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Old people's welfare.

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7 Victoria Rd 27878  
Info/Help service

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ADVISORY SERVICE  
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Weekdays 10-6 739729

GAY SWITCHBOARD  
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73 Grand Parade 681919

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Preston Rd 506381  
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681919.

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Rear 261 Preston Rd  
Brighton

COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN  
(MARXIST-LENINIST)  
Meets 37 Gloucester Rd  
First Friday of each month  
Brighton 684404.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF ENGLAND  
(MARXIST-LENINIST)  
Temporary contact address:  
29, Queens Park Rd

COMMUNIST PARTY (CPGB)  
M Chaplin 83 Edburton Av

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Hove

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Pavilion  
90 Sedgewick Rd(557944)

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Western Rd(26560)

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19 Bord St  
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your life good

ANTIQU MARKET  
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Mons & Weds 8-5  
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37 Gloucester Rd(684404)  
Sats 9.30-6.00

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project. Foods, crafts,  
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ations.

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Communist Party of  
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Social Services, housing,  
education, etc.  
37 Gloucester Rd 684404.

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680256. Teacher and  
education magazine.

LIBERTARIAN STRUGGLE  
Paper of the Anarchist  
Workers Association.  
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Hot Rhythm Orchestra  
will be in concert at  
HOVE TOWN HALL

on  
TUESDAY FEB 3rd  
8pm  
All proceeds to the  
We Want The West Pier  
Campaign.

Tickets (50p-£1.50) from Hove  
Town Hall or Forum Gallery  
Market St.

# BRIGHTON VOICE

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No28

6p

## what's this ?



Have you got a copy of Aardvark?  
There may be one inside this issue.  
George Barratt and Lesley Marrion  
are giving away 700 free copies of  
their revolutionary comic via the  
Voice. Not enough for every issue  
but you may be one of the lucky ones.

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## RIGHTS CENTRE AFFAIR

Meet a County Council official  
called Swindell. His name is the lat-  
est to emerge from all the Tory muck  
surrounding the Rights Centre Affair.  
On page 2 we give the latest revelat-  
ions about this affair, which we  
exposed in our last issue and which  
has since been taken up by the Argus,  
(who took the story entirely from us)  
by the Labour Opposition who intend  
to probe it to the very depths and  
by Morgan and Beechey themselves.  
Even as we go to press, Beechey, the  
chief executive of East Sussex, is  
saying that he has no idea how  
Morgan's defamatory letter actually  
reached the Sub-Committee. He'd be  
advised to find out soon and issue a  
public apology. As for Swindell, read  
all about it on page 2. And one word  
to old readers: we're afraid we  
couldn't keep our old friend Stanley  
Theobald out of it. If you're a  
new reader and don't know who Theobald  
is (there may be one or two left)  
then still turn to PAGE TWO

## old voice almanac

1976 MY BRAIN HURTS

JANUARY

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
DECIDE TO CANCEL 1976  
DUE TO GOVERNMENT CUTS.  
BRIGHTON HOTEL-OWNERS  
PROTEST.

## Workers and Students march together

The campaign against the gov-  
ernment cuts in welfare services and  
housing reaches a local climax on  
31 January with a march from the  
West Pier to the Level. Details  
on pages 6-7.

The demo is organised jointly  
by the University of Sussex Students  
Union and the Brighton Action Com-  
mittee against the Cuts (Bacac). It has  
the support of the Brighton and Hove  
District Trades Council. See p.6.

It is good to see students on  
the march again and joining forces  
with the working people of Brighton.  
The Voice fully supports their action  
and says EVERYBODY OUT!

## Nearly 3 yrs old

Brighton Voice is nearing its  
Third Anniversary and the next issue  
will celebrate this fact. We are del-  
ighted at the way that news and art-  
icles are coming from people all over  
the Brighton area. More and more  
people are saying 'That's a good story  
for the Voice' and that's what we  
want. It's your paper: write for it,  
draw for it, come to its open meetings  
on Sunday nights at 8 p.m. at 7 Vic-  
toria Rd. The paper just covers its  
costs, makes no profits and carries no  
paid advertisements.

## DECEMBER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF  
EAST SUSSEX COUNTY  
COUNCIL TAKES  
OVER OFFICE OF MAYOR  
OF BRIGHTON AND  
EDITORSHIP OF  
EVENING ARGUS





# EXPOSED!

(The rights centre affair)

The last issue of the Voice carried a long story headed 'Town Clerk stabs Right Centre in Back' in which the prejudicial and snide remarks of Reg Morgan against the Rights Centre were fully exposed. In particular we published the letter which he had written and which was used in an underhand way at the sub-committee on Voluntary Agencies. It was as a direct result of that letter that the sub-committee refused to give the Rights Centre any money, and since then notice has been served on the Centre to quit its premises in Albert St. on 31 January.

Our story was picked up by the Argus, direct from our pages without any acknowledgement, and their local government reporter Peter Gavan gave it the usual pussy-footing Argus treatment. Then just before Christmas the Labour opposition put Morgan on the mat at the Policy and Resources Committee. His self-justification was amazing. He went on and on about the brown paper in the windows of the Rights Centre but dismissed in half a sentence the matter of his defamatory and vicious statement about the Centre and squatting, the very accusations which had done all the damage. The length, the detail and the irrelevancy of his written defence were positively Nixonian. And during the discussion - when he sat shamefacedly and embarrassed - he even looked like Nixon about to explain the gaps in his tape recordings.

At least our 'Richard Milhuse' Morgan is likely to be a little more careful in the future about writing scurrilous letters as a favour to his old friend Theobald.

## ENTER SWINDELL

But Morgan's letter was not the only piece of interference by supposedly 'neutral' officers. Even more damaging to the Centre's case as we said last time was the use of the letter. We can now be more specific. The sentence from the letter which undermined the Centre's hopes of a grant was read out by a member of the County Secretary's Office named SWINDELL. His freely-expressed political views are far right-wing so it is not entirely unexpected that he should have wanted to use Morgan's hostile remarks, and that he should read the one sentence which contained the most irresponsible and unwarranted accusation against the Centre. And this man Swindell read it in an absolutely venomous tone of voice. 'That's made up my mind for me' said Councillor Theobald, forgetting that he had entered the Committee saying that he would never agree to any public money

going to the Rights Centre. (How can that man be so stupid? It's unbelievable)

## QUESTIONS

Serious questions are raised by this incident. The Voice wants to know and the public has a right to know:

WHO AUTHORISED the reading of Morgan's letter?

WAS MORGAN CONSULTED about having his letter read? (He has publicly denied that he was, or that he intended it to be read out)

WHO SELECTED the one sentence that was so infamously used?

And equally important as the behaviour of Swindell is the question

WHY DID NONE of the Councillors question Swindell on these points at the time? Why did they not ask who authorised the allegations to be made? Was it Beechey? Freddy? Lilliorap? Morgan? Theobald? Swindell himself? WHO RIGGED IT? ALL?

Just right for the cold weather:



## FEBRUARY

HEATING TURNED OFF IN HOSPITALS DUE TO CUTS. BY GOVERNMENT. PATIENTS ISSUED WITH EX-GOVERNMENT SURPLUS ARCTIC UNIFORMS. NURSES SUFFER FROM FROSTBITE

The real problem in this affair is the amount of double talk that is going on. The Conservatives are lying in their teeth about the reasons for the decision. In the Policy and Resources Committee we have mentioned, no other than Theobald got up and praised the Centre and its workers! He then said that the refusal of a grant was simply due to a lack of money. He knows, we all know, that there was still £10,000 in the kitty after that sub-committee meeting. He knows, we all know, that every other voluntary organisation whose case came up at that meeting got a grant. Even now with only ten weeks of the financial year to go, the kitty STILL HAS OVER £2,500 IN IT. The Centre was asking for £1,000. It is a simple lie to say there was, or is even now, no money. STUPID MAN - STUPID LIES.

## LIES

What is really at issue - as Morgan let slip in his letter - that Theobald, Clarke, Morgan and the other Tories do not like having near the Town Hall an organisation whose very existence reminds them of the poverty of their policies, of the poverty of sections of this town and of the existence of deprived people. That is what started them on this Watergate trail of writing scurrilous letters and lying to cover up their real reasons. The centre of Brighton has to show unqualified prosperity, gentlemanly professional offices and quality shops. It must beguile the visitor - not to mention the sensitive councillor on his way to the Town Hall. This was the initial motive, and it all too faithfully reflects the double standards, the shining exterior over the rotten core, the half-believed lies in the politics and life of this town.

## For New Readers..

There is a pleasant row of cottages behind Queen's Road. Some years ago Parker, as M.O.H., condemned them and they were due for demolition despite objections from townspeople. In consequence many were sold for knock down prices, often around £1,500. Then Stanley Theobald stepped forward to defend the properties, taking on a bitter struggle with his old ally and boon companion Parker. Theobald's influence managed to swing the Council round and the cottages were saved. Parker retired, muttering.

As soon as this happened all the houses naturally boomed in price, and most of the new owners, some of whom were thought to be not entirely unacquainted with Councillor Theobald put their houses on the market. And, curiously, almost all of them were for sale through that reputable firm, George White & Co. The owner of George White & Co. is - no prizes - Stanley Theobald.

## HOWARD'S END

Some of our readers may have noticed in the Argus recently a very discreet report about an eviction case in which the University Catholic Chaplaincy was involved. The story behind it is actually a piece of outrageous paternalism covering a peculiarly cynical commercial operation.

The University of Sussex Catholic Chaplaincy Association has a sub-organisation called the Howard House Trust, which has as one of several aims the provision of housing for Catholic students in Brighton. The trustees are the very Rev. Canon John, the Rev. Gerald Costes and Philip John Stradwick.

Hiding behind this stated aim, pleading that their terms of reference do not cover non-students, they are effectively claiming that other considerations--such as common humanity--do not apply. They have invoked a verbal agreement made by a father who disappeared 12 years ago that crucially affects a slightly retarded daughter. And using this they are evicting her--which in strict law they are entitled to do-- from her home of twenty years standing, having given her notice to quit one week after the death of her mother. And they do this with only the bland assurance--and who is more and than a Catholic father?-- that 'we have been in touch with Social Services and something will be found.'

As if that action were not questionable enough, what they are up to in fact is trying to squeeze the people out of a row of four charming fishermen's cottages behind the Chaplaincy in Richmond Place. They want the houses not just to accommodate students but, much more important, to rent out to summer visitors at fat £40 per week rents. The other residents are so incensed by the creeping actions of the Chaplaincy that they are taking steps to ensure that it never acquires their houses.

The Chaplaincy excuses itself by saying that the daughter is 'deteriorating' living by herself.

The Voice says that this sort of paternalistic exploitation is out of place in the twentieth century. The Chaplaincy should explain its actions publicly.

## A VICTORIAN STORY

The year was 1975 and..

The scandalous housing situation in Brighton claims two more victims. Mr and Mrs Watts, both about 60, have been living in one room as tenants of a schoolmaster, whose house in The Cliff Roedean looks sound enough from the outside. But in contrast to its 'desirable' exterior and the wealthy road in which it is situated, the attic room in which the Watts couple lived and for which they paid £7 a week, was nothing short of a slum. Damp was everywhere, running down the walls and off the window sills. The bed was permanently wet and clothes left in the drawers quickly became covered in mould. In May of last year the room was inspected by an official from the Health and Environment Department and he suggested that it should be abandoned at once due to its appalling condition. The wife of Tory MP Ewden visited the couple and offered them her help and she was equally shocked by the room.

But where could the couple go? They looked for alternative rented accommodation but could find nothing within their price range. Finally the landlord decided the room should be repaired and applied for a court order to get Mr and Mrs Watts out. The order was readily given and the date set for four weeks later, 30th December. What a Christmas they had to look forward to! Luckily there was the Rights Centre to help them with all the legal issues, and Local Aid in the person of Gerry Howard, has been very sympathetic. But when the Voice visited them just before and after Christmas they were just as far from finding anything as ever.

The Housing Department didn't want to know. As far as they are concerned the Watts couple have no family and therefore have no priority. They just go to the bottom of the list which stretches over 1700 other homeless cases, homeless and helpless in this vicious society.

## homeless queue

So Mrs Watts, with a bad cough and a bad back made infinitely worse by the damp in their rented room, and Mr Watts, drawing little more than subsistence for his work as a carriage cleaner at Brighton Station, join the homeless queue which grows longer every month and which keeps the price

of property up and the speculators and estate agents happy.

## unfeeling

The story of Mr and Mrs Watts is just one more which condemns the totally inadequate housing policy in this rich and uncaring town. But it also reveals other evils. The Registrar who gave them only four weeks at Christmas to get out was not in the least interested in the fact that they had nowhere to go or that Social Service and Housing Departments would be closed or overworked for most of the week before the eviction date. In the words of someone present he was 'a real bastard, totally unfeeling'. Secondly, the landlord's solicitor, David Barling, who acts for landlords all over the town, tried to prevent Mr Watts from claiming further Legal Aid by saying that he was inclined to drink too much and become argumentative. Barling is a well-known servant of the property magnates in Brighton, was the solicitor for the Marine Company at the enquiry and is currently a Tory candidate for Hove Council.

No wonder the Tories and their cronies want to close down the Rights Centre. It was, in the words of Mr Watts, the 'only legal body we could turn to who would give us the advice and help we needed.' Up against the Housing Department, landlords, David Barling and the Law itself, Mr and Mrs Watts are typical of thousands in Brighton with the same need.

## MARCH

ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL CLOSED DOWN AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT HEALTH CUTS. CONSULTANTS OFFER TO TURN BUILDING INTO PRIVATE NURSING HOME - "FEE PAYING PATIENTS ONLY."







# EAR TO THE GROUND



## Police IQ

Someone recently rang Hove Police to report that he had been threatened with being stabbed and with having his house burnt down. The sergeant at the other end of the phone took down the details and was then asked what would be done. "Well", he said, "these things are always difficult you know--but if you can get him to write it down, then we're laughing."

## Cuts all round?

Did you have a good time at Christmas? The County Councillors did. The East Sussex County Council spent over £850 on food and drink for a party for Councillors and Officers. The Labour Party refused to go, but the others drank their shere up happily.

A smaller but even boozier party later in the same week cost another hundred or two when the Press was given its pay-off for being so unaccountably blind to the shortcomings of the County Council and its Councillors.

## Council raise rent

Very quietly Brighton Council has started a policy that looks like causing trouble for many of the char-

ities and social agencies in the town. They have decided to ask 'economic' rents on all their properties, so that many groups who work from Council-owned premises are finding their rents four times as high this year. This may well lead to further closures of welfare bodies. What astonishing cynicism it is to argue that hard times make it necessary to squeeze the very agencies which the Council uses to paste over the pain and dislocation caused by those hard times!

## A Useful Tip

Want to know how to get ahead in the business world? Allen Fitchett has the answer. Fitchett used to be at Meads, the well-known rip-off auctioneers, but a year ago he decided to set up on his own. His auction rooms, in Gloucester Street, specialise in bankrupt stock, and some remarkably good buys can be made there. Fitchett has had a good year. And to celebrate he sent a little Christmas gift to his friends and helpers at the Police Station in John Street. £144 of crated liquor! All neatly labelled with the names and ranks of the officers and clerks concerned. And a specially large present for Superintendent H. who happens to be in charge of bankruptcy work.

"They have been very good to me this year" said the happy Mr. Fitchett by way of explanation. And no doubt they will continue to be in the warm after-glow of their gifts.

## Pc con

One of the smartest pieces of Public Relations recently was the long saga put out over a period of 3 weeks by Keir Angel the Police P.R. hack.

The Argus dutifully and uncritically picked up all his press releases which implied that a gigantic savings in cost were being made by our public-spirited police force, most of which seemed to be gained by massacring the Cadet Scheme. They were even solemnly congratulated by the Police Authority, who should have known better.

Sadly, if you were taken in and think that the copper in your pocket is going to cost less next year, a shock is in store for you. Look at the new rate demands. The Voice offers a pound to a penny that the poundage figure for policing will be HIGHER than ever.

No one has been allowed to see the detailed figures. They're still being 'finalised' - but all they have really done is to cut back on the amount of the increase, not reduced the basic amount at all. A nice book-keeping 'saving'. And a nice piece of media management, Mr Angel.

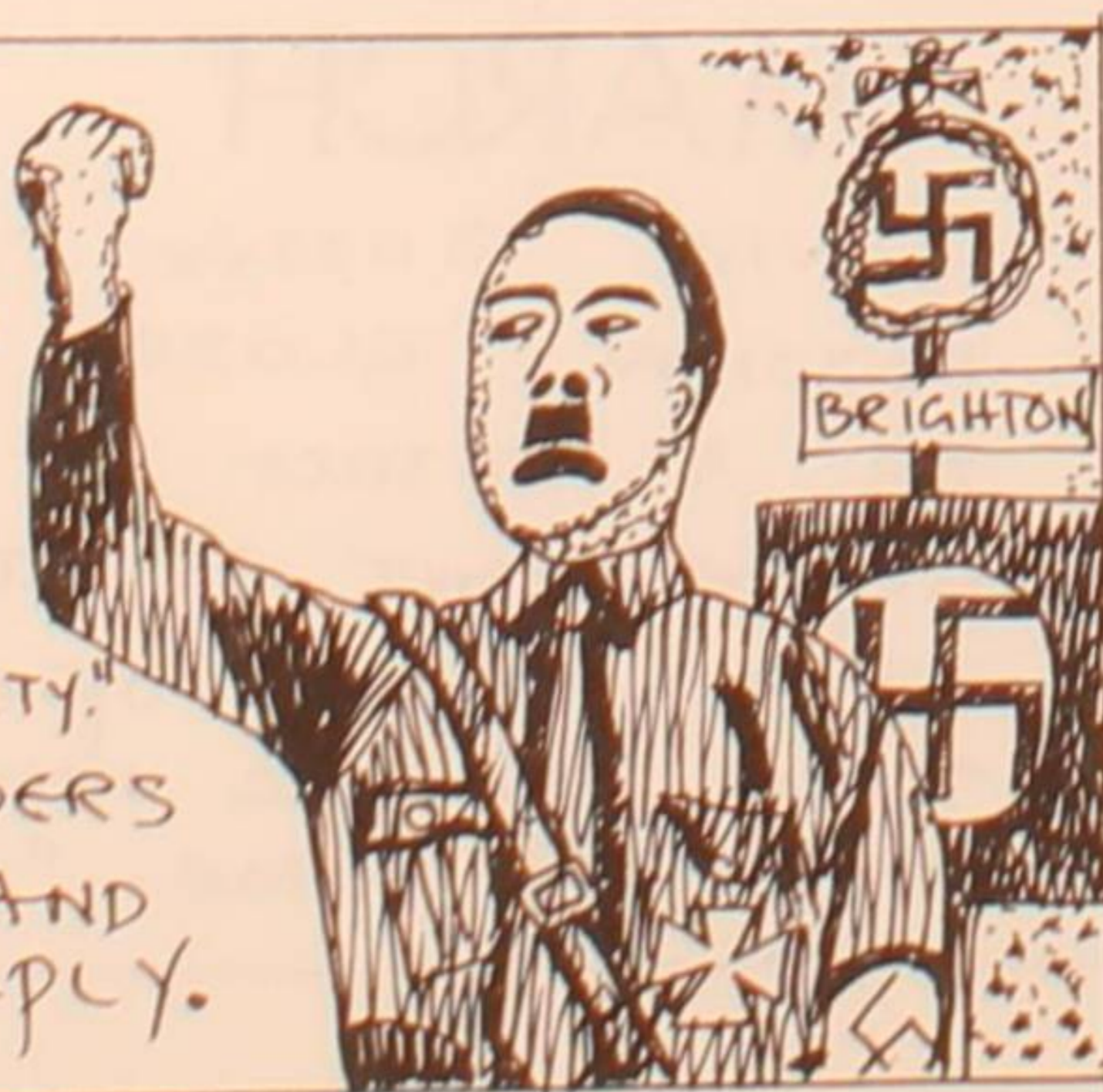
## Gross profits

Gross Cash Register is a large employer on the Hollingbury Trading Estate which has a reputation for its belligerent labour policies. Recently they pleaded a bad economic situation, falling sales, need for cut-backs etc. to persuade their workers that there was just no money around to give any wage rises.

Purely by coincidence, the Chairman's salary was recently raised to £10,380 p.a., and the directorate as a whole take home the best part of £100,000. But that money, of course is absolutely essential to the well-being of the firm.

## APRIL

APRIL 20. WELL-KNOWN BRIGHTON HOTEL HOLDS DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF HITLER. "PIONEER OF EUROPEAN UNITY." TRADES COUNCIL ORDERS BOYCOTT, PICKETING AND DEMONSTRATION IN REPLY.



continued

## Old Town Bugged Down

## Phillips mussels in

In the centre of Brighton is a small guest house where a Mr. Phillips is charging Hove Social Services £76 per week to accommodate one couple and two children. For this princely sum they get a bed, breakfast (cereal or cooked, not both) and an evening meal. The cooking is often done by a ten-year-old who is paid 50p an hour.

There are several others in the house whose rent is paid by the Social Services.

So well has Mr. Phillips done out of this sort of business that he has been able to purchase the block facing Brighton Station, to re-open the cafe there and open a specialist sea-food place around the corner in Surrey Street.

The Voice says it is time the Social Services stopped paying such sums to these merchants, who are living fatly off others' homelessness.

## SAVE LITTLE GEORGE ST.!

### AN OPEN LETTER TO BRIGHTON COUNCIL

We are Council tenants who have been living in temporary accommodation for some fourteen months now. When we moved in, we had rented accommodation on one side and a privately owned house on the other, but these houses are now vacant - and beyond habitation in their present condition.

This leaves us as the only people in the street, which is not even considered by potential squatters. The property owners put paid to them by boarding-up, tearing down ceilings, smashing windows and pulling up floorboards as soon as they were empty. The Council own numbers 2 and 6, and Green Elms Investments owns the rest.

At present, we don't know if the area will be used for a new Town Hall or for a car park - or if the houses will be restored, but we do know a local builder who will undertake restoration for £3000 a piece. Similar property a few hundred yards away have already been done by the Council for twice this amount. From "the people at No. 6".

P.S. SAVE AUR STREET

So, after 18 months of negotiation, argument and false starts, the Old Town Scheme finally bites the dust for the next three years at least. Councillor Jermy, that lovable old Tory backwoodsman, with crocodile tears in his eyes and a note of truly heart-breaking sadness in his voice, said 'we can't afford it'. 'It is all due to the country's financial problems,' etc., etc. So, to a great wringing of hands the Tories threw out the idea of a pedestrian precinct in East Street and neighbouring areas. Of course the main people to blame are the East Street Traders but they've probably committed economic suicide. Similar precincts have boosted the shops in Worthing and Eastbourne.

But part of the blame must rest with the Planning Department. As the Voice has said before, if the Planners hadn't had such grand and expensive ideas this wouldn't have happened. If they hadn't let Hausego-Woolgar loose (with a surname like that perhaps grand ideas are inevitable) it might all have been done with two lorry loads of sand the day after the Traffic Orders came through. As it is, H-W can still drive his smart, white £7,000 sports car through Market Street, to his own pleasure if not that of harassed pedestrians.

## Centre pong

We have heard from no less than four distinct sources that there is a nasty smell surrounding the contract for the Conference Centre. It seems to be the old story of a contractor offering to do a job at a ridiculously low price and then, after the contract has been awarded and work begun, suddenly discovering 'Extras'. Nothing very unusual here, except that with so many of our councillors in the construction and property business, are they really so thick?

## Marina in deep water

The storms which flattened Britain the other weekend fortunately left Brighton largely undamaged. However, one apparent victim of the heavy seas was our old friend the Marina. The Voice understands that the serious damage to some of the caissons caused by storms over a year ago (see Voice 18) was aggravated by the recent bad weather and that new cracks in the structure have also appeared.

But that is only one of the crumbling Marina Company's many problems. They are desperately short of money, a fact which explains their latest amazing attempt to raise capital. Boatowners stupid enough to want to keep their boats in the Marina as it sinks into the sea are being asked to lend the Marina Company money (between £6,000 and £24,000) for the dubious privilege of having a twenty year lease on a berth. This unorthodox business practice is, as admitted by the Gazette, 'primarily a money-raising exercise.' The idea is to raise £24 million to help complete the harbour for opening next year. In other words, if they can't find enough sailors willing to be suckered then they won't have enough money to complete the harbour, let alone build the flats.

And the flats are another problem. The Company, which at the recent Enquiry appeared confident that people would be queuing up to buy their ridiculous 'luxury' flats, has now suddenly realised that they haven't the faintest idea who is going to buy these £30,000 white elephants. Together with top people's estate agents Knight, Frank & Rutley they are now desperately rushing around the country trying to identify the sort of idiots who might be expected to part with their money for one of these altogether undesirable residences.

## MAY

MARINA COMPANY ABANDONS PROJECT - WELL-KNOWN ESTATE AGENT COMMITS SUICIDE





# UNIONS VOTE FOR DEMO AGAINST THE CUTS

'I want a rally' said George Cooper, chairman of the Brighton Trades Council, 'and by rally I mean a real rally. It's time this Trades Council got off its backside and started doing something.' Fighting words. And the response was enthusiastic. The delegates to the Trades Council in its meeting on 17 December voted overwhelmingly to make 31 January a big day of protest in Brighton. Protest against government cuts in social services, education and housing, protest against the astronomical unemployment figures which have doubled in the last twelve months and protest against Reg Morgan and his cronies who have tried to crush the Brighton Rights Centre.

The meeting discussed all these issues, and delegates were angry and outspoken about all of them.

## jobless

Although Brighton is still below the national average in its percentage of unemployed, there are over 5,000 registered at the moment and that does not include married women and school leavers who tend not to register. The figures are mounting daily and the Trades Council agreed to protest to the TUC about schemes to produce public works which would cost millions of pounds but would not ensure either permanent jobs or any sort of job training. These schemes, suggested by the Manpower Commission and backed by the Government and the TUC were ridiculed by several delegates

in speeches which showed that there is a working people's voice in Brighton, a determined and angry voice.

## rights centre

Over the Rights Centre and Reg Morgan's underhand letter (see our last issue No 27) the Trades Council were equally militant, applauding a report from one of the Centre's workers and supporting the call from the chairman to protest to every councillor against the attempts to close such an excellent venture. There was no doubt about it, the Trades Council, through its officers and through its ordinary members was right behind the centre in everything it was trying to do.

## cuts

With even more fire, the meeting responded to the campaign against the current government economies in all the vital services. It agreed to affiliate to the Brighton Action Committee which has been set up to fight the cuts and it ended with a full show of hands in support of the morning of protest on 31 January. During the meeting one delegate said that the Tories in the town hardly knew that Brighton had any Trade Unionists. It is the opinion of BRIGHTON VOICE that after a meeting like this one the Tories will be forced into a new sense of realities. IT IS UP TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF BRIGHTON TO COME OUT ON 31 JANUARY AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS HAPPENS.

# ALL OUT!

On Saturday 22 November the Brighton and Hove Trades Council held a one-day conference on the Cuts, with speakers from NALGO, NUT, ASTMS and POEU. Contributions from the floor, as well as telling of cuts in their own area of work, repeatedly spoke of the need for a campaign in Brighton to fight the cuts and unemployment.

On 28 November the Brighton Action Committee against the Cuts (Bacac) was formed. Its aims are:-

- \* Opposition to all cuts in social expenditure, whether by national or local government.
- \* Opposition to unemployment, whether by government or private industry.
- \* Defence of the Trade Union movement from attacks caused by the cuts and unemployment.

Bacac is open to affiliation from any groups of people affected by the cuts and unemployment and already 17 Unions and organisations have joined including the Trades Council itself.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP ?

By raising the issues of cuts and unemployment at your place of work.

- By getting your Union to affiliate
- By asking Bacac to send a speaker to your meetings
- By writing for and distributing ACTION, Bacac's Bulletin.
- BY SUPPORTING THE DEMO AGAINST THE CUTS ON 31 JANUARY

## turn again Preddy

Reactions from disbelief to nausea were noted among East Sussex social workers at the Christmas Message From Our Chairman.

In it, he thanked them for "the high standards you set yourselves and the commitment which you put into your work throughout the year.....I want you to know it is noticed and appreciated."

This is somewhat at variance with Preddy's previous statements on the subject, as quoted in the Argus on October 15th. These followed a letter from social workers to the Argus, pointing out that services were already inadequate, and the likely effect of further cuts in expenditure.

He then said that he "questioned the loyalty of people who could make statements like that" and added that "the quality of our service is directly related to the quality of the work performed by our staff." In other words, that the social workers are all incompetent and shortage of money has nothing to do with the deteriorating service now on offer.

It looks like reaction to this outrageous nonsense both inside and outside the Department has forced him to change his tune. Who knows, one day he might actually object to presiding over the disintegration of a service designed to help those who, unlike him, can't buy their way out of problems.....

## Queens Park Spa

People who live in the Queens Park area of East Brighton will remember how the spa campaign began more than three years ago, with the fight for the derelict spa in the park to become a nursery school rather than a casino, how local unity forced the council to shelve the casino plans, and eventually grant the nursery, how the council's delays meant that the building tenders came in too late so that the nursery school missed being built by eight days because of Local Government re organisation, and how the new East Sussex councillors, from Hastings to Crowborough, have ignored previous promises and axed the Spa under the excuse of Local Government cuts.

The Spa is now being wasted. East Sussex have granted £13,000 to have the back pulled down and make the front safe. Then that will be that. No plans for making the area around into a place where the children could play safely and cleanly. No plans for a small cafe for a cup of tea, nor for a hut for a parents and toddlers club. No initiative. Only delay, and a wilful waste of public resources.

The Campaign refuses to accept this and insists that rates are spent on people's real needs.

Even if the cuts go ahead the Campaign is demanding access to the ground around the Spa as soon as the building is made safe so that they can get on with providing the facilities (such as an adventure playground) which can be built by the people and do not need money from the rates.

## BRIGHTON DEMO AGAINST CUTS

### SATURDAY JANUARY 31st

### Assemble WEST PIER 11am.

### March to THE LEVEL Rally at 1pm with National and local speakers.

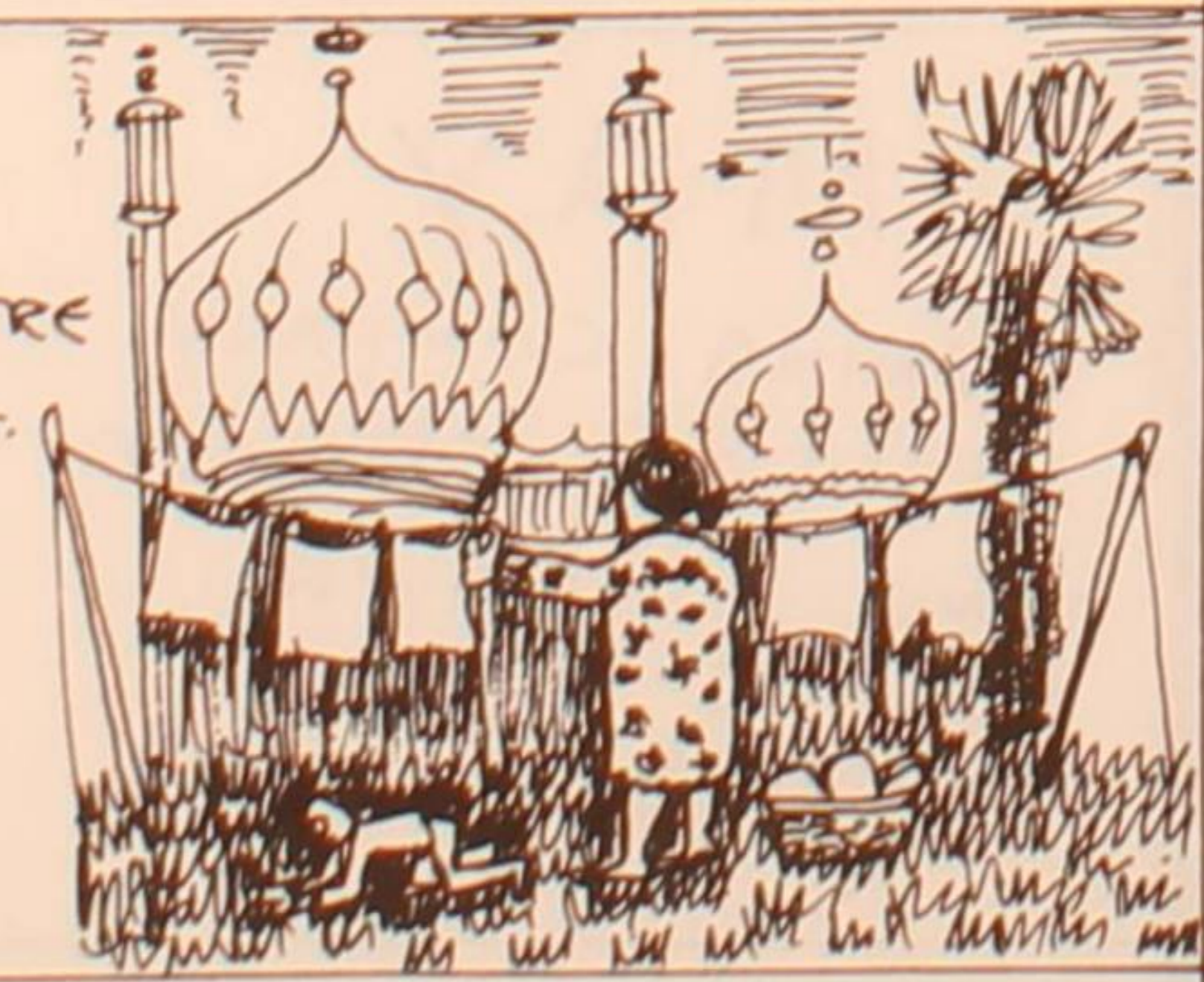
## education

Education cuts mean that the new system of First, Middle and High schools in Brighton will not be properly established. Phase Two of the new Stanley Deason High School on Wilson Avenue has now been postponed indefinitely. This highlights a general picture of stagnation. Meanwhile teacher training at the College of Education is to be cut by half, and there are many teachers out of work while classes of nearly 40 continue in some Brighton schools.

Brighton and Hove C.E.A. (Council for Educational Advance) has been set up to fight the cuts locally. It represents parents, teachers, workers and students, who can join either as individuals or as members of an organisation. (see Info pages) C.E.A. sees education cuts as part and parcel of the cut in the social wage as a whole so it has delegates on the Brighton Action Committee against the Cuts (Bacac). It also gives full support to the demo on 31 January.

## JUNE

BATTERED WIVES CENTRE CLOSED BY COUNCIL - "OVERCROWDED" BATTERED WIVES SQUAT IN ROYAL PAVILION.



## JULY

ITT-CREED THREATEN TO CLOSE BRIGHTON FACTORY & TRANSFER OPERATION TO CHILE - WORKERS MORE CO-OPERATIVE"





The absence of popular art from modern times is more disquieting and grievous to bear for this reason than any other, that it betokens that fatal division of men into cultivated and degraded classes, which competitive commerce has bred and fosters.

Popular art has no chance of a healthy life at all until we are on the way to fill this terrible gulf between rich and poor. WILLIAM MORRIS 1834-1896

*SOME, SOMEWHERE, SOME ONE  
(SOME HAVE 'EM SOME DON'T)  
WE KNOW THERE'S ONE SOMEWHERE.*

We need a building for THIS.

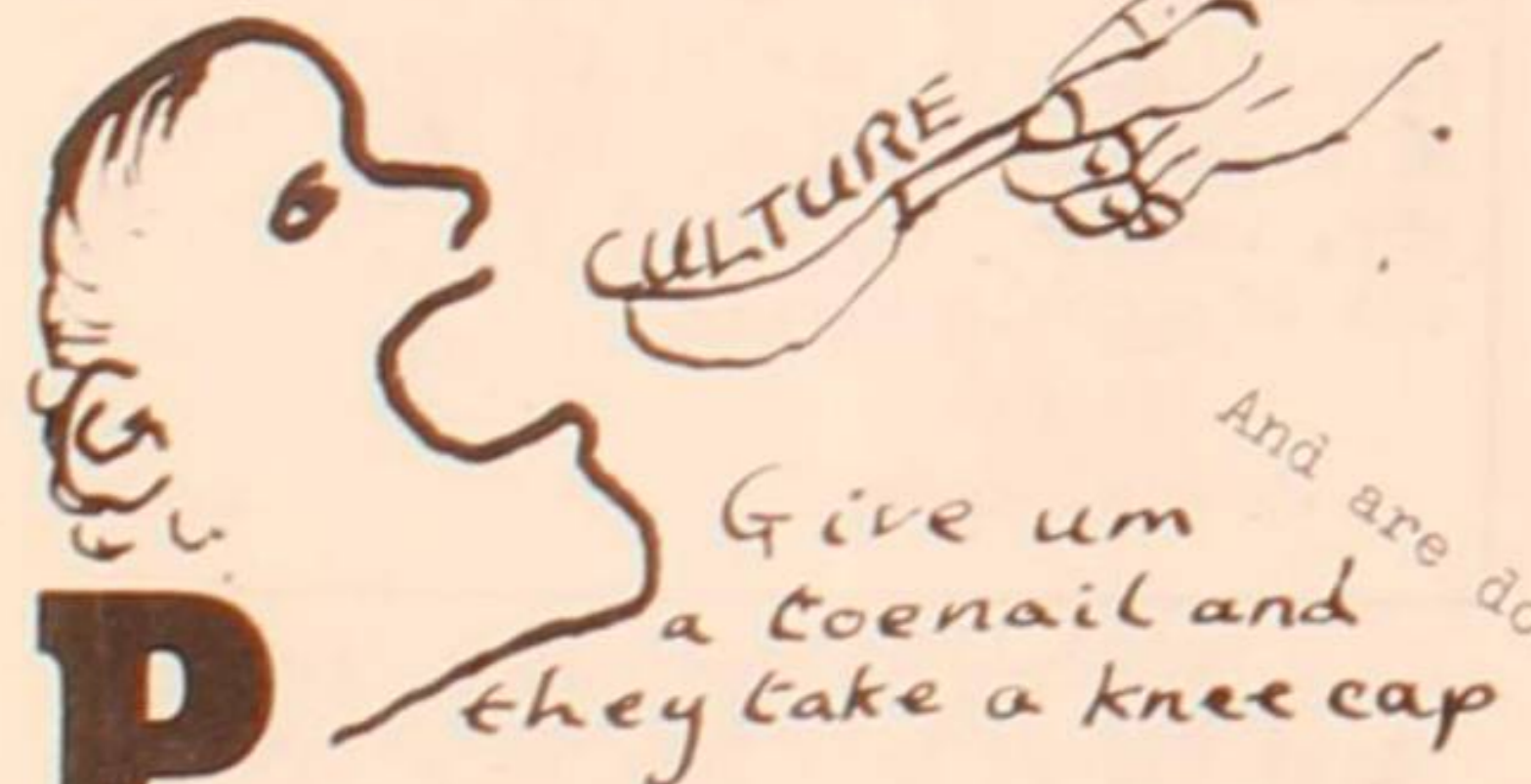
Brighton Arts Fair.

THE FIRST BRIGHTON ARTS FAIR.

of October '75 was well received by visitors from the town.

This years will take place in Brighton and it is expected that there will be much more of a show.

*Eggs Make Fragile Legs  
Go To work on Feet  
But Dont over loil them.*



**P** EOPLES

**O** PEN

**S** TUDIOS

*FOR SALE  
TWO FRONT TEETH  
(CHRISTMAS WAS NEVER  
LIKE THIS)*

Ring 27878



THE WORKER'S ART CLUB. has had it's first meeting (Successful) and will run every Monday at 7.15 Prior House.

All those that took part on the 5th displayed distinct signs of enjoyment, but just in case their enthusiastic babblings fall short of your ear

( Providing the space between your ears contain artistic tendencies) Drop into our next meeting.



**AUGUST**

SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE HITS BRIGHTON. COUNCIL URGES ECONOMY MEASURES. OFFSHORE OIL FOUND AT ENTRANCE TO BRIGHTON MARINA.

- Arts Info Centre.
- POS Weekly Publication.
- Studio Space.
- Retail Materials Store.
- Exhibition Space.
- Office.
- Conveniences.
- Community Projects Area.
- Meetings Lounge.
- Lending Library.
- Books, Paintings, Lord Mayors. & Dogs.
- Dark Room.
- Sound Room.
- Store Room.

**THE DETERRENT**

Workers Art Club.

- Brighton Arts Fair.
- Brighton Workers Art Club.
- Peoples Drawing Exhibition.
- Occupational Therapy Project.
- A. Studio Work.
- B. Outings.
- C. Exhibitions.

- Six boxes, environmental Sculpture.
- Schools & Factories Project.
- Food Fair, home Cooking.
- Your Daily Bread, exhibition.

- Intertown Visits & Exchanges.
- Visit from Action Space. (Camden.)
- To partake in joint projects with Inflatable Play Structures.
- Performance work and other outdoor events.
- Visit from the Bath Theatre workshop.
- Mainly concerned with events/ performance.

- And lots of individuals.
- These people give us support.
- Phone 27878.
- Prior House. Like you
- Open Cafe. Poly Union. (Link Up.)
- Trades Council. University Charles Thompson.
- Alan Suffield.

- Our names are-- Pat Flynn.
- This is our Chairman, George Cooper.
- Treasurer, Andy Barr.
- & Secretary, Penny Mitchell.

P.O.S. are urgently in need of ex-commercial accomodation. If sighted please inform us.

This would be of great help and development to this creative outlet.

"The Prom-" Travelling exhibition of Five Sections, each one of a seaside town in Sussex, S. Kent. In conjunction with their

OF FLOWERS



# Calling All Gays

The Lavender Gay Switchboard started in April 1975. It is a voluntary organisation whose aim is to give advice and information to homosexual people; those who through circumstances or situation may feel isolated and abnormal in a straight society and also those who may want to know where in Brighton and the surrounding area they can meet other gays.

Initially operating on only two nights a week, the service was quickly responded to despite the fact that the only sources of advertising at first were "Gay News" (National Homosexual newspaper published fortnightly), "Brighton Voice" and a few posters put up mainly in local gay pubs and clubs. The biggest breakthrough came however when after a considerable exchange of letters and telephone calls, the "Evening Argus" finally agreed to accept advertisements for publication in the personal column. In June when advertising first started in the "Argus" the Switchboard by now more commonly referred to as "Brighton Gay Switchboard", had already expanded its hours of operation to three nights a week. In September this was increased to four nights and from December the Switchboard will be open every night from 8pm -10pm with the exception of Sundays and Mondays. Brighton Gay Switchboard is one of the six regional Gay Switchboards operating in the U.K. The others being London (the largest and the national co-ordinator), Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow.

## counselling

In common with other Gay Switchboards, the Brighton Switchboard acts as a point of contact to the local gay community, offering callers information on groups, gay women, gay men, transsexuals, transvestites, pubs, clubs, accommodation, special events etc. In addition some counselling is undertaken, but for more specific problems, referral is made to organisations specialising in counselling. In this connection Brighton Icebreakers Group has recently been formed as a counselling agency to help lonely gays in Sussex. Brighton 202930 operating each Saturday evening 7.30 - 10.p.m. Significantly it has been found that whenever the Switchboard is advertised or mentioned in the

straight media ie "Evening Argus" "Brighton & Hove Gazette" "Radio Brighton" etc, large numbers of calls are received from isolated homosexual women and men for whom the Switchboard provides their first contact with the gay community. At this point the Switchboard feel they have only touched the tip of the iceberg and a lot more publicity and promotion will be needed before they fully realise their ambitions. In order to achieve this, more money is needed and most important more women and men to carry out telephone duties and other work. Interested persons are invited to contact the Switchboard during operating hours on Brighton (0273) 27878.

## The Best Things In Life Are Free

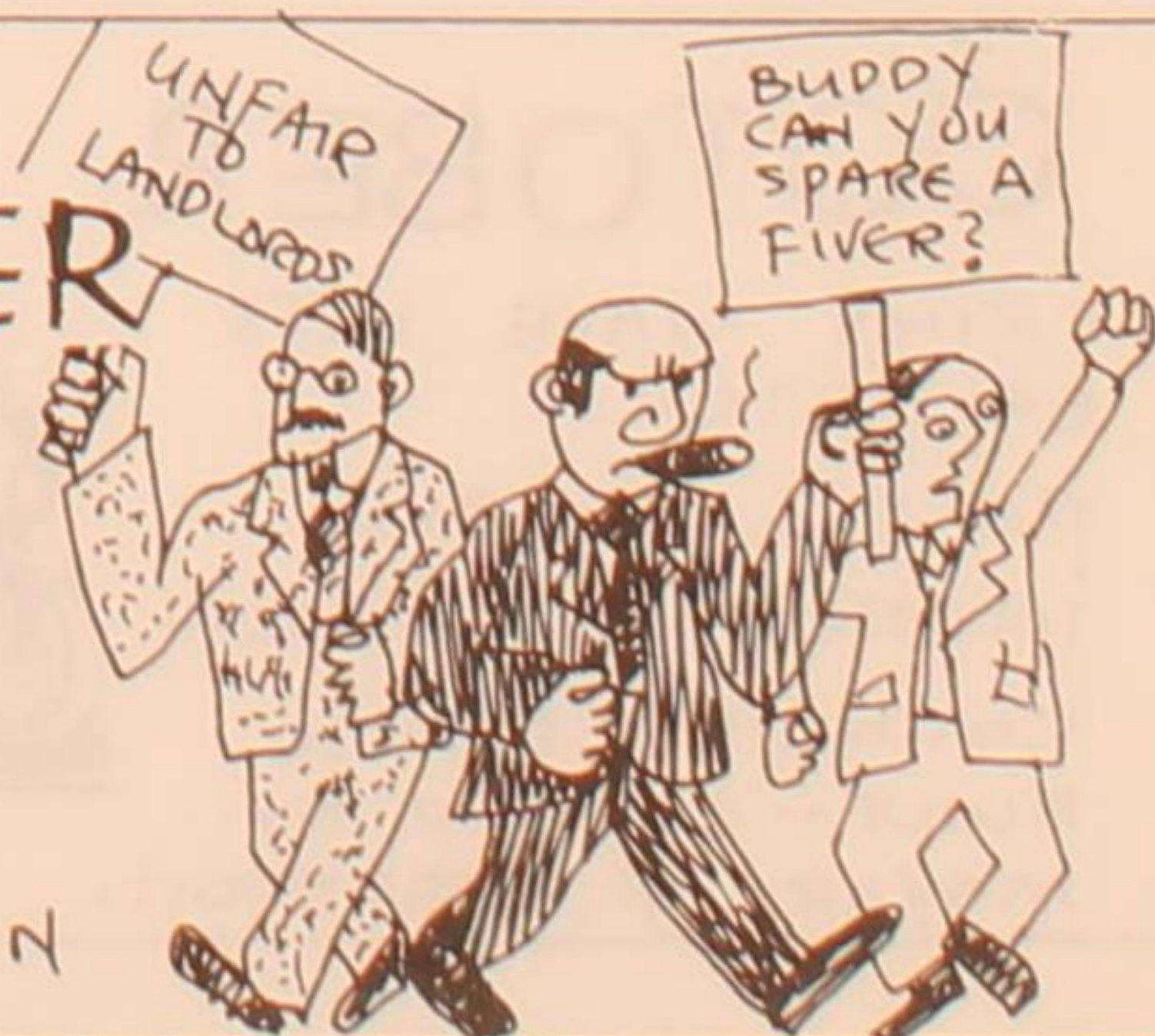


**A-A**

During the past six months, the Mid-Sussex Anti-Apartheid Group has been functioning under considerable difficulties, the chief of these being the lack of response from the general populace to app-

## SEPTEMBER

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX TO CLOSE DOWN - LANDLORDS STAGE DEMONSTRATION & MARCH THROUGH CENTRAL BRIGHTON



eals for support.

We feel we cannot shelve the problems of Southern Africa just because they have become more complicated and the issues more blurred. There are still hundreds of political prisoners in jail for their beliefs and many other Africans living below the poverty line, deprived of adequate food, clothing, accommodation and education.

A few members continue to raise money to provide clothes and books for Rhodesian prisoners and their families. The Group has provided speakers to keep the public aware of conditions in Apartheid Africa. The Home Office and Ministry of Overseas Development have been approached regarding the further education of Rhodesian Africans who are having to drop out because their families cannot afford school fees. Two of the prisoners that we support have passed their degree and Intermediate Law exam respectively.

Recently an afternoon tea was held in the foyer of the Martlets Hall at Burgess Hill when information about conditions in Rhodesia was available and money was raised to send cards to prisoners at Christmas.

For further information about the Group, contact Mike Dennis, 6 Islingward Rd, Brighton or ring Haywards Heath 3821 or Burgess Hill 41614.

**Know your Council for**



## \* LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on exposing the proposed slashing cuts of Social Services by the overwhelming Tory majority on the County Council.

We are, indeed, faced with all the 'cuts' you recite and indeed, unless the Committee agree to recommend 6.59% growth as advised by the Director, it could involve more grievous aspects to the almost deriding of the domiciliary services.

There are, at present, all sorts of unknown quantities such as the County Council allocation of the Social Services share of the cake and the financial responsibility for homelessness.

The Labour group, of whom I am Shadow Chairman, is pressing for nothing less than 'status quo' - about 12½% - and we are prepared to mount a public campaign to retain, as a minimum the existing services even at the cost, publicly explained, of a 1p rate.

We shall need all the help we can get and I am sure we can rely on Brighton Voice to collaborate with us if necessary. I have already alerted Radio Brighton to launch a series, including all interested parties, to assess public reaction.

Harry George

Dear Brighton Voice,

I should like to object to the last issue's article 'Tories Slash Services' and related cartoon. It is misleading to make out that it is wicked Tory councillors who are cutting social services whilst goody Labour councillors resist. I have no love for Tories (though at least you know where you are with them) but it is not the Tories who are slashing services--it is the Labour Government who are responsible for the cuts by severely reducing the Rate Support Grant and other measures. The Tory dominated East Sussex Council is willingly acting as a Government agent, as are councils throughout Britain, including Labour controlled ones.

The stance of local Labour councillors over the cuts is hypocritical and unprogressive. Their 'resistance' to the cuts ordered by their own government is that rates should be increased to preserve the existing service. The battle cry of 'increase the rates' is a diversion. It conveniently forgets that our money already paid in general taxation is being withheld by cutting the Rate Support Grant. The Labour councillors would have us pay twice.

However, the article rightly pointed out the viciousness of the proposed cuts.

As for the cartoon, it was equally misleading. The only difference between Labour and Tory governments is that the former is proving more successful at attacking workers' standards of living and trade union organisation.

Adrian Briggs.

Dear Sirs,

As chairman of the Brighton and Mid-Sussex branch of the National Union of Journalists, I am writing to tell you that my members were extremely disappointed, one might almost say incredulous, at the Press Council's rejection of my branch's complaint to them against the Evening Argus.

The Press Council has rejected our complaint because, even though Mr. Gorrington refused to print either of the letters he received in reply to his leading article, he later intimated "his willingness to publish letters answering the specific criticisms made." In fact he indicated his willingness to publish a reply "stating where the Brighton and Mid-Sussex Branch of the NUJ stand in this controversy." That, in our view, was simply not good enough.

It was surely quite intolerable for Mr. Gorrington to attempt to dictate the terms under which he would be prepared to publish a reply, to deny us the right to reply in the way we chose and to insist that we reply along lines stipulated by him. In effect, he was saying that the game must not only be played on his pitch with his ball, according to rules laid down

## LETTERS \*

by him, but that he insisted on the right to appoint himself as referee and to dictate the type of game played by his opponents, who were permitted to attack only those areas of the field stipulated by him, and who were not allowed to take advantage of the weak spots in his defence.

No wonder newspaper proprietors and editors like Mr Gorrington are so hysterically opposing the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill on the grounds that it might place in jeopardy the freedom of the Press. The freedom is theirs; nobody else's.

My branch would argue that, after naming the NUJ and criticising it in his leading article, there was certainly a moral obligation on Mr Gorrington to publish either or both of the original replies - replies making the points we wished to make rather than the points he wished us to make.

The Evening Argus, in common with most provincial evening and weekly papers, claims to be an uncommitted newspaper serving the interests of all sections of the community in which it circulates. Such a newspaper, in the opinion of my branch, should reflect the views of all sections of that community in a fair, impartial and unbiased way, even if those views differ from those of the editor.

This, in the view of my branch, the Evening Argus manifestly failed to do on this occasion. It is surprising that the Press Council does not share our view.

Eric Tyson

Dear Sirs,

The attention of the Press Council has been called to a recent article published in the BRIGHTON VOICE headed "NUJ - sure cross about Shawcross. It was stated in the article that when Lord Shawcross, Chairman of the Press Council, presided over a meeting of the Complaints Committee of the Council when it was investigating a complaint by the Brighton Branch of the NUJ against the EVENING ARGUS he "failed to inform the meeting that he knew one of the parties involved in the dispute - Victor P. Gorrington, Editor-in-Chief of the EVENING ARGUS."

I shall be obliged if you will allow me to make it clear that this statement is totally untrue. Lord Shawcross had never met Mr. Gorrington nor had he any knowledge of who he was. Before the complaint was made to the Press Council Lord Shawcross did not know the name of the Editor-in-Chief of the EVENING ARGUS.

No.1.S.Paul. (Sec.Press Council)

## info...

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c/o Mike Dennis  
6 Islingwood Rd

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683544

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686259 Facts & info  
on East Germany.

BRITISH SOVIET FRIEND-  
SHIP SOCIETY  
62794

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692766.

Anyone/everyone invited to submit  
material

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Graham Wilkinson  
3 Adelaide Cres. Hove  
Brian Hart 111 Church St.  
683710.

CHE WOMEN'S GROUP  
4th Tuesday of every  
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AFTERNOON  
Westdene Library Tues  
2.30-3.15 in term time.  
Coffee, toys, picture books  
and a chance to meet other  
mums.

MOULESCOOMB ADVENTURE  
PLAYGROUND  
Needs money, material  
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682428.

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STUDENTS  
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Lewes 2731.

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UNION ASSOCIATION  
Keith Orange  
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POETRY AT OPEN  
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Danielle Fura  
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MOTHERS  
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## OCTOBER

CRIME WAVE HITS  
BRIGHTON.

POLICE FORCE  
INCREASED IN SIZE.

COUNCIL HOUSE  
BUILT - OPENED BY  
MAYOR OF BRIGHTON.



## NOVEMBER

MARGARET THATCHER  
SUGGESTS LOWERING  
SCHOOL-LEAVING AGE  
TO TWELVE YEARS -  
"PLENTY OF WORK  
DOWN THE MINES."

