



Special Report

SPECIAL BRANCH

27th day of March 1981

SUBJECT

1. The following information has been received from a reliable source:-

2. "Prior to commencing the 1980 Right to Work March from Port Talbot to Brighton, Socialist Workers Party members picketed schools in Port Talbot which resulted in the recruitment of several students to the Socialist Workers Students Organisation and the National Union of School Students."

3. Listed below are the persons so recruited:-

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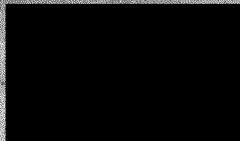
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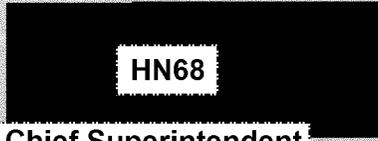
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4. Attached herewith is a quantity of literature appertaining to the SWSO, and NUSS.

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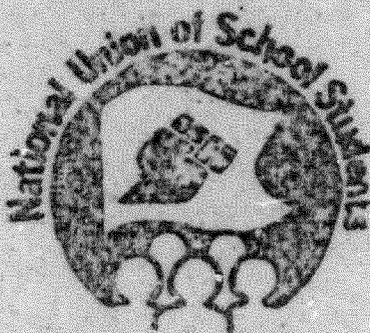
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NUSS ACTION PACK ON HOW TO SET UP
A BRANCH AND CARRY OUT A CAMPAIGN

How Disrupt Your School in 6 Easy Lessons



HOW TO ORGANISE INSIDE SCHOOLS
AGAINST SCHOOL RULES

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

SCHOOL UNIFORM

PETTY RULES

FIGHT BACK WITH EXAMS & USELESS LESSONS

NUSS

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INTRODUCTION

This Action Pack has been produced to help you set up an NUSS branch in your school and give you ideas on how to carry out campaigns. The branches are the most important part of the Union, so to make the Union strong we have to build strong branches.

LESSON 1

How To Arrange The First Meeting

Make sure that you have a lot of cards, leaflets and information about the Union which can be ordered from the National Office. Get together with friends who are interested and decide what the meeting will be about. Some ideas are corporal punishment, school uniform, petty rules, the cuts in education and the importance of NUSS. Try to arrange for a speaker from the National Office to attend and give yourselves a couple of weeks to build the meeting. Often, the most difficult thing is where to hold the meeting. If the Headagrees, arrange to have the meeting at school in the lunch time. If he/she refuses, or you don't want to ask him/her, then you can either have it at your local Student Union office, or at a nearby library (you'd have to pay.)

Once you have arranged where to hold the meeting, the important thing is to advertise the meeting as widely as possible. Again, the local Student Union can help. Get them to print a leaflet and posters giving all the necessary details of the meeting and then distribute them throughout the school. Some of the students might even agree to leaflet the school for you. (Be careful about leafletting your own school, as you might be victimised and possibly thrown out.) Advertising the meeting is necessary to do or people just won't come. The idea is to get everyone talking and thinking about NUSS.

Always try to make sure that there is a group of you organising and advertising the meeting, so no one person gets lumbered with all the work.

LESSON 2

The Meeting

1. Discuss all the issues which are of interest to the people at the meeting. Everyone must be given a chance to talk. Make it clear that the branch will campaign about whatever the members think is important.

2. Elect A Branch Committee

This should consist of:

- 1) Branch Contact whose job it is to keep in touch with the National Office and distribute material when it's sent to the Branch.
 - 2) Branch Treasurer whose job it is to keep all the money that the branch has. She/he would also be responsible for distributing membership cards and collecting money as well as sending it to the National Office.
 - 3) Branch Organisers - responsible for getting leaflets printed etc. The number of organisers should be decided at the meeting. These are only suggestions so that all the work doesn't collapse when the person leaves.
3. Make sure that everybody's name and address is taken down, so that you can keep a record of the people who have shown interest. Try to get people to join and take cards for their friends so that they can join too.

4. Contact the National Office so that we can either send up a national speaker or arrange for a speaker from a local school who can speak for NUSS.
5. Make sure that you set the date for the next meeting so that all your work isn't wasted.
6. Decide what campaign to start up - it's best to focus on one issue to start with.

LESSON 3

The Branch Committee

The Branch Committee's job is to carry out the decisions taken at the branch meeting. It is their job to make sure that every member knows what's going on, both locally and nationally. It should organise leafletting of schools, production of leaflets and local bulletins as well as maintain contact with other branches and the Student Unions. It must also organise fund raising events; most of the local Student Unions have regular discos. Ask them to give one over to NUSS and donate the proceeds of that disco to your branch, or organise one yourself. Have regular branch committee meetings to keep things going as the committee is the backbone of the branch.

Campaigning

Having started a branch, the most important thing to do is to start a campaign. This is the only way of building a strong branch and of making sure that members don't lose interest in the Union. This Action Pack will only give you ideas on how to campaign as things vary from area to area.

I M P O R T A N T

Make sure that the issue around which you want to campaign about is something that both members and non-members feel angry about and consider worth fighting for. Having chosen your issue, decide how you are going to campaign on that issue. Often a petition is a good start for the following reasons:-

- i) It shows just how much support you have.
- ii) You can get people interested in NUSS.
- iii) When it is ignored by teachers or by the Head, they can't come back and say that you haven't tried to go about it in the "right" way.
- iv) When the petition is ignored, many of the school students will become angrier and will be prepared to take direct action. If you print leaflets and petitions for your campaign and the petition is ignored (which is what usually happens) where do you go from here? If you give up, people will lose faith in NUSS - after all you haven't achieved anything yet - so you've got to push the branch forward. Why not suggest a one day strike? The reasons for this are:
 1. You are willing to prove that NUSS must be taken seriously.
 2. That school students have views and can organise themselves, just like anyone else.
 3. That because of the way schools are run (with the Head at the top and you at the bottom) direct action is the only way to put over our views.

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LESSON 4

Organising a Strike

1. The first thing to do with building for a strike is to make sure you've worked out your arguments very well and that you get a lot of leaflets printed giving reasons why you are taking action and what your aims are. We can help by providing old leaflets and information.
2. Make sure the day of the strike is well-known inside the school and try to get as many people involved as possible in leafletting. You'll find people coming and asking what's going on and if they can help - give them membership cards, get them to recruit members and get them to give out leaflets as well as inviting them to attend your meetings.
3. Arrange a place to meet on the day of the strike. Set up a picket at the school and make sure that you've got plenty of leaflets and placards. Talk to everyone and try to get them to stay out.
4. Once school has officially started, go to the strike meeting - Don't let people just wander off because teachers might force them to return to school or they will get bored at home.

The Strike Meeting

1. Elect a Strike Committee to act as representatives to talk to the Head. They should also be responsible for producing a strike bulletin which should be given out to everyone on strike and anyone still at school.
2. Hold regular meetings to discuss how things are going. Invite a speaker from the National Office.
3. Arrange for people to leaflet other schools in the area to tell them what is going on.
4. Arrange a demonstration outside the local education authority offices and picket any meetings held by the Council.
5. You should contact the local press, community newspapers, local radio and TV. The publicity isn't always on our side, but Heads hate publicity about their school when the school students are taking action for themselves. It's a good way to scare them so make as much use of it as possible.

LESSON 5

Occupations

Sometimes it's a good idea if the Head reacts by suspending people to take some shock action. How about an occupation? The difference between a strike and an occupation is that if you're on strike you stay out of school, whereas during an occupation you go inside and take over an important room or area with the hope of putting more pressure on the Head. The school office is a good place to occupy because you stop all phone calls and work in it.

For a good occupation you need 40 to 50 people inside and about the same number outside to picket.

- i) Print a leaflet explaining why you have taken action.
- ii) Make sure that you have food and drink with you. It's a good idea to take a radio.
- iii) Before the occupation, make sure that you have worked out how to lock up the room and take in whatever is needed.
- iv) If the press turn up, don't talk to them, instead give them a leaflet to explain everything or they will distort what you say.

After the Strike

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It's important to keep everyone involved and keep things moving. To start with, only arrange 1 day strikes to build membership - everyone who stays out will join NUSS and from there you can build for another strike. Get people to write about the strike and send it in to the office so that we can put it in 'Blot', our magazine.

LESSON 6

Running the Branch

To build you've got to keep the branch running regularly. Have meetings as often as possible and try to keep as many people as possible involved, especially first to fifth years. Make sure you're always doing something, otherwise people will get bored and drift away. Don't let sixth years take on all the work because the branch might collapse when they leave. Make sure you don't sit around talking about what you could do, DO SOMETHING and keep in contact with the National Office so we can send speakers to meetings to argue why you should take action.

Local Students' Unions

Local Student Unions can be more useful than the National Office because they have facilities which are much closer than the office in London and which they will normally let you use.

1. Get the branch organisers get in touch with your local SU. If you're not sure then get in touch with the National Office and we'll do it for you.
2. Once you've got in touch, find out what facilities they will let you use i.e. rooms for meetings, typing, duplicating and production of leaflets.
3. Try to make sure that you give them as much notice as possible if you want something done. Most SU's will produce stuff for you free of charge, but some haven't got the money. If they charge you then it would still be cheaper than getting it done anywhere else.
4. If your branch wants to go to the demonstration or organise leafletting in other schools, then they will often be able to provide you with a mini-bus or some form of transport. It won't always be free, but it will probably be cheaper than any other form of transport, especially over long distances.

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• HOW TO GET RID OF IT
WHY WE DON'T NEED IT

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NUSS SCHOOL UNIFORM - ACTION PACK

Most schools in this country still have school uniform - they feel the need to dress students up in ridiculous clothes just so that they have that little extra bit of control over them.

WHY DO WE GO TO SCHOOL ?

In principle, we should be going to school to learn things for our benefit. In practice, it works out the other way about.

If we go to school to learn, why then do we have to wear school uniform ? What has wearing a jacket, tie, skirt and boring grey trousers or skirt got to do with learning at all ? NOTHING - it's just making sure that we fit into THEIR shitty system and conform to THEIR way of life.

WE SHOULD BE GOING TO SCHOOL TO LEARN AND NOT TO BE MOULDED.

HOW TO SMASH THE HEAD'S ARGUMENTS.

Beware some of the arguments used by head teachers when they are confronted by school students over the issue of school uniform and we have replied with some of our arguments. Headteacher - "The reasons why we have school uniforms is because it makes everybody more equal - we would end up having a fashion parade at school and the poor students would be embarrassed."

NUSS - "Well for a start, what do you think school students wear outside school. If you like the poor students wear school uniform inside school, then they cannot afford other clothes for outside, so have to wear uniform outside of school, so you are causing embarrassment. Also school uniform varies so much in cost and quality that it does not solve any problems of inequality at all "

HEADTEACHERS - "Well it gives you a good sense of dress"

NUSS - " What exactly is a good sense of dress ? You make me sick. What makes you think you've got a good sense of dress. I know one thing that when I leave school I'm ever going to dress in any clothes that remind me of school uniform".

HEADTEACHERS - "Well it gives you a sense of belonging to the school, something you can be proud of when walking through the streets".

NUSS - "Ha ha, what have we got to be proud of belonging to this school for anyway. It strikes me the only person who enjoys coming here are you and some of the teachers, so why don't they wear school uniform ?

"I think you just want to show up the differences between staff and students and then keep them divided so that you and the school authorities can keep your control over us".

HOW TO ORGANISE AGAINST SCHOOL UNIFORM.

When starting up an NUSS branch, it is often a good idea to organise around a relevant campaign inside the school. School uniform is something you could use.

If you are not very strong inside your school, you can begin to muster up support with a petition and then follow that up with some form of action. This is what happened in Sheffield last year:- We organised a petition and a very good and exciting leaflet and after about 6 weeks organised a picket of the town hall with about 50 school students present. As well as this, the week before there had been a walkout and a strike in 2 Sheffield schools. The result of this militant action was that the City Council have decided to scrap school uniform by the end of the year. Another thing that occurred at one school in Sheffield was that 40 school students went into school refusing to wear uniform. So you see, there are plenty of possibilities and victory is not so remote after all.

REMEMBER !!

Activity and excitement is the most important factor in building the NUSS. So when campaigning against school uniform, don't get bogged down in inward looking talks or cosy chats with Headmasters - always be looking of getting more and more people involved in what you're doing, by exciting ways and that way you stand a better chance of winning and building your Union.

BLOT

PAPER OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF
SCHOOL STUDENTS



A NEW SCHOOL year is just beginning again, yet another year of having to put up with their poxy, stupid rules that are only there to keep us down, another year getting flogged and beaten up legally by some of the sadists that rule over us at school. Another year of school uniform that makes us look as if we just waiked out of the army.

The Tories are in and things are looking bad for the future, our Education bad as it is, is being cut to pieces and with unemployment rising to over 2 million, what chance have we got?

What the NUSS is about is fighting for our rights. Last year areas like Luton and Sheffield showed what we are capable of, this year is going to be better. The only way to do it is by building a mass organisation and we do that BY FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS, NOT BY BEGGING FOR THEM.

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Oct 10th - RIGHT TO WORK — NUSS DEMO

THATCHER is no friend of ours—that's for sure. She is, along with the other Tories, a firm believer in caning, school uniform and more discipline in schools.

She is a firm believer in making schools hell for ordinary school students. She's not content with that either. Last year she cut the amount spent on our education by £262 million and gave £62 million and promised another £560 million to the rich who can afford to send their kids to private schools.

We say education should be a right—not a privilege.

By doing this she just makes school a worse place to go to than before for example there will be no more swimming lessons, no repairs of maintenance, lack of books and paper etc, etc.

After the eleven years we spend at school which is supposed to prepare us to go out and find work.

Since the Tories have got in, unemployment figures have shot up especially amongst school leavers.

It will soon be getting to the stage where you're expected to be out of work when you leave school.

That's why the NUSS representatives all over the country voted at our last conference, to convince as many of our branches, groups, members to get down to Brighton on the day she speaks at the Tory conference, on October 10 and, give Thatcher a dose of her own medicine: A Right Sharp Shock.

Many areas where NUSS is strong will be organising their own transport such as mini buses. Plus many students at colleges will be organising transport. If you want to come to Brighton on October 10 and don't know of any transport phone 01 986 5491 RTW Office. They'll know if anything has been arranged transport wise, for your area.



Fight For the Right to Work



KICK

Friday 10 October 12.00 Brighton
KICK OUT THE TORIES
Take the day off school. Join the demo.

THATCHER

OUT OF BRIGHTON

The NUSS has got to join with the unemployed and with trade unionists in fighting for the right to work.

That's why we must support the Right to Work Campaign. For 5 years the Right to Work Campaign has been organising the fight back against unemployment. This year they have organised a march of unemployed from Port Talbot in South Wales right the way to the Tory Party Conference in Brighton.

There'll be a mass demonstration in Brighton, thousands of trade unionists to welcome the march and to tell the Tories that we've had enough of unemployment.

Let's join the march, support the campaign, and be in Brighton on 10 October.

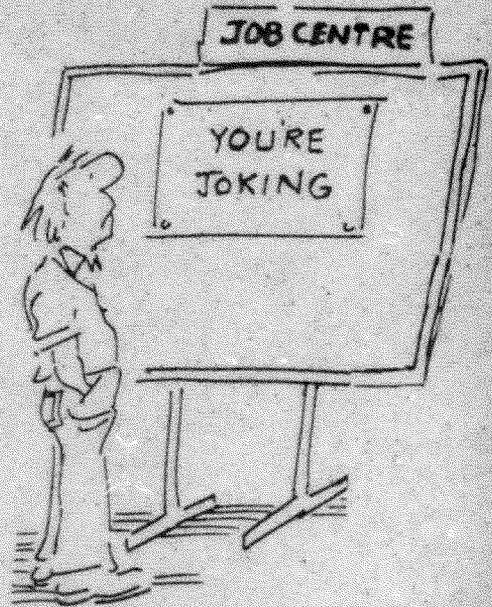
WHY WE NEED A UNION

WE'RE IN NUSS, because the majority of us hate what goes on in our schools. We've seen that getting as many people involved around campaigns like getting rid of uniform works when you have some sort of organization. The only weapon we have at school is threat of a walk out (disruption). That is the only time when they start to listen to us.

That isn't the end. You have to have the official support of the majority of your school, other-wise your headmaster can just dismiss you as a small selfish group. That's why we see the need for an organisation which has a mag, membership cards, an office, and most of all experience which helps to get our demands across and met.

So your school could be better if we had a say in the running. Don't just sit back and moan about how shitty school is.

Join NUSS and do something about it.



WE DEMAND:

- 1) Full union rights, the right to organise in ours schools.
- 2) The scrapping of school uniform, corporal punishment and petty rules.
- 3) To have a say in the way our schools are run.
- 4) An end to sexism and racism at school as well and all other forms of discrimination.
- 5) No cuts in education.
- 6) Full employment of school leavers.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM - NO WAY

WHAT do we go to school for? Is it to learn? Or is it to be dressed up in ridiculous clothes that make us look as if we just walked out of an army? Head teachers always come out with the same boring old arguments, like school uniform means equality inside school, school uniform gives a good sense of dress, school uniform breeds a sense of belonging to the school etc etc.....

Well this isn't what school uniform is about at all. If all these head teachers really believed in equality, why is there no equality between school students and teachers, why is there racism and sexism inside schools with heads doing nothing about it at all.

As for the argument that school uniform gives a good sense of dress, what a load of crap! Since when did any head teachers know about dress anyway. Just look at what

most teachers call good dress. School uniform breeds a sense of belonging to the school.

What a joke! Most schools are so horrible that nobody wants to go to them, let alone be identified as belonging to the schools. Loyalty is earned only from enjoyment of being there. It's quite obvious the real reason for having school uniform is that it controls us and it keeps us in our place. School students having to wear a uniform reinforces the differences between us and the teachers. This makes it easier for the school authorities to split us and rule over us.

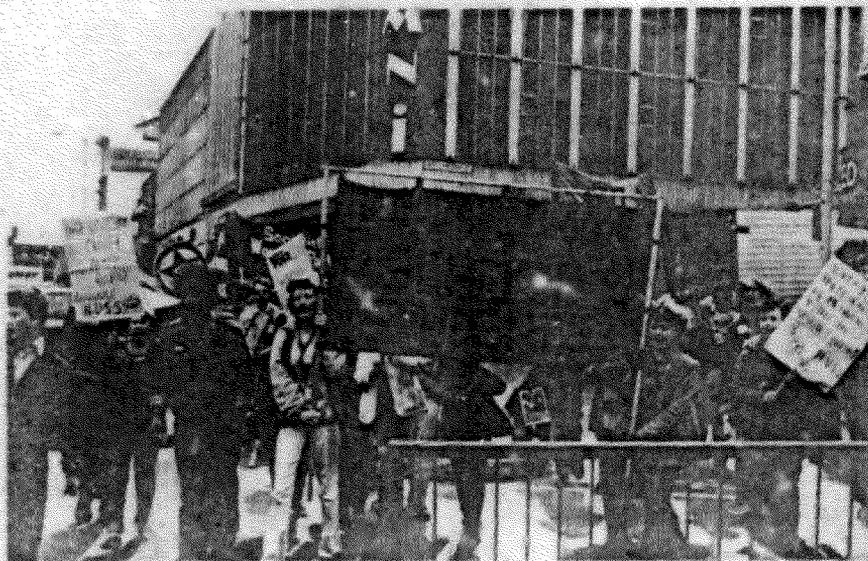


NUSS RIDES SHEFFIELD OF UNIFORM

LATE last year the Labour Council were ordered by the Sheffield Labour Party to phase out school uniform by 1981. This is completely due to a campaign of Militant Action by the Sheffield NUSS.

We produced a leaflet and Petition, got over 3,500 names on it, organised a picket of the Town Council of about 50 school students, boycotted the wearing of school uniform at one school for a day and had a walkout at another.

As a result school uniform is now being scrapped in Sheffield and NUSS is growing. It just goes to show what power we have. This victory means we have got them on the run, they have also promised to scrap Corporal Punishment so we are going to keep up the pressure to make sure they do. If you want to change things then join NUSS and fight for it.



FIGHTBACK WITH US

THIS IS the beginning of us of another boring, humiliating year for most of us.
The NUSS this year will be trying to convince our school mates things can change. If we do it right.

After the big picket in Brighton on October 10, we will be putting all our resources into getting groups off the ground and into operation in the individual schools. So if you're at school and sick of what goes on and how we are treated, and think NUSS is a good idea, write to us.

This year we will be taking up issues which effect us day in day out. Campaigns such as school uniform, the right to organise, coffee machines, the cane, petty rules etc.

We have decided to take up the smaller issues which we can win and issues which will give confidence to our members and supporters to change the whole shitty deal we get at school.

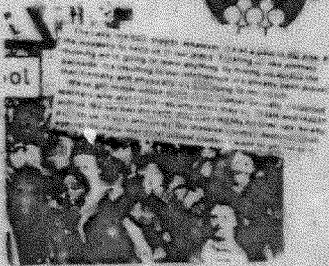
To do this we have got to change the whole education system. We start small but are bound to get bigger.



The National Union of School Students has produced a number of action packs. Here are two. They were written to help you if you want to get things changed in your school. They are very useful and will probably be of some use to you.

WE'RE FIGHTING BACK WITH NUSS

NUSS is the only school union in the country that is run by the students themselves. We are not just a bunch of people who get together to picket and protest. We are a union that is run by the students themselves. We are not just a bunch of people who get together to picket and protest. We are a union that is run by the students themselves.



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Our Union - NUSS

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ACTION PACK OUT NOW - FREE
Just send off for them.

JOIN THE ARMY UP YOUR'S

LOTS INSIDE



NUSS BAR CORPORAL

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DON'T LET THEM CUT US UP

WHAT ARE THE CUTS? HOW DO THEY AFFECT YOU? HOW CAN WE FIGHT THEM OFF?

LUTON SHOWS THE WAY

IN THE last term, Luton NUSS have been very active. We have successfully carried out an all-out strike and a public demonstration. By this, Luton has been recognised as an active part of NUSS.

This year however, Luton members are concentrating their ideas on raising money for NUSS. Gigs and discos will be held regularly. We will be supporting the Right to Work Campaign in which several schools will be taking part. Transport will be arranged for this.

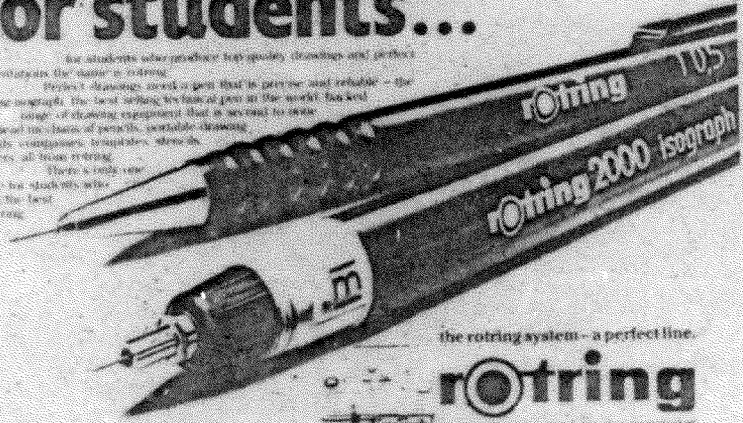
Our fight back against the cuts will also continue. By this we will gain recognition for NUSS and receive more money.
Wayne Jackson



Haven't you had
ENOUGH of being
treated like this?

There's a name for students...

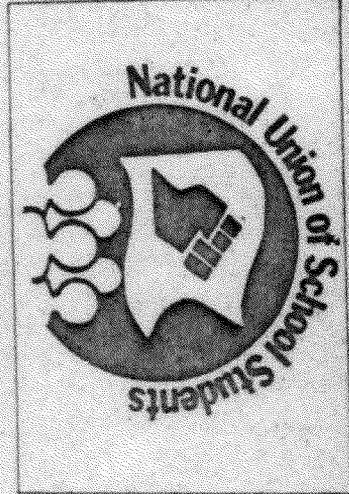
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