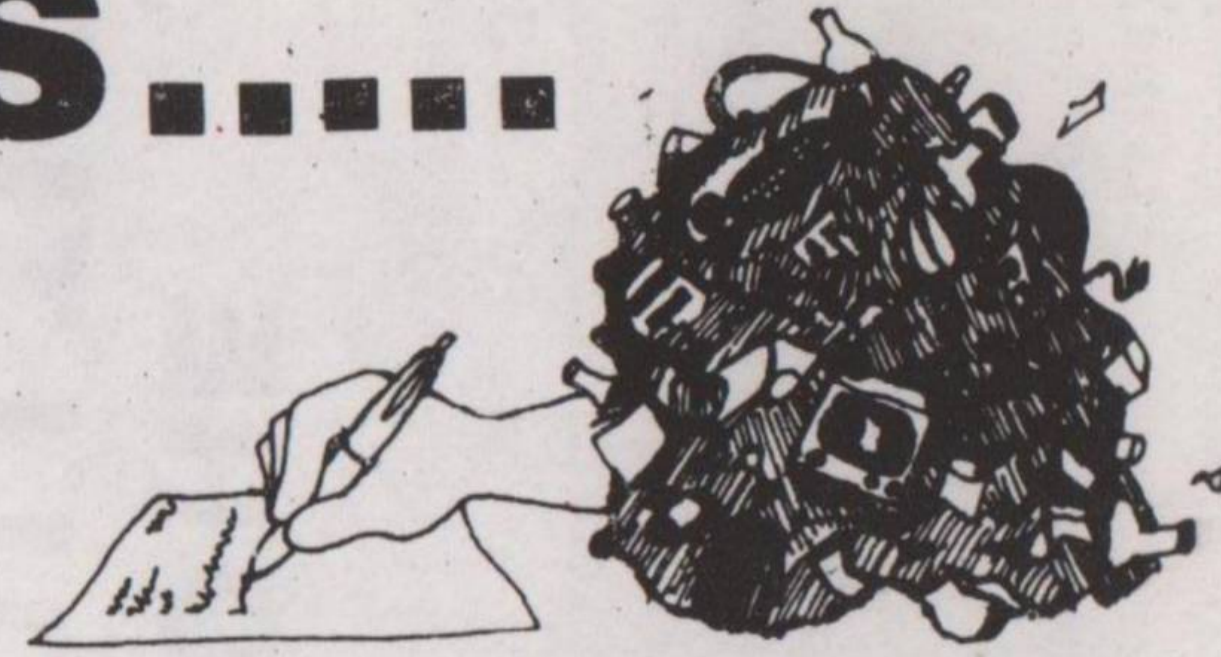


undercurrents.....

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death on the cheap



nausea

We have already reported on the catalogue of locked fire doors, etc. that helped cause the deaths of ten people in the Manchester Woolworths fire - now the first court case arising from it has been completed. The company was found guilty of keeping an emergency exit chained and padlocked; the result, a fine of £100. Not exactly punitive.

All devotees of Hammer films will have enjoyed the Tory Conference, with its usual parade of antedeluvian ghastlies, but it was particularly heartening (or something) to see two local horrors in starring roles. Creaking, red-faced Julian Amery appeared on loan from the nineteenth century to give his stock rant on the terrors of international communism and majority rule in Rhodesia, but even more revolting was Julia Cumberlege, 'Chairman' of East Sussex Social Services Committee, telling us how bad she felt about all these cuts.

At the same time, she managed to say how vital they were and blame them on the trade unions. Speaking 'from the heart' (gurgle, gurgle) she told the spellbound ratepayers that 'we are determined to help old folk stay in their homes, but they need support. They want independence and dignity, but most of all they need love.'

Strangely enough, she failed to mention the planned cut in the Home Help service - 20% in the Brighton area next year; similar plans have been made for the rest of the county. Perhaps they were included in the bit about 'the promotion of a vigorous, caring society.'

panic, horror, grope...

The Nottingham production of the socialist musical 'Bitter Apples' (recently at the Gardner Centre) was hacked about somewhat after the Lady Mayoress walked out of its first night in protest at a nude scene.

She commented later that 'the characters in the play were louts and layabouts - the sort of people who have to be moved from the steps of the council headquarters when the Lord Mayor arrives'. Nottingham is Tory controlled.

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to our two most recent subscribers - a fully paid-up Tory voter of impeccable lineage who wants to know what the enemy's up to, and a liberal copper who wants to see himself as others see him.

Sealink covers the flaw

The much-vaunted (and expensively advertised) Seajet service from the Marina to Dieppe has turned out to be slightly less jet-propelled than they would have us believe.

One of the two hydrofoils was only designed for smooth lakes and doesn't like the Channel much - it has to be taken out of service as soon as the sea gets up a bit. As a result, British Rail Sealink ferries are carrying quite a few passengers who don't believe 'a ship will fly'.

Despite this welcome addition to the profits of a nationalised industry, Sealink are considering ending their agreement with Seajet, as there have been difficulties in getting them to come up with any money within a reasonable length of time: while British Rail expects payment in seven days, Jetlink Ferries Ltd., the hydrofoil operators, have been keeping them waiting for up to two months. This of course means a good few bob saved via the current high interest rates, and with winter on the way it'll be even more.

Now that Sealink seems rather less inclined to bail out the opposition, we can look forward to the suspension or scrapping of the whole Seajet operation some time next year.

This month's rip-off



Albion

one or two unexpectedly good individual performances, they are on the whole lethargic and uninspired, and sulky Pete had better get his finger out a bit more often, or he'll be back to Burton on a free transfer, not cavorting with Borussia Moenchengladbach.

It's about time Bamber came up with a quid or two - after all, he has got a million or so salted away - to buy a bit of backbone before it's too late. If the Albion go down at the end of the season, they might not stop till they reach the bottom: remember Northampton, Carlisle, Orient, etc., etc.

persquibious



The horrendous tale of dear-departed Eric Steele and Gary Williams attacking each other instead of the opposition lit up Hove like a scggy firework (geddit?) last month. Thousands muttered unrepeatable epithets into their cuppa as they sank even more lifelessly into their armchairs to wait the onset of Dr. Who.

It seems that a summer filled with speculation over super stadiums has somewhat diverted attention from the pretty obvious shortcomings of the team who are, at best, a solid second division outfit, often from the neck up. Although there have been

DEATH AND DEPRIVATION!



DID YOU KNOW... Hastings has worst infant death rate in country

On September 27th, Councillor George Burton, Chairman of East Sussex Education Committee, successfully led that a disturbing report on the extent of poverty and deprivation in Brighton and other parts of the county, should remain secret, in case it was 'misconstrued' by the public.

BRIGHTON VOICE has obtained a copy of this report, which was prepared by the research section of the Social Services Dept., in connection with an application for Urban Aid, and we summarize the conclusions in this issue. The people of Brighton can now judge for themselves and see whether it is possible to 'misconstrue' the appalling evidence of Tory neglect.

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TONY BENN

GIVES US HIS VISION OF THE FUTURE



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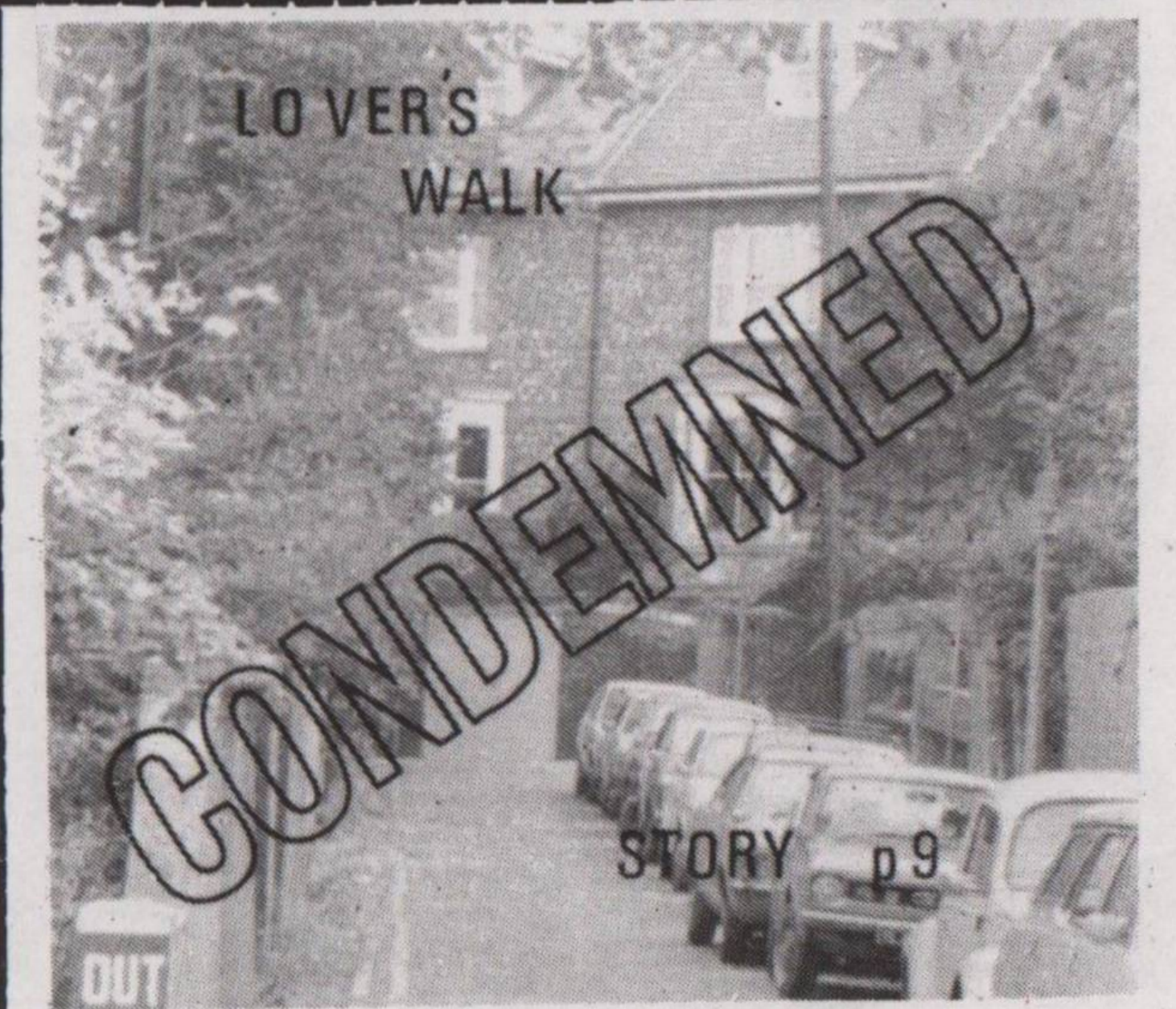
INTERVIEW

DOLE THREAT TO ITT WORKERS

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The news that ITT Consumer Products at Hastings will stop production by the middle of next year, with a loss of 550 jobs in phased redundancies, raises questions about the future of ITT Creed on the Holingbury estate. The Hastings factory, which made televisions, had been working

well below capacity, whilst the industry suffers from overcapacity and the effect of Japanese TV's flooding the market. ITT's selling prices had become unrealistic. The workforce at Hastings used to top 1,000 and has gradually fallen. The unions were left negotiating the best redundancy settlements they could.



GROUPS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (BITN & HOVE GROUP) Tel. ColIn or Mary 400832
 ANOREXIC AID: Penny 775084, Jane 734862, Rosemary 507912 Meetings fortnightly.
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 BRIGHTON HOSTEL: 18 Dorset Gdns Soup run bottom West St. 10-11pm daily. Help needed 682089
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 COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING: Contact, Ms Lesley Turpin 4 Cedar Cl. Lancing 62661
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 FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (BTN): 72, Swanborough Place.
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 GINGERBREAD: Selfhelp pressure group for one parent families Basement 6 Marlborough Pl.

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 WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Cres., Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm, fourth Wednesday each month.
 Unitarian Hall, New Road.
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 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 CENTRE (BRIGHTON): Info & support group. Pregnancy, Birth & Early Infant Child care. Yoga in Pregnancy classes and Infant Swimming classes. Cnct. 689194 / 28357
 FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: 18/19 Western Rd 734258
 Lewes, Newhaven & University Health Centre - B'tn 23344
 NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN: contact WOMEN'S CENTRE.

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 SAXONS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT: 48, George Street B'tn. 680733 Mon-Sat. 11.30 - 5 also Fri & Sat. 7.15 - 11.
 Bring own wine.
 SOLISTICE 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.
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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 this page. If your group is still going, but has moved, let us know c/o Public House Bookshop, 21 Little Preston St.

Wages/Jobs

On the economic front both employment (March '78) and wages compare badly with the rest of the country. In general there is significantly less unemployment in the South East than elsewhere, BUT THE BRIGHTON RATE HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

Figures show that of 30 towns surveyed, Brighton ranks 15th, level with Doncaster and worse than Bradford, Blackburn, Barnsley, etc. etc. Earnings comparisons with the national average are shown below.

YEAR	AVE. E. SUSSEX MALE MANUAL	NO. OF AREAS WORSE	AVE. E. SUSSEX ALL MALE WKRS	NO. OF AREAS WORSE
1974	89.4%	2	92.2%	9
1975	87.4%	4	89.0%	9
1976	87.4%	4	90.1%	8
1977	86.3%	2	88.9%	5

Earnings Comparisons: E. Sussex.

School Meals

One of the most disturbing statistics concerns the take-up of free school meals which, the report states, 'is considered as one of the most significant single indicators of deprivation'

Brighton ranks 3rd out of 28 authorities for which data is available, equal with Liverpool and worse than large parts of the North East, Yorkshire, the Black Country and London.

Housing

Basic housing amenities include exclusive use of one or more of the following; a fixed bath/shower, wash basin, kitchen sink, inside W.C., hot and cold running water supply. In the league table of towns with households lacking these Brighton ranks twenty-fifth out of 43, equal with St. Helens. Towns with better records include Birmingham, Wigan, Gateshead and Sunderland -- bywords for deprivation.

Children

Given the above details, it is not surprising that children also suffer a worse fate here than elsewhere Brighton has the eleventh highest number of children in care, relative to the child population of any town in the country - considerably

POVERTY IN BRIGHTON

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The Secret Report

The report was prepared late in 1978 and relies largely on information already published in various places. What makes it so significant, however, is the collection and collating of the statistics which together reveal quite clearly the deprivation that the Tories want to keep quiet. The introduction states baldly that, 'East Sussex has 4 towns - Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings and Hove - that are consistently grouped with towns such as Birmingham, Boulton, Bradford, Doncaster, Gateshead, Leeds, Rotherham, Salford, St. Helens, Sunderland, North and South Tyneside for incidence of 8 out of 10 of the need indicators used by the D of E in the process of designating local authorities under the Inner Urban Areas Act, 1978'

worse than most of the areas already mentioned and than at least four of the decaying inner London boroughs.

East Sussex has, in addition, been especially noted for its appalling record of death and of children under a year old; Hastings is the worst town in Britain, while Brighton comes eighth in the death league.



Conclusion

Other statistics, dealing with overcrowding, number of single-parent families, nursery school provision, etc. tell a similarly depressing story. The report concludes that "the urban deprivation that exists in some parts of East Sussex is as severe, if not more so, as that experienced by towns and cities traditionally associated in the public mind as being deprived areas".

It is difficult to see how these facts can be misconstrued and nothing short of criminal that the Tories have tried to brush them under the carpet. They are desperately trying to push an image of Brighton as the prosperous jewel of the south, represented by the Conference centre, the Metropole, and the Marina.

Now they cannot deny the poverty and misery that their policies have created.

The truth is out, and the freedom of information has been protected-- it will be interesting to see whether action is taken against the "Voice" to deter others from following suit.

IF YOU WANT TO PHOTOCOPY THE FULL REPORT, THEN WRITE TO US AND WE'LL LEND YOU OURS.

The Student Union at Brighton Poly went into occupation over the issue of sabbatical officers on Monday 8th October. Brighton Polytechnic consists of departments at Falmer, Lewes Road and Grand Parade. Eastbourne College was added last term. As a result of this addition, the Union felt a federal structure was needed and that it would therefore require eight sabbatical officers instead of six.

WHOSE UNION IS IT?

Before the new term began, the Director said that this change was unconstitutional and no capitation fees were forwarded to the Union. In the face of this action, the Union maintained its position and the administrative offices on three different sites were occupied and Eastbourne held a half-day strike as a token of sympathy.

The High Court decision on the issue stated that the 1976 constitution was no longer binding, but that the Director should continue to withhold capitation fees until such time as there was a viable executive committee to administer the funds. Negotiations between the Union and Directorate continue over the issue of the number of sabbatical officers.

Since the *Voice* has been told by senior Brighton educationalists that the Director has little or no support within his own administration and has set out almost single-handedly to smash the Union, it seems unlikely that he will be successful in this absurd course; despite the recent eviction of the Union occupation from the administrative buildings.

In the following article the Union puts its case to the community:

The occupation at Brighton Poly is an issue which has been widely covered in the Brighton area. Unfortunately in this coverage many of the issues have become clouded and confused. Hopefully this article will serve to explain what exactly is at stake. Basically, our student union's right to make its own decisions concerning its own constitution and the distribution of its funds is being slowly taken away by the Directorate.

To suggest that the Union had this right before may seem misleading, but the Directorate saw fit to ignore the fact that the Union were practising this right

last year, when six sabbatical officers were operating. They did not bring about any court action at that time, but curiously enough, waited until the beginning of the new term when it was possible to effectively cripple us by declaring us unconstitutional, informing the bank that they were dealing with an unconstituted union, holding back our capitation fee and instigating the freezing of our funds. By then the Union

had already employed eight new sabbatical officers, who had given up their courses to be employed by the Union for the year '79-80. In taking civil action to the High Court the Director knew full well that he was putting these eight peoples' jobs at immediate risk. The Union had already accepted the eight people at UGM's which had previously been held. So what evolves is a situation where the student body has accepted the re-organisation of its own funds, but the Director wants effectively to prevent this from happening.

We must ask the inevitable question: WHOSE UNION IS IT?

The ruling of the High Court has served only to return the dispute back to the internal affair which it has always been, and rightly so. The judge made a ruling stating that four of the eight sabbaticals were in fact legal. This the College took as a victory, since it was supposed by the Director that all eight could be rendered ineffective. Well, considering that our position had been backed up by the High Court's ruling, it seemed only logical that the Director would unfreeze our funds. Oh no, says the Director. But we are nevertheless actually managing to operate financially, as our case has been brought to the attention of other SU's around the country and they are giving us loans with which to operate. So we return to the basic issue. After the merger with Eastbourne College we need to adopt a federal structure in order to operate an effective student union. To operate a federal structure, we need eight sabbaticals.

After the High Court's ruling, we went into supposed negotiations with the Director and his friend Mr Gardner. This turned out to be 'an informal chat' and very little was resolved. We

intend to continue pressing for our demands.

As a union, we are aware that with the impending cuts threatening the College we have to be strong in order to be effective in our opposition. This is necessary so that we can preserve the quality of the facilities which we offer the community as a whole. In the past, the College has been able to have a very good community action group. It has also tried to run a creche for the children of students and staff. Both these activities are threatened unless we win our demands. What we ask is the support of the community in turn. Please write voicing your support of the student body to: G Gardner, Clerk to the Poly Council, Mithras House, Lewes Road, Brighton. THANKYOU.

abortion :



Withdraw Corrie as your father should have done

BRIGHTON AGAINST CORRIE

THE CAMPAIGN IN OCTOBER

The campaign has been very active this month. Our fortnightly general meetings at the Resource Centre have been well-attended (about 50 people) and the campaign seems to be mushrooming in various directions.

- The main events have been:
- (1) leafletting and picket of the Labour Conference
 - (2) a rock against Corrie event which included workshops during the day and a gig in the evening which was also a successful fund-raising event
 - (3) a jumble sale at All Saints Hall
 - (4) organising for the national demonstration in London on Oct. 28th.

Meanwhile, we are petitioning weekly in the town (meet by the Rights Stall in Air St. at 2pm. if you want to lend a hand), talking to local groups and leafletting hospitals, schools, factories, etc. →

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The Labour party conference was leafletted daily in an attempt to gain support for our campaign from the delegates. Initially, the debate on abortion was billed for the Wednesday and we organised a picket to coincide with this. However the debate was taken off the agenda and once again the issue of abortion and women's rights was relegated to a low priority.

The aims of the national and local campaigns during the conference was to urge delegates to demand that a three-line whip be imposed on Labour M.P.s on the vote on Corrie's Bill at the third reading in February 1980. This would mean that Labour M.P.s would have to vote against the Corrie Bill in accordance with their official policy which is to support abortion as a woman's

fight for choice

fight. Without a three-line whip the pro-abortion policy of the Labour Party is meaningless.



Uh-oh I'm in trouble - BIG trouble

The turnout for the picket was quite large (about 200 people) and we managed to carry out a noisy protest against the Corrie Bill while delegates left and entered the building during lunch. We demanded a three-line whip, that the abortion issue should be raised at the conference, and that the Corrie Bill be kicked out.

Finally, in the last day of the conference, after a lot of wheeling and dealing, the abortion issue was put as the last item on the agenda. This was on the condition that we drop our demands for the three-line whip, which was the whole point of raising the issue in the first place! The debate was, therefore, a bit of a non-event with speeches against the Corrie Bill and one or two for it. Unless Labour M.P.s are prepared to commit themselves to doing something for abortion rights for



A touching little quote from Miss Joy Kinsley, Governor of Puckchurch Remand Centre: "The prison service is probably one of the last ones left that actually cares for people. You can be refused admission to a hospital, a children's home or an old people's home, but we always take whoever is sent us." "Warms your heart, doesn't it? There's always a bed and a roof waiting for you somewhere...the wonders of the welfare state."

women, debates of this kind do not actually help us in our campaign to defeat the Corrie Bill.

It is really important that we do put pressure on M.P.s for the rest of the campaign. There are a high proportion of Labour M.P.s who did not vote at the second reading of the Bill. It is up to us now to put pressure on them to vote against Corrie as well as challenging those who voted for the Bill.

What you can do:

- (1) Write to your M.P. (c/c Westminster)
- (2) Write to M.P.s on the Select Committee: Those who support the Bill are Bernard Braine, John Corrie, Jill Knight, Alexander Pollock, Tim Rathbone (Conservative) Stanley Cohen, James Dunn, James White.
- (3) Write to Labour M.P.s who didn't vote at the second reading. (As we haven't room for the 163 names, please contact us at the Resource Centre, North Road, Brighton, for this list.)

The November Campaign.

We are planning to put more pressure on local M.P.s during November. Please come to the next General Meeting at the Resource Centre on Thursday 8th November, where we will be discussing how to do this.

28th October.

Over 50,000 people marched in London against the Corrie Bill. Many Women's Groups, Unions, Trades Councils, and Socialist groups, showed their contempt for Corrie and the Anti-Abortionists in no uncertain way. But we mustn't be complacent after this event. Corrie and his followers (who include Brighton M.P. Bowden - SEE PAGE 6 FOR HIS ATTITUDE) are not yet defeated. THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR UNDERGRADUATES TO SPEND A FEW DAYS WITH THE POLICE



A date has been set at last for the trial of five Anarchists arrested for disruptive action at Sussex University last term.

The five, Shaun Fensom, Richard Flint, Nick Parker, Ifor Jones, and Helmut Osborne, were arrested for damage to University property during an exam disruption last June. The action led to a large plate glass door being smashed with a battering ram.

All five were originally to have been charged with Criminal Damage, an offence which normally carries at the most a stiff fine. The five elected to be tried at Crown Court. They subsequently learnt that the prosecution (the police) had suddenly decided to bring a different charge against them - one of Riot, a common law offence carrying a very high chance of prison sentence if found guilty.

It was made perfectly clear to the accused that if they were willing to drop their request to be tried at Crown Court, the Riot charge would also be dropped. An offer nobody could refuse.

After several preliminary hearings, and postponements, the five accused are now to be tried at Brighton Magistrates Court on November 15th.

DRUG TODD?

The image of the police patiently sifting information and gathering facts until they have a watertight case is as much a fairy story as the antics of the Sweeny. It seems that in Brighton they do not have the time or application for such soft methods. No their way is to get a small snippet of information and then bully their suspect until they get a confession.

In the case of Ann (not her real name) a middle aged woman living in Brightons bed sit land, the police had a tip off from somebody in the N.H.S. office in Lewes that she might be getting drugs under assumed names.

On the strength of one flimsy piece of evidence, the comparison of handwriting on a letter she had written to the N.H.S. several years ago with that on the prescriptions, and a similarity of name on one of the prescriptions they barged into her flat with heavy accusations and demands that she confess or it would be the worse for her. While one was verbally abusing her the other, without permission searched drawers and cupboards, insisted on seeing her pills, a few sleeping tablets, and generally turned the place upside down. They stayed about an hour and departed with the threat that they would be back.

Terrified and in a state of nervous shock she contacted her solicitor who told her to insist that they arrest her or leave her alone. The intrepid detectives returned a week later for a repeat performance, after another hour of bullying they went away again leaving her in an even worse state than before with the threat that they would get her one day.

There the story rests, we await further developments. One thing to note is the connection between the police and the N.H.S. The Health service has files on everyone and it seems that the police have free access to these files.

And now The Return of CLAIMANTS' UNION!

SELF ORGANIZATION & SELF HELP CLAIMANTS AND EX-CLAIMANTS. More details from Room 6, The Institute, Central Free Church, Queens Square, Brighton, 202492 Tuesdays 11am - 2pm.

Smashing holiday lets. pt.2

Dear Voice,

We read your article about smashing holiday lets in October Voice. It's true that many tenancy agreements are only shams to avoid the Rent Acts. There are two distinct types concerning holidays which were merged into one in your article:

First Type: Accomodation can be let for the purpose of a holiday

and the tenant would then have no rights under the Rent Acts (some people can afford six month holidays). If the landlord or agent know that you are e.g. a student, that you work here, or that this will be your only residence, obviously you are not on holiday and the agreement is a sham. If they want you out, you'd have to fight the way your article describes.

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BACKSTREET BOWDEN

Below we print the response to a letter sent to Mr Andrew Bowden MP by Mrs Ann Jones on behalf of Brighton & Hove Trades Council which represents some 22,000 members.

The letter was an appeal to Mr Bowden "to show some humanity and vote against the Corrie Bill"



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

From: ANDREW BOWDEN M.B.E. M.P.

Thank you for your letter of the 29th August, 1979.

I note the views of your Council but, I doubt very much if they represent the views of your 22,000 members. When the 1967 Abortion Act was passed it was never intended by its sponsors to allow abortion on demand. That in practice is what is happening today. Abortions are being carried out on children that would, in some cases, survive outside the womb. I regard that as cold blooded murder.

I believe there are circumstances when abortion is the lesser of two evils, for example, to save the life of the mother or if the unborn child is likely to have severe mental or physical handicaps.

I must make it very clear that I intend to support Mr. Corrie's Bill and I am totally opposed to abortion for social convenience. You have appealed to me to show some humanity but I suggest you search your conscience and remember the hundreds of thousands of unborn children killed since the 1967 Act became law.

ANDREW BOWDEN, M.B.E. M.P.
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Dennis Skinner in Peacehaven!

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FIGHTING BACK

On September 27th Brighton Council met in full session in order to continue Thatchers attacks on Britains working people. In the course of a meeting which went on for over 6 hours Brightons Tories made decisions to sell off Brightons meagre Council House stock, refused to grant £12000 to the Resource and Law centres, supported East Sussex' efforts to introduce a statutory 48 hour notice of processions law, and methodically cut thousands of pounds, and over 90 jobs, from next years council budget. In all cases they were opposed by the Labour group and Trades Unionists in the public gallery, but as with all Brighton Council meetings, the outcome had been decided well before, in cocktail lounges, and other Tory hideaways.

The only good bit of the whole meeting was Labour leader McGill's warning to the Tories; - COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE AN ACT - A THEATRE -; THE REAL FIGHT IS OUT ON THE STREET.



JUDGE, JURY + EXECUTIONERS
(alias East Sussex County Council)

MOULSCOMBE LOLLYPOP PROTEST

East Sussex Tory councillors scrapped over 40 school crossing patrols on 23 Oct to save £36,000. But at what cost? 300 kids cross Hodshrove Road, outside Moulscombe First and Middle Schools. In Sept., when the lollypop lady left her job for a better paid one, Moulscombe parents found that she was not to be replaced. Why? The Council decided that the road wasn't busy enough - it has only 50 vehicles per hour. But, say parents, parked cars, buses, traffic to and from the Alan West factory combine to make this narrow road a danger.

When the Moulscombe patrol person left there was no warning that she was not to be replaced. Angry labour councillors and parents immediately got together for action. The first week they blocked the road and asked drivers to support them by turning back. The bus companies cooperated by re-routing buses. Similar action and

On 23 October East Sussex County Councillors met in Lewes: to cut public expenditure by a further £3 million in 1980. This on top of £2.5 million worth of cuts voted in July.

Protesters planned to picket the councillors' private meeting at 11 o'clock. We gathered outside Pelham House, banners flying, only to find the councillors had entered over an hour earlier. (Crafty that. Wonder if that's a trick they got from the NF 'public' meeting at Lewes Town Hall last April?)

Moulscombe women and kids marched through Lewes and joined the picket, singing and shouting their demand for the return of their lollypop lady (see below). Yes - the council-

lors were already safe inside, but we still tried to make our anger known.

When the open council meeting began we were allowed into the "public gallery" - only room for about 30, and many protesters were turned away. The cuts were made; there was feeble opposition from Labour councillors Fitch and Hobden - the debate being reminiscent of a gentle game of ping-pong.

In the afternoon session protesters disrupted the meeting with angry shouts and promises of further opposition to cuts. We were thrown out, so made our way through the Rolls etc in the carpark, whose owners sat inside cutting public transport and much more.

CUTS VOTED ON 23 OCTOBER:

- * £1.35 million on SCHOOL MEALS + MILK
- * £250,000 on ADULT EDUCATION
- * SCHOOL TRANSPORT - parents costs will increase
- * PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- * 45 'LOLLIPOP' PATROLS SCRAPPED

Cuts that will severely hit those who really need the public services, meagre as they already are.



demonstrations followed during the second week. For the past three weeks parents have arranged their own patrol on a voluntary rota basis. But obviously this cannot be a permanent solution.

Parents made their protest outside the Council meeting on 23 October,

Despite such unambiguous opposition, the Council has now axed many more crossing patrols, thus putting lives at risk.

The Moulscombe group meets most Fridays at the 67 Centre in - they haven't given up yet!



MOULSCOMBE WOMEN OUTSIDE COUNCIL OFFICES, LEWES, 23 OCT.

CREED

Closure Threat

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE.

ITT Creed seems to be in much the same position. Its workforce numbered 3,000 in 1976; now it stands at 1,700, with a loss of 400 in this year alone. On the shop floor there seems little doubt that the factory is being run down in the same way as the Hastings plant. Even the nurse expects to be redundant in a couple of year's time. The general attitude is one of fatalism and resignation in the face of the 'facts' of the electronic age, and ITT's strange selling procedure. Apparently it sells products to the GPO in excess of demand, buys them back and then sells them again, at a profit, when they are needed. So, like the Hastings factory, ITT Creed is working below capacity.

This is due to low capital investment in equipment. Inefficient and obsolete machines - Creed's apparently have one which has been in service since 1918 - are used for small-batch production at a cost between 10 and 100 times that of mass production. The result is selling prices which are too high in the face of competition from Asian firms with cheaper labour costs and inevitably firms like ITT Consumer Products at Hastings and possibly ITT Creed at Hollingbury, close down.

TASS demands Answers

TASS members at ITT Creed started a work-to-rule and overtime ban last week, demanding to be told management plans for the future of the factory. Relations between management and the union had broken down completely because management refused to answer questions about job reorganisation and the new technology. Whilst retraining for TASS

members has been mentioned, no details have been given. But the new fully automatic teleprinters to be made at Creed need 50% less workers than the semi-automatic machines being built at the moment.

TASS wants to know if all present workers will be retrained, or if surplus workers will simply lose their jobs.

THREE QUESTIONS WHICH CANT BE IGNORED

1 REDUNDANCIES?

New Technology means job losses. Firms must come clean now so that Unions can organise against sudden cuts in the work force.

2 CLOSURES?

New Technology means concentration means internationalism. Is there a future for British subsidiaries of giant Multinationals?

3 THE FUTURE?

New Technology could mean the Liberation of the workforce. Whilst the multinationals battle for domination of the world market and the profits therefrom, workers must fight to ensure that New Technology production is for People, not profit.



At the moment, Creed's are taking on temporary machine tool operators for periods of up to six months, while permanent staff are retrained to use new technology equipment. In the mechanical assembly side of the plant, these new machines are likely to be Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machine tools. With these machines productivity is high, and one CNC lathe, for example, will replace at least 3 conventional turret or capstan lathes; leaving two operators where?

Yet CNC tools are just the start. There is now a vast range of technology available, at costs none-too-prohibitive for a firm which could afford to help finance the Chilean coup, to make the production process faster and more economical, by drastically cutting labour costs.

It would easily become possible for a designer, a machine-minder and a maintenance worker

to see a product right through from the design stage to the final manufacture. Skilled manual craftspeople would be squeezed out altogether. The introduction of new technology is as much an attack on traditional union strength and control over work processes as it is a direct move to increase profits. At the same time as they replace skilled labour with new technology at home, multinationals like ITT are quick to invest in Asian countries; where, under right-wing regimes, labour costs are low, strikes often illegal, unions scarcely exist, and wage demands are met by the military.

Douglas Stevenson, Vice-President of ITT, has said: "I would not invest in a company turning over less than 200 million dollars." ITT Creed's turnover in 1977-8 was just over £18 million, or about 40 million dollars. Whilst shop floor workers have no illusions, the AUEW Convenor at Creed's put the cuts in the workforce down to 'wastage', asserting that the introduction of new technology won't mean any redundancies, and seems confident of the firm's future with a new product on the way. If the union wants to bargain over more than the level of redundancy payments then it must be more active now, before it's too late, in the defence of its members' interests.



NEW ROAD COVER-UP



Extraordinary facts are emerging about the reasons for the controversial new scheme to route the main stream of traffic on the A 23 London road through the present Station site. East Sussex and the Borough have connived at a deceitful presentation of why this plan is being pressed forward.

It is publicly presented as a means of relieving traffic pressure on the London Road shopping area, but the real origin lies in the need to develop the Station site.

British Rail has a very lucrative set-up in the present car-parking scheme and is in no hurry to go through the hassle of developing the site for nebulous and questionable future profits. Better the bird in the hand.....

The only way the development can be so spectacularly profitable as to force their interest is by a mix of offices, warehousing and some shopping that would be very highly traffic generative. It is because the existing London Road couldn't possibly handle this new load in addition to its present traffic that the new road is being proposed.

The County Council had hoped that British Rail would pay the cost of the road as part of the 'infrastructure of development', but B.R. very firmly refused. So the Borough now say that the income from the traffic-generative uses will offset the cost of the road - a breath-taking piece of circular accounting.

What is a crying scandal is that this proposal has been talked about

for four years amongst the Officers of the Councils, but it is only recently that elected Councillors heard of it. And only in the last three months have the public heard about it. By then most of the options had been effectively closed off.

And when the public finally did hear about it they did so only in the way the Officers wished, with the back-to-front justification. The secret report reports of the Officers are quite explicit in their intention to mislead the people of Brighton as to the line of thinking behind the proposal.

The road itself may be an acceptable idea - even the Brighton Society is not opposing it in principle - but what is not acceptable is such secrecy and deceit on the part of the County Council and Borough Officers.

PLANNERS GAGGED!

Reggie Morgan, Brighton's Chief Executive, is currently winning all down the line in his bid to personally control the development of this town. He outflanked the Planning Department and Ken Fines, the Chief Planning Officer, and has now defeated them on a major issue.

At a tense meeting of the Chief Officers some time ago Morgan, with his cronies the Borough Valuer, the Estates Surveyor and Bebb, the Treasurer, ganged up to force through an agreement that all large planning applications in future will be reported on jointly by the Council's Officers. That means, under the present set-up, that the voice of the Planning Department will be drowned out completely.

This decision emerged in an innocuous-sounding memorandum recently accepted by the full Council. The significance lies in the fact that Officers' comments are crucially important in swaying the views of Councillors.

Morgan achieved this coup by raising the old chestnut that a choice of views would confuse Councillors. But one Councillor told the 'Voice' that 'without the choice of views we have no way of hearing the anti-case put. We certainly can't rely on Morgan to be balanced in his choice of points'.

What is particularly alarming in this matter is that Morgan is usurping the function of elected members. The apparent consensus reached will obscure the very real issues raised by these large planning applications. Debate on the pros and cons of an application is the job of the Councillors, not the Officers.

Morgan will be able to largely pre-ordain a decision by filtering out the facts he doesn't want presented. Some years ago, in the middle of the Marina hassle, a present senior Officer of the Council publicly said 'we never need to misrepresent facts, we would only have to be selective in those we present'. And Reggie has made it very clear there will be no 'minority reports' if the Planning Department doesn't agree with the majority.

The basic principle is wrong enough, but what makes it worse is Morgan's view of a desirable town - a view deeply destructive of a pleasant environment to live in. Reggie's ideas of development are grossly one-sided, as a large number of people in Brighton have said for a long time.

He gives altogether too much weight to economic and commercial considerations and short-term profit and rate returns. In short, they are the ideas of a narrow-minded and blinkered finance officer - which is just what Morgan used to be.

It is this that makes the role of the Planning Department so important. Planning is one area where ordinary people have a statutory role to play in the decision-making process. It is the only way people can fight Morgan's 'Beautiful Brighton' of a forest of hotels and conference facilities backed by massive office blocks and King Street multi-storey parking lots served by four-lane throughways - and with a miserable bus service. This recent memo, so glibly accepted by the Tories, will make that fight-back just so much more difficult.

The present road proposals cost two million pounds more than all other alternatives, besides destroying the charming backwater of Lovers' Walk opposite Preston Park with some half dozen houses. The cheaper alternatives also happen to be better from the town environment point of view. There is no reason why the end point of the road could not be at the foot of Stanford Avenue instead, despite the present kite-flying application by the Post Office for a 12-storey office block at the junction. This route would avoid all house demolition, and be millions cheaper.

There is also talk of demolishing the 'Great Northern' pub at the foot of Cheapside at the southern end of the route - as it is 'out of character' with the area. If anything is out of character it is the monstrously ugly Sainsbury's store opposite, but it is proposed to leave that in place.

Part of the pressure behind the road comes from Charnock, the County Engineer. His Roads Department has gained an unenviable reputation in the last few years for massive schemes of unnecessary size and great destruction. Charnock is the man who destroyed Falmer village. Letting him loose in Brighton would be disastrous.



Dear Comrades,

My impressions of a Sunday stroll through Bonn are confused but I shall write them down as best I can.

With some 1,800 others from Stuttgart, in the West German South, we had travelled thru the night, to Bonn, to meet 120,000 more to demonstrate against the nuclear programme; and in particular against the recent descision of Schmidt's 'Social Democratic' (sic) government to go ahead with its plans to convert the salt caverns beneath Gorleben, on the East German border, into a vast nuclear dustbin.

foto: Grohnde 19.3.1977



POSTCARD FROM GERMANY BRIC DO PUBL BOOKS LITTLE BRIGH ENGLA

S.P.G. ?

As you know finding a final resting place for high-level nuclear waste is a problem that has baffled the industry since the stuff started piling up in the 1940's. West Germany's 'solution' is interim storage and it is a neat way of passing the buck; they just bury it in such a way that they can dig it up again if anything goes wrong and hope for the best.

Three demonstrations of about 50,000 people each met in the centre of Bonn on Sunday (14th Oct). We felt like a lot of voices! The meeting was an expression of both national and international solidarity; a place to share information and ideas. Whatever happens at home it seems clear that the anti-nuclear movement world wide will continue to grow, unless nuclear power is abandoned by the various national governments.

Already in West Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Spain, the USA and Australia, nuclear power is a central political focus. In Bonn there were speakers from Australia & America. In Germany there is some representation from both marxist left and the anarchist movement, although the bulk of the support comes from environmentalists, local residents and farmers - many of them conservative.

As in Britain a specific danger of the single issue approach is that the existence or development of 'nuclear power plants' themselves begins to be seen as the problem. Horror stories about melt-downs and radioactivity produce a state of terror which can easily become irrational. 'Nukes' take on a semi-mythical role as symbols of evil, a tendency reinforced by the tactical requirements of mass opposition movements. (This is something I also felt about the ANL at times.)

Now although an emotional response to a dangerous or socially undesirable technology is not necessarily a bad thing, belief that nukes are evil, bad and dangerous can be manipulated to provide support for reactionary policies; for example the German fascist party the NPD is opposed to nuclear power. This can only be avoided if people can see beyond the specific technology to the forces which create it - that is if they can develop a rational political analysis in which to locate nuclear power. A point made by Walter Mossman, a songwriter who is also politically active within the movement, at the rally.

Then there was the disappointment that I always feel on Demo's. The high feeling of wondering what we were going to do next. Knowing that unless something nasty happened the event would hardly make international news; that democracy is deaf to the voices of 140,000 people because capitalism made its hearing aid. At the same time knowing that we were all afraid of anything happening. Noticing the painted faces and few people using them; the tired old flowers for the police guns, when we should be giving them wreaths. We had put too much energy into it to waste it like this. This was a feeling that taking the tram back to the bus home for free only partially helped to overcome! Still don't think I'm depressed - we've got work to do - lets get to it. Weather wonderful, wish you were here.

Love from a holidaymaker

p.s. The only Borderguards to really terrorise me were at Dover!

N.C.C.L. QUESTION CHIEF CONSTABLE ON SPECIAL PATROL GROUP AND SPECIAL BRANCH

Following the recent survey of Annual Reports of Chief Constables published by 'State Research' magazine and the comments of Mr. George Terry on T.V. about the work of the Metropolitan Police Special Patrol Group, the Sussex N.C.C.L. has written to the Chief Constable asking why, unlike many other forces throughout the country, the Sussex Police have no reference to SPGs or Special Branch in the Annual Report for 1978.

The recent decision not to prosecute in the case of the death of Blair Peach has highlighted concern about the SPG in the Metropolitan area. The fact that so many other forces acknowledge the existence of such groups in their areas has added to public concern about the activities of such groups.

We feel that there are many people in this part of the country who would like to know if these two particularly controversial aspects of police work are carried out by members of the Sussex Force.

N.C.C.L. received a reply from the Chief Constable saying 'We do not have in this Force area what you describe as a Special Patrol Group.' (That's funny! What were those unmarked Transits full of cops doing around town. They didn't look like they were on holiday.....). Mr. Terry carefully avoids any mention of the Special Branch in the letter. He says that State Research were 'drawing assumptions' from the reports 'only intended to be generally informative'.

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You may want to prove it's a sham before the end of the agreement. The rent is probably high and you might want to register a fair rent which you can't do on a holiday let. You can apply for a declaration at the county court that the accomodation is not let for the purpose of a holiday but is an ordinary tenancy. You'll have to prove it and may like some advice before trying. Second Type: is for the letting of holiday accomodation out of season - ie, it is not alleged to be for the purpose of a holiday. (This second type is often confusingly called "out of season holiday let").

In this type of agreement you have all the rights of a protected tenant (eg. the right to register a fair rent) but if the landlord does all the right things s/he can get you out by court order if you refuse to leave at the end of the agreement.

To be genuine, three conditions must apply:

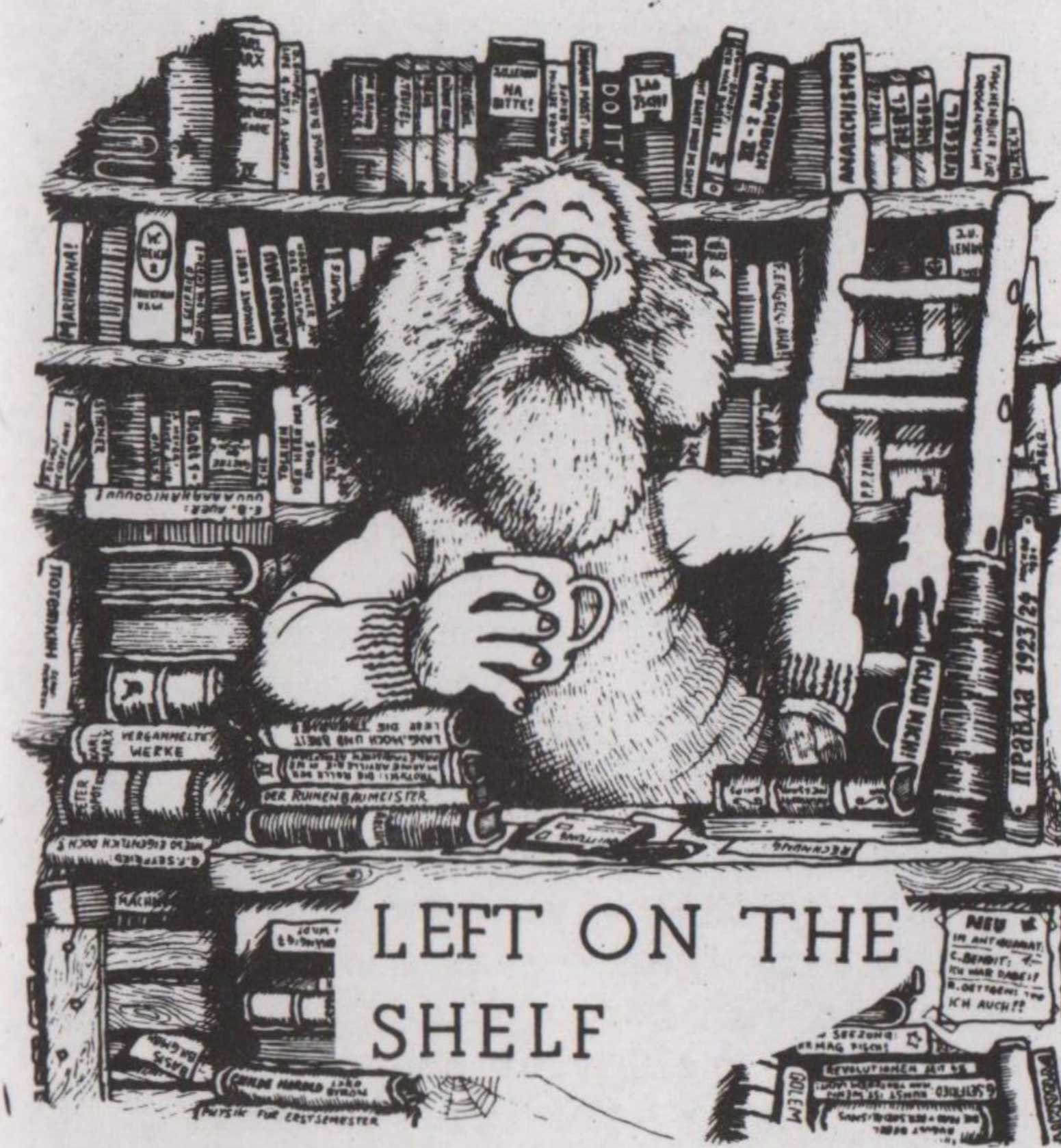
- 1) The agreement must be for a fixed term (ie. a certain number of months fixed at the beginning) of eight months or less.
2) The accomodation must have been let for the purpose of a holiday within the last year.
3) At the beginning of the tenancy you must be told in writing that it's this type of agreement.

If one of these conditions isn't satisfied you can almost certainly defend the court action. Condition two is the hardest for you to prove isn't satisfied, but the most likely to have been faked. To try and prove this, if you move into this type of accomodation try and trace previous tenants straight away - if they were there for two years, obviously it hasn't been let as holiday accomodation in the last year. Neighbours may also help. Write dates, names etc. down so you don't forget.

If the landlord accepts rent after the fixed term has finished, s/he can no longer get you out on the grounds that it's holiday accomodation let out of season.

Caution - because they don't accept rent it doesn't mean you won't have to pay it. You probably will eventually, so keep it on one side.

If you want further help, try the Rights Centre, C.A.B. or a solicitor.

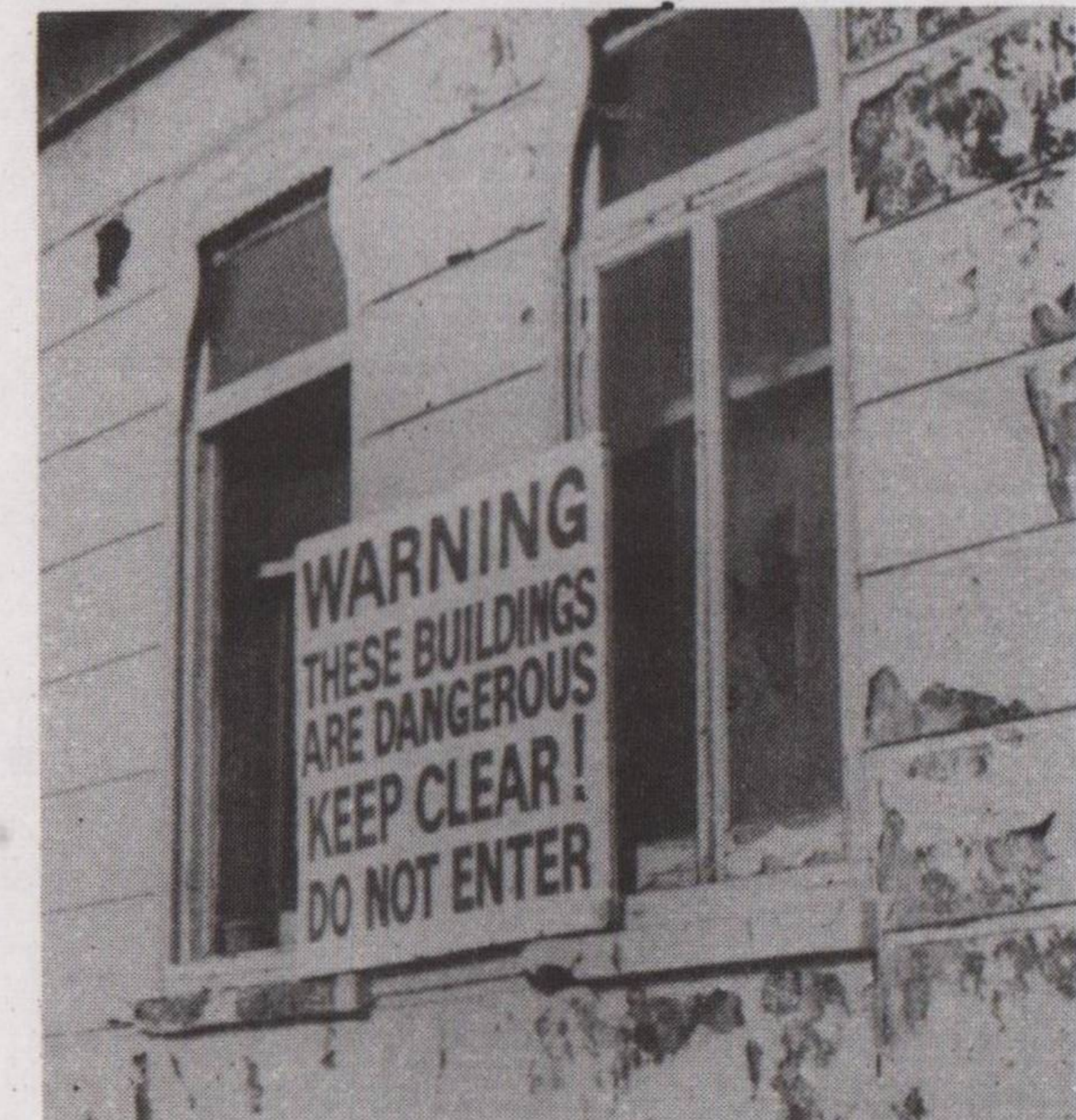


BRIGHTON FANTASY

David Peacock/ John Montgomery. Brighton Sketchbook. Perspective Press. £3.50..96pp..1979

"An artist and a writer combine their talents to take a new look at the scenes that reflect Brighton's fascinating history." So goes the blurb on the back cover, and this book certainly tries hard to interest - using over fifty sketches of Brighton's historic buildings. Many of these are ones not normally dealt with in books on Brighton; for example, the Duke of York's cinema, the Pepper Pot and Portslade. The sketches are good, catching familiar landmarks such as the Pavilion and the Dome "in a simple, but effective way." The prose is both factual and anecdotal, giving the newcomer some idea of the nature of Brighton's old buildings.

With that said, it has to be pointed out that there is a



The 'real' Brighton; Brunswick Terrace.

great deal missing from the sketches. Brighton's Regency elegance is only a facade, as both Peacock and especially Montgomery, as a Gazette employee, know full well. How can they write that "Brunswick Square and its twin terraces raise the quality of Hove far above that of most... seaside towns", when Brunswick Terrace is a derelict slum and the interior of most of the Square's houses have deteriorated through lack of care by their private landlord owners.

Similarly, there is not a hint of disapproval about the millions spent on the Marina whilst homelessness in Brighton soars. Nor do the authors remark on the destruction of our heritage; as in the case of Russell Square, truncated by Churchill Square developments and dwarfed by the ugly sky-scrapers which ruin its appearance just as they destroy the Regency proportions of the sea-front.

Instead, the sketches are all of the 'nice' things in Brighton. The book claims to be "the only illustrated book showing modern and old Brighton". But its view of modern Brighton is a blinkered, selective one; omitting the reality with which we all have to contend.

Gardner Centre Bitter Apples - A Personal Review

It made us feel old. In 1968 we were sitting-in at the now-defunct Brighton College of Education and getting hit over the head in Grosvenor Square and now, eleven years on, we're wondering whether it was all worth it - and that was what Bitter Apples was all about.

There was a feeling of strength and solidarity about in 1968 which the play put over very well, though we both felt slightly depressed at the end; the optimism of the final scenes seemed to be more about survival than victory or progress.

Still, in these gloomy days, even survival is something - we live to fight another day! The acting and singing were generally good, as was the musical accompaniment, and the 7:84 Group seemed to be the sort of people you would want to and could go for a drink with. A good evenings entertainment.

Sue and Mike Scott

MORE LETTERS

Even though improvements have been made over the last few years in the lot of those employed in EFL, both teachers and administrative staff, there is room for many more, and we are not hampered by the new Tory government, who have wasted little time in changing the Employment Protection Act. With regards to unfair dismissal, you will need to have worked for the same employer for 52 weeks instead of the present 26 weeks, this will affect industries such as ours which have a high turnover of staff and are seasonal.

Our aim is to standardise and improve conditions in an industry where there are enormous differences between workplaces, thereby establishing EFL on a more reputable basis. It is our policy, as determined at conference, to work towards a time when all EFL school buildings will be inspected by qualified persons as to facilities for students' welfare and safety and teaching standards.

From The International Language Teachers Branch, Brighton Area of the Managerial Administrative Technical and Supervisory Association.

temporary rented accommodation. There can be no doubt that a lot of people have made a lot of money out of the EFL business in the last few years, but not the teachers. The average EFL teachers basic pay in Brighton is about £66.00 per week, with some schools paying less than £2.00 an hour.

ITLB represents nearly 200 members in Brighton's EFL schools and colleges. Since 1976, when the branch was first established, working conditions have gradually improved for teachers in the schools, and now most of the larger schools have negotiated contracts with ILTB recognised as the negotiating body. As conditions improve and become more standardised, so does EFL become established on a more professional basis than in the past. And this works to the advantage of all - except the entrepreneurs who wish to exploit both students and teachers.

COLLECTIVE BINT - continued from '12
 conference, of individuals living and working in Brighton (who might also happen to involve themselves in producing this paper.) We think that the questions you raise are important; although it is interesting that you don't refer to the section on the Labour party's paralysis over the Irish 'question'. However, as you see from the inclusion of an interview with Tony Benn in this issue, these pages are open to the debate.

TEFL

English as a foreign language on the South coast has a long tradition of shadiness, with new schools blossoming every summer and others spilling over into church halls and sundry other, often inadequate,

ANIMAL LIBERATION

WHEN POLITICAL AND ALTERNATIVE groups are confronted with Animal Liberation we usually see peculiarly reactionary comments from supposedly 'liberated' minds. This is a great shame and is largely due to the Animal Liberation Movement having the reputation of being a middle class middle aged pastime. This, however, is changing.

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Animal Liberation is no longer a purely emotional and sentimental issue. With the advent of the concept of speciesism, the exploitation of one species by another is no longer ethically acceptable.

In what other liberation movement do you see a continuous law breaking action with laboratories being smashed and experimental animals liberated and found new homes? hunts being sabotaged to prevent wild animals being chased and killed for fun whilst saboteurs are frequently being threatened? traditional Animal Welfare Societies (RSPCA, League Against Cruel Sports and British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection) being pressurised by their more realistic members to lose their tea party image and fight on a more active and political front?

Unfortunately for many of us, our conditioning (political and/or religious) places mankind selfishly at the centre of everything. And it is only recently that political groups are beginning to think about subjects that are not concerned with mankind alone. The barrier between animal and human has yet to be crossed politically. Will we ever see the killing of an animal on a par with the killing of a human? I think not. But we cannot overlook the similarity between high rise blocks of flats and chicken batteries and the exploitation of animals in the lottery of experimentation. With

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the revelation that the CIA have been experimenting on humans for decades, scientists can no longer maintain that we have to experiment on animals because humans are out.

The exploitation of animals is so ingrained in our society that it may seem difficult to know where to start to oppose it. We could place emphasis on the experiments undertaken at Sussex University as an example of cruelty to animals, but look around your home and around Brighton; suede and leather shops, fur shops, butchers, chemists and restaurants all abound - the list is endless.

The best qualification for being an animal lover is decided at meal times through your stomach - that is when you will have your closest and most frequent contact with them. Being a vegetarian, or preferably a vegan, is simply the name given to someone who boycotts products of cruelty. At an economic level, animals don't produce food but waste it; especially factory farmed produce which is literally taking valuable vegetable protein out of the hands of the starving Third World. A political tragedy which every opponent to racism, most of all all environmentalists, should object to.

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Ethically and economically, Animal Liberation is our liberation.



letters

IRELAND

Dear B.V. Collective,
 I've just read your September issue and I'm seriously considering not buying another.

I'm particularly annoyed at your presenting what amounts to I.R.A. propaganda on the 'Troops Out' issue. As well as a woolly-minded article on page six which was just about acceptable in a civilized magazine, we have your anonymous correspondent 'Big Ears Long Tongue' referring to the Mountbatten assassination as 'armed resistance'. This is defensible if you're referring to shooting armed police, troops etc. even when it achieves nothing, as with the present I.R.A. campaign. I'm prepared to listen to what someone doing that has to say, even if I don't expect to agree with him. But anyone who regards the killing of a 79 year old man, a woman in her 80's, and two teenage boys, as anything but cold blooded murder, isn't publishing a magazine worth buying.

Broader Issues.

On the broader issue, I certainly agree that the old Unionist regime was oppressive to the Catholics, but its a pure racist fantasy to go from this to blaming the British or the troops for the whole problem. Its a fact that a majority of people in the Six Counties are against reunification, and an even larger majority including 43% of Catholics (ITN Opinion Poll) against 'Troops Out'.

Its amazing that a paper which is full of the minutest details of the anti-sexism campaign, like the Executives 'dummy woman', can expect a million to willingly enter a Republic where Catholic dogma on things like abortion, contraception, divorce, and education, is official policy, and denies the barest freedom on these issues. Or perhaps you expect the 'armed resistance' to overthrow the dogmatic but elected government of the Republic as well?

You seem to feel it's O.K. to go from exposing faults in the present system to supporting any lunatic with a gun who wants to shoot himself into power. Not that the I.R.A. has any interest in changing

society as such - it just wants to reunify Ireland at any cost, in the same way that Hitler wanted to reunify Germany.

This analogy is not far-fetched, in fact it was the anti-British component in Irish Nationalism which kept Ireland out of the last war, despite what was going on in the rest of Europe. Believe me, I'm not anti-Irish - the fact that I know a lot of Irish people North and South who hate the I.R.A. as much as I do is one reason why I'm writing this letter.

Less Cheap Slogans

Democracy means trying to persuade people peacefully and putting up with things the majority want even if we think they are unreasonable. I myself believe that the Protestant majority in Ulster and the Catholic majority in Eire are ridiculously obsessed with religious, nationalistic, and historical issues that they ignore more important ones. However that's their business and I suspect that while neither majority really wants violence they can't easily live in one community and certainly won't be persuaded to by slogans in B.V. In the meantime, unpleasant though it seems, the troops are the only thing between the minorities on each side who do want violence and won't get out if the troops do. So lets have more constructive debate, less cheap slogans, and no more excuses for murder.

Yours Sorrowfully
 Peter Garrett

(We are inviting UTOM to reply to this letter. BV Collective)

B.V. & LAIBOUR

Dear BRIGHTON VOICE,
 I think you will agree that your centre-page editorial on the Labour Party Conference (BV 61) is contradictory and indecisive. But those who would agree with you about the wretched record of recent Labour governments, about the limited power of any British Parliament in the

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international context, and even about the fundamental inadequacy of the ballot box as a 'democratic' institution, may nevertheless feel dismayed, and angry, that you chose this moment to pour scorn on the radicals within the Labour party.

'No Marxist Spell'

Who seriously believes that such people hold the naive view that you attribute to them - that the carrying out of manifesto policy would be a 'magic spell' for the redistribution of wealth (the word 'magical', in the sentence of Benn's which you quote, of course refers, not to 'democratic planning', but to the operation of 'market forces', which are apparently 'magical' because concealed by commodity relations)? I am not myself a member of the Labour party; but I think I can suggest that some 'radicals' within it do believe, not in such 'magic', but simply that the institutions of the State, and especially Parliament, do, in the current (and foreseeable) political, economic and ideological context, exercise a heavy determination on all our lives (a belief which would seem vindicated, would it not, by events since the current Tory administration came into power?) and consequently, that the control of such institutions by an authentically left political group might well be one of the events which would facilitate a more general, and more farreaching, transformation of our society towards a socialist alternative.

Which Way?

Obviously, you reject such arguments. But it seems to me of vital importance, amidst the current triumph of reaction, that such disagreements should be expressed, not in the old cant of abuse and exhortation ('the poverty of bourgeois thought', 'a thousand times no to such poverty!'), but with reference to the questions themselves: what kind of society do we want? How are we going to realise it? Perhaps, in a future issue, you will explain your 'position' on these two questions, and show where it differs from that of radicals within the Labour party?

Yours fraternally,
 Martin Ryle.

Point of Information From B.V.

Briefly, we would like to explain that our so-called 'editorial' was nothing other than a collection of views, gathered the week before the

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What's On

RESOURCE CENTRE

Dec 1st Rock Against Radiation

ALHAMBRA

Rock 6 nights of the week
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SUSSEX SPORTS CENTRE (Queens Sq)

23rd Rock at the Rink ...
Golinskys & Parrots

DOME

15th Steve Hillage
26th Gallagher & Lyle

Dec

3rd John Martin

TOP RANK SUITE

7th Gang of Four

NORTHERN London Road

Thur Raw Deal or
Tokyo Rose
Fri Tinsell
Sat Airport

Improvised Music

PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP
21 Little Preston Street

9th Mark Pickworth (soprano sax), Richard Coldman (guitar), Nick Jack (percussion)
7.30pm 75p

23rd Martin Mayes (french horn) Richard Coldman (guitar)
7.30pm 75p

MUSIC rock

POLY - Grand Parade

16th Rock Against Racism gig:
Misty Asvelius (Swedish rock band) & local bands & food & drink

BUCCANEER

6th Taverners
9th Missing Persons
10th Force 10
11th Graduates
13th Taverners
16th Missing Persons
20th Taverners
23rd Missing Persons
24th Deja Vu
25th Treedog

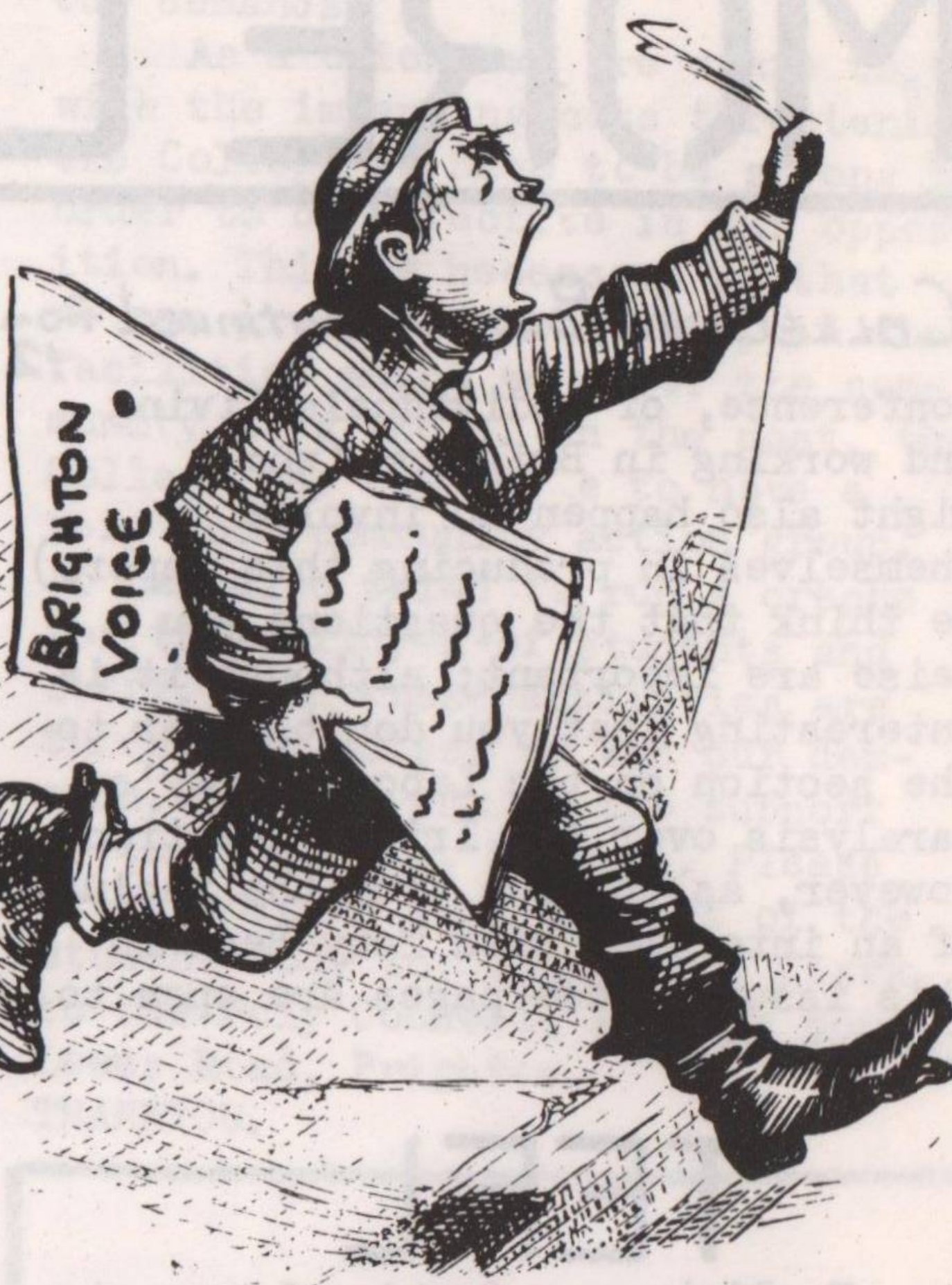
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Sundays:
11th Peter Bond
18th Steve Knightley
25th Jake Walton
Dec
2nd Jenny Beeching

SHAKESPEARES HEAD Spring St

Every Thur & Tues - folk night

Every Monday -
Dynamic Meditation



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7th Communist Party open meeting: "Which Way Now For The Left" with speakers Martin Jaques & Ray Apps

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Wed. 14th. BIRTH CENTRE MEETING
8pm: 'Natural Birth Control'

Poetry & Performance 8pm 60p

1st Lee Harwood/ Barry Mc Sweeney
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6th Paul Brown/Pierre Joris

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Optimism

Brighton Voice. This shows what enormous optimism you have in the people. It's what we said at the start of the Voice - we lay our skills and our socialist ideas at the disposal of Brighton people. But there's a populist snag here : if they come up with something that's not in a socialist direction you don't want to know. Won't your populism run into the same difficulties ?

Tony Benn. I'm always called a populist - but what they mean is 'you're a demagogue'. What we're talking about in this interview is an enlargement of democracy and democracy is a very radical thing. People who just tip their hat to it call it something else when they meet the real thing - they call it 'populism' or 'demagoguery'. But leadership is important, not because you tell people what to do, but because you help them to realise their talents.

Brighton Voice. So you're optimistic that if you give people the freedom they will exercise it in a socialist direction?

Tony Benn. Well, I am, though I've always quoted Niebuhr, 'Man's capacity for evil makes democracy necessary; man's capacity for good makes democracy possible'. There's enough goodness and common sense in people to make democracy work, though of course it will go wrong at times. You'll get your National Front reaction - people who blame immigrants when they lose their job - which is again where the media does so much harm. I really do believe that the media are one of the major obstacles to a mature democracy.

A Different Way

Brighton Voice. If we have the party in power with your kind of ideas, how would it be different on South Africa, Nato and Ireland ?

Tony Benn. The party's instinct on these matters is right; we have a decent, socialist, democratic and internationalist instinct on all these issues. If we can restructure the party so that this voice can properly be heard we will be further forward. Also the media are still more successful at mystifying us on foreign affairs. But they are difficult problems. For example if you were to embark on disengagement you'd have to have deep discussions with all the firms that trade with South Africa and these discussions would have to be passed down through all levels of industrial democracy : how would they cope ? what would they do? The adjustment required would be enormous. As for the cold war, this is more of internal use to the Tories: I don't think Mrs Thatcher wants a war with Russia - it's just useful to say anyone you don't agree with is working for Russia. I expect you've been accused of that.

On Ireland, I'm sure if you polled individual members of the party you'd find they believe that the unity and independence of Ireland is right, that partition was wrong, that they don't believe anymore than I do that the problems of Ireland can be solved in Britain, but they are nervous that if you went for troops



"But even the right to work has to be fought for - a simple, modest demand which requires a structural change"

out tomorrow there'd be blood in the streets for which we'd have responsibility. Now, out of these ingredients you've got to create circumstances in which the whole issue can be fully discussed. We've decided that we're going to have a party commission on Ireland and things are beginning to move. But all these issues would be dealt with in a different way if the party could have access to information and know its decisions could be realised when it came to being in government.

Brighton Voice. Do you see yourself embarking on socialism in one country in defiance of international opposition ?

Tony Benn. No, no, no, no. I think there will be international pressures, and last winter I was accused of policies which would lead to a siege economy. But I said 'your policies will lead to a siege economy' and what was the winter of discontent if it wasn't a siege economy ? But then the bankers who are no friends of ours were on the inside with us and our own people were on the outside doing the besieging. At least my siege economy would have had our people inside and the bankers outside buying at us, and that would have enabled us to mobilise public support.

But then it's not a question of being isolated is it? If you go round the world there's widespread workers' opposition to the multinationals - in Brazil for example. We've got a great common interest here because the international problem is a class problem too. For example the Common Market is designed to allow capitalism to restructure itself in a larger market: we have to establish good links with the European workers and that capacity is there. We have a unique experience - we are the oldest capitalist country in the world and we are experiencing the decay of capitalism before everyone else. We have a strong labour movement with a mass of schools of socialist thought which are thrilling. And we have a united movement which is the envy of people elsewhere who know they are about to go through the same capitalist decay as ourselves.

This is an inward- looking conference, because we need to sort things out. It's our Zimbabwe-Rhodesian conference, working out our constitution. Will the UDI of the Parliamentary Labour Party continue ? What will happen to the internal regime of Bishop Muzorewa, how do you bring Joshua Nkomo in.....

Brighton Voice. In your terms who's won this Zimbabwe conference ?

Tony Benn. Who's won it? Well, at least you can now say that Nkomo and Mugabe have got a seat at the table. You can say no more than that.

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TONY BENN

On October 4th, the last day of the 1979 Labour Party Conference, Tony Benn gave an hour's interview to BRIGHTON VOICE, answering questions about the kind of socialism he would represent if returned to power. We are printing this exclusive interview as a supplement to Brighton Voice No.62 and spare copies can be obtained from Brighton Voice, c/o Public House Bookshop, 21 Little Preston St. Brighton. Price 5 p.

Power Shift

Brighton Voice. You've spoken a lot about transfer of power this week . We've been saying for over seven years that there's been no transfer of power.....

Tony Benn. Ah, there has been a power shift but in the wrong direction: accumulation and centralisation of power has been going on for a long time. Industry tends to centralise power as it gets more technical and the case for standardisation and mergers gets stronger. Then you have more centralised trade unions to deal with this. The media too gets more centralised - you've got to sell at least 2 million copies if you want a national daily. Then the state comes in in the guise of protecting people and then there's big public ownership and big health authorities and so on. Gradually this coalescence of power at the top develops - they all meet in Neddly meetings and Quangos and they're taking all the decisions. Except for the links with the grass roots through the Labour party, the Unions and through Parliament where you can destroy your leaders by voting them out, there's really no connection between the top and the bottom. As capitalism falls into decline and tension rises then people at the top huddle together more and more against everyone else, and this is how corporatism has developed. But it's never succeeded in quenching the desire for more democracy but the media operate to confuse people so they are presented with false conflicts and told if they challenge their leaders they are trying to undermine the freedom which is really what they want - the obfuscation and confusion is there.

We have to do two things: First we have to have a vision of what we'd like to see, that is a much greater degree of equality in terms of power and wealth. And secondly we have to recognise and analyse what are the obstacles to power being shared. I suppose it looks odd that we have identified 3 parts of the Labour party constitution as obstacles , but these things have to be looked at, along with the Official Secrets Act and so on. Then we have to be patient - you can't do it all immediately, but also impatient until you succeed.



Workers' Control

Brighton Voice. O.K. so you've got the vision, now could you tell us what this would actually involve. Take workers' control: is it going to mean people at the top owning nationalised industries for the workers, or is it going to be something much more grass roots in terms of real power at shop floor level?

Tony Benn. I think it will develop according to circumstances. People's attitude to control of their own firm depends very much on their experiences and backgrounds. For example, in the post office, management are rather military - they treat postmen a bit like soldiers: the trade union in the post office has always been guild socialist and believe they should run the thing, and these two forces have been marching through each other's ranks for years without ever coming to blows, but the basic question 'who runs the Post Office ?' has never been put. They wanted workers on the board - they're trying it, I wasn't very keen, but I saw my job in 1974 to say 'what would you like to do? Go away and discuss it.' That was the first benefit - just discussion. Then when they came up with their solution I had to make it possible for it to be done.

In the coal industry - the last thing the NUM wants is a miner on the board....

Brighton Voice. Yes, Arthur Scargill said just that when we interviewed him at last year's TUC Conference - 'we don't want any part of management'. But how then do

you see the miners taking over the mining industry? **Tony Benn.** Well, very simply. It's gone further in mining funnily enough even without a worker on the board. We set up a tripartite committee - the Minister in the chair along with the Treasury and Dept. of Employment, then the coal board there and the miners, colliery managers, overmen and deputies, there, and that was the governing council of the mining industry. We sat down and worked out investment and long-term strategic planning and then the NUM went away and negotiated with the coal board. I want to make a major speech on this soon, the moment will come when people will see that 60% of the benefit of democracy is its power to get rid of people. Maybe that the miners' veto which is expressed in the right to strike at the moment will come to be expressed in the right to remove the coal board, not necessarily to provide members of that board, but to say we've no confidence in that management.

Brighton Voice. But would the average miner experience your new regime as the old regime writ large, would he feel any less alienated?...

Tony Benn. Of course what I've said so far is at the strategic level, but when you get down to the pit level there's a different issue. Here again I must emphasize the different traditions. If you go to British Leyland where there's one long production line like at Longbridge, alienation characterises the whole thing but in the mines every colliery manager has actually been on the face. There's tremendous respect for the manager. They may not like him but he speaks the language and goes underground with the men and shares their experience. So the way the pit committee might operate would depend on how much power they wanted to take, and British trade union movement works by 'management by exception' - they don't interfere unless something goes wrong.

Brighton Voice. But how would you in government show your support for factory take overs if they occurred?

Tony Benn. I don't think it's a take over in that sense. The first thing is to get discussion going in the factories: that won't happen unless people think something's going to come of it. Secondly you have to convince people that if a proposal for a change of structure comes forward you will support it. This is the credibility problem - there must be a provision of funds for this sort of thing. Then there's got to be a procedure for opening doors, lots of people won't want to change, but for those

that do there must be permissive legislation. If a body of workers should decide to transform the structure of control it should be possible to do so. But they've also got to realise they'll need capital to operate. Just like me and the oil companies. I squeezed them as hard as I could, but I also realised that I needed an awful lot of capital to develop the oil fields. But at least I was hiring the oil companies they weren't hiring me - and this is the conceptual change; labour does need capital but it doesn't need the serfdom that capital has brought.

Once the right to know is there, the right to open the books, the right to suggest, propose and achieve a change in the statutory status of your company, an awful lot of people would sit down and say, 'well, let's think about it' - not everybody would, I don't think this thing's going to become like a revolution in the anarcho-syndicalist sense, but it would undoubtedly excite the imagination of a lot of people, particularly those most alienated.

Brighton Voice. But what happens when you get something like in France where the take over of Lip by the watch makers themselves was blacked by the rest of industry. What would you do in such a situation?

Tony Benn. I mustn't suggest there would be a whole clutch of occupations which would be legalised by an act of parliament - that wouldn't be sensible or operational. So there will be problems like you've said - Kirby was in the same position; the British Steel Corporation wouldn't sell them steel except for cash and yet the government had set up Kirby with a view to succeeding. But we're so far from this point, and before we get to it you'll have to discuss it with the unions, because my experience is that the unions will have a far bigger change to make to come to terms with what I've been talking about than you'd suppose. Any change from being representational and oppositional to being managerial will create all sorts of structural difficulties. Mind you there's one advocacy of workers' cooperatives which is motivated by a desire to break Trade Union power - what's called 'market socialism' - take the workers, pitch them in against market forces on their own, let them tear up their rule books..and then let market forces destroy them. Once they've repudiated their unions then they are in difficulties and they're entirely at the will of the banker who says either I will or I will not finance them.

Taking Sides

Brighton Voice. O.K. to all this relativity of different traditions and so on, but there comes a point where you have to take sides. If it gets to the point where a factory occupation is being blacked by the rest of industry, how do you see what you will do in government as being different from what previous labour governments have done? Would you be prepared to keep police away from a strike if the strike is said to be 'threatening the economic interests of the country'?

Tony Benn. Well, you're talking the language of revolution, and I understand why, but I have to reassert what I said in conference, I really am a reformer. Once you've got the statute book at your disposal than you're not talking in terms of 'would you keep the Special Patrol Group away while you finance Kirby' - no, Kirby would be a government-financed enterprise. The language is very important here, otherwise you give the impression that you win the election in order to start guerrilla revolution. That's not the way I see it, nor do I think employees see it this way. ▶▶

Brighton Voice. It's not so much the fact that workers want to make a revolution - often as you say they are only wanting to better their conditions - but what forces you to take sides is the offensive by the employers, by the capitalists, the people who own the property who are prepared to call in the police - like at Grunwicks.

Tony Benn. I remember after the war arguing with student communist friends who were saying that Britain would never give up India and so on, the whole revolutionary pessimist line which I've never accepted, saying then that the apparatus of the state, if properly conceived and democratically endorsed is there to facilitate things that are being done, and I don't foresee an act of illegality by employers or employees if you carry change through on the proper basis.

You know, workers' demands are really very modest. In B.P. for example, workers' unions simply want to be recognised by B.P. In the case of the oil rigs they simply want the right to fly out and try to organise trade unions, and to get the health and safety at work act employed on the rigs. This is where both the vision and the inch by inch advance have to be combined. If you went to B.P. workers and said do you want to take over B.P.? they'd say we'd like to start with the right to organise, then to patrol what B.P. are doing, then to extend collective bargaining, and then eventually the right to dismiss the management. But this won't happen in 24 hours. The big conceptual change is to see that the facilities of the state can be put at the disposal of the workers, just as they have been in the past for management. That's perfectly practical, but it's heady stuff we're talking.

Brighton Voice. But in the Grunwick dispute, despite all the worker solidarity - and Ian Mikardo and Audrey Wise on the picket line - the labour government could not avoid the fact that it seemed to be ranged against the workers, purely because of the police.

Tony Benn. This raises the whole area of civil liberties and security services etc. The whole issue of bugging, jury vetting, surveillance, computerised dossiers, the role of the army and security forces at home - all this we've got to look into, because there's embedded in it a conception of society which sees trade unions as a subversive organisation.

'Substitute Revolution'

Brighton Voice. But what role do you see for interventionist legislation which could be of a revolutionary kind? How about a bill saying 'Nobody can own more than one house' so that property prices come tumbling down and there would be a real revolution in housing. It's something which this paper is very deeply concerned about at a local level.

Tony Benn. I've never been in housing. I'm not sure where the whole problem for council tenants can be resolved. I'd approach it, I suppose, by looking at it like this: the more I think about it the more it seems to me that the capacity of those who are the recipients of the use of power to remove those who exercise power is really what we are talking about. The way you achieve the gains of revolution without the price of revolution, the blood of revolution and the tyranny that follows revolution, is by the 'substitute revolution' - the capacity to remove those who exercise power over you and substitute others.

Brighton Voice. But what are you actually offering to those who are the victims of bad housing both at the

hands of private landlords and at the hands of public authorities? What are you offering that is different?

Tony Benn. At bottom this is a question of the redistribution of wealth. There's no doubt that the biggest reform of 1945 was full employment. Full employment redistributes wealth like nothing else, so we've got to get that back - that's priority No.1. Then there is the question of the ownership of land, and we've had three cracks at it but each one has failed. But I've got to be candid with you it's not an area of policy I have any clear insights in, but I suspect it must contain within it many of the same issues that I've been dealing with.

Modest Demands

Brighton Voice. We have a fear that the Labour party is so heavily committed to the whole property scene in this country that it won't actually do anything about it.

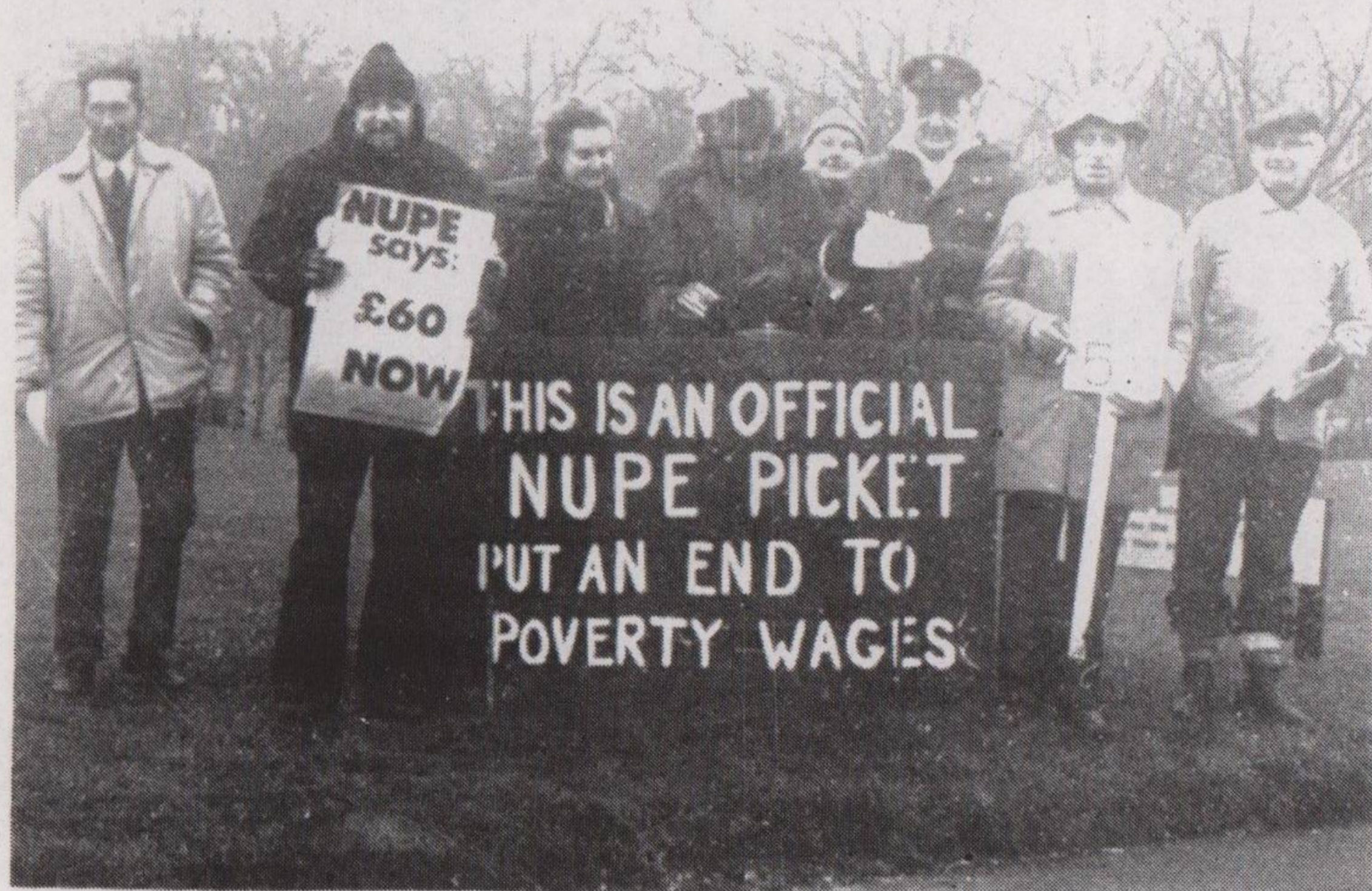
Tony Benn. Well, what's come over clearly in this conference is that there's a real socialist movement there. There's a lot of ideas for reform and change trying to get out.

What we have to do is to get over the incredible modesty of people's demands - and the fact that even these modest demands cannot be met within the structure of society as it is. And why isn't this apparent? Because of the media. The real battle at the moment in this country is between the media and the unions - the Tories don't have to do anything, the media does it for them. And that's why your paper, Brighton Voice, is so important. It is clarifying what is happening. And what's happening is that people are making modest demands which are being blocked. So they ask why and in that process they are learning. You don't need to preach broad socialist concepts to them. They are learning them in their local struggles. You have to put your skills at their disposal, to provide information when they need it, but the pressure has to come from below. And that's what I learnt from the cooperatives - they were really right to work campaigns. But even the right to work has to be fought for - a simple modest demand which requires a structural change. And as they realised it they became excited by it. And this, of course is where education, which has been to make the 75% who went to secondary modern schools accept their inferior status, is so important.

Brighton Voice. Isn't there a problem that your ideas will seem abstract to the people? How do you make them more concrete for them?

Tony Benn. That's a kind of elitism - making it concrete for them. I see my job as placing my skills at the disposal of the people. You must be very careful not to agitate and raise people's expectations and then go home to your comfortable house leaving them on the picket line. You've got to help them to see that their local battle against their employer is part of the entire attack on the structure.

We breed our leaders by the experience of struggle. That's why the pay policy is such a disaster for the unions, because pay claims are the one annual educational exercise in which the workers are involved. They say 'we created the wealth, why can't we have the money?'. The papers then present them as wreckers and extremists. But each year they learn that they can't have the money because the factory is owned by someone else - and that's what radicalises the labour movement. ▶▶



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“CUTS CAN DAMAGE THE BRAIN”

A REPORT OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 20th OCTOBER AT
T.U.C. HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS
THE PUBLIC SPENDING CUTS.

This meeting was one of the most constructive I have attended since the campaign on the cuts began. Rather than a day taken up with platitudes from the top table, the majority of time was given over to delegates from Trades Councils, Tenants Associations and Community organizations who could speak from first hand experience of the cuts and their effects on the people they had been elected to represent.

The need for unity and co-ordination of effort was stressed time and time again, as was the necessity for guidance from the General Council. Solidarity in this campaign needs to be achieved because of our leadership, not in spite of it.

Hopefully the high degree of complacency that seems to permeate from the upper stratas of the T.U.C. will be eliminated by conferences such as these, and we will achieve "leadership from the front rather than behind".

The delegate from West Sussex made reference to the dubious motives and limited vision of those who elected the present government. The mandate to reduce our taxes was likewise a mandate for cuts in public expenditure. As to whether those who voted Tory could have fully understood the implications of their actions is difficult to establish - very few people are prepared to admit that they are responsible for our first woman Prime Minister.

The way in which public expenditure has contributed to our quality of life in general is too often taken for granted. It has become necessary to draw attention to and analyse the extent of the services which are provided from this expenditure, without which the whole social framework of this country will take a massive step backwards and an elitist minority, together with its fund of cheap labour, become firmly re-established.

A century of hard won reforms, punctuated by the formation of a National Health and Social Service, will be negated in order to nurture these "chosen few people" and make such fundamentals as good health and Education a privilege rather than a right.

The ethics of a government that can justify any cuts in the standard of our Health and Education services and maintain it is for the "good of the country" are questionable, not to say short-sighted, reminiscent of a certain 18th century character who was heard to say: "let them eat cake". The French Revolution followed not long after. It would be an advantage to Mrs. Thatcher to take a lesson from History.

The delegate from Camden Trades Council emphasised the educative role that Trades Unions must play - the defeatist attitude that nothing can be done about these cuts must be tackled. It is necessary to enlist the support of those Public Sector workers who would not normally be involved in union activities and who can so easily be taken advantage of through ignorance.

We need to organize campaigns and co-ordinate all those bodies opposed to cuts in a particular area, Trades Councils, Community organizations, Tenants Associations. Such campaigns can ensure consistent work in raising the cuts as an issue and in building effective support and opposition to them.

The temptation for one union to feel that its problems should take priority over another must also be avoided. Any division amongst those opposed to the cuts could be utilized to the governments advantage - there is no need to create wedges and disunity if we are doing the job quite adequately for ourselves.

Our unity is there for all to see, in our children and their futures, in their right to education, good health and employment if they choose. At a time when more people require care, and the demand for leisure activities is increasing, local authorities should be expanding their responsibilities, not decreasing them.

The Trade Union Movement must not limit themselves to protecting members jobs, but to maintaining a quality of life which their forefathers fought so long and hard to achieve.

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AND NOW ON A LOCAL LEVEL

Those councillors who gathered together at Pelham House, Lewes, only served to widen the gap that exists between those who have and those who need.

These "elected" representatives went on to approve the £3 million cuts over and above the £1½ million withdrawn from this years budget, and the £2½ million already earmarked for next year, - it is a sorry reflection on ourselves that these councillors have, to a large extent, achieved their mandate through apathy. Services such as child care, care for the elderly and single parent families are being eroded in an historic instance of those in power affecting those who cannot retaliate.

Obviously unused to justifying their existence and the "democratic" means by which they were elected, Chairman, Mr. Peter Gladwin, hammered for order and told the members in the public gallery:

"You have no right to speak"
In that case how do those elected members in the chamber ever see daylight?

Those present in the public gallery on this occasion would be well advised to enlist support from others directly affected who, to our detriment, are not always consulted.

Current legislation deems it essential to utilize the fund of energy available from those already affected by the cuts:-
(a) Those teachers unemployed as a result of government legislation.

(b) Mothers unable to contribute to the family budget as their "elected representatives" have deemed fit to cross nursery education out from their list of priorities.

(c) Those who would have benefited from an adult education class to put their increased leisure time (the advent of new technology will ensure this) to constructive use.

(d) Those made redundant through maladministration and poor investment of profit.

With the support of people such as these we can ensure an adequate attendance at every meeting and perhaps those councillors present on Tuesday will begin to take us seriously as an organized body.

ARE YOU LOW PAID?

We have recently formed a group to study the question of low pay and how to combat it in the Brighton area. We are looking at those sectors which are notorious for low pay and bad conditions (such as hotel and catering, homeworking, retailing) and other sectors in which there are low paid jobs. Our aim is to help the local labour movement by publishing these results as well as using this as a basis to fight Brighton Council policies.

Many people do not consider themselves as low paid, but if you are earning less than £1.30 an hour, you are officially classified as being low paid.

We would like to hear from anyone who is able to provide information from their workplaces on pay and related issues such as work conditions, "industrial relations" redundancies, etc. . . Anonymity is obviously guaranteed.

Please contact us: B'ton 682295
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Brighton + Hove Trades Council

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Jack Dunn (President
Kent NUM)

Gerry Gillman (Secretary
SCPS)

at the resource centre

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How you can show your support:-
Locally groups from the Council for Educational Advance will be organizing such activities as:

- * Public Meetings on such issues as nursery education, class sizes and adult education.
- * Lobbying "decision makers" - Deputations will meet councillors, especially those who are members of Education Committees.
- * Open evenings and sessions at local schools and colleges to show what is being done and the potential effects of continuing cut-backs.

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