

What's On

*SEE CENTRE PAGE PULL-OUT

'WHAT'S ON BACK TO NORMAL NEXT MONTH'

MY MUM SAYS I'VE GOT TO PAY FOR ALL THE PLATES I'VE SMASHED SO THE VOICE IS NOW GOING TO COST YOU 15p! SORRY! BUT IT'S WORTH IT, IN'T IT?



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CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

'BRIGHTON VOICE', 7 VICTORIA ROAD.

Letters

Dear Brighton Voice,

An article appeared in a recent copy of the Evening Argus (11 Aug, '78) which in my opinion could be relied upon to reinforce any anti-immigrant feelings in the readers.

The article was headed - 'Leper Wins Deportation Reprieve' and stated in the first paragraph: "An Asian leprosy victim takes on the Home Office next week in his fight to stay in Britain". It was not until NINE paragraphs later that the truth was revealed: "The leprosy is not active now and Mr Miah is no longer in a dangerous or infectious condition". Between the first and ninth paragraphs we had been told that the man concerned was part owner of a restaurant. Surely the Evening Argus is aware of the social stigma attached to leprosy and could anticipate the effect which an article about 'immigrant lepers in restaurants' would have on the general public.

How much more responsible it would have been to stick to the relevant facts i.e. that two Appeal Court judges had seen fit to reprieve a man who might otherwise have been deported.

I wrote a letter of complaint to the Argus. It was not printed, but I received a reply stating that the person responsible for the article had been informed of my criticism, that they recognised my right to object, but did not agree with the points I had made. 'A courteous reply', one might think. But is a courteous reply enough when a newspaper persists in printing biased reports?

Geraldine Pedroza, 53 Ryde Road.

Brighton Voice is an alternative paper produced by people living and working in the Brighton area. It aims to cover news which the commercial press, because of its political and social bias, ignores or distorts.

There is no editor - we are all involved in all parts of the production process. The paper is not produced for profit: we publish it because we hope you will find it interesting and useful. It is not aligned with, or funded by, any political party or grouping.

We support individuals and groups of people trying to take control over their own lives, and try to report things from their point of view. We hope readers draw their own conclusions and that the news will be helpful to others in the same circumstances.

Brighton Voice depends entirely on support from its readers. If you have some spare time and would like to help in writing/production/distribution, we would like to hear from you. We meet every Sunday at 8.30 pm at 7 Victoria Road (side entrance), or phone Brighton 27878 at the same time.

The Voice & Sexism

Dear Brighton Voice,

I am writing to express the views of myself and many of my friends concerning your apparent arbitrary attitude towards sexism in your paper. As an alternative paper we think you have a responsibility to condemn sexism, just as you condemn racism, in all its forms, and particularly, a responsibility not to give your paper space to sexists to expound their views, however 'nice' and amusing these people may otherwise be.

In issue No. 47 you had an article condemning the Fabulous Poodles gig at the Rock against Racism concert in Brighton as being sexist and offensive to women. In issue No. 48 you have an interview with the Piranhas in which they said that they did not think the Poodles were being sexist at all. OK they are entitled to their views, but would you allow anyone to say in print in your paper that the National Front leaflets, for example, were not racist?

As you seem to impose a 'No platform for fascists', isn't it about time that you enforced a 'No platform for sexists' if we are to take your anti-sexism stand seriously?

Yours sincerely,

D. Rose

See 'Collective Voice' page 3.

Brighton Voice

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15p

Len Coombes, gen. sec. of Brighton & Hove Trades Council speaks out before the T.U.C.

We in Brighton (inspite of the retired businessmen's image) have been active over the year fighting low pay in a low pay area. Arising from an excellent speech by Chris Pond of the National Low Pay Committee at the March meeting, we set up our local Low Pay Committee. This will be an ongoing fight in an area with a large female workforce who are still very much in the low pay area in spite of legislation. Perhaps the hotel where you are staying is low on its wages and high on its anti-union feeling, find out and tell us. Also make sure you do not book there next time.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR TRADE UNION ORGANISATION. OUR ADVICE TO THE LOW PAID WORKERS IN BRIGHTON IS - GET ORGANISED AND GET FIGHTING - WE CAN ONLY HELP THOSE WHO WILL TRY AND HELP THEMSELVES.

In the field of anti-apartheid we have been active. On the 22nd March we held a public meeting in conjunction with the local and national Anti-Apartheid Committees. BARCLAYS BANK IS ON OUR LIST OF COMPANIES TO BOYCOTT. IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT THERE THINK OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND DO YOUR BIT. REMEMBER EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS AS THE WORKER SAID WHEN HE/SHE SPENT HIS/HER 5%.

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E.G.A STAYS O.K!

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tive medicine, self
health care, Jenny Dead-
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1/402 Btn. & Hove District
Busmen, from Conway St.
Deot. Hove
WHOLE EARTH: Alternative
technology, organic living
local environmental action
11 George St. 691318.

politics

ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE:
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ANTI NAZI LEAGUE: 12
Little Newport St. London
693629

ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSN
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Btn. 724263 for details
of meetings etc.
COMMUNIST PARTY G.R.
Sec: I. Coffin, 95a
St George's Rd. (667336)
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month at 125 Gloucs. Rd
7.45pm, phone for details
COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN
(ML): 37 Gloucs. Rd. 684404
COOPERATIVE PARTY, Bton:
86 London Rd, 685076.
Hove: J. Cattell, 29,
Foredown Drive, Portslade
TABLAN SOCIETY: C. Forbes,
66 Meadow Way, Burgess
Hill. Tel. 963.43723
LABOUR PARTY: Bton: 179 Lewes
Rd. 6C2592. Sec M. Hill
22 Port Hall Pl, 557704
Hove: 40 Cooper St. Sec
J. Cattell 29 Foredown
Dr. Portslade.
Lewes: 3, North St. Lewes
Lewes 4312.
LIBERAL PARTY: Bton Pavilion
F. Hix, 145a Westerr Rd.
27960 (day) 26560 (evening)
Bton Kemp Town. A. Frampton
32 Brownleaf Rd. 36817
Hove & Portslade:
R. Davison, 286 Hangleton
Way, Hove. 738425
LIBERTARIAN COMMUNIST
GROUP: 689897
NEW COMMUNIST PARTY
M. Chaplin, 85 Edburton
Avenue, Brighton
SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY
19 Elm Grove. Bton. 687848

shops

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ends. Indian crafts, incen-
se etc.
BRIGHTON HOSTEL SHOP: Chari-
ty shop, 105 Islington Rd
Open 10-4. Articles wanted
GREENS: Vegetarian Restau-
rant, 7 Victoria Rd, 27878.
Cafe: 11-3. Restaurant: 6.30
-11, bring own wine. Sht
Tuesday.

INFINITY: 25 Ncrth Rd, 6C3563
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Wed.
BAKERY & PIE SHOP: 9-5, Wed
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Health Authority) 23344
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B'ton: 17 Ditchling Rise
601664. Mon-Fri 10-4pm &
Tues 6-8pm; 2 St Georges
Place, Mon-Fri 10-lpm &
2-4pm.
Hove: Town Hall (Tisbury
Rd) 734811, Mon, Wed, Fri
10-12.30 & 12.15-4pm,
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FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC:
18/19 Western Rd 734258.
Lewes, Newhaven & Univer-
sity Health Centre -
E'ton 23344
GAY SWITCHBOARD: Info &
advice 202930. 8-10pm
every night.
HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE:
(council) 73 Grand Pde
29801. Mon-Fri 9-4.30
LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE
CENTRE: 179 Lewes Rd.
10.30-11.30, Quinton
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candidates for Kemp Town
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info also available.
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL
LIBERTIES (SUSSEX) 689385

groups

ANIMAL ACTIVISTS: anti fact-
ory farming etc. V. Smith
386 Portland Rd, Hove.
411484.

BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION:
Brighton & Iewes Division
of Sussex Beekeepers. Lyn
Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peac-
ehaven. Peace. 4522
BING CROSBY CLUB: 737357 (am
only)

BRIGHTON HOSTEL: 18 Dorset
Gardens. Soup run bottom
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Help needed, 682089.
BRIGHTON SOCIETY: Environmen-
tal group. S. Montford 10
Clermont Road.
BUS USERS ACTION GROUP: R.

groups

LINK UP: Sussex University
Student Community Action,
680380.
MUSICIANS COLLECTIVE: John,
Public House Bookshop, 21
Little Preston Street.
MUSIC FOR SOCIALISM: contact
as above.
NATIONAL ABOPTION CAMPAIGN:
contact Womens Centre.
N.C.C.L.: see 'Advice'
PROJECT ADVENTURE PLAY-
GROUND (Hove): 737357,
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RESOURCE CENTRE: Top North
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groups

WOMENS LIBERATION: Meet
Resource Centre every 3rd
Monday. For info: 605911.
WOMENS VOICE GROUP: based on
Womens Voice paper. Sue,
19 Elm Grove. Bton. 687848

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Cuts in the Health Service, Education
Service and other vital services have
been debated at various meetings. We
will give our full support to Trade
Unions fighting these cuts. Remember
the 1974 Labour Party Manifesto -
"Pay Special Attention to the Manpower
Services of all public services now
approaching breakdown, particularly in
our urban areas. Our cities desperately
need and must get better services
which are properly manned, and the
resources to make this available (page
12, section 14). FOUR YEARS IS A
LIFETIME IN POLITICS!

We are proud to be affiliated to
our local anti-fascist committee.
This very active body is fighting
the evils of the National Front
with all the courage and determination
we all know is necessary. THIS PART
OF SUSSEX IS WHERE THE REAL EVIL OF
THE NAZI FRONT MEET IN LARGE HOUSES
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. WE MUST NOT LET
THIS FRIGHTEN US AND WE MUST FIGHT IT
EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY.

Transport has been in the forefront of
our policy both locally and nationally. The longest and most heated debate so
far this year has been on pay policy
of its courageous efforts to stop the
erosion of the service to the public.
This was the resolution eventually
passed ; 21 people for, 15 against, 5
abstentions:-
"that this Brighton, Hove and District
Trades Union Council reject any phase
four of wages policy and oppose all
restrictions in every form on coll-
ective bargaining by any government".
However, from these issues there is a
story of courage. A story of solidarity.
It is a rank and file story that nobody
can take away from us. A special page
must go to the young students, women in
particular, who were punched and kicked
by the specially trained police,
because trade unionists were not on
the Grunwick picket line in sufficient
force to prevent this violence from
happening.

The VOICE collective is open to anyone who wants to become involved.
Anyone is welcome to help in the production of the VOICE and/or write
articles. We do however reserve the right to (collectively) comment on,
refer back, or, occasionally, reject articles; particularly if they contain
sexist or racist inferences.

Having said that, we would not allow racist remarks in the paper and we
should not have allowed a sexist comment by one of the members of the band
(to the effect that the Fabulous Poodles' song 'Tits' was not sexist), to
have appeared without a VOICE comment on the fact that we disagreed entirely
with them and that we think the Poodles were disgustingly sexist.

This has made us aware of the difficulty of not only recognising sexism but
giving the fight against it the prominence we give to the struggle against
racism and exploitation, in the pages of THE VOICE.

Collective Voice

We take very seriously the letter from D. Rose on the back page and it has
provoked a lengthy discussion on the political role of THE VOICE.

We thought it important in the Piranhas article to show where the Piranhas
stand politically. As with many of the articles that appear in THE VOICE,
the collective disagrees with many of the things they say but we think it
important that we find out where others stand politically and that a fairly
wide discussion of ideas appear in THE VOICE.

Last but not least -
at our July meeting we
called for the following action by the
Post office Workers (Brighton Branch)
"That this Trade Union Council, as a
step towards a single publicly owned
communications network, calls upon
the government to press for : A res-
tructuring of the telecommunications
manufacturing industry, under
public control, with a substantial
measure of involvement by the Post
Office Telecommunications business.
The nationalisation of the Private
Relay Companies coupled with the
extension of a Post Office controll-
ed Wide Band Cable Network."

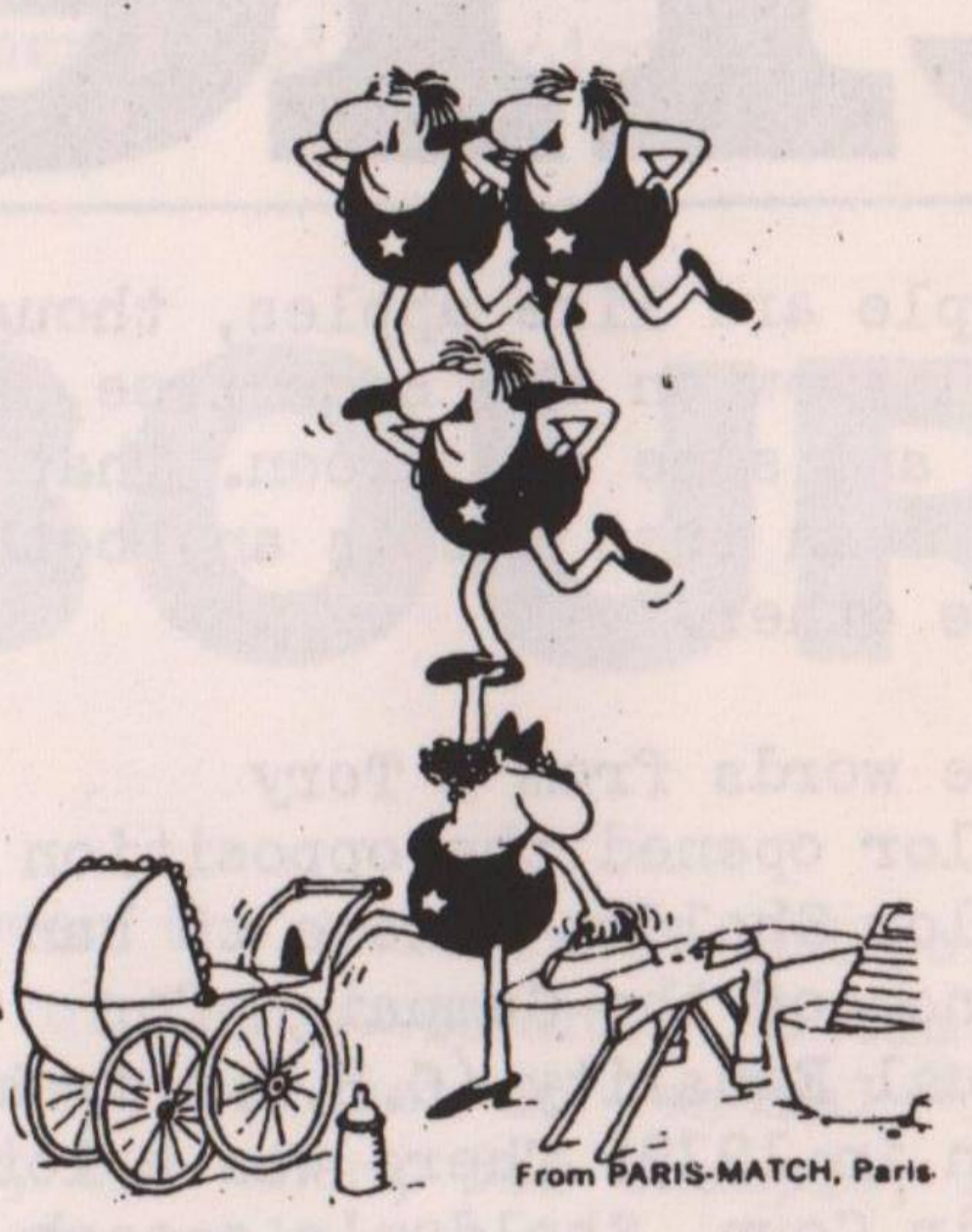
Emma Goldman said it all 40 years ago
but she might have said it today :
"The British bourgeoisie has good
reason to fear the spread of discontent
and political liberties are the best
security against it. English statesmen
are shrewd....they have always seen to
it that the political reins should not
be pulled too tightly. The average
Britisher loves to think he is free;
it helps him to forget his misery."
The test will always come when the shit
hits the fan - we cannot afford any
more Shrewsbury's or any more Grunwicks.
We must fight to win and win we must.

WORKERS WHEN WE SPEAK WE ARE SO OFTEN
RIGHT ... IF ONLY WE COULD LACE OUR
VOICE WITH A LIBERAL DOSE OF MIGHT.
(Unknown post hidden somewhere in the
TUC.)

Len speaks out - cont. from p1

THE COLLECTIVE

COME & CONTRIBUTE OR SEND IN ARTICLES 7 VICTORIA RD.



tolerance or fact. They replied to Sheldon's specific charges. When he said that supporting C.H.E. implied a criticism of police behaviour in regard to gays, one councillor suggested that the police were less than sympathetic. When he claimed a danger to youth, another councillor pointed out that most offences seem to come from heterosexuals. When he quoted support from certain evangelical christian groups, councillors said they were being less than christian. Coun. Sheldon had challenged councillors to take their views to the public and each one who spoke stated that s/he certainly would.

bigotry loses out

The ill-conceived motion was overwhelmingly defeated - 57 votes to 9. What was most surprising to myself and other gays in the public gallery was not that the motion was defeated, but that those who spoke showed an increased awareness both of the oppression of gays and the fallacies which bolster prejudice. In this case bigotry lost out. Councillor Sheldon had little to say and simply re-iterated his original statement. The good guys won.

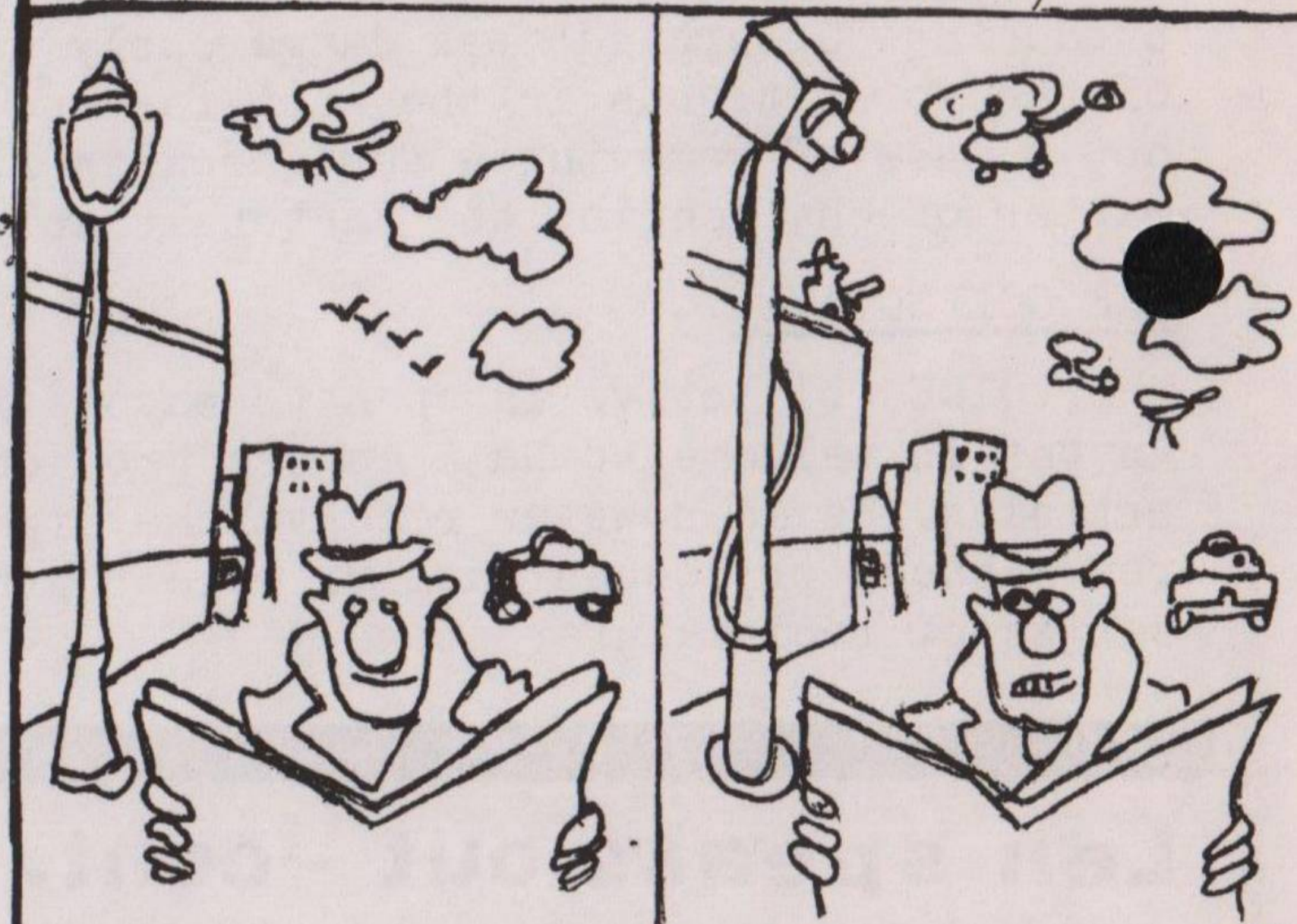
Certainly this is not just a one-off issue for Coun. Sheldon, he seems more interested than most in the concerns of homosexuals. Recently he attacked the Resource Centre for being used for a lesbian meeting and said he would oppose their grant application. The Resource Centre is open to use by a whole range of minority and community organisations but, again, it was the gay issue which roused Cllr. Sheldon. His position appears to be one of "defender of public morality", but fails to take account of the fact that the gay community is part of the public. His opinions tend to divide the community, emphasising our differences (indeed exaggerating them) rather than our similarities. Setting different sections of the community against one another is hardly admirable and inevitably leads to a feeling of exclusion. When more people feel outside of the community than inside, then that society becomes dangerously weak.

HUMANE PUBLIC

As a gay person, I am bemused by the hostility shown by a few people towards gays and wonder what grave crime I have committed to bring on such wrath. Fortunately, I believe this is a sad and sorry attitude of very few people and from my own experience Cllr. Sheldon does not speak for the public. They are more aware, more tolerant, more human than he suggests and want little to do with his ideas.

Finally, it seems Cllr. Sheldon has agreed to meet with C.H.E. to discuss the conference. What a pity he didn't do that before proposing his ill-fated motion.

Brian Kennedy,
(with additions from others)



Seven (or seventy) mistakes have been deliberately introduced into the right hand drawing. How many can you spot? What can we do about them?

It's No SECRET!

Got the Paranoia Blues? Well cheer up on this one. A friend in the local telephone exchange has informed us of the recent arrival of 60 extra engineers. Supposedly they are there to deal with a large breakdown, but our friend could not trace any sign of it. Worried? Well another friend phoned up somebody at one of the ABC contact addresses, and without the phone ringing at all, could hear everything in the house within earshot of the phone. Maybe I'll cancel that extension for the kitchen!

What a good lead-in for a plug for the ABC meeting. In case you've forgotten, ABC are Crispin Aubrey, John Berry, and Duncan Campbell, (local boy makes good), arrested in February 1977 for offences under the Official Secrets Act.

ABC meeting: Sunday September 3rd at 7.00 p.m. at The Stanford Arms, Preston Circus. Speakers: Duncan Campbell, Dennis McShane, (President of the NUJ). In the chair Andy Durr (President of the Brighton Trades Council).

"People are like apples, though they all grow on the same tree, some are red and some are green. That doesn't mean that one is any better than the other."

These words from a Tory councillor opened the opposition to Councillor Sheldon's move to ban the conference of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (C.H.E.) from Brighton in 1979. There was a lot to oppose in Coun. Sheldon's speech. According to him, many homosexuals were 'intellectual' and often competent artists, writers, musicians etc, they had a depressing tendency to hanker after little boys and hang around public toilets. The prime aims of C.H.E. were to criticise the police and reduce the age of consent to 16.

DEPRAVED!!

He himself had received a welter of letters from prayer groups, Baptist and evangelical churches warning him of the wave of depravity about to overcome the town. Being an avid Bible reader, the Councillor was convinced that homosexuality was profoundly unchristian. This wave of religious fervour was topped by a cry for higher moral standards and the wailing in the air of Tom Driberg's autobiography.

SOCIALIST DEPRAVITY

This - Mr. Sheldon was convinced - epitomised the filth and depravity of homosexuality, but then one should not be surprised, he was after all a socialist (Mr. Sheldon is a Tory independent).

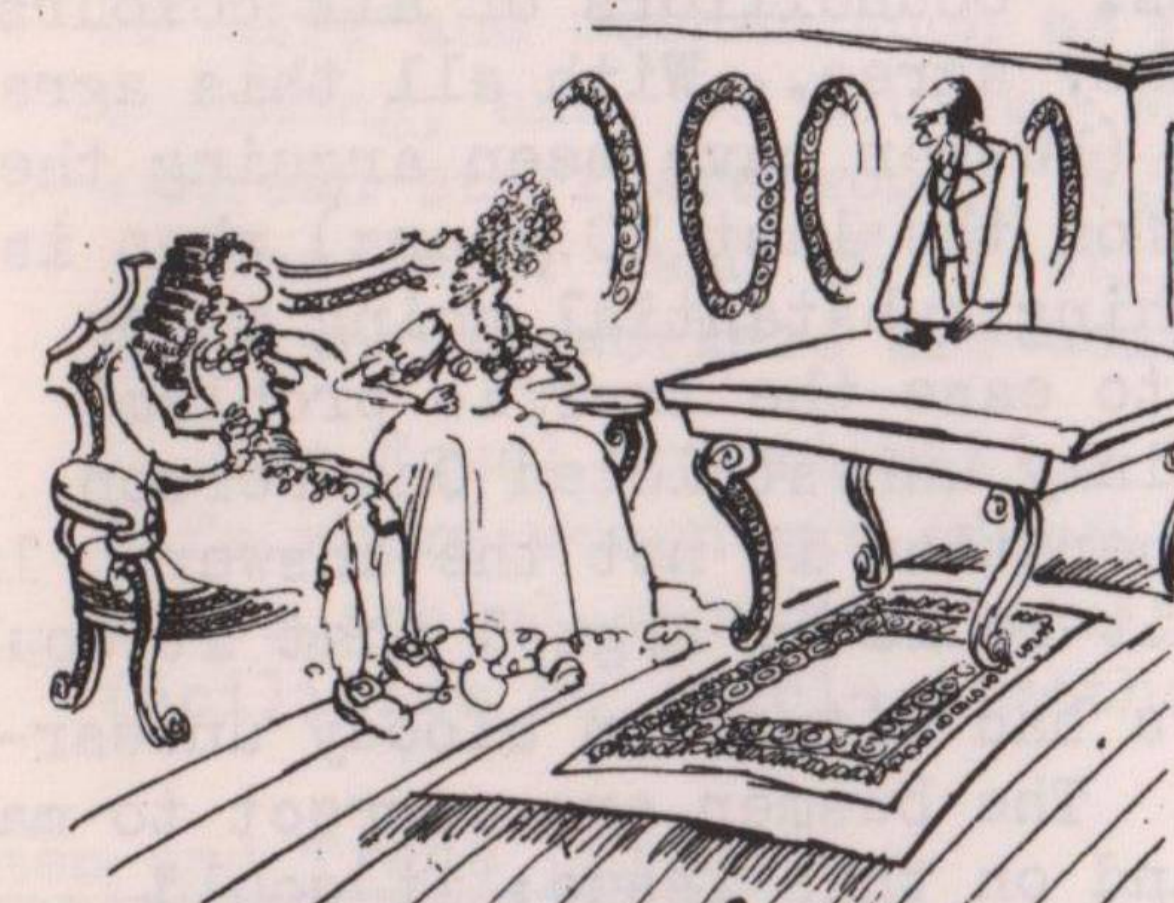
One after another, councillors from both sides of the chamber rose to defend not only the conference, but also to defend gays from the slur cast on their name by a speech which had little to do with either reason,

'Gays against Israel' Hoax

An anti-semitic leaflet has been distributed around pubs in Brighton and Portslade with a strange twist to it. Stamped over the leaflet is a phone contact number for a supposedly 'Gays against Israel' group. In fact there is no such group and the number is that of a member of the Anti-Fascist Committee who is neither anti-semitic nor gay. Members of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality suspect that the leaflet is a poor attempt to cause a

division between gays and jews within the anti-fascist movement. It won't work. Gays and jews died together in the gas-chambers and are both persecuted minorities here and in other parts of the world. We have every reason to defend each other's rights to choose our own way of life. Everyone is different in some way and we ought to respect those differences, not expect everyone to be the same.

35 HOURS NOW!



"Then let them eat the Social Contract - get it?"

The Post Office Engineering Union is in dispute with the Post Office over its claim for a shorter working week. It is engaged, at the present time, in industrial action in order to support the claim. The Brighton Branch of the POEU would like to take this opportunity to explain our case for a 35 hour week and answer our opponents.

Our claim for a 35 hour working week has been union policy since the mid-sixties, and has been pursued by the union with the Post Office since 1970. In all this time negotiations have failed to secure any meaningful commitment from the PO to agree to a reduction in working hours. The union has accepted ever increasing changes in technology in the Telecommunications business. By bargaining with the Post Office on a productivity basis, an estimated 70 000 jobs have been saved. As a result of our co-operation the fina-

cial savings for the PO have been astronomical. Last year the Post Office made profits of some £367m while prices have remained static since October 1975. We feel that now is the time to press for a shorter working week. New technology is eliminating jobs at an ever increasing rate, and in the Post Office telecommunications industry, the rate of introduction of new technology is more rapid than in almost any other industry.

The CBI claims that a 35 hour week would increase the rate of inflation and cause the loss of jobs. Such claims are to be expected from the CBI but when analysed are found to be without foundation. The introduction of modern technology is in fact reducing labour costs in relation to output - hence the escalating profits of recent years. The CBI conveniently ignores the cost of unemployment, which costs the country for every unemployed person, £6 000 a year in benefits, lost tax and lost production. The present level of unemployment is costing the nation £9 000 million a year - more than the total government bill for education, more than the cost for health, and twice as much as the bill for housing. As was to be expected, the CBI can only see modern technology as a means of reducing labour costs and increasing profits. Such organisations will do all they can to deny working people the benefits modern technology is

capable of giving them. Since 1975 a 35 hour working week has been the policy of the TUC. This policy was adopted so as to preserve and create jobs, and also to ensure that working people would gain socially from modern technology. In April 1977 the European TUC adopted the 35 hour policy to improve social and working conditions and to fight unemployment.

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research, which is used as a reasonably accurate barometer, forecasts unemployment reaching as high as 5 million by the end of the next decade, and reaching up to 8 million by the turn of the century. Other reliable economic institutions also make similar predictions. A 35 hour week would create approximately 750 000 jobs, which would halve the present official level of unemployment. As far as the POEU is directly concerned, a 35 hour week is required to preserve jobs and to ensure a social return on new technology. If we fail to win a 35 hour week in the Post Office, then the prospects for other people in other industries will be bleak indeed. But more seriously, it will condemn more of our young people to permanent unemployment and in this sense the social cost of failure could not be estimated. Therefore, our battle is not ours alone, it is the battle of every responsible citizen in the British Isles, and is why we ask you for your support.

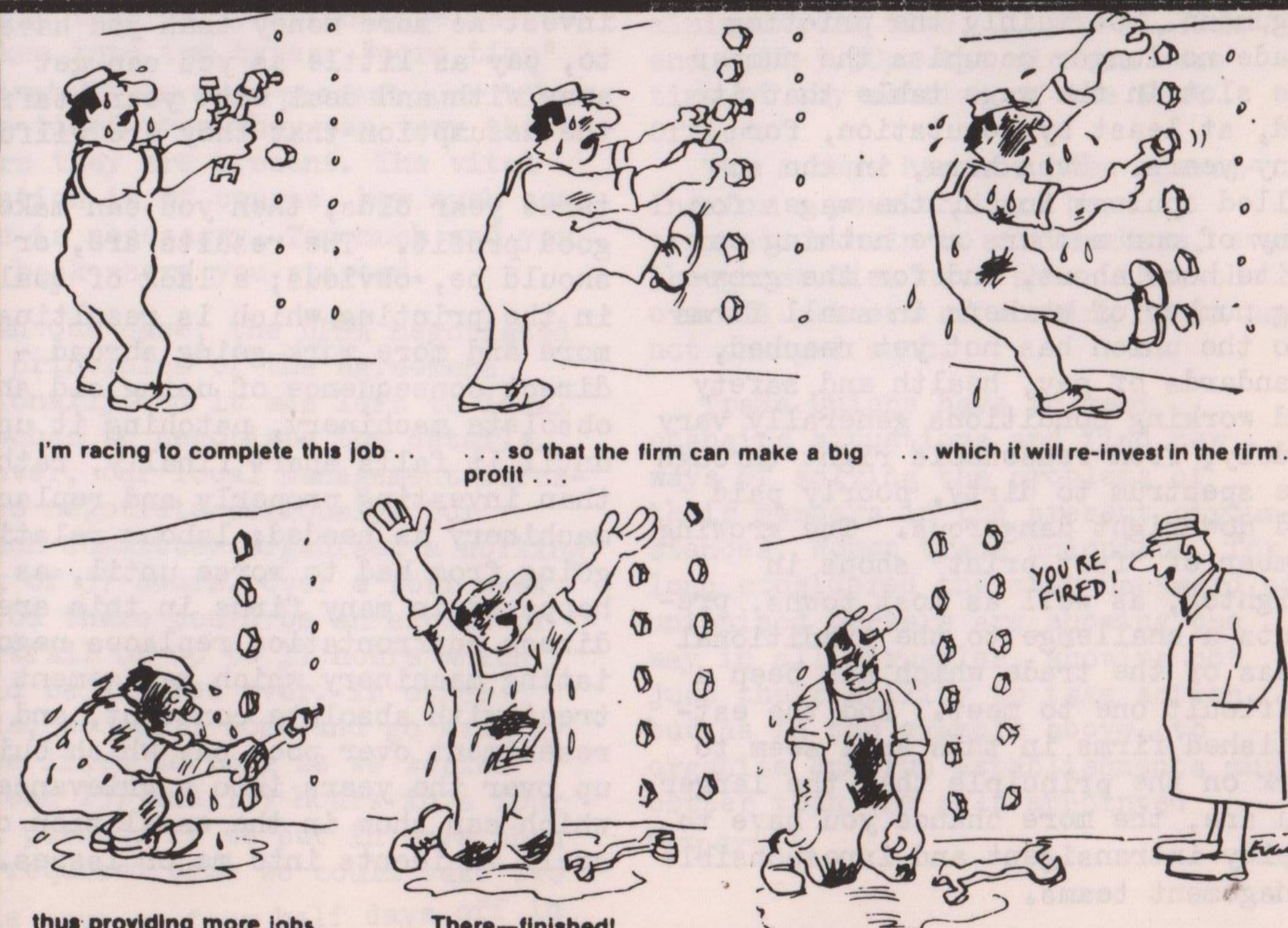
Ian Nicholls, Post Office Engineering Union.

Since this article was written, Lord McCarthy's report has offered a 37½ hour week. However, on going to press, it is by no means certain that the rank and file will accept less than a 35 hour week, although industrial action has been called off.

THOUGHT FOR THE TUC.

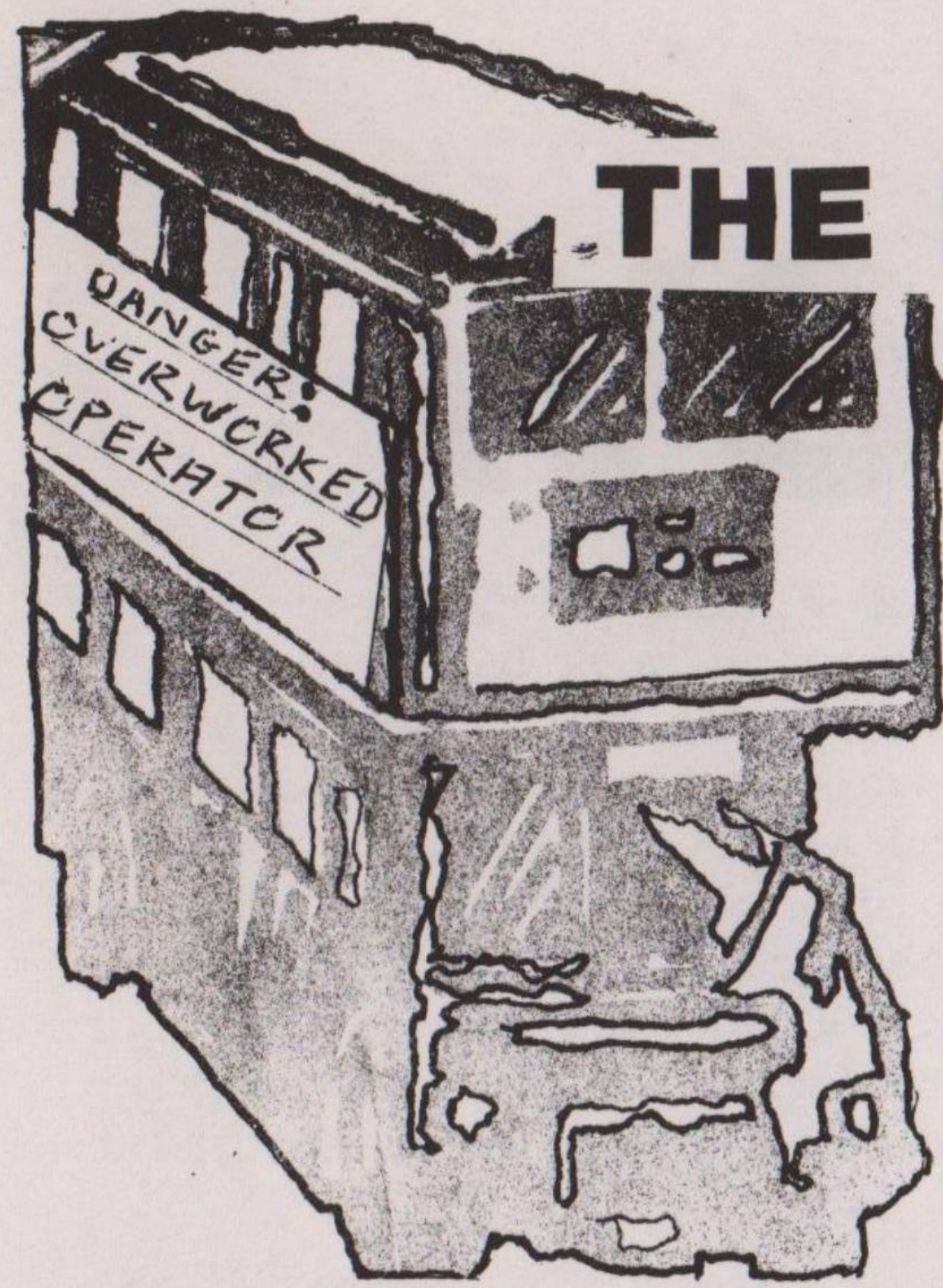
Terry Duffy, gleefully reported by the Daily Express (Aug 28), said of the toolmakers strike at British Leyland "There will be a determined attempt -backed by union officials- to keep the production lines going" "We are NOT prepared to stand by and see this company destroyed."

.....Maybe its about time somebody formed a union!



thus providing more jobs.

There—finished!



THE BUS STOPS HERE!

The bus industry in Brighton.

Corporation busmen belong to the GMWU and the Southdown busmen belong to the TGWU. There is close liaison within the TGWU branches but very little liaison between the GMWU branch of local busmen and the TGWU branch, an obvious weak link which prevents an absolute united approach. However, they are all buspersons and they all face similar problems. This is becoming obvious to a number of rank and file buspersons as conditions become more difficult.

This leads us nicely into an introduction to the Save Our Services Committee. This is a committee separate from the branch committee but working within 1/402 and other branches to improve the bus services and fight against cuts.

Both the SOS Committee and the local Southdown union branch are looking closely at One Person Bus Operation. They are particularly concerned about the possible effects on the health of one person operators. They know there is an increase in minor accidents, but the effect on health is a bit more difficult to prove. However, try watching the driver, and the tension involved and it will not leave much to the imagination. How many will get their deserved rest at 65?

As we hope many TUC delegates will read this issue of Brighton Voice we thought it a good idea to explain a bit of background to our local Bus Service.

Previous to the Brighton Area Transport Service Agreement (BATS) the three companies worked as separate bodies, the Brighton, Hove and District as part of the Thomas Tilling Group being the biggest operator as far as the town service was concerned. Since the BATS agreement (1st January 1961), the three companies have worked together with a common timetable and agreed fares. With the formation of the National Bus Company in January 1968 the Brighton Hove and District came under the management of Southdown Motor Services but the BATS agreement is still in operation. So Brighton Corporation runs 20½% and 79½% is run by Southdown.

a license to print money ?

Of all the trades represented on Trades Council, few have the reputation that printing has; good money, good holidays etc. How deserved that reputation is can be a matter for argument. Certainly the printing trade no longer occupies the number one slot in the wage table that it had, at least by reputation, for many years. Even here, in the so-called opulent South, the wages for many of our members are nothing to write home about, and for the growing number of workers in small firms who the union has not yet reached, standards of pay, health and safety and working conditions generally vary widely, from reasonable right through the spectrum to dirty, poorly paid and downright dangerous. The growing number of "fast print" shops in Brighton, as well as most towns, presents a challenge to the traditional areas of the trade which has been a difficult one to meet. And the established firms in this area seem to work on the principle that the larger you are, the more chance you have to employ intransigent and irresponsible management teams.

Far from setting an example of good productivity, progressive labour relations, and realistic wages, many of Brighton's bigger printing firms seem to work on the basis that if you invest no more money than you have to, pay as little as you can get away with and deal with your staff on the assumption that they are wilful

three year olds, then you can make a good profit. The results are, or should be, obvious; a lack of quality in the printing which is resulting in more and more work going abroad - a direct consequence of using old and obsolete machinery, patching it up until it falls apart finally, rather than investing properly and replacing machinery as needed; labour relations going from bad to worse until, as has happened in many firms in this area direct confrontation replaces negotiating machinery which management treat with absolute contempt, and a resentment over poor pay which builds up over the years into a grievance which can show in the escalation of small incidents into major issues.

As regards traffic conditions, so much has been said. The Evening Argus agrees something must be done to improve conditions. Bus Management agrees. The TGWU and GMWU agrees. Councillors of all colours say they agree. With all this agreement (busmen have been arguing the case for the last 20 years) when is something substantial going to be done to ease the traffic problem? Certainly unrestricted One Person Bus Operation is not the answer. In fact it could be argued that it could make a bad situation bloody unbearable. The busmen are correct to make a stand on this issue; it could literally mean a matter of life or death in the long run.

Free Travel Now!

In a short article it is impossible to go into all the economic arguments as to whether we can afford to give to our Senior Citizens in East and West Sussex. Our elderly folk are not all retired businessmen. Many of our senior citizens have given a lifetime of hard work to the County and the Country. We treat our old folk very badly, and all of us will grow old one day. We say to the East and West Sussex County Councils - FREE TRAVEL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS NOW OR THE SHAME OF MAKING THEM PAY.

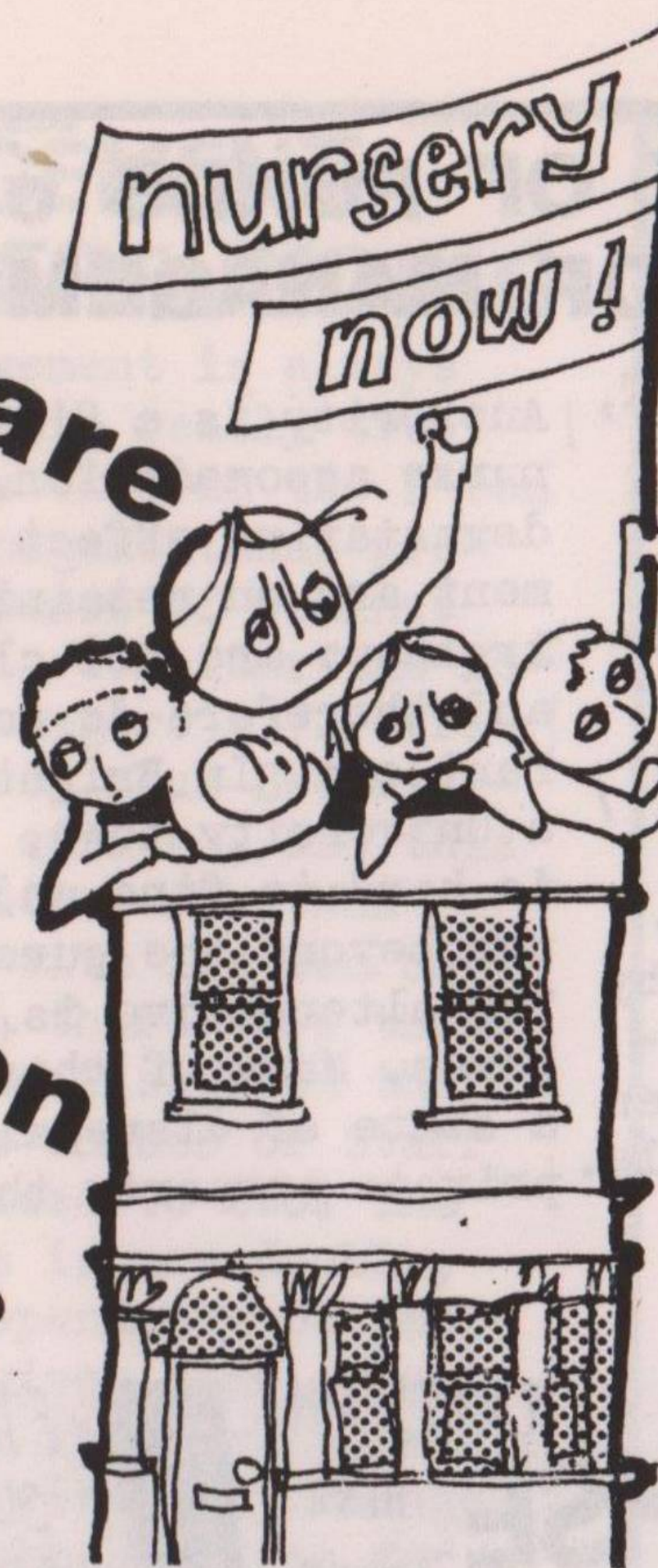
We hope you have read our article and that you will support us in our fight for a better bus service.

It is hard to accept, perhaps, that the National Graphical Association recently found it necessary to mount a full scale campaign to get

the minimum rate for fully skilled printworkers up to £53 gross per week and that for a good number of workers in our area this meant rises of up to eight pounds a week. Even harder to accept is a boss who makes men redundant one week and advertises for staff the next, or a management which installs machinery without any prior staffing arrangements or agreements, refuses to pay a decent rate for operating it and thus leaves it untouched for over a year, or the manager who refuses to pay his worker workers the same money as the factory down the road and then threatens to close his factory because he can't get staff. Yet these are the things that print unions deal with in Brighton and Hove every day ... its not all sun in sunny Brighton.

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Child care
- does
Brighton
care?



The Brighton TUC has long been concerned over childcare provision in this area. A long succession of Tory Councils at County and Town level has led to a situation which leaves many parents woefully short of care and educational facilities for their young children. This has been complicated further by the education cuts which East Sussex have attempted to use an excuse for massive reductions in an already grossly unsatisfactory system.

Therefore Brighton TUC has recently been pleased to see and to adopt the report of the TUC Under Fives Working Party. With proposals for a comprehensive, unified childcare system under a simple responsible authority, this document could be most significant in an area where care and education of the majority of under fives is either non-existent or left in the hands of individuals with little or no facilities and even less training.

With thousands of under fives in Brighton, and a growing need for both parents to work; with hundreds of single parent families unable, because of lack of facilities, to support themselves; with many hundreds of skilled women workers unable to return to jobs, Brighton Council should have wide ranging facilities for childcare in each area of the town. Instead a handful of schools run classes for the under fives. Pitifully few day nurseries exist, and even these have an uncertain future should further cuts be implemented.

Trades Council demands that the Council we elect should face up to its responsibilities to the people of Brighton and Hove and supply facilities for our children which would benefit both the children's education and welfare, and the community as a whole. In a town which spends millions on marinas and conference centres we have a right to expect a decent education and care system for our kids.



YOUTH AND THE UNIONS

Are many young people organized in the Trade Union movement?

Nationally the figure runs into millions, locally into quite a few thousand. This is the first reason why the Trades Union Council is relevant to young people. Our job is to represent and safeguard the interests of these young people. An indication that this job is being tackled is the fact that perhaps 40% of TUC delegates are under 25. A couple of years ago young people only made up a small minority.

This change has occurred partly because of the need over the past few years to fight against cuts in living standards, public services and the steadily increasing rate of unemployment. In any struggle young people always make the most determined fighters. Consequently young people have seen the need to become active in their Unions and in the TUC and have the energy and enthusiasm to do the jobs needed.

Two obvious problems face young people. The first is unemployment - almost half the registered unemployed are under 26. Job opportunities in this area are decreasing, especially for apprenticeships to become skilled. For many young people the only alternative to indefinite unemployment is unskilled badly paid work in one of the non-union sweatshops, or work for a pittance in the catering or tourist trade. To help people in this trap the unionization of such places must be a priority for the TUC.

The second is low pay - even if you are lucky enough to get a job with reasonable prospects (as I was after months of washing up in a cafe) the pay may well be very low. In my industry for example, clerical staff are paid according to the archaic Civil service increment system. There are two scales, junior and main and it can take someone eight years to reach maximum. This severely discriminates against young people in terms of pay. It means that young people can be employed on the cheap, rather than properly trained staff. This happens in private industry, of course. There are plenty of stories of young people being taken on as 'trainees' on a pittance because they are 'learning'. Having finished their 'training' they are sacked and new 'learners' employed. This sort of thing can only be stopped by strong Trade Unions and a closed shop so that the Union can have control over who is hired and who is fired.

We must never forget that the youth is the future of the Trade Union movement. The knowledge and experience that young trade unionists can gain from the TUC will stand them in good stead for the struggles that undoubtedly lie before them, to solve the problems facing working class people.

Clive Walder.
(CPSA Brighton
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THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TRAINED NURSES IN THE BRIGHTON HEALTH DISTRICT, AND JUNIOR NURSES ARE BEING DRIVEN AWAY. THE WASTAGE THIS YEAR IS HIGH AND PROUDS ILL FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA IN THE YEARS TO COME. WHAT IS BEING EXPERIENCED NOW, AND WHAT IS REFLECTED IN THE FALLING STANDARDS OF PATIENTS' CARE, IS BUT THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT MANAGEMENT HAS PROLIFERATED AT THE EXPENSE OF TRAINED NURSES AT WARD LEVEL, AND THAT THIS MANAGEMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED THOUGHTLESS SCHEMES, BAD PLANNING, AND HAS FAILED TO DEAL WITH BASIC PROBLEMS WHICH ARE BLATANTLY OBVIOUS TO ALL WHO WORK AT GROUND LEVEL.

TRAINING CUTS

For example, three years ago two training intakes were cancelled at the Brighton School of Nursing, ostensibly because of lack of funds. The true facts were that management had failed to monitor Learner intake and wastage rate, and the number of trainee nurses in the District had risen to 437, exceeding the limit of 350 set by the General Nursing Council. To correct their error Management took the easiest way out, cancelled the two schools and approx. 60 trainee nurses, with the following January intake reduced in number. At the time of the cancellations, the Trade Unions representing Nurses warned management that the effect of the cuts would be felt most strongly in 1977/8. The warning has now become a reality but management refuses to acknowledge it.

NEW SCHEME FLOPS

At the same time a new training scheme was introduced in the Brighton Health District. Nurse representatives argued that the scheme was impractical but it was the 'baby' of management, and it was implemented as it stood with complete disregard of the valid points put forward for its modification. The outcome in March this year, acute Medical and Surgical wards were being staffed by Learners direct from the January introductory course, being supervised by a skeleton staff of trained nurses. Why was this? Because the Senior Nurse trainees that would have been available from the two cancelled schools were missing, or they were withdrawn from the wards to fit in with the new training scheme. In July the problem was even worse. Management had promised to cover training wards with trained nurses at a meeting in March, and to employ Agency Nurses if necessary, but this promise was not kept. Their excuse was that there were no Agency nurses available, but enquiries brought to light an appalling situation. There were and are trained Nurses available, but some Nurses are 'blacklisted' by certain Nurse Managers. Some of these nurses were trained in the Brighton Health District and are known to some nurse reps. as good all-round nurses, yet not only are these Nurses being refused Agency work within the hospitals but they are also being refused full-time employment. Management of course deny this, but the nurses speak for themselves and register as unemployed!

The outcome of the situation whereby very junior nurses are left unsupported by senior staff in a new and often frightening environment, is inevitable. They will and are leaving.



'PRESTIGE SYMBOL'

In 1975 yet another scheme was dreamt up by the then Director of Nurse Education, and if it was not so sad it would be laughable. The idea was to create a 'prestige symbol' for the Brighton School of Nursing and this was to be achieved by establishing a 'waiting list'. Potential nurse trainees would be told that places at the School were in great demand and that they would have to wait one to two years before commencing their training. Nurse reps argued that the scheme would 'backfire', and it did. Young people nowadays are not prepared to wait for anything they want badly, and those that were told to wait promptly applied and were accepted at other training schools. Now the word has got round that there is a waiting list for entry to training to Brighton and applicants are not coming forward as they should.

NURSES HOMELESS

Trainee nurses are also leaving because of the difficulty they experience in obtaining accommodation. In past years it was accepted that trainee nurses lived in accommodation provided by the hospital. One of the most recent cuts accepted by the East Sussex Area Health

Authority is a £10,000 reduction in nurse accommodation. This will have a devastating effect on Nurse recruitment and on retaining learners. Nurse trainees are not classed as students and therefore do not get help with rent, etc. In Brighton, because it is a University town, rented accommodation is hard to find and the rents are often beyond the purses of nurse trainees. The alternative is to live in Nurse homes. Many of these homes are in such a state of disrepair that were they private property they would be classed

as unfit for human habitation, and recent incidents include Cockroach infestation, ceilings falling down... The Trade Unions were able to get one section condemned last year and a constantly urging Management to repair other Residences.

OUT OF TOUCH

There are many nurses in the Brighton Health District who would love to return to nursing, and indeed many of them do so. The problem is keeping them once they return. It is the easiest thing in the world for a trained nurse to become 'out of touch'. New technology, new procedures, new equipment make the hospital ward a frightening place for a nurse who may not have been inside a hospital for several years. They may be promised a 're-orientation course', but this materialises only after a few months by which time the nurse has 'updated herself' or has resigned. Management fail to acknowledge the need for 'updating' or they attempt to carry out 'updating' from their own ranks, which can have devastating results, as so many of our Nurse Managers are out of touch, not only with nursing practice, but with reality itself. CONTINUED...

OVERMANAGEMENT NOT UNDERFUNDING

The cry from Management is always 'no money'. But is this really true? What has happened is that in the Brighton Health District Management has proliferated at the expense of trained nurses at ward level. Consider the following. 72 Nurse Managers = 72 offices, heated, carpeted, plus Secretaries, who also need offices, and this concerns only one out of five NHS 'disciplines', each with its own bevy of Managers. In 1974 there were three Staff Nurses plus one Sister on the acute wards. Now the number of Staff Nurses has been reduced to two. The turnover of patients is now double, leaving more high-dependency patients on the ward at any given time, requiring more skills from the nursing staff.

The latest press release by Management blames high sickness rates for the shortage of nurses, but this is nonsense. Nurses are off sick, yes, but a very high number of these nurses have submitted a medical certificate which reads 'suffering from Nervous exhaustion', brought about by the appallingly heavy work loads and responsibilities that should have been anticipated by management long ago, for surely one of the supposed functions of Management in any sphere is to anticipate work loads and manpower requirements. This, management has failed dismally to do.

The Sussex Movement Against Cuts in the Health Service (SMACHS) has recently started a petition calling for more funds for the Brighton Health District. The people of Brighton must be sure that any money forthcoming will be spent for the improvement of Health Services and not on creating and/or maintaining more Managerial posts.

S.M.A.C.H.S.

SUSSEX MOVEMENT AGAINST CUTS IN THE HEALTH SERVICE

STATEMENT

In every area of the country the full effects of cuts in public spending are now being felt. Two years ago few people took these cuts seriously, but now a new awareness is growing. In the Brighton Health District, along with East and West Sussex, these cuts are now affecting every part of our Health Service.

Cuts take many forms. In the Health Service they mean that hospitals, nursing homes and community facilities are shut, staffing levels are reduced, equipment not replaced

Over the past two years there has been a swell of resistance among health service workers and community groups to these cuts. It was out of this resistance that S.M.A.C.H.S. (Sussex Movement Against Cuts in the Health Service) was formed. However, many struggles against cuts are isolated and even within an area one campaign may win at the expense of setbacks elsewhere. People facing cuts have often little experience of organizing, and we need to pool our energy and resources in order to strengthen the struggles.

AIMS

1) To provide practical help through bringing health workers, trade unionists and others willing to fight the cuts together. To encourage speakers to publicize their case, and to document and analyse the effects of the cuts.

2) To provide a forum through our meetings and bulletins to develop our experience and understanding of struggles to counteract our fear and isolation; and to develop a broad-based resistance to cuts. We campaign through the Trade Union and Labour movement and the rest of the community for active and united opposition to all cuts.

3) The Health Service must be extended, not merely defended. We fight for better health care, preventive medicine, Health and Safety at Work and women's health care. We want to discuss the kind of Health Service we need, with plans for how it should be democratically controlled by those who use it and by those who work in it.

4) To be initially concerned with fighting cuts in the Health Service, but to develop and broaden the knowledge of all cuts, and to understand the economic interrelations of all cuts.

POLICY

The policy of S.M.A.C.H.S. is determined by our fortnightly meetings. We are especially seeking to involve those active against the cuts, and Trade Union organizations, Trades Councils, community associations and women's groups who wish to oppose the cuts.

AFFILIATION

Affiliation fee is £1 pa. We have affiliations from Brighton Trades Council and Ouse Valley Trades Council. We would welcome many more affiliations. Donations also gratefully received.

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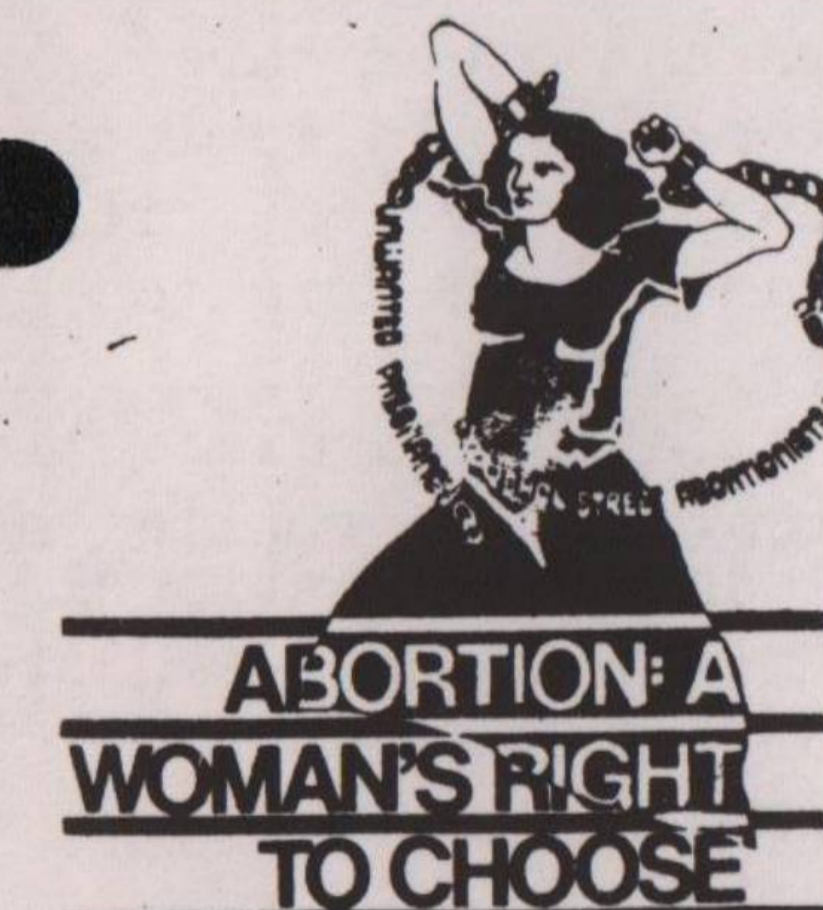


and waiting lists lengthened. The experience of many health workers and the users of the N.H.S. is that the burden of these cuts can no longer be tolerated. Staff cannot treat patients properly and their own health and working conditions suffer. Patients cannot get the standard of treatment needed. And it is often the poorly financed community services and women at home who must carry the burden of caring for the sick because of inadequate services.

at a national level. Brighton NAC is hoping for an equally good response locally. The conference is to be chaired by Marie Patterson.

In Brighton the campaign has already been strengthened by support it has received from local labour movement organisations - including the Brighton and Hove District Trades Union Council - in its call for NHS day-care abortion facilities in the Brighton area. It is now hoped that local trades union branches will support the conference in November and send delegates to it.

As a representative of the Brighton branch of NAC put it: "We think this is a very important question for trades unionists. It's not just for women, although it affects them more directly. But without the active support of the trades union movement for our campaign - both locally, for NHS day-care abortion facilities - and nationally, to counter further attacks on the existing legislation on abortion - our campaign would be severely weakened."



N.A.C. Brighton.

Far from taking a summer break, the National Abortion Campaign (NAC) is now concentrating its efforts to develop closer links with the labour movement. The Brighton branch of NAC is appealing to trades unionists in Sussex for support for a trades union delegate conference on "Abortion and the Unions". This is to be held in London at Caxton Hall on November 25th. The theme for the conference is to be the recent TUC and Labour Party resolutions on abortion, and delegates will be asked to discuss how to develop the campaign to implement these policies.

Already major trades unions are officially sponsoring the conference

BRIGHTON'S GRUNWICK

On walls and derelict buildings in Brighton you can still see huge painted slogans, "C.B.R. - 30th". These slogans commemorate a struggle for trade unionisation of a tiny sweatshop in Brighton which deserved to be ranked with today's struggles of the Grunwick and Garners workers.

In 1967 CBR Jersey Mills was a small knitwear firm, owned and managed by one Clive Roffe and his mother, with all the sophistication that one expects from small-scale print enterprise. An example: one school-leaver who had done O-level art was told, "We've got just the job for an artistic person". It turned out to be mixing paint! A compulsory six day, 72 hour week was worked with wages of 30p an hour (half the national rate in a notoriously badly paid industry).

In the spring of 1967, eighteen of the workers joined the National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers. For this they were immediately sacked (this was before such sacking was made illegal).

The workers asked for support from the local Trades Council, the Labour Party and the Student body. They got a mixed response. On the one hand the University Students

On the other hand, the Union based in Leicester was prepared to try to negotiate with the Roffes, but was very dilatory in trying to get support from other factories for the locked-out workers and in getting supplies to the factory blacked.

The picketing and action continued for nine months, with meetings, rallies and marches to the factory. The "30th" slogan was part of the publicity campaign for one such rally with the aim (as at Grunwicks) of blocking off the entrance to the factory to stop scab workers getting in. In the event the leadership of the rally (from the Trades Council) decided that such a "direct confrontation" would have led to a clash with the police, which they thought would be a bad idea. Violence on the picket lines was common and there is no doubt that that the police carried out a considerable surveillance programme on those involved in organising the campaign.

Finally, after nine months of picketing, when it was obvious that the strike would not spread, nor could supplies be cut off, the Union negotiated a "face saving" agreement with management. The Union found jobs for the remaining locked out workers and gave them a cash payment Roffe stated that he would not in future sack anyone who had the temerity to join a union. The then leaders of the Trades Council claimed this as a partial victory. In fact no union was ever established in CBR.

This was not a big dispute. The demonstrations organised never topped 200 or so people, mostly students.

The vast majority of the local union movement did not really get involved, although active members of trade union branches did their best to guarantee that the picket line was always manned throughout the worst winter for years.

But it demonstrated the basic lessons that still apply to Grunwicks and all other attempts to unionise sweatshops. Without the active backing of the Trade Union Movement both locally and at Head Office, the workers are fighting a losing battle.

During the early 70s, CBR appeared to have recovered from the losses they made during the period of the strike. They even persuaded Brighton Council to release them a piece of land off Hartington Road which had been earmarked for housing and for a workshop for the disabled. But although a large notice-

Union and the Trades Council gave immediate support, with trade unionists, Labour Party members, Young Socialists and students manning the picket line outside the factory every day, six days a week and collecting cash for the strike fund. At Sussex University the Conservative Club chairman was unceremoniously dumped in the moat for opposing support for the strikers.

board on the site describes the glories of the new 'Europa House' to be built there, CBR went bankrupt in 1976. Shareholders of limited liability companies are not responsible for the debts of those companies (a fact used every year by business men to avoid paying telephone bills etc.). So the collapse of CBR did not mean that the Roffe family were reduced to the standard of living of their workers. But the firm's demise brought a wry smile to those who had spent nine months on the picket line outside.

Ray Apps (TC delegate, 1970-75)

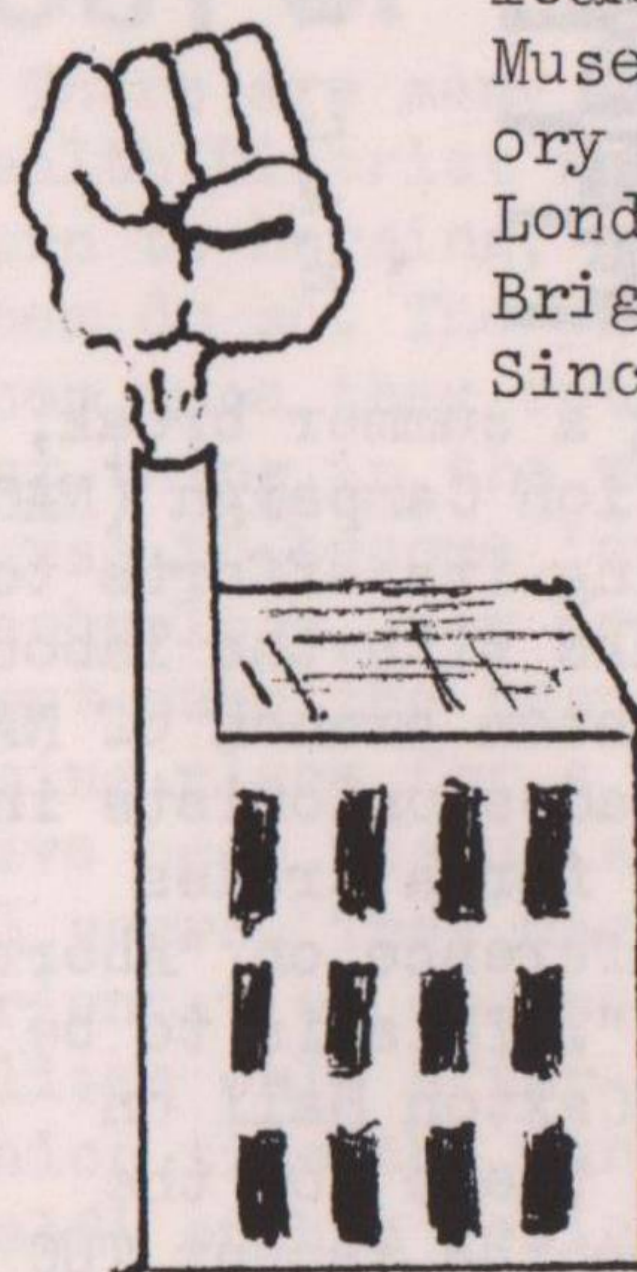
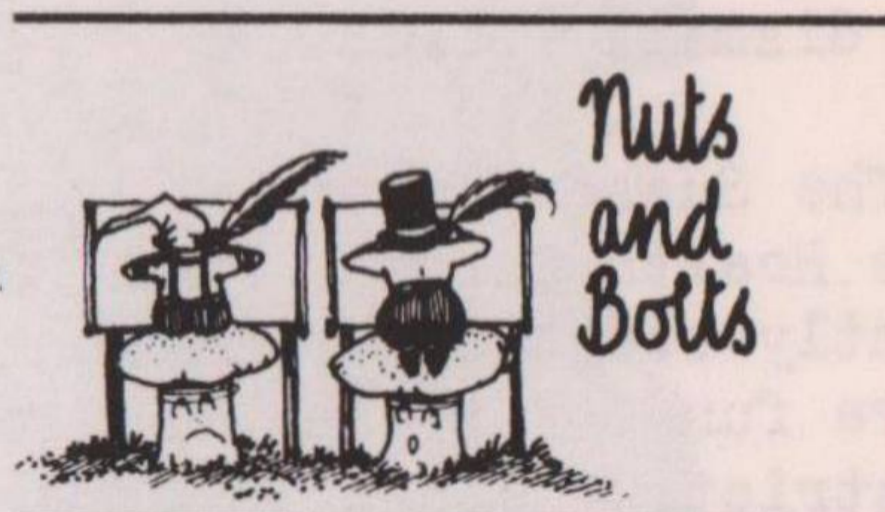
Labour History Project.

Since 1973 the Brighton Trade Union Council has been collecting material such as minute books, account books, etc. Material so far collected dates back to 1850 up to the present day and contains items from 70 different organisations of the Labour Movement in Brighton and Sussex. This material is lodged in the Brighton Reference Library, whose help in this project has been invaluable. The Brighton Polytechnic History Workshop has sorted and arranged the material and in conjunction with the Trades Council will in the new year be

publishing a source list of the contents of the collection, plus photographs of Brighton Trade Union banners and other items which have also been collected. It was hoped that the banners and other three dimensional material would go into a local museum but, at present, it does not look as though Brighton will ever achieve a Museum of Local History. So that this valuable collection can be displayed it will go on loan to the National Museum of Labour History at Lime House, London and leave Brighton!

Since 1911, various histories have been written covering many different aspects of the Labour Movement in Brighton. These as well as material published by Crabtree Press and Queens Park Books are

invaluable sources to anyone interested in Brighton's Labour history. FOR FURTHER INFO ABOUT THE LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT AND THE LABOUR HISTORY PRESS, CONTACT ANDY DURR C/O 235 Ditchling Rd. Bton.



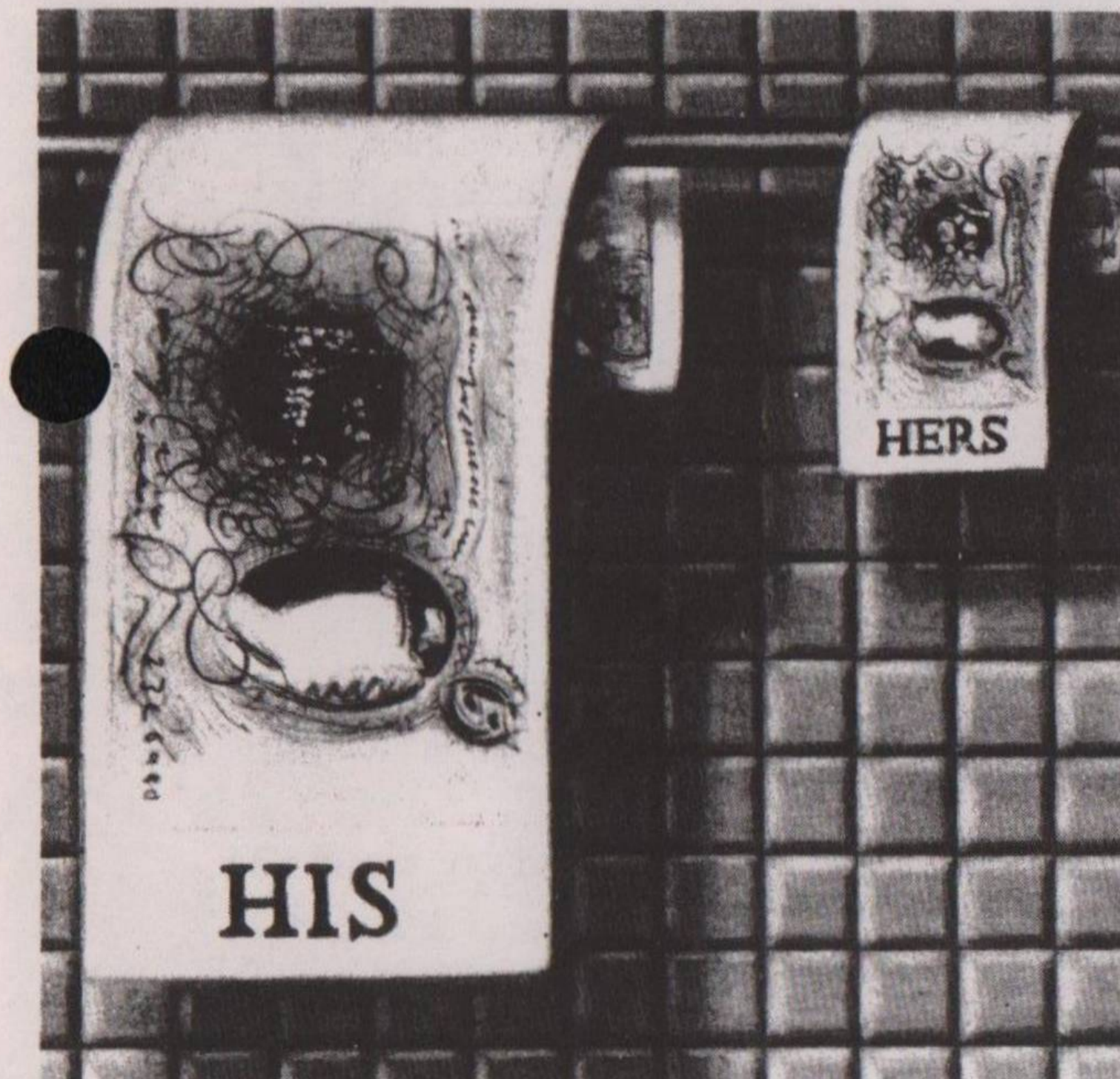
WOMEN TRADES UNIONISTS: The struggle for better working conditions.

Women form the largest section of low paid workers in the country. Most of the jobs that women do at present are extensions of the role of wife and mother such as nursing, social work, cooking, cleaning, teaching, and, of course, secretarial and clerical work. 71% of canteen staff are women; 62% of office and clerical staff are women; on the other hand 5% of skilled production workers and 1% of skilled maintenance workers are women.

The Equal Opportunities Commission has pointed out the areas of life where women are discriminated against: in education, apprenticeships, social security, taxation, in the lack of pre-school and nursery facilities to enable a mother to take a job.

Women and Trade Unions

Most of the difficulties mentioned above cannot simply be changed by legislation. An example is the Equal Pay legislation passed in 1974. The law gave women workers the right to equal pay for work of equal value - but not the money! Just as with all other rights gained by working people, it was necessary to take action to get the law enforced. For many reasons, women have tended to be far less prepared to join Trade Unions and take industrial action than have men. In the last few years the situation has changed remarkably with women flooding into Trade Union Unions (100 000 last year) and being prepared to strike if necessary to achieve decent rates of pay and decent working conditions. This change is, in my opinion, by far the most important example of "women's liberation" in the past decade.



Clerical Workers

The question of equal pay is not the only issue on which battles have been waged. In my own Union (Civil and Public Servants Association) we have had equal pay for a number of years, but women are by no means equal. For example, one has only to look at the small number of women in higher executive grades, in a workforce predominantly women.

One factor is, of course the time that women are out of employment having and raising children, but

the period (over and above agreed leave).

All the tedious problems of being at home to receive a delivery, see an electrician could be solved. Shopping could be done at the most convenient time. If the sun was shining it was possible to take an extra hour on the beach! There was a great extra feeling of freedom.

The Union successfully ran the scheme for three months. We did not have a closed shop at that time and

this is not the only one. Many married women still see their job as secondary to their main job of home-making, but even those who don't still find massive social pressure telling them that they have the responsibility for seeing that the cooking, cleaning etc. gets done, even where husbands help. A major problem (also just as acute for any single parent or single person) is the rigid hours of work. These make it impossible to get children safely to school and get to work on time. A working day of 8-4.30 or 8.30-5 is bound to produce a race of 'latch-key kids' with all the worry this means. It is no good 'moralists' trying to drive women back in the home. In the present economic climate the choice tends to be: mother home too late to cook tea - or mother home all day with no money to buy tea! A few community based nurseries cater for working families but they are few and hit by cuts in public expenditure.

Flexitime

My Union has ameliorated this particular problem by bargaining for more flexible working hours and then taking industrial action to enforce them. The concept of flexitime is simply that daily attendance is broken into two types: "core time" when staff must be present and "flexible time" when they can vary the hours they are present. The vital question is, of course, how much core time is necessary. Too much and you are back where you started.

In our case, the UPSA negotiated the principles of the agreement nationally and it was left to local branches to negotiate the details. However, our local management refused to negotiate seriously. Our Branch Committee organised a working week of 37 hours. Over a four week period there could be an excess or shortfall of up to 11 hours which could be carried over. In other words, we could come and go exactly as we liked so long as we worked between 137 and 159 hours in a four week period. If we put in more than the required time we could take two whole days or four half days off in



non-members were not allowed to take part. Management finally decided to negotiate (they might have started to worry that if the Union could run the flexitime scheme so well, union members might start considering running the rest of the undertaking without 'benefit' of management). After negotiating our members agreed to accept the management scheme with minimal core time, 10.30-11.30am and 2.30-3.30pm the minimum core time of any section of the Post Office.

The scheme has now been operating for a year and has been tremendous help to our members, even though studies have shown that the overall pattern of working hours has not changed much.

Trade Unions have to meet changing situations and find new ways of solving the problems of their members in the present circumstances. Women trade unionists, for long considered the most backward of unionised workers are showing the way in all struggles, showing not just their ability to take action, but as in the example above, to organise and run establishments much better than the self appointed 'experts'.

This article from Geoff Jones, the TUC delegate to Brighton Council Labour Group, is a call for unity between trades unionists and the Labour Party. We are printing it as a contribution to the debate on whether the Labour Party (or indeed the present TUC leadership) represents the best interests of trade unionists fighting at grass roots. We have also been asked to point out that it does not represent Brighton Trades Union Council policy.

UNIONS + LABOUR

Nationally and historically there are the closest links between the Trades Unions and the Labour Party. Trades Unionists have always seen the Labour Party as the political wing of the working class movement, even if some right wing labour politicians have tried to deny that fact. The recent formation of the Trade Union Committee for a Labour Victory in the next General Election is the latest example; the screams of Tory politicians demonstrate their fear of the strength of the united Labour movement. From the highest level to the lowest it is obvious to any Trade Unionist that the election of Maggy Thatcher would be a disaster. However much we believe that the policies of the Labour Government are completely wrong, the leaders of such a government and its policies are ultimately answerable to the Trade Union movement and the 7 million members affiliated to the Labour Party.

Tories, which must mean the effort to oust them and replace them with Labour Party Councillors and MPs who should represent the views of Trade Unionists and can be replaced if they do not. But things are not even that simple. We can call for new factories in Brighton to alleviate our unemployment problem; we can demand better housing and health facilities. We know they are all needed. But a visiting Brother or Sister from Sunderland, Glasgow or Ebbw Vale might well be forgiven for thinking we were in paradise compared with the prospect that faces them. The problems are national, if not international, and can only be solved by national action. To coin a phrase, our average branch member may not be interested in politics but politics is certainly interested in them.

between the industrial and political wing of the movement. At times of crisis, not just at General Election time, but when, for example, a factory or hospital is threatened with closure, the two wings should (and usually do) work together in harmony. But such harmony only comes from continuous liason in times of relative peace. At the present time unlike at some periods in the past, we have such liason. The TUC not only has an official delegate involved in the discussion of policy by the Labour Group on Brighton Council, but also has several prominent Trade Unionists as Labour councillors. Historically the official link between the wings of the movement was the Council of Labour. In the '60s it acted in a united way on such issues as the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia and the strike at CBR Jersey Mills. It fell apart as a result of personal rancour and crude cold-war witch-hunting. Fortunately it has now been set up once again, only in a small way to start with, but hopefully to become a real forum for the industrial and political wings of the working class.

Finally, Trade Unions will always have their role and the TUC will always have its role as the independent voice of working people, dealing with the day to day problems that confront us. But, especially in a period of economic crises such as we are living through, political action is necessary. That political action cannot come via some 'pure' organisation set up by a few individuals in a back room. It can only come via the body set up and financed by working people to do the job - the Labour Party. If the Party is not doing the job you want, don't stand about moaning; get stuck in and make sure it does!



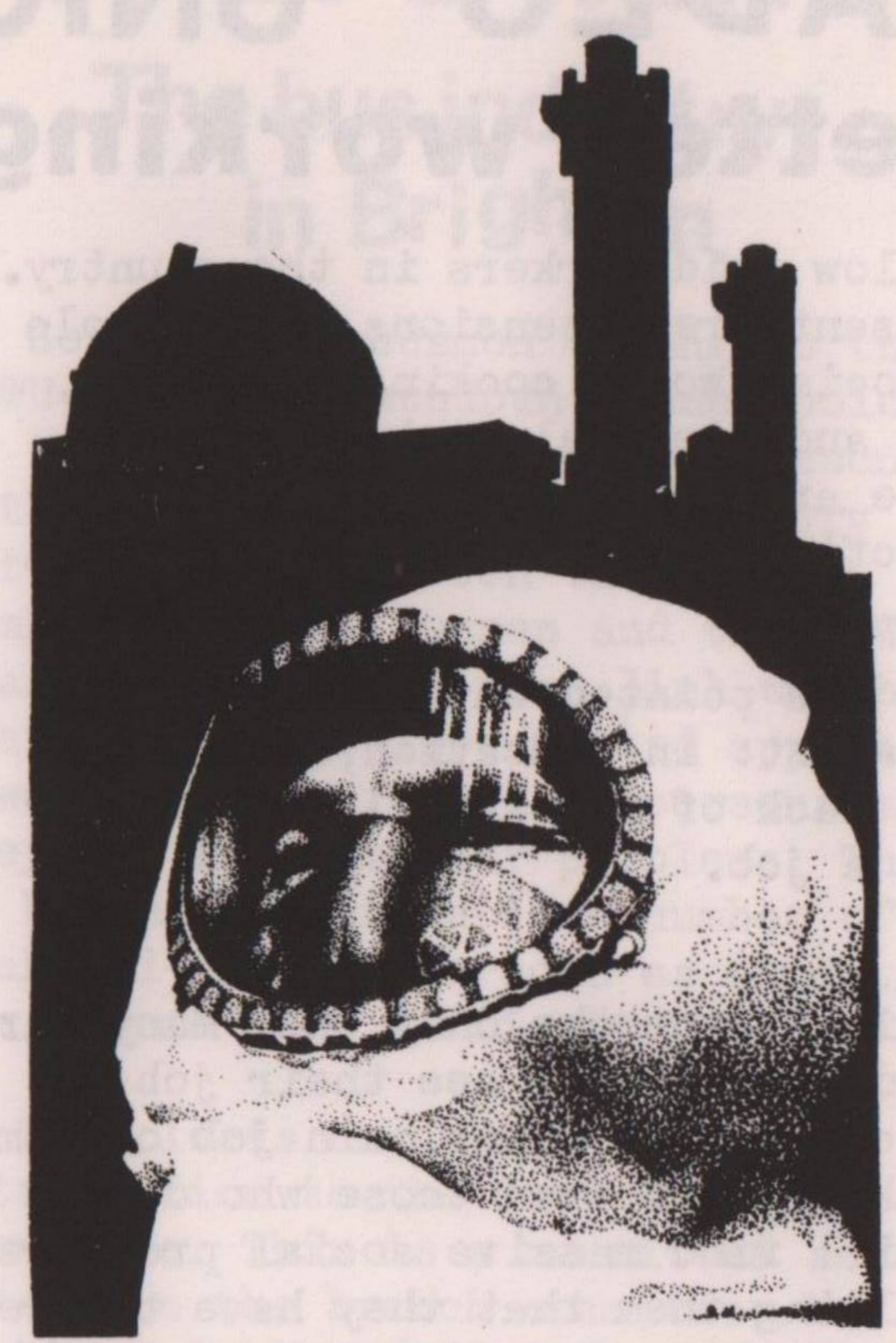
What consequences does this have for our Trades Union Council? Probably a majority of TUC delegates are Labour Party members; of the remainder, the large majority see the importance of close links



The Brighton Anti-Nukes Group is taking a minibus up to Heysham, Lancashire, on September 15-17 for a demonstration against the proposed AGR (Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor). We have 4-5 spare places and welcome people who would like to come along. The cost will be about £7 and you'll probably need a tent.

About Heysham: there is already one AGR awaiting completion, and work on a second is due to start in 1980. The demo is organised by Half-Life, a local anti-nukes group, and will consist of a picnic on Morecambe pier, followed by a march to the site, culminating in a series of workshops.

About us: we are a small group of people who got together after the Torness occupation in May. We are



all more or less committed to non-violent direct action against nuclear power, and since May we have been discussing the issues around opposition to nuclear power and practicing some forms of nonviolent action. We have also been up to the 'Stop URENCO' demo at Capenhurst, near Chester. We see a two-fold purpose to the group - to give each other support at demos and occupations, and to campaign in Brighton against nukes.

We now feel we would like to expand the group from its present 6 members to about 10, and hope that people wanting to join the group will come with us to Heysham (this doesn't mean you have to come to Heysham to join the group).

If you would like to come to Heysham or join the group, we're meetin meeting on Tuesday, Sept 5, 7.00pm at 8 Windlesham Road. If you can't make that, contact: Richard Hull, 68 Compton Road.



S.K.A.N. is a group within the Anti-Nazi League and was set up to fight racism and fascism in schools and colleges. Locally S.K.A.N. has been in existence for five months and was started with the help and support of University students. Initially there was an active nucleus of about twenty people, including schoolchildren, students and the young unemployed. Firstly, a broadsheet was written and printed, explaining our aims and this was distributed outside local schools. This had to be done



with the help of students since any political activity is banned in schools. When several members wanted to hold a meeting at school they were threatened with expulsion. We can do little within the school but individuals have sold badges and stickers and stirred up as much activity as possible, without being "found out".

Outside school S.K.A.N. is more active. We have regular meetings and have produced various leaflets and posters. Discos in the Vault, below the Resources Centre, have also been

organized on a regular basis and we have also shown a film there. The Disco is not political, we just play reggae and new wave music, and as there is nowhere else for people in the 13-18 year age group in Brighton it could fill an important gap in facilities here.

As a group, we have discussed topics such as sexism, racism, politics and other issues which are seldom talked about at school. Organization within S.K.A.N. is non-existent. There are no elected representatives and our approach is very informal. However, this does not appear to be a drawback yet, although the last disco might have been better if we had managed to get the proper equipment together! We exist on very small funds, so we have to organise activities which do not require money.

In the future, we hope to have further discussions, and to run the disco - with more support than now and perhaps to have local groups playing. We are also going to contact other SKAN groups in London, to share our ideas with them. We want to do something more positive about promoting race relations and fighting prejudices against minority groups such as homosexuals etc.

SKAN should continue as a group long after the elections, perhaps under a different name, because we are not only fighting neo-Nazism, but against the society which encourages the growth of such organisations. In a country where there are 1.5 million unemployed - and those who do work have boring, uncreative jobs - and where millions live in slums, fascism can breed strongly, using coloured people as scapegoats.

If you would like to join SKAN, membership is 20p, payable to the

'Jubilee' Legalise Cannabis Campaign

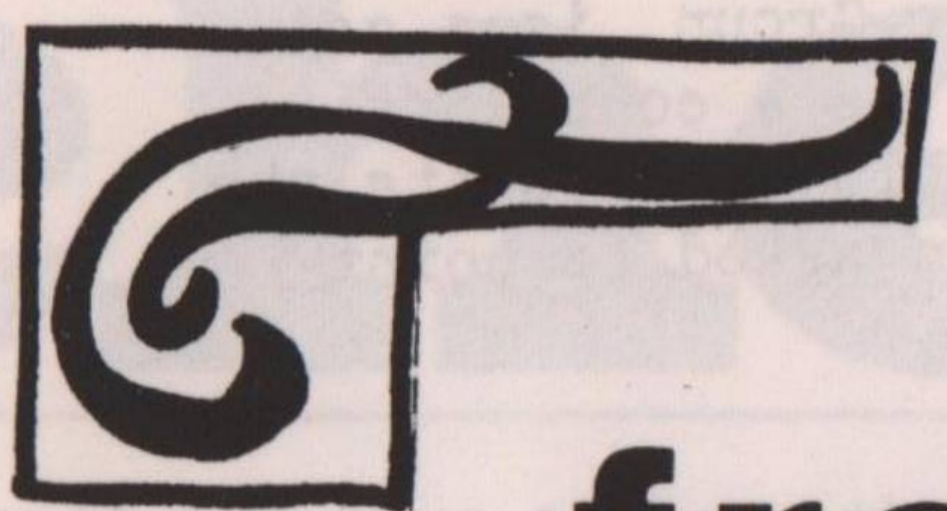
The Legalise Cannabis Campaign is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of cannabis prohibition with the publication of a new pamphlet: "The Cannabis Cover-up". The Campaign also plans a series of benefit concerts and a special jubilee badge to 'commemorate' this event. A press conference will be held on the 27th. September with leading sponsors of the Campaign available for interview and comment. Review copies of the pamphlet will be available from the address below from the 21st. September.

Legalise Cannabis Campaign. 29 Old Bond St. London W1X 3AB

for further information contact Megan Doolittle, Anne Stanesby, Andy Cornwell. on 289-3881, 388-6065, 485-3952.

EVENTS:

Brighton Anti-Nazi League. This also gives you full membership of the ANL. If you have any offers of help or advice to give us, please write to: SKAN, c/o Resources Centre, North Rd, Brighton. (Enclose a SAE, because we have not got stamps)



News

from the free press



Burnley, Lancs: Mary Winter is a lesbian who worked as a busdriver; she was sacked for refusing to remove her "Lesbian Liberation" badge. Her TGWU branch moved from advising her to "take off the badge and don't risk your job" to the secretary saying: "we mustn't offend the public" and "well it is an obscene word" (?). An appeal is in progress, but help and publicity is required. Any offers, etc. to 23, Mason Street, Colne, Lancs. (Big Flame).

Coventry: A black bus driver was attacked by four whites while operating a late-night service. The police duly arrived and arrested the driver! He was kept in custody overnight and then released without being charged. His union branch called a one-day strike but no explanation or apology has been received. (Big Flame)

U.K.: Arms exports have risen from £128 million in 1965-6 to well over £1000 million in 1977, making Britain the fourth largest arms exporter in the world - after the USA, USSR and France. British Weapons are sold to 30 Third World and 10 industrial countries. (Leeds Other Paper)

Manchester: John Elliot expected to be Tory candidate in a Council by-election last Nov., but when someone else was chosen he revealed his true colours by backing the National Front. When selections were made for the following election he was adopted as a Tory - and the NF withdrew their candidate. (Manchester City Enquirer)

U.S.A.: The veto of a computer sale to the USSR, because of the dissident trials was widely reported. However, the export of another computer, to be used to increase the efficiency of the Brazilian police - not notable for their interest in human rights - is to go through, on the grounds that this will "improve the dialogue with Brasilia".

Aberdeen: An enquiry into the death of a crane operator on an offshore rig found that the crane had collapsed because it was grossly overloaded - lifting three times its maximum approved weight. The company involved (Santa Fe International Services) said that a larger crane was out of action due to 'normal wear and tear', but that this too was found to be suffering from consistent overloading. The total indifference of the employers about their workers' safety was shown by evidence that an overload warning bell did not sound because its control wire had been cut. (Big Print)

Neath, S. Wales: David Smith runs a nice little printing works and is doing very well thank you. The Company is about to change its name to Newco, which will enable Mr. Smith to negotiate a new salary for himself: £20,000 instead of £14,000 at present. Two weeks later, the name will change back to David S. Smith Ltd., which will enable Smith to increase the dividend on his 1,400,000 shares about 30p, bringing in a few more bob - £416,700 to be precise. The firms 350 workers average £58 a week and got almost no increase last year. Who said private enterprise was dead? (Socialist Worker)

ODDS AND SODS

About 900,000 people fail to claim the Supplementary Benefits which they are entitled to; a total of over £300 million is lost every year according to the DHSS, which estimates that 600,000 pensioners, 130,000 unemployed and 40,000 one-parent families are losing out.

A recent Gallup Poll found that 53% of English people wanted to withdraw the troops from Northern Ireland. Strangely enough, this was totally ignored by the British Press, TV etc..

Vegetarianism may be morally right, but can it make money? Lord Vestey owns 1,600 Dewhurst butcher shops, cattle farms, 4,500 acres in Gloucestershire, etc. etc. He also runs two polo teams (estimated cost £50,000 per year) and has a bank balance of £50 million: think again carnivores!

This Christmas will see a super-duper laser light show in London's West End - the annual effort to part us with our money. However this show will cost a quarter of a million pounds: what an obscenity in a supposedly caring society where some are without even the basic necessities.

State Research

State Research Bulletin contains detailed, factual research on the state. It covers the fields of: the police, Special Branch, the law, the military, internal security and espionage. The Bulletin also covers links with big business, the Right (eg. NAFW), developments in Western Europe (eg. repression in West Germany), and the activities of the CIA in the Third World.

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 19 Elm Grove, Bton. 687848
YOUNG COMMUNISTS (BTON)
 C. Murray, c/o 16 Water St, Hove. Bton 73838
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 Bton P. Byrne, 64 Coleman St, or 604559. Hove: B. North, 53, Blatchington Rd. Lewes: A. Bryant, 16 Willow Walk, Newhaven 6299

WOMEN'S VOICE GROUP: based on 21C60.
WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOC: 211 Queens Park Road, 680654.
WORKERS MUSIC ASSOCIATION: Basement. 28 Livingston Rd, Hove
WORK HAZARDS GROUP: Info and resources on health and safety at work. Meet Mons. at Resource Centre. 66 Compton Road, 686302.
WORKING ASSOC OF MOTHERS: Linda Kinsella, 551341.
 Baby sitting, social events, creche etc.
WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS: Don Pynches, 56 High St, Lewes, 6286.
YOUNG UNEMPLOYED'S CLUB: Weds, 11.30-2. Institute Queens Square.

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S.M.A.C.H.S.: 132 Ledysmith Road, 602900.
SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ASSOC. (SERA): Pressure campaign for socialist solutions to threats to global survival. 236 The Welkin, Lindfield, 3760.
SOCIETY FOR ANGLICAN CHINESE UNDERSTANDING: D. Furd, 12 Berkeley Row, Lewes, 2414.
SUSSEX COUNTY SKATEBOARD ASSOC: 737357.
TRADES COUNCIL: Coordinating group of local trades unions affiliated to the TUC. Andy Durr, 235 Ditchling Road, 505314.
LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT & LABOUR HISTORY PRESS: as above.
TRAPERS & LABOUR CLUB: Meeting place for trades unionists, 16 Lewes Rd, 601101.
TRANSPORT 2000: Kevin McNulty, 11 George Street.
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION: Nancy Dore, 157 Surrenden Road, 501370.
WEST PINK SOCIETY: John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue Gardens 605705.
WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Cres. Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm 4th Wed each month, Unitarian Hall, New Road.
WOMEN AGAINST FASCISM AND RACISM: 21947
WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP: Contact Women Centre.
WOMEN'S CENTRE: at back of Resource Centre. Open: Tue, Wed, Thu, Sat: 11-2 & Tue, Wed 6.30-8.00. Pregnancy tests, rights etc. 605911.
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM: 68460 and Lewes 4161.

BUS USERS ACTION GROUP: R. Spriggs, 7 Tivoli Road, 562172.
CAMPAIN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY: 20230 8-10pm daily.
CAMPAIN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: 286733
COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP: Dance, drama, mime, music. B. Bennett, 32564.
ENTERTAINMENTS every Thursday. Queens Head Stein St, 8.30pm.
CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS: K. Smith, 10 Warleigh Road.
FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (B'TON): 72 Swanborough Place. Place with F.E. classes, 16 Ship Street, 27835.
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: Robin Wileman, 12 Friar Rd, 501578.
FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER: Yoga, lectures etc. Beginners meditation Mon 7.15. 19 George Street, 693571.
GAY CHRISTIANS: Martin, 680668.
GAY RURAL AID & INFO NETWORK (GRAIN): Clyde Oliver, 69 North St, Lewes
GAY TEACHERS: David or Bob, 73838.
GEORGE STREET AREA SOCIETY: (Save George St Campaign) Howard Allaway, 7 Steine Gardens, 693763.
GINGERBREAD: Self help pres-sure group for one parent families. Basement, 6 Marlborough Place, 774087.
HANOVER COMMUNITY ASSOC: Southover St, self-build community centre, 688360.
HOUSING CO-OP: meet 1st Tue. every month, 8pm Resource Centre.
HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION: Vince Smith, 386 Portland Rd, Hove. 411484.
KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY: Ms N. Marlow, 18 Beaford Street.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (SUSSEX): 689385 or c/o Public House Bookshop (see 'SHOPS')
PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (B'TON): Pregnancy testing, counselling, abortions, vasectomies. Wistons, 138 Dyke Rd. 509726
RENT TRIBUNAL: rent disputes, security of tenure etc. 137 Preston Rd. Btn. 506381
RIGHTS CENTRE (Bth): Advice on legal problems. Central Free Church Queens Sq. Btn. 2492 Tue 5.30-7.30. Thur 12.30-2.5.30-7.30. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL. Advice on problems/difs. with the N.H.S. Btn. 33824, Hove 71186
SAMARITANS: For those in despair. Btn. 772277 (24hr) Hove 102 Clarendon Rd.
SUATERS AND TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE: Advice to homeless & those with housing problems. c/o Resources Centre. Nrth. Rd WOMEN'S AID: Refuge for battered women-506325

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PROGRAMME

EXTRA

sunday

A.B.C. Defence Committee
Public Meeting : Speakers
include Crispin Aubrey,
Duncan Campbell, and Dennis
McShane (President NUJ).
Chaired by Cllr Andy Durr
Stanford Arms : 7.00 p.m.



British Pensioners Trade
Union Action Group
Meeting at Brighton Station
2.15 then MARCH to Fishmarket
Hard.
Rally (after march) on beach
if fine, in the Corn Exchange
if wet. Speakers include
Jack Jones, Sid Bidwell, and
Fred Baker.

monday

Exhibitions: At the Resource
Centre. Open all week. There
will be two arranged to
coincide with the exhibitions.
FASCISM) Both put on
WOMEN AT WORK)
by the National Museum of
Labour History.



Socialist Environment Resources
Association : Public Meeting.
Speakers include Arthur
Scargill (NUM), and David
Elliott (Open University) .
Conference Room 2, Royal
Pavilion. 6.30pm.



Lecture : Jean McCrindle -
"Feminism and Socialism" -
Resource Centre 7.30pm.

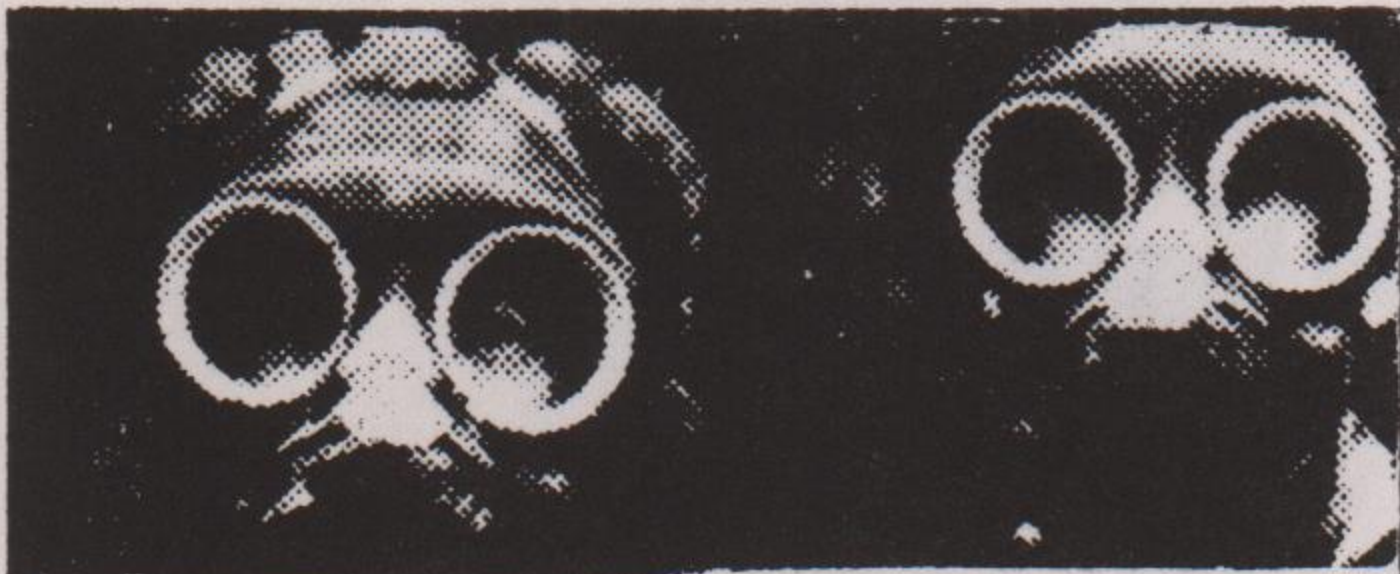
Anti-Nazi League
Rally : Level 2.00 p.m.
Benefit Concert: Bands
include Piranhas, Nicky &
The Dots, and Plantation.
Resources Centre : 8 p.m.



Campaign Against Youth
Unemployment : Public Meeting
Speakers include Peter Hain,
Jo Richardson, Bernard Dicks,
and Bob Boyton. Resource Cte
8.00pm. , and Benefit
Concert with John Cooper
Clarke in the Crypt (at the
University) 8.00pm (not
confirmed).

Campaign for Homosexual Equality Public Meeting: The Eagle (Gloucester Rd) 8.30pm.

tuesday



Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament: Public Meeting. Speakers include - Ray Buckton (ASLEF), Hugh D'Arcy (UCATT), and George Caborn (AUEW). Wagner Hall, Regency Road at 5.30pm.

Right to Work Campaign. March arrives from London. Rally in afternoon.

Campaign Against Youth Unemployment. Discussion on SUSS laws. 2.00pm Resource Centre.



LECTURE : Terry McCarthy: Sinn Fein and the British Labour Movement 1908-16. Resource Centre 7.30pm.

THEATRE: COUNTERACT - 'Party Games' BOMBAY BAR, PASTON PLACE 7.30pm 40p, 30p CLAIMANTS.

Right To Work Campaign / Campaign Against Youth Unemployment - Joint bop presenting Patrick Fitzgerald and The Piranhas. Corporation Bus Club, Lewes Road.

wednesday

Garners Strike Committee Public Meeting: speakers include Habib Rahman (Cmn.) Resource Centre 3.00pm.

Campaign Against Youth Unemployment - Football Tournament: 'Kicking Against the Dole' and other sports. All morning. Preston Park. Film (provisional) 'The Harder They Come' 2.00pm. Resource Centre.

Half Moon Photographic Workshop Photography at the Resources Centre at 7.00 p.m.



Anti-Fascist Committee Speakers : p.m. to be arranged at Wagner Hall

Campaign for Homosexual Equality Disc - Hanbury Arms, Paston Place p.m.

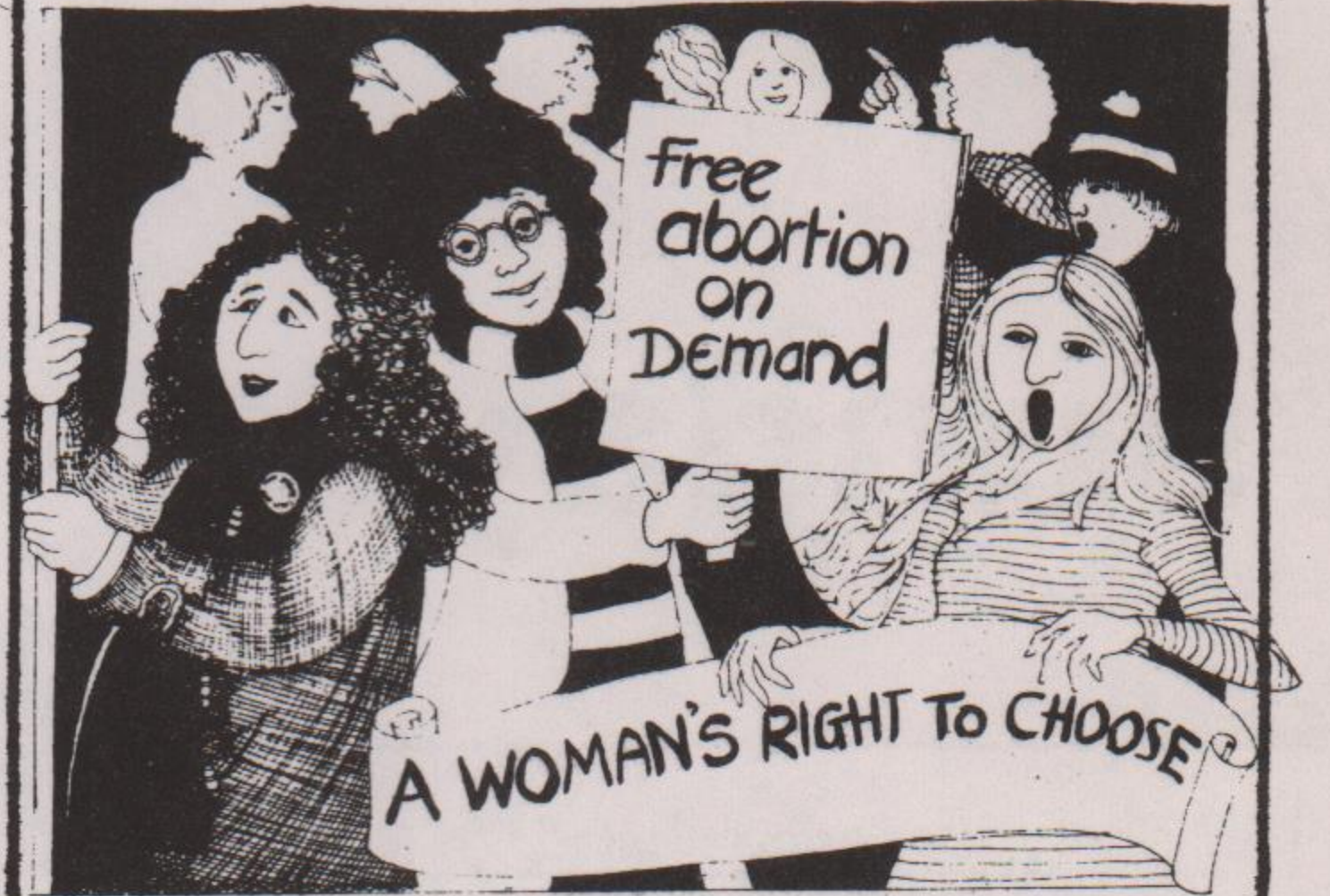
Rock against Racism Concert venue uncertain p.m.

Campaign against Youth Unemployment gig. Smartees, Executives & Disco at The Buccaneer p.m.

ANTI-FASCIST FESTIVAL
Sussex University
6th Sept. 7.30 -12.00
Many events, including
Grunwick Film, Punk rock,
Woodcraft Folk, Food,
Drinks.
Brighton and Hove
Committee Against
Fascism.
Tickets £1.00
(Pensioners & students 50p)

thursday

National Health Service Day of Action organised by Sussex Movement Against Cuts in the Health Service
SMACHS Public Meeting 8.00 p.m. Resources Centre
Speakers: Fiona Lamont, (Assistant Regional Secretary)
Jocelyn Colover of SMACHS & National FIGHTBACK Speaker



BOP: Resources Centre Benefit: p.m. Price 60p Claimants 40p. Piranhas, Nicki & The Dots, Devils Dykes Dodgems. Bus Club, Lewes Road.

BRIGHTON HOVE AND DISTRICT TRADES UNION COUNCIL: LOW PAY COMMITTEE. Public Meeting at Pavilion Conference Room 2 Thursday 7th Sept. 8.00pm Local and National speakers

For further information or late news phone Steve or Jay c/o The Resources Centre.

REST OF THE MONTH

Women V. Fascism and Racism: Public Meeting - "How should we develop, what should our activities be ?". 11th Sept. (monday) 7.30pm : Resource Centre. Upstairs room

WEA Autumn courses:
'Women and Women's Liberation' 10 wks, Weds, Resource Centre. Babysitters provided.
'English Politics & Poetry in the Age of the French Revolution', 20 wks, Mon, Friends Centre.
+ meetings on courses & adult education, starting Sept 29 - see INFO poster for details.