

# info...

## groups/gatherings

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Phone 720406 between 6-7pm.  
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**OPEN**  
cafe  
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group meets at OPEN: Wed 8pm

**HOUSING ACTION GROUP :** meets  
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- any teachers or others who  
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use in schools. Contact:  
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action against latest plans  
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**SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE  
UNDERSTANDING**  
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to stop bad planning on  
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plans in the area: Robert  
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ton Valley Dr., Hove (412265)

**EAST B'TON RESIDENTS' ASSOC.**  
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Action Comm. Concerned with  
the kind of redevelopment  
that should be carried out  
in Whitehawk... G. Andrews,  
8 Twineham Road (687715)

**WHITEHAWK ACTION COMMITTEE:**  
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Whitehawk residents: Brian  
Mitchell, (687792)  
**SHELTER :** Jenny Backwell  
(594623)

**BRIGHTON ENVIRONMENTAL COMM.**  
- Mel. Mellish, 54 Queens Pk Rd

**TRADES COUNCIL:** Keith Orange  
22 Whippingham Road.

**CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATION OF  
PROPERTY SPECULATION (691712)**

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& MUMS:** join Opportunity  
Group Tu. 1.30-3.30pm. Mrs.  
S. McCormick, 44 Inwood Cres.  
(509431)

**BRIGHTON MARINA WATCH COMM.**  
Oscar Thompssett, 20 Ridge-  
side Ave., Patcham (502103)

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- Youth & Community Centre  
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**LOVE BETWEEN WOMEN :** Group  
meets Thur. 8pm. to explore  
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social aspects of sexual  
love between women. (Ring:  
686363 and ask for NICKY.

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Oxford St (by Open Market)  
(63606). Donations welcomed.

Sun. 6th. Oct.: First  
Meeting of the Discussion  
Group - at "The Cricketers"  
Prince Albert St. 7.30pm.  
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discussion on "Why there is  
a campaign against Confucius  
in China."

**G.P.B. (M.-L.)**  
Public Meeting on the  
"Election". Fri. 4th. Oct.  
8pm. at Brighton Workers'  
Bookshop, 37 Gloucester Rd.

## politics

**ANDREW BOWDEN: TORY M.P. FOR  
KEMP TOWN...** for whatever you  
may wish to contact him for.  
He will meet you at the Tory  
H.Q. (Kemp Town), 51 Preston  
Rd. (67747). (Home no. 62855)

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Lewes Rd (62592); Pavilion:  
90 Sedgewick Rd. (557944).**

**LIBERAL PARTY: Pavilion:**  
Frances Hix, 14.5a Western Rd  
B'ton (26560) (office: 27960)

**BRIGHTON PAVILION & KEMP T'N  
LAB. PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS:**  
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Contact John Balance, 54 Cole  
-man Street. (23996)

**COMMUNIST PARTY: Secretary:**  
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**INTERNATIONAL MARXIST GROUP:**  
20 Milnthorpe Road, Hove

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS :**  
The Secretary, 33 Ventnor  
Villas, Hove.

**SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE  
UNDERSTANDING: John Lloyd,  
5 Belle Vue Gdns. (63795)**

**RANK & FILE: I.S. based  
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Every Sunday on Fishmarket  
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details.

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# BRIGHTON VOICE

## "To Be governed is to be watched, spied on, directed, legislated, regimented, closed-in,

INDOCTRINATED, PREACHED AT, CONTROLLED, ASSESSED, EVALUATED, CENSORED  
COMMANDED; ALL BY CREATURES THAT HAVE NEITHER THE RIGHT, NOR WISDOM, NOR  
VIRTUE. . . . TO BE GOVERNED MEANS THAT AT EVERY MOVE, OPERATION OR TRANSACTION  
ONE IS NOTED, REGISTERED, ENTERED IN A CENSUS, TAXED, STAMPED, PRICED, ASSESSED,  
PATENTED, LICENSED, AUTHORISED, RECOMMENDED, ADMONISHED, PREVENTED, REFORMED,  
SET RIGHT, CORRECTED. GOVERNMENT MEANS TO BE SUBJECT TO TRIBUTE, TRAINED,  
RANSOMED, EXPLOITED, MONOPOLISED, EXTORTED, PRESSURED, MYSTIFIED, ROBBED;  
ALL IN THE NAME OF PUBLIC UTILITY AND THE GENERAL GOOD. THEN AT THE FIRST SIGN  
OF RESISTANCE OR WORD OF COMPLAINT, ONE IS RE PRESSED, FINED, DESPISED, VEXED,  
PURSUED, HUSTLED, BEATEN UP, GARROTED, IMPRISONED, SHOT, MACHINE-GUNNED, JUDGED,  
SENTENCED, DE PORTED, SACRIFICED, SOLD, BETRAYED, AND TO CAP IT ALL, RIDICULED,  
MOCKED, OUTRAGED, AND DISHONOURED. THAT IS GOVERNMENT, THAT IS ITS JUSTICE  
AND ITS MORALITY. "

*BUT IF YOU STILL WANT TO VOTE SEE P.3*



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### Inside: marina sinks, election bore, rents project



EDITORIAL

As this issue of the 'Voice' goes to press, Harold Wilson has just announced that the General Election will be held on the 10th October— Our chance to vote in a Government which will be responsible and responsive, fair and just. This issue of the 'Voice' carries articles by different members of the collective, putting forward their own views about the best way to vote. But our overall view is that this election, like all the others, is largely irrelevant as far as our daily lives are concerned. Politics is NOT about putting a cross on a piece of paper once every 4 or 5 years — its about the way we live our lives, the relationships we have with one another, the work we all do. "Politics" GOES ON EACH DAY, not just once in a while. And, by and large, election politics are irrelevant to many of the problems we in Brighton face. A good example of this is provided by the other theme of this issue, Brighton Marina. The largest single development ever known in our town, this edifice, if its ever completed, will cost upwards of £100 million, and will change the face of Brighton...for ever. This being the case, we might expect the people we are about to vote for to have clear opinions about the Marina...unfor tunately, this isn't the case— witness the letter A Andrew Bowden, Tory M.P. for Kemptown, has recently sent out to some of his constituents. No opinion here; no concrete guideline for action; no indication of whether Andrew Baby is for or against. And yet this issue is arguably the most important problem ever to confront Brighton.

From: ANDREW BOWDEN M.P. KEMP TOWN, BRIGHTON.



16th September, 1974.

THE MARINA.

I know how concerned you are about the future plans for the development of the Brighton Marina.

Since I have been your Member of Parliament I have been in close touch with many groups and individuals representing a wide range of views.

As you are probably aware, I played a major part in persuading the Secretary of State for the Environment to hold another Public Enquiry. This will take place in October, but if you have any points you wish to raise please do not hesitate to write to me at my home address - Flat 11, 19/20, Sussex Square, Brighton.

Best wishes.

*Andrew Bowden*  
*Andrew Bowden*

Why then don't the politicians give us straight answers? Because they're interested in power: and the name of the party which has power doesn't really make much difference... the dear old capitalist system goes on, exploiting us all, building things we haven't said we wanted. The VOICE doesn't believe in election politics. We believe that we will only change society by changing the way we live, by changing the system which oppresses and exploits. Elections are fine; but they don't really give us a chance to change the system under which we have to live.

WHO WE ARE

BRIGHTON VOICE has been appearing regularly each month for 18 months. It is produced by a Collective of about 40 people, all of whom live or work in Brighton and all united in a common wish to provide a newspaper for ordinary people to put forward their views. Between 1500 and 2000 copies are printed, and that means 5,000 people or more read it regularly. The paper does not make money (and in fact we're asking for donations to keep it sturdily going!) but then it's not intended to make money like the Argus or Gazette. BRIGHTON VOICE is not subject to the demands of the advertiser nor the politics of the boss. It exists so that we might all have more control over our lives. We say this because everything in Brighton that affects our lives - the kinds of jobs that are available, the kind of education our kids get, the kind of medical service we have & so on - seems to be run by established interests - their own behalf. Property speculators, estate agents, landlords, and builders - aided and abetted by partisan Council policies and administration - are ripping our town apart. Even the ways of getting to know what's happening in the town - the Argus, Gazette, Radio Brighton, the Public Library - are controlled by those same interests; so how can anything be changed for the better if they control how we find out and if there's no way to hit back? So BUY THE VOICE, WRITE & DRAW FOR THE VOICE - IT'S YOUR PAPER.

\* The Collective meets every Sunday 8 p.m. at OPEN, 7 Victoria Road. Why don't you join us?

Our distribution system is expanding all the time but... if you have problems getting the Voice -

- ask your local newsagent to stock it (and preferably tell us that you have done so too).
- or take out a year's subscription (12 issues) for £1, delivered to your door.

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- PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP: 21 Little Preston Street.
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- THREE ROOMS CAFE: 14 Blatchington Road, Hove.
- TOWNS OF HOVE: 99 Church Road, Hove.

The Voice is also being sold on the streets now. You should find a seller - who will sell you a copy and listen to your comments - at or near the following points, moving clockwise round the town centre, on SATURDAYS BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 3 P.M.

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KEMP TOWN.

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CENTRAL BRIGHTON.

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- GARUDA'S: 17 Kensington Gardens.
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election date

OCTOBER 10th

ANARCHIST?

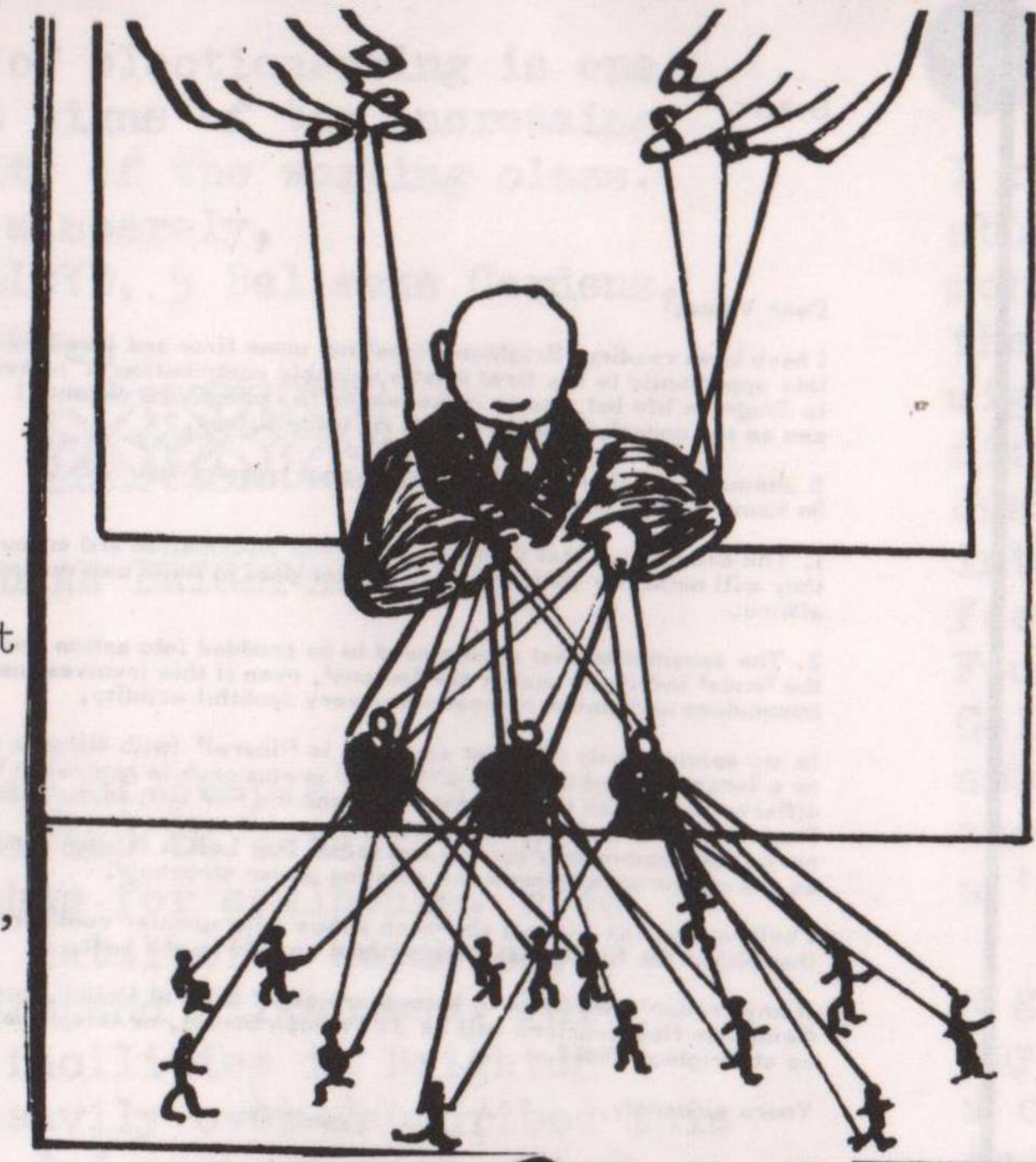
Mention the word 'Anarchist' and most people picture a person of violence with a bomb under the arm. In fact one of the great unifying factors amongst anarchists is a total opposition to national wars and preparations for war. We see the organised violence and destruction of war as a greatly magnified version of the organised violence and destruction brought about by the state. (Anarchists do, however, distinguish between national wars between states and civil wars between classes - anarchists have taken part in armed risings especially in Russia, Spain and Italy but acknowledge that Violence alone will not bring about a revolution).

I use the word 'anarchy' in the sense of 'absence of government' and not in the sense of confusion and chaos. We, as anarchists, believe that a society without government will be better than our present society. It is crap to say that our present government system is 'democratic'. Genuine democracy is only possible in a small community where everyone can take part in every decision. What we call 'democracy' (the government of the people by themselves) is in fact the government of the people by elected rulers - it is still the ruling of some people by other people. We believe that all people are equal and similar and capable of controlling their own lives. If people are so BAD that they need to be ruled by others then no one person is GOOD ENOUGH to take on the responsibility of ruling others.

We believe, like socialists, that the wealth of the earth is the product of the labour of mankind as a whole and all men and women have an equal right to take part in continuing the work and enjoying the product - but unlike some socialists we say equality is not genuine if some people are still ruled by others. This applies particularly to women in our society who are often considered 'unequal' and as a woman I would emphasise the 'inferior' status of women in our present society.

As anarchists we feel no obligation to our elected government when we disagree with its policies, we are against government however it is built up - if government is necessary because some people can not be trusted to look after themselves then anarchists say that government is harmful because no one can be trusted to look after anyone else. POWER CORRUPTS THE POWERFUL. (think of Nixon!) so we say LET PEOPLE CONTROL CONTROL THEIR OWN LIVES.

an article which proposes some alternatives to our present governmental system appears on page 1 4



TORY?

Let us, for a moment, look beyond the maggot-hole of Brighton politics into the maggot-cavern of international politics. For the radical voter concerned with international politics the election presents him with a tragic paradox. This is either to vote Labour for the maintenance of a conservative foreign policy; or to vote Tory for laying the foundations of one which is truly revolutionary.

Britain's relations with the EEC bring this paradox into focus. Ostensibly, the Labour Party's instinctive rejection of a united, and presumably capitalistic, Europe makes it the party of the left. Perhaps. But look at the alternative it presents! Of a Britain that is tied lock, stock and barrel to dear old imbecilic Uncle Sam, the king of capitalists; a Britain, moreover, with a statutory C.I.A. agent on every shop floor...

Tory policy of greater involvement in the EEC will tie us more closely to the gnomes of Paris, Bonn and Zurich it is true; but it will also tie us more closely to the revolutionary tradition of Europe if we so wish.

In the truly British tradition of compromise perhaps the solution for the radical voter is to vote Liberal. But who, outside the jolly Methodist-Hall society of the Liberal Party imagines them grasping sufficient political power to be effective in a radical way?

LABOUR?

We've all heard a lot about economic crisis recently-but what does it all mean? As far as I can see there are 2 ways of running an economy. 1 is to regulate production to satisfy our needs, the other is capitalism. Now, behind all the garbage talked about the 'mixed economy', the system that we have exists first to produce profits - to produce capital so when the going was good we had the 'acceptable' face of capitalism: full employment and a better standard of living. But now, the profit margins are down who is going to be unemployed? Who must take a cut in their standard of living? Who's going to be 'law n'ordered' by the retired colonels and their bully boys? If it isn't profitable the then close it down. End investment and if we suffer it's too bad.

We know where the Tory party stands. We've seen the 'moderates' - Heath, Whitelaw, Carr and their policies. Even they are being challenged by the more orthodox and ruthless unemployment policies of those like K. Joseph and the Monday club. SO WHERE IS THE LABOUR PARTY? Well, it's true that for many years Labour leaders have not attempted any fundamental reforms. They have for a long time attracted an uneasy compromise between the idiocy of supply and demand and social policies. But now when 'free' enterprise is not producing results the party is being pulled and pushed towards socialism. Firstly those who put our needs for jobs, houses and a decent wage above the demands of capitalists are becoming more prominent and secondly Labour is becoming more democratic. There is more control over M.P.s and the time-servers are being more closely watched over. For these reasons I'm voting Labour, for Socialism and against the inhumanity of a crisis of capital.

LIBERAL?

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TRACY'S SAGA: HELP

Last month we carried the story of Tracy Hogan, the Hove woman who was to be evicted with her two children on 27th August, yet who was refused rehousing by Hove Housing Department because of a false accusation of rent being in arrears.

Since then a show of strength by supporters and neighbours has stopped bailiffs from evicting her; but the continuing threat of eviction is a big strain. Hove's Housing Manager, Turner, cited rent arrears as the reason for eviction even though the arrears on her previous accommodation have been written off by the landlord, and the arrears on her present accommodation arise from the refusal of the landlady to accept rent... (she seems to want Tracy out so the house can be redeveloped).

Turner also cites rent arrears as a reason for not giving a Council house to Tracy, even though this isn't a Hove Council rule; and even though it's against Govt. Circular 18/74; and even though the case has never been discussed by the full Housing Committee. We say it's time to stop victimising Tracy, and time for Hove's Housing Committee to bring their Housing Manager to heel.

Brighton Pavilion Liberal Association

19.9.74.

Dear Voice,

I have been reading 'Brighton Voice' for some time and I welcome this opportunity to say first what a valuable contribution it makes to Brighton life but also to make one or two comments on what I see as the underlying attitudes of its contributors.

It seems to me that there are two distinct types of approach to be found in your pages:

1. The assumption that if people are given information and encouragement they will naturally wish to take a greater part in their own community affairs.
2. The assumption that people need to be prodded into action and that the 'ends' inevitably justify the 'means', even if this involves insults, innuendoes and smear campaigns of very doubtful validity.

In my opinion, only the first approach is 'liberal' (with either a small or a large 'L') and that this difference in approach is central to the difference between the Liberal Party and the Far Left; in the Liberal Party community action is seen as the natural expression of a revitalised community spirit, and in the Far Left it is seen specifically as the means to overthrow the existing power structure.

I believe that the Liberal approach shows a far greater confidence in people than either the Right (that goes without saying) or the Left.

If any reader would like to know more about Liberal Policy, our Campaign Headquarters will be 33 Preston Street, or telephone us at Brighton 28468.

Yours sincerely, *John Venables*

Delia Venables  
Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate  
for Brighton Pavilion.

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PAVEMENT POLITICS  
v.  
GUTTER POLITICS

Dear Delia Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate for Brighton Pavilion Venables,

Several points. We don't go in for smear campaigns of doubtful validity. We only use them when they're valid, based upon our knowledge of facts about local affairs. As a resident of Lewes you might not have realised. And then your analysis of community action overlooks the point that community action is meaningless if it doesn't lead to changes in society. The Liberal sympathy for a "revitalised community spirit" still hasn't got past the broken pavements. Note, incidentally, that your fellow-candidate in Kempton wants to be a lollipop man. And what revitalisation will the Liberal insistence on a statutory incomes policy bring? Both Labour and Tory have learnt, to their cost, that an incomes policy only revitalises class conflict. But then perhaps that ain't such a bad objective....



Authoritarian Headmaster Speaks.

The headmaster of Brighton Tech, Mr Wilson (94) recently held a chat evening for the parents of new boys, making it clear will not allow long hair and as a result one future pupil was very distressed to have his long hair cut short because, as his mum says 'If I don't do what the headmaster says he'll only pick on my boy and make things nasty'. The voice asks what right has Mr Wilson to dictate to anyone how they should wear their hair - who does he think he is? POWER CORRUPTS, WILSON.

'No' to Playground for Deaf Children.

Mr David Baker, 29, a lecturer at Brighton College of Education is leading a campaign to prevent an area of land behind his house being turned into tennis courts and a playground for children at Hamilton Lodge school for the deaf. Mr Baker says it will spoil the outlook from his home and disturb his peace and quiet. 'We are all in favour of the school having these facilities but want to know if another site can be considered.' The Voice would remind Mr Baker that deaf children are unable to make much noise, children have a right to somewhere to play and if Mr Baker is more concerned about the view from his window than the rights of handicapped children we suggest he should not be spreading his unpleasant ideas in a college of education.

Answer to comment on I.Q. tests page 6 No 17

While accepting your premise that I.Q. tests distinguish to a certain extent between people, all remain equal as human beings. That said the tests nevertheless remain a criteria often used against children (as you said). In our case an assessment was carried out by the local education authority in order to try and force the child back to school - they hoped to show some form of maladjustment, aware as they were that he was getting a thorough, and to them dangerous, grounding of subversive teaching from my wife. In the event the report back fired on them.

My wife did have the gumption to remove him, and worked hard teaching besides helping me fend off threats of court action over it. The boy is now at a school of his choice where he is happy, and hopes to become active with The School Kids Union later. Maybe the Voice will assist in getting something going?

MIKE CLORAW

Finally for those who mean and don't act - who's first for an operation by a low I.Q. surgeon? After all they're no guide are they.

# EAR TO THE GROUND



T.U.C. - the Voice's view

Following from our article on Structure Planning in the last issue, it appears that County Planning Officers are just as disillusioned with A. Thorburn Esq. as we are. Four out of his Structure Plan Team of a dozen, including a group leader, have recently as a result of the vast and wonderful experience gained whilst working there, resigned (as the job advert would have us believe), resigned. The VOICE has it on good authority that their real reason for changing jobs is that they're pissed off with Thorbungle's 'unique' approach to Structure Planning.

Policeman's head goes missing (ARGUS 10/9/74)

We were pleased to be able to help our friends in the ARGUS, providing them with those excellent photographs of the crumbling Marina which they had been unable to get themselves. And we don't mind the ARGUS refusing to mention the VOICE at all; theirs is an understandable reaction to a worrying competitor. We don't mind mentioning the ARGUS in our columns, since we know what a lightweight unquestioning rag the ARGUS is..

That smiling Mayor from the Rhondda, Danny "I remember 1926" Sheldon, ought really to have a word with his Town Clerk. Not only are the rate-payers having to pay even more from the Marina approach roads, but Morgan-the-Flats must have spent a few quid on trips to the DOE getting clearance for Council rubber-stamping the Marina spine .... (who whispered that the Rotary Club paid?)

For an outside observer the TUC was like a play: the actors were all speaking rehearsed parts and only occasionally did real feelings and points of issue surface. Even the confrontations and retreats seemed contrived. In part this was due to the astonishing gerrymandering of the sessions by the President, Alf Allen, a deceptively courteous and smiling but utterly ruthless orchestrator of the whole event. Partly, too, is was because everyone spoke with the spectre of an election over their shoulders. But these things apart, there were two other disturbing aspects: an underlying male chauvinism, and racialism. The real attitude to women revealed itself more clearly in the many casual incidents rather than in the passing of motions on Equal Pay. Few women were present - 5% of the 900 or so delegates - though women constitute 40% of the membership of trade unions; in important debates no women were called; for those in which they were called it was as supportive speakers only; when they spoke they received markedly less attention. The racialism was less evident, but best illustrated by a story of an Indian delegate from the Medical Practitioners Union. Lining up at the start of the Conference for documentation, he was told 'the visitor's desk is on the other side! The Conference laughed easily at the tale, seemingly not wanting to recognise the implications. The opening was livened by a bit of Brightoniana. George Cooper carved through Danny Sheldon, telling the delegates they were in a town run as a pocket borough by die-hard Tories, where the speculator was king. The VOICE welcomes George Cooper's plain speaking.

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## Now that we are in the Common Market.....

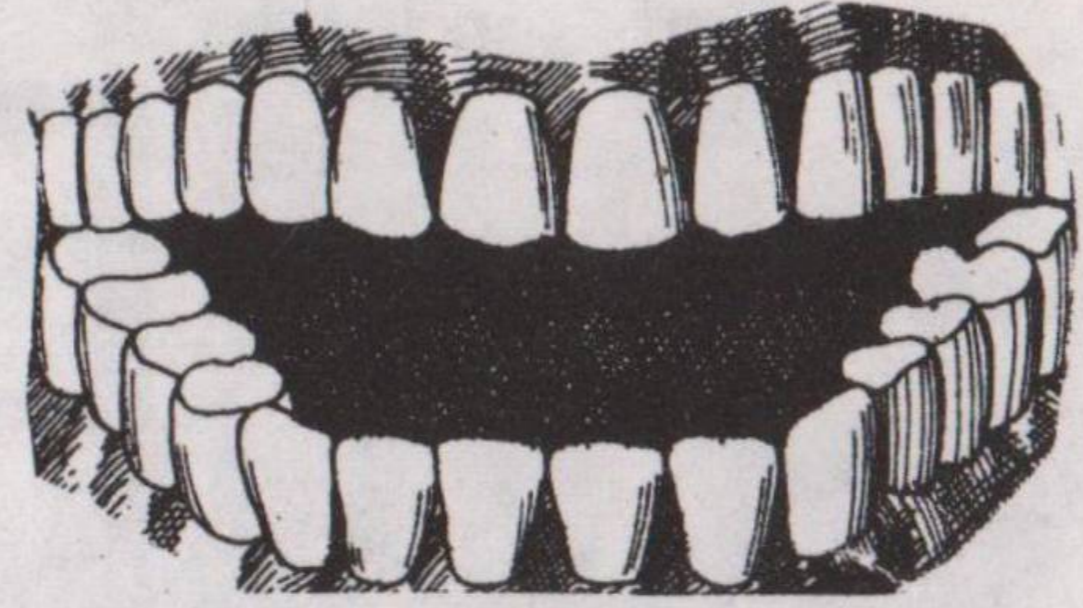
"Now that we are in the Common Market, Brighton is as close as any other city in Britain to those other Common Market cities across the water." With this illuminating remark, Nicholas Parsons opened the 4th Brighton International Exhibition, at the Metropole Hotel. He set the scene for a show whose aims were extraordinarily confused. While the carefully prepared prospectus, in three languages, laid on thick the international overtones, most of the stand space was taken up by traders, whose normal scene in the Open Market seemed somewhat restrained in the luxury of the Metropole. The only major overseas exhibit, from Kenya, was grossly played up, and behind the scenes, organisers rushed round soliciting pineapples and bottles of wine as prizes for the midweek monster sausage munching marathon.

And the Public Relations Officers from British Caledonian Airlines gazed across the aisle at the 'grafters' selling the latest in wonder carrot peelers. All very confusing for the visitors, most of whom seem to have been tourists around in Brighton anyway.

The exhibitions have descended from a long series of trade fairs, and, according to the organisers, should become a "high class" international exhibition. Suggestions that the local character of the 'grafters' could be retained and reinforced by the offer of free or cheap stands to local groups, with something to offer were not well received. Perhaps a combined Festival and Exhibition could satisfy everyone's desires, in True Brighton spirit. Prestige isn't everything, not by a long chalk.



# OPEN GOB



We were fascinated to see Counc Adams (Chairman Kemptown Labour Party) admit that 'there may be times when it's right to do what the Conservative Party says' (Argus 22/8). This brilliant analysis could be, we feel, of great value to H. Wilson in his search for the elusive social compact. However, our spirits sank at the thought of yet another election. No doubt we must suffer dozens more Argus photos of Mr Andrew Bowden (84) and that awful grinning wife of his partaking in the nightly knees-ups at the Whitehawk Inn during these tense weeks prior to the election. To be fair, the Argus has launched into the campaign with characteristic frankness and gave good coverage to Mr Teddy Chipperfield's recent succinct description of the M.P. for Kemptown as a 'Warped Crank'. We were delighted to learn that Mr Bowden (84) is still president of the Captive Animals Protection Society - a role which must certainly enhance his electoral prospects in a marginal constituency.

(extract from Mr Bowden's angry Reply to Mr. Teddy Chipperfield.)

"I personally do not care what nasty names you call me, but, as national president of the Captive Animals Protection Society, I deeply resent the attack."

Neither does dapper Dennis Hobden (Labour Candidate Kemptown) escape frank comment. This 'controversial socialist' or 'mellowed Rebel' (Argus 27/8) features frequently in those unbiased Argus editorials which entertain us daily, and in short, Dennis-The-Menace is becoming a grave embarrassment all round. Not so the gentle Tonks - padding around in his hush-puppies and Co-op mac, he suddenly hits the headlines as a 'pseudo intellectual and left-wing environmentalist' as well as 'The college lecturer breed of radical' (Argus 23/8). Right on Tonka! - watch they don't go and close your language school down with a reputation like that.

Yes, on the whole it's been a bad month for political leaders here in Brighton. First poor Mr Thorpe's hovercraft was sabotaged and then, just when Harold must have anticipated massive publicity at the T.U.C. Mr T. Heath managed once again to hog the limelight with his Great Yachting Disaster. Alas, the magnificent impact of Harold's pep talk to the Wardressers, twisters and kindred trades et al was overwhelmingly obliterated by this £45,000 loss - who knows, Mr T. Heath may even have booked a future berth for Morning Cleud in our own esteemed Marina. 'I'll see that bugger doesn't get more election coverage than me' muttered Mr T. Heath, to our Voice reporter, as he sat eating a chinese take-away in the out-patients dept of the Royal Sussex Hospital. And as Harold hurried to Uncle Sam's for a speedy hamburger between speeches, it was touching to hear him humming the immortal lines of G. Glitter Esq (45) at present undergoing an operation to have his mouth removed - rumour has it he may never sing again - 'You'll never believe it, Come on Come on - I'm a leader, I'm a leader ... Do ya wanna be in my gang, my gang, my gang etc' - Ah Gary Glitter in a Ganex...

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## INTERNMENT AT WINDSOR.

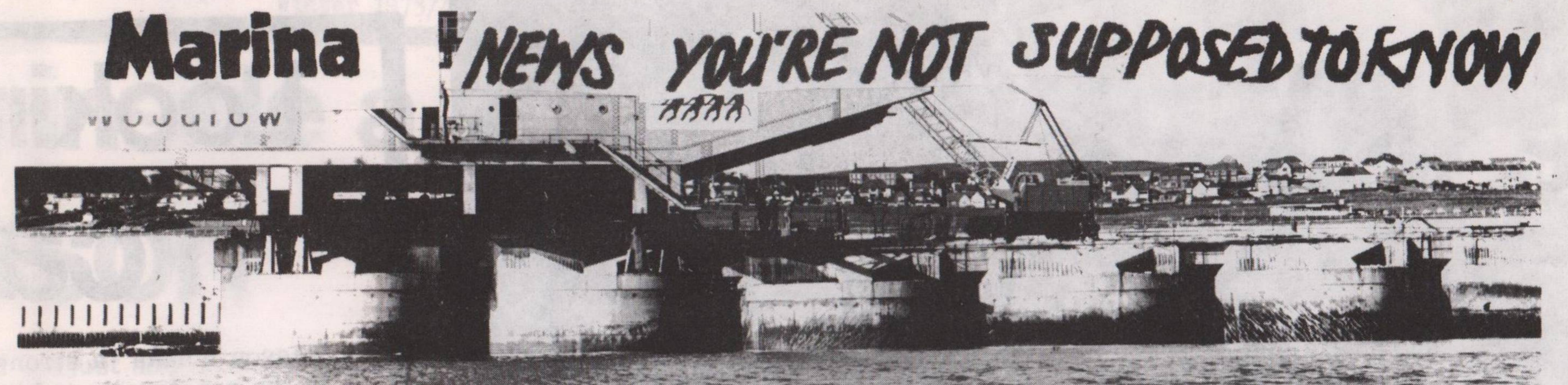
The end of August saw a beginning of the long-anticipated internment in England. Hundreds of ordinary people, including lots of Brighton folk, on their way to participate in the Windsor Free Festival were whisked away to the Combermere Army Barracks, before they had even reached the site of the festival. Thousands were stopped by Thames Valley Policemen, it seems under orders from DAVID HOLDSWORTH Chief Constable, searched and harrassed and told to go home if they didn't want more trouble. Anybody unlucky enough to possess a torn cigarette packet or anything similar was arrested on suspicion of being in possession of dangerous drugs and taken to the barracks.

Once at the barracks prisoners were stripped and thoroughly searched. If nothing was found on them they were quite often held for 3 or 4 hours more while police checks were made in their home towns to see if they could be held for anything else. People found to be in possession of drugs were put into a large recreation hall with 70 or so mattresses on the floor. Before this they were taken to another part of the barracks and photographed, fingerprinted and numbered. Money, rings, watches and any other property including cigarettes and matches were taken from the prisoners. Once inside the hall they were treated in true army style and frequently ordered to line up against the wall and recite names and the numbers they had received when photographed.

Many were woken after a few hours sleep only to be asked their name and number. Anyone showing signs of being uncooperative was threatened with fists and told 'Watch it'. Drug squad officers with long hair and hippy T shirts and jeans tried to mingle with the prisoners and get information about dealers etc. Anyone who tried to visit the prisoners was stopped at the main gate by the guard of 2 soldiers who each carried a 2-foot long truncheon and were told they would need police permission to enter the barracks. Telephone callers to the police were told that it was the army that wouldn't allow anyone in to visit. The whole affair was very frightening since there was no communication possible between the prisoners inside and their friends outside.

FROM BRIGHTON/HOVE HUMANIST GROUP.

Mr St John-Stevas is demanding even more privileges for Christianity in schools. He says the overwhelming majority of parents want their children to study the basic principles of Christian faith. He is neither a parent nor teacher but a catholic politician. The reality is that Christian faith is irrelevant in the lives of most British people who never set foot inside a church. St John-Stevas should consider the right of future generations not to be burdened with social problems created today by those more concerned in promoting their religious beliefs than in human welfare.



Brighton people have been deluged with information about the Marina. VOICE readers may understandably groan in dismay at four more pages about this multi-million pound charade. Sorry, folks, but we believe the deluge of info from other sources has been too partisan and we think that a development which will change the face of Brighton - forever - needs to be talked about before it's too late. So we'd like to take a look at what's really happened over the past year or so, and to look forward to the Public Inquiry of October - our last chance to have a say in what the Marina becomes.



The story of the Marina has been one of complicity between a company which exhibits most of the unwelcome faces of capitalist 'free enterprise' and a local Council with a nose for commercial gain whatever the social costs. This complicity is obvious if we look at the kinds of information put out by both Company and Council on this development. Examples of the distortions proudly put out by both institutions will be chronicled further on.

It's important to note that the complicity, and the distortions which support it, work directly against us, the people of Brighton. What we will get, if this gang of entrepreneurs has its way, is a new town of private, speculative and prestigious flats, a continuing drain on the rates, few public amenities, a lot more traffic. The things we really need, which a progressive Council could organise even in conjunction with private investment capital, we don't get. More low-

cost housing to rent, a decent public transport system, more and better-equipped schools, popular amenities for participative recreation and so on. All these things cannot be provided because the Council and private investors insist that resources and attention should always go to the brash profiteers who have already ruined our town and the balance of public benefits it ought to have.

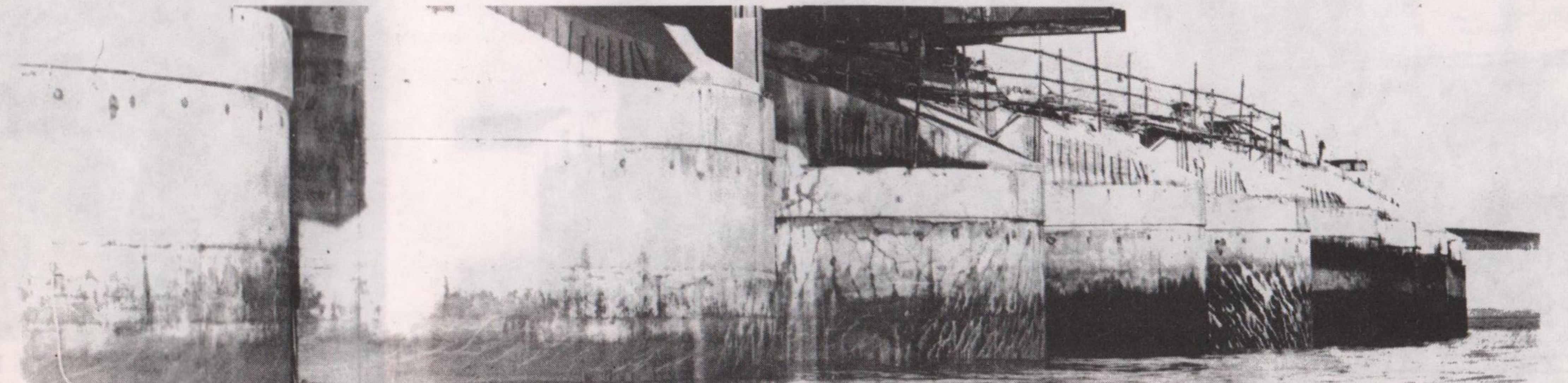
The Marina is not a marina at all. The marine element is just an excuse to build tower blocks of flats - how else would anyone get planning permission to build 1450 flats in high-rise blocks 10-storeys high selling at an average of £30,000 each in an area designated by its own planners as one of minimal growth? Funny though that even the Council's officers have calculated that the expected rate income can't come from boat moorings; it has to come from the shops, offices, car-parks and flats. So here we have just one implicit admission that the 'Marina' has bugger-all to do with boating.

Here's another myth. That Brighton people have approved these plans, in the Town Poll of 1969. In fact the scheme we voted for bears no relation to the present plans. The early plans were for a marina with 330 flats and lots of public facilities, including an ice-rink and facilities for dinghies. Present plans are for 1450 flats, no ice-rink and no dinghy facilities. Of no small interest is the rationale offered for the early plans by the Company: that 330 flats were necessary to keep the place alive all the

year round. The same argument is now put forward to justify 1450 flats.

And here's another oddity. Much of the blurb put out on behalf of the Marina Company has stressed the extraordinary financial benefits to the town. Our relentlessly optimistic Town Clerk, popularly known to his Celtic ancestors as Morgan-the-Flats, was confident at the 1966 Public Inquiry, and even in the Argus of 29th April 1974, of a rate income of at least £1 million p.a. By 30th July, when he appeared at the East Sussex Structure Plan meeting, his estimate had dropped ½ million. In fact, as merry Morgan well knows, this ½ million will be split between Brighton & East Sussex, and Brighton will actually get about £150,000 in rates. Peanuts. Especially as all of that will have to be spent on paying the interest charges for the expenses on the Marina approach roads at Black Rock. So the actual rate income is non-existent.

And so we approach the Public Inquiry with these and other thoughts. Meanwhile the Council has given permission for the Company to build the central spine, which is crucial to the whole notion of the property venture. So we're committed to this layout even if the Secretary of State doesn't like it. We approach the Inquiry angry at the way Brighton Council has failed to control the grasping Marina Company. We intend to submit detailed evidence and any news, comments or suggestions, and any offers of practical help, will be welcome. Come to the Inquiry, on Tuesday October 22nd, at 10.30 a.m. in the Town Hall and TELL THE INSPECTOR WHAT WE WANT TO DO ABOUT THE MARINA.





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# Looking inside a caisson

Caisson means "a strong case" and just how strong those used in the construction of the breakwaters at the Brighton Marina are is illustrated by this cross-sectional diagram.

(and by these Brighton Voice Photographs)

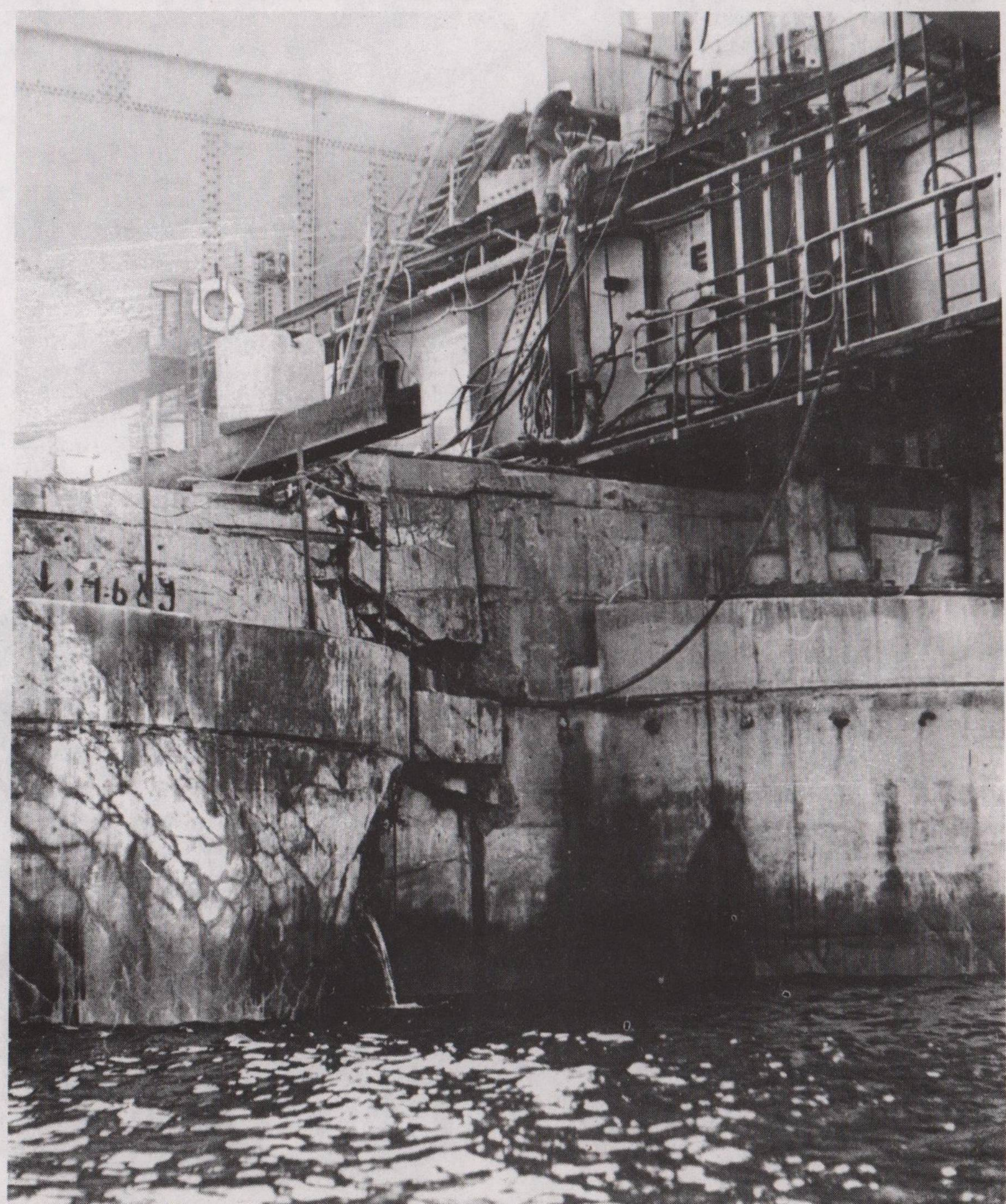
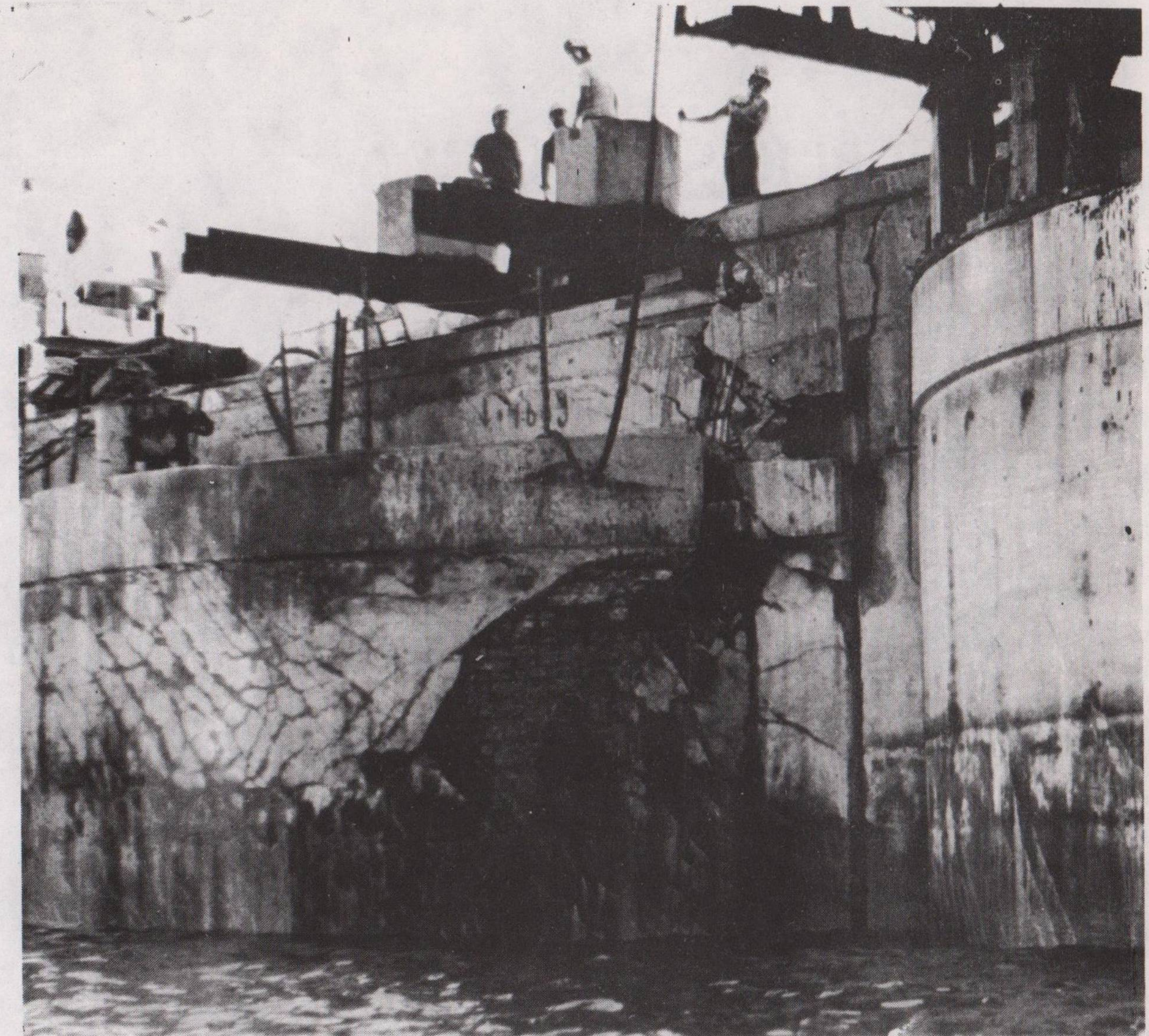
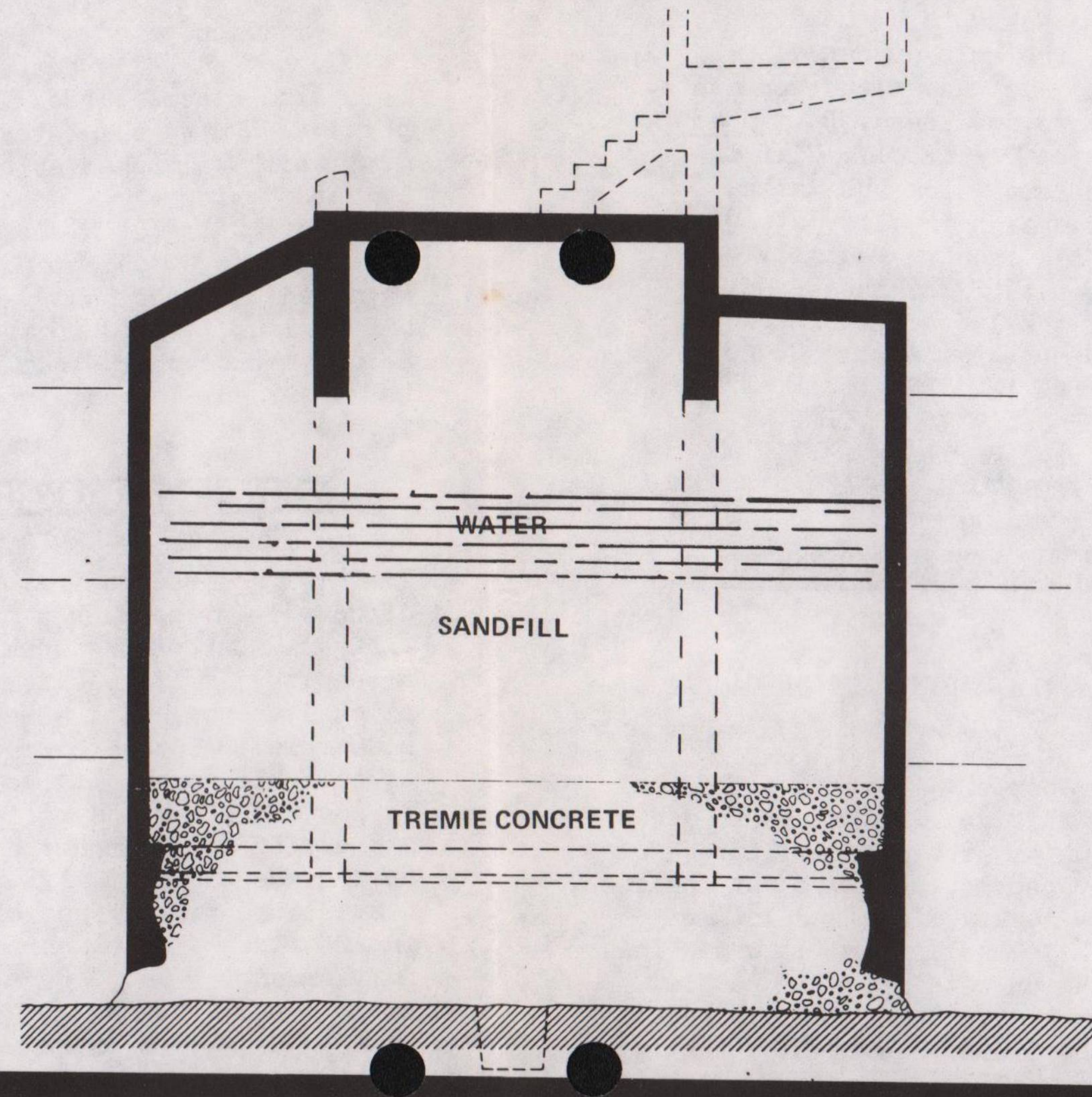
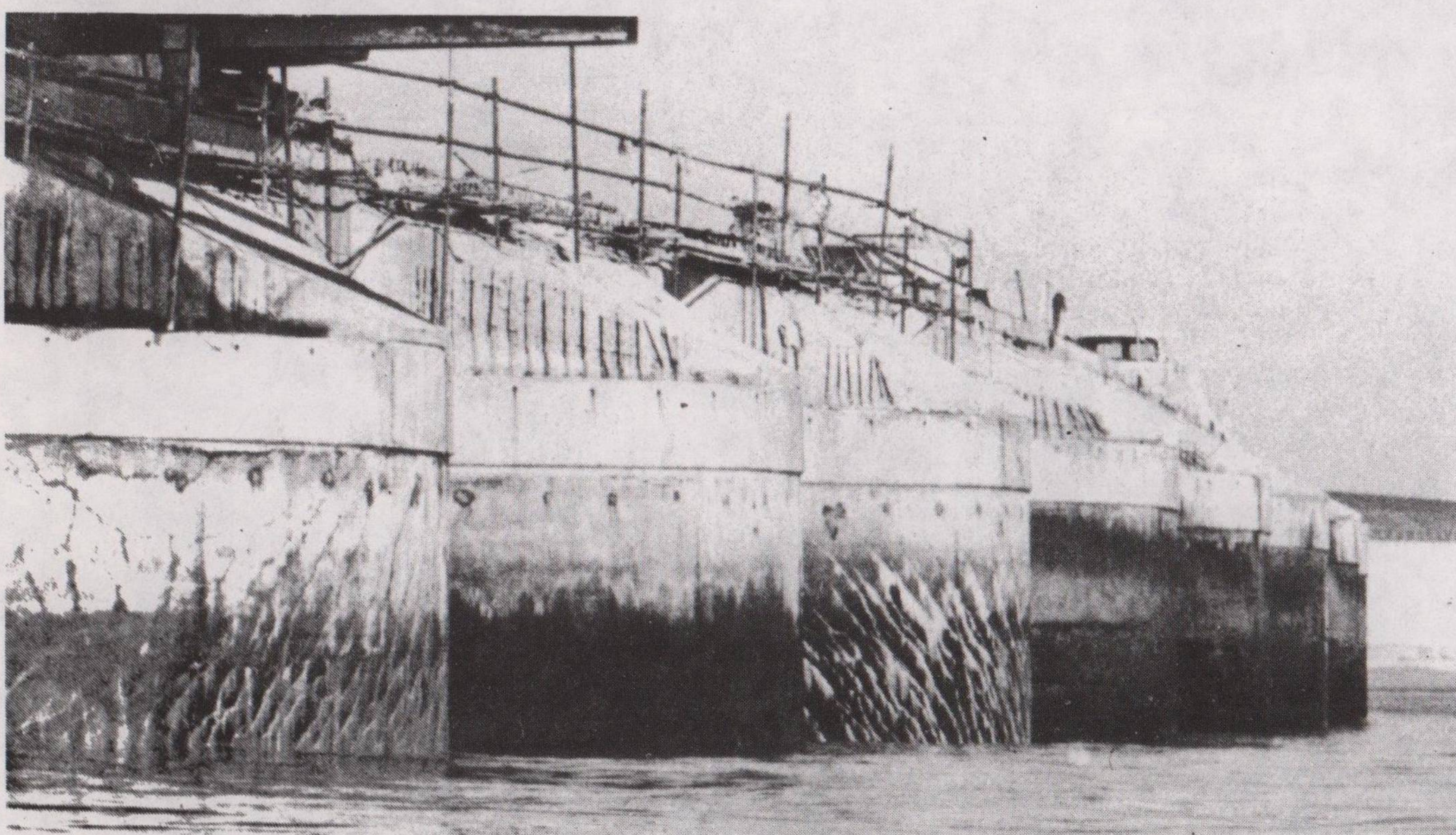
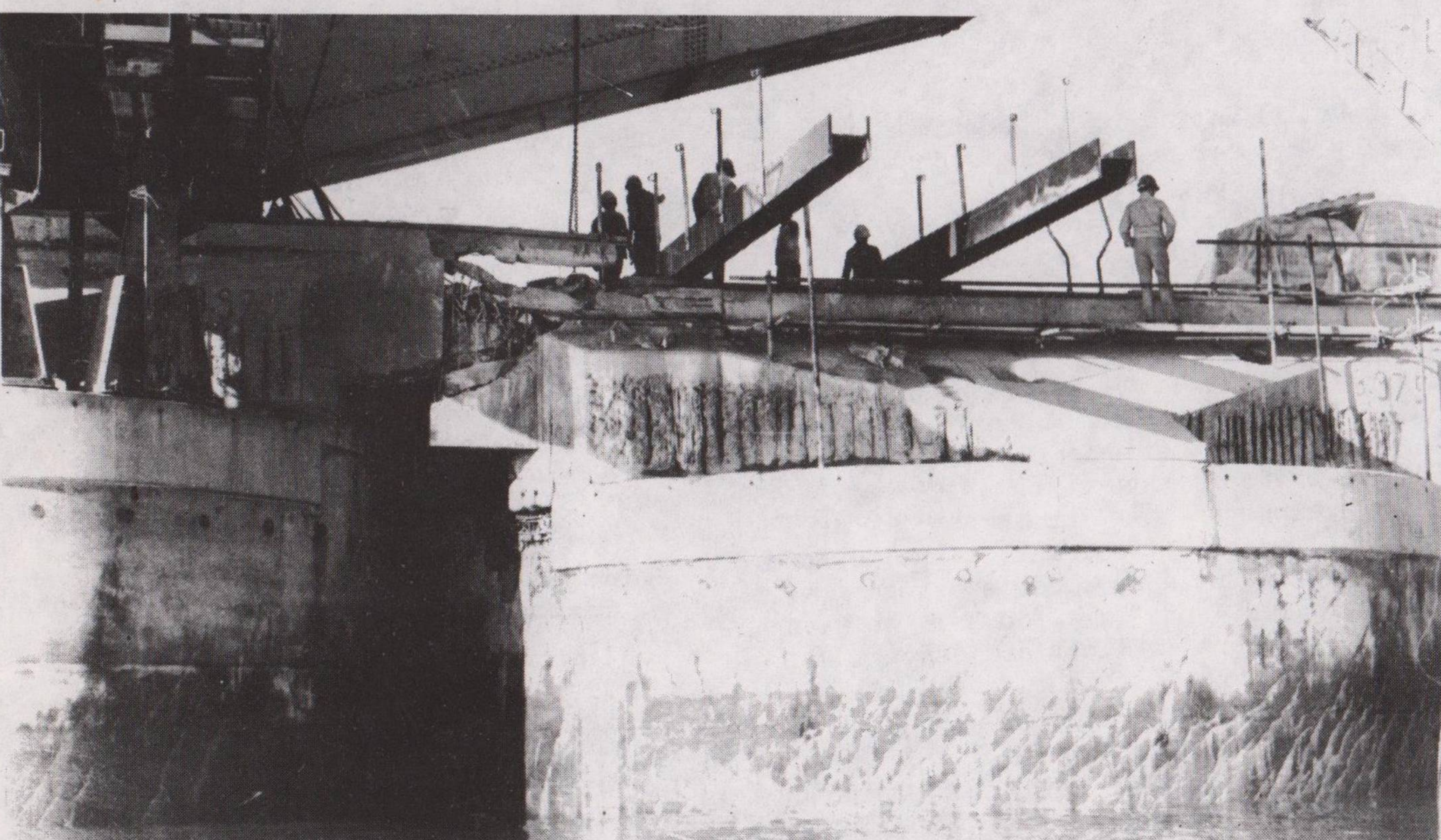
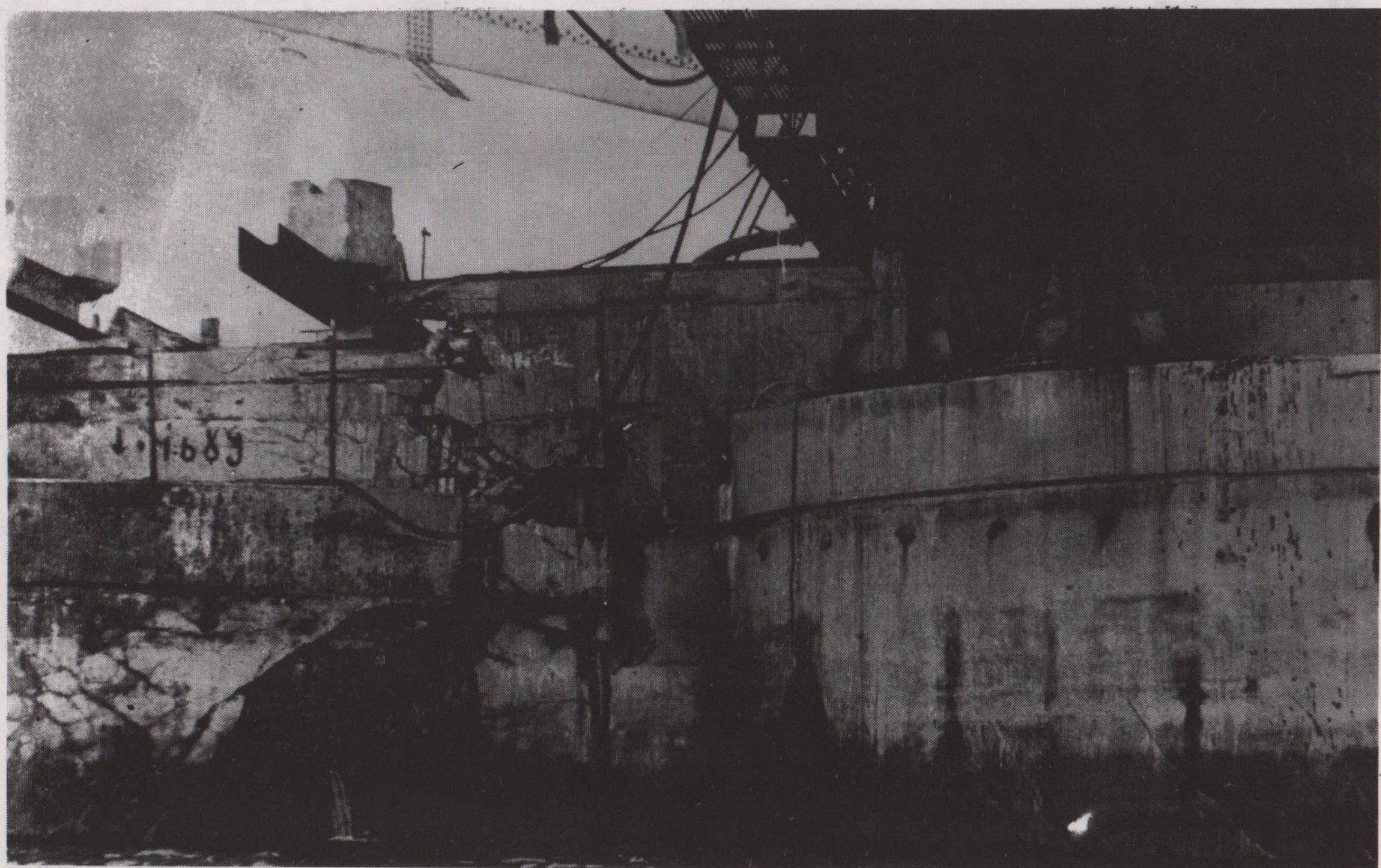


Photo by Klondyke Kate





# THE PUBLIC'S INQUIRY?

It's a public hearing of the case for and against the current Marina plans. It will be chaired by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State; the SoS will get a report on the Inquiry from the Inspector, and can accept or reject its recommendations with or without modification.

The Inquiry is not a court of law, and any person may ask to be heard at the discretion of the Inspector, but if you can show that you have some direct interest in the matter (and are therefore a 'statutory' objector) you are freely entitled to give evidence, call witnesses and cross-examine. The Inspector decides what evidence is relevant, and has already said that he considers the following points to be the most important: -

- (a) the visual impact of the proposed buildings
- (b) the amounts of space for exhibition, chandlery and shopping
- (c) the uses of the exhibition space
- (d) the need and justification of the shopping space
- (e) the need and justification of the residential accommodation
- (f) the traffic implications for existing and proposed roads in the town.

In giving evidence under these or other headings permitted by the Inspector, you may have occasion to call on 'expert' witnesses. An 'expert' witness in this context is someone who can give a personal 'expert' opinion because of professional experience and qualifications. These opinions become 'fact' for the purpose of the Inquiry, once accepted by the Inspector.



The VOICE will be arguing a case not simply about the contents of the Marina, but more generally about the assumptions and procedures of planning law and the Inquiry itself. These general points, of course, would be considered inadmissible evidence by the Inspector so we have to show how a particular planning situation has arisen because of these general points; and how the particular solutions proposed by the various parties reflect those assumptions and procedures.



Essentially we hope to say that manoeuvres by the Marina Company and the Council have effectively denied Brighton people any real say in what the Marina is to be. The Company's pursuit of profit, allied to the Council's vision of Brighton as an international-fun centre, disregards the real welfare of the town's inhabitants.

It will of course be difficult to combat the power and resources of the Company and Council combined. The Marina Company is big - its Marina may well cost £100 million by the time it is finished, and this figure is twice the value of the assets owned by Tesco Supermarkets, bigger than the whole of Unigate, and nearly as large as the whole of the Boots chain. The Council has a position of entrenched and partisan commercialism, more appropriate to a mafia of 2nd-hand car dealers than to an institution charged with responsibility for the public welfare.

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Remember that the mechanics of Planning Law and Public Inquiry Procedure actually favour these huge commercial interests. Who else could afford to employ slick lawyers and teams of 'expert' witnesses? Our attempt to present a really democratic case, put together by 'amateurs' who have no resources, is going to be an uphill struggle...but one which the VOICE believes is not only worthwhile, but vital, if the people of Brighton are to have any real say in the Inquiry.

### YOU CAN HELP

If we are going to succeed, we need all the help we can get - please let us have your comments, suggestions and ideas. But most important ACT DIRECTLY. Sign the petition form which the Marina Action Campaign is circulating. Come to the Inquiry yourself - don't be put off by the Council chamber, the lawyers, the bigwigs from the company and the Council. COME TO THE INQUIRY AND LET THE INSPECTOR KNOW YOUR VIEWS. LET'S HAVE A MARINA FOR PEOPLE NOT FOR PROFIT.



### What is the MARINA ACTION CAMPAIGN?

MAC grew out of a large public meeting earlier this year. It wants to see a Marina which provides facilities for ordinary people, not just for the rich, e.g. few luxury flats and lots of real public facilities. It wants full consultation with Brighton people before the development is allowed to go further, and that implies that we are given full information by the Company and Council. Despite the power and money behind the Marina Company MAC has succeeded in getting a Public Inquiry and will present a case there based on its current researches. MAC has been very concerned at the withholding of information by the Council & Company, and has itself produced a set of Factsheets and the first issue of a Newspaper-look out for the second MAC News soon. MAC will hold a Public meeting on Wednesday, 16th Oct. 8p.m at the Friends Centre. If you want copies of MAC News, or want to help prepare the case for the Inquiry contact Tessa Williams, Rear Ground Floor Flat, 6 Arundel Terrace Tel 687792. MAC's research needs funds, so any donations will be welcomed by Jack Wells, Flat6, 4 Sussex Sq. 61505, MAC's treasurer. P.S. Queenspark, the paper which grew out of the Spa campaign, will be producing a special edition on the Marina soon. Contact Robin Murray, 62 Bentham Rd., 688380

# 1969 SQUAT

'Squatting has a long history in Brighton and there is a lot to learn from those earlier experiences' so began an article in VOICE 15. -Dead right. So what a pity that what followed was just a eulogy on Harry Cowley with only 1 sentence on the more recent squat of 1969.

The tone of that article suggested that campaigns only start when a dynamic individual appears. This 'Let's all wait for the saviour' attitude does little to spread the idea that 'ordinary' people can change their own environments, which is surely what the VOICE is all about.

I say that the Squat was very successful to start with but went sour when adopted by a political group suggests a simple 'nice people' v. 'nasty politicians' analysis. This overlooks the Squat's many lessons for any kind of community action. Let me sketch in the background and spell out just what I think those lessons are.



BACKGROUND - the squat was originally organised by the Brighton Rents Project, backed by the May Day Manifesto group of Socialists, Young Socialists and International Socialists. For some months they had been carrying out surveys of conditions in rented accommodation, campaigning for rent registration by tenants and the rating of property kept empty. They drew attention to the Council's ownership of several houses under long-term demolition orders which could be used for homeless families. By early May 69 a petition was circulating calling for Council action on these points.

Then, with plenty of well-researched facts to put forward a public meeting was called.

ORGANISATION - from that time the decision-making was carried out by public meetings and specialist groups formed at public meetings, rather than by particular, central political organisation. There was an attempt at a co-ordinating committee to meet between public meetings, but this proved too cumbersome. It existed with no real power.

The public meetings really were public, with sometimes 200 present. At the first meeting groups were formed to examine squatting as a tactic, investigate business connections of councillors handle propaganda etc. This structure made it difficult for any one political group to dominate but possible for many to unite, and for people who had never taken part in any political or social action to

contribute and organise.

At meetings and at the electricians, bricklayers, plumbers etc turned up to help and stayed to become active in the movement. For many Brightonians this was probably the start of political consciousness and action.



One lesson of 69 was that this decentralised organisation encouraging people to participate and make decisions for themselves rather than await directives from a central committee is essential for a movement which really wants broad-based popular support. - Especially when the action involved is continuous, like squatting, taking place in a situation changing hour to hour. It is doubtful if the Project's initiators wanted this degree of decentralisation.

WHY SQUATTING? - in May 69 token squats took place in an unsuccessful attempt to halt the demolition of 2 houses. The same month the Project attempted to present its petition at a Council Meeting. The Council refused to accept it and over reacted by calling the Police to clear the Council Chamber. 11 people were arrested and because about half were students it was now possible for the Press and Council to talk disapprovingly of 'violent demonstrations' and 'childish behaviour' and completely ignore the issues involved.



These 2 events showed the limits of acting through the 'proper channels'. The lesson then and now is that agitation about housing strikes at the very basis of power in this town - the alliance between the estate agents, property speculators and their relatives and 'yes-men' on the Council. (At that time the housing committee chairman was Stanley Theobald of Geo. White's Estate Agent.)

Because what is being attacked is so vital to the those in power agitation is therefore ineffective if confined to the usual polite king of middle class action class group action. The contempt and disregard shown by the Council for polite demos pointed the way towards Direct Action.



# '69 SQUAT cont'd

The project squatting group had already contacted 2 families through an ad. in the Argus and a visit to the Elm Grove reception Centre. Early on June 2



2 long-empty council owned houses in Terminus Rd were taken over by squatters. By early July 4 more families were squatting in the Terminus Rd area. Then in mid-July the squat moved to Ministry of Defence property in Wykham Terrace, and also to took 2 council-owned houses in Queen Sq plus the Drill Hall- now the Sussex Sports Centre.

From then the real impetus in the Project came from the squatters themselves (by which I mean the families and those of the support group who lived on the squat for most of its 6 month duration.),

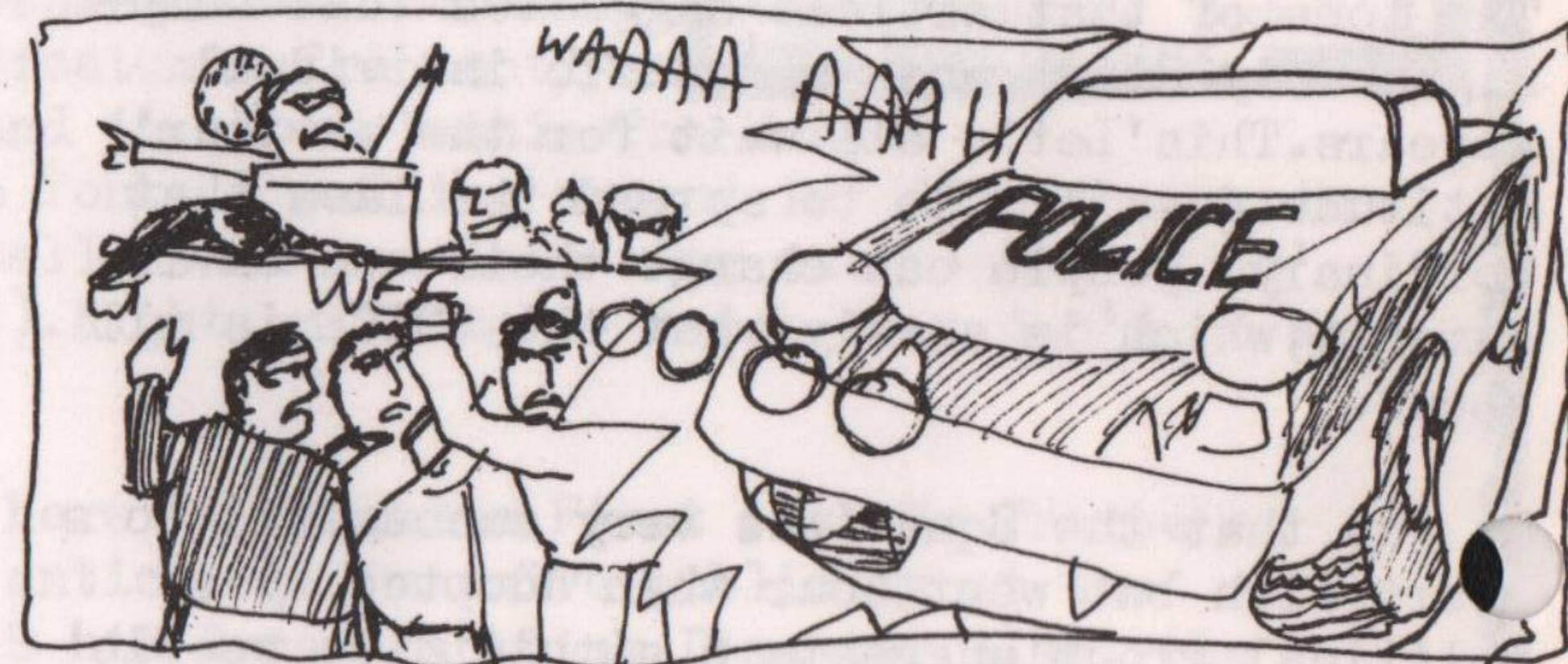
and a group which advised and represented tenants at Rents Tribunals, in disputes with their landlord landlords etc. This group headed by Labour Council Candidate Chris Baxter (who also acted as Squatter Squatter's spokesman to the Council although not a squatter) had plenty of solid success in achieving rent reduction for many tenants.



### SOME LESSONS ABOUT THE PRESS, THE POLICE, ETC.

1) Southern Publishing (Argus, Gazette etc.) has a press monopoly locally and since it sees itself as an adjunct of the conservative-landlord business group (its advertisers) it will always be hostile to any direct action. The independent and now defunct Herald gave one whole page to the Project to write once but generally joined in the misrepresentation of the squatters. For six months the press claimed the squatters were jumping the housing queue despite the obvious fact that they were actually getting out of the queue. The degree of press hostility depends on a leader writer's stomach condition rather than logic, so don't bother about press publicity, get your own. There was no VOICE in 1969.

2) Similarly a large section of the public will not be swayed by either logical argument or humanitarian appeal to support you. They believe that homelessness (and by extension joblessness) arises from people being feckless layabouts. ('Problem families are those of low mentality and so forth. You get many of that sort around' Cllr. Mrs. Nettleton). Show them any contrary evidence you like but they won't believe you. So don't waste time trying to get them on your side: just be as truthful as possible as often as possible, but once you sense their belonging to this group, move on.

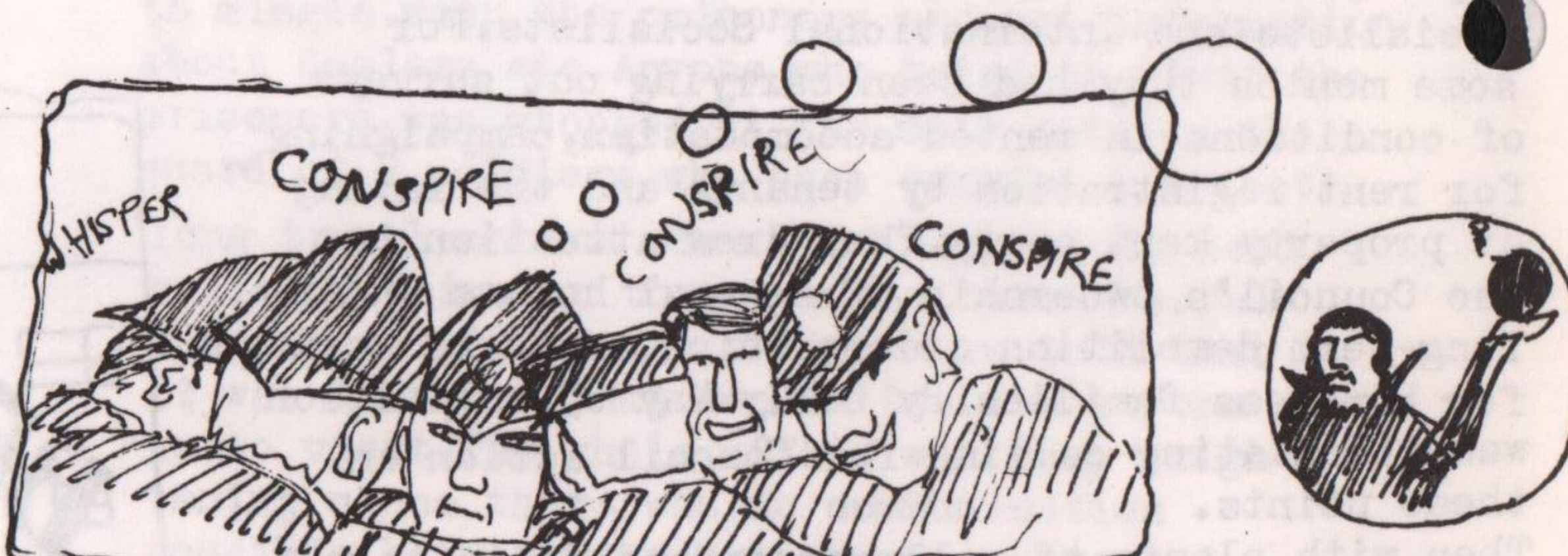


3) One the police realised the squat was serious and popular, they brought in an agent provocateur (Steve Prior) to discredit it, and there is evidence of phone tapping (of Chris Baxter & Richard Moseley of the NCCL). Underhand methods were O.K. because they wanted no confrontation in the centre of Brighton in the holiday season. Hence Chief. Superintendent Rostron negotiated with the squatters because he didn't want his police to aid violent evictions. So, underhand. Intimidation, by calling ostentatiously on squat supporters at work 'to ask a few questions'. There were no arrests directly connected with the squat until February 1970 although police evidence was ready by September 1969. This desire for surface calm can be used by campaigners so long as they're aware of another world under the surface. Police hostility is subtle, don't underestimate it; it's safer to be paranoid.

### THE SQUAT'S SUCCESSES

1. Fifteen families were housed by the Council despite Theobald's assertion that they would be struck off the housing list.
2. Within two months of the squat the Council spent £7000 renovating long-empty houses and moving people in.
3. Kept the housing situation alive usually on the front page of the local press and in the letters columns for nearly a year. Newspaper correspondence showed widespread passive support for squatting.
4. Made an incalculable number of people aware of the power structure in the town and politically active.

SEE THE NEXT VOICE FOR THE SQUAT'S FAILURE



DEAR BRIGHTON VOICE:

I would like to say a few words about the letter by Geoff Jones in issue 16. It is a letter that makes me feel rather sad, as he makes it clear that he has not learnt the lessons of 70 years of Labour politics. How well I remember the struggles of the 30s and 40s and 50s - "if only we can get this Councillor elected, then..."! or "if only we can get a Labour Government with an absolute majority - then at last things will really start to happen"! I think most people would agree that the results are meagre in proportion to the effort expended and the hopes aroused. So much energy and so many hopes were mistake - only diverted into electioneering that creative action by the people was neglected. People were not made aware of their own power.

It is very heartening that so many people nowadays are disillusioned with electoral politics; and that papers like BRIGHTON VOICE are advocating new forms of public participation. It is a betrayal of peoples' hopes to place the main emphasis on elections and parliamentary politics. The working class must develop its own organisations independent of the Labour Party that believes in the capitalist system. I am not suggesting that all activity in support of certain candidates should cease, but it should be subsidiary. Ironically it is precisely when the movement from below is strong and independent that one sees politicians falling over themselves to identify with progressive policies. They are afraid of losing support, you see, but they couldn't care less if that support has been guaranteed in advance, out of some idea of 'loyalty'. One has only to look at the corrupt Councils of the N.E. to see what can happen in this situation.

I think BRIGHTON VOICE is doing a great job. It is important to realise that disillusionment with party politics need not necessarily lead to disillusionment with politics. On the contrary it is beginning to lead to a more profound understanding of politics and of how social change can come about. Scepticism about the

# LETTERS

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value of electioneering is one of the signs of the increasing maturity of the working class. Yours sincerely,  
JOHN LLOYD, 5 Bellevue Gardens, Brighton.



DEAR BRIGHTON VOICE:

A group of people in Brighton are trying to establish a workshop for sculpture, wood work, metalwork, ceramics, pottery and silkscreen. Part-time facilities in Brighton are heavily over-subscribed this year. And mothers with young children, or working people, can't easily get to those part-time classes, let alone engage in full-time courses.

So the workshop would help serve local needs; by providing a place for reasonably experienced people to exchange skills and ideas and to work, and to provide facilities for other people to learn specific skills. Premises for the workshop are already available so if any one is interested in 'helping with' or 'working in' the workshop please contact Maggie Organ, tel: 500782. Many thanks!

MAGGIE 22 Surrenden Road, Brighton



### CAN YOU ANSWER "YES" TO THESE QUESTIONS

- Am I over 17 and 100% fed-up?
- Do I want to leave the insecurity of life in present-day Britain with a chance to get away from it all?
- Am I fed-up with slums and overcrowding?
- Do I want the exhilaration of risking my life in battle?
- Am I prepared to become a professional murderer with Government sanction and the blessing of the Church?
- Do I want to learn how to destroy land, cities and villages as well as men, women and children?
- Do I want to make enemies of lads of my own age from other countries?
- Do I want to commit myself to a job that I cannot leave for the next nine to eleven years unless I give three years' notice at the age of eighteen?
- Do I want to see the world with a gun in my hand?

If you answer "Yes" to six out of nine of these questions, you should go along to discuss your own case at your local Army Recruiting Centre, to be found in any town, county or country.

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DEAR BRIGHTON VOICE:

I recall reading something about Brighton Council's money-saving activities in the Voice recently, so you might be interested in my difficulties in talking E. Sussex Education Authority into paying 'out of county' fees for me to attend a Foundation Year at Maidstone Coll of Art... Despite being accepted by Maidstone for the course, and being granted a 'grant' by E. Sussex, they

a grant by E. Sussex, they now say they'd prefer me to attend a college in their area, as they're reluctant to pay those 'out of county' fees of about £600.

I believe places at Brighton Art School were filled in March, so I am being pressurised to go to Eastbourne Art school which offers nowhere near the freedom of development that Maidstone does; and I think this kind of censorship of freedom of choice is intolerable. ANTHONY WILLIAMS  
34A Gladstone Place. Brighton.



**TROOPS OUT!**  
Brighton Troops out Movement  
Public Meeting Wed. 23rd  
Oct. 8pm. Labour Club  
NATIONAL SPEAKERS  
TROOPS OUT DEMONSTRATION OCT.  
27TH LONDON = RALLY AT  
CLERKENWELL GREEN EC1  
(FARRINGTON TUBE -  
CLEAKEWELL RD. BUSES)



# ... AND MORE



## DEAR BRIGHTON VOICE

In a few weeks, a centre for battered women will be opening in this area. There has long been a need for such a centre, but it is only recently that women have spoken up about their problems. The law could provide protection for these women because a man who has battered his wife can be prosecuted for grievous bodily assault. In practice the police are often very reluctant to interfere in what they see as a 'domestic' tiff that will blow over the next morning. The sort of situation that can arise is that the police being reluctant to arrest a man expect the woman to bring out a private summons. This is obviously unsatisfactory as the women usually has to carry on living with her husband whilst waiting for the court case. Even if a woman obtains an injunction (which can only be granted in conjunction with divorce proceedings) to prevent her husband molesting her, if he breaks this injunction her only recourse is to return to the court (where invariably the husband is merely reprimanded by the magistrate). In these circumstances the only solution seems to be to provide a place of safety for battered wives to withdraw to temporarily. Our centre will be run on self-help lines, where women will be able to gain support and help from each other. We do, however, need some practical help and we are appealing to anybody for assistance in any of the following -

- loan of a van for furniture moving; help in moving in and cleaning up; donations of bedding, furniture or money.

We would also be grateful to find a social worker in Brighton prepared to liaise between us and the Social Services. We know the S.S. are working under heavy pressure, but understandably it will be important for women to receive sympathetic assistance from the Social Services, and not be pressurised to return to their husbands. If you are able to help in any way, please phone-

NIKI 683348 (after 4p.m.)  
or MARCIA 28503 (evenings).

## DEAR VOICE:

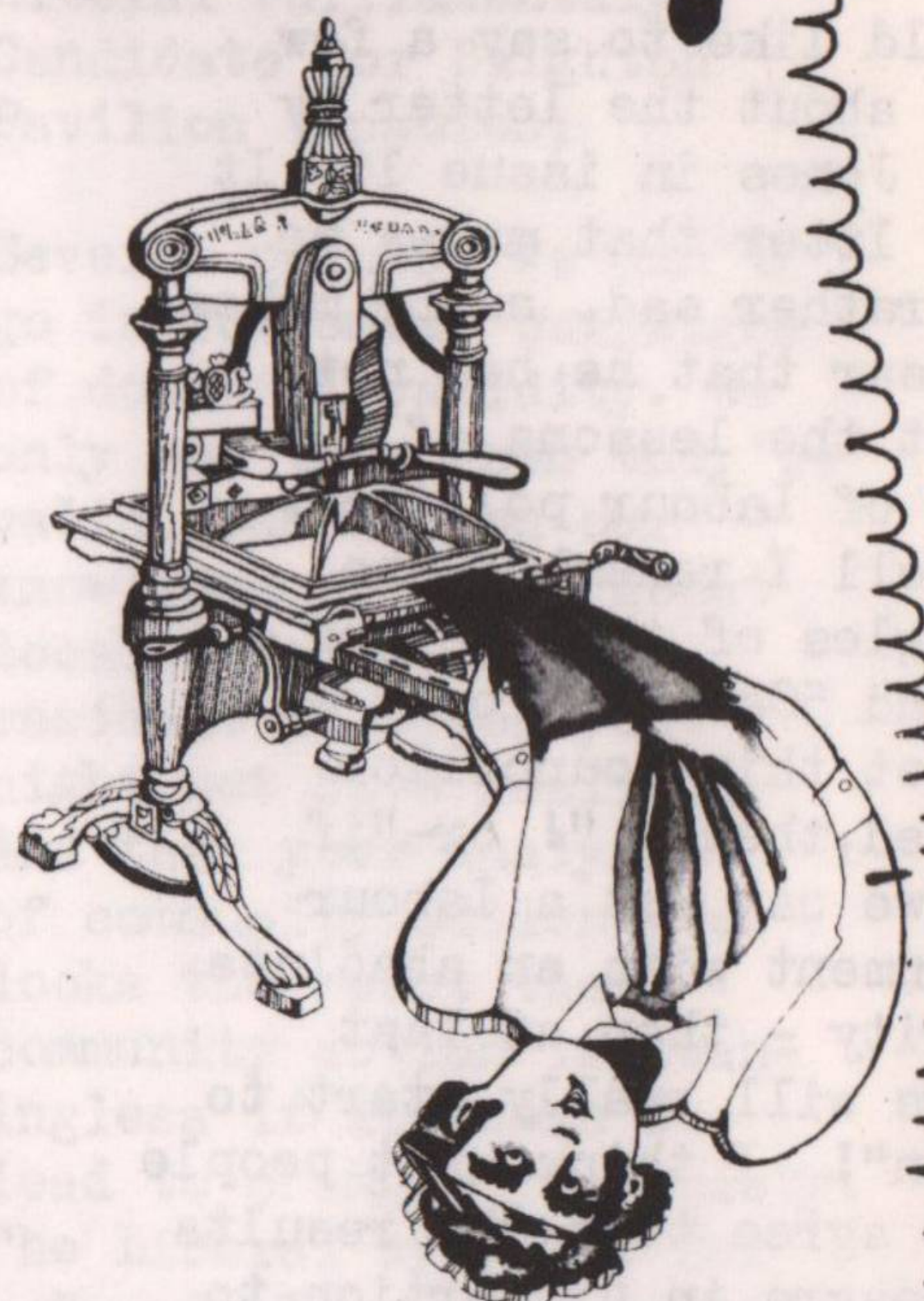
You may be interested to see that bulldozing bureaucracy has gone berserk once again in this area. 2 small but significant sites have come in for considerable criticism by local people. One in Portslade involves demolishing inhabited homes for a bus stop bay when there are other nearby sites. The other plan involving people in Kempton has equally serious implications. Land has been grabbed to create a playground for the children of Hamilton Lodge Deaf school. This sounds fine but this land was part of a common open space available to everyone. Now it is to be given over to one small section of the people only. Huge mounds of chalk have been built up blocking out light for residents of Walpole Terrace. Once again Tidy (Profit) are involved. Is this yet another case of 'Public Work' for 'Private Enterprise'? I don't seem to remember Tidy being called in to help out when Brighton's Free School was in difficulty

Your brother  
X 3.  
(Typist's comment: thinks, I hope X3 isn't the same guy we've attacked in Ear to the Ground page 5.)



one of the objectives of the VOICE to communicate alternative ideas and practices? If so, we ought to consider practicalities. And since one of the objectives of alternatives is to promote social justice, we should think about how public participation in decision-making could be an equitable way of redistributing our town's resources. The decision-making process is by nature experiential; the wider the experiential base, the greater the likelihood of an equitable consensus about the allocation of our resources. But the initiation of a broad-based movement in public policy will require some new form of group organisation to communicate peoples' needs and coordinate their self-determined policies. How might this be achieved? The majority of people live their day-to-day existence around two nodes - the home and the workplace.

# HELP!



DON'T LET RISING COSTS FLATTEN US OUT... SEND A DONATION (OR TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION £1) TO BRIGHTON VOICE, 7 VICTORIA RD

This year, the Voice needs to find around £150, over and above the money we get from sales, to cover loans, rises in paper price etc. In the past money has come in from various sources, but we feel now that we should have a continuing appeal for support - to buy the Voice, to subscribe to the Voice, to donate to the Voice. A subscription costs £1 for 12 issues. All Cheques PO's etc should be made out to 'Brighton Voice' and sent to 7, Victoria Road



It would seem natural therefore to develop small residential/territorial units for coordinating neighbourhood needs, requirements and allocation of social duties. Similarly, a modified 'medieval guild' system could be set up for the centres of productive activity of the town. Spin-offs would result from these organisational developments. Collective experience of decision-making would refine peoples' ideas of community needs and responsibilities, which in turn would evolve a sense of belonging and a change of social values.

There would still need to be some central coordination of certain public goods and services such as buses, hospitals, and other welfare resources. But these could develop from community situations and not from the top. Collective community interests would supersede private property interests. Free association and federation of individuals and groups, and consensus of opinion on policy issues would result. Fraternally, ANDY, Compton Road.

# info...

## advice

**HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE:** at 73 Grand Parade.  
**RENT TRIBUNAL:** Anston House, 137 Preston Rd (506384) - may give rent reductions, security of tenure; 2nd. opinions if dissatisfied given by the Furnished Tenants' Assoc.  
**B.P.A.S. Wistons:** 138 Dyke Rd. (509726) - abortions, free pregnancy tests, vasectomy.  
**BRIGHTON VOLUNTARY SERVICE CENTRE: INC. FAMILY CASEWORK DEPT. & CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU:** 17 Ditchling Rise (61664); free, helpful adv. Phone-in or appoint.  
**CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU** also at 2 St. George's Pl.: 2.15-4.15 daily - no appointment necessary...and at the Whitehawk Community Centre: Thurs. 2-4pm. no appts. nec.  
**SAMARITANS:** 24-hrs. (733333)

**B'TON, HOVE & DIST. MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL:** provides skilled help & advice on all aspects of marital problems. 46 Grand Pde., 681919.

**FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC:** 18/19 Western Rd. Hove. (734258); also clinic c/o Health Centre, Sussex Univ.  
**CANCER PREVENTION:** Morley St. (29801)  
**NITELINE:** Lancaster Ho. Sr. Univ. If you're sad etc... 680888 or internal 8-160, 11pm.-7am. every night.  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES:** Richard Moseley, 2 Gloucester St. (684256)  
**OFF THE RECORD:** Helps with general problems, sex, loneliness etc. Youth advisory service (63080) Mon-Friday 8-10pm.  
**AGE CONCERN:** 57 Ditchling Rd. (683275) - Old people's welfare.  
**INFORMATION OFFICE:** provided by BRIGHTON COUNCIL for the TOURISTS in Marlborough Ho., 54 Old Steine (29801)  
**FRIEND:** Mon evenings: 61664; and every weekday 10-6pm: 739729.



## Inter-City Electric

**BRITISH RAIL** a NEW all-night service between London and Brighton is now operating as follows:

Brighton-Victoria:	12.00am.
(departure times)	1.35am.
	2.35am.
	3.35am.
	4.35am.
Victoria-Brighton	1.06am.
	2.06am.
	3.06am.
	4.06am.
	5.06am.

There is an additional train on Sun. night-Mon. morning, from Victoria to Brighton: 00.06am.

The cheap Day Return tickets can be used on this night service up to the 2.35am. from Brighton, and the 3.06am. from Victoria.

The journey takes 1 1/2 hours and trains stop at East Croydon, Gatwick and Haywards Heath.

SUPPORT British Rail's new experiment



**TRANSPORT 2000 - fight for sane and integrated transport policy:** Kevin McNulty, 75 Upper Lewes Rd.

**SAVE OUR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN** - against botched-up plan to create 600+ pupils in 1 school for infants. Contact: Joe Taylor (67496).

**MOULSECOCMB ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND:** 10-8.30pm. Offers of help to Dave Smith (686834).

**DISABLED GRADUATE:** seeks someone to relieve his helper for weekends from now to end Sept. Contact: John Williams, Lancaster Ho' University of Sussex (66474) (or 67247).

**OLD NEWSPAPERS WANTED:** for new playgroup in Elm Grove - will collect. (62284)

**BRIGHTON HOSTEL:** 105 Islington Rd. Gives out meals on Sun & Weds. 2-5pm. Tea, toast & stew at other times if possible. Needs clothes, food and HELP for fundraising.

**FOOTBALL IN HOLLINGDEAN:** Boys f'ball club plays at Brentwood Rd. 80 boys, 30 train Weds 7-9pm. & 4 teams play Sats. Help needed. Contact: Peter Carver (500232) or Brian Webb (680522).

# papers

**QUEENSPARK:** Street newspaper QueensPark area; originally the paper of the Spa Campaign now into some wider issues: 14 Toronto Terr., 62 Bentham Rd. (688380)

**AARDVARK:** New radical 'political comic book. Researchers and graphics people still needed. George Barratt (553607) ON SALE NOW

**'DISCUSSION'** - digest of world news & views, ed. by Ernie Trory, 57 Tivoli Cres.

**THE ORGANISER:** thro' TRADES COUNCIL, 65 Stamford Road.

**NEWSWAVE:** free radio mag. 63 Gleton Rd., Hove.

**WHITE-HAWK-EYE** - paper put together by kids at Whitehawk Secondary School. 5p from 42 Egremont Place.

**BRIGHTON FOR KIDS**

A KIDS GUIDE TO BRIGHTON - WRITTEN FOR KIDS - BY KIDS - 15p from Public House Bookshop. (Little Bigger publication)

**BRIGHT TIMES** - First issue out now. with literary features, articles and artwork. Articles on Liberation, music, environment etc., by amateurs and professionals in Brighton. All contributions and help in producing the mag welcome. Contact: - John Noyce, Flat 2, 82 Montpelire Road.



BRIGHTON FILM THEATRE TEL 29563

The full programme up to Sat. 7th. Sept. is as follows:

Thur. 26th. - Sat. 28th. Sept.: "The Territory of the Others" U. A French wild-life film. 1973. (3,6 and 8.15pm.)

& "The Great Steam Fair" U Sat. 28th. Sept Late Show: "Suddenly Last Summer" X - directed by Mankiewicz. With Liz Taylor, Montgomery Clift and Katherine Hepburn. U.S.A. 1959 (11pm.)

Sun. 29th. Sept.: "Arsenic and Old Lace" A - by Frank Capra. With Gary Grant. (2,5 and 8pm.)

Mon. 30th. Sept. - Sat. 5th. October: "Save the Tiger" AA - directed by John G. Avildsen. With Jack Lemmon, Jack Gilford. U.S.A. 1972 & "Two Lane Blacktop" AA. Directed by Monte Hellman, he charts the wanderings of a pair of hot-rodders, drag-racing across the U.S.; with study of small town atmospheres and American psychosis. With James Taylor, Dennis Wilson, Laurie Bird. U.S.A. 1971

A Yugoslav 'season' is promised for October but dates not finalised yet: with Petrović

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FILM THEATRE...** its financial position is shaky and it could close down if it doesn't get full support from us and the local authority.

BRITISH SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY (62794)

write to BRIGHTON VOICE

## Research

BRIGHTON VOICE research groups are examining the characteristics/problems/needs of the following areas: Montpelier Kemp Town Preston Circus Whitehawk Anyone - Councillors, residents, workers, amenity/pressure groups in these areas - are invited to submit any comments/factual info & scandals to us. We plan to produce special features on these areas in future editions of the voice, on an on-going basis. YOUR HELP WILL MAKE OUR WORK BETTER

## EDUCAT

a NEW local teachers' magazine: for all teachers, parents, etc... on current local educational issues. First issue out NOW at 15p. (20p. by post) from 42 Egremont Place (680258)



Brighton Kids own paper 5p Tel: 691712.

Produced by Primary School-kids. Get it at 117, Hartington Rd. 5p.