

RECORDS

**DUMPED!
LOST**

You can be fairly sure that the family history of Lord and Lady Whatnot is carefully preserved in some archive for the (doubtful) benefit of posterity. The history of the rest of us, however, is not so well treated.

A number of leather-bound records of the Brighton Workhouse were recently found by a reader after being dumped in a rubbish skip. They make up an important part of the background of the poor people of the town, but, despite their historical importance, had been thrown away as insignificant.

The records, dating from 1911-1930, make fascinating reading, and go a long way towards explaining many people's hostility to Social Security and Social Services, who are the heirs of the workhouse system of 'welfare'.

The County Archivist's Dept. has agreed that this treatment of working-class history is pretty appalling, and has undertaken to protest vigorously about it.

We trust that this will ensure such an event does not occur again - after all, someone has to protect Brighton's past, and history isn't just about the upper crust.



"Bloody Lenin again! Why can't you dress up as Father Christmas like everyone else's Dad?"

Free copy

If you want to be rung up by the Sunday Mirror, write a letter to Brighton Voice. That's what happened to Liz Osmond who wrote to us about her son's ordeal at the Co-op. Her letter appeared in our last issue (No. 41), and provided a story for the Gazette which splashed it across their front page without any acknowledgement to the Voice. Keep up the piracy, comrades on the Gazette! Our news is free. Even for the Sunday Mirror who wanted to take it on from the Gazette.

Oh Ron!

The Voice would like to welcome veteran Tory councillor Ron Shrivies to its regular readership. Can this really be an amazing conversion, or is it simply a case of 'know thine enemy'? On the other hand maybe he has taken a leaf out of Stan Theobald's pre-war book and become a fifth columnist. His public support for us and attempts to talk other Tory councillors into subscribing are on the verge of becoming embarrassing. Whatever it is, keep it up, Ron, we need the money....

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The Windhorse Bookshop is a place where literature, art and culture of the East and the West come together and merge, both through the books, posters and craft objects we offer, and through the activities of the Centre. It is run by the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order, a specifically western Buddhist organisation designed to meet the special needs of the 20th century. Through our various practices, from meditation to right livelihood, people are encouraged to develop as individuals, overcoming their psychological conditions and growing more and more in understanding, awareness, friendliness and energy.

The bookshop was started in 1975 and has taken a long time to get off the ground, but is now in the process of expansion. As well as books we stock quality cards, decorative candles, some beautiful posters and prints, and some of the cheapest Indian crafts and curios in town. We also have a good selection of

'Dog Bites Child'

(no joking)

Nobody likes football hooliganism much, but there comes a time when the cure is sometimes worse than the illness, and it seems to have arrived - in Brighton anyway.

During the Albion v. Crystal Palace match in October a horrifying event occurred that, strangely enough, was ignored by the T.V. cameras and the straight press.

Towards the end of the game a number of police with dogs collected in the north-west corner of the ground, by the touchline. At this point there was no trouble, apart from the ritual insults between rival supporters. Suddenly, one of our superbly-trained police dogs leapt up against a barrier and grabbed a little boy being held by his father. The child, aged about 7 was pulled bodily over the barrier and hurled to the ground, with the dog's teeth still sunk into his coat, or was it his flesh?

The dog's accompanying P.C. finally noticed what was going on and ordered the dog off. He picked up the child, passed him back to his father and spent the next ten minutes talking earnestly to him, presumably reassuring him about how well the dogs were trained. I used to think that too.

An Albion supporter.

Who? Read on..

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(More in next issue on the Friends of the Western Buddhist Order)

NOW WHICH LOT DID I CHOOSE?



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LOCAL JOURNALIST IN SHOW TRIAL

If the committal proceedings are anything to go by, the public will never know what Crispin Aubrey, John Berry and Duncan Campbell are said to have done. These three men are being tried under the Official Secrets Act, but on Thursday 10 November the prosecution demanded that the star witness for the Special Branch should remain unknown to the public, after securing the magistrates' agreement that the details of the charges against the defendants should be heard in secret. From the public's point of view this is no less than a Secret piece of prosecution to back up Secret charges heard in Secret and judged in Secret under the Official Secrets Act. And on top of it all the prosecution accused one of the defending lawyers of being unreliable because he was an ex-official of the National Council of Civil Liberties! If ever the NCCL had a job to do it is NOW.

Crispin Aubrey and Duncan Campbell, both journalists, and John Berry, their contact, were all arrested after an evening talking together in February. It is claimed by the prosecution that the subject matter of their discussion was an Official Secret. Who knows? Who will ever know?

Duncan Campbell



Duncan Campbell is a Scot-born in Glasgow 25 years ago. He spent his childhood in Dundee where he attended a local secondary school.

He started work with the East Sussex County Council in 1974 in their planning department and later became a teacher at a Newhaven comprehensive, after spending three years at Oxford University and one at Sussex. He has a first class degree in physics.

Soon after, he became a freelance

technical journalist, joined the NUJ, and has since been a regular contributor to *New Scientist* magazine and other papers. He is recognised as a specialist in communications and technology.

In 1976, he was the co-author with deported American journalist Mark Hosenball of an article in London's *Time Out* magazine describing the 'Eavesdroppers' - the British Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham. This article, the research for which involved no secret information, was the central piece of evidence at the Home Office's hearing into the Hosenball deportation.

He is a member of the Labour party and was a delegate to Brighton Trades Council for eighteen months before moving to London. Because of the pressure of the case and the Special Branch's seizure of all his books and papers, Duncan could not stay in Brighton and now lives in Islington. Like his co-defendants he has found difficulty in maintaining the normal patterns of his social and working life. Especially disheartening was the collapse of a small industrial co-operative, set up with two friends to manufacture drain inspection equipment for local authorities. This followed the seizure of even the business plans and accounts by the Special Branch.

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Drop the Official Secrets Charges!

Free posters and free stickers (such as the one shown on the centre page inside) can be got from the Committee set up to organise the defence of Aubrey, Berry and Campbell, i.e. the ABC Defence Campaign, c/o Time Out, 374 Grays Inn Road, LONDON WC1. Tel. 01 278 2377. They will welcome all support and donations towards defence costs.

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PAPERS

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VICTORY OF LEWISHAM

For most people, the question of fighting fascism is linked with the new Race Relations Act and the direct confrontation of the National Front at Lewisham. The attempt by the NF to march through Lewisham was a clear case of breaking the law by inciting racial hatred in this immigrant area. The march was hailed as a victory by the NF, but in fact nothing could be further from the truth. As was well known by all the antifascists in New Cross Road, the LPYS, Labour Party members, Trade Unionists, Women's Groups, Gay groups, and other socialist groups, the **VICTORY WAS OURS!**

No, we didn't stop all the fascists marching, but we gave them a lesson they will not forget. The front of the march, protected by police, did get through under a hail of missiles. The second part of the demonstration made the attempt, but ended up running away unprotected by the police as they were repaid in kind for the attacks and intimidation carried out by NF thugs on coloured families in the area.

What did the ordinary people of Lewisham have to say? 'This is disgusting. We objected to the march and they let it go

through anyway.'

'I fought against fascism in the last war and this kind of thing is not on for me.'

'I blame the national media for whipping up the trouble. My children here don't know the difference between black and white, and now they have to watch this.' (Observer, 14 Aug)

I think the events in Lewisham High St. after the fascists had slunk off were unfortunate, but when you consider the discrimination against black youth who can wonder that they lash out blindly. But we in the Labour movement have a lot more work to do within the black community to bring them closer to us.

'... A GOOD BEATING!'

Since Lewisham, the NF have desperately tried to organise further demonstrations, changing their slogans from 'send the blacks back' to 'law and order', but they have failed to rally more than a few hundred and continue to rely on secret deals with police chiefs. That demonstrates their weakness, and therein lies the victory of Lewisham.



It is obvious that we must build up our strength, build up our committee, educate ourselves about the dangers, and always build solid links within the labour movement, especially with coloured workers. Leon Trotsky pointed out that in fighting fascists we have to 'increase the hesitations and apprehensions of the bourgeoisie who use the fascists, by showing that we are stronger, that is by giving the fascists a good beating...'

We must argue strongly that the Race Relations Laws should be applied to the NF. As yet not one case has been brought against this racist party! We must draw the lesson from the deal made between the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and the NF, behind the backs of the elected councillors of that area to allow the racist march to take place to the disgust of local residents.

We have to expose the links between the openly fascist groups and right wing groups on the edge of the Tory party. As Harold McMillan pointed out, 'Fascism in Britain will not come wearing a black shirt, it will come wearing a Norfolk jacket'. We must take note of the activities of NAFF and other anti-Trade Union organisations, with their talk of 'survival of the fittest' and their support for dictatorships in Latin America and South Africa. We should never forget that when the privileges of the ruling class are threatened they will stop at nothing. Rod Fitch

FIGHTING FASCISM

A statement of policy and principle by the Chairperson of the Brighton and Hove Committee against Fascism.

Brighton has always had a tradition of opposition to fascism, from the battles with Mosley's blackshirts in the 1930s right through to the '60s. Last summer the vicious anti-immigrant campaign waged by the local and national press started to give fascist groups some credibility. In reaction the local Labour movement reactivated the joint committee against fascism.

The major task facing our committee is to bring together Trade Unionists and working people generally to form the basis from which a campaign can be waged. In the last year we have received active support from the local Labour parties, the Trades Council, a number of individual Trade Union branches, Student Unions and socialist groups, and have made solid links with the local Jewish community.

At our founding meeting we took the fundamental decision that our committee should be based on the Labour movement. While we recognize that other groups can play some sort of role in the fight against fascism, our attention can not be mis-directed by the sort of liberal thinking which believes that if we ignore fascism it will go away. Neither do we believe that we can always act in a pacifist manner; i.e. by posing the question of racialism in a purely humanitarian way.

The historic role of fascist parties is, and always has been, to mobilise the most hopeless and demoralised sectors of society, using racialism and nationalism and even attacks on monopoly capitalism, in order to smash and destroy the Labour and Trade Union movement. That is why, first and foremost we must fight fascism by attacking the very conditions that produce it, by putting forward a clear socialist solution to the problems that working people face.

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS in Brighton's sweat-shops

The strike at Grunwick in North London began over poor work conditions and low pay and led directly to the issue of the right to be a member of a recognised Trade Union and the protection that should offer. There are many potential Grunwicks throughout the country, but Brighton seems to have more than its fair share. There are many reasons for this, but they all have their root in the lack of a strong trade union tradition, the large number of isolated workshops and the transient nature of the workforce which has allowed big business interests to dominate the town.

Brighton has now been classified as a depressed area with housing, work and general living conditions for the working class in the town among the worst in the country. Firms like Malby's, Chrome Ltd, Walker Davis, D.M. Mechanisation have only managed to maintain their profits at the expense of the health and safety of their workers. Workers in Brighton's catering industry have to face the most appalling work conditions.

In the general economic crisis the conditions in some of these workplaces have actually got worse in recent years as the pressures to cut the costs of production have grown and production machinery itself has deteriorated. Many of these firms are non-unionised and the workforce have to exist in constant fear of being sacked over the slightest matter and ending up on Brighton's ever-growing Dole-queue.

Official statistics state that engineering and construction labourers have more than three times the chance of dying from lung cancer than members of the professional classes such as managers, solicitors, clergymen, etc.

T.U. Response

Brighton Trades Council are very aware of the problem of non-unionisation, low pay and poor work conditions in this area and the need for strong trade union support for workers who wish to organise against this situation. In response to this need the Trades Council have set up a sub-committee to actively provide this support.

On another level Brighton Work Hazards Group has been building up contacts with workers in some of the worst factories by leafleting at the factory gates. The group aims to provide these workers with the necessary support, information and contacts.



SOME PEOPLE HAVE BROADER SHOULDERS THAN OTHERS

Malby's

The similarities between Mr Malby of Malby's Ltd and Mr Ward of Grunwicks are strong. The conditions at Mr Malby's little factory at the bottom of Queens Park Road are depressing to say the least. The pay at less than £1 an hour is not exactly inspiring either.

The main process at the factory involves the etching of aluminium plates using such dangerous chemicals as sulphuric acid, nitric acid, ammonia, caustic soda, hydrochloric acid, petrol and acetone. These chemicals can cause serious damage to the eyes, lungs, liver, skin, etc. Other dangers include unguarded guillotines, dangerous delivery procedures, noise and faulty electrics.

Workers at Malby's have told members of Brighton Work Hazards Group about the conditions inside the factory and the ever present threat that Malby holds over their heads in the form of threats to close the place down if they organise a union.

One worker explained that "the etching section was so full of fumes that they were enough to knock you out." Another worker explained that the acid fumes were so bad that they made his clothes rot. Apparently the only "safety measure" in operation is the pint of milk the management give the workers to clear their throats of the effects of the fumes!

Some of the workers said that they would like to organise and force the management to improve the conditions. However, understandably, they are frightened of losing their jobs or finding themselves in a similar situation as the Grunwick strikers. One woman pointed out that since she was over 50 it would be nearly impossible for her to find another job if she was sacked.

Walker Davis

Walker Davis is a small packing factory in Lancing dealing in pharmaceuticals and other substances such as 'Grecian 2000' which is a hair dye. A large section of the workforce is employed on a temporary basis through the employment agency, Manpower, an organisation which "feeds" those desperate for work into jobs which many workers would refuse to do.

We have received a number of reports about the conditions inside this nasty little factory.

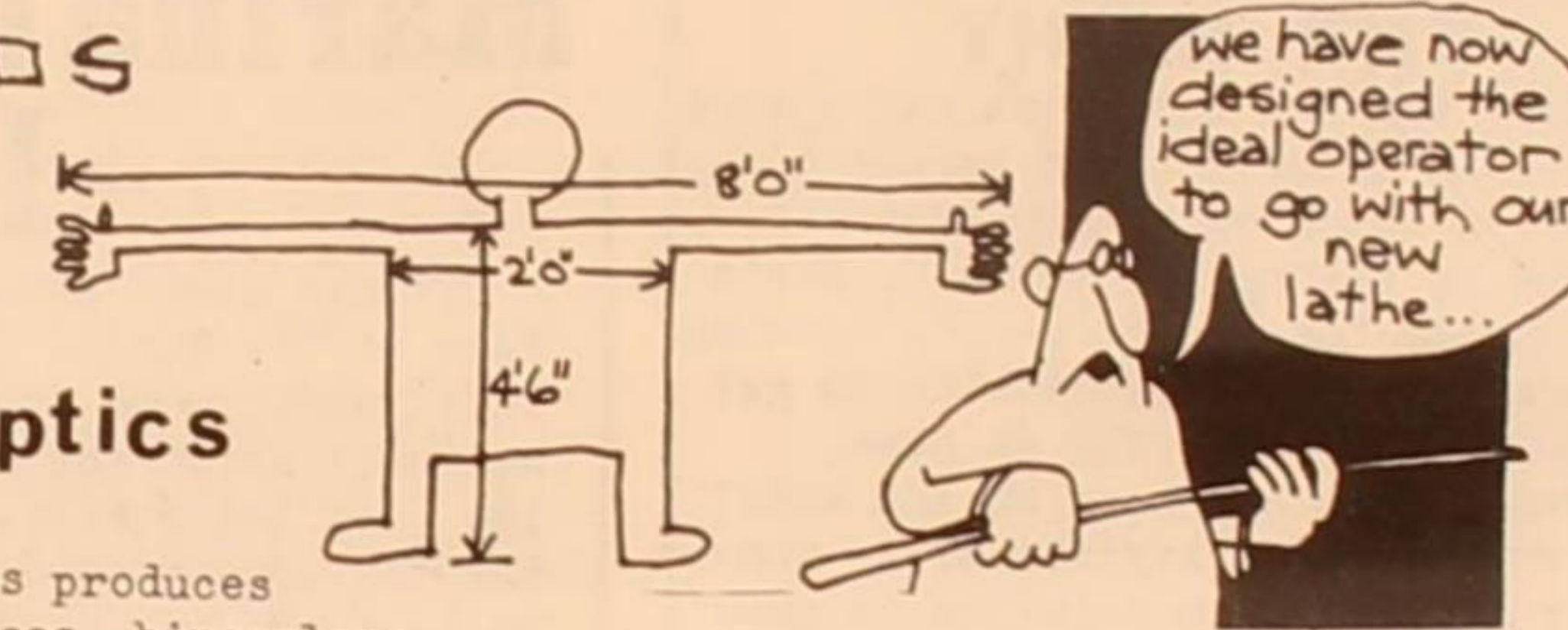
One woman who was employed by Manpower and worked on the Grecian 2000 bottling line told us that many of the workers were highly suspicious of the chemicals they were being forced to work with. However attempts to find out what the hair dye contained were unsuccessful, since the management reacted with the "if you don't like it you can leave" line.



The transient nature of the workforce combined with the dictatorial nature of the management has meant that worker organisation in the factory is very weak. One worker, employed via Manpower, explained that "dismissals in the factory were frequent and several of our team have been told not to come back, not because they were inefficient, but because they were considered subversive."

HAZARDS CONT.

Rayner Optics



Rayner Optics produces lenses for glasses, binoculars, guns, etc. According to one worker the general conditions inside the factory are "not good". Of particular concern is the use of Trichloroethylene (Trike) as a degreasing solvent.

Trike causes a wide range of ill-effects on the skin, heart, liver, kidneys and the nervous system. In particular it can cause unexpected death from heart damage, cancer of the liver and brain damage. Yet apparently recent school-leavers are being forced to work on the trike tanks so that they are being exposed to these dangerous fumes. Even worse the tanks are heated so that they give off phosgene gas as well (phosgene gas was used as a killer gas in World War 1.)

Last year a member of the Hazards Group worked at Rayner Optics and was actually sacked for attempting to warn school-leavers of the dangers that exposure to trike fumes has on their health and for refusing to work on the trike tanks himself.

Chrome Ltd

Chrome Production Ltd, of Hove, is a small metal-plating enterprise. We have been told that the conditions in the plant are very disturbing.

It should be noted that chrome plating is a very hazardous process. Exposure to chrome and its compounds can lead to severe ulceration and cancer. Trike is used as a degreasing agent. In fact about two years ago some independent investigators discovered that the concentrations of the trike fumes in the atmosphere were well above the Factory Inspectorate's so-called safe limit, despite the fact that a Factory Inspector had recently visited the factory and found the levels satisfactory.



Catering

The above give some idea of the conditions in just a few of Brighton's sweat-shops. However there are many more hazardous workplaces such as D. M. Mechanisation and S.A.F.T. The catering industry is perhaps the worst employer in town - it forces its workers to work long hours at low rates of pay and exposes them to high temperatures, often with little ventilation, and carcinogenic fatty fumes. Kitchen hands have more than 4 times the chance of dying from T.B. than the average worker.

However it is not only the small and generally non-unionised workplaces that are hazardous. Hazards still exist in the larger factories like Gross and Creeds, except that the large union organisation means that workers are in a stronger position to fight for improvements in conditions.

The Law

Factory Inspectors are usually overworked and have little power. The few fines they do impose on firms,

for what can amount to murder, usually average around £75. Usually

Factory Inspectors recommend cheap solutions that do not protect workers health e.g. like forcing workers to wear protective clothing rather than forcing management to clean up the process. They often talk in terms of safe limits (Threshold Limit Values) which in reality are economic limits defined by what the State and the bosses think they can afford.

Many of the workers in these workplaces are school-leavers, old or disabled and find it very difficult to stand up to threatening and dictatorial management. Those who do attempt to fight back often find themselves in an isolated and vulnerable position and often

sacked, yet they rarely get the sort of protection you would expect from the law.

For example a carpenter working on the multi-million pound swimming complex at Eastbourne was sacked for refusing to work with the killer substance asbestos. Also a window cleaner working for School and General Cleaning Co Ltd. at Sussex University was sacked for refusing to work with dangerous "safety gear". In both these case an appeal to an Industrial Tribunal was rejected!

Organise!



STAND UP AND ORGANISE!

To suffer bad conditions, we do not think it wise. With bumps and lumps on bones and bum, and grit all in our eyes. So, when the doctors try to hide the facts and the bosses tell us lies. The workers have but one refrain - Stand up and Organise!

However the struggle at Grunwicks has shown that no group of workers need feel isolated and if they wish to fight back they should expect the trade union movement to offer the necessary support. The new sub-committee on the Trades Council is in a good position to offer this support when needed and Brighton Work Hazards group can offer information, advice and contacts if necessary.

For instance an attempt has already been made by the Trades Council to organise a black-listing of some of Brighton's hotels who employ workers at low rates of pay and force them to work in bad conditions. The Trades Council is asking the thousands of conference delegates who visit the town each year to boycott the cheating hoteliers.

On another level Brighton Work Hazards Group has offered interested workers detailed information on particular hazards and how to fight them, e.g. the sort of demands that can be made to management by workers being exposed to trike fumes are enclosure, ventilation or substitution by water soluble solvents.

These developments are only a start. However if the full weight of the trade union movement is brought to bear without the restraint imposed by the T.U.C. and the Labour government, then the Malbys of this world will soon be the ones who should have alot to fear.

'OIRISH' NF PRESS

The last issue of the 'Voice' broke the story on the secret N.F. press in Brighton. Since then the Gazette has sent its reporter up to peer through letter-boxes and Andrew Bowden has said he is satisfied there is nothing going on, whilst Mr. Hancock, as droll as his namesake, says the premises are rented to a man from Limerick named Murphy!

Investigations by the 'Voice' have, to our great disappointment, failed to find any trace of slippery Mr. Murphy, but the phone which was installed in the premises 18 months ago was in the name of Hancock, and remains in that name today. The premises are listed as belonging to R.P.S. News Ltd., a scurrilous little rag long published by the Hancocks. The initials 'R.P.S.' stand for Racial Preservation Society, a tiny, 100-membership group which was one of the three founding bodies of the N.F. Within the N.F. they have assumed a 'technical' function, providing printing back-up and writing literature rather than hitting the hustings and headlines.

The police persisted in playing patsy on the whole affair, saying piously that they could do nothing under the Race Relations Act until they received a complaint. To our knowledge several complaints had been sent to the police. But Bowden now says the police have at last 'investigated' and are satisfied no work is being done on the premises. In that case it is surprising that their keen-eyed constables have failed to see the rolls and packs of paper being delivered to the factory. What really needs investigating is the reluctance, almost amounting to a refusal, by the police to act in the matter.

Meanwhile the curious connections of Brighton with fascists and apologists for fascism continue to surface. The latest is a book white-washing the Waffen S.S., which is published by Munin (U.K.) from a Box number in Brighton that turns out to be 42 Buckingham Road. Munin is a small German publisher in Osnabruck, West Germany, who specialize solely in books on the S.S. Last year they published 5 such volumes. In Brighton they are represented by Patrick Hinchy and his German wife Traute. The claim is that they want 'to set the record straight' on the S.S. Connections between the Hinchy family and right-wing politics are not expected to be hard to find.

WOMEN RECLAIM THE NIGHT

Three women I know personally were attacked after dark in Brighton last week. A woman out on her own at night is asking for trouble. She's obviously "on the pick-up", looking for a man, secretly wanting to get raped. Why isn't she at home, anyway, with her husband and kids? Or out with her boyfriend? As women we're all seen in relation to men. If we're not in the company of one man, we're seen as sexually available to any man. We're continually hassled, intimidated, and often physically assaulted. Why should we have to steel ourselves just to go into a pub on our own, or to pass a building site. We're seen not as people but as sexual objects for the gratification of men. At night especially we're even more vulnerable. The offensive remarks often turn into physical violence. Last year there were 1,094 rapes and 10,901 indecent assaults on women (and these are just the reported ones). Most rape victims prefer not to go through a harrowing court case in which their past sexual relationships are dragged up. Rape is the only crime in which the victim must prove her innocence.

In Germany earlier this year women decided to reclaim the night for themselves, marching through the cities, shouting, singing, and celebrating, taking over the streets and making space for themselves (something women are never allowed to do.) There was some physical abuse from male bystanders who found the sight of women being strong and enjoying themselves together an affront to their egos. Last Saturday night, 12th November, women in England reclaimed the night. In Brighton 70 of us met in the Resources Centre, painted our faces, armed ourselves with torches, leaflets and anything that made a lot of noise, and marched together through the centre of Brighton. It was very satisfying to see men at a loss for once, moving out of the way for us. As we marched down Western Road I heard one woman say, "I can't count the number of times I've walked down here at night wishing I was invisible."

Certainly no-one holds any illusions that the situation will be any different in the future. Rapes and assaults on women will continue. Last Saturday can only be a beginning. We must shatter this myth of the "uncontrollable male urge" and see rape for what it is, the physical assertion of men's power over women. The only real answer to rape is the fight of all women to control our own lives. Being able to defend yourself physically is an important part of that. A large number of assaults have been thwarted by a woman simply standing up to her attacker and at least appearing to be able to defend herself. Even a piercing shriek will often scare away an attacker. There are women's self-defence classes at the Resource Centre. Any woman who is interested, phone Tasha at 65177.

Marina Dispute - Latest

Things move along very slowly down at the Marina site. Since our last issue, next to nothing has happened about the one issue outstanding from the strike. What is news is that 85 construction workers are to be laid off by Christmas. This isn't being resisted.

As we go to press the district officials of T&GWU and UCATT, the two senior shop stewards and the Taylor Woodrow management are due to hold a meeting on site to discuss the outstanding problem of the bonus scheme. The men are demanding the minimum cut-off level of payment, before the addition of any money under an incentive scheme. As we have reported before, under the present scheme some men are getting less each, bonus included, than they did before any incentive scheme was introduced. The senior stewards want an Investigating Committee to monitor all payments. Management agrees that there is a problem, but denies the necessity of any monitoring body. Despite the intransigence of the site director, who has labelled the two senior stewards "trouble-makers", it is thought that if negotiations can be conducted exclusively at site level an agreement can be reached. Again as we have said before the men have absolutely no intention of breaking the pay code.

There should have been some redundancies in May, before the strike. But now, with Taylor Woodrow due to leave the site in June 1978, and the notices coming late as they did, the senior stewards seem fairly happy with the present arrangement. The Project Manager, with little to lose, has been cooperative and the stewards were able to get extensions for 50% of the met till Christmas. 156 will stay on the job. If more work comes up some will come off the list. The list took the stewards two weeks to finalise. They had urged caution on those men who had wanted weekend work, and had pointed out how this would bring the date for redundancies nearer. They say that this was the biggest problem they had to deal with.

One of the men met at the gate by a Voice reporter claimed that the senior stewards had "done their utmost to protect the men's jobs until Christmas". He agreed that the demand for work at weekends had been a big contradictory factor. Some men had endangered the prospects of the rest of the site.

We see the same old fundamental contradictions here between the interests of the men and those of the company. We can only stress that the best possible deal has been obtained. Taylor Woodrow never gives anything away. For these men who haven't been on site statutory two years- nothing!

BUSMEN INTERVIEW

Fare Increases

At Conway St Hove the direct result has been the putting into service of 32 new buses to replace the ageing "Queen Marys", that have been the mainstay of the conductor operated routes for well over ten years. "The lads picked the routes on which the new buses were to be used and after a week or so checks were taken to ensure that there were no operating problems".

And what of the recent fare increases? Did the union oppose these? "It was the intention of the whole fleet to oppose these increases", said Brian, "but it is a sad fact that there was a lack of interest by the membership to put forward a strong case on the matter." That didn't seem to be very good, seeing that the busmen need a good relationship with the travelling public and fare increases can hardly produce that.

"The death of the 'Save Our Services' committee was the cause of the lack of opposition to the fare rise just implemented", Brian admitted, "but now the committee has been revived, the lads are volunteering to sit on it. It is contacting other community groups, to get them involved, and has speakers available to visit groups to explain the latest position".

"We want more contact with the community", Brian told us, "if community groups care to write to us at Conway Street, we will gladly send a speaker to their group and foster permanent links with them. Without the community we are nothing - we can negotiate every day of the week, but it finally won't mean anything unless we have the support of the community."

So it is clear that the Brighton busmen have a difficult period ahead. The one-man bus issue is clearly very important. Those of us who have seen how long it takes a one man bus to take on its load in Churchill Square, or seen a Mum with children and pushchairs struggle onto the bus without a conductor to give them a hand, know that a bus conductor is by no means redundant in a busy urban area such as Brighton. We wish the busmen well in their campaigns and urge all community groups to contact them and give their support.

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There have been a number of new developments on the Brighton buses since the Voice reported the busmen's highly successful strike in its September edition.

A Voice reporter visited Conway Street Garage and interviewed union committee member Brian Avery. He began by asking him what his reaction was to the Voice reporting of the strike. "Brighton Voice is now an accepted part of the branch", Brian said, "It set the balance right, regarding our side of the dispute which the Argus had completely ignored. We see Brighton Voice as the best medium of publicity that we have and look forward to using it in the future. We urge every trade union branch to take the Voice and to sell it in the workplace".

Daimler Fleet

What happened as a result of the strike? The Daimler 'Fleet line', the mechanical state of which was the cause of the dispute, have been sent to central works for repair. "When the first one was done," Brian noted, "it was checked to see how the improvements showed themselves on the road. There was certainly more power and stabilisers had been fitted, which made for a much improved ride, but no power steering had been fitted. The lads at Worthing were unhappy with this, and the bus has been sent back for more repairs."

Another repercussion of the strike is that discipline has been much stricter, especially at Worthing, where the dispute began.

Firemen's Strike

Take home pay for Fire service workers starts at about £39.46, rising on appointment to £40.80 after 6 months; to £42.21 after 3 years; to £43.75 in the fourth year, ending on £46.71 as the qualified rate (F. B. U. figures).

This is for a 48 hour week! The claim is for 30% to bring them in line with the average wage of an industrial worker, plus 10% because of the dangers of the job and the special skills needed. They are also asking for a reduction in their working week

The Brighton Labour Party Executive have passed a motion in support of the firemen, implying a criticism of the government's pay policy.



"Your father got out of the wrong side of bed this morning"

THE DAMAGING IMPACT OF THE CUTS IS STEADILY GROWING.

County Tories Slash Out

East Sussex County Council are again planning massive cuts in services for next year. In a recent newsletter from the county branch of NALGO Owen Davies gave a clear and prophetic warning of the extent of these cuts:-

"Education, Social Services, Highways, Libraries - all the services which bore the brunt of cuts last year are in line for a further bashing this year... Healey and his boffins at the Treasury seem determined to cut the overall amount of the Rate Support Grant again and to force a further transfer of resources from the counties to the cities... It's not too early to see what the intentions of the majority party on the County Council are. THEY ARE ALREADY PLANNING TO EXCEED THE GOVERNMENT'S CUTS TARGET BY 50%. The government's guidelines call for cuts of £1.3 million, and it's worth remembering that NALGO does not accept the need for ANY cuts. But our Tory masters are already planning to implement cuts of £2 million, £700,000 more than 'necessary'."

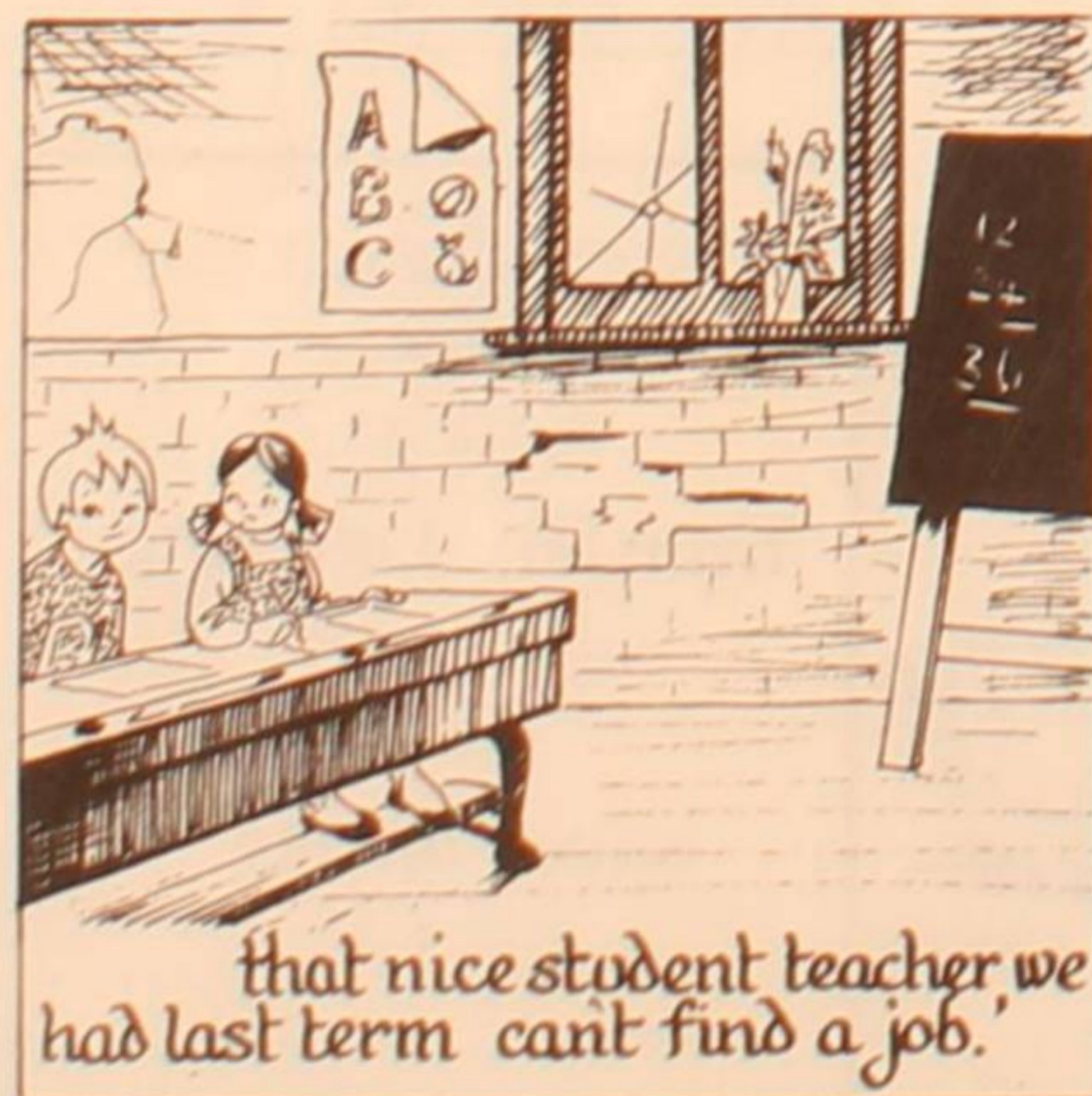
Since this article was written the full council has met and has decided to go ahead with the £2 million cuts. They intend to do this by what they shamefully call 'assumed savings' - a phrase intended to confuse the public. These 'assumed savings' are cuts, and the Tories intend to implement them now instead of waiting until they know the amount of the Rate Support Grant. David Green, leader of the Tory hatchet men on the Council, made a lot of fuss when justifying this policy, talking about the need to retain 'flexibility'. What a load of rubbish!! If he wants to be 'flexible' why does he make £2 million cuts BEFORE THEY ARE 'NECESSARY' - necessary, that is, in the Labour government's warped ideas of economic priorities.

These 'assumed savings' are going to be made from a list of possible cuts which total £3 million. In that list are such cuts as 'the closure of all nursery schools and classes in the county', 'the closure of one old people's home and two children's homes in Brighton', 'the closure of a fire station at Herstmonceaux' and scores of other cuts which will inflict major damage on public services in Sussex. From this list the Council are now agreed to make £2 million cuts. THAT IS, TWO THIRDS OF THESE 'POSSIBLE CUTS' WILL BE MADE WHATEVER THE RATE SUPPORT GRANT TURNS OUT TO BE.

It is extremely doubtful if many of the Councillors knew what they were doing - they just voted like sheep behind Cllr Green & Co, who had the hypocrisy to say that the 'savings' were 'cuts that hardly hurt'.

Let there be no mistake. The Labour government are demanding cuts for which there is no social or economic necessity. But the local Tories are going further. They are deliberately exceeding these cuts.

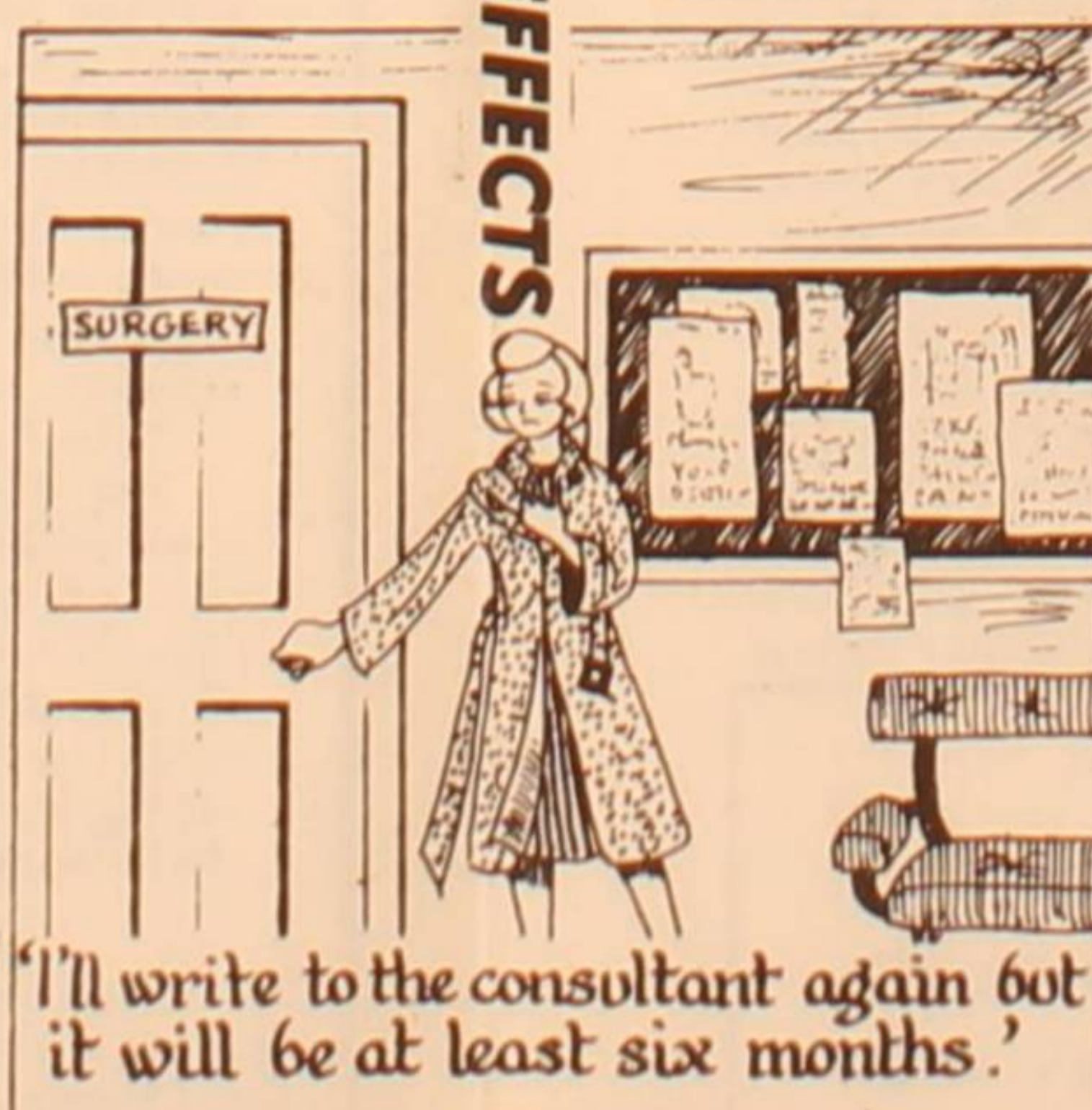
FIGHT ALL CUTS NOW. THEY AFFECT ALL OF US, AND NONE OF THEM CAN BE JUSTIFIED, LEAST OF ALL THE £700,000 EXTRA AXED BY THE EAST SUSSEX TORY MACHINE.



that nice student teacher we had last term can't find a job.



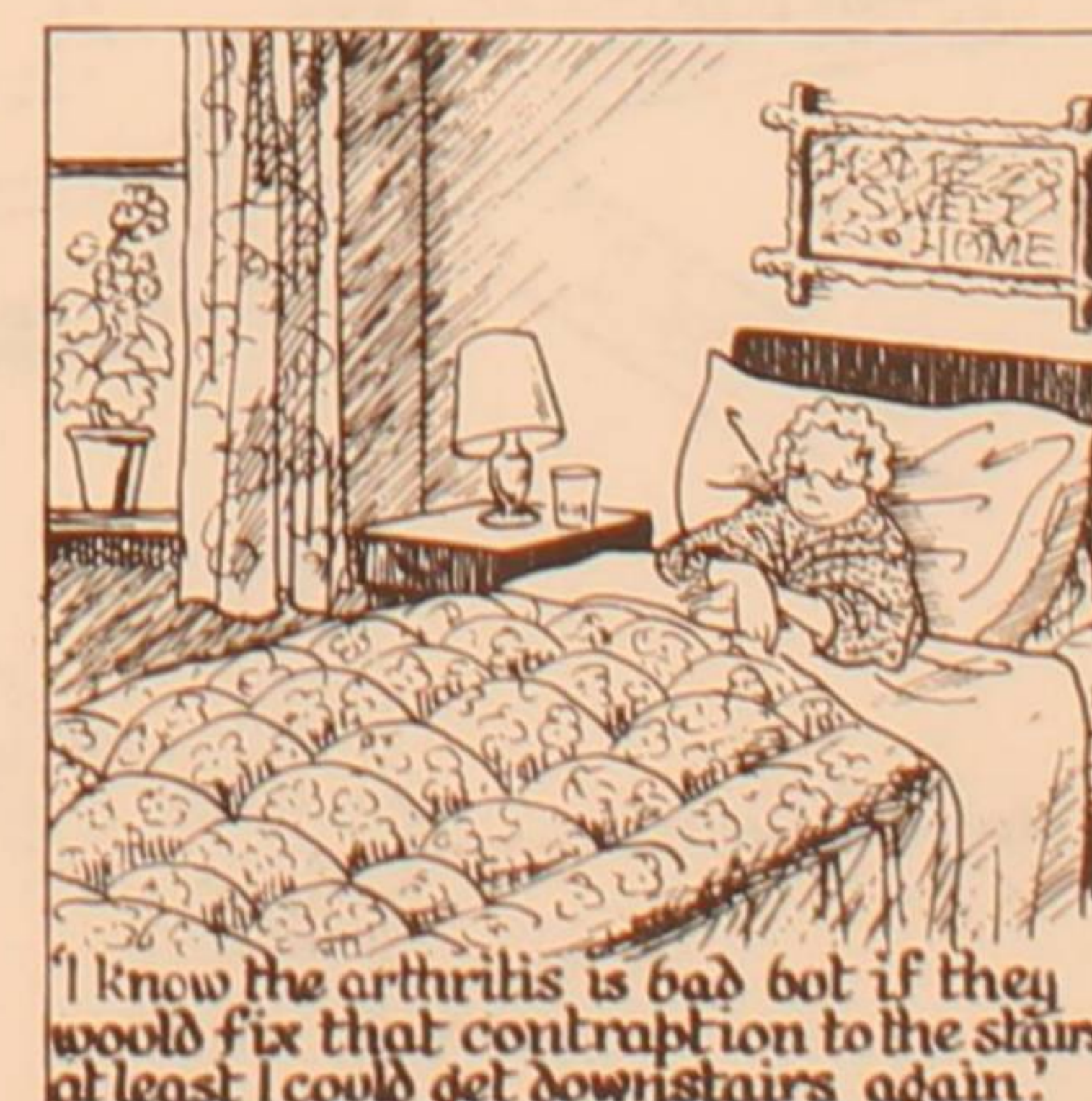
'I used to like reading the daily news in here.'



'I'll write to the consultant again but it will be at least six months.'



'Rents gone up again! If only I could say that about my pay packet.'



'I know the arthritis is bad but if they would fix that contraption to the stairs at least I could get downstairs again.'

Rents up! -

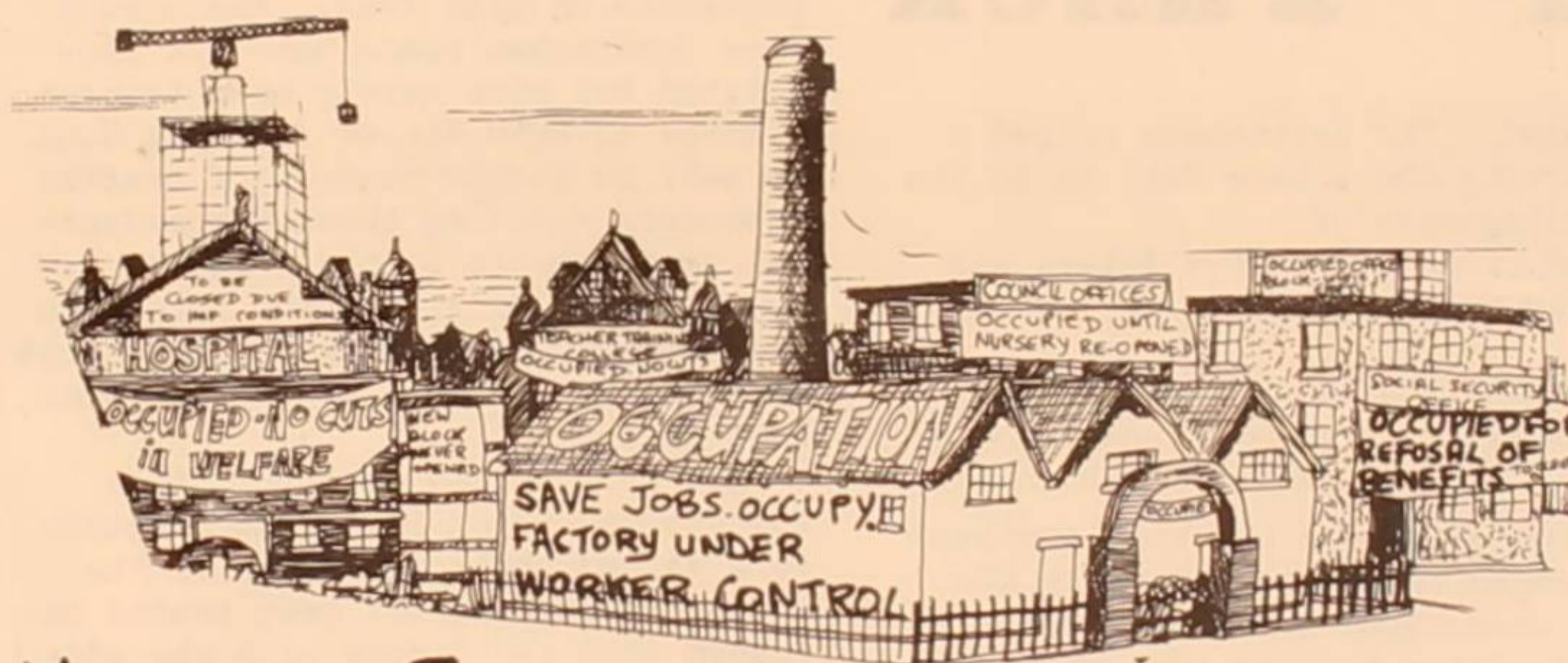
DESPITE £¼m SURPLUS!

The Tories on the Lewes District Council have just discovered that Council rents in the old Borough of Lewes are generally lower than rents in other parts of the district i.e. Chailey, Seaford and Newhaven. This is due to Lewes Borough's better record of Council House building, enabling it to pool rents over a longer period, and not least because prior to reorganisation, Lewes Borough (then Labour controlled) refused to implement the higher rents implied in the Tory Housing Finance Act. Labour Councillors drew up a schedule of rents which - while comparable with rents in the private sector - were considerably lower than those of the surrounding authorities.

So now the Tory-controlled District has decided to 'rationalise' rents, which for 65% of Lewes tenants means an increase of, on average, £2.27 per month. This, you might think is only fair, and so it might be if it were not for the fact that last year the rents in the District as a whole were so high (the highest in the County) that the Housing Revenue Account showed a surplus of £279,000!! That is the equivalent of nearly a ¼ of the whole rent bill, and means that in effect tenants were already paying 75p per week more than was necessary.

What's more, because of tight government controls on housing expenditure, the District will find it extremely difficult to use this surplus. So who needs higher rents? Despite being urged to delay the increases until they might be needed, the Tories found their desire to be 'fair' too strong to resist.

ACTION AGAINST THE CUTS



Nursery Education

"Don't just save our schools - expand them!"

The future of nursery education in Brighton and East Sussex is still under threat. On 25 October a full meeting of E.S.C.C. refused to remove nursery education from the list of possible cuts, but a petition of over 11,500 signatures and one of the biggest demonstrations seen outside Pelham House for years undoubtedly made the Council aware that the public is fully against them on this issue. The non-political campaign to Save Our Nursery Schools has been a conspicuous success.

As the Councillors arrived they were met by over 200 parents, children, teachers, student-teachers, social workers and trade unionists, who had been given the facts of the situation by a number of speakers. Dave Hill, chairperson of Turnerland Managers, Brian Fitch, Labour Councillor, Val Neves of the National Union of Teachers, and Owen Davies from NALGO, all spoke in full support of the campaign. No Tory councillor risked breaking party ranks to join these speakers, though Danny Sheldon came as close as he could by mingling with the crowd.

By contrast, one of the Tory backwoodsmen, Councillor White,

started shouting and getting hot under the collar when he was asked if he was impressed by the demonstration. Looking like a cross between a bloodhound and a sea lion, he accused the non-political crowd of being 'political stooges and irresponsible'. This brought him a bit of attention, and the crowd asked him who he was. But the brave, outspoken champion of reaction didn't have the guts to give his name!

During the meeting itself, an assurance was given that the cuts would probably not, in the end, affect nursery provision. But they are still possible, and there are some Tory hawks who want to get their own back on the ordinary parents and teachers who have mounted such an impressive display of public opinion. The campaign must take account of this. But it must also increase its demands. Even if this struggle is won, we should go on fighting for INCREASED nursery education. Only one child in every twenty gets some nursery education in East Sussex - far fewer than in most other areas. We want opportunities for all kids, not just for our own.

A local parent.

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SUFFER FROM THEIR EFFECTS

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Drop the Official Secrets Charges!

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DIALS DIRT TRACK

Everybody must have noticed the alterations going on at the Seven Dials recently heralded on the pavements by large signs bearing the promising message 'CHANGED PRIORITIES AHEAD'. Why has the work been going on? We have been given two reasons for the alterations,

- 1) a reduction in traffic delays at peak hours
- 2) improved pedestrian safety.

The Seven Dials is one of the major traffic intersections in Brighton, as can be seen by the map, so these alterations affect the majority of Brighton's car and public transport users as well as pedestrians and local residents. (This is also an area of dense population where 90 percent of the houses have been converted into flats and bedsits). The council in an attempt to minimise the amount of dissent provoked by the scheme are behaving as if 2 or 3 residents in Bath Street have made a complaint in a selfish attempt to prevent enormous benefits from being gained by the rest of Brighton.

A public meeting was held on Sunday October 9th at All Saints Church Hall, Compton Avenue and despite only a day or two of notice over one hundred very angry people

attended. The criticisms raised concerning the scheme fell in to the two categories of

- 1) Reduction in traffic delays and
- 2) Pedestrian safety.

Firstly the roundabout has been made smaller to make it possible for traffic to move in two lanes round the roundabout. As has been observed the larger space when entering the Dials encourages motorists to use it as a junction instead of a roundabout, or as one ambulance driver observed 'like a dirt-track'. What is the point of two lanes of traffic when all but one of the exits consist of single lane traffic? After an initial spurt of speed across the roundabout cars must now weave and jockey for position and squeeze themselves into single traffic lanes.

Smashing Jam

Previously traffic delays were largely confined to the peak hours. For the 4p.m.-5p.m. period, queues were split between Dyke Road South and Buckingham Place queue along Bath Street and then give it priority over the Dyke Road queue. This has naturally resulted in Dyke Road

queues now extending further than before, cutting off the Lee Nursing Home in Dyke Road, and obstructing the free entrance and exit of ambulances from the various hospital departments on Dyke Road. The queues from Buckingham Place have not diminished but have merely been transplanted to Bath Street and Dyke Road as well as larger numbers of traffic movements speeding through residential side streets such as Compton Avenue, Clifton Hill, Clifton Road, Winblesham Avenue etcetera in an attempt to avoid the queues or make up time lost in them.

How well suited is Bath Street for its new role? Pertinent question such as had the foundations of the houses in Bath Street been tested to ensure they could cope with the additional traffic, and what were disabled drivers expected to do now that they could no longer park outside the toilets for the disabled, and the nearest parking bay was 40 or 50 feet away remained unanswered.

Bath Jam

Bath Street is a very short road in which to cross over from one lane of traffic to another especially when negotiating the taxi rank and lorries loading and unloading for the pie factory situated there. These almost permanent fixtures virtually ensure single lane traffic.

Traffic swinging wide to negotiate the corners at the narrow junctions at either end of Bath Street have caused four accidents so far. One bus trying to negotiate one of the two corners that are sharper than 90 degrees got its steering wheel locked and the driver had to dismount to poke around under the bonnet thus helping to speed up the traffic flow enormously. Most of the other buses and long vehicles don't try that hard and simply mount the pavements as the crushed kerbstones testify.

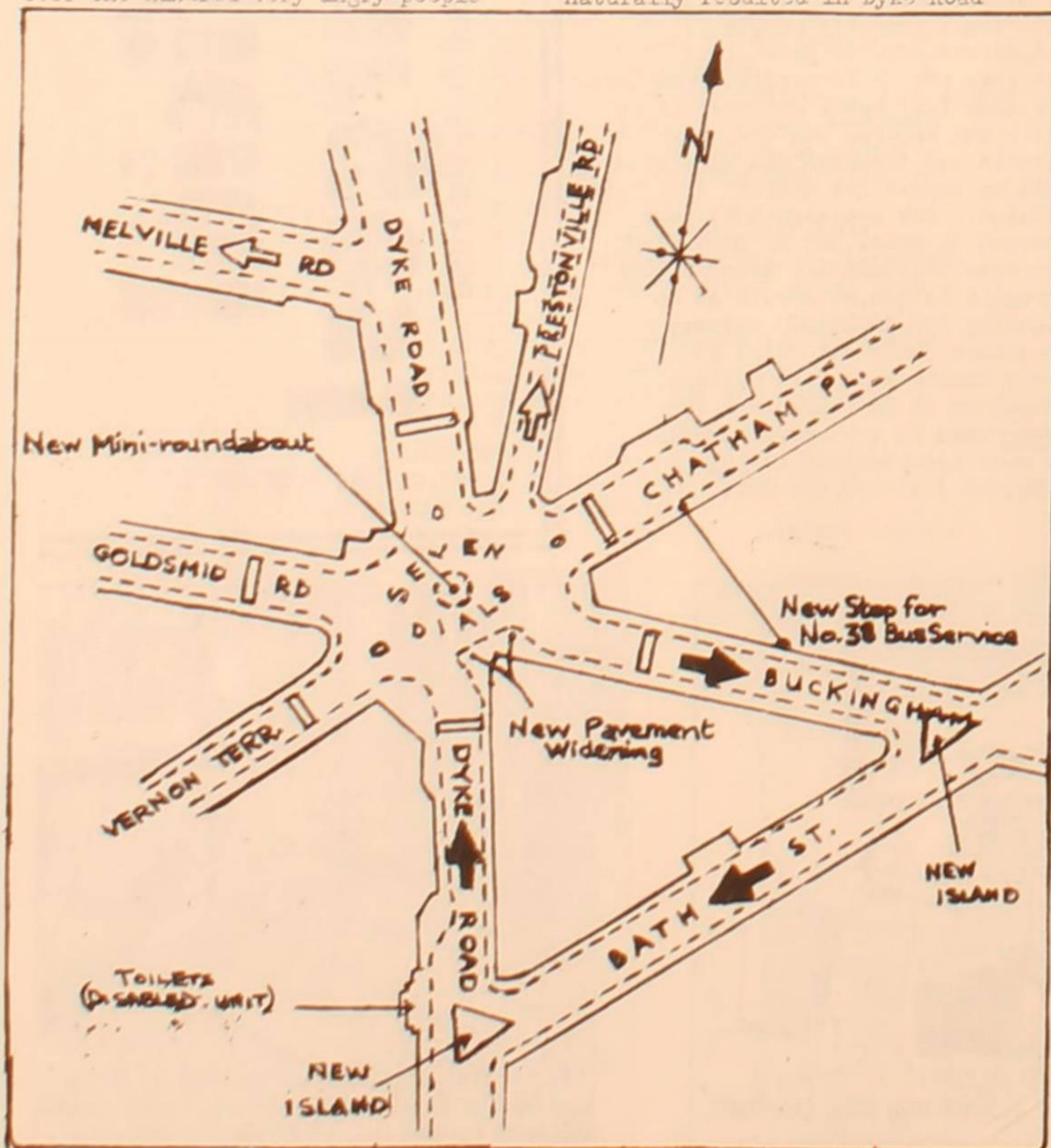
The second major concern is that of how the local pedestrians are affected, those people who spend hours in the area shopping and socialising and not simply minutes in a car.

The hundred or so people at the public meeting were unanimous in their disapproval of the new one way scheme, and there were representatives there from the Clifton and Montpelier, West Hill and Preston Park community associations. There were

also the Secretary of the Trades Council (an ex bus operative), many local traders including the Chemist who issues a hundred prescriptions daily, and Mr. Tegn representing Lee Nursing Home in Dyke Road who spoke of staff and elderly patients being

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too frightened to go to the local shops for all the reasons already mentioned. The Borough Engineer quoting figures about traffic movements did not dispell the anxiety of the people at the meeting although he did make the concession that a pelican crossing might be necessary at the Bath Street/Dyke Road junction this would however impede traffic flow and obliterate the whole reason for the oneway system through Bath Street.

Jam Pudding

It would also mean that;

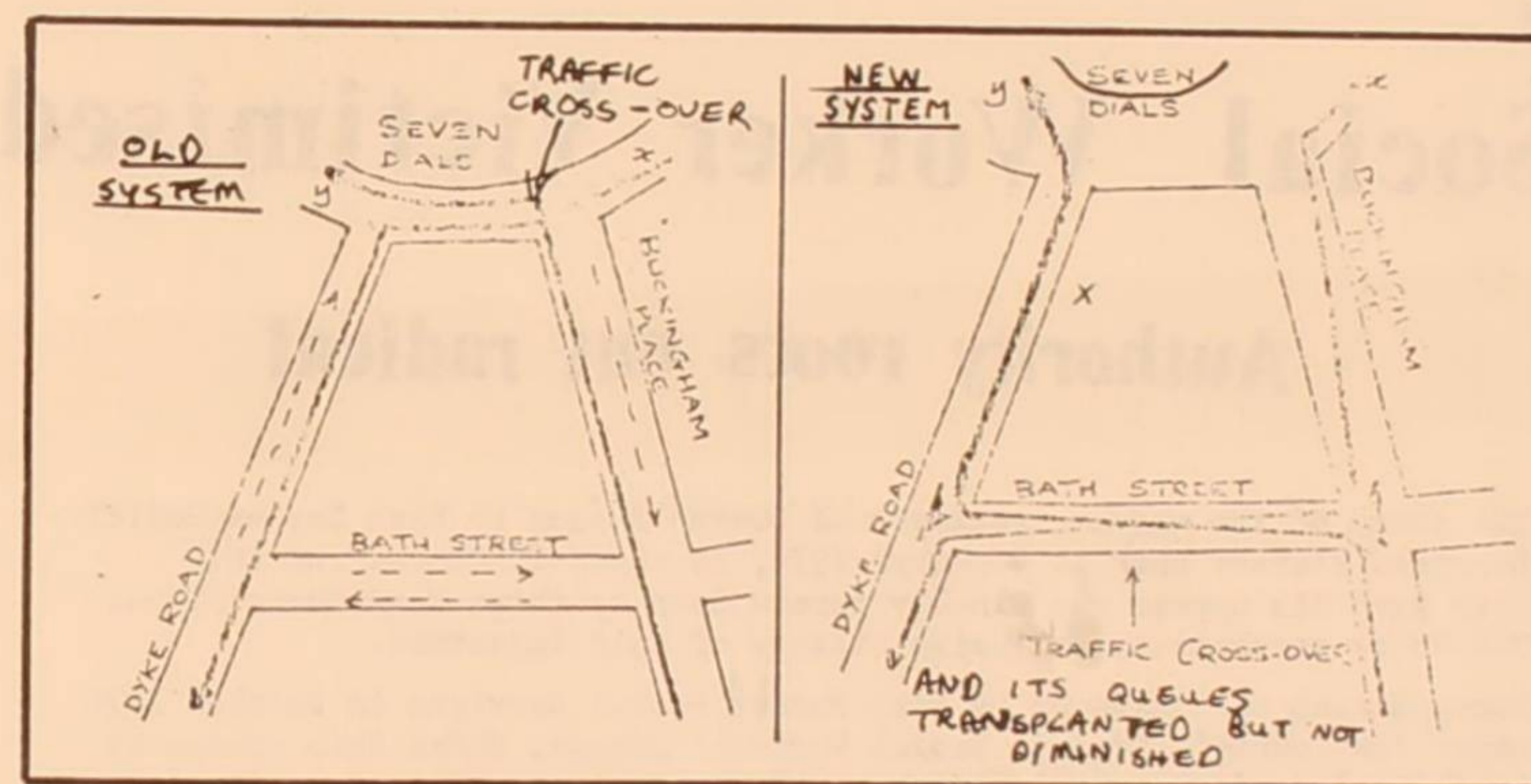
- 1) Lavers vans and Taxis would have to be moved 40 feet along Bath Street where they could interfere with merging traffic.
- 2) Motorists would not only have to contend with;
 - a) Merging traffic at the entry junction to Bath Street, where heavy vehicles owing wide to negotiate the tight corners, and
 - b) crossing over lanes to get to their respective exits. But also looking out for traffic signals.

The pedestrian must come second despite the fact that the area is so busy that the council in days of better sense thought it necessary to build public toilets there including the disabled unit already mentioned, and the Post Office provided three telephones and a letter box, all these in constant use. Councillor Theobald failed to appease the general wrath at the public meeting with such tactful statements as, "Anyone who was presumptuous enough to say in advance (i.e. before 6 months were up) whether or not the scheme was a success or not was a fool!"

to over 100 people who clearly had made up their minds.

Several questions raise themselves about the high-handed way in which the scheme has been carried out and the misleading information the council is using to justify the scheme. The scheme that has been carried out is completely different to the original proposals set out in the Brighton Area Traffic Management Study in 1975 published so that the general public can contribute to discussions about it. The present scheme is of course being monitored (but not by local residents) but how efficiently? The average level quoted for the noise meter readings exceeds the limit specified by the Noise Insulation Regulations under the Land Compensation Act 1973. This is despite the meter readings having been made only between 10 a.m. and 4p.m., that is excluding peak hours. The Regulations specifically state the measuring period to be 6a.m. to 12 p.m., but their machine broke down at 4p.m. and they didn't bother coming back. The Police have also been monitoring the situation and come up with the interesting observation,

"Apart from peak periods when like all other main junctions in the town traffic becomes congested, the flow of vehicles through the Seven



Dials has been made easier!"

But surely, you ask, the scheme was only implemented to ease peak period inconvenience; there was little congestion outside of peak hours before. And the Police admit that traffic is now congested in peak periods.

What do they mean by monitoring a anyway? Who does it and who decides if it has been successful or not?

What action has been taken so far well a deputation of 15 people went to present the arguments already stated on Monday October 10th to the "Highways and General Transport Committee" which met on Monday November 7th. On Saturday October 15th there was a small demonstration for about twenty minutes consisting not of sitting down on the Dials but keeping all the zebra crossings at once in continual use making the needs of the pedestrian felt.

Jam Tomorrow

When the Traffic sub-committee met they received another deputation and stated that the situation would be reviewed in six months, and would continue to be 'monitored! This is a tactical decision, as Councillor Theobald said at the public meeting,

"Many new schemes caused disquiet at first, but later on or so people became amazingly silent. Three months afterwards we never heard another word!"

The Council rely on people to forget how used to look, to forget if the old scheme really was better and by cooling the situation for months so that anger turns to apathy. It is difficult to remain angry for six months, but prove them wrong, sign the petition in the chemists, Continue to write to the Borough Secretary at the Town Hall, ask about the monitoring and when the public gets to compare their findings with its own findings. Keep your eyes open for the demonstrations that will take place such as the one from Bath Street on Saturday the 19th of November at 2.30 p.m.

All information supplied by the 'Seven Dials Safety Action Group' c/o Flat 2, Beau House, Bath Street, Brighton BN1 3 TA



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Social Worker Victimised

Authority roots out radical

The story of the unjust treatment of Steven Bassam by East Sussex Social Services started back in December 1976. It ended in October of this year when his appeal was finally turned down by three Tory Councillors. The Voice presents an exclusive history of this injustice.

Steve Bassam was taken on by East Sussex Social Services in October 1976 under the County's Trainee Social Workers' Scheme. Under this scheme it has been 'standard practice' to provide a grant to the trainee for professional training at a Polytechnic or University providing he or she completes the six month probationary period satisfactorily. That means getting a good report and recommendation from the Social Work Supervisor, who is the person most closely involved with the trainee's work and progress.

Although Steve Bassam was well-known in Brighton for his campaign to improve the housing provision in the town and his tactical use of squatting to highlight the large stock of empty properties, this activity was in no way held against him when he was accepted onto the scheme, nor did it affect his application to the University of Kent for professional training. The University gave him a place for October 1977.

Throughout his year as a trainee, both in Eastbourne and Portslade, Steve received considerable encouragement and approval from his supervisors, and was deemed to be a promising Social Worker. His Supervisor at Eastbourne recommended him strongly for paid secondment to his course at Kent, concluding his report with the words: "...his capacity, obvious intellectual ability and sensitivity towards individual inadequacies or injustices suggests to me, without reservation, that he should be seconded for training and offered the option of returning to work in East Sussex."

Despite this utterly satisfactory conclusion of his year as a trainee, Steve was refused secondment by the

County Social Work authorities who blatantly over-rode his Supervisor's report for political reasons. The rejection came in a letter from Denis Allen, Director of Social Services, in which he quite openly admitted that a local authority is inevitably subject to "immediate political control". Steve therefore was advised to look for a Social Work job elsewhere and was refused the grant which he had rightly expected after such unreserved support from all those who knew his work.

How could Denis Allen justify his political decision? Only by reference back to Steve's involvement with squatting activities which HAD NOT BEEN HELD AGAINST HIM AT THE TIME BY THOSE WHO INTERVIEWED HIM FOR THE SCHEME. He also objected to Steve's continued involvement in squatting once he was a trainee, though there was no evidence whatsoever to show that this adversely affected his Social Work. No complaint was ever made by his supervisor.

It now seems that Denis Allen was probably talking personally when he referred to 'political control'. In other words it seems likely that he was under political pressure from the Tory hawks on the Social Services Committee, some of whom are known to have close connections with property

The likelihood of demonstrations and adverse publicity has forced their hand, and they are hoping that the professionalism of their show will swamp the Association's amateur efforts when the exhibition goes ahead - probably in January or February - at the offices of Brighton Planning Department in North St.

Apart from stressing the effects, in human terms, of the demolition of houses in Viaduct Road, and the benefits to the town of a "housing only" scheme, the Community Association will be taking the initiative by staging a large scale public meeting, in conjunction with other local community action groups. John Tynes, who has recently been active at the Windscale and Archway Public

deals in Brighton. In fact when Steve appealed against the decision Denis Allen showed no hostility to Steve either as a person or a Social Worker but appeared to have his hands tied by unnamed people behind the scenes.

Worried about the implication of the Director's decision for workers in Social Services and other local authority sectors, Steve decided to fight it. In so doing he enlisted the support of the local NALGO Branch Executive, who were clearly concerned that workers might suffer discrimination at work because of personal political activities. Steve has evidence that Social Services have practised this discrimination with previous trainees.

NALGO County and Regional officers obtained little satisfaction for Steve from the County's own 'grievance procedure', the final stage of which was an appeal committee carefully comprised of three Tories. In the 3hr.5min. hearing at Pelham House in October, Councillors Rayer, Kimber and Mrs Bryson-White paid no attention to the evidence presented by Union Rep Leighton John on Steve's behalf. They were only interested in discovering if Steve was still a member of the Squatters Union. Kimber was even stupid enough to suggest that Steve knew it was theft to squat empty houses. After arguing the case for 3hrs. and forcing an open admission from the Director that it was Steve's private political activity that provided the basis for his decision the appeal committee retired for just 5mins to rubber stamp what all concerned already knew.

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Unhappy with the Committee of 3's politically biased judgement Steve has taken legal advice with a view to bringing the case before an Unfair Dismissals Tribunal. Counsel in London has advised he has a strong case. East Sussex County Council can expect to be hearing shortly from the local Industrial Tribunal secretariat.

Enquiries, has shown interest and may well be offering his active support.

Meanwhile, Brighton's Policy and Resources Committee has unanimously passed a totally meaningless resolution opposing any "unnecessary" demolition, the significant word "unnecessary" being inserted by the Tories into a Labour motion opposing ALL demolition.

Attempts to get the full Council to delete the word were predictably unsuccessful, with the Preston Circus Association's Vice-Chairman, Ron "Voice-Reader" Shrivess* and Geoff "Call me Smoothie" Theobald saying one thing and doing another. Someone should tell them that facing both ways at once gives you a stiff neck. *See p.



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Dear Brighton Voice,

'Help the Aged is the largest fund raising organisation working for old people. It campaigns vigorously for their rights and is responsible for several hundred welfare projects in this country as well as overseas programmes in over seventy developing countries.'

This quotation is taken from a Help the Aged pamphlet and it sounds fine. What it does not say, is how, in order to help the aged, they exploit the young. My welcoming letter as a worker for Help the Aged contained the following statement: 'Your salary is to be £10.00 per week basic plus an extra £2.50 per week for working between 9.00am and 10.00am, your normal working hours to be 10.00am until 4.00pm with a half hour break.'

The job involved delivering leaflets and then collecting any donated clothes, which are then sold to raise funds to be sent abroad. It is hard work and it was done on a house to house basis. Perhaps the major problem was the weather. No allowance was made for the pouring rain and storms during the period when we worked.

The poor wages were notoriously late in arriving, and when they did come they were without a pay slip and always open to dispute. Along with the problem of wages our boss was continually late in arriving in the morning.

When one member of the team questioned the need for her to wait in the rain for half an hour daily, she was told to collect her cards on Friday. When pressed on the justice of this dismissal, the retort was that her attitude to the system was wrong. Perhaps by this was meant that she shouldn't complain when the wages were over a week late.

Help the Aged has a turnover of £5 million a year. It should pay its teams a decent wage and treat its employees with some consideration. The working conditions that I experienced with this charity were deplorable. Yet the organisers are well paid, have company cars and expense accounts and have plenty of time to sit in their cars watching the clothes collection teams working.

Yours faithfully,
Bill Smith.

STOP PRESS / LATE NEWS

Bill Smith (see letter this page) has also been sacked. According to 'Help the Aged' his attitude was wrong! So don't rely on those Argus adverts!

Dear Voice,

While aware that to some, all property is theft and having not yet been brought to justice, may I put on record a solution to the private landlord problem.

Having sold four terrace houses, three to young first time buyers, I found myself landed with a large 1840 house split up into flats that no building society would lend on. So I offered 99 percent mortgages at 10 percent interest only for the first three years (repayment to start after that). Now this met the needs of the average student who would be wanting to leave Brighton anyway within three years.

To eliminate the worry that the flat could only be sold at a loss - unlikely if inflation is still with us - I undertook to buy it back at the original price if the owner wanted me to.

All this was tied up in a lease at no great cost and after nearly a year is working well. The outgoings for a purchaser are no more than the cost of renting.

There are many subdivided houses that owners won't rent and can't sell which could be made available in this way with both sides having nothing to fear.

I should perhaps add that all flats are now taken.

Yours sincerely
Owen Silver

16 Barry Walk, Brighton.



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Dear Brighton Voice,

I was relieved to find out a few weeks ago that elderly people who live in central Brighton need have no fears about being neglected if they are taken ill, have an accident or are suddenly left alone and infirm. We've got the most splendidly efficient Social Services organisation ready to step in where it is needed.

When 84 year old Mrs Williamson of Foundry Street was left on her own because her husband had to go into hospital, one or two neighbours helped out and tried to do little things for her. Because I run the local shop, it was decided I should keep the key to her house so it could be picked up easily by members of the various Social Services departments.

However, for three or four days, the key stayed in exactly the same place on my counter, apart from when one of the neighbours dropped in for it. Just as I was beginning to wonder if there had been some slight oversight on the part of the authorities, all my fears were swept away. On the fourth morning there was a positive rush of Social Services workers, flooding into my shop and asking for the key.

There was a health visitor, then the meals on wheels service and finally the home help organiser. Lucky Mrs Williamson, I thought.

The only trouble was, of course, Mrs Williamson wasn't at home anymore. The previous day she had blacked out in her kitchen, fallen against the stove and injured herself quite badly. One of her neighbours had found her lying on the floor and she had been taken to hospital for treatment.

Why had the authorities taken so long to call on Mrs Williamson? They knew because she had been mugged some years ago she no longer had the confidence to leave her home and they knew she suffered from repeated blackouts. In fact everyone knew she should not have been left alone.

I suppose that if she could have managed for one more day no one would have discovered how slow the Social Services were to act. Fortunately Mrs Williamson is home again now, and her husband is out of hospital. All I can say is that when I'm old and infirm I hope I'm not living in Brighton.

L. Maddock

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DENNIS FROST 680380.

Dear Brighton Voice,

As a newcomer to Brighton I was very pleased to discover a community newspaper such as yours, something so many towns sadly lack. While I was generally impressed with Brighton Voice in both its presentation and its content I was, however, disappointed in the 'Conference By-lines' article on the back page.

I am a Young Liberal and I was a delegate to the recent Liberal Party Assembly in Brighton hence I would like to correct one or two mis-informed comments.

The Parliamentary Question Time was this year far from being stage-managed for once. All the question cards were put into a drum and drawn out at random, the only limitation coming if one MP appeared to be getting a disproportionate number of questions.

The National League of Young Liberals and the the Union of Liberal Students, the two arms of the Young Liberal Movement, between them had nearly three-quarters of the questions. However, I find this fact something of an indictment of other sections of the Liberal Party who failed to put questions in, since this is an important means of obtaining a public commitment from the M.P.s on various issues which can then be taken up later.

The topics we raised included Youth Unemployment, Abortion, Agee and Hosenball, Official Secrets, Homelessness and CACTA, and Grunwicks.

It is a fair comment to say that some of the questions were not answered adequately but there were undoubtedly some important comments made by the M.P.s; Cyril Smith's on Grunwicks and trade union recognition, and Richard Wainwrights on Workers' Co-operatives and the Labour Governments failure to fully implement the Industrial Common Ownership Act, in particular.

My second point is on your comments on the Liberal Party's failure to accept a motion on unemployment (of which I was the author). It is true that we failed to achieve the necessary two-thirds majority by 17 votes. The next day, however, Geoff Tordoff, the Chairman of the Party, made a statement covering both the unfortunate incidents that followed the close vote and subsequent demands for a re-count (which were constitutionally refused), and on the Party's attitude to unemployment which we found wholly acceptable. Also David Steel devoted a lengthy section of his speech to the problems of unemployment, particularly amongst young people.

Whatever may be said about the way the Liberal Party handled its discussions on unemployment it cannot be denied that the passion and concern generated by us at Brighton far exceeded that of the Labour Party Conference the following week.

Yours Sincerely,
David Worsfold.

Putting Your Money Where Your Mouth Is

I bet you don't know that National foster care week has just passed - "or care", some of you are already saying, and that's ok, because this is only aimed at everyone else.



It's true. You were actually born a beautiful princess, but you were given to be brought up...and there's not a damned thing you can do about it!

Why should Brighton Voice give me space to write about fostering? What's it got to do with the usual sort of articles? The answer is that fostering is a practical way for socialists and radicals to actually do something about their beliefs, to make the jump from theorising to practice.

Foster kids are all shapes, sizes and colours, but in almost all cases the one thing they have in common is that they come from the more disadvantaged parts of the population. Being a foster parent isn't a substitute for political activities, but it is a more visible manifestation of concern than most of them.

P.C. Kelly Sues for Libel!

Longsight News is a local community paper - just like Brighton Voice. A few days before last Christmas, a writ for libel was served by a P.C. Kelly of Longsight Police Station, Manchester, on a person who wrote a story in Longsight News nearly two years ago. The story was about a boy who was beaten up by P.C. Kelly at the police station, and was used to emphasise the illegality of police questioning minors without their parents present. The 14 year old boy was suspected of breaking a window.

"At the station he was not only questioned but also beaten about, by a P.C. Kelly. Eventually the case came up in court and he was found not guilty. But even if he had been guilty of the offence he was suspected of by the police, they had no right to treat him in this way." (Longsight News, June 1975)

Longsight News are not retracting the story and would like the support of other groups and papers. It's important that this sort of threat does not deter papers from printing things that they know to be true, be it about the police, or about any other authority or powerful group. The new Police Complaint procedure means that individual policemen (like P.C. Kelly) can bring a court action because of the content of a complaint made to the police. Longsight News hopes that by standing by the truth of this statement, they will decrease the readiness of the Police Federation to finance this type of case.

Information from: Longsight News Defence Group, c/o 109 Oxford Road, Manchester 1, or phone 061-236 3112 (after six at 061-224 6387).

This is not to say that you should go in for fostering solely for political reasons: you need self-confidence, love, stability, understanding, tact and an ability to look at things from a child's point of view. If the child is clinging, insecure, aggressive, withdrawn or extravert, you need to think why, not just deal with the situation as it appears on the surface.

Fostering is a difficult job - sometimes almost impossible - and the rewards, though great, are not financial, there are no profits to be made. Your gain is the knowledge that some kid who has to live apart from his or her family for anything from a few days to eighteen years is happier than he would have been in a childrens home. It's a big step from saying that everyone has a right to happiness to trying to do something about it yourself, but most foster parents will tell you it's worthwhile.

If you're interested in finding out more, get in touch with your local Social Services Dept; lots of people don't want to foster, more because they have misconceptions about it than for valid reasons. Don't be put off by rubbish about dramatic tug-of-love situations reported in the straight press - they're very rare - and if you're doubtful, don't discuss it with your auntie or some bloke in the pub, talk to a social worker or a foster parent. The local fostering specialists are, Brighton: John Bracey, 15 Princes St (693693), and Hove: Merrilyn Graham, Highlands, 50 Highlands Rd, Portslade, (410524). If you're at all interested ring up for an informal chat; put your money where your mouth is - or else shut up.....

Mike Scott.
P.S. the greatest local need at present is for families prepared to take in two or more children or these of school age, particularly 10-17.

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