

# undercurrents.....

## come back Kafka - or have you already?

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Because of a substantial increase in the numbers of persons applying for citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies, which has occurred during a prolonged period of Government restraint on Civil Service resources and manpower, all such applications are now subject to lengthy delays in the Home Office. These delays range from several months to over 2 years in some cases before a decision can be taken. There are many thousands of applications at present awaiting attention and these are being dealt with in the order in which they are received. It is regretted that priority cannot be given to individual cases except in the most exceptional circumstances.

Enquiries about the progress of applications (of which there are many) divert the available manpower resources from the work on considering applications and thus cause even greater delays. In future, and in the interests of all applicants, enquiries from applicants about the progress of their applications will not be replied to. You may however rest assured that there will be no avoidable delay in dealing with your application, and that you will be notified of the decision at the earliest possible moment.

## Labour for slavery ?

Bristol used to be the centre of the slave trade, and Labour Councillor Wally Jenkins obviously harks back to the good old days. Last year he led a deputation from Bristol Council to drum up trade for a new dock - in South Africa. Some new business was obtained, mostly with firms known to ignore the 'EEC code of practice', which deals with equal opportunities for blacks, etc. Some also have strong Rhodesian sanction-busting connections, but that didn't seem to worry Wally. So much for socialism...

## cycle against deprivation

Howard Clark and Rudi Pohl are cycling round Britain to highlight protests against nuclear power. They will visit every current and proposed power station site and are attending meetings and demonstrations on the way. Having started from the Orkneys on August 25th., they are hoping to visit Brighton round about October 5th. - 7th.

Further details from Bob Rosenthal (Brighton Anti-Nuclear Group) at Btn. 607998.

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## limerick

A middle-class lady called Phatcher  
Moved so rapidly, no-one could catch her;  
So far right went our friend  
That she fell off the end  
Causing anguish to Satchel and Satchler;  
(Well, what the hell!...)

## peace on earth - or not




- (1) Sixty million people in the world are soldiers or are employed in related jobs
- (2) Over \$350,000,000,000 are spent on armaments every year
- (3) An investment of one thousand million dollars creates an estimated:
  - 60,000 jobs in the armaments industry
  - 82,000 jobs in civil industry
  - 90,000 jobs in public services

## not very civil

Last month, the Manchester DHSS branch of the Civil & Public Services Assn. formed a 'Civil Servants Against the Nazis' group, which distributed a leaflet to all offices in the region. Senior management took exception to a reference to the 'murder' of Blair Peach and declared the leaflet 'unofficial' - it was then banned from all noticeboards. The managers' Union, the Society of Civil & Public Servants, is affiliated to the Anti-Nazi League.

## This month's rip-off

Your guide to the European assembly....

 Endless yap	 Weighing up the chances	 We take this ...	 ... and put it in this Euro-tili.
 Every Euro-approved Euro-family ...	 ... gets their very own Euro-cow!	 Symbol of the Advisory Committee on How to Get a 300-ton Juggernaut Out of the Back Garden	 European Economic Tree (E.E.T.)
 Euro-TV ariel	 River Thames Whaling Expedition	 Barclaycards welcome here	 Going ... going ...

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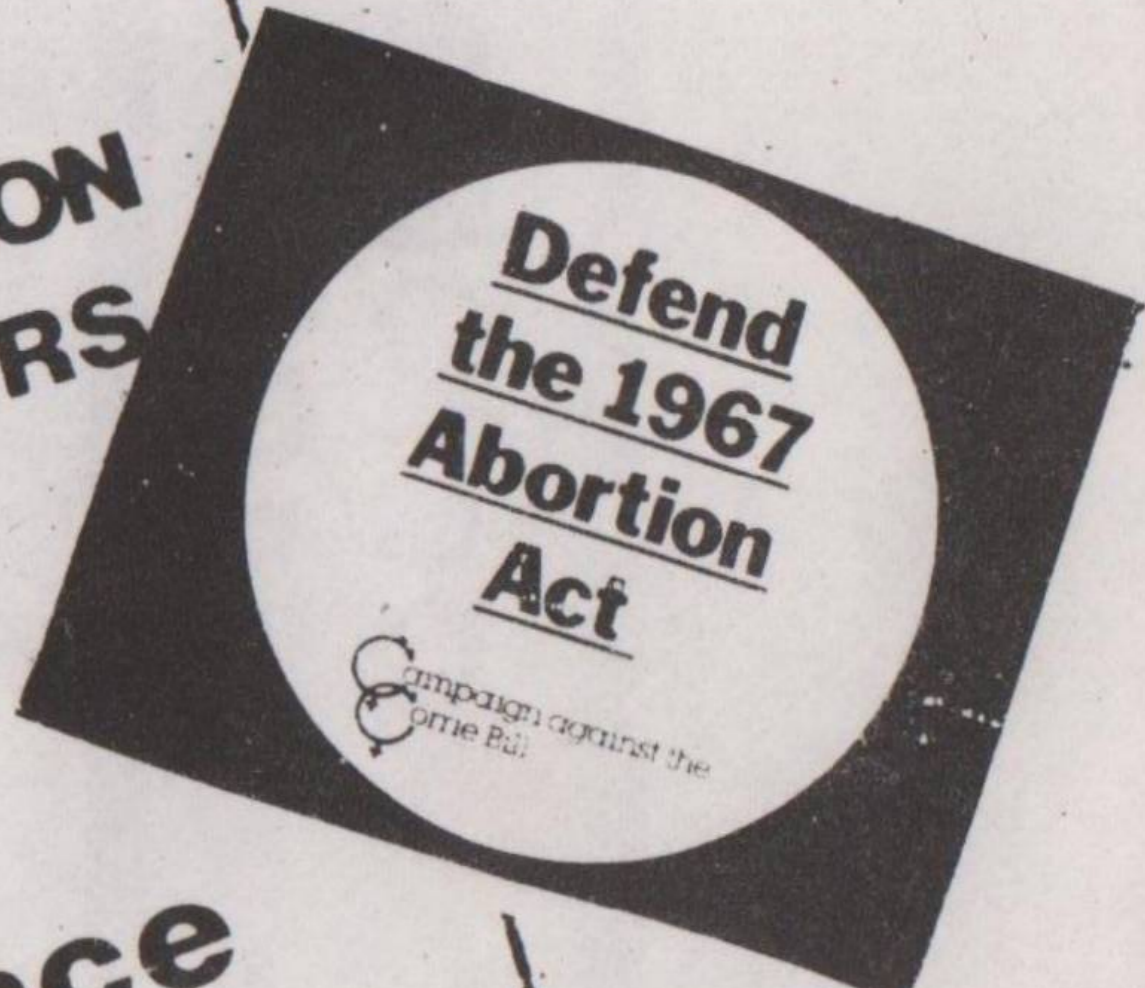
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## FIGHT CORRIE'S ANTI-ABORTION BILL!

### DEMONSTRATE

OCTOBER 28  
12 NOON SPEAKERS CORNER HYDE PARK LONDON  
CALLED BY TUC. COACHES FROM ST PETERS




## PICKET

the Labour Party Conference  
OCTOBER 3  
LABOUR MP'S SHOULD BE BOUND BY PARTY POLICY - WHICH SUPPORTS A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE - TO VOTE AGAINST THE BILL  
11-30 BRIGHTON CENTRE, KING'S RD



No Return to the Backstreets!



## DAY EVENT

FILM, WORKSHOPS, THEATRE, FOOD  
evening jig with ... Gang of Four ... chefs ... Devils Dykes ... Au Pairs ...

## OCTOBER 20

sallis benny hall, poly, grand pde.

### INSIDE labour confer.

### brighton landlords persons unknown trades council & more

## GROUPS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (BITW & HOVE GROUP) Tel. Colin or Mary 400832  
 ANOREXIC AID: Penny 775084, Jane 734862, Rosemary 507912 Meetings fortnightly.  
 BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION: B'tn & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven 4522  
 BRIGHTON HOSTEL: 18 Dorset Gdns Soup run bottom West St. 10-11pm daily. Help needed 682089  
 BRIGHTON SOCIETY: Environmental Clermont Road. 10  
 CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: 28633  
 COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP: Dance drama, mime, music. St. Anne's Hall, St. Georges Rd, Kemp Town. 697493 for dils.  
 COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING: Contact, Ms Lesley Turpin 4 Cedar Cl. Lancing 62661  
 CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS: K. Smith, 10 Warleigh Rd.  
 FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOC. ATTONS (BITW): 72, Swainborough Place.  
 FRIENDS CENTRE: Meeting Place with Further Education class es. 16, Ship St. 27835  
 FRIENDS OF EARTH: Kate Deasau B'tn 31083. Fortnightly meetings, Marlborough Hotel 8pm. Non-Members welcome.  
 FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER: Yogs, lectures etc. Beginners meditation Mon. 7. 7.15 15 Park Crescent Cl. or phone 693977  
 GINGERS: Selfhelp pressure for one parent families

## WOMEN

LESBIAN GROUP: Jill, 696298  
 WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Cres., Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm, fourth Wednesday each month.  
 Unitarian Hall, New Road.  
 WOMEN AGAINST FASCISM AND RACISM: 66 Resource Centre.  
 WOMENS AID: Refuge for battered women, 506325  
 WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP: contact Women's Centre.  
 WOMEN'S CENTRE: at back of Resource Centre. Open: Tue, We, Thur, Sat; 11-2 & Tue, We: 6:30 - 8pm. Pregnancy tests, rights, etc. 605911.  
 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM: 684604 and Lewes 4161.  
 WOMEN'S LIBERATION: Meet Resource Centre every third Monday. For info. 605911.  
 WOMEN'S VOICE GROUP: based on Women's Voice paper. Sue 21260. Sue 21260.

## SERVICES

ALTERNATIVE EXCHANGE SERVICE: Exchange your skills, services, labour. 682955.  
 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT: Resource Centre high-top transit and driver. 607144.  
 MERLIN: Lewis Work Collective: Gardening, decorating, tutoring, mechanics, etc. (over forty skills) - 5 Mount Fl. Lewes 4036 & Ringmer 12962.  
 PURE JOY: Whole Foods Catering Collective. 19 Hammy Way. Shoreham-by-Sea. S'ham 2301.  
 UNCLE BRIGHTON SHOW: 691713.  
 WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS: Baby sitting, social events, creche, etc. Pauline Price 516510.  
 WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS: Don Fynches, 19 Bradford Rd. Lewes 6286 (no callers please)  
 YOUNG UNEMPLOYED'S CLUB: Wed, 11.30-2. Institute. Queen's Sq  
**BIRTH**  
 BIRTH CENTRE (BRIGHTON): Info & support group. Pregnancy Birth & Early Infant Child care. Yoga in Pregnancy classes and Infant Swimming classes. Contact. 689194/28557  
 FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: 18/19 Westerr Rd 734258 Lewes, Newhaven & University Health Centre - B'tn 23344  
 NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN: contact WOMEN'S CENTRE.

## SHOPS

AVANDA: 19, Bond Street, Odds & ends, Indian crafts, incense, etc.  
 INFINITY: 25, North Road, 603563  
 FOOD: Macrobiotic/wholefood supplies. Open 9.30 - 5.00.  
 Closed all day Wed.  
 BAKERY & PIE SHOP: open 9-5 except Wed., 9-5.30.  
 BULK STORE: Bulk supplies, Open Tues.-Sat. 9.30 - 1 & 2 - 5.  
 KEMP 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 and courses. See whats on PULSE: Sussex Univ. wholefood cafe. SCR Falmer House Feminist collective.  
 Mon.-Fri. 12 - 2  
 SAXONS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT: 48, George Street B'tn. 680733 Mon-Sat. 11.30 - 5 also Fri & Sat. 7.15 - 11. Bring own wine.  
 SOLSUICE BOOKSHOP: 28 Trafalgar St. alternative books and mags, basement reading room, Tel.: 692880  
 SIMPLE SUPPLIES: Wholefood, recycling, publications etc. environmental centre. 11, George St. B'tn. 694600. Mon-Sat. 9.30-5.30. Closed Thurs.  
 SUNRISE RESTAURANT: 16, North Road. wholefood. vegetarian.

## ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

ACUPUNCTURIST: Peter Deadman B.Ac. B'tn & Lewes; Lewes 77996  
 ACUPUNCTURIST: J.P. Scott. See next entry.  
 ALEXANDRA TECHNIQUE: S.J. Scott. 33, Surrenden Crescent. B'tn 559379. Appointment only  
 CLINIC OF CHINESE ACUPUNCTURE 6 Old Steine, Tel. 699716  
 HOMEOPATH: Robert Withers, B'tn 699212. Appointment only  
 79, Mill Street, Falmer.  
 MASSAGE: Introductory courses & SHIATSU: Contact Public House Bookshop, 28357 (No wankers, please)  
 SECOND SUN HEALING: Healing through direct action & increased understanding. 7 Terminus Rd B'tn 29248.  
 SHIATSU: Reflexology, Swedish massage, Bach flower remedies Marek Urkanowicz, Palmeira Cl. 6 Palmeira Square, Hove B'tn 734465. Appointments

## PAPERS

CARF: Paper of the ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE: A campaigning paper, nationwide, from Public House Bookshop, or Flat 3, 51unley St. London. Bulk orders/Donations. QUEENSPARK: Paper for the Queens Park area; 18 Windmill St., B'ton.  
 WAYBILL: Newsheet of UKGWU, 1/402 B'ton & Hove District Busmen, from Conway Street Depot, Hove.  
 WHOLE EARTH: Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action.

## Subscriptions

£2-50 for 12 BACK ISSUES & "REGION SIX" Special Report are available from BRIGHTON VOICE c/o Public House Bookshop 21 Little Preston St. Brighton.  
 IMPORTANT: IMPORTANT: IMPORTANT: If you are a user of this page BRIGHTON VOICE have made an attempt over the past month to update the information on this page. Unfortunately we have been unable to contact various groups which used to appear on

# DROP IN HOT AIR FOR TEA

This is the second article in our occasional series written by people fighting for their rights. Let us have your story.



Some private landlords' lack of concern over the appalling state of the housing in some parts of the town means a lot more than bad statistics. Here is one persons account of just what it means.

"It seemed to start quite a few months ago when there was a socket fire on an old electric system. The fire brigade were called and told all of the tenants 'You are living in a tinder box'. I sent my wife and child to London for a period just exceeding 1 month for their safety. A prolonged time to spend apart, my wife wanted to come home, so I couldn't refuse. I went to London to see fire brigade officials, SEEBORD and the Environmental Health Dept. Nothing was done because each and although we have the power to act we cannot because of....' But basically they were worried about opening their mouths for fear of their jobs. It resulted in my grabbing the landlord and telling him that if anything did happen to my wife or child I would personally annihilate him. I shoved him outside the door and kicked the door shut behind him, and this sort of language he understood because the following week the electrician was here to install new electric wiring and fittings. He started, he nearly succeeded but until this day our wiring has not been completed. Our lighting is still on the old circuit. Still we are in danger of having a fire."

This is not all the family have had to cope with. For over two years the gas fittings have been unsafe, the stair carpet worn and the handrails dangerously loose, especially if you are carrying a baby in one arm and a shopping bag in the other. And then -

"There we were, calmly eating our evening meal, minding our own business, when an ear-splitting crash happened. No, not a car crash in the road just Mr K. in flat 2 trying to pop in for a cup of tea THROUGH THE BLOODY CEILING. There they were, two lilly-white legs poked right through our ceiling. So we went upstairs and pulled Mr K. out of the hole. He went to hospital but fortunately he was O.K. The following day we telephoned the landlord to explain the situation. The answer? 'I will send someone round to look at it.' However, as usual nothing happened. The hole, approx. 2'x4' and underneath the sink in Mr and Mrs K's flat, was very damp around the edges and was likely to get bigger.

In fact over the next 3 Or 4 weeks a lot more plaster came crashing down in bits and bobs. Our baby had started to crawl by this time and was in danger of being hit by falling debris or of swallowing pieces of plaster. So I blocked off part of the floor. I phoned the Environmental Health Dept. Officer who called round just after Christmas 1978. She said, 'The place is not safe and must be repaired'. She promised to 'Phone the landlord and insist on something being done.'

Our social worker was involved from the beginning and helped in contacting the landlord. Our social work-

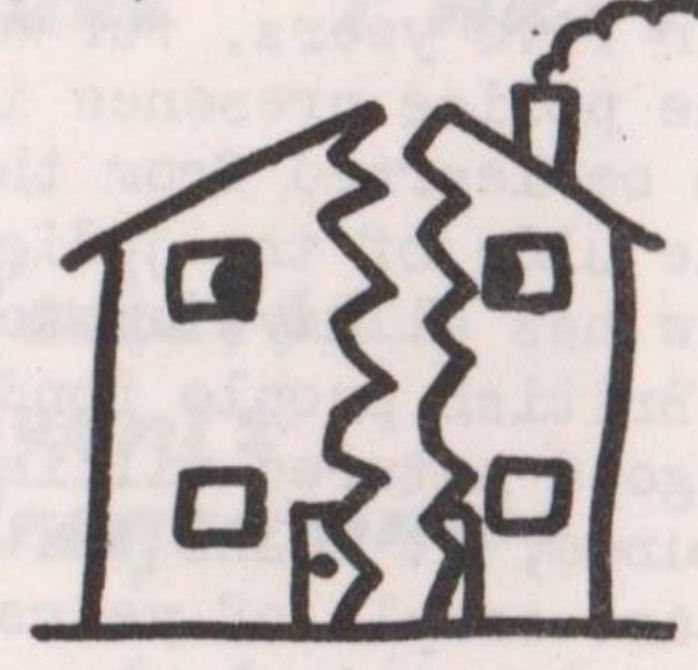


er cares, and is a very trustworthy person but as for the landlord, he didn't care. After nearly three months of the same our social worker put us in touch with someone at the Rights Centre to check the legal position. This was in April. They helped me draft a letter to the Environmental Health Dept. asking them to visit within 7 days or action would be taken under section 36 of the Public Health Act. Next time someone from the Rights Centre called and measured the hole. It was now 7'x5' and still growing. Even after all this time nothing seemed to be happening. Letters had been copied and apparently sent to the Town Clerk, Chief Environmental Health Officer, and the Building Control Inspector and we were getting more and more frustrated. Everybody was waiting for somebody else to act. Meanwhile we were still having to put up with the inconvenience and possible dangers.

We finally gathered that a builder had been allocated the work. He came round to see the hole, said 'Yes it is bad' and promised to let us know by the 25th April that the job was going to be done. On 25th April nobody called. 1st May - a miracle. The builder came and guess what? he repaired the ceiling. We were somewhat pleased as you can imagine. The place was full of dust but at long last nearly 6 months later the job had been done."

When the building control inspector came round he found that the ceiling was O.K. but that the rest of the house was in a dangerous condition, particularly the windows. Mr S. says 'The landlord would like all his tenants to leave so he could convert and modernise the flats and make a bigger profit. We have asked the Council to rehouse us but we know there are just not the houses to go round. So here we still are - waiting for the windows to fall out."

NOTE: Only 19% of Brighton's housing are Council Houses compared with the national average of 33%. Now the Tory council are selling them there will be fewer still.



PERSONS UNKNOWN

The clumsy frame up of five comrades continues on its unsavory way. In the case which has become known as 'Persons Unknown', somewhat inaccurately since this is the name of the Support Group, the trail has finally begun - fifteen and a half months after the first arrests. Whatever the outcome of the trail, these people will have spent many months in prison, held in Category A (maximum security) conditions for openly political reasons - one of them, due to her sex, in virtual solitary confinement.

Below we reprint a brief chronology of the case from Kropo tkins old rag 'Freedom'.

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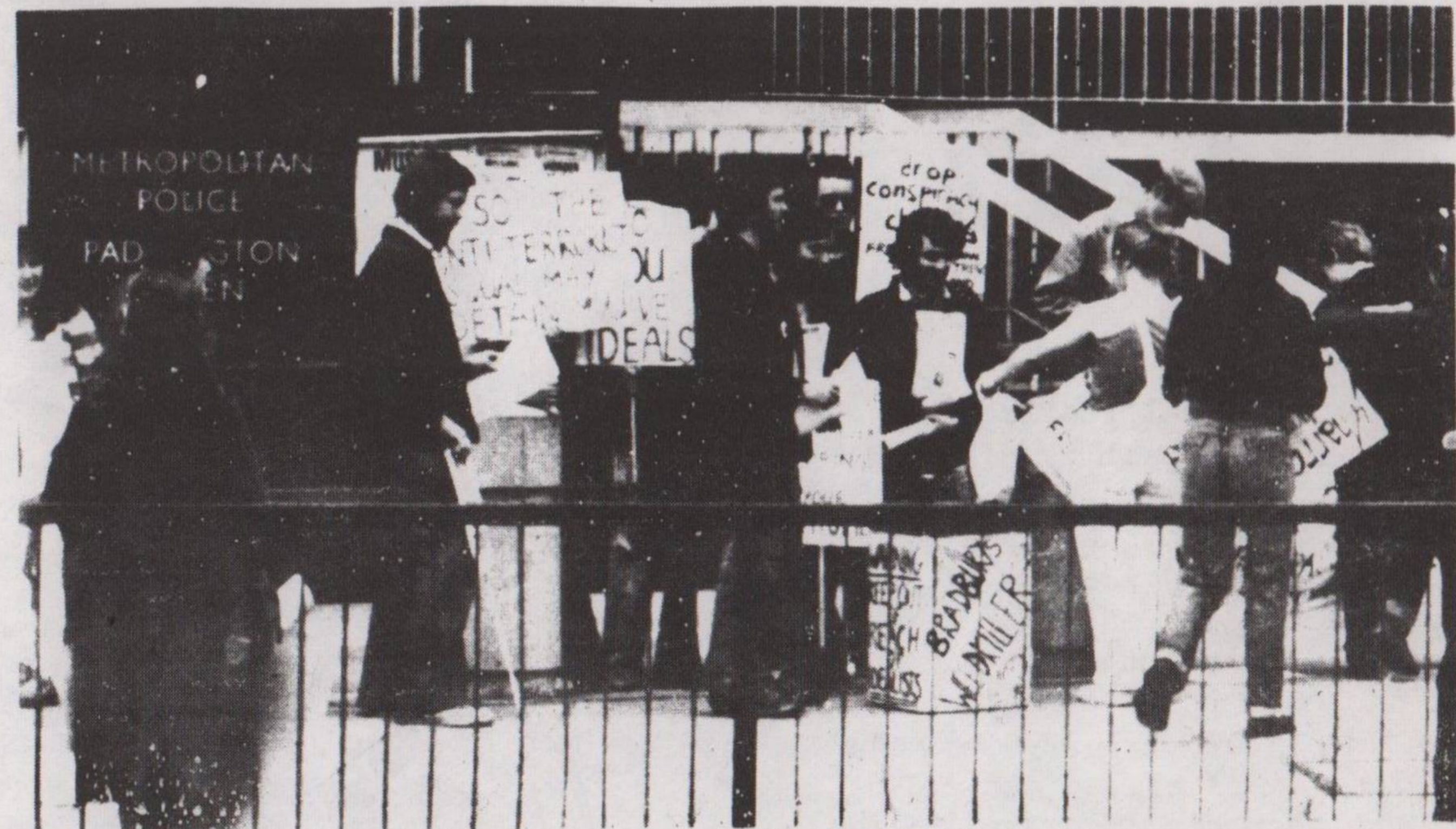
- 24 May: Iris Mills and Ronan Bennett picked up in a raid on a flat in London
- 25 May: Press reports range from 'actress in bomb bedsit shock' to 'couple held in anti-terror raid'
- 27 May: Police hunt for a car 'full of bombs', supposedly 'boobytrapped'. Iris and Ronan appear at Marylebone magistrates court, charged with conspiring with others to cause explosions in the UK.
- 2 June: Raid on a house in North London. Dafydd Ladd arrested.
- 3 June: 'Wanted' car found dumped over a Welsh cliff. No further mention of this by police
- 5 June: Dafydd Ladd appears at Marylebone along with Iris and Ronan. All three refused bail and remanded in custody.
- 8 June: First remand hearing at Lambeth magistrates court. Complaints made by the defence about the handcuffs on the defendants. Det. Sup. Bradbury says they were there in case of armed attack on court.
- 16 June: Raids in Swansea, Highbury, Hornsey and Hackney.
- 21 June: First news of Stewart Carr, also charged with conspiring to cause

- explosions, arrested in Gillingham and held in custody since the Thursday before.
- Raid on house in North London carried out by 20-25 members of ATS.
- June/July: Bombings of left wing targets
- 4 July: Vince Stevenson snatched in street, held at Paddington Green police station.
- 7 July: Arms and ammunition allegedly found in North London flat. Trevor Dawton arrested.
- 10 July: Vince and Trev charged with conspiracy to cause explosions, both remanded to Brixton prison.
- 13 July: Remand hearing at Lambeth. All six appear in dock. Started to protest about conditions, were dragged out, then brought back one by one.
- 15 July: Demonstration outside Paddington Green police station, home of ATS.
- 20 July: Remand hearing at Lambeth. More charges brought in relation to several armed robberies and theft of arms.
- 23 July: Raid in Brixton. Police burst in wearing flak jackets and with drawn guns.
- 27 July: Remand hearing at Lambeth. Armed traffic police in evidence in and around the court.
- 3 August: Remand hearing at Lambeth, alongside hearing of two Arab nationals accused of conspiring to murder the

The case takes place against a background of increasing tension in this country, indeed in the world as a whole. There is widespread discontent, the economic situation continues to deteriorate and no-one really expects it to ever get better. The established powers are jittery, this discontent can no longer be bought off, it's just not there to be had and the worlds resources are shrinking. Added to this people in the third world are demanding something a bit more like their fair share.

The 'progressive' answer to this discontent is to absorb it in a bureaucracy, to turn the country into a vast Social Services Dept. However there is a more primitive response. Clamp Down. Over the past few years the forces for doing this have steadily become more blatant. We have seen the police turn into vultures cruising the streets in metal boxes, linked by radio to computer banks. We have seen them develop a 'Paramilitary third force' whilst at the same time insisting that such a thing would be inappropriate in Britain. We have heard them demanding greatly increased powers. All this while they openly admit that they habitually break the regulations that are supposed to control them. And while the Metropolitan (ie London) CID has lost over a third of its officers in five years, for corruption.

While the police presence intensifies (with useful lessons to be learned from the North of Ireland) the more subtle side of the judiciary has also been at work. British law has always amazed the world in its vagueness. The British people fondly believe that this represents a good natured willingness to muddle along. In fact, of course, it means that there is always a law to fit. The last couple of years has seen the development of a number of particularly useful catch-all pieces of legislation. The Conspiracy Laws have been around for a while. So have the Official Secrets Acts. All of this has



"Persons Unknown" Event in London, in support of those arrested, outside Paddington Green Police Station.

- former Iraqi ambassador.
- 4 August: Jeremy Thorpe appears in court at Minehead charged with conspiring to murder Norman Scott. Awarded bail.
- 24 August: Even stricter security conditions at Lambeth. Two members of support group arrested (one mistaken for other) and threatened under PTA for what turned out to be small unpaid fine.
- 7 September: A German comrade is stopped, searched, questioned and photographed on his way back to Germany after visiting one of the defendants in Brixton.
- 14 September: Confidential defence papers read by police during search of lawyer. The magistrate whitewashed this unprecedented breach of privilege.
- 15 September: Astrid Proll arrested.
- 19 September: ID parades begin at Paddington Green. None of the charges substantiated.
- 29 September: Trevor Dawton given bail.
- 26 September: Iris Mills given bail. Original 'bomb-making' materials identified: 2 tins of weedkiller, 2 bags of flour and 1 1/2 bags of flour.
- 16 November: Announcement that the Attorney General had refused consent to proceed with 'conspiracy to cause explosions' charge on Iris, Ronan, Taff and

now been joined by the Criminal Trespass Law and the Prevention of Terrorism Act. From this case it looks as if there is to be an unholy alliance between parts of these to produce a useful charge of 'terrorist conspiracy' or some such.

Not content with catch-all laws the prosecution obtained permission to rig - whoops vet - the jury. Rigging of juries is too much even for liberal opinion, which has managed not to notice the case so far. Quite apart from the interesting things that have come to light about the sort of information - often completely unsubstantiated - that finds its way into the dark corners of the police computer, updated daily by a new breed of police person officially called a 'collator', but privately known by the more sinister name of 'local intelligence officer'. (see New Statesman 10 Aug for details). Apparently most of the adult male population of London has criminal associates. If this were the only reason for jury rigging we are not sure why the simpler approach of having a female jury was not adopted.

Well they were clumsy in the ABC case, and they failed. They have been particularly clumsy here. The Grand Anarchist Idealist Terrorist Bombplot To Overthrow Society has collapsed to 'conspiracy to rob' and 'dishonestly handling' airguns. But remember that 'conspiracy' could still carry 15 yr. sentences, and no kidding it could be you next. All you have to do is talk too loudly about taking control over your own life and you might find yourself in the dock at the Old Bailey.

This account has been based on a much fuller article in Freedom vol. 40 no. 16 (20p). Octobers Leveller (40p) also has a full account, and in addition there is a 60 page pamphlet (40p) available. All these publications obtainable from Public House and Solstice (see Info page) p.s. Good luck to Dafydd Ladd, who's jumped bail, and hopefully is in a safe house abroad.

- Stew. Those on Vince and Trev had not even been submitted. Replacement charges of 'conspiracy to rob' brought.
- 11 December: Vincent Stevenson given bail.
- 21 December: After several postponements committal proceedings begin. Taff Ladd given bail, but not released due to police objections to his sureties.

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- January: Remaining prisoners 'decategorised'.
- 1 March: Taff released.
- 23 March: In again refusing bail for Ronan, magistrate makes clear that this is due to his being Irish.
- May: Indictments served. Some charges re-worded. New charge of 'conspiracy to defraud'. (A legal precedent). Two new names added to conspiracy. Stew's specific robbery charges (the only ones against any of the six) dropped. Trial set for September.
- 10 August: At pre-trial review 'conspiracy to defraud' charges dropped. Prosecution granted permission to potential jury.
- 16 August: Ronan Bennett given bail.

Everypersons Guide To Smashing Holiday Lets

The majority of people who live in furnished, rented accommodation in Brighton probably got hold of it through a Temporary Accommodation Agency in Western Rd., such as the sleazy Sun Bureau, or Claridges. They exist to let flats on a 6 month basis, which allows them to get round the Rent Act, thus stripping you of your rights. After 6 months the landlady can legally throw you out. This type of contract is allowable under the Rent Act, and is designed for a landlord who lets his/her flat to holidaymakers during the summer at high rents, and to 'residents' during the winter months at lower rent. Thus it is easy for a landlady to reclaim possession at any time, with the excuse that they need it for holiday lets.

But what happens if you don't want to move? You can refuse, in which case the landlord gets a court order, which can take sometime. But you can fight this order in the courts, and win.

6 month agreements are called 'holiday lets', and when you sign them you and the landlady are saying that you, the tenants, are on holiday, even though



you may regard Brighton as your home. When you sign try and get a written or verbal statement from the landlady, to the effect that both you and s/he know that you are not on holiday. Be subtle

about that. And note it down in a file, sign and date it. After that keep records of all contact with the landlady, however trivial it may seem at the time. Often a landlord may do or say something that they will regret later in court.

It's often a good idea to get your contract looked at by the Rights Centre, or a sympathetic solicitor before you engage in legal hassles. Most holiday let contracts are almost pathetically invalid in law; eg. The Sun Bureau agreement consists of one sheet of paper with a bare minimum of legality. One solicitor who saw it called it a total sham, and suggested that any good judge would throw it in a waste bin. So look carefully at the contract, and make sure that everyone knows that you're signing it because you have to, rather than because you want to. In court the onus is on you to prove that both sides knew the holiday let was a device to prevent security of tenure. Thus verbal and written evidence from before and just after you moved in is very important.

Even if you 'get on' with your landlady today, next week s/he may turn nasty. So keep records, etc; as insurance. Be ready, 'cos they won't give you a second chance.

Long Live The Union?

Claimants' Union re-formed 3 months ago. Since then, we've devoted most of our energies to waiting around until we were established in a proper meeting place, which sounds quite simple, but took a long time due to bureaucratic delays. However, now that we are settled in the Rights Centre and have our own files, use of office facilities, we have established links with National Claimants Union, etc, there are no people left to take it up. We are unable to continue but since all the groundwork has been laid, and particularly given the current economic climate, it would be a terrible shame if the claimants union didn't function. So, to come to the point, is anybody interested in carrying it on? Briefly, we were to have weekly open meetings, to discuss the problems of individual claimants, and to campaign on a local and national level over claimants rights. If anyone is interested, all the necessary information is residing in the Rights

Centre, Queens Sq. Lets try and keep this important organization going.

C.A.C. ACTION NOT WORDS

THE DEBATE ON THE CURRENT JOHN CORRIE ABORTION BILL last Saturday at the Hanover Community Centre, was a rather one-sided affair. Since it was organised by 'Campaign against Corrie' (CAC) and all but two people present supported CAC it could hardly have been otherwise. The lack of real opposition turned what was advertised as a debate into more of a campaign meeting. To be fair nobody was pretending it was anything else, and the mistake was actually inviting a speaker from LIFE. We need to take the campaign forward instead of sitting around haggling about the merits of the bill. In the event, LIFE declined to send a speaker anyway, and it was by mere chance that there was an anti-abortionist present to put the view of the opposing camp. Unfortunately he knew nothing about the bill in question, so most of his arguments were the standard moral-emotive fare of the LIFE and SPUC campaigns. Despite this handicap the speaker took on the assembled company with an impressive display of bible-thumping rhetoric, reminiscent of evangelical preaching. But of course it didn't get him anywhere.

Although a good quantity of thoughtful, powerful and even moving points were made, eventually the 'debate' degenerated into personal and rather insulting remarks, which were really quite beyond the scope of the subject before us. The only point of having an opposition present, it seemed, was to stimulate the CAC contingent to a higher level of fury and rhetorical power. Surely the threat of the Corrie Bill alone should be enough to stir our feelings and strengthen our commitment. Our efforts should be directed towards mobilising all available support for the Campaign against Corrie. The future events which urgently need your support are:-

- 3 Oct. Picket of Labour Party Conference at Brighton Centre 11.30 a.m. Labour Abortion Rights Campaign fringe meeting at Sussex Sports Centre, Queens Square, 5.00 p.m.
- 20 Oct. 'Rock against Corrie' - Sallis Benny Hall, Brighton POly from 1.00 p.m.
- 28 Oct. Trades Union organised DEMONSTRATION, leaving Hyde Park Corner at 12.00 noon.

# Lets have a real party

### the greatest show on earth

'Roll up,Roll up.Capitalism Inc.,in conjunction with Jim Callaghan & Co. present the most dangerous ,death defying act on Earth...'THE LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE'.Thrill to Tony Benns Rampant 'Marxism';cower at Michael Foots call for Socialism; be horrified at the thought of workers power and central plans.

But don't worry.The organisers and presenters wish to reassure you that your safety is guaranteed.Every effort has been made to ensure that Society is not affected...'

There are some people who still believe that the above circus act will actually achieve something akin to socialism.In the 1920's and '30's the Labour Party possibly did have something to offer.At the 1926 conference,for example,they called for,

'...a workers enquiry into education to determine how the present books... are used in schools and the predominant methods of teaching discipline foster a bourgeois psychology,and how far, under a workers administration,this might be counteracted and a proletarian attitude cultivated.'

The use of these 'Marxist' terms would now be alien to the Labour Party, let alone the sentiments expressed in that resolution. And the resolution has never been made effective (See last Voice).

And what of the so-called irreversible shift in the balance of wealth and power to favour working people? Under the last Labour government the amount of wealth controlled by the top 10% of people actually rose; - and that after Healey had threatened to squeeze the rich until the pigs squeaked!!!

How can a party that pretends it is committed to Socialism justify grovelling to the I.M.F.'s demands of cut-backs in social expenditure, thus laying the basis for the Tories to hack even harder. In our fight against the Tories we must never forget that it was the

Labour government that began the Cuts.

Many people involved with the Labour Party in 1974 thought that Socialism had finally arrived when Wilson and friends were elected. Just look at the Manifesto. Lots of Socialist and Social democratic ideas; nationalise this and that; more money to social services, N.H.S. etc., etc. The '74 manifesto now ranks next to Grimms and Disney stories as the greatest fairy tale of all time. And getting back to the circus.....what's the point of fine rhetoric at Brighton if it's going to be ignored by Labour in power?

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The Labour Left is in a strong position this year. Callaghan knows it and is busily working behind the scenes with his 'moderates' and right-wing union leaders like Duffy, to ensure that the safety of British society is maintained. Not that the Labour Left would be able to do much, even if they achieved power, against organised international capital. The I.M.F., Foris and

Mr James Callaghan seemed last night to be preparing himself for a long-term battle over the future of the Labour Party, irrespective of the contribution of the Socialist Left to the party's manifesto. Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby, said that Callaghan's record as a Labour politician leaves him much to apologise for. If he would like to perform one last service to the Labour Party, he could do no better than to cut the Gordian knot and resign with all speed.

Nestles, I.C.I. and BSSO, the American state and British Bourgeoisie, to name but a few, will provide plenty of opposition. The Labour Party, despite claims to being the "mass party of the working class", is composed of isolated powerful individuals. But it is the people who effect change, - not the individual.

It will be interesting if Benn and the Left win at Brighton. We'll at least get our money's worth of entertainment.



## IRISH LAMENT Labours Tune

'IF YOU EVER GO ACROSS THE SEA TO IRELAND, BE IT ONLY AT THE CLOSING OF YOUR MIND..'

So goes the old song.Perhaps the delegates at the Labour Party conference should be serenaded with it before they indulge in their own conscience easing jingle;The Red Flag.In the past delegates have eagerly passed motions supporting liberation movements around the world.They have remained strangely silent about a country near Britains west coast.While claiming to be 'socialists' they have supported a government guilty of savage attacks on Irish people.

This year is an improvement on other conferences...At least there is one (YES... one ...) motion on Britains war in Ireland.Why the motion?

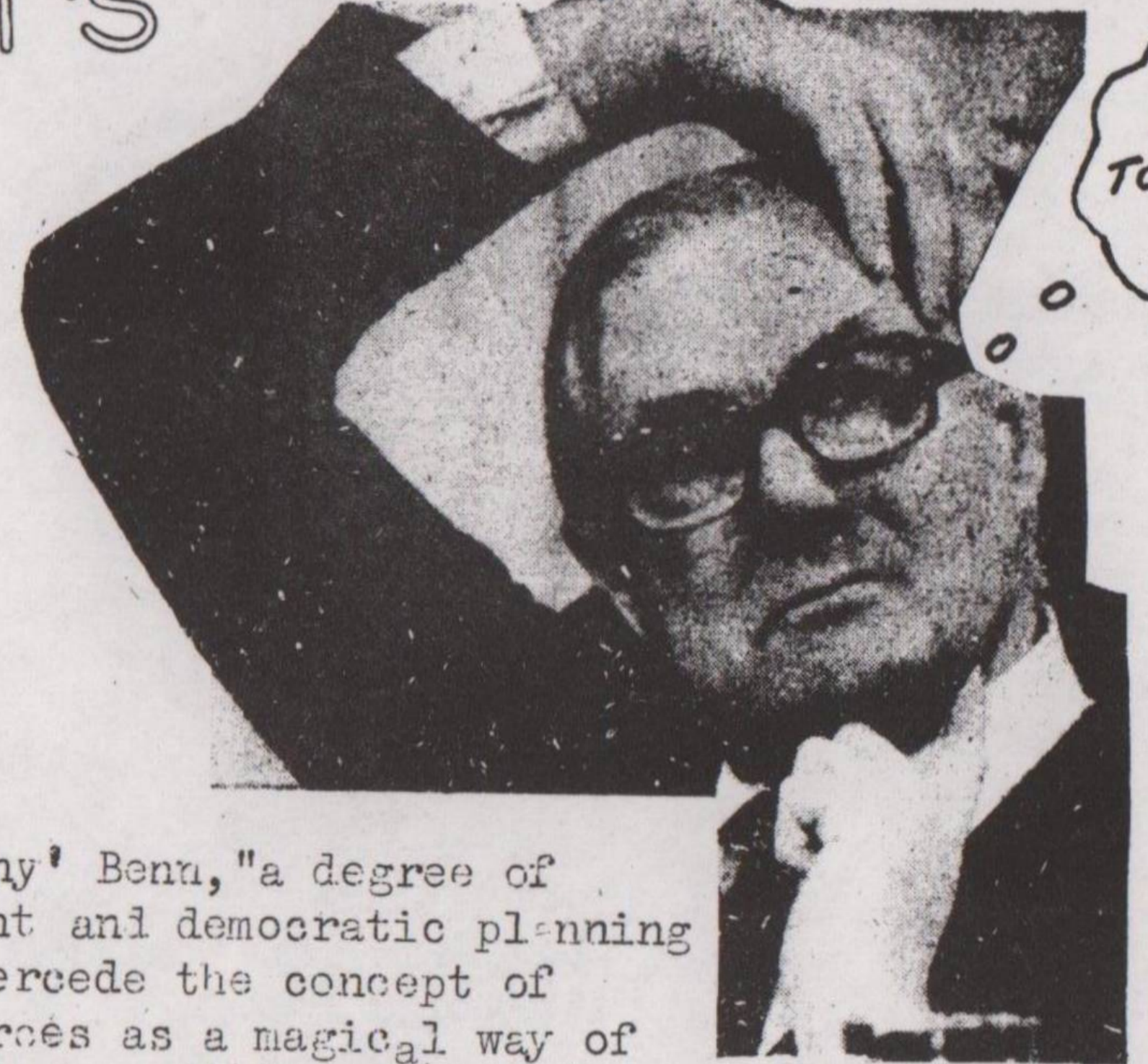
- \* It certainly wasn't because delegates suddenly noticed that:
- \* it was a Labour government that introduced the Prevention of Terrorism Act.This allows the police to hold people for 7 days without being charged.If you're Irish you can be deported without trial.This racist law has been on the statute books since 1974.It was introduced as a temporary measure.
- \* it was a Labour government that admitted in 1977 to the European Court of Human Rights,that prisoners had been tortured by its 'security forces'.They promised that it would never happen again.
- \* Amnesty International report that the torture is continuing.
- \* it was a Labour government that upheld the no-jury Diplock Courts and the attempt to portray political prisoners as 'criminals'.
- \* it was the Labour government that backed the Royal Ulster Constabulary to the hilt.

This year the Bennet Report confirmed that people arrested in the 6 counties suffered 'ill treatment in police custody'. If these had been the reasons for the conference motion we would have expected some concern from Labour Party'socialists' during the election.What happened? A wall of silence.One exception was when people tried to raise the issue of Labour's record at an election meeting in Brighton and we were shouted down or told to 'get back to Ireland'.

NO - there are other reasons for the



this great party of ours



Mmm... How TO OUTMANOUVRE THE LEFT...

For 'Tony' Benn,"a degree of intelligent and democratic planning could supercede the concept of market forces as a magical way of distributing wealth". The idea that democratic planning simply consists in carrying out the Labour Party's Manifesto, albeit decided at conference, is in fact far from being a magic spell for the redistribution of wealth. In reality it is an age old redistribution of poverty; the poverty of bourgeois thought and practice. The Labour Party believes that it is the corporate realisation of working class interests. Sadly the radical left, the 'extremists', as they are sometimes called, often envy the Labour Party in this role; indeed some comrades even go as far as to believe that once the Party becomes democratised, Socialist Manna will fall from the heavens. Do correct ideas fall from the sky? What is this democracy of the so-called extremists - a magic wand? No, it is the democracy of the ballot box. Something less magical would be hard to imagine, for

it is an idea firmly rooted in the society of the commodity; so firmly entrenched, in fact, through the colonialisation of the subconscious that many comrades often fail to recognise it for the tyranny it really is. The vote once again shows how capitalism fetishises, that is to say "makes a thing about" every relation it comes into contact with, even democracy.

Those who talk about widening 'party democracy' are merely talking about widening the base of our own miserable, alienated, and dead social relations. A thousand times no to such poverty! We do not intend to watch passively as our lives fall apart; our social relations, our selves. Democracy exists on the level of everyday life or not at all. Autonomy and Democracy mean the

abolition of the vote, especially the block vote. All power to the local branches of the party.

## REFORM - CHLOROFORM!

LABOUR'S IRISH JIG (CONT)

a war it can't win.

+ The growth of the solidarity movement in this country.The August TROOPS OUT demo. (see BV 60) was supported by 10,000 people. It is slowly dawning on the Labour Party that Ireland can't be swept under the carpet.Perhaps there is a growing awareness that you can't be a socialist and support a party that puts the interests of British Imperialism before the interests of the working class of another country. Maybe there should be a motion to tack on the initials P.L.E. to the 'Labour Party'. PATRIOTIC LITTLE ENGLANDERS!

sudden concern:  
+ worldwide opinion,particularly in the USA ,is putting the heat on.It's not so easy to preserve the silence on Ireland.  
+ Labours policy of criminalising the resistance movement has failed due to the protesters 'on the blanket' in Britains concentration camps.  
+ the BArmy has admitted (see Voice 57) that it cannot defeat the resistance movement.The events of August have confirmed the fact that the British State is fighting

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# DON'T GET CUT UP!

## PLAN FOR ACTION

The Executive Council of the National Union of Public Employees has called upon its Branches to mobilise the Union's 700,000 members for a major campaign of resistance against the Government's cuts in public expenditure.

In a leaflet distributed to Union members, the NUPE Executive tells them to resist cuts by refusing to do extra work or accept changes in work arrangements; to work to rule and refuse to cooperate with employers; to refuse to work with private contractors; and to hold meetings, demonstrations and strikes "at times when it will hurt employers most."

The leaflet gives practical examples of how these tactics can be applied in schools, town halls and hospitals.

All of the Union's negotiators have been told to operate a policy based on: no redundancies; no reduction in earnings; no increase in workloads; no increase in the use of private contract labour.

Mr Bernard Dix, NUPE Assistant General Secretary, said: "We have decided to embark on a campaign of total opposition to the Government's spending cuts. In every hospital and every local council our members will fight every inch of the way to defend their jobs and pay packets and to stop the public services being cut to shreds by the political vandals in Government."

## WHAT THE CUTS MEAN

On 21st September, even a member of that Government echoed Bernard Dix's sentiments. Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary for Social Services, no less, is reported to have told the Assistant Secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, that cuts being considered for his department by the Cabinet could only be implemented by a government which had taken leave of its senses.

But Jenkin will not reveal to the unions whose members will be affected just which options are being examined. An article in the Guardian recently (22.9) revealed that Mr Jenkin has said the public could not be told of the possible cuts being considered because people would be too alarmed by them.

NUPE have inevitably come to occupy an important position in the vanguard of a broad-based movement to resist this mindless attack on public services and council provisions.

Their leaflet, distributed to all Union members, explains that the Government has cut public spending by £2,500 million for the period up to April 1980. Further cuts, of around £4,000 million, are in the pipeline for the twelve months after that date.

These cuts will bite deep into the jobs and earnings of workers in many industries and services throughout Britain. It is for this reason the TUC - which represents nearly 12 million working men and women - is mounting a massive campaign against the cuts.

NUPE members, who work in the public services which will be most severely affected by the cuts, will play a full part in the TUC campaign.

The leaflet goes on to give a 'Plan for Action' for every workplace where NUPE members are employed. This plan rests on four main principles:

- \* No redundancies
- \* No reduction in earnings
- \* No increase in workloads
- \* No increase in private contract labour

All Union representatives - from Stewards to National Officers - will stand on these principles in any negotiations with employers. But to strengthen their position they must have the firm support of all members at the workplace.

When faced with cuts, the Executive Council has given the following advice to members:

- \* Refuse to do extra work or accept changes in working arrangements where employers are trying to make cuts.
- \* Work to rule and refuse to cooperate with employers who are making cuts.
- \* Rearrange work schedules - without discussion with employers - to offset the effects of cuts.
- \* Refuse to work with private contractors.
- \* Hold meetings, demonstrations or token strikes at times when it will hurt the employers most.

NUPE's essential role in the campaign against the cuts should remind us all that we must fight together to preserve - and extend - the welfare state which the Tories are intent on destroying.

POSTCARD FROM IRELAND.

Dear Brighton Voice,

Our arrival here in the 26 counties of Ireland coincided with a political rumpus - filling the letter pages of the National Dailies, and fuelling bar room arguments for over a fortnight, and has resulted in an early conference of the Fianna Fail party (which is in government).

A government T.D. (=M.P.), Ms Sile DeValera, made a contraversial graveside speech to commemorate a hero of the Civil War, reasserting Fianna Fail's policy of commitment to a united Ireland. Her speech was firmly in the republican tradition, both in eloquence, and by its content. Quoting Wolfe Tone, Pearse and her own grandfather - Eamon DeValera, who, she claimed, formed the party precisely for the purpose of uniting Ireland. Thus throwing down the gauntlet to the Prime Minister Jack Lynch, she warned of the limitations of current political processes which would lead young people of Ireland to seek "violent methods" in achieving their aims. She also denounced previous and present British "solutions", claiming that there was no solution whilst the border remains. Following hard on the heels of debate, comments and criticism of the Irish situation in the U.S.A., where it is likely to become an issue in the presidential election, and at a time when Lynch was discussing the 6 counties with the British Government, Ms DeValera, has at last opened up a thorny issue, which the Southern Government has ignored as often as possible. No wonder Lynch regretted the tone and content of her speech, and she has been vilified as a disgrace to "Irish womanhood", by a female member of the opposition (Fine Gael). It seems that not even the forthcoming Papal Visit can paper over this crack in the edifice of the Southern Irish Government.

Love from a holidaymaker.

Love from a holidaymaker.

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TO ALL READERS PLEASE TELL US OF THE EFFECTS THE CUTS WILL HAVE ON YOU AT HOME OR AT WORK

# WHAT IS THE IMG?

We have been asked to contribute to the Voices 'political groups' page. What is the International Marxist Group? The answer is best explained by what we are involved in at the moment, and why we see these things as important.

Firstly, we believe that Thatcher's is an authentically reactionary government pledged not to tinker with our limited rights and freedoms but to removing many of the postwar gains of the workers and the oppressed. This government has to be kicked out. This can only be done by uniting all the people who are ripped off in this society, in action against them. It can only be done effectively by fighting for socialist policies as an alternative to the crisis of capitalism and the 'national interest'. The maximum unity of those under attack (that's the vast majority of us) is necessary to achieve this; equally necessary is the removal of some of the obstacles in our way, like Callaghan and his supporters in the Labour Party, and the existing leaders of the TUC.

The point is that defense of living standards, defense of the unions, fighting unemployment and for Womens Liberation and Gay rights, fighting against British Imperialism in Ireland and Zimbabwe and racism in our society are only going to be successful in the context of a struggle for socialism. Socialists have to present a credible, realisable alternative, not only to Thatcher, but also to Social Democratic/Labour Party mythology.



Now, socialism may be pretty far off in this country, but if we don't fight now, ask yourselves, what do we do instead? Well, we all know that socialism cannot be established by decree, so what we have to do is think of ways in which our defensive struggles of today will project a better tomorrow. This can only be done through socialist policies such as the fight for a minimum wage, for a thirty five hour week, for wage agreements to contain clauses which guarantee that wages go up automatically against price increases, for troops out of Ireland. To win such policies, occupations and strikes to prevent factory closures and cuts in social services, education, etc, and mass action to defend basic rights are the order of the day.

Right now in Brighton, this assessment informs what the IMG sees as the most important things to be doing as socialists. First of all the campaign against the Corrie Bill. To us abortion is not a moral issue, it is first and foremost a women's issue and also it is a class issue. Wealthy women will not have, have never had, too much trouble obtaining abortions. Corrie's bill ensures that it is much harder than it is already for all women to control their own bodies and it makes it doubly hard for working class women. This is no accident, attacking and taking away even the limited rights won in the 1967 abortion act, and it ties in with the Thatcher gov's policy of attacking all our basic rights. It's important we realise this double connection so we fight doubly hard to defeat the Corrie bill and keep women away from the backstreet abortionists. It can be done - but very obviously in this case only by massive opposition outside parliament. Join the campaign and picket the labour party conference here in Brighton on Wednesday 3rd Oct. and help get as many people as possible to the demo in London on the 28th, called historically by the TUC. All B.V.'s readers should be there.

Joining the Trades Council's Cuts Ctee in fighting the cuts is of course equally important. Coverage in B.V. makes it unnecessary to give details of the cuts in the Brighton area. It's enough to say that they are literally going to kill some people and make all of us suffer to some extent. We would argue that only by linking up with other committees in the southeast and eventually nationally can we be successful. To win outright will be impossible unless the 'cash limits' arguments are exposed for what they are. Let's have a look at the books of the major financial institutions and see if there really isn't enough money to go round. Nationalisation of the banks and insurance companies

is the only guarantee that working people have of a fair share in the wealth which they produce.

The fight for socialism has to be waged internationally, that's why the IMG is not only a revolutionary socialist organisation in this country but is a section of the Trotskyist Fourth International with organisations in over 60 countries. Also we believe that the differences currently dividing various extreme left organisations in this country from one another could easily be contained in a single new internally democratic revolutionary organisation, and we are fighting to convince the others of this principle. That's another article...

Of course there are loads of other things to be active about in Brighton. UJOM, unemployment, against nuclear power, against the Tories' racist Nationalities Bill - all are vital things to be doing, but rather than present a shopping bill of campaigns, we wanted to provide a context to explain what we will be most involved in in the coming months, thinking that this would probably be a more effective way of answering the question 'what is the IMG?'

MEMBERS OF THE IMG AND READERS OF THE PAPER SOCIALIST CHALLENGE MEET FORTNIGHTLY ON MONDAYS. OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON ZIMBABWE ON MONDAY 8th OCTOBER. PHONE NICK ON 605052 OR NEIL ON 27528 FOR DETAILS OF TIME AND PLACE.

SEND US YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE VOICES "PARTY" Page: Policies Events Programmes...



## GROUPS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (BTN & HOVE GROUP) Tel. Colin or Mary 400832  
ANOREXIC AID: Penny 775084, Jane 734862, Rosemary 507912 Meetings fortnightly.  
BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION: B'tn & Lewes Division of Sussex Beekeepers. Lyn Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven 4522  
BRIGHTON HOSTEL: 18 Dorset Gdns Soup run bottom West St. 10-11pm daily. Help needed 682089  
BRIGHTON SOCIETY: Environmental group. S. Montford, 10 Claremont Road.  
CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: 28633  
COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP: Dance drama, mime, music. St. Anne's Hall, St. Georges Rd. Kemp Town. 697493 for dtls.  
COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING: Contact, Ms Lesley Turpin 4 Cedar Cl. Lancing 62661  
CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS: K. Smith, 10 Warleigh Rd.  
FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (BTN): 72, Swanborough Place.  
FRIENDS CENTRE: Meeting place with Further Education classes. 16, Ship St. 27835  
FRIENDS OF EARTH: Kate Dessau B'tn 31083. Fortnightly meetings, Marlborough Hotel 8pm. Non-Members welcome.  
FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER: Yoga, lectures etc. Beginners meditation Mon. 7. 7.15 15 Park Crescent Cl. or phone 693971  
GINGERBREAD: Selfhelp pressure group for one parent families Basement 6 Marlborough Pl. Mon-Thurs 9-11 or phone 697208 or 688661  
HUNT SABOTEURS AND ANIMAL ACTIVISTS: Trevor Scott, Fl. 5, 4 Powis Sq. B'r. 202276  
LINK UP: Sussex University Community Action. 680380  
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES: c/o Advice  
PROJECT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND: Hove 737357, 738712 or 411565.  
PARENTS HELP LINE: 688633  
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.  
RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN: 19, Elm Grove. 687848  
SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (SERA) Socialist solutions for a just and sustainable society. c/o Resource Centre.  
SOCIETY FOR ANGLO-CHINESE UNDERSTANDING: D. Furoi, 12, Berkeley Row, Lewes 2414.  
SUSSEX COUNTY SKATEBOARD ASSOC. 737357 (am)  
TRADES UNION COUNCIL: Coordinating group of local trade unions affiliated to the TUC. Ann Jones, 70 Hartingdon Rd. 601559.  
LABOUR HISTORY PROJECT & LABOUR HISTORY PRESS: as above.  
TRADES & LABOUR CLUB: Meeting place for trade unionists. 16 Lewes Rd. 601101  
TRANSPORT 2000: Meetings 2nd Tues. of month, B'tn Station 7pm.  
UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION: Nancy Dore, 157 Surrenden Rd. 501370.  
WOOF: send s.a.e. for info. to 19 Bradford Rd, Lewes.  
WORKERS MUSIC ASSOCIATION: Basement, 28 Livingstone Rd, Hove.  
WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Brighton 680654.

## WOMEN

LESBIAN GROUP: Jill, 696298  
WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Cres., Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm, fourth Wednesday each month. Unitarian Hall, New Road.  
WOMEN AGAINST FASCISM AND RACISM: c/o Resource Centre.  
WOMENS AID: Refuge for battered women, 506325  
WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP: contact Women's Centre.  
WOMEN'S CENTRE: at back of Resource Centre. Opn: Tue, We, Thur, Sat; 11-2 & Tue, We: 6:30 - 8pm. Pregnancy tests, rights, etc. 605911.  
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM: 684604 and Lewes 4161.  
WOMEN'S LIBERATION: Meet Resource Centre every third Monday. For info. 605911.  
WOMEN'S VOICE GROUP: based on Women's Voice paper. Sue 212 Sue 21260.

## BIRTH

BIRTH CENTRE (BRIGHTON): Info & support group. Pregnancy, Birth & Early Infant Child care. Yoga in Pregnancy classes and Infant Swimming classes. Cnt. 689194/28357  
FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: 18/19 Westerr Rd 734258  
Lewes, Newhaven & University Health Centre - Btn 23344  
NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN: contact WOMEN'S CENTRE.

## GAY

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY: 202930 8-10pm daily  
GAY CHRISTIANS: Martin 680868  
GAY RURAL AID & INFO NETWORK (GRAIN): Clyde Oliver, 69 North St. Lewes.  
GAY SWITCHBOARD: Info & Advice 202930, 8-10 every night 3-10 on Sat. Post Office Box 449.  
LESBIAN GROUP: Jill 696298

## COMMUNITY ACTION

CLARENDON GARDEN ACTION GROUP Campaign to save green space in densely populated Kemp Town. Sec. Joanna Stapleton 689143.  
GEORGE STREET AREA SOCIETY: (Save George St. Campaign) Howard Allaway, 7, Steine Gdns 693763.  
HANOVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: 33 Southover St. Self-build community centre. 694873  
KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOC.: Ms. N. Marlow, 18 Bedford St.  
NORTH LAINE COMMUNITY ASS'N: Cnt. Marion Graham 680950  
QUEENS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOC.: Mike Sherred, 71 Richmond St. Mon, 2-4/Tues. 2-4, 6-8 B'tn 699376  
SQUATTERS & TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE: Advice to the homeless & those with housing problems C/O Resource Centre, North Rd.  
TWO PIERS HOUSING CO-OP: Collective ownership and control of housing for young single people. Contact Brenda, Lewes 2029, Ray 683348, or Bob 737677  
WEST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 21359.  
WEST PIER SOCIETY: John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue Gardens, 603705.

## STRIKE

## SERVICES

ALTERNATIVE EXCHANGE SERVICE: Exchange your skills, services, labour. 682955.  
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT: Resource Centre high-top transit and driver. 607141.  
MERLIN: Lewis Work Collective: Gardening, Decorating, tutoring, mechanics, etc. (over forty skills) - 5 Mount Pl. Lewes 4036 & Ringmer 812962.  
PURE JOY: Whole Foods Catering Collective. 19 Hammy Way, Shoreham-by-Sea. S'ham 62301.  
UNCLE BRIGHTON SHOW: 691713.  
WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS: Baby sitting, social events, creche, etc. Pauline Prise 565510.  
WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS: Don Pynches, 19 Bradford Rd. Lewes 6286 (no callers please)  
YOUNG UNEMPLOYED'S CLUB: Wed, 11.30-2. Institute. Queen's Sq

## PAPERS

CARF: Paper of the ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-FASCIST CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE: A campaigning paper, nationwide, from Public House Bookshop, or Flat 3, 5 Huntley St. London. Bulk orders/Donations.  
QUEENSPARK: Paper for the Queens Park area; 18 Windmill St., B'ton.  
WAYBILL: Newsletter of T&GWU, 1/402 B'ton & Hove District Busmen, from Conway Street Depot, Hove.  
WHOLE EARTH: Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action. 11 George St. 694600.

## ADVICE

AGE CONCERN: Old people's welfare. Mon-Fri 10-12.30 & 2-4pm 57 Ditchline Rd. B'ton 683275  
CANCER PREVENTION: (Area Health Authority) 23344  
CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX B'ton: 17 Ditching Rise 601664, Mon-Fri 10-4pm & Tues 6-8pm; 2 St Georges Place Mon-Fri 10-1pm & 2-4pm  
Hove: Town Hall (Tisbury Rd) 734611, Mon/Wed/Fri 10-12.30 12.15-4pm; Tue/Thu 10-4pm  
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL Advice on problems/difs. with the NHS: Btn 33824, Hove 71186  
HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE (council): 73 Grand Pde 29801, Mon-Fri 9-4.30pm  
LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE CENTRE: 179 Lewes Rd., 10.30-11.30; Quinton Barry & Dave Hill, prospective parl. candidates for Kemp Town & Pavilion  
LEGAL & WELFARE INFO DESK: Union Hall, Air St. 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 (Sussex): 689385 or c/o Public House Bookshop (see 'SHOPS')  
PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (Btn): Pregnancy testing, counselling abortions, vasectomies: Wistons, 138 Dyke Rd, 509726  
RENT TRIBUNAL: rent disputes, security of tenure etc, 137 Preston Rd, 506381  
RIGHTS CENTRE (Btn): Advice on legal problems. Central Free Church, Queens Sq. Tue 5.30-7.30; Thu 12.30-2, 5.30-7.30 Phone 202492  
SAMARITANS: For those in despair Btn 722277 (24hr); Hove 102 Clarendon Rd.

## NOW!

## SHOPS

ANANDA: 19, Bond Street. Odds & ends, Indian crafts, incense, etc.  
INFINITY: 25, North Road, 603563  
FOOD: Macrobiotic/wholefood supplies. Open 9.30 - 5.00. Closed all day Wed. \*  
BAKERY & PIE SHOP: open 9-5 except Wed., 9-5.30.  
BULK STORE: Bulk supplies, Open Tues.-Sat. 9.30 - 1 & 2 - 5.  
KEMP 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 and courses. See whats on  
PULSE: Sussex Univ. wholefood cafe. SCR Falmer House Feminist collective. Mon.-Fri. 12 - 2  
SAXONS VEGEARIAN RESTAURANT: 48, George Street Btn. 680733 Mon-Sat. 11.30 - 5 also Fri & Sat. 7.15 - 11. Bring own wine.  
SOLSTICE BOOKSHOP: 28 Trafalgar St. alternative books and mags, basement reading room, Tel.: 692880  
SIMPLE SUPPLIES: Wholefood, recycling, publications etc. environmental centre. 11, George St. Btn. 694600, Mon-Sat. 9.30-5.30. Closed Thurs.  
SUNRISE RESTAURANT: 16, North Road, wholefood, vegetarian. Run by the friends of the western Buddhist Order. Mon-Tues. 12-5, Fri & Sat. 12-7 & 10 pm.  
THREE ROOMS CAFE: 14, Blatchingington Rd. Hove, vegetarian. Mon-Sat. 10 - 3, 779933  
WINDHORSE BOOKSHOP: 19 George St. Btn. Buddhism, books, Indian clothes, gifts, candle incense, cards. 10-5, daily.  
WORKERS BOOKSHOP (BTN): Marxist-Leninist classics & working class history. 37, Glouc. Rd. Tel: 684404 Sat. only, 9 - 5.

## POLITICS

ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE: c/o 179 Lewes Rd, B'ton.  
ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE: c/o Resource Centre.  
BIG FLAME: 68 Compton Rd, or phone B'ton 721283, for details of meetings, etc..  
BRIGHTON ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP: Nick at 18 Bloomsbury Place, Kemp Town, or Tab 607998.  
COMMUNIST PARTY G.B.: Contact Sec. P. Goffin, 95a St. George George's St.  
COMMUNIST PARTY G.B.: contact Sec. P. Goffin, 95a Saint George's Rd. (687336) meet-1st. Wed. of month at the Stanford Arms, 7.45. Phone for details.  
COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (ML): 37 Glouc. Rd. - 684404.  
COOPERATIVE PARTY, B'ton: 86 London Rd. 683076. Hove: J. Cattell, 29 Foredon Drive, Portslade.  
ECOLOGY PARTY: B'ton Branch. Sec. Val Collett, 680750. Meet fortnightly at the Marlborough Hotel. Tue. 8pm.  
FABLANSOCIETY: G. Forbes, 66 Meadow Way, Burgess Hill, Tel. 963-43723.  
INDEPENDENT LABOUR PUBLICATIONS (ILP) (BRIGHTON BRANCH) Socialist Discussion Groups, production of pamphlets, etc. For details contact Gary Ken Brigden St, B'tn 558070.

## ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

ACUPUNCTURIST: Peter Deadman B.Ac. B'tn & Lewes; Lewes 77996  
ACUPUNCTURIST: J.P. Scott. See next entry.  
ALEXANDRA TECHNIQUE: S.J. Scott 33, Surrenden Crescent. B'tn 559379. Appointment only  
CLINIC OF CHINESE ACUPUNCTURE 6 Old Steine, Tel. 699716  
Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. From  
HOMEOPATH: Robert Withers, B'tn 699212, Appointment only  
79, Mill Street, Falmer.  
MASSAGE: Introductory courses & SHIATSU: Contact Public House Bookshop, 28357 (No wankers, please)  
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# TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN

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THE CUTS

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## Militant Nalgo On Campus

### FIGHT AGAINST CUT IN REAL WAGES

NALGO WORKERS AT THE UNIVERSITY have finally had enough of low wages and are taking industrial action. Secretaries, clerks, typists, telephone operators, library assistants, nurses, domestic bursars, nursery and creche workers make up the NALGO branch at the university of Sussex as at other universities, and for years they have been providing many of the essential services on which the university depends at very low cost to the management. Now they want a fair wage and the management won't listen. Their employers won't even go to arbitration - they are afraid that the NALGO workers would be awarded everything they are asking for.

So, reluctantly say NALGO, the workers are hitting the university where it hurts most - in the pocket. They are blacking all work to do with the registration of students, and that means that the university will be unable

will be unable to lay their hands on the hundreds of thousands of pounds which come by way of fees when the students are registered at the beginning of each year. Without this money the university is virtually penniless, and so too is the Students' Union which takes a sum from each student at registration to pay for its activities.

What are NALGO asking for? They reckon that according to the tables of the last government they are classed as low paid workers, since 90% of them earn less than £70 gross for a full working week. The management are offering a paltry 9% extra when inflation is currently running at 15.6% - in other words they are being offered a cut in real wages. NALGO therefore are demanding a 24% increase which they quite reasonably point out is in line with other clerical workers elsewhere. (NHS clerical workers got 19-39% and civil service clerical staff up to 34%).

Why are the employers forcing a confrontation? Well, as usual they estimate that clerical workers are not a very strong union body and will soon back down. After all 90% of these workers are women, and according to the view of a male-dominated society should be grateful to the university for being able to come along and earn a little pocket money to supplement the male's wage-packet. And then there are all the informal social pressures which the university can bring to bear. Most of the NALGO workers are in small offices, working for the university teachers or university administrators. The employers believe that once the university is back, the NALGO workers will individually be too embarrassed to refuse work for their immediate bosses, and all talk of militant action will collapse.

But this time NALGO means business, and they already have the support of the university teachers' union who are backing the pay claim. Doubtless NUPE, ASTMS and the Students will do the same even if they have reservations, like the teachers, about the action which NALGO have decided on. So there's a pretty strong union line-up out on the campus.

ONE WORD OF CAUTION, THOUGH. A solid union line-up at the university is not always what it should be. The AUT (the teachers' union) doesn't like giving instructions to its members - it only gives advice. Individual members can act totally at odds with the union's policy and get away with it. ASTMS, the union to which most of the technicians belong, is not much tougher, and the NUS, the students' union very rarely carries all the students with it. So when it comes to the actual working situation the employers can count on a lot of individual black-leg activity, and already this is happening.

Finally, there is a wider point at issue in the NALGO action. Universities are more than just collections of students, teachers and administrators and should not exist just for the benefit of these

three privileged groups. If the NALGO action can strike a real blow for the university as a resource centre for the whole community, in which all the workers, whether teachers, porters, secretaries or gardeners are equally valued, then they will have won an historic victory - as well as 24%.

### TAX CUTS?

In the Inland Revenue, the same philosophy of cutback pervades. The rating revaluation has been cancelled, leading to a loss of 1,400 jobs and continued inequities for rate payers. In Taxes the massive cuts in higher rate tax levels has meant fortunes for the most highly paid and again a job loss of some 1500 staff.

For the whole revenue the ban on recruitment, imposed in May, has led to enormous problems in the provision of a proper service to the public, and in tackling the problems of the 'black economy', which alone is reckoned to be losing £3,000 m p.a. in revenue - more than the totality of cuts being proposed for the public sector as a whole.



"THE BLACK ECONOMY"

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# EDUCATION IN DANGER

## Fight Back!

Education for all, from the cradle to the grave, is a fundamental ideal of the Labour Movement. The education system as it developed after the war was slowly moving towards this dream. Now the dream is over - the nightmare has begun.

Tory cuts are carving deep wounds in the national and local education service - it will take years to repair the damage and in the meantime all children, except of course those with rich parents, will suffer.

The recent cuts come on top of six years of vicious attacks. The last Labour government must take a major responsibility for allowing Education to be sacrificed to the requirements of international capitalism in the shape of the I.M.F. as these figures show:

December 1973 - £182 mill. cut.

November 1974 - £60 mill. cut.

April 1975 - £76 mill. cut.

February 1976 - £1030 mill. cut from planned spending for the years 1976-9.

July 1976 - £115 mill. cut from 1976-8 spending.

Between 1977 and 1979, Local Authorities underspent by £176.6 mill. on planned spending.

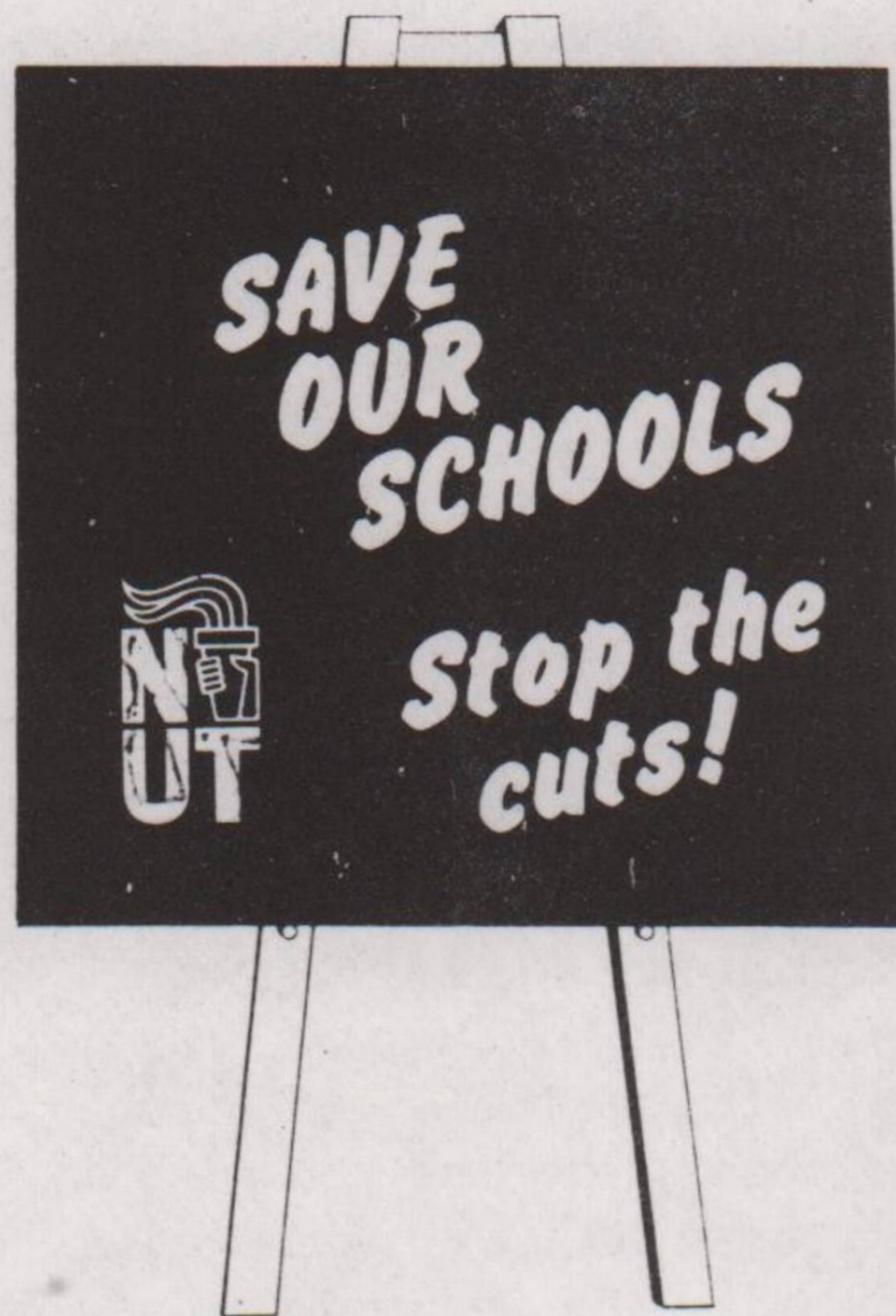
The Tory Government proposes to cut £55 mill. of central govt. spending, £300 mill. off the rate support grant to local authorities and 3% off man-power costs for education.

These cuts mean that your children suffer. Class sizes are too large. Children are being taught subjects by non-specialist staff. Spending on books and paper is severely restricted. Children with special difficulties, often from the poorer families, do not get the help they need. School buildings are not maintained properly. The cuts also mean that local communities suffer with restrictions on the use of school buildings, increased charges and even the closure of some facilities.

The cuts are not over, the East Sussex County Council are at the moment discussing the following proposed cuts, to reduce the 1980/81 budget by £2.5 mill.

1. Cutting £139,000 from the allowance for inflation in the price of school supplies.  
**Result:** At least a 15% reduction in provision of teaching materials.
2. Cutting £150,000 budgetted for additional staff.  
**Result:** 81 lost jobs - reduction in standards.
3. Saving £140,000 by increasing Adult Education fees again.  
**Result:** Fewer but more expensive evening classes.

4. Cutting Health and Safety Expenditure from £50,000 to £25,000.  
**Result:** Less Health and Safety in Schools!
5. Saving £80,000 by either reducing places at FE colleges or charging higher fees.  
**Result:** Greater difficulties for FE students.
6. Cutting £136,000 from budget for instrumental music teachers.  
**Result:** It may cost £20.00 a term for lessons - can you afford it?



This is not a complete list - they are proposed, not yet actual. The government has indicated, however, that the cost of the teachers pay award will come out of existing budgets, more cuts may be needed to balance the Tory books.

Of course some schools really can't be cut - the Tories are proposing a £62 mill. boost to private schools by buying places for children to attend them!

### How Can You Fight These Cuts?

1. Don't accept second best for yourself or your children - they only get one chance to go to school. Don't blame the teachers - blame the Tories. Write or phone the Headmaster of school to complain if you are not satisfied, if nothing is done, write or phone the Chief Education Officer

Mr. A. Carter,  
County Hall,  
St. Anne's Crescent,  
Lewes.

2. Write or phone your councillor and give him the details.
3. Support the Trades Council Cuts Committee; send information, get your organisation to affiliate, send a donation.
4. Ask a teacher to speak to a meeting of your organisation.
5. Join the demonstration against the cuts at County Hall on December 18th. More details later.

Jon Mager (NUT).

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