



**folk**

MARLBOROUGH

6th Come All Ye  
13th Miles Wootton  
20th Ivor Pickard  
27th Come All Ye  
4th Downes Bradley and Downes  
+ Sats at 7.45:  
Brighton Singers Club  
June 20th Shirley Collins

SPRINGFIELD HOTEL

1st Don & Sarah Morgan  
3rd Martin Carter and Graham Jones  
8th Little Edith's Treat  
10th Alan White  
15th Lallan  
17th Cilla Fisher & Artie Trezise  
22nd Bill Caddick  
24th Come All Ye  
29th Paul Dickenson & Danny Rivers  
1st Waterfall

BUCCANEER

Every Tues: The Taverners

Brighton Country Music Club  
KING ALFRED RESTAURANT, Kingsway

7th Kentucky Straight, Bob Britton  
14th Chevvy  
21st Tom Jennings & Cross Country

CONFERENCE CENTRE

10th. The Styllistics.  
(July 3rd. Ian Dury.-sold out.)

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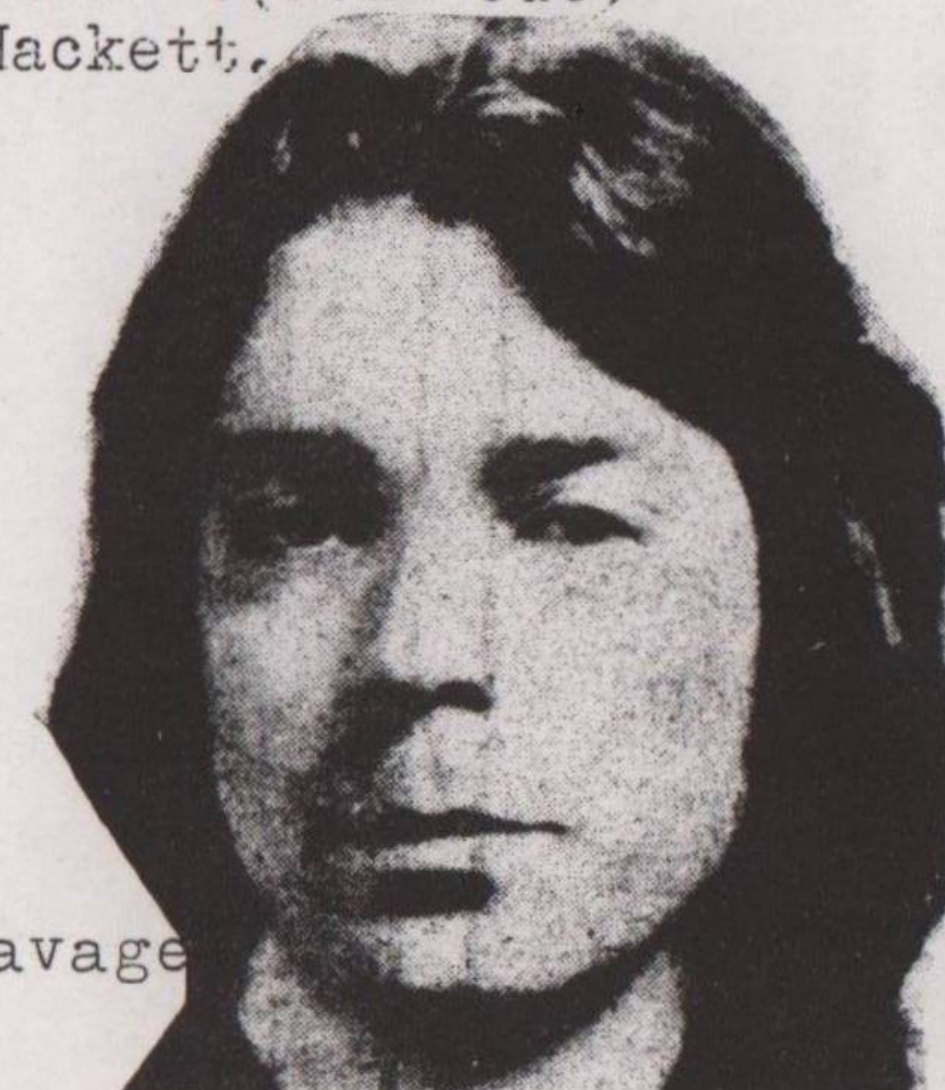
1st. Hi-Tension.  
6th. Iggy Pop.  
15th. Real Thing.  
22nd. Third World.

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY (Mandela Hall)

1st. John Cooper Clarke.  
8th. No Dice+ Straight Eight.  
12th. The Piranhas + Nicky & The Dots + The Dodgems.

THE DOME

4th. Fairport Convention  
(farewell tour)  
8th. Manfred Manns Earth Band.  
18th. Dire Straits. (sold out)  
25th. Steve Hackett.



**meetings**

SWP. Ad.  
June 19th.  
Socialist Bookbus.  
8.00p.m. N.B. - Now at  
the Art College, Grand Parade.  
Films Charlie Chaplins 'Modern  
Times', + 'Por Primera Vez', a  
Cuban Snort film.

WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.  
8.00pm, every Thursday for the  
first 2 weeks of June.  
course on energy.

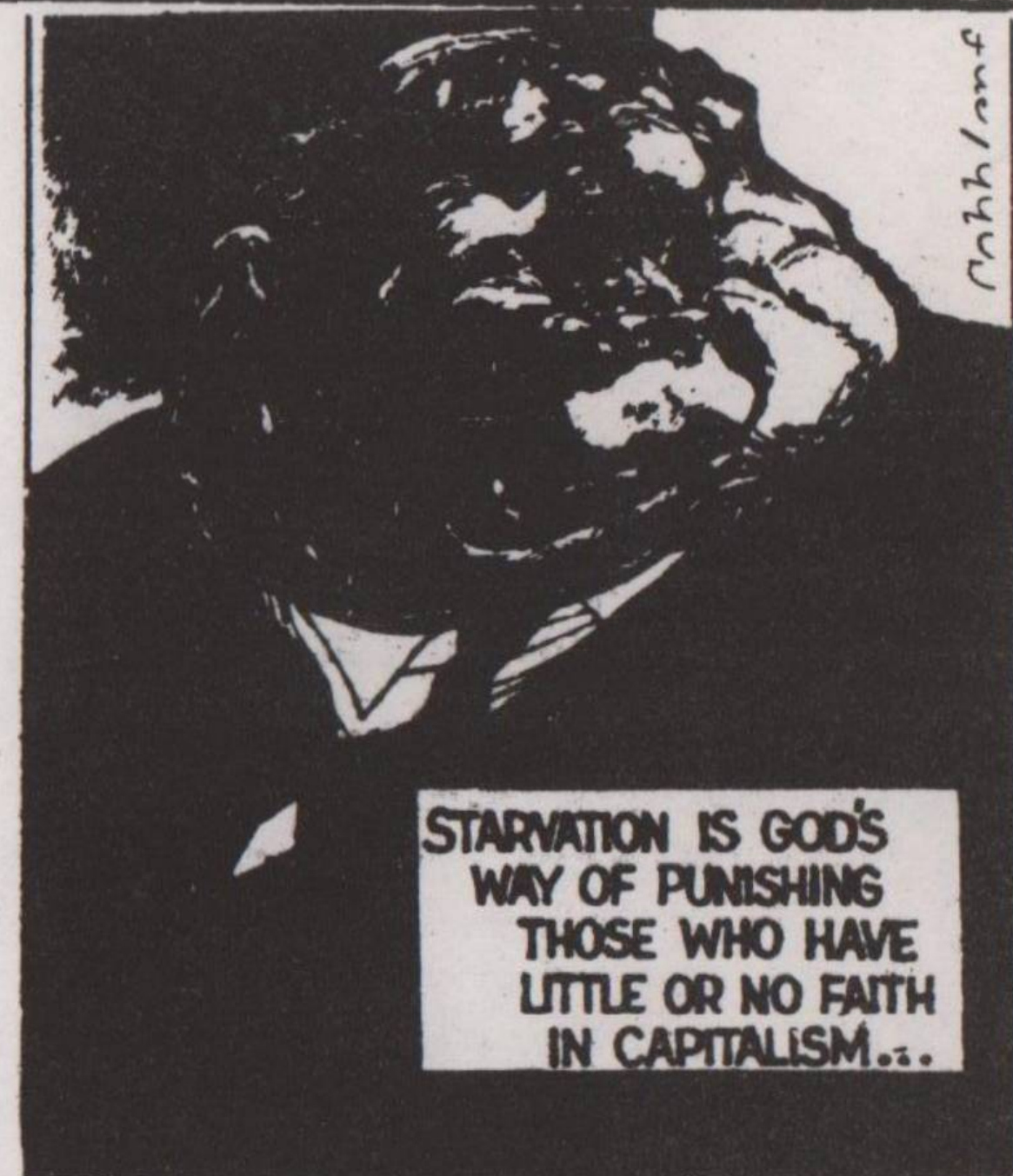
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26th 8pm Talk/Discussion on  
The Importance of Organic Farming  
by Don Pynches of WWOOF  
Brighton Friends of the Earth welcome  
everyone to this free meeting

23rd 8pm Talk on The Huntman's Coat  
by Trevor Scott of B'ton HSA. All wel-  
come to this free discussion on the  
work of the Hunt Saboteurs Associati.

FRIENDS CENTRE

30th 10am - 5pm WOMEN'S FESTIVAL:  
Short films on different aspects of wo-  
men's oppression, an exhibition, stalls  
selling feminist literature, info on  
activities of Brighton Women's Liberation,  
self-defence, music and Theatre Against  
Sexism. Play room for children.



**GAY PRIDE WEEK**  
11th - 15th JUNE,  
SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS.

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WOULD ALL ORGANISERS OF EVENTS,  
MEETINGS, CONCERTS ETC PLEASE  
ENSURE THAT THEY SEND FULL DE-  
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SUNDAY 24TH JUNE.  
Brighton Voice  
7 Victoria Road  
Brighton

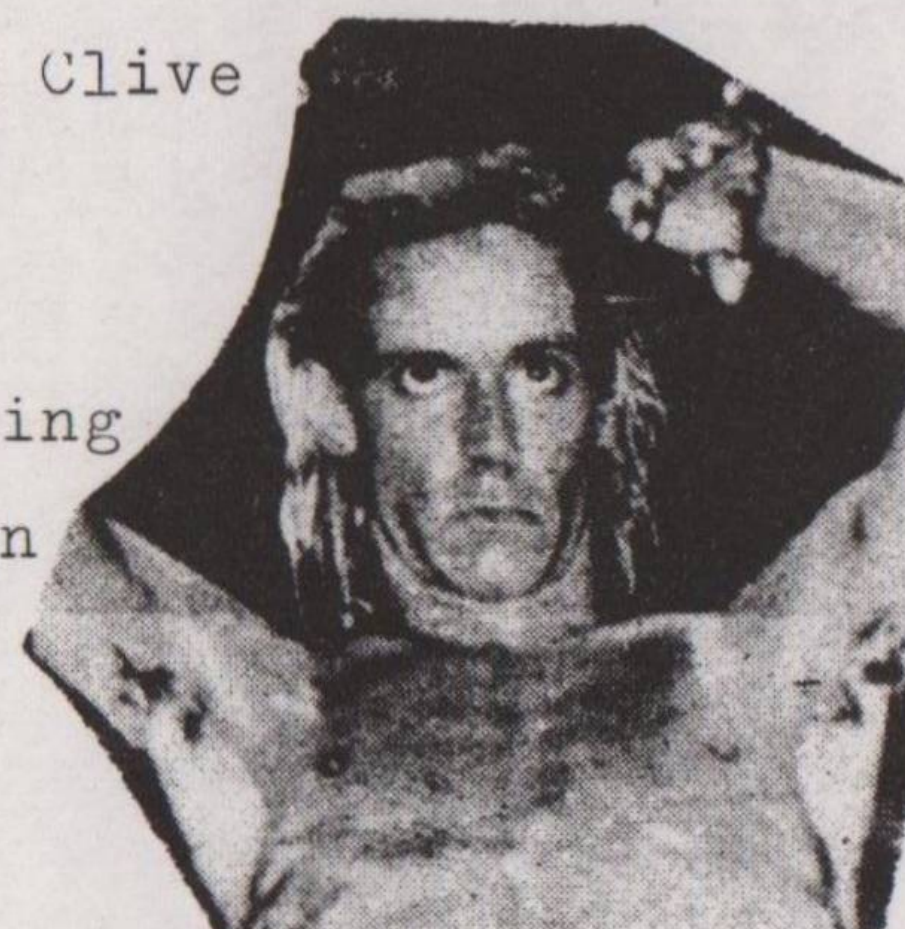
VOICE COLLECTIVE MEETINGS at  
Victoria Road every  
Sunday, 8pm. ALL WELCOME

**rock**

ALHAMBRA

1st Dials  
2nd Tinsels  
3rd vandells  
4th Peter and the Test Tube Babies  
5th Better Looking  
6th Nicky and the Dots  
7th Slender Thread  
8th The Return  
9th High Flying Clive  
10th Vandells  
11th Fan Club  
12th Executives  
13th Dials  
14th Accents  
15th High Flying Clive  
16th Sharafia  
17th Vandells  
18th Better Looking  
19th Split Screen  
20th Tinsels  
21st Executives  
22nd Stuns.ot  
23rd High Flying Clive  
24th Vandells  
25th Sharafia  
26th executives  
27th Dials  
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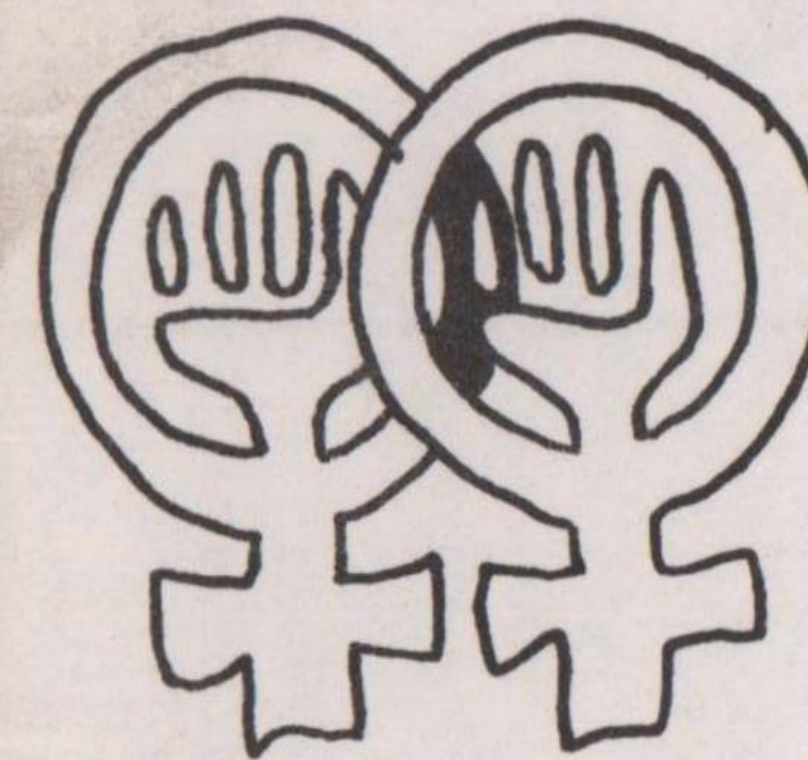


RICHMOND

5th Vandells, Dodgems, Woody and the Splinters  
12th Accents and Lillets  
19th Mod Night: Chords, Chicane and support  
26th No-Pap Records Tour: Speedballs, Pete Zeer, Savage  
3rd Starmarks, Nicky and the Dots, Little Jimmies

**Brighton Voice**

June 79  
No. 57. 15p



**COMING OUT  
IN BRIGHTON**



Sussex University has one of the largest and most active Gay Socs in Britain, with nearly a hundred members. They have a full programme of events planned for Gay Pride Week (June 11-15, see page 10), including Blue Jeans Day, which separates the closet queens from the rest.

Sussex Gay Soc was formed five years ago, with the backing of a tiny caucus of hardworking enthusiasts (Simon Watney, now on the collective of Gay Left, was a founder member). Everyone agrees that a college environment must be the easiest place in the world to come out, and Sussex, still clinging to its radical Sixties image, is probably a better bet than most. One Faculty member who belongs to Gay Soc told me that sussex, being a liberal/left wing university, was in the habit of facing up to oppression. Gays on campus could experience a false sense of security, even complacency, but this vanished - the mood changed - as soon as one left the town at Brighton Station. A depressing fact is that, according to a recent survey, roughly eighty per cent of 'out' students, once they leave university, go back into the closet. Many of them marry and spend the rest of their lives passing for straight.

Although Gay Soc aims to be non-political, the majority of its members tend to be 'left of centre'. But as second year student, Jim Stanford, pointed out: "Being gay is political. Sexual politica is not just about allowing people to sleep with whom they wish; it's about exposing a particular area of oppression." Chris Morgan, from South Wales, said: "Before I joined Gay Soc I had no conception of what was wrong with the world. It was a real landmark for me when I came out as gay. When I saw the way I had been treated I began to understand the way others had been treated. I felt an affinity with other groups - blacks, women...." Faculty member Jonathan Dollimore, agreed: "The experience of being gay is a catalyst to one's political awareness and commitment."

The men are encouragingly anti-sexist many of them have belonged to men's CR groups. Nonetheless, Sussex Gay Soc reflects the wider gay movement, with some women identifying more with the (campus) women's group, rather

than a mixed gay group. The women I spoke to tended to believe that the proportion of women to men was irrelevant: what mattered was not numbers but individual contributions to the group as a whole. One said that she felt primarily 'gay', rather than a woman joining a 'male' group. Another woman, Helen Dawson, active in both Gay Soc and the women's group, told me: "Most of us came out of the Women's Movement and discovered Gay Soc as an afterthought." She acknowledged that men's and women's worlds and needs were very different, but that the men in Gay Soc were extremely supportive. In Brighton itself, though, gay men's attitudes to lesbians tended to be rather different; there was still a male monopoly of clubs where women had been made to feel unwelcome or even been excluded altogether. The reasons for this could well be economic, believes Helen Dawson; more gay men than lesbians tend to have money; many lesbians are unemployed.

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**MAY DAY MARCH**

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### GROUPS, CO-OPS, ETC.

**ANIMAL ACTIVISTS:** anti factory farming etc. V. Smith 386, Portland Rd. Hove 417484

**ANOREXIC AID:** 1st Monday of month. Noreen 682054 or Penny 75362

**BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION:** Brighton & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peasehaven 4522

**BING CROSBY CLUB:** 737357 (am)

**BRIGHTON HOSTEL:** 18 Dorset Gdns Soup run bottom West St 10 - 11 pm daily. Help needed 682089

**BRIGHTON SOCIETY:** Environmental group. S. Montford 10, Cleveport Road.

**BUS USERS ACTION GROUP:** R. Spridge, 7, Tivoli Rd., 562172

**CAMPAIN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY:** 202930 8 - 10 pm daily.

**CAMPAIN 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.

**ECOLOGY PARTY (B'TN BRANCH):** John Beale, Flat 5, 7 Chichester Tee Brighton 605198

**FEDERATION OF YENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (BTON):** 72, Swanborough Place.

**FRIENDS CENTRE:** meeting Place with F.E. classes. 16, Ship Street. 27835

**FRIENDS OF THE EARTH:** Kate Dessau B'tn 31083. Fortnightly meetings, Marlborough Hotel

**QUEENS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOC:** Mike Sherrard, 71 Richmond St. 2-6pm Mon. tues, wed B'tn 699376

**RESOURCE CENTRE:** Top of North Rd., 607141. Basic resources for the community: meeting space, duplicating, screen printing, community press, transport, directory of meeting space and much more.

**SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING:** D. Furoi, 12, Berkeley Row, Lewes. 2414.

**SUSSEX COUNTY SKATEBOARD ASSOC.** 737357.

**TRADES COUNCIL:** Coordinating group of local trades unions affiliated to the TUC. Andy Durr, 235, Ditchling Rd. 505314.

**LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT & LABOUR HISTORY PRESS:** as above.

**TRADES & LABOUR CLUB:** Meeting Place for trades unionists. 16, Lewes Rd. 601101.

**TRANSPORT 2000:** Wilf Martin, 49, Benfield Rd., Portslade. 416105. Meetings second Tues. of month, Btn. Station. 7pm.

**UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION:** Nancy Doré, 157 Surrenden Rd. 501370.

**WEST FLEET SOCIETY:** John Lloyd, 5, Belle Vue Gardens. 603705.

**WEST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** 21358.

**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.

**WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP:** Contact Women's Centre.

### PAPERS

**CARF:** Paper of the ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE: Acampaigning paper excellent, nationwide, from Public House Bookshop, or Flat 3, 5, Huntley Street, London.

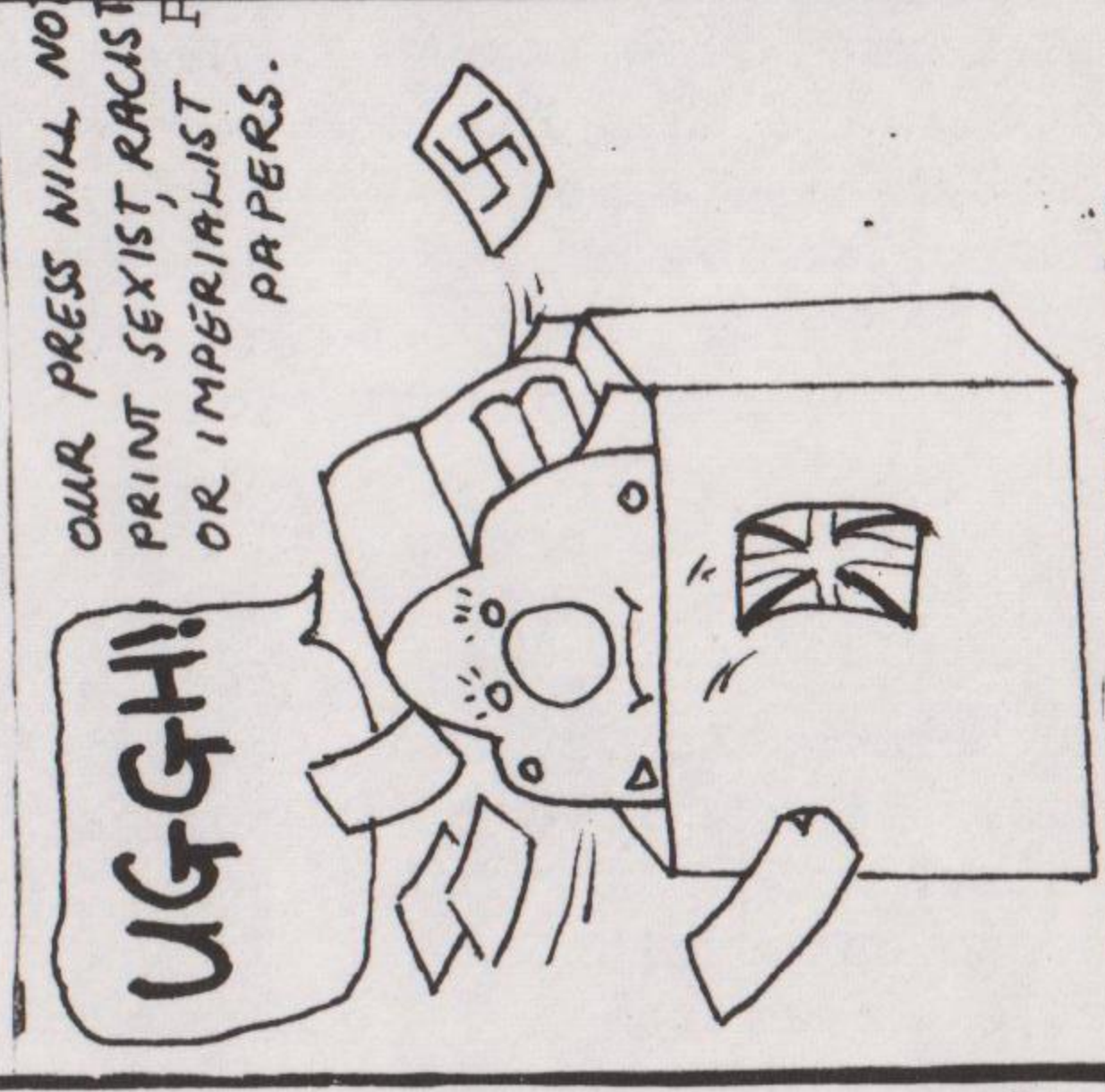
**Bulk orders / Donations.**

**MOVING TARGET:** Brighton's film magazine, from good bkshops.

**QUEENSPARK:** Paper for the Queens Park area; 18, Windmill street Brighton.

**MAYBILL:** Newsheet of T&GWU, 1/402 Brighton & Hove District Busmen, from Conway Street Depot, Hove

**WHOLE EARTH:** Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action. 11, George St. 691318.



### POLITICS

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**ANTI FASCIST COMMITTEE:** c/o 179, Lewes Road, Bton.

**ANTI NAZI LEAGUE:** 12, Little

### SHOPS

**ANANDA:** 19, Bond Street. Odds & ends, Indian crafts, incense, etc.

**BRIGHTON HOSTEL SHOP:** Charity shop, 105, Islington Road. Open 10 - 4. Articles wanted.

**GREENS:** Vegetarian Restaurant, 7, Victoria Road, 27878.

**Eves:** Wed-Sat 6-10. Sun 12-3. Takeaway. Catering P'aven 2751

**INFINITY:** 25, North Road, 603563.

**FOOD:** Macrobiotic/wholefood supplies. Open 9.30 - 5.00. Closed all day Wednesday.

**BAKERY & PIE SHOP:** Open 9 - 5, except Wednesday, 9 - 5.30.

**BULK STORE:** Bulk supplies. Open Tues. - Sat.; 9.30 - 1 & 2 - 5.

**LEMP TOWN BOOKS:** 91, St. George's Road; Radical literature: new and second-hand books.

**PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP:** 21 Little Preston St. 28357. Member of the Federation of Alternative Booksellers. Real books and mags, records and cassettes of ethnic and improvised music. Basement is open for continuous sessions & courses. See Whats On

**PULSE:** Sussex Univ. wholefood cafe. SCR Falmer House. Feminist collective. Mon-Fri. 12-2.

**SAXONS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT:** 48 George St. Btn. 690733 Mon-Sat. 11.30-5. Also Fri & Sat. 7.15-11. Bring own wine.

**SOLSTICE BOOKSHOP:** 28 Trafalgar St. Btn. alternative books & mags. basement reading room. Tel. 692880.

**SIMPLE SUPPLIES:** Wholefood, recycling publications etc. environmental centre. 11 George St. Btn. 691318. Mon-Sat. 9.30-5.30. Closed Thurs.

### ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

**ACUPUNCTURIST:** Peter Deadman B.Ac Brighton & Lewes; Lewes 77996

**AFUPUNCTURIST:** J.P. Scott, ALEXANDRA TECHNIQUE: S.J. Scott 33, Surrenden Crescent, Brighton 59379. Appt. only

**HOMEOPATH:** Robert Withers, Brighton 69212. Appt. only. 79, Mill Street Falmer.

**MESSAGE:** Introductory courses & SHIATSU; Contact Public House Bookshop, 28357. (No wankers, please).

**SECOND SUN HEALING:** Through direct action & increased understanding. 7, Terminus Road, Brighton 29248.

**SHIATSU:** Reflexology, Swedish massage, Bach flower remedies Marek Urbanowicz, The Palmeira Clinic; 6, Palmeira Square, Hove. Brighton 734465, Appts.

### Subscriptions £2-50 for 12

**BACK ISSUES & "Region Six",** Special Report available from 7, Victoria Road, Brighton 27878.

### A DVICE

**AGE CONCERN:** Old people's welfare. Mon-Fri 10-12.30 & 2-4pm 57 Ditchling Rd. B'ton 683275

**BIT BY BIT:** Help & info (voluntary social work unit) 24hrs, 27878. Visits by app't only. Volunteers wanted.

**CANCER PREVENTION:** (Area Health Authority) 23344

# OPPOSING THE FRONT IN LEWES

On 26th April, during the election campaign, the NF planned to hold a meeting in Lewes Town Hall. Brighton anti-fascists caught the train to Lewes, along with the police who had carriages reserved for them. Many more of us joined the train at Falmer, amid enthusiastic cheering at such a large turnout. On arrival at Lewes we marched up to the Town Hall and joined other local anti-fascists outside the entrance in Fisher Street, hardly more than an alley-way. There were about 600 of us, and plenty of police (more and more of whom arrived as the evening went on). The meeting was to start at 8pm; we had arrived at 6.30 to find the bulk of NF supporters already inside, along with about 7 anti-fascists who had managed to get in. It was difficult to know what our best course of action would be. At first we were blocking the street except for a narrow corridor created by the police at each end, then there was a sudden violent attempt by some NF to break through. A shop window was smashed just down from the hall entrance, and we realised the potential danger - being squashed up against the wall on one side and the glass on the other. However we managed to keep our ranks together, although 2 or 3 fascists were let through by the police: "If you're going to the meeting go round the back quickly" one shouted - it was as if the police in conjunction with the NF were deciding who to let in.

After this incident the anti-fascists stayed put, while the police brought in reinforcements and tried to spread across the street. Suddenly they started pulling people out of the crowd, grabbing them and wrenching linked arms apart, hurling some of us out towards the 30 or so jeering NF supporters across the High St. Nearly all of us were pushed out into the High St. and the police then formed a solid cordon across the top of Fisher Street.

People were unsure what to do next. There seemed little point in staying since the meeting was almost over but we wanted to make sure the anti-fascists inside got out safely. We waited about an hour when a few NF started coming out and wandering off. Eventually the main body of anti-fascists marched back to Lewes Station together, and returned to Brighton and Falmer escorted by the police.

### NF attacks

Four anti-fascists, who had (unwisely) stayed for a drink in the town after the demonstration, met 20 NF supporters on Lewes Station. A woman was kicked in the head and stomach. She was taken to hospital for a check up, but allowed home the same evening. Please ... stick together after demos!

### Soul disco

The same night at about 11pm a group of young men were provoking trouble at the soul disco in the Crypt at the University. They were ignored, but around midnight about 25 others (who had been hanging around outside) stormed the Crypt throwing bottles and breaking windows. The person on the door was knocked to the ground, and a black student assaulted before the attackers were finally chucked out. They ran off to 3 cars and a van, and headed for Brighton.

There is no question that these attacks on the soul disco (run and frequented by many black students) were deliberate and planned, not merely scuffles which just happened on particular nights. Three weeks earlier an asian student had been attacked leaving the Crypt soul disco. The week before the Lewes demo, racist insults provoked a fight at the Crypt.

### MEANWHILE... inside the hall

Among the speakers were Betty Webb, Edward Budden, James Doyle and Lady Dowager Birdwood. Seven anti-fascists - undeterred by a dozen heavies flexing their magic muscles by the door - heckled throughout.

Ms Webb's speech was short and full of apologies for her nervousness, but this "brave little woman" (as the rostrum called her) was obviously little more than cannon fodder. The worst was yet to come. The other speakers between them had some very strange things to say. Did you know, for example, that the Norman invasion ("dubious stock") never happened, and that the population of the Midlands is somehow more "English" than that of the coastlands of Northumbria, invaded some thousand years ago by the Danes? This lunatic fascist history was greeted by shouts of "bravo" and "hear hear". And what about

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Photo taken at Lewes: these people later identified as those who attacked Crypt on 26 April.



# BRIGHTON MAY DAY



Monday May 7th was 'officially' May Day, and compared to last years dismal effort, this years workers day celebrations were much more of a success. The sun shone; 4-500 people took part in the march from the Municipal Market, along the sea front, ending up at the Co-op hall off London Road for the rally, while the many Bank Holiday trippers were cajoled into buying a variety of Left papers. The march was a relaxed, though fairly quiet affair.

The Trades Council had reputedly been organizing the event for over six months and had planned a varied and full day. Unfortunately several last minute problems caused these plans to be changed. Lorries booked by the T.C. failed to turn up, hence no T.C. floats were on the march. More tragic was the sad death of Sam Maddox, bakers leader, which meant the loss of some of the planned bite and power of the after march speeches.

However, after the school Steel Band had finished playing, Ann Jones, T.C. secretary, made a powerful and honest speech, paying particular attention to the role of women in the Trades Union movement. It was ironic, then, that the second speaker, Tom Parsons of the Labour Party Young Socialists, in adopting an aggressive, dogmatic, repetitive style, actually chose to put women down during his speech. In referring to the labour movements ability to fight a reactionary Tory government, he said;

'There are twelve million of us (unionists) plus OUR WIVES and children...'

He had obviously not been taking note of Ann's speech. The stunned silence in the hall indicated the shock his statement produced. Many women, and men, walked out during Parsons' sexist speech, and he was probably lucky not to be challenged in a more positive way by the audience. Certainly May Day could have done without him.

The Trades Council made an effort to organize an interesting labour day. It's part failure was due largely to unavoidable problems, but there is plenty of scope for making next years May Day much better.



\* The Executives played at the Alhambra at the end of April.  
 \* They used a cut-out model of a woman in their act, making 'cynical jokes' about sexism bringing success.  
 \* Those watching weren't all men.  
 \* Whilst trying to remove the model, a woman was punched in the face, and later there was another confrontation.

## DRASTIC measures

The woman who was punched wrote to 'Brighton Voice' about the assault last month, and now the man who punched her has replied.

The collective had a long discussion about what printing this reply means especially considering our undertaking not to print sexist material.

Yes, we do live in a patriarchal capitalist society, and that explains why sexism exists and why our collective consciousness needs raising.

\* But what does this mean? \*

And what does it have to do with using a cut-out model in a stage act? - Forcing people to act and react in such a DRASTIC way? Most popular TV, music and radio, films, books, jokes, adverts are an insult to women, reducing us to mere cardboard cut-outs - the perfect mother, the grovelling sex object.

Our bodies are used to sell anything from peanuts to careers in the Army. So, using a woman's body as part of a band's act is nothing new - everybody does it; why pick on this one incident? And anyway, if the model doesn't mind, why should anyone else?

### THE EXECUTIVES - AND AFTER

I am Johnny Morris. I sing, play guitar, write songs and administrate for Executives. I also teach mentally handicapped children. According to a near anonymous J.S., I am aggressive, violent and sexist.

1) Yes, I am angry. Very. Rarely violent. Angry about the pieces of paper that rule our lives. Hence a song called 'Identical'. About the inability of many people who seem incapable of acting on the facts of their life and putting apparently raised consciousness into positive action. Hence, two songs, 'It's Up To You' and 'Coco Beach'. Angry about the lies that all large organisations proliferate. Hence a song, 'Never Go Home'. Angry about the move to the right. Hence, a song, 'National Front'. Political interlude? At least 5 of my songs make overt political points and are based on a belief in Decentralisation, Individual Freedom and Peaceful Anarchism.

But that isn't the point. In spite of the Equal Pay Act, women's wages are only 67% of men's, with women being herded into a few low pay industries. Modelling is one of the few jobs open to women which is relatively well paid. With 43% of women earning less than £40 a week, compared with 5% of men (in 1976), who can blame the woman who 'chooses' to go into modelling?

But what's more important is the actual effect on men and women of creating this image of women as nothing more than attractive bodies, whose only desire is to be possessed by men.

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A man comes away from seeing the Executives doing as they want with a life size cut-out of a woman, who obviously offers no resistance, has no desires of her own. He walks to the bus stop, passing posters of women in various stages of undress all ready and waiting, all asking for it. He sees a woman on her own - so why not her too? There's a short step between the wolf-whistle, pinched-bottom, pick-up, and rape, when the image cracks and reality takes over. The man feels cheated by the woman and must make her pay somehow.

ACCORDING TO THE RAPE CRISIS CENTRE IN ONE YEAR ALONE, OVER 500 SEXUAL ASSAULTS ON WOMEN, INCLUDING RAPE, WERE REPORTED TO THE SUSSEX POLICE... HOW MANY SUCH ATTACKS GO UNREPORTED?

2) Whatever sexism may be in me is minimal. It is certainly not expressed in the lyrics of 'National Front'. J.S.'s claim that the vocals were inaudible is proven by her mis-quote. But why interpret something you can't hear as being sexist? I take a risk everytime I sing a song, but I never thought it was from "you". It is difficult playing fast Rock and getting the lyrics over. Obviously from this incident. I think about it all the time. If J.S. knows anything about P.A. systems, hall acoustics and vocal chords perhaps she could help. As regards our stage act, we have given over 70 performances and this was the only occasion I have used a cardboard cut-out of Tanya Tucker (for it was she) or anything like it. Perhaps J.S. would like to write to

3) I was the one who did the confronting afterwards. I attempted to apologise immediately after the assault (mutual) and I WENT INTO THE STREET TO TRY AGAIN AFTER THE GIG. Yes, I offered J.S. the opportunity to read my lyrics, talk politics, etc. Her response? She and her friends were cold, cynical and decided. And a letter to you. The only confronting these people did was on stage and I interpreted it as aggressive and responded likewise.

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 So what does the woman coming away from the Alhambra, on her own, feel? Threatened, Intimidated. She is made to feel inadequate, as she does not correspond to the created image. This means being forced to spend loads of money on potions and lotions, special slimming products... 5% of girls (13-14) suffering from the 'slimming disease' Anorexia Nervosa, die when their weight drops to 4 or 5 stones, through starving themselves to death, in an attempt to look like, say, the woman in the advert for tights at Brighton Station. And all in order to compete with other women for the attention of the men who are going to marry and 'protect us'.



Everything, from our first toys and schooling, to the music we listen to ('I come awake with a gift for woman-kind' - Ian Dury) divides us into 'docile submissive women' and 'big, butch men.'

Women are challenging this - this means appearing threatening to men, as it means challenging all the false ideas their own superior, macho image is based on. (You don't have to be 10 feet tall with bulging biceps to be macho.)

J.S. was attempting to challenge one local example of the way women are used in this society. Her action was met with violence.



# THE WAR GOES ON?

The Government made a great fuss about losing one of its secret military reports to the Irish Republican Army recently. But none of the main news reports mentioned its main conclusion - the British Army cannot win in Ireland.

Indeed, the document exposes the British Government's propaganda position on Ireland for what it is - a pack of lies.

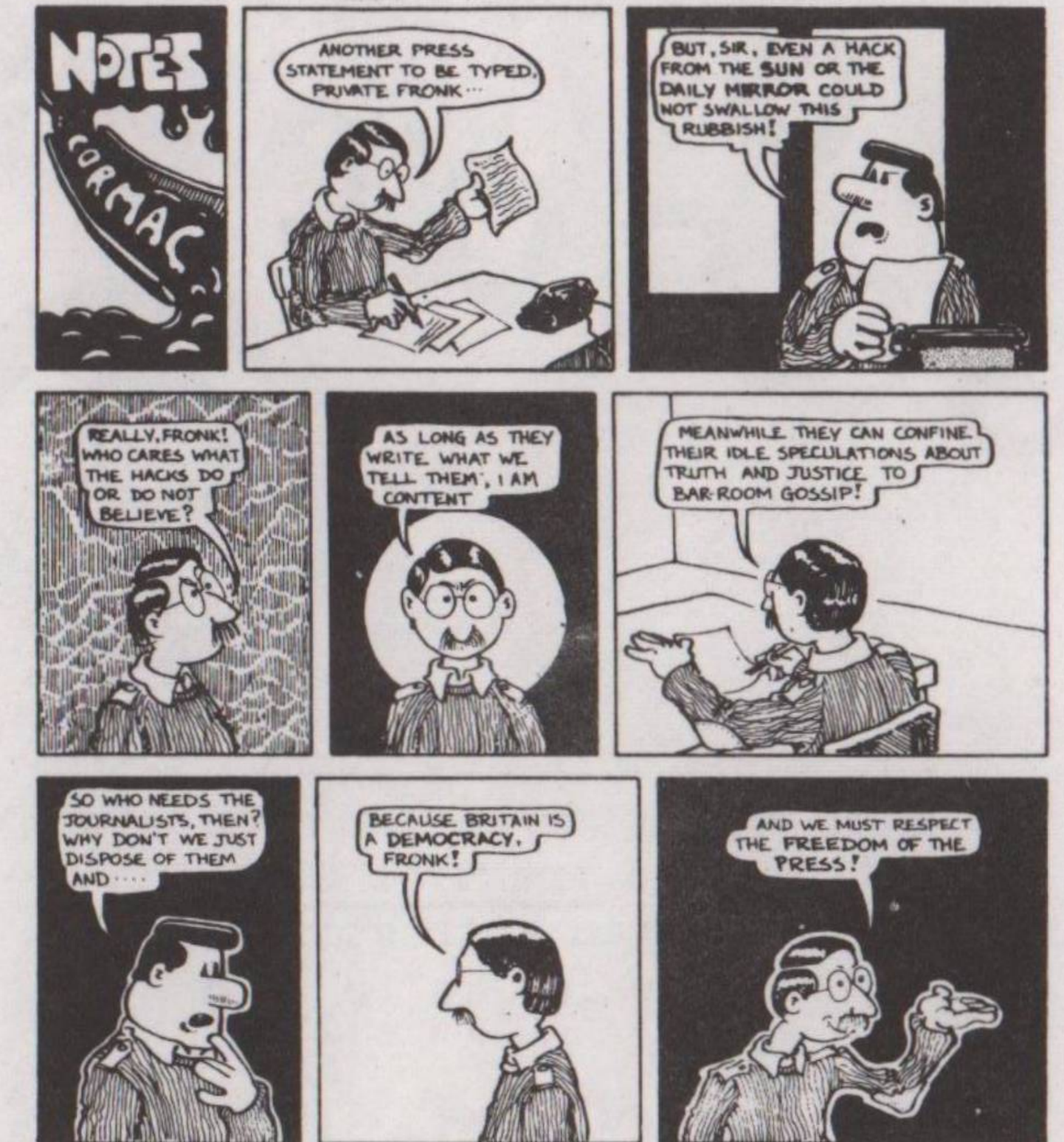
Take for example the claim that Provisional IRA are just gangsters. Brigadier J.M. Glover of Defence Intelligence Staff, the author of the report, says -

"Our evidence of the calibre of rank and file terrorists does not support the view that they are merely mindless hooligans drawn from the unemployed and unemployable."

When the new Northern Ireland secretary Humphrey Atkins makes his first speech saying that the Provos have no popular support, and are nearly beaten, remember the conclusion of this report -

"The Provisionals' campaign of violence is likely to continue while the British remain in Northern Ireland. We see little prospect of political development of a kind which would seriously undermine the Provisionals' position.

Provisional IRA will probably continue to recruit the men (sic) it needs. They will be able to attract enough people with leadership talent, good education and manual skills to enhance their all round professionalism. The Movement will retain popular support sufficient to maintain secure bases in the traditional Republican areas."



The report goes on to assess the Provisionals' armament. The army expects that the Provos will soon have sophisticated anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons. This will probably drastically put up the cost of the war in both money and life.

This raises two questions. First, why has the Government lied so consistently on a matter as important as the conduct of a war. And secondly, knowing the truth about what is happening in Ireland, what will we do about it? It is ordinary people who pay the price of this war. The money to fight it comes out of our pockets, and the people killed on the streets of Belfast, or the lanes

of South Armagh are the family and friends of ordinary people, not politicians or Generals.

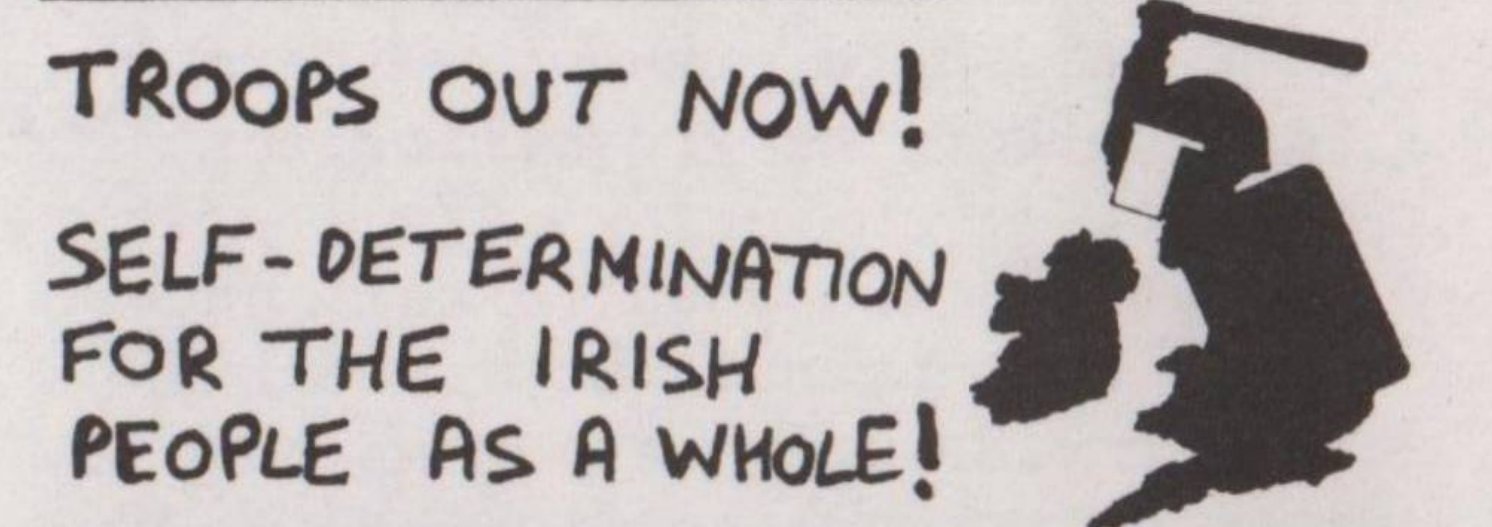
We in the United Troops Out Movement (UTOM) believe that the Irish people must decide their own future without interference from the British Government or Army. The continued presence of British Troops in any part of Ireland can only continue a bloody, senseless war. A war the Army cannot win because they are fighting against the ordinary people of Ireland.

UTOM exists to spread the truth about the situation in Ireland, to campaign for the removal of British troops, and for the right of the Irish people as a whole to decide their own future.

During the election campaign, Brighton UTOM gave out thousands of leaflets and picketed campaign meetings in order to break the silence of the main parties on Ireland. We intend to continue publicising Irish issues by showing films and holding pickets and meetings.

If you agree with us, and would like to help with our activities, you can contact us

c/o Brighton Voice, 7 Victoria Road



quickly at night, keeping an eye open for the police. The Liberals' other policy of more "bobbies on the beat" would in no way improve the appearance of their "eyesore":



the Liberals' politics.

In fact, sites like this are some of the very few means of communication that can be employed by groups without the resources to distribute thousands of leaflets or take space in the Argus. In this 'democratic' society, the means of communication are tightly controlled. You can speak in Brighton Voice to perhaps 3000 people, but to read it they have to make an effort and pay as well. Rare opportunities for free public communication, like this wall, should be encouraged, not destroyed.

If it's not the actual content but the 'untidy appearance' they object to, the Liberals have got their priorities upside down. Anyway, the main reason for any untidiness is simply that using the wall is illegal. Bill-posting and slogan-writing has to be done

## 'OFFENSIVE POSTERS' ?

Until it's profitable enough for private enterprise to build houses on the empty site at the corner of Dyke Road and Clifton Road, the local Liberals would like to see the space used by the community, perhaps as a 'community garden'. Probably, the Conservatives would call that a waste of ratepayers' money. But Liberals and Tories agree when they describe the wall surrounding the site as an "offensive poster site" and an "eyesore". As they both demanded, the wall is now being replaced by a "vandal proof" fence.

What are these "offensive posters"? The wall carries slogans in support of abortion and gay news plus posters advertising local gigs meetings, and films. Calling this material "offensive" and the people responsible "vandals" shows up clearly some of the limitations of

## The Are You Now Or Have

# You Ever Been Page

WE RECENTLY INVITED 'LEFT' GROUPS IN BRIGHTON TO WRITE TO US ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THIS MONTH WE HAD REPLIES FROM TWO GROUPS...

### Fabian Society.

Dear Brighton Voice,

I see you are asking for information on the activities of left-wing groups in Brighton. The Fabian Society is probably the oldest in this area.

I would like to quote the following policy statement:-

"The Fabian Society exists to further socialist education and research. It is affiliated to the Labour Party, both nationally and locally. It seeks to discuss the essential questions of democratic socialism and to relate them to practical plans for building socialism in a changing world. The Society puts forward no resolutions of a political character and embraces all shades of socialist opinion."

Yours fraternally,

Francis Tonks  
10 Wykeham Terrace.

### CURRENT PROGRAMME

June 28: Visit to Houses of Parliament. Coach leaves St Peters Place at 5.30pm. Cost £3.

July 12: Bob Cryer MP at The Cricketers, Black Lion St. 8pm.

Don't forget. If you belong to a Left wing group in the town, write to 7 Victoria Road to explain your policies and advertise your meetings and events.

Sept 8: "The Brighton TUC Show" by Bton Community Actors Workshop. Fiveways Playgroup, Florence Road.

Though it is a membership organisation, meetings are open to the public. Tickets are necessary in advance for the Parliament trip. Subscriptions are £2 single, £3 double, 75p for students and pensioners.

### Ecology Party.

At the General Election, the Ecology Party put up fifty candidates throughout the nation. Almost overnight, a tiny and unheard-of party became a new force in the country.



The Eco candidate for Brighton Pavilion was Dr John Beale, who lectures in Communication Studies at Brighton Polytechnic.

In general, the party seeks to set up a sustainable society in which materials are recycled and the use of finite resources is carefully controlled. It believes that, unless the world population and industrialisation are levelled off, there will be a crunch-up within a few decades.

Local issues include an attack on the arms fair at the Metropole, a call to recycle waste paper, glass and metals, and a recommendation to renew existing housing rather than rebuild. Eco supports the "Voice" in condemning projects for more offices in Brighton.

A local branch has been formed. Readers interested should contact John Beale, Flat 5, 7 Chichester Terrace, Bton (Tel: 605198).

## R.A.S. action (CONT.)

4) Who are the innocents and who are the guilty? I respect my audiences. They pay to see us play and I give them all I can. I am a novice entertainer more than a musician. I make mistakes. But I do have a higher opinion of the audience than J.S. seems to have. It seems that J.S. considers the average Alhambra punter less intelligent than the children I teach. What does she want? Rock against brainism? What does she have to say about sexist lyrics in Rastafarian reggae? Nothing, because that would make her racist?

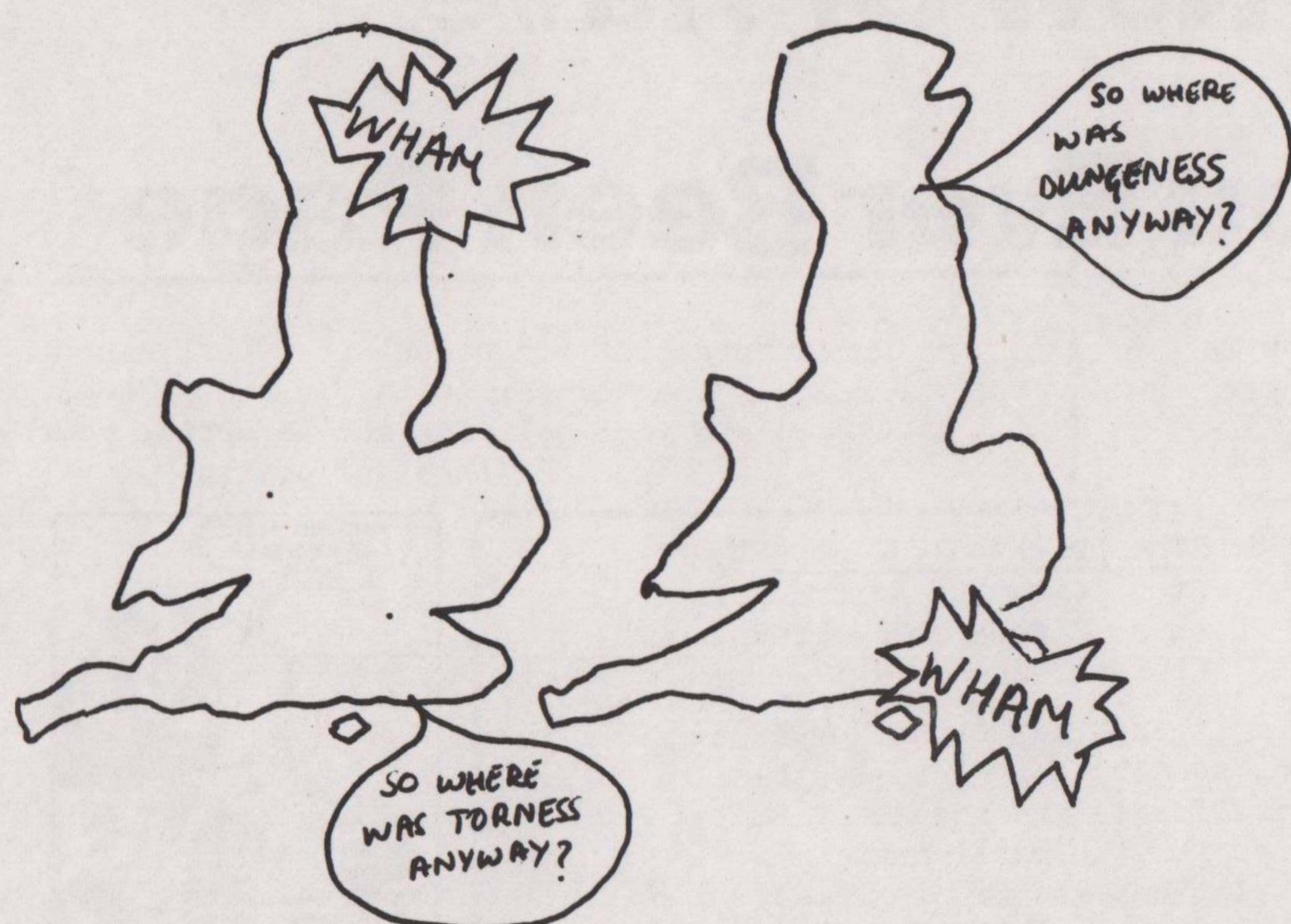
most of their actions. My opening statement: 'I think I'll be sexist tonight, the Stranglers make a fortune out of it, why shouldn't I?' was spoken in a cynical voice. Obviously the only people in the Alhambra unable to detect the cynicism were J.S., her friends, and their higher consciousness. The invitations are still open. Come on, educate me. Don't just put me down. Some of my best friends are people just like you. And we all have a pelvis.

J.M.

5) Who is the enemy? A local band in their formative years making mistakes or Hot Gossip? The Stranglers? I like some of their music, detest

P.S. My last letter to a newspaper was tp the Argus in 1970. They destroyed the main point by editing. I hope the Voice is a fair newspaper.





# TORNESS OR NOT TORNESS ?

The events at Torness, and the reasons for them are as important to the people of Brighton as to the people of East Lothian.

The last year has seen the birth of an anti-nuclear movement in Britain. The direction the movement has taken so far has been, by and large, the result of short term tactics of groups making up the movement. There has been up until now little discussion on how we will actually put an end to the international nuclear power programme in the long term, and change over to safer energy sources.

The strategy so far, focusing on stopping construction at Torness, has been inspired by a mass occupation of the Seabrook nuclear power plant (USA) in May 1977, and Seabrook, in turn, was inspired by the success at Whyl in West Germany where thirty to forty thousand people successfully stopped a nuclear plant by establishing a permanent occupation at the construction site.

*'If you want to live outside the law you must at least be honest.'*

However the anti-nuclear movement in Britain is in an apparent dilemma: demonstrations and festivals are applauded but ineffectual; more direct action might be more effective but will be deplored by the 'responsible' authorities and could damage our image as 'nice' people.

Many people (though not all) in the anti-nuclear movement, faced with this situation and with the clear danger to life and liberty presented by nuclear technology, feel that effective sabotage, necessarily involving the destruction of

machinery and property are justified, and consistent with the principles of non-violence. It does not hurt people; nuclear technology does. The press has picked up on the question of sabotage but has presented it as if it represented a political division in the anti-nuclear movement.

we think that this is a distortion of a political question which represents the experience of the anti-nuclear movement itself and which will be answered by that experience. No one in the anti-nuclear movement wants to live in a nuclear society and they will act accordingly.

# NUCLEAR POWER FUEL FOR CAPITALISM

The present pattern of social and economic forces makes the issue of nuclear energy an urgent one, not just here in Britain, but almost throughout the world. Why?

## *The Energy Gap?*

Estimates of future energy (electricity) demands rise at a seemingly alarming rate but these projections are loaded. Like all similar extrapolations, they assume that what will happen at some future time is governed by the present situation and that the factors affecting the way we use energy will remain the same as today. This does not allow for the sort of fundamental social change that would produce a just, less wasteful, less exploitative and more responsible utilisation of energy. This society has produced this sort of energy policy.

Questioning this energy policy questions this society (and the other way about).

On another level these estimates of energy demand often disagree with each other substantially according to the commercial interest of those making the projections. This leads naturally enough to overproduction. In 1974/5 the Central Electricity Generating Board's capacity was more than 50% greater than the maximum demand on the system. By October 1975 the board closed down prematurely 48 power stations or parts of stations with the loss of 5,000 jobs.

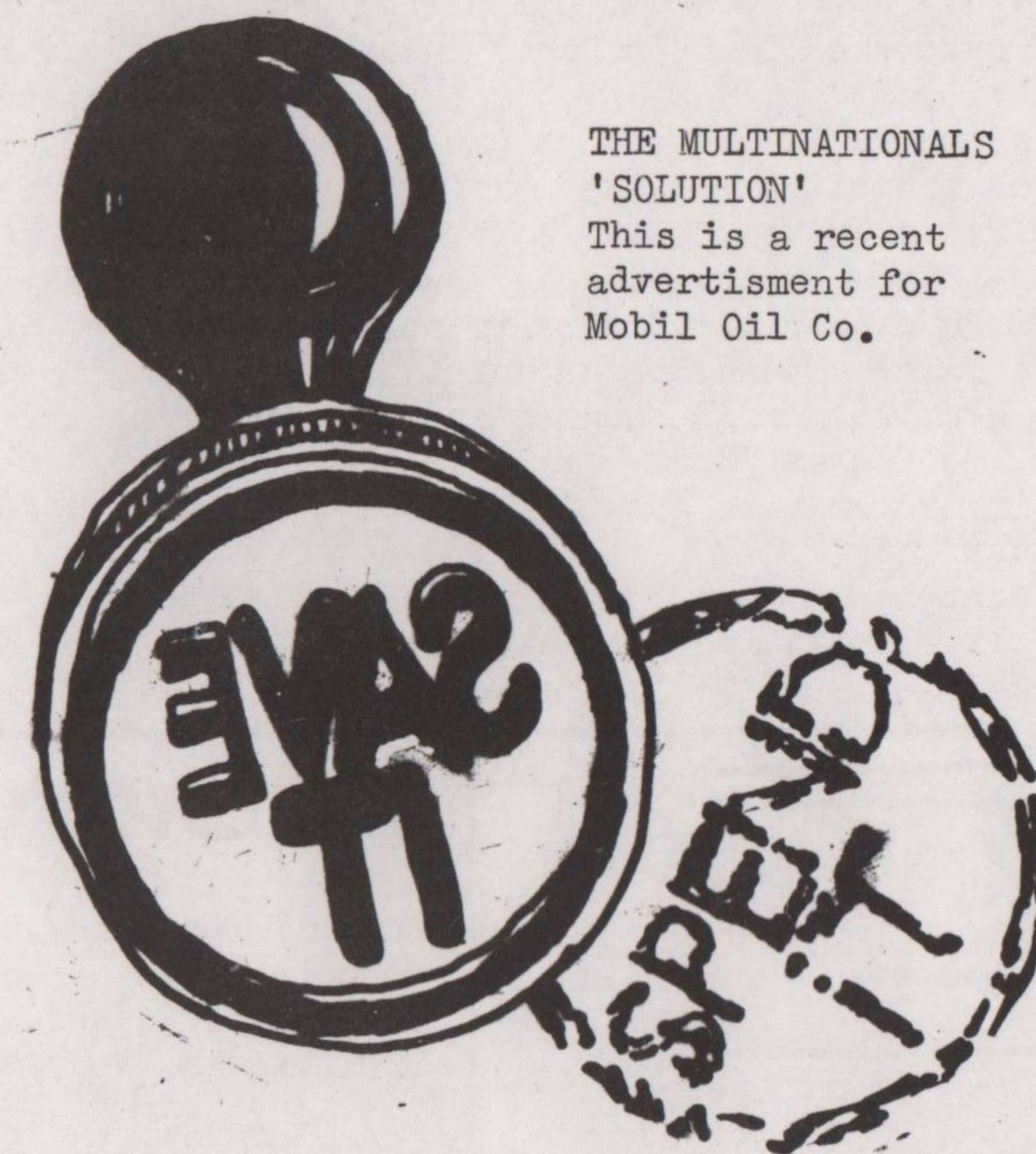
The reason why capitalism requires nuclear power is not altogether unconnected with the fact that it serves its interests ideally. The oil and coal options are open to pressure from the organized third world. Insulation and conservation do not offer breathtaking profits (BP!) On the other hand Uranium, the raw material for nuclear energy is found in 'politically safe' areas

*cont. after T.C.B.*

Like Canada, USA, Australia, and SA. 'Politically safe' means that the multinational Rio Tinto Zinc can maintain a virtual mining monopoly in 'illegally' occupied Namibia. In Queensland, Australia, it means that industrial action or demonstrations against uranium production are outlawed. And if we add the fact that here in Britain an increase in dependence on nuclear installations

will mean a decrease in the capacity of organised labour to affect the flow of energy to domestic industry it hopefully becomes clearer why the nuclear option is being pushed with such vigour.

uiry showed that even well argued technical objections can be defused by reassuring 'experts'. The connection between profit and the erosion of safety standards means that industrial hazards are not only confined to nuclear reactors! Just as sensational dangers have been ignored in the past, the more widespread hazards (causing deafness, back pains, stress etc.) common to all capital intens-



THE MULTINATIONALS  
'SOLUTION'  
This is a recent advertisement for Mobil Oil Co.

ive industries continue to be ignored. At Transfynydd nuclear power station noise levels in the turbine room are over 90 decibels and the problem is 'dealt with' by displaying notices saying 'wear your ear plugs'.

Nuclear power sets the course for a form of economic and social development seriously at odds with our needs. It requires a massive investment for the return of a disproportionately small number of jobs.

## *Safety and Security*

Safety and security reasons (the Official Secrets Act) makes effective trades union organization within nuclear installations almost impossible. An armed police force was created under the orders of the Atomic Energy Authority in 1976, without a murmur of protest, even though it has far wider powers than the ordinary police.

The major opposition to the expansion of nuclear power is centred around the question of safety. Nuclear accidents, it is true, have raised serious doubts about nuclear safety. However, the Windscale enq-

## *Terrorists*

Production of nuclear power stations is as competitive as the production of radios. Previously the exportation of nuclear plants was prohibited, but now obvious commercial interests have taken over. France, Britain, West Germany and the U.S.A. are all nuclear exporters. The real 'terrorists' are not the dispossessed whose situation is so desperate that they have nothing left to lose, but the 'responsible nuclear authorities' whose greed is putting world safety and freedom (what there is of it) at risk. Thanks to the anti-nuclear movement for information,

THE POLITICAL WORKSHOP OF THE 7th MAY



WHOOOPS!

Brighton Labour Party

# BRIGHTON LABOUR FAIR

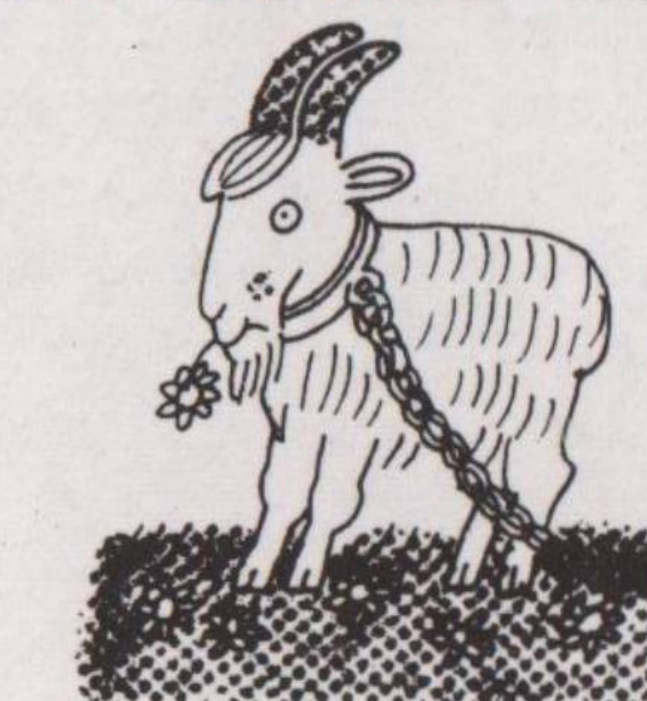
**Saturday**  
**16th June 1979**  
**from**  
**1.00-5.30 p.m.**  
**Eastern Lawns,**  
**Royal Pavilion**

## MAIN TIMES

- 1.00 UNCLE JOHN'S BAND
- 2.00 OFFICIAL OPENING by Mr. ERIC HEFFER, M.P.
- 2.30 ALAN STRUDWICK & COMPANY
- 3.00 BEVENDEAN GYMNASIUM CLUB
- 3.30 SUSSEX MUSICAL THEATRE
- 4.00 ALAN STRUDWICK & COMPANY
- 4.30 UNCLE JOHN'S BAND
- 5.00 PRIZE GIVING

Times are subject to alteration

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE



YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE  
BUT YOUR CHAINS.....

LEWES N.F. MEETING  
CONTD. FROM PAGE 3

Lady B's (completely unfounded) belief that the demonstrators outside were being paid £15 each per day (!)? It's just about possible to laugh at the belief that there is a conspiracy between the government and the Russians to corrupt the English family. But to suggest that the blacks and Asians born and/or living here are not people at all is, to say the least, despicable, and certainly deserves no platform.



# GAY PRIDE WEEK

11-15th June

Sussex, Surrey and Kent Universities are putting on a joint Gay Pride Week for all three counties from 11th-15th June. The South East Region Gay Students Gay Pride Week will consist of events as diversified as a showing of the film 'Word is Out', to a Potato Bonfire; from a photo exhibition on Gay liberation and oppression in Brighton to a 'Blue Jeans Day' (June 14).

It is hoped that gay students from the poly and the F.E. and H.E. colleges in the area will be involved, as none of the colleges have a Gay Soc to help meet their political and social needs as Gay students.

Full details of events and venues can be obtained from Brighton Gay Switchboard, between 8pm and 10pm every night - phone 202930.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

Mon 11: Street Theatre, discussions, film & more. Kent University, Canterbury.

Tue 12: Street Theatre, discussions, film & more. Surrey University, Guildford. Union Building 1pm onwards.

Wed 13-15: Photo exhibition on Gay liberation and oppression in Brighton. Union Common Room, Falmer House, Sussex University.

Wed 13: \*Street Theatre and Picnic. 1pm Library lawns, Sussex University.

\*Mystery Gay Star Speaker. 4pm Strugglers Rest, Falmer House, Sussex Univ

\*Devils Dykes and Denny's Disco & Bar. 5Op. 8.30pm. For venue phone Bton Gay Switchboard.

Thu 14: \*'Blue Jeans Day' - If you're gay put on your blue jeans today!

\*Cultural Luncetime - readings of gay poetry and prose. 1.30pm Lewes room, Falmer House, Sussex Univ.

\*Political Forum - the methods and importance of Gay liberation - an open discussion with university political groups. 4pm Strugglers Rest, Falmer House, Sussex Univ.

\*Potato Bonfire & Folk singing and communal singing. 8.30pm Park Village, Sussex Univ.

Fri 15: \*Sexuality Forum with guest speaker Lin Burke. 1pm Arts B Quad, Sussex Univ.

\*Film 'Word is Out'. 6.30pm A2 Sussex Univ. 5Op.

\*Stonewall 10th anniversary celebration Disco. 5Op. 8.30pm. For venue ring Bton Gay Switchboard.

## auto suggestions .....

Last year 8 people walking in Brighton were killed by cars. Over 250 were injured. Hundreds more pedestrians must take their lives in their hands everytime they come in contact with the town's dangerous road system. This not only staggered into the 1970s without pedestrians in mind, but also ignores the most efficient form of wheeled transport - the bicycle.

Now, Brighton Transport Study Group is raising the question of the town's transport and encouraging better planning. The group arose out of a Workers Educational Association class and has produced two excellent discussion papers -

### FEET FIRST

This challenges the car-oriented policies of a local state which seems unconcerned that nearly  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all trips in Brighton's Central Area are on foot. Yet priority is always given to the car - ever managed to cross the top of North Road on foot with measured breathing and low pulse rate? The paper therefore argues for genuine pedestrian priority in the shape of: a pedestrian network, environmental zones and shopping precincts. It also points out the stupidity of policies which inevitably generate more traffic in the town centre. It shows the need to encourage the development of "urban villages", rather than the depersonalised metropolis.

### ON YOUR BIKE

Brighton planners must all be

relations of Henry Ford because they don't seem to recognise the advantages of the bicycle to the cyclist and the urban environment. This discussion paper seeks to put cycling back on the map-literally. It proposes several cycle routes and points out that "bicycle planning gives people motorways for the price of footpaths".

There are useful information and address sections on the back page with suggestions for what the reader can do. The paper shows that cycles are very efficient users of urban space and has a beautiful suggestion for Brighton planners -

"How about a multi-storey bicycle park on the King St-Bond St site?" (NBP v. NCP ?)

Just one word of criticism - why is the cartoon on the front page dominated by men?

The Study Group promises further discussion papers on public transport, community transport and cars. They also hope to produce a detailed analysis of accidents in the town. For anyone concerned with fighting policies dictated by profits, not by our needs this is something to look forward to.

For further details contact:

Transport Study Group  
Community Resource Centre  
North Road  
Brighton.

Tel: 607141

Copies of the discussion papers - 3p each and SAE.

## REGION TWO

"Whilst Yorkshire has the oldest schools in the country, York gets a new police HQ and a vast new military HQ. Why???"

So ends York Free Press' contribution to the Home Defence story. It confirms the research of other investigators that government "emergency planning" is aimed at crushing industrial action and rooting out "politically subversive people". The report shows how Britain has been divided into 12 regions in preparation for military rule to meet the "internal threat".

This report looks at Region 2 (with York as its centre). The most interesting section is that on the Home Office's Home Defence Training College at Easingwold. Here, officers from local authorities, police and army meet together to learn tactics for the 'emergency' and develop a common outlook. No trade union representatives are invited....

If you are concerned about what the state has in store for us don't miss this latest report on Home Defence. We have to heed the lessons of Southall and Northern Ireland - the state is not a neutral referee. Its forces are being used and will be used against us....if we let them.

\* 'Region 2' is available from YORK FREE PRESS, BOX 2, 73 WALMGATE, YORK. Cost 5p + postage.

\* There are still copies of 'Region 6' available from BRIGHTON VOICE, 7 VICTORIA ROAD, BRIGHTON. Donations and postage gratefully received!

## Anti-racist March

On Saturday 16 June people will be taking to the streets of London to demonstrate against racism. The march aims to unite all those fighting state and NF racism which is directed at Black, Asian and Irish people.

Racism is built in to the British State. It was used to justify the exploitation of other countries when Britain was an expanding imperial power. When people from these countries are driven to Britain to provide cheap labour, they are treated as second-class citizens.

Racist laws such as the 'SUS' law and the Immigration Acts are used by the police to terrorise black people. The 'temporary' Prevention of Terrorism Act is used to harass Irish people. The most extreme form of racism, however, is war against an entire people. This is happening in Ireland now (see p.6). The lessons from the war are being applied against people in Britain....

The Special Patrol Group is used to intimidate ethnic minorities in London and was responsible for Blair Peach's death. The SPG was built up from an experimental force within the RUC - Britain's police force in Ireland. After the Southall events, the racist MP Powell said he foresaw troops being used in Black areas in Britain in the same way they are now used in Northern Ireland.

East London UTOM organised this march after a march commemorating Bloody Sunday was attacked by the NF and British Movement. Fascist parties and the State see the connections between racism in Britain and the war in Ireland. We too have to recognise that they are one struggle and support this march.

Coaches leave St Peters at 11.15

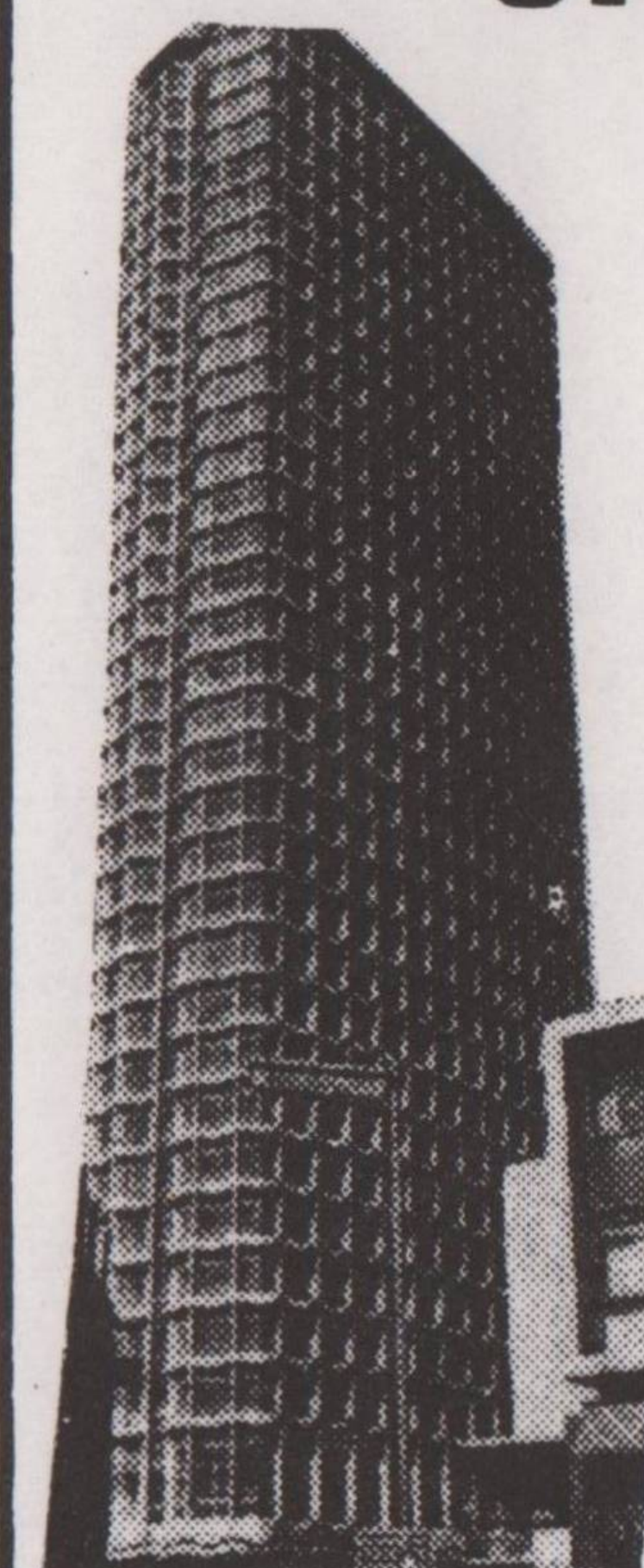
## C.O.I.S?

Brighton Voluntary Service Centre have recently put together reports from a variety of Brighton organisations with the aim of keeping them informed about each others activities. The Community Organisations Information Service newsletter is 16 closely typed pages of reports, events and comments.

It starts with a report from a new phone in group Parents Helpline. This provides a Samaritans type of telephone support service for parents who feel driven to bash their kids around, or who cannot cope in other ways with them. (They can be contacted on BRIGHTON 688633).

The most useful section to activists is a detailed report of the plans of the local authorities, as viewed by

## offices or waste space



A plan to build 30,000 square feet of offices on the corner of Dyke Rd and Clifton Rd has been submitted. Even by Brighton standards that's a monstrous proposition. Brighton Planning Department has set aside few enough sites as it is for building houses in the Central Area. The Dyke Rd site is one of the largest of these. There are about 300 homeless people in Brighton, and many others living in poor or unsuitable conditions. More houses are desperately needed.

Only the development company concerned would benefit from more office space in the town on top of the existing 300,000 sq.ft. of vacant office space and the further 250,000sq.ft. the Council has already agreed to which hasn't yet been built. Even the Planning Dept's Central Area Plan suggests a total limit of 20,000 sq.ft. additional

their officers. This is followed by a variety of reviews, excerpts from diverse publications and a directory of such resources as duplicators and community transport.

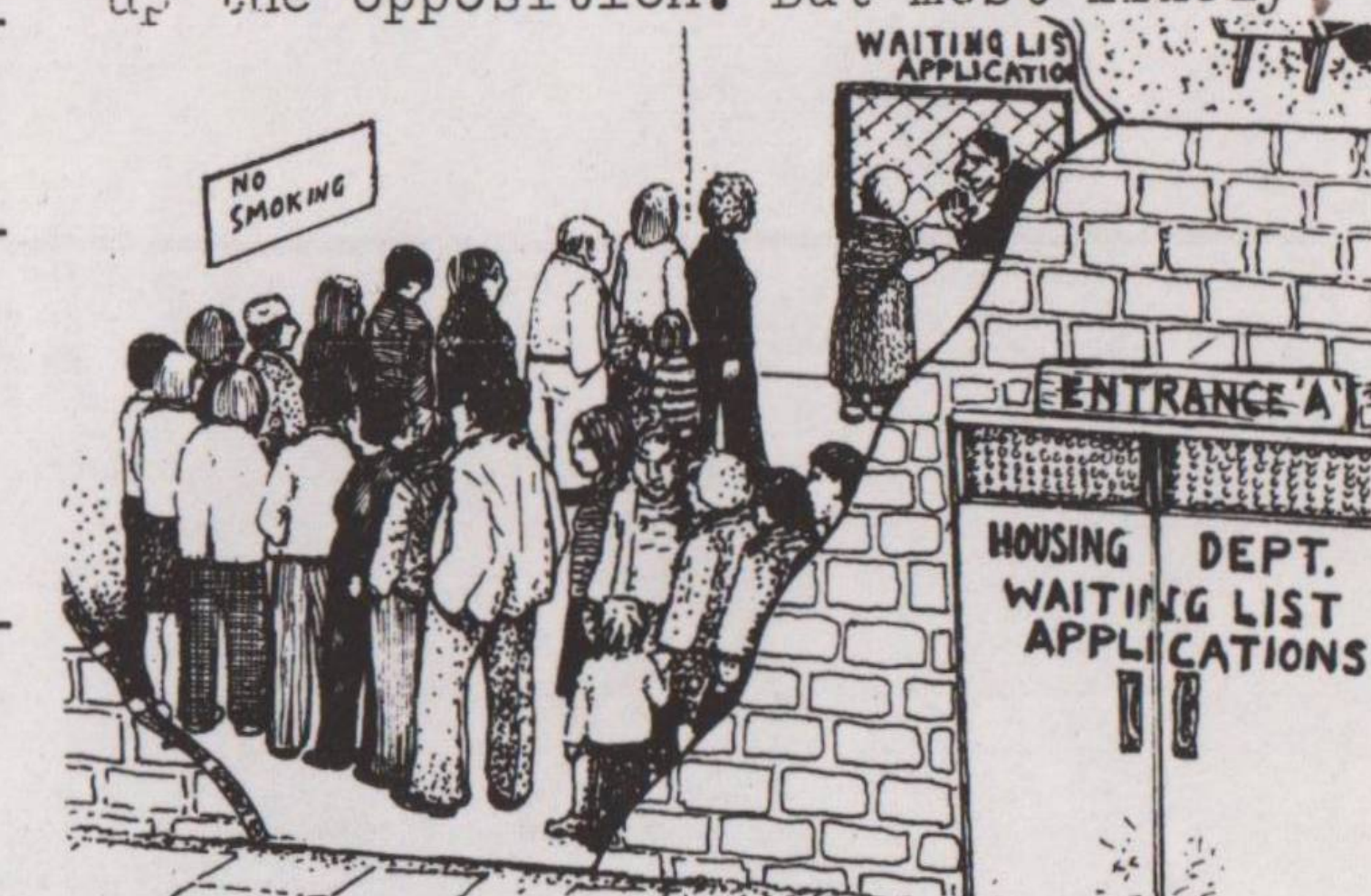
Much of the information contained in this first issue is very useful to any group involved in voluntary work. It is a great pity however that political bias, or timidity? led to the exclusion of any group which could, in any way, be seen as a threat to the establishment. Even the Brighton Rights Centre, which is respectable in the eyes of everyone except a few Tory councillors seems to be excluded.

The newsletter would be much more useful if it was laid out in a way that was easier for busy people to find their way around it quickly. We look forward to the next issue of this useful publication.

private office development over the next 13 years. If accepted, the new development would exceed that limit before the Plan even becomes adopted!

The plan doesn't have much support. The local community is almost totally opposed to it, and has already sent in a petition. The Montpelier Liberals used it successfully as the main issue in their local election campaign. Even the local Conservative councillors, trying hard to retain control of the ward, stated their opposition. And a Planning Dept spokesperson said that he would be "surprised" and "appalled" if the plan was accepted when it comes before the Planning Committee on June 5. So, although it's not unknown for the extremist Tories on the Council to oppose even their own Planning Dept's recommendations, it seems likely that it'll be rejected.

So what will happen to the site? Perhaps another proposal will follow which might now appear as an acceptable compromise to the Council, although if it had been submitted at first would have been itself rejected. Perhaps that's the point of the present proposal: to soften up the opposition. But most likely



the site will remain empty and derelict, as it has done for years ever since the Congregational Church and Institute there were demolished.

The man from the Planning Dept summed it up: "we expected the site to remain empty for another ten years. But now house prices are rising again, it could be less than that." In other words, the only time houses can be built in Brighton is when prices are high and the people who need them most can't afford them! What else can happen when houses are treated as commodities to make profits from, rather than seen as they are: an essential social need?

Building council houses on the site would be a step in the right direction. But that would reduce the scarcity of housing and tend to bring house prices down. The Tory councillors who control Brighton's housing act in the interests of the people who profit from a housing shortage. Profits which depend upon the misery of the homeless.



# NEWS *from the free press*

## WILTSHIRE

Stonar School, Melksham, has lots of kids with parents paying up to £3000 a year for the privilege. However, not much of this goes to the domestic staff, who receive a stupendous 66p an hour, compared with £1.06 an hour for those in state schools. After a protest about this, 17 were locked out on March 1st and are still out. Parents have not exactly supported the pickets on the gate - one was knocked onto the bonnet of a new Rover and carried for a hundred yards by the enraged owner. The strike is being supported by local Trades Unions, womens groups and the Labour Party. (Bath Spark)

## Manchester

People who've written to the North West Road Construction Unit objecting to the proposed outer ring road, have been told that, 'at this stage we are receiving views on

the proposals, rather than objections. Apparently 'views' can only be positive or neutral, objections, being negative, are not views, and are therefore not acceptable. (Manchester Enquirer)

## Yorkshire

Mr. Kaye, Tory candidate for Colne Valley (did he get elected?) said;

'I believe the government treats ethnic groups as inferior by helping and subsidizing them, as subsidies imply that people cannot stand on their own 2 feet. People should exploit their best qualities. For example, West Indians are better at singing, athletics and humour than the indigenous English; Asians make good businessmen; Women are better at having babies; Men are better Chefs, etc.... I think education is very important for the children of minority groups.' (Huddersfield Hammer)

## Cheshire

Council workers in Cheshire have been horrified to learn that their employer has invited the Confederation of British Industry to do a study of the 'effectiveness' of their services. NUPE Area Officer, John Dempsey, says that NUPE workers will not co-operate with what is clearly going to be a white-wash of the councils plans for further cuts. He is afraid this so-called independent study will be the first of many in Tory councils all over the country. (NUPE Journal)

## U.S.S.R.

In March, Mr. Brezhnev made a speech that was totally ignored by the Western press, calling for a treaty banning not only the first-use of nuclear weapons, but also of conventional weapons. None of the NATO countries have responded or commented on this in any way. (Call To Women)



# BRIGHTON RIGHTS CENTRE

## CAN HELP YOU WITH EMPLOYMENT, CONSUMER, HOUSING, SOCIAL SECURITY AND GENERAL LEGAL PROBLEMS.

The Brighton Rights Centre has just celebrated its 200th meeting, it has existed since 1975 providing a free legal and welfare service to people in the Brighton and Hove area.

It is run by a group of 12 volunteers (who include a claimant, a town planner, a social worker, a trades union representative, a solicitor, a law student, and a lecturer, plus 2 full-time community advice workers)

### WHAT DOES IT DO?

#### (a) INDIVIDUAL ADVICE

On Tues. and Thurs. the centre is open to the public. People come in with a wide variety of problems relating to housing, employment, health social security, family and consumer matters.

We act with, and on behalf of our clients, and pursue their interests as best we can.

#### (b) COMMUNITY ADVICE

This includes various projects aimed at informing the public about its legal and welfare rights.

We have produced information sheets and fact sheets explaining in lay-person's terms the law on a wide variety of legal and welfare problems (We are about to produce some new, up-to-date, factsheets.)

We have run legal and welfare rights courses, at present is a 10-week course running at the Centre in conjunction with the Workers Educational Association.

We run the legal and welfare info. desk, which is open every Sat. from 10am till 4pm, to give people 'On the Spot' advice.

We are attempting to work with Community Associations. Recently,

together with Brighton Social Services 'Old & Cold' workers we campaigned successfully with West Hill Community Assoc. to encourage people to take-up electricity discounts in that area.

To sum up - the Brighton Rights Centre offers FREE legal and welfare advice and assistance to groups and individuals from Brighton and Hove. It can follow a case through to its conclusion, and currently provides representation for individual before the various tribunals: Supplementary Benefit, Rent, National Insurance, Industrial, Mental Health, etc.

Lastly, but by no means least, we are attempting to make contact with groups and individuals who have a legal problem or a problem with legal aspects but who never approach any appropriate agency.

OUR PHONE NUMBER IS B'TN 202492  
WE ARE OPEN Tues. 5:30-7:30 pm  
Thurs. 12:30-2:30 &  
5:30-7:30 pm

FIND US at The Institute, Queen Sq. opposite Churchill Sq.

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There are regular gay discos on campus, plus a weekly radio programme run by Gay Soc members, and occasional evenings when a group of volunteers, all wearing badges, take over one of the bars - an exercise in heterosexual consciousness raising. This produces a few peculiar looks, but in the main, a lot of solidarity.

Sussex Gay Soc has always kept in touch with the broader gay scene in Brighton. The links between them have now become even closer, with plans for the town's new gay centre - project whose impetus grew out of a long spate of hostility and harassment. First, there was the police shut-down of four gay clubs; next, the vicious attack on gays by a right wing group during the showing of the film 'Word Is Out'. There was also the Evening Argus' virulently anti-gay editorial, resulting in a massive picket of the Argus offices. A delegation to the editor led to a substantial retraction and an opportunity for gays to present their case. The fundamental aim of the new centre is to provide an environment where gays are free to meet, socialise and politicise. It is not intended in any way as a commercial venture, but as a place where gay people can be active without being ripped-off or patronised - a centre run by gays for gays. Jonathan Dollimore explained: "The centre will be both a social and political base - in the sense of changing the ways people think about themselves and the ways in which others perceive them.... The more oppression outside, the more unity inside."



As with so many organisations, Gay Soc's main problem is to reach those most in need of support. For a young student away from home for the first time it takes considerable courage and commitment to come to her/his first Gay Soc meeting. As one member said: "Gay Soc is different from the other college societies. People who belong to other societies can (ultimately) do without them. Life wouldn't become more oppressive if these stopped functioning. By its very existence Gay Soc makes the lives of those people involved in it more tolerable."

Veronica Harvey

What is needed most is money. Various fund-raising events both on and off campus are being organised (including part of Gay Pride Week), and donations are forthcoming from, among others, Brighton Gay Switchboard and the University Union. Emerging as it does out of the growing mood of anger among Brighton gays, the proposed new centre is symbolic. It is a sign of change, of the desire for collective involvement and of the need to counteract in a positive way the current right wing backlash. It will provide a valuable alternative outlet for women and men unsure about their sexual identity. The number of openly gay people, even on campus, is thought to be only the tip of the iceberg. A recent questionnaire compiled by Gay Soc produced some revealing responses. For instance, well over half of those questioned admitted that they had experienced a homosexual relationship, or that they would like one.

## Revolutionary Church Mice Can They Curate?

Need a laugh? The National Federation of the Self-Employed has just issued a report called "A Marxist Heaven", which attacks the Church of England for being too socialist! It outlines a plan of action to steer the church back to a more politically acceptable line and halt the "Marxist drift to the left".

Let us look on the world not as something inherited from our parents, but borrowed from our children.

## AN ENGLISH PERSONS HOME

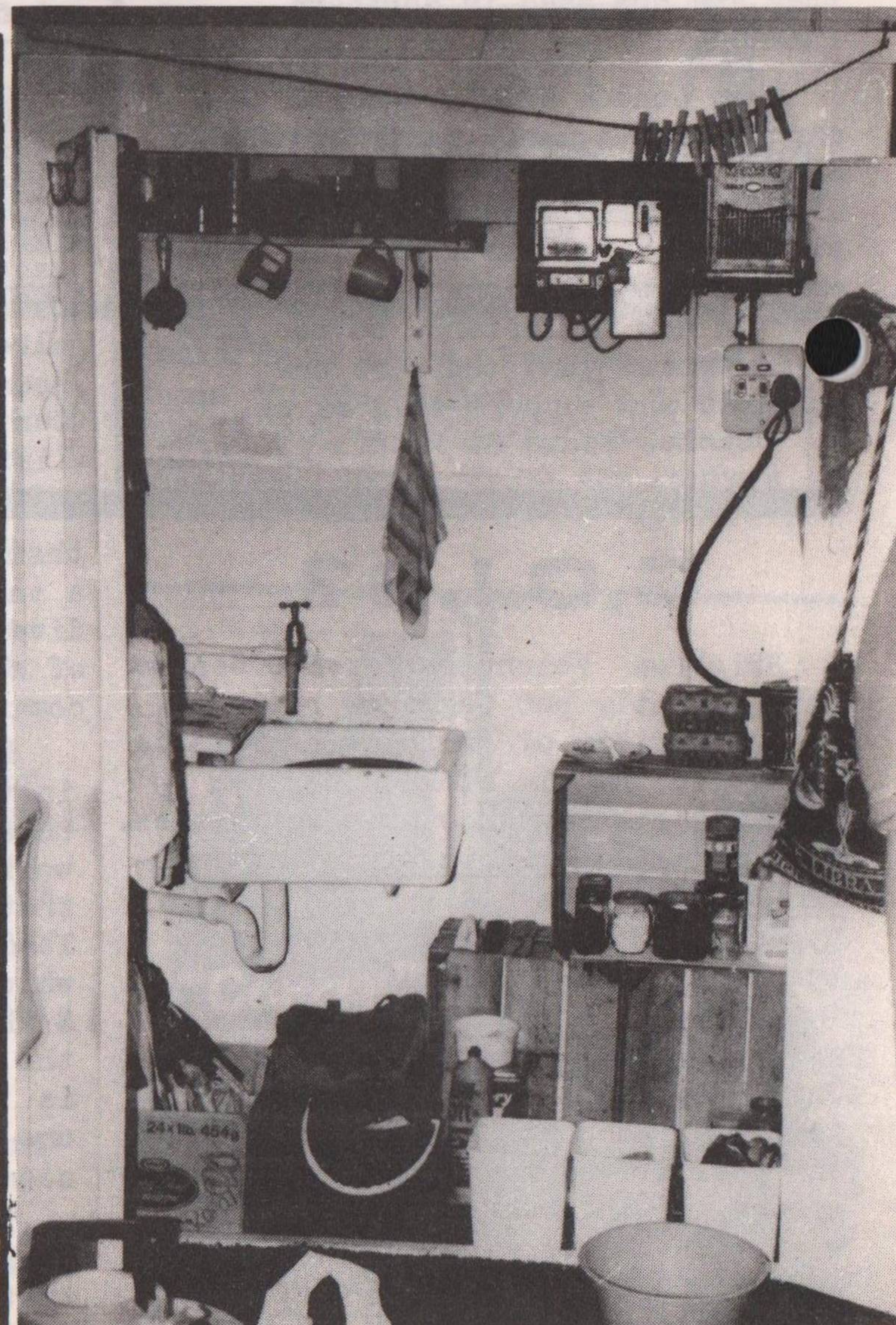


ILKLEY COURT, CROMWELL RD.

This building (above) is managed for an absentee landlord by Eric Marchant & Co. It contains numerous bed-sit rooms, housing predominantly old people. The rooms are small, damp and dark. We were told that Marchants and the landlord refused to do even basic repairs, or provide basic facilities. Would you be prepared to accept this type of kitchen (right); a few orange boxes as shelves, an old sink to keep clean in.

The coalition of an inhumane Tory council who refuse to build new houses, and the capitalist property speculators, force people to live in these conditions.

WOULD AMERY, BOWDEN, THEOBOLD, etc, etc, LIVE IN SUCH CONDITIONS?





# Letters



## Opps...

Dear Voice, Your comments 'Out of Focus' in the May issue were amusing but lacking in accuracy.

Firstly, David Rogers' many activities do not include the editorship of the Montpelier Focus. This is the responsibility of Richard Bates, Steve Cullen, Hugh Minor and others.

Secondly, the reason that Focus did not quote the entire 'Guardian' article was because the details were incorrect. The offensive poster site is on the corner of Dyke Road and Clifton Road (not a million miles from your office) and we have never seen a poster with David Steel gracing the site!

Yours sincerely,  
D. Gray  
10 Tivoli Road.

## HAVE A

# WIMPEY

## SAYS COUNCIL

If you thought the last thing we wanted in this area was more estate agents, you would be right: Brighton is overrun with them. They dominate local politics, conning the ratepayers (i.e. us) out of a pound here and a fiver there, doing not-quite-illegal deals with themselves and each other, and generally earning a fat profit at everyone else's expense.

But suddenly, they've got a rival: an organisation with thousands of employees is energetically pursuing a sales campaign on behalf of George Wimpey and Co, the well-known speculative builders, and all entirely free of charge - or is it? East Sussex County Council has

sent out copies of a thirteen-page sales blurb to all sections of staff, noting that it "may be of interest to any members of staff who are looking for a house in the Peacehaven area" and that "the Sales Negotiator, Mr Eames, is available on Peacehaven 5740".

Now why should Mr M. Barnard of the County Planning Dept. be so anxious to do Wimpey's a favour? And why should we have to pay for the sales blurb to be photocopied enough times to make sure every employee sees it? "You Know Where You Are With Wimpey" says the advert, but do we know where we are with the Council?

## fund raising

Dear Voice, Are their any sports clubs/members amongst your readers who need funds to help with their running expenses. If so, a local lottery called S.O.S. exists, which could provide an answer for fund raising.

The lottery is run as is normal, but any surplus left after prizes and expenses have been paid, goes back to the clubs involved in the scheme. For info. ring 730208, after 6.00pm

Newham Alternatives Project are organising a national conference on ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON. It will be at Sussex University on 28 & 29 July.

## prison conference

We would like to see anyone who is interested come along - especially ex-prisoners and their families. For more details contact: NAP, 56 Dames Road, Forest Gate, London E7. Tel: 01-555 0289.

## BLAIR PEACH

Everything's been pretty quiet since the first immediate outcry over Blair Peach's death. He was killed at Southall when the mainly black community and other anti-fascists tried to stop a National Front election meeting.

The police have started a closed inquiry into what happened. But as it was the police who killed him in their great enthusiasm to defend the NF, we can't expect any truth or justice from that.

There was two minutes' silence for him at an election meeting called by the anti-fascist committee in Brighton.

Blair Peach was a teacher. A colleague of his from the NUT came to talk at the last Anti-Nazi League general meeting - about his funeral (the police still have his body as I'm writing this), and about the campaign demanding an open and fair inquiry into how he died.

We can't forget Blair Peach and we can't forget the stupid violence that killed him and where it came from.

# ODDS AND ENDS

Two handy-sized books for the ambitious rozzar have recently been released (escaped?): they reveal some fascinating 'facts'. Did you realise, for example, that criminals tend to be window and office cleaners, painters and decorators, minicab drivers, green-grocers and scaffolders - according to "Catching Criminals" by Inspector J. Robinson (Police Review Publishing Co)?

Deputy Asst. Commissioner David Powis, on the other hand, notes the suspicious types to whom close attention should be paid: "Watch for 'These Are Your Rights' cards ... they are carried by male homosexuals, industrial and other agi-

The NCCL has evidence that the police are collecting personal information on speakers and audience at political meetings. A worker at the Battersea Law Centre was told by a policeman after a union protest meeting that such information was required under the Public Order Act. Similarly, the organiser of an SWP meeting was told that she should have provided details of names, addresses and dates of future meetings.

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**FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC:**  
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Lewes, Newhaven & University Health Centre - Btn 23344

**GAY SWITCHBOARD:** Info & Advice 202930, 8-10pm every night

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73 Grand Pde 29801, Mon-Fri 9-4.30pm

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**HELLO AIDUM!**



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**ANOREXIC AID:** 1st Monday of month. Noreen 682054 or Penny 735362  
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**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.  
**ECOLOGY PARTY (B'TN BRANCH):** John Beale, Flat 5, 7 Chichester Terrace Brighton 605198  
**FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (BTON):** 72, Swanborough Place.  
**FRIENDS CENTRE:** meeting Place with F.E. classes. 16, Ship Street. 27835  
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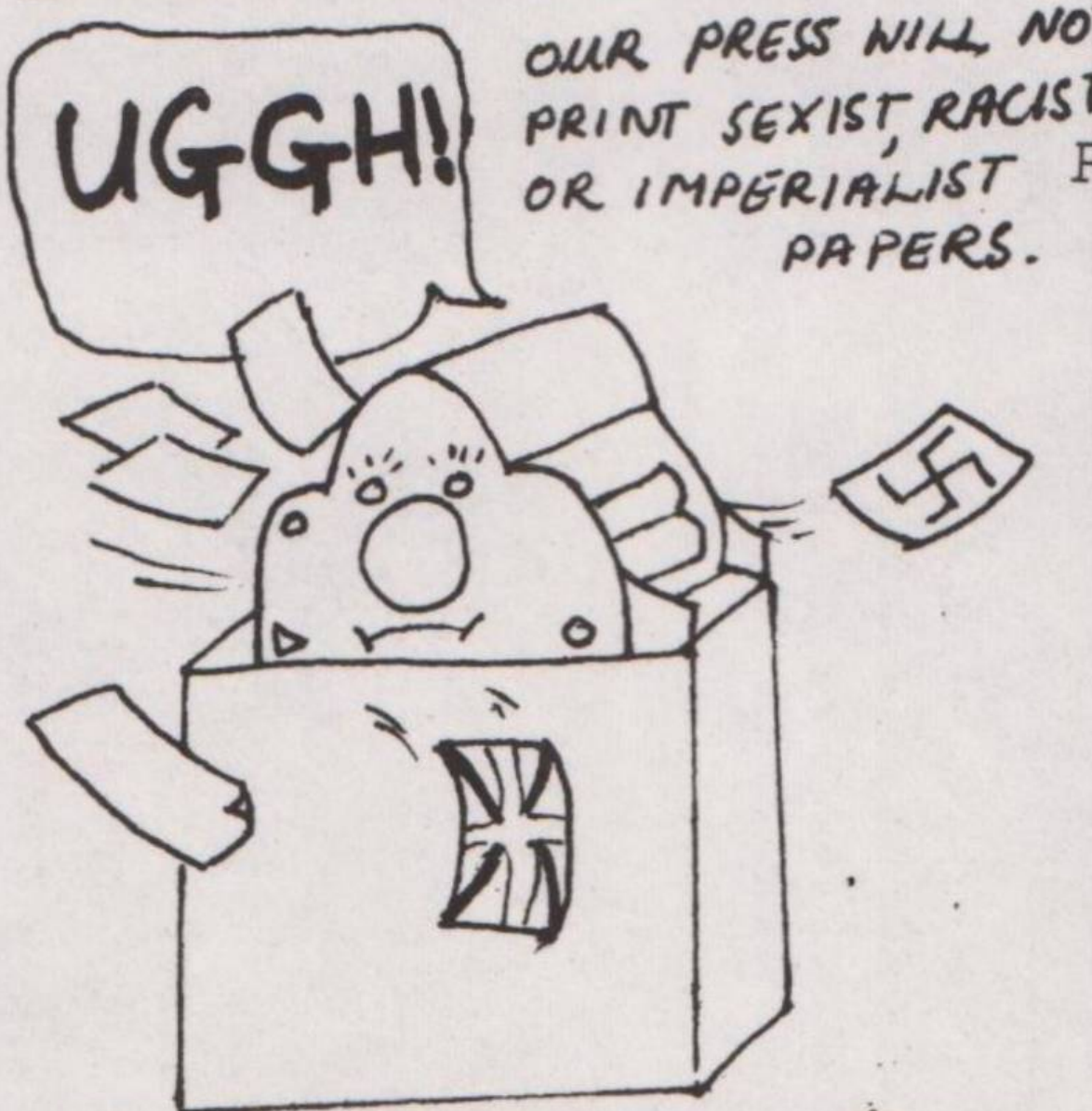
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**RESOURCE CENTRE:** Top of North Rd., 607141. Basic resources for the community: meeting space, duplicating, screen printing, community press, transport, directory of meeting space and much more.  
**SOCIETY FOR ANGLLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING:** D. Furoi, 12, Berkeley Row, Lewes. 2414.  
**SUSSEX COUNTY SKATEBOARD ASSOC.** 737357.  
**TRADES COUNCIL:** Coordinating group of local trades unions affiliated to the TUC. Andy Durr, 235, Ditchling Rd. 505314.  
**LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT & LABOUR HISTORY PRESS:** as above.  
**TRADES & LABOUR CLUB:** Meeting place for trades unionists. 16, Lewes Rd. 601101.  
**TRANSPORT 2000:** Wilf Martin, 49, Benfield Rd., Portslade. 416105. Meetings second Tues. of month, Btn. Station. 7pm.  
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**MOVING TARGET:** Brighton's film magazine, from good bkshops..  
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# TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN

## THE TRUTH ABOUT LEWES

It gives us no pleasure to take issue with a comrade who has given long service to the Labour and Trade Union Movement, but Denis Hill's letter to the Argus cannot go unanswered. Coming from a past General Secretary of the Trades Union Council, it is naive, and offensive to all those trade unionists past and present who have continually fought against racialism and fascism. We are happy to use the Trade Union page in the Voice to take these matters up, unlike Brother Hill who is prepared to use the hostile press, which is only too willing to publish views which attempt to divide our movement. We should not forget that this letter was published during the General Election, which saw hysterical attacks on the TU and labour movement in the press locally and nationally. Bro. Hill's letter was a gift to the Tories, and reflected statements put out by them (and by the NF) pretty closely.

### Democracy

Now let's get the events in Lewes in context. Bro Hill talks about democratic rights. Everyone ought to know by now that the NF sought to hold a meeting in Southall, a "public" meeting to which the public were not to be admitted. As an expression of true democracy thousands of local people turned out on the streets to stop them, because they were sick of the intimidation by the fascist thugs which had previously led to three deaths in the area. This resistance is a necessary exercise of democratic right in the same way that Trade Unionists used their democratic right to march against the Industrial Relations Act. The right wing press would have its readers believe that this was an action by bloodthirsty ruthless mob of outside "agitators". Later, however, the Observer reported that  $\frac{2}{3}$  of those arrested were non-white local residents.

Following the events at Southall a Trade Unionist was murdered. If we are concerned with democratic rights we should demand a full public enquiry into that death, not the cover-up which seems likely. On this matter Hill's silence is deafening.

In the Brighton area, and particularly in the Anti-Fascist Committee the Trades Union Council have a long record of fighting racialism and fascism. Despite what Hill says, many Trade unionists were present at Lewes, when again the NF denied access to a meeting they had advertised as "public". A number of us

were denied entrance to the meeting, while people producing NF membership cards were being admitted. To oppose this sham we decided to seal off the entrance to the hall and were successful in keeping out over 20 fascists. If Bro. Hill was there we are sorry he did not join us. His charge that we were part of a ruthless mob was not born out by Chief Supt S. Cooper, one of the senior police officers on duty, who was reported in the Argus as saying, "Most of the crowd behaved in a reasonable manner, though there were a few hot-heads among them."

### Red Fascists?

Let us get down to the real issue issues, because it is necessary to expose the confusions of Bro Hill's letter. He follows the same course as the Tories follow, likening those people who actively challenge the Front to Red Fascists. We make the challenge to defend rights which were fought for and won by the Labour Movement. Let nobody forget that it is only the Labour Movement who will continue that defence, whether it be of the right to strike, to demonstrate, or even to vote. Were these rights upheld in Hitler's Germany, in Mussolini's Italy or Franco's Spain?

The struggle in this country against Moseley in the thirties was greeted with the same hypocritical hysteria in the press which is now being turned on those prepared to stand up and resist the oppressive racialism of the new Nazis. If Bro. Hill thinks a measure of freedom in our society should be the freedom of racialists to encourage thugs to attack and intimidate people because they don't like the colour of their skin, or to plan to expel people from the country because their husbands, wives or children are not white, then he should consider whether the name of freedom is not being abused. The argument that "if we ignore these people they will go away" has been used before. The Fascists did not go away, and millions paid the price. They will not go away now, unless we are prepared to fight this evil with every weapon we have.

Does the comrade really believe that in stopping the circulation of racialist filth, in not letting meetings to spread such filth go unchallenged, we are infringing his democratic rights? He suggests that he is something of an expert on National Socialism. If he wants a reminder, an echo of the thirties, let him hear Tyndall in reference

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to Trade Union pickets:

"When we take over the reins of government, as one day we shall, the moment the mobsters try physical intimidation to prevent British workers doing their jobs, these mobsters will find themselves in police cells so quickly they won't know what hit them". (Guardian 22.1.79)

Now that the National Front have been humiliated and rejected in the elections, and with demoralisation sweeping its ranks, the lunatic fringe is trying to hold it together by more unprovoked attacks upon our movement and those of its members who have fought against this degenerate party of thugs. In Brighton in recent months, a number of Trade Unionists have been violently assaulted, shops have been attacked, socialist meetings have also been attacked. Following the Lewes meeting the University Disco was attacked by fascists. Even as I write, a Trade Unionist from Brighton lies in hospital with his jaw broken in three places by a fascist gang. Is all this to go unchallenged?

### The Way Forward!

Finally, the events of the past few years must be put in perspective. The capitalist system is in chaos, the economic and social system in massive crisis, with mass unemployment, falling living standards, bad housing, lack of educational opportunities. In these conditions, the fascist gangsters must be seen as the rotten pus of our society coming to the surface, exploiting these problems, and using black people as a scapegoat to gain an ear within the demoralised sections of our society.

The Labour Movement must do everything in its power to defend all our people, and at the same time make the fundamental shift towards Socialism. On the way we must deal with the racialist, and with the fascist, wherever we find them. And we must stop any attempt to divide our movement. We can do without our own members trying to stab us in the back. Let us get on with the job. Hitler would have known what we are doing; he said in 1933 - "Only one thing could have stopped our movement - if our adversaries had understood its principle and from the first day had smashed with the utmost brutality the nucleus of our new movement."

Brighton Trades Council.



# THE N.U.T AND TEACHERS PAY



At the time of writing agreement between the teachers negotiating panel and Management has just been announced. Whether the general membership of the NUT will accept the offer will be known after a special salaries conference next month. (June) However, the teachers pay dispute is not past history; the issues involved are still of great importance. Many more groups of workers may find that they are being confronted by the Standing Commission on Comparability. Thus I believe that the teachers struggle for a fair wage holds lessons for all workers.

## Why Did The NUT Take Action.

Because the Government refused to allow an offer to teachers which could have led to a settlement on April 27. Even though it had known of the issues for some time. The teachers pay claim was lodged over 2 months ago. The package being offered to teachers was far inferior to that being given to other groups like manual workers, nurses and civil servants. Why? Was it because teachers entered negotiations wanting to talk rather than take action? However, action was forced upon them and in this article I will attempt to briefly outline the issues involved.

The teachers claim was to restore a pay level set by independent inquiry (the Houghton Report) in 1974. The Government at that time were forced to accept that during the preceding decade teachers pay had fallen far behind that of comparable workers in other areas, such as civil servants. When the 1974 'Houghton Award' was agreed by parliament the then Secretary for Education said;

'For teachers to fall behind, year after year, then have a special catching up exercise at long intervals would be to sell teachers short in the future as we did in the past'

Having acted 'responsibly' and settled within the various incomes policies during the past 5 years we have been 'sold short'. By the very nature of our work teachers cannot negotiate productivity deals, bonus schemes, etc., and so the value of the Houghton Award has been eroded year after year.

## Teachers Wanted To Negotiate

Teachers pay is negotiated by the Burnham Committee which comprises a Teachers Panel, a Management Panel

and representatives of the DES. Any agreement reached must then be ratified by Parliament.

The erosion of the Houghton Award has been patently obvious to teachers but not to the Management Panel. We were forced in April 1978 to take action to secure a written commitment to the so-called 'principles of Houghton'. A joint Working Party was set up and reported last January—the figures contained in the report, agreed by Management, form the basis of our 36.5% claim.

Negotiations began on March 7; while the meeting was in progress the Government announced the setting up of the Standing Commission on Comparability. Coincidence?

The teachers wanted to negotiate in the normal way—the Management wanted a reference to the Commission. The teachers believed that their 'comparability study' had already been carried out by the Joint Working Party, but were prepared to discuss a possible reference to the Commission.



## Reference To The Standing Commission.

Before any group of workers goes to the Commission terms of reference must be agreed jointly by the Management and the Unions. The teachers wanted some mention made of the Houghton relativities; the Management did not—were they attempting to renege on their previous commitment to Houghton? Some members of the panel have said that teachers only received the Houghton Award because, at that time, there was a shortage of teachers, implying that now there are tens of thousands of teachers unemployed, there is no need to pay them more than a minimum.

What teachers were demanding was that they be treated no worse than manual workers and civil servants were by the last government, and no worse than the Police and Armed Forces by the present government.

Our action has forced the Management Panel to accept that the terms of reference should include some mention of Houghton. This is why the NUT considers the Commission is more likely to produce an acceptable offer if the dispute had gone to arbitration—another possibility. Under arbitration the teachers would have no say in any terms of reference.

## What Action Did The NUT Take.

The teachers wanted to negotiate, not take action and the Government must

take the blame for what happened. In withdrawing from activities that are voluntary NUT members showed how much schools normally rely for their smooth running on the goodwill and professionalism of teachers.

What is withdrawal of goodwill? It means that NUT members did not;

- \*supervise pupils during their lunch break
- \*participate in out of school activities
- \*use their private cars on school business

The NUT action did not hit examinations and the NUT would not have supported any action that did.

Thus Mrs. Thatcher was wrong when she said that we had 'stopped teaching pupils.'

## Attacks On Teachers

The media had a field day at the teachers expense. Their tactics paralleled those used to discredit other groups of workers such as the nurses and civil servants. Many pages of Brighton Voice could be taken up exposing this innuendo for what it is. However I will take up just one issue—that is, the claim that teachers have a 'cushy' life. Anyone who has taught in state schools, starved of finance and resources as they are, will know just how unfounded this claim is. The National Foundation for Educational Research carried out an extensive survey (in 72 secondary schools in Surrey) and reported that if teachers were to receive 45 minute lunch breaks like other workers and 4 weeks holiday a year, their hours would work out at nearly 43 a week.

## The Future.

By the time you read this article the agreement, that is, the interim award and reference to the Standing Commission on Comparability, may have been ratified by the general membership of the NUT; however, even if it has, this will not be the end of the NUT's fight for a good and fair educational system. The majority of the NUT's finances and energies are directed toward improving the educational provision in this country. Our schools are being starved of resources, as are our Health and Social Services. We must oppose any further cuts and actively campaign for real improvement.

The teachers pay award (which is unlikely to fully restore the value of the Houghton Award) must not be used as an excuse to cut back on other resources in education. Teachers demand a fair wage AND a properly funded education service.

PETE WESTON, Secretary, Hove & Portslade Association Of The NUT.

