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\*WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTION  
GROUP Temporary contacts  
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Centre 27612.

## POLITICS

\*ANARCHIST WORKERS ASSOC  
689897

BRIGHTON YOUNG COMMUNISTS  
Contact Colin Murray, c/o  
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Just after buying this copy  
of the Voice at the Labour Fair,  
Barbara Castle remarked 'I do hope  
it's not one of those subversive  
papers.' Well, we keep trying.



# UNIVERSITY THREAT TO WORKERS

In the first demonstration of its kind at the University, workers from all the major trade unions on campus protested against the threat of sackings which had been made against workers in Estates and Maintenance. At first they had been told that 20 jobs might be lost, then it was reduced to 10 and then finally to 5. But that was five too many for the E and M workers and on Wednesday and Friday, 22 and 24 June, they took the lead in a mass picket of the University Senate and Council which were discussing the cuts. A delegation of E and M workers was refused access to the Senate, even though it was their future that was at stake, but the university teachers, administrators and students who sit on Senate did pass a motion that the University should find the money necessary to keep the threatened jobs. The Council on the other hand, which is a body made up of University big-wigs and local big-wigs and is far less democratic, refused to respect this motion and said that the jobs would only be safe until 1 October of this year.

Still worse, the Council has tried to break up the solidarity between students and the Estates and Maintenance workers by saying that the students should pay for two workers jobs out of increased student rents. To achieve this the Council passed a 13% increase in student rents, 2% more than had been democratically agreed at Senate.

Needless to say the E and M workers are furious at this betrayal by the Council, and they have nothing but contempt for the manoeuvre to separate them from the students. By means of an inter-union campaign committee they are fighting back and considering their next move to protect their jobs. They may well have to resort to industrial action in October.



# right to squat

The National Press, which has been largely responsible for the hysteria and ignorance about squatting has been forced in recent weeks to give coverage to two reports which justify squatters in their direct action to improve the housing provision of this country. First of all there was a publication by the Self-Help Housing Research Library called Squatter-Myth and Fact which established not only that squatters were rightly protesting against homelessness but also that they generally improve the buildings in which they decide to squat.

Then there was a survey done by the Department of the Environment itself which was leaked to the press before publication. (It has still not yet been published). This survey covered squatting in London and its conclusions make it quite clear that squatters have a good case. Based on interviews with over 150 very different squatters, it concludes that most of them had already had a disastrous experience with their previous housing, partico-

ularly those who had been farmed out to bed and breakfast accommodation because no house was available to them. (This is the plight of thousands of homeless throughout the country.)

Housing authorities and the government itself will not welcome these public statements, just at the moment when they believe they have successfully misled the public into believing that squatting is a crime and should be punished by imprisonment. The brutally repressive

bill which is nearing its last reading in the House of Property Owners and Speculators will make it possible for police to arrest squatters almost at will, but the fight against it IS STILL GOING ON. The Campaign Against the Criminal Trespass Law (CACTL) is the campaign of everyone who believes that people should be free to protest against the real crime involved, the crime of keeping people homeless or in appalling housing conditions.

SUPPORT CACTL NOW.  
WRITE TO MPs AND COUNCILLORS, QUOTING THE TWO REPORTS MENTIONED HERE AND DEMAND THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE CRIMINAL LAW REFORM BILL.

GET YOUR UNION BRANCH TO OPPOSE THE BILL, IT THREATENS STRIKERS AND WORKERS IN FACTORY OCCUPATIONS JUST AS MUCH AS SQUATTERS.

ACT NOW. THIS BILL MUST BE STOPPED.

For copies of Squatter-Myth and Fact write to the Self-Help Housing Research Library, Ladbroke House, Ladbroke Grove, London N.5. The price is only 10p.

For further information on the Bill and on CACTL contact:

Squatters Union c/o Resources Centre, Presbyterian Hall, North Rd. Meetings, Tuesdays 8.30.

# THE GREAT £4M D.H.S.S. FIDDLE!

D.H.S.S. ORDERED TO PAY UP IN TEST CASE:

In a test case heard recently in Bristol the D.H.S.S. have in effect been found guilty of a £4m million fiddle and ordered to pay up.

The £4m MILLION pounds is made of numerous small sums withheld from practically every claimant during the uprating of benefits last November.

If you are in receipt of Supp. Benefit you can set about getting your entitlement by completing the form.

TREASURY WHIZZ-KIDS The fiddle was dead easy.

Claimants are paid for the week in advance and receive their giro or order book payments on different days of the week. Legislation however instructed D.H.S.S. to calculate the increase from a single date, 15th November, 1976. The treasury whizz-kids could not resist the temptation of making a bit on the side for the government. They did it by not paying everyone the increase for the odd days.

PAY UP.

The claimant in the test case received his giro on a Saturday (20th November). Here is the tribunal ruling:

"The tribunal instruct that payment of the increased scale rates shall be made from 15.11.76, i.e. payment at the increased rate is due for 15th-19th November 1976 inclusive."

The tribunal gave the following reasons for their decision: "The tribunal are satisfied that the legislation came into operation on 15th November 1976 in accordance with the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regulations 1976 and the increase should be paid from that date."

The decision of the tribunal came after a hearing on the 26th May, 1977 chaired by Doctor West.

In a letter sent by Bristol Solicitor, Brian Cox, the Commission have now been asked to make the payment due to every claimant. If the Commission wish they could of course challenge the tribunal ruling in the High Court but in view of the clarity of the law this is considered unlikely.

15th NOVEMBER GROUP

In the meantime, if you were on Sup. Ben. on the 15th November you should set about registering your entitlement. Complete the form below and sent it in immediately to your local Sup. Benefit.

Further information will appear in the next issue of

Voice together with recommended action for those who have not received their money by then. Although D.H.S.S. have lost the test case they are very reluctant to pay up and there is the likelihood of a struggle before they do.

If you do make a claim, don't let anyone 'con' you into withdrawing it. If they don't pay up legal action is planned and we would like to form a 15th November group to take steps to support anyone having difficulty, and to publicise the facts nationwide. If you are interested please complete the other form. If there is sufficient interest meetings will be arranged and publicised

## RATES

Table for calculating amount due N.B. This table is for claimants on ordinary rates only.

Pay Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat.	
Married Couple	2.90	0.48	0.96	1.45	1.93	2.42	
Single Householder	1.80	0.30	0.60	0.90	1.20	1.50	
Non-Householder							
18 plus	1.45	0.24	0.48	0.72	0.96	1.21	
Non-Householder							
16-17	1.10	0.18	0.36	0.54	0.73	0.92	
Each Child	13-15	0.90	0.15	0.30	0.45	0.60	0.75
	11-12	0.75	0.12½	0.25	0.37½	0.50	0.62½
	5-10	0.60	0.10	0.20	0.30	0.40	0.50
Under 5	0.50	0.08	0.16	0.25	0.33	0.42	

Example Couple 4 Children aged 15, 13, 8, 5 receiving a giro on a Saturday morning should claim:

Married Couple	2.42
15 year old	.75
13 year old	.75
8 year old	.50
5 year old	.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.92</b>

This table has been prepared as carefully as possible and the amount to which any individual may be entitled could be affected by the particular circumstances of any case. The table had not been agreed by D.H.S.S.



## CLAIM BACK YOUR SHARE

### CLAIM FORM

To Department of Health and Social Security.

..... (Local Office Address)

From: Name ..... Address .....

Following the decision of the Supplementary Benefits Appeal Tribunal held in Bristol under the Chairmanship of Dr. West on 26th May, 1976 (Ref. Sheet 3/6 GP No. 107-412266) which heard a test case concerning payments of benefit on and after 15th November 1976. I claim that I was not paid my lawful entitlement for the period between 15th November and my first pay day thereafter (inclusive) and further that I calculate the amount withheld from me to be £.....

In support of my claim I quote the following decision from the test case: "The tribunal instruct that payment of the increased scale rates shall be made from 15.11.76 i.e. payment at the increased rate is due for 15th - 19th November" (Test case claimant had Saturday pay-day).

The tribunal gave the following reasons: "The tribunal are satisfied that the legislation came into operation on 15th November 1976 in accordance with the Supplementary Benefit (Determination of Requirements) Regs. 1976 and the increase should be paid from that date."

To: 15th. November Group  
c/o 42A Upper Cheiltenham Place  
Montpelier, BRISTOL.

I was in receipt of Sup. Benefit on 15-11-76 and am interested in joining the group.  
I am/am not willing to help form a local group.  
I have/have not registered a claim for my entitlement.  
I am convenor/secretary/chairman/member of.....  
.....and our group wish to support/  
be kept informed/.....



## TENANTS

## WIN

Sussex University's bid to cash in on the summer conference game came a little unstuck recently.

Usually, students staying down for the summer vacation experience little difficulty in renting rooms from the University. This summer was to be different though. Sussex administrators decided not to let as many rooms as usual to students, but to rent them to conference attendees at a higher 'commercial' rate. This left 30 students in the lurch, facing homelessness. The University Tenants Assn. came up with the idea of squatting in the rooms at the end of term. This was well-advertised around the campus, support promised from town squatters and plans prepared.....surprise, surprise, University administrators suddenly find 30 rooms for 30 students!

Council tenants and those on the waiting list, take note.....



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PRINCE CHARLES - £80,000 A YEAR  
**WHAT DO YOU GET?**

### GRUNWICK - THE BRIGHTON CONNECTION

Has anyone noticed that the Grunwick blacklegs are being transported to work in a Brighton Corporation bus? Although the crest has been painted out, the registration number and an advert for Vokins give the game away.

Is the bus on hire, or has it been sold to Grunwick - and if so, did the Corporation know what it would be used for? We welcome any information on this interesting subject.





# & PIECES & BITS

**BITS**

## NO GO NALGO

As foreseen in Voice No. 37, East Sussex NALGO members (or those who bothered to vote) have decisively rejected the overtime ban ordered by a Special Conference earlier this year, and a further call for a one-day strike and picket of County Hall, Lewes, to highlight opposition to cuts in public services.

The overtime ban decision, by 698 to 541, put the branch in breach of an instruction from the union's H.Q. - but don't worry, folks, because it was reversed by the National Conference last month anyway. No wonder the Government can safely ignore the fourth largest union in the country, when it performs such astonishing gymnastics.

Needless to say, the strike vote brought out the union's tories in droves - 1,579 to 259; standing firm and showing your strength is only for when my job is threatened. Your redundancy is simply a minor reorganisation in the interests of efficiency and a better service - jolly hard luck and all that, but don't worry, you can still use the NALGO canteen.....

## scoop !

It's not often - well, not very often - that the Voice is given to boasting about its achievements. But there's a time and a place for everything, and our issue No 35 contained a story which gained wide publicity. It was about the activities of the Special Branch in investigating the political sympathies of Sussex teachers.

Following the Voice story, reporters on Radio Brighton spent several days going more deeply into the story than we, with our limited resources could ever hope to do. The investigations resulted in the broadcast of a long piece at the end of February and included a challenge from the Sussex NCCL Group to the police to explain why they should be interested in those against whom there were no suggestions of unlawful activity.

After the Radio Brighton broadcast the Argus finally picked up the story and this led to a piece in the March 4th issue of the Times Educational Supplement.

After that, press, and T.V. coverage, some of it inaccurate, flowed thick and fast and the Sunday Mirror, Southern TV, BBC South Radio News, The Gaurdian and even the BBC World Service News carried the story.

Publicity on this scale has been important for this case because it has helped make people aware that such investigations do take place. And it isn't so easy for the Chief Constable of Sussex to gloss over the truth when it's widely reprinted, although he's certainly tried. But then anything would appear possible from a man who has been quoted as saying

"The sooner it is realised that anyone who has remotely a security responsibility should be vetted, the better the country will be."

# SOLSTICE BOOK SHOP

It's great to see you open after these months of searching for premises. As successors to SYMPOSIUM and, before them, UNICORN, you are sure to fill a gap in all our lives, Welcome.

Brighton Voice Collective.

**28 Trafalgar St.**  
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## BOW DOWN BOWDEN

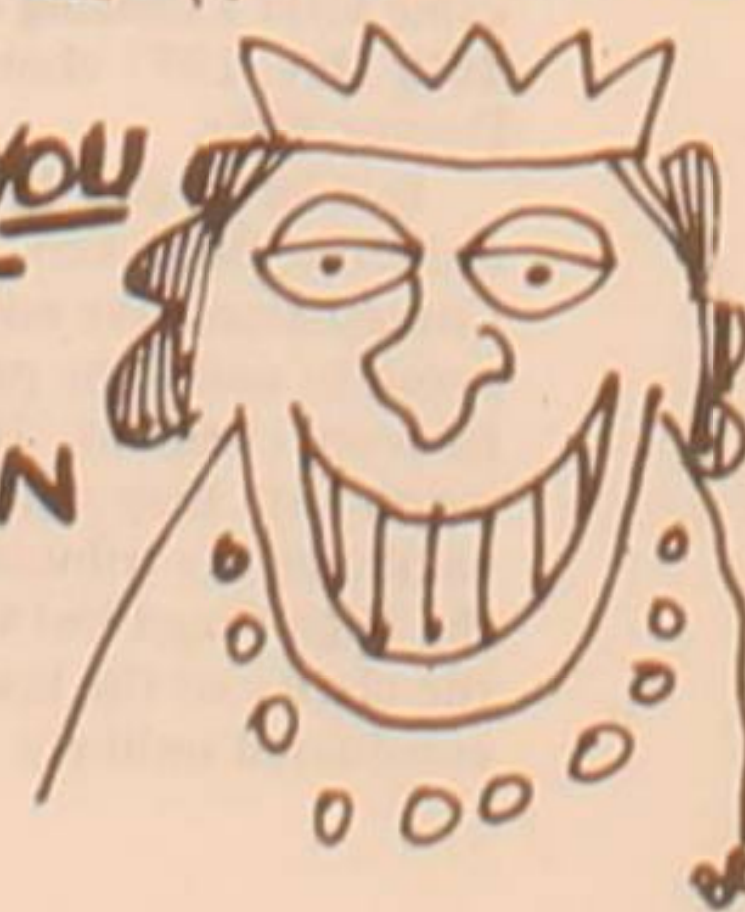
We apologise to readers for going on about Andrew Bowden, Tory MP for Kemp Town; we realise people must be dead bored with him by now. A few of his obsessions go a long way. Nevertheless we thought we ought to find out what happened to his top-level complaint about the literacy scheme in Brighton, which he accused of using left-wing reading material to help its students to read and write. He made a great fuss about this, both locally and nationally, and in No. 37 of Brighton Voice we pointed out how absurdly prejudiced and out-of-touch he is. But what would they say at the Department of Education and Science when his complaint was registered? We didn't know at the time, but have made our enquiries since, and our contacts with the D.E.S. reveal the following:-

A letter has been sent to Bowden pointing out what an excellent literacy scheme we have in Brighton. We don't know the details of the letter but we understand that Bowden's complaint has been roundly dismissed, and the literacy teachers fully supported in the work they are doing.

The public has a right to know what that letter actually says. Bowden was quick to splash his absurd accusations across the local paper, and we shouldn't forget that he is on the famous all-party committee for freedom of information, (general laughter), so surely he owes it to the much-maligned literacy scheme to tell them what has happened. A well written apology for him could, even be used as reading material for the students, providing he can spell ignominious.

NO WONDER SHE SMILES

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# KIDS HOME VICTIMISED BY HASTINGS POLICE

A campaign of police harrassment has been responsible for the closure of a recently-opened Children's Home in Hastings. The home, 'Highlere' was set up last November by Jim Berry, a man with 25 years experience of working with difficult and disturbed children, and an urge to try out his own ideas. Rejecting the traditional lock-them-up philosophy, he believes that treating adolescents as sensible people and giving them some control over their own lives is the answer to delinquency and vandalism.

Before setting up Highlere he discussed his plans with the local police, magistrates and residents but, despite the lack of open hostility at the time, it is now clear that the project was doomed from the start.

## LURKING

Evidence suggests that a file of complaints, however petty, was opened by the Hastings police at an early stage, in preparation for the 'grand slam' that finally took place. Jim Berry would be the last man to claim that the fifteen or so resident kids were angels, but he maintains that no effort was made to put their offences into the right context or to keep them in proportion to their real importance.

Police kept a continuous surveillance on the home, even to the point where staff going to the toilet at 3 a.m. would see them lurking in the shadows of the road. Boys out for a walk were followed and stopped for no reason and in this way the police actually created the anti social feeling among the kids that the forces of law and order were complaining of.

It is interesting to note, however, that this policy was not consistent throughout the police force. The juvenile bureau, responsible for working with social workers to determine the best course of action following an offence, often found its recommendations overruled by higher authorities intent on turning cautions into court appearances.

## SHOCK

The knockout blow came on 16 May with the conviction of a boy who had only spent two weeks at Highlere prior to his offence, an offence which he admitted. He had wrecked a car by releasing the brake and letting it run down a hill, doing £1000 of damage. For this he could have expected Borstal, and that was the court's recommendation to the Crown Court which has the power to impose such a sentence. However more of a shock was the further recommendation that Highlere be made to pay the £1000, rather than the boy

thing gets the publicity it deserves - no wonder these kids can't stay out of trouble.'

The Voice also believes this matter should get maximum publicity and invites other people to take it up. This is a case where a desirable social experiment has been sabotaged by the hang 'em and flog 'em brigade, and others must not be deterred from trying out ideas and methods of working in a difficult field by the threat of police pressure.

or his parents or the Social Services Department to which he was in care. The home was run on a shoestring and the money could simply not be found, especially as the police dragged out a whole series of minor offences, dating back to February, to throw at several of the other boys, aiming at (and getting) detention centre and borstal sentences for them. The offences included such acts as letting down moped tyres - hardly in the violent criminal class.

The effect of all this was almost to empty the home, thus bankrupting it from two directions; but the final act of spite was still to come. A boy took some food from Highlere without asking and just happened to be stopped in the street and searched by the police at 6.30 p.m. He was returned to Highlere with the food and Mr Berry said he did not want to take the matter any further. But the police insisted on prosecution. Mr Berry then refused to give evidence against the boy so they issued a subpoena, forcing him to turn up against his will.

## STIGMA

Only four boys caused any really serious trouble, which is not a bad record bearing in mind they were all there because no other suitable place could be found for them, but everyone suffered from the stigma, and the excellent work being done at the home went down the drain.

The social worker for one of the boys at Highlere - who asked not to be named - told the Voice, 'It took me a year to find Highlere and just as they were getting towards a real breakthrough the place closed down. Jim was trying something that most others wouldn't dare to - or have the imagination to. There's nowhere else in this area doing any-like it, and it's bloody ridiculous that it can be closed down by this sort of premeditated police action. I hope the whole



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# EYEWITNESS AT GRUNWICK

Every picture tells a story, so we're told, but does every story give a truthful picture. CERTAINLY NOT, especially if you are on the picket line at Grunwick.

In no way have the papers captured the frustration and atmosphere amongst the picketers. All we got on the day when this eyewitness account was written were the odd quotes from miners angry that 'our Arthur' had been lifted, mixed with a hysterical response to Special Patrol Group P.C. Trevor Wilson's injury. T.V. and radio reports were only marginally better.

Policeman Wilson sustained his injury at approximately 10.30am, some 30mins. after the second busload of Wards scabs had successfully negotiated the Police controlled picket line. This is usually the final act in what has become a 2 hour mellee. But not this particularly unpleasant day of massive arrests and considerable Police violence.

WE PRINT AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE S.P.G. ATTACK ON PICKETERS LEAVING THE FACTORY ENTRANCE.

At a little before 10.30am, the mini van conveying the S.P.G. heavies back to Willesden Police Station approached the High St. end of Chapter Rd. where pickets were still gathered in large numbers. As the van drew towards the pickets the detachments Inspector used his loud hailer to encourage people to move from the vans path.

'Move aside ladies and gentlemen, thank you' he bellowed in a joking manner. This was ill-advised as the van was effectively running a gauntlet of people sticking their fingers up, chanting and ultimately banging on the side of the van. For a moment all seemed well as the van slowly made its way to the main road.

Suddenly and amongst this a young S.P.G. Officer undid the the back door of the van and leapt into the crowd making for one of the pickets. This was completely spontaneously and without instruction from his superior sitting in the vans front seat. As the surrounding picketers fended the first Policeman off the whole van leapt out to defend their colleague, with supreme eagerness, glad to strike out at the laughing jeering pickets. They emerged as pack of hounds, like paratroopers from a plane. Their fury at utterly high speed carried them through the crowd and we were all caught in a whole stream of pushing movement. I tried to capture on film the events before me, but suddenly what seemed a large bulb came flying through the air and exploded on the back of an S.P.G. neck. This man, a king size pig if ever there was, keeled over and his head struck the road with some force worsening his injury. The action was over in seconds almost to fast to take in mentally.

The first I ever knew of the S.P.G. was in a book by Tony Bunyan called the "Political Police in Britain". He pointed out their extra aggressiveness and special training, their size and strength. Trevor Wilson (SPG) was no mean copper at 6'4" and 16 stone. He and his mates trained for the job chose to chase picketers down that high street.

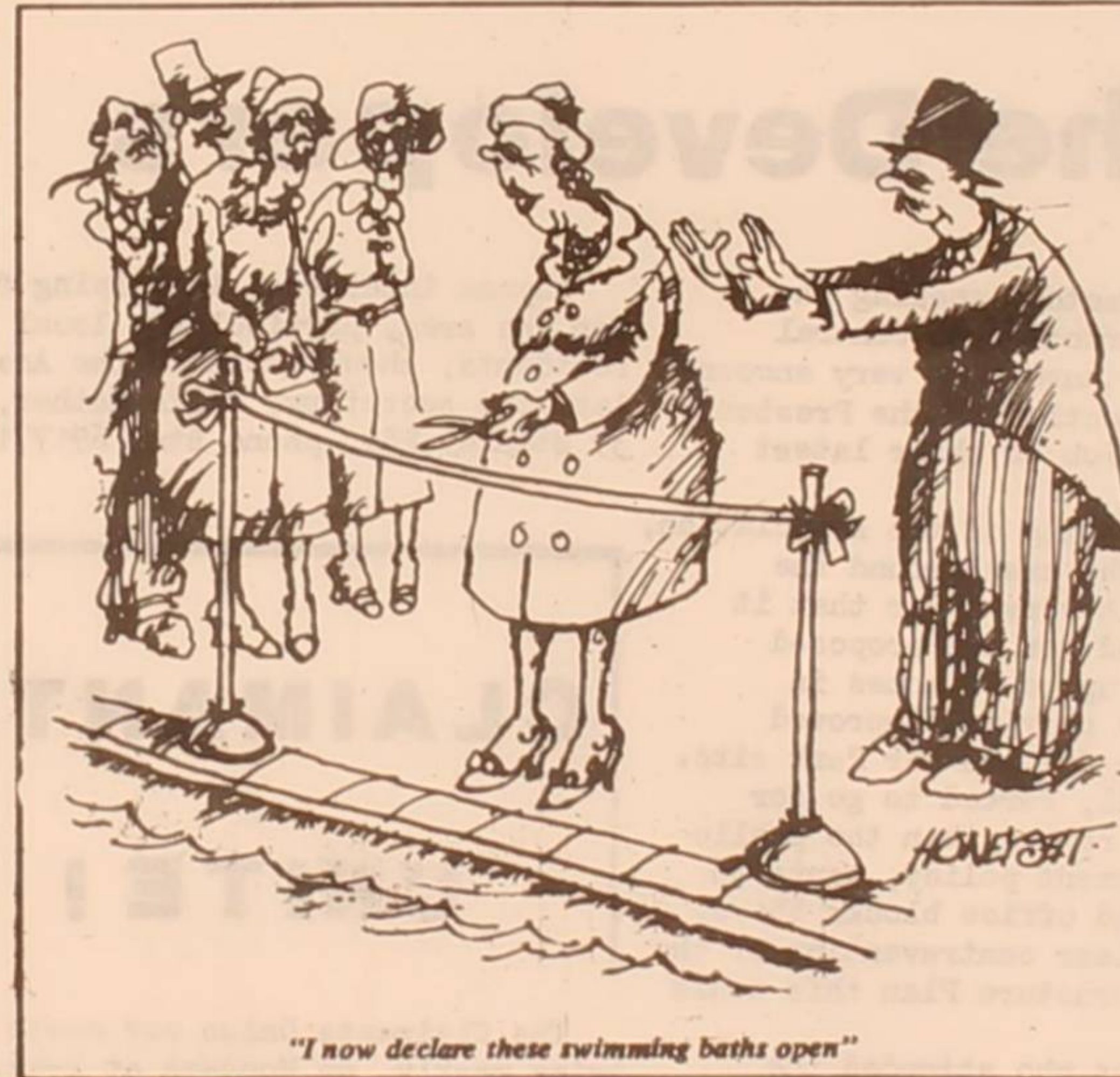
We in the crowd could not

understand why, when the days action had finished, this special riot trained group had decided to attack us. The S.P.G. are a so-called superior elite, like the commandoes of the police force, to be used in the same way as the Royal Marines have been in Ireland. They are taught a small group elitist philosophy, working in numbers of ten, trained to fulfill special tasks. In the Marines 'riot drill' based on a 'find hit and get out of it' philosophy, each unit acted as a highly coordinated group. Movements were done in tight formations of squares and diamonds, always with the sergeant controlling and in the middle of the group. The S.P.G. are based on the same principle.

However what I saw that Thursday was a contrast. It was a tail wagging its dog; an undisciplined rabble of individual police emptying from their van with no order from their superior who was left alone, sitting helpless in an empty vehicle, only to emerge and find one of his lunatic crack troops spreadeagled on the floor.

This incident is but a fore-taste of the future. People will get injured on picket lines as long as SPG constables like Trevor Wilson are allowed to throw their weight about. That day they had enjoyed a good day they'd held off the miners (and like us they haven't forgotten Saltley Gates) and had a good bash at the 'extremists'. Make no mistake about it the SPG are there as part of the growing idea of the 'strong state'. Let us not forget that 1 in 10 of our local policemen is trained to a high level of competence with arms. That riot control techniques with use of water cannon, tear gas and rubber bullets are becoming part of standard training. While the SPG played only snatch squad games that day let us not forget that they are and can be trained to perform 'CRS' type vizored baton charges. Remember Notting Hill carnival and O.K. Ulster.

**support** every day  
**mass** from 7.00am  
**picketing** Chapter Road, NW2  
Next to Dollis Hill tube  
(Bakerloo line)  
**BRING DELEGATIONS**



"I now declare these swimming baths open"

## GREEN ELMS DISEASE

Officers of Brighton Council have been instructed to refuse to sell council property in George Street to the J. Lyons & Co subsidiary Green Elms Ltd, unless the office element in their development is abandoned.

This decision of the Policy and Resources Committee was endorsed by a very large majority at the council meeting on the 23rd June.

George Street's problems are, of course, not solved by this decision as some have been suggesting. Green Elms, the developers, have clearly stated their view that without the office content it would not be profitable to 'develop' the site. A stale-mate at this stage is not the answer. The Green Elms property on George St will continue to deteriorate; which is both depressing to the locals and provides some 'evidence' for George St's 'natural' decline.

This decision can be interpreted in a number of ways. One is that it represents a reasonably elegant solution to the problem represented by the (foolhardy) Tory decision of Jermy and Co, to go against the County Council. It has also been suggested that through this decision

the council hopes that the George Street Committee will not continue to seek high court action against them.

However the George Street action Committee is still convinced they have a case and are continuing discussions with their lawyers. It seems incredible at this stage that coun' Jermy should be so ill advised as to boast about the part he and others played in Brighton's continuing vendetta against the county council.

Jermy stated at the last meeting that it was, "Due to the courage displayed by members....." that Green Elms can still propose their 'development' as a 'solution' to the problems of the area. Will this solution appeal either to the George St area locals or to Brighton's homeless?

The George Street Committee need help and support. Please write to Mr Alloway, Co Simple Supplies, 11 George St, Brighton.

## PRIORITIES WRONG AT PRIOR HOUSE

The sad state of affairs. Our once thriving community centre has been deliberately wound down by the education authorities over the past year and now it seems certain that they will close the centre altogether. As you will remember the Community Association carried out a full and detailed survey of our area some months ago. We are grateful for your many interesting ideas, which helped us in preparing this report. The survey of community needs enabled us to construct a programme of projected activities for the centre including a creche, arts and pottery workshops, clubs for children, holiday playschemes, outings, concerts, dances, family evenings etc. We also worked out detailed costing for our programme. The cost of running the centre by the authorities was £21,000 per year: the centre run by the Community Association with the help of local volunteers would be only £3,500 per year.

Our proposals have been turned down out of hand by the authorities; the excuse given being shortage of money. It seems scandalous that when our so called elected representatives are being paid salaries of £12,000 or more a year the relatively small sum of £3,500 cannot be spared to keep a vital community centre in existence. The final decision will almost certainly be made this Friday, but we hope that the Council will recognise their political obligation to help the Community by either keeping the centre open or helping our negotiations with the Trustees who are in charge of the building. If you feel as angry as we do about the arbitrary closure of what has been a thriving community centre, write to the

Area Education Officer  
o/o County Hall  
St. Annes Crescent  
Lewes

or contact

Bill Dalton  
26 South Avenue  
Brighton  
Tel.: 689624.





# BRIGHTON HOSTEL

Brighton Hostel has just moved from its old sub-standard site in Islingword St. to 48, Dorset Gdns., off St. James St. The six residents and two fulltime organisers, Andy and Dick, no longer have to share a house containing one toilet, no bath and a single sink, where bad wiring was a serious fire risk.

They continue to give advice on housing and social security problems to people referred to them by the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Reception Centre.

Apart from providing a roof for nine people, a mixture of pensioners, the chronically disabled and two men trying to support themselves, they provide a regular soup run - nightly at 10p.m. at the bottom of West St. In the summer this caters for twenty or thirty people.

Most of the inmates are referred by the Social Services Dept. and the Reception Centre; they are the people who have fallen through the "safety nets" of mental hospitals and the prison aftercare services.

The cost of the new place was £30,000, provided by donations from other charities, bank loans and a mortgage from the Sussex Mutual. A proposed grant from the Council was axed in the Cuts.

The residents pay £15 a week for full board, laundry and central heating, so the hostel is in need of fund-raising activities, such as the pub collections and sponsored bike races they had last year.

If the hostel can survive financially, other similar projects are likely to get backing. Help would also be appreciated by Andy and Dick, for whom this is a seven day a week job: the soup run, hospital visiting, going with people to Court or just being with the residents of the hostel.

If you're interested, the phone number is Btn. 686320.

# Brighton Fights the Developers

Local benefactors seeking the wholesale destruction of central Brighton can't have been very encouraged by the reaction of the Preston Circus Association to their latest scheme.

A recent meeting of the Association, which covers the area around the Circus, made it very clear that it would not stand for the proposed demolition of up to 50 homes in Viaduct Rd. to provide "improved access" to the Station Car Park site.

British Rail, forced to go for quick profits rather than the public good by Government policy, wants to build shops and office blocks there, despite the clear contravention of the East Sussex Structure Plan this would involve.

Local Tories who attended the meeting as observers looked increasingly shifty and uncomfortable as they came under attack from residents, many of whom had lived in the area all their lives. Cllr. Dudley Baker claimed that everything was above-board and in the open, and that there was nothing to fear from the ad hoc committee - composed of representatives of Brighton and East Sussex Councils and BR - who are drawing up outline plans for the site. However, he was firmly returned to reality when it was pointed out that the information so far revealed had only been released to forestall leaks from disgruntled Councillors opposed to the scheme.

Geoffrey ("call me smoothie") Theobald claimed that even if houses were built on the site, increased access would be necessary, but this was denied by local people, who included a professional quantity surveyor.

The Association left those Councillors present with no illusions as to the battle they face to push the BR scheme through, and Chairman Mike Neves called for a rates strike as a last resort.

Anyone interested in helping fight for the area, particularly local residents, should contact the Association's secretary, Celia Mather, at 39 Stanley Rd., phone Btn. 691771.

# CLAIMANTS UNITE!

The Claimants Union now meets twice weekly, on Mondays at 2-4p.m. and Wednesdays at 8-10p.m. Meetings are at the Resources Centre, North Rd. and all claimants are welcome.

The Claimants Union movement is made up of single parents, pensioners, unemployed, the sick and disabled, strikers, school-leavers and all other claimants and ex-claimants of State benefits.

Claimants Unions are groups of people who have got together to help each other and to fight collectively for claimants' rights.

Brighton Claimants Union is currently involved in the struggles of the single homeless who arrive in Brighton, and in getting information about claiming out to school-leavers, as well as supporting all claimants in the daily hassles at the SS Office and at Appeal Tribunals. Also, generally spreading straightforward information about claimants' rights and the current SS policies we are fighting to change.

The Union demands:

1. A guaranteed minimum income for every person, in or out of work.
2. The abolition of all forms of discretionary power exercised by the Supplementary Benefit system.
3. Lump-sum grants for exceptional circumstances, such as death or fire.
4. No discrimination against the unemployed, e.g. the industrial misconduct rule.
5. No discrimination against women, e.g. the cohabitation rule.
6. Abolition of home visits, unemployment review officers and liable relative officers.
7. Drastic reform of Appeal Tribunals.
8. Automatic written explanations for all claimants.
9. Abolition of rehabilitation and reception centres.
10. Establishment of a Social Security complaints procedure.

Come along to one of our meetings to find out more.

# ANTI-APARTHEID SUCCESS

Last month's Voice reported the setting-up of SCARS - Sussex Campaign Against Racism in Sport - and its purpose of drawing attention to the plight of non-white South African sportspeople.

After the withdrawal of the invitation to the South African team for the Worthing Bowls Tournament, the campaign moved on to Hastings.

There were two cricket fixtures involved, and despite howls of protest from various Tories concerned about the "rights of the (white) individual" the position of the authorities moved slowly towards cancellation. On top of this success for SCARS, many more people had become involved during the campaign and others found that apartheid is an issue on which one has to take sides, and that sitting on the fence is not feasible.

# Racism... OUT! OUT! OUT!

Such was the case at Eastbourne, though here we were dealing with people who were that much more removed from the need to face the reality of the situation south (and north) of the Biet Bridge. It was therefore possible for the Federation Cup Tournament to take place in Eastbourne, with four women entered in the name of the S.A. Tennis Union. This event was funded by the International Lawn Tennis Federation, one of the few bodies that has changed its rules to allow the readmission of South Africa after having expelled it under the previous ones! The event was sponsored by Polgate-Palmolive and held on grounds owned by Eastbourne Council.

One of the slogans of the protesters was "Apartheid on the Rates", and though well chosen by the ILTF for its passivity, it is unlikely that Eastbourne will wish to host a racist sports competition again in the near future. On both the Monday and the Friday, the SCARS presence was a considerable embarrassment to the authorities and some walls probably still carry the message! The four

players concerned were obviously unnerved by all this and it will have a similar ripple effect in their country as other protests have done.

The level of support for the demonstration varied. On Sunday, after a public meeting, there was a token picket outside the hotel at which the four girls were staying. Leaflets were handed to many of the tennis players who entered and left the hotel.

On Monday, some 60 or so from Eastbourne, including the chairperson of the Trades Council, plus supporters from Brighton, handed out leaflets and chanted outside the main gate. On Tuesday, it was much smaller, but on Friday, when the South Africans were playing the USA, we managed to rally sufficient support not only to picket the main entrance, but to send a contingent to near the centre court.

This provoked some quite unsporting gestures from those inside, though relations with the police were quite reasonable.

While most sporting events these days are a racket (no pun intended) they do give pleasure to many people. It is unfortunate that it was necessary to disrupt that pleasure. Our policy, however, has always been that crimes committed against common humanity by the racist governments of South Africa and Zimbabwe must be brought to the attention of the public, and that the temporary loss of enjoyment by spectators and residents pales into insignificance against the humiliation suffered every day by the majority of people in those countries. We make no apology to the stupid and ignorant who addressed the demonstrators with such niceties as "go to hell" or "it's nothing to do with me" or "I don't want to know about it" or even "I'm for apartheid".

If anyone wants to know about the work of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, they can be contacted nationally at 89 Charlotte St., London, W.C.1., or locally at 29A Vernon Terrace, Brighton, or o/o Students Union, Falmer House, Sussex University, Falmer.

One of the home-made banners at the Eastbourne picket. It brought angry self-justification from the more fascist members of the Eastbourne pro-South Africa brigade, like, 'I'd shoot them all - the niggers.' and 'Good. I'd shoot you lot too.'

But quite a lot of people were unnerved by the poster, and slunk into the ground looking very guilty. But guilt is not enough. Pro-South African occasions like this one must be stopped. Action must go on.

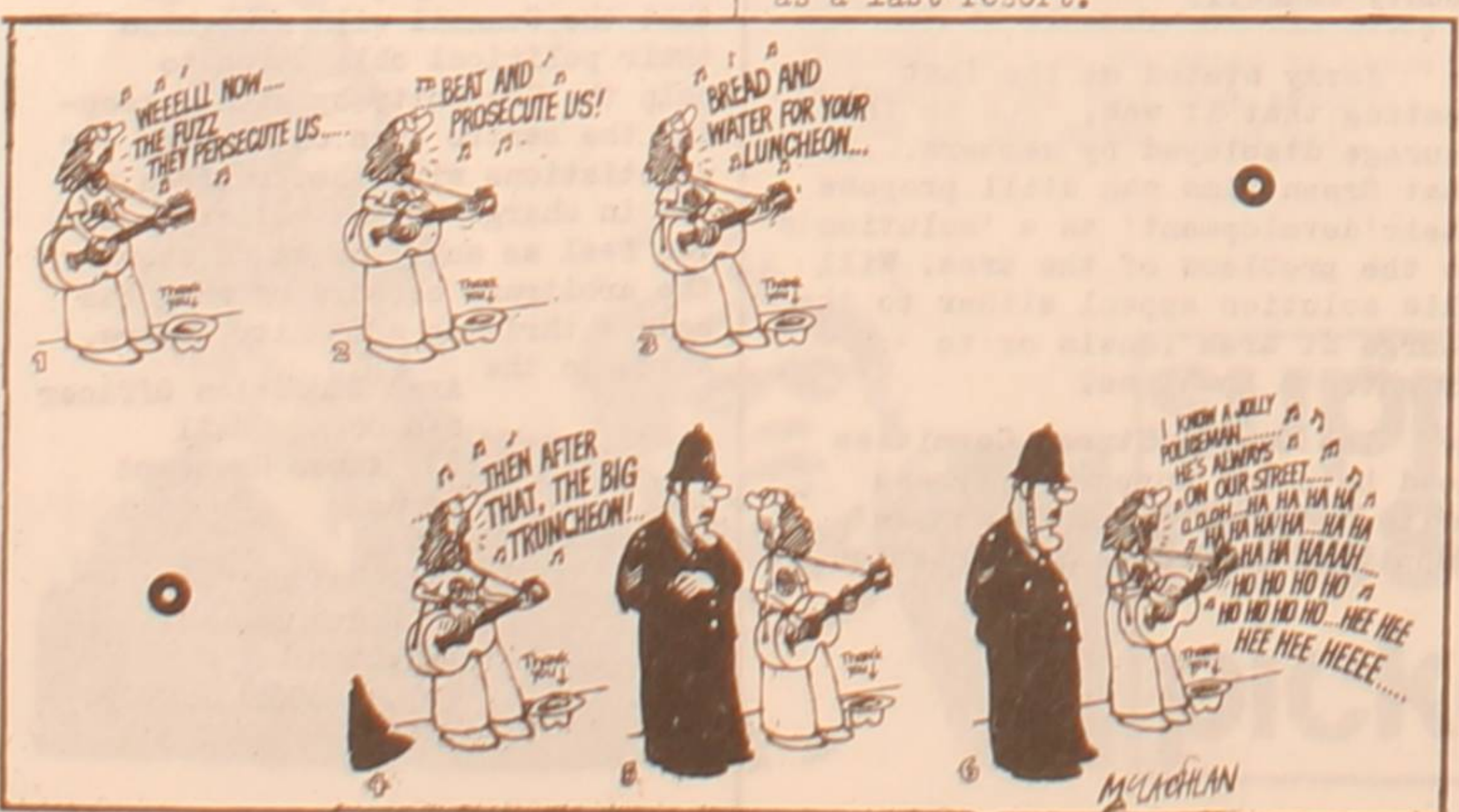
THEY SHOOT CHILDREN IN THE BACK - SAME AGE AS YOURS AND MINE



# FRIENDS CENTRE

There's a great autumn term coming up at the Friends Centre in Ship St., Brighton's central adult education and literacy centre. Do you want to learn Russian, French, singing, chess, painting, creative writing, bridge, soft-furnishing, Esperanto, maths, art history, dressmaking, geology, Egyptology, astronomy, physical fitness, animal and human behaviour, etc. etc.?. O.K. you don't. Well, then there's Popular Culture in England 1500-1900, Background to World News (the news that Brighton Voice won't print), and From the Cradle to the Grave (in seven acts). No? Well, then there's some titles which sound like great B pictures :- 'Crisis in the Cities', 'The Age of Plunder' and 'China Restoration' (or, the return of Chank-Kai-Chek). Or you can just have poetry read to you, or be a Senior Citizen on Tuesdays at 2.30. All ideas are welcome there and they encourage you to plan your own courses, teach the tutors, and evaluate where you are going. It's a really friendly place - and there's tea and cake. Adult education at its best.

AFTER 25 YEARS ON THE DOLE 13/4 MILLION HAPPY SILVER JUBILEE SUBJECTS!





# JUBILEE SAGA SQUAT CONT.

MORE OF BRITISH LAND CO.

The Jubilee Squatters (see Voice 38) have obviously caused the owners of Britannia House considerable embarrassment. So much so that the multi-million, multi-national property company, with a supporting cast of 60 subsidiaries, has felt it necessary to re-launch and re-open the new, empty, 4 year old office in Queens Rd. The company recently held a reception in the offices, thereby giving their chief estates manager a Mr. Christie an opportunity to justify the blocks existence to a hoard of smug businessmen and an Argus Reporter. In between self congratulatory speeches alleged comic? John Bird cracked gags. What emerged in the Evening editions of the Argus was a very smooth P.R. job.

The brave Mr. Christie defended the development. 'This was no Centre Point left empty to accrue in value. His Company had never imagined it would remain unlet for so long. They'd been let down twice by prospective customers at the last minute, and it was all the fault of the economy. As an after thought, he said that the company would now consider letting off individual floors rather than the whole block.

The same Evenings Argus carried an application from British Land Co. for a change in the planning permission relating to the office.



At present the block has a luxury penthouse flat on top, obviously designed for cracked up Directors suffering from jet-lag. This humble abode is, according to British Land, a caretakers flat. But no more for if permission is granted it will become OFFICE SPACE. It makes good sense too. After all we can't have the Directors from the different Companies housed on each floor fighting it out for the flat with the wonderful view that satirist Bird found so funny.

I think this is another example of how one can be made a second class citizen. Also, it is very important to let people know how we are made to feel, especially at the present time when questions have been brought up in the House of Commons to take steps to amend the Fire Precautions Act so that adequate access is provided for disabled persons, and the Secretaries of State for the Home Dept. and for the environment have this question under active consideration at the moment.

Yours faithfully,  
Miss J.M. Crosby.

## Fabianism

Dear friends,

May I enlist your assistance in drawing your attention and that of your readership to the activities of the Brighton and Hove Fabian Society.

First I want to dispel certain notions. We are not a social club or an uncritical dependency of the Labour Party. We are a socialist society ready to listen at our discussion meetings to representatives of all socialist trends. Indeed, last year we appraised a wide scope of such philosophies ranging from Soviet views to German reform

Doubtless Brighton's Homeless and jobless laughed when they realized that businessmen, newspaper reporters and a hack comic were tucking in with mirth at their expense.

## PLAN OPPOSED

Brighton Squatters are opposing the planning application. We believe that if accommodation like that on top of Britannia House was really designed for a caretaker, then it should be used for housing a family on the Council waiting list, at rents slightly lower than those in Theobald House.

We will also be suggesting that the rest of the building be converted into accommodation, or space for the soon to be overcrowded Community Resources Centre. We're sure art classes, creches, playgroups, luncheon clubs, claimants etc. would welcome the windfall of 8,500 sq.ft. in the middle of Brighton.

In our plan there's even a bonus for the Evening Argus. Britannia House has 10 'on site' parking spaces, we propose that the Argus take these at a commercial rent, thereby releasing spaces in the North Laines area for much needed houses and allotments.

We'd like you, the reader to voice your objections to British Lands plan. Just write in to the Planning Dept. at 83, North St. Brighton.

We are sending our scheme to the Company, the Argus and the Planners. When you write in you'll need to quote the original permission no. B.N.76/1572. And if you'd like to tell British Land what to do with there office they live at 53, Grosvenor St. London W1X 0HA.

socialism and including also the Chinese experience. We shall endeavour to appraise other trends during our next seasons activities.

As distinct from discussion meetings we have also invited speakers to acquaint us with topical issues. Usually these speakers are of national standing. Discussion and speakers meetings alternate.

Last but not least we encourage our members to set up research groups which so far have been investigating regional and local issues in relation to national policies in some depth.

Surely, this is a wide span of activities but although the local media were invited to all our events, they have gone largely unreported. Occasionally the Argus has picked up a few crumbs but Radio Brighton, although it announces our meetings, has ignored their content.

For information on our activities ring our Secretary, George Forbes...963-43723. Our Chairman, Dick Reeve...501612 or the Press Officer, Kurt Weisskopf 687191.

Yours sincerely,  
Kurt Weisskopf.

## info...

\*ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP  
Contact Hugh Bayley, c/o Nalgo, 104 Queens Rd, B'ton

\*CLAIMANTS UNION, meets at Resource Centre, North Road, Brighton, Tel 67141. Wed's 8pm Mon's 2pm-4pm.

\*SQUATTERS UNION, meets at Resource Centre Wed 8pm. tel 67141.

\*B'TON & HOVE TRADES COUNCIL Co-ordinating group of local trade unions affiliated to TUC; Keith Orange 688777. B&HTC LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT and LABOUR HISTORY PRESS 179 Lewes Rd, B'ton.

B'TON COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP Dance on Mondays Juniors 6.30-7.30, Seniors 7.30-9.30 at Carlton Hill School. Drama, mime and music on Wednesdays, Juniors 6.30-7.30, Seniors 7.30-9.30. Call 691318 for details.

\*B'TON FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCS Secretary, 72 Swanborough Pl, B'ton.

\*B'TON FILM THEATRE 64 North St. 29563. Support your local non-profit making cinema.

\*B'TON HOSTEL Soup-run 10.00-11.00 daily under the arches; meals 12.00-2.00 Sundays. Need clothes, food, Help! 686320; 105 Islingword Rd, B'ton.

\*B'TON BUS USERS ACTION GROUP Secretary, 78 Holmes Avenue, Hove. 722596.

\*B'TON LESBIAN GROUP 1st, 3rd & 5th Weds at Fl 1, 9 St Michaels Pl; info from Lee there.

\*B'TON SHORT-LIFE HOUSING ACTION GROUP 2 Prince Albert St. 202492.

\*B'TON SOCIETY Environmental group; Selma Montford, 10 Clermont Rd.

## GROUPS GATHERINGS ETC

\*B'TON TRADES & LABOUR CLUB Meeting place for trade unionists; 16 Lewes Rd. 61101.

\*BRITAIN/GDR SOCIETY Facts and info on East Germany; 686259.

\*CAMPAIGN AGAINST A CRIMINAL TRESPASS LAW c/o 7 Victoria Rd, B'ton. Watch for developments, especially meetings.

\*CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY Details of regular meetings from 202930 8.00-10.00pm daily. Also CHE Women's Group.

\*BRIGHTON WORK HAZARDS GROUP. Information & Resources (including Hazards Bulletin) on health and safety at work. Meet Mon's at Resource Centre North Rd Contact 68 Compton Road B'ton or phone 686302.

\*CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS Keith Smith, 10 Warleigh Rd, B'ton.

\*FRIENDS CENTRE Meeting place with educational classes; 16 Ship St, B'ton. 27835.

\*FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER Meditation, classes, discussion and lectures; 19 George St, B'ton. 695971.

\*GINGERBREAD Self-help and pressure group for one-parent families; 774087

\*MENTAL HEALTH GROUP Bringing psychiatric patients into the community; c/o Open 27878.

\*MOULESCOOMB ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND Needs money, materials and help; c/o 67 Centre, off Hodshrove Rd.

\*NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN Contact Womens Centre.

\*NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (Sussex Group) 689385 or write c/o Public House, 21 Little Preaton St, B'ton.

\*PRIOR HOUSE Youth and Community Centre; many activities, incl open creche; Carlton Hill. 681925.



\*RIGHT TO READ Mrs Prior 29801.

\*RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN Organising trade unionists and the unemployed to fight for the Right to Work; 19 Elm Grove, B'ton. Messages 720891.

\*SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENT & RESOURCES ASSOC 236 The Wrekin, Lindfield, Haywards Heath; Lindfield 3760.

\*SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING Daniele Furci, 12 Berkeley Row, Lewes. Lewes 2412

\*SUSSEX ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP c/o 11 George St, B'ton. 691318

\*TRANSPORT 2000 Kevin McNulty, 75 Upper Lewes Rd.

\*WE WANT THE WEST PIER CAMPAIGN John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue Gdns, B'ton. 28578.

\*WOMEN'S CENTRE Open 10-2 Mon-Fri and 6.30-8.30 Tues and Weds evenings at the Resource Centre, Presbyterian Church Hall, North Rd, Tel. 27612

\*WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM 684604.

WORKERS' MUSIC ASSOCIATION Meeting at Friends' Centre, Ship St. on 21st May 7.45 "Music and Song in Political Struggle." An illustrated talk.

\*WORKING ASSOC OF MOTHERS Linda Kinsella 55134. Baby sitting, creche, etc.

WORK HAZARDS GROUP. Information and resources (including Hazards Bulletin) on health and safety at work. 68 Compton Rd. Brighton.

## PAPERS

\*BRIGHTON FIGHT'S BACK Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) pamphlet on the cuts. 10p from 37 Gloucester Rd, B'ton.

\*EDUCAT Local teacher and education magazine; 42 Egremont Pl. 680258.

\*QUEENSPARK Paper for the Queens Park area. 14 Toronto Terr, B'ton.

\*SQUATTERS HANDBOOK Available from 2 St Pauls Rd, London N1, 10p + postage.

\*WAYBILL Newsheet of TGWU 1/402 Brighton and Hove District Busmen. Available from Conway St. Depot, Hove

\*WHOLE EARTH Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action. 20p from 11 George St, B'ton. 691318.

\*WRAG QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER available from Womens Centre, 174 Thorndean Rd, B'ton; 50p for 2 issues.

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## Callous A.B.C.

Dear Sir,

I am paralysed and confined to a wheel chair and on Saturday night I went with a friend to the ABC cinema. On arrival I was told that it was now not their policy not to let people like myself in on Saturday nights as I am a fire risk. However they would let me in on any other night of the week. I was very offended by this attitude. I was quite prepared to sit in the cinema seats, which is all that is required in any other cinema that is accessible and as it was far from being packed out and I had arrived early I did not feel that their argument was justified.