



shops

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Open is Open Again!
for food in the
daytime -
And that's good.

BRIGHTON VOICE

No.9.

4p

it's nice to have a
job at Xmas but out
of all these shops
down Western Road
the **BOSSSES** are
all the same... so I
did a little survey
and found.....



WHAT THE TOP EXECUTIVES EARNED LAST YEAR.

* F. W. Woolworth	E. Medcalf	£43,000
* Ford	W. Batty	£42,236
* Rank Hovis McDougall	J. Rank	£41,700
* Reed International	Sir Don Ryder	£40,477
* J. Lucas	Sir Kenneth Corley	£40,000
* G.E.C.	Lord Nelson	£40,000
* Bass Charrington	H. A. Walker	£39,527
* Imperial Tobacco	Sir John Partridge	£39,000
* Distillers	Sir Alex McDonald	£37,000
* Courtaulds	Lord Kearton	£36,732
* Allied Breweries	Sir Gerald Thorley	£36,312
* Bowater	J. Martin Ritchie	£36,293
* Grand Metropolitan	Highest paid director	£36,103
* BATs	R. Dobson	£35,761
* Cadbury-Schweppes	Highest paid director	£35,660
* Dunlop	Sir Reay Geddes	£35,000
* Marks & Spencer	Sir Marcus Sieff	£32,250
* Plessey	Sir John Clark	£31,643
* Unigate	Sir James Barker	£30,844
* Tate & Lyle	J. Lyle	£30,245
* Metal Box	A. W. Page	£26,172
* Esso	A. Pearce	£26,000
* Assoc. British Foods	C. Weston	£25,000
* Boots	Highest paid director	£25,000
* Dalgety	R. Withers	£23,171
* Sears Holdings	Highest paid director	£22,900
* J. Sainsbury	J. D. Sainsbury	£20,150
* Thorn Electrical	Highest paid director	£20,000
* George Wimpey	R. H. Gane	£19,988
* G.U.S.	Highest paid director	£17,500
* Brooks Bond Liebig	Sir Humphrey Prideaux	£16,305
* Tesco	H. Kreitman	£15,000

1P OFF!

BARGAIN

PRICE SLASHED

1/2 P OFF!

REDUCED!

SALE!

RIP OFF!

Most of the major stores are
parts of very large combines.
Just which stores belong to
which combine is carefully
kept from public attention.
A big combine can thus open
several seemingly separate
stores close to each other,
cutting out competition from
intruders and controlling
total group profits.
Take, for example, Sears
Holdings...

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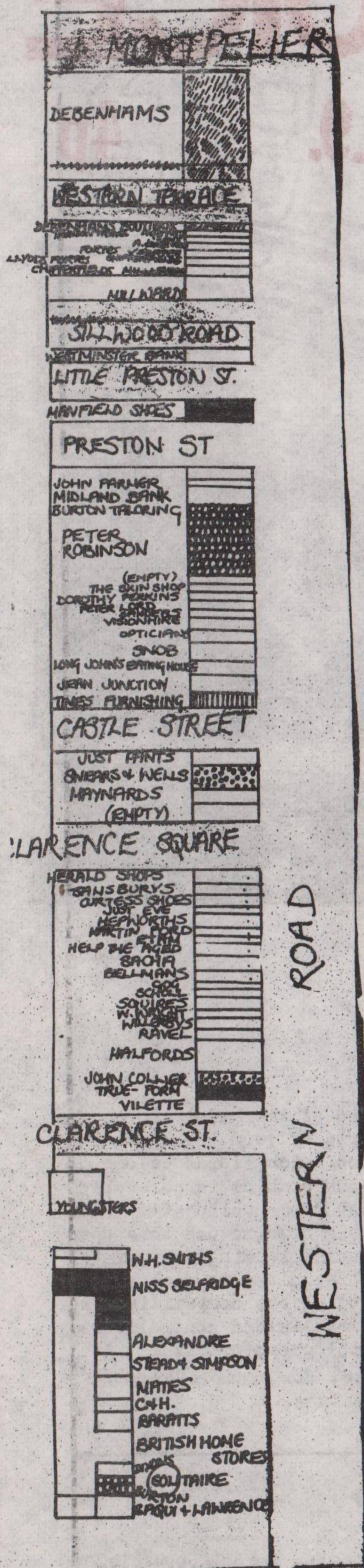
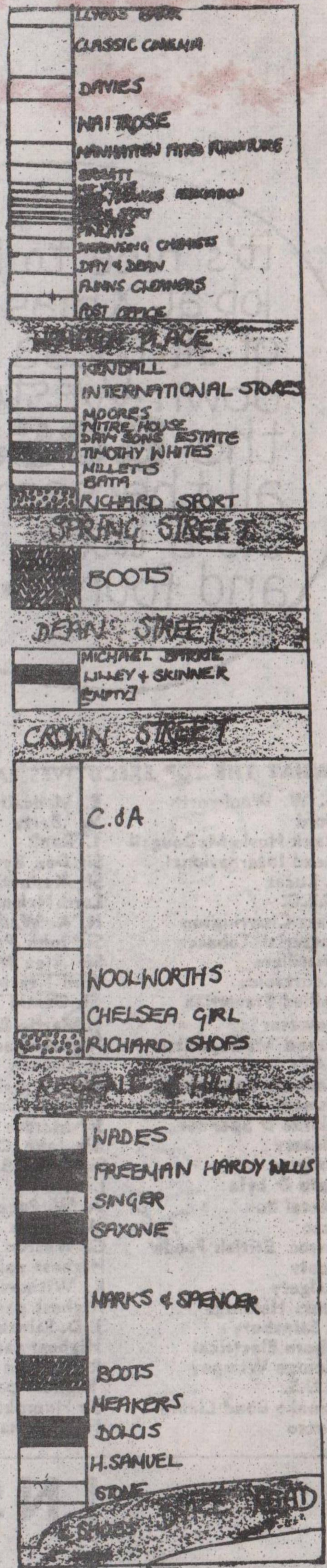
They control the following shoe shops- Freeman-Hardy and Willis, Trueform, Dolcis, Lilley and Skinners, and Mansfields. These are the most popular shoe shops in Western Road; the only competition comes from Barrance and Fords (owned by Debenhams); Stead and Simpson, Milwards, and Ziggy's. Miss Selfridge, who also sell shoes, is also owned by Sears Holding. It can be seen from this that customers for shoes in Western Road are most likely to shop with just one company trading under several different names.

Associated British Foods owns 2532 bakery shops, 66 bakeries, as well as several mills and other businesses. They sell bread and cakes under the names of Acres, Sunblest, Tip-Top as well

as several lesser known brands. This company also own all the Fine Fare and Fine Ware supermarkets. They not only reduce the customers choice of who to buy bread from, they also manage to make huge profits, last year the company made a pre-tax profit of £36.05 millions. Roughly half of this was paid in income tax but the company still made over £18½ millions net profit.

If you decide to decorate the home for Christmas your choice of materials is becoming much more limited; one large company- Reed International - own the following companies and their trade-names - Crown, Sanderson, Shand, Wallpamur Kydd and Polycell. This company made £42.6m last year. Is it so surprising then, that all the nicest designs in wallpaper are now in only the very expensive ranges, or that constantly 'NEW IMPROVED' paints are coming out more expensive than the last?

OWNED BY SEARS HOLDINGS & CO. INC.
 OWNED BY BURTON GROUP. INCLUDES JACKSONS THE TILERS
 OWNED BY UNITED DRAPERY STORES. INCLUDES ALEXANDRE-JUNIOR BLUNDELL
 OWNED BY BOOTS. INCLUDES NENCE SMITH
 OWNED BY DEBENHAMS. INCLUDES BARRANCE & FORDS - CRESTA
 OWNED BY G.U.S. INCLUDES I.F. STORES MANCHESTER - OBERONSHU MIDDLESBROUGH - FREEMAN-HARDY & WILLIS - HAZELTON
 CLARKE'S - HAINES - DUNNAN FOSTER OWNED BY MARK HONSHILL
 ACRES - SUNBLEST - TIP TOP - OWNED BY ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS
 TESCO'S OWN VICTOR VALUE.



A GUIDE: HOW TO PUT UP PRICES

1. Try to incorporate as much useless packaging as possible - it is good for concealing what is inside.
2. Reduce the contents of the packages.
3. Or don't put up the price, just lower your costs; sausages are easily filled with bread and fat; soya beans are very cheap; air and water are cheapest of all; you can get machines to put water into meat; get one for your company.
4. Persuade everyone about a new fashion - which of course they'll have to pay more for. You may have to plan 'this years' model some years in advance.
5. Make good use of your advertising agency - they can sell anything from toilet paper to gold cigarette cutters.
6. Don't forget that, if you do put up your prices, some people won't be able to afford them. A good way round this is to sell third rate goods and last years fashion at 'slashed prices'. Many a fortune has been made this way.
7. Remember all governments are friendly towards your company, and will do all they can to maximise your profits. Of course they'll want co-operation, but the service is cheap. In the last three years the government has helped you to raise prices by introducing decimal currency and entering the Common Market. What with 'rounding up' to the nearest new penny, VAT and the Common Market agricultural policy, you've done well. So support the government's plans for METRICATION. No one knows what litres and kilos are - there's a killing to be made here.
8. ABOVE ALL, DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR CUT. Last year was a record year for profits. Make sure this year gives your firm even more. Be prepared for the ungrateful public to moan - you of your representative (of the Confederation of British Industries, National Farmer's Union, etc.) will need to have his answers ready.

HERE IS WHAT TO SAY

1. Say that world prices have gone up drastically over the last year. People will respect you because you seem to know so much about the world market; with luck they will think this accounts for all your price rises. (Meanwhile keep selling last years goods at your new prices and keep on telling everyone how many % world prices have increased.
2. Blame prices on the workers - a well tried method. The Government, press, TV and radio will back you up at no cost to your company. (Meanwhile get your employees to do more work at the same rate. This is known as 'increased efficiency!')
3. People will certainly ask you why you're selling such shoddy goods at such exorbitant prices. Patiently explain that these are 'consumer preferred products' - what the customer wants (your Marketing Department specialises in producing these excuses



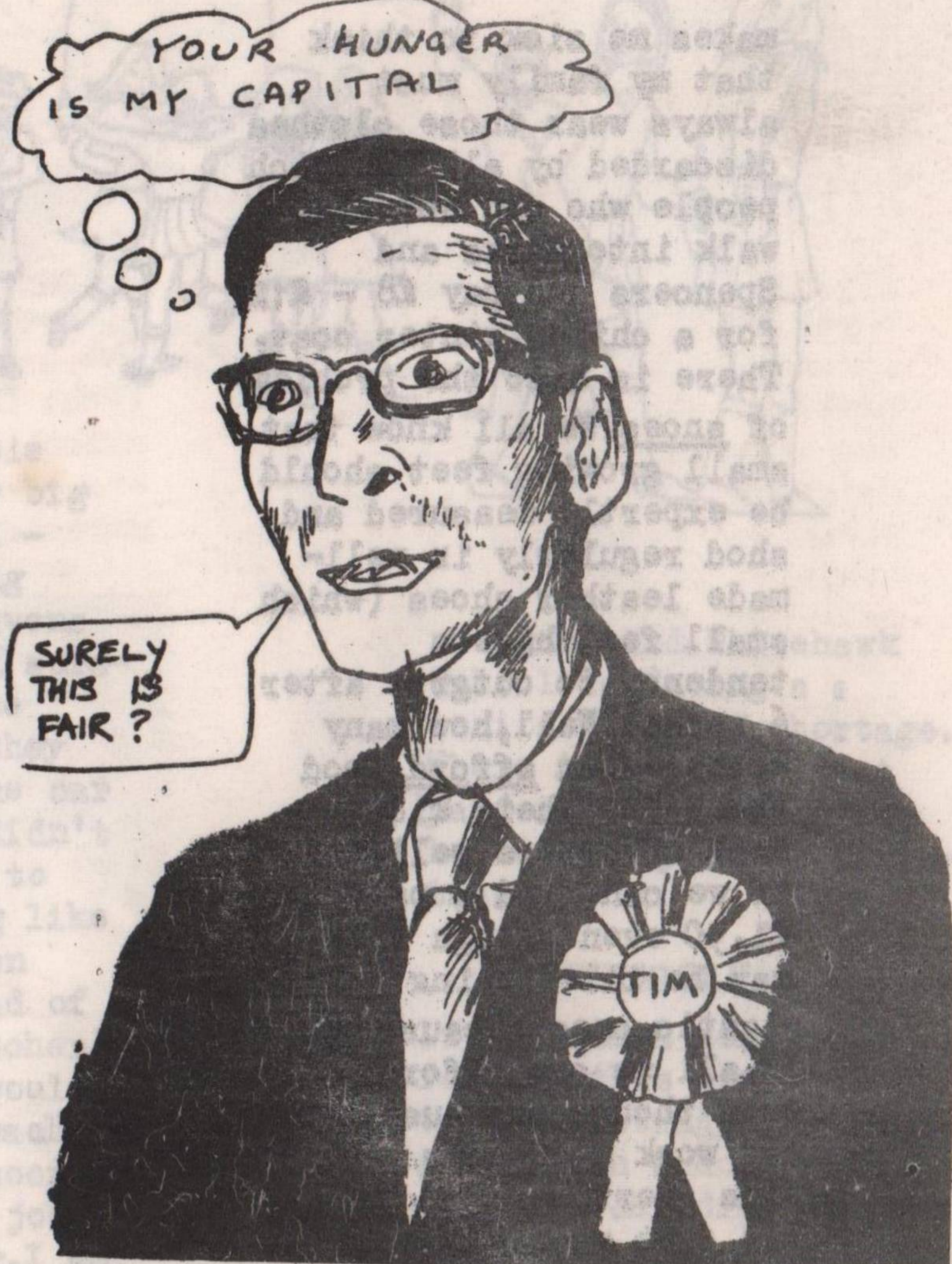
ALTERNATIVE PRICES

I bought a pound packet of fish fingers in a Supermarket down Lewes Road for 50p. I pulled off the label and found another beneath marked 45p. Being inquisitive I pulled off this label and found another marked 39p. There were no other labels. Either the government figures on food inflation are wrong or the packet has been in the shop for 2 years - or of course, I could have been ripped off.

SECONDHAND ROSE

Like most people I enjoy a good jumble sale, I like the excitement of those Saturday afternoon searches for a bargain, in fact I could say I have measured out my life with jumble sales, ranging from the posh phenomenal bargain-producing ones that the conservative ladies luncheon club organise in Lewes down to the real nitty-gritty load of rubbish usually on sale at St Georges Hall, Kempton. But now after 10 years of frantic jumbling I am suddenly cheered off with the whole scene. It occurs to me that even though my husband works a 44 hour week and even though I have a part-time job (as well as my job of cooking, cleaning, shopping, washing, child-minding etc) yet we still don't have enough money to buy NEW clothes. My two children have NEVER EVER had a new coat - all their coats have been gratefully haggled for at jumble sales and I've never thought of complaining but now it

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makes me sick to think that my family must always wear those clothes discarded by all the rich people who can actually walk into Marks and Spencers and pay £8 - £12 for a child's winter coat. There is also the problem of shoes. We all know that small growing feet should be expertly measured and shod regularly in well-made leather shoes (which small feet have a tendency to outgrow after 6 weeks). Well, how many mothers can afford good shoes for their kids? Most of us are relieved if we can find a pair for £1.50 even though they may be ill-fitting plastic ones because that is all we can afford - even though our husbands may work a 40-hour week plus overtime. I'm just as good as Benita Bowden, let's say, my kids are just as important as hers and my old man works just as many hours as hers yet I bet her kids won't grow up with flat feet and bunions. Rich kids have good feet, workers kids have flat feet, sweaty feet, chilblains and corns because their dads don't get paid enough to pay for good shoes - and I bet Mrs Bowden has never gone 2 winters without a warm coat because even the jumbles didn't have one the right size. It's not bloody fair!

is state

The anaesthetic homes the Council has built aren't really good enough; there are still times when old people are found dead after they've fallen downstairs weeks previously. Given that old people want to remain independent, and want to keep their possessions; and given that private landlords don't provide good cheap accommodation, the Brighton Council should build large two-storey houses divided

into twelve sections plus a central house for a warden, who could look in on the people every now and then. While I accept that such a project would cost a lot, I find it very hard to accept that Brighton Corporation are too poor to accept such a plan. I can only say this--

Councillors forget that OAP's have given much to the prosperity of Brighton of today. Do we not owe pensioners some consideration for their past efforts?

MENTAL HEALTH -

WHO CARES?

A disturbing facet of the way the law is used by mental hospitals to dispose of troublesome patients was highlighted by two cases recently.

Way back in March, a patient at St. Francis hospital Haywards Heath a Mr. C was restrained by police from running riot in the hospital with a shotgun. The hospital, who say they have no facilities for housing 'dangerous patients' (why not?), had intended to send Mr. C to Broadmoor.

But in transferring a patient to Broadmoor, other hospitals have to go through a slow bureaucratic process which can sometimes take as long as a year and added to this, Broadmoor is bursting at the seams, which doesn't make it any easier. However, if a patient has committed a criminal offence, then he can be automatically sent to prison.

The authorities at St. Francis weren't slow to grab this opportunity it seems, and although the police were inclined to let the incident go, St. Francis persuaded them to prosecute.

On June 21st Mr. C was convicted of unlawfully possessing a firearm and sent to Broadmoor. Before he was convicted he had spent 3 months in Lewes prison with no medical treatment to any sufficient degree. For a man suffering from severe paranoia this was no less than cruel and it was reported that his mental health had deteriorated even further.

The second case, and comparably more insidious, concerned a woman named Mrs. R., who, unlike Mr. C., had had no previous history of violence. She had complained of being harassed by a particular male nurse and, finally, her patience ran out, and she smashed a milk jug over the nurse's head.

Once again a prosecution was brought against her; she was charged with the very serious crime of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. A charge which hardly suited crime. In this case as the nearest woman's prison is Holloway in London, Mrs. R., who being elderly, suffered badly from travel sickness, was taken from London to Haywards Heath for the hearing, only to be remanded in custody for 7 days, in Holloway, so back to London and then back to Haywards Heath 7 days later, to be committed for trial at Lewes Crown Court, where it rests at the moment.

Again, such treatment is not improving Mrs. R.'s health.

This state of affairs is obviously an indictment of the system. Goodness knows how many mental patients have or will suffer a similar fate. What is needed is more facilities at these hospitals to allow them to cope with situations without making it worse.

BUT UNITED THE PEOPLE

If you drive from Nottingham to Sheffield, don't miss the turn-off for Clay Cross, a small town of 9000 people amidst the scars of open-cast mining. Clay Cross is well-known as the only Council which has refused to implement the Housing Finance Act. The refusal is not an isolated gesture; it is part of a larger history of Clay Cross Council which should put every other Labour-controlled borough to shame. The Councillors of a small town, set amidst Derbyshire coalmines with 16% male unemployment, show a class spirit which calls for our solidarity.

Clay Cross Council has achieved 99% slum clearance. If local authorities had been building at the same rate as Clay Cross, 800,000 council homes would have been built in a year. All rented property has been municipalised, thus stopping property speculators and greedy landlords making money out of improvement grants and the like. And all for an average rent of £1.50 a week - Brightonians take note! Small wonder that with such policies the Council received such solid support from its tenants, 84% of whom fully backed a total rent strike of six weeks in 1972.

When the Tories cut school milk from over-sevens, Clay Cross raised a Penny Rate to provide it; when the Penny wasn't enough they raised the never-used allowance of the Council Chairman (Mayor) and donated the money to the milk fund. Children all get free school meals too, all old age pensioners have free T.V. licences and there are wardens throughout the town to look after their welfare. In the middle of the town is a new municipal swimming pool, and last year the Council's work-force was trebled to out-down the number of unemployed. Planting a tree for 'tree planting year' the Council chose a weeping willow to commemorate our entry into the Common Market. As for the trappings of office, the Council treated these in the way they deserve by melting down the mayoral mace and putting the proceeds in the Housing Fund!

Rachelle Bloomfield (Kempton LFYS)

With policies like these, it's not surprising that the Council commands such full and wide-spread support from its electorate against the Housing Finance Act - Housing Commissioners & Courts etc. notwithstanding. Clay Cross has always been a Labour Town, but now it is a rock solid bastion of Labour support - which should give food for thought to those who claim the 'floating voter' can only be attracted by moderate 'watered-down' policies.

But despite its impressive stand against the Housing Finance Act, Clay Cross Council cannot by itself solve all the problems of its area. It cannot, for example, nationalise Clay Cross industries; cannot prevent rents rising now that a Housing Commissioner has appeared. The only solution, in the long term, is a Socialist Britain.

DEVIL'S DYKE...

...THE TRUTH

Just outside Brighton, on a large farm lived Nick. They used to call him the devil because he was such an evil bad-tempered guy, and two protruding points were seen on his head on more than one occasion, so that people speculated whether his head was properly together.

His neighbours didn't like him because he happened to be nastier than they. For instance he would go and poison his neighbours animal fodder and when the other farmers animals died he would take his own to market and sell them at a huge profit because he was the only dealer.

The government were called in but could never seem to prove that he had ruined the other guys farms. The government said that it was the unacceptable face of capitalism and there was nothing much they could do. They would have to ask the Devious Means Committee (otherwise known as the 'tricky dicky' Council) of Brighton to step in, but it was rumoured that some councillors had a share in Nick's farm.

The next Labour Government will, of course, repeal the Housing Finance Act; but only the nationalisation of land, of the building industry, merchant banks, building societies & other finance institutions, together with a massive building programme can start to solve the housing problems of Clay Cross, Brighton and everywhere else. Meanwhile, the militant class policies of the Clay Cross Council show the way forward for the Labour Movement.

Nick didn't seem a particularly cool guy and was always arousing flames of dissent amongst the people by his actions. So that eventually even the Devious Mean Committee agreed that he would have to be cooled down as he was an embarrassment to the capitalist order.

The land around was reasonably flat so it was decided to dig a river in from Shoreham and Nick wouldn't notice that they were trying to flood him out.

However, one day, Nick the devil whilst stinging another person for trespassing with his 'Britannia' fork, noticed the new river and threatened them all with damnation and higher prices, but this time the people were not going to budge. They knew that the old devil's land was mostly in a hollow, and all they had to do was to remove a bank to get the river there.

Nick sussed this out and called in a civil engineering firm he owned and told them to build a dyke between him and the river. It was touch and go who would get there first, but sad to relate... it was Nick. The dyke wasn't as safe, however, as he thought. The water from the peoples' river seeped into the bottom of the dyke so that it slipped and covered his farm - and we suppose Nick as well, though no one knows for sure (some rumoured that he was on the ocean bed poisoning the fish to keep prices down for his brothers in the fish trade)

That is why it is called Devils dyke not to commend the devil, but to remind the people of Brighton to never let shrewd and nasty people be in a position to dictate to them. But as time passes, the legend wears thin. Nowadays we find Nick's relatives in groups like the Brighton Marina, N.C.P as well as the Council... and hardly anyone remembers the peoples triumph over the powers of evil at Devils Dyke.

BRIGHTON'S

FORGOTTEN OAP'S

Christmas is the time of year when we all have thoughts of helping others. So we should think now of the many old people living in Brighton in appalling conditions (tiny bedsits with damp walls are all too common). The way in which old people live is a major social problem, and there is a need for a completely new response by the Council...

CAN WIN!

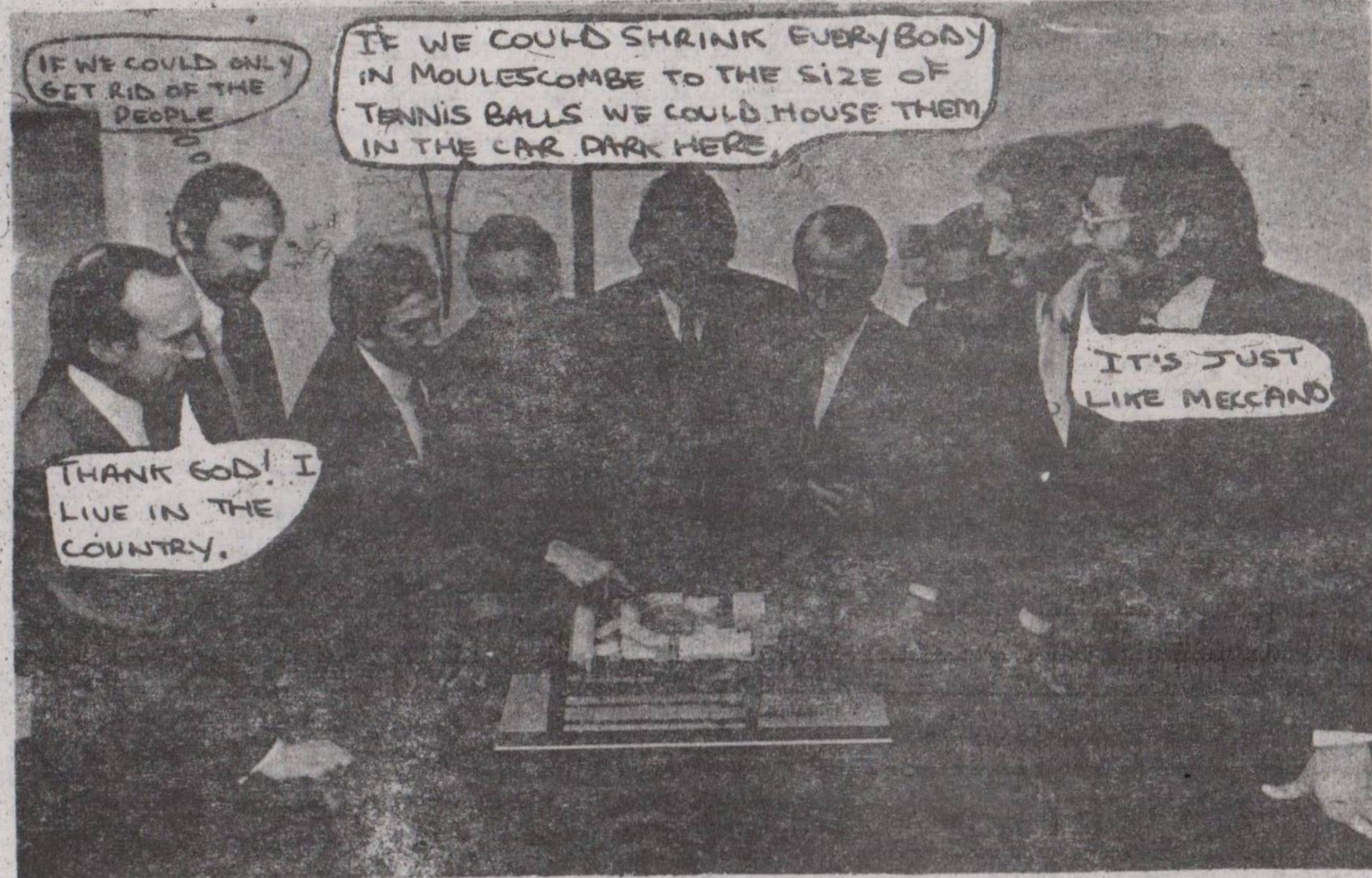
Planners' paradise ...or how to ruin a town without caring a damn about the real needs of the people who have to live with it... that's BRIGHTON

We've had a fair surfeit of plans recently that claim to seek a final solution to the problems raised by the competing interests of road traffic in the town and environmental considerations that affect us all.

Yet we are still suffering from pre-war decisions by pre-war councillors, taken on the future plans for Brighton. It seems that the old die-hards on the Council cannot recognise earlier mistakes and scrap the old proposals that are quite irrelevant today.

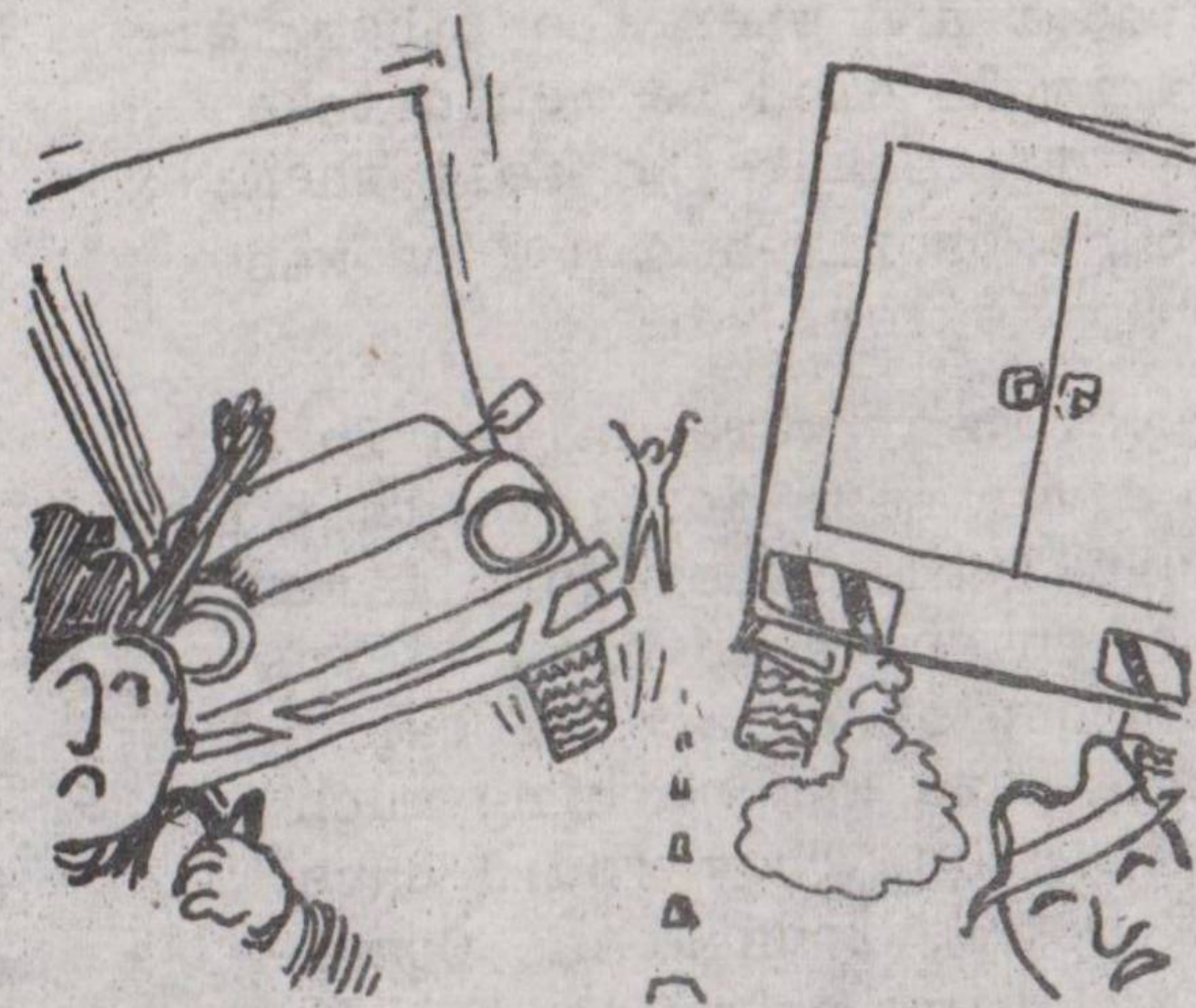
Take the widening of Church Street as a recent example. The section of this street linking Bond Street and Gardner Street with New Road has now been widened. The fine example of Regency Gothic architecture that was the old Central School - that should have been preserved and put to good use - was demolished to make way for this widened road and yet another National Car Park. The wider road has increased the speed of traffic in an area that is very well used by pedestrians. In fact, a rare sign of more enlightened planning policy has in fact recognised the needs of pedestrians in the area by making Gardner Street a pedestrians-only area on Saturdays.....but take care: don't get killed, injured or suffer a heart attack in crossing over Church Street to get to the pedestrians-only sanctuary of Gardner Street.

What are "they" trying to do with Church Street?... perhaps it will be made into a DUAL CARRIAGEWAY NEXT, because our revered Alderman Stanley Theobald



Brighton's planners

is firmly convinced that dual roads are nice and safe because pedestrians can line up on the central reservation and lunge across the racetrack between the juggernaut lorries and the pleasure-seeking Marina jet-set. But where whole communities of people are affected it must be more than just the personal preferences of the Alderman that matter. By implication, Alderman Theobald supports the carve-up of Brighton to make way for these wonderfully 'safe' roads.



In fact, at a recent public meeting of Eastern Road residents objecting to proposals to make the road a dual-carriageway cutting right through Kemp Town to the Marina flyover, the Alderman fought a one-man band when he tried to persuade the meeting about benefits of such a carve-up.

Councillor Geoffrey Theobald, Stan's son, is Chairman of the new East Sussex Council's Highways Committee - with power over the whole new East Sussex area which includes Brighton. Geoffrey seems to be a hip off the old block, so Brighton, and East Sussex....we'll be probably hearing a lot more of this sort of thing from the Theobalds but above all, we mustn't be conned just because they have a clever and authoritative way of presenting their views. We must remember that their views are a threat to OUR communities and OUR quality of life.

PARTICIPATION OR HUMBBUG

Brighton, as everybody knows has a housing problem. Almost daily we read of people searching desperately for homes, families forced to squat in order to stay together, couples being refused rented accommodation merely because they have children. It seems almost unbelievable that in spite of this situation, the Department of the Environments suggested routes for the A27 between Shoreham and Falmer should involve the demolition of so many homes - numbers vary from 100 to a staggering 1120 - not to mention the countless others which would be affected by noise and pollution etc. To the Ministry, of course, these are just statistics. For a great number of people these figures represent tragedy; old people being moved from areas where they have lived perhaps all their lives; community ties that have been welded over the years destroyed forever; children separated from the schools, friends and neighbours that are part of their life and sense of security; small businesses on which elderly and less mobile residents rely, wiped out. Can we afford to let these things happen just so that the modern God, road traffic, can circulate more easily and by-pass the congested areas?

The Preston Circus area, most of which would be flattened according to these proposals, is not one of Brighton's showpieces. People don't flock here by the coachload. No Japanese tourist with binoculars ever treads these streets. It is a quiet but densely populated district with sound Victorian terraced houses which, for the most part, have been lovingly maintained and improved by their owners. There are still plenty of small shops in the area and the only cinema in the northern part of Brighton. These, like so many homes would come down. It is still an area where houses are, at least by today's standards in the South-East fairly reasonably priced. Could this be why it is considered, with almost deliberate official scorn, as expendable? Three times in the past, there have been unsuccessful plans to re-route all traffic coming into Brighton from the London Road through the area. Then there was the Wilson-Womersley Report, which would have resulted in even more local destruction, and which was rejected because of the housing loss involved. And now, as a bolt from the blue, arrives a whole package of schemes, which would inflict

SHALL OUR HOMES BE SACRIFICED?
by Mrs Esme James
top flat
89 Ditchling Rise.

This poem is written by a lady age 87, she lives near Preston Circus and read her poem at the public meeting described in V. McGivney's report.

We Folk who've lived near Preston Circus
For Many peaceful years,
Must see our well-loved homes destroyed,
And face A FUTURE FULL OF FEARS.

'Where will they put us then?' We ask.
'In a hideous concrete block?'
'Like poor animals in cages?'
It's far too great a shock.

We citizens of Brighton town
It seems just count for naught,
In the age of the speed-crazed motorist,
And the monstrous juggernaut.

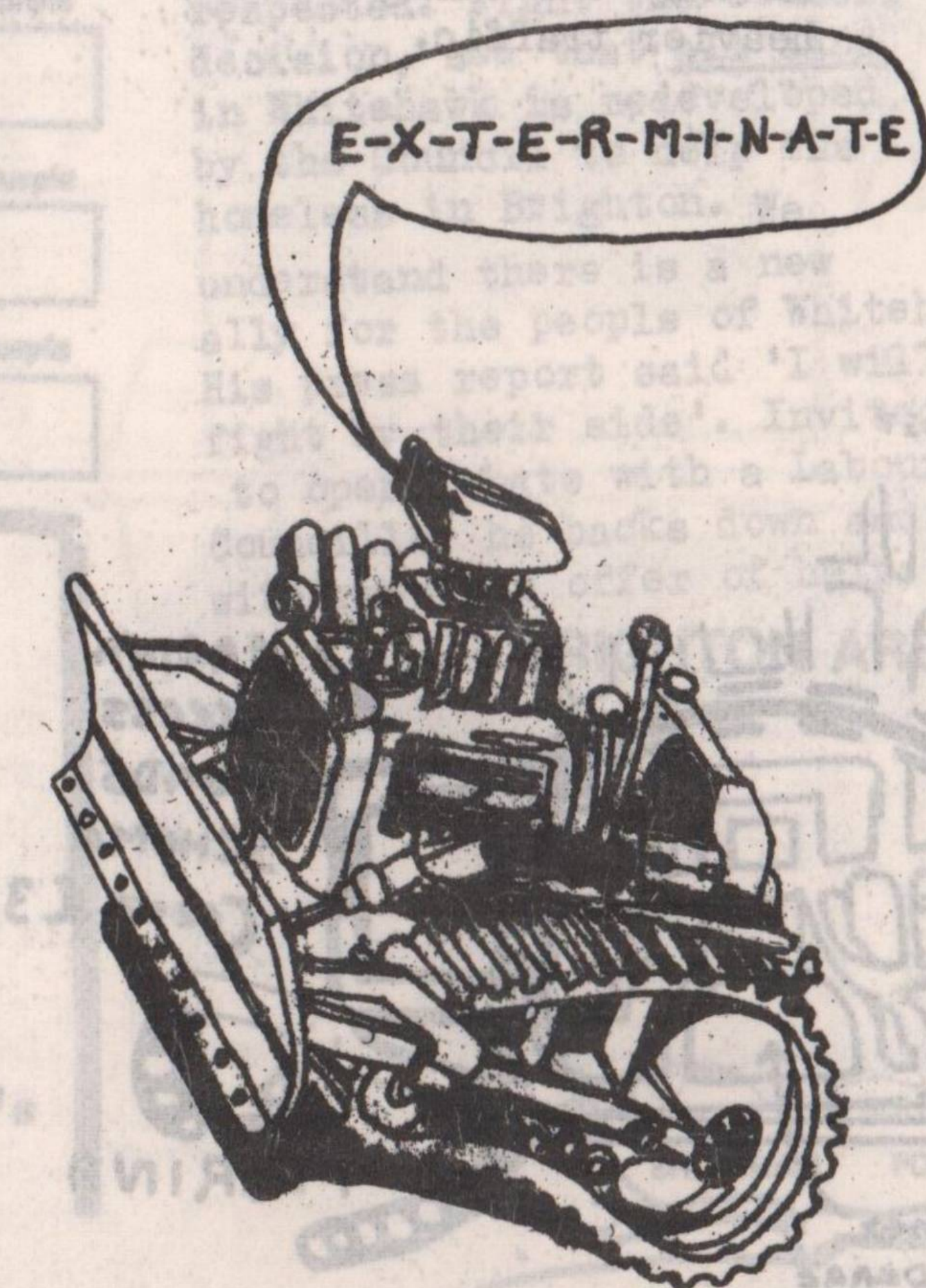
The English have fought great giants in the past,
The Spanish, the French and the Hun,
Let's go ahead now, and keep up this fight,
UNITED UNTIL WE HAVE WON!

massive and widespread environmental damage. We can be forgiven for suspecting that this is all part of a deliberate scheme to wear down local resistance and to increase residents' sense of helplessness and insecurity. Where would the displaced people go?

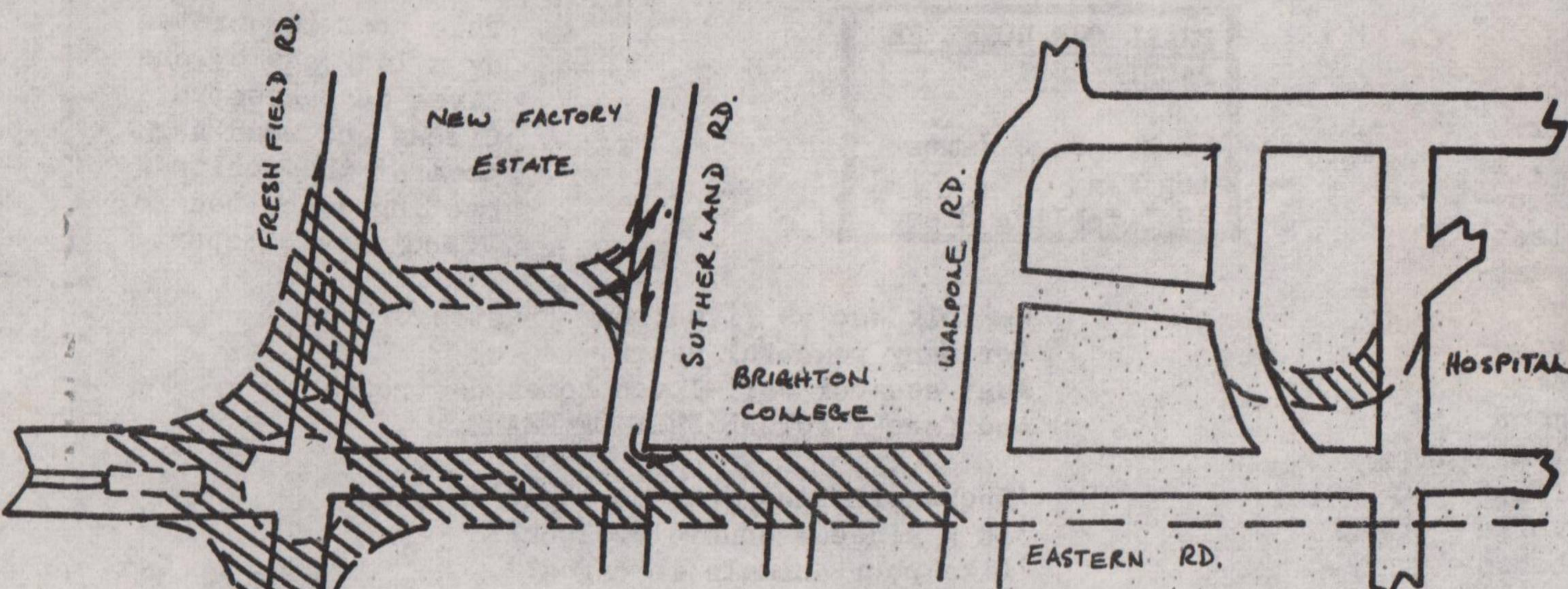
"rehoused" say the D of E, officials. Where? They have no convincing answers. The D of E is in fact, patting itself on the back for its democratic and generous invitation to the people of Brighton to share in public planning. However desirable the exercise may seem in theory in practice it proves to be a sham. The money spent on presenting (and opening the exhibition of plans, could have been better spent on circularising the local population, 99% of whom, if left to the D of E, would still be ignorant of the plan's existence. The questionnaire we are required to fill in could have been composed in such a way as to give people a real choice instead of an apparent one between ready made and unsuitable schemes.

The people of the Preston Circus area have got together to fight these plans. At a noisy and indignant public meeting on 7th December, over 300 residents (including 6 councillors) rejected all the plans offered by the D of E and filled the questionnaires in accordingly. If other groups have formed to resist the spurious choice imposed on us, perhaps we should get together and present a united front to the D of E. We have until January 11th to show how strongly people reject plans which are more destructive than constructive and which, in view of the current housing problem and the worsening fuel crisis, are indefensible.

V. McGivney, 45 Stanley Road, Brighton. Telephone 687427.



A Road to Ruin?



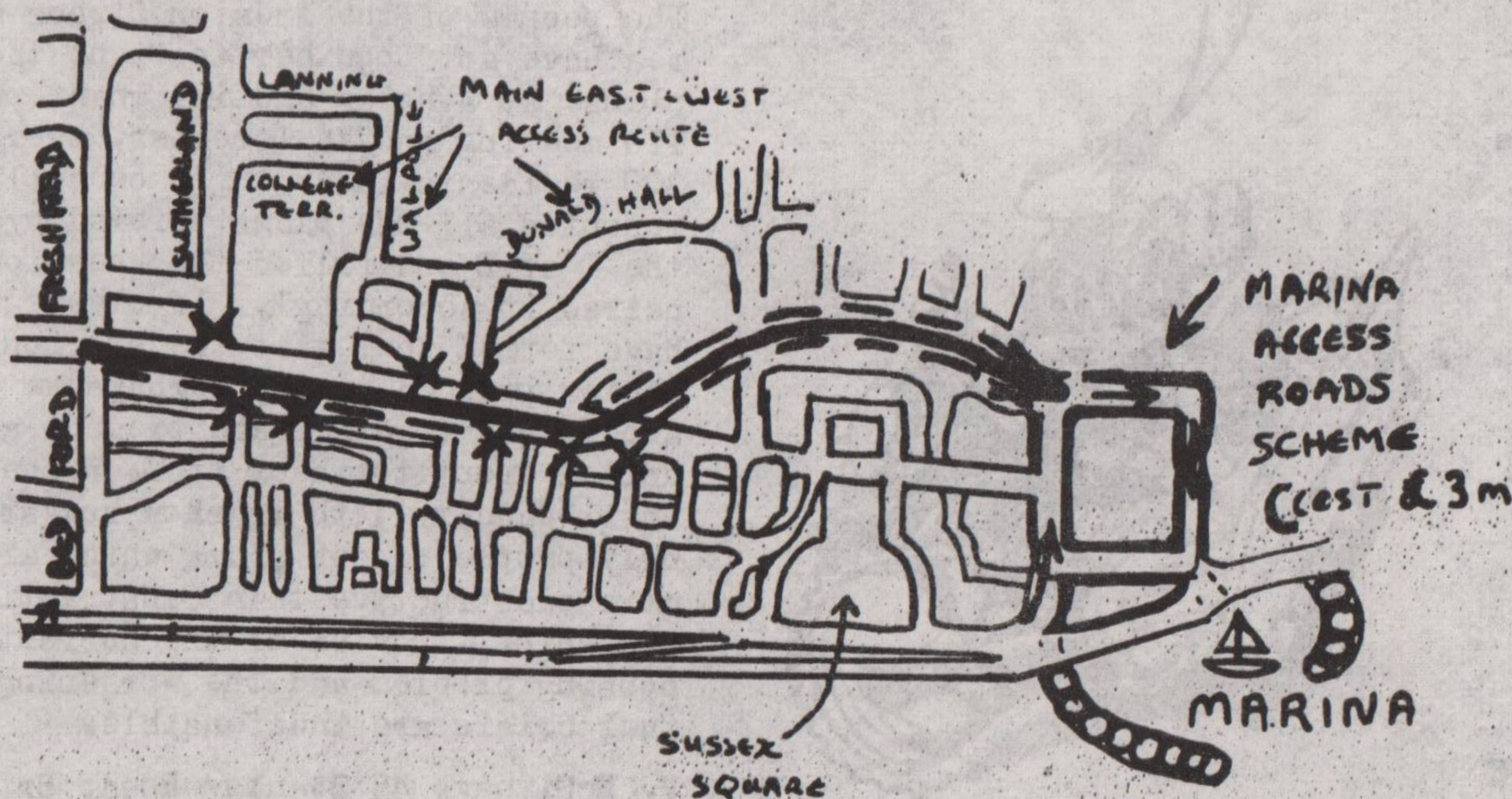
Too destructive? Brighton has at least 1,400 families on its waiting list - no doubt there are hundreds more. This plan would mean still more homes destroyed. The scheme could also be destructive of our environment for improved roads attract more traffic: more traffic means more noise and more dirt. And, as any local resident will tell, you try crossing the Edward St. race track and you put your life at serious risk.

Unnecessary? The council says we need the new road because the present one is too congested and its traffic has nowhere else to go. Busy though the road is now, motorists can still travel its length with little difficulty, even at rush hour. And they can still have the wonderfully wide Marine Parade to use. But most crucial of all, the improved road would result in only one thing - even heavier traffic.

Brighton Council wants to spend nearly half a million pounds on widening the Eastern Road from Freshfield Road to Walpole Road over the next five years (the map shows how you will be affected). And within 7 years from now this monster road will be continued and will have sliced Kemptown in half as it joins the multi-million pound road system near the Marina

Too expensive? The Council's latest estimate for the whole project is £949,000. We think the truer figure is £1,300,000 - and probably even more.

PROJECTED EASTERN RD. EXPANSION



SAVE PETROL BURNING CARS

B'ton Voice Christmas Quiz

Department of the Environment
Room P2/102
2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB (1)

The consultative document and the exhibitions at Brighton and Southwick explain the possible alternative routes and their likely effects. We would now like to know your views on which effects you consider most important in choosing between alternatives and which route networks you prefer.

PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW BY PUTTING TICKS IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES, THEN SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY 11 JANUARY 1974 OR HAND IT IN AT THE EXHIBITIONS OR AT COUNCIL OFFICES OR LIBRARIES IN THE AREA.

What you say will be carefully considered before any decision is taken.

Which 3 of the factors listed below in alphabetical order do you consider most important in choosing a route?

- high kill rate?
- maximum convenience to landowners?
- edibility?
- optimum destruction of homes?

(2)

Please indicate the colour your face goes when you consider the alternatives below:

- being killed at 80 mph in Grand Parade?
- being evicted?
- being poisoned by exhaust gases?
- being rehoused in SS office?

	Black	Red	Green	Yellow	Blue	Purple
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						

British Surveyor Mr Noel Patterson, who drew up the plans, says Architectural Heritage Year is an attempt "to awaken the interest of the European peoples in their common architectural heritage, to protect and enhance buildings and areas of architectural or historic interest."

It is not often that Brighton Voice finds itself in agreement with the Council's officers; but we commend Mr. Patterson's vision. Let us awaken the interest of European peoples in their common architectural heritage: of Edward Street,

the American Express Building, Sussex Heights, Theobald House, Milner and Kingswood Flats, & Top Rank Centre. All European peoples will welcome AVP's proposed 9 storey office block on the seafront, Peachey's proposed hypermarket, the elegance of the Marina approach roads. Brighton Voice takes a lead in recognising our Council's contribution to these and other Architectural Heritages.

BETRAYAL OF THE PEOPLE

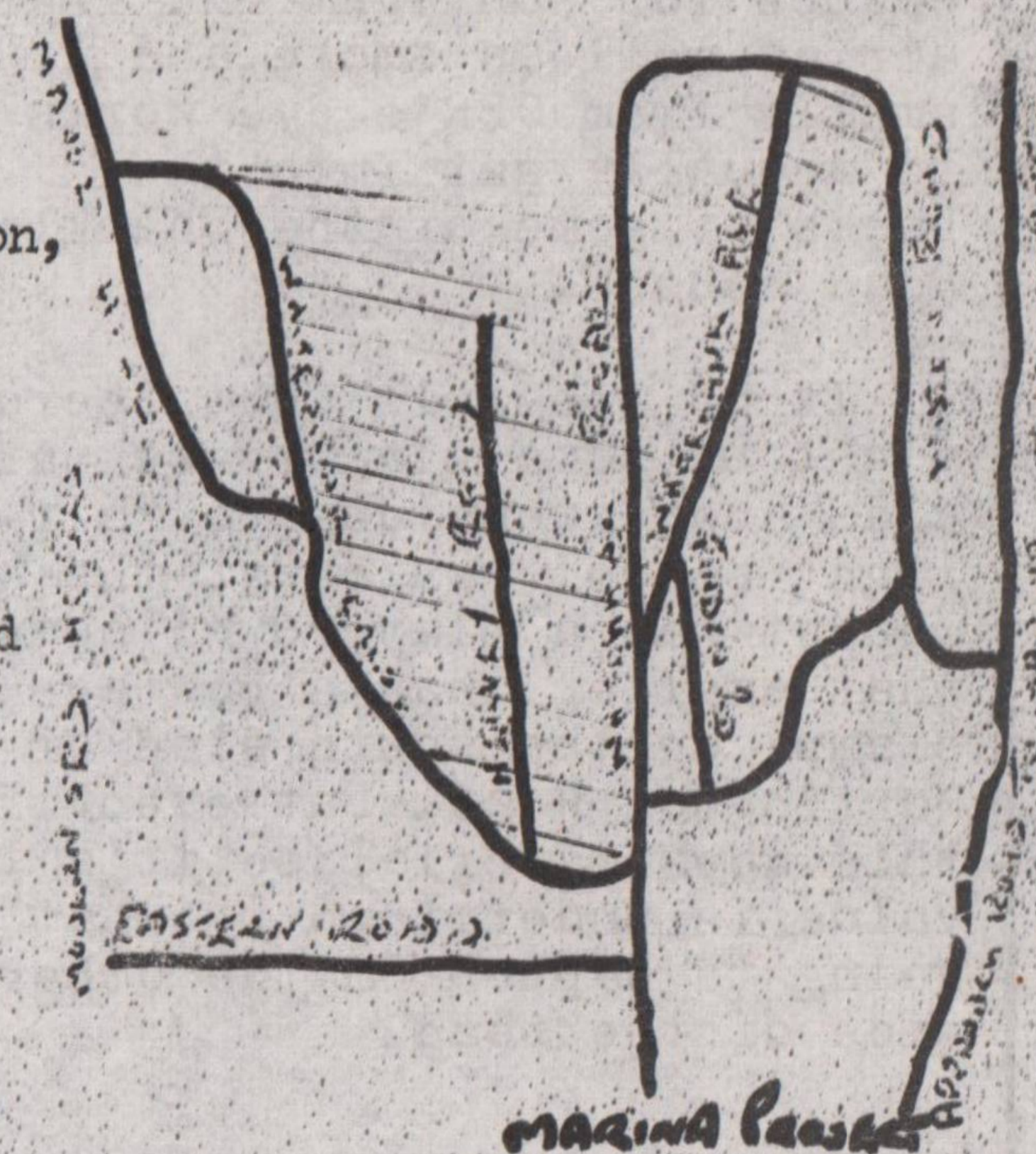
Whilst you read this, there are things happening in Brighton which would have been unbelievable years ago. Millions of pounds are being poured into Sussex. But for what reason? and who will gain and who will lose?

If you wish to help phone the number at the end of this report.

Firstly there is the Marina - a project which had great difficulty to get passed by our previous Government, but not when the existing Party took office. Then, our local Council in its wondrous wisdom decide that the people of Whitehawk need to be "uplifted" for social reasons (the words of Councillor Leach in the Council chamber last month). So half of the land in Whitehawk is to be used for Housing Association development, which will give Brighton people more PRIVATE rented dwellings. (But who can afford to pay £15 a week in rent plus rates as well?). We have a promise that there will be no reduction of Council homes in Whitehawk, but can they give us the same assurance that we will be able to afford the rents? The situation is deplorable when there are over 1400 families waiting to be rehoused in Brighton, not counting those in rotten accommodation that the Council says is good enough to keep them off the waiting list.

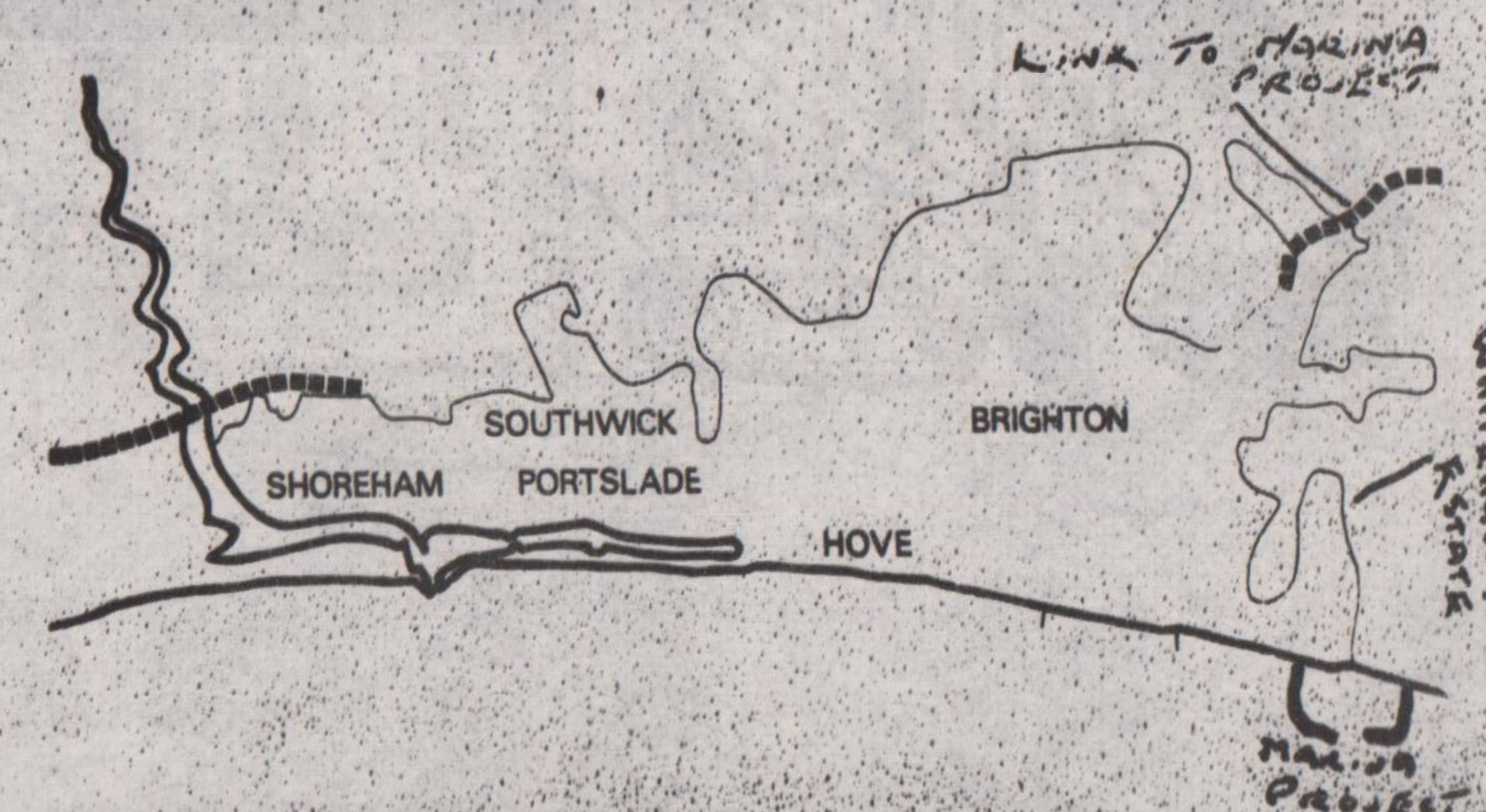
We now hear of 1000 or more homes that will be destroyed. To make way for the new Brighton East-West Trunk Road. And for the road widening scheme in Eastern Road, all of which lead to the Marina. COME ON BRIGHTON wake up - can't you see through this with our new Conference Centre and other things. Brighton is going to become a place where the rich will be richer and the poor will be poorer and the poor will be herded like Indians into reservations out of sight. WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. Write to your local Councillors and to your M.P. Oppose these developments and give alternatives which are available.

WHITEHAWK ACTION COMMITTEE
Brighton 687715



The Council priority should be to serve the people, and we should all see that our wishes are respected. Fight the Council decision, see that all land in Whitehawk is redeveloped by the Council to help the homeless in Brighton. We understand there is a new ally for the people of Whitehawk. His press report said: 'I will fight by their side'. Invited to open debate with a Labour Councillor he backs down and withdraws his offer of help.

BRIGHTON AREA EAST-WEST TRUNK ROAD



C.B.R. TEARS UP HARTINGTON ROAD

At first glance the Hartington Road area of Brighton looks as though it exists mainly for people to live in.

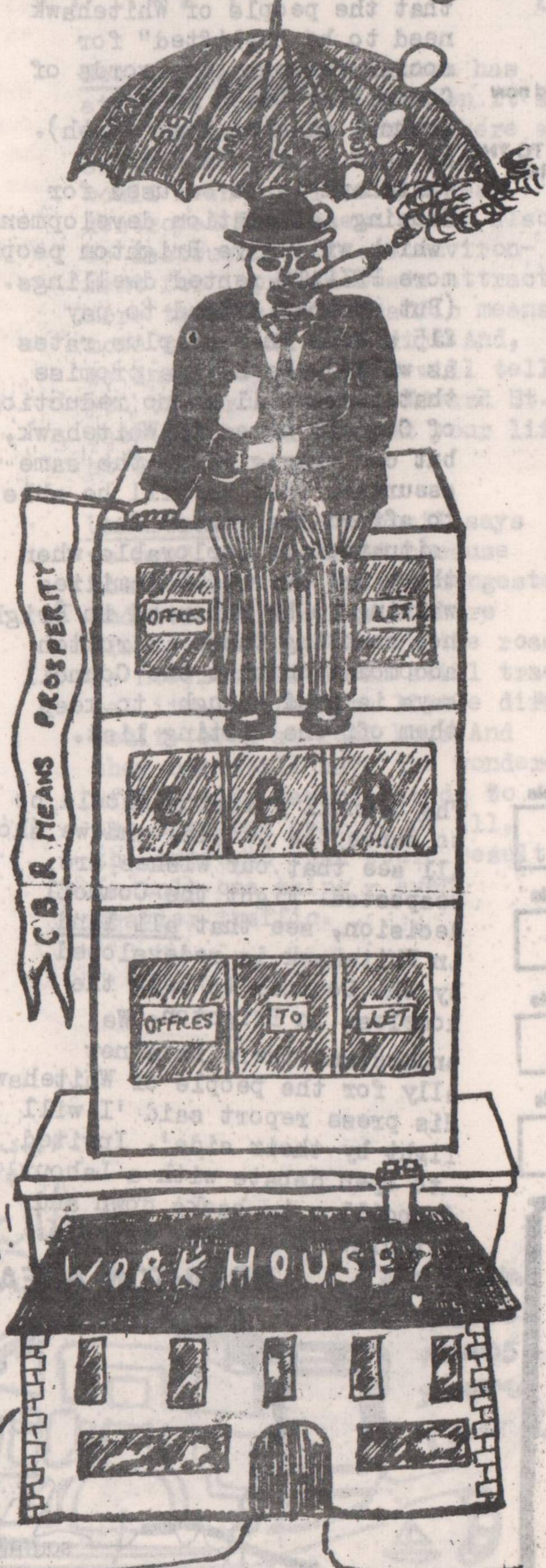
But crammed into the streets of houses and within spitting distance of each other are at least 4 factories. Some have been there for many years. On the CBR Jersey Mills site between Melbourne Street and Shanklin Road, for instance, there has been a factory of one kind or another for 40 years.

Since August contractors have been at work clearing land near the CBR site and on the other side of Hartington Road, and demolishing the railway bridge over Hartington Road.

In a tightly packed area like this it was to be hoped that land being cleared might mean more open spaces, the chance for sunlight and fresh air as well as smoke and smells from CBR's dye works to actually get into the backs of some of the Shanklin Road houses.

It is possible that there might be some play space for kids and extensions to Fairlight school (which at the moment has a playground somewhat smaller than a postage stamp) on the south side of Hartington Road. But even if this does materialise it's value is undermined by what's going to happen on the other side of the road.

IT'S A GOOD JOB I DON'T HAVE TO PAY RATES ON THIS LOT WHILE THEY STAY EMPTY - GOOD OLD TORY GOVT.



On 19th June planning permission was given to Melbourne Properties (Brighton) Ltd. to build a 4-storey block of offices and showrooms and a sheltered workshop for the disabled on the site.

Although the company secretary of CBR claims that nothing definite is settled yet it seems likely that the showrooms and offices will be leased to CBR. After all, Melbourne Properties own the rest of the site occupied by CBR, except the factory itself which is owned by CBR Jersey Mills Ltd.

CBR is a rapidly expanding company. Originally a kind of family concern, CBR Jersey Holdings Ltd had 3 members of the Roffe family on the 5 person board of directors and the board members and their families owned 69% of the shares. The subsidiaries of the company are CBR Jersey Mills Ltd. Homebrae Jerseywear Ltd and Shanklin Dyers and finishers Ltd. Within the last year or so they have taken in another firm and become CBR Bellamy Ltd with an H.Q. in London as well as their Melbourne Street office. Just what the relationship with Melbourne Properties (Brighton) Ltd. might be - other than landlord and tenant - isn't too clear at the moment.

Whatever the needs of 40 years ago might have been, the Council should not still be pursuing a policy of extending factory and office accommodation in crowded residential and central areas. But they persist in doing so - not just here but also in their approval of plans for the station redevelopment and the Theobald House area.

In Hartington Road the demolition work itself has been making life pretty hectic with noise, dust, contractors' lorries etc. for people living in the area for 4 months now.

Then residents will have at least a year of construction work to contend with

But that's only the start.

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AUTO-DESTRUCTION

Under the new buildings will be room for 90 cars to park with an entrance for the cars next door to No.29 Hartington Road.

Then, since there will be showrooms on the site there will also be the cars of reps and buyers using the road as well.

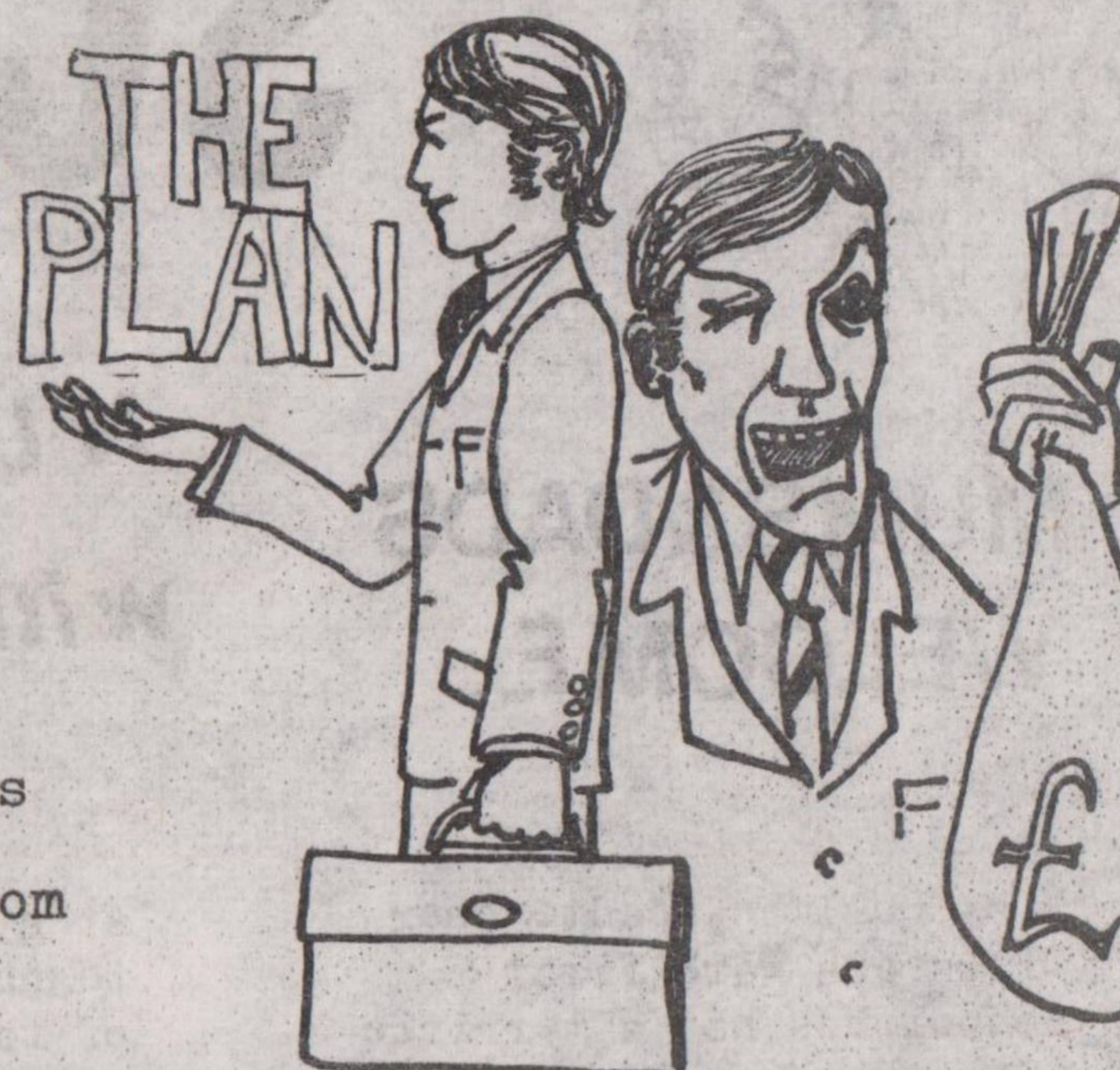
A substantial increase in traffic for a road which already has problems with cars, buses, lorries and hearses turning into and out of Lewes Road. (There's an undertaker's on one corner and an off-licence on the other). And it's a road used by large numbers of little kids going to and from Fairlight Junior School.

The only part of this development for which there is a real social need and justification is the workshop for the disabled which will occupy only a small part of the site, will be just one storey and have parking space for only 16 cars. This building in itself is hardly likely to present problems to the people who actually live in the area.

As for the offices - who will actually work in them is anybody's guess. There is a real shortage of office staff in Brighton at the moment - but no shortage of office space.

We wonder why the Council ever gave permission for this scheme to go ahead. Perhaps they were really desperate for somewhere to site the sheltered workshop and the offer from Melbourne Properties was too good to turn down - and saved the council the job of actually building the workshop itself. Now it will be paying rent to Melbourne Properties.

We would argue that the Council needs to review its whole policy (if it has one) of development in the central areas of Brighton: to recognise that homes and factories don't really mix and that the building of new offices needs to be discouraged. Traffic should be directed away from residential and central areas rather than attracted to them. And the town's land should be used for the people and not for the property companies!



ment created by the free expression of people working and playing together.

This is the third plan for Brightons Roads that has been produced in the last few years. The Wilson Plan cost £30,000, took five years to make and was rejected out of hand. The Urban Structure Plan is still proceeding but has already come out in favour of the Downs Ring Road. Though the B.U.S.P. has been proceeding with some caution the new plan of the D.O.E. lacks nothing if not audacity.

At last our benevolent rulers are to consider the opinions of we lesser beings. The Department of Environment has invited us to express our views as to which of their latest schemes to eradicate all forms of plant, animal and human life in our cities we find least objectionable to whatever existence is left to us.

The latest attempt at 'auto-destruction' has surpassed itself in the scale of the desolation envisaged.

The planners have come up with the cunning idea of clearing away thousands of houses which are of little use other than living in. This ingenious idea has permitted planners to put forward bold and dynamic proposals for future road system - tunnels under Dyke Rd. Grammar School, turning Stanley Rd. into a dual three lane highway, a two level interchange at Preston Circus, a super-highway running alongside the Brighton to Portsmouth railway cutting the town in half.

But we do have a choice! All the alternative plans come nicely packaged in different colours so we can tell them apart. The cynical might dismiss them as all being the same, that their were really no alternatives, that we were not being asked to make a choice, that the choice had already been made - cars come before people.

Yet if we had have been allowed a real choice, we might have been allowed to choose between the turning of our cities into instruments of profit or the provision of a kind of environ-

The Downsland scheme is clearly the least offensive but one wonders if the new ring road will attract the amount of traffic it is supposed to. 95% of all journeys are made within the Brighton area, there is little through traffic. What is more most trips are made to and from the centre of Brighton. Just how much traffic will the Downs ring road divert from the centre of town?

Copies of the new plan are available free at the town hall and at libraries. They contain a yellow questionnaire on which the Department invites us to express our preferences for whichever road disaster we least dislike. They must be returned not later than 11th Jan. Write and tell them that we want a real choice, we want a decent public transport system, we want cars keeping out, of town centres, we want cities we can live in and most of all plan ourselves.



SCHOOL



SCHOOL BOOK

FIASCO

Many teachers in Brighton have been complaining because of the poor supply of school text books. Brighton Council says the main problem was the firm appointed to provide the books. QUADRANT BOOKS became the victim of a wrangle in the book trade with some publishers refusing normal credit. The firm in question says this is nonsense.

CHAOS!

The owner of Quadrant books says his firm were completely unprepared for the sort of work involved in the school book contract and just couldn't cope. This raises the question was the council at fault in appointing a firm which by its own admission turned out to be completely incompetent.

Tenders must be submitted for this contract and Quadrant offered the lowest at 17 1/2% for certain books. They were awarded the contract last April and certain misgivings were expressed at a June meeting of Brighton Teachers association, who wondered why a firm of dubious reputation should be given the contract on a lower cost basis when supply of books is a much treasured service by teachers. A letter was sent to the Director of Education making it clear that teachers want service even if it does cost a few pounds more and consultation with teachers is vital.

N.U.T. representative.
Brighton Teachers Association.

MUMS & DADS WELCOME

Miss Bullman, headteacher of Queens Park first school has had a terrific idea which could set an example for other Brighton schools to follow. She has invited any interested parents to go into the school for a few hours each week and help with class room activities such as reading stories to small groups of children, teaching them to knit, sew or cook. Dads can help them with things like playing football, woodwork, gardening or even just talk -ing to them. At Queens Park 1st school parents will no longer feel excluded from school life - they will see for themselves just what goes on in the school and the children will benefit greatly by coming into contact with new faces. Until now the children have been taught exclusively in the school by women teachers and it will be good for them to see some dads about the place (specially those without dads of their own). By involving the community Miss Bullman's school will become a richer more stimulating place to be enjoyed by kids and parents together. In next months 'Voice' a mother and father will write about what it's like to go back into the classroom, this time to teach.

NUT and solidarity with other workers

At a November meeting, about 100 teachers heard Ted Britton (President of the National Union of Teachers), on the 'pensions scandal' and the current pay claim. Mr. Britton outlined in detail a strategy for winning a reduction of 3/4% in teachers' pension contributions which amounts in all to an "increase" of £11 per year for most teachers. Since then, of course, the increase has been granted.

For the remaining 10 minutes Mr. Britton talked about the 25% pay claim. He refused to outline a strategy ("the executive is discouraging it") and stated that teachers couldn't win in any case because of the Tory Phrase 3 policy. The only tactic he proposed was to use the fact that "teachers are a most articulate group" to wring concessions around the DES discussion tables.

In the discussion afterwards one teacher after another criticised Mr. Britton's failure to put forward anything concrete. It was pointed out, despite Mr. Britton's protests, that the salaries claim was a vital question, and that it was no use haggling over £11 when the cost of living would wipe this benefit out in a week.

Teachers stressed, to Mr. Britton, that the key step forward for all teachers was to ally themselves with other groups of workers, especially in the public sector, to smash Phrase 3 - a prerequisite to winning any wage claims.

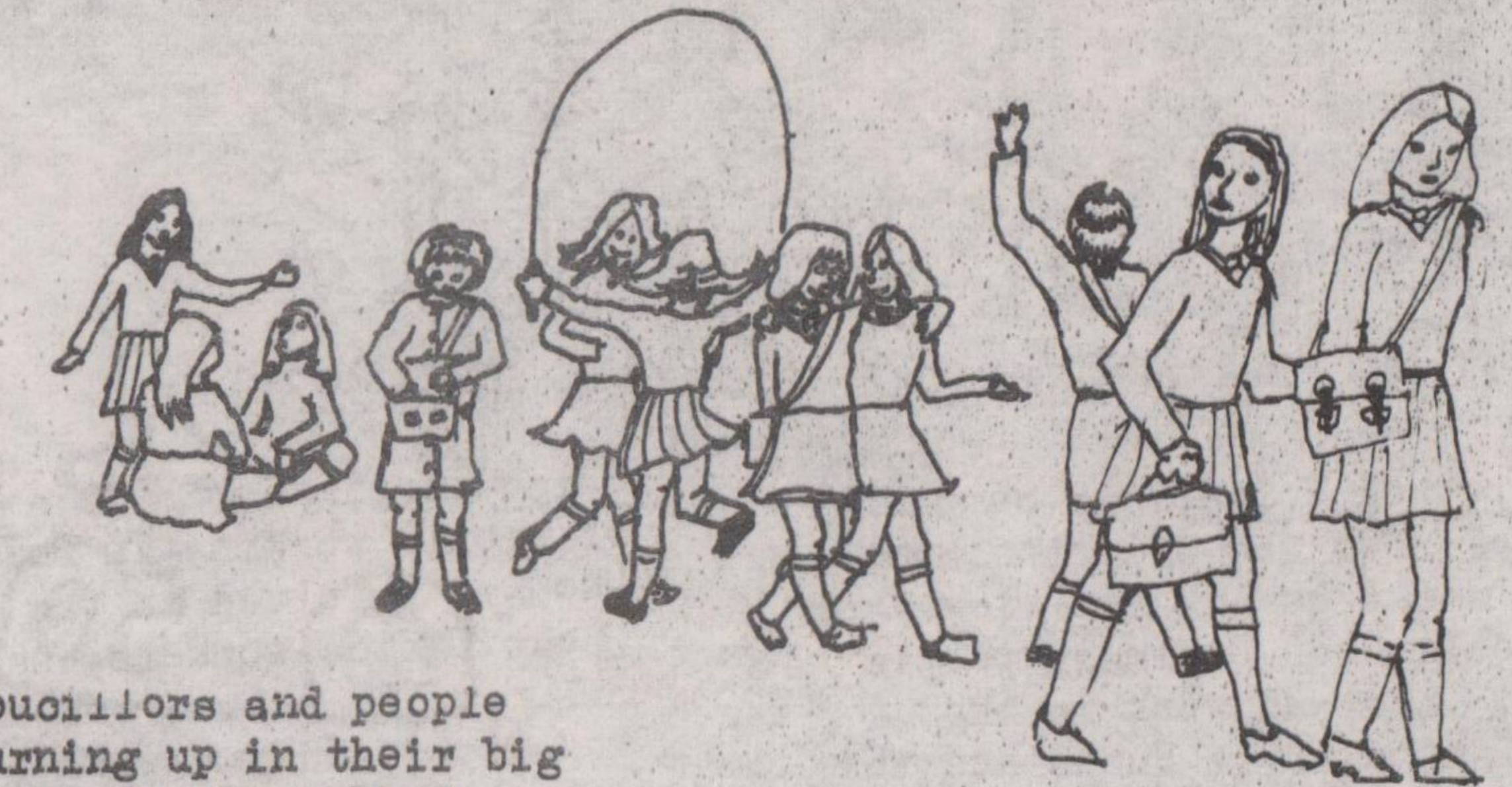
Mr. Britton left early 'to catch a train'...

Did the people of Viet Nam use lanterns of stone?
Did they hold ceremonies to reverence the opening of buds?
Were they inclined to quiet laughter?

Did they use bone and ivory Jade and silver, for ornament?
Had they an epic poem?
Did they distinguish between speech and singing?

Denise Lewertow.

NEWS



SNATCHER

SNATCHER THATCHER - VISITS

On Friday 16th Nov. - 'Snatcher' came to the official opening ceremony at Portslade Comprehensive School. East Sussex spent a lot of money to impress her (like a special nosh on carpets, flowers etc, the money coming from the education budget slashed by Snatcher herself). BUT EVEN THOUGH:-

1. She is responsible for the worst cuts in education ever. - AND -
2. In 1971 she saved £11m by taking school milk from infants and by putting up the price of school dinners.

3. She has cut down teacher training places by 40%.

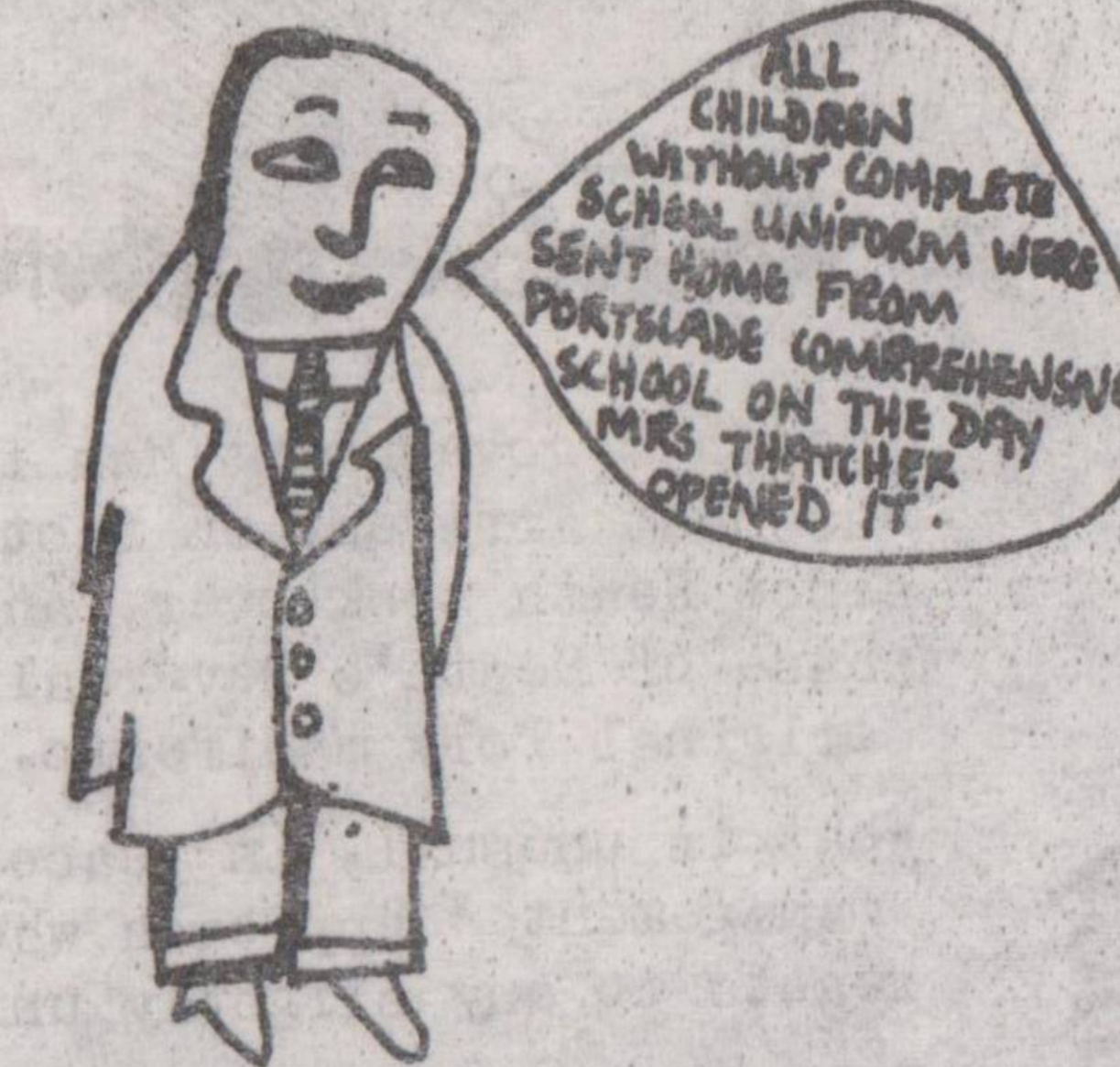
4. The £34m she has allocated for nursery schools is hopelessly inadequate (as is the meagre rise of £40 on student grants). SADLY ONLY THREE TEACHERS TURNED UP TO PROTEST. (And they were not permitted to enter even the playground and had to hurry back to their own schools anyway, for the afternoon classes).

It is a sad reflection upon the Brighton teachers that no more than three feel a sense of outrage towards Thatcher and her policies which have made teaching into a fragmented and underpaid profession.

FED - UP

Comment from one of the teachers who turned up to protest to Thatcher - and who insists on remaining anonymous for fear of repercussions in the staffroom: 'I was really sickened to see all these

councillors and people turning up in their big cars, all the school - masters were wearing their gowns for heavens sake, and bowing and scraping and calling the visitors 'Sir' as they directed them to the car park, why the hell didn't they have the guts to shout out something like 'Spend some money on school books instead of receptions for Thatcher' or anything which would demonstrate that teachers get a raw deal? As soon as I can find another job I am leaving teaching, I am thoroughly fed up with teachers who "don't believe in making protest - it's not the done thing"



WHITEHAWK SECONDARY

STAGGERS ON

Snatcher Thatcher has declared that no major building projects (i.e. new schools) will be given the go-ahead (phase 3). What is going to happen then to Whitehawk Secondary School? Half of this school is housed in temporary army huts and Whitehawk has been waiting for a new building for many years now, conditions and materials in the school are so inadequate that we are approaching a crisis. The working conditions are so bad that many teachers have recently

resigned and Whitehawk School is facing a serious teacher shortage. There is a rumour that part-time schooling may be necessary after Christmas.

STRUGGLE

If you are a teacher reading this and you, too, are struggling in a Brighton school with too many children in your class and poor working conditions send your comments to the Editor of the N.U.T.'s newsheet Brighton TOP FLAT, 33 VENTNOR VILLAS, or write a piece for The Voice.

I'm quitting says Danny La Rue

DANNY LA RUE is to quit as Britain's top female impersonator. He announced his retirement today with the words: "I am hanging my tits up." Danny will step down after a new £150,000 show which opens next month at the Prince of Wales Theatre. He first went into "drag" in 1949 in a show with Harry Secombe.

What succinct phrase would the following people use on quitting their jobs?

- Dame Margaret Thatcher
- Stanley ("Mr. Big") Theobald
- Brian Clough
- "Trotsky" Olivier
- Alderwoman C. Vale
- Moshe Dayan
- Fisherman Leach
- General Amin



GREETINGS FROM BRIGHTON VOICE COLLECTIVE. Tel. 689319.

Brighton Voice is a community paper for the Brighton area. It seeks to air the views and problems of ordinary people who live and work in the Brighton area. But since the views and problems of ordinary people don't normally get aired fairly through the local 'establishment' press, the Voice exists for us all.

All readers are invited to take an active part in producing the paper. You can write for the Voice, or just suggest ideas, or do drawings and cartoons, or do the layout and the printing, or sell it. IT IS YOUR PAPER. There are no bosses or 'staff' on the Voice; just ordinary people who welcome the chance to contribute in any way that they can. And the Voice is not a business - the aim is not to make money, but to give local people a say in local affairs.

Voice people meet every Sunday to talk over the things which will go in future issues. WHY DON'T YOU COME? Ring Brighton 689319 or Brighton 691712 to find where the next meeting is.

The Voice is interested in any community activity in Brighton, and would particularly like to give publicity to Movement events. We reckon we're seen by 3,000 people at least and access to the attention of all these people is yours for free - for announcements of meetings and so on BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHAT'S HAPPENING.

We'd really like to reach more people, so if you can distribute the Voice to your neighbours or at where you work, get in touch. And since we come out about the 15th of each month we need any letters or articles by about 7th. The next issue will have a lot about WORKING IN BRIGHTON - what sorts of jobs are going, where, and how much, so if you've got any comments about where you work please send them in or come to the

Voice meetings. There are lots of people working in Brighton who are involved in the Voice (Post Office workers, bakers, milkmen, teachers, bus drivers etc.etc.) and you will be welcome to join us all.



We want your contributions.

Heath's government has tried to make us believe that crisis has just arrived; in fact the crises have been with us ever since Heath took over, and the latest chaos is just another phase of Heath's reversals of all the principles in the original Tory manifesto.

What is unusual, in peacetime Britain at least, is the 'crisis-management' approach where the Govt. ignores or wildly over-reacts to any slightly unforeseen situation.

Take the fuel crisis ... there's 10% less oil and suddenly - no petrol. So we get fuel rationing..or do we? If we want to use less fuel and be "fa-ir", then you give everyone an equal, small amount; instead car-owners get coupons based on engine size, so that rich car-owners with big cars, or with two cars, are given more petrol coupons to use up even more oil. P'raps Ted is really worried about the wear'n'tear on the macadam. It can't simply be that rich, powerful people own big cars...

Take the Dunkirk appeal...the miners decide they've had enough of miserable and dangerous conditions, and start an overtime ban. The railway workers and electrical engineers get the same idea. So Ted gets on The Box and tells us that because there's an overtime ban (reducing production) everyone should work less, also reducing production. Ted also says that because oil prices have gone up, we shall have to produce more to export more.

It might be just Ted's idea of a Christmas pantomime to make everyone forget Phase 3, the Fair Rents Act, etc., but what was that about only 3 days pay..?

Of course he was right about one thing - "WE HAVE TO CLOSE RANKS" WE MUSTN'T LET THE BASTARDS GRIND US DOWN. SOLIDARITY. TED HAS ALREADY CREATED A SITUATION BEYOND THE POINT OF NO RETURN

Mark and Anne, that nice ordinary young couple, are settling down to married bliss and their folks certainly gave them a good send-off. One of the great spectacles of the year but what did that wedding really mean. Let the Evening Argus enlighten us:

"The Royal wedding is at once a T.V. spectacular, a symbolic occasion and a kind of mystical re-affirmation of marriage born of romantic love. All these things are brought together in one splendid happening around the most revered institution of our society....This helps make a Royal wedding and the Royal family into an ideal of the sort of wedding and family other people would like to enjoy."

If you find that romantic love, doesn't pay the rent, if you work all the hours God sends to provide for the family decently and hardly ever see them, if you are bored to tears stuck at home all day washing pots and looking after kids, if you're fed up with the jealousy and possessiveness of marriage, if you wonder whether it's all worthwhile, then take heart. Just turn on, tune in and sit back and enjoy the spectacle of it all, 'the sort of wedding and family life other people would like to enjoy', and let your mind be reassured in its illusions.

state of emergency

GOLD, FRANKINGENCE AND EYEN MORE

Brighton County Borough Council, fading fast into April oblivion, is now moving fast to tie up the big deals before it's too late...

At the Council meeting, 13th December - the day of Ted the Teeth's austerity measures - the Tory majority gave two property development companies their Christmas gifts. Gold and frankincence pall beside the enormity of the gifts.

Peachey Property Corporation got permission to rip down the station & put up 250,000 sq. ft of offices; County and District Properties got the go-ahead to put up 178,000 sq.ft. of offices in Jubilee St.

Councillor Sam Taylor, front-line man for the Planning Committee kept the Station debate down to an argument for a car park. He feared "the death knell of business" without parking space for 4,500 cars on the Station site. We fear it's the death knell for residents of Preston Circus when Sam comes in consequence to "make arrangements for an enlarged Preston Circus".

Sparring in from the Left-hand corner, Councillor Ian McGill simply pointed out that planning permissions for these office developments take us already past the maximum forecasts of the Brighton Urban Structure Plan up the year 2000 A.D. So the Urban Structure boys might as well pack up. We simply point out the rate of increase in office space in contrast to the Council's house building record (this year they've built 21 houses).

Sidekicks Jermy & Feld contributed buggers all of substantive value to the debate; and Mr. Big brought in an amendment to restrict the proposed hypermarket to 100,000 sq.ft. which is what it was to start with; it's still 7 1/2 times bigger than that Tory M.P.'s place in Churchill Square.

The whole level of debate was appallingly trivial; lots of rhetoric and no explicit confessions that some few people have just been given permission to make a lot of money.



Dec. 16th. for one day. YELLOW SUBMARINE + LUCKY LUKE SHOWS 2.30, 7.30 - (Brighton Film Theatre)
Dec. 16th-19th. PATTON, with George C. Scott. (The Duke of York, Preston Circus)
Dec. 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS + TAKING OFF shws. 2.30, 7.00 (B.F.T.)
Dec. 23, 24, 27, 28, 29. Mick Jagger in, NED KELLY + SUBMARINE X-1, LCP. 6.55. (The Embassy, Western Rd.)
Dec. 23, 24, 27-29. Visconti's, DEATH IN VENICE, with Dirk Bogarde. shws. 2.30, 7.00. (B.F.T.)

Dec. 30th. for one day only, the Marx Brothers in, ANIMAL CRACKERS + MONKEY BUSINESS. SHWS. 2.30, 7.30 (B.F.T.)
Jan 1-5 FRITZ THE CAT, shws. 2.30, 7.00 (B.F.T.)

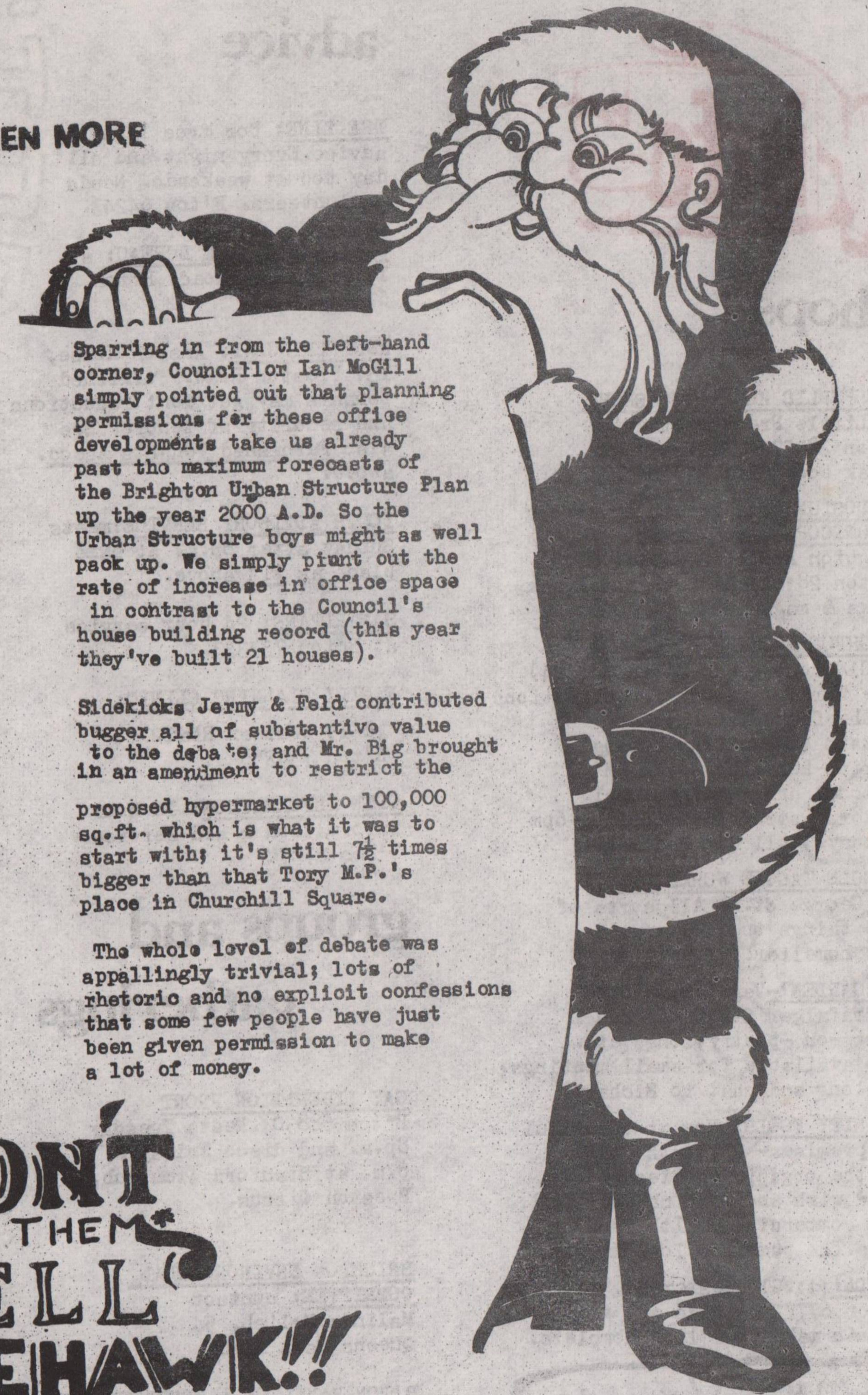
Late FILMS at the B.F.T.
Sat. Dec 22 at 11.00p.m. THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE
Sat. Dec. 29 at 11.00 p.m. DUCK SOUP, the MARX Brothers

ROCK
Jan. 16th at 7.30, the Dome, BECK, BOGERT and APFICE.

P.S. Let us know what is happening, then everybody can know.

Local Aid
A variety show - FREE for O.A.Ps only, every Monday. Free transport if required. Phone: Local Aid, 72545 or 774906.

DO YOU KNOW THAT GARDNER STREET IS TRAFFIC FREE ON SATURDAY MORNINGS? YOU CAN STOP FOR A CHAT WITH YOUR FRIENDS IN THE ROAD - IT'S NICE!



what's on ↗