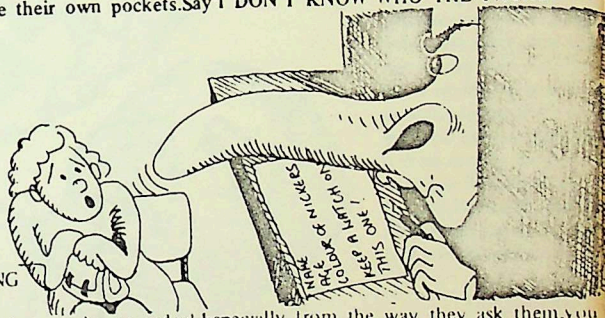
If you're not desperate for money, make them come to you. Just write and ask for a visit - they backdate your money to the day you put in the claim.

WHAT TO TAKE
Rent book (if you have one. If not, proof of address, which could be an envelope of a letter received at that address through the post) If you haven't a permanent address, you can claim from where you are staying.
Family Allowance book.
A friend or more to back you up. At home or in the office, the most important thing to remember is **NEVER MEET THEM ALONE**
You don't need a stamp card or B1 (which is what they give you if you sign on at the Labour for work) **YOU ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR WORK**

3
HOW TO CLAIM AT THE OFFICE
'I AM AN UNSUPPORTED MOTHER WITH NO INCOME'

That's all you need to say to make a claim. But of course the clerks won't be satisfied with that. They'll be nosy for details about why you have no income and where the husband or father is **THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM**
They ask because they have the power to take out a court order against a man to make him support his wife and children. This saves them money. (see section on maintenance). So they might ask you lots of questions but **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER**. You don't have to say where the father is or who he is if you don't want to. You don't have to show them the birth certificate. Even if you feel bitter about a guy who's run off leaving you pregnant, by giving them his name **YOU** don't get any more money. If they take out a court order, **THEY** get the money because the father pays the money in to them and you get the same amount from them. So if they say to you (as they did to someone): 'Are you going to let him get off and make another woman pregnant?' they're only out to line their own pockets. Say **'I DON'T KNOW WHO THE FATHER IS'**

QUESTIONING



Their questioning can be an ordeal. Especially from the way they ask them, you can be made to feel if you don't answer they might stop some of your money. They can't cut your money down for not answering their questions. If they threaten to, **APPEAL**

You only need to answer 6 basic questions: your name, address, amount of rent, how many children you've got, how old they are, whether you live by yourself, and the fact that you've got no income.
Tell them **NOTHING** beyond what you have to: they store it up and will use against you later. Police use S.S. files too: in Great Guildford St. office there's a notice in front of the interview desk with a list of names on it . . . telling the to call the S.S. if any of those names come in to make a claim. In Ireland, it's common way of catching 'wanted' people . . . **DON'T TELL THEM ANYTHING**
THEY DON'T NEED TO KNOW

4
 They haven't managed to starve us into submission, so now they're trying for total control of us. Not content with telling women who they can sleep with and what they can do, in New York (which is always ahead of the times) they've brought in a new scheme called the 'Incentives for Independence' programme, which cuts the money of unsupported mothers by half. They have to earn the other half on a points system: you get points for working, or looking after someone else's kids so they can work, having a clean, tidy house and clean tidy kids, kids who go to school every day, kids who co-operate with teachers, and telling the S.S. who the father of your or someone else's child is and where to find him.



HOW TO CLAIM WHEN YOU'RE PREGNANT

You can claim when you're 7 months pregnant - or when you want, seeing as how you're the only one who knows exactly when you got pregnant, or whether you're up to working.

YOU NEED:

Same as anyone else PLUS certificate of confinement, from a doctor

BEFORE CONFINEMENT

You might need to make a claim for things for yourself when you're pregnant. Hospitals, doctors, the ads, everyone tells you to look after yourself, watch your health,

EAT STEAK, fruit, drink lots of milk, eat for 2, everyone smiles and coos, until you go to the S.S. and ask for a grant.

Get a letter from the doctor if you need special food or a pair of comfortable shoes; put in for a special needs payment for dressing gown, nightdresses, slippers, and make sure there's a lot of you fighting to get them:

'I wanted a grant for a dressing gown. So when the visitor came to see me I told him, he said I could not have it, so I put on my nighty and long white boots, and with my small white soap bag went down to the M.S.S. demanding my dressing gown. But still I could not have it, so I put in for a grant for beds, bedding and a hell of a lot more. This I got, so if you want a dressing gown and can't get one, put in for a big grant and you'll be sure of getting one.'

MATERNITY GRANTS AND BENEFITS

5
 If you have the right number of stamps (26 in the last 12 months) you can claim a maternity grant of £25. Claim between 9 weeks before the birth and 3 months after on a form B.M.4 A from the S.S. or clinic.

You can also get up to £5 a week maternity benefit, if you've got enough stamps, for 18 weeks, beginning 11 weeks before the expected week of confinement.



Don't expect special treatment just because you're pregnant when Mrs Dinn went in for her money with a doctor's letter saying she was in danger of miscarrying if she didn't get food at once (she had had no money for 2 weeks they got the police to throw her out. The clerk said 'one less mouth for us to feed. She lost the baby.'

CONFINEMENT

The fight isn't over when you get into the hospital.

NEVER MEET THE HOSPITAL ALONE - it really helps to have a friend along, right through the birth. Most hospitals say 'husbands only': we haven't got husbands - why should that mean that we have to go through it alone? The S.S. usually try to cut your money down when you go into hospital - at a time when it's hardest for you to fight back.

A mother in West London had her book taken off her by a visiting officer because there was a man asleep in her spare bed. She was pregnant and the baby was overdue.....

Make sure someone outside is fighting to get your full money, and the grant for baby clothes before you come home.

If you have the baby at home you should get more.

WHAT HE SHOULD GET

If you're over 16 it's easy to work out if you are getting the right amount :

The total amount includes:

- £6.55 for yourself
- £5.20 for others over 18
- £4.05 for 16-17 year olds
- £3.40 for 13-15 year olds
- £2.75 for 11-12
- £2.25 for 5-10
- £1.90 for under 5

PLUS RENT:

If more than £5 they might refuse to pay it. If they do, **APPEAL**. Many appeals over rent have been won: in Bristol, a woman was refused £7 rent - she took it to the rent tribunal who lowered it to £6, and the S.S. still told her she had to move. So she appealed and won it. Why should we pay landlords our food money? Or move out into slums? We've a right to live in the best housing we can find if the rents 'too high' for the S.S., that's between them and the landlord or council. Rent includes rates, but not gas or electricity.

If you have a mortgage, they'll pay the interest.

DON'T LET THEM MOVE YOU OUT INTO SLUMS OR HOMELESS HOSTELS

PLUS LONG TERM ALLOWANCE OF 50p

For people who have been claiming for over 2 years, and Old Age Pensioners

THEY DEDUCT:

- 1) FAMILY ALLOWANCE
- 2) EARNINGS OVER £2.05
- 3) MAINTENANCE
- 4) 5p for every £25 of savings over and above £325

WORKING EXAMPLE

Here is how Mrs As money is made up:

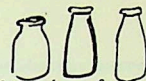
	£6.55 for herself
	£2.75 for Sharon age 11
	£2.25 for Michael age 6
	£1.90 for the baby
comes to	<u>£13.45</u>
plus rent	<u>£4.50</u>
comes to	<u>£17.95</u>
less	£1.90 family allowance
comes to	<u>£16.05</u> which is what she should get.

WRITTEN ASSESSMENTS

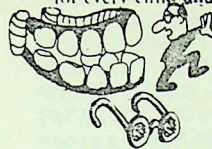
You can request a written assessment form (form A124A) from them to see exactly how your money is made up. They have to give you this if you ask.

FREE

You should also get 1) **FREE MILK**



You are entitled to tokens for free milk (1 pint per child a day for every child under 5). But you have to **DEMAND** these at the office.



2) **FREE PRESCRIPTIONS**

Fill in a form from the Post Office



3) **DENTIST TREATMENT**

4) **FREE GLASSES**

5) **FREE SCHOOL DINNERS**



HOW THEY PAY US

They send giro every week until you get a visitor in your home, then a book which you cash at the nearest Post Office. If your book hasn't come, or you're claiming for the first time, make sure you get a payment over the counter: giros in the post sometimes never come. If they refuse, tell the SECTION 13 of the Handbook* says they have to pay you if you're in **URGENT NEED**. In most cities there's an emergency office or officer who will pay you out of office hours

VISITS.

You'll probably be sent a giro payment through the post after your first visit to the S.S. office, and be told that you won't get the full amount until you've had a visit from the visiting officer. So it's important to demand a visit immediately, as they sometimes make you wait for weeks and weeks, which means you have to keep going down the office.

Demand 24 hours notice before all visits (so they can't catch you unawares). **NEVER** let them in unless you've got someone from the C.U. to back you up. Make the visitor show his I.D. card at the door. At the last C.U. conference, we heard that some visitors produce warrants which they claim gives them legal entry to your home - don't fall for it. As yet no civilian has the right to come into your home if you don't want them to. Set a time limit for the visit. If they don't come within 7 days, treat it as a refusal to come and appeal. If they won't recognise the appeal - **APPEAL NOTHING WORRIES THE S.S. MORE THAN USING THEIR RULES AGAINST**

The Supplementary Benefits handbook (the rule book they publish for the public - get it from H.M.S.O. offices, 57P* - they have their own secret rules, the 'A' code), says you have to be 16 to claim, so unmarried mothers of 14 or 15 get nothing. But South Shields C.U. have won S.S. for 15 year old school-leavers so we should fight for unmarried mothers under 16 to have their own money. Up till now all they can get is money from Welfare, or their parents can claim for them and the baby, if they live at home - but that way they're stuck under their parents control when they're desperate sometimes to get out of the home.

SPECIAL NEEDS PAYMENTS

You can get special needs payments whenever you need something that you can't buy out of the scale rates. BUT YOU HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THEM

HOW TO GET SPECIAL NEEDS PAYMENTS:

No grant is ever offered - WE HAVE TO DEMAND IT

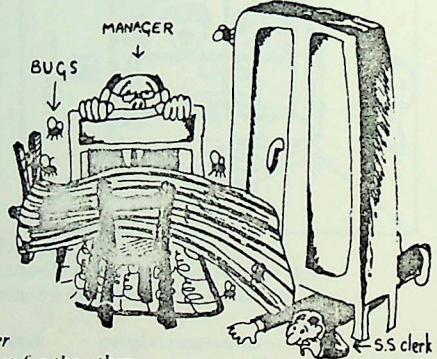
Whether these things have been won before or not, they can only be got by fighting for them together.

- 1. Write to the S.S. office and tell them exactly what you need
 - 2. (see under VISITS) When they send the visitor MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT ALONE
- Have a list of everything you need and its price (average price eg Marks and Spencers) Go into detail - don't just say shoes, for instance, say a good pair of boots to last the winter, or a pushchair you can fold with one hand - £9 from Mothercare.

DON'T TAKE SECONDHAND STUFF

When the Watkins family moved into their new home, they applied to the S.S. for new furniture. They eventually received some stinky chairs and a wardrobe and buggy beds from the WRVS. On Friday Oct. 22 at about 12.30 nine members of the CU arrived at Bonhill St S.S. office. The WRVS had refused to come and collect the furniture, so the CU delivered it in a van to the S.S. office. We placed in front of the reception the wardrobe, double and single beds with mattresses, and 4 chairs. The manager refused to see us and called the police but eventually gave us £14 over the counter for one bed, and the money came in the post for the others

EVERY CLAIMANT IS ENTITLED TO BUY NEW STUFF FOR THEMSELVES



They'll let you know a few days later whether you are getting anything or not. If they ask for receipts, REFUSE. If you're not satisfied, APPEAL

you can get grants for all these:

The Social Security Act says 'The Commission may increase an award of supplementary pension or allowance where there are exceptional circumstances' You should therefore be able to get extra money on your weekly for :

- SPECIAL DIET (show them doctors note)
- EXTRA LAUNDRY
- NURSERY CHARGES (if you're working)
- DOMESTIC HELP
- FARES TO VISIT a relative in hospital or prison, with or without your kids, with an overnight stay in a hotel if needed. Also fares to school.
- STORAGE CHARGES for stored furniture
- H.P. PAYMENTS on 'necessary items'
- EXTRA HEATING ALLOWANCE The S.S. only allow about £1 for heat in your weekly money. The S.S. extra heating allowance is 25p, 50p or 75p. We demand £2.

GAS/ELECTRIC BILLS can be paid by them. Don't let them deduct money from your weekly or force you to go on the slot if they pay a bill. The slot meter has to be fed all the time, so you use your food money and pay for the wages of the man who empties the meter as well as the electricity. If you pay quarterly, don't be scared by final notices. They have to get a court order to turn it off, so DON'T LET THEM IN

Tell the Electricity board that the Social Security is dealing with it.

RENT ARREARS

DON'T BE SCARED IF YOU'RE THREATENED WITH EVICTION
If its unfurnished, the landlord has to get a court order, and you'll still have 6 months after that. If its council - tell them to get the rent off the S.S. - its all the same money, isn't it?

If they pay your arrears, they may try to pay your rent direct, or demand receipts before they will give you your rent money. Don't stand for it -

APPEAL CHRISTMAS MONEY

other people have plenty of money to spend at Christmas - why shouldn't claimants? We demand £7.50 for every claimant at Christmas. Holiday money too.

WHETHER THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BEFORE OR NOT (and all of them have) THEY CAN ONLY BE WON BY FIGHTING FOR THEM TOGETHER

CLOTHES

For school age kids, they'll send you to School - care. If the schoolcare won't give you what you want, the S.S. have to. Don't let yourself get pushed backwards and forwards between them - thats their favourite trick.

This is an account of a Tribunal case fought and won by Birmingham CU.

Mrs J was accused by a NAB fraud officer of cohabiting and her book was snatched off her. We put in an appeal and eventually appeared at the Tribunal.

It went as follows:

Man from Ministry: 'A man has been seen leaving your house. We have a witness to prove it. Bring in our witness.

Enter NAB fraud man.

Chairman: Tell the tribunal what you have observed going on at Mrs J's house.

Fraud man: On various occasions I have seen a Mr M leaving the house at the same time each morning.

Rep: Explain 'various occasions'

Fraud man: At least 4 mornings a week. You can't deny it.

Rep: We don't deny it. He's Mrs J's lover.

Chairman: But 4 times a week . . . once a week, but 4 times . . . impossible . . .

Rep: I have never met Mr M, but he is probably a lusty young man.

Chairman: (to Mrs J) Is Mr M. your lover? In fact you agreed when the book was taken off you that you were cohabiting.

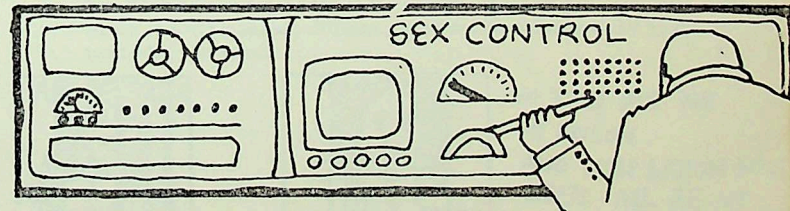
Mrs J: Yes, I agreed that I was cohabiting and I thought I was. Now I have had it explained to me in fact I wasn't cohabiting as Mr M. is my lover.

The tribunal panel was very shocked by this attitude and the fact that the claimant had the courage to say 'that was my lover'. The outcome of the tribunal was that her money was restored. The NAB assumes that as your income is paid by them they should control your sex-life and everything else.

Mrs J realised that the S.S. was making a moral judgement about her sex-life.

She'd been tricked into saying she was cohabiting BUT SHE WAS NOT

That's why it's so important to have a witness every time the S.S. call. If there's a man visiting when the officer calls don't put him in the wardrobe, why not introduce him as your CU representative? NEVER MEET THE S.S. ALONE



HOW TO APPEAL

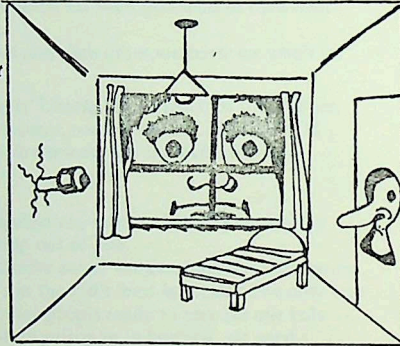
It's much easier than they make out; it doesn't cost money, you don't need a solicitor, and it doesn't have to be done within 3 weeks like they tell you.

Write a letter, or send in a CU appeal form to the manager saying

'I wish to appeal against . . . ' Send a copy to Regional Office and keep one for yourself. They will send you back a copy of your appeal, plus their 'defence' ie their reason for refusing to pay you. You'll be told the date of the appeal - can be anything up to about 6 weeks. Notice of the appeal can be 'lost in the post' (as happened to one woman in North London who had her money stopped after an appeal she didn't know had taken place), so keep phoning up the Regional Office, or go down your local office in strength

That's what Mrs D. did:

Mrs D. had her book taken off her for 'cohabitation'. About 4 weeks later she went to a C.U. meeting. The C.U. put in an appeal, and went down the S.S. office with her the next day to get an emergency payment. They caused such an uproar when the payment was refused that the appeals tribunal heard the case 3 days later. At the appeal the 'evidence' turned out to come from the caretaker in charge of her flats who was drunk at the time, but who had been seen regularly chatting to the local Special Investigator. She won the appeal.



DON'T GO ALONE-DON'T GO UNPREPARED

The hearing takes place outside the office, usually at the town hall, because the tribunal is supposed to be an 'independent' body who judge the decisions of the S.S.

It consists of 3 people - the chairman, the work people's representative (usually a Trade Unionist) and the business rep. Get their names so you'll know them again. Then there's the clerk who takes all the decisions, and the S.S. prosecutor. Don't be intimidated, say exactly what you want, how you want. The S.S. prosecutor starts it off, then it's your turn to speak. You're 'allowed' one rep. and one observer: take as many people as you can get in (family, kids) and all speak. They'll pay fares for 3 and witnesses if they work. Work out your case beforehand, go armed with anything that could be relevant: bills, prices, doctors notes, letters from welfare workers and probation officers, pieces of mouldy wallpaper, rotten lino, photos, witnesses, the S.S. handbook, the Unsupported Mothers handbook - anything that will show them what your living conditions are like and why their hand-outs are inadequate.

WELFARE

The Childrens Dept. will sometimes pay gas and electricity bills, buy clothes or pay for holidays, or lend money to a mother who has been cut off. They do this under what's called a Section 1 payment and it's meant to stop kids going into care. It's all government money - from the welfare its 'charity', from the S.S. its our right. Although the links between the Childrens Dept. and Special Welfare of the Department of Health and Social Security are very close. In fact, between them **THEY CARVE YOU UP AND SELL YOU OUT** - all for your own good of course, because you are inadequate.

We'd rather get ALL our money off the S.S. - that way it's a straight fight - we don't have to go down on our knees asking for favours, begging for charity.

The Welfare keeps people alone, makes them see their problems as their own fault and fights on behalf of them.....

WE FIGHT TOGETHER - for ourselves and each other, we know we won't let each other down.

Some people have thought that Claimants' Unions are a branch of the Welfare Dept., a charitable service to get more money, correct abuses.... **WE'RE NOT**. We don't want to patch up the holes in the system like the welfare does - **WE WANT TO CHANGE IT**.

A threat that they can use against us, against any woman bringing up kids by herself, is to take the kids away if we step out of line.

Under the new Children's Act, local authority social workers have absolute power to take kids into 'care' if they think it's in the kid's 'best interests'. The only way to fight this is to make sure there are other people ready to care for our kids if anything happens to us. If we get put in prison or in hospital, we need a network of friends who can take each others kids in an emergency.

Best of all, although it means going to a lawyer and costs money, make someone else their legal guardians, so that they've got power in court to take responsibility for your kids.

NEVER MEET THE WELFARE ALONE.



WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I WENT TO SCHOOL AND THOUGHT THAT WAS PRISON.



WHEN I LEFT SCHOOL AND WENT TO WORK - I WAS PRETTY SURE THAT THAT WAS PRISON....



I LEFT WORK TO GET MARRIED - THEN I GOT REALLY CONFUSED BECAUSE I'D THOUGHT THAT THAT'D GET ME OUT OF PRISON.

PRISONS.

Most of us can't survive on the money the S.S. gives us, so we have to resort to stealing, going on the game, on tranquillisers or pep-pills. Then it's Holloway prison or the nut-house.

50% of women in Holloway are in for crimes against property : S.S. fraud, shoplifting etc. Another 20% are in for prostitution.

(In California, 3,000 unsupported mothers were cut off welfare when they legalised prostitution last year.)

Women are in prison simply for trying to get enough money to LIVE!

Rose

Rose Smith (whose got 5 kids and is pregnant with her sixth) got 6 months in Holloway for changing the dates on her S.S. book to try and get two weeks money instead of one over christmas.....

Another woman - her husband left her, and the S.S. refused to pay her any money until they'd traced him so they could get payments off him. Meanwhile, she and her 4 kids were having to live off £3 a week family allowance. She started shoplifting, got done for it, and was put inside for 3 months.....

They starve you into stealing food, then put you inside for it!

NEVER MEET THE COURT ALONE.

Always go with as many friends as possible.

Apply for legal aid straightaway (that means that the court pays for your lawyer). Make sure that your lawyer says what YOU want him to say. Don't let him persuade you to plead guilty to get it over with quickly. When the police pick you up - **DON'T SAY A WORD TO THEM.**

You don't have to answer any of their questions except give your name and adress. It won't make any difference to your case and they won't be able to twist what you've said.



THEN MY HUSBAND LEFT ME AND I WENT ON THE S.S. INTO A HOMELESS HOSTEL - IT SAYS ENOUGH THAT THAT USED TO BE A PRISON!



I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE ON - SO I STARTED DODDLING THE S.S. SHOPLIFTING - THE S.S. SHOOPERS CAUGHT ME.

SO THEY PUT ME IN PRISON. AND NOW I KNOW WHAT LIFE'S ALL ABOUT - IT'S JUST A SERIES OF PRISONS!

Wives/girlfriends of men in prison can claim exactly like any unsupported mother, PLUS fares to prison for herself and her kids, and the cost of staying overnight in a hotel if necessary.

Women in prison get NOTHING when they leave (man get £4)

As we fight back harder, there's going to be more of us inside.



WORK.

You're at home all day, doing the housework, shopping, cooking, cleaning, waiting for the kids to come home, going out of your mind with worry about the bills, loneliness and boredom, and the S.S. man comes along and says:

'Why don't you go out and get a little job to keep you busy and earn a bit of extra money?'

That's what Barbara did:

If you're on S.S. you're only allowed to earn £2 on top of what you get from them.

Barbara was working an 18 hour week in a sweat shop, getting £5 a week for that,

- the usual exploitation of women wanting to work - and the S.S. was deducting

£3 a week off her money.....so in fact she was only getting £2 for 18 hours work.

That's not all - winter was coming on, she'd just been rehoused and was needed

heating for her kids' bedroom. So she applied to the S.S. for a grant for an electric

fire. They wrote back telling her the fires weren't essential and besides, if she

really wanted them that much she could buy them out of the 2 quid extra that she

was earning.

She appealed against their decision with the Claimants' Union. She got the

money for 2 electric fires and gave up her job - it just wasn't worth it!

So this is the way the S.S. sees it:

You go out to work to make ends meet (Barbara get £8.50 for herself and her 3 kids). The S.S. actually takes your money away from you that you earn and then tells you that you've got to spend the £2 that you are allowed on essential items that they should be paying for anyway!

There's a big demand for part-time

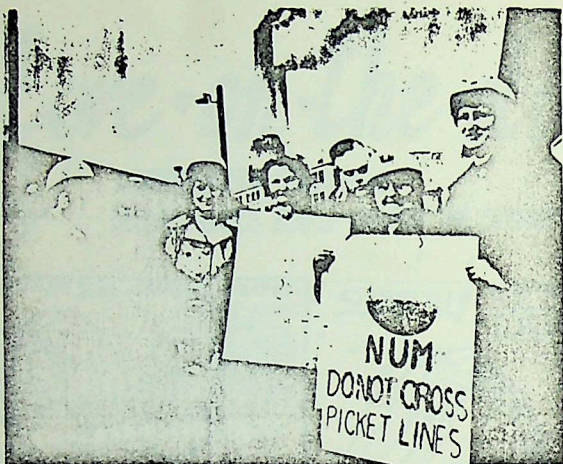
There's a big demand for women to work part-time as temps., machinists, cashiers, or full-time as night-cleaners (£10 for a 40 hour week, 8 hours a night.)

'I'm a trained machinist but I can't work during the day because of the kids - I can't afford to pay to have them looked after. I'd rather do day work, but I'd live in poverty if I didn't do nightcleaning.

People don't do nightcleaning for fun. Some girls work morning jobs too. This one girl worked a day job and nightcleaning - she collapsed on the job. All the girls have children and most are either separated or divorced. They work one year on average after that they don't have the energy.'

The bosses know they can get women cheap (50% of working women get less than 25p an hour) The same as blacks, Irish and other immigrants, they know they can hire and fire them without getting trouble back. Women are now being used to threaten men's jobs. In Lacey's Coventry, they made hundreds of men redundant - a few weeks later, ads started appearing in the local papers offering the same job to women!





Miners' wives and daughters from Bettehanger, Kent, who came to share the picket line with their men at London's Battersea power station.

STRIKES AND OCCUPATIONS.

Women are often accused of being the ones to break strikes. This has been because they're the ones that have had to make ends meet and worry about where the next meal's coming from. They're the ones that have had to tackle the S.S. by themselves. And they're husbands usually haven't bothered to let them know what's happening during the strike, so that they feel completely left out of it.

But that's changing now:

At the occupation of the Fisher-Bendix factory in Liverpool, the men invited their wives and kids to their union meetings so that they knew what was happening.

The miners wives gave fantastic support during the miners strike - staffing the pickets outside the mines while their husbands were picketing the power stations.

In Staffordshire, a hundred miners wives and kids occupied an S.S. office demanding their money. The women put their kids over the counters said they were leaving them there 'til they got enough money to feed them. They won in the end.

But strikers wives still have to have their husbands sign for them at the S.S., even though they're claiming just for themselves and their kids.

- We're demanding that ALL women should be able to claim for themselves, married or not.

'UNEMPLOYED WOMEN'

We're never 'out of work'. If we're not out at work, we're cooking, cleaning, looking after kids. Perhaps that's why we're not seen as 'unemployed', the way men are, when we haven't got a job.

Married women seldom sign on as unemployed - so they don't get dole money. Even if they do, they get £3.50 compared to a man's £5! If both husband and wife are out of work, he claims for her!

ALL women, married or not, should claim unemployment benefit in their own right - it's a way of getting paid for the work we do at home. Women have less job security than men, because few of them are in unions. Employers know that women find it harder to unionize than men because they have kids and home to attend to after work.

And so 100,000 women have lost their jobs in manufacturing already this year - a proportion almost double that of men - but nobody knows anything about it.

And most of them don't get redundancy payments, because they've been working part-time - less than 21 hours a week.

WE WANT REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS FOR ALL WOMEN WHO ARE LAID OFF

Women in our society are given the choice between low-paid jobs, non-paid work in the home, or miserable motherhood on the S.S.

That's why we want a GUARANTEED INCOME FOR WOMEN AND MEN, WORKING OR NOT WORKING, MARRIED OR NOT.



Love on the dole

MAKY HOPE

**MOVES INTO TOWN...
WHAT WILL LIFE HAVE IN STORE FOR HER?**

NOT MUCH - NO JOBS + ONLY £6 UNEMPLOYMENT MONEY.

HOW MUCH MORE CAN I TAKE... OF A PHONE THAT NEVER RINGS... A HEART THAT NEVER THRILLS?

AND SO, JUST AS I'D DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE, I LEFT THE HOUSE AND WENT FOR A WALK! I WALKED SLOWLY, CAUTIOUSLY, HOPING AGAINST HOPE.....

WHEN WILL MR. RIGHT APPEAR?

SUDDENLY

HE SPOKE THE WORDS LAUGHINGLY BUT HIS EYES WERE SOLEMN

IF YOU COME WITH THE HOUSE I COULD GUARANTEE THERE'D BE PLENTY OF HAPPINESS + LOVE

I CLUNG TO HIM AS IF I MIGHT FALL OFF THE EARTH!

THE END

BUT THE END IS SOMETIMES ONLY THE BEGINNING!

HOW DID THE BLUSHING BRIDE BECOME THIS BITCH?
READ ON.....

YOU'RE NOT MUCH FUN THESE DAYS MARY

I - I'M SORRY (GULP) I'M PREGNANT BILL

9 MONTHS LATER

HOW ABOUT THAT!

MEANWHILE

AND THEN - 1 YEAR LATER

I'LL STAY HERE - YOU GO OUT + ENJOY YOURSELF

I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING ANNOYED - I'M NOT MUCH FUN LATELY

BUT... LOVE CONQUERS ALL

HOME SWEET HOME

I LET HIS KISSES DROWN MY FEARS!

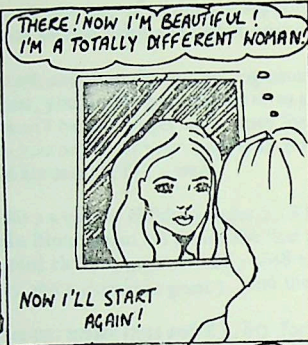
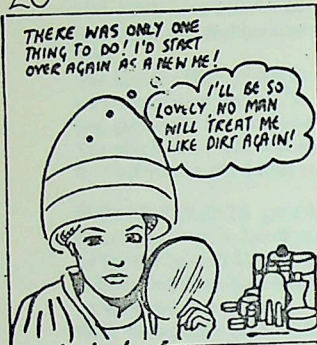
SOME YEARS LATER.....

IT CAN'T GO ON FOREVER. WHEN WILL IT END?

WHERE DID LOVE GO?
AS BILL WENT OUT TO THE PUB, BILLS CAME IN THROUGH THE DOOR.

FINALLY

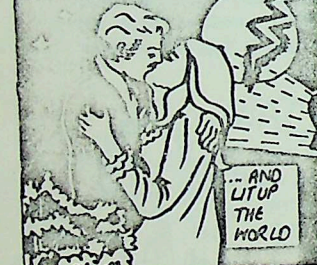
GOODBYE TO ALL THAT!



FIND ANOTHER MAN WHO'LL GET ME OUT OF THIS AWFUL LIFE - GIVE ME ALL THE THINGS I'VE ALWAYS WANTED - TREAT ME LIKE A WOMAN - NOT A SLAVE OR MACHINE.

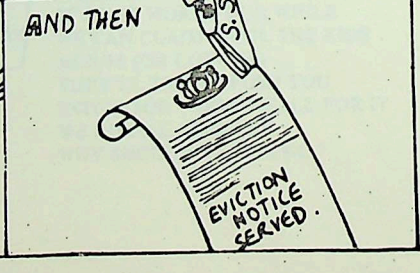
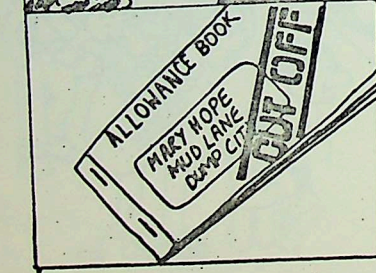
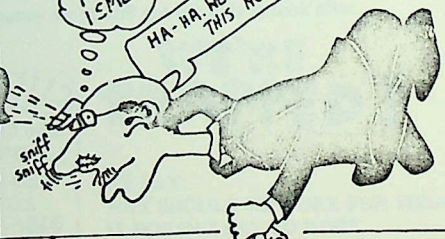
SUDDENLY (AGAIN)

HIS MOUTH WAS ON MINE ... IT WAS AS IF LIGHTNING HAD STRUCK ...

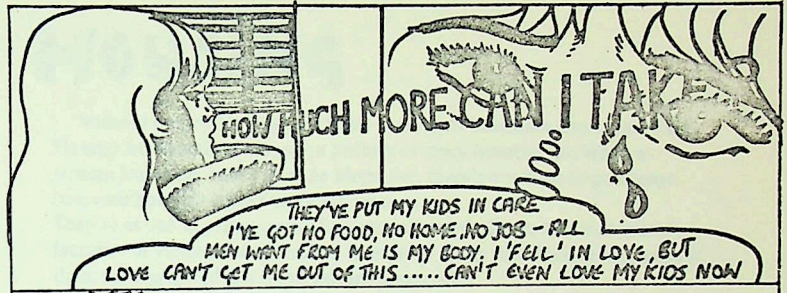


BUT

FE-FI-FO-FUM I SMELL CO-HABITATION
HA-HA. WE'LL PUT AN END TO ALL THIS NONSENSE



AND THEN



THEY'VE PUT MY KIDS IN CARE I'VE GOT NO FOOD, NO HOME, NO JOB - ALL MEN WANT FROM ME IS MY BODY. I 'FELL' IN LOVE, BUT LOVE CAN'T GET ME OUT OF THIS CAN'T EVEN LOVE MY KIDS NOW



GAZING OUT OF THE WINDOW, SOBBING OUR HEARTS OUT IN THE BEDROOM, WAITING FOR THE NEXT MAN TO COME ALONG AND LIFT US OUT OF OUR MISERY... THAT'S HOW THEY WANT US - ON OUR BACKS AND AFRAID TO FIGHT BACK

WHILE WE FACED OUR PROBLEMS ON OUR OWN, WE ENDED UP ON PILLS, IN THE LOONY BIN, IN HOSPITAL, IN PRISON. - BUT THERE'S MORE THAN 200,000 OF US - SINGLE MOTHERS ON SOCIAL SECURITY - WE'RE IN EVERY STREET, ON EVERY BUS, IN EVERY LAUNDRETTE, SHOP, PARK.

AND WE'RE GETTING MORE + MORE ANGRY - WITH BUREAUCRATS WHO WON'T HEAR, DOCTORS WHO CAN'T CURE, "LEADERS" WHO DON'T CARE. WE'VE HAD ENOUGH. WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT.

WE WANT:
A GUARANTEED INCOME - SO THAT WE AND OUR KIDS CAN LIVE WELL
AN END OF DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN "WORKERS" + "NON-WORKERS"
GOOD HOUSING. COMMUNITY CHILDCARE - SO OUR KIDS CAN ENJOY LIFE INSTEAD OF FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL.
WE WANT THESE THINGS - AND WE'RE FIGHTING FOR THEM.

FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT.

The governments just spent £340,000 advertising the F.I.S.

IT'S JUST ANOTHER CON. — a new way of pushing unsupported mothers into work and making sure that we don't demand higher wages at the same time.

The idea is : 'You go out to work, and if you're not getting enough money, we'll make it up for you.' In fact, you'll only get a pound or so more than you get on the S.S. and you won't be able to get any money for grants etc. The maximum F.I.S. will give you on top of your wage is £4 pounds, and that's if you've got 6 kids and are earning £12 a week.

FOSTER PARENTS get £4.80 a week for children under 5, £8.50 for fifteen year olds in London. (In Birmingham it's £5 for the first child, £4 for the next PLUS guaranteed clothing grant of £32 — £48 a year, school clothing, a paid holiday, and a christmas grant) and the rate goes up with the cost of living.

WHY do we only get £1.90 for our under fives and £3.40 for 15 year olds? Are our kids supposed to eat less than other people's?

Always wear cast off clothes?

All because we don't live with a man?

Housework, cooking, cleaning, scrubbing is work **WORK** — cooks get paid, housekeepers get paid, chars get paid, . . . **WHY NOT US ?**

We've got no choice — working at home or for someone else, it's all work, we don't get enough money, we've still got the kids to look after

WE'RE TRAPPED!

WE SAY:
WHY SHOULD WE WORK FOR THEM?
IT DOESN'T PAY TO WORK
IT'S NOT WORTH OUR WHILE
WE CAN CLAIM UNTIL THE KIDS
ARE 16 (OR LONGER)
THEY'LL TRY TO PUSH YOU
INTO A JOB — DON'T FALL FOR IT
WE DO ONE ALREADY
WHY SHOULD WE DO TWO ?



HOUSING

Without money we can't get flats — and most landlords don't want kids. Unsupported mothers are at the bottom of every housing list. When a woman leaves her husband or he leaves her, there's nowhere to go except homeless hostels, welfare accomodation.....

They're as bad as prisons and often are converted prisons or barracks, old factories or victorian workhouses. In most of them you share rooms, some of them are segregated (men and women separte).

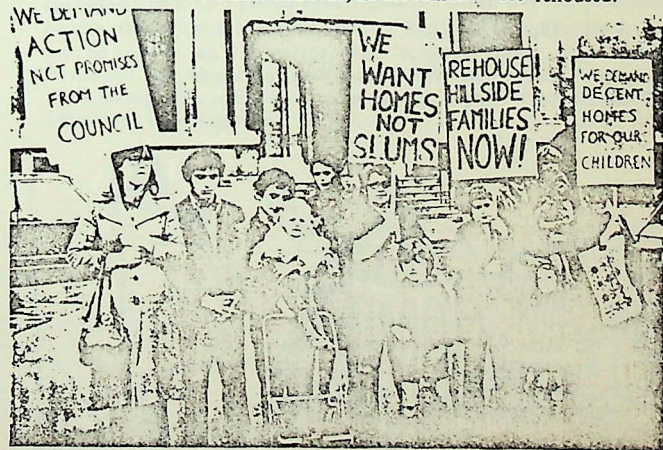
ALL OF THEM ARE HELL HOLES.

One in North London, Hillside, the inmates call it Hellside — has just been closed down after a dem onstration by the North London C.U. and a women's liberation group as well as all the inmates. They were protesting about the rats, damp and cockroaches, the food that no-one could eat, and the rent.

They took all of each womans money, except for £1 a week - the same as in most homeless hostels : so each family was left with £1 to buy everything they needed.

PEOPLE IN HOMELESS HOSTELS SHOULD GET THEIR FULL MONEY not humiliating pocket money.

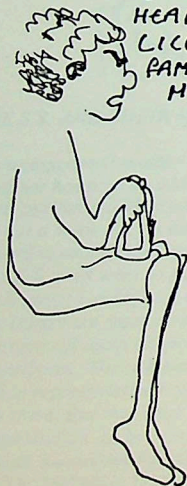
Within a week of the demonstrations, all the families were rehoused.



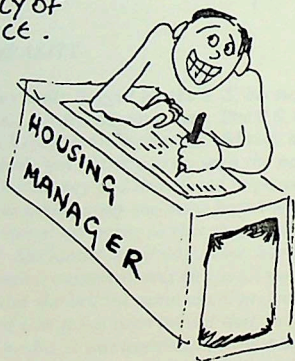
They wont find us flats, but there are empty houses everywhere. In the London Borough of Hackney alone, there are 6,000! Many people are squatting, taking over empty buildings. The N.L.C.U. has squatted families; 5 women from Highbury C.U. with 16 kids between them, 3 of whom had been in welfare accommodation for years and years, decided that they'd had enough and went squatting. Two got good council houses within 3 weeks. Women in the C.U. in Greenwich squatted and got their rent books immediately from the Council.

Claimants Unions and Tenants Associations and squatters Associations can all back each other up- its all the same people.
IF THEY WONT GIVE IT TO US, WE HAVE TO TAKE IT!

FOUR COCKROACHES,
½ DOZEN RATS, FIFTY
BED BUGS, A
HEADFUL OF
LICE & A
FAMILY OF
MICE.



HOW MANY
DEPENDANTS
DO YOU HAVE?



COHABITATION

The S.S. always wants to push women into being dependant on a man- to being 'supported' by a man who's working or signing on, rather than having money in her own right. So, on the tiniest suspicion they snatch your book away.

WHAT IS COHABITATION?

Its not sleeping with a man.

Its not having a boyfriend.

Its not having a lodger.

The rules they are MEANT to go by are

Whether 2 people are living together like a married couple....

If they use the same surname.....

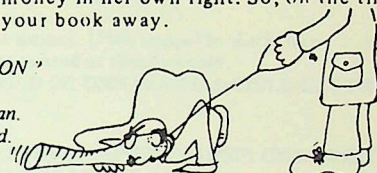
If the man uses the same address.....

If they share living expenses.....

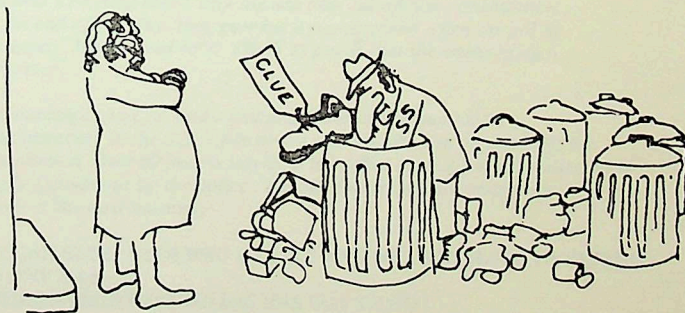
What the regular sleeping arrangements are...(none of their business!)

whether they have any children as a couple.....

Their emphasis that no 'moral considerations' should come into deciding to cut a woman off for cohabitation.



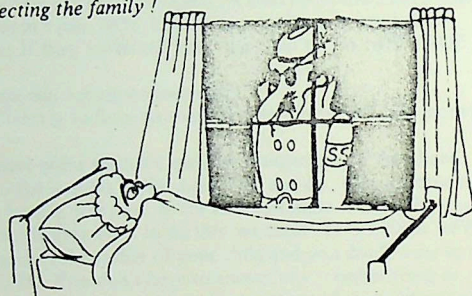
Thats how THEY describe cohabitation. We know its a CON. What really happens is that unsupported mothers who are spied upon by Special Investigators, often have their order books, their SOLE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD, taken from them on the spot by an S.S. officer who 'suspects' them of cohabiting. Perhaps a neighbour has seen a man leave the house, perhaps the visiting officer has spotted a pipe or a pair of boots..SO WHAT? Thats not cohabitation.



BUT They use snoopers; **SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS**..who watch to see who visits the house, they chat up the neighbours, caretakers in flats, ask whether a man has been seen around- **THEY SPY**.

There are ways of dealing with them: In North London, an unsupported father turned a hosepipe in a S.I. parked outside his house in a car. In West London, women gather around the cars shouting 'pimp' ponce'

The Social Security in one year prosecuted 7,000 claimants for fraud, another 18000 were suspected of fraud and were harassed, unjustly accused, perhaps had their allowances cut off. Most of the 18,000 will be women. Some of the 7,000 prosecuted will be imprisoned, if they are women their children will go into care...so much for all this social work talk of protecting the family!



THE S.S. AND THEIR MORALITY

An unsupported mother was really bugged by the S. S. because a friend used her house as an address. Her friend was a man. The S.S. applied all their puritan morality, which they deny having. He did visit her house - Its not a convent! Its certainly got nothing to do with the nosy S.S. On several occasions they cut her money and threatened to prosecute her. The S.S. even went so far as taking away the mans hostel vouchers in the hope of forcing him to live at her house, so that they could prosecute one thing they enjoy doing. She joined the Union, when her money had been cut off again on groundless suspicion, and an appeal was lodged with the tribunal. The tribunal also showed the same moral prejudices - the Union representative replied that it had been proved that he did NOT live there. But that even if he did, it was irrelevant to the case. For 'cohabitation' to be proved, the S.S. has to show that there was a shared 'household budget'. **MORAL ARGUMENTS ARE IRRELEVANT EVEN THOUGH THEY KEEP USING THEM.** The result was a victory. She got her order book back for the full amount.

The S.S. say that its not fair that a woman who is not married should get more than one who is.

2 men or 2 women living together will get £13.10

A husband and wife get..... £9.85

The man has to claim for the woman. If he's incapable, she is very occasionally allowed to claim as head of the household.

MEN AND WOMEN, MARRIED OR UNMARRIED SHOULD GET THE SAME MONEY

WE WANT WOMEN TO GET THEIR MONEY IN THEIR OWN-RIGHT WITHOUT MORAL JUDGEMENT BY THE S.S.

If you're cut off for cohabitation:

1. APPEAL straight away.
 2. Make a fresh claim. All you need to say is 'I am an unsupported mother with no income'
 - They will try to get you to say things about your boyfriend.
 3. Do not say anything. Do not sign anything except the claim form. Just keep repeating: **I AM AN UNSUPPORTED MOTHER WITH NO INCOME**. Its nothing to do with the S.S. whether you have a boyfriend, how often you see him, what he looks like, where he lives, or where he works.
 4. Do not give photographs of any boyfriend.
 5. If all that fails, **DEMAND AN EMERGENCY PAYMENT UNDER SECTION 13.** (see how they pay us' section)
- Its difficult to get these, but we've sometimes won them.

Mrs M. in the N.L.C.U went to the S.S. office with 10 other C.U. members and held a meeting about why she had been cut off for cohabitation. At the end of the day, they gave her a payment and when she got to the appeal, the tribunal took THAT as proof that she wasn't being supported.

In Cambridge, the C.U. and a Womens Liberation group held a demonstration in the S.S. office over a woman who had been cut off for cohabitation. Over 60 people stayed in the office after it had closed, and were finally thrown out by the police - but Mrs Baxter got her emergency payment the next morning.

WE CAN SLEEP WITH WHO WE LIKE AND WE DONT HAVE TO DEPEND ON ANY MAN
THE COHABITATION RULING HAS GOT TO GO!

MAINTENANCE

What happens if you already have a maintenance order ?

Anyone on SS can get the social security to take over their maintenance order. This means that you can be sure of getting money every week whether or not the father pays the money into the court. It also saves you the time and the worry of going down to the court each week to see if the moneys there, and if its not, going down to the S.S. to explain whats happened. If you collect your own maintenanc money and are claiming S.S. you won't be better off - they will only give you the difference between the order and what you would be entitled to from them. If you do decide to sign the order over to them, you should get an order book for the amount you are entitled to, and its then up to the S.S. to take the father to court if he doesn't pay, NOT YOU. You may have to insist that the S.S. take over the order. If they try to tell you they can't, IT'S NOT TRUE

Can the S.S. force us to take out a maintenance order ?

THEY CANT but they often try to force us to, or threaten to cut off our money if we don't.

The S.S. can take out a court order against a man for maintenance if they have been making a payment to the mother of his child. They can do this any time up to 3 years from when the benefit was paid, or for an illegitimate child, within one year of he or she being born. If they want to do this, let them - IT'S THEIR AFFAIR. If they don't know the name of the father of your child and you don't want to tell them YOU DON'T HAVE TO. You don't have to answer any embarrassing or awkward questions about the father, about your relationship with him, when you had intercourse, and whether you have 'given up' seeing him. All they need to know, and all you need to tell them, is I AM AN UNSUPPORTED MOTHER WITH NO INCOME

If you take the child's father to court you will be asked these questions again by a probation officer and then by a magistrate :

'Have you any witnesses that he is the father of your child?'
(what do they mean by that !)

'Whats the last date you had sexual intercourse with him ?'

Its humiliating to be asked questions like this . . . YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO COURT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THE FATHERS NAME IF YOU HAVE AN 'ILLEGITIMATE' CHILD

They can only take out a court order against the father of an illegitimate child within one year of he or she being born. If the visiting officer comes round when the baby is 11 months and says 'take out an order now or we'll cut you off' YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT

Remember : I AM AN UNSUPPORTED MOTHER WITH NO INCOME
thats all you need to say

A new Bill about maintenance is going through Parliament. It affects unsupported women whose husbands are abroad, or have not yet got entry permits for this country. The bill says that women whose husbands are overseas have to get a maintenance contribution from their husbands before being allowed to claim Supplementary Benefit.

We do not yet know how this will work in practice. We DO know that it is another attack on black and alien families who are forced to seek work in Britain and are discriminated by the new Immigration Bill. We shall have to find a way to fight this plan.



FAMILY ALLOWANCE

Claim Family Allowance on the form at your nearest Post Office, immediately your second child is born. The S.S. will assume you have claimed it and deduct it from your benefit . . . so claim at once.

If your second child goes into care, even temporarily, STOP CASHING FAMILY ALLOWANCE AND INFORM THE S.S. If you visit the child at weekends or he comes home sometimes, you can keep cashing family allowance.

Family Allowance is nothing to do with stamps or income. Its for second or third children of parents who have been over a year in the U.K. In Southall, bal black and pka pakistani families were swindled out of family allowances by racist S.S. officers until the West London C.U. intervened

KIDS

We're what we are - claiming Social Security - because we're left with the kids. Many of us didn't choose to have them (bad contraception or none, it's hard to get abortions . . .) and we don't choose to be alone with them now.

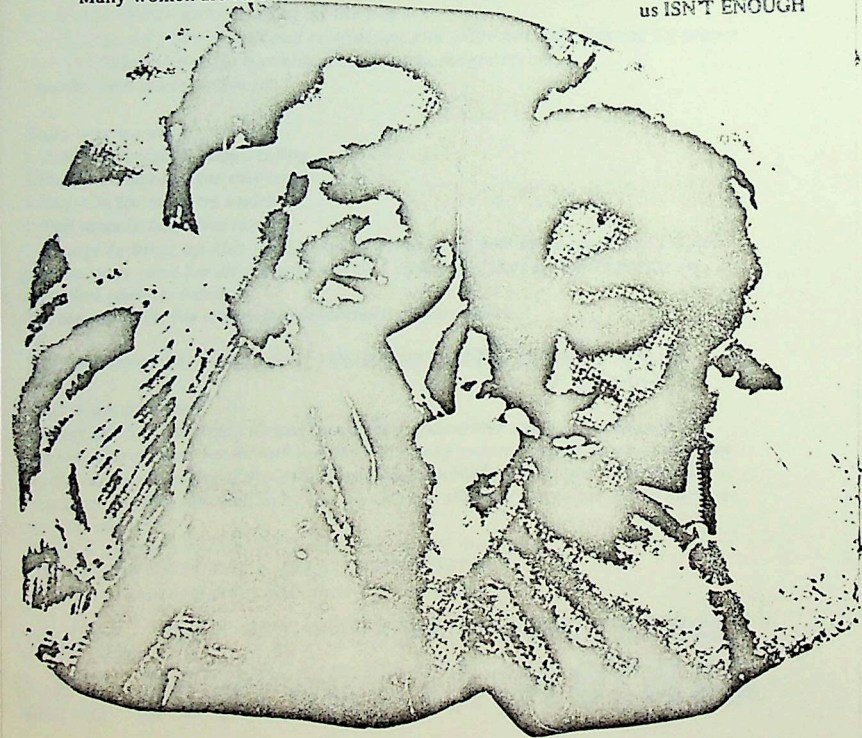
Children aren't catered for - landlords don't want them, S.S. officers don't seem to realise they exist - no lavatories, no food, nothing for them to do.

The men who run the factories couldn't care less what happens to our children. They spend the money we earn for them on more machinery, new factories - society is built around production, not around people, least of all kids. Our kids are brought up to fit into THEIR jobs, sent to school to learn to fit into their time-tables, tests, rules and then out to work to clock in.

And we're supposed to make them do it.

There are a lot of ways we can share looking after our kids so that we can have some free time and they can have some free space - in some unions they already have by setting up baby sitter networks and playcentres. For example, women in Highbury C.U., with women living in the same street, all needing some spare time and a place where their kids could enjoy themselves, marched on the council and demanded one of their empty houses to use - they got it, and the money to do it up and run it. They're using it as a playcentre in the afternoons and hold their C.U. meetings there as well. In Newton Abbott C.U. they have set up co-operative child-minding, and farm an allotment together to get food

We must fight for free contraception and abortion (or demand the S.S. pay), and the right to have a child AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR IT if we want to. Many women are forced into back street abortions because the money the S.S. gives us ISN'T ENOUGH



THE END OF UNSUPPORTED MOTHERS

All the way through this handbook we talk about fighting, never taking no for an answer. But how do we see this happening? It sometimes feels like hammering a dragon on the toes for peas all the time We spend so much time demanding our basic rights off the S.S. that we don't seem to get very far in changing it. But that won't come through our efforts alone: there's 6 million claimants, 1½m. unemployed, all starting to fight the Welfare system demanding a Guaranteed Income, working or not working. The people who chat on the telly and in the papers and air their views about the Welfare State are usually the well-paid social workers, bishops, ministers, researchers, TV personalities What are they doing? They're telling US how good it all is - how we should be grateful to be a mother living in a hostel with 7 kids to feed on £2 a week. BUT WE KNOW its mothers who are closest to the waste and confusion mothers who have to sort out how to SURVIVE . . . that's a woman's role. We're all survival experts, How-To-Make-Ends-Meet Experts. We work out individual solutions for our own families - where to get cheap potatoes, second-hand clothes . . and its endless, because the prices are always going up and meanwhile another pair of shoes wears out and some politician says grandly 'But we've just given the electricians an 11% rise' (but they're still not getting enough to live on) And you hear someone else saying 'I saw a coloured bloke down at the office getting £32 a week, which is more than so and so gets'. That's how the system works: they try to divide us up, white against black, working against not working, men against women, so that we'll fight each other, instead of the ones who keep us poor.

So our energies are drained into making ends meet, and gossip and just managing to cope on what we've been 'given'. We never have the time or energy to get around to enjoying ourselves: pleasure is a perk on the side just at the weekend, or you buy it at the bingo hall, in the cinema Whereas WORK glorious work . . everything in this society is geared to the organisation of work, of getting as much productivity as possible. You have to work or get money to live, but living their way is just surviving in a system planned by men which uses women to SUPPORT them (make their meals, look after their children, do their washing, always be at home for them after a hard days work) and uses EVERYONE to support the system. Work comes before everything, and women and kids, playing, eating, loving, just gets squeezed inbetween. HOW LONG HAS THIS GOT TO GO ON?

This handbook isn't just information, it's a weapon. It tells you what you're supposed to get and some ways of getting it : but the STRENGTH to get what you need and live as you want can only come out of fighting with others. All over the place, groups of unsupported mothers are starting to have meetings, women who live in the same street, the same estate or homeless hostel or prison are starting their own Claimants Unions and playcentres. It's very easy to start one - all you need is a room. Contact your nearest C.U. to find out what they are doing and what support they can give you.

*We're finding ways of getting what we want - going down the offices in big groups, taking food and drink, crayons and paint for the kids to cover the walls with - and always kicking up a stink when we don't get what we want - shouting, banging, refusing to move - we're winning all the way.
Not just money, but strength and confidence. And we're not only fighting for money - we want playcentres for our kids, good housing, independence. . . .
a totally new world to live in.*

Right now we want:

- 1. End of the cohabitation ruling.*
- 2. Higher basic rates for everyone.*
- 3. Incomes for mothers under 16.*
- 4. Full rates in homeless hostels.*
- 5. A wage to bring up kids - and we want bringing up kids to be everyone's job, not just women's - and for all the work we do : cleaning offices or homes, producing electrical parts or babies*
- 5. Wives to claim for themselves (especially strikers wives)*

**WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE WITHOUT A MAN
IF WE WANT TO**

And much more too.

Even if the S.S. suddenly turned into a fairy godmother and gave us enough to live on with no worries, we still wouldn't have any control over it - they could stop it at a moments notice if we 'misbehaved' ourselves. (In Ireland for instance, they've just passed a Bill - the Bad Debt Act - which can stop the whole benefit of anyone on rent strike)

The S.S. system serves the interests of the men at the top -

AND WE'RE STILL THE WOMEN AT THE BOTTOM

Now we've started fighting back there'll be no stopping us. . . .

**WE'RE NOT UNSUPPORTED ANY LONGER
WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER**

(7p to claimants, 10p at least to non-claimants)

Printed by Crest Press, 154 Ladbroke Grove, London W11
01 960 1975

Reprinted by Hackney Press Group,
12a Brookfield Rd, London E.9