

# undercurrents.....

Monopoly Money — Their Monopoly, Our Money

Anyone with half an eye can see that the supermarket war is hotting up again, with short-term gains in prospect for us, the till-fodder, as Sainsburys, Tescos, Fine Fare, etc. fight for our custom. But what happens when they've all reduced their prices and we've gone back to where we shopped in the first place? Since 1961, the proportion of income spent on food has gone down by a quarter, so the squabbling is for a falling market. The main companies are continually having to expand in order to stand still - think of the new or enlarged supermarkets built in Brighton and

Hove during the last ten years. What will happen soon, now that the small grocers have mostly gone under, is that the weaker supermarket chains will collapse as their profit margins go down and those few remaining will collude to raise prices. There is no likely alternative to this, and when there are only two or three super-hypermarkets in each town, they'll be able to charge what they like. So enjoy your lp off now - and join the queue for an allotment.

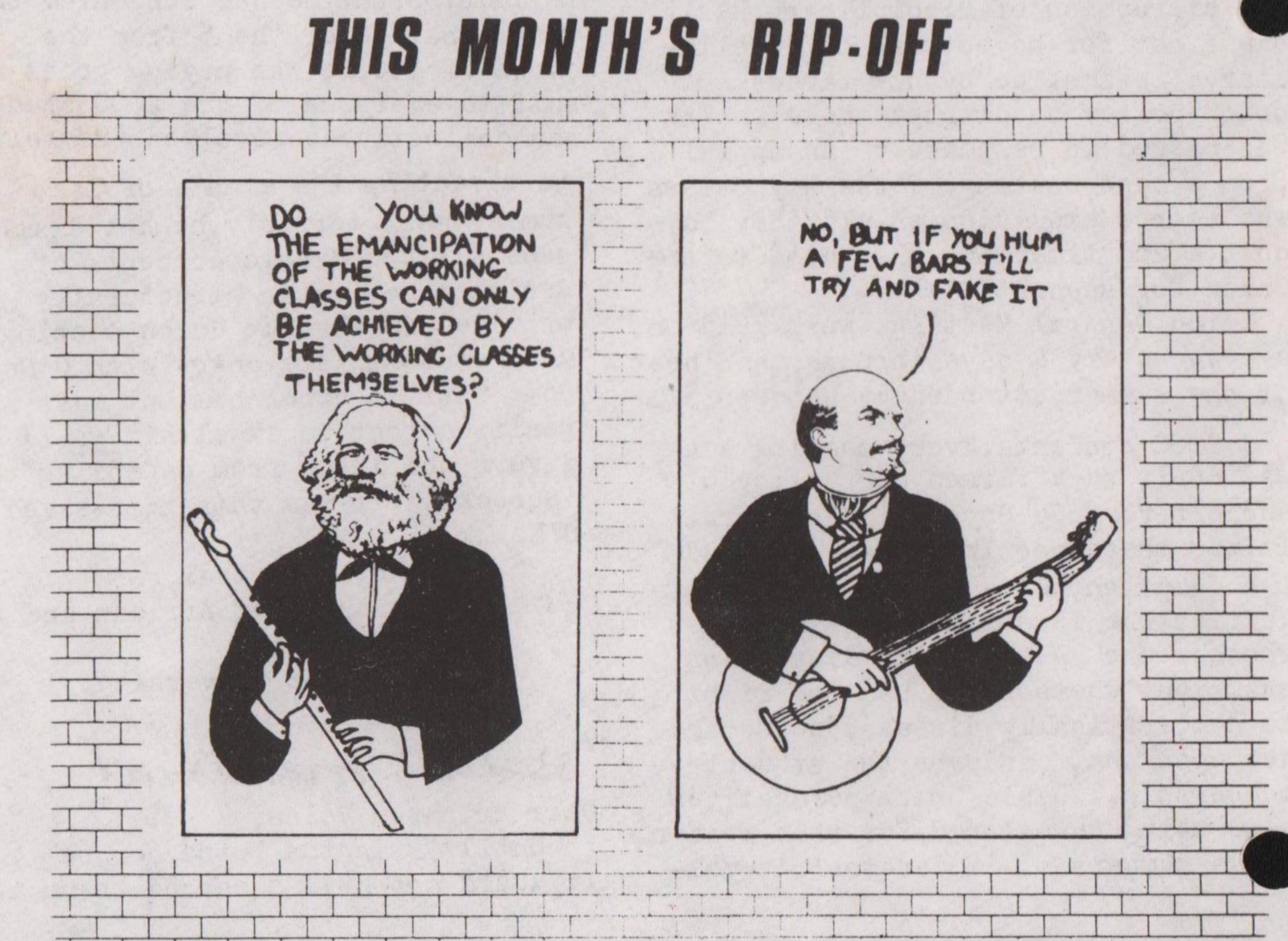
## National Servants Required

A substantial number of doddering old idiots in the House of Lords have been told by the Government that it would be 'counter-productive' to reintroduce conscription. Lord Boothby (aged 80) was very concerned about fighting the Russian army which, he believed, was on the verge of sweeping down (and indeed, up) the country with snow on its boots, despite the mild winter. At the very least, he thought National Service would be 'better than having youngsters on the dole or hanging around street-corners'. War has always been a good Tory 'solution' for unemployment, but Maggie is obviously worried about training large numbers of hostile workers to fire machine-guns and throw hand-grenades: it might be counter-productive.....

## One Law for the Rich.....

Reg Prentice, unpleasant person extraordinaire, is worming his way into Tory hearts and wallets with all the zeal of the converted. His campaign against 'scroungers' has already won the thumbs up from old ladies in Hove and such veteran nasties as Iain Sproat, M.P. He is intending to spend £3½ million of our money on employing 1,000 more DHSS snoopers to diligently seek out fraud in every corner of the land. This, he claims, will save the country £50 million a year.

However, official DHSS statistics indicate that only about £4 million a year is wrongly paid out - far less than 1% of total payments - so there doesn't seem to be much scope for the snoopers to pay their wages, much less have anything over for a grateful nation. Now what about tax evasion? Well, this is altogether a more promising area. The Inland Revenue estimates that about £3,000 million is fiddled every year, i.e. seven hundred and fifty times the DHSS total, if my maths is right. Only 260 people are employed to try and recover this, while the DHSS will now have 5,400 doing the job for them. This would be totally illogical, but for one thing: most people fiddling the DHSS are poor and most evading taxes are rich.



## Would Jubileeve It?

(I) Brighton's carpark-mad Council has again ignored its own town plan and is intending to allow a 200-place carpark in Jubilee St., only yards from the multi-storey monstrosity now under construction in King St. This was revealed at the last meeting of the Housing Committee by shifty chief executive Reg Morgan, who claimed in answer to protests that 'everyone' knew of the scheme. Yet another example of decisions being made behind people's backs, with no benefit to anyone except, dare we suggest, shareholders of the ubiquitous NCP:

(II) The Housing Committee meeting also revealed that the Whithawk redevelopment is well behind schedule and getting further behind all the time. This is largely due to the slowdown in the rest of the building programme, so that people can't be moved out. The next round of cuts will presumably bring the whole thing grinding to a halt, leaving fewer houses than when the redevelopment started.

## More Apparent Than Real

Council tenants will be overjoyed to hear that the Housing Dept. is considering spending £50,000 in 1981-2 to 'improve the appearance' of the estates. Maybe one day they'll get round to improving the actual houses.....

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## NEW KIND OF 11 PLUS FOR KIDS

## CHILDREN'S HOMES ARE SAVED



PARENTS AND CHILDREN AGAINST THE COUNCIL (SEE ALSO P.3)

Last week East Sussex parents were told of the 'new arrangements for School Milk, School Meals and School Transport'. Such a harmless phrase - new 'arrangements' - but what a load of 19th century Tory dogma underneath. The county, like other Tory strongholds in the country at large, is now moving deliberately towards a new and ever more vicious form of selective education. An ordinary family with two kids at secondary school will now have to pay almost £8 A WEEK for school meals and transport. Less than a year ago it was £2.50.

## Money decides

But the staggering increase is only part of the story. The implications for education are ten times more serious. It is well known that the middle-classes will pay almost anything for education, because they know that it eventually buys position and

influence. Working class families, who have been excluded from the educational privileges for so long and who still see only a tiny handful of their children going on to college and university, still need a lot of encouragement and persuasion to give education a try. One of the only ways forward to a more equal education is to offer these working class families real incentives to keep their children on after 16, and so we need Free transport and grants for 16-18 yr olds. (We need a whole lot else of course - like a totally different kind of education...) The Tories know this and have callously decided to move in the opposite direction. Their policy is to make it even more difficult for working class kids to get a fair chance, by putting up the basic charges for what should be theirs FREE and BY RIGHT. Given the chance of saving £8 a week (it will probably be £20 or £30 in a few years) many

FIRST WITH THE GOOD NEWS..... Don't say anything in case they change their minds. But the signs are promising. Brighton Children's Homes are to be saved. The campaign by Social Workers, Residential Workers and everybody who cared for the kids has happily led to a change of plan by the authorities. Six out of the eight homes threatened with closure are to be kept open and children from the other two will be found places within Brighton.

With support ranging from the Trades Council to the Catholic Church, the Social and Residential Workers who signed an open letter to Councillors and the Press in December, have won their case. It's a triumph for humanitarian principles and genuine child care, and only the most irrational fit of pique by the Councillors could now deny the Homes a night of well-deserved celebration. WHO SAID THE VOICE NEVER CARRIES ANY GOOD NEWS ?

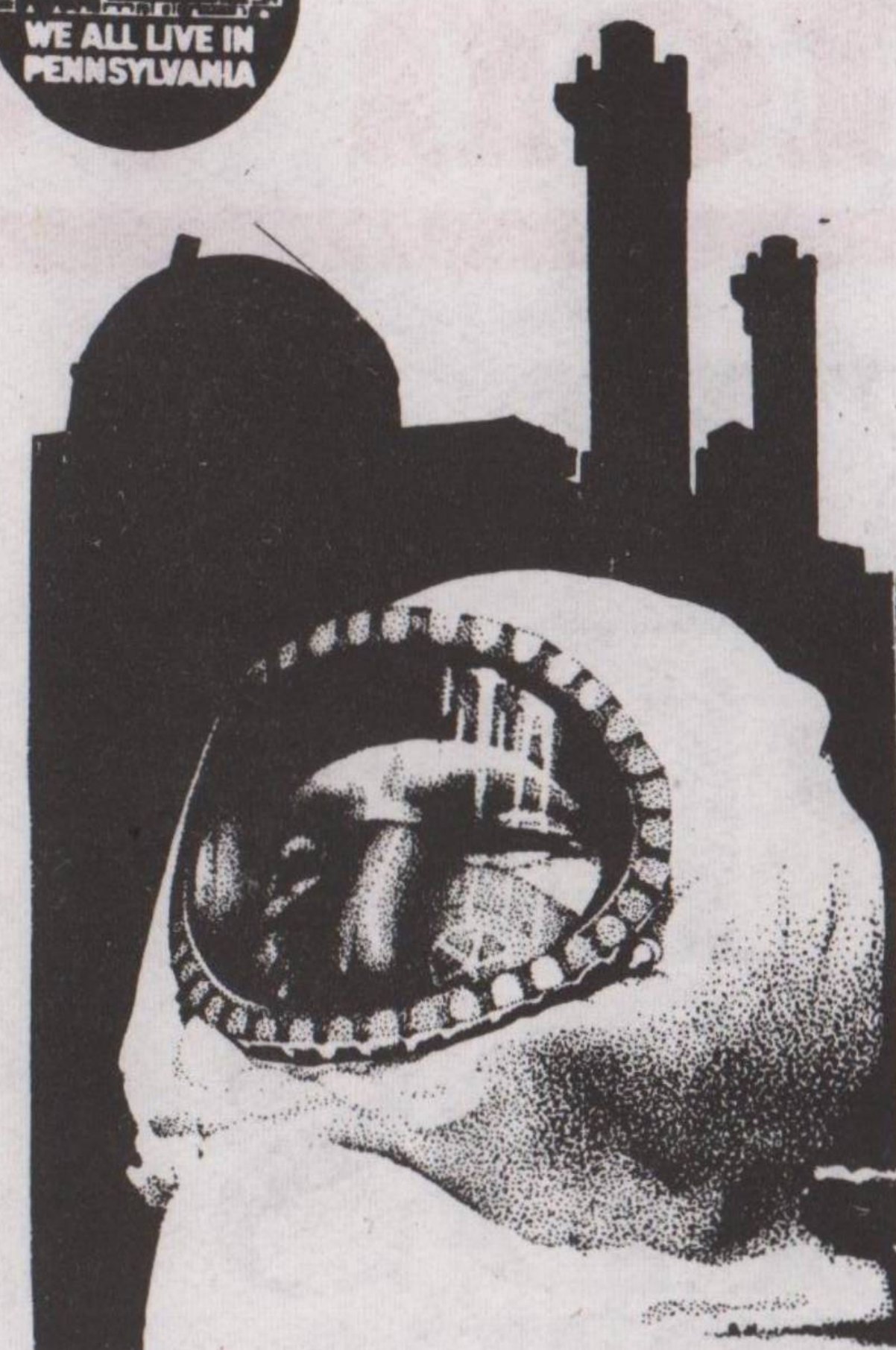
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# Tory nuclear plans



The Anti-Nuclear Campaign is gathering momentum in response to the Tory proposals to build 20 new nuclear reactors, probably Pressurised Water Reactors. PWR's are an American design which has a highly questionable safety record. It was a PWR which was involved in the 'TMI-2 incident', as a recent publication from the nuclear research establishment at Harwell liked to call the near disaster at Three Mile Island, Harrisburg, last year.

This program will cost us around £20,000 million over the next decade. That's about 4 times what was spent altogether on Concorde, British Leyland, Rolls Royce, and British Steel, burnt out by the white heat of technological change over the last decade.

All this is happening at a time when we are being told that we cannot afford basic social services. The CEBG has 60% over-capacity and many studies show that the rate of growth in electricity consumption is falling rapidly.

It is in this climate that the Anti-Nuclear Campaign is getting off the ground, providing a national umbrella organisation which has linked together both Trades Unions and environmental groups.

## Brighton & Nuclear



Apart from the risks from radiation in the event of an accident at Dungeness or during the transport of nuclear waste to Windscale, Brighton jobs are at risk.

The SE region of the CEBG have no plans to close Brighton (formerly Shoreham B) power station at the moment. For although it is a relatively small power station (33MW (300 MW) and not used for base load generation it efficiently burns low grade coal and a small amount of pelletized household waste derived fuel from Eastbourne.

However the overall trend in energy policy is to phase out the older small coal powered stations. Brighton must be on the line. There is an alternative which not only would provide more work for depressed boiler-making and building industries but also preserve Brighton jobs. A fluidised bed boiler burning coal linked with a combined heat power scheme.

The fluidized bed boiler is a recent development where powered coal is fed into a bed of sand made 'fluid' by blowing air in at the bottom. This burns the coal more efficiently and although low grade coal can be used virtually eliminates pollution (something the residents of Shoreham would be pleased about). The combined heat and power system would use 60% of the heat potential of the coal compared to the 20% used in straight forward generation. This is possible because the cooling water instead of heating the sea is used to provide process heat for local factories and district central heating.

Thus the residents of Shoreham, Hove and Brighton would benefit in four ways: local jobs and others nationally would be guaranteed; there would be no more 'smuts' falling on them; and they would get cheap central heating.

This compares with the capital intensive nature of nuclear power, £20,000 per job with nuclear energy versus £800 per job in coal mining. The fluidized bed and combined heat and power represents just one of the alternatives to nuclear power for Brighton. The others include wind, wave and solar energy but perhaps the most important being conservation.

## March 29 Demo

A march and rally 'For a non-Nuclear Future' is planned for March 29th, the anniversary of the Harrisburg Incident. This has been organised by Friends of the Earth and sponsored by Anti-Nuclear Campaign, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Conservation Society, Greenpeace, Socialist Environment and Resources Association, Students against Nuclear Energy, and the World Information Service on Energy. The march is seen as a major demonstration showing the extent of anti-nuclear feeling in Britain. It's assembling at Hyde Park at noon and rallying in Trafalgar Square at 2pm. For details of transport up contact Alan Beacon, Burgess Hill 43026 or SANE c/o the Students Union, University of Sussex.

## May 24 Demo

The Dungeness Action Alliance has called a national demonstration at Dungeness against the Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR). Dungeness with two Magnox design reactors presently shut down for investigation of major cracks in the primary gas circulation ducts. And in May a AGR design reactor is due to be fuelled, this is ten years behind schedule mainly due to design faults (most notably the building of the reactor vessel too big to go in its containment building) other delays have been due to labour disputes. Because of the existing reactors Dungeness is a prime site for a PWR.

The demonstration will be on May 24 and is being supported by FOE, ANC and SANE. There is a bicycle rally from London to Dungeness leaving Sth. Bromly stn. 6.00am, meeting the main demo which will assemble in Lydd (Kent) at 2.00pm. We will march to the site and hold a rally: a sponsored balloon race will begin, plus speakers, music food and other attractions.

March for a Non-Nuclear Future  
March 29th London  
March against the PWR  
May 24th Dungeness

## 'Bloody disgusting'

As reported in the last issue of the BRIGHTON VOICE, two of the people campaigning for the reinstatement of the lollipop patrols in Moulsecoomb were arrested for their part in the protest actions. On February 15th their case came up before the magistrates in Brighton Court.

The two, a woman and a man, were jointly charged with damaging public property i.e. painting zebra crossing in Hodshrove Road. The East Sussex County Council claimed compensation of £221.80. In addition, the man was charged with two cases of assault on the police, and with damaging public property to the value of £2 (a ripped anorak worn by a plainclothes policeman). Both pleaded guilty to the charges.

On the 15th of November last at around midnight, the police were waiting in ambush for a repetition of the zebra-crossing painting. The two who were later arrested were seen painting a zebra on the road - this is not disputed. But what happened next led to the more serious charges of assault being brought.

What is clear is that after finishing the crossing, the two split up to walk home. As soon as this had happened a burly policeman in plainclothes jumped out of the bushes and attacked ("arrested") the woman, but WITHOUT identifying himself as a policeman - he claimed that he didn't realise that it was a woman he was attacking!! Perhaps this explains why he grabbed her round the neck in a stranglehold. Not surprisingly, the woman struggled, and screamed for help.

The man involved, a little distance away, ran back to stop what he thought was a vicious attack and jumped on the assailant, ripping his anorak in the process. He was immediately set on from behind by another policeman, and in the fight a uniformed P.C. was kicked.

This then was the gist of the case. The magistrates were clearly sympathetic to the Moulsecoomb campaign, but they were duty-bound to be seen to be tough on 'assaults' on the police, even where the defendant could not have known that it was the police. Accordingly, the two were bound over for 12 months, and ordered to share court costs of £25. More importantly, only £14.80 was held to be due to the Council, since the remaining £207 was for the services of the private contractors hired to remove the crossings, and it was far from certain that the two involved could be held responsible for Council workmen refusing to do the job. The Council still has the option of taking

# selective education

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poorer families are bound to take their children away at 16 - even if the schools encourage them to stay. That's how the system has worked in the past and that's how it will work in the future. SELECTIVE EDUCATION BY THE BACK DOOR.

Still worse, the Education Officer J.A. Carter at the end of the notice to parents, turns the Tory knife even further. In the light of these new charges, he says, you may want to reconsider your choice of secondary school for your child. WOW! In other words you may not be able to afford the school of your choice, now that it will cost almost 40p a day in transport. So why not just take the local school and forget about choice? O.K.

but the middle-classes won't. They will continue to choose because they can afford the new charges. So it's the old Tory recipe for a happy capitalist society - Everyone is free to choose but only the rich can afford to do so.

These are not 'arrangements' they are not even 'cuts' or 'economies'. They are a carefully planned attack on the educational futures of millions of ordinary kids. They are a massive step backwards by a government that is going backwards faster than any in living memory. The campaign against it must therefore be more than a campaign 'against the cuts'. Resistance must be total.



The transport charges will hit poorer families in the rural areas particularly hard - and in East Sussex as in most rural parts of the country people normally vote Tory. Will rural families at last start to realise that Tory policies are not in their interest? A good start in this direction was made in Lewes on 19 Feb when the Council met to rubber stamp the savage increases. Outside the Council chamber over 200 demon-

strators had collected from Fletching, Barcombe, Danehill, Chelwood and other rural areas, and their anger against the Tory proposals surprised their complacent Councillors. One was even heard to say that 'he hadn't expected nice, sensible families to take to the streets like this'.

The shouting and the slogans were loud and clear. 'SAY NO'. But the Councillors said Yes and the demos will have to get more and more forceful.

this claim to a civil court.

But on the charges of assault, the man was fined a total of £90, leaving him with a total of over £110 to find. Although only on an income of £4.5 p.w., he was ordered to pay £10 a week to the authorities. "Bloody disgusting" was the opinion of one of the Moulsecoomb mothers. Considering the way the

police acted that night, and the behaviour of the East Sussex County Council throughout, this sums up the whole charade very well.

A COLLECTION is being organised to pay off these fines - if you can help with a contribution contact Sue McDonald at 138, Moulsecoomb Way, Moulsecoomb.

# PAINTING THE SCHOOLS TORY BLUE

East Sussex County Council's cuts in education spending are beginning to be felt in many schools in the Brighton area. Some are more obvious, such as the cuts in travel subsidies for rural children. Others are more subtle.

ESCC have recently told all local schools that they will not be re-decorated in the foreseeable future, but have offered paint to schools who can get teachers and students to do the work for them.

You might think that getting children to decorate their own classroom is a good idea; it fosters the idea that the room 'belongs' to the children; gives them pride in their workplace etc. These are all good reasons for involving students in painting- and many other activities (course organisation, evaluation, teacher assessment?)

However, we must realise that ESCC have not suddenly gained an enlightened new approach to education, but are MAKING CUTS. By getting children to do the work, the Council is causing unemployment now and/or in the future (the schools must be painted sometime). A precedent



is being created which will be used as an excuse to get other schools/kids/teachers to do painting; and painting is merely the beginning. What else will ESCC expect teachers and students to do for themselves- repairs to buildings, raising money for textbooks?

The problem with painting is that it is something which children and staff in some schools have participated in before with good intentions. Because of this it is difficult under present circumstances to tell exactly where cuts are being made. Also, teachers may be forced to paint rooms in order to regain good class control and allow 'normal' work to proceed.

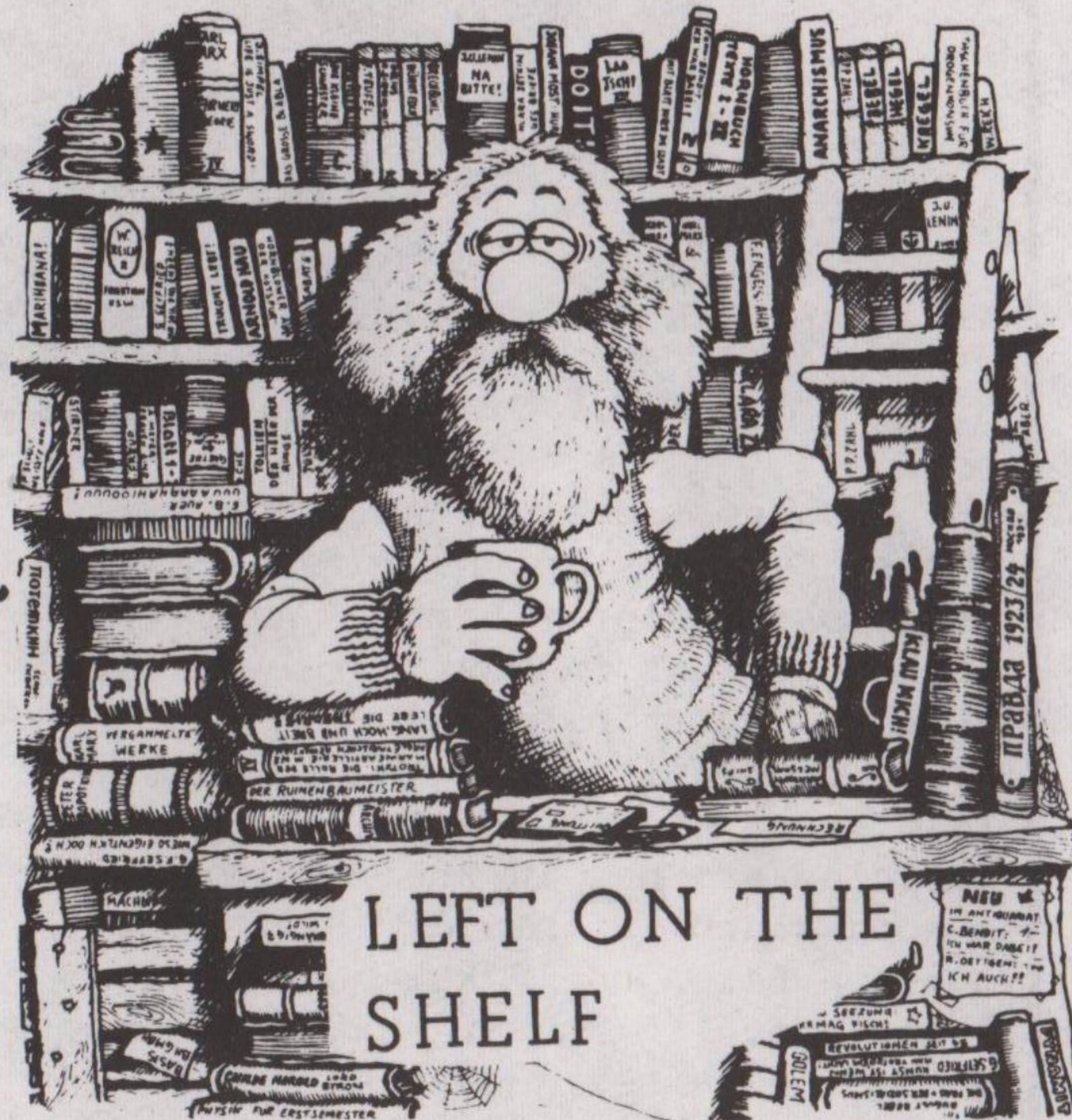
But it is very easy to say "We'll accept this small cut, but stand up to the next one". Unfortunately, with each 'minor' cut the task of ESCC becomes easier. We must get everyone involved- parents, teachers, kids- to make a stand now. To say NO to the Council; we are not prepared to accept Thatcherite policies. I wonder if Brighton Boys College is being re-decorated?

## live and learn

LIVE AND LEARN, by LES MOSS

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loss of wages. It is isolation and demoralisation in place of comradeship and struggle. It is atomisation in place of solidarity.

For the first time since 1926 the mass of the working people, fearful of losing what they now hold, are glancing

sideways at the political weapons on the armory wall, that they have not dusted or tested for fifty years.

The steelworkers and the miners are looking for solutions. Not just regional solutions, nor Welsh solutions. But national solutions.

These thoughts came to mind on a re-reading of Les Moss's brilliant little book, LIVE AND LEARN, got together recently by the Queenspark Collective, which is essential reading for every Labour activist in Brighton.

It is the story, modest, terse, good humored and intensely readable of a trade unionist in the Amalgamated Engineering Union whose militancy, courage and dogged perseverance in the interests of his members brought him into collision after collision with Brighton engineering managements before during and after the '39-'45 war.

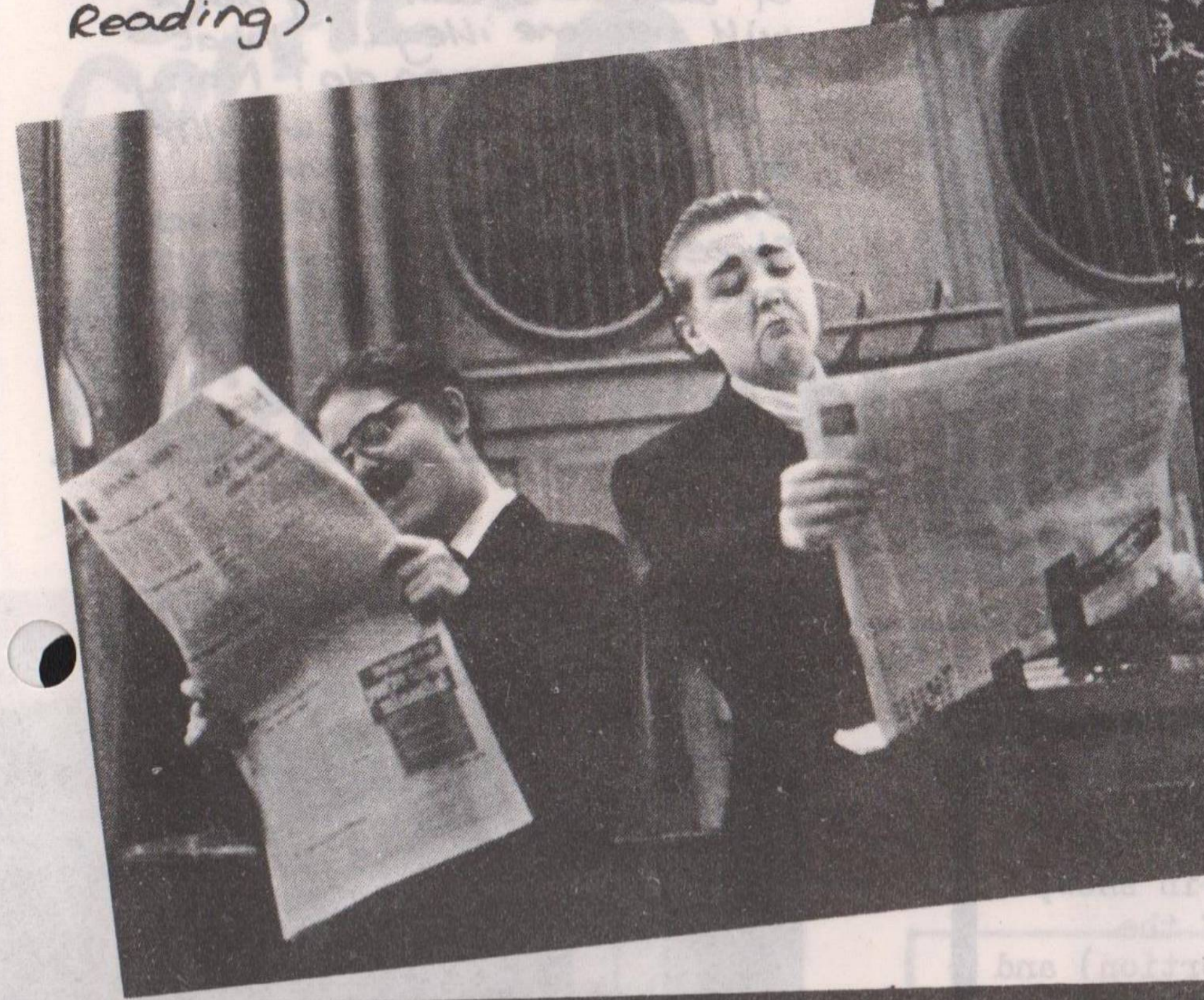
Collision, too, with the N.H.S. bureaucracy.

"We had gone to the Labour Exchange to report that the firm (it was Crawley Engineering, in 1941) was underpaying the women workers ..." explains Les. The firm was made to pay them the correct rate, Les saw to that. But Les was sacked.

It is such men and women, sacked but never stopped in selfless endeavour to build and rebuild the union presence on the shop floor, who are the true salt of the trade union movement.

Les is still around  
Get his book.

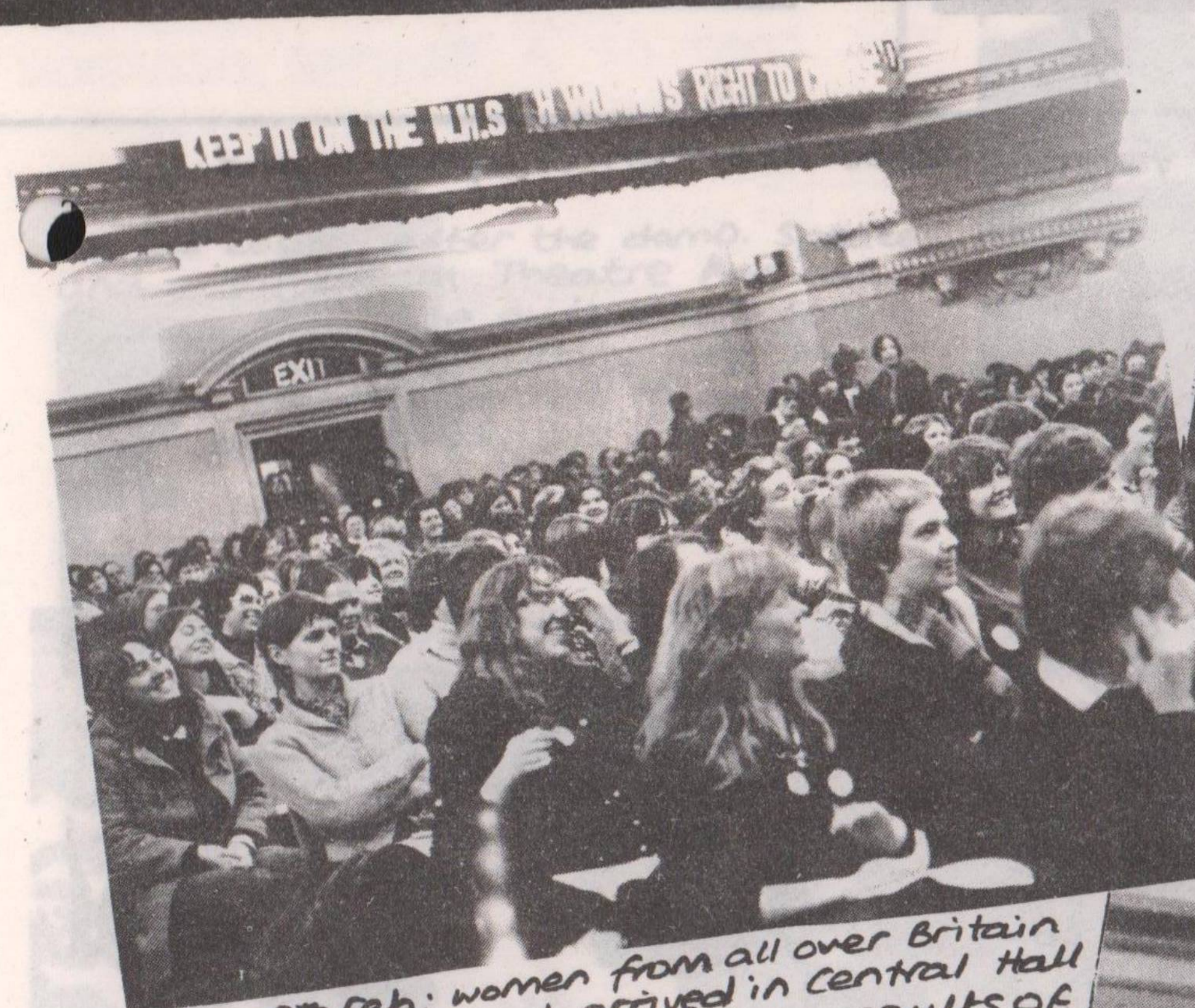
Tuesday 5th Feb: The Students' Union + Brighton Co-Op Party sent coaches to Westminster for a mixed (men + women) rally and lobby of Parliament. Not that Brighton MPs were available - Andrew Bowden (Kemp Town) and Julian Amery (Pavilion) had refused to see us. Bowden is a notorious anti-abortionist, + Amery had offered to see constituents in Brighton... on Feb 15th (after the scheduled date of the Third Reading).



CARPEL WOMEN'S THEATRE GROUP (Tuesday 5th Feb at Central Hall): "MPs discussing the Corrie Bill: I know all about breeding - cows, sheep, chickens. My motto is - 'if it moves, fuck it'."

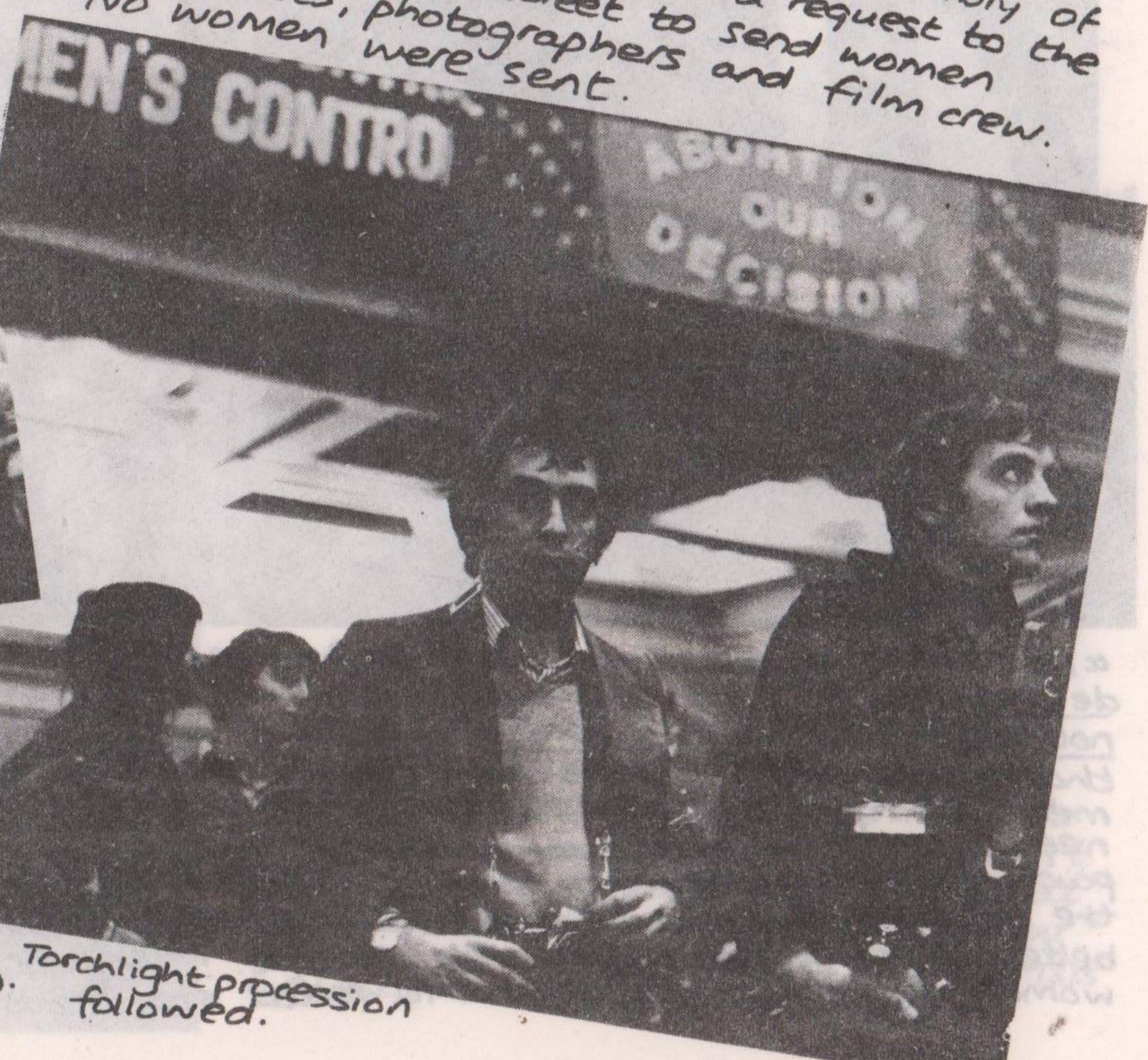
## "KICK OUT CORRIE!"

DURING THE PAST MONTH THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE CORRIE BILL. THE BILL HAD ITS THIRD READING - THE FIRST LAP - ON FRIDAY 8 FEB. THE DEBATE CONTINUED ON 15 & 29 FEB, AND EACH TIME HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY DEMONSTRATIONS OF OPPOSITION FROM WOMEN AND MEN WHO BELIEVE THAT WOMEN MUST HAVE THE CHOICE, WHEN AND WHETHER TO HAVE CHILDREN. SEE PAGE 8 FOR THE LATEST NEWS ON THE DEBATE.



The organisers of the national assembly of women (Friday 8th Feb) sent a request to the editors of Fleet Street to send women journalists, photographers and film crew. No women were sent.

Friday 8th Feb: women from all over Britain + some from Holland arrived in Central Hall for an assembly, to await the results of the debate. Meanwhile... in the public gallery of the House of Commons, women shouted slogans + unfurled a banner... Women will not obey your aims... Women will not obey your aims... Women were removed + detained by police. Women who left Central Hall to picket for their sisters, release met with very heavy police action. Torchlight procession followed.





FRIDAY Feb 1st: Dusk to Dawn Vigil "in memory of women who died from backstreet abortion". The Vigil - with giant knitting needles and coffin, plus "anti-Corrie" carols and torches - lasted from 4pm to 4am, and attracted sympathetic public attention. If Corrie's bill gets through, a large number of abortions currently done will become illegal. What will these women do? Many - totally unable or unwilling to support an unplanned child - will turn to the backstreet abortionist. We must not let this happen again.

Brighton  
Against the  
Corrie Bill!  
♀  
A WOMAN'S  
RIGHT TO CHOOSE!



SATURDAY Feb 1st: local demo against the Corrie bill. 200 people marched from Brunswick Square to the Level. One of the best things about this demo was its atmosphere of cohesion and liveliness. Two bands - the Objects and a Brighton Women's band - played from a lorry. Because the demo was lively, shoppers in western Road, North Street + London Road seemed more interested than usual in what the demo was about. The worst thing was the heavy attitude of the police who tried to stop the bands from playing during the march.

### PHONE-IN



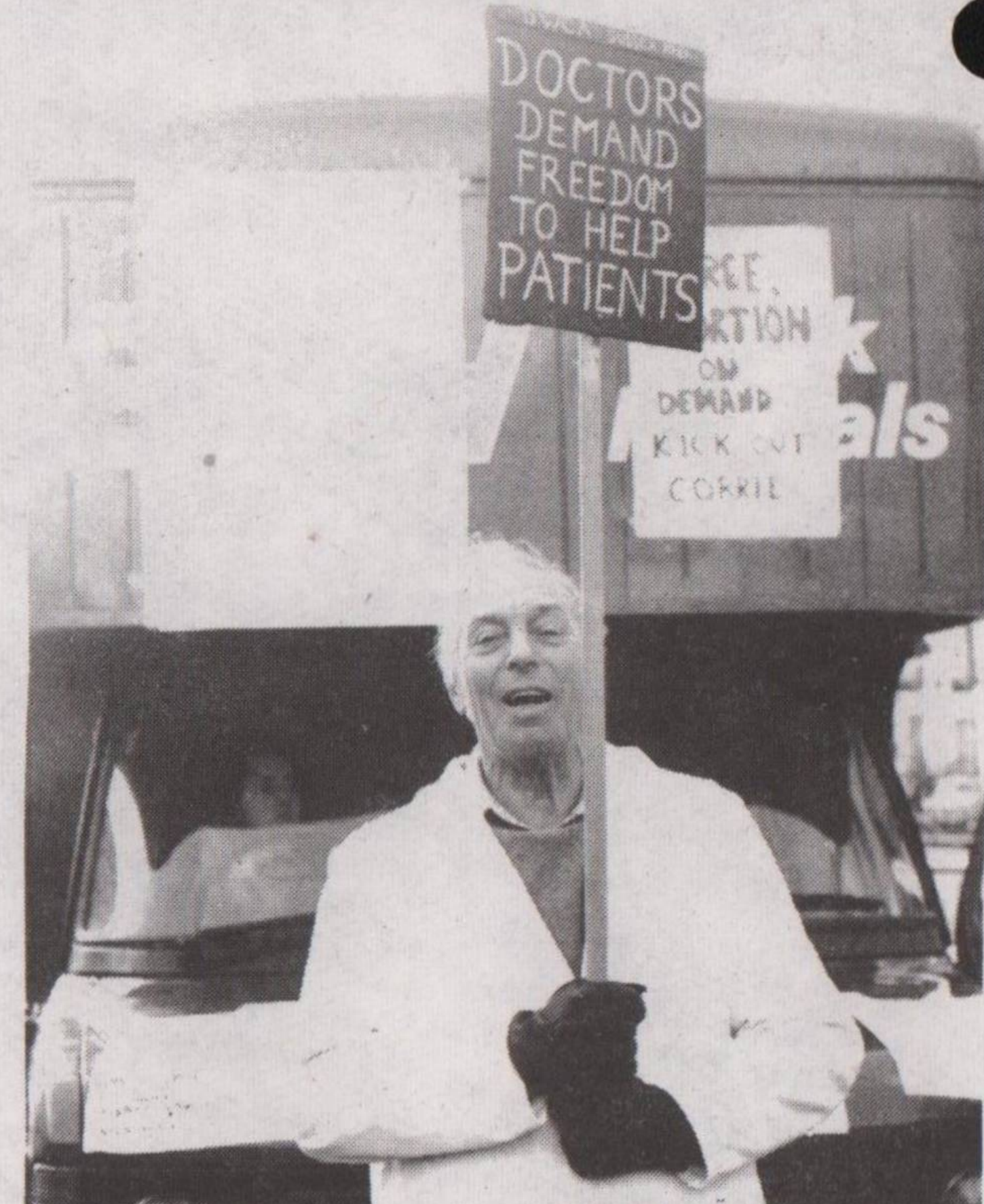
FRIDAY Feb 1st: a debate on the Radio Brighton phone-in show, between members of SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child - an organisation strongly opposed to abortion) and CAC (Campaign Against Corrie - one of whom was a doctor from Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion). The debate was lively and quite heated, although really the time was too short for the arguments to be developed fully. It was encouraging to find that all of the callers were sympathetic to abortion, and brought up important and interesting questions; the callers were obviously very aware of the problem it is for women to make the decision whether or not to have an abortion, but felt strongly that at least this decision should be taken by the woman herself.



SATURDAY Feb 2nd: After the local demo - speakers from National Abortion Campaign and Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion.

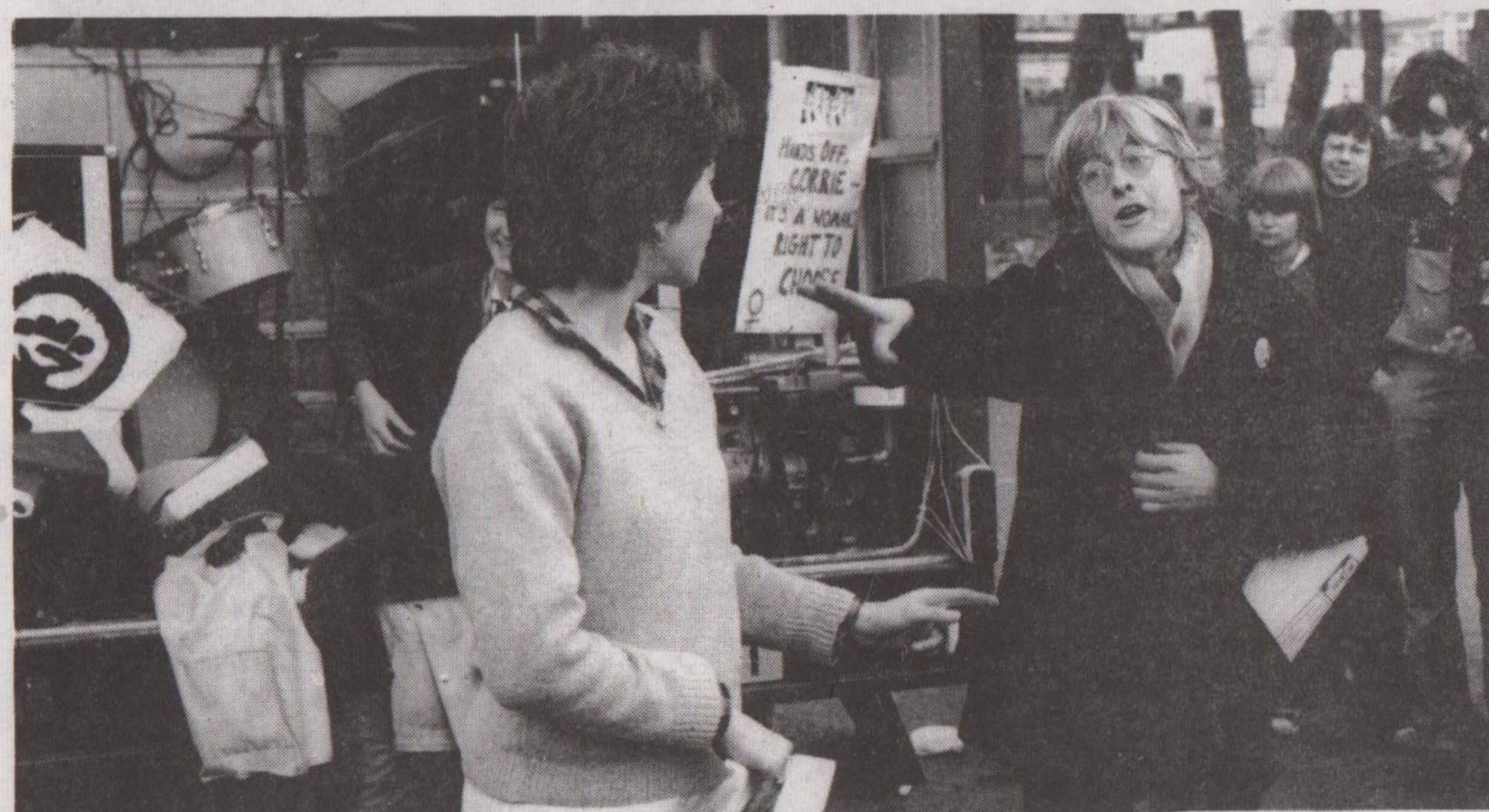


«Nac has been forced onto the defensive. We have had to defend the 1967 Act, although it is inadequate and does not make abortion a woman's choice - doctors still take that decision. "A woman's right to choose" should also mean being able to choose to have children. For this you need access to better contraception, better pay, child care, paid maternity/paternity leave, improved child benefit, the right for lesbian women to have custody of children, better housing, health care etc. etc. etc. ! And for immigrant women, there must be an end to forced sterilisation. »



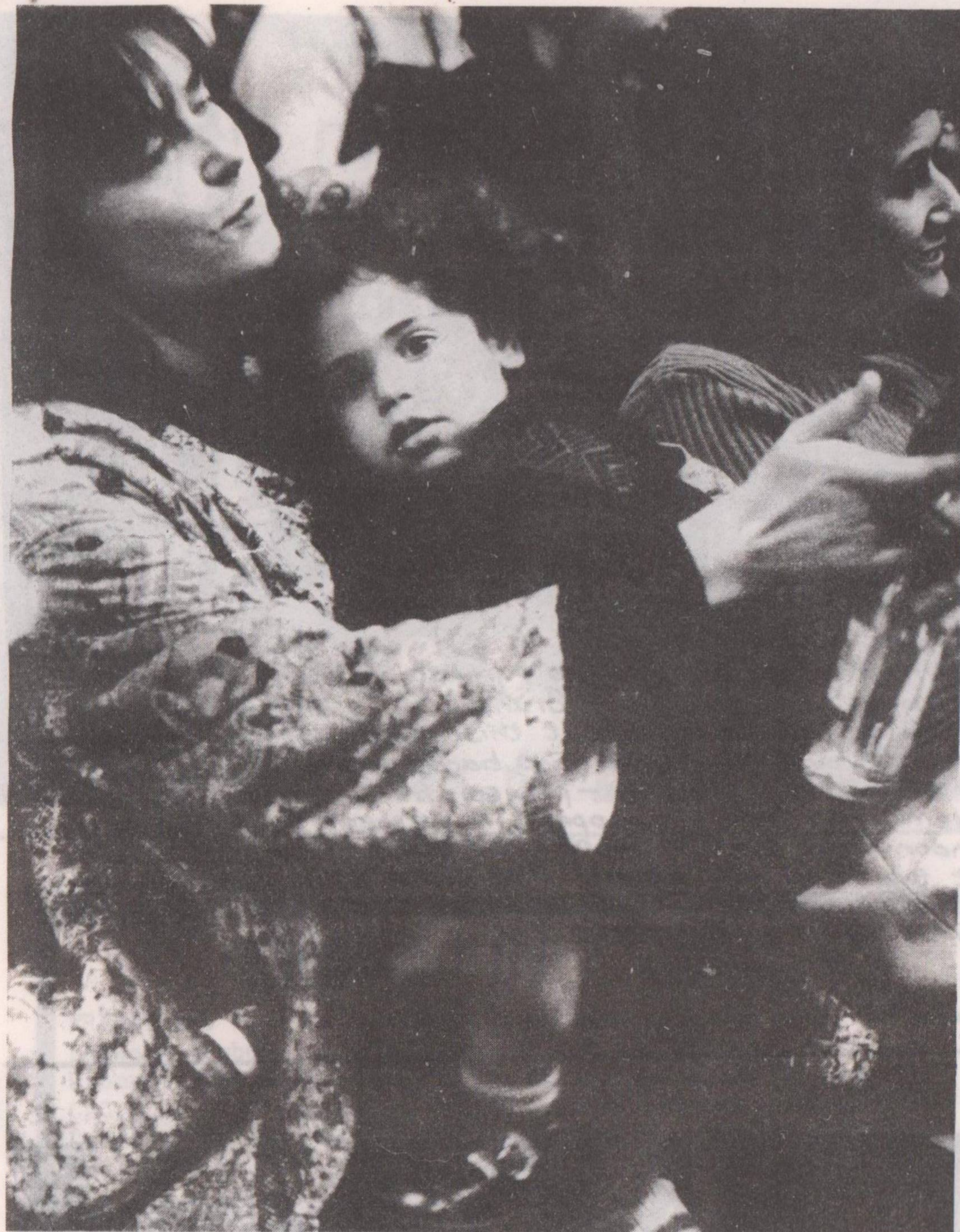
«Some people say that pregnant women who do not want the child can have it adopted. OK. But for that you have to be prepared to spend virtually a year of your life as an incubator».

At the Level, after the demo. Speakers and a play from Theatre Against Sexism about the evils of the Corrie bill, and the difficulties faced by women who choose not to continue their pregnancies.



John Corrie MP: his bill aims to sever the links between referral agencies and abortion clinics. So Family Planning doctors could not work in abortion clinics, and it would end counselling services such as BPAS.

«Sorry to leave you with the kids, love - got to go to the Union meeting». (She can't go - there's no creche provided.) «No I can't bring up the issue of a creche at the meeting! They want to know about the big issues... the crisis of capitalism for example»



**THE STORY SO FAR...**

John Corrie's Abortion (Amendments) Bill was due for its third reading in Parliament on Friday 8th Feb. In fact the debate has been continued on the 15th and the 29th Feb. So far no conclusion has been reached, and this is going to print too early for the result of the 29th. If no conclusion is reached this time, the bill must either go to the bottom of the pile of private members bills, or be granted extra time - this can only be granted by the Leader of the House, but he is Norman St John-Stevas, an anti-abortion catholic.

Compromise talks between opponents and sponsors of the bill have been held over the past fortnight. Sponsors offered to accept the proposal to make the upper time limit for legal abortions 24 weeks, instead of 20. They were also prepared to change the word "serious" to "substantial", with reference to the risk to the mother as grounds for abortion. But opponents of the bill are rightly refusing to accept the Corrie bill in any form whatsoever.

**ABORTION IN BRIGHTON**

A G.P. CAN REFER WOMEN SEEKING ABORTIONS TO THE N.H.S. OR TO WISTONS (PRIVATE CLINIC) 90% ABORTIONS IN BRIGHTON ARE DONE PRIVATELY (£20-£90). FEW WOMEN ARE REFERRED FOR N.H.S. THAT SO MANY WOMEN ARE DESPERATE ENOUGH TO RAKE UP THE COST OF A PRIVATE ABORTION ONLY PROVES THE NEED FOR MORE - NOT LESS - N.H.S. ONES



Older women can remember only too well the days before the 1967 Act, when women suffered and died at the hands of backstreet abortionists.

**ABORTION: NOT AN EASY CHOICE**

At present, a number of pressures surround the woman who is making a decision about abortion. Not only are there the emotional and ethical aspects that can prove very distressing for the woman, but there are also the problems of gaining access to abortion facilities. Often the decision to have an abortion can be a difficult one. For some women who are clear about what they want the decision is not so traumatic. In all case, however, the woman is obliged to go through a series of steps that can be upsetting and humiliating.

Not only does the woman have to face delays in pregnancy-test results, appointments to see doctors and consultants, but she is also often put in a position of having to make out a case and plead with the doctors - some of whom will be reluctant to grant her request. If she is able to have the operation she is again subject to moralistic attitudes of those that are involved in it. It is vital that women should not have to undergo these delays and pressures and that they have full rights to make their own decisions about whether to have an abortion or not, as well as having access to safe, quick and efficient services.

-Quoted from Report of Working Party of Brighton Campaign for Day-Care Abortion (Jan. 1979)

**WHITEHOUSE WASHES WHITEST**

Usually kids come out of school clutching their drawings and a note from the headteacher about jumble sales. This time they came out of Balfour First and Middle schools with a moral sermon from the friends of Mrs Mary Whitehouse. Oh yes, no kidding. It was a pamphlet headed 'A Challenge to Parents from the Year of the Child' (see below) but it wasn't from the year of the child at all, but from a private local pressure group dedicated to cleaning up Brighton and Hove families and enrolling their children in to the Girl Guides and the Boy Scouts. (Now who could possibly object to that ??)

At first parents couldn't believe it. 'Who gave you this? The school? Surely not. It's from a private moral campaign. It says so - the Brighton and Hove Community Standards Association. Who are they, anyway? Scientologists? Festival of Light? The soft centre of the National Front? The pro-Corrie lobby? Everyday country folk?'

Murmurs grew into protests. Divorced parents objected to the stress on marriage, and coloured parents, French parents, Welsh parents - all parents - objected to the mysterious threat contained in the promise to 'combat undesirable outside influences'. So they wrote to Mr Kendall the Brighton Education Officer.

**CHALLENGE TO PARENTS FROM THE YEAR OF THE CHILD**

DO YOU FEEL you can't win?

SHOULD WE COMPLAIN if our children show us no respect, use bad language, and have no thought for anyone but themselves?

SHOULD WE BLAME the teachers, other parents, or society in general?

IS IT ENOUGH to supply their material needs, then leave them to do as they please?

SHOULD WE EXPECT other people to train our children to be good citizens?

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE for bringing them into the world, for feeding, clothing and caring for them. Our standards of behaviour are most likely to be the standards that they follow.

WE HAVE DECIDED:

TO UPHOLD the values of love and marriage and a stable family life;

TO STRESS the value of discipline and consideration for others, as a countermeasure to violence and aggression;

TO MAKE SURE that the standards we expect from our children are those that we are living ourselves;

TO CAMPAIGN for higher standards in films, TV magazines, etc., and to try to get offensive material banned from view;

TO DISCOURAGE children from drinking and drug-taking. The numbers of young alcoholics are on the increase;

TO ENCOURAGE children to join Youth Clubs, Scouts and Guides, Boys and Girls Brigades and other recreational and sporting activities. Children who do not learn to serve, learn to exploit, and a happy and fulfilled child is much less likely to get into trouble;

TO BUILD for future generations a society in which they will be proud to live.

In order to further these aims and combat undesirable outside influences, some of us have joined Community Standards Associations. This was published by the Brighton & Hove C.S.A. For more information write to: 10 Withdean Crescent, Brighton or phone 553223 or 419965.

Kendall had given the go-ahead to the Association to approach headteachers because he thought the tract was harmless. Now the protests have rolled in he has had another look and agrees that it could give offence. He has therefore told headteachers that 'individuals have expressed unease about the tract and it is therefore wiser for the Education Authority not to be involved.' In other words if heads insist in ordering copies and handing them out to kids they will get no backing from the Education Dept.

For the record, the Brighton and Hove Community Standards Association has a membership of about 100, a committee of 10, a subscription of £1 and an AGM on Wed. 12 March at 7.30 in the Holy Trinity Church Hall in Hove, at which the speaker will be - wait for it - our old friend Raymond Johnston Director of the Festival of Light.

So what were the schools doing, acting as free distribution networks for a private crusade? And what do our Whiter than White fellow citizens mean by 'undesirable outside influences'? Tell us somebody please. We'll publish the best article. WASFS only of course.

← The Tract.

**Black Rock Pool**



Black Rock Pool - mid 1960's

**—time for action**

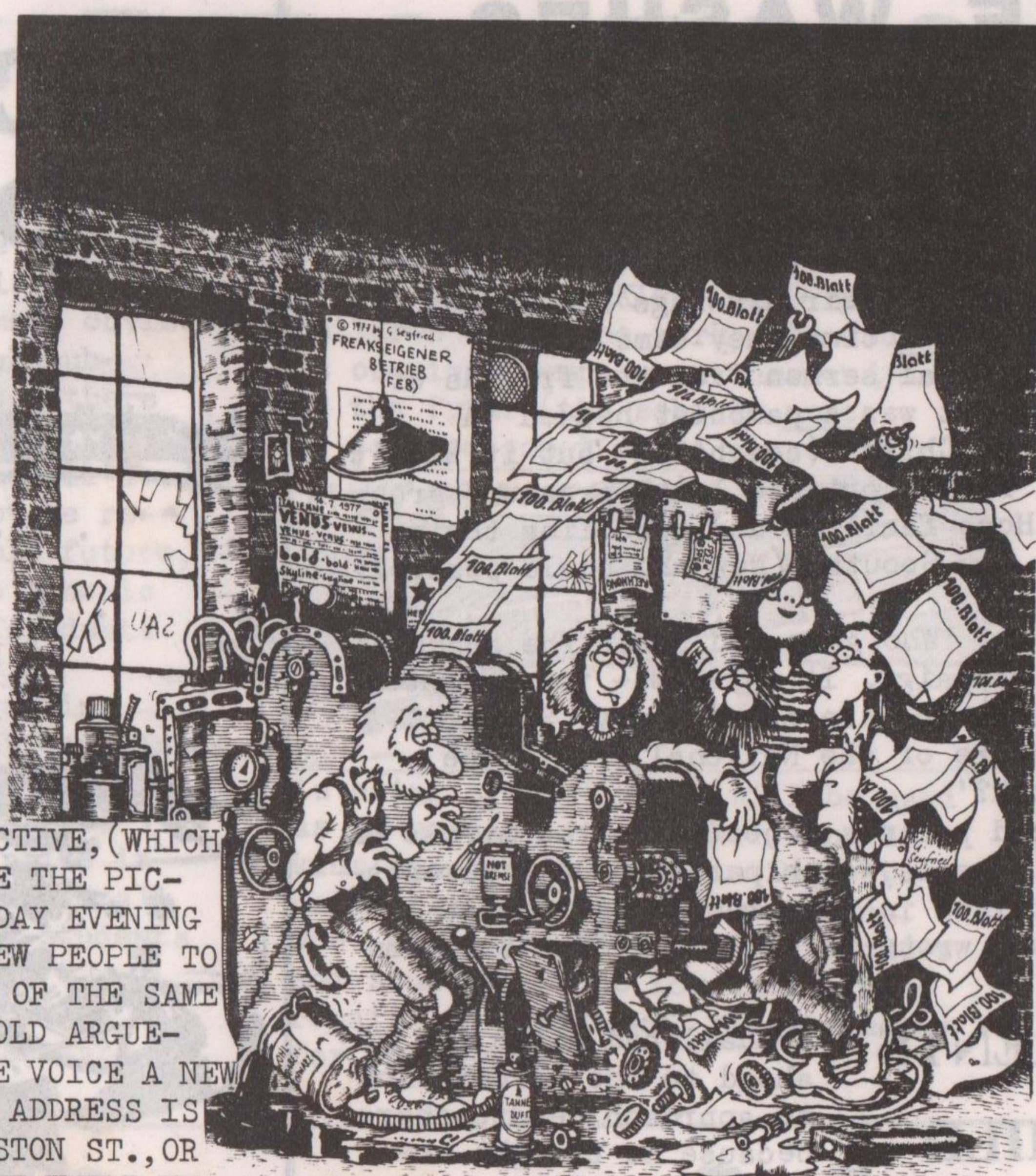
BRIGHTON COUNCIL HAS ALLOWED BLACK ROCK POOL TO DECAY OVER THE PAST 13 YEARS, FINALLY CLOSING IT 2 YEARS AGO. The Black Rock Action Group, (c/o Flat 6, 4 Sussex Square, Bton.) is campaigning for the area to incorporate an open pool and a childrens leisure centre that suits the needs and pockets of the people who live in Brighton, especially in the Black Rock area.

Why let private enterprise handle the site when we've all seen what happened to their promises for two swimming pools to be built in the Marina complex. If a profit is to be made, let the people of Brighton profit for once.

250 people attended a campaign meeting on Feb. 20th and the next public action occurs on MARCH 13th when the council meets to debate a popular motion to delay the unnecessary demolition of the Black Rock site to allow proper consideration, and the voice of Brighton people to be heard.

SUPPORT THAT MOTION, MEET AT THE TOWN HALL, THURSDAY 13th MARCH 4pm (Full campaign details next issue)

# A COLLECTIVE VOICE



THE BRIGHTON VOICE COLLECTIVE, (WHICH DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE PICTURES!!!!) MEET EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT ABOUT 8.00pm. WE NEED NEW PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED, (WE'RE TIRED OF THE SAME OLD PEOPLE WITH THE SAME OLD ARGUMENTS) HOW ABOUT GIVING THE VOICE A NEW LEASE OF LIFE. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS 'PUBLIC HSE, 21 LITTLE PRESTON ST., OR YOU CAN DROP IN TO FIND OUT WHERE WE MEET. COME ALONG - WE NEED YOU.

Sorry, No Info THIS MONTH Returns soon

## COOKBOOK NOOK



BROWN BREAD

### What:

- 1 lb plain wholewheat flour
- 2 teaspoons dried yeast
- 1 " brown sugar
- 1 " salt
- 12 fluid oz. warm water

### How:

- Mix the yeast and sugar in 5 fl. oz. of warm water. Stir to dissolve and leave in a warm place till frothy.
- Mix flour and salt. Pour in the yeast mixture and the rest of the warm water and mix thoroughly.
- Put in greased and floured bread tin and leave in a warm place to rise - usually 1/2 hr. plus.

### Cookery Corner

And now, for the very first time, a part of the Voice to fill the tummy rather than the mind! This will be a regular feature from now until we run out of ideas, and we welcome any recipes you would like to share with the world.

We don't want things where you have to be a cordon rouge chef or need a dictionary to work out what the ingredients are - just food that is nice and easy. Anyway, here goes with the first two:

Cover loosely with a cloth.

- When the mixture has risen to the top of the tin, put in the middle of a pre-heated oven (Mk. 6) and bake for 35 mins.
- Turn out to cool.

### MATILDA CAKE

#### What:

- 6oz. marge
- 3oz. sultanas
- 2 dessertspoons golden syrup
- 10oz. self-rsg. flour
- 4oz. sugar
- 3oz. chopped glace cherries, or dates or nuts

## CHEAP AT THE PRICE?

A Nottingham group has exploded the economic rubbish behind plans to sell off the best of the country's five million council homes.

Their report, just published, shows that between 1976 and 1979, Nottingham Council sold off 5,356 houses, resulting in an eventual loss of £75 million (1977 prices) when interest charges are paid. If the Tory target of 100,000 houses a year nationally is reached, the annual loss will be £1,200 million, up to £35,000 on each house.

The report, which goes into great detail, is available from Nottingham Alternative Publications, 83, Beauvale Rd., The Meadows, Nottingham, price £1 plus 15p postage.

Meanwhile, housing starts in the last year were the lowest since 1948, only 60,000 in the public sector.

#### How:

- Melt the marge, sugar and syrup.
- Mix the flour and fruit in a bowl.
- Mix the marge, etc. in thoroughly.
- Spread in a greased baking tin, about 10"X5", and bake for 20 mins. in the middle of the oven at Mk. 4, until light brown on top and soft in the centre.
- Allow to cool in the tin. Cut into squares while still warm.

N.B. Gas mark 6 is 200deg. C/400 F.  
Gas mark 4 is 180deg. C/350 F.

Happy Eating!

## REVIEW

### Us and Them

Just about the first thing the Tories did when they got back to power was to abolish the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth, and after reading its conclusions it's easy to see why.

The Commission's report, 'An A-Z of Income and Wealth' is a fascinating account of the divisions in our society, showing that the top 1% of the population own as much as the bottom 80% and that the top tenth earn (or at any rate, get) five times the average income of the bottom half, whose share of the total has not changed in the last thirty years.

The A-Z also shows that although women's earnings have increased 50% faster than men's over the last twenty years, they still make up nearly three-quarters of the lowest paid workers.

The report costs £1.25 from HM Stationery Office, or via decent bookshops.

## The 'Sussex 5'

Dear Readers,

As a member of Sussex University Students Union I would like to comment on Mike O'Neil who recently took out a writ against the Union. It outlawed a decision taken by numerous Union General Meetings to pay the fines of the 'Sussex 5'. The 'Sussex 5' were among over 300 students (including myself) involved in disruption of Disciplinary Resit exams set for boycotters of 'Preliminary' exams. The by now famous union policy to disrupt these resits was passed in response to an appeal from a mass-meeting of the boycotters who feared expulsion should they boycott a 2nd time; this they came to the Union for support.

Union General Meetings were held on average every 4 days through the 'heat of the summer, attended by between 500 and 2000 students. Every meeting consistently re-affirmed our policy of support for the Boycott re-sitters. It was these meetings that directed the campaign, NOT a handful of loonie lefties. The issues at stake were not whether one agreed with disrupting exams, but whether one had the right to democratically discuss, decide and act upon what concerns the student membership... basic Union perogatives were being threatened. For this reason large numbers of 'moderates', 'a-pol-

itical people', and even Tories involved themselves to defend their Union rights.

The arrest of the 'Sussex 5' was, then, clearly victimisation of 5 individuals among 300; they were convicted on Police identifications written after their arrests some 3 hours after they were supposedly spotted among a 'seething mass of left wing violence'!

The Union membership shared this view by proposing to pay their fines. Thus O'Neil was not only threatening the 5 with jail when he sought his injunction, but he was condoning the victimisation of the 5 from the crowd of 300, he was paying gross insult to everyone of the 2000 students who collectively involved themselves

in directing the events of last summer; most terribly, he has dismissed all democratic concepts of decision-making as structurally provided for by our Union meetings. Most students are angry with O'Neil. Some want to expel him. But most realised that to expel him would divert the issue from defending the 'Sussex 5'. It was this that saved O'Neil.

Rob Rosenthal,  
School of African and Asian Studies,  
Sussex University.

## "sexist material..."

Dear Brighton Voice,  
Until 'Brighton Voice No. 64' it would not have occurred to us to

rise in defence of Julia Cumberlege. However, referring to her as "Chairthing" is silly. Certainly East Sussex County Council policies are despicable, but we wonder if a male Social Services Chairperson would have been referred to as a thing? It is Mrs. Cumberlege's policies, not her sex, which should be attacked. Could you explain how this fits in with your much printed boast to eschew racist, sexist and imperialist material?

Yours perplexedly,  
TWO THINGS OF DIFFERING SEXES WHO WITHOLD THEIR NAMES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE EMPLOYEES OF ESCC.

## Labour Resolution

Dear Brighton Voice,  
For your columns please find the following resolution passed by the General Management Committee of this Party.

'This Labour Party deplores the treatment and eventual deportation of three asian crew members of the 'Athina B'. We call for a full enquiry into this incident with special reference to;

- the discretionary powers of immigration officers in relation to 3rd World Seamen.
- the conditions under which those detained by immigration authorities are kept.'

Sincerely,  
W. J. Clarke,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Brighton Labour Party

## Hare Today, Gone Tomorrow

SEA HOUSE PUB (MIDDLE ST) 'SECOND SENTENCE' by T. Wertenbaker.

Directed by Fanya Williams.  
Tues 4th March-15th March.  
Tues-Sat 1.15pm  
Suns 12.30pm

World Premiere of a play about the family problems of a girl coming home after a 3-year prison sentence by a young woman writer. Performed by Brighton Actor's Workshop. See it.

### FOLK MUSIC

Springfield Hotel, Springfield Road, Brighton.  
9th March Mr. Smith  
16th March Jake Thackray  
23rd March Come All Ye  
30th March Alive & Pickin'

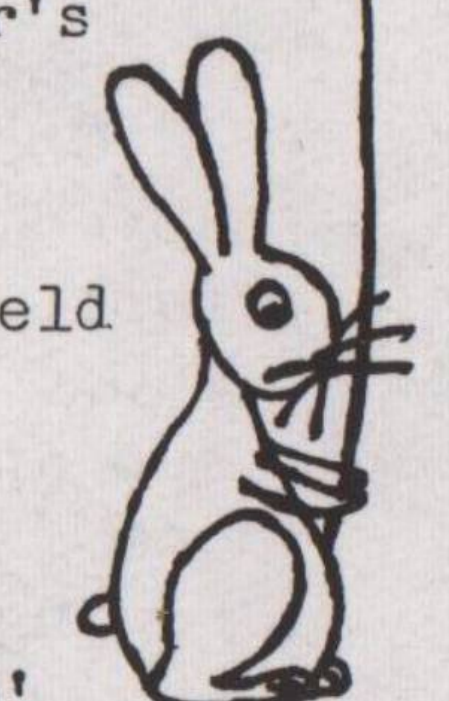
### DEBATE ON NUCLEAR POWER

Thurs March 6th 7.45pm  
Pavilion Theatre, New Rd.  
Speakers from the Central Electricity Generating Board and Friends of the Earth. Questions/discussion to follow.

10th March. Preston Circus Assoc General Meeting.  
Hare & Hounds, Preston Circus, 8pm.

Communist Party of Great Britain. From Feb 1980, all monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Tues of each month.  
PLACE: Stanford Arms, Preston Circus  
TIME: 7.45pm.  
Please Contact Secretary Pearl Goffin, Brighton 687336, for further details.

MARCH AND RALLY IN LONDON  
'MARCH FOR A NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE'  
Organised by Friends of the Earth Speakers; John Carroll, Mike Cooley, David Ennals MP, Robert Junk, Petra Kelly, Monsignor Bruce Kent, Brice Lalonde (Amis de la Terre), David Steel MP, Maurice Wilkins. Entertainment; Short Wave Band, Steve Hillage.  
Supported by; Anti Nuclear Campaign, CND, Conservation Society, Greenpeace, SCRAM, SERA, SANE, World Information Service on Energy.  
HYDE PARK CORNER 12o clock  
TRARALGAR SQUARE 2.30 pm.  
SATURDAY 29th MARCH.  
Further details/transport from Brighton: contact Alan Beacon, Brighton FoE, 47a Station Rd, Burgess Hill, SUSSEX. Tel. Burgess Hill 43026



# TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN

MAR. no 12  
1980

## LEN MURRAY

A PERSONAL VIEW

Anyone attending the Annual General Meeting of Brighton Trades Council in the hope of inspiration, or at least an experience in constructive leadership to transmit to their members, must have felt sadly deflated by the address of its guest speaker, Mr Len Murray.

In a speech punctuated with rallying calls to educate those comrades still unconvinced by the merits of Trades Unions and punch drunk from further rounds of expenditure cuts, the audience were reminded of the necessity for 'positive' action - to win back the support of trade unionists (many disillusioned by past labour govts) with a strategy of education and example.

Once again the Trade Union movement was being forced to adopt a 'defensive posture' by a government intent on confrontation and regression. Its narrow-minded leadership might do well to take a lesson from history, often referred to as 'learning from experience'; attacks on unorganised workers, in the main women and the low paid, legislation against the closed shop and the interference of judges weaned on the finer arts of capitalism, by no means innovations. In his address to the United Front Congress in Bermondsey on Feb 24 1934, Harry Pollitt from the Unemployed Workers Movement referred to the current government's legislation - 'The congress has also to note the steady encroachments on free speech and public assembly (East Sussex County Council please note). They are also now making a great drive for the establishment of compulsory arbitration in their efforts to smash fighting trade unions and the right to strike'

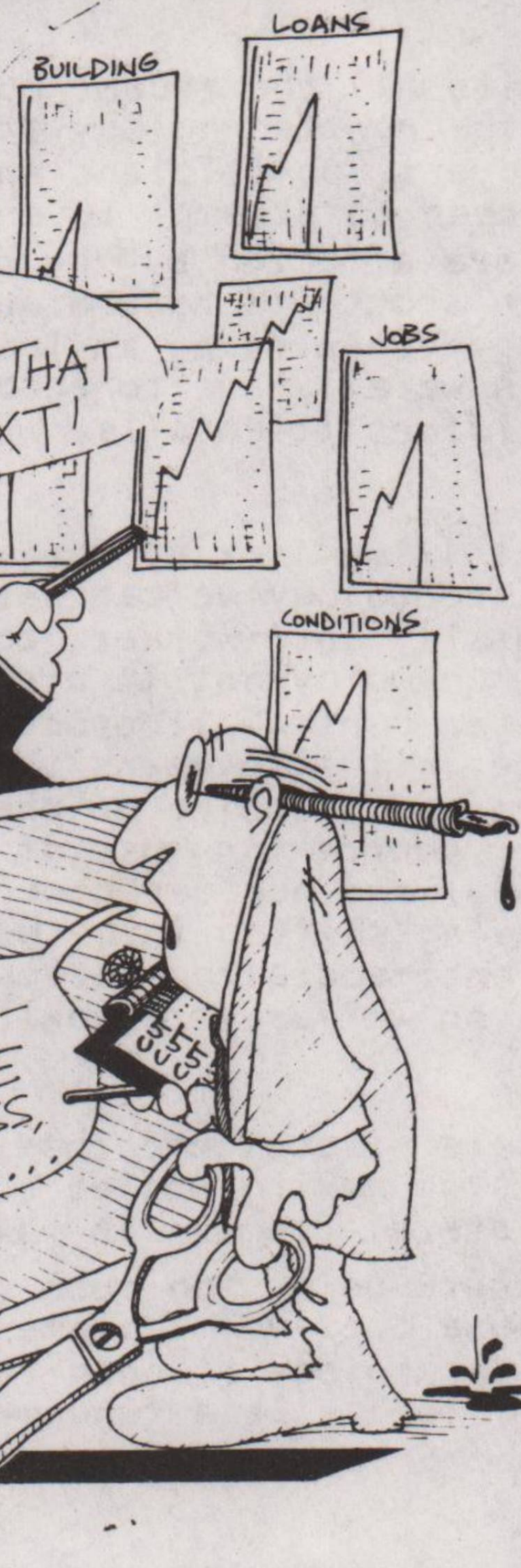
Further, though not specifically referred to by Mr Murray, Harry Pollitt went on, 'Above all the congress must note the feverish and open preparations for a new imperialist war, and a counter-revolutionary war against the Soviet Union - the increased expenditure on all forms of war preparations, the demand for larger armed services, and the dropping of any pretence at disarmament, and the whole line of the government in its foreign policy reveal it as the stronghold of all the world's reactionary forces'.

References to the positive advantages that would be gained when the TUC could once again work hand in hand with a Labour government reflected Mr Murray's short memory, as did the attitude that people were beginning to sense that British Socialism, as we have come to know it, should be given a second chance. The policies which have been implemented under previous Labour/TUC coalitions have been, at best, mildly reformist. As long as politicians continue to tackle the long-term problems of industry and our welfare state with short-term policies they are merely patching holes in an already threadbare system.

As one member of the audience would have asked, had the opportunity been available:

'How long will it be before the Trade Union movement offers a cohesive alternative to capitalism rather than acquiescing in a temporary amelioration of its evils??'

BRINNIE HUMM



## The unhappy warrior

### THE UNHAPPY WARRIOR

(With apologies to William Wordsworth who wrote the 'Happy Warrior')  
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dedicated to the lady at Sheerness who, wearing a saucepan on her head, abused the Steel Workers pickets.  
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Who, the Unhappy Warrior, who is she?  
That shouts and rants and raves so manfully,  
And with ungenerous spirit makes loud cry  
Against the pickets at the gate, who try  
to win a decent wage for all, and say,  
That industry must not be washed away,  
Because it does not make sufficient money  
to keep our bosses fed on milk and honey.  
But what cares she, the warrior with a  
raised up cooking pot!  
That our forefathers fought for what she's got  
That children in the factory would still  
work day long,  
Had not UNITED action made the workers  
strong,  
And even you my noisy sister, this lesson  
yet may learn,  
And to the brothers at the gate, in friend  
ship turn.

DUDLEY EDWARDS.

## Brighton Voice

Brighton Voice is the only community newspaper covering the Brighton area. It is the only news source which does not fit the selective versions of the established press. It has three main roles:  
To expose the things that Brighton's decision makers do behind the backs of the people.  
To act as a contact point between diverse social, economic and political groups.  
To provide a platform for debate between various viewpoints at local level.

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## New Technology — an exhibition

Despite all the recent publicity concerning the new technology from the media, employers, politicians and the TUC, there has been no attempt to engage the people who are affected by the decisions being taken about its nature and use. It is being presented as an inevitable process which we all have to accept even with the sacrifices it entails.

Yet if we look at the whole basis of the new technology we can see that it is fundamentally anti-worker, both in the structural unemployment it creates and the greater control it produces over each worker. It also means the acceptance of increased spending on the arms race (a major source for most of the new technology) and nuclear power. Whilst spending is being shifted into these destructive and anti-social processes, huge spending cuts on welfare are taking place.

It is no accident that the world-wide decision making bodies such as the Trilateral Commission raise the question of there being too much democracy, because the full implementation of the new technology at both the micro and macro levels is a fundamental challenge to the processes of democracy itself.

It is our responsibility, both for ourselves and for future generations, to assert our interests rather than have them determined for us without choice.

It is hoped the exhibition will provide the basis for discussion of the implications of new technology, from which different courses of action can be discussed and implemented.

The exhibition consists of 14 panels which work through in thematic order. It combines the use of photographic images, diagrams, newspaper clippings, statements and other forms of documentation in a direct and forceful manner in order to raise questions across the whole spectrum of issues.

R.S. Components,  
turn the pages,  
look at the clock.  
Finger hot in rubber thimble  
'Hello, dear!!  
Attention Mr. Roland.  
Ro-p-q-r-s.  
26141.....27012.  
Open file, put in pink papers,  
Close file, pinch finger,  
try to move papers, no luck;  
re-pinch papers in closing system.  
Looking around.  
Has anyone noticed, I'm not working?  
Catching other peoples eyes - realizing  
Same thought passing through their minds.  
Smile, laugh!  
You have to really.  
Head aches,  
look at clock.



The exhibition can be booked from: The Poster/Film Collective, Box 50,  
182 Upper Street, London N1 Cost £8 00 plus carriage.

# SUNDAY MARCH 9th

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# DEMONSTRATION

## support your union by demonstrating against Thatchers policies

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