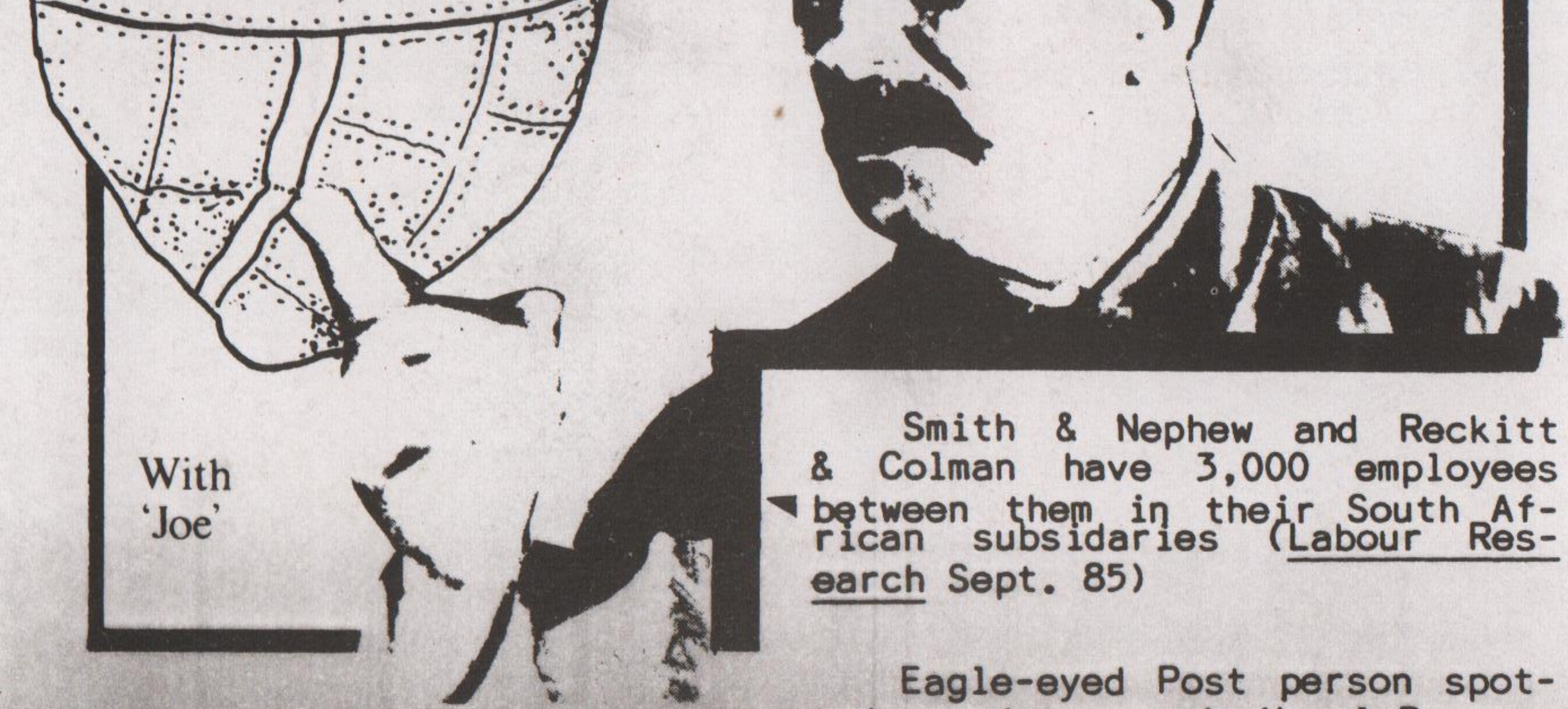


# THE POST

HULL'S OTHER PAPER

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## Political briefs



With 'Joe'

Smith & Nephew and Reckitt & Colman have 3,000 employees between them in their South African subsidiaries (Labour Research Sept. 85)

One of the things that people find difficult about Militant is dealing with people who lie routinely. The big lie, of course, is that Militant isn't an organisation. The leaflet reproduced below, circulating in Hull in October, rather blows the gaff on that.

Still, you have to give Militant credit: they're quick off the mark when they need to be. Less than a fortnight after Kinnock's speech at the Labour Party Conference, Militant members turned up at a Labour Party ward meeting in Hull all keen to get out there and work for... the Labour Party! For non-members of the Labour Party, this is remarkable, because, in the past, Militant members rarely, if ever, lifted a finger for anybody other than Militant. (Although, rumour did have it, for example, that during the Humberside County elections, at least one team of Militant members was working for a Labour Councillor for money ...)

## Militant

Liverpool City Council was elected in 1983 on a programme of defending jobs and services.

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Eagle-eyed Post person spotted armed troops in Naval Reserve HQ in Pearson Park during Operation Brave Defender. Spetsnaz hiding out in the Pearson Park toilets perhaps? Has anyone alerted Councillor Benfield yet?

Part of what might be called the 'hidden agenda' of local Labour Party politics surfaced in the Guardian (20/9/85). Jack Straw, Labour's shadow Minister for Local Government was talking about Labour Party plans to replace shire county councils with regional governments. Straw - and, presumably - at least a section of the Shadow cabinet - believe that changes in local government will be inevitable after this Government abolishes the Metropolitan counties and the GLC. This, Straw believes will lead to non-metropolitan areas such as "the great free-standing cities like Hull, Nottingham, Portsmouth and Plymouth" wanting the same kind of control over their services as some of the smaller counties.

In local terms: Hull City wants back from the County control over police, education and social services. Thing is, if the friction between City and County is bitter enough now, just think how bad it's going to get when both City and County Councillors are competing for places on the new regional governments.

Humberside County Council is among Councils still holding shares in Rio Tinto Zinc, one of the nastier global companies (2 dozen subsidiaries in South Africa, uranium mining in Namibia, etc.). Details in a report RTZ Revealed, £1 from 218 Liverpool Road, London N1. (Source: Tribune 13th Sept.)

Changes at Viking Radio. Simon Garrett has gone and Dave Jamieson is going. Which is a pity: both are intelligent human beings. Garrett has been replaced by yet another 'trainee' and Viking's news coverage has been cut yet again. Viking now appears to be in open breach of its charter.

Over the weekend of September 28th/29th, groups all over the country took part in actions against the disgusting waste of EEC food mountains. They contrasted the greed and surplus here in Europe with the waste and starvation in the Third World.

In Hull, a vigil was held in Paragon Street to draw attention to the local situation. At present there are at least 10 'Intervention Stores' in Hull containing a total of 7,496 tonnes of beef; 2,751 tonnes of butter and 41,753 tonnes of cereals.

Nearly 4,000 signatures were collected over the day calling for changes in EEC Common Agricultural Policies so that the world's poor do not suffer because of our enormous waste. Shortly after mid-day a symbolic dumping of fruit boxes representing the amount of apples and cauliflowers destroyed every five minutes took place. This was a small proportion of the mountain of produce destroyed every minute throughout the year.

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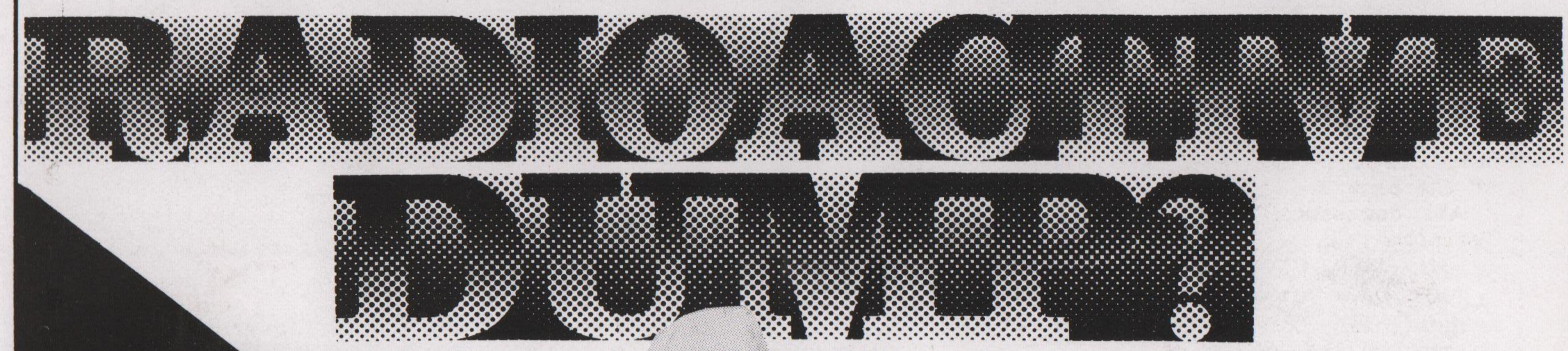
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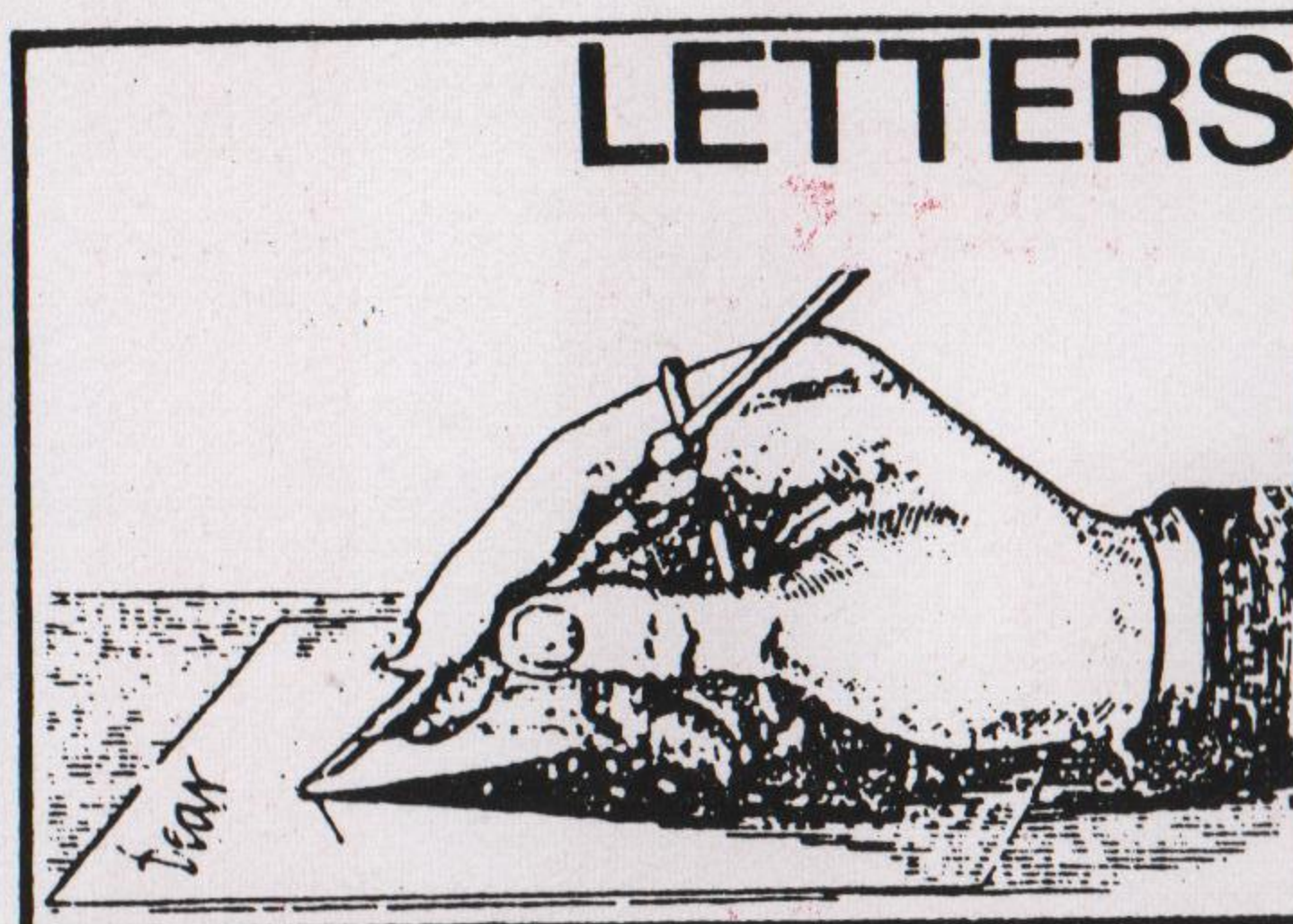
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Dear Post,

With reference to Cllr. Rob Davison's letter in the last issue, it is extremely misleading to talk of 'overwhelming support for Labour policies' on the basis of the County Council election results, within Hull, in May this year.

In the May 1981 elections, Labour won 22 of the 23 Hull divisions, with the overall average Hull turnout being 38.33%. This year Labour won 21 seats, all with reduced majorities (except Avenue), and the overall average turnout for Hull was 30.75%. In 1981, 52,227 electors voted Labour in the 23 wards.

This year the total Labour vote in the city was 37,567 - so we got over 14,000 fewer votes than in the poll four years ago.

Or look at it this way: of all the people who could have voted in May, only 18% of those in Hull chose Labour. Cllr. Davison's own ward - St. Andrew's - is a case in point. He was elected with 70% of the poll and a majority of 800... BUT ... on a turnout of 21.5% (the lowest in the city). The Labour share of the poll was down by 7% from 1981, the Labour vote down by over 800, the majority nearly halved and the overall turnout down by 8%. Of the 7,472 electors in St. Andrew's ward only 1,134 or 15%, chose Labour.

Hull may remain a Labour city, and it may support Labour policies, but there is scant evidence of it in this May's election results, and it is self-delusion to think otherwise.

Yours,

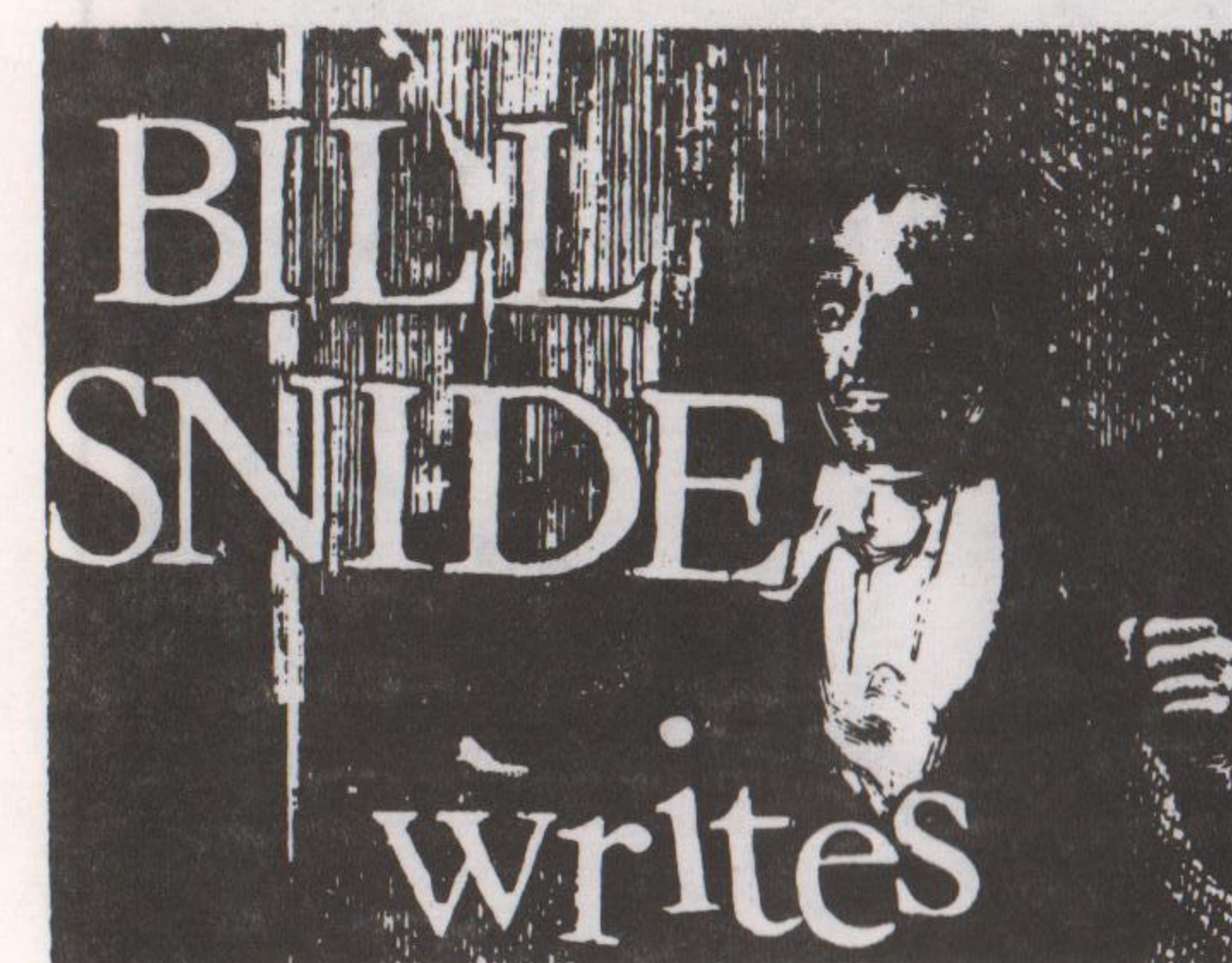
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(Have you a 'handy tip' - some harmless deception to foil unwanted attentions, or which dislocates the routine? Let THE POST know...)

A correspondent nudged Old Uncle Snide recently and drew my attention to a couple of items in the current Annual Report from Humberside Constabulary. One is the bald statement on p5 that "no specific reason was.. apparent" for a 33% increase in reported crime in the Goole sub-division. The second, the report on p44 that the Humberside policepersons taking internal exams for qualification to the rank of Inspector, achieved a 16.45% pass rate. The national average is given as 30.7%.

Snide's Self-Publicist of The Month Award to local author and man-about-the-left, Ray Flint. In a piece of blurb advertising his new book, The March Of The History Animal, he describes it as "Timeless and relevant to every country in the world".

**PLANNING NEWS**

A planning application has, I understand, been recently submitted for a change of use at 66 Wright Street. The new use is 'political headquarters'. The building was formerly in the care of the Nature Conservancy Council.

Civic News (Sept/Oct) contains an artist's impression

of the (forthcoming) Bransholme Shopping Centre. It looks rather like the municipal abattoir on Hesse Road. No matter. It must be gratifying for all those people now living in grotty rented property owned and/or managed by Larards, to learn that it is Larards who are acting as agents for the developers of the Bransholme development.

**SECRET SOCIETIES DIGEST**

Details of Magistrates' names and addresses have been dropped from this year's Hull City Council Yearbook. As JP's are public appointees, you'd have thought they might in some way be accountable. The reason for the info being dropped, according to the Council, was 'lack of space'. According to Justices Clerk V.N. Bowen, until directions are received from the Lord Chancellor's Dept. "I do not propose making the names and addresses of the Justices available". Ah so.

Over on the Masons front, the air is laden with the scent of camphor and rumour, accusation and counter-accusation, regarding 'the list of 26'. Until our source rolls up his trouser leg, we can't reveal anymore at this stage, hence all this mumbo-jumbo. However, a bit of research has produced the following list of car reg. numbers, which you are respectfully requested to watch out for:

- Citroen Pallas TAT 509W
- Jaguar XJ6 DJV 110Y
- Volvo Est. B549 SUG
- Mercedes (?) KWF 504W
- Range Rover XAG 337X
- SAAB DKH 372Y

Any sightings of these cars should be reported to us immediately. On the other hand, to speed up our researches, a volunteer with a camera would be most welcome to take photographs of arrivals and departures at any of Hull's Masonic Halls. We'll pay for the film.

Here's a POST original political joke:

'Sniff sniff'  
'Who's there?'  
'Lord Gowrie'.

...think about it.

Hull City Council isn't daft. It's Policy Committee on the 24th September 1985 decided it would buy from British Rail between 2501 and 5000 Senior Citizen Rail Cards, normal price £12, at a discount of 17½%. They will then resell them to pensioners at a discount of 10% - the possible £4,500 profit for the City Council. can then presumably be used to help pay off the interest on the Council's many loans. Really, though, you'd have thought the Council could have run the scheme without creaming anything off - y'know, 'as a service'?

Sttt...you know who, the enigmatic M.P. for West World, pulled out of a speaking engagement at a Militant social-do in September. Rumours that the price of entrance tickets went up are unfounded.

The Magistrates' Courts of Humberside will be busy all this month, dealing with a crime wave that gets little attention in the press - no not drugs, but overloaded lorries. The Trading Standards Department of Humberside County Council is bringing cases against 41 offenders, with 197 alleged offences in all. I do hope all these alleged offenders have paid their subscriptions to the Road Hauliers Association.

In the last Hull City Labour Group Newsletter Patrick Doyle figured in 6 of the 11 items. Editor of said newsletter? P.J. Doyle.

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# Police harass gays

Throughout the summer there was a conspicuous police presence around Pearson Park: the Humberside Police were on one of their bouts of gay-bashing.

There have been several in recent years. One occurred in the aftermath of the Hastie fire, for which Bruce Lee was almost certainly wrongly convicted (It is widely believed to have been the result of a drugs feud that went wrong). One of the sub-themes of that investigation was an alleged homosexual prostitution ring. What it actually amounted to has never been made clear, but gay men in Hull got visited and questioned by the police. The first large batch of intelligence on Hull's gay community was collected.

The second occurred during the investigation into the murder of Christopher Laverack in 1984. On that occasion the police seem to have tried to work their way systematically through Hull's gay scene. Hundreds of gay men were visited and questioned - many were fingerprinted - even though there was never any indication during the investigation that the police had any prints from the scene of the crime. (One individual was questioned because his car had been noted near a public toilet six months before). There seems little doubt that the whole exercise was a protracted 'fishing expedition' using the murder as a convenient pretext.

The second large batch of intelligence was collected and collated, and a group of men

were prosecuted in York Crown Court - the scene of the ridiculous outburst by the judge about a 'cesspit of vice'. (On close examination this 'cesspit' didn't amount to very much: only five of the charges involved what would have been considered real offences if the law wasn't so biased against homosexuals).

Information on this summer's wave of police homophobia is scanty. There were persistent rumours of police entrapment tactics in the Park - 'pretty police' - but nothing concrete emerged. Friend Humberside, the gay advice/counselling service, acknowledge that they have had complaints about police behaviour this summer, but declined to give details on grounds of confidentiality.

Do we really want to have to employ policemen to skulk around public toilets waiting to kick cubicle doors down because someone has been inside 'too long'? (And this has been happening this summer) But then Hull is a pretty homophobic city, and perhaps it is only to be expected that it should have a police force with the same prejudices.

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If anybody who has experienced any of this police activity this summer is willing to talk/write to us, please get in touch. PO Box 102 HULL. Confidentiality guaranteed (unless, of course, our mail is being intercepted, and there's nothing we can do about that).

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The 'guns and gas' issue will come up at November's meeting of the Humberside Police Committee: November 12th, 2pm at County Hall, Beverley. The public is admitted and the presence of a few electors might stiffen the spines of some of the Labour members of the committee.

In the meantime we'll be happy to supply details of how to obtain this Ruger conversion kit to the Humberside Police for a small donation to POST funds.

# JP'svetting Fascist revival in Hull?

## explained

On October 29th the Observer carried a piece alleging that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, had "taken steps to prevent active members of CND from becoming magistrates". The next day the Times reported Hailsham's dismissal of the story as nonsense, and quoted him as saying "for years it had been the practice of the advisory committees to enquire fully into candidate's backgrounds".

Hailsham basically, was lying.

Reproduced here - much reduced - is the actual document which triggered the initial Observer story. Look at point No. 3. The reference to 'Rotary, Lions, Freemasons' is simply a skimpy cover for the 'CND, Animal Rights etc', a pretext for the advisory committees to tell (themselves, primarily) that they are not just screening out 'radicals'.

The briefest of enquiries on our part into the composition of the Lord Chancellors' advisory committees showed that membership of 'Rotary, Lions, Freemasons' would be regarded as a positive asset - chances are good that members of the advisory committees would also be members of such groups, while acknowledged membership of CND would ensure non-selection.

Flickerings of life on the neo-nazi fringes of Hull. The British National Party (BNP) have been sighted recently.

Up until a few weeks ago they were to be seen at Hull City's home games distributing 'literature' outside the ground. Just recently they seem to have disappeared. Rumour has it that they got worked over one Saturday by a mixed-race gang of kids.

On 21st September the BNP held a demonstration outside the Central Library, apparently to protest the Library's refusal to let them display their 'literature' in the foyer. A dozen or so young men stood across the steps of the library, a couple tried to sell papers on the other side of the road, and a couple more gave out leaflets.

Nobody took much notice: the Union Jack they held up was dirty and tatty; the megaphone screeched and feedback, obliterating almost all of what was being said; the BNP members present looked acutely uncomfortable at being seen in the city centre.

Three things were worth noting. The first is the presence among the usual list of national-socialist demands of groups like the BNP, in their 'literature', of "Repeal of the laws permitting abortion and homosexuality". The second is the total absence of any of the anti-semitic things the BNP actually believe. Third, and most important, was the presence that day of large numbers of police (including 2 transit van loads) who were quite obviously there to protect the BNP, and who stood laughing and chatting while the demo blocked the entrance to the library. One wonders how long a pro-miners' demo of a similar form would have lasted during the miners' strike? 30 seconds?

It is not surprising to discover that the Humberside Police take the same protective line towards this society's racists and anti-semites as do police forces elsewhere. Neither is it good news. Perhaps some member of the Humberside Police committee would raise this with the Chief Constable.

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#### Interview of Prospective Magistrates

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- b) Fair-mindedness
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- d) Presence
- e) Speech delivery
- f) Ability to make decisions
- g) Ability to listen without interrupting
- h) Any question marks and, if so, on what grounds

#### All candidates should be asked:-

- 1) Is there anything at all in your personal business or family affairs (either past or pending) which if it became public knowledge might bring embarrassment or adverse publicity to you, to your colleagues on the same Bench, or to the Magistracy as a whole?
- 2) Does your spouse support your application?
- 3) Are you a member of any group which is not mentioned on your form, e.g. Rotary, Lions, Freemasons, CND, Animal Rights etc.?

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The candidates should be told that there are always more applicants than there are vacancies and that the final decision rests with the Lord Chancellor. Also that they will not hear any more of the application, or the result of the interview, unless they receive a formal offer of appointment from the Lord Chancellor's Office.

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# Humberside's unifying H.A.N.D.

Earlier this year Friends of the Earth warned local authorities in parts of the country with the 'right geology' that the nuclear industry would be looking for sites in their area to dump nuclear waste.

After a good deal of hedging and red herrings (such as denying that there were proposals to store waste in Humberside, when it is dumping not storage which is the issue) on the part of the Government, it has emerged that a site near South Killingholme on the South Bank is high on the list of areas being considered by the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive-NIREX.

A packed public meeting in Immingham Civic Centre on 18th September heard people of all political persuasions and none express unanimous opposition and determination to fight. HAND, Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping was formed, and help promised by Billingham, who have successfully resisted proposals to dump in their area, and Elstow in Buckinghamshire, who are still under threat.

Why should there be any worry about disposal? Tremendous amounts of money, research and even computer models have gone to 'prove' disposal is 'safe'. Yet the facts concerning the few disposal sites elsewhere suggest that it is anything but safe. Two reasons highlight the worry.

One. The possible escape of radioactive material from the site. Out of six US disposal sites, 3 are still operational (in semi-desert areas), and three are shut down (in areas of rainfall similar to Britain's). One of the closed ones had rainwater that first broke through the clay trench covers, and now they cannot stop the rain getting in. The radioactive water is pumped out every 6 months, and stored in tanks, and the site is totally contaminated. Another closed site had plutonium discovered three-quarters of a mile from the site, and only 18 months after it was opened.

Two. The length of time before some wastes are safe. What happens to the site in the sometimes hundreds or thousands of years that it needs to be monitored and looked after? Records can get lost, boundaries can change, people can get access

people can build and excavate.

In one US site, borings that were intended for the edge of the site ended up in the site itself - because of wrong records - contaminating six workers. Also, one can have significant climatic, geographical and even earth changes in such a time. Who is to say that in 10,000 years time the Humber won't flow through, for example, South Killingholme, or that an earthquake might not strike there? (There have been earth-tremors in Britain recently which registered up to 5.6 on the Richter scale).

**H.A.N.D. - Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping - is now launched and underway. There is good news: Humberside County Council are going to allocate £145,000 to fight the dumping proposals for South Killingholme on the South Bank.**

There is also anxiety: North Humberside supporters of HAND are worried that the issue may be seen as only a South Humberside concern, even though South Killingholme is as close to Hull as it is to Scunthorpe or Grimsby.

The geological strata into which the nuclear waste is to be dumped extend under the river, into Holderness. Seepage of radioactive material along these strata is not impossible.

There is also the possibility that while the campaign against the S. Killingholme site gets into gear, NIREX may suddenly switch their plans to a similar site on the North Bank. HAND point to the interesting coincidence of the pro-nuclear exhibition in Bridlington (illustrated) being mounted the same week that HAND was launched. If the site is to be in South Humberside, why put the exhibition in the North?

From the government's point of view, Humberside must be regarded as a 'soft' target for nuclear dumping. It has a small, dispersed population hardly known for its political militancy, and it is split, both politically and geographically. HAND's campaign needs your support.

North Bank contact is Hilary Byers, 170 Victoria Avenue - 445747

HAND's next public meeting is in Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Street, November 12th at 7.30pm

FoE, already against nuclear power as an energy source anyway, do accept that there is a serious problem with waste, and one that has to be faced.

Their thinking is to store the waste on the sites where it is produced; there it can be monitored and looked after, small bits of the waste can be carefully researched over a number of years to see what the real effects are, and when the site is finally closed (nuclear power and reprocessing plants have only a finite life of 20 - 30 years) the site and waste can all be looked after together.

This idea holds up on economic grounds also, in that by storing one is not having to build disposal sites, nor transport the waste to them - let alone risk the huge extra cost and danger of 're-mining' a disposal site that is deemed to be unsafe.

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# Further upsets to Hull's

Times' journalist Giles Merritt indirectly cast aspersions on Hull when, writing about the 1981 riots, he stated "The violence that spread through Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, Hull and London -" etc.

As a result of this summer's riots in Handsworth, Hull's reputation received yet another blow when Daily Telegraph reporters recalled the 1981 troubles as "spreading around the country" and mentioned Hull as being one of the cities involved.

### THE HULL 'RIOT'

The day after the 'riot' in the city centre's bus station the HDM carried a front page editorial comment in which it tried to avoid being charged with sensationalism over its reporting of the events. However, in the same edition (11/7/81), it went on to print a photograph of a car damaged in Ferensway car park - its most evident damage included a radio aerial the top half of which was bent at 45° and a windscreen wiper perched in a vertical position.

Sad to report, Hull does not seem to be as peaceful as might be deduced once compensation is made for media distortion /sensationalism. The police comment about the 1981 incident was that it was a "Friday night brawl which was larger than usual" and recently Hull's Other Paper quoted a police official as placing Hull "second in the league of violent cities". Is it possible then that although Hull is erroneously launched to the forefront in public discussions about riots, when seen in the light of rough justice it is only reaping the criticisms it deserves for being so violent?

So, having properly reduced the 1981 riot to a 'brawl' are the police in the city by talking about league tables?

Giving Hull a second place in the league makes it seem a violent city and yet the actual level of violence may be quite minimal. Is it possible that police statistics are mainly hype designed to further their own interests and guarantee that their employment keep them up amongst the middle classes?

It is argued that crime detection improves when more police are employed which, ultimately leads to the paradox that the larger the police force the greater the number of crimes committed.

### HULL'S BRAWLERS?

No wonder the police are paranoid about the levels of violence for even if nothing happens to them on the streets they have to live with the constant fear that something might. Like for example when a police car was petrol bombed down Albany Street a few weeks ago. But, again whether the city centre is as violent as it is rumoured to be - who knows? Whatever the real level of violence is, it is all too easy to conclude from what violence there is that the night-time revellers are drunken yobs. And yet they may be less like brawlers than a rather badly coralled crowd. A bit of social engineering might prevent thousands of slightly/very drunk people from being poured onto the streets at the same time. A number of remedies could be tried out but are not.

Firstly, if licensing laws were liberalised more pubs might be opened in the city centre and this would dilute the concentration of people in each pub. If there were an extra hour of drinking this might have the added benefit of allowing the nightclubbers to leave at their

normal time whilst those who need to catch the last bus could leave later. The extra time would also prevent people from drinking too quickly. Secondly, it is no good having an extra hour's drinking time if there aren't the buses to ferry people home at the later time. The police have reluctantly agreed to press for an extension of licensing hours and this is supported by the city council.

The publicans trade unions oppose the change and the magistrates support their objections. Publicans believe there is a fixed amount of money to be spent in the city centre and the sooner they can milk the boozers of their money the better. Quite what the increasingly invisible magistrates' views are is difficult to discover. Could it be that they support the publicans but for the opposite reasons - fearing that more people might spend more money if the licensing laws were relaxed?

The magistrates need to be democratised for only then can their assumptions be known and evaluated.

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RULES O.K.

But who's doing the damage?



As our contribution to the Hull Daily Mail's centenary celebrations, we thought we would take a look at some of the current trends inside the Mail. First amongst these is that the morale of Mail journalists is at an all-time low, since the new editor, Michael Wood, pinned his colours to the mast last year.

The lack of morale is manifesting itself in the departure of two leading Mail journalists, Nick Jamieson and Chris Hansford, and an unprecedented turnover of staff. Even a recruit, brought in by Wood to fill a newly created post of Assistant Editor within the last year, has thrown in the towel.

The explanation for this turn of events seems to lie in the hands of Mr Wood, whose role as circulation-booster has led to a significant level of interference in the routine editorial process of news reporting. More than ever, the editorial line - and it is not always obvious to the reader - takes a pro-establishment and/or self-congratulatory voyeuristic slant.

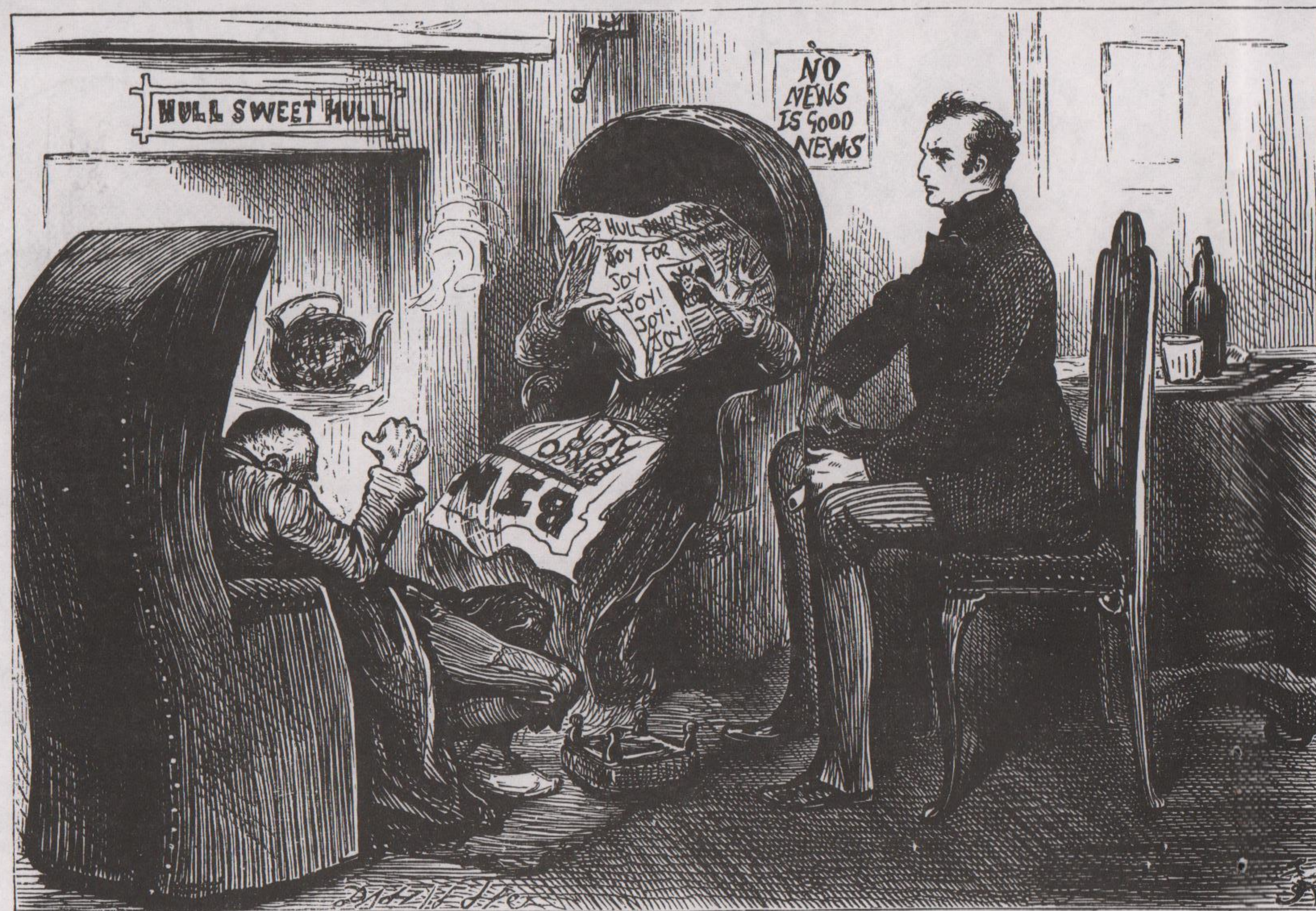
The former needs little explaining, it is as much as we would expect, but the latter is more complex, for although the Hull Daily Mail has fearlessly reported every sex-crime to come to court, its desire in doing so has been clouded with the fear that its motives may be misinterpreted.

Take the dog-buggery case, tried at Beverley Crown Court in late September. After a week of full exposure, where the unfortunate victim and offenders were completely and publicly examined - the HDM saw fit to justify its coverage in a "Comment" comment: "Sexual offences are on the increase.... It is a matter of legitimate public interest and concern...."

It also seems to be the case, according to a HDM worker, that during the week of that story, Mail sales went up by a thousand. This is not a bad reward for the reporting of a case which, as with all court reports, is covered by 'privilege', i.e. immunity from legal action.

But we have heard of a case which more than fulfils the criterion of "public interest", indeed probably more so than the dog-buggery case, but which the Mail ignored, some might say 'suppressed'.

This concerned a Hull man, holding a position of trust and respect in society, who was reported to the police, and investigated by them, for alleged sexual offences against children. The



Editor (to new recruit): "Think man, THINK! A short word with a J and an O in it, which expresses Hull's adulation at Princess Anne's visit to Hull!"

New recruit: "Err.. how about 'Jingo' sir?"

Editor (in rage): "WHAT??"

New recruit (trembling): "Bingo, sir?"

# The news, the whole news and everything but the news

evidence was strong enough to merit a report to the Director of Public Prosecutions, but the word came back - 'no further action'.

Following this, a parent of one of the children took the law into his own hands and assaulted the man. He was subsequently due to appear at the Magistrates' Court on an Actual Bodily Harm charge, but at short notice the case was cancelled - the theory being that that case would publicly reveal the other.

If all this is true, then it would be of public interest, and clearly in the alleged offender's interest, for the case to go to court. The reason why the man has not been prosecuted is a matter of speculation, which might have something to do with his social status.

The Daily Mail, it appears, chose to follow the D.P.P. and/or senior police line - 'no further action' - even though they probably possessed as many of the facts of the matter as the police. Public interest?

On a more familiar level, we have before us two articles

which have been re-written to adopt the 'correct' tone. The first, concerning our beloved police computer, appeared on the 29th June, headlined "Police deny breaking the law with computer". It started: "Humberside Police have denied a claim by civil rights watchdogs that the force's new computer will break the law". Here we see the well-tried 'denial' formula in action, where the denial is accorded precedence over the claim - ironically in a story where the claimed facts were actually established by the police themselves - but, nevertheless, the story is 'given' to them to deny. Well - they would, wouldn't they? The story leaves little doubt as to whose word the reader should attach greatest credence.

The same formula is used in an article which appeared on the 8th of August, which opened "Deputy Governor Mr Steve Twinn has denied claims from a prisoners' rights group that tension is mounting in the (Hull) jail".

The prisoners' rights group PROP had said that the change in Hull Prison's status in ceasing to be a high security jail had

led to overcrowding, the inflexible administration of rules, the denial of privileges, etc. But it wasn't their claim which was 'the news' - it was the denial which made the headline.

These and other stories, much to the chagrin of the journalists who wrote them, have been subsequently altered to satisfy the editorial line. That, you may say, is the editor's prerogative. But unfortunately, even when stories are published, with the de facto editorial approval, then there is a good chance that it will be the journalist, and not the editor, who is forced to take any flak should it arise.

The sad, sad case of John Black's trousers proves the point. Whether the story (about Black being 'debugged') was true or not, Hansford, the author of the piece had every reason to believe it was true, and, as a journalist of several years' experience, he would know by now when and how a story could be accepted at face value. But, he was sacrificed on such a trivial score, simply because a humourless conclave of establishment figures (one of whom is often found remarking how useless the Mail is in reporting municipal affairs) thought their dignity might be tarnished - whether or not the story was true.

Well, if you have read thus far, and found our celebration of the Hull Daily Mail a little dull, then we are sorry. Writing about the Hull Daily Mail must be even less fun than writing for it - unless, of course you happen to be the Public Relations Officer of the Humberside Police.

It would be folly to suggest that the police should be denied some form of P.R.O., but if that job encompasses trying to get the local paper to publish the Chief Constable's fears about the rise in sex crimes - just before he is to plead for more cash at a Police Committee meeting - well, scurrilous people might begin to think that crime is beginning to pay. Of course, we deny this categorically. The truth is, of course, that the question of cash for the police has been sorely vexed in the last year or so by the 'miners factor'. The Mail has, notably, out-Chief Constabled the Chief Constable on this issue. Their report on his 1984 Annual Report was strictly an effort at damage limitation.

Even after a hundred years, it well behoves the Hull Daily Mail reader to heed Persius' advice: "Venienti occurrere morbo" - but that's another story.

## Privatisation The Mediclean fiasco

This issue is being reasonably well covered by the mainstream media in Hull, but one section of the critical material issuing from the City Labour Party's Health Service Committee has not been reported. Why isn't difficult to understand.

A press release from that committee, dated 18th September, quotes from a letter from Dr Varey, the Chair of the Hull Health Authority, the man who voted twice to secure the cleaning contract at Kingston General for a firm called Mediclean. In that letter Varey actually states:

"it is not possible for the Authority and its officers to be fully aware of reports in national papers".

Health Service Committee Convenor, Daniel Vulliamy, comments dryly:

"It took me just over half a day, using the Times and the Financial Times indexes, available in public libraries, to check references to the company, parent and sisters over the previous two years. From that exercise arises a very worrying picture of Mediclean, Hawley and related companies. Might I suggest to the Authority that if it is to proceed with the competitive tendering policy it adopts this relatively inexpensive way of avoiding further disasters?"

Vulliamy concludes:

"If authority members had known that the City of London financial institutions have strong misgivings about Hawley, that Mediclean had been involved in scandals with the only NHS contracts it has won to date, and that two sister companies have had reputations for contract failure in local government privatisation, they would not have awarded the Kingston contract to Mediclean. Why were they not told?"

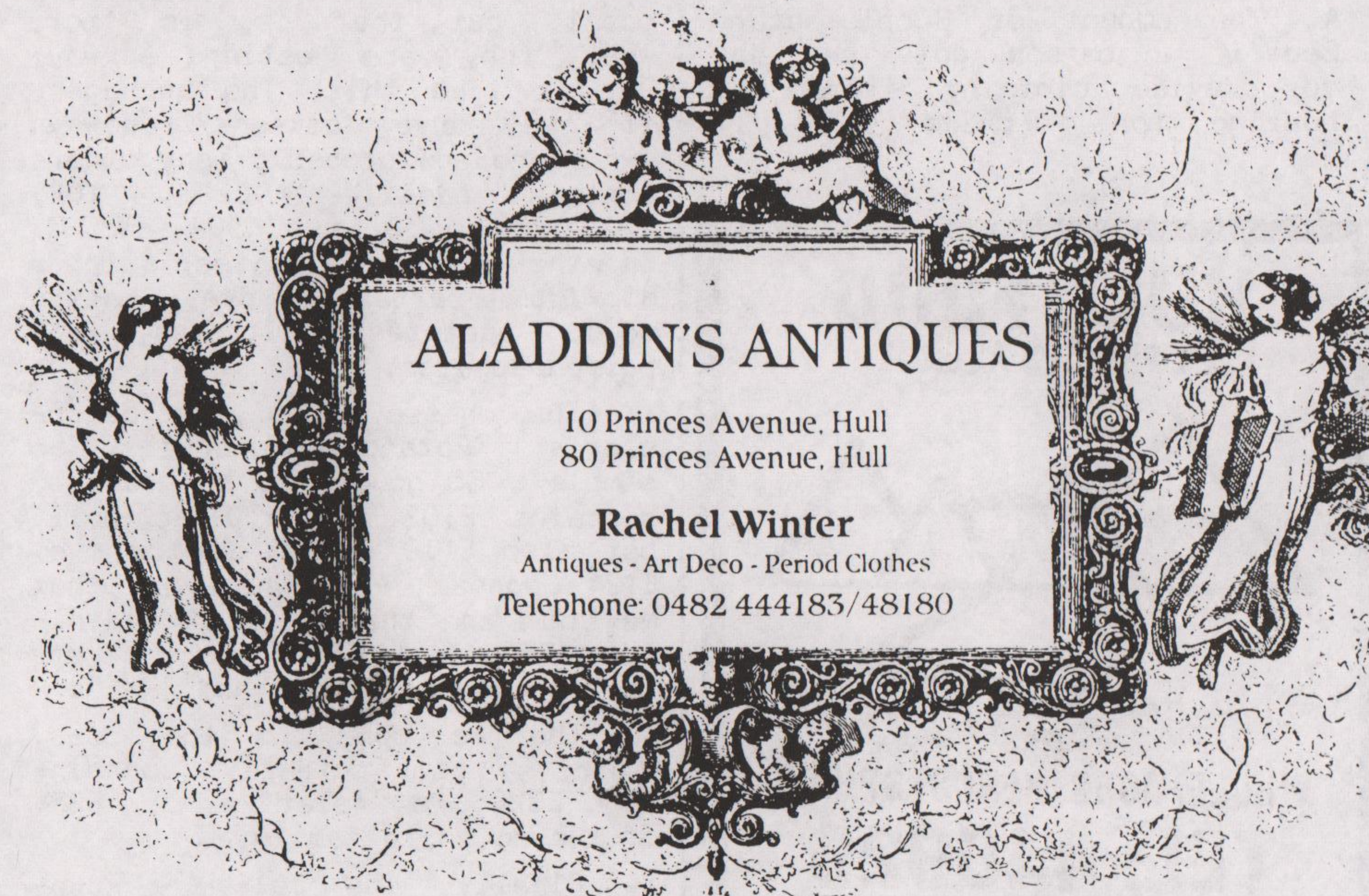
On past experience, then, Mediclean will self-destruct in Hull sooner or later. When that happens the pro-privatisation wing in the Health Authority can be expected to perform the 'reality-denial' rituals associated with people who discover the world doesn't behave the way it does in the comic strips they have for brains.

In this instance there should be interesting moments, for rumours insist that the Area Health Authority's officers - i.e. the civil servants - are none too happy with the privatisation story so far, and are not likely to carry the can when the predictable scandal breaks.

Dr 'two votes' Varey may not appreciate it yet, but he's probably dead in the water.

The VDU saga rumbles along. Despite this country's scientific establishment's best efforts to assure us the VDU's safety, the world continues to ignore this fact. Latest survey, from

the Japanese General Council of trades Unions, covering 4,500 women, found 33% had problems during pregnancy or childbirth after using VDU's (New Scientist 23/5/85)



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# The dole quiz

In this short quiz, anyone getting all the answers right will not receive a prize. We can't afford prizes anymore. Still, you could always join the Labour Party, couldn't you??? The answers are on page

## SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

### An Introductory Quiz

Tick which you think are the correct answers to the following questions. Do not try to look up any of the answers.

1. The last official estimate of the amount of Supplementary Benefit which is unclaimed annually by people entitled to it is:

- £7.6 million.....
- £76 million.....
- £760 million.....

2. The annual percentage of fraudulent benefit paid out as a percentage of all Supplementary Benefit is:

- 0.1%.....
- 5%.....
- 10%.....
- 15%.....

3. The percentage of unemployed men who receive more than their previous net earnings on benefit is:

- 6%.....
- 12%.....
- 24%.....
- 36%.....

4. The amount of Supplementary Benefit a person gets per day to provide clothing, food and heating for a child under 11 is:

- £1.37.....
  - £2.37.....
  - £3.37.....
5. The amount of Supplementary Benefit a single unemployed person gets per day to pay for food, clothing and heating is:
- £4.00.....
  - £5.00.....
  - £6.00.....

6. Most people on Supplementary benefit can get extra grants if they need them for the following: (Mark TRUE or FALSE)

- Clothing and footwear.....
- Gas and electricity bills....
- Refrigerator.....
- Vacuum cleaner.....
- Washing machine.....
- T.V.....
- School uniform.....

7. The amount a single striker will get in Supplementary Benefit a week is:

- Nothing.....
- £16.00.....
- £28.05.....

8. The amount a striker will get each week if s/he is a tenant and has a partner and 2 children under 11 will be:

- £11.95.....
- £22.45.....
- £32.85.....

9. This country spends more on Social Security Benefits as a percentage of our national wealth than the following countries. (TRUE or FALSE):

- Holland.....
- Germany.....
- Italy.....
- Denmark.....
- Luxembourg.....
- Belgium.....
- France.....
- Eire.....

10. An unemployed person can take up to a fortnight's holiday abroad and still get Supplementary Benefit. True or false?

## You are what you eat - ugh!

I don't know what the standard British diet is anymore, but I wonder if a typical meal for many may be something like this:

Sausages, potatoes smothered in cheese sauce and peas, followed by lovely jelly. Sounds ordinary enough, doesn't it? But then ask the regular consumer of such a meal whether they'd be prepared to eat the equivalent of 23 aspirin tablets a day of 'drugs' they know nothing about.

They might balk at the proposal, but that is, in fact, what they are eating anyway. Put it like this. The sausages, if they are Jacksons/Grandways own brand and probably many others, contain additives E221, 102, 270, 260, 330 and 450A and C. In other words, Sulphites, sulphur dioxide, tartazine dye, Lactic acid, acetates, citrates, and polyphosphates.

The 'cheese sauce', or Batchelor's 'Potato Saucery' ("So simple - So good") to be precise, contains E102 and 450 as well, but also E110 sunset yellow dye, E124 ponceau 4R (whatever that may be) and that pair of bedfellows E320 and E321, also cryptically known as "BHA" and "BHT".

The we come to the peas, "Surprise" peas actually: containing E220, a relative of E221 of the sulphite family.

Finally, the jelly - Row-

tree's - more E102, as in the snorkers, but with a touch of E122 Carmoisine, Azorubine and E127, Erythoine.

Such a meal, with these additives, might constitute a health hazard to asthmatics, hyperactive children, those sensitive to aspirin young children and babies - what the advertising industry might call a 'market'.

All this information is contained in a succinct booklet published by the Soil Association called "Look Again At The Label". It lists those additives numbered E100 to E927 - through colourings, preservatives, anti-oxidants, emulsifiers and stabilisers to miscellaneous. For those more familiar with this field than I, this booklet won't contain anything new, but as an introduction it is excellent and cheap, and can be easily referred to whilst out shopping.

One proviso, however: it is, on its own admission, quite incomplete - there are now probably in excess of 3,000 additives in current use.

I wouldn't be surprised if some of those additives serve really useful functions, like making washing-up easier. And isn't it awful that Marks and Sparks paté, and they warn you about this on the label - turns green after opening, although "this will not affect the eating quality". Green meat - now there's a compromise!

## Supplementary Benefit Quiz - THE ANSWERS

The aim of this quiz is to explode some of the most common myths about Supplementary Benefit.

1. The answer is £760m. This figure is derived from the 1981 Family Expenditure Survey. (Source Dr Rhodes Boyson Parliamentary answer 30.11.83)

MYTH: EVERYONE KNOWS THEY CAN GET SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT

2. The correct answer is 0.1% (source: DHSS)

MYTH: MOST PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF ON THE DOLE THAN WORKING

3. The correct answer is 6%. (source: DHSS)

MYTH: MOST PEOPLE ARE BETTER OFF ON THE DOLE THAN WORKING

4. The correct answer is £1.37 (source: Weekly scale rate for a child under 11 divided by 7)

5. The correct answer is £4. (Source: Weekly scale rate for a single householder divided by 7)

6. The correct answer for all these items is FALSE. Most claimants are not entitled to any of these single payments. Single payments can be awarded for clothing and footwear, gas and electricity bills, refrigerators and vacuum cleaners in limited circumstances but no single payments can be awarded for school uniforms or TV sets. (source Single Payment Regulations)

MYTH: PEOPLE ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT ARE LIVING IN LUXURY.

7. The correct answer is nothing.

8. The correct answer is £11.95. This is the non-householder rate of £22.45 for a partner plus £9.60 for each of the 2 children less £13.70 child benefit and £16 notional strike pay. (source: Section 6(1)(6) of the Social Security No. 2 Act and Requirements Regulations).

MYTH: THE SYSTEM IS SOFT ON STRIKERS

9. The correct answer to all these questions is FALSE. Britain devotes less of its national income to Social Security expenditure than any other EEC country. (source: Labour Research Dept.)

MYTH: BRITAIN HAS THE BEST SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE WORLD

10. The correct answer is FALSE. This is because unemployed people have to be available for work as a condition for getting Supplementary Benefit and they cannot be available for work if they are out of this country. (source: Conditions of entitlement Regulations).

MYTH: THERE IS A PLACE CALLED THE COSTA DEL DOLE.

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# Access Press

As many of you are probably aware Hull and District Animal Rights Group is alive and kicking with as much fervour as ever.

This article is to let you know what we've been doing during the summer and to illustrate how unbiased and friendly today's British bobby is when confronted with people who don't swallow all the traditional stereotypes and brainwashing forced upon them.

We campaigned in the city centre throughout the summer. We also staged several other more specialised activities. One of them - a demonstration at the abbatoir when 2 of our group dressed up as a pantomime cow - failed to get any attention from our local Tory evening rag - emphasising once again their prejudice against us.

## Hull and District Animal Rights

In August we held our yearly vigil at Bantin & Kingman's animal breeding premises. We intended to remind them that we're still around and disgusted as ever at human beings breeding animals for experimentation purposes - or to use a more emotive word - vivisection.

As a token gesture we pitched 4 tents on Bantin's front paddock, but had to leave almost immediately after being threatened with arrest (and forcible eviction). When the police realised that we were determined to stay all night they moved us and our tents to a bumpy corner of a nearby field and left two of their members to supervise us at all times.

As soon as it got dark the atmosphere became increasingly unfriendly. If we moved out of their flashlight range they followed us until we returned. On one particular occasion 3 of us were walking towards the entrance of B & T's when two policemen barred our way and threatened us with arrest if we went further - although we were still on a public road. After a temporary retreat we returned when the police were distracted and finished our walk.

The police, annoyed that they had been outwitted, pushed 2 of us about roughly and again threatened arrest when we complained that they were overdoing their act.

After an uncomfortable night we packed up and left at around 7am. We set off with a 'farewell' of sorts from Mr Bantin and a police escort all the way back to Aldborough. The police threatened to arrest us yet again - this time for sitting on a war memorial. They watched us until we were on the bus and out of their territory.

Another notable demonstration took place in September. The group arrived in Blackpool on the coldest, windiest, day ever recorded and participated in a large demonstration against the animal acts in the Tower Circus.

After a 2½ mile march and a speech from author Richard Adams a delegation of demonstrators tried to take the circus up on a previous invitation to inspect the animals' living quarters. However, we were refused permission and instructed to

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leave the booking office - which we did. For no apparent reason the police began to jostle us the cry of "let's arrest someone" was heard. Two lads were bundled into a police van. The rest of us were totally bewildered and marched to the police station to demand an explanation. We were told that 5 of our members had been arrested and were being charged with refusing to vacate the booking office (which was absolute nonsense as we had done so 15 minutes earlier).

The police ignored repeated requests for an explanation and eventually threatened to arrest us if we didn't leave the police station. (Although we were only waiting there in order to make a complaint!).

Finally, after a 4 hour wait the 5 were released but had to return to Blackpool at a later date to face the magistrates.

Everyone was disgusted at the behaviour of the police. They treated us as if we were the lowest form of humanity imaginable. The demonstration illustrated how much we still have to fight for.

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# Community — theatre — politics

## THE NORTHERN TRAWL

Trades and Labour Club  
October 14th

This is excellent and looks likely to be a big success. I expected to hate it. A series of tableaux depicting the trawling life and community, interspersed with folk songs, was about as enticing as an evening of the wit and wisdom of Charles Brady.

It is a series of short scenes of the fishing life interspersed with songs, but it's bloody well done. The scenes are just the right length; the acting's absolutely spot on; the dialogue so good; and the action, the recreation of events using minimal props and staging, so apt, that the stale format is invisible. (In the entire two hours only one thing, a song about a bionic fisherman (with a bionic dick) could go, perhaps should go.)

In short, this is something of a tour-de-force, complete with necessary - and welcome - sharp edges about the owner/employee relationship in the fishing industry. Without proclaiming the fact, The Northern Trawl is an exemplary critique of the worst aspects of capitalism.

## Remould reconsidered

Their previous work has been patchy. If The Nuclear Cabaret had some nice moments in the first half (the sketches), the second half (the playlet) was laboured. But it caught the anti-civil defence mood of the time perfectly and it didn't matter that the second half was poor.

Passport To Pluto I didn't see. Then came Exit the Lemming, which was ordinary, but which was written and produced under trying circumstances - not least of which was the dreadful title which Remould were lumbered with from the outset. Treading water time.

I saw one of the children's shows, Eric of the Round Table, which the audience of kids I was in loved. But what do I know about children's theatre? The recent Arts Council award for another children's play suggests that Remould's work in this area is very good (on the bums-on-seats criterion, all the kids shows have been a huge success). But, in the end, children's theatre doesn't count. Ken Campbell will be remembered for his Illuminatus plays, not for his much-performed children's work.

All of which is to say: however much I admired Creed and Coult for sticking to it, for their amiability (something not that common in the theatre world), and for their willingness to put themselves about the city

in every conceivable kind of benefit situation, before the Northern Trawl they still had to do it. Well, they have now. The Northern Trawl is a quantum jump from the standard of their previous work. All the hints in the first half of the Nuclear Cabaret that Rupert Creed might turn out to be a fine director are realised here.

## Community theatre, community politics

The last sentence of the play is: "It was hard but it was wonderful... some of it". The 'it' refers to the life at sea but it is also the play's view - and thus the view of the community itself - that the life of Hessle Road was, also, hard but wonderful. Maybe so.

And maybe life in the slave plantations of the southern United States had its moments - maybe even similar moments. Can we imagine a group of Afro-Americans producing a play celebrating their ancestors' life in the plantations? The comparison is not that far-fetched: several times the word 'serf' is used in the play to describe the relationship between the fishermen and the trawler owners.

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## Mike Bradwell: still crazy after all these years

Wearing a pair of blue winkle pickers, Mike Bradwell popped in and out of Hull recently. Bradwell, Hull Truck's founder, and its artistic director for the first seven years, was checking our locations for a movie he's going to make. Something about a dancing school in 1960. He was vague about the rest but it might just be the first movie to be set and filmed in Mablethorpe.

He was here a couple of days after Remould Theatre Co. began to get positive reactions to the Northern Trawl - interest from Channel 4, a great review in the Guardian. Remould administrator, Averil Coult, was in the pub, visibly struggling with the possibility of Remould being a big success after 3? 4? years of doing it the hard way in the LHA region where most of the money has been locked-up by Hull Truck and Great Eastern Stage.

Remould's Creed-Coult team are just a couple of a long list of people who have been through Hull Truck on their way up: David Threlfall, Smike in the National

Nor is the comparison meant to denigrate the Hessle Road. I lived on the edge of it for 6 years and enjoyed being in, but not of, what was left of that 'community spirit'.

But it was a curiously passive, defensive and a-political community. Thus, politically 'safe': no threat. Unavoidably, the play - the community - is saying: look at us, we endured. The point is that our rulers can take a lot of our 'endurance'. They're proud of us, waving from their balconies, when we celebrate our capacity to endure.

The current, post-'79 wave of 'community groups' in Hull seem to be much less interested in 'enduring'. This may explain why the local state, and its Labour Party bosses, are so uneasy about it. You might reasonably think that a Labour-controlled council would be urging the development of the 'community

sector': for isn't the Labour Party about ordinary people getting control over their own lives?

Sadly, in Hull, at any rate, the reality is different. The 'community sector' seems to represent little more than a present source of problems for the Council, and a future threat to the political dominance of the Labour Party in the city. "Welcome to the Board of Hull Ltd", Keith Russell was told when he joined the City Labour group. A place on the balcony was being offered.

'Nuff said. The Northern Trawl is a fine, fine piece of work. Let's hope that another company, like Remould, will be able to do a play about, say, the Bransholme 'community' in ten years time, in which the people describe, through the actors, what happened when they decided they would endure no longer.

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Theatre's Nicholas Nickleby, and Francis Barber, the current rising star in London, are obvious examples.

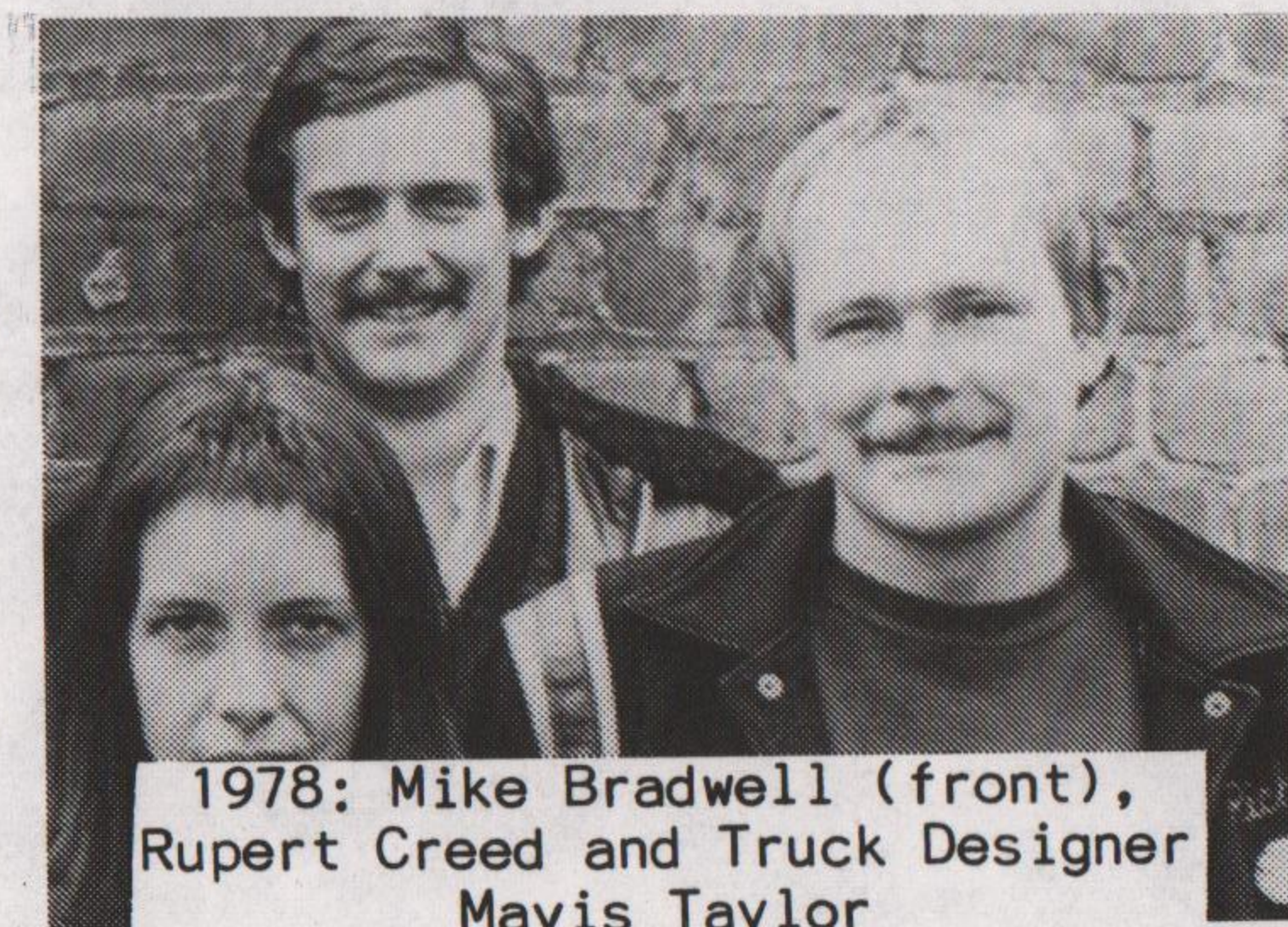
John Godber is the latest - and most spectacular - Hull Truck success story. Interviewed on the Wogan Show, Godber said something to the effect that he wanted to write plays his mum and dad would like. When Bradwell set up Hull Truck, in a tent in an unheated attic in Coltman Street, his aim was closer to producing plays which John Godber's mum and dad definitely wouldn't like.

Mike Bradwell seems to be enjoying life. He's started to meet his heroes: Van Morrison, for example. Bradwell's designing a stage show for him. Morrison, it appears, is really a very shy man who knows exactly how dull his live performances are.

The last significant theatre-rock partnership was Lindsay

Kemp and David Bowie. They gave us Ziggy Stardust. Will John Godber's mum and dad like what Bradwell and Morrison cook up?

Last but not least in this pantheon of rising stars, is Barry Nettleton, Hull Truck's administrative officer. The poster advertising Godber's 'Up'n'Under II' declares "Hull Truck Theatre Co. presents a Barry Nettleton Production". What can this mean?



1978: Mike Bradwell (front), Rupert Creed and Truck Designer Mavis Taylor

# Diary

## NOVEMBER

At the time of writing we weren't aware when the Christmas Lights are to be switched on - sorry!

### Friday 1st

Judge - Adelphi Club, DeGrey St.  
Rockabilly night - The Bull Beverley Rd.

The Northern Trawl - Remould Theatre Co. Spring St, 7.45

The Vicious Boys - Spring St. 10.30  
Seasons Greetings - Ayckbourn play, New Theatre 8pm

Allan Bruce - 'Home' drawings and pastels - Posterngate Gallery  
Nancy Pliener - ceramic clocks and figures; David Norris - paintings and pots at re-opened, expanded and refurbished Studio 10½, Market Place.

### Saturday 2nd

Ten Pole Tudor/ Gargoyles (maybe)/Lulu Kiss Me Dead - Adelphi Club, DeGrey St.

Spring St, New Theatre as 1st.

Posterngate, 10½ as 1st

### Sunday 3rd

Tommy Chase Quartet ( new, young, 'bop' band) , Spring St. 7.45

### Monday 4th

R. Cajun - White Horse Folk Club, Hengate, Beverley. 8.30

Gremlins (the film) Hull University. Details of price etc from Ents. Comm.

Our Way of Rocking - photographs of rockabilly fans. Spring St. Studio 10½ as 1st.

### Tuesday 5th

Friends of the Earth meeting: 170 Victoria Avenue. 8pm

John the Monkey - Adelphi Club, DeGrey St.

Hull Jazz Club - Haworth Arms. (traditional oriented)

Stop Making Sense - film of Talking Heads in concert. Clips seen on the box suggest rave reviews were justified. Hull Film Theatre, 8pm

The Gingerbread Man - Whirligig Children's Theatre. New Theatre 9.45, 1.45

Posterngate/10½/ Spring St. exhibitions as above.

### Wednesday 6th

Hull and District Animal Rights Group, Black Boy, High St 8pm  
Anorexia/Bulimia/etc self-help group - Women's Centre, Midland St. 7.30

Marc Almond - Hull University (details from Ents.)

Moses Smith Blues Band and guests - The Bull Beverley Rd. 8pm

Off The Boat (folk group) The Monk's Walk, Highgate, Beverley. 8pm

Jazz Workshop - at the Piper Club, Newland Av. Local musicians, visiting bands. Almost invariably worth a visit.

Hull Playgoers Society in Abigail's Party 7.45

Whirligig as 5th

Posterngate/10½/Spring St. exhibitions as above.

### Thursday 7th

Victorian Economic Values - lecture by R. Bellamy - HCHE, Inglemire site, main hall, 1.15

Clear the Pier (from Leeds)/What Kate Did Next - Adelphi Club.

District Blues Co. and guests - Haworth Arms, Cott. Rd/Bev. Rd. lights

The Killing Fields - Hull Film Theatre 2pm and 7.30 pm

Whirligig (New), Hull Play Goers (Spring St.) as 6th

Posterngate/10½/Spring St exhibitions as 6th

### Friday 8th

Bogshed/UT - Adelphi Club

Hull Film Theatre - as 7th but 7.30 only

New Theatre - as 7th  
Spring St. - as 7th plus The Millies , in Cover Girls - 10.30

Exhibitions - as 7th

### Saturday 9th

Hull Holistic Health Group - 'A Day of Mutual Support' - 10am on. Details from Harriet 448585

Hull Anti-Apartheid - picket outside Gateway supermarket(city centre) 10-2

Savannah St. Stompers - Adelphi Club

Barn Dance with The Hop - Beverley Memorial Hall (subject to confirmation)

New Theatre and Spring St as 8th

Posterngate/10½/Spring St exhibitions as 8th

Ferens Gallery - Humberside Printmaking Competition Exhibition and Paintings, Drawings, Prints by Patrick Hughes

### Sunday 10th

Back Door - Spring St. 7.45

A jazz trio, Back Door were flavour of the month a decade or more ago, mostly because of bass player Colin Hodgkinson's (by those days' standards) astonishing bass guitar playing. Optimistically, ten years later they can only have improved.

### Monday 11th

Hull Anti-Apartheid group picket at Barclay's Bank, Paragon Sq. 12-2.00

Civic Society public meeting: From Hull to Freetown by ABC's Phil Wren. Ferens Gallery, 7.30

Tom Paxton - Spring St. 7.45

Eddie Walker (blues pianist, we think) White Horse Folk Club, Hengate, Beverley. 8.30

New Vic. Co in Buddy Holly - New Theat. 7.30

Exhibitions - as 9th but Posterngate closed Mondays. Last day at 10½ ex.

### Tuesday 12th

Humberside Against Nuclear Dumping (aka H.A.N.D.) public meeting/campaign launch - Immingham Civic Centre, Pelham Rd. 7.30 (see story in this issue)

Humberside Police Committee meeting - guns issue should be on agenda. County Hall, Beverley 2pm. Public admitted.

Hull Jazz Club - Haworth Arms

New Theatre - as 11th

Spring St - Cheek by Jowl in A Man of Mode 7.45

Ferens and Spring St exhibitions - as 11th. Posterngate/10½ no exhibitions.

### Wednesday 13th

Anorexia/bulimia/etc self-help group Women's Centre, Midland St 7.30

Hull Popular Planning Campaign present: HILARY WAINWRIGHT (Socialist Society and GLC Popular Planning Unit). Trades and Labour Club, 7.30.

(Hilary Wainwright was co-author of Beyond the Fragments and has written widely about popular planning initiatives like the Lucas Plan.)

Anti-Apartheid meeting with speaker from national AA - Community Suite, Central Library 8pm

Moses Smith Blues Band and guests - The Bull, Beverley rd.

Off the Boat - The Monk's Walk, Highgate, Beverley 8pm

Jazz Workshop - Piper Club, Newland Av. (see entry for 6th)

New Theatre - as 12th

Spring St - Cheek by Jowl in A Midsummer's Night's Dream 2pm and 7.45

Ferens and Spring St. exhibitions - as 12th

### Thursday 14th

Imperialism and the Victorians - lecture by Professor John Saville. Details see entry for 7th.

Zulu Taboo/Dangerous Rhythmm - Adelphi Club.

District Blues Company and guests - Haworth Arms.

Spring St and New - as 13th

Hull University Drama Dept. - The Resistant Rise of Arturo Ui (Brecht) 7.45

Gulbenkian Studio Theatre. Bookings 46311 ex 7236.

Witzend Theatre Co. : A Murder is Announced - Library Theatre. 7.45

Exhibitions - as 13th

### Friday 15th

Hull Holistic Health Group - An Insight into Meditation (speaker from York Buddhist Centre) details 447895, Georgina)

Bosun Bros.- Adelphi Club

Rockabilly Night - The Bull, Beverley Rd.

All theatre as 14th but add: Spring St 10.30 cabaret - details to be confirmed (224800)

Exhibitions - as 14th

### Saturday 16th

Bible Bros./Rampage Bros./Son of Sam - Adelphi Club

Theatre - as 15th

Exhibitions - as 15th

Sunday 17th  
Doctor John - Spring St 7.45

The Willsons - Folk Union One, Bluebell, Lowgate. 8pm

Chris Bonnington - Everest '85 - illustrated Lecture. 8pm New Theatre

### Monday 18th

Liffhanger in Oh Humans -Spring St 7.45

Donald Sinden et al in The Scarlet Pimpernel - New Theatre 7.30

Exhibitions - Spring St and Ferens - as 15th

### Tuesday 19th

Friends of the Earth. (see entry 5th)

Hull Jazz Club - Haworth Arms

The Draughtman's Contract - Hull Uni. (details from Ents Comm. Students' Un.)

Spring St, New Theatre as 18th

Exhibitions - as 18th

### Wednesday 20th

Hull and District Animal Rights. (see entry for 6th)

Anorexia/Bulimia etc - see entry for 6th

New Model Army - Hull University (details from Ents. Com.)

Moses Smith Blues Band etc - Bull, Bev. Road.

Jazz Workshop - Piper Club. (see entry for 6th)

Off the Boat- Beverley (see 6th entry)

Theatre/exhibitions - as 18th

### Thursday 21st

J.S. Mill - Critic of Victorian Values: lecture by Dr.W. Stafford. Details in entry for 7th

Les Zeiga Fluers/Tractors (Leeds) - Adelphi Club.

District Blues Co etc - Haworth (see entry for 7th)

OTHER MUSICS present

'3PVD'

Phil Durrant (electric violin)

Parry Wallace (saxes)

Paul Hession (percussion) and John Butcher (saxes)

Chris Burn (piano) and films

Ferens Gallery. 7.45

The Shooting Party - Hull Film Theatre 2pm and 8pm

Rational Theatre Co in Falling - Spring St. 7.45

New Theatre - as 18th

Exhibitions- as 18th

### Friday 22nd

Funk Force - Adelphi Club

Rockabilly night at The Bull, Bev. Rd.

Hull Film Theatre - as 21st but no afternoon screening

Spring St - as 21st but add Falling at 10.30

New Theatre as 18th but add 5pm perf.

Exhibitions - as 18th

### Saturday 23rd

A DAY OF LEARNING AND UNLEARNING -An Intro.to anti-racist practice for those involved with 3-7's.

Hull Harmony Group with support of DHSS, Pre-School Playgroups Assoc. and Humberside Education Authority.

9.30 - 5: £2 per person.

50 places: first come first serve: creche provided:

further details from Jo Oldfield 865549 or Ann Pearson 840384

First day of Hull Latin American C'ttee and Outreach Community Arts' week of events about/for Latin America.

### Concert for Mexico

Melinka/Terra morto/Robin Kaye/Jonathan Leafwood - at Outreach. Unless otherwise stated, all these events are at Outreach Community Arts.

Atila the Stockbroker/Red London/The Shout/Three Action - Adelphi

All theatre/exhibitions as 22nd

### Sunday 24th

Chuck Fleming/Gerry Calley- Folk Union One (details entry for 17th)

Molly Parkin - Spring St.

### Monday 25th

Video of Missing - Outreach 7.30 (free)

Spring St. - Up n Under 2 - 7.45

New Theatre - National Theatre's 'B' team in Animal Farm 7.30

Ferens - exhibitions as 22nd

### Tuesday 26th

Latin America week - music workshop with Melinka - Outreach 7.30

Dances of Latin America - workshop 10-3 - Outreach

Hull Jazz Club - Haworth

Spring St/New Theatre - as 25th

Exhibitions - as 22nd but add: Spring St Children's Book Illustrations for Ethiopia.

### Wednesday 27th

Latin America Week - 'Silence is the end of our song' - video of Victor Jarra, Intilliminani etc - Outreach 7.30 -free

Anorexia etc - see entries for previous weds.

Jazzworkshop - see previous Weds.

Theatre/exhibitions - as 26th

### Thursday 28th

Latin America Week - Workshop with Melinka - 7.30

Drama Workshop on Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed 10-3. Both at Outreach.

Help Conservation Action: Philip Heselt on Earth Mysteries. Waterfront 7.30

Darwin and Victorian Social Values -lecture, Sheelagh Strawbridge(see entry for Thursday 7th)

Vicious Circle (reformed Luddites) - Adelphi

District Blues Co - Haworth Arms

Theatre/exhibitions as 26th

### Friday 29th

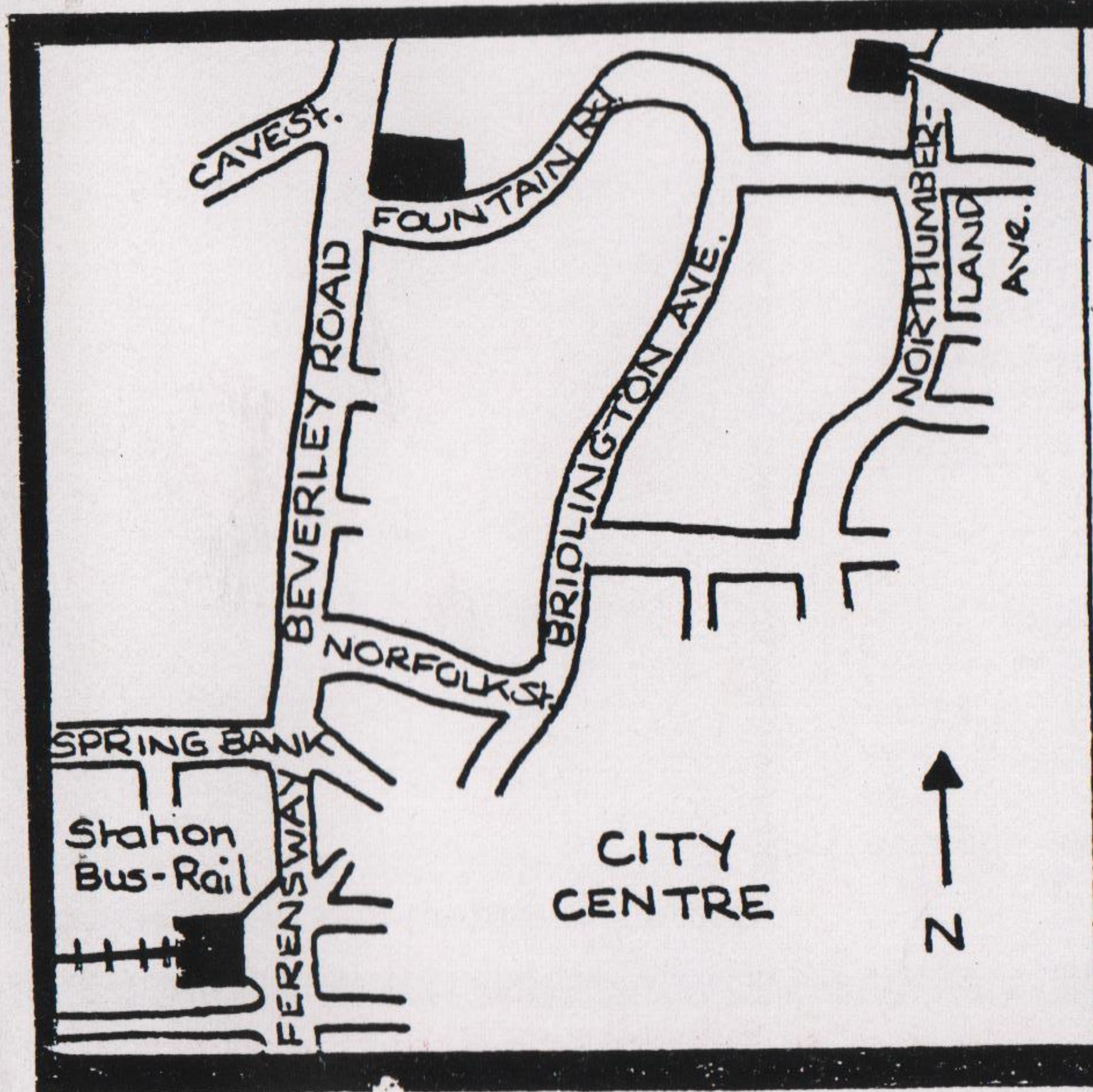
Latin America Week - Kevin McNamara MP on International Debt Crisis with ref. Latin America - YPI, George St. 7.30

Captain Sensible - Hull University

Theatre - as 26th but add Spring St. 10.30 pm Bouncers

Exhibitions - as 26th

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