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## PINOCHET BANS FEMINISTS AND MARXISTS

Augusto Pinochet's government has made it illegal for any organisation to 'propagate doctrines that offend the family, propose violence or are based on a totalitarian ideology or on class struggle'.

Any group deemed guilty of such subversion is to have its property confiscated. Its members will find themselves barred from public office, employment in education media or labour and professional and student organisations.

The principle behind the new law would seem to be one of divide and rule. In attacking the radicals the government hopes to be left with an isolated Christian Democratic opposition.

In 1989 Chileans will have the opportunity to vote for a president. The single candidate will be Pinochet or someone selected by Pinochet or someone selected by Pinochet.

Thelma Agnew, Outwrite 65, May 1988

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## MARCH AGAINST FASCISM

More than a thousand people marched from the Home Office to the French Embassy in London on 23rd April against the rising recent rise in the growth of fascism in Britain and Europe. It was part of a European wide protest, with similar marches organised in Denmark, West Germany, Norway and Belgium.

The London march was organised by Anti-Fascist Action. Similar marches were organised in Leeds, Manchester, Exeter and Newcastle.

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#### GREENHAM COMMON NUMBERS GROWING AGAIN

More women have been going into the base at Greenham Common. The police cannot arrest or charge them - except for criminal damage, due to a ruling early this year by a Reading Crown Court judge that the 1985 Greenham bye-laws concerning the perimeter fence and the land inside the base, were invalid, as they 'prejudicially affect the rights of Commoners'. So, women who were arrested for entering the base during the last three years, may be able to claim compensation! Women are needed for nightwatches as there's been an increase in vigilante attacks on camp vehicles when the women are asleep. Greenham women are presently fundraising to send delegates to the UN Third Special Session on Disarmament, May 31 - June 25 in New York. For the first time, there will be a concurrent International Peace Conference and Greenham women want as many women to attend as possible. If you want to send donations, be on the Camp's mailing list or the telephone tree, contact: Woad Gate, Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, Bury's Bank Road, Newbury, Berks RG15 8DD.

Info from Greenham Newsletter in Outwrite  
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#### JAPANESE WOMEN MEDIA ACTION

Five of Tokyo's seven main sports tabloids are laced with pictures of naked women in sexual poses, despite a campaign which has now been running for a year.

The Japanese Women's Action Group has managed to persuade three papers to transfer pictures from the back page, where they are visible to all, to inside the covers but not to remove them altogether. An anonymous editor told the Action Group that some pornographic articles were carried at the request of advertisers while others were stipulated by reporters seeking to boost a combined circulation which already exceeds ten(10) million.

This information should at least help the Action Group launch the next stage of its campaign.

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#### US SURVEY SAYS SONS KEEP MORE DADS IN MARRIAGES

What holds US marriages together? Sons. A new survey and study of US Census data between 1960 and 1980, carried out by researchers from the University of Pennsylvania has found that the presence of children reduced divorce rates by 30% - but that that of sons brought figures down another 10%. Researchers were frank about their explanations: "It shows how sexist our society is" S. Phillip Morgan told USA Today.

"Sons and daughters are treated very differently." Mothers and kids agreed that fathers were closer to sons, while mothers tended to give daughters and sons equal attention.

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#### EXHIBIT HONORS DESIGNING WOMEN

A century of contributions by women architects will be celebrated in the traveling exhibition, "That Exceptional One: Women in American Architecture, 1888 - 1988," opening May 15 - 18 at the 1988 AIA National Convention in New York City's Jacob K Javits Convention Centre. It will then travel to 14 major cities during a three-year period.

Produced by the American Architectural Foundation with cooperation of the AIA Women in Agriculture Committee, the four-part exhibition traces 100 years of women's achievements in architectural design, practice, and theory beginning with the election of the first woman member of the AIA - Louise Blanchard Bethune of Buffalo, New York - in 1888.

The committee invites all registered architects to submit projects for a panel exhibition illustrating the strength and diversity of current contributions of women in architecture.

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#### NO FORCED DRUGS

According to a new decision by a California State Court of Appeals panel, people who are involuntarily committed to mental health institutions on a shortterm basis may no longer be forced to take medication.

The panel's unanimous ruling was that a judge must determine a patient incompetent before any forced medication could be administered. Exceptions were for those cases in which medication was used to save a life or to prevent patients from posing a danger to themselves or others.

The suit in question was filed on behalf of a number of patients, among the Eleanor Riese, who is suffering from permanent physical aftereffects due to anti-psychotic medication. According to the New York Times, the ruling will affect treatment of tens of thousands of California patients.

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PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Four women detained in October and November 1987 under Malaysia's Internal Security Act (ISA) have been adopted as prisoners of conscience by AI.

They are Chee Heng Leng, 32, and Cecilia Ng Choon Sim, 36, both lecturers at Universiti Pertanian Malaysia; Theresa Lim Chin Chin, 32 coordinator of the Research and Resources Unit of the Malaysian Council of Churches and Irene Patricia Lourdes Xavier, 36, a social worker for the Urban Rural Mission of the Christian Conference of Asia.

All four were involved with the women's movement through groups such as the Women's Development Centre in Kuala Lumpur and the Friends of Women in Selangor.

The ISA allows for indefinite detention without charge or trial of anyone suspected of activities considered by the government to be prejudicial to the security of Malaysia.

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JACKSON SUPPORTS CHILD CUSTODY RIGHTS FOR GAYS

Washington, DC - National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's survey of presidential hopefuls has revealed that all the Democratic candidates support federal legislation for gay rights - and none of the Republican candidates are willing to do the same. Jesse Jackson went the furthest in support of gay rights, mentioning child custody as among the rights he would support. George Bush went the furthest in the other direction: where other GOP Republican candidates merely declined to go on record in support of civil rights for gays, Bush wrote that "No one group should have special privileges granted by government."

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