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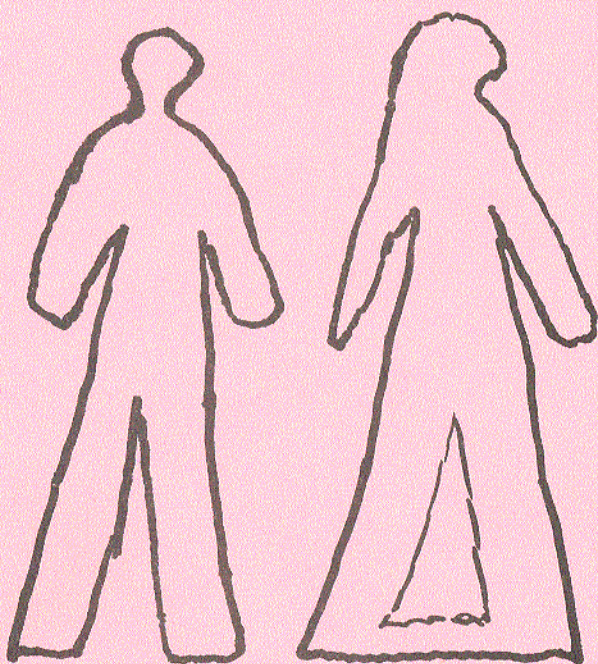
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Anti-Social Trends?



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Addresses: the Editors address usually appears in the last newsletter, but articles can also be sent to The Editor, RSG, c/o BSSRS, 9 Poland St., London W1V 3DG.

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Newsletter Production

Thankfully our appeals for help in producing the newsletter resulted in two offers. Roy Carr-Hill produced the last newsletter, RS26, and offered to continue to do so for a few more issues. Bob Peacock also offered to do the job, taking over the computer file directly from John Bibby since they share the same workplace, and using the same OU production process. The AGM decided to take up Bob's offer because of the better quality process. Thanks to both Roy and Bob for keeping the newsletter going.

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Business Meeting, March 19, 1983

1. Finance: accounts for the last year appear elsewhere in this newsletter (p.4). It was agreed to write to the bank (Co-op) complaining about the £5 minimum charge per quarter. (This has resulted in the charge being waived.)
2. Our annual subscription to BSSRS of £10, plus a £40 donation was agreed.
3. Publication fund: it was suggested that a central fund be formed on which groups or members could draw in order to publish RS pamphlets. This idea had partly arisen from the fact that new groups needed several hundred pounds in order to publish. After some discussion, it was decided to retain the existing system where groups lend to each other and some people make personal loans.
4. Affiliations: rather than the entire group affiliate to CND, the Nuclear Disarmament group will affiliate. Ian Miles announced that he is on the National Council of CND: any complaints, ideas etc particularly related to statistics and their usage should be channeled his way.
5. The cuts: A meeting on the statistics of the cuts is to be arranged. A circular is to be sent to members, asking for information, followed by a meeting to plan conference/publication. See elsewhere in this newsletter.
6. Publicity: it was agreed that the Troika should take steps to advertise our publications as a whole.
7. New members: young members in particular are sought...Troika to produce publicity material to send to statistics departments etc. Also to advertise ourselves in the BSSRS bulletin.
8. Troika: discussion of the reorganisation of RS administration led to any such ideas being left for the Troika to decide upon. Hence three Troika members were appointed:

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RADICAL STATISTICS GROUP ACCOUNT 1982-1983

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	£		£
Balance 18.3.82	207.74	RS24	100.00
AGM fees 1982	36.00	RS25	109.06
Royalties from Demystifying Social Statistics	56.92	RS26	80.00
Subscriptions	492.60	Postage etc	22.59
		BSSRS sub & donation	30.00
		Transfer to deposit acc.	200.00
		Headed notepaper	3.50
		AGM catering 1982	36.00
		Bank charges	0.92
		Petty cash balance	7.54
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notes:

1. The current number of subscribers is about 140. This is a reduction of 30 on last year's numbers. This is related to the fact that those who have not paid, after special efforts to invite them to do so, have been removed from the mailing list.
2. The deposit account contains £200.
3. Income exceeded expenditure by approximately £200, in contrast to last year's £60 deficit. This turnabout has been achieved partly by increasing the subscription as agreed at last year's AGM, and partly by the back-payment of subs outstanding. In addition we have a new source of income in the form of royalties from some of the authors of Demystifying Social Statistics.

Business Meeting, 15 April 1983

1. Archive: the RSG collection in the BSSRS office to be inspected and brought up-to-date if necessary (responsibility: Jeff Evans); the collection of RSG publications kept by the Troika to be continued and brought up-to-date. Groups to be asked to donate copies of their publications. In addition, all press releases and newspaper cuttings should be sent to the Troika for records. (Groups please note)
2. Mailing list: a request for a copy of the mailing list is to be refused, as a matter of principle. Members wishing to circulate other members may do so via the newsletter. Many members do not want their names to be used for purposes other than those of RSG; some request that their names be kept confidentially.
3. TV-AM: a letter soliciting our press releases for breakfast TV is acknowledged. Media contacts lists in preparation (Tony Ades).
4. Publicity material: a leaflet to be designed (by Ian Miles).
5. Editors: responsibility for finding newsletter editors lies with the Troika. A little more advance planning is to be sought, with a few longer articles in newsletters. Authors and editors: contact Troika, or advertised editor.