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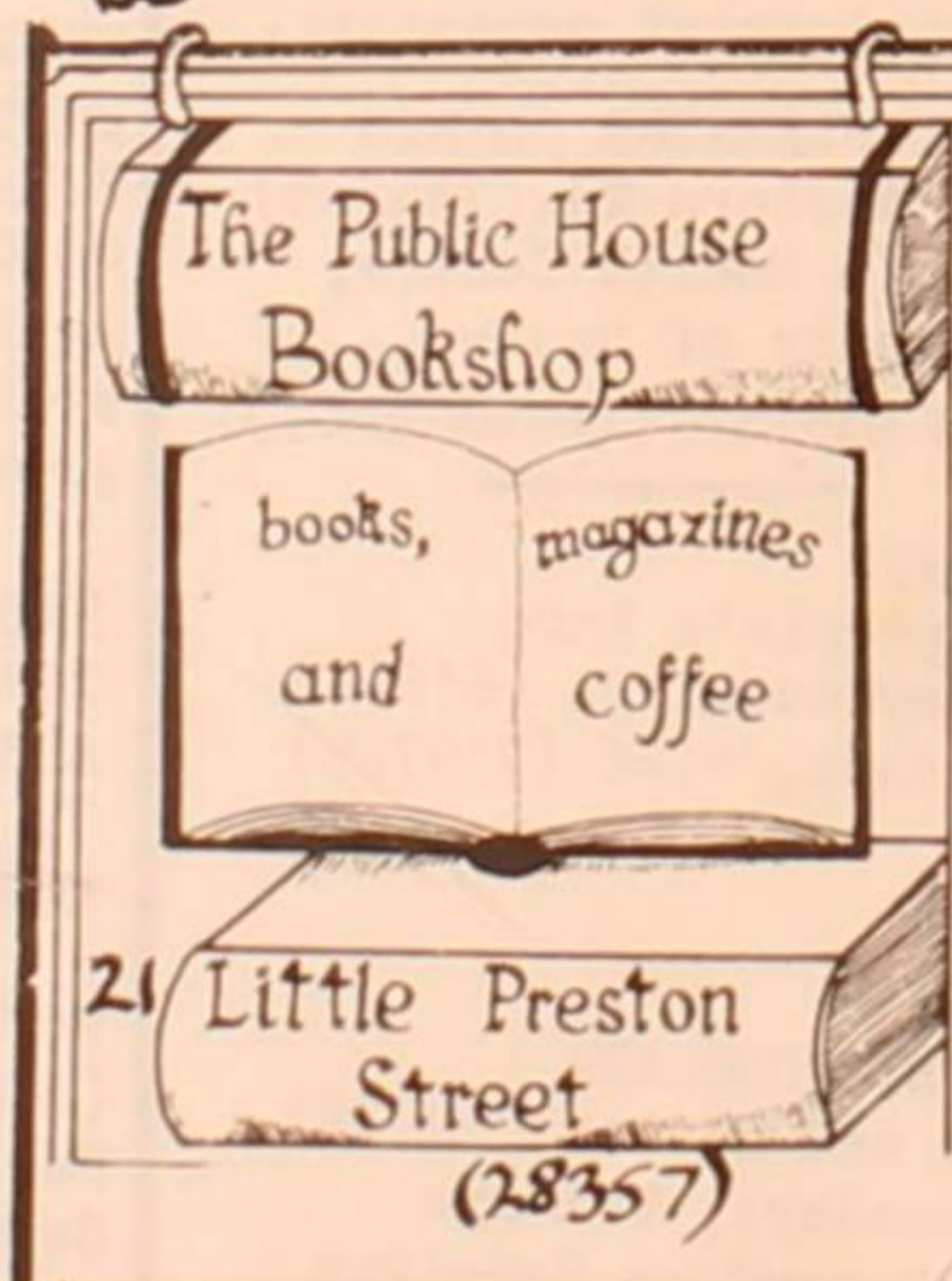
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HIRED THUGS IN ACTION AGAIN SQUATTERS ILLEGALLY ATTACKED - POLICE CONDONE IT

A gang of hired thugs and a dog were used to try and throw out a group of squatters from a disused nursing home at 2 Temple Gardens. After FIVE separate attempts to trick the squatters into leaving, the thugs finally arrived late in the afternoon on Monday September 9th determined to throw the squatters onto the street by force without even trying to obtain a court order. An agent came with a band of 'helpers' who were recognised as being the same gang and dog used by the rich and shady antique dealer, David Hawkins, at a squat in Clifton Hall the previous week.

Then the squatters had meekly cleared out, this time they stood their ground and attempted to defend themselves as the heavies smashed their way in. In the trouble which followed, one of the gang, Carlos Stanton a knife boy from London, was cut on the forehead and was taken off to hospital to have stitches put in, still hysterically squeaking that he would burn the house down.

Four squad cars of police arrived and, ignoring the illegal conduct of the thugs, carried off three men who had come to help defend the squatters. These three men were subsequently charged with causing grievous bodily harm for this one out on their assailants.



CARLOS STANTON: KNIFE BOY WHO GOT CUT.

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Massive Cuts hit those in need

East Sussex County Council is now considering massive cuts in the already inadequate Social Services budget - cuts that will, as usual, affect largely the poorer and more underprivileged parts of the community.

Staff have been told that £1,000,000 must be saved in the next financial year, and a high-powered team has been set up to make suggestions as to how this can be done. Its initial report, which will form the basis of its final recommendations - calls for the greatest savings to be made in the residential field, chiefly affecting old people and children.

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TROTSKYISM
TERRORISES
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WHY YOU SHOULD SQUAT

We report below some of the points made in a public debate about squatting. We have discussed it a lot round at Open, some of us are squatters ourselves, we have supported all squats in Brighton and carried articles about the deplorable state of homelessness in Brighton ever since the Brighton Voice began. In our opinion there is no issue about whether squatting is right or wrong. Homelessness is wrong and squatting is one way of doing something about it. With so many empty properties in the town more people should be squatting. We urge them to do so, particularly students. Why? Because students are keeping the landlords rich in this town. Six students in a house bring the landlord over £30 a week. If more of them squatted, the flats and houses they now occupy would be available to desperate families who are at present in cramped B&B. And the landlord could not charge a single family £30 p.w. His profits would have to come down.

Other reasons for squatting out of policy as well as desperation: it forces the local authorities to produce facts and figures about homelessness, property speculation, empty properties etc.; it creates a wide debate about every person's RIGHT TO A HOME; it frightens property owners into selling empty property more quickly and taking a drop in profits; it shows up the brutality and conspiracy among the big property magnates who will do anything, within or outside the law, to get squatters out; it is a small but important step towards a more free and common ownership of property. Of course squatting is an attack on private property: it should be. Not an attack on the houses themselves or a destruction of walls, windows or floors, but a principled attack on the iron law of property which rules our society, making it lawful for some people to have two, three or twenty houses and others to have none at all. It may be the law but it is not justice. Squatting is one way of bringing a little bit of justice into this ruthless society. MORE PEOPLE SHOULD SQUAT.

"NOW IF THE HOUSES WEREN'T EMPTY
IN THE FIRST PLACE....."

-A PUBLIC DEBATE

About one hundred people turned up for the 'big debate on squatting' organised by the Young Conservatives at the Marlborough on August 12th. The aim of the meeting was a rational debate, to raise points as a part of the Y.C.s investigation into homelessness and squatting. It is hoped, they said, to have another meeting after the investigation has been completed and the results are to be submitted to the town councils.

At the meeting the main speakers were David Barling, the solicitor who knows certain firms who will..... speaking against squatters, Mick Barry of the Brighton Rights Centre speaking for squats and Ian Withers of Nationwide Investigation Services, one of the firms Mr Barling "knows". Ian Withers was a 'neutral' articulating some legal and a few less legal ways of getting squatters out of their homes. In the audience were representatives of Brighton Hostel, The Brighton Hove and District Tenants and Squatters Association, Landlords, Bit By Bit, councillors and a host of others gathered at vast expense and short notice. The Y.C. chairman handled the meeting very well, and full credit to him for arranging it.

AND NOW FOR... It was standing room only as Dave Barling opened the debate by proclaiming in that time-honoured fashion that he had been misrepresented in the Argus. He emphasised his sympathy for the homeless but his main concern was with the inadequacy of the law to procure the speedy eviction of squatters and to protect property from being occupied. He proposed that

Brighton & Hove councils licence property from private owners for a fixed period and let it out, though he acknowledged the objections raised to this proposal from the floor. If he was misrepresented in the Argus and, gentle reader, this has not been unknown, it is easy to see how; he did have this habit of talking about big dogs and punch ups, purely as examples of course, not that he would ever advocate this.

He was followed by Mick Barry who laid the blame fair and square on property developers, banks and the whole capitalist system. He felt that the legislation now in force was indeed ineffectual, as also the provisions in local government for dealing with the cause of homelessness in its many forms. He saw squatting as a condemnation of society and as epitomising the false set of priorities our rulers adhere to. Ian Withers then spoke about the mechanics of squatting, where, how, and what type of property is likely to attract squatters and, more important, how to get them out again. One startling claim was that he also works on behalf of squatters. He too bemoaned the lack of protection for the do-it-yourself bailiffs. He stressed that most of his work involves talking rather than 'large gentlemen' but he didn't mention that his activities have, on occasion, so twisted the law as to raise the question of the legal plugging of 'loopholes'.

The debate was then passed to the floor for questions and the usual accusations and counter accusations,

blaming the lack of rented accommodation the bad experiences suffered by landlords and the irresponsibility of squatters as against greedy speculators and more dogs for squatters. (one old gummy spouted on about 'an englishmans home.....' and then said he'd use poison gas to get them out. When asked to give his name he refused, and then immediately got up and addressed the chair, "I didn't mean that about poison gas".) OH NO?

On the other hand no answers were found to the statement that there were over three thousand empty properties in the town (council estimate) nor to the fact that the council has spent £1500 on wrecking perfectly good properties to stop squatters. Some very good points came from Mathew Bennett of the Brighton Hostel. He mentioned a survey which discovered on one night alone 19 people sleeping rough and a further 300 who had pitched up in hotels. These figures did not include those in inadequate accommodation, those staying with friends or those who hid for fear of the police. Mr Bennett drew a careful distinction between the political, practical and moral aspects of squatting. While supporting it as a whole he felt that the Brighton squatters had not dealt with the problem that they should be concerned with of making the accommodation available for those who really need it and who are unable to find it for themselves.

The meeting broke up at about 11 and at least the squatters had ensured that most of the discussion had been about the real problem: HOMELESSNESS. They were the only ones to have any short term solutions for this. They also had the last word. Squatters only enter empty property; if the houses were not empty but filled with tenants there would be no squatters. And far fewer homeless. Nobody could deny that.

VOICE EXCLUSIVE:

Cuts in local Social Services planned

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What is being proposed is that staff leaving should not be replaced and it is emphasised that 'any non-replacement of turnover must be firmly associated with a cut-back in demand.' Stripped of jargon this means not that old people will be asked to stay at home if they don't really need places in Welfare Homes, but that those who do need places won't get them - and that the poorest of any new residents will have to pay more out of their meagre pensions: ... We could consider increasing the minimum weekly charge for accommodation provided' ...

It is thought by many that the old should be kept out of Welfare Homes for as long as possible, so could these Homes standing empty perhaps be a positive advantage, a boost to community care? Unfortunately not; the cuts go right across the board, affecting services at home as well. The report, under the headings 'Meals on Wheels' and 'Home Helps' suggests the introduction of stringent criteria ... a service would be provided only to very elderly people living alone with no social contact... this would effect considerable savings' ...

Social workers, who are well aware that both services are already operating at a pretty basic level, fear that next year virtually nothing will be left. There is no doubt at all that people will die as a direct result of this, and when it was pointed out to the team at a recent meeting that 'under the circumstances we might as well pack up and go home' there came a flippant reply to the effect that this would save even more money.

A reduction in residential care also means, of course, that there will be fewer places for children to be put temporarily

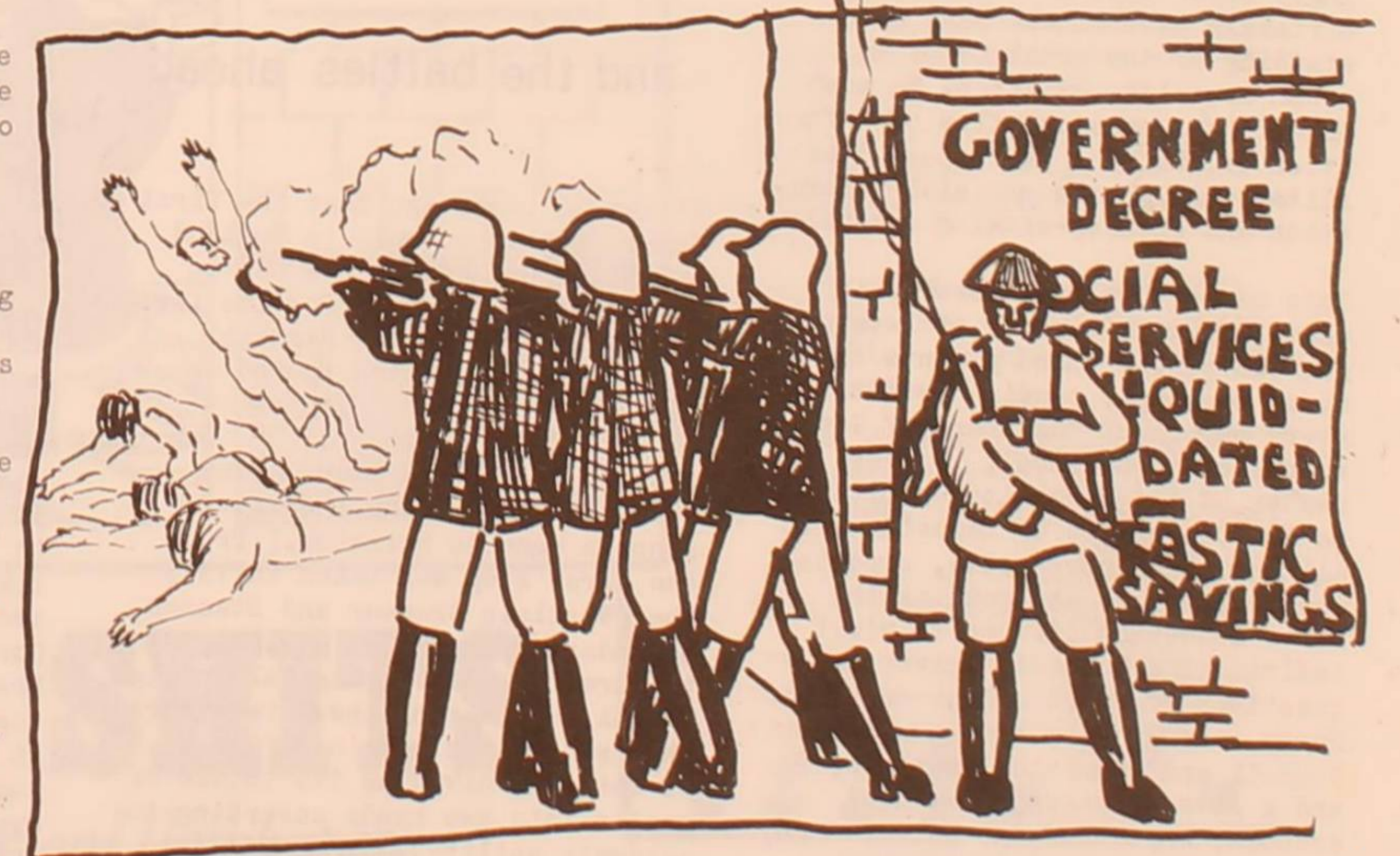
in care, to relieve the stress of poor housing and other environmental conditions. The result of this? - more Maria Colwell tragedies, for which the social workers will get the blame.

In addition, cuts are proposed for homes and hostels for the mentally ill, day centres, walking aids for the handicapped, grants to keep children out of care, etc., etc. Need these be made - and if they are, need they be made in this way? The answer to both of these questions is NO.

The County Council is having its grant from the

by a small amount to cover the deficit - it would not need much of an increase over the whole County area to get a mere million pounds extra; overall annual expenditure in excess of £75, 000,000.

Within the Social Services Department, too, there are a number of people earning large sums whose loss would not be mourned, or in some cases, noticed. The hierarchy at Lewes County Hall swallows 31% of the administrative costs of the whole Department; the expensive Research Dept., for example, plans the sacking of those who do the actual work - the Operational Co-ordination Dept. does who knows what, and at what cost?



Government out, and has asked each Department to reduce its budget by about 8%. However, it could if it wished protect the Social Services by asking for larger cuts in, say, expenditure on roads - the £2,000,000 alone which is being paid out for the access roads to the Marina, for instance. Alternatively, the Council could increase the rates bill

Make no mistake, the cuts outlined above will come, unless the ratepayer - i.e. you - takes action. If you care about those with their heads just above water, don't push them under. Contact your Councillors, write to the Chief Executive Officer, do something: when your granny or your friends, or maybe even you need help next year, it will be too late to complain.

COMPREHENSIVES

the fight to get them

When Brighton's secondary schools opened after the summer break they had officially become comprehensive schools, at long last. The comprehensive campaign in Brighton has been a long one and it was not until last December that it was certain the County Council would find the necessary money to give the go-ahead to the Brighton scheme. An intensive campaign by teachers' organisations, parents' groups and individual schools which reached its peak between July and December of last year eventually paid off.

The success of that stage of the campaign has lessons for all pressure groups at local level. The re-organisation of local government in 1974 made education the responsibility of East Sussex County Council rather than the Borough Council and decision making became that bit more remote from the people affected by the decisions. East Sussex is a pretty vast and largely rural area. It has become increasingly clear that several County officials have little real understanding of the problems of an urban area like Brighton. We must give them a constant flow of information of the kind which just does not filter through the official information and opinion-seeking channels.

This means that organisation is necessary at a variety of levels. For the teachers and parents this meant meetings, sending letters to every member of the Board of Governors of each school, to every member of the Education Committee, to the Department of Education, to all the local news media, organising deputations and getting the Chief Education Officer to visit individual schools to answer the questions of staff and parents. There were pickets of the relevant Council and Committee meetings, and a move by teachers at two schools, Whitehawk and Falmer High, to persuade their union to back teachers who took time off school to picket.

The lesson seems to be that the campaign must become more and more personal. Contact must be made with individuals, not just with organisations. For instance, in at least one of the new High Schools the Staff Association has, more by accident than as an overall tactic, continually called for the relevant local and county officials to come to the school to explain and answer

questions personally about any decisions affecting the future of their school which the staff feel to be unsatisfactory. At the same school the parents' association has carried out a similar policy. And it works. The individual decisions are not always changed, but at least they do not remain mere handed-down decisions. Explanations are demanded and over a very short period officials become very careful about all decisions because they know they are going to be called to account by the people most directly involved. The great need is to make accountability a fact, not just an ideal.

Of course, there are always those crusty old characters who are frightened that this constant pestering of the Local Authority brands a particular school as being full of trouble-makers. And it's that kind of timidity that breeds oversize classes and all the other evils that teachers and parents are now beginning to realise will only be eliminated by consistent personal pestering.

and the battles ahead

It was 30 years ago that the first Comprehensive schools in England and Wales opened. Sussex had to wait another 13 years for its first comprehensive, Thomas Bennett School, Crawley which opened in 1958.

And now, a mere 17 years after Thomas Bennett, comprehensive schools come to Brighton. (True, the first step was taken in 1973 when Westlain Grammar and Stanmer Secondary Modern were amalgamated to form the 1200 strong Falmer High School, but during these two years that school has remained firmly bi-lateral, dividing its intake of pupils into two bands according to academic ability).

What goes on in these schools is going to need very close watching by all involved in them. Because of the continual delaying tactics by successive Tory controlled Councils in Brighton, comprehensivisation has come about only when Education generally is threatened with severe economic cutbacks as part of the government's anti-inflation measures.

Brighton's schools will have to cope, adapting to an entirely new kind of

organisation with the very minimum of the extra finances needed- if any at all.

The watch will have to be kept at national and local level. Some local authorities are already talking about actually sacking teachers, not just failing to replace those who are leaving anyway, in an effort to save money. The local branch of the NUT has carried out a survey locally which seems to show that 3 or 4 schools in the area will have unjustifiable cuts in teaching staff next year.

Also, there are a number of part-time teachers, who have a vital role to play in keeping down class sizes and allowing for the provision of extra subjects, who may well face dismissal over the next year because they are on termly contracts, not the more usual yearly or permanent contract.

Parents need to keep their ears open. They might suddenly find that Miss X who used to come in 3 times a week to take girl's games, or the music teacher who travels round to a dozen schools each week just isn't coming in any more. If you do find this happens and there seems to be no replacement provided contact the head teacher to find out why.

Just how much growth education will be allowed in 1976/77 is still unclear but the maintaining of existing standards seems to be the most that can be hoped for. This means in fact- maintaining classes in St Luke's Middle School of 38 when all teachers would agree that 30 is probably the maximum number in a class which allows anything like efficient teaching-it means accepting at least two High Schools, Dorothy Stringer and Patcham Fawcett on split sites with buildings at opposite ends of the town-it means accepting that it's impossible to get money to relieve overcrowding in post-war schools until the overcrowding reaches 15% of the intended capacity of the school.

The Unions will keep watch, as will the recently formed local branch of the Council for Educational Advance. But it needs constant vigilance by all parents, teachers and pupils to ensure that in the current financial situation our new comprehensives stand any chance of survival as schools of any kind, let alone as comprehensive schools.

PRIOR HOUSE

The best thing about a community centre is that people go there because they want to. If they don't like what's happening they spend their time in other ways. They can be honest about what they think and vote with their feet.

I had only been working at Prior House for six weeks when someone came in and told me I was ruining everything! I still don't have any answer to that because as long as any one person can be accused of ruining Prior House then it's quite likely that they might. Before everyone can have a say in how a community centre can be run, however, you have to get people interested in going there. Local people come to Prior House because they can do things here which they enjoy. There really is something for everyone - from the crech for young children to the old people's club - and if it doesn't exist and it is needed, then there is time and space to start any activity.



THE CENTRE

uss any problems the paid workers are providing information about the smooth administration of the Centre and those involved in using the Centre are representing the interests that they know most about. We have found that when there is genuine honesty and respect we manage to compromise on the real issues and home in on the real problems rather than the ones which are created because people don't like each other or don't respect each other.

We are not saying we have arrived, but if you feel the atmosphere at work then you must see a difference and this is the result of genuinely working towards a democratic way of making decisions and a philosophy of respect for everyone who is interested in the working of the Centre. When there is an atmosphere of goodwill people learn from each other; they learn new skills and develop a greater confidence in themselves.



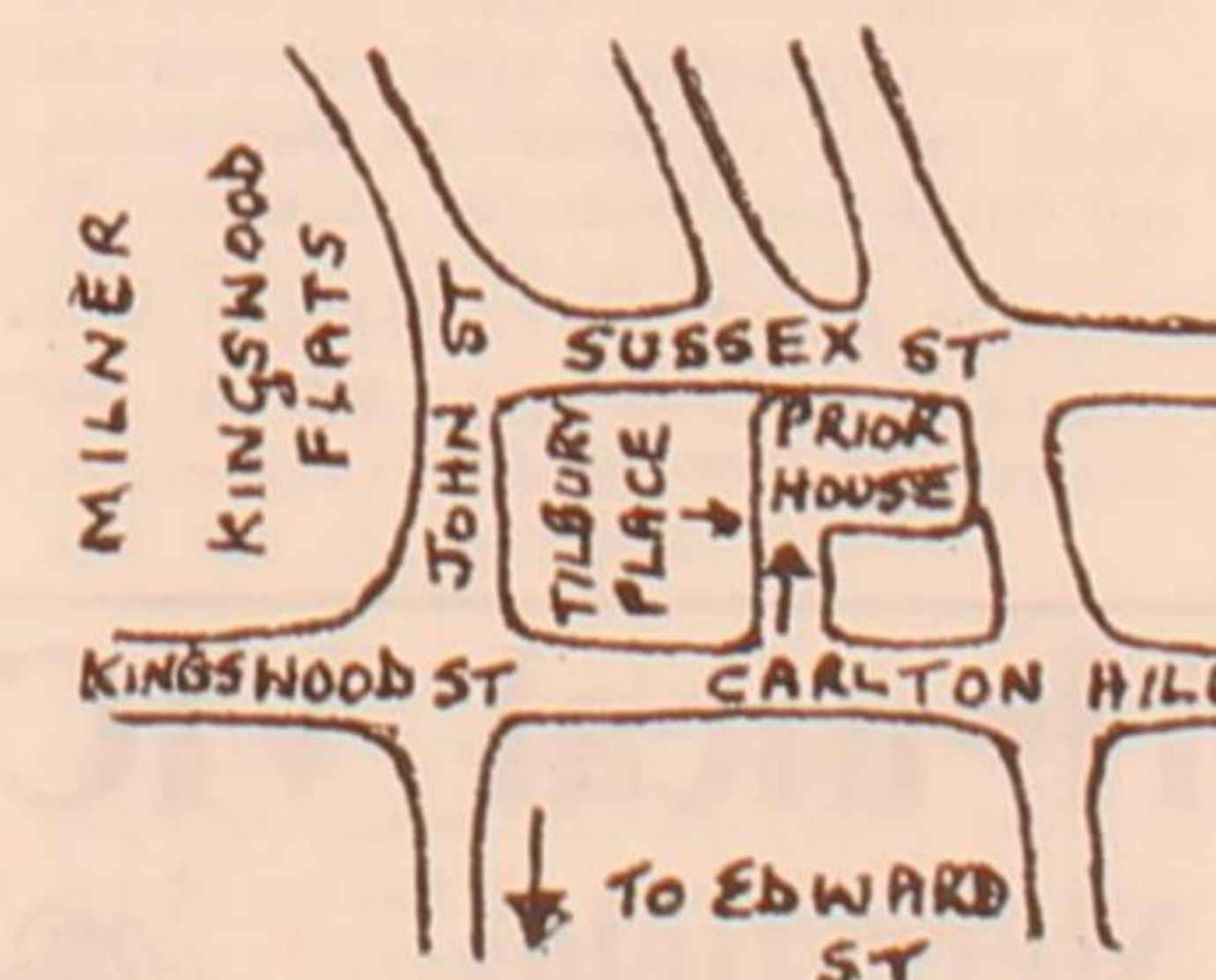
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People who don't really understand what these things mean feel quite threatened by the strength and solidarity which people involved in Centre are able to show. It is particularly hard for the Further Education Department who are expected to account for how ratepayers' money is spent. They pay a large proportion of the Centre's running costs. Giving people freedom to act and yet keeping some control on how money is spent involves a great deal of trust. If you work in a huge bureaucracy run from County Hall then it's quite likely that your experience of trust in the workplace is quite small. The paid workers in Prior House try to draw the links, but this is their most difficult job. In the end paid workers find that they've lost a lot of personal integrity and have sometimes been disloyal to the people that pay them. You're left wondering whether it is the price you have to pay so that other people can experience at least a taste of what it's like to have personal freedom and be part of something worthwhile, something that is hard work and that you do because you believe in yourself and care for others.



EVENING CLASSES

In fact it's quite likely that we try to do too many different things. The people who really make Prior House strong do so because they have an ideal. In order to be free to run their activity well they have to make sure they have a say in the general running of the Centre. There are so many different activities going on that no one person can look after the interests of each group. This means that when we meet to disc-



HOW TO GET THERE.

FASCISM IN CHILE

Two years since the democratically-elected Popular Government of Chile was overthrown by a military junta, repression has continued unabated. Many of civil and political rights which should be taken for granted have been denied to the people. The junta's Decree law cancelled the legal status of the Central Unica de Trabajadores (CUT), the TUC of Chile. It has since been illegal to suggest that the CUT exists. CUT buildings, funds and properties were confiscated. One CUT property, a workers' holiday camp called Ritoque, has been converted into a concentration camp by the military. Many individual unions have lost recognition or have been dissolved and strikes are now illegal. Later,

The army generals who run Chile are particularly sensitive to world opinion. The reason can be seen by understanding the Chilean economy. One of the junta's first acts was the institution of a "market economy" which meant a free rein for business with absolutely no government intervention. This leaves business free to "negotiate" with the workers for the rate of wages they are willing to work for, which, in fact, means that workers are forced to accept the lowest wage rates. Thus the major part of the population has very little money to spend on any but the barest essentials, which in turn, lowers demand, causing a fall in production. Fewer and fewer jobs--result--:

This year, Chile attempted to renegotiate a major part of this debt, trying to obtain a longer term to pay and an adjustment of interest rates from the Club of Paris, a group of countries including Britain to which Chile owes money. Owing to pressure applied by about 100 MPs and other people, including the Chile Solidarity Campaign, Britain decided not to renegotiate the debt, on the basis of the lack of civil and political rights in Chile. This set a precedent because decisions in this country related to foreign debts have never before been influenced by political considerations!

BRIGHTON CHILE SOLIDARITY CAMPAIGN- who wrote this article are concentrating on providing information through films, speakers and discussion meetings. They hope to start a consumer boycott campaign soon, against Chilean wine and fruit sold locally. Two families, now in Brighton, who were refugees from the junta were assisted by the group, which also liaises between the national campaign and local union branches. The Brighton group meets every Wednesday in Room 112, Falmer House, at the University of Sussex at 5.30pm. On the 25th October, a national meeting takes place in London and delegates will report to the local group.

Decree No.5 introduced "work discipline", whereby strikers are subject to court martial. Wage rises have been kept far below rises in the cost of living. Wage earners have lost at least 50% of their purchasing power since the coup. Inflation is almost 400% per year, and a minimum wage earner now spends half his monthly wage on bread, cooking oil and milk alone. It has been reported by recently returned visitors to Chile that begging, never seen during the Allende years, is now very common, and that prostitution is becoming the last hope of a source of income for an increasing number of families now that unemployment is quickly rising.

unemployment is now over 20%. This intensifies social unrest and the generals increase repression to ensure their position.

At the same time, the main export, copper, is not in demand, due to the current world glut. Chile must, then, release more and more currency reserves to pay for the great number of imports, mostly food and raw materials on which the country depends. The end result has been rampant inflation.

A country with a high rate of inflation is in a precarious position, and Chile particularly so, since it sustains a very large foreign debt. 35% of Chile's economy goes to servicing its foreign debt.

After Britain's withdrawal from the Club of Paris talks, other countries also withdrew and the meeting was subsequently cancelled. This caused commotion in the Chilean Government, who were expecting a renegotiation, which might have led to an improvement in its economy. A statement was made by a Chilean Government minister several months ago to the effect that Chile would renege on its debt to Britain if renegotiations did not take place. Chile is behind in payments and this has led to a call for the British Government to impound Chilean assets in this country. These include two submarines under construction in Greenock and jet engines being repaired by Rolls Royce for the Chilean Air Force.

though maintaining his full £6000+ salary, and a new, less manipulable system of social welfare has been introduced at the Tech this term. Mr Merryfield was understandably reluctant to go at first, but pressure was brought to bear and he finally agreed.

WHY?

Mr Merryfield has a passionate interest in guns.

"THE HEAVIES WILL GET THEM OUT"

Front page story cont'd.



DAVID BRADLEY: 16 STONE 'HELPER'.

The squatters had moved into the house the previous Friday and had spent the weekend cleaning up the nursing home which had been deserted for over six months. During this time they had been trying to negotiate with the estate agents. But on Sunday and Monday no less than five attempts were made to trick the people into vacating the premises. There was a 'solicitor' first, then a 'young couple who had just bought the place after saving for two years' then there were a couple of girls in brand new clothes who 'wanted to squat', then a warning that heavies were coming, then an 'agent for a woman who had just bought the house'.

None of this worked. Finally the Argus received an anonymous phone call saying that heavies would be sent to the squat at 4 pm. A reporter and photographer were sent round. 4pm came and nothing happened. After half an hour the Argus left and it was shortly after this that five men, a couple of whom were heavily muscled, arrived with the dog used at Clifton Hall.

The man now calling himself the landlord tried to open the front door with a key but the occupiers had changed the locks. They then threatened to loose the dog on the house if the squatters didn't come out, even though there were several women and children living there. But they couldn't risk the dog being seen; so, after a while it was taken away and locked in a van parked at a discreet distance down the road. The handler then returned and directed the assault on the house from the other side of the road.

THUGS IGNORE LAW

The men broke into the house by jemmey the front window and pulling one of the squatters out

as he shouted at them that their actions were illegal. Two men climbed in through the window and one of them opened the door for the others, while Norton in the front room was driven back by a fire extinguisher being turned on his clothes.

Urgent messages for assistance were sent to the other squats in the area as the heavies rushed in and occupied all but the front room where the squatters barricaded themselves in. The thugs



DAVID NORTON:

then started to rip out the squatters' property and throw it into the street.

The squatters phoned for the police who arrived but did nothing except to inform Norton that he should not obstruct the public footpath with the squatters' property, and then left.

Meanwhile the thugs crowded the hall preparing to storm the single room still held by the squatters and the people coming from other squats to defend the house.

By this time the Argus reporters were back and the photographer was busy taking pictures of everyone and everything in sight, but it was impossible to see what went on in the hall from outside because the

view was blocked by about five people. Just what did happen at the end couldn't have been observed, but as the thugs tried to break into this last room, the squatters defended themselves with whatever weapons came to hand, bits of wood etc, in order to prevent themselves being flattened as the heavies charged in. A fight followed at the entrance to the front room. Suddenly the evictors turned tail and came out. One of them, Stanton, had blood on his shirt coming from a cut between his eyes.

It was at this point, about half past seven, that the police arrived again, about twelve uniformed men in a fleet of cars. The line they took was immediate. They didn't want to know whether the thugs had a court order, they didn't care who had started the trouble.

"Open up or we'll break the door down."

they threatened the squatters. The squatters allowed the police in and they entered with the 'landlord'. They then pulled three men out of the house apparently chosen at random by Norton. They were frog-marched into the cars and driven off to John St. where they were charged with GBH (grievous bodily harm).

The police then left at about 8pm, leaving a couple of men on duty, with the reporters outside and the heavies still occupying all but one room in the house.

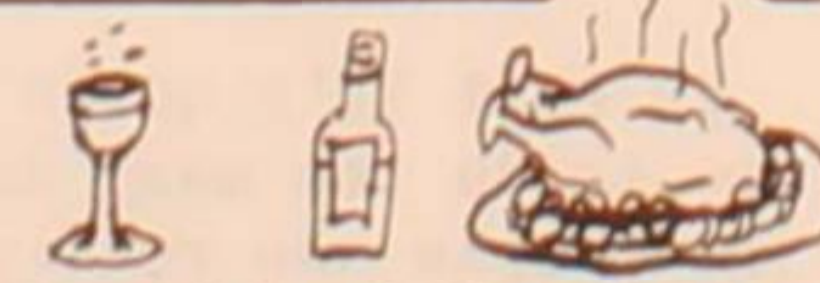
The thugs stayed there until 10pm when, after long talks with the police, Norton sent an unnamed little dapper gent into the squat to tell his son David and the thug David Bradley to come out. The dog handler had disappeared long before this and was not mentioned in any of the official reports. As they left, Norton was heard to say to the Press, "I can't do anything while you people are about."

For the time being the trouble was over. The Argus had taken pictures

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TECH-nical VICTORY



Readers, especially those at the Tech, will breathe a sigh of good riddance on hearing the news that Mr H J Merryfield is not around at the Tech this term. Merryfield, Student Welfare Officer and Permanent Staff Treasurer to the Union, has long manipulated Union executives for his own ends, and was involved up to the eyeballs in the scandal over 'mismanagement' of Union funds last term.

Merryfield:

Kicked Out

He was felt by his friends to have gone too far, and they deserted him like rats from a sinking ship.

He has now been 'seconded' to a desk job at the Careers Office in Lewes,



NORTON'S TRIUMPH

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and observed nearly everything except for the dog. The squatters too had been able to take a few pictures. All of these would prove invaluable in exposing the evictors as violent criminals. The Argus not only promised to give the squatters a set of prints of their photos but even offered to develop the squatters' own photos for them. But the squatters didn't like the idea of this. Just as well as events later proved.

The squatters never got the Argus photos. They tried to collect them several times and were fobbed off with bogus excuses ranging from: "they haven't been developed yet" - after some carefully selected pictures had appeared in the paper - to a claim that they had been destroyed - although the police had a complete file of them. Finally the squatters were told that 'head office had sent a messenger for them and he'd left just a minute before the squatters arrived'.

Not only did the Argus report, by Faith Lee, make no mention of the criminal actions of Norton's thugs but it even made the patently absurd claim that Norton was the landlord who'd just bought the house for himself to live in it.

In his 'sworn' affidavit Norton claimed that Faith Lee "an independent witness, a newspaper reporter ... who is apparently employed by

the Evening Argus" had witnessed the entire incident. This was impossible and Faith Lee denied making a statement to this effect to the police when we asked her about it.

POLICE IGNORE LAW

The action of the police throughout was such as we have come to expect from them. Oblivious to the law or to the violence perpetrated by the thugs, they listened only to the impossible claims made by Norton. The three men were all charged with GBH for causing one out to one man. This is a very serious charge - and it is clearly defined in law. In no legal definition could such a charge be justified. Hardly would the incident warrant the much lighter charge of actual bodily harm - especially when it happened in self defence against a criminal attack... But the police didn't want to know.

The men were charged and remanded on £250 bail at Brighton Magistrates Court the following day. In no lawful society could this charge be upheld but, as we know, the Brighton constabulary have been known to ignore the precepts of the law when it suits them.

So, it comes as no surprise that they refused the next day to take the complaints which the squatters wished to make against the hoodlums. It was only when a solicitor went down to the station and applied

JAMES NORTON: DIRECTOR, PROPERTY OWNER & THUG



"I've never ever been threatened with violence by squatters."
"There is never any need to use the Temple Gardens tactics."
"If they came at you offering violence without a court order you would have a right to defend yourself."
"I have never known personally of any place taken over by squatters while the owners are on holiday."
From an interview with Ian Withers, Director of Nationwide Investigation Services, talking about his considerable experience of dealing with squatters in London and Brighton.

legal pressure that they finally carried out their legal obligations and noted down complaints on several counts. First there was the illegal entry itself, then there was the damage to the squatters property and also a complaint from one of the women that she had been indec-

ently assaulted by David Norton as the thugs tried to get the squatters out. As for the dog, the police were deaf to its use. Will the police act on these complaints? NO! They just want to avoid trouble and since the squatters can't afford to take the thugs through the courts.....

thugs attack temple squat

JUDGE IGNORES LAW

The few days after the fight were spent repairing damage, cleaning the house and guarding against another attack. On Friday, at noon, the police arrived again. There were two of them, one on a bike, the other in a car and they just waited outside. Then a man and a woman appeared and pinned a notice to the door. There would be a hearing by a Judge in Chambers the following week on Thursday. Here too there should be a much longer statutory period of notice to give the defendants time to prepare their case. This time the plaintiff was not Norton. No, now the owner of Temple Gardens was 'Bethnon Ltd.' and Norton was an agent. Attached to this notice was a 'sworn' affidavit by Norton, a tissue of lies in which he claimed that he and his 'three helpers' ("Three? We got pictures of at least four." said Faith Lee in an off guard moment) were set upon when they went to 'ask the squatters to leave'. Also as phoney as a three pound note was the statement made by one of the policemen who preferred to remain anonymous that if the squatters removed the notice from their front door they would be done for 'criminal damage'.

Did this secure the squatters the adjournment they asked for, which they were legally entitled to and which they needed to prepare their case? No, the Judge in Chambers, on Thursday September 18th, told Norton that he had no need to go

to the trouble and expense of applying for a possession order the correct way. All he needed to do as to wave a deed under the Judge's nose. The order was granted for the following day.

SQUATTERS 'CAUSE MORE TROUBLE'

Since then the squatters have moved to another of Brighton's three and a half thousand empty rotting properties (all of which are 'just about to be sold' when squatters move in). Again they went in with a key through the front door, all legal like, and prepared to fix the place up; to make a home for themselves in some long derelict place.

This time, acting on information from another antique dealer, the agent came round within a day or two.

This time, the agent send round claimed that he inhabited a 'furnished flat' downstairs - an old mattress and a broken clock. He came in to look round and immediately dived down into the basement and ripped out the water and electricity, smashing the Seaboard seals in the process. He did this in the full knowledge that a little girl was lying sick in bed upstairs with gastro-enteritis. Only police pressure, at the urging of the squatters, forced him to amble back later to reconnect the water for the sake of the little girl - there is still no electricity. The squatters will be blamed for this violence too.

**Evening Anus
RED REVOLUTION
IN KEMPTOWN!**
Trotskyite soccer
hooligan gang bid
horror orgy scene!

There was a severe epidemic of diarrhoea in Kemptown Labour when someone actually said

THE ANUS SAYS....

DO YOU WANT TO SEE A BUNCH OF TROTSKYITES IN KEMPTOWN LABOUR PARTY?

DO YOU WANT TO SEE FIDEL CASTRO FIGHTING A GUERRILLA WAR ON SALTDEAN LIDO?

VENCEREMOS!

NO?

PUT BRITAIN RIGHT

THEN ALL RIGHT - THINKING PEOPLE SHOULD GO ALONG TO KEMPTOWN LABOUR PARTY MEETINGS....

AND ELECT A NICE MIDDLE CLASS LIBERAL CANDIDATE WHO WILL KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT ABOUT SOCIALISM

GEWARE! STALIN TOOK THIS ROAD!

AND LET THE REST OF US GET ON WITH THE ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OF MAKING MONEY.

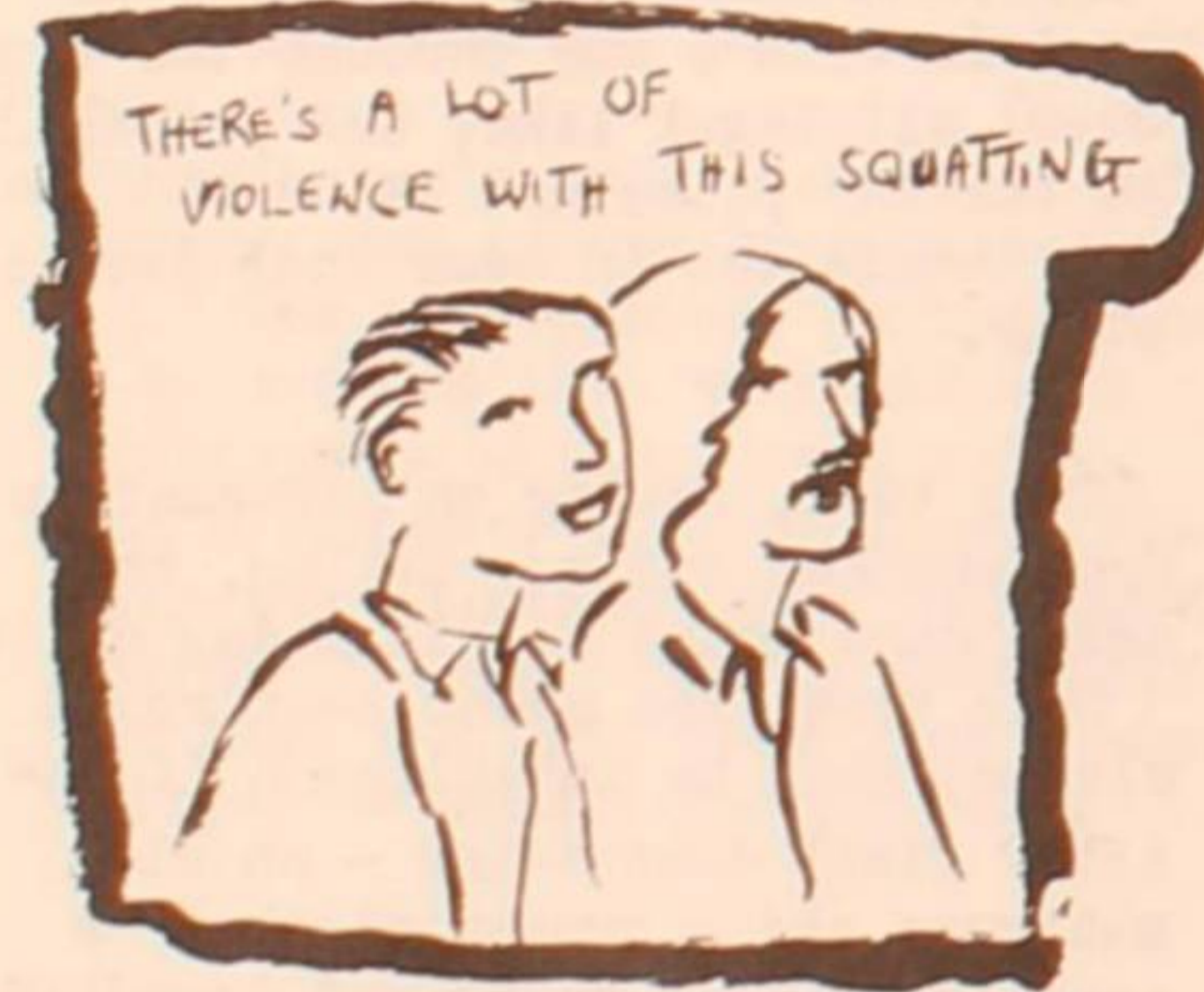
LICENCING: A New Name - The Old Game

The 1974 Rent Act gave furnished tenants security of tenure and since then landlords have been looking for ways round the Act. This has become more important to them, especially for those companies whose speciality is leaving vast amounts of empty property, since the emergence of real threats to empty private property. Empty houses are already liable for rate assessments and the Labour Manifesto has outlined a scheme for community acquisition of empty property.

One popular way round the Rent Act is licensing. It doesn't affect the status of private property at all and it saves the nice landlords and families on holiday from the fear of being overrun by vicious squatters. Well that's the theory but

has been started in Hove.

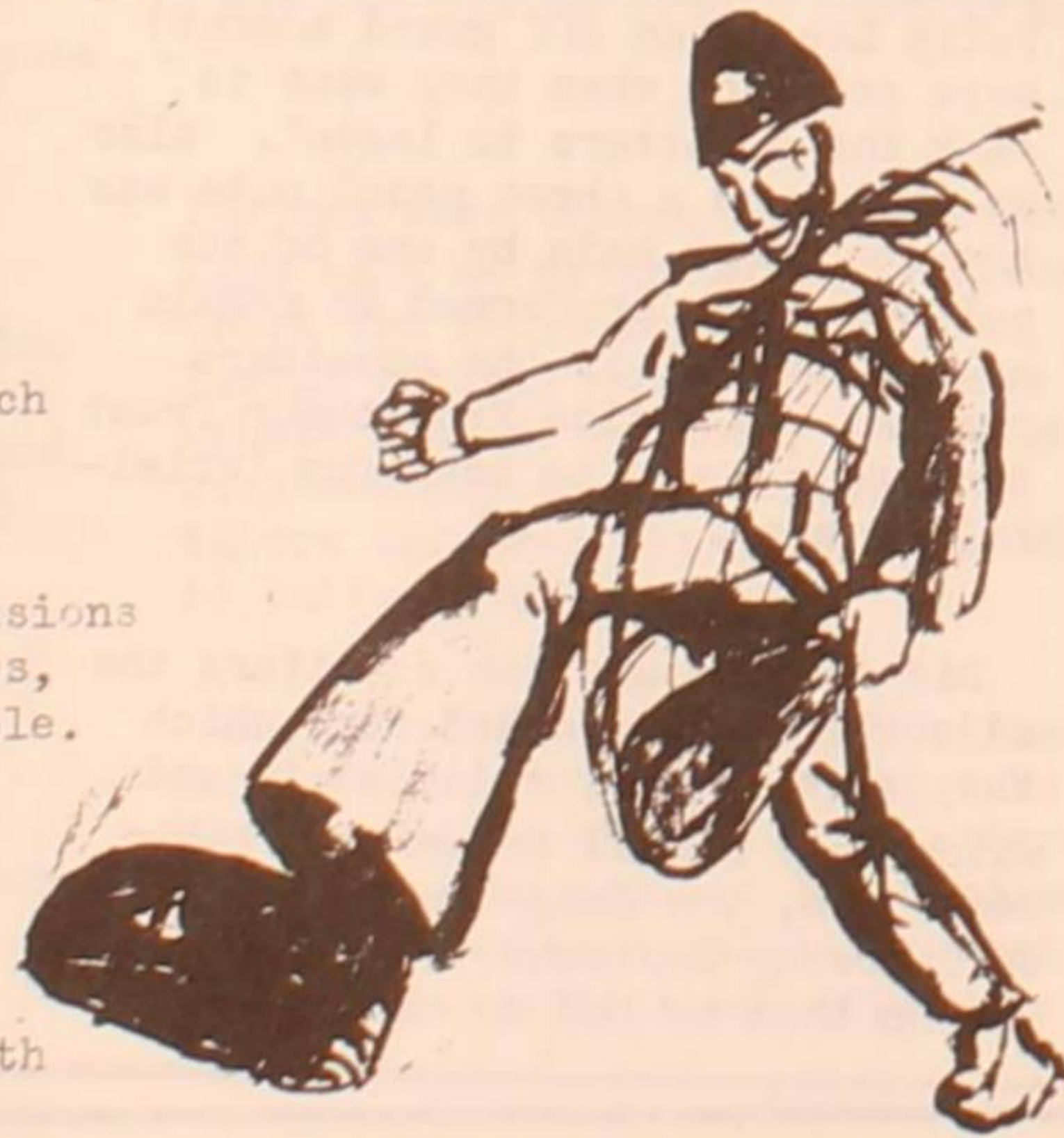
Only problem is no-one's taken it up because it hasn't been advertised by the Council yet. Mr Barling is well aware of the drawbacks to his scheme. The owners of property don't like it because Hove won't accept property for less than five years: for companies buying up masses of property as a speculative investment, a five year licence is not good policy. On the other side, the Council don't want to have the



We spoke to David Barling who has drawn up an elaborate plan in which he has tried to interest Hove and Brighton Councils.

Mr. Barling argues that certain bodies are exempted from the provisions of the Rent Act - Local Authorities, or Housing Associations, for example. He feels it would be possible for

landlords to arrange a licence with these bodies which would not be considered a lease. In this way, the licensing body would acquire a property for a fixed period, which it would be able to let out to tenants. These tenants would not have the security of tenure that a directly negotiated lease would give and once the license had expired they would have to leave the property, though the licence could be renewed, of course. Administered by the Council, the landlords would know their property was in good hands, the tenants would be responsible to the Council like any other Council tenant. The scheme of rent and rate rebates would ensure that the homes would be within the pocket of the ordinary worker. In other words the scheme would be a cheap and efficient method of obtaining short-term lettings on property scheduled for future demolition or being held as an investment. Mr Barling thought it could 'solve the homelessness problem overnight' and at his instigation a scheme



administrative burden of a large scale operation. Then, of course, would the Council deal with all those people who don't qualify for the restricted housing list, the single homeless or those in town less than three years? Probably not. NO! They'd have to go through the special Housing Associations. Though these can be easily formed by anyone, would the owners of property deal with us if we formed our own Housing Associations? NO! They would have to be run by 'responsible' people like Sid Tidy (see Voice 12) or Andrew 'peoples' friend' Bowden.

Other problems are that it would be our money used to do up the places which the owners have in many cases left to rot and which they hope to get fixed up in return for a year or so's licence. As for rents, anomalies in the rent rebate scheme would mean that many for whom the licensing scheme would be expressly designed would not be covered by rebates,



certainly not if they licensed through a Housing Association. So, many people would not be able to afford licensed properties at market rates. Last but not least, the large scale owners of decaying properties tend to be a little 'shy' in owning up to their 'investments' - and they're the ones who do the licensing.

Oh well, as Mr. Barling said:- "Miracles don't happen overnight but we can make a start and that's something." He doesn't expect his plan to have much effect in the 'foreseeable' future but as for the housing crisis confronting us now, well this is a national problem said Mr Barling. In other words he's got no immediate answers either. He did have various suggestions about easily legislated amendments to the Rent Act, but he admitted that these were basically variations of licensing and anyway the amendments wouldn't be enacted until the next Tory government (heavens!). Mr. Barling remains set firmly against squatters nonetheless. However, he - like Mr. Withers - admitted that he'd never known personally of squatters going into an occupied house. Moreover there were certain "unscrupulous" landlords he would not accept as clients if their properties were squatted in.



In future Voices we hope to look at the feasibility of licensing in more detail and also at the Labour Manifesto plan for community acquired property. Any suggestions, plans, information, etc, please send them in.

Abortion

The Struggle Continues

The fight against James White's Abortion (Amendment) Bill is still continuing. For those who don't know, the Bill was introduced at the beginning of the year by James White, Labour M.P. He says that he wants to get rid of exploitation in the private sector, but the effect of the Bill will be the opposite of that.

At present, abortion is available to a woman if there would be a greater risk to continue the pregnancy. Grounds for abortion can be social (economic, number of children, housing conditions) or health (mortal or physical). Consent from any two doctors must be obtained.

Under the new Bill, the words 'greater risk' would be changed to 'grave and serious risk'. In effect this will cut out the 'social' clause and abortions will only be available to women with extreme health problems. Consent will have to be obtained from two doctors from different practices, each of whom must have been practicing for at least five years. This is a very sneaky way of delaying the procedure in a situation where time and efficiency are vital.

Other aspects of the Bill would see only 'approved' advice bureaux being able to give information about abortion and the media will be very restricted as to what it can say. Women will not be able to write about their abortion experiences. Abortion will become a taboo, under the carpet subject again.

But most important of all, the people who will be hit the hardest will be working class women. Abortions will still be available to women who can afford the sky-high prices of private clinics-- but for women who can't, i.e. working class women, it will be back to the backstreets and a great risk to their health and lives.

The Bill draws much of its support from the Catholic Church. Over the last few months they have been increasing their campaign and the Catholic Herald newspaper (and no doubt other newspapers) is a well-

read source of information and propaganda. They have their own petition and have claimed to be able to collect 1,000 signatures in one day. They are also holding a mass rally in London in October. The Catholic Church has an instant and well-organised network through its community which is large in terms of other organised networks but not in terms of the population as a whole. They are using emotional tactics most of which have little to do with real facts; e.g. the book 'Babies for Burring' which has been shown to be full of lies.

In our struggle against the Bill, we are up against the Catholic Church, SPUC, LIFE, etc which are all connected. We have still got a lot of work to do to build up our strength against them. For many weeks, most of our energies were directed towards building for the demonstration in London on June 21. This was very successful, 15-20,000 people attending. The turn out from Brighton was very good. The 200 seats booked on the London train were packed tight and overflowing with women, men and children.

A large part of the campaign has consisted of writing to M.P.s, collecting signatures for our petition, passing motions of support at local trade union and trades council meetings and holding public meetings. The petitions collected up until the demo 150,000 signatures, of which 7,500 were collected in Brighton. They have been handed to the Select Committee but we are still petitioning on Saturdays, 10am at the Open Market and 2pm at Churchill Square.

On July 18th we held a mass picket of Andrew Bowden's surgery to protest about his attitude towards abortion and to show him that he isn't representing his constituency since many people in Kemp Town do not agree with him. Apart from attempting to influence Bowden, this gave us the opportunity to attract peoples attention to the scheme.

We are holding fortnightly meetings at the Marlborough Hotel, Princes Street, Brighton on Wednesdays at

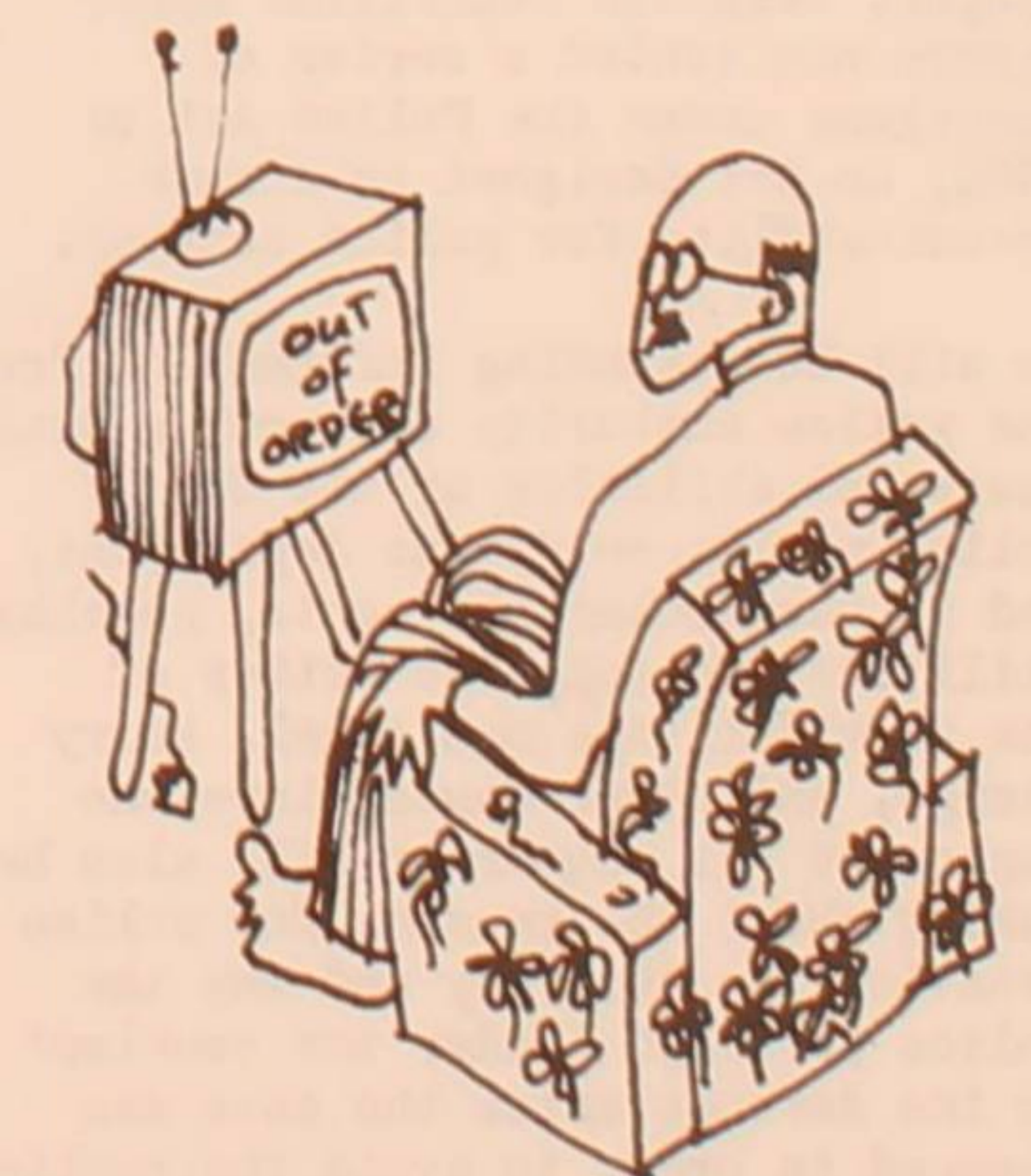
8pm, the next one being on October 1st. We will be very pleased to see anybody new. If you want to help or want to know more about what we are doing, phone the Women's Centre at 27612.

Hoping to see some new faces at the next meeting.
Brighton N.A.C.

USING MEDIA

A workshop for local communications will be held at Brighton Art College Grand Parade, Brighton, on Wednesdays from 6.45p.m to 8.45p.m, from Sept. 24th 1975.

Mick Hartney will be leading the course, which covers film, video, and other audio-visual media. It is hoped that this weekly workshop will help members of community groups decide on the value of various media to their particular activities. They will gain access to equipment and skills which would otherwise be out of reach. The emphasis will be on self-sufficient use of media, rather than on access to broadcasting.



The college has facilities for Super 8mm and 16mm film; video - portable recording, studio editing; sound recording and editing, and tape-slide production.

The fee is £6, and registration took place on Sept 15th, but a few places are still available.

Councillors slam blue meanies.

Following the ridiculous arrest of the Bath Arts Workshop who performed free in Churchill Square to entertain shopping crowds on the day of the Free Fair, an enormous storm has blown up in Brighton and East Sussex Councils. An article published in the newspaper of London Road Methodist Church (now closed down following complaints by the Church 'worthies'), has led to severe criticism of the police in the Evening Argus and to formal questions as to their behaviour in the County Council.

The so-called 'public relations' officer for the Sussex police, one Keir Angel, has completely failed to deal with criticism in the newspapers. To date the Argus has reluctantly published two of his long, boring letters which waffle on about detection rates and serious crimes, pathetically failing to notice that complaints are about the time wasted spoiling good fun instead of solving 'serious crimes'.

The rest of the letters from the arrogant and unpleasant Keir Angel wank on about commendations received by the Chief Constable. He never once mentions the incident which everyone has complained about, and now refuses to answer councillors' enquiries.

The result of this unpleasant behaviour may just about be enough to waker him from his normal stupor. Brighton Councillor Harry George has tabled a series of questions under the Police Act of 1964, an Act designed to ensure accountability for police actions.

He will be demanding information from the police authority concerning duties costs and abilities of the Sussex Police public relations department, and in particular the costs, possible abilities and supposed duties of the horrid little man Angel. Harry George, and other councillors who supported his enquiries will also be asking about the reasons for police behaviour on that day and why the police paid £50 'under the counter' to the defence after the case was dropped in order to avoid the public embarrassment of an order for costs against them.

A second group of questions will be asked by three further councillors, including Labour leader Dennis Hobden. These will aim at finding out the real cause of the incident:-



When the group were arrested, they were told that a letter from Brighton council had been sent to the organisers of the Free Fair, refusing permission that had originally been given by Brighton police. NO SUCH LETTER WAS SENT - and the police eventually admitted this. The question has arisen - who told the police that permission had been refused by the Council, resulting in the malicious arrest of the theatre group, and the subsequent embarrassment for the police? The answer, almost certainly, is Brighton's chief executive, Reginald Morgan (formerly known as Town Clerk) - whose paranoid hatred of students and any kind of community activity or fun is well known.

The evidence suggests that when Morgan heard of the planned show, he told the police that the Council could not allow it - and, lyingly, that a letter had been sent to the organisers.

No doubt, by now, a cover-up is well under way - which will shift the blame from Morgan to some miserable police sergeant or solicitor. The real culprit, as always will get away.

Gay People's Guide

The following is a list of pubs, clubs and groups in Brighton for gay people. All are male dominated unless indicated.

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| Pubs. | <p>New Heart and Hand.
80, East St.
Gay front and side bars.</p> <p>Greyhound.
74, East St.
Gay upstairs bar only.</p> <p>Spotted Dog.
Middle St.</p> <p>Cricketers,
Black Lion St.
Semi gay.</p> | <p>Queen of Clubs.
25 Bedford Square.
Membership £1 p.a.
Members can admit two guests.</p> <p>Regency(Women)
5 Regency Square (Basement)
Membership: £1.10 p.a. -
admits two guests
2.30pm - 12pm Weekdays
1.00pm - 3pm, 8.30 - 11.30pm
Sundays</p> <p>Old Comrades (Women Fridays)
76 Marine Parade (Basement)
2.30 - 6pm, 8.30 - 11pm weekdays
12 - 3pm Sundays
Membership £1 p.a.</p> <p>Longbranch
75 Grand Parade
8 - 12 pm Weekdays
12-3pm, 8-11.30pm Sundays
Membership £1 p.a.</p> |
| CLUBS. | <p>The Palace Pier Club.
Basement, Palace Pier Hotel.
No membership, open all
week, 9.30pm - 1am.
Disco: 30p Sun - Thurs
50p Fri & Sat.</p> <p>New Curtain Club
Basement, Front of Queen's Hotel.
Membership, £2.20p.a.
Members can admit two people
12-6pm 9-12pm Weekdays
12-3pm 9-11.30pm Suns.</p> | GROUPS:
see info |

Pacifists on Trial

On September 29th, 14 supporters of the British Withdrawal from Northern Ireland Campaign will step into the dock at the Old Bailey at the beginning of one of the most blatantly political trials of this century. They face the possibility of life imprisonment, charged under the conspiracy laws (used when the police can't think of anything else to charge you with) with being connected with the distribution of leaflets to soldiers who might want to escape from the bloodshed in Northern Ireland. The trial may last up to two months and will

certainly be costly. The 14 need your help!

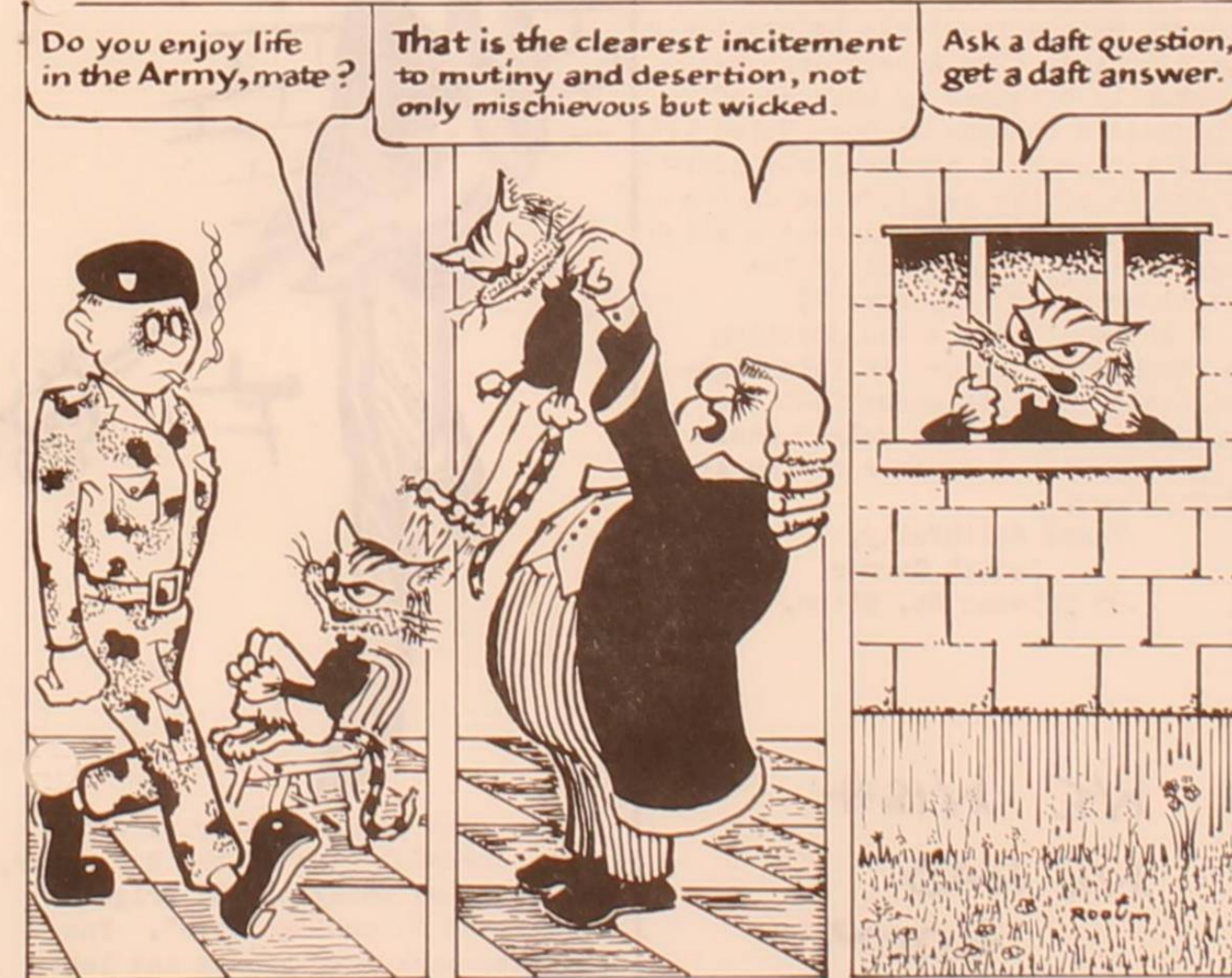
The defendants are all supporters of a campaign which has been trying to spread its ideas among soldiers, including telling them about their rights and ways they can leave the army. The authorities consider this a crime, but surely soldiers should be able to communicate with civilians and to obtain information from them and each other. The 14 are all in

court simply because they believe in the right of members of the armed forces to basic terms of employment similar to those of any other workers, and the right to organise among themselves to struggle for these rights.

Over the last few years, civil liberties in the UK have been steadily chipped away. Trades Unionists have been gaoled for picketing during strikes. Prison Camps have been set up in Northern Ireland where hundreds of people have been held without trial. The powers of the army have been increased. The BWNIC 14 are fighting for civil liberties, specifically for the freedom for a soldier in Northern Ireland to reject the role in which he has been cast.

Wildcat by Room

Question time



If you can help them in any way, contact: BWNIC Defence Group, Box 69, c/o 197 Kings Cross Rd, LONDON WC1

Cheques should be made payable to the BWNIC Defence Group.

Brighton Voice is produced by a group of people living and working in the area.

The paper's non-profit making and usually needs contributions to help pay bills.

The idea is to spread information and to give people the chance to talk about the problems that face us all.

The aim is to give us control over our own lives and expose the abuses of power which accompany wealth and 'social position'.

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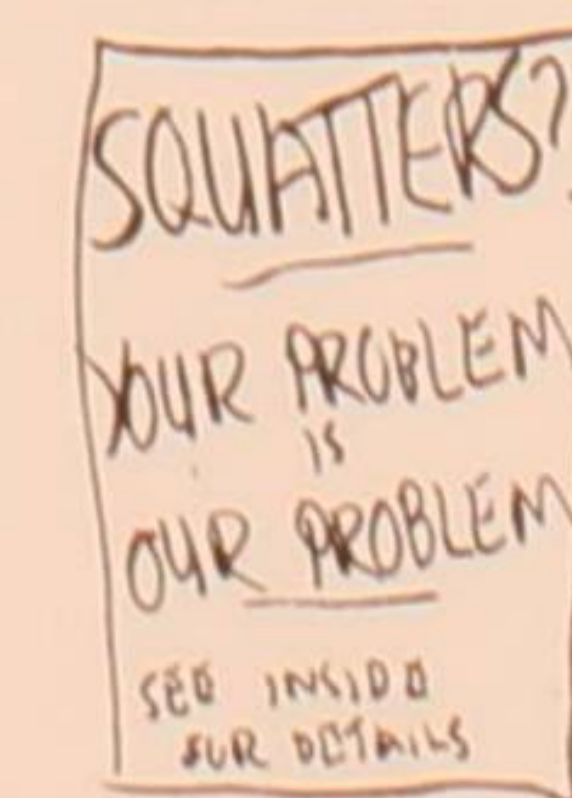
PRIZE SHITS

CASHING IN on Fear and Homelessness

Addington Byrne Ltd., estate agents and insurance brokers, of Western Road, Hove, have decided to cash in on scare-mongering over squatting.

For £5 a year they are offering householders complete cover - except for the first £50 that is - against domiciles being taken over while the owners are away. They have put up posters in their window, and cuttings from the Argus rubbish about Temple Gardens.

We asked them whether they knew



that the posters they had were very misleading, scaring people unnecessarily.

'Oh, we don't care about that; Head Office sent it down', said one obnoxious chap, oozing false bonhomie, 'We're just here to make money.'

'You're onto a winner there - the premium is high, and squatters don't go into domiciles.'

'Yeeees', he nodded, beaming, 'We should make lots of money.'

PUKE

LETTERS

TO the

WHO?!

The Editors,
Brighton Voice,

Dear Persons,

I was astonished to read the article in Voice No. 25 headlined 'FNU - sure cross about Shawcross'. Your correspondent was probably not aware that certain passages in the article breached the confidentiality existing between the Press Council and the Brighton & Mid-Sussex Branch of the National Union of Journalists. I refer to the information relating to the oral hearing of the Council's Complaints Committee.

While I am the first to appreciate journalistic élan I do think your correspondent, in realising the delicate nature of this case, might have contacted local NUJ officers before handing in his report.

I further believe that the NUJ would have been delighted to have known about other information contained in the article prior to the Complaints Committee hearing. Perhaps the reporter concerned will take note, in future, of responsibilities implicit in his occupation which stretch beyond those to his readers alone.

Yours Sincerely,
R. Greenslade.

(Treasurer, Brighton & Mid-Sussex Branch, NUJ)

get into the
property scene

People interested in the property scene in Brighton and elsewhere may wish to join a discussion group to be held at Portslade Community College. The group will explore such issues as how developing occurs, the current housing crisis and perhaps carry out investigations themselves. (Brighton Voice would be interested in the results of these investigations.) Tutor for the course will be Peter Ambrose of Sussex University. Anyone interested should contact:

D. L. James,
Community College,
Chalky Rd.,
Portslade.
tel Btn. 416 300

Dear Sirs,

I have read your criticisms in the past of the Evening Argus with a shrug but an incident recently opened my eyes at last.

Following a query, I was recently commissioned to write a brief article for an Irish magazine specialising in the macabre. To get at some information on timely instances of grave despoliation (of all things) my first impulse conditioned by years in Fleet St. was to ring the 'morgue' of my local newspaper.

Put through to the Librarian I was advised to make an application to the Editor. I spoke instead to the Ass. Editor who told me that under no circumstances would the Argus tolerate 'journalists from other papers' taking advantage of their facilities. When I protested that the horror magazine in question could hardly be deemed a rival paper, the Ass. Ed. countered that they permitted only 'students' to consult their files.

However, I had already been disenchanted by the Argus's attitude to Academe. Only a few weeks before, their giveaway paper 'The Advertiser' had temporarily blighted my chances of my husband's funding an Open University course for me by a particularly prurient expose of the sex life at an Open summer school. (Did one detect a slight tinge of envy on the part of The Advertiser's lady reporter?)

With local housewives jostling one another for places in this high-application area, it seems that the Argus is interested in vulgar sensationalism at the expense of the Arts and Sciences.

Yours faithfully,
Judith Garner
89 Coleman St. B'ton.

WE WISH
WE HAD
ROOM
TO PRINT
LETTERS
FROM THE
EDITOR OF
THE ARGUS

Rock at the
ALHAMBRA.

The time 21.00 hrs, the date: any Thursday; the place The Alhambra, Kings Road, Brighton. Two very worried looking guys are sitting on the door wondering where the money is coming from to pay the group. This is the Brighton Rock Scene. Apart from the Hungry Years, the Alhambra is the only place in Brighton that is putting on live rock music, but no one seems interested. I am sorry to say that Brighton's youth, my own generation, are becoming totally apathetic.



The same two guys started off some successful gigs at the Buccaneer, "Great" they thought, "the Brighton rock scene is coming alive". They had late bars, two groups and lots of fun. Then ONE middle aged lady complained, along came the health inspector with his decibel meter. A limit was set, one that was impossible to stick to for Tonge played too loud and in marched the police, bye-bye Buccaneer.

All we have left is the Alhambra, and that is in danger of dying unless more people come along and support it. It will only cost you 30p for three hours of 'live' entertainment, and you'll be making two guys very happy.

Future Gigs :-

Tuesday	2 Oct	Roogulator
"	9 "	Krakatoa
"	16 "	Dirty Work
"	27 "	Krakatoa
"	30 "	Stars

info...

AGE-CONCERN.
57, Ditchling Rd (683275).
Old people's welfare.

BIT-BY-BIT
7 Victoria Rd (27878).
Info/Help Service.

BRIGHTON PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE
Wiston's, 138 Dyke Rd
(509726) Pregnancy testing, abortions, vasectomy

BRIGHTON RIGHTS CENTRE
2, Prince Albert St.
Advice on legal and welfare problems. Tues and Thurs 5-7pm (202492)

CANCER PREVENTION (29801)

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU
17 Ditchling Rise, (61664)
2 St George's Place, 2.15-4.15 daily
At Whitehawk Community Centre on Thursdays 2-4pm
No appointment necessary.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC
18-19 Western Rd. (734258)
Also c/o Health Centre, University of Sussex.
Lewes Clinic (Lewes 4403)

FRIEND
Gay people's info
Monday evenings (61664)
Weekdays, 10-6 (739729)

GAY SWITCHBOARD
Info and Advice (27878)
Wednesdays, Fridays
& Saturdays 8pm-12pm
Meet Wednesdays at
7, Victoria Rd, 8pm

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE
73 Grand Parade (681919)

OFF THE RECORD (63080)
Mon-Fri, 8-10pm
Youth Service. Help with sex problems, loneliness etc...

RENT TRIBUNAL
Anston House, 137 Preston Rd. (506381).
Rent disputes, security of tenure, etc.

SAMARITANS
(733333), 24 hours/day

VOLUNTARY SERVICE CENTRE
17, Ditchling Rise (61664)

♂ GROUPS

ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP
Adrian King,
60, Trafalgar Rd.,
Portslade.

ANTI-RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN
Tom, (684256)

A.S. NEILL TRUST
(691712)
Local branch for alternative education projects

BRIGHTON FILM THEATRE
North Street
Support your local (non-profit making) Film Theatre

BRIGHTON HOSTEL
105 Islingwood Road
Meals Sunday 12-2
Tea at other times if possible. Soup 9:30 - 10 pm under the arches.
Needs clothes, food, HELP

BRIGHTON SOCIETY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
Selma Montford
10 Clermont Road
Against bad planning on social and aesthetic grounds

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT TENANTS AND SQUATTERS ASSOCIATION
7, Victoria Rd (27878)
Meetings Tuesdays 8pm.

BRITAIN/GDR SOCIETY
(686259)
Facts and info on East Germany

BRITISH SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY
(62794)

BUILDING CO-OP
People interested in getting one together contact Ray and Stephan (692766)

CENTRE FOR INVESTIGATION OF PROPERTY SPECULATION
(691712)

CHE (CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY)
Marlborough Hotel (First Floor Hall) - Princes St
2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month - 8:30 pm
Graham Wilkinson 3a Montpelier Villas or Brian Hart 111 Church Street 683710

CLAIMANT'S UNION
7 Victoria Rd (27878)
Meetings Mondays 8pm

♀ GATHERINGS



CLAP (COMMUNITY LEVY FOR ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS)
Details in CLAP catalogue
Send your CLAP TAX to
BIT 146 Great Western Rd
London W1

EAST BRIGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
G Andrews 8 Twineham Rd.
(687715)

FIVEWAYS PLAYGROUP
Florence Rd Field
(near No 10)

FREE ROOM FOR COMMUNITY USE
Day or evening.
For community info a typewriter and photocopier will be available during the day, Chris Miller Social Services Dept 15 Princes St (29801 ext 674)

FREE VET - PDSA
6 Oxford St (63606)
Donations welcome

FRIENDS CENTRE
Ship St (27835)
Wide range of classes including planning.
Tuesdays 7:30

HOUSING ACTION GROUP
see Brighton and District Tenants & Squatters Assn.
notice on this page.

MOTHER & TODDLER AFTERNOON
Westdene Library. Tues 2.30-3.15 (term time).
Coffee, toys, picture books and a chance to meet other mums.

MOULESCOOMB ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND. Needs money, material and help to rebuild the playground.
Arthur and Dave, c/o 67 Centre, off Hodshrove Rd. Moullescoomb (682428).

NATIONAL UNION OF SCHOOL STUDENTS
Ben, 13 Prince Edward's Rd Lewes (2731)
Power to the classroom.

PENSIONERS AND TRADE UNION ASSOCIATION
Keith Orange
22 Whippingham Rd.

PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED KIDS & MUMS OPPORTUNITY GROUP
Tues 1.30-3.30 Mrs S McCormick 44 Inwood Cres. (509431).

♀ ETC

PRIOR HOUSE
Carlto Hill (681925)
Youth and Community Centre
Many activities including Old People's Lunch, Tues 12.30-2.00, 20pence.
Open Creche, Thurs 9.30-12.00, 10pence.

RANK & FILE (735925)
Group of teachers in N.U.T.

RIGHT TO READ
Classes at Connaught FE Centre, Connaught Rd Hove
Evenings. Help for adults who can't read or write. Phone 720406 (evenings) if you need help or know anyone who can't read this All queries in strict privacy.

SAVE THE PIER CAMPAIGN
Enquiries to: John Lloyd Forum Gallery, 16 Market St. (28578).

SUSSEX GAY LIBERATION FRONT
Marlborough Hotel (attic room) Prince's St B'ton.
1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month 8.30 Saloon Bar prior to meeting.

TRADES COUNCIL
Keith Orange 22 Whippingham Rd.

TRANSPORT 2000
Kevin McNulty
75 Upper Lewes Rd.

UPPER NORTH ST RESIDENTS
Robert Gregory
97 Upper North St.

WHOLE EARTH GROUP
Sec. Alistair Nisbet
54 Queens Park Rd

WOMEN'S CENTRE
79 Buckingham Rd (27612)
Open Daily. Come for company, help, playgroup, pregnancy testing. Creche facilities and coffee bar

WOMEN'S LIBERATION
Jen de Winter,
154 Harbour Way,
Shoreham (87-61680)
WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS
Linda Kinsella (55134)
Baby sitting, creche coffee mornings

