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## STILL WAITING



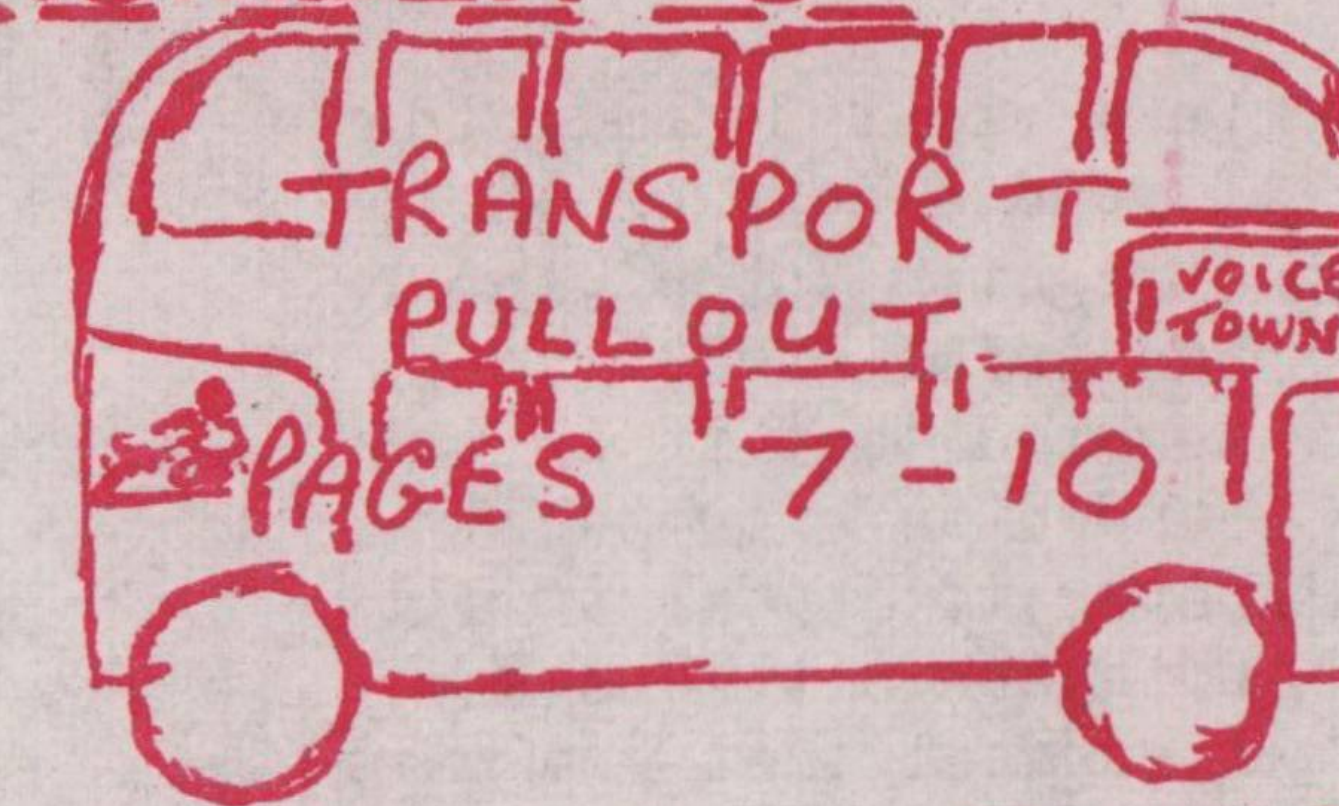
## FOR A BETTER TOMORROW?

Tim Sainsbury won. Big Deal.  
A multi-millionaire wins for the  
Tories in Hove. Big surprise.  
The Liberal Candidate creeps up.  
Big Deal. Meanwhile, in Brighton,  
who owns what? Who wins, who  
loses? What possible relevance  
is this game to you and me?  
Whilst all this is going on (and  
some would say because all this  
is going on) there's still a  
Rolls Royce parked outside one  
of Brighton's worst slums.

Some say that governing the  
country is a serious business  
And of course it is. That's go-  
vernment through Parliament  
makes for better democracy than  
other forms of government. And  
of course it does. That the par-  
liamentary tradition in Britain  
is an older more established and  
democratic one than any other.  
And it may well be. If the num-  
ber of tourists who come to wit-  
ness it is anything to go by,  
this is certainly so. People come

to visit London from all over  
the world. They come to see Buc-  
kingham Palace, Carnaby Street  
Westminster Abbey and the Houses  
of Parliament. In the same way  
that tourists arrange their sche-  
dules to see the changing of the  
guard at Buckingham Palace, they  
arrange their schedules to see  
the country's MP's picking their  
noses and putting their feet on  
the benches as they listen to  
some debate or other in the Pa-  
lace of Westminster.

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# FROM OUR READERS

To the Compilers,  
Brighton Voice -

On a visit to Brighton I read a copy of the 'Brighton Voice', and was infuriated. I am assured that it is intended as a community paper, to appeal to all Brighton citizens. May I suggest that you carefully rethink your aims and methods? Some illustrations may make my objections clearer:-  
I really felt that it should have been renamed 'Students Voice' since that is the overall impression one is left with. Much of the subject matter and comment would only interest those in favour of an alternative system. No matter how much we believe in this - you must be realistic and accept that far from promoting community spirit and action, you will instead alienate most of the people whose problems would have to be dealt with. Far from

winning support for alternatives you will, by your language and extreme biases, scare people off.  
Specific points:-  
1. The illustration (P.12, issue 7). How many Brighton OAPs (as featured on previous page) will wish to associate themselves with people who publish this sort of item? I think you will agree when I say that only a minority will find this acceptable and take it in the spirit it was drawn.  
2. 'Alternative Brighton' - same argument about alternatives. Subcultures are all very understandable to students - but if you are honest, how many ordinary working people in Brighton have such an attitude. Are you promoting community spirit or political propaganda? They are not inseparable, but one must come before the other can be effective.

3. 'Dissident Dan' - 'getting busted' is of great use to the majority of people in Brighton - or is it? There are far more useful rights to publish which will be of greater use to a larger section of the population. Most students either know their rights, or at least know who to contact for information - the vast majority of people do not. I am surprised to find out that most of the compilers are older and probably wiser than students. If this is so surely it is possible to present a less biased and more down-to-earth analysis of what goes on in Brighton and how to deal with it. Otherwise I am convinced you will end up as yet another community paper whose only support comes from a privileged subculture. Yours with apologies for the tirade (but it was too strongly felt to resist) J.L.Pond.  
47 Faversham Rd.  
Catford. London.

VOICE REPLY - ↑ see page 14.

## WRITE TO US ABOUT IT

And I say  
"It's about time we had some more women in the Brighton Voice Collective..."



Dear Brighton voice people  
It is sad that your reviews of Alternative Brighton in the last issue were so poorly conceived that they need a reply from the editors. ('Voice' comment - but it's given you a great chance to get Alternative Brighton another plug hasn't it mate?)



By way of putting the record straight, as much as simply defending our book: the item about contraception was written by a woman. It was unfortunate that 'sterilisation' was included under the heading 'Methods'. If this section had been expanded it would have been clearer that all that was intended was an acknowledgement of the fact that a sterilised person, woman or man, requires no contraception. There was no intention of suggesting that sterilisation should be used as a deliberate method of contraception, but the woman who wrote the section made a mistake and the proof reader overlooked this. A trivial and not very sinister error

that didn't warrant hysterical accusations of male chauvinistic prejudice on the part of the editors. Your reviewer's criticism of the indexing method used was unjustified: if we must be pedantic, 'films' were not listed but 'cinemas' were (we don't talk about films). Unicorn, our publishers, didn't intend to make a profit on a small print run of 1,000 (thus the unit cost of 50p) and in fact won't. Only 1,000 were printed as we knew the market was a limited one. If the tone of the book varies from chapter to chapter it is because we, as editors, allowed a considerable amount of freedom to individual contributors. We were rather upset to be trivially attacked from such an unexpected quarter. Whose side are you on?  
Fraternally  
John and Fra editors  
-Alternative Brighton.  
P.S. If we're going to quibble about niceties, the subject of the lead article in your last issue is spelt A-C-C-O-M-M-θ-D-A-T-I-O-N.

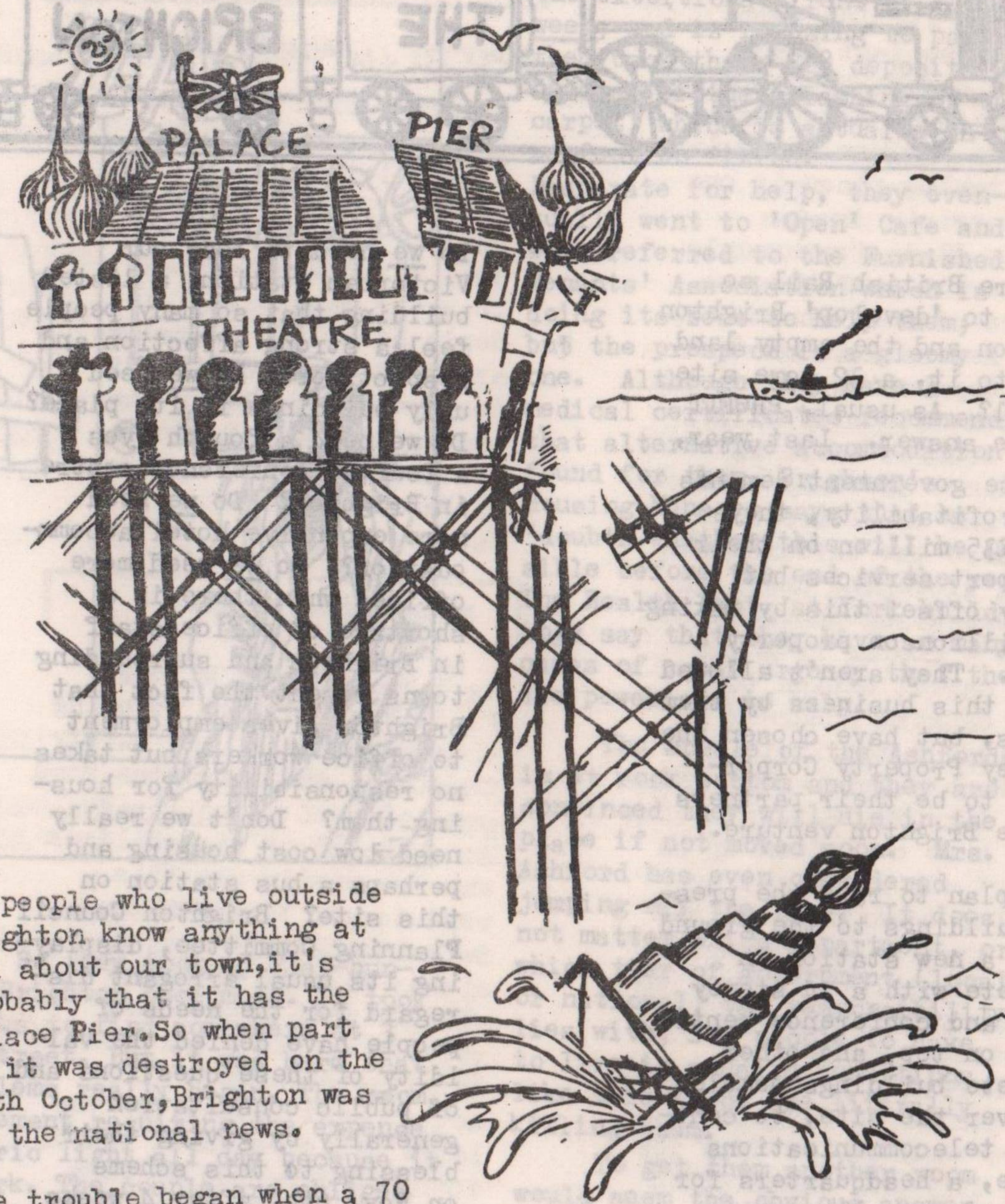
Dear Brighton Voice,

I've been sitting in Brighton Library reading your paper. As it is an alternative paper I hope it succeeds. I like the format and the paper is friendly and helpful. I find that in Brighton some of the 'alternative people' are introverted and a little nasty. I don't question their right to be whatever they wish to be but I find it a lot easier and a lot nicer to be friendly. Perhaps they have to be careful because of the fuzz but with some people it seems that everyone except a few friends are suspicious and get treated accordingly. This applies only to some people but a few years back the thing was friendliness in Brighton. I suppose that maybe my rucksack and doss-bag puts them off. Some of the friendliest friends I have are dead straight people and this is good but I reckon that this fact puts to shame those in the alternative who wish to be exclusive....

....about squatting, to me any squat is a good squat because it focusses attention on the fact that there are private and council dwellings empty that shouldn't be when there are homeless people. I feel that many young squatters could take over a property and once they could then move in a homeless family for these are not so free to move around as the single squatters. But this does not happen. If they can find a room where anyone can move into that is right and nice but to give up their place for a family is something they will not do. I'm not saying this is right or wrong but if a number of squatters could work together on occupying empty property, making it safe and moving homeless families and then finding other property and repeating the process then perhaps in time landlords wouldn't want to keep a property empty for very long because of the hassle of squatting groups and so in a small way we would be helping the homeless and turning on people to the fact that there is the opportunity of a workable alternative with better social values than the present system.  
Good Wishes  
From Stan.

we're only here

for the Pier.



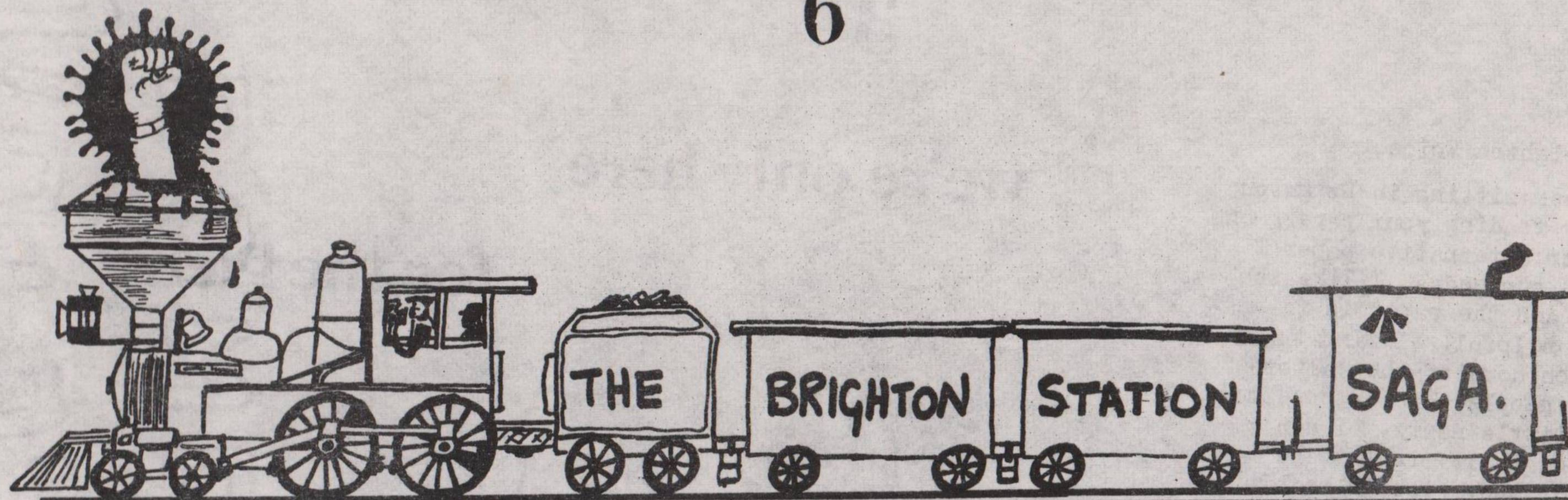
If people who live outside Brighton know anything at all about our town, it's probably that it has the Palace Pier. So when part of it was destroyed on the 19th October, Brighton was in the national news.

The trouble began when a 70 ton contractors' barge broke adrift in the gale and started to demolish the piles underneath the west side of the Theatre. The helter-skelter and maze were lost overboard, together with one end of the Theatre itself, and the Pier Company was later forced to cut away the lavatories, which were hanging at a dizzy angle.

Into the sea went the Albert Bar and its cellar, and shortly crates of beer were reported heading ashore along with a record haul of driftwood. You can't insure piers against storm damage, so the police were quickly at work making sure that the Pier Company didn't lose any valuables to the beachcombers and Marina workers who were eagerly awaiting anything that might float in.

It's not every year that the Pier and its contents are washed up on Brighton's golden mile of tin cans (not since 1899, in fact), and one might think that the locals would be allowed to enjoy this rare treat. But then, thinks the official mind, people aren't going to buy a drink from the Theatre if they can find it on the beach, so Brighton constabulary is sent in to guard over the precious goods. It seems that we haven't gone very far from the 1930s, when the police kept the unemployed from picking scraps of coal off colliery tips. It's another example of the police doing the job of keeping the people away from the things that they make - protecting property instead of protecting people.





Why are British Rail so eager to 'develop' Brighton Station and the empty land next to it, a 32 acre site in all? As usual, PROFIT is the answer. Last year, despite government demands for profitability, they lost £35 million on their transport services but partly offset this by making £17 million on property deals. They aren't allowed to do this business by themselves, but have chosen the Peachey Property Corporation to be their partners in the Brighton venture.

They plan to raze the present buildings to the ground build a new station in concrete with a 14 storey hotel and conference centre stuck on top, and other concrete buildings jumbled all over the site, to contain a telecommunications centre, a headquarters for Seaboard, an all seasons recreation centre (to keep us quiet), some high class residential accommodation, service flats, offices and more offices, a HYPERMARKET and parking for 2000 cars. A hypermarket is a sort of glorified supermarket where you buy settees and deep freezes like you buy fish fingers at Sainsburys'. The two or three that are in existence in this country are sited right away from town centres because of the vast amount of traffic they cause. To place one right in a town centre demonstrates original thinking on British Rail's part, but the traffic chaos caused by that and the 2000 parking spaces would be quite something. The other proposals put forward by this pair show the same single minded determination to coin money at the expense of local people.

Do we need to lose our Victorian station, a listed building that so many people feel a strong affection and respect for? Do we need ugly buildings in its place? Do we need a fourth (yes a fourth) conference centre in Brighton? Do we need more expensive hotel accommodation? Do we need more offices when there is a shortage of office staff in Brighton and surrounding towns resent the fact that Brighton gives employment to office workers but takes no responsibility for housing them? Don't we really need low cost housing and perhaps a bus station on this site? Brighton Council Planning Committee, displaying its usual arrogant disregard for the needs of people have denied the validity of these questions and of public consultation generally by giving their blessing to this scheme on Nov. 6th, after 4 weeks during which comment was invited (not alternative ideas!) on plans tucked away in the Borough Surveyors' office. Over 400 individual letters of protest came in, but of course they were ignored.

This is publicly owned land and the Save Brighton Station campaign holds that British Rail should not be given a free hand to make money at our expense. The public should be consulted about what goes on this socially and visually crucial site.

So we are demanding a public inquiry from the Department of the Environment and there's a strong possibility we'll get one, both on the question of pulling down the existing building and on the purposes of any buildings British Rail

propose, as they involve a change in the land use that is laid down for the site on the Brighton Town Development Plan. In order to organise ourselves, plan our strategy and start raising funds and public consciousness we are holding a meeting at the Friends' Centre in Ship Street on November 26th at 8.00 p.m.

Save Brighton Station!

Henrietta Dombey  
46 Park Crescent  
Brighton B1 3JL



Unicorn has closed. The bookshop that six and a bit years ago first acknowledged the Alternative Society in Brighton has decided that, since it is in the business of change, it is time for a change. The collective who run it aim to concentrate on their publishing side in future and move to a more rural location.

It has been a very changeable six years, and though their departure will leave a hole a lot of Unicorn's influence will continue in Brighton. Not least is that the whole stock of books is being taken over by a new basement section of Brighton Books, in Market Street, under the name of Symposium. It can't possibly be the same as Unicorn, for that mythical beast has galloped away over the hill, but at least the books and magazines will still be available.

In a future issue we shall be assessing the changes in Brighton's Underground.

(CONT FROM PAGE 4.)

the objectives set out in the previous paragraph?

The LWS and the supporters of Militant argued that we

could not, and in fact, if a demo of this composition took place, it would be counter-productive and could even AID the N/F. The Sects (IMG, IS) reckoned that a demo should take place at all costs, the composition not being important, and anyway seemed to think that the small handful of people at the meeting could get workers there without the support of the official movement. This position was put most strongly by one person who tried to deceive the meeting into believing he was an official delegate of NALGO with reference to the non-attendance of two members of the NALGO Executive. In spite of the sects saying they could mobilise the workers without the aid of the official organs of the class, indicating their complete failure to understand the way in which the class will move into action at this time. Even they found it necessary to use the names of the Labour Party and Trades Councils, as a matter of fact in a deceptive way, hoping to trick workers into supporting them. The lack of support received must surely show the ultra left that it is not just the names of the TU's and LP's on a leaflet that commands workers' support, but their representatives of those organisations.

A retrospect it must be quite clear that the Young Socialists stand against the demo in the form it took was quite correct. Let us break down what the fiasco achieved:

Did it stop the Fronts meeting?

NO!

Did it demoralise the Front?

NO!

Did it inflict a blow to the Front's election campaign?

NO!

Did it lift the consciousness of the workers?

NO!

Did it give the workers confidence?

NO!

So what did it do apart from prove that the N/F is not made up of old ladies who knit socks? Did it allow the Front to receive more publicity than it would have had? YES! Did it allow them to don the cloak of respectability YES!

Did it allow them to play on the sympathy of workers with its complaints of having its meeting broken up by left wing trouble-makers and students? YES!

Perhaps when the next Anti-Fascist demo is needed, more attention should be paid to the LWS.

Bob Golby.  
Kempton LP, and  
T and GWL.



JOHN TYNDALL,  
chairman, National Front,  
in the uniform of an officer  
in the neo-fascist 'Spear-  
head'.

#### VOICE REPLY...

The collective feels quite sympathetic to the expressed attitude towards the National Front and the composition of the rally on Nov. 3rd. However

the opportunism and connivance of which Bob accuses the Comm-

ittee Against Fascism is unfounded and in fact the rally was supported by Kempton Labour Party and Crawley Communist Party whilst invited groups failed to send delegates to actively oppose the organisation of the rally but chose to "withdraw support" (in the final stages of the organisation) after bureaucratic wranglings.

The rally was in fact carried out in a respectable manner and comprised largely individuals (who also have the right to demonstrate against Fascism) and in the course of advertising the rally a man was severely beaten up so apparently the 'cloak of respectability' has become a little ragged....

## save whitehawk

Brighton Housing Committee has approved plans for the demolition of the centre of Whitehawk estate, which is to be replaced by 1,000 new council houses and 7,600 private flats and houses. All very well for the wealthy yacht-owners who need a second house situated conveniently near the Marina, but what about people for whom Whitehawk is 'home'?

Mrs. Maskell who has lived in Whitehawk with her family for over 16 years said that the people there were extremely worried by the proposed redevelopment and saw it as a threat to the strong community spirit in the area. As a newcomer to the area when she married, she found the people very neighbourly and helpful and she fears that this feeling of 'togetherness' would be broken down by the influx of rich private home owners, many just down to Brighton for a weekend jaunt.

Mrs. Maskell also said that the Whitehawk community had not been properly consulted with regard to the scheme, obviously priority being given to the interests of private concerns. 'After all' she said, 'it's our home and surely we have a right to a say in it's future?' - apparently not. Once again it is money interests coming before peoples' interests. The new development will do little to alleviate the housing shortage in Brighton - it is the privileged few that will benefit.

The residents of Whitehawk at a meeting on Tuesday 6th unanimously supported a march and Demonstration to the Town Hall to be held on Nov. 22nd, to let the council know that they do have strong opinions about the future of Whitehawk and will not have them disregarded.

N.B. Did you know how wonder boy Henry Cohen first dreamt up the vision of a Marina? He was experiencing slight difficulty finding somewhere to moor his yacht. Then he thought, 'Other people must face the same problem - why don't I build a marina'. We wonder how many Whitehawk people have experienced this same problem mooring their yacht. If so we would be very interested to hear from them!



# MRS W.

On Monday, 24th. September the hallowed portals of the Meeting House chapel at Sussex University were graced by the presence of the notorious Mary Whitehouse.

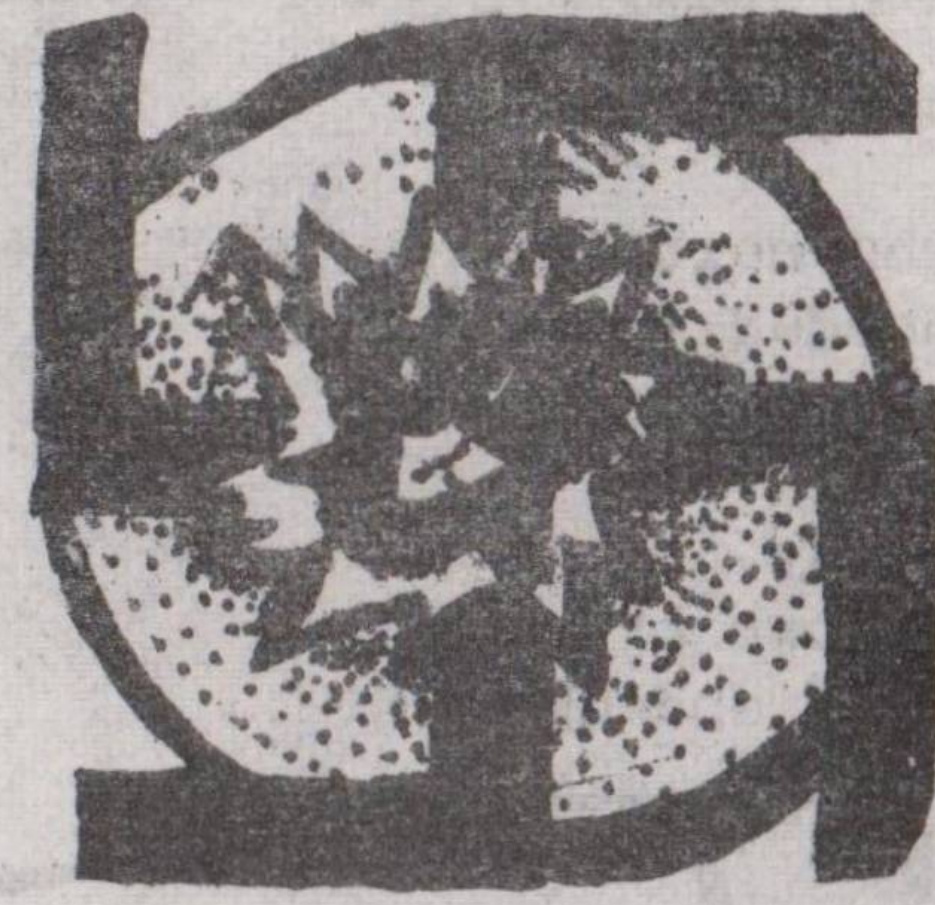
From the first hate and/or disagreement vibes winged their way towards her and she actually seemed to enjoy the audiences attitude. She brought the potentially far-reaching subject of "Freedom in a Permissive Society" down to the questions of sex and censorship. We were informed that people had been getting it together since the year dot and hadn't needed films to show them how, She holds certain original views about violence in entertainment. Apparently violence on stage eg. Shakespears 'Macbeth, is acceptable because the distance between the audience and the action prevents them from seeing the gory details of which the camera can give a close-up. (I wonder whether this means that opera-glasses should be banned from theatres?)

As a good Christian she believes the sex act to be purely for the perpetuation of the species. Her sympathy towards voyeurs is nil and she thinks that 'homosexuality is sick'. All in all I found her to be an obnoxious lady, posing as the saviour of our morals. In short I think someone should shut the old bag up, but that's censorship....

Love, Jo B.

## constabulary cracks

The rally and demonstration on Sat. Nov. 3rd, called to protest at the National Front putting forward a candidate in the Hove by-election was a serious occasion. However, warm thanks must go to the police for their unusually tolerant and even jovial handling of the march. Cheerful banter between police and demonstrators walking side by side was not uncommon. On the march itself a sudden gust of wind made one of the Anarchists black flags wrap itself around a police constable's face, the demonstrator holding the flag was about to fervently apologise when the p.c. said "Oh I'm glad; I thought for a minute everything had gone black."



## a front for what?

When a girl and youth were sticking up anti-National Front posters on the evening of Nov. 2nd around the National Front office in Boundary Road, Portslade, a man came out and, noticing what they were doing, went back inside to reappear with some friends carrying canisters. The poster-sticking couple

jumped on their bicycles and made off. The men, however, gave chase in a white Austin, stopped the bikes and 2 jumped out.

The girl was left untouched but the youth was punched to the ground and kicked. Seemingly unconvinced that the youth was 'persuaded' as to the error of his ways - he was dragged to his feet and while one of the ' heavies ' held him, the other proceeded to batter him round the head and body.

Meanwhile the girl's screams had brought people out from their houses, and so our ' Briton for the British ' ran back to the car squirting in fare-well some type of acid over the youths face and clothing. He was quickly taken to a nearby house where he washed the ' acid ' off but even so was too late to prevent his wrist from being badly burned. He was later found to have, together with general bruising, a broken rib. The men in the Austin escaped. DID YOU VOTE FOR THE NATIONAL FRONT?

- a member of the Ad Hoc Cttee. Against Fascism.

## STUDENTS AND THE N.F.

Were they right to demonstrate?

Let me be quite clear, I would have liked nothing better, than to have seen the recent meeting in Hove of the fascist National Front, completely broken up and its organisers rail-roaded out of the district. Even the disruption of the meeting would have been a victory if carried out overwhelmingly by workers. I say this not because the members of the NF are horrible vermin (though no doubt this description fits most quite well), but because of the nature of fascism, and its utter and complete opposition to socialism, every and all workers' organisations must be smashed into a thousand pieces. Their political parties, newspapers, trade unions, political and trade union leaders at national and local level, completely and utterly destroyed; this includes the social democrats, just as it does the Marxists.

The LPYS organised a meeting of all sections of the Labour movement in the area, to discuss how an anti-fascist demo could be mounted. At that meeting two questions confronted us:

What was the purpose of the demo?

What forces could we mobilise to achieve that purpose?

As to the purpose, was it (1) just to break up a Front Meeting or (2) a political task to advance the consciousness and give confidence to the working class and to disorganise and demoralise the front supporters and inflict a blow to its election campaign.

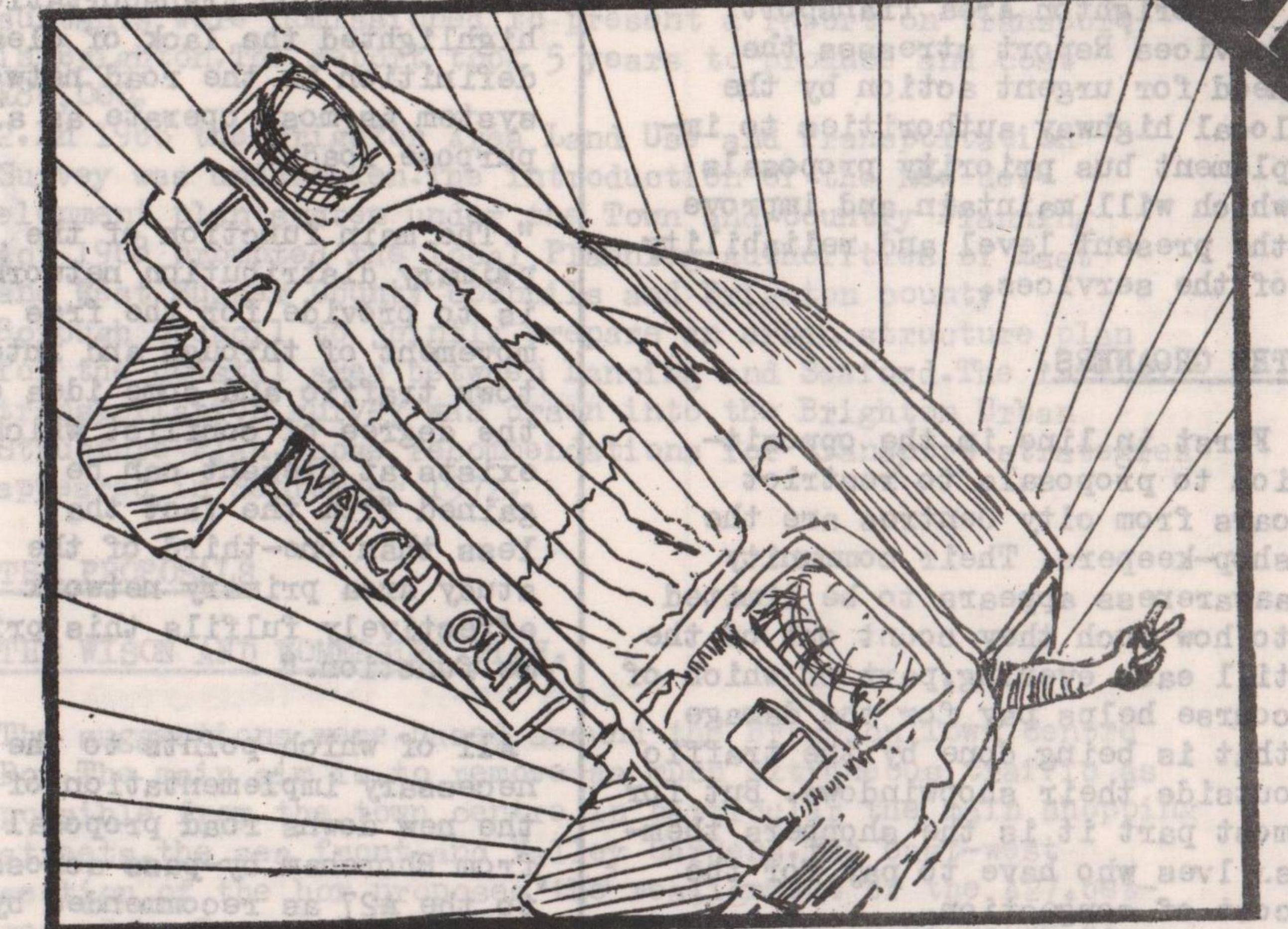
The second is the obvious aim.

Now to question (2). I am confident that with the support of the Trades Councils and Labour Parties, a large and successful demo could have been mounted. As it turned out, for one reason or another (mainly bureaucratic), the official Labour movement withdrew its support. The forces then available were completely made up of students, with the exception of a mere handful of workers. This being the case, could we have achieved



A New Breed of Daleks is Taking Over the Town - and Dr. Who is Nowhere in Sight...

Life in Britain today depends very much on the convenient transport of people and of goods. This situation has arisen as a result of the development of the internal combustion engine, which until fairly recently has remained unquestioned at the centre of our transport system. However, with the arrival of the juggernaut, and because of the increasing demands made by the motor car, the time has



Transport

# the cost of cars

come to start planning carefully for the future development of our transport. The sole advantage of the motor car is its potential convenience, but there are now so many cars that this advantage is disappearing, especially in towns.

The costs of our transport system, based on the car, are numerous. Most important are accidents - in 1972, 14 people were KILLED in Brighton, and 183 badly injured (nationally, 20-30 people are killed every day, and 200-300 seriously injured); roads already consume around 25% of a town's area, and 'necessary' new ones destroy communities; cars cost an average of over £500 a year to keep and run, and cost non-motorist taxpayers some £1,000m. each year; cars can never bring convenient transport to everyone - there will always be some people who are too young or too old or too ill or too disabled or too poor or even just too drunk to drive (at the moment only about half the families in Britain have a car, and only a tenth have two). One of the more

subtle disadvantages of the car is its psychological effect; a pedestrian trying to cross a busy road might well be reminded of daleks - machines with tunnel vision containing an unsympathetic life form deep within them, dealing out death and injury to anyone who will not submit to them.

Despite the large numbers of people who are forced to rely on public transport, bus services in Brighton are appalling, and are being allowed to get rapidly worse. They are unreliable and inconvenient, and slow - their average speed being only 10 m.p.h. around the town; and these failings all arise from the excessive use of the motor car in the town.

We cannot allow our transport system to continue to develop unplanned. Obviously in the long term, a civilised system will be based on automated public transport, both in towns and between them. It must be public so that it is available to all people; and it must be automated to be safe.

● Britain has the most congested road system in the world with 63 vehicles for every mile of road

● The number of cars on British roads in the last 20 years has increased by 77%, from 4.4m. to 14.9m.

● A recent report by the Brighton Area Transportation Services estimated that the scheduled speed of buses in Brighton town centre now, despite technical advances in functional performance is the same as in 1920 - 10 m.p.h. They fear that as traffic gets worse there is a great danger of even this low speed being reduced further with a disastrous effect on the economy and structure of services.

● In the Brighton area in the period 1966 - 71 some 14.1 m. passengers were lost by the public transport services, an annual rate of decline of 3.8m.

Cars will be around for a long time to come, and in some form or other they may always be with us, but from now on they must be kept firmly in their place, and used to serve our society instead of dominating it as they are now coming to do.

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**WHAT THE BUS PEOPLE SAY.**

The Brighton Area Transport Services Report stresses the need for urgent action by the local highway authorities to implement bus priority proposals which will maintain and improve the present level and reliability of the services.

**THE GROANERS.**

First in line in the opposition to proposals to restrict cars from city centres are the shop-keepers. Their community awareness appears to be limited to how much they count out of the till each evening, part of which of course helps pay for the damage that is being done by the traffic outside their shop windows. But for most part it is the shoppers themselves who have to pay for the cost of congestion.

**FREE TRANSPORT COSTS LESS**

Free transport means no fares. But how are we going to pay for it? Libraries are free, medical attention is free, education is free and we have accepted them as such, so why not transport? We say that public transport must be free, in the same way as health and education, because the consequences of it not being free are detrimental to what we hope is a free society. The massive development of public transport is essential to the life of our cities. Unrestricted

movement of private cars in our cities costs money, it cost a hell of a lot more than what would be needed to provide a free public transport service. Every time a car travels into the centre of town it costs the community money, it damages the environment, it wastes the time of others, it pollutes the atmosphere it demands space while it is parked, space that is in very short supply in city centres. We can't afford the luxury of cars in our town centres.

**THE ALTERNATIVES**

1 The complete acceptance of the unrestrained movements of cars, involving nothing less than the complete transformation of our cities. Urban motorways cost £4-5m per mile and the subsequent loss of housing through demolition. It involves the massive provision of city-centre car parks, which means tearing down Brighton's Georgian squares and streets and the building of environmental disaster areas like Regency Rd. It means that the less privileged members of society, those who can't afford cars especially the elderly and the disabled, will be completely isolated.

2. The restraining of cars from entering city centres and the expansion and modernization of public transport. The building of highways to divert traffic away from and around the urban centres.

**What The Bus People Say...**

For well over a year now the Evening Argus has carried regular ads. for bus drivers. It costs something like £200 to train a bus driver but for £25 per week wages it's not surprising that the wage-slaves are not exactly rushing forward. If you want a decent bus service then you have to pay for it.

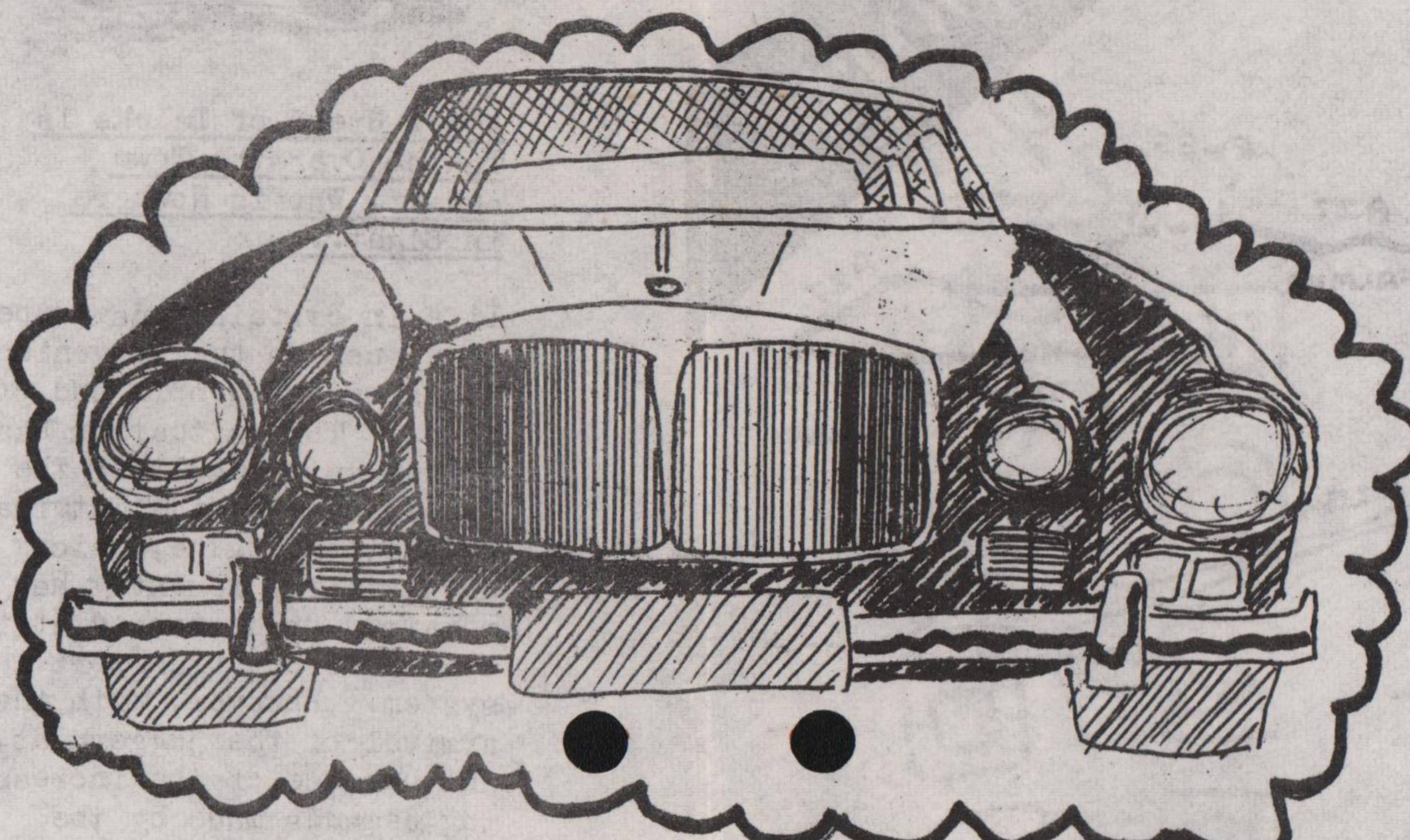
**ROADS.**

The Brighton Area Structure Plan report on transportation highlighted the lack of clear definition in the road network system as most operate as all purpose roads.

"The main function of the primary distribution network is to provide for the free movement of through and inter town traffic and some idea of the degree of conflict which exists at present can be gained from the fact that less than one-third of the study area primary network effectively fulfils this prime function."

All of which points to the necessary implementation of the new downs road proposal from Shoreham by-pass across to the A27 as recommended by the Brighton Urban Structure Plan.

# people not cars



## The Problem

The problem of traffic congestion in Brighton is more or less the same as anywhere else - what to do with the car? The car has proved to be the most convenient mode of transport yet devised, and there is little likelihood that its popularity will decline in the future. But the car poses serious problems for our environment especially in our town centres.

The more cars that pour into our city centres the greater the congestion. The greater the congestion the more rapid the decline in public transport services. Their reliability deteriorates especially at peak rush hours as buses become, and the consequent disruption of timetables heightens the frustration of passengers and enhances the desirability of owning a car and using it for access to town centres.

The loss of passengers on public services means either increasing fares or more generally cutting back on existing services, in which case the private car becomes increasingly the dominant mode of transport and adds even more to the congestion. It is a vicious circle of declining public transport and increasing congestion, a pattern that is being repeated through our urban centres.

Planners have been at work for the last seven years providing recommendations that the council has paid little heed to. Congestion costs money, of which only a fraction is paid for by the motorists themselves through road tax. The car has become one of the major threats to the quality of urban life.

**What The Planners Say --**

"The heart of the problem lies in the rapid and continuing increase in car ownership. This has led to mounting congestion on the inadequate road system particularly in the central area of Brighton where the main routes A23, A27, and A259 converge. One of the results is that the existing bus services are seriously disrupted. Unless positive action is taken the congestion and environmental pollution inherent in the present situation will increase."

**THE PLANS.**

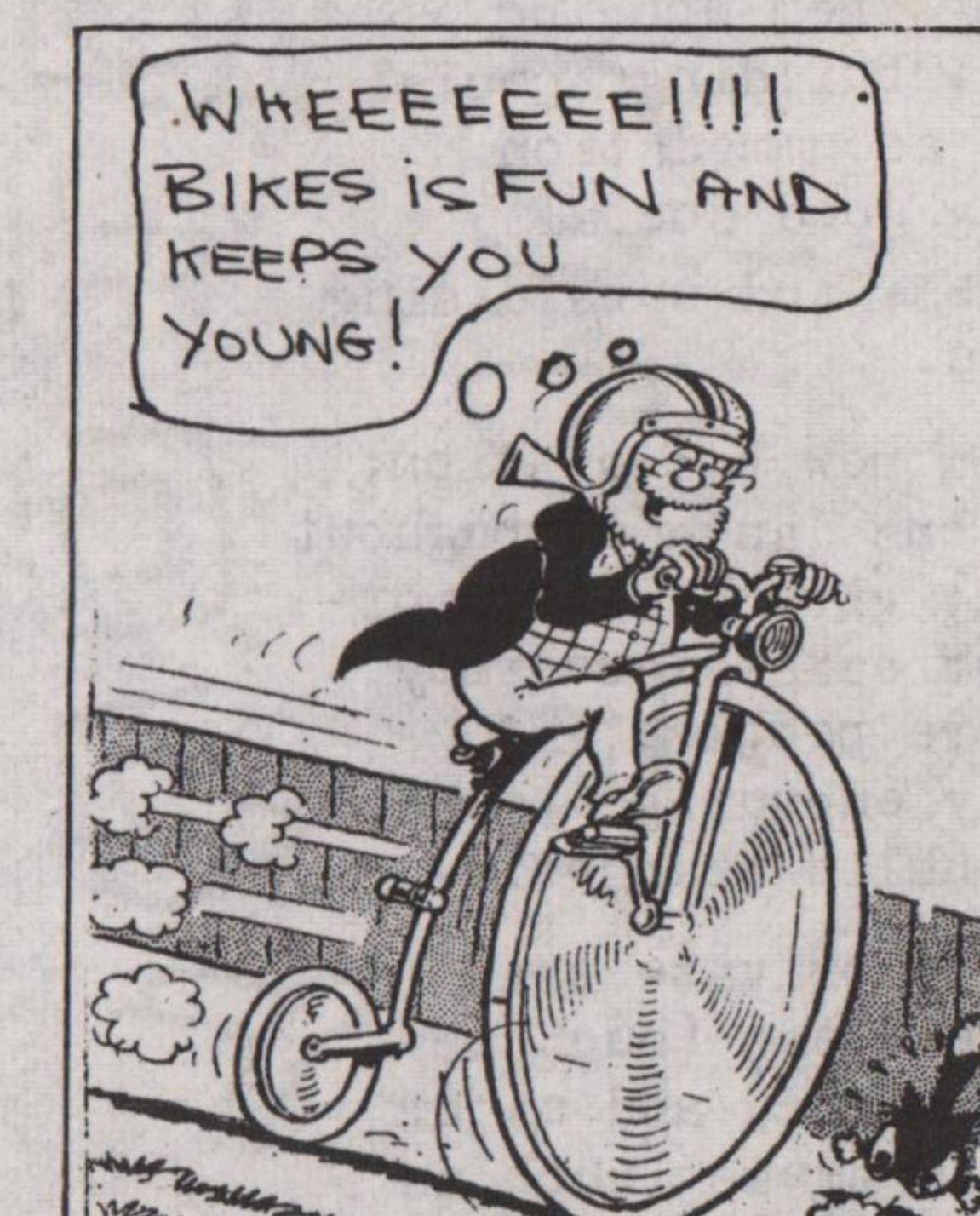
1. In 1967 Hugh Wilson and Lewis Womersley, traffic consultants were commissioned to present a report on transport in Brighton. The report took 5 years to produce and cost £80,000.
2. In 1966 the Brighton Area Land Use and Transportation Survey was undertaken. The introduction of the new development plan system under the Town and Country Planning Act 1968 prompted the local Planning Authorities of East and West Sussex County councils and Brighton county Borough council to jointly prepare an urban structure plan for the coastal area between Lancing and Seaford. The initial transportation survey was drawn into the Brighton Urban Structure Plan, whose recommendations for transport strategies appeared in September 1972.

**THE PROPOSALS****THE WILSON AND WOMERSLEY PLAN.**

The suggestions were based around the Brighton Town Centre Box. The main aim is to remove as much extraneous traffic as possible from the town centre in particular the main shopping streets, the sea front and Valley Gardens. The east-west section of the box proposes the realignment of the A27, between Dyke Rd and Ditchling Rd with a major interchange at Preston Circus. On the West side a new road is proposed connecting the A27 to the A259 (sea front road) somewhere along the Hove/Brighton boundary. On the East side a connection between Kempdown and the east of Valley Gardens. Also proposed is a spine road to run from Preston Circus to the King At/Broad St redevelopment area where a new car park and bus station would be sited. The plan necessitates the demolition of 600 houses. The plan has been rejected.

**THE BRIGHTON URBAN STRUCTURE PLAN (B.U.S.P.)**

The main proposal is for a new road across the downs to act as an east-west distributor, located mainly to the north of the built up area from the Shoreham By-pass (A27) to the Lewes Rd. (A27) at Coldean on the outskirts of Brighton, connecting with the A23 north of Patcham. The B.U.S.P. casts serious doubt on the western and eastern sides of the town centre box plan. Both would have to pass through residential areas which are worthy of conservation or improvement, involving the demolition of hundreds of houses and the intrusion of traffic into relatively quiet areas. However the new link road Between Dyke and Ditchling Rd. with a major intersection at Preston Circus is seen as essential.





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Think how much transport has changed in the last hundred years; and think what form you'd like it to take in another hundred years' time, bearing in mind the damage and impending chaos associated with the motor car. And having done that, write to the Corporation and to your Councillors - perhaps along similar lines to the following:

Dear Brighton Corporation,

You seem to be incapable of taking a long-term view of the development of Brighton, and are therefore destroying the town. You are turning it into a drab desert of houses, roads and offices, and are allowing public transport to deteriorate so much that it would appear you'd like to get rid of it altogether. If you are not careful, the town will become a sea of old people's homes; and you will have turned it from a fascinating town to live in, into a dreary town to die in.

Please realise that cars have no place in towns - people need mobility not cars, and the only fair, rational and civilised way of providing mobility is through public transport. Although there can be no immediate transformation, you must work steadily towards this goal, or by criminal negligence you will have destroyed Brighton.

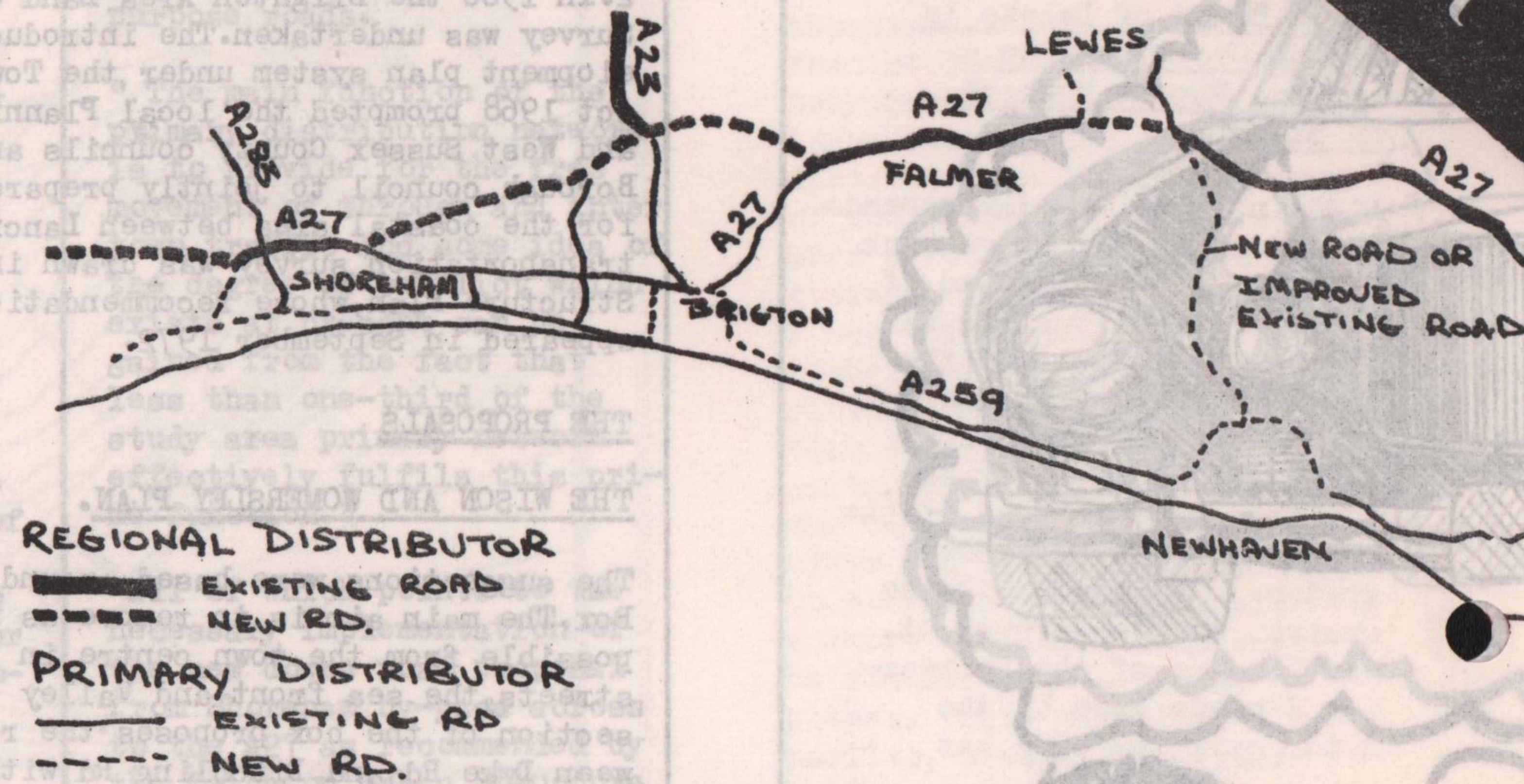
You MUST

- attract new public transport staff to overcome the present chronic shortage, by giving them housing priority, building special low-rent accommodation, providing good social facilities, and subsidising all these.

- build a new bus station; provide bus lanes throughout the town; give buses priority over cars since they carry more people; and generally encourage people to use public transport.

- close to private traffic sensitive areas (such as Valley Gardens) and major pedestrian areas (such as shopping streets - the

**BRIGHTON URBAN STRUCTURE PLAN  
PROPOSED NEW ROAD ACROSS  
THE DOWNS.**



**WHAT WE SAY**

- 1 Ban all vehicles from a designated central area of Brighton, except for buses, service vehicles, residents vehicles, cars used for business, and disabled drivers.
- 2 Free Public Transport
- 3 Construct the downs link road
- 4 Increase wages of bus drivers
- 5 Periphery construction of car parks with frequent bus services to the town centre.
- 6 Municipalisation of all car parks
- 7 Extension of control of on-street parking to Hove.
- 8 Restriction on the use of cars for the journey to work.

Western Road scheme is excellent, and should be extended as quickly as possible); and keep through traffic out of residential roads.

You must NOT -

- build any more new roads or central car parks.
- encourage the increasing use of cars (e.g. by permitting such things as hypermarkets by the station).

- destroy Brighton. At the moment only a few people regret your present lack of foresight - one day every one will.

Please for a change try and think not just a few years ahead, but a few decades - because the decisions you make now will affect us for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Stroud.

**Brighton's famous people.**

If you live in Brighton you are always seeing Famous People all over the place. There's Adam Faith frequently spotted in The Bistro and Jimmy Saville doing his Saville's Travels for charity along the sea-front. There's our own Supa-Star, Sir Lawrence twinkling away in Royal Crescent as he cleans his car and Duffy ('Please Sir') always opening up Co-op fetes. At a jumble sale I met this woman who used to be in 'Mrs Dale's Diary' and an extra in 'The Clockwork Orange' went off with my friend's wife, after they met in the Hervey Arms. Yes, there are Famous People every where.

When I lived in Chichester Terrace I was always bumping into Dame Anna Neagle and Cecil Beaton in the Kemptown gardens and in the flat below mine lived this University lecturer who was very trendy and used expressions like 'uptight' and 'ripped off' long before anyone else did and he had all these Famous Friends. I often caught a glimpse of Christopher Logue leaping up the stairs

with his typewriter, plymolls and C.N.D. badge - in fact I once went down to borrow some tea and Christopher Logue himself opened the door. 'May I have some tea?' I said trying to make out I wasn't impressed by him being so Famous and all and he handed me some brown stuff wrapped in silver paper - special blend? Indeed it all happens if you live in Chichester Terrace. I was one day sunbathing on the roof with my husband, children and 5 lodgers and we were listening to the Freaky Stereo Sounds coming up from the Trendy lecturer who was sunbathing (with Christopher Logue) on his balcony, when a representative from Bernard Thorpes stuck his head round our chimney and said 'I'm showing an important client round this next door penthouse and you lot rather lower the tone sprawled out there like that' - so we all sprawled a bit more and peered over the chimney and saw Michael Caine standing on the patio - I was all for getting his autograph but it meant a nude scramble down the wall:

Last May I heard that my favourite Famous Writer - Saul Bellow - was staying at Monks House, Rodmell. I was there I can tell you, hanging around all weekend. I stood and waited for a glimpse of my hero. At one point I noticed a small note fluttering on the front door - perhaps it said something like:

Dear Abe - gone up the shop for some sugar - love Saul.

- so I decided to rip it off as a souvenir and stick it in the front of my copy of 'Augie Marsh' - When I sneaked up the path of Monks House and read the note it said:

These ancient planks were once a door, But now it won't open any more.

So if you want to be let in, Go round the back and give a loud ring.

- and I am quite certain my hero didn't write that. In fact I never got to see him - I'd got the wrong month, he had left in April.

**ROVING REPORTER.**

P.S. If I have failed to mention some of Brighton's Famous People perhaps they will contact The Voice and tell us how Famous they are and where they can be spotted.

**fingers in the Pies column**

Last month the Voice showed how certain individuals, with a mesh of fingers in property speculation and merchant banking, stand to gain from the proposed redevelopment of Jubilee St. and the important central site around it.

We named Henry Nathan SPORBORG (recreations: riding and fox-hunting) as a director of Bishops-gate Property and General Investments Ltd., the holding company owning 2 million shares in the outfit which will do the Jubilee St. job.

Well guess what? Henry N. Sporborg is a shareholder of the Peachey Property Company, the company which is anxious to tear down Brighton Station. And who

should be a director of Peachey Property, in which Henry has invested? No less than yet another Sporborg; Christopher Henry SPORBORG, whose recreations we can only guess at.

Those Sporborg boys really do have an interest in our welfare. Henry Nathan's got all the worry of directing 46 other companies in UK, Belgium, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Cyprus and Guernsey, and he still cares enough about us to want to build some lovely offices. Christopher Henry too must have to drag himself away from directing South African & General Investment Nominees Ltd. and Australian Finance and Investment Co. Ltd., to make decisions about priorities for land use in the middle of our little town.

Our gratitude shouldn't let us forget that 1% of the adult population owns over 25% of personal wealth in this country; that 20,000 people have personal fortunes of £390,000 or more; and that the redistribution of wealth in the UK over the past 100 years has not been between rich and poor, but between successive generations of the same old families.



'GOLDEN WEDDING'?

How are you celebrating the royal wedding? The magazine Antique Dealer and Collector's Guide decide to cash in by turning out 800 of these ugly little horseshoes, for you to buy. They say 'The equestrian interests which brought the couple together are symbolised by their initials entwined in the brilliant craftsmanship of Mr Christopher Walton'.

Anyone else can see that it's the sight of a good profit which brings together the people who make, sell, and buy these things. Yes, even the people who buy them stand to gain, since the horse shoes are made of silver or 9 carat gold, and will keep their value and more. Ordinary people, of course, don't have the capital to buy them, and the value of their money just falls all the time - if you buy anything you'll almost certainly be the loser.

(By the way, the speculators buy these horseshoes since it's illegal to hoard straightforward lumps of gold and silver - not because they're sentimental about the wedding).

But don't take our word for it. Send off for one of the 750 silver horseshoes at only £25.

each (a year's bus rides into town?). Or, if you don't need the money towards, say, the year's rent or feeding the family, buy one of the 50 gold ones at £250. each.

The horseshoes come in a velvet-lined presentation case. Post and packing is extra.

Pete and Noreen, in Whitehawk have been married 2 years and are still living in one room (at Noreen's mums) with their baby - till they can find a flat of their own.

We all know someone who won't have to store her furniture and muck in with her mum until she can find a flat don't we?



£250

14 November 1973 £98.50



P.S. If you can't afford £250, the Post Office is very generously offering gold and silver copies of its 3p and 20p wedding stamps for £98.50 per pair. Profits will go to the Post Office instead of a company, although there really isn't any difference. The Post Office guarantees to raise the postage rate to 4p in 1974. If you're really hard up, go for a free souvenir Royal Wedding mug - only 15 Maxwell House labels....

ROYAL RIP OFF...

what the kids say...

I suppose we get the day off so the teachers can go to the Royal wedding. Shane

It's a good job Prince Andrew doesn't com to our school because he might get his Mum up the school if he got Told of.

The Royal Family

It is princess anne's wedding on 14th November and I think that my dad's right saying that princess anne looks like a horse and I hope one day shes on her horse and it bucks and she falls and I suppose mark phillips is going to be could the eale of winder the old poof

P. Anne scoop

Did you know that Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips first met in Sussex - yes - Sussex - at the Eridge Horse Trials. Brighton Voice Collective decided to investigate this remarkable fact and we sent our own Roving Reporter who came up with several other startling revelations:-  
1) Anne, then 16, was on holiday from Benenden school.  
2) Auntie Marg and Uncle Tone have a holiday hideaway Sussex cottage near Nymans.  
3) George Henry Ince, who was not connected with the Barn Murder and in no way connected with the Bullion Robbery, has not been invited to the Royal Wedding either.  
- and wait for it -

4) Anne had her official 16th birthday photograph taken in the drawing room, at Uckfield home of Lord Rupert and Lady Nevill!

One fact R.R. unearthed, which throws an illuminating light on the personality of our gracious princess was that when 16 Anne rode in the Battle Riding Club taking part in a fierce Norman jousting display and she loved going on Rook Climbing expeditions - tackling those 50ft high sandstone rocks in the grounds of Lord Abergavenny's park.

For even more startling exposes don't miss 'Anne and the Princesses Royal' by Helen Cathoart who does this sort of thing even better than Roving Reporter.

Stylliano's

£7 Slum.

Mr and Mrs Ashford were married in January 1967. Mrs. Ashford had been on Brighton's housing list for several years, but her husband had not - so they went right to the bottom. In 1969, after living at five different addresses, they heard that Mrs. Ashford's brother was ill and alone in Lincoln. They enquired at the Housing Dept. whether there was any accomodation for them yet, and on being told there wasn't set off for Lincoln.

After the death of her brother they returned to Brighton to look for somewhere to live. Having spent £50 on bed-and-breakfasts, and still finding nowhere to live, they were forced to return to Lincoln.

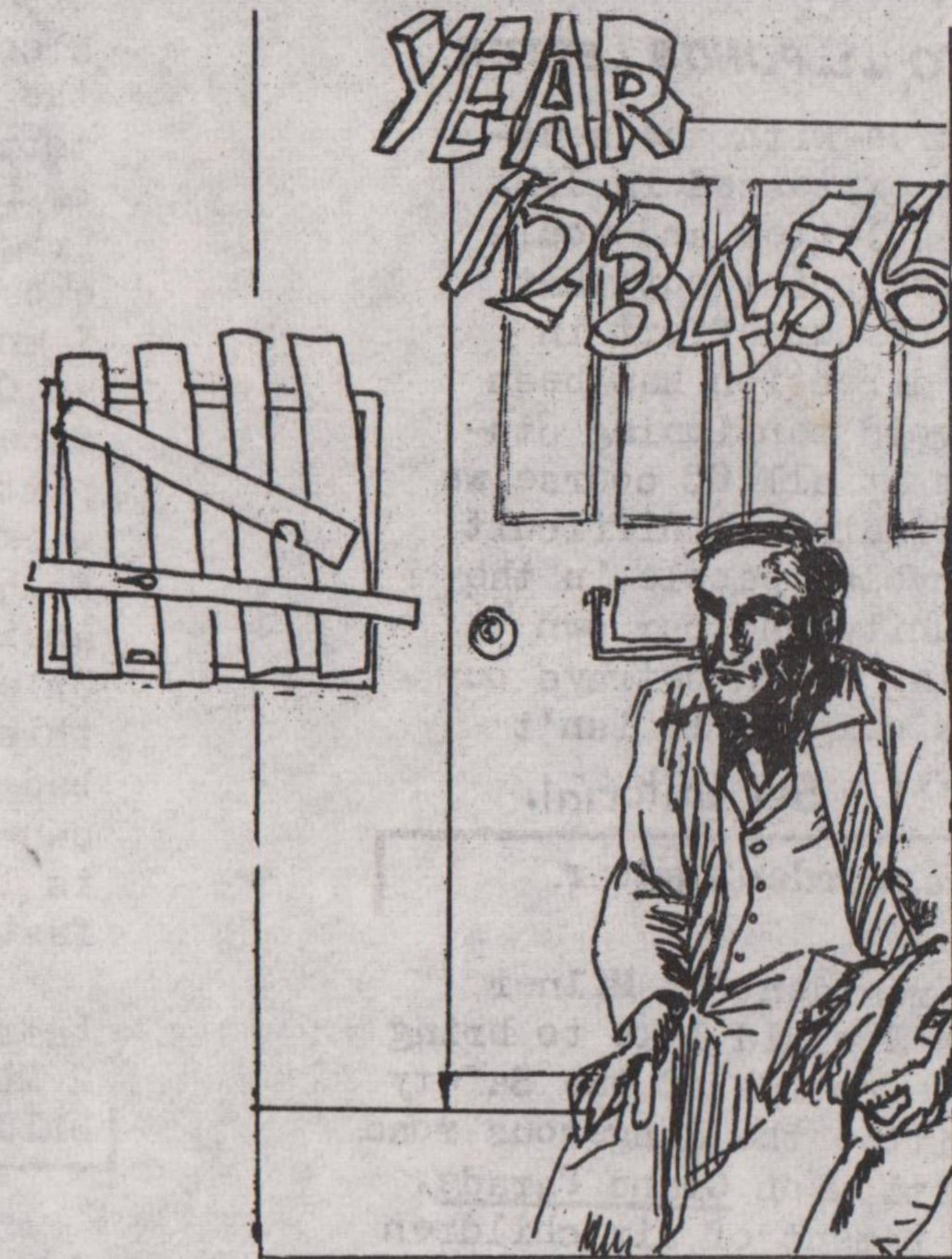
Shortly afterwards Mrs. Ashford returned to Brighton alone to find a flat. This time luck was more on her side, and she found one at 53, Brunswick Road, Hove. However, unknown to the Ashfords, their stay in Lincoln had greatly prejudiced their standing on the housing list, and by living in Hove they lost all right to inclusion in Brighton's list. Nobody explained all this to the Ashfords, and it wasn't in the interest of Brighton to do so. Any reduction in a crisis-housing list, even by underhand methods, is welcome.

Brighton has a waiting list for over 1,000 homes but plans to build only a very few houses next year - and none at all after that.

In any case even had the Ashfords been aware that living in Hove deprived them of their right to a council home in Brighton, they could have done little about it, since they couldn't find anywhere in Brighton to live.

The Ashfords left Brunswick Square, on the advice of a local welfare worker and went to live in Brunswick Terrace. Here Mrs. Ashford landed back in hospital and her doctor contacted the housing department to point out their immediate need to be rehoused. Only then did the Brighton housing department tell them that to get accomodation they must move back into Brighton.

Though they had three times forfeited their place on the waiting list, their position on the list was subsequently backdated to March 1968 - only 14 mths later than the date of their marriage! And this was because their case was URGENT.



So they took up flat-hunting in Brighton once more. It took them 9mths to find somewhere at 3 Middle Street. But it was here that the problems really began. The room is a basement requiring the expense of electric light all day because it is so dark. The couple are obliged to sleep in a single bed 'cos the other is too damp to sleep in. There is moisture running down the walls and all the Ashford's clothing is getting covered with mildew. It is cold and Mrs Ashford suffers particularly because of her chronic bronchitis. She rarely spends a night, even with sleeping tablets, without waking up. Her husband has to get out of bed as many as 6 times to refill the hot water bottle - and he has a weak heart.

The Public Health Inspectors when invited to visit the premises by the F.T.A. decided to put a closing order on the room (whereby it is declared unfit for human habitation) and said a realistic estimate on the couple being rehoused was 'between 6 months and a year'. Public Health Inspectors are now limited to only 3 closing orders a month because of the lack of availability of council-owned accomodation.

As if these inhuman conditions weren't bad enough, the landlord, MR. STYLLIANO only aggravates them. When their cooker broke, he left them 8 days without any means of cooking and they were reduced to boiling milk in their (own) kettle. To top it all he is charging them the extortionate rent of £7 per week, and is refusing to pay them back their £28 deposit because of the 'slashing of the carpet' which is actually in perfect condition. Desperate for help, they eventually went to 'Open' Cafe and were referred to the Furnished Tenants' Association which is doing its best to help them, but the prospect is a gloomy one. Although they have 3 medical certificates recommending that alternative accomodation be found for them, Brighton's Housing Manager says that he 'doubts whether this will be possible before the end of the year'. The Health Dept. at York buildings say that they have so many cases of equal urgency that they are powerless to help.

The morale of the Ashfords is at rock bottom and they are convinced they will die in the place if not moved soon. Mrs. Ashford has even considered jumping off the pier. It does not matter which department, or which tier of government (local or national) the responsibility lies with, for people to have to live in squalid conditions like this which are literally killing them.

To get them another room would seem the obvious answer. However, to do this would only remove them from the priority housing list and put back even further the date of their getting, after all these years, a decent place to live.

If, when the time comes to move them, they are no longer there because they couldn't hang on long enough, because they didn't fit in with the housing policy, we will all be guilty.

tenants unite

If you're a furnished tenant, live in a flat, rented house, or bed-sit why not come together on WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at the Young Adults Centre? Come and find out who your neighbours are - all over Brighton and Hove - and work together to better your own and others' conditions - ANY furnished tenant is very welcome. See INFO





# THE VOICE

Brighton Voice is becoming a true 'community paper' - that is, written by the community for the community. Since the last issue a number of people have contacted us because they wish to publicise various struggles which are taking place in our town. Mrs Patricia Morden from Milner Flats, for example, wanted to write something on the dangers of traffic in her area. (See her article on This page) It is depressing to see the dismal accomodation of Milner flats. The traffic there is terrible, there are only concrete balconies and small areas of asphalt where the children can play and a sickening smell of rotting vegetables pervades each house - coming from the vegetable market behind the flats and causing hundreds of flies to invade the flats during hot weather. Fortunately there are women like Mrs Morden living there who have not given up in despair but who are fighting to publicise conditions at the flats. The traffic danger which Mrs Morden describes is only one of the many problems these families must cope with. Other members of the community who have contacted Brighton Voice have been people from the Whitehawk Tenants Association to publicise their 'Save Whitehawk Campaign'. The people who produced the leaflet 'Education on the Cheap' want to write something on Education in Brighton and Stan called round feeling depressed by the suspicious and unfriendly attitude he'd met with amongst our 'alternative people' and he also had plenty to say about squatting. He has been involved in many squats and if you are interested in squatting contact Stan via The Voice. Councillor Bill Adams (labour) (Pier Ward) had a long letter in the Argus and it was clear that he had carefully read our last issue (though it was a pity that the Editor of Postbox saw fit to cut out Counc. Adams mention of 'Brighton Voice'), it was also clear than Counc. Adams agreed wholeheartedly with our reports on the accomodation crisis in Brighton. Finally Peter from Shoreham phoned to say he was impressed by the work of the Sussex Poverty Action Group which he'd read about

in Brighton Voice and he plans to start up a similar group in Shoreham. This is the kind of feed-back we want - THIS IS WHAT A COMMUNITY PAPER IS ALL ABOUT.

### REPLY TO J.L. POND'S LETTER.

We agree with the sentiment expressed in J.L. Pond's letter and would like to point out that part of our effort in that direction has been to avoid mentioning students at all. Of course, we are finding it difficult to involve people in the community, and our own writing often betrays our class origins. It isn't easy... See editorial.

### mrs. morden's letter.

As a resident of Milner Flats I would like to bring to the notice of the Safety Committee the dangerous road condition on Grand Parade. As a parent of six children who frequently use this road to get to North Road Swimming Baths. I feel I either have to take the younger ones myself or rely on my older children doing so, even then I am not at rest because of the large vehicles which travel down Grand Parade at very reckless speeds, also buses. The children have to keep looking left and right up the straight road and at the same time watch for traffic coming from the un-named road between the gardens. I have waited up to 10 minutes to cross the road and let's face it, how many children will be that patient. I have seen children dive between the cars and narrowly miss being hit. Old age pensioners also use the road a great deal to get their pensions from Gloucester Place P.O. and as a lot of these people are very unsure of themselves on their feet they can not rush across, so it means they may wait for a very long time and in winter months this is very hard on them. Sometimes you do get the odd thoughtful driver - usually Bus or Lorry drivers who will stop but even then you take a chance as to whether you will be hit by a vehicle coming on the other side of the stopped vehicle.

Surely the answer to all these problems would be a SUBWAY like the one on the seafront, going underneath the road from the bottom of Carlton Hill to the bottom of North Road. (This will also enable children to use the library and old people too, who are too scared to cross that road, it is very frightening for them at the crossing by Radio Brighton). I know there is a crossing at Church Street but let's face facts, how many people particularly old folk can walk right down there. We have seen some terrible accidents at this crossing. Unless something is done on this road I can see a really bad accident will happen. I can only say that this road is like a race track and fast becoming a Death Trap.

Patricia Morden. (Mrs)  
2 Milner Flats.  
BRIGHTON.

## NEWHAVEN SQUAT.

'I'm squatting here so that I might be able to get my 3 children out of care' - these words came from a homeless mother who is squatting in empty property in Newhaven. Four houses in Newhaven have been taken over by homeless families this month. 3 of the families are from caravan sites in the area which close this week. This closure will leave at least another 11 families with no homes. A fisherman, his wife and 6 children from Hampden Vale caravan site were the first to move into a house in Brighton Road. All the empty houses are owned by the Transportation Committee and are being kept empty until the families made homeless when the new ring road is built can then be installed. Meanwhile the houses, all in excellent condition, have all been standing empty for over three years - and when is the ring road going to start? All 4 families squatting have offered to pay rates and other bills and maintain the houses they have occupied.

# ADS & INFO

(continued)

(Phone 734375) Wanted a bike - must be cheap

DEMONSTRATION. 'Don't let them sell Whitehawk' at the Fown Hall. Nov 22nd (against plans to build 7,600 PRIVATE FLATS AND HOUSES in centre of Whitehawk - for luxury yacht owners from the Marina?)

Someone saw this ad. in a shop and phoned. Read what happened:-

A SMALL SINGLE FLATLET, FITTED H & C, BASIN, SEVERAL BATHROOMS, CHW. PHONE 739900. 17, BRUNSWICK SQUARE, HOVE.

Homeless Guy:- I'm calling about the flatlet you have advertised. Is it still available?

Landlady:- Well 2 people are coming to look at it, I want to get the right person, you know. Are you in business in Brighton?

Guy:- No, I'm unemployed at the moment.

Landlady:- What do you do?

Guy:- I'm a teacher but I'm unemployed at the moment.

Landlady:- Will you be able to pay the rent?

Guy:- Well, how much is it?

Landlady:- 4.75 a week. Are you on public assistance?

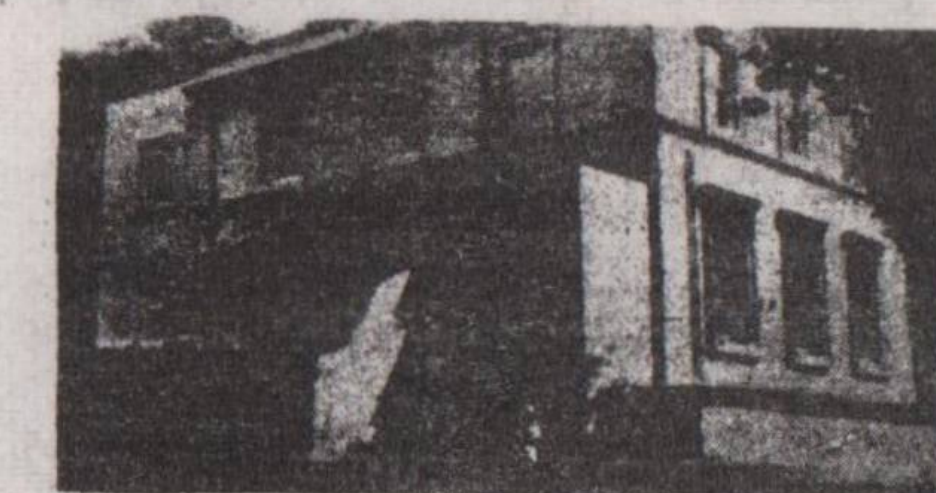
Guy:- Yes.

Landlady:- Oh, I don't think I like people on public assistance.

Guy:- Goodbye.

### Comment from the Collective:-

We suggest the Guy who wrote the above contact the newly weds moving into the pad in the photo below - they'll have plenty of spare rooms - tell them you're prepared to decorate, renovate, baby-sit etc...



LOCATED WITHIN GROUNDS OF RMA, SANDHURST, EARLY 19TH-CENT. DETACHED HOUSE. 5 BEDS, 2 BATH, 3 RECF, KITCHEN, HALL, LOBBY, WINE CELLAR, C/H. NEEDS SOME DECORATION

Richard Moseley from NCCL is giving a talk on Police Powers + Civil Liberties - University 21 Nov - 2.0 ROOM 112.

BRIGHTON LABOUR CLUB. Wed Dec 5th. 7.30. Ken Walpole speaking (one of the founders of the Brighton Rents Project). 'Recording Biographies'

### EMERGENCY ACCOMODATION.

A crash pad service has been running for two years at OPEN and is used extensively by people passing through Brighton, those locked out, evicted etc. Normally help can only be given for one night so come before the pubs close

### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

in the public gallery, Town Hall, last Thursday each month.

BRIGHTON WORKERS BOOKSHOP. 37, Gloucester Rd. Brighton. 684404.

'The Worker' and other literature published by the Communist Party of Britain (M.L.), theoretical Marxist-Leninist books and books on the struggles of workers, nationally and internally, available at The Bookshop open all day Saturday and weekdays from 2-6p.m.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS:

8p.m. Friday 23rd Nov. 'Housing in Britain'  
8p.m. Friday 14th Dec. 'The Labour Party: 50 years of betrayal'.

### Readers Meetings.

A fortnightly meeting of local readers of the Worker to critically discuss The Worker.

7.30p.m. tea for 8p.m. Thurs. 22nd Nov.

Any teacher wants to take class to see Jesus-Christ-Super-Star? Manager of Astoria will put on a special morning show for school kids if 500 can be got together - 20p each - phone 691712 for details.

Free cooking class details phone 691712.

Copy Date for Brighton Voice No 9. December 7th

Hullo reader!  
This is a talk-bubble from Brighton Voice Collective [Tel 69319].  
Can you WRITE - TYPE - SELL - ARGUE - DRAW CRAFTY PICTURES; - MAKE COFFEE - WASH UP - LAUGH YOUR SELF DAFT -  
JOIN US!

LEGAL EDUCATION PROJECT  
- being set up, aiming to extend awareness of legal rights and to pressure for legal action in the local community. The first step is to start a working group to arrange meetings. Will link up with work of other groups in Brighton - The Line, Claimants Union, + the F.T.A. and will organise talks + meetings in schools, youth clubs etc.  
FIRST MEETING THURSDAY. 15 NOVEMBER - 8.00 P.M.  
THE LINE - 2 GLOUCESTER RD BRIGHTON.