

REGENT HILL

Campaign Against Regent Hill Development!

Following a meeting in a house in Upper North Street attended by more than 70 local people, a campaign has been launched to fight the proposed car park development behind Woolworths. Councillor John Smith has agreed to act as president; Press Officer is Mary Gregory, 97 Upper North Street, secretary Camilla Dinkel 14 Victoria Road.

Look in the Voice for details of further action. A second meeting will be held towards the end of February.



MASONS Con't from front page.

After the 'death threat' story of an argument between Labour Councillors Fitch and Forrester and Tory C'illr Feld, the officers of the Labour Group got together and issued an unprecedented condemnation of their colleagues, without any reference to any Labour party body. Is it a coincidence that two of the four officers are in the same 'counc' 'council' lodge as C'illr. Feld and a third had just applied for membership (he was unfortunately turned down!)

Midday lunches are now being served Mon. - Fri. 12.30 - 2.00pm at the Resource Centre, North Rd. by Pulse, a vegetarian restaurant. All Welcome!

S P A C E
WORKSHOP. 1/2 share in basement workroom. £3 pw.
C/o Brighton Voice.

WARNING

TO ALL EX PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS AND EX PRISONERS

AMARITANS, WORTHING 2055.

CRIMINON

is at the moment researching into the problems which occur in our prisons and we ask anyone who has been in prison to come forward and tell their story.

All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Contact: Mr Lynas-Jones, 14 Mannings Close, Pound Hill, Crawley
Phone: Pound Hill 2331 between 6.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

HORSES

What's On In Brighton

Brighton Voice will now be preparing a regular page in each issue advertising public meetings and events covering a wide range of political, social and cultural activities. This will be designed to supplement the 'Voice's' Information Page and so will not generally include those regular events advertised in the Information Page. If you would like an event to be advertised in this page please send full details to: Brighton Voice, c/o 7 Victoria Rd, Brighton.

POLITICAL

Demonstration against the development of the nuclear power industry at Windscale on March 19th in London. For further details, contact Helen Mollory, 22 Over St. Phone 694425.

COMEDY

Brighton Friends of the Earth present our old friend Andrew Bowden M.P. at The Eagle on Friday 10th Feb. 8pm. We have been informed that he will be trying to talk about environmental issues and the nuclear expansion programme! Should be good for a laugh.

SOCIAL

Benefit for the Resource Centre with JETSLAG on Sat 11th Feb. 9pm.

Intelligent interviews arranged for clientele.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The Citizens' Commission on Human Rights is now asking for any person who has had ECT, psycho-surgery or treatment under psychiatric care to present their story. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence

Contact CCHR Chairman Saint Hill Manor East Grinstead West Sussex Telephone 27039

The above advertisements appear regularly in the Evening Argus. Both Criminon and the Citizens commission on Human Rights are run by the Church of Scientology so be forewarned before contacting them.

N.B. neither PROP the National Prisoners Movement nor R.A.P. (Radical Alternatives to Prison) will have anything to do with either of these organisations. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

FITCH AND THE MASONS ????

When Brian Fitch published his dossier on the mishandling of contracts by Brighton Council he certainly ruffled a few feathers.

The Tories reacted with a defensive venom sufficient to convince any who thought that it was all merely harmless mistakes that there really was something to hide.

Meanwhile the Labour group appeared somewhat daunted by the fury that Brian Fitch had provoked and seemed not to know where to put themselves. Eventually they found a suitable fence. In the Council Chamber they meekly supported the Tories in clearing the council of 'maladministration' and in condemning the actions of 'a certain council or within the standing orders'. A clear swipe at Fitch, and yet even he put his hand up for it when it came to the vote.

Undoubtedly the Labour group should have pressed home their advantage. Clearly when a company is not asked to submit a tender because it allegedly carried out sub-standard work on a previous project, and it turns out that they were not even involved in that project something is seriously amiss.

Could it be that since both leading Tory and Labour councillors belong to the same, exclusive lodge of the Freemasons that they arranged a cover-up beforehand?

These exclusive lodges are rumored to be rife in Brighton. There is the 'Marina' lodge, for councillors, contractors etc with a special interest in the Marina. There is the 'Police' lodge for all officers of the rank of inspector and above; or so the stories go.

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TORIES BRAWL OVER VOTES

Council seats threatened

Top Tories are at each other's throats (votes?) in a panic stricken effort to save their council seats. When the Boundary Commission held its public enquiry in Brighton recently we were treated to the delightful spectacle of leading Tories squabbling over a small chunk of Seven Dials.

At stake were the council seats of George Burton (chairman of Education), Alfred Feld (mayor elect) and Mrs Drake (chairman of Highways). Tories from Montpelier, led by Burton, are concerned that their new Seven Dials Ward will fall to Labour, while in Regency (Feld and Drake) it is the Liberals who threaten.

In dispute is an area (so the Tories believe) of potential Tory strength around Clifton Hill. Both Tory groups want it and so determined are they to hang on to their seats that for once even the Tories couldn't keep their splits quiet - although the Argus and Gazette did their best to help.

CLINIC AXE SUSPENDED... but the cuts go on.

Four local Family Planning Clinics were granted a stay of execution following a lobby of the Area Health Authority by 200 people, and a petition with 16,000 signatures.

The AHA decided to defer a decision until March when it will know the size of its allocation. In any case, the cut is reduced from £50,000 to 15,000, shared with the Cervical Cytology service.

Plans to restrict use of the £1m EMI Scanner were similarly deferrred. Cuts in intensive care, staff replacements and community services have been dropped.

Instead, 61 beds at Brighton General and 22 at the New Sussex will be cut when the Royal Sussex opens. There is also a £100,000 package of cuts - lined up for the future.

(HEALTH SERVICE BLEEDS. See p.10)



This picture of Falmer pond about 1910 is taken from the latest QueenSpark book, *To be a Farmer's Boy* by George Noakes. It is published this month - price 30p. George Noakes was a boy in Lewes,

Falmer and Ashcombe and the book is full of marvellous stories from his childhood. The pump shown here was presented by the Earl of Chichester and the whole village came to it for water. He remembers the Earl passing it one day when two town boys were playing with it. The Earl hit one of them with his stick - the only action of the noble Earl recorded here.

The book is an important social document, as all the QueenSpark books are; its portrait of a poor rural family living in a series of small, primitive cottages brings history to life. These QueenSpark books are revolutionising the history of this area.

ADVICE

AGE CONCERN Old people's welfare. Mon-Fri 10.00 to 12.30 & 2.00-4.00. 57 Ditchling Rd, B'ton. 683275.
 BIT BY BIT: Info & help service, B'n 27878 (phone only, no callers).
 CANCER PREVENTION: (Area Health Authority) Brighton 23344.
 CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU B'ton 17 Ditchling Rise 61664. Mon-Fri 10.00-4.00. plus Tuesday evening 6.00-8.00.
 2 St Georges Place; Hove, Town Hall (Risbury Road), 734811 Mon Wed Fri 10.00-12.30 2.15-4.00. Tue, Thur, 10.00-4.00.
 CLAIMANTS UNION: Meets at Resource Centre, North Road, B'tn 67141. Wed 8 pm Mon 2-4pm.
 FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: B'ton 18/19 Western Rd, 734258. Lewes, Newhaven and University Health Centre - B'ton 23344.
 GAY SWITCHBOARD Info and advice 202930. 8.00-10.00 every night.
 HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE (council) 73 Grand Parade B'ton 29801 9.00-4.30 Mon-Fri.
 LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE CENTRE 179 Lewes Road. Sat's 10.30-

GROUPS ETC

ANIMAL ACTIVISTS: oppose factory farming etc. Vince Smith, 386 Portland Rd, Hove, 411484.
 ANTI APARTHEID GROUP Contact Hugh Bayley, c/o Nalco, 104 Queens Road Brighton.
 BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION Brighton & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Sec Mrs Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven. Tel: Peacehaven 4522.
 BING CROSBY CLUB: B'tn 737357 (am only).
 BRIGHTON HOSTEL 18 Dorset Gardens. Soup run at bottom of West Street 10.00-11.00pm daily. Help needed. Tel 682089.
 BRIGHTON SOCIETY (THE) Environmental group; Selma Montford, 10 Clermont Road, B'ton.
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WORKERS MUSIC ASSOCIATION (Sussex): Basement, 28 Livingstone Rd Hove

Information and resources (including Hazards Bulletin) on health and safety at work. Meet Mon's at Resource Centre. Contact 68 Compton Road or 'phone B'ton 686302.
 NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN WORKING ASSN OF MOTHERS: Linda Kinsella 51341. Baby sittings, social events, creche etc.
 WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS (WVOOF) Don Pynches, 56 High St Lewes. Lewes 6286.
 YOUNG UNEMPLOYED'S CLUB 11.30-2.00 Weds; Institute Queens Sq.

Alternative Medicine

ACUPUNCTURIST: J.P. Scott, 33 Surrenden Cr, B'tn. App't only 59379.
 ALEXANDRA TECHNIQUE: S.J. Scott, 33 Surrenden Cr. 59379. By App't only.
 MASSAGE: introductory courses and SHIATSU contact P.H. Bookshop 28557. (no wankers please).
 NATUROPATH: A.G. Sparkes 19 Wilbury Rd, Hove. By appointment only. 737357 (am).
 SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF NATURAL HEALTH: Alternative medicine and self health care, Jenny Deadman, Infinity 25 North Rd, B'n 36903.

POLITICS

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSN 693829. Sec: Pearl Coffin, 95a St Georges Rd, B'ton, 687336
 MEETINGS: Tue 10th Jan and then on the first Tuesday of every month, at 125 Gloucester Rd, 7.45pm 'phone for details.
 COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (ML): meet alt Weds: 37 Gloucester Rd 684404.
 COOPERATIVE PARTY, B'ton; 86 London Rd, 683076. Hove; Jean Cattell, 29 Foredown Drive, Portslade.
 FABIAN SOCIETY, George Forbes, 66 Meadow Way, Burgess Hill. Tel 963-43723.
 LABOUR PARTY, B'ton; 179 Lewes Road. 62592. Sec Marylyn Hill, 20 Port Hall Place, B'ton. 57704.
 Hove; 40 Cowper St. Sec Jean Cattell, 29 Foredown Drive, Portslade.
 KEMP TOWN BOOKS: 91 St Georges Road, Wide range of books, new and second hand, including the radical staff.
 PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP 21 Little Preston St, B'ton 28357. More than just another bookshop, books, mags, records & coffee. Regular programme of basement events, 'phone for details or borrow basement for your activities. P.H. also run bookstalls at

SHOPS

AVANDA: 19 Bond St. Odds and ends to make your life good. Indian crafts, incense etc. BRIGHTON HOSTEL SHOP: Charity shop at 105 Islingwood Rd. Open 10.00-4.00. Articles Wanted.
 GREENS: Vegetarian Restaurant 7 Victoria Rd, Brighton; 27878. Open 11.00 - 4.30 as a café and 6.30 - 11.00 as a restaurant. Bring your own wine.
 INFINITY FOODS: Macro-biotic/wholefood supplies. 25 North Rd. B'tn 63563. Open 9.30-5.30 Closed Wed.
 INFINITY BAKERY AND PIE SHOP Bread hot pies and cakes. 23 North Rd, B'ton 63563. Open 9-5 Wed 9-1.30.
 INFINITY BULK STORE Supplies in bulk. Open 9.30-1.00, 2.00-5.00 Tue-Sat. Call at Infinity or go round the corner to the Regent Street entrance.
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BE RESPONSIBLE!

TOM PARSONS' ADVICE TO THE LOCAL LABOUR PARTY

Last month, drawing on a life-time of working for Trade Unions, Tom Parsons turned a critical eye on them and their shortcomings in handling industrial disputes. He also made two very telling points - that narrow trade unionism has nothing to do with socialism, and that their local Council had a lot more power and influence twenty five years ago than it does now. Tom continued the interview with some comments on the local Labour Party.

I would go a long way down the road with a Labour Government, even if it were doing things that seemed to be non-socialist. What alternative is there?

I would never attack it, but I would certainly advise it. That is very different from shouting, as some local Labour Party members do, 'Callaghan is a blankety-blank; he is grinding our faces in the dust'. That was also the language of some of the previous officers of the Trades Council. Considering the time and circumstances, this Government has done the best possible job that could be done - and we should remember that.

V.: If you have criticisms of some members of the local Party, how do you feel about the performance of the Labour Group on the Council?

T.P.: I think they are a very disparate group, and some are more useful and sensible than others. I like Ian McGill's style. He seems to do a good job in keeping the Group from wandering too far from reasonable positions. And this is important, because I believe that Brighton is finely balanced; it is winnable if only we behave responsibly and spend our time putting our position forward and attacking the opposition rather than our own Government. I believe we could startle the world by taking not only Kemp Town at the next election, but also Pavilion. At the last election, in both constituencies, the Tories only got in on a minority vote. Most people recognize the Liberals are nonentities and we can capture a lot of their votes.

I think we could swing the Borough elections as well. Was it nine years ago that we only needed two seats for a majority?

V.: With your forceful views and speaking style have you ever thought of standing for the Council?

T.P.: A trade union official doesn't really have the time to devote to it. I have fought hopeless seats as a gesture, like Patcham, and I might have had a go last year when I retired if I hadn't had an operation coming up. In three years time I will probably be too old, and I am certainly past fighting hopeless seats now. But if the right seat came along I would be happy to stand, if I am wanted on the Council.

Tom's remaining remarks about local industry are held over.

V.: Most of your energies seem to have gone into union work. Have you ever felt you could achieve more for the socialism you want by working in the political arena?

V.: Perhaps MacDonald's example is what the Left has in mind in suggesting that office frequently overcomes political principles.

T.P.: Perhaps, but to assume that it always occurs is wrong. And anyway, to expect that society be totally reconstructed as soon as X becomes Prime Minister is cloud cuckoo land.

V.: If you feel that the Labour Party should follow a 'gradualist' or 'moderate' line, do you think that that would gain it electoral support locally?

T.P.: Let's not say moderate, but a more responsible line. I believe the Party in Brighton would attract more votes if it adopted a more responsible stance on issues. We play right into the hands of the media, for instance, in the occasional attacks on the police. Any civilized community needs to have a means of maintaining law and order. If you didn't have a police force, you would have something worse. It is often forgotten that policemen are working people the same as we are, and have a nasty job to do.

V.: But isn't it just police malpractice that people attack, not the whole idea of a police force?

T.P.: If the two were kept strictly separate there could be no complaint, but usually one runs into the other - an imagined malpractice justifies a general attack on the police.

PARTY WARFARE

V.: Do you also think that criticism of the Government by the Party should be muted too?

T.P.: The one thing that turned me against the Firemen locally was when they came to the Trades Council for support saying 'we don't care a damn even if we do bring down the Labour Government'. If you say to me the Labour Government has whipped you with whips, I say to you the Tories will whip you with scorpions. That is history, that is experience.

T.P.: You have to choose your way at certain times of your life - everyone does. I had to make some basic decisions when I was fairly young as to whether I was going to be a political animal or work as a trade unionist. I thought then that I could do my people more good working along the union line than along the political one. I still think I made the right decision.

Of course, I have worked on the political side as well, for instance in the local Labour Party and as a Labour Parliamentary candidate. I was chairman of the Pavilion Constituency Party when it had less than half a dozen members in the early sixties.

V.: Within the local Labour Party you frequently attack the Left groupings. Do you see yourself as on the 'moderate' or Right-wing of the Party?

T.P.: No, I am in the middle. The people who are really on the Right in the Party are those who claim they are on the Left. What are the shibboleths they are throwing up now? They are battles we fought and won forty years ago. We have nationalised the coal industry, the Bank of England, the railways, the electricity, gas, docks and the aircraft industry. We have command of the economy.

These people would also have us believe that the moment anyone gets elected to Parliament or becomes a full-time trade union official, he immediately becomes a traitor. But remember, Harold Wilson was the darling of the Left until he became a cabinet minister. And further back, Ramsay MacDonald was the nominee of the Clydeside Brigade, and he - with Jimmy Thomas and Philip Snowden - were the heroes of the Left. Yet look at what happened to them. The Left had no time for the plodders like Clyne and Laski, the people who really built the solid foundations of the Labour Party.

ACTORS

BRIGHTON ACTORS WORKSHOP.

Did you know that excellent lunch time theatre can be seen every day in Brighton? If not, then you do now. The Brighton Actors Workshop performs in the Marlborough Hotel, Princes St (Opposite the Pavillion) at 1.15 every weekday.



B.A.W. is a loose organisation, drawing on about fifty people living in Brighton who produce short plays which generally run for two weeks. As well as for acting and directing local talent is often used in writing the scripts.



The organisation was founded a year ago by Bernard Gallagher, Sylvia Vickers and Frank Moorey (who appeared recently in 'Waiting for Godot' at the Gardner Centre). Most of the company are experienced professionals, so productions are of a high standard and well worth a visit.



THE HUMAN STAIR

I am the best
Said the white worker
To the woman at his side
Stand down about twelve inches
So the world can see my pride.

I'm second best said the white woman
To the black man
By her side
Stand down about twelve inches
For women too have pride.

I'm third best
Said the black man
To the woman at his side
Stand down about twelve inches
At least I have some pride.

And I'm forth best
Said the black woman
To the brown man by her side
Stand down about twelve inches
For I too must have pride

And so it went
In a steady grade
Ever downwards
Shade by shade
Until there was a human stair
For those with eyes to see it there.

And up that stair
And up and up
With elegance and grace
Stepped a multi-coloured capitalist
A smile upon his face
And up and up and up he stepped
With heavy, heavy tread
Until he reached the very top,
And stood
On the white worker's head.

Bert Ward.

COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP

Signs of intelligent life have also been observed recently at the Brighton Community arts workshop. This group has recently been awarded a £6000 grant from the Arts Council to promote public participation in drama and music.

So far its principal focus has been the weekly gatherings (thursdays 8.30) in the Queens Head pub, Steine Street. These usually comprise performances of mime, sketches, short plays and music, often with considerable audience involvement.

Bernard Glazier, the only paid member of the group, said that he hoped this would provide a platform for anyone who wanted to have a go and put something on. Rehearsals are usually held on Wednesdays in the Resource Centre, North Road, for anyone interested.

The group hopes to secure a building in the near future, which will provide a base for further activities. These will be productions of mime, music, plays and more, which will be staged at various venues around Brighton.

- ional Annual Conferences;
- 1) Equal pay for Equal Work.
 - 2) Equal opportunities and equal education.
 - 3) Free contraception and abortion on demand.
 - 4) Free community controlled child care.
 - 5) Legal and financial independence.
 - 6) An end to discrimination against lesbians and the right to our own self defined sexuality.

While society pays lip-service to the notion of equality through the introduction of legislation such as 'The Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts' what happens in practice is often a complete contradiction to this.

Q: If it takes a man two days' sick leave to get round a golf course, and a woman one lunch hour to get round a supermarket, how long will it take an employer to get round the Equal Pay Act?



Although there is a common commitment to women's liberation the main work of the movement is carried on in small groups which form around particular issues.

A woman and science group is exploring various ways in which women have been mystified and oppressed by science, and are writing (contd. opposite)

Are Brighton's schools up to standard ?

- This article was sent to us by a Brighton school teacher -

FOUR YEARS AGO BRIGHTON SCHOOLS WERE REORGANISED into a comprehensive system. In place of the old primary and secondary schools with selection at 11, four layers of schools were provided from age 4 to age 18/19. First Schools for ages 4-8, Middle Schools for ages 8-12, High Schools for 12-16 and finally Sixth Form Colleges for 16-18/19.

The new system was introduced with assurances that it was to everyone's advantage. In particular it was argued that individual children would greatly benefit from a longer period in the First and Middle Schools. Children in the First Schools would gain from an extra year and move to their Middle Schools more literate and numerate. The extra year at the top of the Middle Schools would mean that children would be better able to cope with the demands of secondary schooling, and Middle Schools would be provided with the resources and specialist staff to teach these children up to 12. At secondary level, it was pointed out, 16 year-olds would be more likely to want to stay on at school if they were able to move into the more adult atmosphere of a Sixth Form College.

Now, four year later, nobody seriously concerned with education in Brighton could possibly want to put the clock back to 1973. The schools and staffs have done a magnificent job, often in difficult circumstances. But we are concerned to go forward and improve the system we have, and to do this we must voice certain doubts and questions about the way in which the system is working. We do this, not because we have any doubts about the principle of non-selective, comprehensive education, but because we are worried about the particular version of it we have in Brighton.

DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS

The first thing to say is that the extra resources necessary to make the system work have not been provided, or if they have, they have not been spread very equally. We need more teachers, a reduction of class sizes, more remedial provision at all levels, a substantial programme of rebuilding and remodelling schools for their new purposes. In particular we need more and better equipment and more specialist teachers for subjects such as science and languages to cope with the needs of the 12 year olds at the top of the Middle Schools.

In the absence of these vital provisions, we have to ask whether the promises made at the time of reorganisation are being fulfilled.

ARE THE 8 year olds significantly more literate and numerate?
ARE THE Middle Schools really able to provide the kind of education that 11-12 year olds need, given that, in many cases, the specialist staff have not been forthcoming?

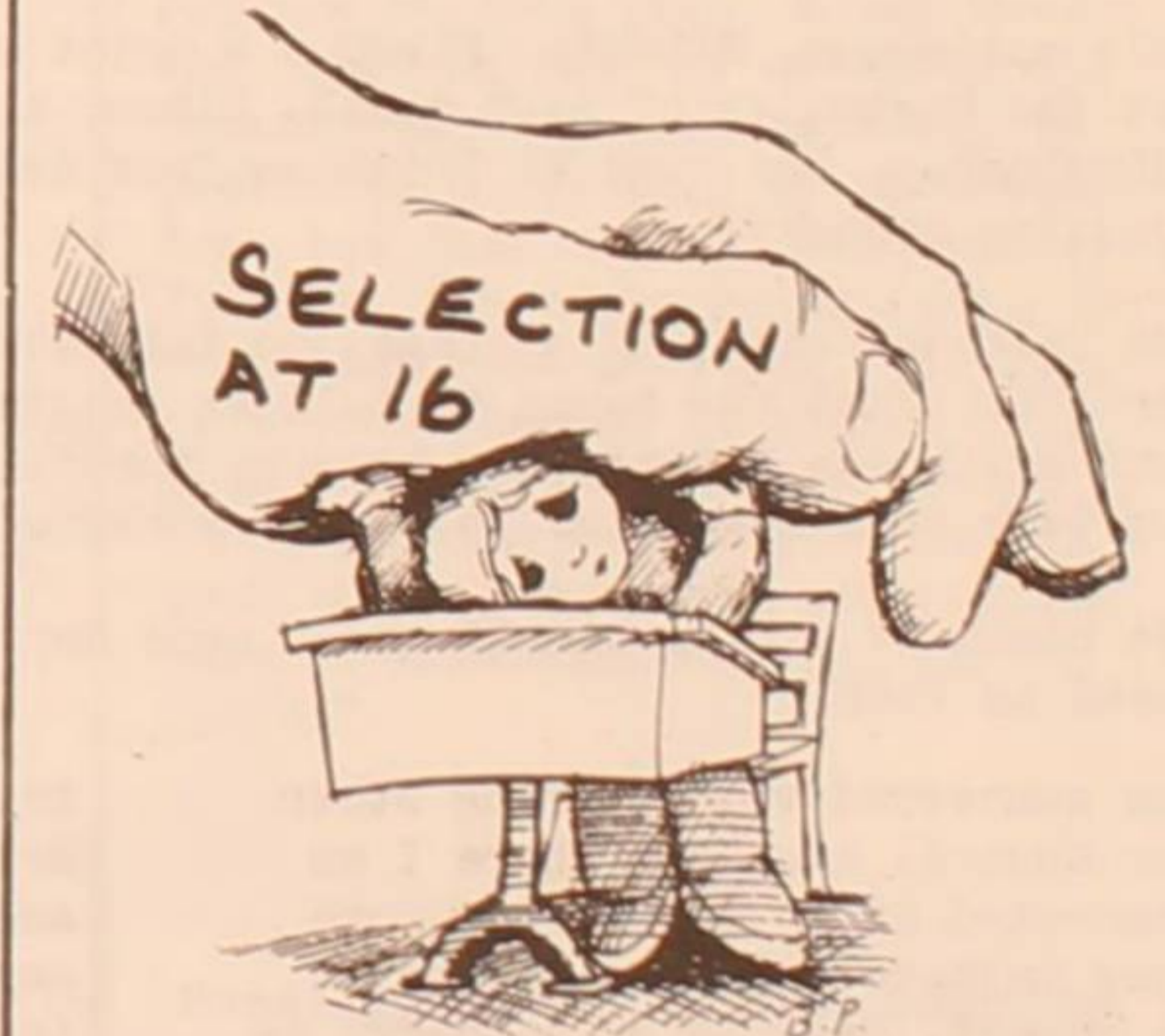
ARE THERE as many children as possible going on to Sixth Form Colleges? There is growing evidence that a number of them, particularly from working class homes, are deterred, not encouraged, by having to make a break at 16 and move into the unfamiliar surroundings of a Sixth Form College.

To many supporters of comprehensive education it may seem reactionary to express these doubts and to enquire about standards. BUT IS IT? Haven't all children the right to the very highest standards that education can provide? If so, then is Brighton's particular version of comprehensive education providing children with the very best? The fact is that many people most closely involved in Brighton's schools are asking JUST THAT QUESTION. And as they do so they are wondering whether their long fight for comprehensives in Brighton has not ended in a rather unsatisfactory compromise.

Perhaps we were too easily persuaded of the benefits of Brighton's scheme four years ago. We shall not make the same mistake again. The opportunities for smaller classes must not be missed and we must make sure that the Local Education Authority does increase its expenditure after these damaging years of cuts and inadequate provision.

What do you think?

In the next issue we shall continue the debate about Brighton's schools opened up in this article. There is plenty more to be said - by those who see our present education as merely producing a docile and submissive labour force, - by those who have hard evidence of the class basis of selection at 16 in Brighton's so-called comprehensive system, - by those



who argue for free schools, - by those who want a comprehensive system going right through to higher education, - by anyone with anything to say. We thank the local teacher for this contribution and we welcome all others.

WOMEN

So what is Women's Liberation? Are "women's libbers" the load of hysterical man-hating, bra-burners that the middle page feature in the Sun or the odd column in the ARGUS lead us to believe?

No, we are a group of women who have come to realize that to be a woman is still to be a 2nd class citizen. Having arrived at this realization we, on the one hand are campaigning to change the legal status of women, but more fundamentally, to change society's, and our own attitude to ourselves as women.

This is why Womens Liberation is accused of doing nothing, of being a therapeutic talk-shop. This misses the point; it reflects an attitude to political activity which is authoritarian and hierarchical, and which is the very thing we are trying to move away from. Womens Liberation is not some kind of association with committees and officers, there is no formal structure, we work very hard at getting everyone to participate, to take responsibility and to share knowledge.

A fundamental part of the movement is the concept of Consciousness Raising, women meet together in small groups over a period of time. Shared experience is to us consciousness raising, it shows us that our problems are not individual ones, to feel guilty about, but are results of the system in which we live. For example a woman who feels inadequate because she is shy and unable to speak at meetings eventually realizes that she is not the only woman who feels like this and can begin to see why she feels this way.

The experience of sharing is in itself political, because we are all brought up to compete with each other rather than to co-operate.

Moreover the support gained through working together enables women to be more effective in their campaigns. Traditionally women have been isolated in the home. Involvement in community and political issues is new to most women.

The Womens Liberation Movement has 6 demands formulated at the Nat-



WOMEN (contd. from opposite)

a book for Virago on the subject.

There are several women's self-help health groups and a self defence group. Out of a day conference on women and fascism, an ongoing group has formed, and there is also a 'Women Fight Rape' group. There are study groups on a revolutionary theory of womens liberation, and women are exploring the relationships between feminism and socialism. Our theory is continually developing through working and talking together. The women's centre functions as an information service and a link-up for various campaigns. It has a new book-room where pamphlets on feminism and on facilities for women are available. It also operates a pregnancy testing service. There is also going to be an information and advice stall every Saturday at Queen's Square.

We feel there is always a danger of the movement becoming insular and therefore we want to meet and work with women outside the movement.

See Info-page for address and telephone no. of Women's Centre.

A NEW VOICE

The VOICE talks to MICHAEL ELBRO,

THE SUDDEN DEATH LAST YEAR OF BRIGHTON'S HOUSING MANAGER WALLY MAY, CAME AS A SHOCK TO MANY CONCERNED WITH HOUSING.

There was no doubt that May was outspoken, he upset members of the Council on more than one occasion, but he will also be remembered for his lack of concern for some very important aspects of the town's housing problem.

His successor, MICHAEL ELBRO - a quiet spoken Midlander, took over at the beginning of last month. Elbro, although spending some time in Birmingham, has come to Brighton from Ashford in Kent, where he was the housing manager.

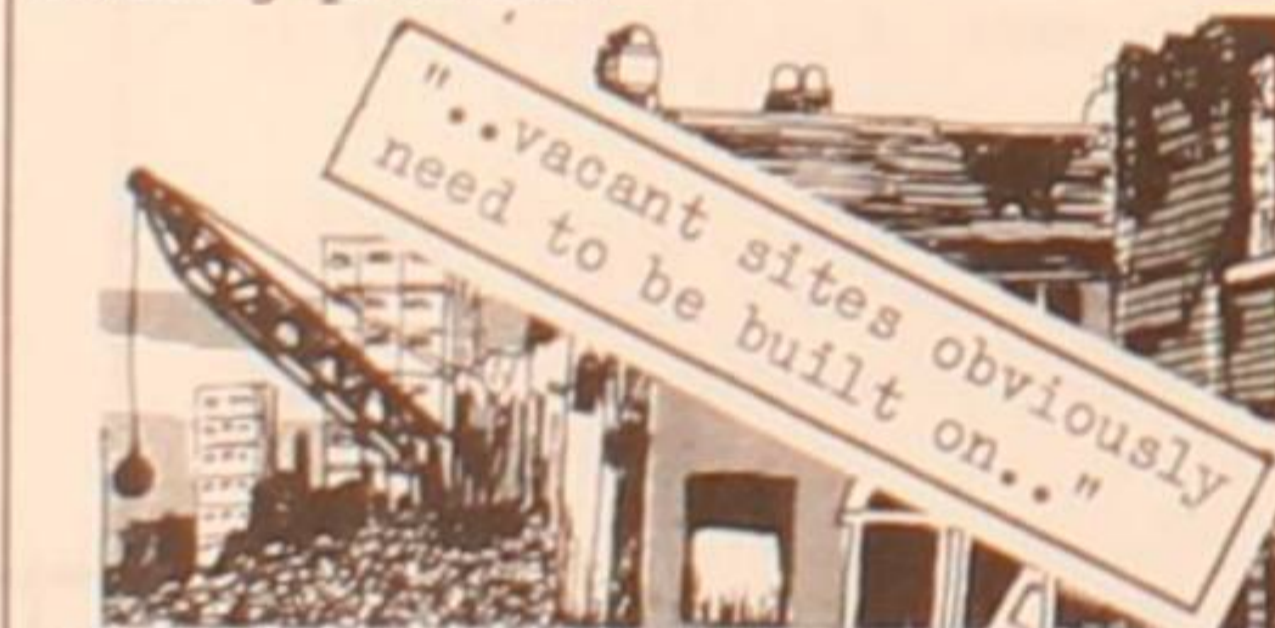
He felt unable at this stage, to talk about housing matters specific to Brighton, but was happy to talk at length about his general views on, and attitudes towards the housing question. We welcome this opportunity to talk to a new voice in these matters.

We began by asking him if there were any problems he felt an immediate need to tackle:

"I am concerned with housing other than Council housing, where I am interested in trying to get more money injected than we've got at the moment. Because of outbacks we have to find money from other areas, since the money is no longer freely available from central Government. I am concerned for the private areas in town, not only those of historical interest, into which money is no longer being injected. These properties are important for the future, because all the time we're not doing anything then they are deteriorating. Property in Brighton is a scarce commodity, and we can't afford on the one hand to say, 'Good gracious, there's no room to build in Brighton', while we sit around and watch property slowly deteriorate to a point where people can't live in them. So, that's one of the first areas I shall be exploring, probably with the Building Societies to some extent, as to what their attitudes are to this problem; and to try and get some commitment from them to get their money into a market where previously they've been a little reluctant to do so."



Mr. May was looking for land outside Brighton on which to build, but this seemed to ignore the potential of the empty properties and demolished areas in central Brighton. Do you see these as important in helping to solve the housing problem?



"When we are talking about land outside, we are talking about Brighton's long-term needs. In the short-term, vacant sites obviously need to be built on, and I think the will of the Council here is that they should. But, the Government are holding back on all the cash that we want. That's not to say that Brighton hasn't come out comparatively well on its Housing Investment Programme Allocation. Brighton has had the largest allocation in the south-east."

Is this because of Brighton being a depressed area, bearing in mind such things as the high levels of rents and house prices? Do you feel that the rich seaside resort - conference centre' image, tends to overshadow the real problems?

"This is one of the major problems. When property is brought back into use, can people afford to live in it when the wages are below the national average? Simply because of the shortage of land, the pressure from all sides is enormous. When the demand exceeds the supply the prices go up. That's a problem - especially for the poorer element who are in poor accommodation now, who have no opportunity of moving out and getting that renovated. There's no inducement to move because there's no alternative available."

It is the elderly, although I appreciate the wage-earner's problem too, that are often in private accommodation around the town who are most vulnerable to exploitation from the private market. Their only course of action is to turn to the Local Authority and expect some help from them."

Looking at the Council estates, do you consider them to be well-planned, good housing, that you would be happy to put people in?

"It depends where you talk about; South Moulsecomb is a good example of a well-planned Council estate with wide greens, and since the modernisation programme there has improved the majority - I appreciate not all the properties there - I think the people are happier there than they were. The area has not deteriorated to the extent that I as an outsider feel that North Moulsecomb has, and is deteriorating, both from the environmental point of view, and for the people who live there. There are the problems of the heating and the poor roof quality, which they are expected to pay getting on for modern rents for. I need to give the problem more study. I am sure the problems of the estates are worse than I have seen from a superficial point of view."

It appears that the existing Council housing is severely limited in the 'types' of people that can be housed. Would you agree?

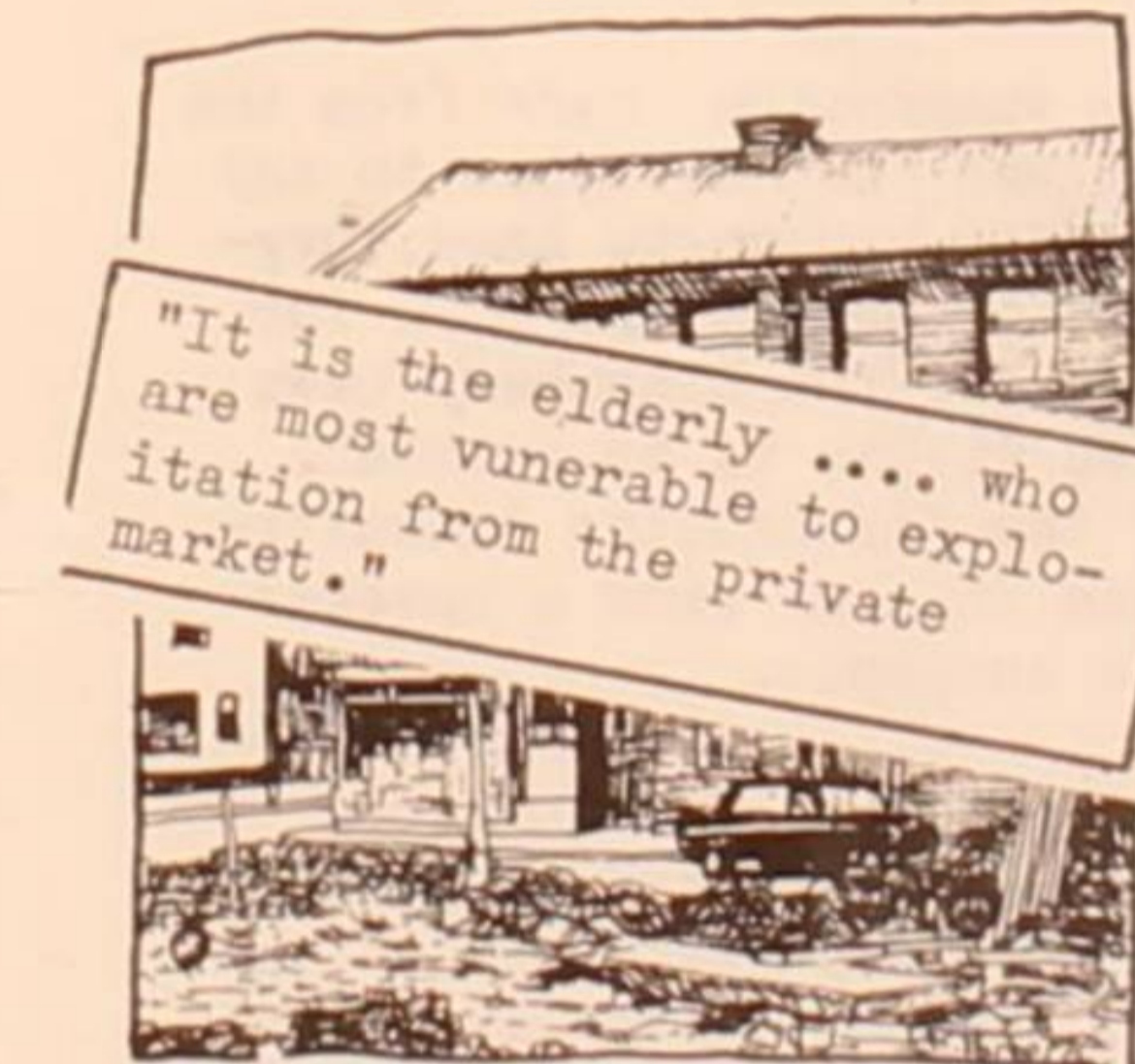
"Definitely. We've just been talking of the problems of the elderly, and where if that kind of provision is left for the private market it will not come to Brighton as quickly, or as much as we need. So, it becomes a social need, and that's where you turn back to the Council. But I think the Council have got to say that they don't want to end up, in present day thinking anyway, as 'the houser in the last resort', so that we get all the social problems. We need a mix, otherwise slowly through no positive policy we create - alright, ghettos - it's a horrible word. That's what we



ON HOUSING ?

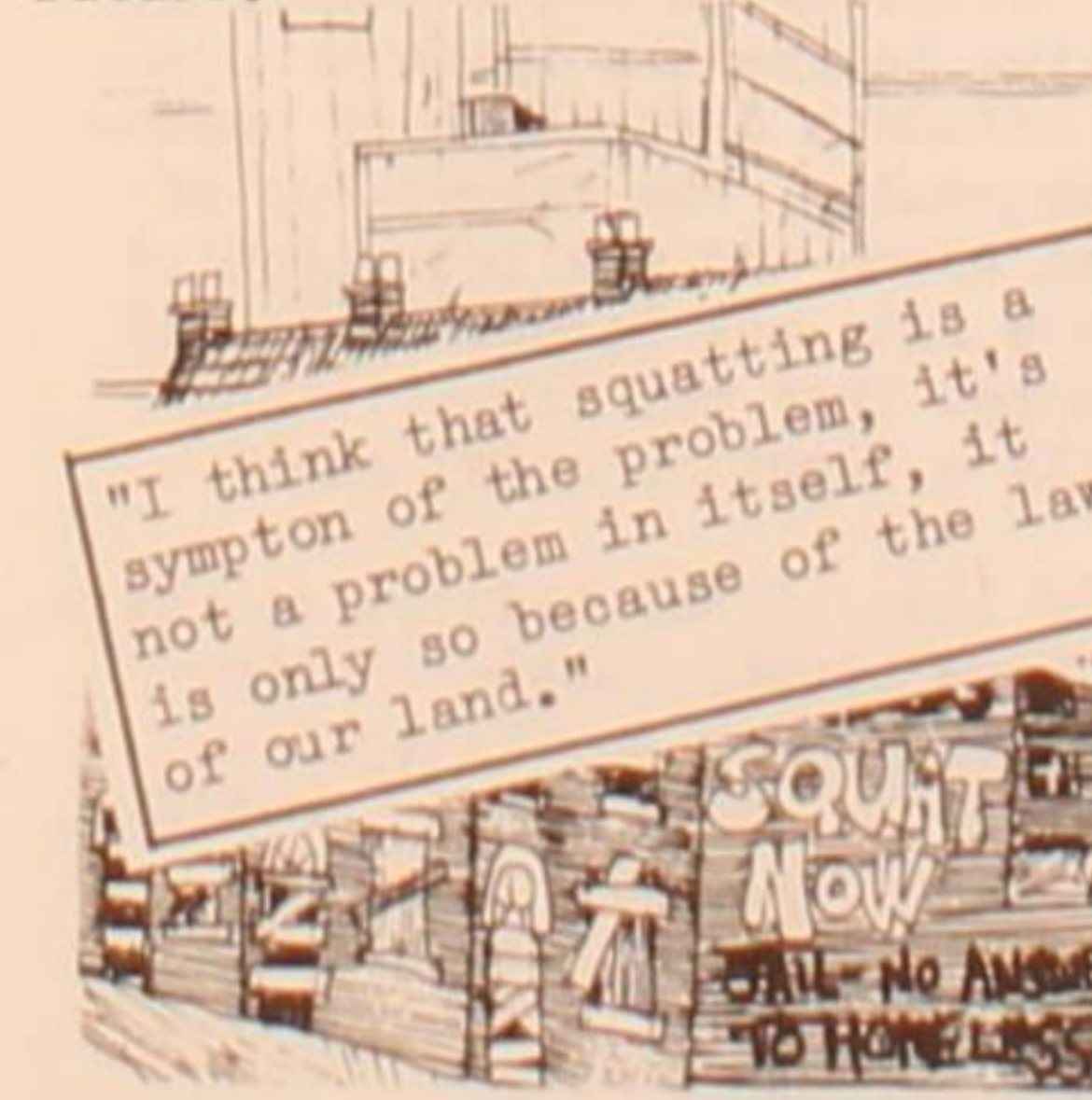
Brighton's new Housing Manager

would tend to do if we were to only house the poor, the sick, the lame, the elderly. People quite capable of providing their homes by other means still want to live in Council houses. They're important for upgrading estates. So, there's a real need for smaller accommodation, I think that's the point all over the country."



Do you think that the restrictive nature of the waiting list, such as the requirement of being three years resident in the town, masks the real size of the problem?

"It's very difficult to properly assess the housing needs in Brighton with the kinds of restrictions we've got on the waiting list. It is understandable that we should give priority to local people, but whether it is helpful to the needs of Brighton in the long term is another matter. You can't expand jobs in Brighton to tackle the unemployment problem and yet not provide homes. You'll expect to bring people in from outside to support local people for employment, and yet say that we're not going to provide housing for them. I don't think you can do that; it's got to be a comprehensive policy. So, the restrictions, although understandable, are not helpful when planning for the future."



Housing is perhaps the most fundamental part of people's lives; should therefore the Council consult the community when planning housing for the future?

"Yes, it's certainly the logical thing to do. The point about a home being fundamental is very important, we tend to overlook it. We can't go along bemoaning the problems both on housing generally and generally in society, if we're not providing the fundamentals which affect it so much. On the other hand, people must not look in the future to Council housing as being a cheap form of accommodation. From the Government's Green Paper, there are indications that they feel that people, if we're saying it's a fundamental, have got to be prepared to recognise that some of one's income has got to go into this fundamental piece of equipment for life."

One group who have contributed most vocally to the housing question are the squatters. Do you think they have any contribution to make here?

"Certainly they've got a valuable contribution to make. They're obviously people that are normally in acute housing need; I don't think people squat for the hell of it. They've probably got better first-hand experience than the people housing managers generally come across. I think that squatting is a symptom of the problem, it's not a problem in itself, it is only so because of the laws of our land. As squatting becomes more vociferous then we need to sit up and think that there's a lot wrong with the housing situation as it is. In Birmingham, squatting was brought about by genuinely homeless people, occupying small town-centre properties that had been empty for some time and were in that sense a definite indication of the homelessness problem. I'm obviously not in a position to comment as yet on the Brighton situation."

Are you in favour of the sale of Council houses?

"If there's a demand for owner-occupation, then perhaps the sale of Council houses isn't a bad thing, looked

at from the tenure point of view. Having said that, one has to look very carefully at; what you're selling, what you do with the money you've got from the sales, and what the problems are likely to be for the people that are left to fund the housing bill. Money received from the sale of existing old Council housing goes half way to providing a new unit of accommodation, but that sale has two effects. Firstly, the replacement costs are very high and secondly, the loss of revenue has to be shared out. Both these costs have to be met by the remaining tenants. It is not a good principle unless alternative ways of financing housing can be found."

Finally, do you see the position of a housing manager as a difficult one. Being between the Councillors and the public and not being able to satisfy either?


"You're right it's 'piggy in the middle', but that's not necessarily a bad thing. Managers are in the difficult position of resolving policy decisions that are made, to the people who live in the houses, and who don't necessarily accept these decisions. It is an entirely representative role. My job is to tell the members of the Council what the tenants are thinking. Any debate on the housing situation, for my part has to involve a contribution from the squatters that you mentioned and those that are homeless, and Shelter etc., even though politically they're an anathema. I don't have to make those decisions, thank God!, but I have



to transmit those decisions back to the tenants, even though they may be unpalatable, and that way I think we measure, as housing managers, whether we are successful or are failures."

Gay News Blasphemy Case

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST
WHITEHOUSE**



What is Mary Whitehouse Cooking?
Reading porn when no-one's looking.
Always sniffing under beds
For porn and punks and gays and reds.

Mary Whitehouse and her crew.
All true British, all True Blue.
Want the Festival of Blight,
To come and spy on folk at night

Want to stop us having fun,
Say there's hard work to be done,
Want to make us slave all day,
So the boss can get more pay.

The festival of light want to:-

- CONTROL WHAT PEOPLE WATCH ON TV
- CONTROL WHAT PEOPLE READ IN THE PAPERS
- STOP ALL SEX OUTSIDE MARRIAGE
- MAKE ABORTION ILLEGAL
- PASS LAWS AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS

Mary 'Hooligan' Whitehouse Defines Jesus Of The Tupperware Party

EDITED HIGHLIGHTS OF
SUNDAY'S SPEECHES

Michael Mason, News Editor of 'Gay News' evoked an image of Mrs Whitehouse leaping crash barriers to put the boot into rivals who insulted her team and said, "if only she had the good manners and self-restraint of the average soccer hooligan."
"The Authorised Version of Christ that emerged from the Old Bailey was the well-behaved Jesus of the Tupperware party, promising to save his flock from nothing more serious than income tax."

Francis Bennion, barrister, Defense of Literature and the Arts Society: "This antique law is an unwarranted interference with free speech and communications."
"The way to deal with the matter is to promote a Parliamentary Bill to change the law so as to make blasphemous speeches, publications and performances no longer criminal."

Nicolas Walter, Editor of 'New Humanist': "This case belongs to a long history of attempts to suppress free speech about things the Establishment is frightened."

"The most effective way to extend free speech in such matters is not to ask for it but to take it."

INFORMATION

DEMONSTRATION in London, sat 11th Feb (2 days before the Gay News Appeal case). coaches leave the Palace Peir at 9.30 am. £1.90 in advance. Contact Bill McIlroy, CABL.

CABL (Secretary Bill McIlroy) is at 32, Over St., Brighton. Phone 696425. there is a newsletter.

Nicolas Walter's booklet 'Blasphemy in Britain', giving a history of the laws and details of the 'Gay News' trial, is available (price 25p) from Solstice, public House, Sunrise Restaurant.

HOT AIR AT THE MARLBOROUGH

The Committee Against Blasphemy Law (CABL) held its first public meeting at the Marlborough Hotel on Sunday Jan. 22nd. It went off with all the energy of a damp match.

The majority of the hundred or so people who turned up listened attentively while the speeches were made, applauded politely at the end and left, apparently satisfied with the proceedings. Those of us who went expecting the committee to initiate some sort of active campaign were disappointed.

The only suggestion made from the platform was that we write to any Lords we may happen to know, urging them to support the Bill for the repeal of the Blasphemy Laws which Ted Willis is to present. News of the forthcoming demonstration had to come from a speaker from the audience.

Another member of the audience suggested that James Kirkup's offending poem be read out at the meeting. This met with little enthusiasm, prompted in part by the news that there were Police in the room. Francis Bennion, who eventually did read sections from the poem, protested that as a lawyer it would be unfitting for him to break the law and that in any case he would be embarrassed to read the rude bits out in public.

The speeches were excellent in their way, particularly that of Nicolas Walter who offered a very perceptive analysis of the case. The disappointment lay in the lack of any ongoing public campaign.

CABL, like countless other pressure groups, relies on lobbying tactics by which it hopes to achieve particular ends - Legal Amendments. It has mustered an impressive array of celebrities, including film stars, writers and theologians who support the aims of the committee, but so far little seems to have been made of the muscle.

We would like to see a campaign which would concentrate as much on the public as on Westminster. We would like to see the issue broadened to include a discussion of censorship generally, the repression of gays and women and the intrusion of the State into our lives. It should be stressed that the issue is not primarily a legal or moral one.

We would like to see badges, stickers and posters about, people handing out leaflets, more publicity for demonstrations, more public meetings, pickets of courts, illegal poems read out at meetings, and links with other organisations
HOW ABOUT IT CABL?

NEWS

Wakefield: Worst excuse of the year (so far) award goes to WPC Jayne Allen, who was recently fined £75 for possessing cannabis. She claimed she had found it after a lecture given to police officers by a Detective Inspector. He had brought a small amount to show to trainee officers and Ms. Allen said she forgot to hand it in after the lecture. (Leeds Other Paper)

Batley: Terry Gallogly worked for Aronstead Ltd., making garden furniture, for six months on a pre-release scheme for prisoners. He was returned to prison without notice one night after organising 90% of the 180 workers into the A.U.E.W. Leeds Industrial Tribunal later ruled that he had been unfairly dismissed for trade union activities and ordered his reinstatement. Aronstead did not question the unfair dismissal ruling, but appealed against the reinstatement. "We would rather close the place down than have him back" were the words of the management.

The Employment Appeals Tribunal rejected the appeal and the firm have been refused leave to take the matter any higher. (Leeds O.P.)

London: Good news for council tenants in Tower Hamlets. The Council has achieved a 50% increase in housebuilding: in 1976 it was 37 and in 1977, '56.....(Peoples News Service)

West Germany: The following quote comes from an "analysis of terrorism" by the Youth Section of the Christian Democratic Party: "If you give minors more rights than they can actually cope with, then you shouldn't be surprised if they slide into the terrorist scene. You even promote this by giving them grants and thereby supplying them with the financial means to leave their parents and live in doubtful communes....(Peoples News Service)

Bristol: Children demonstrated against the use of a local school for a National Front meeting, after Education Dept. officials refused to meet a group of black and white parents.

Half the children in one school were kept at home for a day in protest and there were empty desks all over Bristol. (Peoples News Service)

Manchester: Thousands of pounds of Government cash is funding a new "youth" paper in Manchester. The paper, called "Buzz", will be given out free at youth clubs and centres. The first issue carried a punk-bashing "shock survey"; sample quote: "I don't like punk music or dress. They cause trouble by picking fights with us army lads."

By issue No. 3, Buzz was advertising the army and the Young Conservatives; in fact it is on display at Army Recruitment Offices.

From The Free Press

Colin Colebrook, the ex-Daily Express editor, said that ten people would be employed under the Job Creation Scheme. (Manchester Mole Express)

Burnley: Advice from the Housing Dept. about how to deal with condensation: open the windows. We can't wait to hear what they suggest about draughts... (Burnley Voice)

Bristol: Thirty-five TGWU members occupied the factory of Coates Fencing Ltd. during a strike for union recognition. The firm agreed to grant sole negotiating rights to the GMWU, which had no members employed at the factory (!) After nearly three months, the firm caved in and the union is now claiming back pay for the strike period, a wage rise in line with average pay for the industry and improved safety, canteen and toilet facilities. (Bristol Voice)

GAZETTE PROBES VOICE

In a shock-horror-probe reminiscent of Noddy in Toyland at its best, the Brighton & Hove Gazette has at last revealed all about the Voice.

A half-page scoop in December splashed Bowden's attempt to suppress us little more than a year after the whole issue had been censored out of existence by the Argus. The Collective gasped collectively at each golden word, every scintillating misquote. The final verdict: do people really get paid for writing stuff like that?

In future, we'll settle for a mention when they pinch our stories...

YOUR RIGHTS

'CIVIL LIBERTY, the N.C.C.L. guide to your rights'. (Penguin Books £1.75)

The new edition of 'Civil Liberty', published this week, is greatly expanded. It contains over 600 pages of info on rights with respect to the government, law, health and education services, local authorities etc.

There are 29 sections covering everything from motoring to sex, from work to race, from birth to death, including sections on how the law varies in Scotland and Northern Ireland and the function of the European Convention on human rights. It has an appendix on the Criminal Law Act 1977 which is now being implemented.

This guide is indispensable to even the most law abiding of citizens and everybody should have one to hand.

DANCE 'OF THE SEVEN DIALS CONTINUES

On January 5th Brighton Council voted by 27 votes to seventeen to scrap the one-way element of the Seven Dials scheme due to the great pressure exerted by local inhabitants who insisted on expressing their disapproval of the scheme, and making the authorities listen, instead of meekly accepting what the Council tells us we want. The Borough Secretary has now informed the County requesting that they adopt the Borough Council's recommendations.

BUT East Sussex County Council do not meet until April 6th having cancelled a meeting for February 23rd and traffic orders have to be published for 3 weeks as part of the process of removing the one-way scheme. The County Engineer has stated that the traffic orders will not be published now, so the County Highways Committee will not be able to review them, and letters or any other form of public response on publication. Hence there will be even more delay as they will have to be published after April 6th, if the County Highways committee adopt Brighton's recommendations without further discussion.

Delay is the Council's main weapon, it acts like a blight on people's enthusiasm and their memory as to how the old system compared favourably with the new. So what can all the hundreds who joined the campaign do?

EITHER :

Write to DB Charnock, County Engineer, demanding he exerts his discretionary powers, at :-
East Sussex County Council,
Phoenix Causway, LEWES.
(phone Lewes 07916.

OR :

Write to Mrs Pat Drake, chairperson of the county highways Committee at :- 11 Hazeldene Meads BRIGHTON (phone B'ton 503977). She and one other Brighton Councillor on the Highways Committee could between themselves form an urgency sub-committee and get the orders published.

WE'VE GOT THIS FAR, DON'T LET EAST SUSSEX THINK WE WILL LET THEM PUT OFF MAKING A DECISION IN THE HOPE THAT WE WILL FORGET.



Samaritans

Dear Brighton Voice,
Very many thanks for continuing to advertise the local Samaritans in your pages. It is not realised that we are always at the end of the telephone, night and day, throughout the year for those in a crisis who need someone to unload on, whenever that crisis might occur.
Due to the increasing number of callers, we have had to instal another line, and both lines now operate on the new number: Btn 772277. Although the old number is still put through for a while, it will be discontinued in the Spring.
As we all know, publicity is very expensive, and help given such as yours goes some way towards keeping this particular charity going.
Many thanks and all good wishes for 1978.

Yours, Roy Walters.

Anti-Fascist

Dear Comrade,
We must take Kurt Weisskop's views on Fascism seriously (Voice letters Issue No.43) if only because of his first-hand experience of European Fascism in the 1930s. Nevertheless I feel that he is dangerously mistaken in some of the points he made.
Certainly racialism is rooted in surviving pre-cultural instincts, but the vital question is under what conditions can these instincts be mobilised into a social force - and who is mobilising for what? Certainly the National Front has a 'suicidal' political programme - so did Hitler (literally!) - but it is impossible merely to dismiss them without understanding the reasons for their current relative success.
The NF is gaining its support because some people are demoralised with unemployment or aimless jobs or lousy living conditions and can see no way out. You can't stop demoralisation by preaching brotherhood, but only by offering some solution to the problems. Obviously the Tories are incapable of doing this, which is why any real anti-fascist movement must be based on the organisations of the working class.
Lewisham was a classic example. There was no shortage of bishops and moralists of every political hue in the counter-demonstration, but if it

West Hill & the SS

16 Buckingham St.
Brighton.

Dear Voice,
In the January Voice you ran an article "SS and the Boy Next Door", on Patrick Hinchy and his publication of a book whitewashing the SS, and included in your speculation was the role of his wife.
The Voice "wonders if her political views are hawked around the West Hill Community Association". Your wonderment could have been satisfied by a phone call to any of the Association's officials or active members, who would have told you that this was not the case.
Before the publication of the book her views were not known and

even now can only be guessed at.
The Association is explicitly non-party political and the political affiliations of its members are not its concern. However, its constitution is also against discrimination on either racial or religious grounds, so should anyone attempt to use the Association to promote fascism, or any of the nastier manifestations of the extreme right wing, we will be able to act quickly and effectively to stop them.

Fraternally,

John Wilson
(Member, WHCA Newsletter Group)

Photographer

Dear Brighton Voice,
I would like to meet any photographers interested in forming a discussion group where we could get together to pool pictures, equipment and ideas, and generally learn from each other.
I feel that I would benefit greatly from such involvement. If you feel the same, please give me a ring.

Graham (Btn. 697774)

had been left up to them the NF would have marched through Lewisham unopposed and would have gained because of that fact. Brawling may be unseemly, but if you are dealing with people who aim to control the streets as their first step to power, then brawling is the only answer.
The two examples of broadly-based moral campaigns do not inspire much confidence. Certainly 100,000 people rallied for CND in Trafalgar Sq., but where have they gone, at a time when we are talking about the South African bomb, the Israeli bomb, the Indian bomb etc.etc. Similarly I don't know much about anti-slavery, but I do know that the great 'victory' of abolition was a very partial one which reflected more the fact that a large section of British capitalists wanted to smash the West Indian plantation owners (for classic capitalist motives).
Equality for human beings is a fine rallying cry, but if it is preached from the Bishop's Palace, the expensive garden suburb or the boardroom you should not be surprised if people living in the slums worry about their next dead-end job and take no notice.

Geoff Jones
(Brighton Labour Party)
252 Freshfield Rd,
Brighton.

HEALTH SERVICE BLEEDS.

The National Health Service, once the wonder of the world, is being slowly bled to death.
Most services are balancing on a knife edge, having already been cut to the bone. To the FPA even a "mere" cut of £15,000, as the Argus calls it, would mean longer waiting lists, poorer service and more pressure on staff, according to a local doctor.
Alan Brookes, secretary of the Brighton Community Health Council, said the district is already suffering from a chronic shortage of beds formentally handicapped adults and children, elderly patients and the younger chronically sick.

While it is true that the more vicious cuts have been averted, the situation is still far from healthy. Brighton District is overspent by £250,000. Figures project this to £365,000 by April. Alan Brookes says the figure may be £800,000 by April '79. "Successive governments have just not put enough money into the NHS," he said.

To meet their budgets, Health Authorities are forced to scabble about, diverting funds from capital development and maintenance. The AHA have even discussed the possibility of reducing the portions of hospital patients meals. Patients in Hastings are in future to enjoy 'continental breakfasts' instead of cooked meals.

Cuts may be going on behind our backs - will the cutting of 22 beds at the New Sussex lead to its closure? Watch out too for curtailment of staff replacements.

Prospective parliamentary candidates for Keep Town & Pavilion.
LEGAL & WELFARE INFO/DESK Union Hall, Ayr St.
Saturdays 10'til 4.
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (SUSSEX) 689385 or C/o Public House Bookshop, 21 Little Preston St, B'tn.
PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (B'TON) Pregnancy testing, counselling, abortions, vasectomies; Wistons, 138 Dyke Road, 509726.
RENT TRIBUNAL Rent disputes, security of tenure, etc; 137 Preston Rd, B'ton. 506381.
RIGHTS CENTRE (B'TN) Advice on legal problems. Free confidential service by the centrés workers and solicitors. Central Free Church Institute, Queens Sq, B'tn 202492. Open: Thursdays 12.30-2.00 & 5.30-7.30.
SAMARITANS For those in despair. NEW NUMBER B'tn 772277, 24 hours.
102 Clarendon Rd HOVE. SQUATTERS AND TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE Advice to homeless and those with housing problems. C/o Resources Centre, North Rd, B'ton.
WOMENS AID, Refuge for battered women; 506325.

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10 Warleigh Rd, B'ton.
FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (B'TON) Sec 72 Swanborough Pl.
FRIENDS CENTRE Meeting place with educational classes; 16 Ship St, B'ton. 27835.
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH; 15a Elm Grove, B'ton.
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GAY CHRISTIANS (B'TON). Martin 680868.
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GAY TEACHERS (B'TON); Tel David or Bob, Brighton 733838.
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GINGERBREAD Self help pressure group for one parent families. Basement 6 Marlborough Pl, B'tn 697208. Open Mon; 9.30-11.30, Wed; 1-3pm. Fri; 9.30-11.30, Sun 2-5pm. At other times p:one Brighton 774087.
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HOUSING CO-OP (B'ton) meet 1st Tue every month 8pm at the Resource Centre.
HUNT SABOTEURS ASSN Vince Smith, 386 Port-lay Rd Hove. 411484.
KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY; Sec Mrs N Marlow 18 Bedford St.
LINK UP; University of Sussex Student Community Action 680360.
MUSICIANS COLLECTIVE; C/o John at Public House Bookshop.

The Resource Centre. Wednesdays at 8.00pm.
GRADERS COUNCIL (B'TN AND HOVE) Coordinating group of local trade unions affiliated to the TUC. Andy Durr 235 Ditchling Rd. 505314.
TRADES COUNCIL; LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT and LABOUR HISTORY PRESS; Andy Durr, as above.
TRADES AND LABOUR CLUB: Meeting place for trade unionists; 16 Lewes Road. 61101.
TRANSPORT 2000. Kevin McNulty, 11 George St Brighton, 691318.
UNITED NATIONS ASSN (UNA) Mrs Nancy Dore 157 Surrenden Rd, 501370.
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WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP Contact womens Centre
WOMENS CENTRE; at back of Resource Centre. Open; Tue, Wed, Thur, Sat; 11-2 & Tue, Wed 6.30-8.00. Pregnancy test, rights etc. B'ton 65911.
WOMENS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM 684604 and Lewes 4161.
WOMENS LIBERATION; Meet Resource Centre, North Road Every third Mon. For info 'phone 65911
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WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASS'N. Tutor-organiser: Stirling Smith, 211 Queens Pk Rd. BRIGHTON. 680654.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 19, Elm Grove, B'ton. 687848
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YOUNG LIBERALS c/o C'illir David Rogers, 8 Guildford St, B'ton. 26011.
YOUNG SOCIALISTS (LABOUR PARTY) B'ton; Pat Byrne, 64 Coleman St, or 61559. Hove; Bill North 53 Blatchington Road.
Work etc
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT. Use the Resource Centre 15 seat minibus/van. & driver. B'tn 67141.
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ADVICE

AGE CONCERN Old people's welfare. Mon-Fri 10.00 to 12.30 & 2.00-4.00. 57 Ditchling Rd, B'ton. 683275.

BIT BY BIT: Info & help service, B'tn 27878 (phone only, no callers).

CANCER PREVENTION: (Area Health Authority) Brighton 23344.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY BUREAU B'ton 17 Ditchling Rise 61664, Mon-Fri 10.00-4.00, plus Tuesday evening 6.00-8.00. 2 St Georges Place; 10.00-1.00, 2.00-4.00. Hove, Town Hall (Tisbury Road), 734811 Mon Wed Fri 10.00-12.30 2.15-4.00, Tue, Thur, 10.00-4.00.

CLAIMANTS UNION: Meets at Resource Centre, North Road, B'tn 67141. Wed 8 pm Mon 2-4pm.

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: B'ton 18/19 Western Rd, 734258. Lewes, Newhaven and University Health Centre:- B'ton 23344.

GAY SWITCHBOARD Info and advice 202930. 8.00-10.00 every night.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE (council) 73 Grand Parade B'ton 29801 9.00-4.30 Mon-Fri.

LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE CENTRE 179 Lewes Road. Sat's 10.30-11.30, Quintin Barry and Dave Hill, prospective parliamentary candidates for Kemp Town & Pavilion.

LEGAL & WELFARE INFO DESK Union Hall, Ayr St. Saturdays 10'til 4.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (SUSSEX) 689385 or C/o Public House Bookshop, 21 Little Preston St, B'tn.

PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (B'TON) Pregnancy testing, counselling, abortions, vasectomies; Wistons, 138 Dyke Road. 509726.

RENT TRIBUNAL Rent disputes, security of tenure, etc; 137 Preston Rd, B'ton. 506381.

RIGHTS CENTRE (B'TN) Advice on legal problems. Free confidential service by the centre's workers and solicitors. Central Free Church Institute, Queens Sq. B'tn 202492. Open; Thursdays 12.30-2.00 & 5.30-7.30.

SAMARITANS For those in despair. **NEW NUMBER** B'tn 772277, 24 hours. 102 Clarendon Rd HOVE.

SQUATTERS AND TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE Advice to homeless and those with housing problems. C/o Resources Centre, North Rd, B'ton.

WOMENS AID, Refuge for battered women; 506325.

GROUPS ETC

ANIMAL ACTIVISTS: oppose factory farming etc. Vince Smith, 386 Portland Rd, Hove. 411484.

ANTI APARTHEID GROUP Contact Hugh Bayley, C/o Nalga, 104 Queens Road Brighton.

BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION Brighton & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Sec Mrs Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven. Tel: Peacehaven 4522.

BING CROSBY CLUB: B'tn 737357 (am only).

BRIGHTON HOSTEL 18 Dorset Gardens. Soup run at bottom of West Street 10.00-11.00pm daily. Help needed, Tel 682085.

BRIGHTON SOCIETY (THE) Environmental group; Selma Montford, 10 Clermont Road, B'ton.

BUS USERS ACTION GROUP R. Sprigge, 7 Tivoli Rd B'ton. 562172

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY Details of regular meetings from 202930. 8-10pm daily.

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND) Contact B'ton 28633.

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COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP Dance, Drama, Mime, Music. Evenings Carlton Hill School. Tel Bernard Bennett 32564

ENTERTAINMENTS every Thursday in the Quee Head Stein St, 8.30pm. Performers welcome but please 'phone first.

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

FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (B'TON) Sec 72 Swanborough Pl.

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

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH; 15a Elm Grove, B'ton.

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER; yoga, lectures etc. Beginners meditation Mon 7.15. 19 George St Brighton 693971.

GAY CHRISTIANS (B'TON). Martin 680868.

GAY RURAL AID AND INFO NETWORK (GRAIN) C/o Clyde Oliver, 69 North St, Lewes.

GAY TEACHERS (B'TON); Tel David or Bob, Brighton 733838.

GEORGE STREET AREA SOC (B'TON) (save George St campaign) Sec Howard Allaway, 7 Steine G'dns Brighton, 693763.

GINGERBREAD Self help pressure group for one parent families. Basement 6 Marlborough Pl, B'tn 697208. Open Mon; 9.30-11.30, Wed; 1-3pm. Fri 9.30-11.30, Sun 2-5pm. At other times 'phone Brighton 774087.

HANOVER COMMUNITY ASSN. Southover St; Self-build community centre B'ton 688380.

HOUSING CO-OP (B'ton) meet 1st Tue every month 8pm at the Resource Centre.

HUNT SABOTEURS ASSN Vince Smith, 386 Portland Rd Hove. 411484.

KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY; Sec Mrs N Marlow 18 Bedford St.

LINK UP: University of Sussex Student Community Action 680380.

MUSICIANS COLLECTIVE :- C/o John at Public House Bookshop.

MUSIC FOR SOCIALISM: Any one interested in a Brighton Group contact John at P.H. Bookshop 21 Little Preston St. For Newsletter/Subs write to; 30 Hornsey Park Rd, London N8. 01888 1161.

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN contact Womens Centre.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WIDOWS. (B'tn, Hove & Dist') 47 Tivoli Cr, B'tn (off Dyke Road). N.C.C.L.:- see 'Advice'.

PEOPLES OPEN STUDIOS 61 St James St, B'ton.

PROJECT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (HOVE) 737357 738712 or 411565.

RESOURCE CENTRE, Top of North Road, Brighton 67141. Basic resources for the community; meeting space, duplicating, screen printing Community Press (A3 litho), play group, directory of meeting space and much more.

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN Organising trade unionists and the unemployed to fight for the right to work; 19 Elm Grove, B'ton 687848

SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ASSN (SERA) Fast growing pressure campaign for socialist solutions to threats to global survival. 236 The Welkin, LINDFIELD -3760.

SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING: Daniele Furci, 12 Berkeley Row, Lewes, Tel Lewes 2414.

SOUTH COAST SKATEBOARD ASSN: B'ton 737357.

SQUATTERS UNION: Meets at The Resource Centre. Wednesdays at 8.00pm.

TRADES COUNCIL (B'TN AND HOVE) Coordinating group of local trade unions affiliated to the TUC. Andy Durr 235 Ditchling Rd. 505314.

TRADES COUNCIL: LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT and LABOUR HISTORY PRESS: Andy Durr, as above.

TRADES AND LABOUR CLUB: Meeting place for trade unionists; 16 Lewes Road. 61101.

TRANSPORT 2000: Kevin McNulty, 11 George St Brighton, 691318.

UNITED NATIONS ASSN (UNA) Mrs Nancy Dore 157 Surrenden Rd, 501370.

WEST PEIR SOCIETY: John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue G'dns, B'tn 63705.

WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP Contact womens Centre

WOMENS CENTRE: at back of Resource Centre. Open; Tue, Wed, Thur, Sat: 11-2 & Tue, Wed 6.30-8.00. Pregnancy test, rights etc. B'ton 65911.

WOMENS INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM 684604 and Lewes 4161.

WOMENS LIBERATION: Meet Resource Centre, North Road Every third Mon. For info 'phone 65911

WOMENS VOICE GROUP: based on Womens Voice paper Sue 21060.

WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASS'N. Tutor-organiser: Stirling Smith, 211 Queens Pk Rd. BRIGHTON. 680654.

WORKERS MUSIC ASSOCIATION (Sussex): Basement, 28 Livingstone Rd Hove

WORK HAZARDS GROUP (B'TON) Information and resources (including Hazards Bulletin) on health and safety at work. Meet Mon's at Resource Centre. Contact 68 Compton Road or 'phone B'ton 686302.

WORKING ASSN OF MOTHERS: Linda Kinsella 551341. Baby sitting, social events, creche etc.

WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS (WWOOF) Don Pynches, 56 High St Lewes. Lewes 6286.

YOUNG UNEMPLOYED'S CLUB 11.30-2.00 Weds; Institute Queens Sq.

POLITICS

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSN 693829.

COMMUNIST PARTY. G.B. Sec: Pearl Coffin, 95a St Georges Rd, B'ton, 687336

MEETINGS: Tue 10th Jan and then on the first Tuesday of every month, at 125 Gloucester Rd, 7.45pm 'phone for details.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (ML): meet alt Weds: 37 Gloucester Rd 684404.

COOPERATIVE PARTY, B'ton; 86 London Rd, 683076. Hove; Jean Cattell, 29 Foredown Drive, Portslade.

FABIAN SOCIETY, George Forbes, 66 Meadow Way, Burgess Hill. Tel 963-43723.

LABOUR PARTY, B'ton; 179 Lewes Road. 62592, Sec Marylyn Hill, 22 Port Hall Place, B'ton. 557704. Hove; 40 Cowper St. Sec Jean Cattell, 29 Foredown Drive, Portslade. Lewes, 3 North St. Lewes 4312.

LIBERAL PARTY, B'ton Pavilion; Frances Hix 143a Western Rd. 27960 (day) 26560 (evening). B'ton Kemp Town; Audrey Frampton, 32 Brownleaf Rd. 36817 Hove & Portslade; Ruth Davison, 286 Hangleton Way, Hove. 738425.

LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST GROUP 689897.

NEW COMMUNIST PARTY M. Chaplin 83 Edburton Avenue Brighton.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 19 Elm Grove, B'ton. 687848

YOUNG COMMUNISTS (B'TON) Colin Murray, c/o 71 Richmond St, B'ton.

YOUNG LIBERALS c/o C'llr David Rogers, 8 Guildford St, B'ton. 26011.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS (LABOUR PARTY) B'ton; Pat Byrne, 64 Coleman St, or 61559. Hove; Bill North 53 Blatchington Road.

SHOPS

ANANDA: 19 Bond St. Odds and ends to make your life good. Indian crafts, incense etc.

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GREENS: Vegetarian Restaurant 7 Victoria Rd, Brighton; 27878. Open 11.00 - 4.30 as a cafe and 6.30 - 11.00 as a restaurant. Bring your own wine.

INFINITY FOODS: Macrobiotic/wholefood supplies. 25 North Rd. B'tn 63563. Open :- 9.30-5.30 Closed Wed.

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