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anyone can help.*

**BRIGHTON  
VOICE** April 76

No. 29

**10p**

Temple Gardens Squat

**INNOCENTS  
CONVICTED**

**JOHN JORDAN** - 6 months suspended for  
2 years + £25 fine.

**PAUL HAYWARD** - 6 months suspended  
for 2 years + £50 fine.

**PETER McCABE** - 6 months suspended  
for 2 years + £50 fine.

Last week, at Lewes Crown Court  
these three squatters were shamefully  
subjected to a blatantly political  
trial and found guilty of an offence  
which two of the convicted didn't  
even see.

It was an offence which would  
never have taken place if their  
accusers, a gang of crooks and  
hired thugs, hadn't staged a brutal  
assault on them in the first place.

As most of our readers will recall  
from issue 26, the trial followed  
events at 2 Temple Gardens on Sep 8  
when Joseph Norton (self-made  
millionaire) and his cronies tried  
to throw 7 squatters and 2 children  
out of their home.

A string of downright lies were  
accepted in evidence by an 'unbiased'  
judge. For there was no other way  
these three innocent men could  
have been convicted on the testimony  
of hired thugs, one with 14 con-  
victions for violence, possessing  
a gun and theft - the fourteen  
stone David Silver.

As the week long trial dragged  
on it became obvious that the  
affair of 2 Temple Gardens was  
a side issue and that the men were  
really standing trial for being  
squatters.

And they were found guilty of  
being squatters. How else could  
3 men get such vicious sentences  
for causing ONE TINY CUT to their  
illegal attackers.

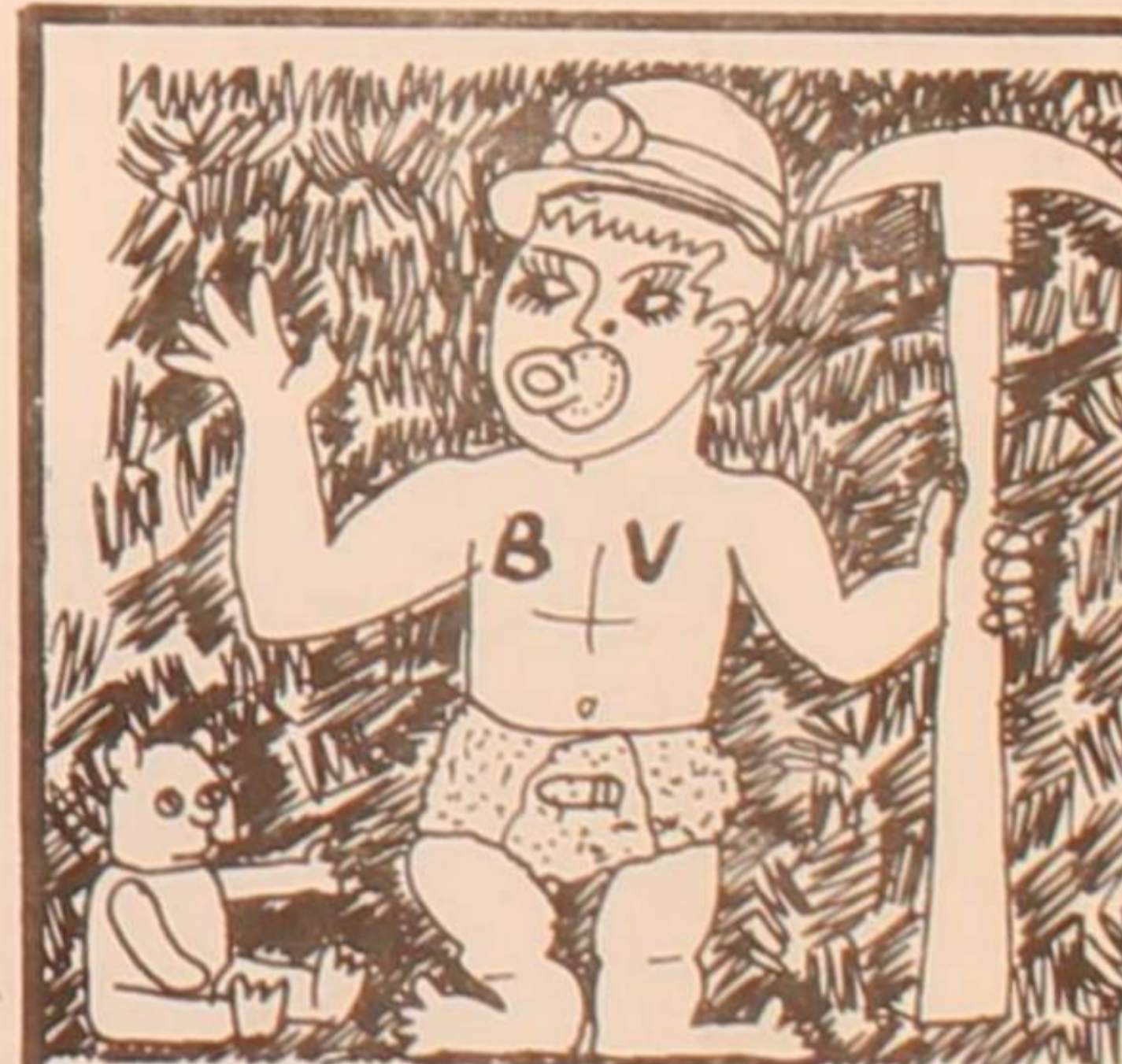
ESPECIALLY WHEN THE REAL 'CULPRIT',  
TONY GREENSTEIN, HAS COME FORWARD  
AND ADMITTED HE STRUCK THE 'GRIEVOUS'  
BLOW.

**cut**

The prosecution couldn't even tell  
the squatters apart, they confused  
the fair haired, bespectacled  
Jordan with the dark haired McCabe.  
In his various statements, Joseph  
Norton the property speculator who  
arrived in a Rolls-Royce was at  
different times the buyer, the  
seller and the agent for 2 Temple  
Gardens where the incident took  
place. According to the hysterical  
Carlos Stanton his cut needed  
stitches at hospital, but the doctor  
who saw him said nothing about any  
stitches, and according to the record,  
treatment consisted of a sticking  
plaster.

When the jury queried this 'confli-  
cting evidence', the judge made no  
effort to establish the truth.

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**GRAND  
BUMPER  
ISSUE****20 pages****VOICE  
IS 3 YRS  
OLD****What! TEN  
pence.**

We are very sorry but there are  
compelling reasons. For a start  
it's bigger; 20 pages cost more  
than 12 or 16. Then for many issues  
now we have been running on donations  
from supporters and friends and we  
feel that we must now try to break  
even on each issue. On top of that  
the printing press broke and more  
than half of this issue has been  
printed in London. Hence 10p.  
But we will still be making no  
profit whatsoever, and if future  
issues are less than 20 pages we  
will reduce the price accordingly.

# March 73 — March 76

## Three Years of BRIGHTON VOICE

Brighton Voice is three years old with this issue. We are one of the longest-running community papers in the country, in a field where the death rate is high. So it may be worth taking a brief look back to our origins.

The Voice started in March 1973, and was in some ways a Johnny-come-lately amongst community papers. For instance, the Cardiff People's Paper has been going since 1968. The reason for this was that there had been lots of forerunners in the Brighton area as we had a very active scene in the late 60's.

The Mole had been very popular for a while around 1969, with its acid political comments, and for the alternative community there were papers like Atila, The Brighton Head & Freak Show and Gutterpress. But by late 1972 these had all folded, and the prospects for local publishing looked bleak. But Roy Carr-Hill, a lecturer, and George Wilson, a Glasgow printer who was killed in a traffic accident soon after, teamed up to start a new style paper aimed at a wider readership. The first issue concentrated on the new Road's Plan, which is now long gone over

the hill like so many other plans for this town.

From the first the paper took a fairly libertarian line, and held open editorial meetings. Initially it was printed in a squat in London, which meant the first two or three issues were stapled and not folded—a job that is still remembered with pain by a few in Brighton. By issue number 10 the paper was being printed in Brighton, where it still is.

Over the three years the people who produce the Voice have changed almost entirely, and its policies—if you can dignify its informal decisions with that name—have wavered back and forth too. Attempts have been made to get the community to write its own paper, and on other occasions to form links with the local labour movement. Efforts to increase the 'news' content have been tried. Housing has been central to the thrust of the paper for a while, and then avoided like the plague as over-exposed. The Argus has been the butt of sharp criticism for whole runs of issues, and the dirty doings of the police usually appear somewhere in every copy.

Because of happily disorganised selling procedures the Voice has never been able to break into the big-time, even if it wanted to; papers like the Rochdale Alternative Paper sell 12,000 copies an issue and are read more than the local professional rag. However, we have been of some influence in the town, and we know the Voice is irritably read in a lot of quarters. And, most importantly, ordinary people continue to buy it.

So we survive, indeed we almost thrive. We still feel angry, we still haven't buried Theobald, and we still look forward to that elusive issue without any cock-ups. Perhaps we'll make it in the next three years.



Our Founder Which Art In Paris.



# ANOTHER POLICE BEATING

When are Brighton Police going to put their house in order? When are they going to take steps to stop the beatings that occur almost nightly in the Police Station?

Do we have to wait until a 'civic dignitary' is beaten up before anything is done? One of the most shameful things about Brighton is the continual stream of charges about police beatings. And it seems nothing can be done about it. Appeals to senior officers only produce unpleasantly belligerent demands for facts—they never seem to feel it necessary to search for facts themselves. And formal complaints get the old 'police enquiry' white-wash treatment. The only recourse is publicity to stir people's consciences. Which is why the Voice prints the story of John Felsing.

Last August Mr. Felsing came out of a pub to find a ticket on his car. Believing (wrongly) that he was innocent of the minor crime of parking without lights, he and his wife went to the Police Station where he started an argument that turned into a shouting match with the police behind the desk. One policeman grabbed his arm, but Felsing shook him off. At this the cop started shouting 'Arrest him, arrest him'. Immediately a crowd of police fell over themselves to get out of the famous one-way door and do their duty.

Or suddenly finding himself arrested Felsing's anger quickly evaporated and he went quietly through the door, followed by his wife. But she was stopped halfway through by a cop and told to go back. She refused, and was promptly arrested for obstruction. It was whilst standing at the almost closed door that she heard her husband cry out and the sound of blows landing on a body. When she next saw her husband, some 6 hours later, he was in a terrible state, with severe cuts and bruises all over his face and a black eye.

John Felsing's story is that as soon as he was through the door and into the corridor he was grabbed from behind and pinioned by five police. Immediately the sergeant, a scoundrel named Daugherty, started to systematically beat him, mostly about the head. Daugherty's mean traits are quite well-known in this town already. Felsing was then dragged along the corridor by his hair and held on the floor face down, whilst his head was forced back. Daugherty put his face close to Felsing's and



said, 'I'll teach you, you fucking bastard, to upset my boys.' Whilst in the cells Felsing heard someone else being beaten up by the police, apparently because he was making too much noise.

At one in the morning Felsing was seen by a police doctor, a character called Jarvis. At two in the morning he was taken to the eye hospital for urgent treatment and seen by a Dr. Bhatti. Next day he himself visited the Sussex County Hospital Casualty Department and was seen by another doctor. All of these medical reports are mysteriously missing.

Meanwhile Mrs. Felsing was taken home and kept there 'under arrest', but eventually not charged. In the morning she and her husband, who had been released on bail at around 6am, went immediately to Hove Police Station to make a complaint.

Curiously Felsing's case didn't come up to the Courts for three weeks, instead of the usual 2 or 3 days; which just happens to be the time it takes for cuts and bruises to heal. And when he did appear, after pleading guilty to the technical charges of assault on the police on the advice of his solicitor and the recital of the facts, the Magistrates said they hoped the papers would go to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

And here the story gets sicker. Because every effort to get the matter into the open was firmly blocked. The police appointed a cop from another force to investigate the complaint, who just happened to have been many years in the Brighton police before transferring. The D.P.P. investigated and came to the conclusion that 'there was insufficient evidence' — Jesus, what do they need, a film of the beating? A visit to Julian Amery's 'clinic' produced no action at all — hardly surprising considering Master Amery's recently stated views on the virtues of being a mercenary. A letter to the National Council for Civil Liberties — supposed to be the guardians of people's liberties — wasn't any more useful.

So what can a working bloke do? He has been savagely beaten up by the very people who are supposed to be the defenders of the law, and no one will help him. It is this conspiracy of silence which allows creatures like Daugherty to carry on with their evil little games unrestricted.

Until something is done to root out this vicious and degrading practice of the police, John Street will remain the shame of Brighton.

# SQUATTERS UNION - action, aims and hopes.

THE SQUATTING MOVEMENT IN BRIGHTON IS GOING THROUGH A REVIVAL. SQUATTING IN THE TOWN IS NOW STRONGER THAN IT HAS BEEN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE WYKEHAM TERRACE SQUATS OF 1969. THE SQUATTERS UNION HAS AT PRESENT EIGHT SQUATS UNDER ITS CONTROL AND KNOWS OF THREE OR FOUR OTHERS. THIS MEANS THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED SQUATTERS IN THE TOWN.

The Union was formed in October 1975 out of the old Squatters Association and Furnished Tenants Association. We hold funds which we use to organise and to agitate on the housing issue. Regular meetings are held on Tuesdays at 8pm at Open Cafe. Here we discuss general aims, policy and tactics over evictions. Basically we see ourselves as a direct action group, aiming to make better use of the town's existing housing stock. Brighton has 3,000 empty residential properties and yet the authorities make 1,700 families wait for a council house. On top of the official homeless, there are those who are forced to live in B&B, sleep out, or eke out an existence in empty buildings. Local Authorities are statutorily bound to provide accommodation for families, but the single homeless, old and young are ignored. It is that section of the community that we are most useful to.

Squatting attracts people for many reasons. Some just want a roof over their heads, others believe that everyone is entitled to a roof over their heads and yet others believe that we can create a new world out of the housing shells left by the old. Whatever people say, our Union is primarily a political one and many of our members are Libertarians (so there is scope for the A.W.A. to do something practical!).

We believe that everybody should have a place to live, independent of their ability to pay for it. We live in an affluent society, with sufficient material wealth for all to live decently, it is just that our society creates false needs and

SQUATTERS UNION MEETS  
or  
TUESDAYS

8.30 at Open Cafe  
7, Victoria Rd  
where we can be contacted at  
any time.

priorities. We argue for a re-evaluation of needs, priorities, and the structuring of society. It is scandalous for houses to be left empty while people go without. Homeless people should be permitted to take over empty houses, run them for themselves, do their own repairs, and institute a system of collective, democratic self-management. Working class people are capable, given the resources, of managing their own affairs without recourse to bureaucrats or bosses.

Currently we are attempting to persuade the Council to let us take over short-life property and

then let us run it for ourselves. We hope to fill the houses with people from B&B establishments, from the housing list and with those who just come to us for help. Whilst there is little chance of the Council's acceptance, it does give us the opportunity to gain the public's eye in order to put over

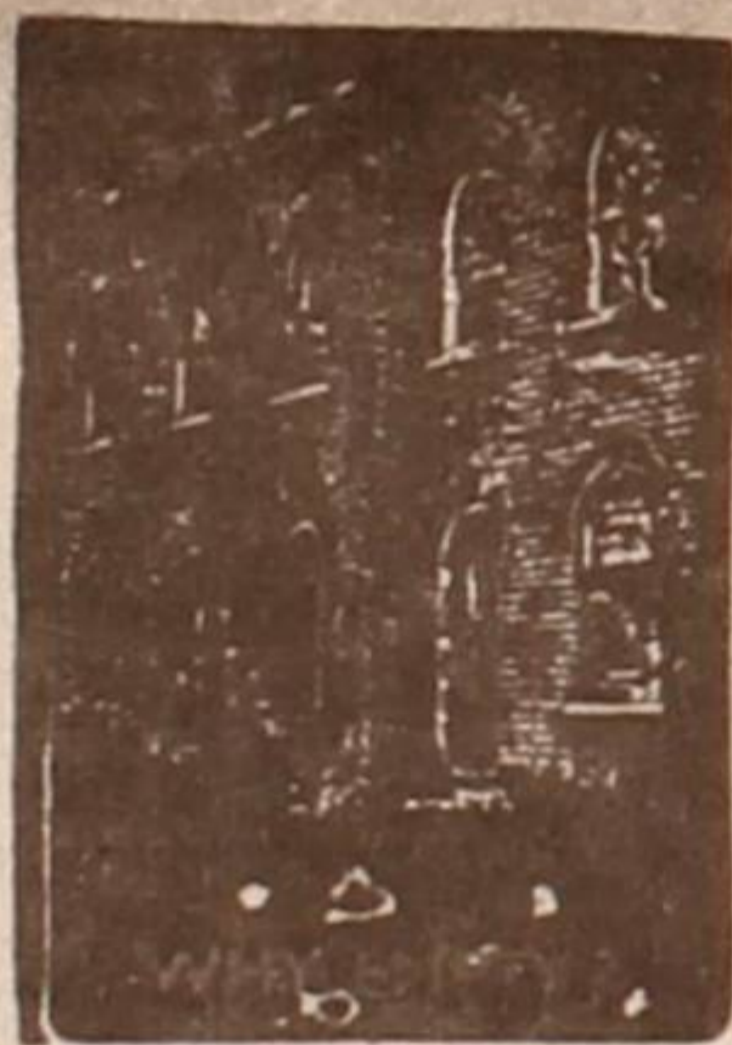
**WHY  
EMPTY?  
WHY  
HOMELESS?  
SQUAT NOW**

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ON TUESDAYS 8PM  
7 VICTORIA RD. BRIGHTON  
TEL. 27878

arguments to undermine the credibility of the Council's housing policy.

The Union is involved in bringing to the public's eye the proposed Criminal Trespass Law, with which the Labour Government is keen to arrest the means of direct action. We urge everyone to join us in opposing this.

What we really need is support from and friends in the Trade Union movement. Firstly to give us speaking rights at Trade Union meetings so that we can make contact with the



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class most oppressed by poor housing and secondly because members of the working class can help us, through direct action, to protect our squats. We would like ETU and GWU sympathisers to put motions through the local branches blocking attempts to cut off our utilities. Similarly, motions through the NALGO branches would protect us from the use of Council building workers as squat busters.

THE SQUATTERS UNION

would like to contact members of  
E.T.U., N.A.L.G.O. & G.W.U.

Direct action tactics have worked in other boroughs so there is no reason why they should not work here. Our Union offers a cause and a means of working for it. We can give squatters legal advice, represent them in court, give help with Social Security claims and protect squats under the threat of eviction.

We would like to form a short-life Housing Association backed up with a workshop for materials and tools. Perhaps later we could start a squatters co-op and shop. The future looks a little rosier, all we need is some hard work and funds to get all our projects off the ground.

# INNOCENT MEN 'GUILTY' OF SQUATTING

(CONT'D FROM FRONT PAGE)

Norton's choice of companions showed that he hadn't come to Temple Gardens to negotiate with the squatters but fully intended to assault them.

His cronies were Carlos Stanton who swore he would 'burn the place down and I don't care about the money' and David Silver (who called himself something different in a previous statement) a man with a record as broad as his shoulders including four convictions for Actual Bodily Harm and one for possessing a gun.

The fragile Mr Silver went in with a hefty alsatian dog of "excitable nature" as he told the court. In other words the brute was straining at the leash when the thugs threatened to release it on the squatters. No wonder the tenants were frightened and sent word to other squats for help. McCabe, Hayward and Jordan were three of those who came to help their friends defend themselves.

When they arrived the thugs had broken into the house and barricaded the squatters into the lounge.

The newcomers were let into the lounge through the front room window. Then the squatters decided to seize their chance when the thugs stepped outside for a moment.

(Remember, all this time there were women and children crying in the front room.)

They rushed the door in a bid to close it and regain possession of the house.

Unfortunately Stanton rushed forward at this point and received a 2cm cut. The blow was inflicted by a broomstick picked up by one of the squatters, Tony Greenstein, in case of trouble. Jordan and McCabe didn't even see the confrontation as they were too busy moving the sideboard used by the Nortons as a barricade on the lounge door.

The other defendant, Paul Hayward, was in the group which managed to close the door and he was, in fact, clutching a broken bottle, BUT HE DIDN'T TOUCH STANTON.  
ONLY ONE BLOW WAS STRUCK AND GREENSTEIN ADMITS LIABILITY.

When the police arrived, Norton picked three people at random and they didn't even bother with an identity parade.

In what other case, except in one involving the sort of prejudices and preconceptions which the issue of squatting arouses, could such a phony set up convict three men of causing one cut.

We see the outcome of this trial as part of an on-going attack to harass and weaken the squatting movement. Jordan, Hayward, and McCabe are only guilty of defending the right to a home and a roof over everyone's head. Harassment of squatters and the demand for a Criminal Trespass Law make it clear that we should strengthen the squatting movement while we have the chance. We know what to expect at the hands of British 'Justice', and in future WE will be prosecuting THEM (the landlord's eviction squad) for forcible entry, criminal damage and everything else.

Nonetheless, this time it is the landlords who are laughing, and the three innocent men suffering suspended sentences and hefty fines.

Funds are urgently needed to pay these fines. Please send or bring all the £££££ you can manage to Open Cafe.

## The West Hill Road Story

On discovering that 18 West Hill Rd had been left empty for well over two years, Brighton squatters decided to occupy it. So a family with five children who had no place other than a very cramped van to sleep in, moved in together with a young couple desperate for accommodation and a seventy two year old woman.

Attempts were made to 'come to a reasonable settlement' with the Council over the property but the squatters were only told that the house was open to offers from prospective council tenants. Later investigations found this to be a blatant lie--in fact the property was on the open market.

Within five weeks a court order was pinned to the door. A defence was prepared but this met with little success although the judge did ask the Council to show a Christmas gesture by allowing the squatters to remain over Christmas. No doubt he thinks summer begins with the New Year!

Finally the big day arrived and the only people left in the house were officials of the Squatters Union who planned to resist the eviction on the grounds that the Council has no right to offer the house to a private buyer without considering the desperate needs of the 1700 families on its waiting list. Such an act not only goes against every established

principle on the statute book but also causes more worry and concern to people on the list who feel that the longer they wait, the older their children become, and the fewer points they get on their sheet at the Housing Office.

By ten in the morning about 20 bailiffs and council workmen had assembled outside the house. After talking and fighting amongst themselves about who was to smash the door down, they at last advanced. One squatter had by this time secured himself firmly to the front door by means of a thick chain thus making it impossible to break down the door with the large sledge hammer one workman was carrying. They tried the basement door instead but this had earlier been barricaded and so the smashing up of this very nice council property began, watched by the police, press and bailiffs. The Argus reporters took several pictures of the smash-up but the Argus failed, as usual, to print the photos.

After about 30 minutes the occupants emerged and with the aid of the police were led out of the building. Within seconds workmen were busy boarding up the windows and padlocking the doors in a bid to prevent further occupation.

18 West Hill Rd is once more empty and awaiting a buyer. Maybe it will soon be bought, maybe not, but one thing is certain--none of the 1700 families on the waiting list will be given the opportunity to live in it.



The new Sussex NCCL Group is very interested in the activities of this man. You should be too. For the reason why, turn to page 16

## NCCL RETURNS TO BRIGHTON

After a couple of years absence from the local scene, the National Council for Civil Liberties is making a comeback. Following a very successful inaugural meeting in January which was attended by around 60 people, a Committee has now been formed and the newly christened Sussex NCCL Group is fighting its first cases.

That there is a need for a local organisation of the NCCL was dramatically illustrated just a few days after the first meeting when, as reported elsewhere in this issue, police cameramen were seen taking mug shots of speakers and demonstrators at the B.A.C.A.C. demo. The local group has taken up this issue and is also working on the issue of police activities against squatters. But the group does not want to confine itself solely to casework and hopes to campaign locally against local and national threats to civil liberties, as well as sending observers to demonstrations, etc.

The VOICE welcomes the much-needed return of the NCCL to Brighton and urges everyone to support the local group. Annual subscriptions have been set at £1 with 50p for OAPs, students and unemployed. Membership forms can be obtained by ringing Brighton 689385 or 691712.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

To mark the return of the NCCL to Brighton, the VOICE is, beginning with this issue, going to print edited versions of the seven NCCL Fact Sheets on your legal rights.\*\* We begin with information about the powers of the police to make an arrest and your rights on arrest.

If you are stopped....

The police cannot detain you to ask questions without first arresting you unless you are driving a motor vehicle when you must give your name, age and address if asked to do so. However, in certain circumstances the police do have powers to detain you to search for drugs, firearms or stolen property.

If you are arrested....

A policeman can lawfully arrest you for a wide range of offences without any warrant from a magistrate. A policeman is legally bound to tell you what he is arresting you for. Note carefully what he says and if he is in uniform take his number. 'Go quietly' even if you've done nothing.

If a policeman asks you to 'accompany him to the station' ask him whether he is arresting you. If he says no, you are free to choose not to go with him.

Arrest with warrant....

If a policeman has a warrant to arrest you ask to see the warrant which must be shown or read to you as soon after your arrest as possible. Make sure the warrant really names YOU and see whether it says you are to be released on bail.

Arrest without warrant....

A policeman can arrest you without a warrant,

- \* where he has reasonable cause for suspecting that you have committed, or are about to commit an arrestable offence

- \* where it is necessary to prevent or stop a breach of the peace

- \* where he has been assaulted or physically obstructed in the execution of his duty

At the Police Station....

The police should,

Tell you as soon as possible what you are charged with

Let you phone your family, a friend or solicitor as soon as possible

Let you talk to your solicitor in private

Package and seal any property taken from you in your presence

The police should not....

Force you to answer their questions

Make a promise or threat to get a statement from you

Compel you to sign any statement, have your fingerprints taken without a magistrate's order, or take part in an identification parade.

Suggest that you plead guilty in court

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to receive legal advice in private. If you don't know a solicitor ask your friends/relatives to find one. Insist on using the phone to contact them.

ALWAYS REMEMBER that you cannot be compelled to make any statement or answer any questions. If you are in doubt say nothing until you have received legal advice.

ALWAYS ASK for BAIL. The police have the power to grant bail at the police station for less serious offences

In Court.....

Do not plead guilty until you have obtained legal advice. You may think you are guilty but legal advice may show you that you are not, or that you are guilty of a different charge.

Ask for bail. Have relatives/friends in court who can act as sureties if necessary.

Ask for legal aid. You can choose your own solicitor.

\*\* A complete set of NCCL Fact Sheets is available post free from NCCL, 186 Kings Cross Rd WC1X 9DE.

## conference centre

Brighton's big boo-boo is the great white elephant now slowly rising on the sea-front, the much-vaunted Conference Centre. Many doubts are being expressed privately about its design and suitability, especially in those quarters which should know. One conference organiser has been quoted as saying that the Centre 'misses the boat in almost every way'. Meanwhile, public spirits are kept up by the Argus printing the effusive optimism of Hewison, the town's Resort and Conference Director. Anyone who knows Hewison will know how much weight to put on his views.

However, not everyone yet realises the mess the town is in over this business. Originally the Conference Centre was to cost a mere £2 1/2 million. That figure has now risen to over £8million, and is liable to go even higher. Meanwhile the money market has got a hole in it and the town cannot raise the necessary capital, or pay the crippling interest rates even if they could. So Brighton's rate-payers will now have to pay a direct levy on the rates of 4p a year for several years. This money is in addition to the normal rates entirely, and represents about one fifteenth of it. It means about an extra £8 to £10 per year for the average rate-payer. It means every conference visitor will get a substantial subsidy from the rates.

And the benefit to the town? It will go mostly to the hoteliers and property dealers. Which sums up, curiously, most of the Tory side of the Town Council. What a coincidence!

# TALES OF TWO CENTRES

## the rights centre

The saga of the Rights Centre has transformed from a story of petty political chicanery to knock-about farce. The County Council has a rather red face, and a lot of people are smiling behind their hands.

What has happened, in essence, is that Freddy, the Social Services Chairman, found himself in the awkward position of a hiding to nothing. If he closed down a Centre that everyone was supporting he would generate a lot of odium; and if he didn't close it down he would cause a major ruckus within the Tory group. So our old friend, Swindell, the 'neutral' officer of the County Secretary's Department, spent four weeks putting pressure on the Estates Dept. to 'discover' a legal loophole which would enable the County to slide off the hook.

So the County Council then tried to unload its hot potato on the Borough Council, using its interpretation of this law; and the Council are now urgently looking for ways of avoiding having to do the County's dirty work. As things stand at present the County do not think they have the right to evict, and the Borough Council don't want to evict. Meanwhile the Rights Centre plods on with its work.

Nevertheless, there is still a very distasteful undercurrent of really dirty politics going on, with the two Theobalds at the bottom of it. The scandal of this whole affair is the way a fear of splitting a political group can paralyse any political initiatives. With the best will in the world councillors find themselves voting for actions they detest because of the 'Party' or 'Unity'.



Moreover, it is not in open debate that matters are settled, but in the private caucuses before-hand. Reason and rationality have no place in the public debate, for they are merely means of getting through the necessary public votes to enact the private decisions. The Social Services Committee discussion on the Rights Centre showed this clearly for it was at a level of cogency that would have embarrassed a school debating society.

There is simply no reason being given now for the closing down of the Centre—it is being done solely to placate Theobald, his brat and hangers-on like Roger Jones. The whole affair, whilst having a grimly humorous side, reveals very clearly the appalling state of local politics, where expediency and nepotism rules unchecked.

# ARGUS SUPPORTS APARTHEID

The Evening Argus recently organised a 'South African Evening' in the Metropole Hotel. The purpose of this was to give information about 'this amazing country' in order to whet the appetites of the few parasites able to fork out the £379 required for the three-week trip (including optional side-trip to Rhodesia!) which was organised by the Argus Womens Circle.

Many letters of protest were sent by, among others, the Anti-Apartheid movement, the Trades Council, Brighton Co-op political committee, and several individuals. The Argus repeatedly refused to permit one word of criticism of the South African regime to appear in print, or to acknowledge its tacit support for the abhorrent system of apartheid. Victor Gorringe has for some time been operating a form of censorship in the Argus and has been taken to task for his refusal to print letters on a number of topics. Perhaps interested individuals should write to Gorringe about 'controversial' subjects such as South Africa and Rhodesia, and monitor the response through the Argus Postbox. It is perhaps indicative of the general tenor of the paper that anything pertaining to the National Front and other fascist organisations receives massive coverage--always assuming it is not condemnatory! As an ex-

## Unions Oppose Recruiting?

The recent trial, and eventual acquittal, of the BWNIC 14 on charges of disaffecting troops has engaged the attention of local Union organisations. When protesting to the Government about the political reasons for the whole trial the Trades Council noted that it is the official policy of the T.G.W.U. to recruit troops.

There was almost unanimous support for the idea of encouraging soldiers to be critically aware of their rights, and where their essential loyalties lay, and that this work should be done through the official Trade Union movement. It urged Unions to go out and persuade young workers not to join up.

The Voice would like to think that some local branches will do something along these lines, but the likelihood is small.

ample see the Argus of Jan 12th 1976 (page 13): there is an enshrined communication from four avowed members of the NF entitled, 'National Front: No Evidence of Fascism.' Who does Gorringe think he is kidding? He adopts a predominantly racist and sexist stance throughout the Argus. Why bother to pretend about the 'freedom of the press'--it's a joke.

The response on the night of the Metropole meeting was terrific. Over one hundred demonstrators took part in a picket. They included reps from Brighton Womens Aid, the Womens Centre, Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, the CPGB, and the Brighton Trades

Council. Trade Unionists from AUEW, TASS, NUT, SOGAT, NUJ, NALGO, ATTI, and ASTMS were among those picketing. In addition, representatives from the Liberal and Labour parties were present as were many clergy. A message of support was sent by Bishop Ambrose Reeves, ex Bishop of Johannesburg.

So great was the interest in the issues involved that plans are now going ahead to reform a Brighton & Hove Anti-Apartheid Group. Anyone interested should contact Hugh Bayley, c/o NALGO, Queensbury House, 104/109 Queens Rd Brighton. They should also write letters of protest to the Argus.

## Gays react to BHS sacking

Tony Whitehead, a 22 yr old gay, appeared in an edition of Southern T.V.'s 'Southern Report' entitled 'Coming Out', screened on Friday 30 Jan. In the programme, Tony was seen behaving with his boyfriend

in a way which heterosexual people do publicly every day. This disturbed his employer, British Home Stores-Worthing branch, to such an extent that the very next morning he was suspended from his post as a trainee manager by the branch manager.

On the following Tuesday, Tony was subjected to a three-hour grilling in London by two B.H.S. representatives. Nettie Pollard of NCCL and Graham Wilkinson, the Brighton CHE convenor, were refused the right to accompany him. Tony described the interview as a terrifying experience, during which it was suggested that 'there would be millions of housewives picketing B.H.S. to get rid of a gay manager' and that 'parents of children working in the shop would complain.'

The torrent of prejudice Tony was subjected to gradually wore down his resistance to such a degree that he finally signed a prepared letter of resignation. After the interview, Nettie Pollard said, 'When he was taken on as a trainee manager he was not told that he would have to rigorously conceal his homosexuality.

This action of the Store would be illegal if it were taken against a black or a woman.'

Solidarity with Tony was shown by Gay groups in demonstrations outside B.H.S. in London and Brighton on Feb. 7th., and a further demonstration took place the following Saturday outside the Worthing store.

### LATE NEWS

It was announced in the Trades Council last week that the real reason for the victimisation of Tony Whitehead was that he was trying to start a union in the Worthing branch of the BHS. British Home Stores have one of the worst records in the country for unionisation in their shops.



## Ten questions on housing.



1

Are you forced to live apart from your husband or wife? Are your children in care? Are you in 'bed and breakfast'?

HOMELESSNESS is a difficult thing to define. To officialdom it means that emergency accommodation has been provided because the person has literally nowhere else to go. But to SHELTER (the national campaign against homelessness) it means that a family cannot live as a unit because

For a start something like 5% of all housing in Britain is empty (in Brighton it's 7% or 8%). This means about 1 million houses, enough to solve the housing crisis several times over. Much of this is owned by local authorities. Houses may have been acquired for road widening that has not happened; others are empty out of sheer inefficiency. Former tied cottages, vicarages and second homes lie empty all over the country.

3

Do you know what a Housing Manager does?

You could ask him, if you can find him. Housing Managers are often 'out' or 'in a meeting' or hidden away in a remote room.

The Housing Manager is the head of the Council's Housing Department. He organises and runs the 'Waiting List'. In other words he allocates a very scarce commodity, council housing. He is an official,

## THE RIGHT TO A HOME

they cannot find suitable accommodation. Shelter reckon there are up to 3 million people in this situation in the country as a whole. In Brighton there are at least 1700 families on the homeless list.

There are thousands of cases where married couples have to continue living with parents after marriage or live with in-laws. In thousands of other cases a family has gone to the Council and been put in a hotel or boarding house under a 'bed and breakfast' arrangement. The effects on family life are all too well known.

Vast public expenditure is involved: up to £50 per week per family. Many people are beginning to ask which 'hotels' are receiving all this money. It clearly forms a reliable income free from seasonal fluctuation.

Similarly thousands of children are separated from their parents and taken 'into care' because the family can't find a house. What is it like to say goodbye to your children after a weekly visit? How much does it cost to maintain expensive residential homes? MIGHT IT NOT MAKE MORE SENSE TO REVOLUTIONISE OUR HOUSING SYSTEM?

2

Are you looking for your first home? If so have you found one at a price you can afford?

If so congratulations! Very few young couples with no capital can borrow sufficient from a building society to buy the house they want. (The number of 'first time' borrowers has gone down rapidly in recent years) And very often a building society loan depends upon part of the wife's income being taken into account, which means no children for quite a while.

The supply of house purchase loans from local authorities has almost dried up and very few authorities can allocate council housing to newly married couples. Therefore most young couples, unless they earn well above the average, have to seek privately rented accommodation. If this is so they should look carefully at Question 9.

not an elected councillor, so he can't vote money to build more houses. The Council does that, or doesn't do it. So he is not really to blame for the housing crisis. He has the difficult job of deciding between thousands of competing claims for each house.

The estates in his area will be graded for 'quality'. So will the applicants who are on the Waiting List or who want a transfer from one house to another. These applicants will be visited by a Housing Visitor or Investigator. Here are some typical comments taken from an Investigator's form:

'Good type O.A.P. Suitable for new or postwar property'

'Fair only. Suitable for pre-war property'

'A good type of applicant - not a long-haired person.'

People seen by bureaucracy as problem cases' end up in certain streets in certain estates, usually the poorest and worst maintained housing. The 'decent' and 'deserving' cases get better, newer housing. If you live in a 'stigmatised' estate or road things will probably get rapidly worse for you. The council acts to reinforce and worsen your problems. There is a proverb about all this: 'give a dog a bad name...' Housing managers could stand out against these processes. Some do, but others merely try to cover them up.

# 'interest'

4

If you a council tenant do you believe you are being subsidised by the taxpayer?

You are to some extent. But so are owner-occupiers to a somewhat greater extent, by means of tax relief on their mortgage interest payments which amounts to about £1,200 million per year (4 times more than in 1968). And so are private tenants, by means of rent allowances. In fact only about 10% of the population get no housing subsidy, mostly the poorest people in private rented accommodation who are not getting the rent allowances due to them.

Every housing authority (every District Council like Brighton) has a Housing Revenue Account which must balance each year. The 'ins' and 'outs' go like this:

### Money coming in per week (per house)

Rents from tenant	£3.81
Money from government	2.57
Money from rates	.80
Other income	.15

£7.33

### Money spent per week (per house)

Management expenses	£0.73
Repairs & maintenance	1.21
Repaying loans	.51
Interest on loans	4.66
Other spending	.22

£7.33

The biggest outgoing is £4.66 for interest on the sums lent to the authority to build the housing. Who is getting this interest? See Question 7.

The government is continually cutting their contribution, but the account must balance. So what will happen? Rents could go up (but in recent years they have already risen faster than other prices) More could be raised from the rates (but most of the councillors in this town at least are property owners) Repairs could be skimmed ever further. Or forward building programmes will be cut. What actually happens will depend on what local pressure is brought to bear on the council. And that's up to you.

5

Are you eligible for a rent or rate rebate or a rent allowance? If so are you receiving it?

Rent rebates are reductions in rent for council tenants. Rent allowances are paid to tenants of private landlords. Rate rebates are reductions in the rates you pay.

The schemes are all selective or 'means tested' which means you have to know about them, take steps to apply and give details of your income. But only a small percentage of those entitled to them are actually claiming them.

Whenever the government brings in new selective benefits such as these, it assumes that the take-up rate will be low. It therefore budgets for much less than the true cost of the benefit. Equally, local authorities have an interest in not paying out to all those who qualify for the scheme.

## Are you getting what's due to you?

It was found recently that the take-up rate of one benefit administered by East Sussex was only 4%! If this was something the Council collected from people rather than paid them would we expect a 4% collection rate. Not likely.

These benefits are not charity; they are a legal entitlement. You hear a lot about rent arrears, but the total arrears figure is far less than the total of the rebates and allowances that the Council are failing to pay out to those who should be receiving them. So who's cheating who?

If you have a low income and/or a lot of dependents check with a Rights Centre, Citizens' Advice Bureau, Child Poverty Action Group, or if you can't find any of these, the council.

6

Are you a tenant in a property that obviously needs repairs?

Millions are. And few of them are aware that the council or landlord that own the property may be breaking the law.

Under the 1936 and 1961 Public Health acts (among others) local housing authorities have a wide range of powers and duties concerning inadequate, unhealthy, overcrowded or unfit accommodation. Powers are things the council can do; duties are things they must do. They must, if the tenant requires it, force the landlord to do certain improvements. They must, on request, take action to put right 'statutory nuisances' like defective toilets, stopped-up drains, damp etc. They must take steps to stop people being overcrowded, although of course most overcrowding occurs in the council's own estates. And probably people do not always know that anyone can go to a J.P. and ask him or her to request the local Medical Officer of Health to inspect their property. The M.O.H. has an immediate duty to inspect and if he reports to the council that the house is unfit, the council must take action about it.

**PLEASE  
CIRCULATE THIS  
4 PAGE PUL-OUT.**



How to protect private property by all possible means! This house has been empty for well over 6 months, with no sign of a buyer. It's No.11 Clifton Hill in the centre of Brighton. Another picture of the unused house on the right of this page. It could have been housing two or more families, for whom six months in bed and breakfast seem like a lifetime.

7

Do you know how new council building is financed?

If you look at a Council's Housing Revenue Account (see Question 4) you see that the interest paid out is the single most important outgoing. Who does it go to? Who lent the money? Until the mid 1950's most was lent by the government. The Tories stopped this: why should the public (you and me) benefit when the interest could be going to their friends in the City?!

By the late 1960's well over half of this local authority borrowing was from the private capital market and in 1974 £1,209 million in interest alone was paid by local authorities to these private lenders (enough to save Chrysler jobs eight times over and to pay for countless houses, hospitals and schools). And what is this private capital market? Our old friends the banks, insurance companies and pension funds. For one bank (Lloyds) profits increased by 1042% between 1964 and 1974. Do you feel angry now about your latest rent increases now you know where the money goes to?



See caption to photo in the centre of the page.

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If you are paying off a mortgage do you sometimes wonder why the payments are so high?

There are two main reasons: the rate of interest on the loan and the size of the loan itself. Interest rates are high in most non-socialist countries as part of the international crisis. Building societies have to offer high rates to attract depositors' money and the rate at which they lend has to be around 4% higher than this, partly to pay the cost of running all those High St. branches.

House prices are high locally because the growth of housing has not matched the growth of jobs, and because many people retire here. It is in the interest of developers not to produce sufficient housing otherwise prices might fall.

As a result the mortgage payment in Sussex is about £11 a week higher than it would be for the same house in, say, Newcastle. We would call this extra £11 a week a 'scarcity payment': is it just a fact of life to be accepted without protest? Or are some people keeping housing scarce in their own interests? Building Societies are known as 'friendly societies'. Who have they been most friendly to? To people who need the cheapest possible housing or to people like developers, estate agents, landowners and all those who have a vested interest in high house prices?

## Info

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE ISSUES?

- \*\* If you want to know what community groups are doing round the country subscribe to Community Action (from P.O. Box 665, London SW1X 8DZ - £1.20 per year)
- \*\* If you want to know what the present crisis will mean for ordinary people read Crisis - Cutting the Welfare State (from C.I.S. 9 Poland Street London W.1. -45p)
- \*\* If you want to know how property development works read The Recurrent Crisis of London (from C.I.S. address above £1.20) and/or Ambrose and Colenutt The Property Machine (Penguin 60p)
- \*\* If you want to know more about action against homelessness read Ron Bailey The Squatters (Penguin) and Colin Ward Tenants take over (look out for paper back in near future) Also, consult the Brighton Squatters Union Library at Open Cafe 7, Victoria Rd, Brighton and read the Squatters Handbook (10p)
- \*\* If you want to see the way decisions are made go to the meetings of East Sussex and Brighton Councils. Most of them are open to the public.
- \*\* If you want to get involved with a national organisation fighting for the Right to a Home, join a SHELTER group and read the excellent studies they produce.

# Is your rent too high?

9

Do you rent from a private landlord; if so, are you aware of all your legal rights and duties?

The privately rented sector tends to "attract" (as it is often put) those who cannot compete in other sectors of the system; lower income childless couples, old people, single parent families, battered wives, students and others who need to move around. Two fifths of the accommodation lacks the "basic amenities" (hot water, use of own bathroom, etc.). The majority of properties are owned by big landlords and property companies many of whom would probably like to demolish and redevelop the site with something more profitable.

Rents, and thus the rate of profit made by the landlord, should be set and "registered" by a Rent Officer. But many tenants do not know about this or are too frightened to find out. Harassment, or intimidatory attempts by the landlord to induce tenants to leave, is a criminal offence but it happens all the time. Eviction can be legally achieved only by means of a Court Order. But many tenants leave on receiving "notice to quit" in situations where the law is on their side.

The law requires you to pay your rent, not to damage the property and not to cause a nuisance to neighbours. If you obey the law and the landlord tries to get you out he will not succeed. You also have a legal right to a Rent Book (if you pay weekly), to know who your landlord is (if you rented through an agent), and to have certain repairs done, especially if a health risk is involved. If your income is below a certain level you may also be eligible for a Rent Allowance from the local council.

If you suspect you are not getting your rights in any of these respects you should contact the local Citizens Advice Bureau, Rights Centre or council office. It is absolutely illegal for the landlord to retaliate or threaten you in any way.



Demolition in Whitehawk. But will they build all the new houses they have promised? Even if they do there will still be far too few council houses in Brighton.

## ACTION!

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Do you know what happened on Clydeside in 1915?

A lot of people were attracted to the Glasgow area to work in the munitions factories. Landlords, as often happens, realised that accommodation was scarce and put the rents up. The workers went on strike, partly as a result of bad housing and high rents. How could the government face a munitions workers strike in the middle of the war? It couldn't; so Lloyd George moved to prevent rent increases by passing the first Rent Act. It took just four days to enact.

Similarly in 1916/17, a Royal Commission on Industrial Unrest reported that housing conditions were a major cause of industrial militancy. And with millions of soldiers returning in 1918/19, bent on better conditions than they had known in pre-war days, there was only one way to win an election--on a "Homes Fit for Heroes" platform and a promise (never carried out) of building 500,000 houses a year.

It all sounds familiar; with one important difference. In the early 1920s, the labour movement realised that the struggle for better pay in the workplace was really the same as the struggle for better housing, social conditions and lower rents in the neighbourhood.

The lessons need to be re-learned. It makes just as much sense for organised labour to work to reduce the "scarcity payment" of £11 per week on the mortgage (see Question 8) as it does to bargain for an extra £11 a week wage. It makes just as much sense, probably more, for unions to grasp why manual jobs are being lost and replaced by empty office blocks as it does to reach an agreed policy on layoffs.

In other words, industrial labour power needs to be linked to the community activities of Tenants Associations and all the other street level action groups. Vice versa, unionists should think hard about the events of 1915 to 1919. It was perhaps the last time that the power of organised labour was brought to bear on the grinding problems of bad housing and poor environment. And it worked.

## POSTSCRIPT

Do you know people who say it's your fault if you haven't got a home? or say it's your fault if your house is in a state of poor repair? If you do then tell them that an organisation of professional Social Workers called 'Case Con' have said the following in their manifesto:

'Every day of the week.. social workers see the utter failure of social work to meet the real needs of the people it purports to help. We believe that the problems of our 'clients' are rooted in the society in which we live, not in supposed personal inadequacies.'

WE WILL HAVE TO CHANGE SOCIETY IF WE WISH TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE - AND NOT JUST ANY OLD HOUSING BUT GOOD HOUSING AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

# UNEMPLOYMENT the reasons why?

History shows that unemployment is a part of Private Enterprise that is always with us--with the possible exception of wartime--and that every so many years it lifts itself from an apparently acceptable figure of half a million to an insupportable burden. Each crisis that produces these high figures shows that the causes differ in detail but that basically they remain the results of the greedy system which expects maximum profit and is not fussy how or from where it is obtained.

The Capitalist system has been failing for many decades. This is especially noticeable in Britain, the oldest capitalist country in the world. Figures show that manufacturing employment fell between 1955 and 1973 by 13 per cent in the UK while rising by between 11 and 57 per cent in other western countries and by 155 per cent in Japan. Yet for each worker in industry British firms have been investing only two-thirds as much as German firms and only one-third as much as French firms. The universal sickness of capitalism is most acute in the UK because of the actions of our capitalists who are the same people who tell us that to ask for wage increases will bring the country to its knees.

So, now that the crisis has reached proportions comparable to the 1930s the defence of the system becomes a prime issue. So it is no accident that a major press and political campaign is being developed against the Socialist countries who have no unemployed and no major crisis but a rising standard of living. Thus the warlike speeches of the British and Americans at a time when some attempt at a reduction in arms was being sought. As the crisis deepens so will the Soc-

ialist countries be more and more be attacked as war-loving nations.

So what is to be done?

\* Social ownership should be extended, as opposed to pumping huge sums of public money into failing capitalist industry.

\* Social services including housing, health and education should be extended to create employment, instead of the present cuts with their attendant hardships and redundancies.

\* Public services such as the railways and the postal service should be extended to provide work, and a proper service.

\* There must be a massive reduction in defence spending, including the withdrawal of our troops in Germany, to provide money for the above improvements.

\* There must be a planned economy--planned for the service and wellbeing of the people and freed from the private profit motive.

George Cooper

# late news.. more police brutality

The stories of outrages that occur in John Street police station continue to flow in. Sadly the Felsing Case reported on page 3 of this issue, is not isolated. This month a woman has alleged she was ill-treated by the police after appearing prominently in the CHE demo at British Home Stores. (see page 8)

Having been stopped in the street four times in eight days she was picked up by the fuzz a fifth time one evening, literally forced into a cop car and taken to the cells in John Street 'on suspicion of being an escaped prisoner from Essex', though she has been well-known in Brighton for the past several years.

Whilst in the cells she was manhandled and insulted in sexual terms repeatedly. And this treatment culminated in her being stripped by two policewomen in front of an audience of five policemen, she states. She was then left for an hour and finally ejected from the cells in the middle of the night and told to go home. They had apparently 'made a mistake'.

By this time she had bruises all over her upper body and arms for which she was treated in hospital immediately afterwards.

The affair is currently the subject of a complaint and both she and her solicitors have suggested that we keep her name out of the press for the time being.

WHEN WILL THIS HARASSMENT OF BRIGHTON CITIZENS STOP? The Voice believes that these malpractices at John Street together with the alarming influx of totally unmarked police cars in Brighton show that things are stirring in an unpleasant way in the murky minds of the Brighton police division. The Community owes it to itself as well as to the cause of justice to fight against this insidious attack.

SORRY - WE ARE LATE.

THIS ISSUE WAS READY AT THE END OF FEBRUARY - BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE PRESS BROKE DOWN HALF WAY THROUGH.

WE FINALLY HAD TO TAKE IT TO LONDON.



# EAR TO THE GROUND

Deep Pile Chamber.

Charity begins at Hove.

£450 a week "grant."

Brighton Borough Council recently decided to start educating its officers. Not before time, some might say. Despite all the cuts, they can still find £450 very easily to send Clifford, one of Morgan's deputies, to Bristol for a week's course in Land Law. Meanwhile other people who are asking for sums like that for a whole year's education for needed qualifications are being turned down wholesale by the County Education Committee. It is, once again, one cosy law for the council's buddies, and quite another for ordinary people.

## Nice one Harold.

Among the patrons of this year's binge for the bourgeoisie of Brighton, the Brighton Festival, are some old friends of the Voice. Figuring prominently among those from whom "substantial financial assistance" was received are the Brighton Marina Company and Harold H. Poster. Regular readers will know that Mr. Poster is boss of AVP industries which, of course, owns the Metropole Hotel. And guess where one of the festival's events, a "Palm Court Tea" (price £2 inc tea) is being held. That's right! At the Metropole! Which all adds up to a good bit of publicity for Mr. Poster's hotel.

## An error

The University Chaplain has pointed out that there is another side to the story about the tenant and the Howard Trust which appeared in our last issue. We have only just received his letter which will be printed in full in the next issue.

## Pneumatic Decay.

A sidelight on the sick way the housing situation in this town gets worse and worse is given by the affair of Setyres and the Bristol Gardens cottages. Some years ago Setyres wanted to expand their factory in Bristol Gardens and bought up the next door property—two nice, early 19th. century cottages—for demolition. They then ran into a snag, namely refusal of planning permission. So they deliberately let the rooves of the cottages fall in, to the extent that a local councillor threatened action because the buildings were unsafe. So Setyres knocked the rooves off and the walls down to 15ft. high. And there they stand—two cottages that could be housing people reduced to a group of 15ft walls. Mute witness to the evil effects of 'market forces' on the housing situation.

Amidst all the talk of cut-backs and public expenditure reductions it is interesting to note that the Borough Council Chamber has got its new carpet. The £2,000 that it was going to cost a year ago was the cause of a storm of indignation at a public meeting in Brighton in April, and the Councillors then present said the proposal had been dropped. But, miraculously, the old Turkey carpet has changed into a vile orange brand new wool pile creation. So two thousand pounds of ratepayers money goes to pander to the self-esteem of those little men in the Council chamber.

## Housing association "on spec."

One of the more interesting angles on the local property world recently was the tie-up between those two old rogues, Stanley Theobald and Sidney Tidy. Housing Associations are ripe plums at the moment for greedy men as they can get access to cheap government capital in a time of capital starvation. Theobald has got his fingers into Coastal Counties Housing Association, which is converting property in Hove and Vernon Terrace amongst several others. Tidy has been boss of the Kemp Town Housing Association for some time, and led that organisation into the scandal of St. Luke's Church Hall (see Voice 17).

Last April Tidy put Theobald on to a good thing by letting him manage Courtney King House, a Kemp Town project, with the promise of more goodies to come. From this experience Theobald got ideas, and the Argus went so far as to report that Coastal Counties was taking over the Kemp Town outfit. However, Tidy vigorously defended his little kingdom and survived to fight another day. But the moral of the tale is that the best intentions of government go sadly astray—the idea of Housing Associations was to cut the ground from under greedy property speculators, but the Associations finish up in the hands of just such men.

# a voice in the VOICE?

Somewhere in every issue we ask interested people to come along to Voice meetings and help produce the paper. Occasionally people do; more occasionally they come twice. So we thought it would be a good idea to let those who might be interested in helping know (more or less) what goes on. After all, not many people like walking into a strange situation.

Firstly, we are not a dynamic well-organised clique of highly-motivated individuals, brimming with technical expertise. In fact you could say that we're more a load of ....., but never mind about that now. There are certain skills needed for producing the Voice, but none of them are particularly difficult to learn and we're more than happy to pass on what little we know.

We meet every Sunday at around 8.30 at Open Cafe to discuss possible articles, local scandals, special features, etc. Everyone chips in and everything is decided by general consensus—nobody runs the Voice. Early on we draw up a prov-

isional list of articles, etc. and work out how many pages it will take up, trying to keep the front page free until as late as possible. Everyone agrees on who will write what, although several of us don't yet have the confidence to write and only join in the discussion and the work.

During these early meetings people often come to us or write in with information about various issues; we ask them to write their own stories if possible (we are a community paper, and we only have a limited amount of time!) and arrange for interviews and so on to be done if necessary.

Once we've sorted out our list, we draw up a dummy copy on blank paper to see how it fits into our twelve or sixteen pages, we also begin to fit in pictures, cartoons and headlines. By this time things are beginning to come in (we hope) and the typing starts at odd times during the day and evening. We use a typewriter kept at Open, with a special carbon ribbon for very black type; everything is done on special

But, as we say, many proposals are on good community lines. Pity they had to say Vote Liberal at the end. They ought to know better. Voting Liberal is not the way to alter the basic power relations in society, since the structure of capitalism and private property is still at the heart of Liberalism. Let them get rid of that and then they're really talking. Meanwhile, if anyone wants a look at the Liberals behind this Plan then they could go along to the Royal Pavilion (where else?) at 8pm on 22nd April to see how their candidates for the District elections ride those fences.

## Boozing on the RATES

The matter of Borough entertainment allowances has again briefly reached the pages of the Argus, but it was carefully played down. After all, the journalists themselves manage to eat and drink quite a lot in a year at the rate-payers expense, so why rock the boat?

paper which is then stuck on large "paste-up" sheets—each of these representing one page of the paper. Eventually, we do the headlines, normally in Letraset but by hand if time and/or money is short.

Finally, we take the finished sheets to the printer who photographs each one and reduces it to the size of our normal page. We get four-page sheets back and collate them ourselves. Then we start on the next issue!

Now that, you may think, sounds very simple—and so it is, or would be if enough people came to help (more than once) and those who promised stories actually wrote them and sent them in. So come and do something; it's only a couple of hours a week and unless someone did the writing and production, you wouldn't be reading this now. How about it????



However the Voice thought a few simple facts might help focus readers minds on the issue:

- every year recently the entertainment budget has been overspent by about 25per cent.
- each year recently the entertainment budget has increased by about 30per cent.
- last year the budget was £48,000; the estimated actual expenditure will be over £60,000.
- next year's budget is already agreed as £60,612
- on previous experience the actual expenditure is likely to be around £85,000.
- already £18,000 alone has been earmarked for entertainment at the Conservative Party conference.
- at a conservative estimate each councillor eats and drinks about £1,00 worth of ratepayers money in a year.

It is time this tipping at other's expense was stopped. Councillors get a generous allowance for attendance now—indeed some almost live off it—so it can no longer be treated as a perk for an unpaid job.





# GET TO KNOW THESE MEN

GET TO KNOW THESE MEN---THEY MAY BE WATCHING YOU SOMEDAY. The pictures on this page are of plain clothes policemen. They were taken on January 31st at the B.A.S.A.C. demonstration against the government's cuts in education, health and social services. The two without cameras were just 'observing', the one on the right was openly taking mug shots of the speakers and demonstrators, who included teachers, social workers, trade unionists and students.

After complaints from the demo organisers, the NCCU and others, Brighton police later admitted that they were taking photos.



Question: How many policemen in this picture?

Answer: Three.

claiming that, "we have the authority to take pictures for whatever purpose we wish, and we are supported in this by the Home Secretary. In the event of a breach of the peace or other criminal activity, it might help us identify those responsible," they said. They also gave an assurance that if there was no trouble the photos would be destroyed.

However, a sceptical reaction to this assurance is more than justified. The photographer was more interested in taking mug shots of each new speaker who took the microphone and of organisers at the front of the meeting on the Level



than he was in taking pictures of potential disturbances. The only camera he carried was fitted with a telephoto lens which would be useless if a scuffle broke out in the crowd.

The police later made a further comment on these events. It went something like.. "If you were taking pictures of us then you can't complain if we were taking pictures of you." How ridiculous can they get?

## action ! womens rights

WRAG - WRAG - WRAG - WRAG

A Women's Rights Action Group has recently been formed in Brighton to coincide with the introduction of the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts. Don't be misled into thinking that these Acts will significantly change the position of women! They are limited in scope, difficult to translate, vague enough to be ignored, and the introduction of them has been delayed for so long that employers have already devised means of avoiding them. Typically enough, the only case to date that has been brought before the industrial tribunal in Brighton under the Equal Pay Act has been lost. The women involved were not even supported by their own union.

It is crucial that these Acts are used to the fullest possible extent, simply because they are the only pieces of legislation that women

can use at present to improve their position. This is why two of the main functions of WRAG will be to encourage women to take cases to the tribunals, and to support them throughout their case. We will also act as a watchdog on local affairs, as a self-education group, and as an information service on all aspects of women's rights.

We hope that women will come to us for advice, information, and help. Any women who are interested in helping us will be welcome.

WRAG is at the Women's Centre, 79, Buckingham Rd., Brighton, from 5.00 - 9.30p.m. every Thursday, or phone us at B'ton 27612.

For 50p you can become a WRAG supporter, for which you will receive a quarterly news-sheet beginning in March. You will also be helping us to continue, as we have almost no money. All donations welcome! Send to WRAG, at the Women's Centre.

# DEMOLITION VICTIMS

The present demolition works in Whitehawk are to clear ground for one of the roads to the Playboy Marina and to prepare land for rebuilding. They are one of the sights of the town, an exciting spectacle of destruction for kids who have a thing about bulldozers and Reg Morgan and his friends who have a thing about Playboy Marinas. They can be seen there every day, kids and playboys, rubbing their hands as the houses come tumbling down. Eventually, after knocking down 1000 homes they will be building 1600 new ones, many of them flats. Modernisation is also going on in the same area.

As ever we deplore the road and the playboys. As ever we welcome any extension to Brighton's scandalously inadequate council housing. But neither issue is the reason for this article. We are writing to protest to the council that one family in the centre of all the rubble and filth is not receiving sufficient concern, help or understanding at a very difficult time. Here's the family story in the words of Mrs Cartman, the mother of four.

Our children are aged 2,3,5 and 10 years. My youngest was premature and as a result is very weak and small. The next eldest is nervous and highly strung. I have a damaged lung, discovered when I was very ill last winter. I have since been in the care of a chest specialist, but of course the damage can't be cured, so I have to take great care.

We were transferred to Whitehawk some 18 months ago but were told at the time that it wouldn't be for long because the house was due to be pulled down. But we liked the house a lot, despite the fact that the toilet is outside.

In September 1975 people began to move out and houses were immediately boarded up. We inquired about the fate of our own but were now told that the house was not due to be pulled down until June 1979. We then asked about next door and were told that work would commence there in March 1976.

## transfer

It suddenly dawned on us that we were expected to live right next door to a demolition site for at least 3 years. We telephoned Mr Hedges, who appears to be in charge of information and complaints about Whitehawk, and asked to be transferred from the house before demolition started next door. He refused point blank. We then tried again at the central office and were told that medical reasons were the only ones they would consider. We went to our G.P. who laughed and said it was impossible to leave someone next door to demolition. We persuaded him it was true and he wrote to the Housing Dept. on our behalf. Another doctor has also written and I believe my specialist has sent a letter.

We also contacted a local councillor, the Tory John Blackman, who first of all just said 'Why don't you move out during the demolition?' Where to? we asked, but he wasn't really interested even though he did make some enquiries for us later on.

Then work suddenly started next door, two months before the time we had been given. No one bothered to come and warn us and the first we knew was when the slates started flying off. My children were outside playing with their dog and could easily have been badly hurt as the slates smashed down on our paths.

Since then the dust and debris has been terrible and the whole top of the road looks like a bomb site. On the other side of us the people have been allowed to move out on condition they forfeited their compensation, which was probably about £500. A nice saving for the Council! We've been there only a year and a half and wouldn't be entitled to much so the Council wouldn't save anything worthwhile if they let us move early.

Margaret Cartman  
78 Whitehawk Crescent.

WHY COULDN'T THE COUNCIL HAVE DONE THE FOLLOWING ??

1. Send someone round individually to each house on the edge of the demolition area to inquire into personal stories of hardship.
2. Offer a rent reduction for the period of maximum nuisance. This is the least they could do but they won't hear about it.
3. Treat the Cartman family with the concern to which they are entitled, rather than as troublemakers just because they have dared to complain.

In other words WHY CAN'T BRIGHTON COUNCIL TREAT ITS TENANTS AS PEOPLE ?



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# PREDDY AWFUL

## TOPSY-TURVY SOCIAL SERVICES

The lunacy which seems to have gripped the County Social Services Committee generally, and its Chairman Freddy in particular, is well illustrated by two of its recent decisions. On the one hand they decided to charge old people for their home helps, and on the other Freddy (without consulting his committee) decided to spend thousands of pounds recruiting American social workers.

Home helps are a necessity to many old people and to those who are sick. Social Services have long supplied this need (and employ about 1000 home helps). The job itself also provides a useful supplementary income for many working class families, and is a form of community co-operation. The amount of money involved is small. Yet these old people and invalids are now to be asked to pay more 'according to means' so a huge exercise to set up the means test is needed - requiring lots more staff - and a system of weekly or bi-weekly house-to-house collections organised for the old people's peace. Most of those who use the service are so poor that a monthly billing would be beyond their budgetary powers.

And what comes out of it? A measly £20,000 in a Social Services budget of over £1,500,000. And it will cost almost as much to collect - in extra staff and bureaucracy - as it produces. So all the hassles involved, creating lots of problems for people, produces a mere 1 1/2% in the budget.

Meanwhile, all these problems naturally need more social workers to solve them. And here Mr Freddy stands forth, blandly deciding by himself to hire Americans. Already adverts have been placed, a recruiter is on his way to America and the County is committed to parking out most of the airfares of every worker hired. There are lots of questions about this, such as why was the decision taken without consulting the Social Services Committee, how are the Americans going to be housed and how much will this country be providing experience for 'basic grade' social workers. But the scandal really is that qualified social workers are being refused jobs here in Sussex. A social worker with six years experience recently applied in Hove for a job and was turned down.

Moreover, in a time of massive unemployment in the country one would think the obvious thing to do would be to retrain some of those out of work by means of crash courses. Everyone knows people in this town who are eating their hearts out to do some sort of social work, but lack the standard academic qualifications required by the standard institutions. So why doesn't the County spend money on setting up special courses with low entrance qualifications rather than scattering the rate money on trips to America?

In essence, what social services have achieved is that on the one hand they decide to put pressure on people with little or no money - so creating

## Rum Doings in Hull, start of nation-wide campaign

After a night in separate cells we were released on bail. Ten days later we were formally charged with criminal damage. The following day we appeared before a magistrate where we were fined £10 each and ordered to pay £80 compensation.

The crime was defacing four advertising posters. We did not set out randomly to disgrace posters but had a specific advertising campaign in mind - that of Captain Morgan rum. They carry the slogan: "Capt. Morgan went halfway round the world to set up a naval base or so he told the wife".

We are invited to share both Capt. Morgan's contempt for the wife and acquiesce to his proprietorial attitude over the languishing females who will become animated only by his virility. It is revealing that the girls are racially ambiguous, you might argue that as rum is a Caribbean product native girls seem appropriate, but few advertising campaigns take account of their product's origins. Colour is thus used to perpetuate the prevailing myth of the sexually accommodating nature of native girls, whilst retaining the western ideal of physical allure. Advertisements are coercive, encouraging latent ideas by an appeal to our fantasies; in these particular adverts appealing only to men and masculine fantasies. Territorial conquests become equated with sexual imperialism implicating both the society Capt.

new problems for social workers - and on the other they spend what little money that that produces on hiring abroad the now 'necessary' social workers.

A beautiful example of useless consumption of resources.

But why do they do it? Well, it doesn't take too much thought. Firstly, the old and sick are comparatively powerless in our society and will not be able to raise too much hullabaloo. And their cash is useful to acquire more social workers, and more social workers means more prestige for Mr Freddy. Of course, it isn't rationalised quite as baldly as that in the self-deceiving mind of Freddy, but it is what it adds up to. The bigger the budget of his committee, the more employees under his control, the more his pride is fed and his political career advanced. With a Chairman who has never done a public act of social work, such as running a youth club, it is little wonder that such cynical results emerge. Like Noddy-land, Social Services is now Freddy-land - and quite topsy-turvy.

Morgan has left and the one which he takes over. The most potent of the various devices used to super-humanise Capt. Morgan is his physical absence from the poster, but he is sexually present - the bottle is his prick.

The creators of Capt. Morgan and his ilk impose themselves upon our day to day experiences; when we cease to register or react to them we are alienated from part of that experience. We object to such intrusions into our lives. We are disturbed that the same people who perpetuate the exploitation of women in this way control through ownership a crucial means of communicating and influencing our physical environment.

Our purpose in liberating these posters was to combat their overwhelming physical omnipresence and thereby destroy them. To destroy them by challenging the assumptions inherent in the complicit nature of the relationship between the marketer and the consumer. For a brief moment in time those posters become ours: become a medium for the message of Women's Liberation.

We feel that what we did and the results of it are important and need to be publicised, however, we do not feel that it constitutes an end in itself, but rather the beginning of a nation-wide campaign against sexist advertising in general and "Capt. Morgan" in particular.

We hope our sisters will support us in this by any means necessary; action, solidarity, and financially.

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