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- **POLITICAL PARTIES**
- **COMMUNAL GARDENS**
- **SELF-EMPLOYED**, especially from bankrupt small businesses and worker-controlled factories

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- Type of movement (e.g., political party, neighborhood assembly, women’s organizations)
- Geographic area
- Date of publication
- Source (i.e., name of publication in which document or article appeared)

**TYPE OF DOCUMENT**
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