ANTI-SEXIST PRACTICE

A thing I like about Big Flame politics is our commitment to feminist/socialist politics. Feminism is not just about 'women's issues', rather it is a way in which we are all struggling for liberation. That's the theory.

Now, I went to a BF dayshoosh in 1976, I met a small women's group of some 10 women and their meetings, the men came back with a list of tid-bits for articles that we were going to write for the paper about anti-sexist and how we brought it into our politics. One woman and she was really pleased to hear that but she said she didn't know if she could read the articles in print and not before. Other women laughed but the thing is, to be honest, I was a bit pushed at first, but then I realized I'd heard it all before as well.

BF men agree on how hard it is.

I still remember my embarrassment at trying to explain why I thought shared childcare and other anti-sexist practices were revolutionary to a man who thought anything other than 'building the party' was a waste of time. I was embarrassed because his whole attitude seemed to call my manhood into question, talking about childcare when I should be fighting the state. The threat of getting a beating or putting our lives at risk from fascists and the state does not stop us practically campaigning in solidarity with the Irish struggle. But the damage to our pride and the threat to our masculinity is enough to cause that practical barrier between feminism and the anti-sexist struggle never gets off the ground.

Our anti-sexist politics are right and crucial, we need to learn how to apply them to our lives. There's only one way, practice!

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* We can help to fund Rape Crisis Centre and the National Women's Fugue, continuing to contribute to women's work the way we do.

If we don't have a developed class consciousness for people on our branch workplace, street, belonging kids is just as political as writing a leaflet. We can do it alone, or even better, with others.

* We must be prepared to give practical support to women's groups such as WAVAW. At all times we should be accountable to the women's organizations involved.

'KILLING THE HEADLINES'

One thing we don't do is march from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square with a placard saying 'sexism out now'. Men are too keen on political work which is seen as being 'up front', activities where women actually see us doing a fine job and we can feel proud about it. At the moment I'm not sure about picketing stalls such as 'Dressed to Kill' and coming away from shops, partly for this reason.

WHAT IS BIG FLAME?

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The group was formed in 1976, and we meet weekly to discuss issues and plan activities. We have a core group of 10-15 members, and we welcome new members at any time.

PREPAREING STRUGGLES

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INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

We work with other women's groups in the UK, as well as with international organizations such as the International Women's Movement. We believe that all women have a right to freedom and equality, and that we must work together to achieve this.

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