

# Radical Statistics

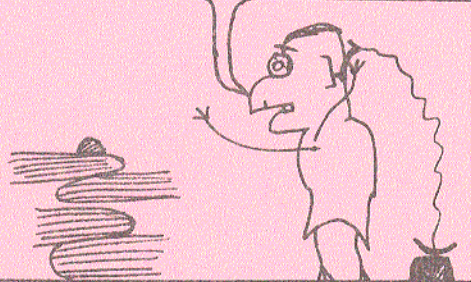
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Something non-normal about that duck ... a bit skewy if you ask me.



'Fraid we don't collect regular statistics on humans. Rough guesstimate of 4 billion for 1984, OK? But don't quote me on it.





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## NEXT RADSTATS MEETING

will be held on 23rd September at the London School of Economics following the Quantitative Social Science Group meeting. Possible agenda so far:-

- 1) Coordination of RadStats activities.  
New people required to help.
- 2) Policy w.r.t. Royal Statistical Society  
See above article.
- 3) Where next with policy statement and membership issue?  
Revised policy statement agreed at meeting in LSE on June 4th appears on p. 4.
- 4) Statistical advice to other groups  
We may be cool on the idea, but other groups have started approaching us.
- 5) Publications policy
- 6) Members far from London  
Possible formation of geographically defined groups.

## INFORMATION DELEGATION

Bruno Vitale (far-flung member in Italy) asks us to sign appeals for the liberty of Paul Armstrong, who is serving a 23 years jail sentence for having blown up the computer of the Mathematical Center of the American Army at the University of Wisconsin. More details in Science for the People (Boston) V,2(1973);VI,1(1974);VII,6(1975). Copies of appeal from John Irvine, 14, Upper Wellington Rd., Brighton B2 4B4 or Bruno Vitale, Institut di Fisica Teorica, Pontina, S'Gltremare, pad.nr.19, 00185 Napoli, Italy.

### YOUR LAST CHANCE !!!

The last newsletter requested people to let us know whether they still wished to remain on the mailing list. We are nevertheless sending this newsletter to everyone, but next time we shall omit those we have not heard from. So if you still have not written, you have one more chance!

Please also tell us if you have recently moved, as we hope to send a copy of the circulation list to everyone on it with the next newsletter, which will include details of people's interests that we know about. Let us know if you do not wish to appear on the published list.

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### SUBGROUPS

The subgroups we know to be in existence are Health, Education, Economics, and Teaching. We have a report from Health group on p. 5, and the plans for the book "Demystifying Social Statistics" give some idea of what the teaching group is doing. Unfortunately we could not get hold of reports from the others, but they can be contacted through:

Education	Economics
Harvey Goldstein, National Childrens Bureau, 8, Wakeley St., London N.1.	Cathy Marsh, SSRC Survey Unit, Regent House 5th floor, 89, Kingsway, London WC2

### HEALTH GROUP MEETING

The Health group are holding an open meeting to discuss their critique of the DHSS Consultative Document on Priorities in Health and Social Services. This meeting is on 5th October at 6.45 in Room 37 (Ground Floor) of the London School of Hygiene. This follows the RSS meeting on Social Indicators, which starts at 5 p.m. Contact for further information is Alison Macfarlane (St. Albans 52111).

### QUANTITATIVE PEACE RESEARCH

I (Nic) have been looking at some research on UN voting patterns done by the Canadian Peace Research Foundation and am suprised at the use of complex statistical procedures to get obvious answers. Is anyone else interested in quantitative peace research, and have we anything to say about its current state? Comments welcomed at above address.