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lobby don't share his concern. They are motivated by commercial reasons alone. And they are quite happily playing down the environmental dangers in the belief that their gamble, paid for out of the rates, will be successful.

Professor Colin Buchanan, the transport planner, and a member of the Roskill Commission, said in May 1970 that airports were being planned for profit, not people. The siting of airports, in his opinion, was dictated by commercial demand, and there was no social purpose in the planning. Liverpool has been no exception.

But the madness of it all is that airport director Keith Porter's predictions in his 1969 report discount any likelihood of the airport making a profit, even with massive investment.

If nothing was done and the

airport continued to handle 400 passengers per hour (at peak periods) he foresaw an annual expenditure reaching £1,200,000 with a deficit of £841,000.

If the airport expanded to handle 800 passengers at peak hours, expenditure would be £1,376,000 with a deficit of £497,000.

Even handling 1,250 passengers per hour, the deficit would still be £415,000 (including debt charges).

With Manchester Ringway heading for a £2,500,000, and all set for expansion, including a new runway, the odds are stacked high against Liverpool ever getting anything like enough traffic to justify the colossal investment.

We cannot afford the convenience of an airport that loses money hand over fist. Nor can we afford the disastrous environmental effects on people's lives if it were expanded.

Living in tally: a new report

The report on cohabitation by the Supplementary Benefits Commission that's been coming out "in the next few months" for nearly two years, is finally with us.

I purchased a copy from a book shop. Out of seven social security offices I contacted, four said the report was not yet published and three claimed to have no knowledge about it at all. So if you buy one (12½p) do pass it on to your local social security office, when you've finished with it.

This incredible situation will hopefully be put right, for whilst the report takes a defensive line on present policy it does display rather more sympathy and understanding than government officials are usually credited with.

Criticism

For instance, the commission accepts that "the refusal or withdrawal of an allowance, and even the fact that inquiries are being made may be sufficient to break up a relationship that might otherwise have become stable; conversely, it may drive a girl into depending on, and perhaps marriage with, an unsuitable partner."

The definition of cohabitation has come in for much criticism in the past. The report helps clarify the position by stating "that it is not enough to show that a man is sharing the same house - he may be a bonafide lodger. Nor is it enough that a man may visit the house from time to time and sleep with the woman. These circumstances of themselves do not constitute cohabitation."

Hopefully the realisation of these points will help eliminate the nasty kind of moral judgements made by the Ministry of Social Security in the past. For whilst we accept that children should grow up with a father figure, if not a father, the odds have been heavily stacked against this kind of security when the father is not married to the mother.

However, there still remain some strange ironies in the law. If a cohabiting man decides to leave, the mother and family have no financial claim on him at all as they would if he were the husband.

Manipulate

The state seems to be able to manipulate its definition of the family unit as it suits it. Whilst the Ministry of Social Security makes every effort to regard the cohabiting couple as a family, thereby withdrawing benefit from the woman, when it comes to family allowances and a man and his children live with a woman and hers, they are two separate units. This means there are two first children who receive no allowance at all, and two second children who get 90p instead of £1.

The truth is that this is a long term problem. Until both sexes have an equal chance in the labour market and the traditional role of the man's place being outside the home is broken, until the tax law is reformed, and more nursery schools are built, these problems will continue to exist.

Children should have legal and economic security, irrespective of whether their parents are married, single or cohabiting.

INFORMER

Help & Information

Citizen's advice Bureau, City Centre: 34, Stanley Street, 236 - 7774
 Bootle: 297 Knowsley Road. 922-1114
 Garston: 13 James Street. 427-7419
 Kirkby: Cherryfield Drive. 546-5137
 Halewood: Community Council, Church Rd., 486-3593.
 Huyton: 6, Poplar Bank, 489-5098

For other parts of Merseyside see 'phone book.

Samaritans: Chapel Street, 227-1999.

Liverpool Community Relations Council, 2, Rialto Buildings, Upper Parliament St., Liverpool. 8.

National Council for Civil Liberties, 81, Dale St., L.pool. 2. 236-7463.

Snap (Shelter Neighbourhood Action Project) 118, Kingsley Road, Liverpool. 8. 727-4446

Services

GET IT IN ABERCROMBY
 We try to solve all environmental problems. Abercromby Resident's association Centre, 8, Percy St., daily 10-12a.m. 2-4p.m. 'phone: 709-3211. "Nick and Dave will save you from the grave."

FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS

Liverpool (Central)
 9, Gambia Terrace, (overlooking Anglican Cathedral). Daily by appointment. 'phone 709-3968. or 709-9116.

For free advice and appliances consult Carnegie Clinic, next to Oxford St., Maternity Hospital, Wednesdays, 1-30 2-30.

KIRKBY
 The clinic St. Chad's Drive, Tuesday, 6-7p.m.

HUYTON
 Welfare Centre, Derby Road, Monday 6-7-30p.m.

BOOTLE
 Balliol Rd. Clinic by appointment Friday 2-4p.m.

HALEWOOD
 Health Clinic, Leathers Lane. Wednesday 6-30 to 7-30p.m.

Folk & poetry

FOLK CLUBS CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER
 Spinners.
 Jacqui and Bridie
 Crofters
 Folkways
 Hainault(Mons).

FOLK CLUBS OPEN DURING THE SUMMER:

Liverpool Folk Club. at the Mitre Hotel, Dale St., Sat. 8-Op.m. Guests include:
 Aug. 7. Union Folk.
 Aug. 14. Singers night.
 Aug. 21. Black Diamonds.
 Aug. 28. Bob & Norman.
 Sept. 4. Dave Burland.
 Sept. 11. John Raven.

WESTMINSTER FOLK CLUB: at the Westminster Hotel, Barlow Lane, Walton, Fri. 8-Op.m. Mostly Singer: Nights, but guests will include: August 20. Mike Harding.
 Sept. 10. Barbara Slaughter.

Rigby's Folk Cellar: at Rigby's Vaults, Dale St. Wed. evenings. Residents: the "Curragh Folk" with Jeff Jones. Singers nights

Folk for all seasons

The fact that so many of our local folk clubs close for the summer gives the impression that folk is necessarily a seasonal thing, no doubt because the folk club is generally regarded as the mainstay of activity in the folk world. Most clubs which shut during the holiday period do so for economic reasons or because the resident singers are on holiday and are not prepared to arrange for their own temporary substitution.

However, more could be done to keep the ball rolling on the local level during the summer. Ideas that spring to mind are concerts in the parks, such as Jacqui and Bridie have recently started, outdoor Ceilidhes, barbecues, display tours by dancing groups including social, morris, and sword-dancing teams and perhaps even a day of folk in one of the parks embracing all aspects of folklore, dance and song.

Although it is too late to do much this summer, moves are afoot to try out some of these ideas in the future. Why not lend your support by bringing these ideas up at your folk club in plenty of time for next summer?

TONY'S BENEFIT CONCERT
 By P.U.N.C.C.A. group and friends. August 31
 Tuebrook Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Exhibitions

Until August 29
 The Picture Postcard.
 Williamson Art Gallery and Museum, Slatey Rd., Birkenhead.
 Opening hours: 10-5 daily, 10-9 Thursday, 2-5 Sunday.
 Pat Cooke exhibition,
 Heswall Parish Church hall.
 August 17-21

Rights on Arrest

The police must

Tell you at the earliest possible moment what offences you are charged with.

Allow you to communicate with, telephone or telegraph your family or your solicitor as soon as possible.

Allow you to talk to your solicitor out of their hearing.

Make reasonable arrangements for your comfort and refreshment.

On your request package and seal any property taken from you in your presence. Do not sign for anything which does not belong to you.

The police must not

Compel you to accompany them to the police station unless they have arrested you.

Compel you to answer any questions

Hold out any inducements or make any promise or threat in order to extract a statement from you.

Compel you to sign any statement.

Suggest that you plead guilty in court.

Compel you to have your fingerprints taken against your will without a magistrates order.

You should

Remain polite and reasonable.

If released, contact a solicitor or the NCCL if you are in any doubt about your rights.

In court

If you are charged with an offence, and if you decide to plead 'not guilty' and require legal advice - ask for an adjournment, bail and a legal aid certificate.

For more detailed information about your rights on arrest, write to the NCCL for 'Arrest - a guide to the citizen's rights' (1s 6d/ 7½p + 5d/2p postage) at 152 Camden High Street London N.W.1. tel: 01-485-9497.

Odds & sods

FORMBY UNTIED WORKSHOP

A group of volunteers rebuilding a barn for an Arts and Crafts centre for free use of children from poorer areas of Liverpool need help and materials such as wood-working tools, sheets and blankets, stove, weaving-wool, sewing-machine and any building materials. Contact number: Formby Hall.

HAROLD HIKENS FAMOUS MERSEYSIDE ARTS ASSOCIATION POETRY CIRCUS - 709 0855.



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