

# WHAT'S MARCH! AFOOT



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**DAY EVENTS:**  
W.E.A. Day School on **ENERGY** - a critical examination of present and possible alternative technologies, with **SLIDE SHOWS, WORKSHOPS, and DISCUSSIONS.** Saturday, **APRIL 7th.** Organized jointly by the Socialist Environment & Resource Assn. and the Brighton Anti-Nuclear Group. For details, contact Stirling Smith W.E.A., 211, Queens Park Rd, 680654. or B'ton, anti-nuclear grp. (W.E.A.) 211, Queens Park Rd, 680654. or 18, Bloomsbury Place.

**THE DOME,**  
March 5: Van Morrisson  
March 8: Uriah Heep  
April 9: Elton John.

**BRIGHTON CENTRE,**  
March 10: Joan Armatrading  
March 11: Johnny Cash  
March 23: Bad Company  
March 29: Thin Lizzy

**HUNGRY YEARS,**  
March 8: LIPSTICK  
March 15: TINSEL.

**TOP RANK,**  
March 13: GEORGE THOROUGHGOOD & the DESTROYERS  
Wed, 21: CLIMAX BLUES BAND  
Wed, 28: EDDIE & the HOT RODS.



## ~ folk ~

**MARLBOROUGH, Princes Street**  
Mondays, March:  
12: Come All Ye  
19: Nick Dow  
26: Chris Foster  
Wed, April 4: Malcolm & Julia Donaldson. 8pm.  
Plus singers every Sat, 7.45pm.

**BRIGHTON COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB,**  
King Alfred Restaurant, Kingsway.  
March 8: Naden Brothers  
March 15: Muskrats  
March 22: Redwing  
March 29: from Wales, Ron Jones & his new band Blackjack County.

**FOLK at the EAGLE, Gloucester Road,**  
Every Sunday, 8pm, phone 604386.

**SPRINGFIELD, Nr. London Rd. Station,**  
Friday's Folk: MARCH: 8pm  
9: Peta Webb & Alison McMorland  
16: Sandra's Irish Night  
23: Sam Stephens & Annie Lennox  
Sunday Club: 8pm Martin  
11: Paul Downes  
28: Malcolm & Julia Donaldson  
25: Come All Ye  
Apl 1: Debby McClatchy, (& banjo).

**SHAKESPEARE'S HEAD, Spring Street,**  
Thursdays: John & Stuart  
Sundays: Nick Burbridge & Tim O'Leary

**POLYFOLK, Sallis Benney Hall, Gd. Pde.**  
March 8 & 15: to be announced,  
March 22: Fred Wedlock.

**CONCORDE RESTAURANT: Madeira Drive**  
Tues: Afro Club.  
Fri: Afro Club.  
Mon: Jazz.

**HANBURY ARMS, Paston Place.**  
Mon: Europa Disco.  
Sat: Disco.  
Fri: Disco & Bands  
16 March: Devils Dykes  
Woody & the Splinters  
23 March: Parrots  
Devils Dykes  
6 April: Woody & the Splinters  
Parrots

**Thurs: Brighton Jazz Club**  
8 March: Mike Osborne  
13 March: Eroll Clarke  
22 March: Peter Burdon  
29 March: Kenny Wheeler  
BAR EXTENSION till 12pm.

**RICHMOND, Grand Parade**  
Mondays: Divorced & Separated Club  
Tuesdays: Band (Punk/New Wave)  
March 6: TEENBEATS

**NICKY & the DOTS**  
PIRANHAS  
Wednesdays: Rock'n'Roll  
Fridays: Over 30's Dance.

**NEW REGENT, West Street**  
Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed: DISCO  
Thurs, Fri, Sat: CRUISERS-live band.  
(Open till 2am.)

**BUCCANEER, Marine Parade;**  
Tuesdays: Taverners  
Wednesdays: Rock Group  
Thursdays: Steve Knightly Band

**SUSSEX UNIVERSITY, Mandela Hall**  
March 9: REGGAE, SOUL, FUNK evening  
with 3 bands.

**S.K.A.N. DAY EVENT.**  
Sunday, April 1st, at 2pm.  
\*National speakers from skan & NUSS,  
\*Theatre Against Sexism,  
\*Film/Video,  
\*Music from Devils Dykes & Parrots,  
\*Speaker from International Campaign for Abortion Rights,  
EVERYBODY could and should come -  
badges and literature on sale ....  
It'll finish in time for the Piranhas

**JUMBLE SALES: RESOURCE CENTRE,**  
March 17: Anti Nazi League.  
March 24: Labour Party.

**MEETINGS**  
WOMENS' SELF DEFENCE: 5.30-7.30.  
N.A.C: alternate Tues. 8-10 Mar. 6etc  
12th: WOMENS' LIBERATION general meeting, from 8pm.  
WORK HAZARDS: alternate Mon. 8-10 starting March 5 e  
**PUBLIC MEETINGS:**  
International Campaign for Abortion Rights-March 13: Details from R.C.  
  
Health Hazards of Welding-Speaker from Birmingham Work Hazards Group, 7.30, Thurs, April 5, Institute Hall. ALL welcome. Queens Square  
  
T.U Campaign Against Repression: Fri 16 March, Labour Club, Lewes Rd.

**public house**  
CONTINUOUS SESSIONS/COURSES:  
Mondays 7.30pm KUNDALINI YOGA.  
Tuesdays 7.15pm DYNAMIC MEDITATION.  
Wednesdays 7.30pm MASSAGE.  
Saturdays 2.30pm REFLEXOLOGY.  
**POETRY READINGS: FRIDAYS.**  
2: Elaine RANDELL  
16: Richard CUFIDI  
30: Robert Sheppard  
at 8pm. Admission 50p.  
"Sensible Music" - an evening session of improvised music with Clive Bell (Flute/Shakuhachi), Nick Jack (Percussion), Brett Hornby (Sax), Richard Coldman (Guitar), Martin Hayes (French Horn).  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 8pm.**  
21, Little Preston Street.  
**ALIX HOLT** (translator/commentator or Kollontai) will be giving a talk on KOLLONTAI, some time towards the end of March. Please ring: 28357 for details.

**SOCIALIST FEMINIST CONFERENCE: 24/25**  
City of London University. March  
Details from 692568.  
**National Week of Action Against VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**  
Film: "Not a Pretty Picture" - one woman's experience of rape. March 10 2pm, Friends Centre, Ship Street. FREE.  
**WOMEN**  
Mass National Demonstration 31 March in solidarity with WOMEN EVERYWHERE struggling for the RIGHT TO CHOOSE. Coaches arranged - contact R. Centre Supported by ICAR & NAC.

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## 'RUBBISH!' Dustmen reply to Council

The past 3 weeks have been a disturbing experience for the striking dustmen, not only because 43 of them have been unnecessarily arrested - some of them violently - BUT, and maybe more importantly, because of the calculated way the Tory Council have co-ordinated all the facilities at their disposal - the police, the media, the public's money - just in order to isolate the dustmen; and, as Inspector Cooper has said, to "break their will".



43 OF THESE MEN WERE ARRESTED

One begins to wonder just exactly what right-winger Danny Sheldon meant on Radio Brighton when he said that it was "time for a confrontation" and that the Council would welcome the strike, so that its manual workers could get back to the "old days". As the dustmen realise, there is more here than just a strike over back pay or a wages claim. Theirs is a fight for the maintenance and extension of union rights which has national implications.

This is why, perhaps, the Daily Telegraph has dubbed Sheepcote the "Grunwicks of the South". If we look at the events which have led to the dustmen's situation we see the unnerving strategy designed to isolate the dustmen:

1. By Control of the Media - The Argus and Gazette carried the Borough Council's 'Case' (Friday 23rd Feb.), while failing to give the dustmen the opportunity for a detailed reply. Thus, for example, no-one but the dustmen knew that Small Dole tip at Henfield was available for rubbish disposal, that the compromise offered by the Council on Wednesday 7th Feb. "to return to work if backlog is cleared" meant contradicting workloads, manning levels and bonus payment schemes fought for and agreed to over the previous 3 years. The public were not told that the dustmen fairly carried out 'emergency' rubbish disposal all that week.

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## Homeless forced to sleep out

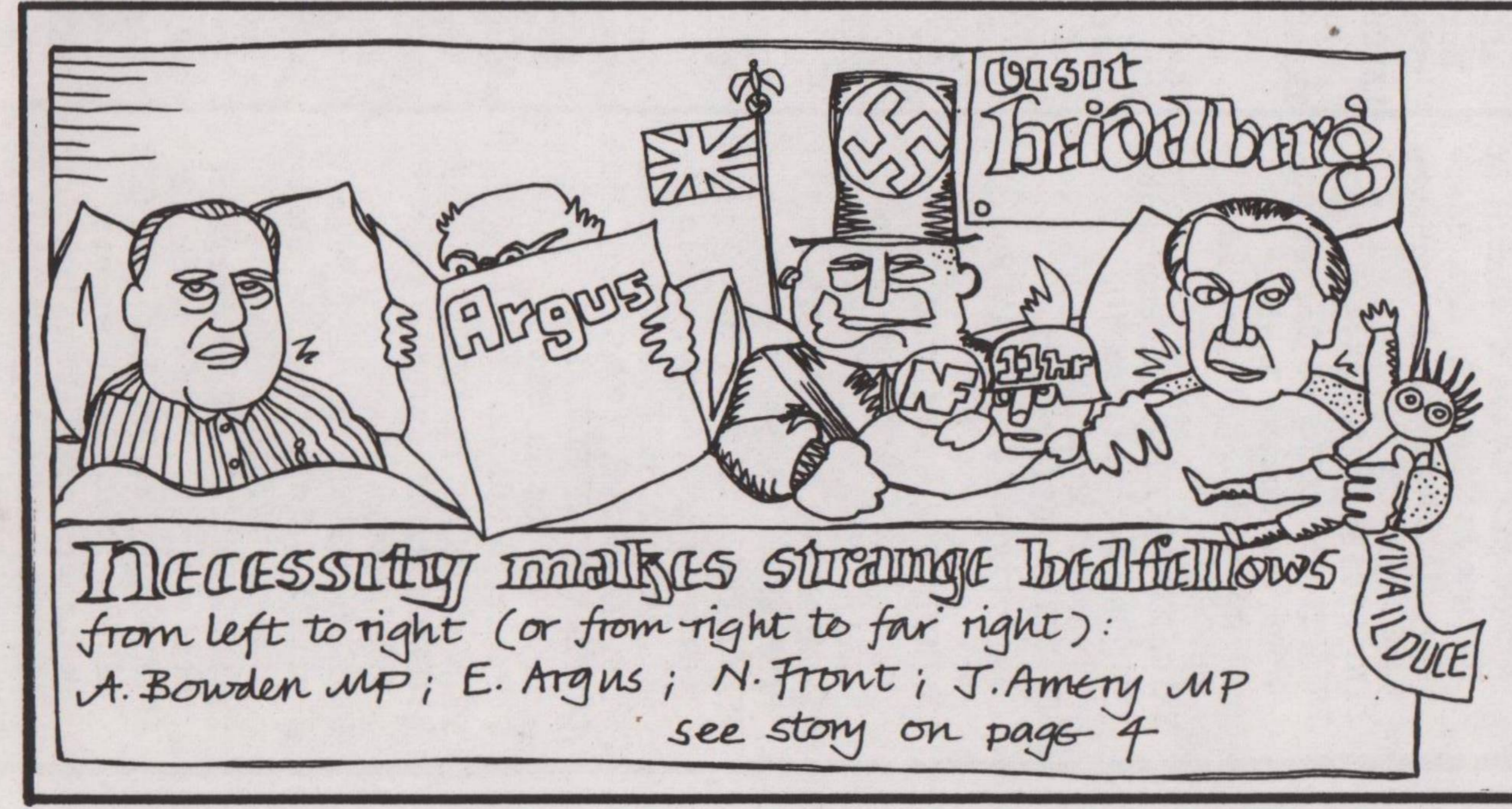
Through the snow and ice 23 people slept rough in Brighton. (December figures.)

Ignored by you and me, ignored by the Council's Housing Department, 23 people sleep, or more accurately, are moved on from the beach, benches and shop doorways of Brighton.

Another 250, everyday, turn in desperation to the Council Housing Department, Social Services or voluntary groups for a bed for the night. Those that don't get into the limited accomodation run by the voluntary organisations end up squashed into shared bed and breakfast rooms or sleeping at the men only, reception centre in Elm Grove. (and try that for a demoralising experience). Then the next night it starts all over again.

These are the SINGLE, HOMELESS people who nobody really wants to know! It isn't just the stereotyped "dosser" who make up these figures; most of them are simply people hit by unemployment, broken marriages, long hospitalisation, imprisonment or service in the armed forces and who suddenly find themselves flung back onto the street, with nowhere to turn.

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### GROUPS, CO-OPS, ETC.

**ANIMAL ACTIVISTS:** anti factory farming etc. V. Smith 386, Portland Rd. Hove 411484  
**ANOREXIC AID:** 1st Monday of month. Noreen 682054 or Penny 735362  
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**CAMPAIN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT:** 28653  
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**FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (BTON):** 72, Swanborough Place.  
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**ANARCHIST COMMUNIST ASSOCIATION:**

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**CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU** B'ton: 17 Ditchling Rise

## The chips are down! - new technology worms its way in at the Argus

The provincial journalists' strike ended on January 17th - not so much with a bang, but a whimper. After 6 weeks of exhortations from NUJ President Denis MacShane, the Argus journalists, like 9000 of their colleagues across the country, had the wet towel thrown over them by an executive happy to play the percentage game with the Newspaper Society. Denis had bigger fish to fry, notably the new technology struggle at Times Newspapers. He abandoned 28 locked-out journalists on the Nottingham Evening Post and left some juniors on the Argus with under £6 extra; far short of their £20 claim and hardly worth the freezing morning pickets.

But what were the real issues behind the journalists' uncharacteristic militancy, the attitudes of the other unions and the 14.5% sell out which left the proprietors of Westminster Press (who own the Argus) laughing all the way to the stockbrokers? The Voice went behind the scene at Robert Street to find out.

The poor results of the strike can be attributed to a lack of co-operation with the print unions and management's clever 'divide and rule' tactics under the threat of massive redundancies as new technology worms its way in.

The Argus didn't once comment on the strike during the dispute. So what exactly did happen? The first development of note was the excellent relations which obviously existed between production manager John Holland and the police (see picture), in ensuring that the newsprint lorry got through. When the scab driver narrowly avoided photographer John Fortune in North Road, the police escort almost finished him off! These neutral arbiters of justice were also seen to viciously dash Roy Greenslade and Peter Archer from the scab's cab, reportedly paid £150 per run by Holland.



John Holland and friends outside the Argus in Robert Street

## THIS PICTURE DEGRADES

I don't know whether you've noticed but since David Williams moved in as new editor-in-chief at the Argus last October, the number of photos of scantily clad women has increased drastically, so that almost every day now there is at least one, often two somewhere in the issue. And now the Argus has started a "Lovely Legs" competition!

So, for those of you who are pissed off with Argus sexism here is our page 3 pin up of the month, David Williams.



How old is this gorgeous person.... ....17,18,19? Although he only admits to being 21, believe it or not David is 46! and winner of the Newspaper Design Award, 1976, while working on the Basildon "Express and Echo".

His friends persuaded David to reveal his perfect pins to our Argus photographer... and all the drivel that goes with the degrading photos the Argus have been increasingly printing recently.

If the Newspaper Design Award means all this sexist rubbish, FORGET IT. How do you like it Dave?

The Voice asked the journalists' FoC, Peter Fairfield, about their attitude to the driver. 'I think he's a member of T&G', Peter said, 'and he has a union letter to let him in.' Not much in the way of solidarity there! But further probing revealed that the letter of admission had been written by a print union official, Jack Furney of Natsopa, under pressure from...you guessed it - John Holland! (The driver 'fiddled his T&GWU card by posing as a lapsed member. His name is R E Toms and he drives lorry number VKN 553J.)

The issues go deeper than crossing picket lines, however. The introduction of new technology (NT) - such as the latest fast presses, lettaflex system and photocomposition; the use of Caltech processing equipment, alpha-betical processing via on-line keyboards and the ubiquitous video display terminal (VDT) - all spells a rapid death for the highly skilled in the printing industry. Since journalists and advertising clerks will be able to input copy directly onto the presses, most printers are naturally defensive and sceptical of journalists' motives. After all, the latter have been slow to support them in their struggle against redundancies. Nevertheless, one National Graphical Association member at the Argus told us he was disgusted that the journalists had not received more official print union support.

Why do the print unions fear this new technology one might ask? Surely it can only revolutionize the newspaper and print industry? Unfortunately, this is not the case. A report from Sussex University reveals that the "micro-processor revolution", of which VDT's and direct input are a part, could eventually put 4 to 5 million people out of work. At the Daily Mirror, NT has already dispensed with a third of the Natsopa workforce over the last few years and the unions have agreed that the same proportion again must go!

At the Argus, NT is coming in through the back door. Even if the printers get assurances that typists and journalists will not type directly into the presses, their skills are no longer needed. One printer told us: "I don't want to be an NGA worker with new technology, under the conditions of boring, repetitive work and wages kept low by the fact that unskilled people can input material. Most people I know would rather accept redundancy pay."

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# 'PSST! Did you know that Bowden...'

A curious rumour is circulating in Brighton about Andrew Bowden, Tory M.P. for Kemptown. It all began when a NUPE worker trying to get hold of the last copy of the Trades Council Bulletin, asked a newsagent in Kemptown for Brighton Voice. "Sorry" said the newsagent "we've been advised not to sell it." "Who by?" asked the worker. "Well, two years ago," said the talkative tradesman "we got a letter from Bowden the M.P. and then a couple of months ago we got one from a group called the Eleventh Hour Brigade. They both said the same thing, but I don't know who the second lot were."

At another shop, the NUPE worker tracked down an issue of the Voice and found that the so-called Eleventh Hour Brigade were none other than the local National Front. But where was the mention of Bowden's letter? He phoned the Voice and was sent a back copy of No. 33 which contained the full letter from Bowden to the newsagents in Kemptown, dated July 1976 in which the Tory champion of freedom gave his friendly warning to shops selling the Voice. The rumour grew from there. How could it be stopped? Ridiculous as it is, people in Brighton began to wonder if Bowden might be just a little bit sympathetic to the National Front, and, still more incredible, whether he might not be just a little bit pleased that those sellers who had ignored his advice had finally got what they asked for. Really! The things people believe these days.

Circumstantial evidence in support of the rumour is, of course, pretty thin. Despite the fact that Bowden holds a right-wing Tory view on immigration you could hardly call him a racist. Despite the fact that his supporters in his election campaign at Kensington North in 1964, campaigned with a "You don't want a nigger for a neighbour" slogan, you could hardly call him prejudiced against black minorities. Despite the fact that his party in Kemptown received an embarrassingly large sum of money from Jimmy Doyle, founder of the fascist Racial Preservation Society, it would be a bold person who could say that Bowden was in any way implicated. Despite the fact that he did nothing when told by a neighbour that the NF were printing antisemitic tracts in Sutherland Road, in his own constituency, you couldn't accuse

him of complacency towards the fascists. Despite the fact that he tried to brand the Adult Literacy scheme in Brighton as a communist front, despite his condemnation of Brighton Voice as a paper run by people who want to set up a "totalitarian state", you couldn't accuse him of political exaggeration. He's obviously not an extremist who dreams of "reds under the bed, and the fact that he calls everything he disagrees with "political filth" and regularly calls the facts of bad housing, low wages, underprivilege and discrimination in Brighton a pack of "lies" put out by "left-wing extremists, shouldn't blind us to his genuine concern for truth. In fact he's a pretty ordinary sort of Brighton Tory, so how could he possibly be interested in the National Front?

Other ordinary Tories have leapt in to squash this disturbing rumour. The leader writer of the Argus, Mr. Jock Miller, who has written more pro-Bowden words than his objective paper would care to admit, showed there was nothing in common between Tories and the NF when he merely congratulated them on beating up a group of gays, and in the Brighton Council we have Bowden follower George Bolton saying in all innocence "Hitler burned down the Reichstag and blamed it on the communists. The Left in Brighton have attacked the shops and blamed it on the right."

while Bowden's friend Danny Sheldon said "The National Front is a lawful organisation. You must not fall into the danger of the vilification of your fellow men" Well after that all doubts are at an end. To suggest that Bowden, the Tories and the NF may have a common view of Brighton Voice and to infer that Bowden's anti-red campaign may in any way have encouraged the fascists, would be nothing short of "political filth" of the "most revolting type".

But in case you would like to think this rumour through for yourselves, we print Bowden's letter in reply to a shopkeeper from Infinity Foods who asked for Bowden's support against the fascist attacks. In our own defence we would only point out that Bowden has rather a biased attitude, and those who want to see if the Voice is really not "concerned with the truth" should, unlike Mr. Bowden, actually read it. If in addition to this you would like to hear Mr. Bowden substantiate his case with a few facts, instead of libellous ranting, you could write to him in support of our open invitation to this apostle of truth to

MEET THE VOICE IN A LIVE DEBATE ON RADIO BRIGHTON.

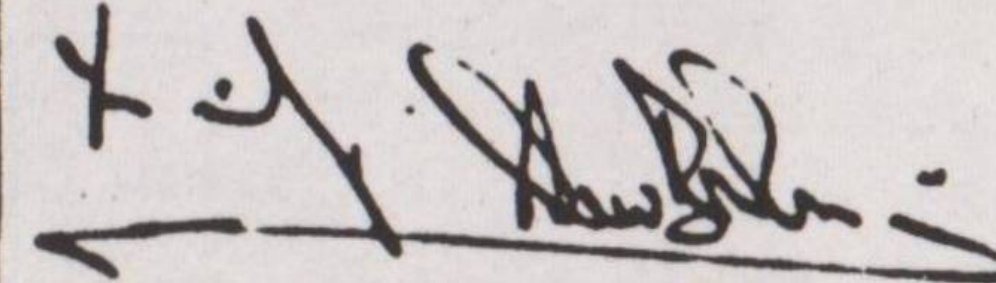
Well, Mr. Bowden, now's your chance.

Letter from Andrew Bowden to Infinity Foods

**I wish to make it quite clear that I totally condemn any acts of violence of any type against your shop or any others that sell Brighton Voice. It is a tragic fact that there are small groups of extremists both on the left and right who have a vested interest in furthering violence and chaos in order to achieve their own political ends and to destroy our democratic society. As far as I am concerned I shall continue to oppose both Red and Black Facists of all types.**

**During the years I have been the MP for Kemp Town my wife and I have been subjected to physical violence and threats on many occasions by political extremists. I can understand your deep concern. However, I must remind you that the Brighton Voice specialises in pedalling the most revolting type of political filth and has itself supported and advocated violence against those groups to whom it is opposed. It is an evil publication, not in any way concerned with the truth and is doing its best to undermine the pillars of a civilised society. I have the utmost contempt for those who produce the publication and I often wonder if the shops who stock the paper ever take the trouble to read the contents.**

**I believe that your attack upon the Police, that they are not doing everything possible to apprehend those responsible, is totally unjustified and I am fully satisfied that the Brighton Police will do everything possible to ensure that law and order is fully upheld in the town of Brighton. I do find it rather ironic that those groups who have for years attempted to undermine the police are the first to demand protection when they feel that they are being threatened.**

  
Andrew Bowden, MBE., MP.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA  
22nd January 1979

## QUINTIN BARRY AND LOW PAID

We asked for news of the electoral campaigns in Brighton, and received this from Quintin Barry prospective Labour candidate for Kemptown.....

Personally I have found the last few years disappointing, and I cannot conceal my disagreement with some of the policies pursued by this government. I think that disappointment is shared by a lot of Labour's traditional supporters, and so the problem of winning in Kemptown will be the problem of getting them to overcome their reluctance to turn out and vote. Another factor that I view with very great apprehension is that the election may well come in October, after both the local elections and the European election have taken their toll of political enthusiasm.

But there are some aspects of the situation that give me real hope. Although in organisational terms the Labour party has never been a particularly well-oiled machine there are some encouraging signs of local activity. And, notwithstanding the Government's incomes policies there is an underlying unity in the Labour movement that is strengthened by an awareness of what a Thatcher government would mean for the working class of Britain. I think I have felt closer in this past year to the realities of political life with the bakery workers picket outside Acres, or the dustmen outside Sheepcote tip than I have anywhere else. If I succeed in putting over one argument clearly at the General Election, I hope it will be the overwhelming case of the low paid.

On the credit side, there remains the possibility that Mr. Bowden's prediction for calling quite moderate members of the Labour Party "marxist scum" will lead him to discover that I am a sinister left wing extremist which ought to improve my chances of preserving the Labour vote. And I have been described by the National Front as a filthy degenerate for supporting the Race Relations Act, so perhaps the message is getting through.

And, in terms of entertainment to come, the carefully staged photograph of Mrs. Bowden escorting a patient to hospital during the ambulance strike leads one shortly to expect a picture of her crossing the picket line at Sheepcote valley with armfuls of rubbish. With other industrial actions apparently inevitable, the scope for publicity of this kind seems endless.

## ANL Trade Union Group



This is a group formed by trade unionists who feel that the Brighton ANL has neglected trade unionists and the potential of work-place unity in reversing the growth of fascism.

Nationally, the ANL is placing increasing emphasis on work-place groups - the successful national ANL trade union conference and locally the Teachers Against the Nazis group show what can be done if enough hard work is put into activity involving trade unionists.

We intend to hold a public meeting with local and guest speakers with experience of arguing against the National Front (and the ideas behind it) on the shop floor and we want publicity for the meeting to get around to as many workplaces as possible.

But we aim to do more than just put on one-off public meetings, we are always ready to offer practical assistance to anyone who needs help in arguing with fascists and racists at work - an anti-racist leaflet, handed out at the factory gate can

## BIRTHPLACE

The Birth Centre (Brighton) is a group of people with a lot of energy and ideas but so far no premises! We would like to offer information, advice and support to everyone involved in pregnancy, childbirth and infant/childcare by having a shopfront somewhere in Brighton and holding classes and meetings about relevant topics. We also hope to publish a newsletter in time to circulate current news and views.

The first meeting was called by Chris and Maria - both midwives - who felt that although the National Health Service offers ante-natal classes these are not well attended for various reasons, yet many of us need help both at this time and whilst caring for children.

The Birth Centre also seeks to support doctors and midwives and those wanting home confinements; to advise on the choices available and current practices used in childbirth; to inform parents of their rights in pregnancy and childbirth both at home and in hospital.

Some groups represented at the centre include the National Child Childbirth Trust, the Association for the Improvement of Maternity Services, the Birth Centre (London), the Association of Radical Midwives, La Leche League and individuals practising midwifery, homeopathy, herbalism, acupuncture and yoga. We hope that as more people join, this list will get longer, so we can offer a wide range of lectures, classes and basic data on such topics as relaxation, breast-feeding, nutrition, yoga in pregnancy, infant/childcare and common health problems.

We are looking hard for premises, and would be grateful of any offers however short-term, as we feel there is a real need to get the centre located as soon as possible. As a non-profit-making organization, we are obviously short on funds at present, so the rent must be low.

Meanwhile, we are planning a series of LECTURES and FILM SHOWS in addition to the fortnightly MEETINGS. The first is tentatively booked for SATURDAY, MARCH 24th at the FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE in SHIP STREET.

For further information, contact Chris Burley, (Tel: 738029).





## FIGHT FOR FAIR PLAY

52 metres square in the middle of fashionable Kemp Town hasn't been used for 4-5 years. Not since the Corporation pulled down the Brighton College Junior School. That was when there was much talk of widening Eastern Rd. and the top third of the site was to be a super highway from the Pavillion to Sussex Square and beyond.

Now that the East Sussex County Council seem likely to decide against the road widening, this desirable plot is up for grabs.

Over the past few years, local residents, and people working in the area, have used this site. They've walked on it, talked on it. They've sat on it, shat on it (at least their dogs have). They've thrown rubbish on it, played on it, and made footpaths across it.

Local residents have also cleaned up the rubbish, built flower beds, constructed a bench, and planted shrubs. This more positive action was mostly inspired by John Mackay, who for years has urged and agitated for the site to be controlled by the community as an open space.

Why an open space when so much housing is needed? The Clarendon Garden Action Group argue that human (and animal) life is densely packed in Kemp Town, mostly into flats and bedsits with little or no gardens. Social contact is made on the streets, and at places like the garden, with its three Elm trees. Also the Brighton Community Arts Workshop, who live 'round the corner at St. Annes Hall, see Clarendon Garden as a sort of village green where more organised events of many kinds could take place.

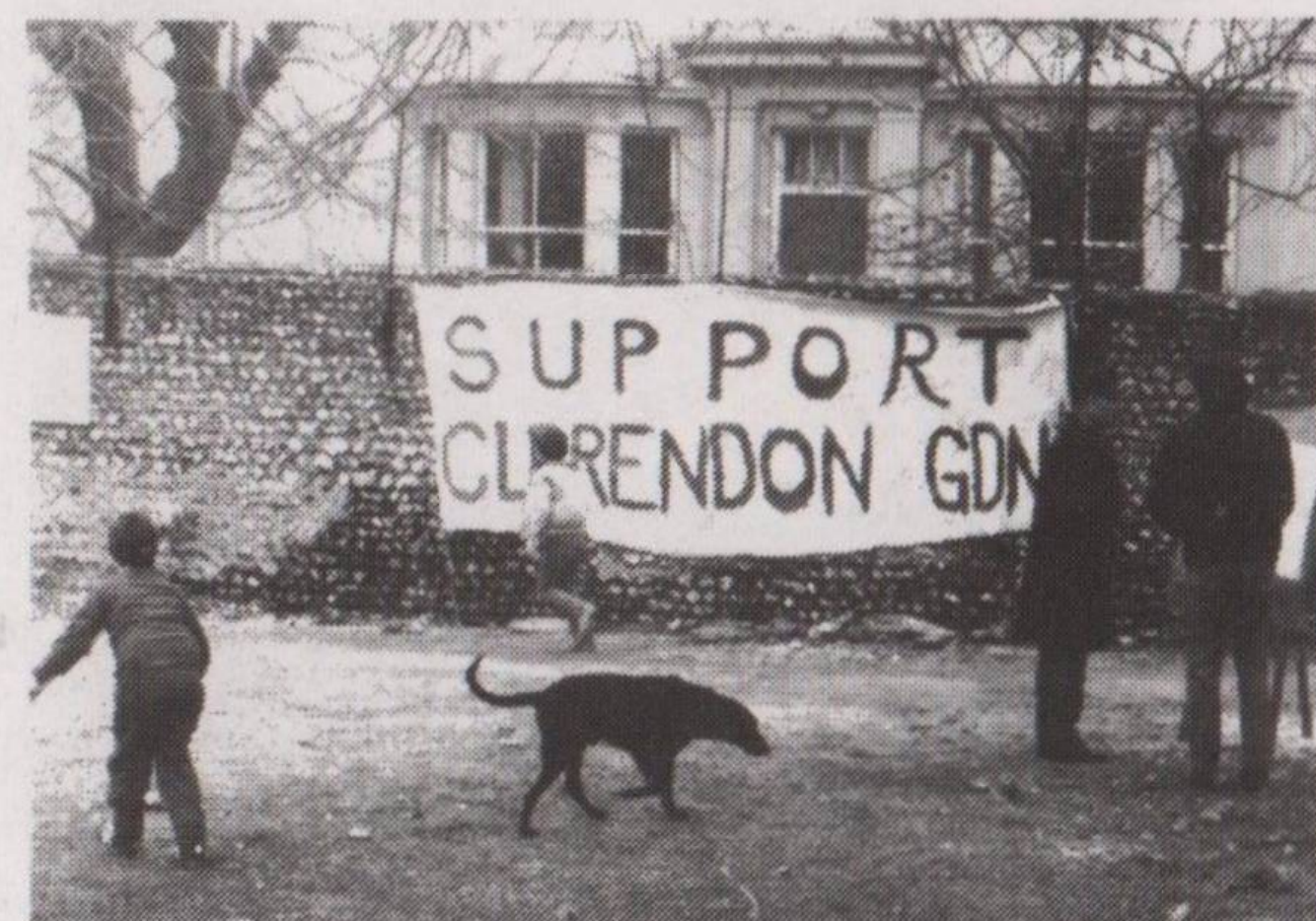
Furthermore there is a delicate balance between accommodation and open space in any community.

The first thing that the Clarendon Garden Action Group did, quite rightly, was to organise a party. With agreement from all the appropriate departments who have to be consulted about such things, a Bonfire Night Party was held. A mild evening, a huge bonfire, free fireworks, free eats. It added up to a lot of fun, no aggression, and a lot of goodwill all round. Then followed weekly Sunday morning clean ups in the garden. Steps were also taken by the Action Group towards officially taking over the site.

Meanwhile, back in the bureaucratic jungle, something stirred.....

Just before Christmas, public notice was given of application by Coastal Counties Housing Association for outline planning permission for 72 flats on the whole of the site.

Coastal Counties are a large 'commercial' organisation who are on very good terms with the Council. We also understand that the Housing Corporation, who supply the money for housing association developments via local councils, are themselves apprehensive about what CCHA might do to their image. Coastal Counties already manage 120 'units' in Brighton out of a total of 517 in the South East as a whole. They also have a further 699 units under development. For each unit they manage Coastal Counties rakes in £160 a year, and for each they build 1.6% of the development costs. And while CCHA claim to concentrate on the special needs of the elderly none of the 517 units built, and only 69 of those under construction, serve these needs.



Within a week of hearing about the CCHA application the Action Group had sent off their own application for outline planning permission for use of the site as a Community Open Space. They also called a public meeting. Attended by about 20 local people, all supporters of the idea, action was agreed about how to most effectively support the application. Petitioning was organised, and supporters urged to send individual letters to the Town Hall.

There are well over 1,000 signatures in support of BN79/97, the application for a Community Open Space, but a decision has been deferred by the planners,

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## LEFT ON THE SHELF

WALLRAFF THE UNDESIRABLE JOURNALIST  
PLUTO PRESS £2.50, pub Jan 1979.

Like Che's 'Reminiscences of the Cuban Revolutionary War' this collection of articles often reads like an Alistair Maclean story, while at the same time never letting go of the reality of peoples oppression and denouncing ruling ideas as the ideas of the ruling class. Like the 'Reminiscences' also this book's slogan is (REVOLUTIONARY) IMAGINATION IS SEIZING POWER! Apart from the critique of the West German State, in which Wallraff has played the part of an insurgent guerilla, this thought is what is really good about his collection, and is central to Wallraff's work.

Gunter Wallraff is a working class journalist widely read in West Germany. The employers associations of the Federal Republic, the GFR's CBI (initials rule O.K.) warned the people of West Germany, in a pamphlet, that his purpose is to arouse the among workers by hand and brain a class consciousness which they will ultimately use to destroy the social system; damn right! In this selection of his journalistic work from 1966 - 1977 the point is clearly made. With a spanner in the works of capital, Wallraff is able to expose the workings of the beastly machine and to inspire others to challenge it. As he says, "Apparently unassailable authoritarian structures are usually more susceptible and vulnerable than you might at first suppose. Little surprise attacks at nerve centres can often expose how inconsistent and full of contradictions the time honoured power structures are".

The translation by Steve Gooch and Paul Knight into flowing common English retains the honesty of the original intent of Wallraff's journalism. Unfortunately for Wallraff's purposes this book is only likely to be read by those already aware that something is more than slightly rotten with the state; since it occasionally requires a rather thorough knowledge of who's who in the GFR. (A list of organisations and their initials in the fly leaf would help a lot here.)

The way forward then is to create a whole load of Wallraffs working here. In this regard "Wallraff the Undesirable Journalist" is now doing the rounds of the Voice collective and anyone not wanting to fork out the rather overpriced £2.50 is welcome to come along on Sunday night and add their name to the list.

## NORTH LAINE COMMUNITY

The following is extracted from a very long, very interesting interview with Ray Curnow, chairperson of North Laine Community Association. For further info from him, phone 688538.

Ray: North Laine Community Association started 3 years ago...there were many derelict houses, many derelict shops, and a surplus of new office blocks and new commercial buildings.. From the very beginning we've pressed for North Laine to be made a Conservation Area (which it now is), and now after further pressing we've got a General Improvement Area. Our monthly meetings are attended essentially by street reps, but all meetings of the Association are open. The North Laine area contains about 1300 people, 60% being Old Age Pensioners. There are very few nuclear families and only 40 - 50 youngsters. We probably have 200 - 300 activists - a strange mixture of active Old Age Pensioners and a smaller number of professional people (only 3 or 4 of them with any university connections, incidentally).

Voice: How is the Association funded?

Ray: By the usual mixture of things - jumble sales, donations etc. Also by grants from various Council committees. But we don't believe in just using public funds. Because unless people in the community get involved, unless we become self-supporting, then



frankly as a Community Association it hasn't worked. We want to get people involved. What people really want from the C.A. is very much an excuse for getting together, helping each other. I think people are friendly and helpful, but there's a certain social reserve, and a Community Association can break that down very easily.

Voice: Tell us about your newsletter.

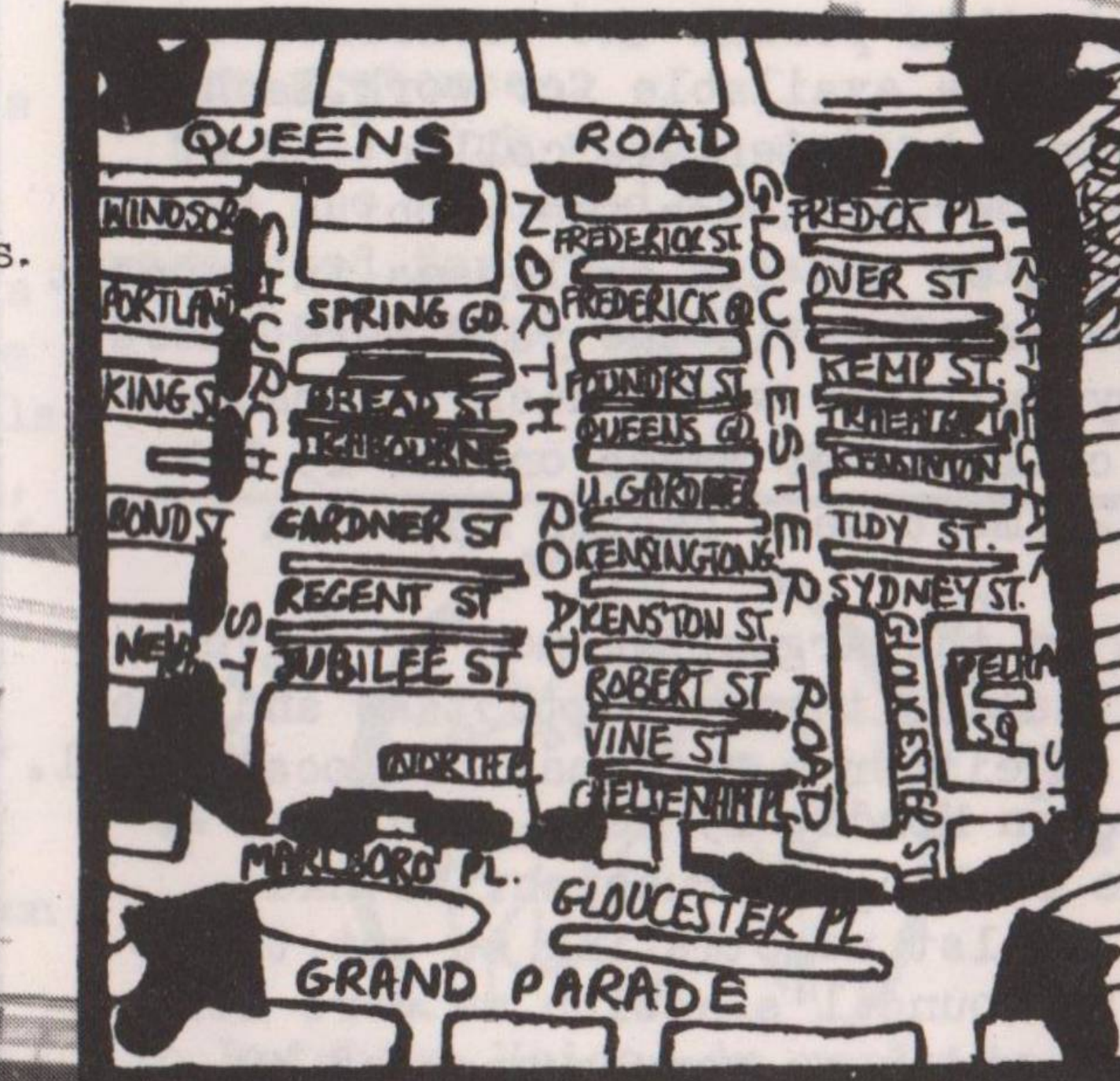
Ray: We distribute 1500 copies of the North Laine Runner every 2 months. It's incredibly popular and as a means of communication does a lot to hold the Association together. We will print anything provided it's signed, and is not racist or 'immoral' etc.

Voice: What is the Association's view on all the empty houses in the area?

Ray: As the GIA comes into existence the Council intends to put all the vacant and derelict sites in the area up for tender. The Community Association intends to form a housing association. As for squatting, far from disapproving we feel very strongly that if housing is vacant it should be occupied. We would like to see a policy of short-term letting by the Council.

Voice: What of the NF, and the attacks on Infinity and Solstice?

Ray: We don't want the National Front. Everyone in the Association is strongly against encouraging or making any



facilities available to the NF. We also decided that we would not use any pub for our meetings used by the NF. We were very concerned about the attacks on the shops. Most people

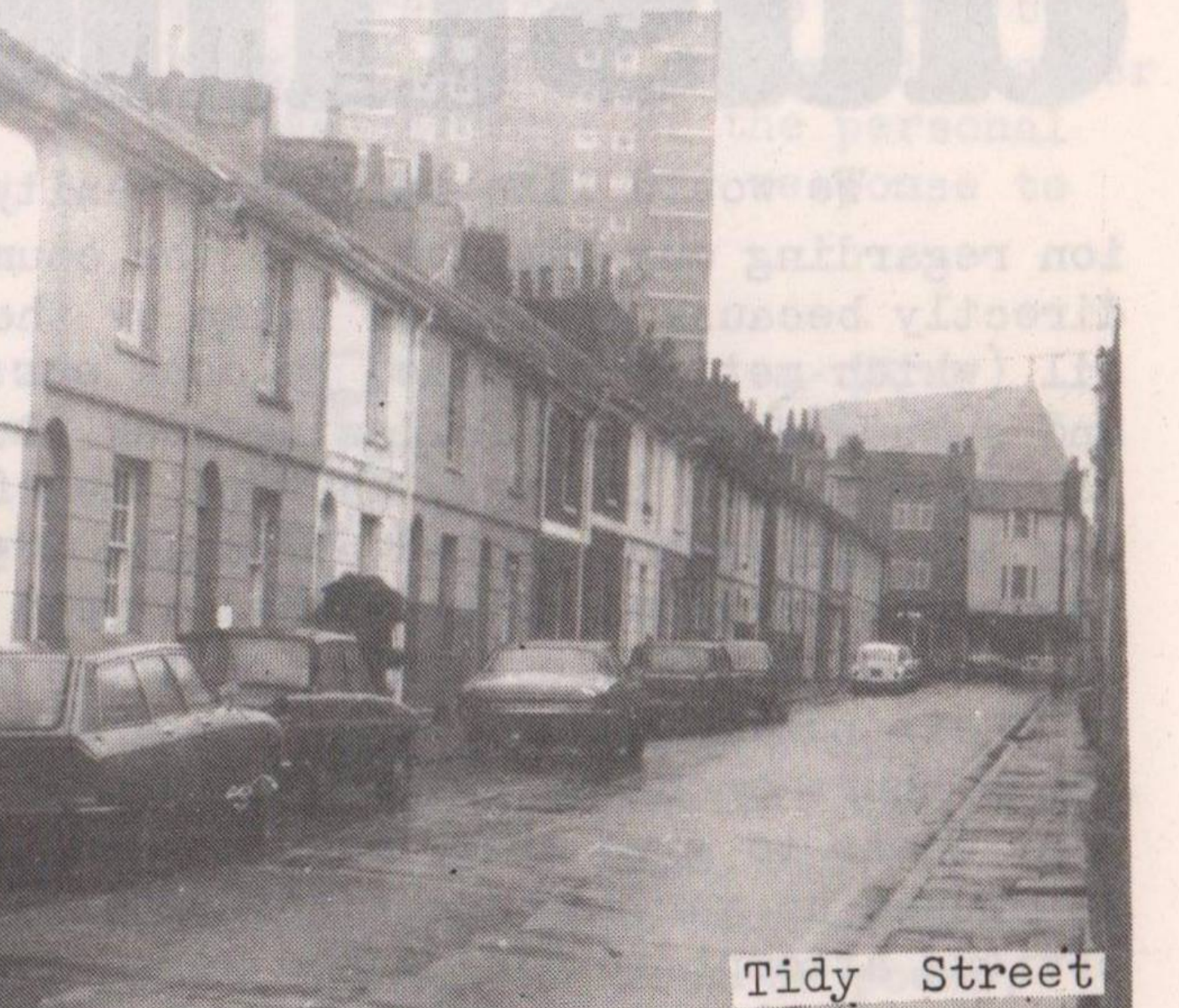
in the Community Association reacted very strongly and said these shops should be perfectly entitled to sell Brighton Voice.

Voice: What's the Community Association's relation to local politics?

Ray: The Association is a-political, has no religious or other affiliations. That doesn't mean of course that we don't have some very strong things to say about the activities of some councillors. I like to see a Community Association doing things that are short-term and practical, and at the same time becoming aware of what's going on, and coming to a viewpoint that people should take an interest and participate in local affairs. As individuals many of us

are active politically; but as a Community Association we think more can be gained by seeing that the money which is available is used effectively and efficiently, than by trying to crusade for major changes of direction. This way we can get a bigger number of people to join in getting something done. I'd personally like to see a more activist approach, but if you can't carry people with you I don't think there's any sense in it at the moment.

Voice: Does the Association feel powerful as a pressure group?



Ray: I don't want to say we feel powerful... what we've done is reverse the process where people feel helpless in the face of bureaucracy. They now have an organisation which will take up issues and get an answer. We want to see changes in the area, to see it improved and repopulated, to see the Council give more attention to the problems of old people. If in that sense you think we seek power, yes we do.

Voice: How about your relationships with the Council and your councillors?

Ray: Now we've organised ourselves the Council takes far more notice of us than it does of individuals. In some of our working groups we get automatic attendance by representatives of council departments. That's quite a stride forward. However, two of our councillors have shown no interest at all in the area. One of them's different. Cllr. David Gee has shown a major interest, has been good at arguing out cases at various council committees, and has been very helpful. Only one of the councillors - again, Cllr. Gee - has run a ward surgery. It was very poorly attended, largely because people have given up faith in the process of local representation. continued p. 18



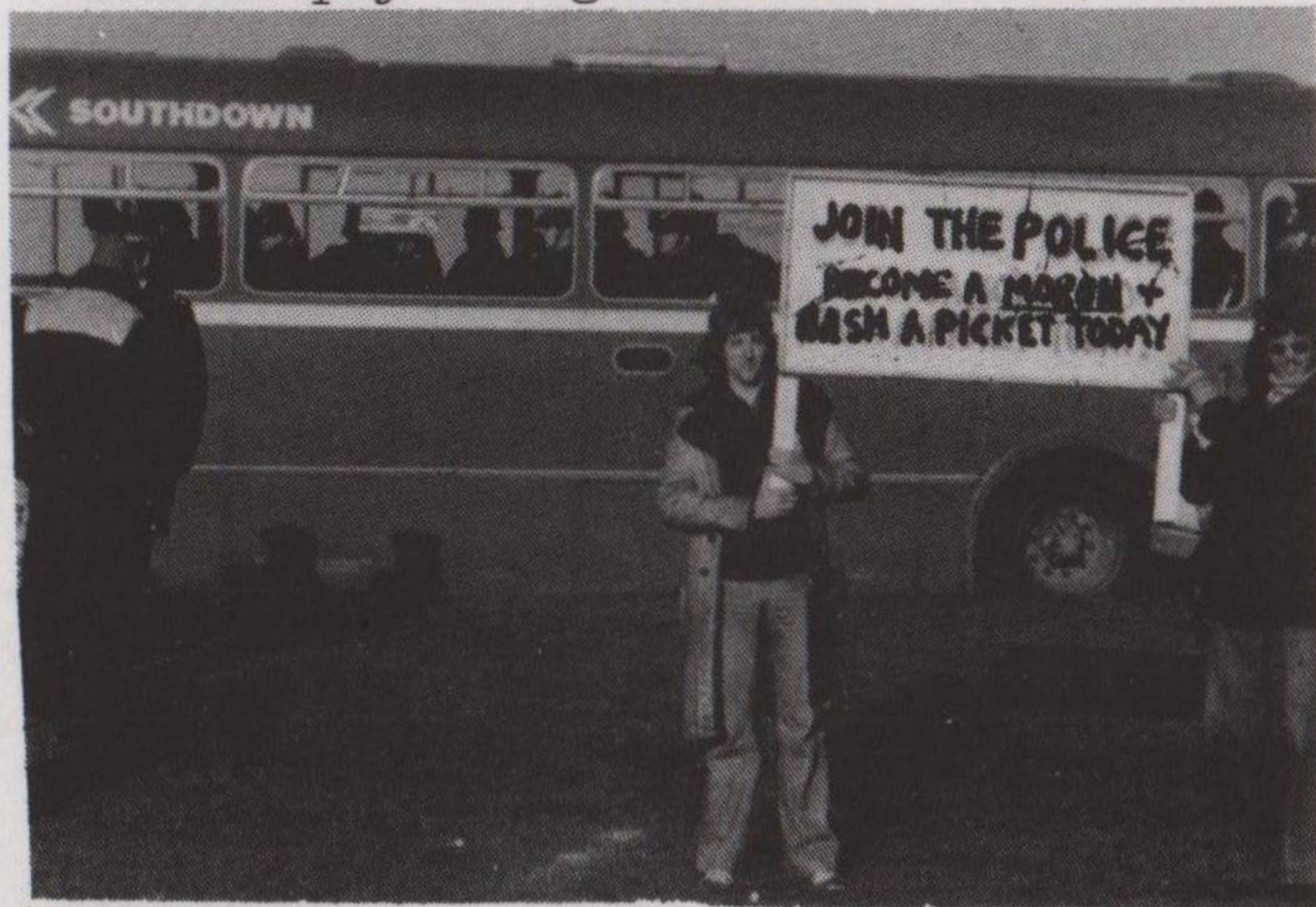
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No one heard about the men taking home £11 - or even £3 - pay for a week when they clocked in and were available for a full week's work. And did the Argus report how the police kicked and kneed the dustmen out of the road before any 'scab' lorries from Wells of Horley and Gambles of Worthing had even left the town?

### 2 By the Insidious Use of Police Power -

Over 100 Police, transported in Southdown single-decker buses, two mounted police, motor-cycle police, 3 inspectors including Lewis, notorious for his activities in Belfast, and several CID - all for what at that time was a peaceful picket.

Why was Inspector Lewis, allowed to openly break the law by categorically refusing the pickets the right to approach the vehicles to put their case? Is it surprising that 43 were arrested, when such tactics, such overkill, were applied to what was simply a regular strike situation?



# dustmen reply

We would like this opportunity to give our view of the position regarding our dispute with the council. This situation has arisen directly because of action taken by the Tory party within Brighton Council (which met in private) to dock our wages for the week 5-9 February, and subsequently the following week. During this period the workforce of 140 men clocked in every day and therefore were available for work. Each day the management picked at random 20-30 men to undertake collection of essential services which we had agreed to do even though the rubbish tip at Sheepcote was closed due to strike action by the tip employees in support of their national pay claim. Those men who remained in the yard were there for 8 hours each day and willing to do any suitable work which the management chose to give them. When we went to collect our wages on the 15 Feb we picked up varying amounts from £3 - £42 (most were nearer £3) - an obvious attempt to divide the workforce.

Contrary to the impression given in the Argus, the men are given every opportunity to debate the course of action they want to take and are in no way being manipulated by the union on either a national or local level.

The next move by the council came on Monday 19 Feb. when scab labour was brought in to clear some of the backlog of rubbish. We had already agreed to continue coming to work whilst negotiating to get the wages that we were owed. As a result of the council's action we were left with no alternative other than to strike, in which we were supported by other council departments e.g. street sweepers, toilet attendants etc.

From Tuesday 20th we began the pickets at Sheepcote tip, and on that day we talked to several of the contractors' drivers and informed them of our wages grievance. They had been wrongly informed that the strike was a further extension of the national pay claim, and when they found out the real circumstances many refused to cross the picket line. Our action continued the next day in an orderly and peaceful manner without interference from the small police presence. However on Thursday 22nd we found that the police presence had grown to between 80-100 men and two horses. It appeared that their instructions were not to allow us to approach the drivers which was our legal right, and presumably this decision had been taken because of our success with drivers on the previous two days. This led to frustration and friction and the first arrests as organised convoys of lorries were driven past the pickets on the order of the police.

On 23 Feb. police outnumbered pickets at one point by 71 to 49.



At an on the spot meeting we decided that the only way to get our rights was to block the road to the tip, physically but peacefully. At the same time it was suggested that the police who had been drafted in from afar afield as Hastings and Hailsham were using the situation in order to gain experience in riot control. This seemed to be true when they marched in on us to clear the road and arrested 7 apparently preselected pickets with what we considered unnecessary force. It should be emphasised that at that point there were no lorries attempting to enter the tip.

3 By Use of Public Finance - Is it just in response to a strike of 'locked out' dustmen that the Tory Council have spent £25,000 a week, just so they can refuse to pay the dustmen's total wage bill of £8,400 owing them for the week 5th - 9th Feb.?

We could go on and look at the mysterious coincidence of the 6 rubbish fires started on the very night before the emergency rubbish tips were declared a fire hazard. Or we could look at personal threats on individual dustmen by police officers.

IF, UNDER A TORY COUNCIL, 43 MANUAL WORKERS ARE ARRESTED IN WHAT IS MERELY A REGULAR STRIKE, WILL IT BE 4.30 IF A TORY GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED?

And in the midst of all this the dustmen are as good as gagged by the media.

HEAR THEIR OWN CASE

BELOW

Thankfully, in the afternoon we were allowed our picketing rights due to legal pressure from solicitor Quintin Barry, who explained to the police that they were obstructing the law. We could now talk to the drivers, and again we found many of them sympathetic.

This first week of action at the tip showed that the council is willing to pay private contractors and police enormous sums out of rate-payers money far in excess of the wages which they had withheld from us. The council therefore were clearly determined to make it a political issue, and to blame the situation on the national pay claim. In fact the events at Sheepcote tip were entirely of the council's doing, when they first decided to dock our wages, even though we had reported for work, and then to turn to private

scab labour to do work which can be done far more cheaply, quickly and efficiently by the regular dustmen.

The events of Monday 27 Feb, when the police arrested over 30 of our men, were merely an extension of the council and police combination against the dustmen. Private contractors were

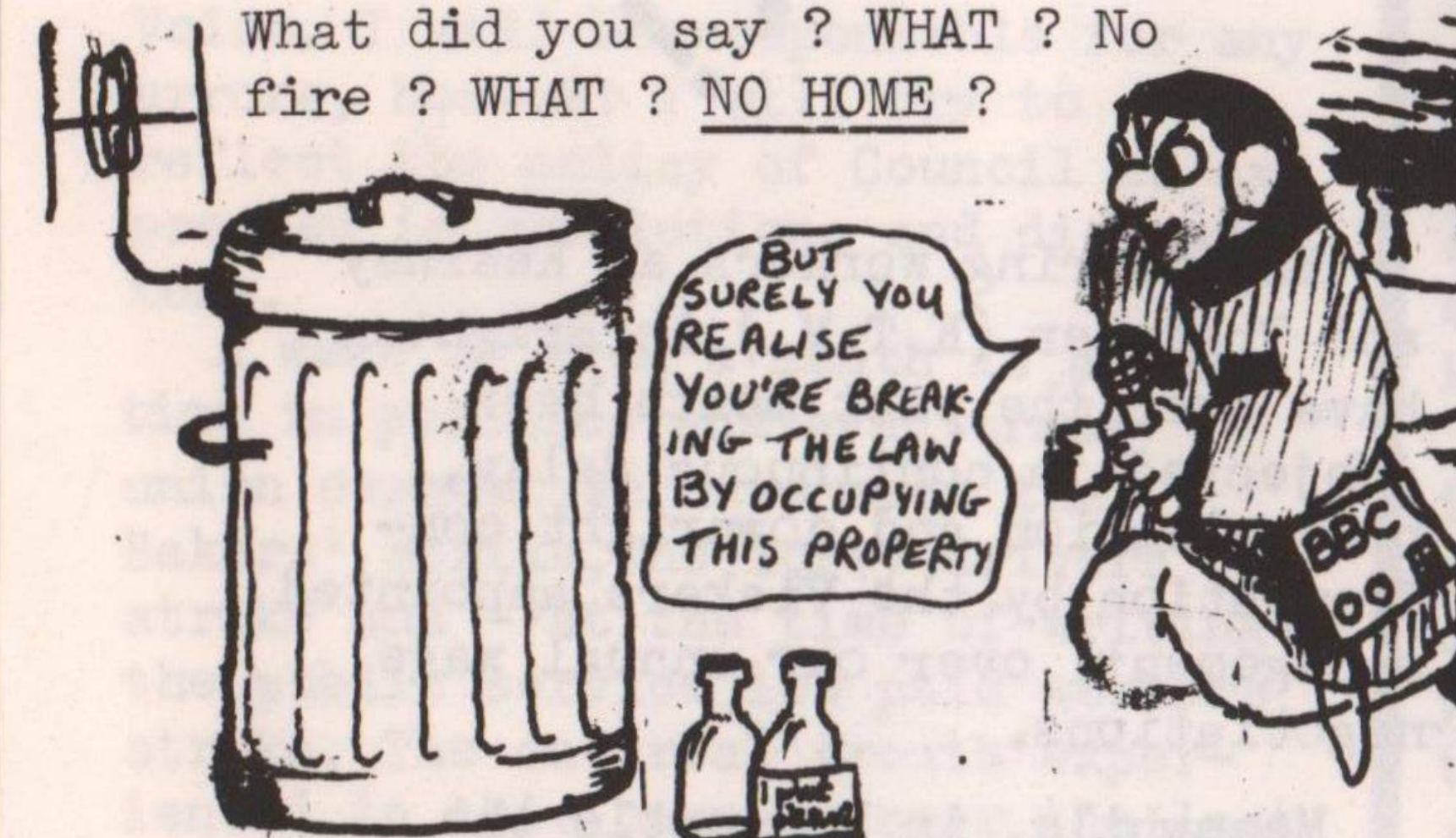
clearly now more than just being employed by the council. They were part of the whole confrontation and their drivers had been ordered not to listen to the pickets. Their jobs were at stake if they sympathised with their fellow workers. The alliance of Tory councillors, private businesses and police was more open than at any other time in the whole dispute. It is an alliance aimed not just at the dustmen but at all workers who strike peacefully for the wages they are legally owed, and for new wage levels which will still be far below the national average.

## HOMELESSNESS

cont.

DID YOU HAVE A GOOD WINTER? Freezing wasn't it? It was the coldest winter in.....  
...how long? Still, it wasn't so bad sitting round those fires at home, all snug and secure, wasn't it?

What did you say? WHAT? No fire? WHAT? NO HOME?



Richard for example is 22 years old and moved south 10 months ago from Scotland when he was made redundant from his job in a steel factory. He had hoped to find work in London but was unsuccessful and so moved to Brighton. He has now been here for 8 months - but for 6 months spent his nights sleeping out, using guest house accommodation and sleeping on people's floors. He was unable to find work and because he could not tolerate the only kind of accommodation that was available to him - i.e. shared B & B, he was very often of no fixed abode. Without an address he has been refused a full interview at the DHSS offices and spent several weeks without any income whatsoever and having nowhere to live. He has since, thanks solely to a tax rebate, been able to afford rent in advance on a flat.

Sue, 41, was born in Worthing. When she married, she and her husband moved to London. However their marriage broke up and Sue was admitted to a psychiatric hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown. After about one and a half years she left the hospital continuing to be an out patient - but felt unhappy in this situation. She decided to move to Brighton because of this and thought it would be easy to get a living-in job as a chambermaid. Although she was able to do this, she suffered from very heavy periods of depression and was forced to give up her job which meant that she lost her accommodation also and found herself homeless and friendless.

And the list goes on....

So who's doing anything about it?

All this information comes from a report compiled by Helen Clay and Fred Gray for Brighton Housing Trust who presented the Council Housing Department with it almost 9 months ago. Brighton Housing Trust are a voluntary community based group who, despite some Tory Councillors and local residents objections, set up a home to house, temporarily, just a few of the single homeless males, and provide the nightly "soup run".

The report spelt out that, among other things :-

- 1) rarely can the housing agencies in Brighton, voluntary OR OFFICIAL, provide adequate permanent accommodation because such accommodation is in "serious shortage"
- 2) such temporary accommodation as is provided DOES NOT lead the single homeless towards a "more settled life"
- 3) many of the single homeless are not given the "priority case" status that they deserve
- and 4) despite recommendations by the Social Services made in 1972 : no new reception centre (temp. sleeping centre has been provided, and there is still NO coordination between the housing agencies in the town so that the homeless are often merely shuffled about from one to the other.

The report also called for provision for single, homeless women in the town, OF WHICH THERE IS NONE, and better health and welfare "back up".

The Council do, however, seem to be making some movement. They have accepted single people (25-45 years of age ONLY) for nomination to housing associations and are going to fund the Brighton Housing Trust to operate a clearing house for single homeless people. BUT whilst accepting that single person accommodation is vital in practice, there have been NO public plans to provide this, only a looking to the voluntary housing sector to provide it.

9 months later 200-300 people are still drifting the town, trying to find a place to sleep.

The Council is shirking its responsibility and so, apart from isolated voluntary groups, is the community.

There is still no overall housing strategy and the Council's ad-hoc planning strategy based on market priorities is fraught with bureaucracy and monopolistic expansion mania. The single homeless come last!

The problem of the single homeless is just the tail end of a monstrously haphazard housing situation in Brighton an inhuman chaos that BRIGHTON VOICE hope to analyse in depth in a future issue.

## Engineers Support Dust Strike

On Monday 19th Feb. the Roadsweepers' and Highways sections held meetings with representatives from the House Refuse Collection (HRC) workforce, and were told by the HRC workers that, rather than exacerbate the situation, they should carry on working. This was wrongly reported in the 'Argus' that the Road and Highways sections had refused to back the HRC.

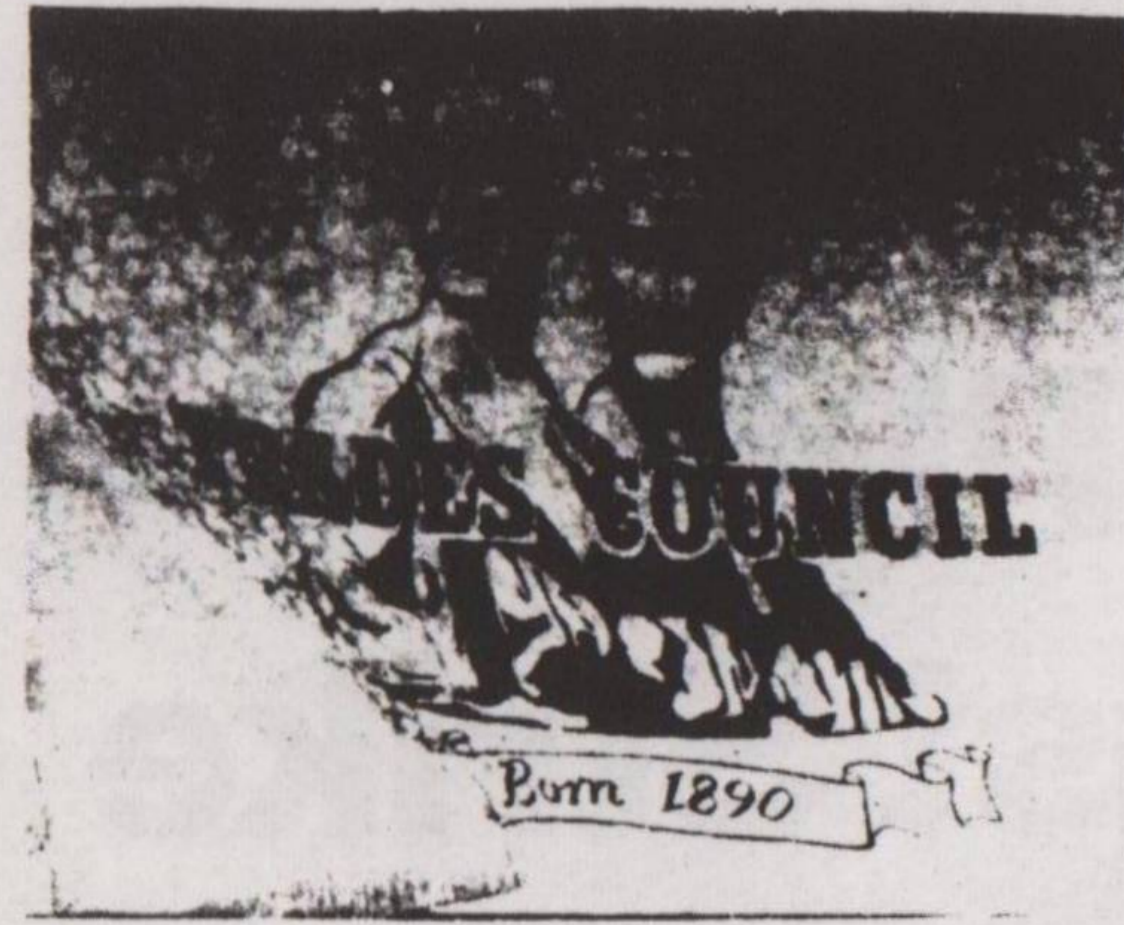
On Tuesday 20th, the day after the Council brought in contract labour to remove piles of rubbish, all sections of the Engineers' Department (Roadsweepers, Toilet Attendants and Beach-cleaners) held a meeting and decided unanimously to come out on strike in support of the principle that to substitute any council work with contract labour undermines the security of all council workers' jobs. The Council's confrontation with the dustmen is, by its very nature, a threat to all council manual workers, and the strike by NUPE and GMWU members in related sections is a necessary response to this action.

NUPE branch secretary Ernie Scrase views the present situation "with regret" and hopes the Council's attitude will modify to the extent that all his members can return to work. At a meeting with senior members of Council on 23rd Feb., NUPE officials stressed that it is their union's objective to get members back to work and provide a normal service, but under conditions which don't threaten the workforce.

The situation as it stands is a recipe for disaster and growing antagonism, and has been created solely by the bloody-minded attitude of the Council. The Council's lack of responsibility will probably deteriorate even more: who was it who skilfully cut the wires of 7 electric roadsweeping barrows? It certainly wasn't the workers, but it was a good attempt to discredit them.

The only hopeful sign from the Feb. 23rd meeting was the Council's assurance that officials from both unions would be invited to talks on the 27th - the meeting was still going on at the time of going to press. What the public should do is to urge their elected representatives to end an unnecessary dispute which is not only a direct attack on the integrity of their workers, but also shows a complete lack of respect for its electors.





# TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN

No. 4 March '79

## FIGHT LOW PAY

It is unfortunate that the local Conservative council chose to escalate the situation by an obvious lack of good industrial relations towards the dustmen. The employers went to great lengths to assure the contract strike breakers that any damage to lorries would be compensated by the rate payer. It is apity they did not take as much trouble to assure their own workers that the dustmens' case would receive equal consideration.

We support these workers and we do not support them from blind loyalty either.

We know that the money speculators did more damage to the economy in 48 hours than all the strikes put together might have done.

We know that the biggest strike in this country has been an investment strike.

We know that the rich barons who are calling hospital workers murderers are making vast fortunes from drugs (not properly tested), from asbestos (a killer), from the health of workers - especially the low paid.

We know the accusers should be the accused and the judges should be judged.

That is why we support the low paid worker or any other worker fighting for decent conditions and decent take home pay.

We want a less biased discussion from the local and national press. We will not get it of course, THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT 'BRIGHTON VOICE' AND LEFT WING PAPERS.

We would like to hear more about the interest rate paid to the Bankers by the rate payer.

We would like to know about the immediate threat to our security that justifies an increase in arms expenditure.

We would like to know the benefits of the Common Market (or how much it is costing each man, woman and child).

The pages of 'Brighton Voice' are open to us - we should use this avenue to put our point of view. We do not want a Thatcher government.

The majority of delegates at the Trades Union Council would no doubt fight for the return of a Labour government (a socialist one).

But at what price? Our soul is not for sale and our principles are not for sale.

**WE WILL FIGHT LOW PAY BECAUSE IT IS EVIL AND UNNECESSARY.**

In the ssecurity of a well paid trade union job, like the General Secretaries of our unions - plus the extra money for writing articles for the News of the World, it is easy to forget what a low wage packet really means. This tradeunion Council will never fail to remember or remind those who choose to forget.

Our General Secretary, Ann Jones, will be making an appeal for cash and support for Council workers etc. in their latest struggle. If you wish to respond now please send money to Ann Jones, 252 Freshfield Rd, Btom.

Through our actions of support we are proving that the low pay committee is more than just a talking shpp. We are in the action. If you need us to help your struggle, just contact us.

## Bosses Threat!

Engineering workers at Kearney and Treacher (K.T.M.) in Brighton have over the past month been subjected to continuous delay, prevarication and downright confrontation by the Vickers appointed management, over our annual wage negotiations.

Meanwhile, in Newcastle the heavy engineering plant of Scotswoods is being threatened with closure resulting in 800 redundancies in an already drastically underemployed area. Fortunately, through local organisation a campaign against this closure has been set up. Already, the response has been a demonstration in Newcastle, meetings with the local MP's and councillors and a Campaign Bulletin is being distributed throughout all subsidiaries of Vickers, such as K.T.M. in Brighton

A National Meeting of all Vickers factories agreed the following resolution:

- 1) Demo in Newcastle (over)
- 2) Blacking of all Scotswood work.
- 3) No Scotswood employee to be re-employed elsewhere by Vickers until settlement.
- 4) Strike action in all Vickers (UK) factories and a call on the Nat Comm of the Union to make this official.

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## Where do we go from here

At the Trades Union Council meeting of 21.2.79 I was asked to edit and produce our contribution to Brighton Voice. I will be responsible for any errors, however I will try to reflect the policy of Council as expressed in resolutions and discussions.

A week or even a month is a long time in politics and even trade union events. We have seen the Bakers' strike, the lorry drivers' strike and - at the time of writing - the public service low paid workers' strike. The one real growth experienced in this country over the last decade has been the vast growth in low paid workers.

In fact, take away overtime, take away bonus schemes, take away shift work and the vast majority of in this country are low paid. Those that are not low paid in this sense are probably low paid in relation to workers in other countries anyway.

A new kind of McArthyism is creeping into the present scene. Any group of workers fighting against low pay and injustice is supposed to be ruining the country. Workers in the health industry are being told that their increase should be at the expense of the public and the sick. Workers are being made to feel guilty because they are fighting back against poverty. A Labour Prime Minister tells people to cross the picket line. David Owen was even pleased to cross the civil service picket line. Thatcher is getting so excited at taking on the trade union movement that some of her own supporters are getting concerned. Frank Cople equates low paid workers with terrorists. The TUC rushes to raise from the ashes a concordat to get the Labour government re-elected.

Locally, we have been involved in many struggles. We have made it clear that, if requested, we will support our members involoved in industrial action for improved conditions and wages. We have received a letter of thanks from one of the workers involved in the Bakers' dispute. **LEN COOMBES.**

## k.t.m. Cont.

As K.T.M. is a subsidiary of Vickers, the following resolution was passed at the last Brighton T.U.C. meeting 21/2/79:

"That the Trade Union Council support the workers at Scotswood who are being threatened by closure from Vickers and recognize the implications for Kearney & Treacher (K.T.M.) in Brighton"

## Trade Union Education

Since the legislation of April 1, 1978 and October 1 1978 there has been a growth in trade union Shop Steward and Health & Safety courses.

In Brighton through the WEA and Sussex University we have been quick to take advantage of this situation and to make sure that the education is of benefit to the workers.

If you are a safety representative or a Shop Steward make sure that you get on a 10 week training course sponsored by the TUC. See your branch secretary today. As tutors on these courses we are very pleased with the feedback and of course we aim to improve each

course from lessons learnt from the previous course.

It is particularly satisfying, on the Health and Safety courses, to see the Safety Reps putting things right, on information gained on the courses.

When we get our Industrial Branch of the WEA fully operative things should move very quickly in this area. There is a need for trade union education. That demand can and must be satisfied.

**EDUCATION AS A RIGHT - NOT AS A FAVOUR.**

**WE MUST ORGANISE IT, USE IT, CONTROL IT - through the democracy within the W.E.A.**

**STIRLING SMITH & LEN COOMBES.**

## THANKS TO T.C.

Dear Bulletin,

It was with mixed feelings of both horror and open-mouthed amazement when I heard Andy Durr, Chairperson of the Brighton Trades Council, announce at the Trades Council meeting on Wednesday 21st Feb., that the shop stewards of GMWU needed no assistance during their dispute from the Brighton Trades Council because, during the recent bakers' dispute when we were out on strike, we were put into a situation by our employers which was unprecedented in my experience in the history of the union.

The assistance we got from the Brighton and Hove Trades Council cannot be bought with bottomless coffers of cash which the employers and even the Government seem to be able to lay their hands on when they decide that they want to smash a union's very existence.

It takes years of dedicated trade unionists pooling all their skill, and years of experience to fight these barons of industry who think that their cash, stained with the sweat and sometimes the blood of our brothers and sisters, can beat us into submission, by starving us back to work. We did not hesitate to call for the assistance of the

Trades Council, and they did not hesitate to give us their full support. I would like to take this opportunity through the medium of your journal to thank each and every one of you for all your help and advice, especially to those who came out in freezing cold weather to stand along side us on the picket line at 4a.m. People like Anne and Geoff Jones, Andy Durr, Carol Fitch, Liz Walsh, Terry Miles and all the students from the University of Sussex, Brighton Poly. I would also like to thank Brighton Labour Party and people like Alex Ingram, or Ray Apps who prints exactly what you say, and not just what will make a good story, like most of the National Dailies (some who have the audacity to call themselves socialists). These people make you proud to be a trade unionist, and even more proud to be counted as a member of the Trades Council. So I say to GMWU or any other union in trouble, go to the Trades Council for help, they will help you get the ball in your side of the court - that's what they are there for.

**Tony McKenna,**  
Branch Secretary,  
BFAWU.

It is clear that as an engineer at K.T.M. I see that we must support the workers at Scotswood and put jobs before profit. As the slogan on the first campaign bulletin put it:

"The Scotswood workers are not alone - the campaign is just beginning."

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# GAY RIGHTS

The gay community is finding a voice and we do not intend to be silenced by the irrational fears and prejudices of a few people, who don't know what gay people are really like, and who make no effort to find out, before they leap into action.

Once upon a time I was about 10 or 11, and I had a hope. It was that if I behaved 'nicely', and didn't hurt anyone, then in return, people would leave me alone to go about my business. It didn't work. I guess I should have known that, since I was gay, it was a forlorn hope. Now I am 25, living in Brighton, and it is beginning to come home to me very strongly, that if I want to live any sort of a rewarding life, then I am going to have to fight for it. Some people, it seems, are just not prepared to live and let live.

Last month the police closed down the most popular gay club in Brighton the NEW CURTAIN CLUB.

It had a membership of well over 3000 and I used to enjoy going for a drink and a dance after the pubs shut, and to meet other gay people socially. No one is doubting that the police could, if they so wished, legally close down any night club of their choice for their infringement of the licensing laws. What is in doubt is the fairness with which they scrutinize the gay clubs. The New Curtain Club is not the first gay club to be closed down recently, and it will probably not be the last - until finally there will be no place where gay people can meet socially and in safety. We will be forced into non-gay clubs, with the constant threat of a beating-up because we don't fit someone's inflated idea of 'normality'. Or will gay people be pushed back into the public toilets we were just beginning to get away from?

How about going to see a film instead?

I went to see: "WORD IS OUT"

Last month - a documentary film on gay people which received high critical acclaim at the Edinburgh Festival. It

consists of a series of interviews with gay women and men in America, telling of their lives, their childhood and how eventually they found the courage to 'come-out' as gay.

It was evident that many of the 300 people in the Wagner Hall felt that the film related to their lives, to the real gay person. Not the mocking parody so often portrayed in the mass media...not the unfeeling pervert screamed at from the pulpit...not the 'sick' and 'afflicted' deviant beloved by doctor and psychiatrist alike...not the pitiful, suicidal ineffective creature in some of the worst novels. Simply a group of people, as varied as any other group, whose greatest crime is to love members of their own sex.

About a third of the way through the film, an organized gang of thugs sporting anti-communist stickers(?) burst into the Wagner Hall, and beat up people at the back, sending two men to hospital with a broken rib and a broken finger. It was all over in minutes, they made off and the police who arrived 2 minutes later, were unable to find them. They are still pursuing their enquiries.

I spent the rest of the film unable to stop glancing over my shoulder, every few minutes, and even now, I realize it has changed my behaviour... Not perhaps in the way these fascist thugs might have wished...Instead of intimidating me to the point of ineffectiveness, it has made me angry.

In fact the whole gay community is:

ANGRY. Lesbian discos have also been receiving pressure to close and basically the whole set-up smells!

So, things were not helped by an EVENING ARGUS OPINION COLUMN which came close to suggesting that these attacks were our own fault, and that we should stay quiet in future, referring to gay people in highly insulting terms ('odd', 'abnormal', 'afflicted' etc.). This resulted in a

PICKET of the Argus offices being organized in 24 hours, and the editor published a partial retraction, allowing some space for us to reply. However, the very next day an article appeared totally misrepresenting the views of the ex-president of the Students Union at Sussex University, who is a lesbian



Rock Baker

"I'm really into brutality, man."

Gay people no longer intend to put up with this kind of pressure.

We have a lot to work out, but certain requirements are already becoming clear:

\*\* An END to irresponsible and unjustified attacks on the gay community. They serve only to increase tension and confrontation and do nothing to promote greater understanding.

\*\* The beginning of a dialogue with the POLICE, (who have so far refused to meet with Brighton gay groups), in the hopes that this will lead to less harassment of the gay community.

\*\* A mobilization of support for gay rights within the TRADE UNION MOV., so that gay peoples' jobs are protected in the same way as anyone else's (viz. their working, but not their personal life).

\*\* A continuing DISCUSSION of Gay Rights and Sexism within the Labour movement, political and non-political groups and institutions, so that future public opinion will at least be based on knowledge, facts and understanding, and NOT on ignorance, myth and prejudice.

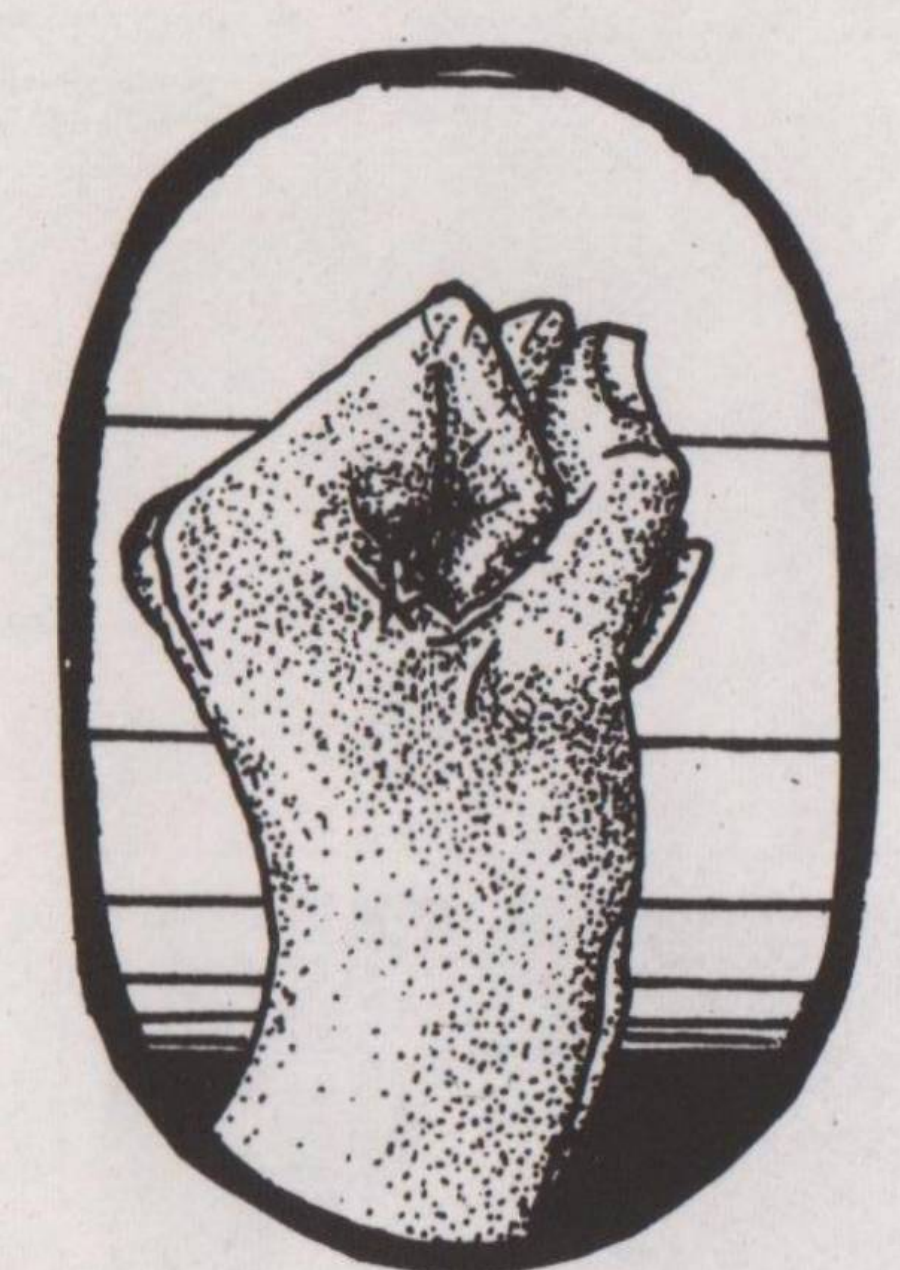
\*\* A structured EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME for use by teachers, to convey this knowledge and understanding. We believe young women and men should be free to make their own decisions in this area without propaganda one way or the other. We don't, as some would try to make out, want to 'plug' our way of life, in schools; we want to promote a greater understanding and support of people who do not conform to society's rigid expectations, so that prejudice and intolerance do not find expression in the violence witnessed last month.

These requirements are by no means going to solve all the problems which gay people have to face in 'modern' society (such as lack of recognition of their relationships by housing authorities, social services, and even for hospital visits), BUT, if we stop:

- LOSING OUR JOBS,
  - GETTING BEATEN UP,
  - BEING SAVAGED BY THE PRESS,
- if we can:  
- go for a drink, or  
- see a film IN PEACE,  
then my next 25 years begin to seem a little more hopeful...

Brian Kennedy.

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\* If anyone wishes to contact: \*  
\* C.H.E., Brighton Lesbian Group, \*  
\* Gay Activists Alliance, Gay \*  
\* Teachers Group, Sussex Gay Soc., \*  
\* Gay Christian Mvt., or requires \*  
\* advice, 'phone 202930:8-10pm \*  
\* Brighton Gay Switchboard. \*  
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# GAY FIGHTS

For a long time there has been an implicit assumption that sexuality has nothing to do with the 'Cause'. Women have been hammering away at the doors for a long time now, and have only started to get somewhere within the movement in the past decade. This has made some people aware that there are areas other than pay differentials about which they should be concerned, and that discrimination on the grounds of sex or race are legitimate causes to be espoused by a trades union movement worth its salt. Both of the latter now have a considerable body of legislation providing certain safeguards against such discrimination. But what about those discriminated against on the grounds of sexual orientation? - They're left without union support, and certainly without any from the law.

Within the last few years there have been at least three clear-cut cases of such discrimination known to local gay groups - and many more which never get mentioned because some gay people are still too timid and ashamed to stand up for themselves. The cases we hear of are the ones where people have been open about their gayness, and have been forced by their employers to leave their jobs as a result of this - the ones we don't hear about are the ones where the person has been intimidated into resigning, after being forced to reveal their orientation because of a 'gross indecency' conviction (of which there are on average about 2 to 4 a week in Brighton).

It's not only the complete lack of protection afforded to gay people which concerns us, it is also the level of ignorance about homosexuality which sometimes staggers us.

Terry Casey (General Secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers)

recently commented on the C.H.E. Education Kit (which he hadn't seen) that it was a waste of time, and as far as he knew, his union never took on homosexuals, and never would, (there are at least 5000 gay teachers in his union - and 30000 in the country as a whole).

The leader of the bakers' union has been known to come out with similar outbursts of bigotry, and - let's face it - crass ignorance.

The local N.U.T., A.P.E.X. and other branches which sent delegates to the recent regional conference on Gay Rights organized by C.H.E. in Brighton, have since been much more open to the issues involved, as has the local Trades Council, but many others remain sadly ignorant of the fact that at least one in twenty of their members is open to such discrimination, and cannot fight alone.

We don't just want things from the unions - we also feel that we have a lot to contribute. We are a group of (mostly) working people; many of us are committed union members, and would like to take our places in the trades union movement, fighting for the same rights as all other members. But - we are not prepared to go in on false pretences.

We will work within unions as long as we are afforded the right to be respected for what we are, and not for what others think we should be.

Bob Spalding.



To Brighton Voice, in reply to Tony Greenstein's article:

The assumption that racism is equal to sexism was never made in the original article 'Rock Against Cock Rock'. On the contrary, it was asking the question whether one could attempt to combat one form of oppression, racism, at the expense of another, sexism. Rock against racism is very much a question of entertainment per se - black and white people enjoying black and white music. Rock against sexism on the other hand is a calling into question of all traditional forms of male-dominated entertainment. It is much easier to feel in racial harmony whilst listening and dancing to rock music than it is to feel sexually equal in an atmosphere that assumes all-male bands and macho lyrics.

Tony makes the point that the main divide between the NF and other part parties is overt racism. Aside from ignoring the extreme racism of both Tory and Labour policies, this is a mistake all too frequently made by the ANL - failing to see the fight against fascism as anything other

than combatting racism. The NF is sexist, not just like any other party, as the article says, but overtly so. Their views on women, proper womanhood etc. are integral to the whole of fascist ideology. He asserts that the ANL was set up to combat racism, whereas it was in fact set up to 'smash the NF' in the pre-election period. The ANL has never seriously attempted to analyse racism and its relation to fascism - it has had and still has many shortcomings. The WAFAR group and RARAS have taken a considerable initiative in developing an analysis (eg. the ANL meeting on sexism). As members of the WAFAR group we feel it is only here that we have developed any real understanding of the nature of fascism as a whole, in relation to us as women, and the very specific connection between racism and sexism. If we were to combat merely racism, we would be making the mistake of ignoring other important aspects of the personal appeal of the NF. Our response to



the NF should strike not only at more obvious and tangible manifestations, such as racism, but the subtle way in which they appeal to people's sense of loss of power, through offering 'clean', 'warm', 'secure', 'national', 'maternal' alternatives. All of which are wrong because they're founded lies, prejudices and misconceptions. The article says that women have alienated people from the ANL. WAFAR never intended that half the places on the ANL committee should be allocated to them - but that it should be open to any women. If any confusion arose it was most likely due to the poor chairing of the meeting! The WAFAR group recognises the value of self-criticism and is aware of the problems in reaching other women. What has really alienated people from the ANL is the constant bickering between different left groups, and between the left as a whole and those more liberal anti-fascists. In short, we feel that the typical male competitive way of conducting meetings has been a major source of decline in support for them.

Finally Tony says that there have been no attempts to take discussions on sexism outside the ANL. In fact this has been done by a lot of people, mainly women, on both a personal and organisational level - talking to people in pubs, at local bands, going into schools, trade union involvement, Workers' Education courses on Women's Studies and on Fascism etc.

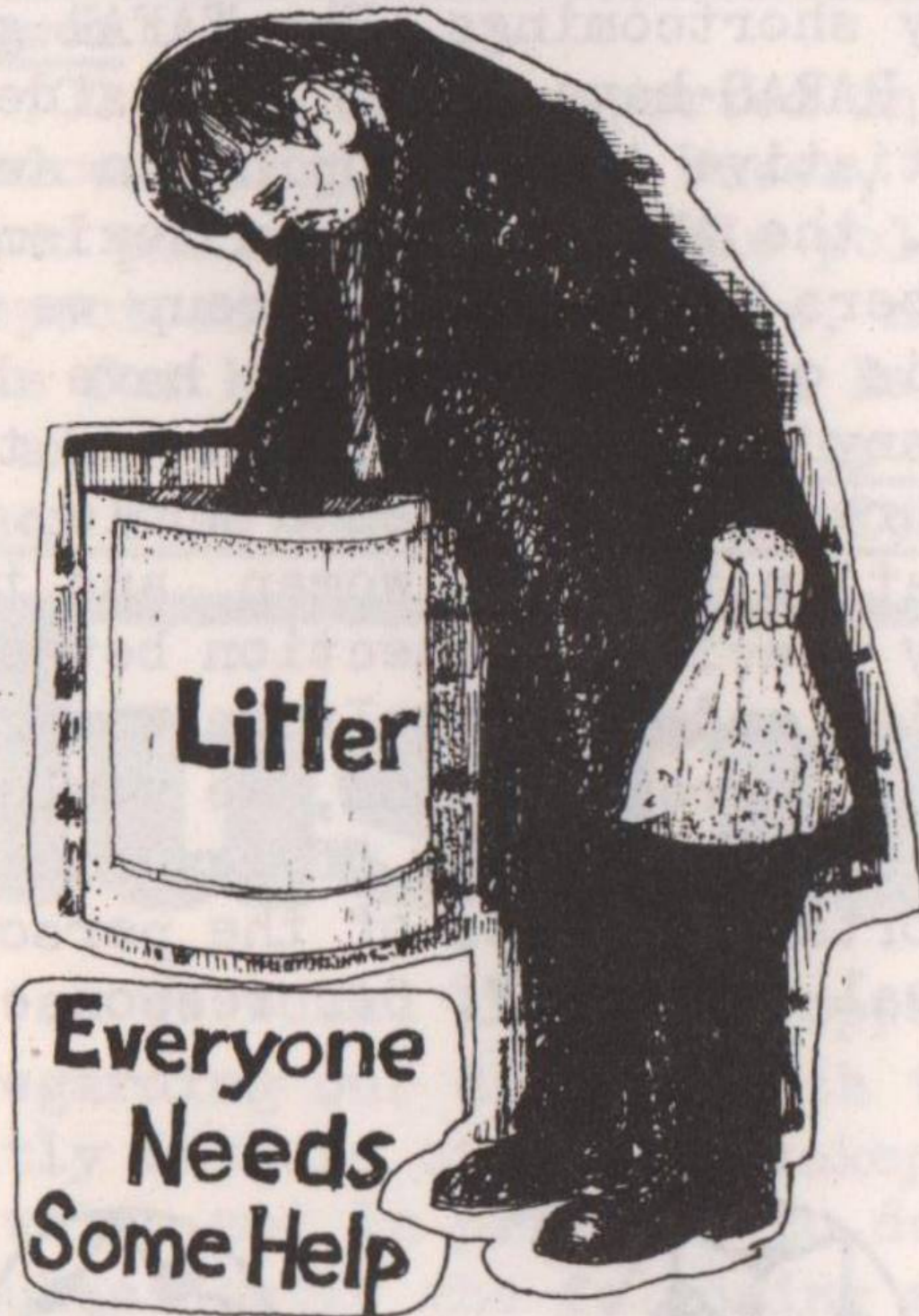
Women Against Fascism and Racism.



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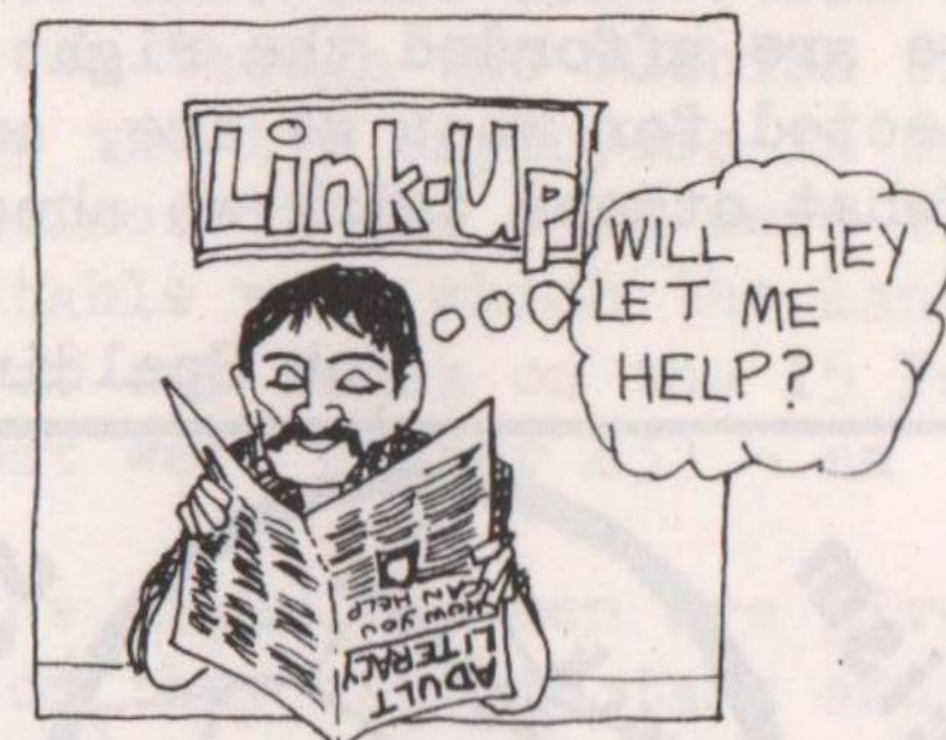
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LINK-UP is the name of the Student Community Action Group at Sussex University. Often referred to as the



We also feel that it is wrong for students to take the lead in community matters in any way. Our role is to be behind the community, adding enthusiasm, new ideas, and of course time to ensure that whatever projects are under way that they can come to fruition. The very fact that students are only here for 3 or 4 years is a positive advantage here because they are keen and want to spend their time in Brighton usefully. They can often re-vitalise flagging projects by merely giving to them their sheer enthusiasm.

## adult



## literacy

Although some Link Up projects are pretty well self running, contacts with community based agencies is always very important. A good example of a project which relies heavily on on a town based group for its success is the adult Literacy-Numeracy scheme. Here Link Up acts very much as a volunteer source for the project which is run by the Friends centre. They are responsible for finding and matching pupils to the volunteer, supplying teaching aids, and basic training that the tutor might need. We are indeed lucky to have such an organization as the Friends Centre in Brighton-in many areas, groups teaching Literacy and numeracy have to fend for themselves.



For the pupils on the literacy and numeracy schemes, owning up to their of skills can be quite a difficult process after years of constantly trying to hide it. The fact that most teaching is done one to one means that a tutor can be aware of these problems and provide as much support as possible. We hope that the student who is often from the same age group as many of the pupils, is able to provide this understanding.

So, we hope that this gives you some idea about us, both what our views on community work are, and the actual work that we do. We run our organization collectively - that means we all share out the work to be done both practical community work and administrative and office work. We employ a paid full time worker and he/she is usually in our office (at Falmer House, Sussex University) each weekday. You can contact us by ringing Brighton 680380. Finally, we produce a magazine called PRAXIS, which is a survey of all the work we do. If you'd like a copy of this magazine, then drop us a line

THE LINK UP COLLECTIVE.



'fools on the hill' (students, that is!) Link-Up's been going nearly ten years, now. We do lots of things with a lot of different people - most of it useful! The community action we're involved in is very diverse and many-faceted, but we still have to accept the limitations of a group such as ours. These limitations are not so much what we can get involved in, but how.

Students have some really useful qualities to offer, when it comes to community action, but it would be really silly to ignore the LIMITATIONS. Students are only around for at best 35 weeks of the year, and also are only available for 3 years, before they move on. We're in Brighton to study, first of all, and unfortunately, community action has to come second. Students who put community action work first, invariably end up doing no course-work at all, which isn't a good plan.

The TIME that students spend working in the community through Link-Up, is perhaps one of the most valuable resources we have. Most people are tied to a routine of bringing up a family and doing a job of work, and their time is severely limited. University life, on the other hand, is about having time, as nowhere else in society, and through Link-Up, this can be put to good use.

# mOLeSTERS

The Molesters was set up in September 1977 by singer John Ellis and guitarist Paul Hayward. Though it came together during the first flows of the New Wave, it has remained out on a limb in relation to the other Brighton bands; it wasn't featured on the Vaultage '78 record, and it is only recently that the band has had a regular Brighton venue, at the Alhambra. They have tended to move in the more heady circles of the music industry - having done two John Peel sessions to date, a single which is due out at the end of the month and the possibility of a tour (though not

gigs and they said outrageous things about women"; but after the gig isn't the best time to talk to them, when they're exhausted and quite pissed. To come down to the bones of the question, yes we are sexist: but so is every band; it's difficult to play rock and roll without being sexist. MARK: You could say we're sexist because we have two female vocalists and they don't appear to do much, apart from just augment, but that's something musically we're trying to correct. VOICE: What about the appearance on stage of 2 female singers dressed in bizarre clothes?



MOLESTERS - the old line-up

of Scotland, as they told the Argus.)

The band didn't exactly turn out in force for the interview - only Carol, vocalist, and Mark, the bassist, turned up (the others had marriages to arrange). The thing most on Mark's mind - he being the most politically aware member of the band - was the criticism that the band was sexist.

VOICE: How would you answer the allegations of sexism that have been brought against you?

MARK: We don't actually know what they have been complaining about. No-one's really come up to us and told us what we're doing wrong; we've just had these snide accusations in Brighton Voice among other things - along with Nicky and the Dots and the Piranhas - no-one's really told us what they don't like.

VOICE: Were they criticising the lyrics or the presentation?  
MARK: When I went to find out what people didn't like, they said: "We chatted to members of the band after

(The Molesters' Press Release claims the female vocalists "flesh out" the music, but "are not present solely as a visual attraction" - a rather sexist objectification in itself.)

MARK: We certainly don't tell the girls they must wear low-cut dresses and show as large an expanse of flesh as possible - no-one tells anyone what to wear or do in the band.

VOICE: A characteristic of New Wave bands is to identify with the politics of the local community, through the lyrics and by playing local benefits. Do you think playing something like the Voice/Shops benefit, which you are doing on some future date, is more important than playing a large London gig?

MARK (again): There's a question of ideals and a question of practicality in this. A gig is a gig and any gig is important. Obviously if we were asked to do a National Front benefit we wouldn't do it; it's a question of occasionally not being 100% behind something but wanting to do the gig, but on the other hand if we weren't behind it to some extent then we wouldn't do it at all.

VOICE: How much do you think that rock music is a medium for political ideas?

MARK: To be honest, not much. On a general sense you've got all these bands like Sham 69 and reggae bands urging people to unite but I don't want the band to descend into sloganeering.

CAROL: Politics is social behaviour, everything. Every song that you sing has got something to do with politics - politics just isn't in the Houses of Commons.

VOICE: The more successful you become, don't you think you have some responsibility to the audience you influence?

MARK: A number of the songs we have written have commented on social issues. We wrote 'Modern Homes' on the social stereotype of two-up two-down happy families. We used to have songs about South Africa, the National Front and various other things. Most of those have gone by the wayside now.

Success seems to get the better of most bands. How many New Wave bands genuinely support the politics of their lyrics and how many, like the Molesters, exploit their cynicism for public credibility? It is ironic that their most recent publicity has been a front page photo in the 'Argus' on the marriage between the guitarist Paul and their other vocalist, Tracy. That's show business.



## Claimants Unite!

If you are a low paid worker, do you realise that you're probably entitled to a rent rebate? Do you know that if you qualify for Supplementary Benefit you may be entitled to an Exceptional Needs Payment, for clothes or other needs? Do you know whether you're entitled to Supplementary Benefit? If you are one of its unfortunate victims, you will be only too aware of the Cohabitation Law. By its operation, a single woman can be denied the right to claim money if she is suspected of having a sex life.

The National Federation of Claimants' Unions was set up 10 years ago to campaign for claimants' rights. We are a small group of claimants and would like to get together with other interested people to organise a local branch. A first meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 14th March, upstairs in the Resources Centre, North Road, at 8.00 p.m. Please come along.



### NT at the Argus

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This is, in fact, exactly what has happened in the States, where typesetters have achieved very generous settlements; with up to \$1600 per year for retraining (only for those under 50). But it is very unlikely that the Argus will provide for the workers it puts on the scrap heap here in the same way. Their excuse is that it costs more per page than other papers, but this is in blatant contradiction to the facts. It is the provincials which make the money, not Fleet Street. How else could a little firm like the Argus make £1.29m profit in 1977, while its owner, Westminster Press, made 6.2 m in 1977 - 55% up on the year before. Indeed, Holland has openly stated that he will bore the compositors out of a job, has no intention of paying redundancy money and will gradually introduce VDT's, word processors and keyboard terminals linked to a central computer store.

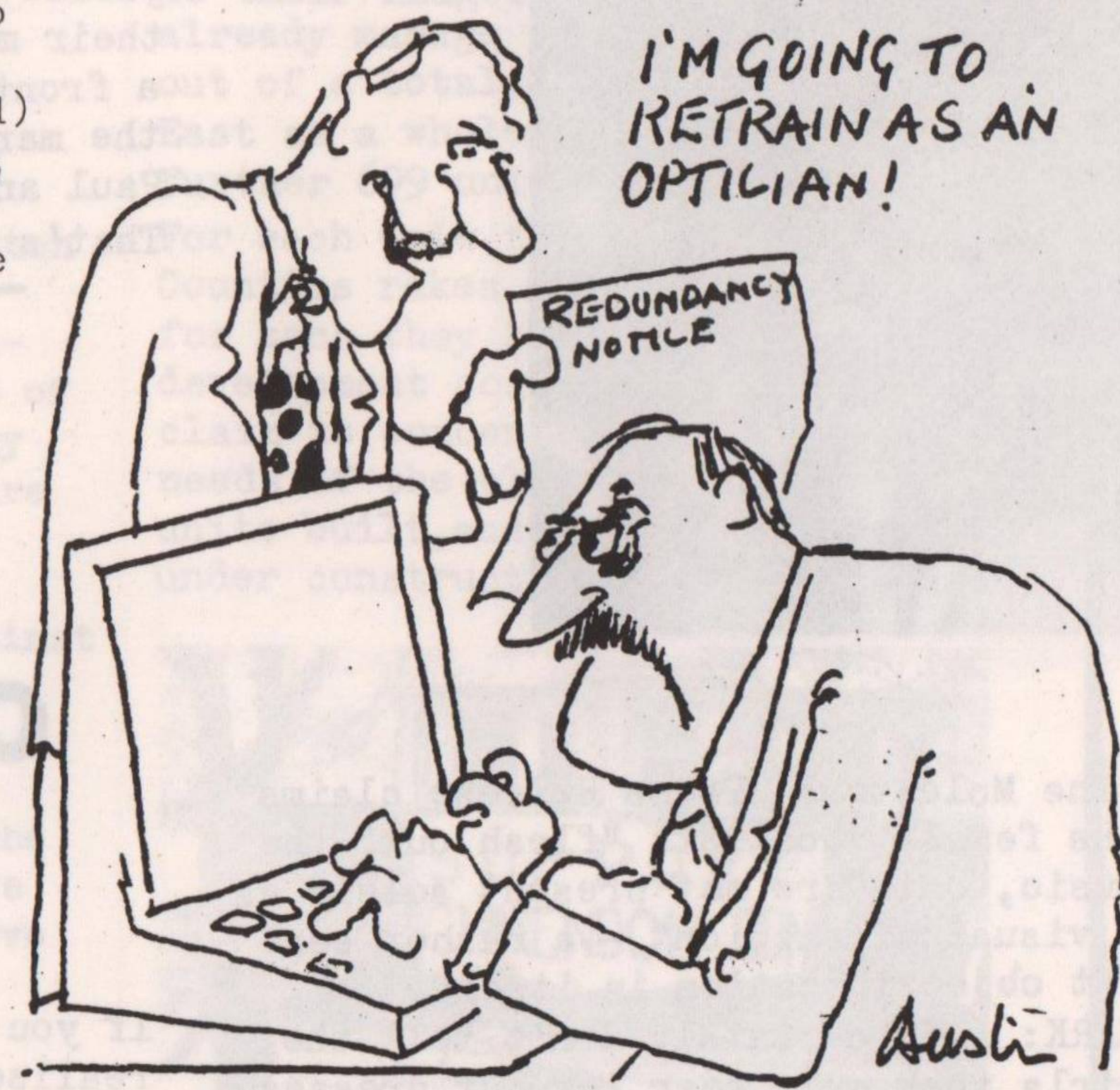
Thus, by 'natural (forced) wastage', Westminster Press, through Southern Publishing and the Argus, get NT on the cheap. Could the benefits ever really compensate for the costs in human terms? It is extremely doubtful, but of course this does not worry the bosses.

Unfortunately, it does not seem to worry the print unions either, for their attitude seems to be one of 'selling' the jobs, through productivity carve-ups and wastage. With the introduction of photocomposition and fast presses, 63000 jobs were lost from a total of only 159000 between 1967 and 1976. These 'advances' take skills away from the worker and make him more and more dispensable. Control of production is centralised and the effectiveness of

strikes neutralised. In the rush to effect this and accommodate expanding capital, the health and welfare of the printworker have been callously ignored.

This is not only evident in loss of jobs. British Airways clerks at Gatwick using VDT's were found to suffer from excessive migraines, eyestrains, headaches and fatigue. Since the British Ophthalmic Opticians Association (which discovered this) recommends screening of workers for the job, the older worker would inevitably be disqualified. What is more, four workers on the New York Times using VDT's have developed eye cataracts. The infernal things also give off radiation, making film badges or lead body shielding essential, if an afterthought.

But progressive blindness and radiation cancers are not the only 'benefits' of the NT. During photocomposition, ultra violet light etches onto a toxic polymer. This substance, called toluene diisocyanate (TDI) is highly volatile and inflammable and, after its introduction at Robert Street, agitation was necessary to get extractor fans installed. The polymer



has been found to be responsible for for asthma, heart disease and unpleasant skin rashes (dermatitis).

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**YORK:** An unfair dismissal case is being fought with Terry's chocolates after a worker was sacked for urinating round the side of the factory. Recently a manager was found doing the same thing on the roof and was given one day's suspension... (York Free Press)

#### An APOLOGY.

To the National Union of Journalists chapel at the Argus, who were still on strike when Almirante was in town.

### News From The Free Press

**BRISTOL:** When a suspicious suitcase was found on the sixth floor of Brickwell Police Stn (Somerset & Avon Police HQ) bomb disposal experts were called in to arrange a "controlled explosion". This duly revealed the contents: highly explosive Home Office surveillance equipment! (Bristol Voice)

## Whose Democracy Whose Terrorism

To a lot of people West-Germany means: economic wealth, high standard of living, a democratic parliamentary system, justice etc. This is one side, but there is another side, which is not very often published and therefore widely unknown. The German left-wing movement in reality, has not got the same democratic rights as everybody else. Since 1972 a number of laws have been passed - in some cases constitutional changes - to intimidate left-wing people and stop them from criticising the W-German system.

#### "Berufsverbote"

The law against "enemies of the constitution" in the public service (Berufsverbot); which was passed in 1972, banned graduates from becoming teachers in state schools. The official reason given for the Berufsverbote was, that a "small number of enemies of the constitution" who try to infiltrate the system silently, had to be excluded from the public service. For about two years mainly teachers were affected by the Berufsverbote. Today there are victims of this law in almost every field of the public service: teachers, postmen, train drivers, unskilled workers.

#### who is an enemy of the constitution?

The political activities of every applicant are checked thoroughly. According to the law there must be a guarantee that the applicant will actively stand up for the constitution at any time. If there is any doubt about that, the application can be refused - disregarding the professional ability of the applicant. A principle of a constitutional state is completely reversed: not that the prosecution has to prove the applicant guilty but he has to produce evidence of his loyalty towards the state. A Berufsverbot usually becomes operative for the following reasons: membership in organisations like Amnesty International, the communist parties, antifascist league etc.; holidays and visits in East Germany, participation in demonstrations, signing of petitions



and supporting the campaign against Berufsverbote.

Not only people who lose their jobs (many after years of employment) are victims of this law but everybody in Germany. All the information about political groups collected by the "office for the protection of the constitution" (secret service) might one day be used against one of their members. It might even affect his employment in industry as the transmission of information from the secret service to security departments of private companies is not illegal.



#### the methods of the secret service

Members of the secret service attend almost every demonstration and political meeting. "Routine reports" are made on activities of youth centres, community action, women's groups etc. - with details of the nature of the activity, names of organizers and titles of publications distributed. The methods of "preventive surveillance" include telephone tapping, supervision of the post, observation and employment of undercover agents. According to a secret service man who wrote a book on "theory and practice of the secret service", "the use of undercover agents is not just based on the principle of obtaining knowledge from an object in a normal way, but can at times lead to an active role, when the views of the agent influence the decisions of a politically suspected group in a direction desired by his superiors." A special form of surveillance has been introduced to some big towns. The so-called area-contact-officer, which is a policeman for every area of the town. He is on foot, familiar and confidence-inspiring. Everyone can turn to him with worries, suspects about neighbours etc. These officers will find out all the secret service people in other sections failed to find out. In the period from 1973 to 1975 the secret service made investigations in 1.500.000 cases. (according to official figures)

Although freedom of speech and freedom to demonstrate are part of the constitution, hundreds of people lost their jobs for using those rights. Political abstinence and isolation are the intended results.

#### police equipped for civil war

Against those who lost faith in government and police and began to defend their rights by publishing papers, demonstrating against nuclear power stations etc. there are more effective means to keep the political peace. An army of policemen, border guards and special police units have been built up, each of them well enough equipped for civil war. Every policeman is armed, some of them with submachine guns; the special units are equipped with tanks, granates, waterguns and gas-bombs. Well over a hundred people have been killed by policemen acting in so-called self-defence. Some of the victims were not even armed. Only a few of those policemen have been taken to court for that, some got promoted. Thousands of houses and offices of leftwing people have been searched by policemen armed to the teeth, without producing a search warrant papers and books were confiscated. During those raids the security of state is usually far more important than the protection of live and property.

#### adaptation of the law

New laws gave the secret service and the police the official right to operate in a way which they had already been doing on their own initiative before. Today in "urgent cases" there is no need for a search warrant anymore, a whole district can be searched if a terrorist is suspected to be hidden, people can be arrested purely on suspicion. The "law for the protection of the communal peace" punishes "giving support and approval to violence by means of words, publications and films likely to disturb the communal peace." It is this law which got many alternative newspapers into trouble with the police.

This system of surveillance has created an atmosphere of intimidation in Germany. The fear of being called a "sympathizer of terrorism" makes many leftwing people careful of what they can say and write, even if they are perfectly within their rights. But there is a growing number of people in Germany who do not accept what is going on but join groups against Berufsverbote and new police laws. This year the "Russel Tribunal" deals with the situation of human rights in West Germany. It will depend on the determination and strength of the democratic movement to prove that these laws are the true threat for democracy.

For further information about W-Germany we would like to recommend the book "Law, order and politics in Germany", by Sebastian Cobler. You can buy it in the Public House Bookshop.

Such a list of horrors only makes a mockery of the cynical claims for NT, that it is clean and safe and pleasant to work with. However, perhaps the most dangerous and sinister aspect of technology is the concentration of power it gives the bosses. Management control of the news can now be implemented by its control of production and the systematic replacement of human skills by machines. Jake Eccleston of the Times NUJ suggests that management's aim is to reduce 'over-staffing' in the machine room (if TDI doesn't get you first), but the real reason behind massive investment in NT is that in a strike it would be easier than ever before for subs and editors to get a paper out.

So it is not suprising to find that, among others waiting in the wings, the owners of the Glasgow Herald (the Tiny Rowlands - Sir Hugh Fraser empire) have invested £10m in direct input. Threats of redundancy, no-strike agreements and calls for higher output are all results of NT on many papers (eg the Nottingham Post and Daily Mirror) and only serve to strengthen management's hand.

The ultimate horror is a unique centralised news agency with a monopoly on information. Imagine computer on-line systems for the National News Network, as American Express have at present. Any story could be tapped by regional newspapers as from a 'phone network. And if you think the Westminster Press wouldn't reduce its staff to the minimal one roving reporter linked to a central processing unit and from that to all UK papers, just remember that they are members of Aims for Industry - an organisation not unrelated to the National Association for Freedom, for whom the late Ross McWhirter organised newsprint delivery during the strike.

## FIGHT FOR FAIR PLAY!

Continued from page 6.

along with another application by CCHA, this one for 46 flats on 2/3 of the site, until East Sussex County Council make clear their intentions on the widening of Eastern Rd.

The amount of what might be called 'derelict space' energy that is being let loose on Brighton at the moment is very exciting. There are many unused spaces throughout the town, and if more of them are leapt on, pointed at, shouted about, tidied up and even taken over illicitly, then so much the richer will our lives be.



# Letters

Have you heard the one about....

Dear Voice,  
 I say, I say, I say. Did you hear the one about the Brighton and Hove Gazette and Free Speech? It's O.K., according to the Gazette (Editorial 2nd Feb) for Amery (M.P. for Brighton Pavilion) to appear side by side with the leader of the Italian Neo-Fascist Party. That's Free Speech. But is it O.K. for Dave Hill or anyone else to criticize Amery for doing so? Oh, no, according to the Gazette, that's "fascism of another kind". Peculiar that. The Gazette didn't print this letter either.  
 Dave Hill  
 Prospective Labour Candidate for Brighton Pavilion.

## Darts and Sexism

Dear Voice,  
 I have just moved here from Norwich. In Norwich I played darts in a league team. In fact I was the only woman in a mens team. The attitude in Norwich was really great and women were accepted in a mens team if good enough. Since I've been here I've tried very hard to get in a mens team; (I won't play in a womens team on principle as I find most womens teams consist of wives and girlfriends of men players and are considered a "piss take"). The attitude is so chauvinistic here because although I've played friendly games against men league players and beat them I still am not accepted into a mens team. Men and womens teams are completely segregated and never the twain shall meet (so I'm told).

I have now decided the only thing to do is to get a really amazing womens team together and bring these chauvinistic men down a peg or two (or three). I consider myself a good darts player, and would be glad to hear from any woman who can chuck a good dart. I need seven good women darts players and together we can take on any mens team. If interested please ring Kashar on Brighton 689350 10pm-11pm

K. Whitelock

## Gingerbread Group

(a self-help group for one-parent families). We are collecting books, toys, bric-a-brac, records, pictures ornaments, in order to raise money for our childrens' outings this summer. If you have any articles, please phone 697208, Mon-Thurs am.

## The media & the U.S.S.R.

Dear Collective,

It is of vital importance to understand and be well informed regarding the Soviet Union. Our capitalist media maintains an unremitting barrage of propaganda against the U.S.S.R. which has created confusion, even in our own communist party. To understand this issue, it is essential to appreciate the reasons for the propaganda and why it is untrue.

The capitalist media allege absence of Human Rights in the Soviet Union. In capitalist countries millions are denied the basic right to work; almost every channel of expression is controlled by a few extremely rich men and their subservient governments. Success, livelihood and sometimes liberty depend on having the 'right thoughts'. The most tragic irony of capitalist society is that our greatest material and intellectual effort is devoted to keeping the world poor frightened, and ignorant. What point talking of ethics and the sacredness of life in societies based on a system of exploitation of the majority for the benefit of the few?

In the U.S.S.R., citizens have the right to work, ensured by the steady growth of productive forces. Citizens have the right to rest and leisure, ensured by an established working week, not exceeding 41 hours. Citizens have the right to maintenance in old age, sickness, disability or loss of breadwinner, guaranteed by social insurance. Citizens are guaranteed the right of conscience - to profess any religion and conduct religious worship or atheistic propaganda. Citizens are guaranteed inviolability of the home.

At last Abraham Lincoln's vision of a "a government of the people, by the people, for the people" has been realized. Anyone born after 1917 can hardly realize that just 62 years ago Russia was ruled by an autocratic monarchy. For the first time in history a whole exploiting class has been removed from power and working class people are placed at the head of the state; the means of production have been made the property of the whole people; a democracy for the working people has come into being.

Today we live in a dangerous world. The avoidance of a nuclear world war

**R.A.R.**

The RAR group are planning to produce a local fanzine on the lines of the national RAR paper Temporary Hoarding. News, views, photos, cartoons etc. about local music, entertainment, political campaigns etc. would be very welcome. Or come to the next RAR meeting - contact 21947.

depends on the solution of the historical controversy between socialism and capitalism by peaceful competition and not by force of arms.

The Soviets are often accused of suppressing criticism and mistakes. This is untrue. The Soviet press carries articles and letters critical of government officials. As Lenin observed: "For every hundred mistakes we commit, and which the bourgeois and their lackeys shout about to the whole world, ten thousand great and noble deeds are performed."

J.S.

## North Laine Community cont. from page 7

Voice: Sounds as if the C.A. has taken over the role of elected representatives in some ways?

Ray: I think to some extent that's true. Many people now bring their problems to us rather than to a councillor. That's a good thing - councillors are busy people if they do their job properly, and the Community Association can help them. I hope that at election time voting will be on the basis of candidates who really represent the area, even if it results in returning 3 candidates from 3 different parties. A councillor should be first and foremost responsive to the area. That way I think participatory democracy will work. I'd like to see - this is a very personal thing - I'd like to see people realise that what we call 'good neighbourliness' is in fact very akin to socialism.

\* Voice note: The other 2 councillors for the North Laine area (St. Nicolas ward) are George Bolton and Stanley Theobald.

## Homeopathy

Homeopathic hospitals are few and far between; doctors giving homeopathic treatment are invariably in private practice.

Now even this very limited availability is under threat. Mr. Ennals, despite a motion supported by 220-odd M.P.'s has refused to assure the future of homeopathy within the National Health Service.

The British Homeopathy Association is organising a lobby and protest meeting at the House of Commons on March 27th. Contact Vince Wild B'ton 688394. for details.

6-8pm; 2 St Georges Place Mon-Fri 10-1pm & 2-4pm  
 Hove: Town Hall (Tisbury Rd) 734811, Mon/Wed/Fri 10-12.30 & 12.15-4pm; Tue/Thu 10-4pm  
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 18/19 Western Rd 734258  
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 Sats. 10-4pm  
 LIBRARIES: do not offer advice but have books which will inform you of your rights. Community info also available  
 NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES  
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 RENT TRIBUNAL: rent disputes, security of tenure etc, 177 Preston Rd, 506381  
 RIGHTS CENTRE (B'tn): Advice on legal problems. Central Free Church, Queens Sq, 2492, Tue 5.30-7.30; Thu 12.30-2, 5.30-7.30  
 SAMARITANS: For those in despair B'tn 77277(24hr); Hove 102 Clarendon Rd  
 SQUATTERS & TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE: Advice to the homeless & those with housing problems  
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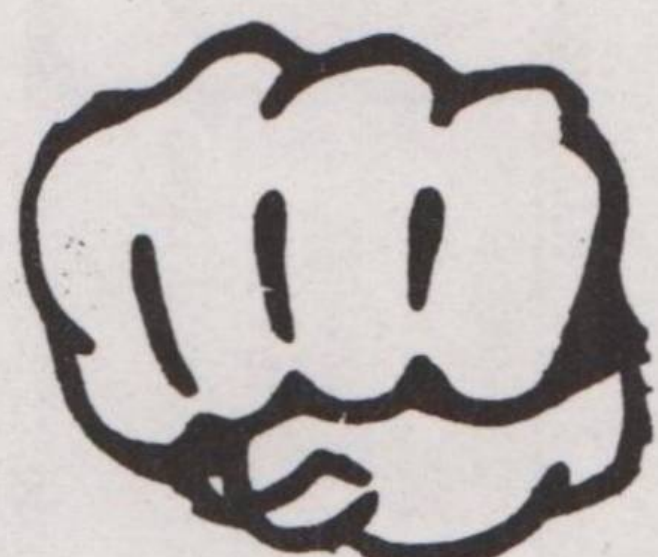
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**ANOREXIC AID:** 1st Monday of month. Noreen 682054 or Penny 735362  
**BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION:** Brighton & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven 4522  
**BING CROSBY CLUB:** 737357 (am)  
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**BRIGHTON SOCIETY:** Environmental group. S. Montford 10, Clermont Road.  
**BUS USERS ACTION GROUP:** R. Sprigge, 7, Tivoli Rd., 562172  
**CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY:** 202930 8 - 10 pm daily.  
**CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT:** 28633  
**COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP:** Dance, drama, mime, music. St. Anne's Hall, St. Georges Rd. Kempdown. 697493 for dtls  
**CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS:** K. Smith, 10 Warleigh Rd.  
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**LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT & LABOUR HISTORY PRESS:** as above.  
**TRADES & LABOUR CLUB:** Meeting place for trades unionists. 16, Lewes Rd. 601101.  
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**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION:** Nancy Dore, 157 Surrenden Rd. 501370.  
**WEST PIER SOCIETY:** John Lloyd, 5, Belle Vue Gardens. 603705.  
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**WIDOWS CLUB:** 47, Tivoli Crescent, Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm, fourth Wednesday each month. Unitarian Hall, New Road.  
**WOMEN AGAINST FASCISM AND RACISM:** contact c/o Resource Centre.  
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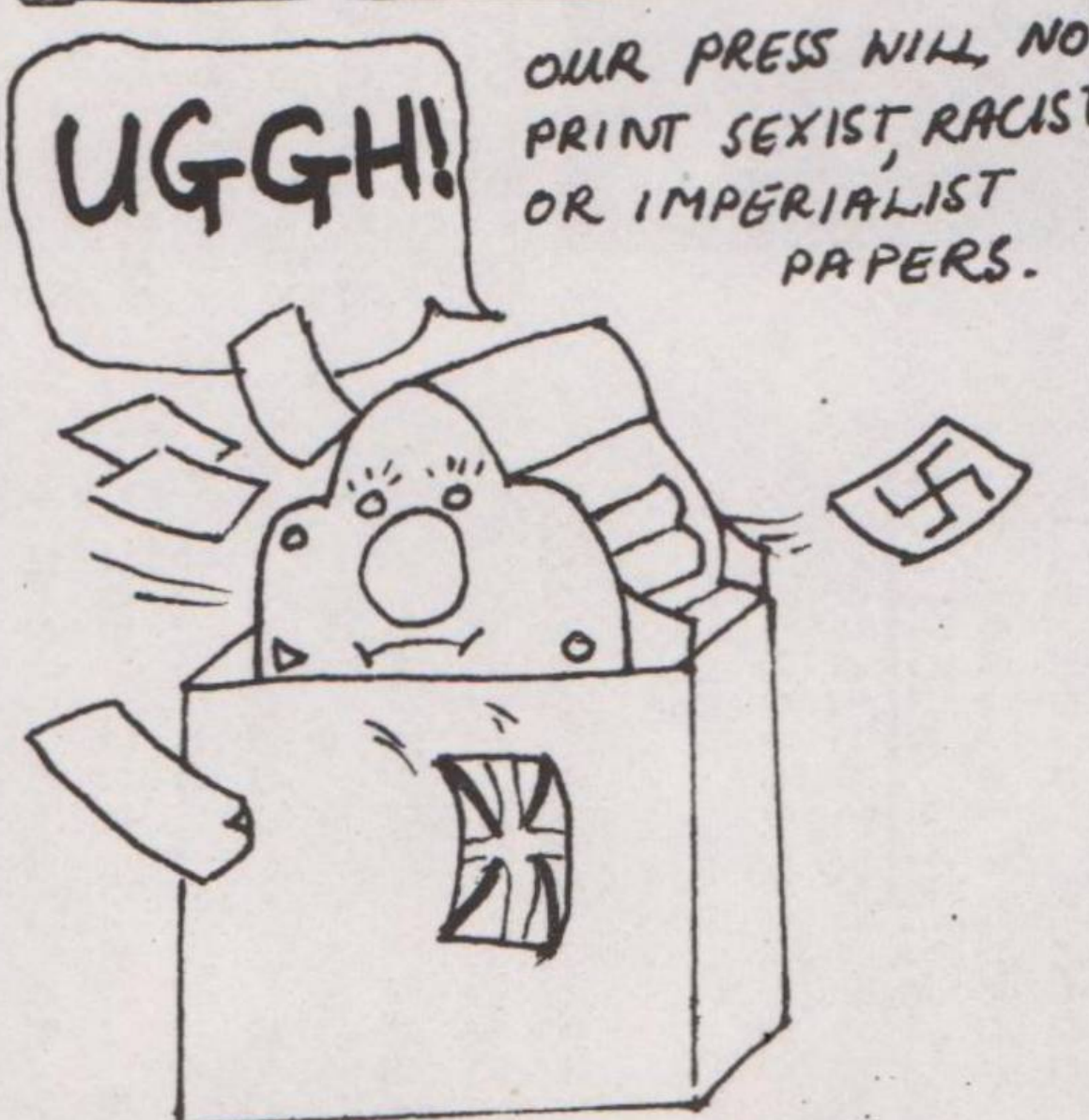
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**HOMEOPATH:** Robert Withers, Brighton 699212, Appt. only. 79, Mill Street Falmer.  
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