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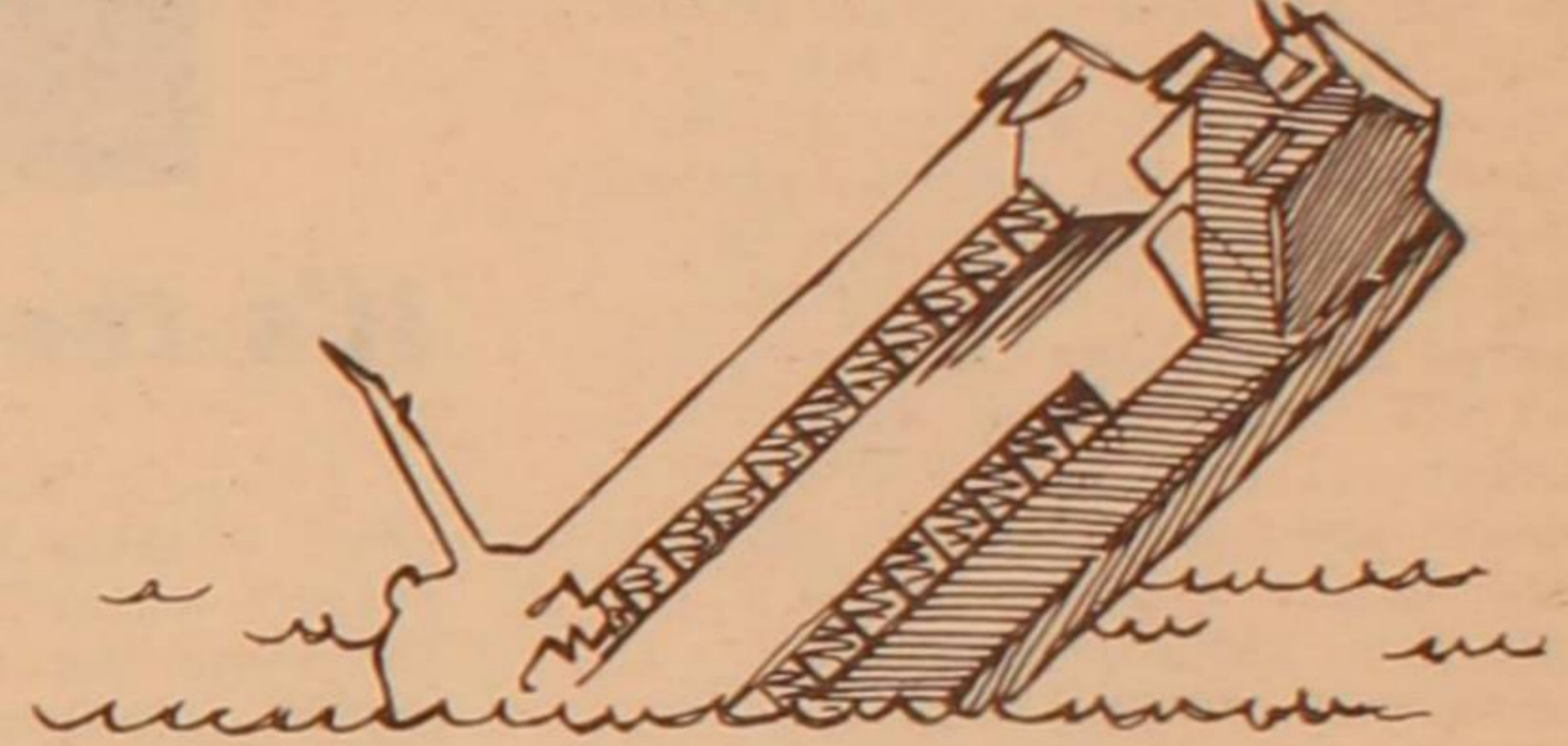
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Employees of Seajet learned on 29 August that the entire operation was to be closed at 5pm that evening. A hundred and fifty jobs on both sides of the channel disappeared as if by magic, without warning and, as far as temporary employees, at least, were concerned, without any kind of compensation.

Seajet's heavy losses over the last 15 months reached a peak with the channel ports blockade. Losses reached £200,000 in the second fortnight of August.

SEAJET: SUNK WITH ALL HANDS

As regular readers of the Voice will be aware, this is one closure that can hardly be blamed on 'excessive wage settlements'. Non-unionised employees were, in some cases, on salaries of a little over one-third the rate for identical jobs elsewhere in the country. Free enterprise? or slave enterprise?



Some four weeks ago a packed audience at the Trades and Labour Club voted unanimously to set up the Brighton Campaign Against Youth Unemployment (BCAYU) to fight for a centre for unemployed youth in Brighton after listening to speeches from Andy Durr, President of the Trades Council, Joe Townsend, Chairperson of Brighton Labour Party and Joss Davies of the NUSS.

Locally in Brighton there are 560 unemployed youth and only 76 notified vacancies at the Careers Office. The Argus smugly gloats over its 'No. 1 Job Campaign' and instructs its unemployed readers to dress in suits for interviews, without warning them that there are probably another fifty people going for the same job, suits or no suits.

We need a centre for unemployed youth because of the isolation, despair

and apathy that affects the unemployed. We desperately need a place where jobless youngsters can go and receive advice on their social security rights, to find out the real reasons why they are unemployed (as opposed to the 'scrounger' myths peddled by the media) and as a focus for the unemployed and local labour movement to discuss the way to combat unemployment.

One of the worst offenders in creating unemployment locally has been the Tory dominated East Sussex County Council, because of its freeze on recruitment. So it was decided to occupy 7, St George's Place (near St. Peter's Church), a County Council Building that had been empty since June. Unknown to us at the time the Social Services Department had earmarked the building for conversion to a rehabilitation centre for 'problem kids'.

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WHITEHAWK SNUBBED

On the 13 August over 50 police were called to the town hall to evict around 20 members of the East Brighton Residents Association (an organisation representing the people of Whitehawk) who had decided to hold their own meeting after the Housing Committee had refused their request for a rent-freeze at Whitehawk until a solution had been found to the many problems caused by re-development. Bob Cristofoli, the committee chairman called the protest "a disgrace a grave disservice to the people of Whitehawk" and the council is refusing to deal with the Association until they receive an unqualified apology.

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WOMEN IN SOLIDARITY



"And what is your job, then, dear "
"Laying battery eggs to fill the shelves
at Sainsbury's"
"Ambition!"
"To make some man a nice Sunday dinner"

28 August: Brighton Centre Miss Y UK? contest was disrupted by a man-eating bear... as local women performed street theatre to show how:-
MISS UK TREATS WOMEN LIKE ANIMALS

NOT IN COMPETITION

TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN *inside*

Anti Nazi League Meeting
Wednesday 17th Sept. 8 pm
Resource Centre, North Rd.
Speakers - TARIQ ALI &
ERNIE ROBERTS M.P.
REBUILD THE ANL.

Brighton Voice **CND**
special report
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FOLD ALONG DOTTED LINE - ITS EASIER

UNDERCURRENTS...

told you so

The last Voice carried a story about the commercialisation of County Council services, a sorry tale that will be given another twist by the publication of the Social Services official information guide for the disabled, early next year.

The Council hope to recoup their costs by selling advertising space to all comers - inevitably conferring some sort of approval on the firms and products that can afford to buy, at £30 to £125 a time.

The first guide will cover the eastern side of the county, and will include such details as ease of access to public buildings; the disabled of Brighton and Hove will await the local edition with interest, if only to see what comments are passed on the offices of the Social Services Dept.

All five buildings used in Brighton are totally inaccessible to the disabled, and a visit to the Boundary Rd., Hove, office could well be fatal for any but the most sprightly.

pots & kettles

It was interesting (if slightly nauseating) to see the Argus editorial attacking the House of Lords ruling on the British Steel-Cranada T.V. affair last month.

For those who don't get the Argus (and those whose blood pressure prevents them reading the editorials) our local bastion of righteousness and lawncorder was inciting a section of the public to break the law: "If the journalist who obtained (the documents) refuses to reveal the source, he will be quite right."

Now, far be it from me to disagree with this, but isn't it funny how everyone else has to put up with editor Williams pontificating, whereas he can stand on his head when it suits him. Not a pretty sight...

Whitehawk Continues to

The community in Whitehawk has been seriously disrupted ever since re-development was first suggested in the 1970s. EBRA was formed at about the same time to protect the interests of the people living there. EBRA feel that the half hour protest in the Town Hall, described by the police as "very peaceful" was a very mild reaction to over a decade of insecurity, caused by council mismanagement of redevelopment. Building started over a year and a half later than planned. Rents have not been re-assessed since 1972 and do not take into account the deterioration of environment and property - for example some people have had to spend years living next to empty and derelict property. No painting has been done on the estate for 8 or 9 years. People who should have moved into the new property last April may now have to wait 1-5 years, during which time they won't be able to re-decorate or generally improve their homes as they may be moved the following month. There are more than 800 repairs outstanding, the excuse from one of the Borough Engineers at the meeting of the Housing Committee on July 13th being that the maintenance department was "too short-staffed to do repairs." Due to cuts in the Social Services, people have not been receiving the back up that should rightly be theirs in such a period of stress. People from the old property who cannot afford the considerably higher rents of the new are offered homes in Moulscotcombe, another old estate, or simply moved further up the valley to more old property. This is not official Council policy, but experience in Whitehawk has shown it to be true.



it's the rich wot gets the money...

A report from the Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee - which has pioneered plans for their factories to make socially useful products instead of armaments - shows that unemployment is now costing us over £100 million a week, while Britain's top twenty companies are only paying an average of 2.7% tax on profits and are regularly increasing dividends to shareholders at a rate 20% higher than inflation.

Their figures are based on Treasury estimates that every 100,000 people on the dole cost the taxpayer £110 million a year - and the Committee point out that this

doesn't include an allowance for lost tax, national insurance and redundancy payments.

Meanwhile, the freeze on Civil Service recruitment means that large numbers of temporary workers have had to be taken on in DHSS and Unemployment Benefit Offices, with all the disruption that entails, so giving those on the dole the worst possible service. If your money's wrong and takes a long time to come through, it's probably because the person who worked it out and sent it off knows a lot less about the system than you do.....

Klan justice

A gunman, prosecuted in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the attempted murder of four black women, has been sentenced to nine months imprisonment and fined £100; his two accomplices were acquitted by the all-white jury.

He is expected to appeal, and has every chance of being let off completely once the fuss has died down - how unlike our own British Justice.....or is it just that bit more blatant?

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This advert is for two Children's Homes, one closed through the Cuts, the other an outdated residential nursery which could have been used for other purposes. They are now being sold off to the highest bidder, and the money received will knock less than 0.1p off y our rates; don't spend it all at once.

Brighton Voice ...

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COPY DEADLINE for October issue is 17th Sept for long articles and 24th Sept for news items.

WRITE for the Voice

ASK your newsagent for the Voice

SUBSCRIBE - £3 for 12 issues (including postage)

COME to collective meetings.... Sunday 7th and 14th Sept at Resource Centre
Sunday 21st and 28th Sept at 40 Cowper St

PHONE the Brighton Voice 604310 (office hours)



DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

Come yourself and persuade others to come too. Help us publicise these and make them successful.

15 September **The War Game**: documentary-style film which details after effects of nuclear strike in Kent. Banned by BBC. Resource Centre are showing it (North Rd., Brighton), beginning 8pm. To be followed by a discussion. (Organised by SAM).

Thursday, 25 September at 7.15 pm, European Nuclear Disarmament: public meeting at Friends Centre, Ship St, Brighton. Speakers will include Mary Kaldor, Dan Smith (both experts on recent nuclear weapons strategies and technologies) and Ian McGill, leader of Brighton Council Labour Group, and Nick Jagger of the Brighton Anti-Nuclear Campaign. (Organised by Brighton CND).

Sunday, 26 October. CND National Demonstration, London. This is **EARLY WARNING** of what must be the biggest demonstration in London for many years. Fuller details from Brighton 689459, and in the next VOICE. Let us show the media and the government, that their cover-up is failing; that people are finding out what is going on; and that tens of thousands will take to the streets against insane nuclear policies.

The National Front are alive ³ and kicking in BRIGHTON.

an open letter to Voice readers



THE ROYAL ESCAPE (EX - Buccaneer)

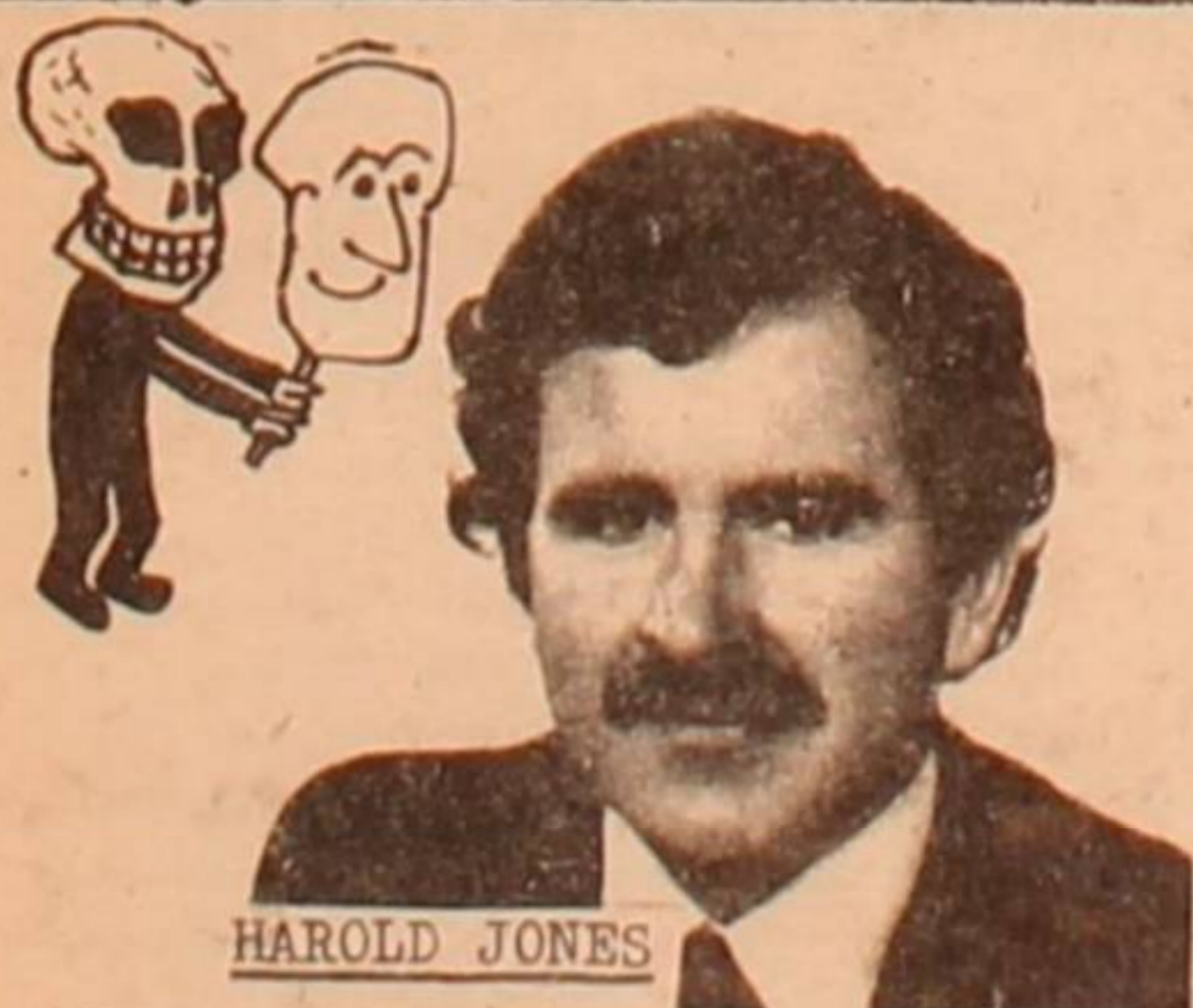
THE NATIONAL FRONT ARE A GROWING MENACE AGAIN IN BRIGHTON, and a lot of their activities seem to be stemming from the BUCCANEER pub on the seafront. (now called THE ROYAL ESCAPE.)

A disco was planned there in March. Recently the Voice has heard that there have been a variety of organised Fascist events there. The manager, Mr Austin, when contacted by the Voice said that he would not deny or admit that these events have occurred.

He says:
"I know the National Front drink here but I treat them like any other customer."

THE VOICE SAYS that people who openly support fascist ideas and make violent racist attacks on people are NOT like "any other customer".

THE VOICE calls for ALL its readers to BOYCOTT THE ROYAL ESCAPE until Mr. Austin asks the National Front to leave.



HAROLD JONES

A leader and electoral candidate of the Brighton National Front.

One of the major personalities behind the recent upsurge of fascist activity in the town. ADDRESS: 11 Southampton St., B'ton. PHONE: 694157
Busby says give 'arold a ring!

IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS the National Front, both locally and nationally, has gone through a series of splits. It seems that just as in 1976 when the NF split into two, they will eventually emerge stronger as a result. There is little doubt that there has been an upsurge of of NF activity in Brighton - and the NF are making a considerable effort to attract skinheads to their party. Efforts which are meeting with a fair amount of success.

The NF under Martin Webster and Andrew Brons are also making some decisive political changes in their tactics. Gone are the lounge suits of John Tyndall, gone is the vain attempt at "respectability" and gone is the reliance on the electoral strategy - or as Webster put it recently: "Bugger the bourgeoisie". This is not new - these are essentially the tactics of the Brownshirts, the 'left wing' of the Nazi Party - before they were wiped out in the Night of the Long Knives.

Gone are the protestations by Webster that his membership of openly nazi organisations in the past were simply 'youthful indiscretions'. The NF is now quite openly anti-jewish as well as anti-black. It quite openly peddles the lie that the 6 million jews killed in the concentration camps is a hoax.

In part, this is due to the success of the Anti Nazi League in the past in successfully exposing the NF. With high unemployment and inflation, the conditions are ripe for a growth of the NF - with its simple answers to unemployment. Also the racist policies of the present Tory Government on Immigration & Nationality, Housing, the NHS etc are in effect legitimising the racism of the NF.

The NF recently gained 27 votes in the Lewes Road by-election - its lowest vote ever. This is good, but when the NF concentrate on attracting the youth who don't have a vote then we cannot sit back.

Tunbridge Wells

On Saturday August 9th, 300 members of the NF held a march through this sleepy Kent town. There were at most 50 anti-fascist opponents there. Officers of the Brighton & Hove Anti Fascist Committee were informed - but chose to do nothing. Brighton NF sent a coach to the demonstration - which is more than the left could manage. The NF coach left from outside the Buccaneer.

The Royal Escape

(EX-BUCCANEER)

It appears that the NF have now found themselves a base in Brighton - and its name is the Royal Escape pub on the seafront. When the NF booked a disco there

prior to their March 29 demonstration, the landlord claimed he didn't know they were meeting there. We find this hard to believe, given that the NF are using, we have heard, the pub for a range of NF activities.



Rebuild the A.N.L.

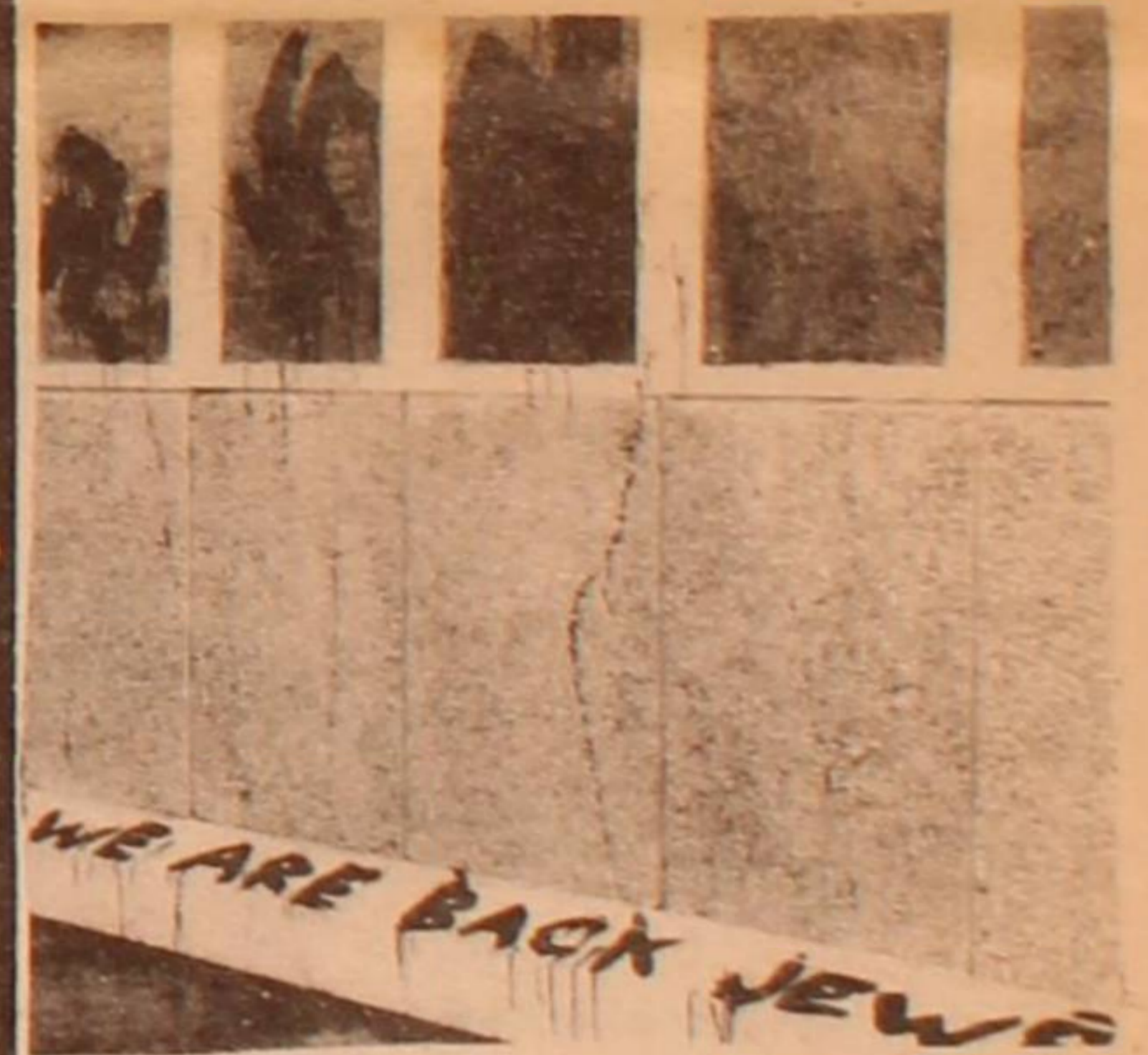
The ANL has to all intents and purposes collapsed in Brighton and it consists of an ad-hoc committee at the moment. The officers of the Anti Fascist Committee which is a sub-committee of the Trades Council, is to be polite, a labour movement shell with plenty of chiefs and precious few indians. It is controlled by one political group (Militant - Ed) and is incapable of mobilising people. We think that it is imperative to rebuild the NAL locally and nationally - as a mass organisation consisting of both individual supporters and affiliated organisations - open to all anti-fascists. The left, gay and womens' groups in Brighton have become complacent in the last 2 years about the NF and it is essential that this does not continue. The large Jewish community has also become totally inactive. It is essential that the old arguments which led in part to the decline of the old ANL do not re-occur. The NF do threaten the rights of women and trade unions and gays, the NF are sexist and anti trade union. But most importantly the NF use RACISM in order to divide workers and the unemployed. It is racism we must combat first and foremost. Black women and men and jewish women and men don't simply have their 'rights' threatened, they have their lives threatened. This is why we are calling a public meeting of Brighton Anti-Nazi League on Wednesday Sept. 18th at the Resource Centre, North Rd at 8.00 where Tariq Ali from the ANL steering committee will be speaking. We have to build a mass anti-racist base amongst youth or unemployed youth or else we will allow the NF to do so by default.

Ali Wasti-President Brighton Polytechnic Student Union
Terry Martin-Brighton REVOLUTION
Jessica Glasby-Socialist Workers Party
Tony Greenstein-Anti Fascist Committee (in an individual capacity)
Chris Yates-International Marxist
Sean Martin-National Union of School Students

Hitler hymn sung outside Labour meeting

On Thursday 21 August, a Labour Party meeting with Dennis Skinner MP and Bob Wright, the Assistant General Secretary of the AUEW was picketed by about 10 members of the NF including Harold Jones, their candidate at the Lewes Road by-election, equipped with Union Jacks and gandles. The police neutral as ever, told us that we were provoking the NF and would we mind leaving by the backdoor! To keep themselves occupied, the NF members sang the old Hitler/Falangist song "Tomorrow Belongs To Me" and shouted out their racist filth. The police didn't move them on- instead they told us we were causing an obstruction. On Saturday August 9th, the NF held a march in Tunbridge Wells on the theme "Iranian Killers Out of Kent!" and Brighton NF despatched a coach.

NAZI SLOGANS ON SYNAGOGUE

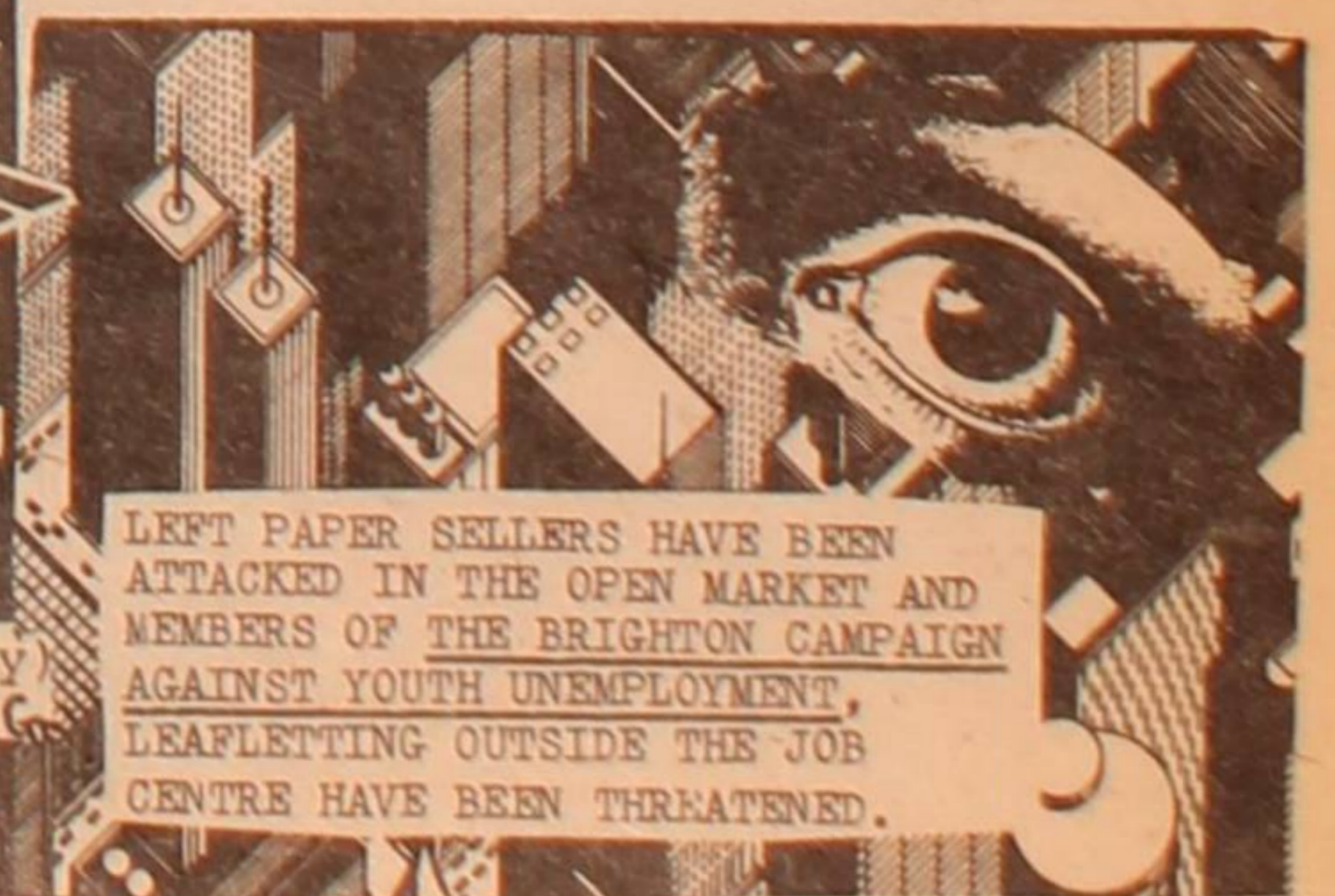


Nazi slogans were daubed on a Birmingham synagogue in the early hours of July 20th.

JEWISH WOMAN ATTACKED BY NF

On August 11, a Jewish woman with 2 small children, both wearing traditional jewish headgear, yamulkas, was insulted and abused by 3 NF sympathisers at the top of Preston Street, Brighton.

The fascists surrounded the woman hurling their abuse whilst the children hid behind her skirts terrified. A scene all too reminiscent of the Nazi street gangs 50 years ago.

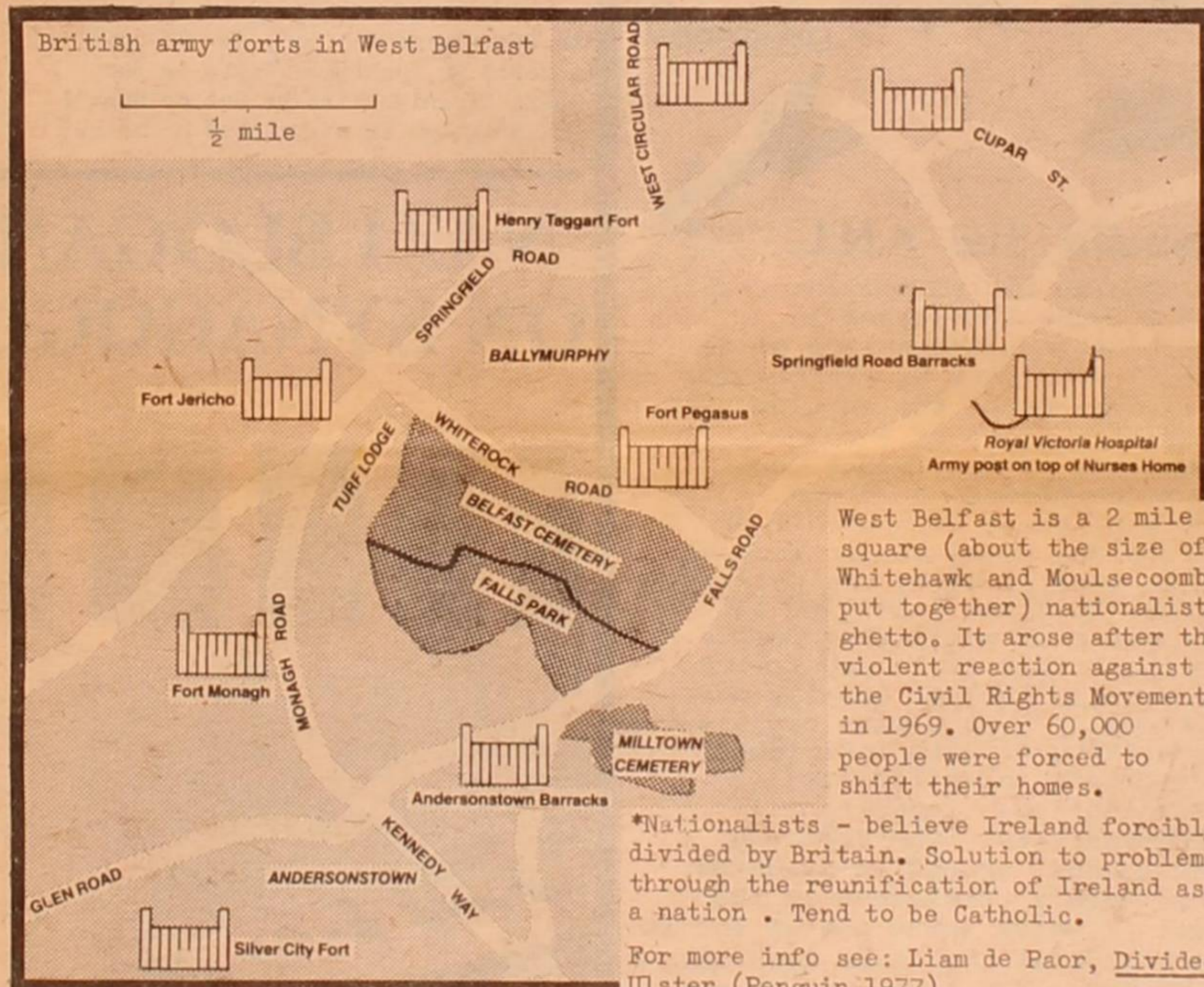


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'ULTIMATELY, THESE ROMAN CATHOLIC AREAS COULD ONLY BE GOVERNED BY THE METHODS THAT ALL OCCUPYING NATIONS USE TO HOLD DOWN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.'
- Col. Robin Eveleigh, 1978.

There are 12 forts in West Belfast. No-one's house is more than 1/2 mile away from one. Radios link foot patrols with the central Army computer. Within seconds it reports back your status with the British Army. 40% of the Northern Ireland population are on the computer.



On the second weekend of August a delegation of 150 people representing the Troops Out Movement visited Catholic West Belfast. Two of those people were from Brighton. Below they describe what they saw.....

Redbrick houses, gardens with privet hedges, people on their doorsteps, a community centre, kids in the streets, shops, a man tinkering with his car. It looks like Moulsecomb or Whitehawk. But it isn't.

It's Andersonstown, West Belfast. There are none of the things we take for granted, like buses or 'phone boxes. British soldiers patrol the streets. The Army occupies this part of Belfast from a number of forts. From the outside the forts appear to be just a jumble of corrugated iron and barbed wire fencing. About 25 feet high, the fences are designed to protect the soldiers from the attacks of stone throwing kids. Lookout posts are spread around the perimeter of the forts. Nets and lots of black paint help to hide the identity of those inside. On the road outside each of the forts there are ramps to make sure that cars slow right down as they pass.

From within the safety of the fort the troops can learn an enormous amount about the local community. Every fort we saw had its electronically operated camera, each one with its own windscreen wiper, mounted on the fences. The Look-out posts are manned continually and the movements of everybody passing are recorded.

The forts are more than just symbols of the British oppression of this part of Ireland. During the night we were travelling to Belfast, local people told us that the army had killed two people. One, a social worker, had been killed by a plastic bullet while in army custody. The other had died after an army patrol had opened fire. A fifteen year old girl was in a 'critical' condition after her skull was cracked by a plastic bullet. A 79 year old woman had her leg broken, some said when a Saracen armoured car ran against her front door, others said it had been a plastic bullet. A soldier had also been killed, crushed by his own Saracen.

It's true that many people who live in West Belfast don't know what's going to happen when the troops go home but they know what's going to happen if they stay. The kids will grow up playing deadly games, throwing stones at the army and trying to duck bullets, and this war will go on.



This British soldier was among the six soldiers that came out of the barracks - at Fort Monagh in Belfast - when a British Troops Out movement picket took place last week.

'In Belfast we run these taxis for the working class'
Falls Road Taxi Driver

the sound of gunfire off in the distance
i'm getting used to it now
this aint no party
this aint no disco
this aint no fooling around
Talking Heads

'In Northern Ireland Catholics are Blacks who happen to have white skins'
Liam de Paor - Divided Ulster

'Some people believe in selective internment. I believe in selective assassination'
An army major quoted in the Guardian 19th Feb.

MILITANT SABOTAGE
TROOPS OUT POLICY
FOR
BRIGHTON LABOUR
PARTY

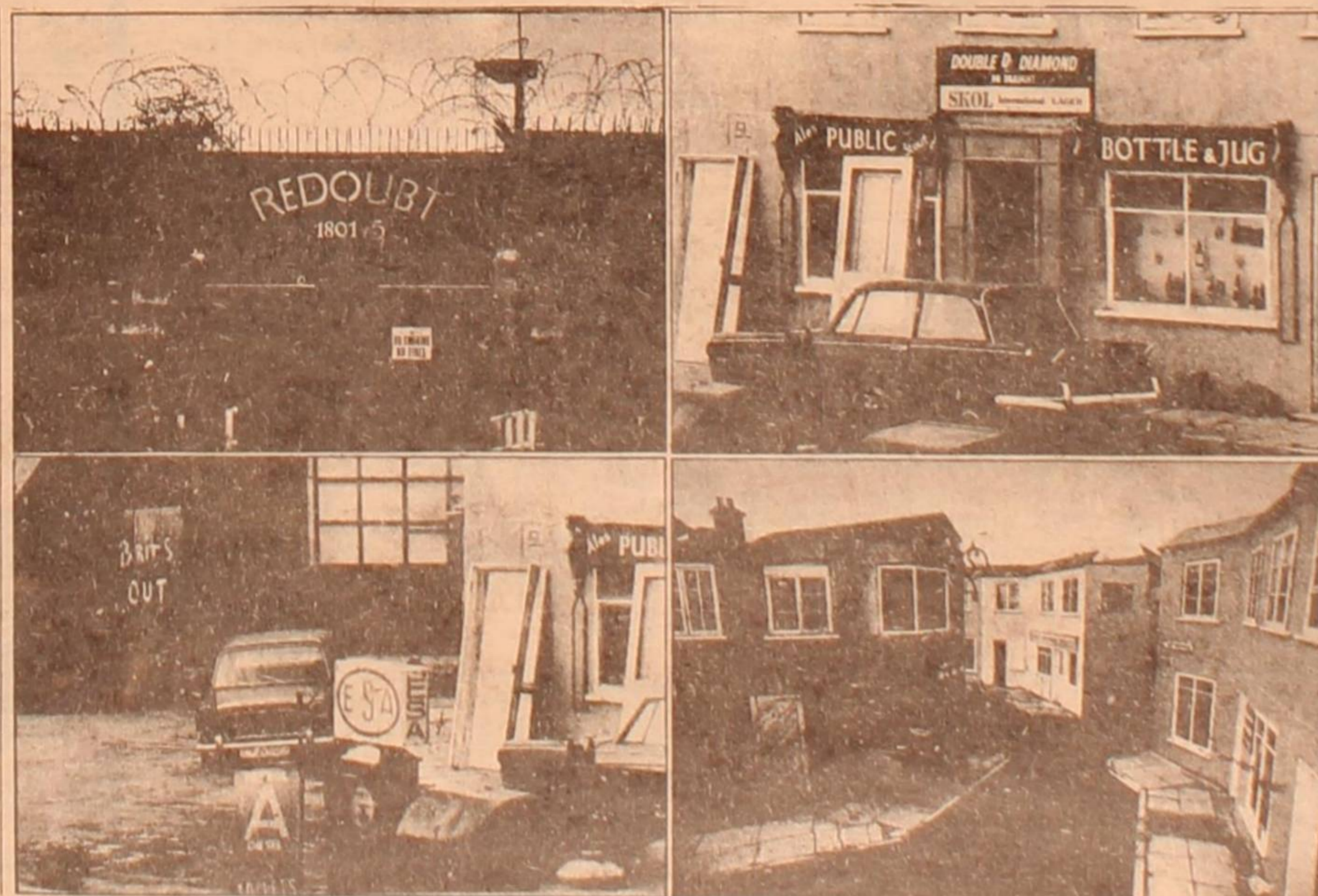
At a recent meeting of the Elm Grove Ward of the Labour Party, a motion proposing an end to British Political & Military involvement in Ireland was proposed. The motion was from the Labour Campaign on Ireland sponsored by a number of MPs such as Jock Stallard, Joan Maynard- all of them Tribunites. Sure enough up jumps Geoff Jones, Militant ex-Chairperson of Brighton Labour Party to amend the motion. It was only because the Secretary, Dave Lepper had seconded the motion in order to allow discussion that it was discussed at all. Militant would rather not have had a discussion on Ireland at all. The amendment that Comrade Jones put was to call for the building of a Labour Party in Northern Ireland and to condemn "Orange and Green Sectarians" Geoff refused to say why Militant hadn't called for the building of a Labour Party in Rhodesia before independence- in addition to condemning Black & White sectarians there!

War in an 'Irish' town

Belfast 60 miles from Brighton - British soldiers shooting to kill civilians, baton charges and all the activities of an army of occupation.

It's all at the Army's training centres, dubbed "tin cities", near Hythe and Lydd in Kent. These photos (courtesy of Chris Schwarz and 'Time Out') show the realistic conditions squaddies train in for two months before going to N.Ireland. The centre contains computer controlled ranges and out out snipers which suddenly appear.

Squaddies told the Voice about the dehumanisation and tension induced by the course. Instructors glibly told them the number of civilians they had killed.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHRIS SCHWARZ

just ordinary bobbies...

ANNUAL REPORT OF SUSSEX CONSTABULARY

The 1979 Sussex crime rate was 4.2% lower than the 1977 figure. That's one of the facts to emerge from the annual report of the Sussex Chief Constable- George Terry. Despite this, Terry's report reveals the increasing use of computers and new technology by the Sussex police. It also discloses an alarming amount of military type training.

during the General Election- a reference to the picket of the NF election meeting in Lewes.

In other parts of the country, PSUs have been used against striking workers. PSUs in the North and Midlands were sent against the pickets at Hadfields during the steel strike. Although they look like ordinary coppers they are in fact specially trained riot-trained units.

The report is a slick public relations job. The police are shown gallantly defending citizens and shepherding wide loads along Sussex roads. It glosses over other aspects of their work. For example there is no reference to the Sussex Special Branch. But Terry does suggest that the fight is not just against crime- "Not only do they (constables) have to face the criminal and the wrongdoer, but withstand the constant undermining of their authority and position by those who seek to bring down our society." He is clearly concerned about the lack of respect for authority. "Where does loyalty to the country and those better elements in our society begin or indeed end?" asks a rather perplexed Mr Terry. He is struck by "the rather worrying attitudinal imbalance of society."

Terry's Newspeak shows why the Sussex police are getting advanced technology at a time when old people's homes are being closed for "lack of money". Their computers and their guns are clearly aimed at dissidents. When was the last time you saw CS gas used against bank robbers?

1982 or 1984?

A new computerised Force Operations Room is under construction at Lewes. It will act as the centre of an improved communications network- the present one is described as "overloaded". Computer terminals will be linked to "mobile data devices". This is part of a national plan of computerised "command and control." The room will be fully operational by 1982.

A joint Technical Support Unit has been formed with the Kent and Hampshire forces. This provides the region with advanced equipment. It includes TV cameras and other surveillance devices.

Everyday the Sussex police make 2 000 checks with the Police National Computer at Hendon. This has the capacity to hold the date of birth, name, address and car ownership of the entire adult population of Britain. It is also known to contain political files on a proportion of those people. In future every subdivision of the Sussex force is to have direct access to the PNC.

"Troublesome Gatherings"

Terry attempts to reassure us about the existence of 'Police Support Units'-

"This is merely the training of officers together so that when needed they are better and more effectively able to function as teams."

In Sussex they have been used to deal with "troublesome gatherings"

COP THAT: Sheerness steel pickets battle massive police cordon



"Shotguns and CS Gas"

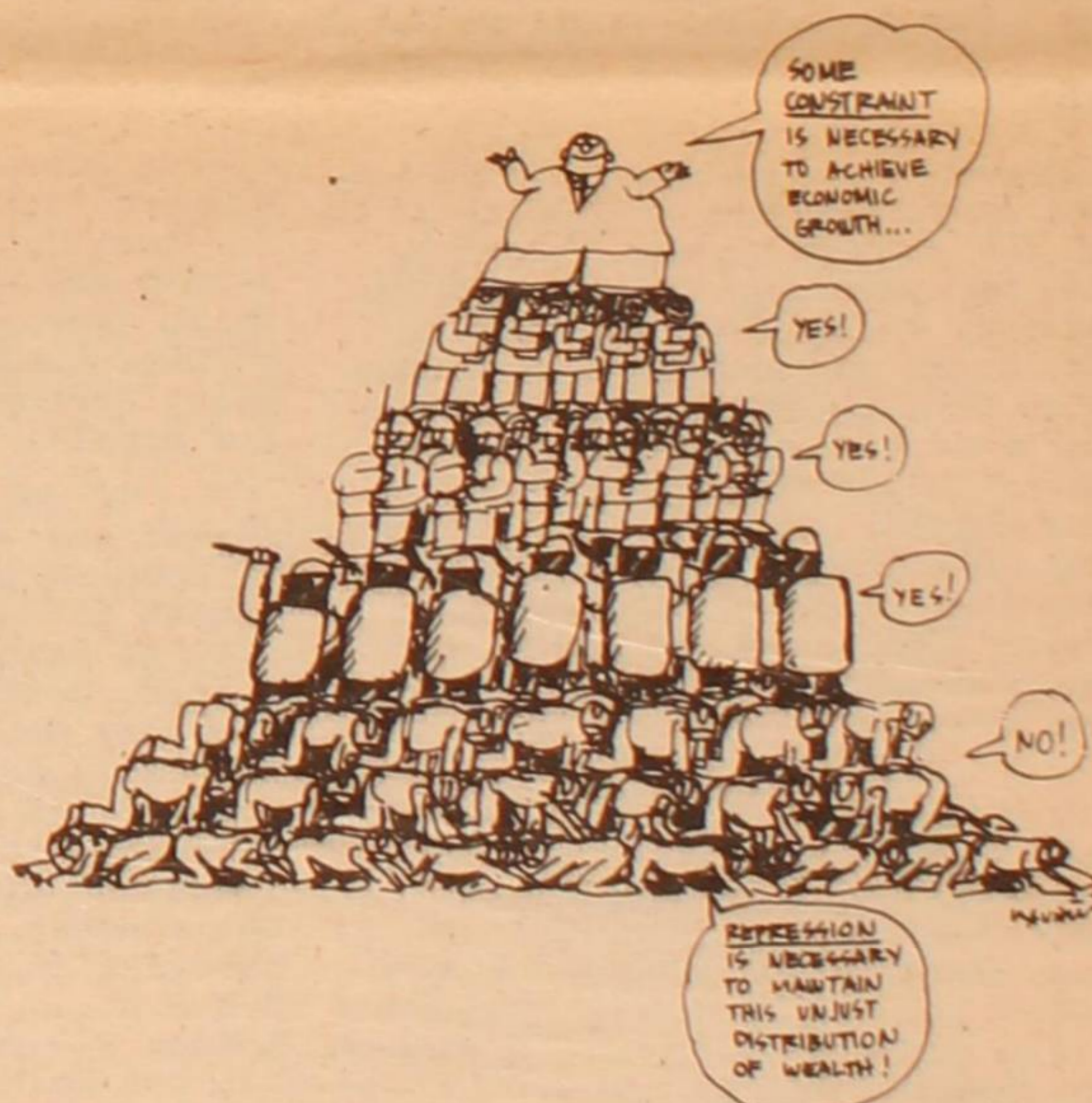
Almost 10% of the Sussex police received weapons training in 1979. For example, 101 officers were trained to use pistols and carbines. 26 learned to use shotguns and CS gas. On top of this there were 3 460 "refresher" courses. Almost 2 000 covered basic firearms training. There were more specialised courses for snipers and members of the Police Support Unit. Some officers regularly spent 1 day per month on these courses.

The Sussex 'Commando Unit' also gets specialised monthly training. This Unit is supposed to provide protection for VIPs and deal with any "terrorist" threat. It went on 204 'operations' in 1979.

* The Chief Constable's Report is in Brighton & Hove Reference Libraries.

**Further information for readers with "attitudinal" problems: New Society 21 August 1980

State Research Bulletin, no 19.



"They will be in no mood for smiles"

Crude Oil Clogs Lock Jobs

The oil-state of Kuwait now owns 10% of Chubb, the lock-making firm who are threatening to lay off up to 1200 workers in their Brighton factory. The Sunday Times Business news reported on August 24th that the government-owned Kuwaiti Investment Office (KIO) has bought just over £6 million worth of Chubb shares in the last few weeks.

As yet it is unclear whether this is just a "portfolio" investment (where shares are bought simply to be sold for a profit in a few weeks or months) or whether KIO intends to buy more shares and become a controlling interest in Chubb. If the Kuwaiti government did wish to take control of Chubb, this would not necessarily be bad for the Brighton workforce, since they would have to pump money into Chubb shares to do so. On the other hand, if they take control simply to hive off the most profitable sections and sell them (a practice known as "asset-stripping, technically illegal but often done in a disguised form) then the outlook for Brighton could be grim....

We'll keep you informed on developments.

THE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN

The right to work marchers will be hitting Brighton to show Len Murray and the TUC on September 1st and the Tories on October 10th that the unemployed are angry. After marching from South Wales via London they will be in no mood for smiles and sympathetic noises. As Socialists, they will be well aware of Thatcher's deliberate creation of unemployment and the solution which lies in the hands of the employed in general and (sadly) Len Murray in particular. Support has been flowing in from union branches all over the country; many Labour Party constituencies and MPs are also sponsoring the march.

Co-ordinating the campaign are local committees, linked by the central office at 265a Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Money is still needed for books, food, tents etc. Get your union to send donations there if it hasn't done so yet. The marchers will be joined on the October lobby by thousands of Trade Unionists. The Defend Our Unions Committee is calling the picket in

sympathy with the Right To Work Campaign and to protest about the anti-union "Employment Bill". So be outside the conference centre on October 10th to add your support, and let the Tories know what they're up against.

Volunteers needed



Are you willing to give up one or two evenings a week (Mon, Tues, and/or Thurs., 5.30-7.30) to work at the Rights Centre. Volunteers are needed to give advice and help to clients. A training scheme will begin on Sept. 17th at 6.45 for the specific purpose of training newcomers. Please come along.

Dear TUC



Brighton's Conference Centre is again to be the venue for the annual TUC conference. Taking place from Monday 1st Sept, until the following Friday, upwards of 2000 trades unionists are expected to attend. Clearly this year's conference will be critical in formulating a fightback against current policies of anti-working class monetarism, its resultant mass unemployment and reduced living standards.

Indicators of the local mood were expressed at the Brighton & Hove Trades Council at its recent monthly meeting. A resolution from East Sussex NALGO (National Association of Local Government Officers) condemning the decision by the TUC general council to accept civic hospitality (a grand booze-up with the mayor & Tory councillors, all on the rate-payers) was passed unanimously.

Below we print viewpoints for the attention of the conference which rarely receive commercial media publicity.

work NOT waste

SERA

THINKS IT HAS THE ANSWER

Regular Voice readers will be familiar with the myth that Brighton is a prosperous town. However, recession is with us now for real - witness Allenwest redundancies and others (see B.V. 67 & 68). Not even the Marina and the Conference Centre can paper over the cracks now.

During the 1st week of September, the TUC gathers in Brighton to discuss, among other things, the problems of unemployment and how to combat large scale redundancies. In this letter we wish to put forward some suggestions for NEW WAYS TO FULL EMPLOYMENT based on the ideas of the SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES ASSOCIATION (SERA).

It must be stressed that with the present economic outlook so bleak, it is vital that we consider ways of creating full employment now. The old remedy of reflating the economy will simply not work on its own. Although a growth rate of at least 4% per annum is needed simply to cut back unemployment, most observers believe that growth rates of this magnitude are impossible. Although SERA subscribes to the conventional TU demands for more retraining and for a shorter working week, we believe a more selective approach to expansion is required to solve the jobs crisis.

We feel that the NEW STRATEGY must be based on matching skills to SOCIAL NEEDS, through 1) workers plans for socially useful production which defends jobs in existing industries where product lines are threatened by market shifts. The Lucas Aerospace shop stewards have pioneered work in this field by refusing to accept redundancies and factory closures. Instead they have produced a series of Workers Plans which have so far yielded heat-pumps, the road/rail vehicle, and cars for spina bifida children. Similar plans now exist for shipbuilding, power, engineering and motor-vehicle industries..... and 2) Workers cooperatives and public enterprises which create new jobs based on socially useful production.

As an example of socially useful production that is particularly pertinent to Brighton we can cite a Community Heating Project, which could use the waste heat from Shoreham Power Stn. for domestic and industrial consumers. At present in common with all steam turbine stations roughly two thirds of the heat generated at Shoreham is rejected as low temperature heat into the sea. This heat could be harnessed, and transferred through specially insulated underground pipes to homes and factories to be used for conventional central heating. (The technical details are available from SERA in a pamphlet entitled

See the BBC 'Open Door' film made by SERA 'Work not Waste' at the Resource Centre, 4th Sept 8.00pm.

'Community Heating Projects', from the address below). This method has been successfully used on the continent, especially in Denmark Sweden and the USSR where about 30% of domestic heating is provided by Community Heating Projects. It would create jobs for those involved in the construction industries, and save jobs threatened by the closure of small inner city power stations in addition to saving fuel resources.

This is but 1 example of the way that socially useful production could be used to create jobs, and not destroy them. Workers Plans and Workers Co-ops for socially useful production defend and create jobs in areas where they are most needed, and prevent whole communities from being decimated by the search for profit.

If you are interested in any of the above ideas SERA will be holding a public meeting linked to the TUC Conference. It will be held at the Resource Centre, North Road, Brighton, on Thursday September 4th at 8pm, and everyone interested will be welcome. If you would like any more information concerning the ideas and aims of the Socialist Environment and Resources Association please write to: S.E.R.A., 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG, or locally to 236 The Welkin, Lindfield.

NATIONAL CHILDCARE CAMPAIGN

The National Childcare Campaign has been recently set up to build a mass national campaign for comprehensive, flexible, free childcare facilities, provided by the state.

- The N.C.C. :
- * opposes all cuts
 - * recognizes the necessity of defending the present childcare facilities
 - * fights to extend and improve these facilities

We ask the TUC to take up Childcare as a central issue. Please support the lobby of the TUC 4 September 11.30- 2.30

Brighton Conference Centre

For further details contact: Charlotte Muse 686897

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE IRISH PEOPLE!



DEAR BRIGHTON VOICE,

Your readers might think that the TUC, Labour Party and Communist Party have little in common with the Thatcher Government. Still less in common with the National Front.

With the annual congress of the TUC hitting Brighton soon, let's look at an issue which union leaders join hands with the politicians and fascists and speak in one voice. The subject is Ireland. The evidence is fresh and conclusive and will be used against the labour leaders in Brighton.

Some months ago, Tameside Trades Council began to organise a conference on Ireland, in clear support of the Irish people's war of national liberation against the British state. Many in the Labour and Tory, and the TU however, took sides long ago. They're backing Britain.

When the leaflet advertising the conference advanced the slogan: 'Support the Irish people - Bring the war to Britain', all hell let loose. The NF paraded through Tameside screaming 'Smash the IRA! Thatcher called for an inquiry. The local Labour council banned the use of its premises for the conference. CP members on Manchester trades council demanded the TUC prevent the conference. And in Congress House, the same bureaucrats heading for Brighton in September turned pale with fear and disaffiliated Tameside.

Just as the Labour and Communist parties always say a solution must be found to the 'Irish Problem', so British trade union leaders always express 'concern' at the war. When it came to Tameside, why did such seemingly different bodies - the NF, the TUC, the Communist Party, the Labour Party, and the Tories - find themselves on the same side? The answer is simple. Tameside Trades Council was asking the question 'Which side should British workers take in the war?' and took the side of the Irish. All others threw in their lot with Britain.

Whenever TUC dignitaries say Irish unity is a fair goal, you can bet your union card they are not lending support to the Irish fight for a united Ireland. To them, as to the Tories and fascists, the Irish are criminals and madmen - terrorists who must be beaten. And those same union leaders are working overtime right now to limit strikes and

industrial unrest in Britain. We see it every time they sell us another package of wage cuts and redundancies. We will see it in Brighton as they justify these measures by waving the Union Jack. 'It's necessary for Britain', they say. The NF's demand 'British jobs for British workers' comes from the same nationalism that fuels the Labour Party and TUC's demands for import controls.

The alternative to these nationalist solutions is working class resistance to British plans, whether for restoring the economy, or for Ireland. Such resistance is feared by the ruling class and TUC alike. Their strategy depends on pulling workers behind the national banner. And this is why the Irish War hits them in the gut. The ruling class can only ensure stability in the UK if it holds on to the occupied piece of Ireland. The TUC officials are anxious to nip in the bud any support for the Irish. An effective solidarity movement here would threaten their own positions: there is no redundancy union leaders fear more than their own.

But the TUC's expulsion of Tameside did not stop the 90 delegates from trades councils and union branches across the country to attend the conference. The TUC's politics must not stop the building of anti-imperialist opposition to the state here. On 3 September the Smash the Prevention of Terrorism Act Campaign, which helped organize the conference, is supporting Tameside's lobby of the TUC in Brighton. We want to ensure that this protest is heard hard and clear in Brighton and nationally. Defence of Tameside and support for the Irish, opposition to the TUC and the British ruling class attacks, current and to come. Let's make Tameside and the Irish War a seaside memory the TUC won't be able to forget. Support the lobby to the TUC: JOIN the march Make Ireland an issue in the British labour movement

March to assemble on Wednesday 3rd Sept at 12 noon outside Brighton train station Public Meeting; Tameside and the Fight Ahead Wed 3rd 6.00pm at the Playhall Resources Centre, North Rd.

Further information phone; Kate Marshall on the number below:

Smash the Prevention of Terrorism Act Campaign

BM RCT, London WC1V 6XX tel 01 274 3951



SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS



SPOT THE SPOTS
FROM SPOT THE DOG
THE MAN IN THE PICTURE HAS SPOTTED ONE.
THEY ARE ALL DIFFERENT SIZES AND ALL
OVER THE PAGE.
PUT A RING AROUND EACH ONE AND SEE
HOW MANY YOU CAN FIND.
P. S. DON'T FORGET THE FULL STOPS!

SPOT AND HIS SPOTTY WORLD



"Suddenly a glaring whitish, pinkish light appeared in the sky accompanied by an unnatural tremor which was followed almost immediately by a wave of suffocating heat and a wind which swept away everything in its path. Within a few seconds the thousands of people in the streets in the centre of the town were scorched by a wave of searing heat. Many were killed instantly, others lay writhing on the ground screaming in agony from the intolerable pain of their burns. Everything standing upright in the way of the blast - walls, houses, factories and other buildings, was annihilated... Hiroshima had ceased to exist."

In fact Spot isn't a dog at all. How can this be?

I have a dog, his name is Spot. The reason why he is called Spot is that he has a long scruffy coat covered in lots and lots of big brown spots. He looks like someone has thrown mud all over him.

One day I got fed up with people asking me why I put mud all over my dog, so I put him in the bath. I filled it right up to the top with bubbles and threw him in. I scrubbed and scrubbed, but all that happened was that he barked louder- the spots just wouldn't come off.

In the end he jumped out and I had to run after him, but he was too quick for me. He ran through the house barking and shaking his fur.

Oh dear, he did make the house a mess: All the dirty water had come off of him and onto the windows and walls. All the wallpaper was covered in spots, all the glass was spotty.

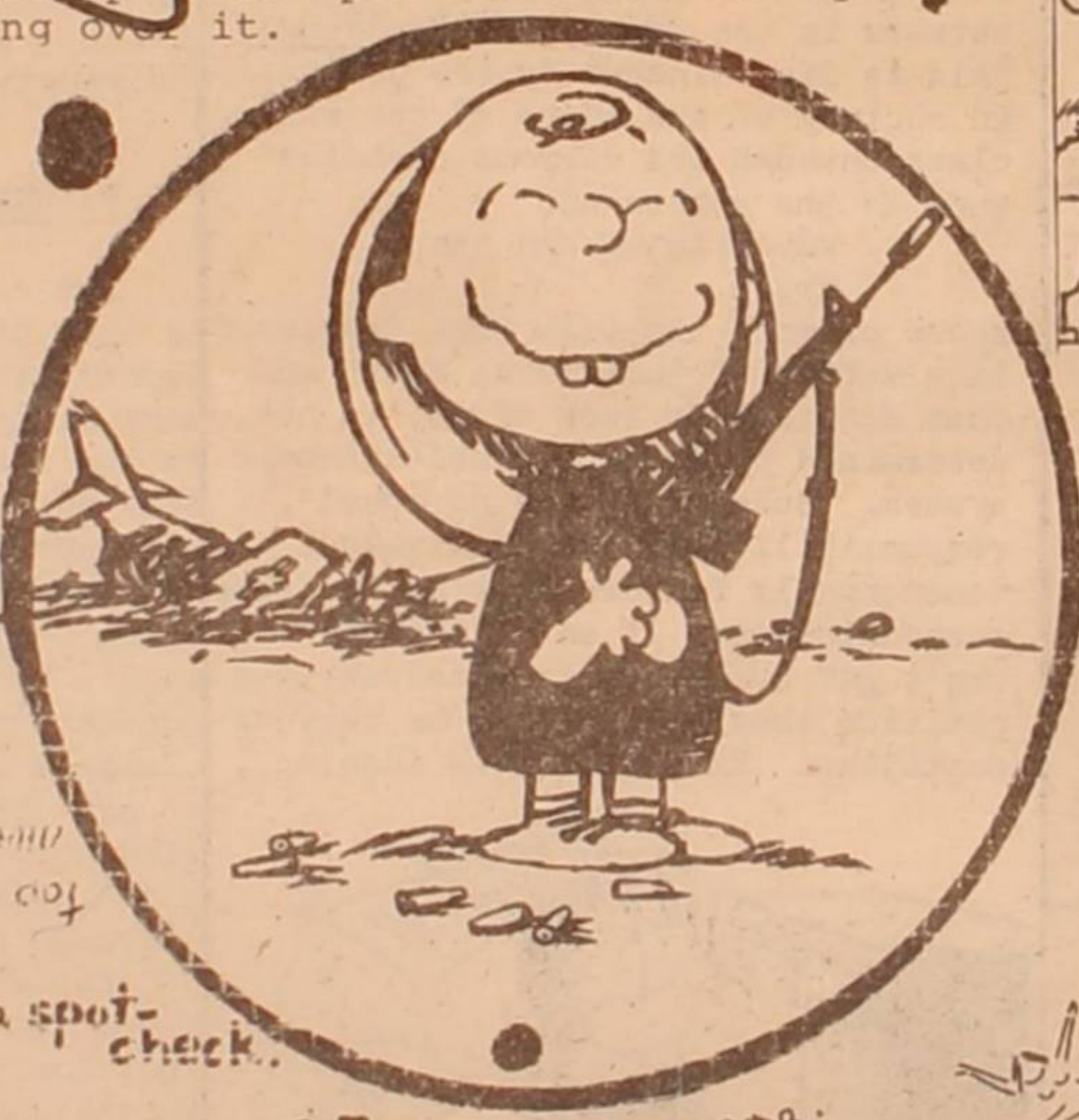
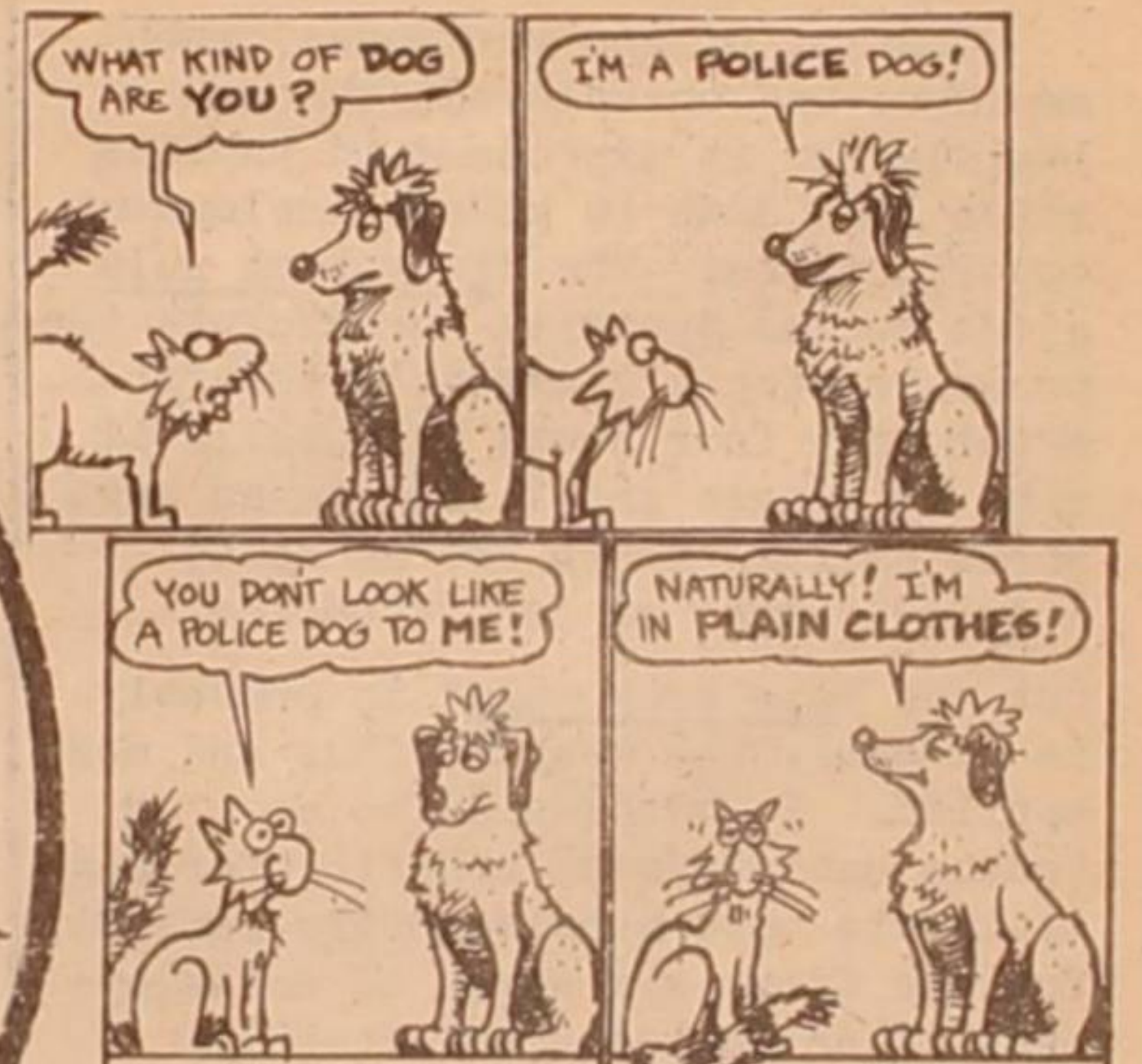
He ran out of the house and knocked over a paint pot- and it was full of paint. All you could see of where Spot had been were spotty footprints along all the pavement in our road. The next door was very annoyed because Spot had spoilt his new car by running over it.

I ran down the road to try to look for him. I knew where he had been when I came to the butchers. All over the window were spotty noseprints where Spot had been looking through the window. Even worse, he had gone inside and run off with Mrs Jackson's sunday dinner. People waved fists at him. I looked and looked but i couldn't see him anywhere. I was just going home when I saw a greenhouse covered in little spots of earth. I knew Spot must be there.

Quietly I crept up, and there he was burying the bone, throwing up earth and covering everything in wet spots of soil. I grabbed hold of him and carried him home past the spotty greenhouse, past the spotty butcher's window, down the spotty street to our spotty house.

I put him down on the spotty carpet. I tried to tell him off, but he just wagged his tail and came over and licked me on the face. I couldn't be cross with him, even when I saw that I had spots on my face from where he licked me. Oh Spot I do think that you're lovely- but I do wish that your world wasn't so spotty.

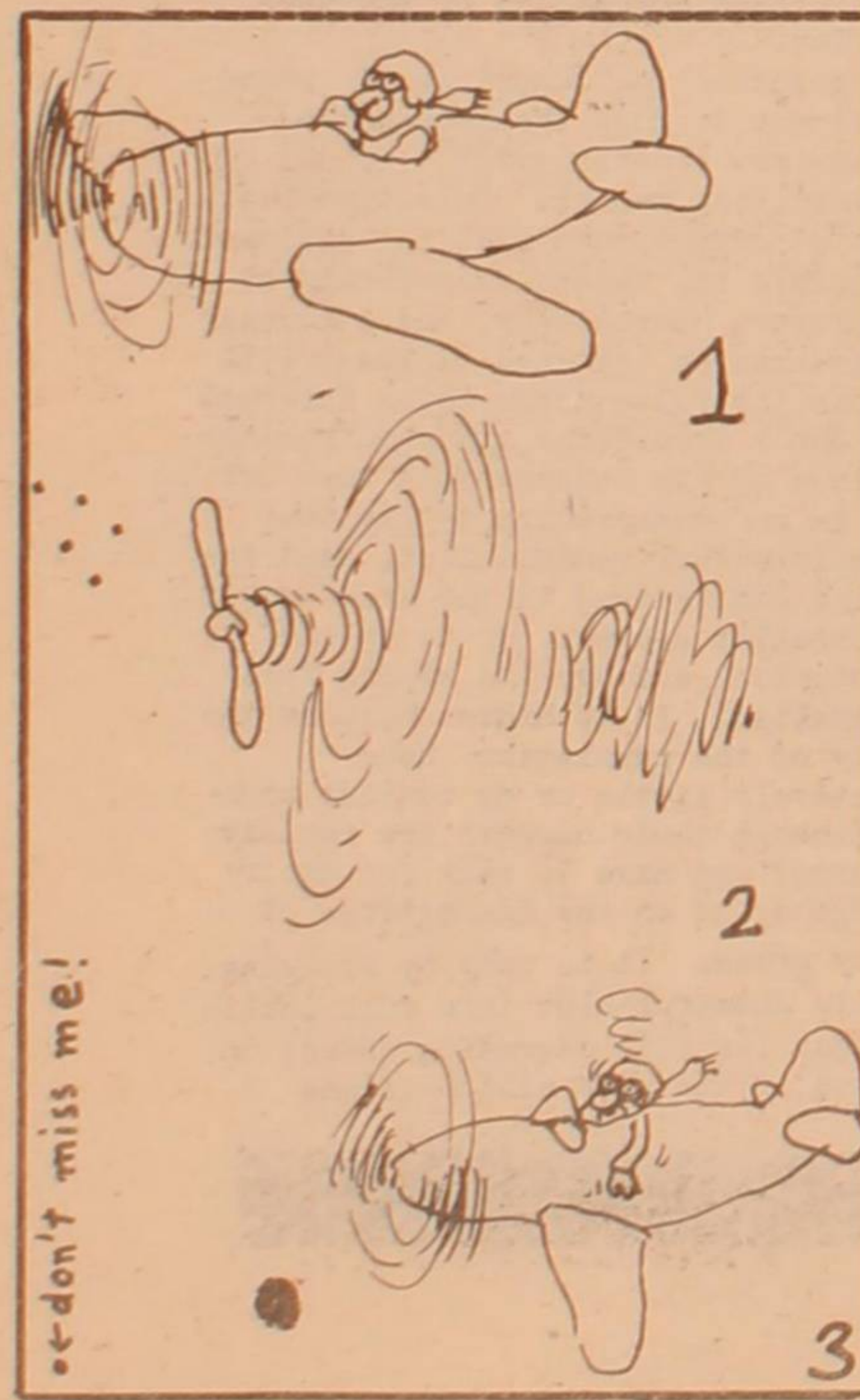
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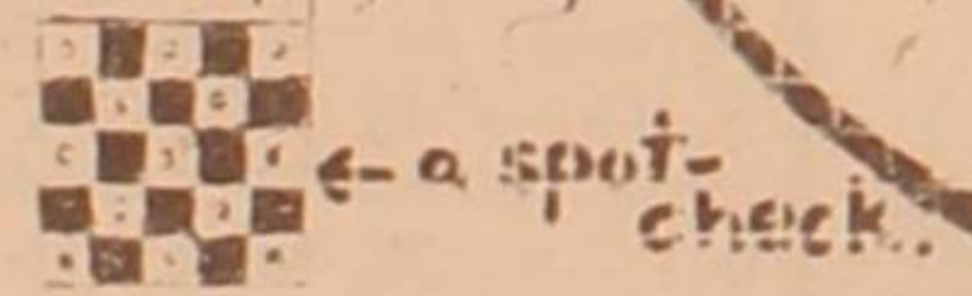
Hi I'm Spot.



Teacher



where do spots sing?
where do spots go for fun in the evening?



PLAYSCHEME.

A group of volunteers have got together over the last two weeks to organise a playscheme for children in the Central Brighton area. This was felt to be an important service for children and working parents. The playscheme was held at the Resource Centre, which provided the premises free, and was initially funded by a council grant of £80. For this reason all the helpers were unpaid and the grant was spent on buying basic materials. The additional money which was necessary was raised by a jumble sale organised by the volunteers which was an enormous success.

programmes were organised around particular themes such as drama, nature space, clowns and red indians which provided the frame work for the activities. The idea was that children determine the course of events during the day, themselves. The activities included both creative work such as making puppets, masks and musical instruments, papier mache, tie + dye and many out door activities and outings. One of the most popular activities was the face painting.

The aim behind the scheme was to provide the facilities for children to play as freely and constructively with as little formal structure as possible, and free from the conventional power relationship between adults and children. The daily

Everybody felt that the play scheme was a great success for both volunteers and children. Everyone is hoping that it will be able to occur again next year although with the present government spending cuts in community services the future looks bleak for such schemes.

S.S.—IT'S TORTURE!

There exists a popular fiction that the social security system resembles a kindly, philanthropic uncle or auntie who provides succour and support for the distressed poor. Their poverty being caused through no fault of society but simply because they are victims of unforeseeable catastrophe or their own personal mismanagement.

Because of its profit-intensive nature and continual need for expansion the capitalist economic system has an inherent need for a permanent pool of cheap labour that it can draw on in times of boom and discard in times of recession (eg British Leyland).

But although capitalist policies have created the conditions for the existence of a pool of unemployed labour, because of the expense needed for its maintenance, the government needs to ensure that numerically it is no larger than necessary and that there is no one "choosing" to be unemployed. To achieve this optimum position it is essential to have a controlled, passive labour force. This is done in two ways:-

- * by parliamentary legislation, and
- * by the values and attitudes promoted by capitalist ideology.



* PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION *

Control of the workforce, both employed and unemployed, through legislation is expressed in various rules laid down to govern employment opportunities. The "four week rule" gives Social Security bureaucrats the power to stop a claimant's benefit after only four weeks especially if s/he is single and living in an area where SS "feel" there are an above average number of job vacancies.

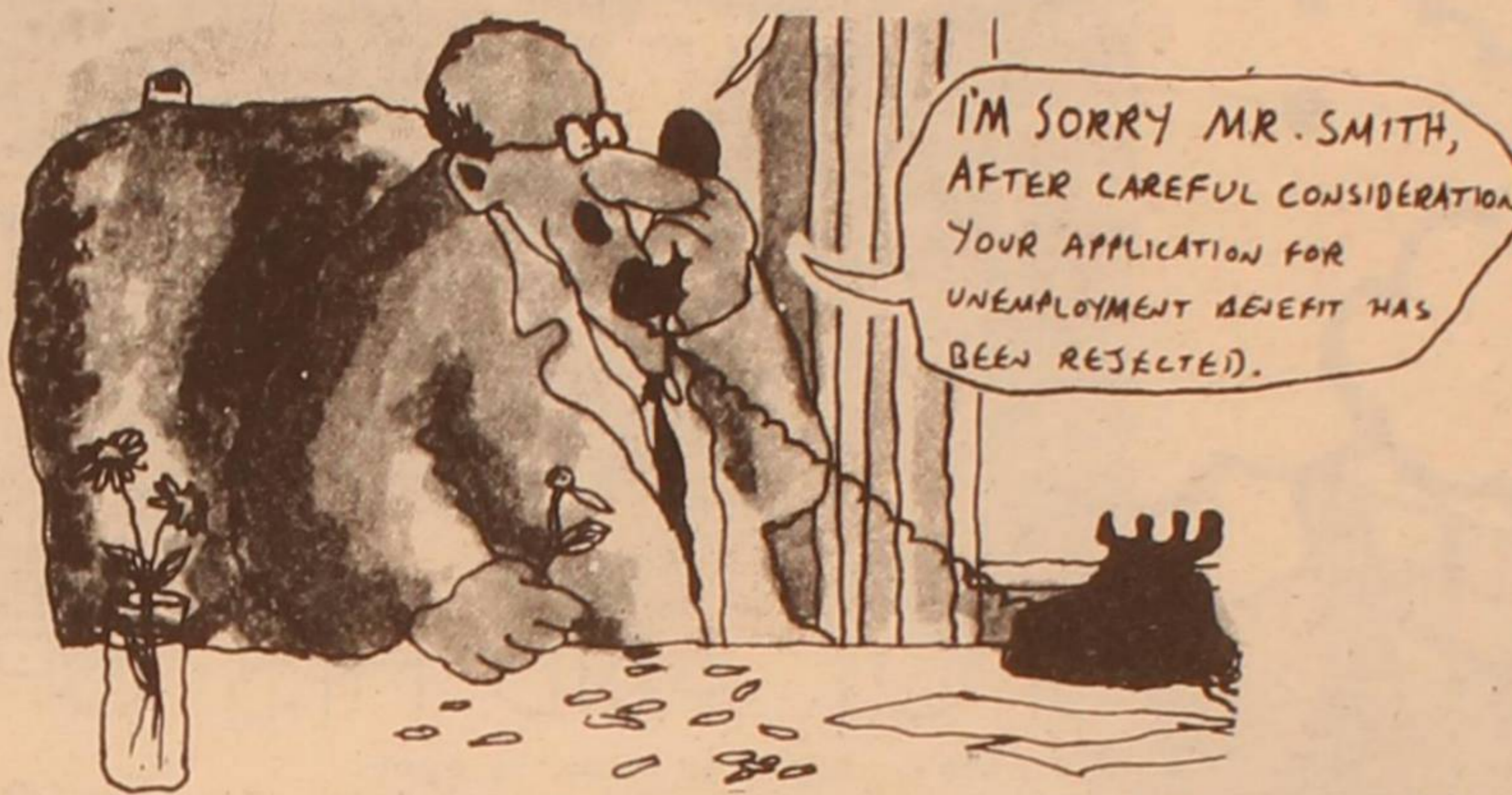
But the "six week rule" is probably the most vicious and most applied. It enables SS to stop or reduce unemployment benefit (forcing claimants onto Supplementary Benefit) for the first six weeks of unemployment if an employee voluntarily leaves her/his job...no matter how bad the job was... The only certain way for a worker to avoid this rule is to get sacked which reduces future job chances.

Further pressure is brought to bear on claimants by the refusal of SS to pay a claimants rent if it is above a certain arbitrary weekly figure. If it is above this figure it is considered "not conducive to a claimants status" or in plain English if you're a claimant you have less right to live in accommodation of your choice than an employed person.

The "wages stop" keeps the vast majority of claimants on benefit levels below that of the employed, despite the distortions by the Tory press to convince people otherwise.

Also, and more important, the "cohabitation rule" puts extra pressure on women who "live with" men, making them more dependent on men, by refusing them benefit in their own right.

So it can be seen that these heavy financial penalties coerce workers to accept their work situation, because of the very real fear of not being able to provide even basic provisions for themselves and their families.



To underpin these financial restrictions SS has a catch-all system under which it can arbitrarily, on the word of ONE Bureaucrat, cancel a claimants benefit completely. These grounds include

- * refusing an offer of just ONE job,
- * refusing an interview, or
- * showing "no interest" in finding work.

If a claimant goes to an interview SS ring up the employer and ask if the claimant either refused the job or appeared "not interested" in it. If the employer interprets the claimants attitude as "not interested" SS then send a questionnaire for the employer to sign to confirm this. This document is then deemed to be "proof" of the claimants fecklessness and is used as the basis for the stopping of her/his benefit.

* CAPITALIST IDEOLOGY *

Control of the workforce through ideology is achieved not through the one simple concept, but through a complex web of ideas, values, and attitudes. At the centre of this network is the concept of "self-help". This is disseminated by the domination in society of the ideas of the ruling class through its various agencies, such as the government advertising and the press.

These promote the idea that "success" is a matter of individual merit and that success, or lack of it, is not determined by the political-economic system. Success is the personal responsibility of each individual and consequently failure carries the same responsibility. If an individual can't get out of their disadvantaged position they are said to be lazy or worthless. This self-help ideology,



Just a few forms to fill in, Mr. Smith

and the idea that the poor are personally defective means that although the poor may be given assistance they should never demand it or regard it as a right. They should be grateful. These ideas are reproduced, maintained and reinforced in Social Security offices and act as a controlling force on the unemployed keeping them passive (largely) and undemanding, thankful for their benefit.

The benefit is seen by both claimants and staff as charity, as a

handout, provided by the good nature of the state and administered by the charitable staff. Both claimant and staff end up thinking that being out of work is the personal failure of the individual and not the inevitable result of the capitalist system.

* COUNTER CLERKS *

Supplementary Benefit counter clerks are poorly paid, work under considerable pressure, and often obtain their jobs by being taken off the dole queue themselves. They act as a fallible human buffer between the capitalist system and the unemployed poor. But, of course, they are employed by the capitalist state and so have the appropriate ideas and attitudes. These manifest themselves in their behaviour towards claimants. Their manner is often offensive and habitually casts doubts on the claimants

honesty. For example, when a claimant informs them that SS owe her or him so much, or that SS hasn't paid benefit which is now due, the counter clerk fixes the claimant with a stony or a suspicious look and replies "that's what YOU say." It is no surprise that benefit claiming has been described as degradation ceremonies.

* UNEMPLOYMENT REVIEW OFFICERS *

But if the role of the counter clerks is that of innocent dupes, the role of the euphemistically named URO's is decidedly more sinister. These people are employed by the State to pursue claimants who have been out of work longer than some arbitrary period—often six months.

The harassment can take many forms, often beginning with non-payment of a week's benefit (a supposed right). On contacting the employment exchange the claimant is told that SS has refused to pay that week and "do not have to give a reason". If the claimant persists he/she is given a form (B one C) and told to contact SS. The claimant, by then very worried, sits for several hours in the SS office before being told that the URO wants to see him/her. This is the start of an intensive campaign of intimidation by the URO including such crude devices as telephoning prospective employers to check if a claimant has attended an interview, not paying benefit on time, making the claimant call 2 or 3 times a week to collect their benefit, forcing the claimant to sign various forms that threaten prosecution if the claimant makes a false claim, and frequently calling the claimant into the SS office and threatening to withhold benefit if the claimant does not find a job.

The URO in Brighton is Mrs. Wooton, whose snide, insinuating manner is only exceeded by that of the regional URO, a short, ponderous, grey haired man appropriately named Gray. His every other sentence is an innuendo that casts aspersions on the claimant's honesty and personal worth as a human being. Gray justifies his bullying tactics and overbearing, intimidating manner (including threats to stop paying benefit) by insisting that he

is really helping the claimants who would be better off working if only they knew it. Gray's actions and behaviour, like that of the counter clerks, is governed by the Supplementary Benefits Act. In reality however, because of his almost total lack of accountability and the claimant's own ignorance of SS powers and procedures, Gray frequently abuses his powers. He has illegally withheld claimants' benefits and has deliberately refused to process claimants' appeal forms when they protest about it. He has also refused to supply written reasons for his withholding of benefit. All these abuses are violations of the law, but are the inevitable result of a system that fosters the idea that being unemployed is anti-social, parasitic and the sole responsibility of worthless, irresponsible individuals.



There exists a popular image of the Job Centre as an unbiased intermediary between employers and workers whose sole reason for existence is to provide a 'service' to help unemployed people to find jobs. This image can easily be dispelled by regular contact with the institution. It will then become apparent that the same basic capitalist ideology that determines the actions of the supplementary benefits section also motivate the policies and attitudes of the Job Centres.

In effect the Centre's act as the direct agents of the government (who established them) policing and controlling the employment market and attempting to reduce the politically sensitive, unemployment figures.

The Centre's also function as a dumping ground for the lower end of the job market. Local employers who pay low wages and offer C19th working conditions (or catering) who as a result find difficulty in obtaining staff by other methods rely on the Job Centres to provide them with a virtually captive labour force. Through lack of decent alternatives and pressure from the system, workers are frequently coerced into reluctant acceptance of the jobs they offer.

In practice Job Centre staff coerce the claimant in much the same way as Supplementary Benefit staff - by use of an intimidating manner. This involves an implied expectation that the claimant is available for interview entirely at the employers convenience, and a further tacit assumption that the claimant will attend an interview after being informed of the job's conditions and requirements regardless of how unfavourable they are.

It is no exaggeration to say that the Supplementary Benefit Dept. (and its satellite Job Centre) is the arse end of the capitalist system. Or to up-end the anatomical analogy the hidden face of capitalism. It is hidden because the majority of the population have comparatively little or no contact with it, (although their numbers are rapidly increasing) and have to rely for their knowledge of it on the distortions of the Tory press. It is only by bringing the whole shameful blot into full public glare that its full degrading effect on the lives of the poor will be seen.



POLYTICS at the POLYTECH

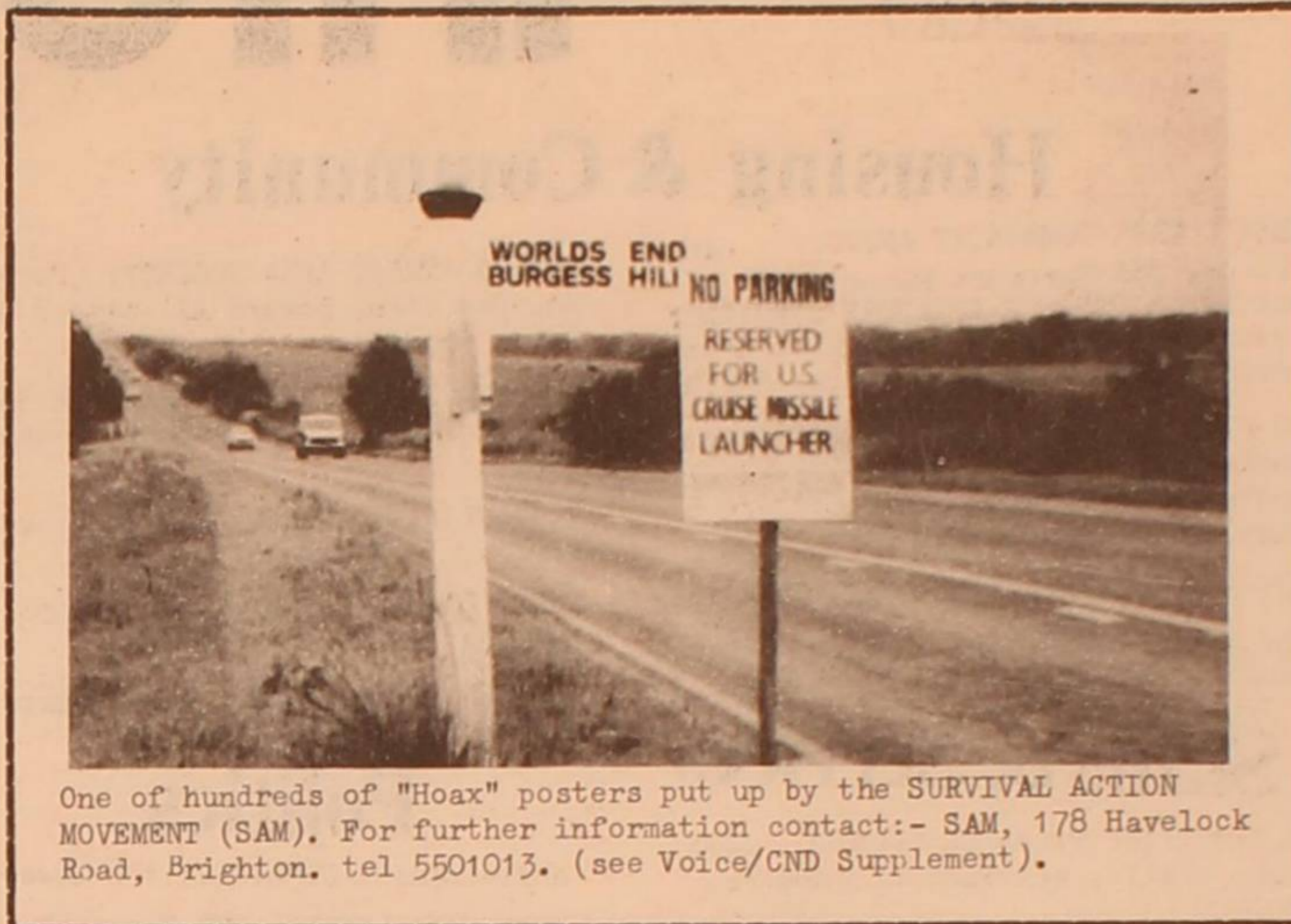


In the past 10 years there have been numerous instances of students being barred from entering colleges or universities on political as opposed to academic grounds. In 1970 there was a wave of occupations after secret files were found containing political information about students at Warwick and Dundee Universities. Students at Kent, Essex and the LSE have also been victimised on account of their political activities. Brighton Polytechnic can now also be added to this 'distinguished' list.

During an occupation of the Deans Office at the Art Faculty last year, students gained access to copies of confidential files. One of these files was a memo from the Head of Adult Education, Andy Durr to the Dean of the Art Faculty Robin Plummer, concerning an attempt to enrol on a course by Tony Greenstein - the Vice President of the Polytechnic Student Union between 1977 and 1979. A copy of this memo was sent to the Director of the Polytechnic. Further enquiries found that the Director had at the beginning of the summer vacation sent a memo to the 6 Deans of Faculty in the Polytechnic instructing them to pass on all information to him if Tony Greenstein were to apply for any course in the Polytechnic. Normally admissions to a particular course is the responsibility of the Head of Department concerned or an admissions tutor.

The reasons for the Director's interest are quite obvious - Tony had been a militant sabbatical officer and had led a number of occupations, principally around the question of racist fee increases for Overseas Students. He was also responsible for pushing through proposals for a Polytechnic nursery in the face of administrative indifference and hostility. The Director, A MR G R Hall has refused to comment about the affair to either the Student Union, the National Council for Civil Liberties or Mr Greenstein himself. As a result of all this Tony is taking a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at London University having been refused a place at the Polytechnic.

In the past 4 years Brighton Polytechnic has changed from having been one of the most conservative to 1 of the most militant colleges in the country, with a massive occupation on 3 sites around Student Union Autonomy at the beginning of the 79/80 academic year. As more colleges around the country take action against the cuts or racist fee increases for Overseas Students or against plans to scrap nurseries in those colleges which have them, so will the authorities attempt to victimise the 'ringleaders' either by expulsion as at Sussex University a year ago or by barring entrance to known militants as happened this year at University College, Swansea. It is also disturbing that the President of the Trades Council, Andy Durr should also have been party to such victimisation in his capacity as Head of Adult Education.



One of hundreds of "Hoax" posters put up by the SURVIVAL ACTION MOVEMENT (SAM). For further information contact:- SAM, 178 Havelock Road, Brighton. tel 5501013. (see Voice/CND Supplement).



Friends Centre

The Friends' Centre in Ship St. is one of only six voluntary adult education centres left in Britain. This Autumn the Centre celebrates 35 years of offering day and evening classes.

The Friends' Centre offers a variety of courses ranging from Freud and Jung through Roman civilisation or the History of Sussex to politics, women and the law and microelectronics. There are also full time courses in reading, writing and maths.

We are writing to ask for your help to keep the Friends Centre open. As a result of decisions made by East Sussex County Council to cut its adult education budget, we must raise £5,000 in 1980-81, £10,000 in 1981-82 and £15,000 in 1982 and onwards - or we may have to close. You can help with donations, by becoming a member, by campaigning or by joining a class.

A 20 week course costs only £16. Further details are available from Alan Tuckett, Friends Centre, Ship Street, Brighton. Tel: 27835.

HELP US TO SURVIVE

BACAYU CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Although inconvenienced by the occupation, the Social Services Department appeared willing to discuss the question of finding BACAYU alternative premises. But East Sussex County Council have refused to meet us to discuss our demands and have served an eviction order on us, despite the fact that, since the occupation, BACAYU has gone from strength to strength; opening an advice centre, running discos and a 'rock for a job' gig.

Nevertheless, representatives of the Trades Council and Labour Party, including Ian McGill leader of the Labour group on Brighton Council, officially opened the building as a Centre for Unemployed Youth on Tuesday the 26th August.

By the time you read this it is probable that we will have been evicted by the County Council. Despite this seeming setback the

support from local people has been great - we have been given mattresses, kettles, amusement machines, games, furniture and food - as well as collecting many signatures in support of our campaign. We also collected £25 in a matter of minutes at a recent socialist public meeting in Brighton, despite the NF protestors outside.

All sorts of people have been involved in BACAYU, some in political groups, some not, but we have all found the experience of working together on a local basis extremely rewarding.

We plan to take the campaign forward by supporting the lobby of the TUC and the picket of the Tory Conference, and by training members of the campaign to give advice on social security rights, so that when we do eventually win a permanent centre for the unemployed we will be able to staff it on a professional basis.

This article was written by members of the Brighton Campaign Against Youth Unemployment who have been occupying 7 St George's Place (near St. Peter's Church.)



FOR SALE

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Hot Drink machine (5p slot) £8
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Unopened Sinclair wrist calculator kit £6
Paraffin Heater £4
1 1/2 (HS 2) Carb. with chrome air cleaner £5
Assorted metalwork chisels, 50p each.
Various Mini bits, distributor, starter, etc.
Salon Hairdryer (hood) with most of stand, £5

Ring Brighton 202001

CLASSY-ADS

Brighton Voice is now taking classified ads. of a non-commercial nature - e.g. skills exchange, flat-sharing, barter etc.



ADIU

A UNIQUE BUT SURPRISINGLY LITTLE KNOWN UNIT BASED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX IS THREATENED WITH CLOSURE. THE BRIGHTON VOICE INTERVIEWED HARRY DEAN, THE UNIT'S INFORMATION OFFICER.

Brighton Voice: What is the Armament & Disarmament Information Unit (ADIU)?

Harry Dean: The ADIU was set up in 1978. It's an independent unit within Sussex University. Its functions are to collect, collate and disseminate information relating to defence, disarmament and arms control. ADIU produces a bi-monthly newsletter, occasional papers and convenes conferences.

BV: Who uses the resources of ADIU?

HD: We get a lot of requests from peace groups like CND. We also deal with many others such as individual academics, MPs, and journalists - we've helped the Sunday Times and the Observer amongst others. We get 30-40 requests per week on average.

BV: What makes ADIU so unique?

HD: Well, there are several policy research groups, mostly connected with Universities and Polytechnics, and there are many campaigning organisations such as CND. But all these are involved in presenting their own point of view. The ADIU takes no position on policy matters, but by acting as an information clearing house it hopes to provide the means for a more informed debate on armament and disarmament.

BV: Why can't the Government provide the same sort of information as you do?

HD: In the USA this information would come from the Government because of the Freedom of Information Act. In the UK, the Government is far more secretive and you mustn't forget, it does have a line of its own on defence matters. That's why most of our information goes to people who have what you might call a questioning attitude to information provided by the Government.

BV: How is ADIU funded at the moment?

HD: We get a grant of £15,000 from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Some organisations have a subscription to the ADIU report (which is free to individuals). We encourage people to send some money to cover material costs, but our actual service is free - and that's the way we think it should stay.

BV: How much trouble is ADIU in?

HD: A lot of trouble. We've had to let a research officer go through lack of finance - although we need at least an extra 2 researchers. We're several thousand pounds short on this year's budget.

BV: Can't you find other sources of funding?

HD: The ADIU has no 'product' in terms of policy recommendations. Neither the campaigning groups or the Ministry of Defence will provide funds. In the current financial climate nobody seems willing to part with cash for passive bodies like the ADIU.

Unfortunately, there's a real possibility of closure by the end of September. If anybody knows of an alternative source of funding, I can be contacted at the Mantell Building, Sussex University, tel: (0273) 686758.

COMPLAINTS!!!

Complaints against the Sussex Police rose by almost 25% from 1978-79. 22 of them were substantiated by the police themselves as against 5 the year before, an increase of over 300%. 19 officers were disciplined. In his Annual Report the Sussex Chief Constable makes no attempt to explain these increases. Instead, Terry points out that the complaints procedure cost £43 126 and hints that the money could be better spent on improving "operational efficiency."

ANTI-SEXIST MEN'S CENTRE: For men struggling against sexism, a place to be with other such men. Every Tues 7pm, St Annes Church Hall, St George's Rd. Phone David 692367

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (Brighton & Hove Group) Colin or Mary: 400832

ANDREXIC AID Penny: 775084 Jane: 734862 Rosemary: 507912

ANIMAL ACTIVISTS - see Hunt Sabs

ANIMAL AID Helen Archer, 342A Abbey Hotel, Norfolk Terrace: 778771 ext 92

ANTI LOW PAY GROUP Kevin: 682295 Andrew: Lewes 77499

ANTI NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN Brighton & Hove area. Tony 27845

BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION Brighton & Lewes division of Sussex Beekeepers-Lynne Hawkins, 14 The Lees, Peacehaven Peacehaven 4522

BRIGHTON HOSTEL for single homeless men - volunteers needed in evenings to take residents out or entertain them - 18 Dorset Gardens: 682089

BRIGHTON SOCIETY Environmental pressure - Selma Montford, 10 Claremont Road: 509209

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT: Kate Soper & Martin Ryle 689459

COMMUNITY ARTS WORKSHOP Dance, drama, mime, music - St. Anne's Hall, St. George's Road: 697493

CARTWHEEL trying to set up village community using traditional skills - 5 Fairlight Place

CONFERENCE OF SOCIALIST ECONOMISTS - K. Smith, 10 Warleigh Road

EDUCATION FIGHTBACK: fight for an education worth defending. Meets fortnightly Resource Centre, North Rd, 8pm

FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (Brighton) - 72 Swanborough Place

FRIENDS CENTRE Voluntary adult education centre; meeting space - 16 Ship Street: 27835

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH Ecological pressure - Mary Newman, 32 Over Street: 31083 (ask for Dessau) Meet fortnightly Marlborough Hotel Tuesdays 8pm

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER Meditation teaching, yoga, communication exercises, etc. - no charge; beginners' meditation Wednesdays 7:15pm, Hatha Yoga on Thursdays, ring 698420 for details; 15 Park Crescent Place (near The Level)

GINGERBREAD Self-help pressure group for one-parent families - Basement, 6 Marlborough Place Mon/Thurs 10am-2pm: 697208, 688661 (not mornings)

HUNT SABOTEURS and Animal Activists Vince Smith, 386 Portland Rd, Hove Meet Thursdays 8pm Flat 5, 4 Powis Square - bell marked 'Scott'

LINK-UP Sussex University Community Action, Falmer House, University of Sussex BN1 9QS: 680380 - write for free copy of magazine "Praxis"

PARENTS HELPLINE: 688633

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS Outings, entertainment for children & adults-divorced, widowed, separated etc. Meets 3 - 5:30pm in Lansdowne Centre, 58 Lansdowne Place Hove: 420324

PROJECT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND trying to raise £10,000 to build an adventure playground in the Hove area- George: 737357, Carol: 411565

RESOURCE CENTRE Top of North Road, former Church Hall: resources for the community - meeting space, duplicating, screen-printing, community press, transport, information & more : 607141

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN 19 Elm Grove: 688633

SAVE THE FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS CAMPAIGN C/O FPA, 13A Western Rd: 774075

S.A.N.D. (Sussex Alliance for Nuclear Disarmament) coordinating body for any nuclear disarmament/peace groups in Sussex. Sec E. Deffero, 681181

SERA (SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ASSOCIATION): Contact Mark Goodwin, 40 Regency Square, Brighton

Housing & Community

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENTRY : although we've done our best to make sure that all the entries are up to date and accurate, we still have to rely on you for the latest changes. If you use one of the entries on this page and find that it is wrong, PLEASE LET US KNOW at once so that we can correct it in the next issue: everything on the info page is, of course, free - so please make use of it ;
BACK ISSUES : there are loads of back copies in the office, free to individuals; write and ask, but don't forget return postage...

Advice

AGE CONCERN Old people's welfare - Mon/Fri 10am - 12:30pm, 2 - 4pm - 57 Ditching Road: 683275

ANDREXIC AID Penny: 775084 Jane: 734862 Rosemary: 507912

BRIGHTON ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON PROJECT (BAPP) info & advice, employment counselling, literacy & numeracy for those at risk of going to prison - Room 1, The Institute, Central Free Church, Queen's Square: 25998 Mon&Wed 3:30 - 6pm Tues 9:30am - 12:30pm: 607141 Fri 2:15 - 6pm

CANCER PREVENTION (Area Health Authority): 23344

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU Brighton- 17 Ditchling Rise Mon/Fri 10am - 4pm, Tues 6pm - 8pm - 2 St. George's Place Mon/Fri 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 4pm: 601664 Hove - Town Hall, Tisbury Road - Mon/Wed/Fri 10am - 12:30pm, 2:15pm - 4pm, Tue/Thu 10am - 4pm: 734811

CLAIMANTS' UNION Self help for benefit claimants - Room 6, The Institute, Central Free Church, Queen's Square - Tuesday 11am - 2pm: 202492

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL Advice on hassles with the NHS: (Brighton) 33824 (Hove) 71186

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE (Council) 73 Grand Parade - Mon/Fri 9am - 4:30pm: 29801

LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE CENTRE - 79 Lewes Road 10:30am - 11:30am

LEGAL & WELFARE INFO DESK Union Hall, Air Street (by Clock Tower) Saturdays 10am - 4pm

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES: 689385 or C/O Public House Bookshop

PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE (B'ton) -pregnancy testing, counselling, abortions, vasectomies - Wistons, 138 Dyke Road: 509726

RENT TRIBUNAL Rent disputes, security of tenure etc. - 137 Preston Road: 509726

RIGHTS CENTRE (Brighton) Advice on legal problems - Central Free Church, Queen's Square - Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm: 202492

SAMARITANS For those in despair - 102 Clarendon Road, Hove: 772277 (24h)

Women

LESBIAN GROUP: Jill, 696298

NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN: c/o WOMEN'S CENTRE

WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Cres, Dyke Rd. Meet 8pm, 4th Weds each month, Unitarian Hall, Lewes Rd.

WOMEN'S AID: Refuge for battered women. Contact Women's Centre.

WOMEN FIGHT RAPE GROUP: Contact Women's Centre.

WOMEN'S CENTRE: At back of Resource Cent Centre. Open Tues, Weds, Thurs 11-2, and 6.30-8.30. Sats 11-4. Pregnancy tests, Rights etc 605911

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE & FREEDOM: 684604 & Lewes 4161

WOMEN'S LIBERATION: meet Resource Centre every 3rd Monday. Info 605911

WOMEN'S VOICE: Based on W.V. paper, Sue 21260

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY ASSOC.: Jon Bellos, 33A Egremont Place
SCATTERS & TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE: Advice to homeless & those with housing problems, c/o Resource Centre, North Rd.

TWO PIERS HOUSING CO-OP: Collective ownership & control of housing for young single people. Natalya Belcher c/o 9 Grange Rd, Lewes. Lewes 2029

WEST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: 21359

WEST PIER SOCIETY: John Lloyd, 5 Belle Vue Gdns, 603705

Skills & Services

ALTERNATIVE EXCHANGE SERVICE Swap your skills, services or labour: 682955

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT Resource Centre High-Top Transit & Driver: 607141

THE GREAT MEDICI Entertainment for kids - suitable for playgroups, parties, community centres etc: 683930

MERLIN WORK COLLECTIVE Property repairs, domestic & secretarial work, transport, tutoring, mechanics, electrics, disco (over forty skills on-tap): 26506 or 812962

PURE JOY Wholefoods catering collective - 19 Hammy Way Shoreham: Shoreham 62301

UNCLE BRIGHTON SHOW : 691713

WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS Baby sitting, social events, creche etc. Pauline: 556510

WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS Don Pynches: Lewes 6236

Alternative Medicine

ACUPUNCTURIST Peter Deadman B.Ac: Lewes 77996 - J.P. Scott, 33 Surrenden Crescent: 559379 (also Alexandra Technique, appointment only) **Clinic of Chinese Acupuncture** 6 Old Steine: 699716 office hours **Robert Withers** (homeopath & acupuncturist) Portland Centre, Preston Street - ring 27464 for appointment

HOMEOPATH Robert Withers, see above **Marek Urbanowicz**, Palmeira Clinic, Palmeira Square, Hove: 734465

SECOND SUN HEALING Healing through direct action & increased understanding - 7 Terminus Road: 29248

Birth

BIRTH CENTRE (BRIGHTON): info & support group. Pregnancy, birth, & early infant child care. Yoga in pregnancy classes & infant swimming classes. 689194/28357

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: New Sussex Hospital, Windlesham Rd

Shops

INFINITY FOODS: Wholefoods, bread & bulk supplies. North Rd. Closed Wednesdays

SAXONS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT: George St, Mon/Thur 11.30 - 4.45, Fri/Sat 11.30 - 3, 7.15 - 10.15pm

SIMPLE SUPPLIES: wholefoods, George St, 9.30-5.30 Mon - Sat, open late Fri 6.30

SUNRISE VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT, North Rd, noon - 5pm

THREE ROOMS CAFE, Blatchington Rd, Hove Vegetarian cafe, 10 - 3, Take-aways.

WINDHORSE EMPORIUM, George St,

WORKERS' BOOKSHOP 37 Gloucester Rd, Sats 10 - 4pm

Gay

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY: 202930 8-10pm daily

GAY CHRISTIANS: Martin 680868

GAY RURAL AID & INFO NETWORK (GRAIN): Clyde Oliver, 69 North St, Lewes

GAY SWITCHBOARD: Info and Advice, 690825 8-10pm daily, 3-10pm Sat. P.O. Box 449

LESBIAN GROUP: Jill 696298

GEORGE STREET AREA SOCIETY: (Save George St. Campaign) Howard Allaway, 7 Steine Gdns. 693763

HANOVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: 33 Southover St. Self-build community centre. 694973

KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOC.: Ms N. Marlow, 18 Bedford St.

NORTH LAINE COMMUNITY ASSOC.: Sec. Julie Skoging, 26 Tidy Street.

PRESTON CIRCUS ASSOC.: Sec. Celia Mather 39 Stanley Rd, 691771

Politics

ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE 179 Lewes Road

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE C/O Resource Centre

ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN see under Misc.

BIG FLAME 68 Compton Road

BRIGHTON ANTI-NUCLEAR GROUP Nick, 18 Bloomsbury Place

COMMUNIST PARTY of GREAT BRITAIN Secretary Pearl Gaffin, 95A St. George's Road: 687336

COMMUNIST PARTY of BRITAIN (Marxist/Leninist) 37 Gloucester Road: 684404

CO-OPERATIVE PARTY (Brighton) 86 London Road: 683076 (Hove) J. Cattell, 29 Foredown Road, Portslade

ECOLOGY PARTY Sec. Jan Shearer, 609891

FABIAN SOCIETY George Forbes, 66 Meadow Lane, Burgess Hill: 5 Hill 43723

INDEPENDENT LABOUR PUBLICATIONS Gary Kent 558070

LABOUR PARTY (Brighton) 179 Lewes Road: 602592 (Hove) 40 Cowper Street (Lewes) 3 North Street: Lewes 4312

LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS (Brighton) C/O 179 Lewes Road (Hove) Clive Walder, 120 Clarendon Road: 722218 (Lewes) A. Bryant, 16 Willow Walk: Newhaven 6299

LIBERAL PARTY (Pavilion) F. Hix, 14A Ship Street: 25315 (day) 26560 (eve) (Kemp Town) A. Frampton, 32 Brownleaf Road: 36817 (Hove & Portslade) J. McCormack, 11 Wellington Avenue Hove: 738462

NEW COMMUNIST PARTY M. Chaplin, 83 Edburton Avenue

SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY 686897

YOUNG LIBERALS C/O Councillor D. Rogers, 8 Guildford Street: 26011

Misc

TRADES UNION COUNCIL Co-ordinating group of local Trades Unions affiliated to the TUC - Ann Jones, 70 Hartington Road: 601559

TOY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Brighton & Hove) C/O 99A Ditchling Rise

TRADES & LABOUR CLUB Meeting place for trades unionists - 16 Lewes Road: 601101

TRANSPORT 2000 Meetings second Tuesday of month, Brighton station 7pm

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION Exists to promote work & ideals of UN - Nancy Dore, 157 Surrenden Road: 501370

WORKERS' MUSIC ASSOCIATION - Basement, 28 Livingstone Road, Hove

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION: 680654

Papers

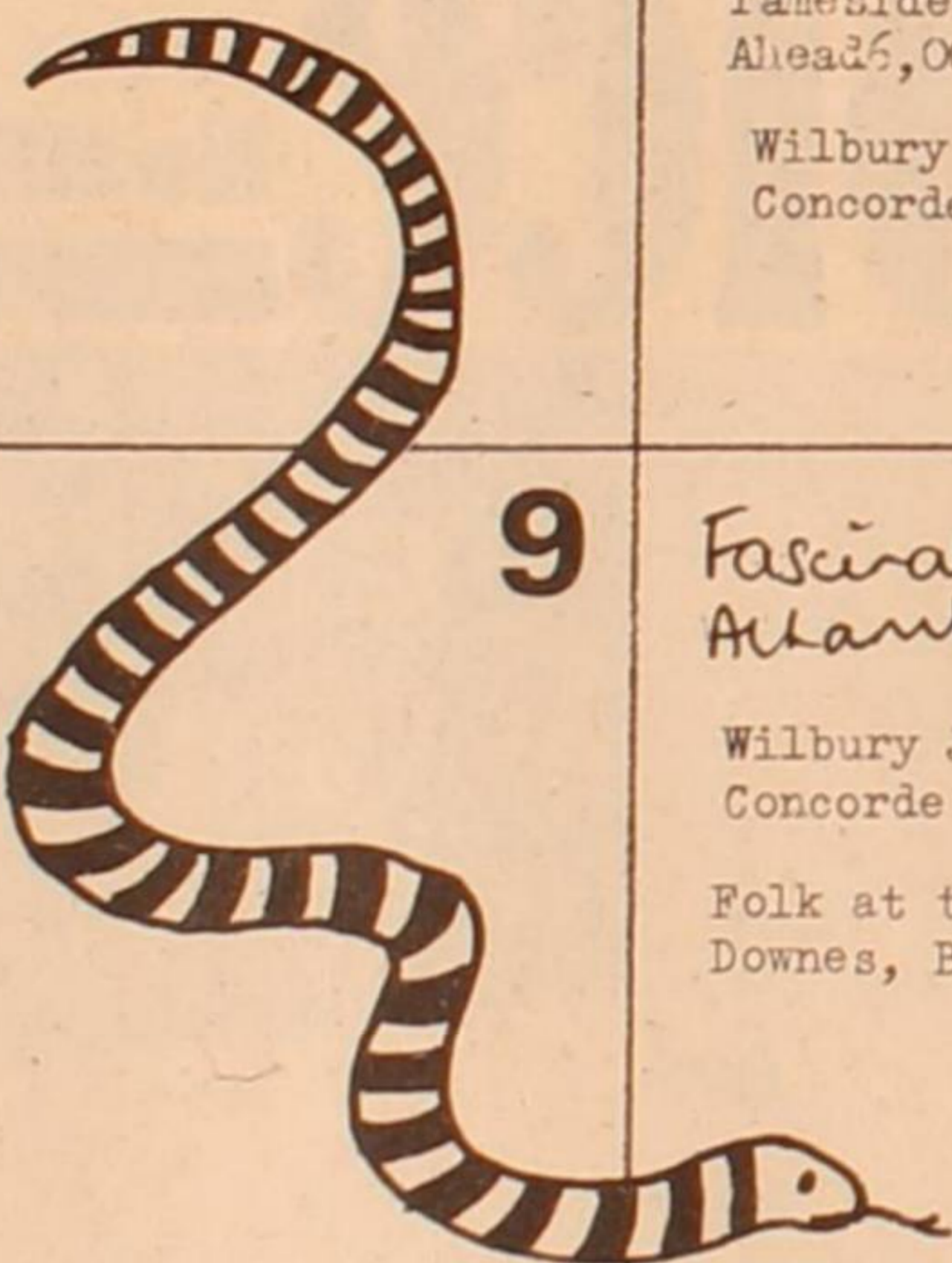
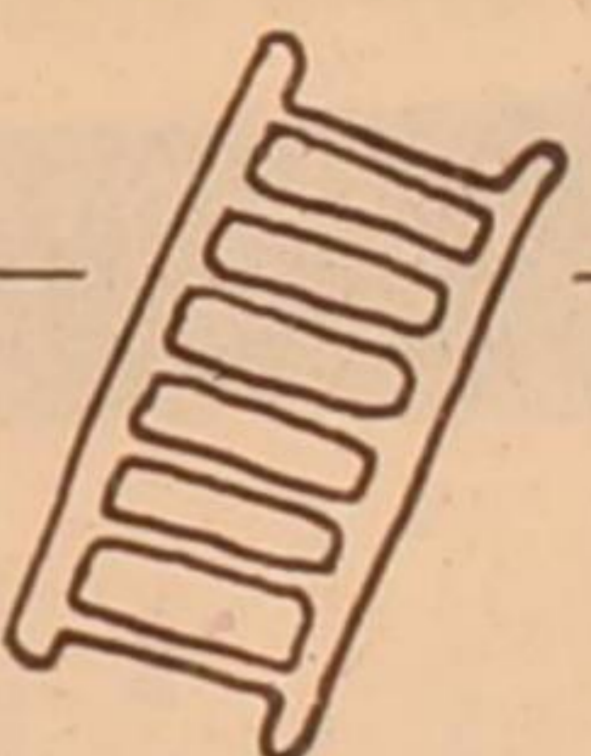


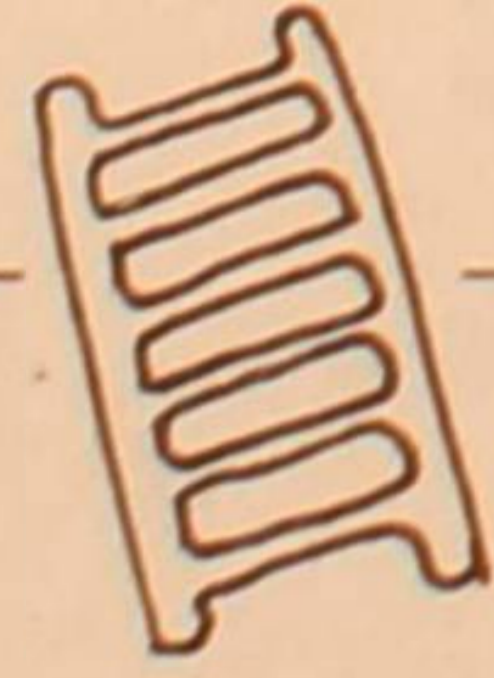




QUEENSPARK: Paper for the Queen's Park area, 18 Windmill St, Brighton

SEAGULL: non-sexist, non-racist comic for kids. Send stories, jokes etc to 24 Gladstone Place

WAYBILL: Newsheet of T&GWU, 1/402 Btn & Hove District Buspeople, from Jonway St Depot, Hove

WHOLE EARTH: Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action. 11 George St. 694600

September WHAT'S ON

<p>Right to Work Benefit Daddy Yum-Yum Basement, Art College.</p> <p>Mon 1</p>	<p>Tues 2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Smash the Prevention of Terrorism Act March Ass-embly B'ton Station 12 noon. Lipstick - Alhambra</p> <p>Public Meeting: Tameside and the Fight Ahead, 6,00 Resource Centre</p> <p>Wilbury Jam Concorde</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SERA Meeting "Work not Waste" Resource Centre 8pm 'Fringe TUC activity)</p> <p>CND Benefit "Poison Girls" & "Crass" Concorde £1 Late Bar.</p> <p>National Childcare Campaign - Lobby TUC! Brighton Conference Centre. 11.30 - 2.30</p> <p><i>Secret Assault Alhambra</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Airtight Garage - Alhambra</p> <p>Springfield Folk Bernie Parry</p> <p>Northern' Knights of Montreaux</p>	<p>Sat 6</p> <p>Fascinations - Alhambra</p> <p>B'ton Singers Club Marlborough Hotel</p>	<p>Sun 7</p> <p>Jenny Beeching Springfield</p> <p>Northern' Woodbine</p> <p>Daddy Yum-Yum - Alhambra</p> <p>Woody & the Splinters: Pedestrians (Lunchtime)</p>
<p>The Taverners - Concorde</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fascinations - Alhambra</p> <p>Wilbury Jam Concorde</p> <p>Folk at the Marlboro' Downes, Bradley & Downes</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Laughing Gass - Alhambra</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Dick Damage - Alhambra</p> <p>Northern' Knights of Montreaux</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>B'ton Singers Club Marlborough Hotel</p> <p>Exclusives - Alhambra</p>	<p>14</p> <p>"Northern' Woodbine</p> <p>Daddy Yum-Yum Alhambra</p> <p>Fascinations: Pedestrians (Lunchtime)</p> <p>Come All Ye Springfield</p>
<p>"The War Game" Film. Resource Centre, North Road, Brighton. 8pm + discussion after. (Organised by SAI)</p> <p>Concorde CEILIDH!</p> <p>15</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Beginning of Training Scheme for Rights Centre 1, The Institute, Queens Square. 6.45 Volunteers needed...</p> <p>See Page 5</p> <p>Marlborough Folk Club Night</p> <p>Wilbury Jam Concorde</p> <p>*B.V. copy date - features</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Decent Assault - Alhambra</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Northern' Knights of Montreaux</p> <p>Joby Blanchard, Isabel Sutherland, Roger Brasier & Eddie Upton Springfield Folk.</p> <p>Laughing Gass - Alhambra</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Enrol for Courses Friends Centre 10am - 6pm.</p> <p>B'ton Singers Club Marlborough Hotel</p> <p>Midnight + the Lemon Boys + The Airtight Garage Alhambra</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Northern' Woodbine</p> <p>Johnny Coppin Springfield</p> <p>Daddy Yum-Yum Alhambra</p> <p>Woody & the Splinters: Pedestrians (Lunchtime)</p>
<p>The Taverners - Concorde</p> <p>22</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Full Moon</p> <p>Martin Angell Marlboro' Hotel</p> <p>Fascinations - Alhambra</p> <p>Wilbury Jam Concorde</p> <p>*B.V. copy date - news.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>European Nuclear Disarmament Public Meeting, Friends' Centre, Ship St. 7.15pm (Org. by Brighton CND)</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Eye to Eye - Alhambra</p> <p>Springfield Muckram Wakes</p> <p>Northern' Knights of Montreaux</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B'ton Singers Club Marlborough Hotel</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Northern' Woodbine</p> <p>Cilla Fisher & Artie Trezise Springfield</p> <p>Fascinations: Pedestrians (Lunchtime)</p> <p>Daddy Yum-Yum Alhambra</p>
<p>29</p> <p>The Taverners - Concorde</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Birds with Ears - Alhambra</p>	<p>October 1</p> <p>Wilbury Jam Concorde</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Harvest Night with Shirley Collins Springfield</p>	<p>4</p> <p>B'ton Singers Club Marlborough Hotel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Stand by for the October Brighton Voice</p> 

Where to find them:-
ALHAMBRA - Sea Front.
Art College - Grand Parade.
CONCORDE - Sea front (by Aquarium)
Marlborough - Marlborough Place.
NORTHERN - York Place.
Pedestrian Arms - Foundary St.
SPRINGFIELD - Springfield Rd.

A member the Editorial Collective talked to two of the people in the BCAYU occupation, Peter and Helen.

Peter, aged 16, left school in May of this year.

BV. Have you had a job since you left school?

P. Well, at the moment I'm on a Youth Opportunities Programme Course.

BV. What are you doing on that?

P. I'm interested in electronics, so they're sending me to different companies in the electronics field for a few weeks at a time.

BV. And what do you think you'll do when the course finishes?

P. I'm going to be unemployed. The course isn't going to help, but it's better than being on the dole, because you get £10 a week more. But my last placement was just a way of using cheap labour. All I was doing was cleaning out fridges, doing all the dirty work. I didn't learn anything.

BV. What would you like to do if you could choose - if there wasn't the problem of unemployment.

P. Work in an electrical shop I suppose, I'm not to sure.

BV. How did you get involved with BCAYU?

P. Well I was in the NUSS before I left school and I used to go to their meetings. They discussed BCAYU at a meeting.

BV. Since you're here you obviously support the occupation. Why do you support this particular sort of action?

P. Well, it's getting at the government. We've got one of their buildings - they don't like it. It's good propaganda for us and bad propoganda for them.

BV. Even if they get an eviction order and get you out quickly?

P. That's bad publicity for them still. Also, we hope the occupation will be a centre for unemployed youth, it's not just for propoganda. We're going to

build it up, paint it up, and people who are on the street, unemployed, it'll save them walking the street or going to the Crystal Rooms and spending all their money. They can come down here instead.

BV. And maybe have a better time.

P. Yes, have a cup of coffee, get advice, play space invaders.

BV. You've got space invaders?

P. Yes and Galaxian.

BV. If you get evicted from here in the next week what do you think you'll do then. Will you try and find other premises?

H. Well that's what we hope to do, but it'll be difficult to find somewhere as central as this. We're right by a bus stop and we've got a lot of signatures on the petition that way.

P. If we can find somewhere up near Churchhill Square.

BV. Does that mean another occupation? Or would you hope that someone will offer you somewhere.

P. If the Council offers us somewhere

H. We'd like to take it, but if there is nothing else we'll have to occupy.

Helen, aged 19, left school in June of this year.

BV. You left school this year, was that after 'A' levels?

H. Yes.

BV. And how did you get on?

H. They're not good enough to get into university, which is what I wanted to do. I didn't think they would be.

BV. What were you hoping to do at university?

H. Biochemistry, I've applied for a job with a pharmaceutical company, which I hope I'll get because if I do then I'll be able to do part-time education, get an HNC, and get into university that way.

BV. Is that the only job you've applied for.

H. Well I've seen other jobs around that I could go for, but there's too much competition. I've got no job experience at all.

BV. If you had full opportunities what would you like to do.

H. Well, get a job obviously and, if I can get part-time education, carry on so that I can get a job that pays better. But even people with degrees can't get jobs.

BV. And how did you get involved with BCAYU?

H. Well, I met this lot through a friend, I only met them about a week ago.

I had been interested in the campaign against youth unemployment but I didn't know anybody.

BV. You weren't a member of the NUSS at school.

H. No, we didn't have it at our school so I really didn't know anything about NUSS at all.

BV. Do you see yourself becoming more politically active now, because of this, because of the job situation?

H. Yes, I voted Tory in the General Election. I don't know much about party politics at all. It's just that I do want to be more politically active, to get things done.

BV. And why this specific form of action?

H. Well there are two ways of doing things, one's lobbying Parliament but it doesn't get you anywhere as far as I've noticed, the other way's to occupy and I've never come across any other ways of bringing it to the attention of large numbers of people.

BV. You feel the occupation has been pretty successful?

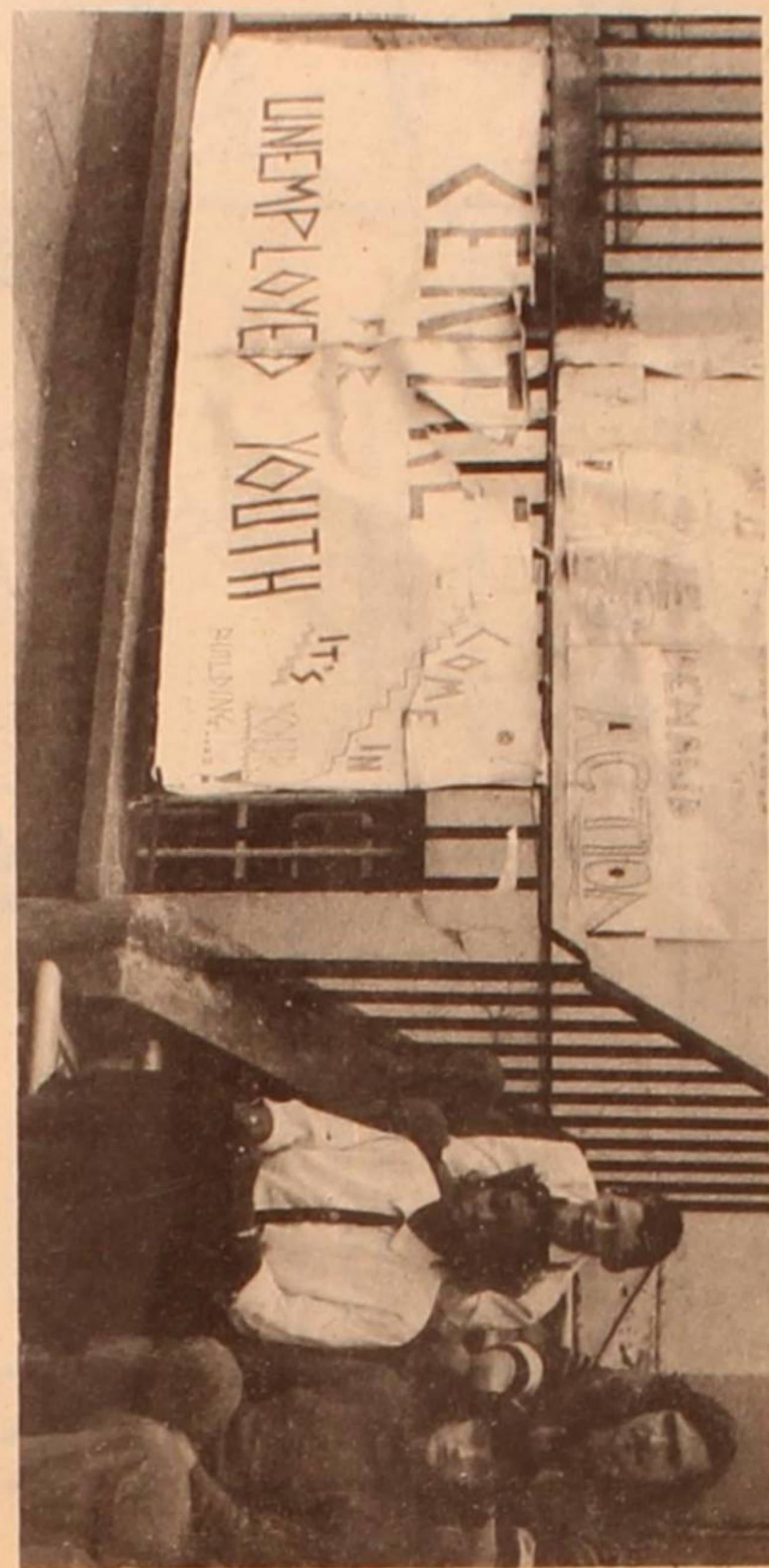
H. Well, we've had so many people down just trying to find out what is going on.

BV. And most of the people you've met or have gone past have been sympathetic.

H. Yes, most people are, although we get some obscene comments after the pubs shut, with people pissed out of their skulls. But some people shout favourable comments too.

BCAYU

BRIGHTON CENTRE AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT



BCAYU OCCUPATION AT 7 ST GEORGES PLACE BRIGHTON



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NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Policy: immediate British unilateral disarmament. Eventual dissolution of NATO and the Warsaw Pact. CND also opposes all weapons of mass destruction. Address, 29 Great James St, London WC1. Subs: unwaged, £2; single member, £6; two or more at one address, £9.

World Disarmament Campaign Set up to mobilise mass support for resolutions of Geneva Disarmament Committee of UN. Aims to collect 1,000,000,000 signatures by 1982. Address, c/o Mrs Harbottle, 21 Rydon's Lane, Old Coussdon, Surrey. Donations welcome.

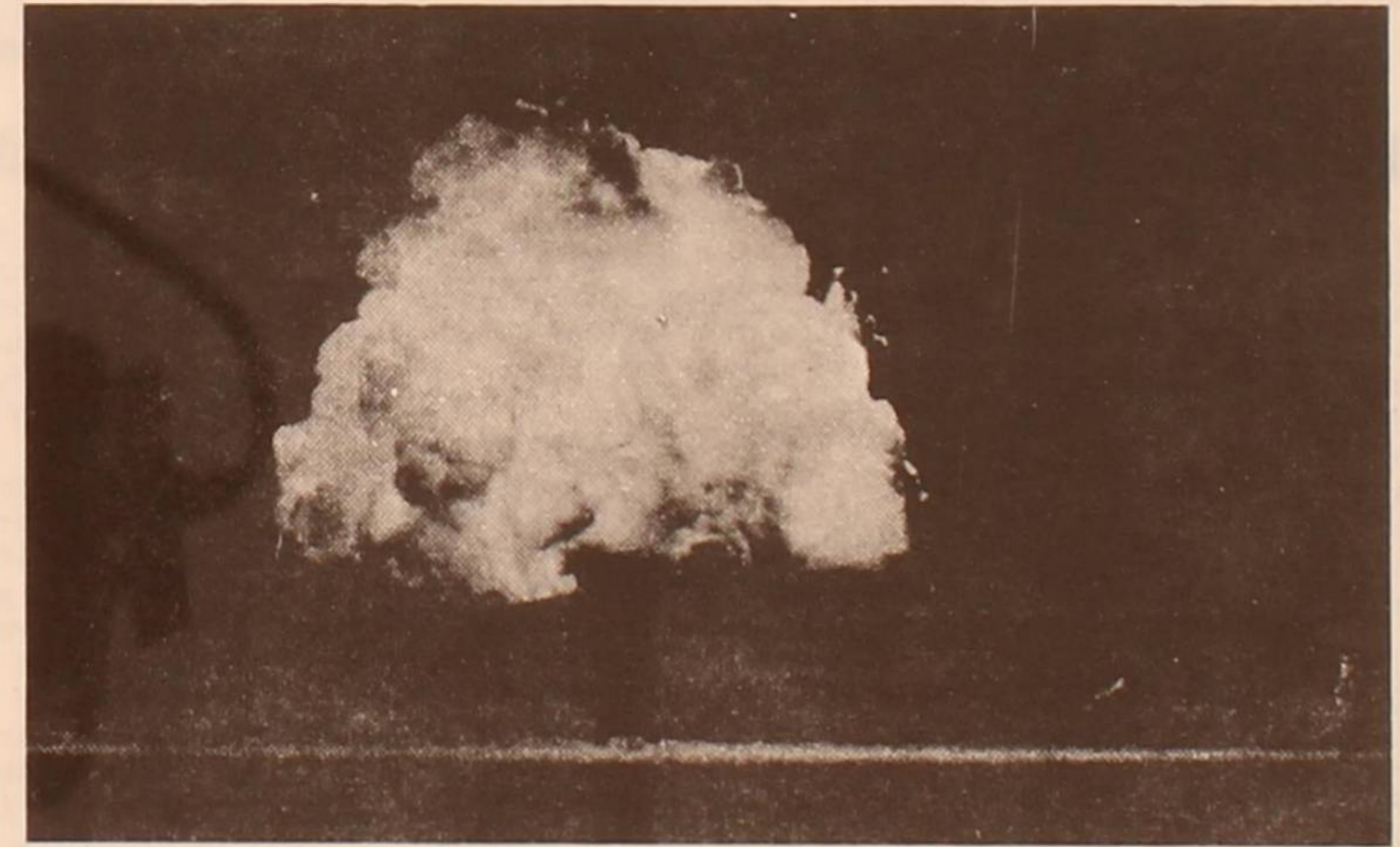
Campaign Against the Arms Trade Write for details to CAAT, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX.

(Many other national organisations - Oxfam, Anti-Apartheid, the Anti-Nuclear Campaign, Friends of the Earth - have made or are making nuclear disarmament part of their declared policy)

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Nuclear Arms & Nuclear Disarmament



THE THREAT TO OUR LIVES

"We're satisfied to be able to finish off the US first time round," Nikita Khrushchev used to say. 'What good does it do to annihilate a country twice?'"

More recently, former top Pentagon official Morton Halperin has explained the NATO strategy of 'graduated response' (the 'Schlesinger doctrine') as follows: 'We will fight with conventional weapons until we are losing. Then we will fight with tactical nuclear weapons until we are losing. Then, we will blow up the world.'

On both sides of the Iron Curtain, in the nations of NATO and the Warsaw Pact as well as in the USA and the USSR, we have surrendered our lives into the hands of political and military elites. Our 'leaders', operating at the limits of democratic control and shrouded in official secrecy, dispose of an arsenal of unparalleled destructive power. At the touch of a button, the nuclear states can deliver between them the equivalent of three tons of TNT for every member of the human race. For many years, Armageddon has been, no longer a science

fiction nightmare, but a quite feasible technical proposition.

It is not surprising that most of us have tried to forget all this, living as best we can in the faith that the Apocalypse will never happen. But our reluctance to think about the unthinkable has only made it easier for the weapons to multiply and proliferate. Now, with Cold War rhetoric assailing us again, we are being forced to look once more at the stockpile of death and destruction which has been accumulating; and we are beginning

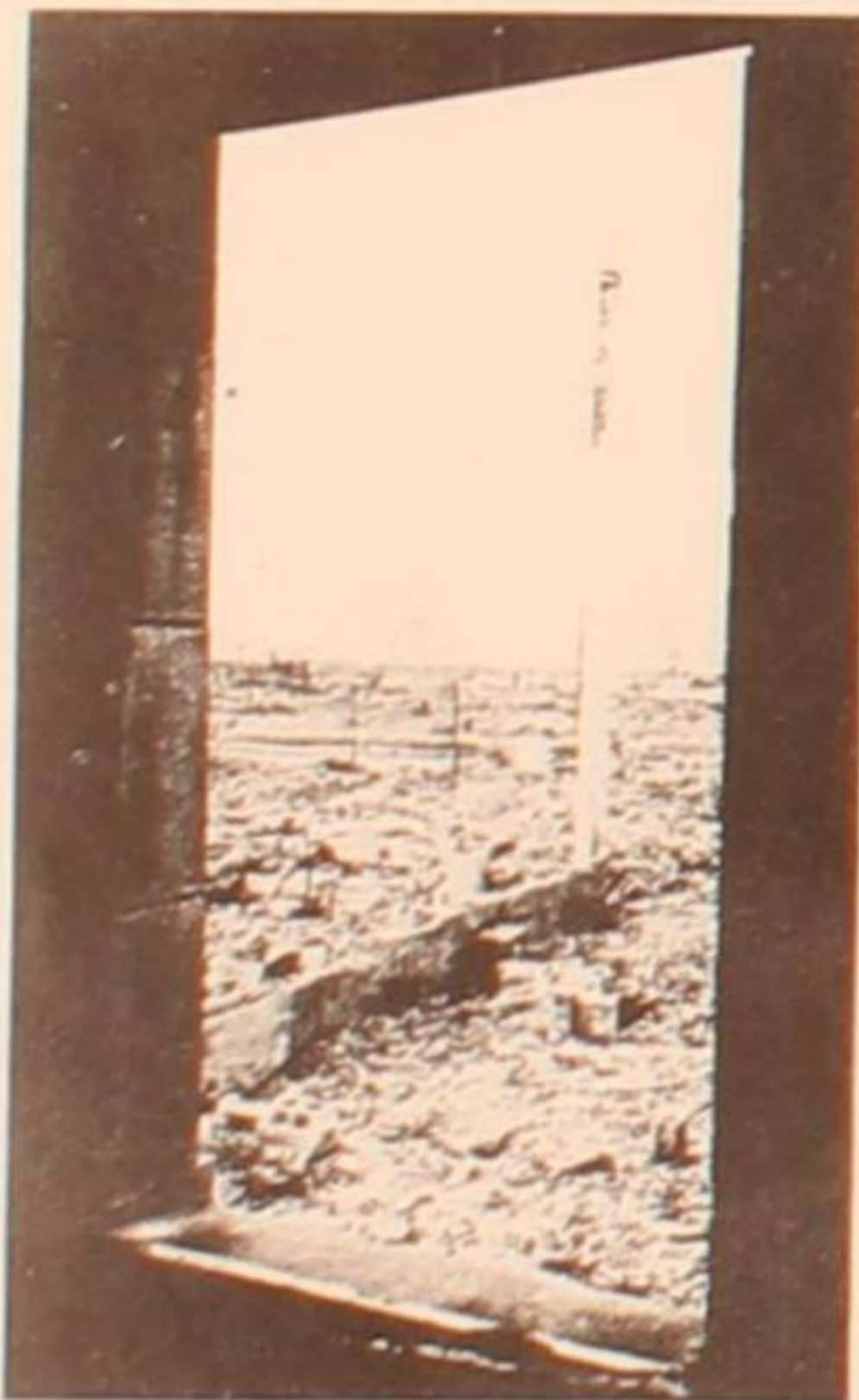
LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

CND Phone 689459 Primarily we are a contact point for local members of CND. We are extremely active at the present time, and in constant liaison with other Sussex peace organisations. We have organised, and will be organising, a number of local events.

SAM (Survival Action Movement). Also very active, with groups in Brighton, Lewes and Mid-Sussex. It has succeeded in gaining considerable national and local publicity for the cause of disarmament as a result of its recent activities. These include the building and display of a fall-out shelter constructed to the design of the Government's 'Protect and Survive' handbook, and a Cruise missile poster campaign. One of its current projects is the building of a life-size Cruise missile. Subs (to include monthly newsletter) are £1 (O.A.P.s and under 18s: 50p). For information send two 10p stamps to SAM, 221, London Rd. Burgess Hill, or phone Burgess Hill 44817.

ANP (Anti Nuclear Campaign) Phone 27345. Campaign based on the demands; Stop Nuclear Power, No Nuclear Weapons, Reduce Energy Waste, Develop Alternative Energy Strategies, and **Guaranteed** Employment During the Change-over.

SAND (the Sussex Alliance for Nuclear Disarmament) is an umbrella organisation which brings together all local groups opposed to nuclear weapons, allowing them to coordinate efforts on printing and distributing leaflets, etc. SAND has an up-to-date contact list of local anti-nuclear groups: contact 187 Eastern Rd, Brighton or phone 123456.



Nagasaki: the second A-bomb target, 9 August 1945

Near the explosion centre (picture first released December 1975)

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For Local & National Activities

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to realise the dimension and the urgency of the resistance we must mount. There are only two alternatives: either we disarm the genocidal military establishments and force the course of history into channels where the threat of extinction no longer hovers over humanity, or else there will be no more history.

The struggle against nuclear weapons has been compared to the anti-fascist resistance of 1939-45. Our enemies are in our midst, and our passivity has made them strong. But if we inform ourselves, organise ourselves, and act together, we may yet survive.

'HOME DEFENCE'

First, some facts relevant to any civil defence provision. A one megaton bomb (and many are far larger) would blast a crater a quarter of a mile wide in solid rock; create a fireball one mile wide; destroy all buildings for a radius of two and a half miles; cause hurricane winds (185 mph) three miles from the explosion's centre; burn severely all those within eight miles; rapidly kill everyone for 25 miles downwind by its radiation effects (even if they had been cowering in a 'government approved' shelter); and result in many cancer deaths later, 200 miles and further downwind. If such a bomb were ever dropped, the 'lucky' ones would die immediately. The less fortunate would be condemned to watch themselves, and those they loved, die in a slower agony. Those who might survive far from direct hits would have neither crops nor livestock, neither sewage systems nor fresh water. 'No part of the country' (the Home Office assures us) 'can be considered safe.'

On hearing the ALL-CLEAR

'...you may resume normal activities' ('Protect and Survive' HMSO)



The Nuclear Family

"There is a persistently determined minority of 'experts' in the United States (and probably also in the Soviet Union) whose answer to these threats is an extensive programme of 'protection' of population and industry - fallout and blast shelters, underground installations, massive evacuation plans etc. ... Since I consider this approach to be implausible, unattainable and a dangerous delusion, I shall devote no further attention to the effects of so-called civilian defence on the consequences of nuclear war."

Prof. Bernard T. Feld, Editor-in-Chief of the Atomic Scientists Bulletin and Professor of Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a 1976 article "The Consequences of Nuclear War".

We all want to forget all this. We all prefer to think we will somehow get through. Home defence propaganda - and there has been plenty about of late - cruelly exploits this natural human hopefulness. People begin to agitate for 'better' shelters, manufacturers move into this lucrative new market... But any realistic assessment must confirm what CND said in the 60s: so long, at least, as we remain a target for direct nuclear attack, civil defence is no defence. If we want to avoid dying in a nuclear war, we must make sure we are never involved in one.

Recent official home defence propaganda, which was presumably intended to implant the idea that nuclear war might be 'acceptable', has undoubtedly failed in this aim. Indeed it has alerted millions to their peril, and contributed to the resurgence of the disarmament movement. In particular, people have been disgusted to see that, while there is doubtless an element of concern for our safety, the prime aim of the State's contingency plans is to 'maintain effective government' - in other words, protect our rulers. In their reinforced concrete bunkers, complete with air filters, food supplies, power plants and the rest, Cabinet Ministers and Generals, Chief Executives and top policemen, might indeed survive, for a few weeks anyway. And the emergency powers which would be issued to these undemocratic cliques, before any attack, are said to include the right of summary execution. It will be too late then for us to struggle for peaceful solutions, or to protest against the fact that the

very people who may bring the holocaust upon us will stand the best chance of surviving it.



THE ARMS RACE

This year (at the end of UN disarmament decade) the world will spend £250,000,000,000 on arms - double (in real terms) what it spent twenty years ago, and more than the combined outlay on health and education.

The great power blocs continue to make one another's increased spending the justification of their own. Third World governments, egged on by the arms exporters (of whom Britain ranks fourth in the world), spend more and more on weapons while their people starve. In this country, the new Trident nuclear submarine (one sub. will carry an explosive charge greater than the total yield of all the bombs dropped in World War II) is being put before modern hospitals



and schools, home helps for the elderly, adult education classes.

Nuclear arms may be only one element in this escalation; financially, they represent a small proportion. But they are the most destructive weapons ever made, and while the great powers go on possessing and developing them, militarism will prevail on our globe. We must not forget the terrible dangers of chemical and biological weapons; but the H-bombs are there, waiting in their silos, subs and bombers. If even a fraction were used, this would result in a catastrophe of unimaginable proportions. If they were all used, it might well mean the end of life on earth.

Two recent developments are especially alarming. There is the growing electronic sophistication of missile systems (see our comments on Cruise), and there is the dangerous process of 'horizontal proliferation' - the acquisition or development of nuclear weapons by states who have not hitherto possessed them. China and India have recently exploded nuclear bombs; South Africa, Pakistan, Israel and Iraq are likely to follow suit in the next few years. Diplomatic curbs (e.g. the Non-Proliferation Treaty) are proving ineffectual. And how can they succeed when the very powers who urge restraint on their less 'developed' neighbours are busy expanding their own arsenals - and are thus in breach of Article VI of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which calls upon them to disarm? This alone is one reason why we in Britain must impose a policy of unilateral disarmament on our government.

From the technical point of view, the spread of nuclear reactors is the biggest incentive to proliferation. South Africa and Iraq currently offer clear cases of civil nuclear programmes acting as a cloak for likely bomb production. 'Peaceful' and military nuclear technology are links in the

"The world-wide computer network on which the Pentagon relies to keep track of its own and Soviet forces has a failure rate of between 40 and 85 per cent."

Guardian, reporting an official US Government study on military computers.

same chain, for while nuclear reactors are dangerous and inefficient power generators, they are rather efficient producers of plutonium, which is used in H-bombs. Unless both types of proliferation can be halted, the international spread of reactors is bound to lead to a parallel spread of nuclear weapons.



'How was I to know our formation flying would show up on their early-warning system?'

But the international scene does afford some grounds for hope. Canada, the world's second largest country, has resolved never to build or play host to nuclear weapons. Japan, too, chooses to put its faith in negotiation rather than in megadeath capability (the Japanese have two good reasons for what world politicians have called their 'nuclear allergy'). The UN Special Session on Disarmament, which is to reconvene in 1982, has produced a document in which the delegates of 149 countries unanimously declare that 'the time has come to abandon the use of force in international relations, and to seek security in disarmament'.

Such developments receive little or no media coverage. This makes an active campaign to inform public opinion, and to win support for initiatives such as the World Disarmament Campaign, all the more urgent. Governments and diplomats must be forced to take their own fine words more seriously.



"I quote the Lord Chancellor, who, talking of nuclear war, said in 1965: 'Perhaps the Chinese will survive, perhaps Asia and Africa will survive, perhaps the United States and Russia, after suffering frightful damage, might survive. But this I know. We in this island will not survive.'"

Lord Noel-Baker, in the House of Lords, 18 December, 1979.

THE SOVIET THREAT

A rather more popular theme with our Great Free Press, this raises complex questions both about Soviet foreign policy objectives and about the real state of their military hardware.

Some people argue that the Soviet Union is an expansionist power, bent on conquest; others, that it is concerned with an essentially defensive strategy in a hostile world context. But whichever view we take, nuclear weapons are not the answer. If Britain ever used them, she would ensure her own destruction. Nuclear bases in this country make us a certain target; and our possession of them only makes it easier for the Kremlin hawks to win increases in the Soviet defence budget. Western pressure for disarmament will make it harder for those hawks (and for their Pentagon counterparts), and will strengthen the Russian people in their struggle for peace, which they desire as much as we do. It must be said, too, that any threat from Soviet expansionism is more tolerable than the certain and imminent danger of further nuclear escalation.

On the matter of the build-up of Soviet armed forces, we can offer no more than some general comments: for a full treatment, see the list of pamphlets. The history of the nuclear arms race is the history of each power's constant, and continually frustrated, attempt to establish a 'decisive' advantage over its adversary. It may be said that this idea of 'advantage' is incoherent, for the ultimate strategy remains one of MAD (military shorthand for Mutually Assured Destruction) - whoever begins a nuclear war condemns themselves to certain death. For all that, advantage continues to be sought. The USA has in general enjoyed a lead of some years over the USSR, both in terms of total number of warheads (not missiles), and in terms of the accuracy with which they can be targeted (a very important factor if 'counter-force' strikes - i.e., strikes on missile

bases - are being envisaged). Strenuous efforts have brought the Soviet Union to a position of near-parity of late; but now, with the Cruise programme, the USA is exploiting its lead in micro-electronics to open up a new gap.

Still, Soviet missiles in Europe are very deadly and menacing, and the SS-20 programme, though not strategically comparable to Cruise, is an escalation of the arms build-up, since these new missiles are an 'improvement' on those they are replacing.

The argument about levels of 'conventional' forces is even more bedevilled by problems of definition. Are we to count tanks (Soviet numerical advantage), or anti-tank weapons (clear NATO superiority)? How much difference does it make that Soviet troops must also be deployed in the East, especially on the Chinese border? When claims are made about levels of spending, how is the 'exchange rate' fixed? The defence correspondent of *The Economist*, writing in *NATO Review* of October 1975, surveyed the evidence and concluded that 'NATO could probably fight the Warsaw Pact to a standstill in a conventional war in Central Europe'. There is no reason to think that this judgement needs revising today.

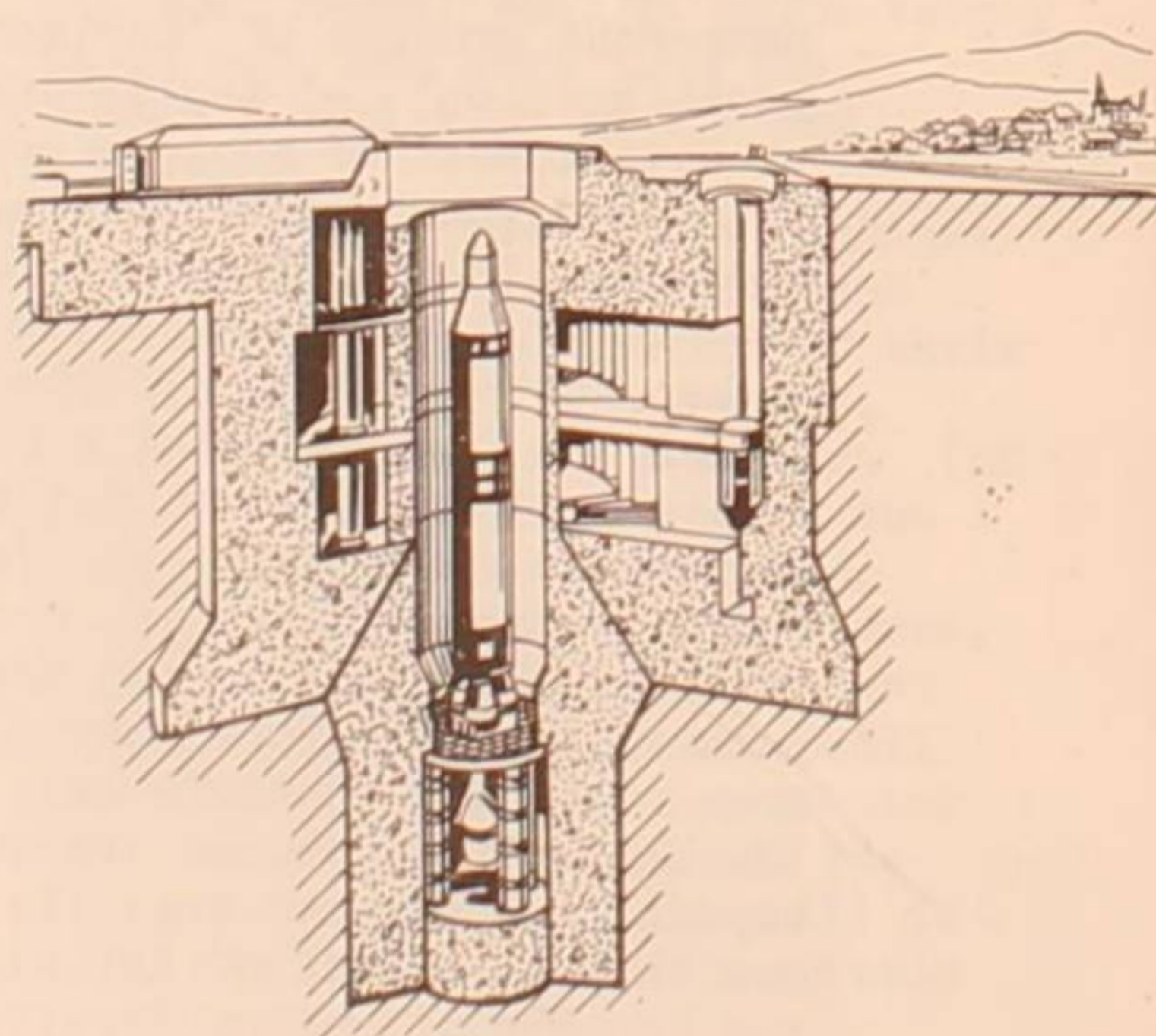
It should be said, finally, that the Soviet Union and her allies have seemed more willing than the NATO powers to negotiate on arms reductions. Brezhnev's offer of talks, without preconditions, on European 'theatre' nuclear weapons has gone unheeded in Washington. It is the US Congress which is preventing ratification even of the paltry 'limitations' imposed by SALT II. A less generally known fact: it was the Soviet Union and its allies who tabled, at the 1979 session of the UN Disarmament Committee, a document proposing negotiations on 'halting the manufacture of all types of nuclear weapons and their gradual reduction until ultimate destruction'. The NATO powers united to block discussion of this move.

One goal of the disarmament movement in Britain must be to force our politicians to publicise, and respond to, such diplomatic initiatives. How can we know whether they are made in good faith, if we dismiss them at the outset?

But there are a number of good reasons why it is wrong in principle to speak of the Soviet (or for that matter the US) threat.

In the first place, the logic of 'threat' and 'response', however internally consistent it may be, is overall a logic of endless military and nuclear build-up. In its implications for human survival, it is the logic of final madness. We must avoid contributing, even in our language, to this process by which each power bloc uses the other's escalation as the pretext for its own.

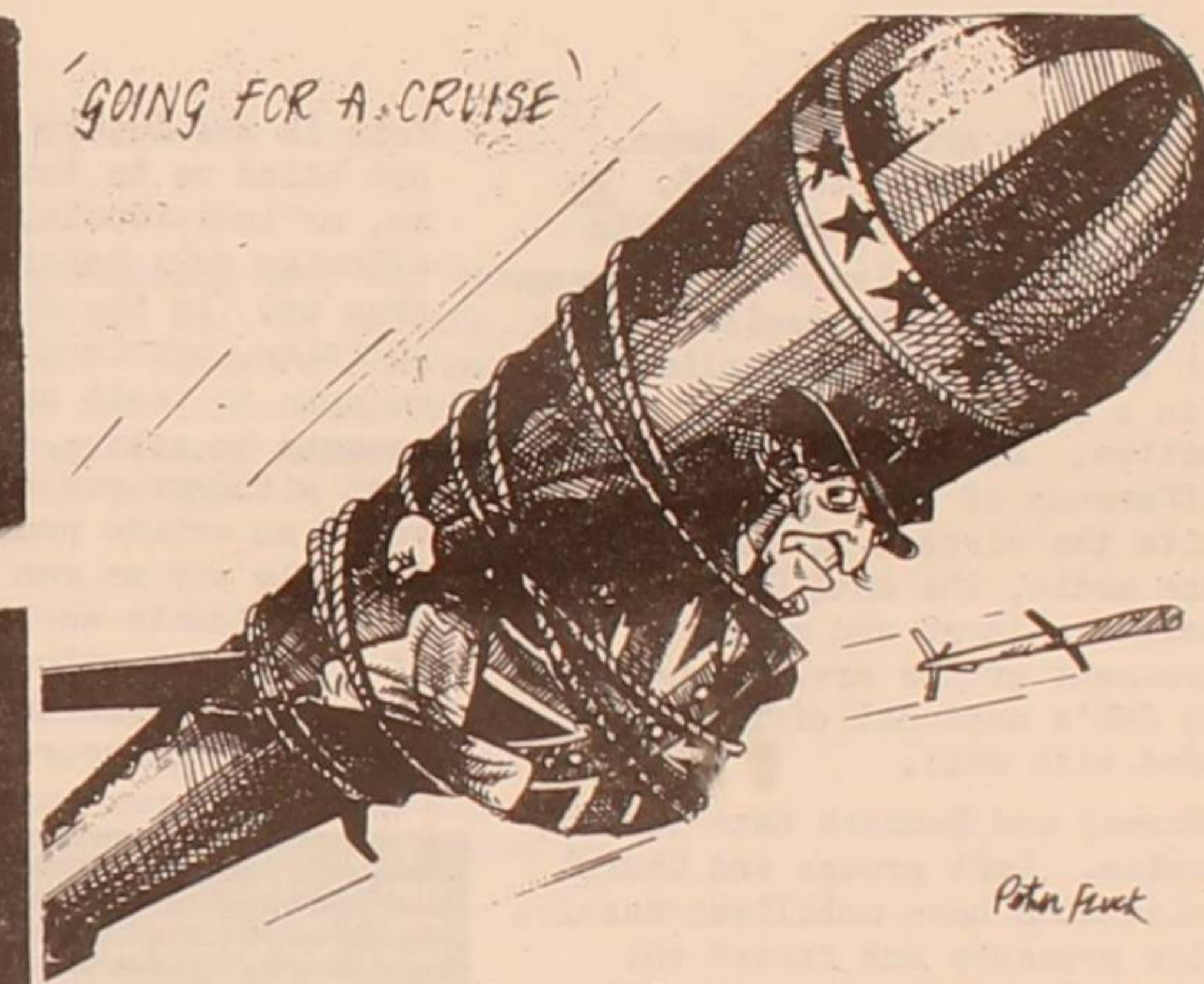
Secondly, the issue of arms and disarmament is a North-South issue as much as an East-West one. While the world's richest nations 'threaten' and 'respond', millions starve. And the USA and the USSR jointly build up an armoury, before which smaller nations can only quail.



An underground missile silo

A third point is that when we, in Britain, speak of 'the Soviet threat', we think nationalistically in terms of 'us' and 'them'. But the interests of people everywhere are much the same: in particular, none of us needs to be fried; we all need to live in peace. 'They' are indeed threatening us - 'they' being the hawks and generals of all countries. This kind of humanism may look naive, but it is a lot closer to reality than that 'realistic' language of the nuclear strategists in which the Soviet people ('the threat') are represented by their Backfire Bombers and SS-20s, while we for them are personified in Cruise missiles and Trident submarines.

This bloody century has given the people of Europe more than their fill of war. But in the event of World War III, Europe will be obliterated. A new European solidarity to resist all schemes of fratricide is the only salvation.



Of all the events which are contributing to the massive resurgence of GND and allied movements, perhaps the most frightening single development, and the one which has roused most people from passive terror to active protest, has been the decision to instal US Cruise missiles in Britain. The strategic implications of this decision (on which see the pamphlets by Thompson and by Pentz listed below) are extremely grave.

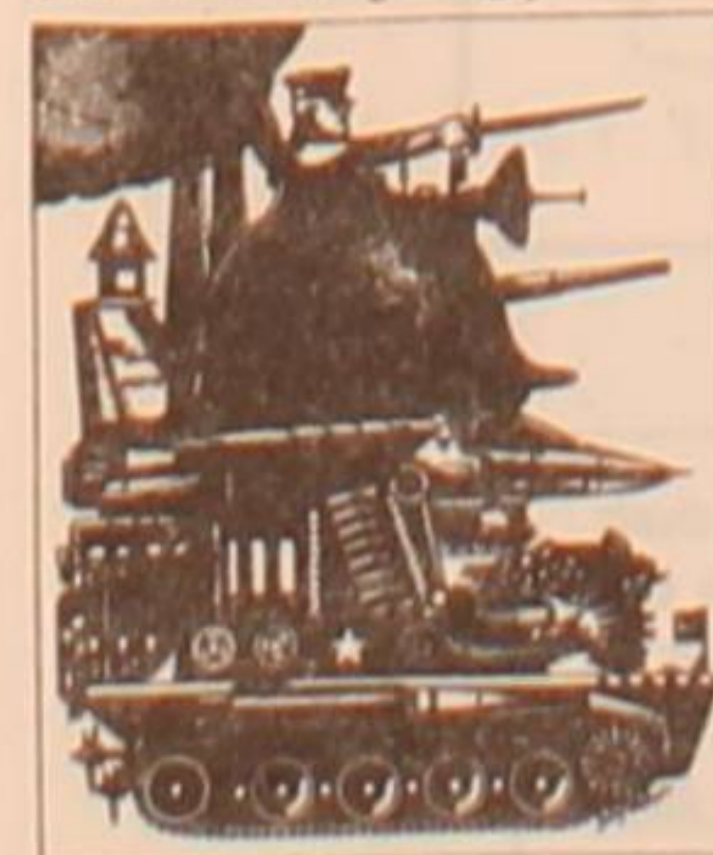
Each Cruise missile carries a warhead about a dozen times more deadly than the one which killed 200,000 people at Hiroshima. By modern standards, this is of course a paltry explosive force; a mere 200 kilotons; but by way of compensation, the missiles are highly mobile, and highly accurate. They can be launched from the back of a lorry, and can strike to within thirty metres of a target 4000 km. away (though if they were ever launched, a few would no doubt go astray, and crash-land in London, or Strasbourg, or wherever).

NATO stresses the 'counter-force' role of Cruise, which will be aimed, not at cities ('soft targets', Carter called them the other day), but at the silos which house Soviet ICBMs (inter-continental ballistic missiles). Now it may seem better to destroy missiles than to kill people, but the killing of people remains the real aim; for the goal of the Cruise strategy is to enable 'our' ICBMs to speed towards an 'enemy' who will now be in no position to retaliate. If the tactic 'works', victory will consist in the frying, crushing and

radiating of millions of 'enemy' civilians, while 'we' remain unscathed (...except, of course, for the submarine-launched ballistic missiles now homing in on us...). But if this is not foul enough, let us remember that the tactic is very unlikely to 'work': what is more likely is that we will all be fried, crushed and poisoned. For once Cruise is here, 'they' will probably adopt a 'launch-on-warning posture' - if they think 'our' fleet is on its way, they are likely to retaliate at once, while their missiles are still undamaged.

Cruise may be scattered all over England. It is tiny, and will be hard to spot. 'We' might well decide to let them off one cloudy misty night, so that even the latest satellite observation techniques would find it hard to detect their launching. It is easy to see that 'they' will be living in a state of permanent alert...and what if their computers should misinform them? Moreover, if war looks inevitable, 'they' may feel that they must wipe out 'our' missiles before 'ours' can wipe out 'theirs'. Too bad that, 'our' arsenal being spread all over England, 'they' may at the same time be obliged to wipe out... US.

Since Cruise missiles are to be stationed in Western Europe (or rather, in those few countries still prepared to have them), they also fit into another strand of NATO strategy, or lunacy. Certain experts apparently think it possible that a European nuclear exchange might take place, in which much of the Western USSR would be destroyed



WARNING: HM GOVERNMENT DEFENCE POLICY CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH



As a military man who has given half a century of active service I say in all sincerity that the nuclear arms race has no military purpose. Wars cannot be fought with nuclear weapons. Their existence only adds to our perils because of the illusions which they generate. There are powerful voices around the world who still give credence to the old Roman precept - if you desire peace, prepare for war. This is absolute nuclear nonsense. I repeat, it is a disastrous misconception to believe that by increasing the total uncertainty one increases one's own certainty.

LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN
May, 1979

But there are grounds for hope. Cruise is not due until 1983. We can keep it out. Fear of public protest partly explains the secrecy which surrounded the decision, which was made, not in Parliament, but in a Brussels meeting of a NATO committee. Despite the sluggish indifference of most MPs, and despite the virtual silence of most of the media, the anti-Cruise campaign is large and active. Local disarmament groups are founded every week; CND's national offices are flooded with mail.

Norway and Denmark have said NO to Cruise. Left groups and Church organisations have mobilised massive popular pressure and forced the Dutch and Belgian governments to put off their acceptance. Italy is insisting that the US sign SALT II before she will have Cruise; and pressure of public opinion is unlikely to rest content with this compromise. 'Only Britain,' wrote E.P. Thompson in Protest and Survive, 'has been yawning on its way to Armageddon.' But since he wrote those words, people have been waking up here too.

THE POLITICS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

"If a way out of the political dilemmas we now face is not negotiated, our leaders will certainly learn that there is no technical road to victory in the nuclear arms race. Both sides are bound to lose such a race, a race in which there is no finishing post. Defeat is indivisible in a war of nuclear weapons."

Lord Zuckerman, Government Chief Scientific Adviser 1964-1971, in a Times article, 21 January, 1980.

The debate on nuclear weapons is moving into the centre of British official politics; it is also taking place among the various groups who have made up the alternative political culture of the last fifteen years. In either context, the political status and implications of the disarmament movement will be the subject of discussion. Here, we consider a few of the likely claims and counter-claims.

(1) 'The ordinary people of the world are not divided on the need for disarmament, especially nuclear disarmament. The real enemy, everywhere, is the military machine and its associated government elite.'

This is absolutely true. But it must not blind us to the political role we, as individuals, have played in allowing this monstrous structure to rise up. In the calculus of modern politics, unvoiced resistance amounts to tacit consent, which amounts to active compliance. We must withdraw our tacit consent, and voice an active protest. This is the only way we can make our power as individuals work for us instead of them. And without us behind them, they begin to look less powerful, and we realise we can defeat them.

'People should not be defeatist or passive in the face of the arms race. They should redouble their efforts to mobilise the world's public against the nuclear threat. In the event of a nuclear war between the superpowers, from 25m to 100m people would die immediately, and many more would die later as a result of secondary effects and incurable diseases. Hundreds of cities would be destroyed.'

(Kurt Waldheim, UN General Secretary)

(ii) 'To focus on the issue of arms is to take hold of the wrong end of the stick. The priority is to attack the structure of society that breeds an arms economy and thrives on the possibility of war.'

It is certainly right to point out that the bomb does not exist in isolation. The struggle for disarmament must be at the same time a struggle against some of the most powerful forces within the world's 'advanced' societies. But it is just for this reason that

it does make sense to begin with arms: here, after all, is something so grossly wrong, and at the same time so threatening, that literally millions of people may yet be mobilised against it. If the mass movement to get rid of nuclear weapons can succeed, immediate benefits - economic and political - will follow, both nationally and globally.

It must also be said that, since all longer-term aspirations and more specific goals are imperilled by the existence of nuclear weapons, we need to ask whether such goals and aspirations (personal or political) may not have to take second place to the struggle for survival.

(iii) 'The disarmament movement should avoid messing in politics, which only causes splits and detracts from its power.'

This is an unrealistic position, as we have just argued. But it is equally unrealistic to pretend that there must be complete political concord between those who work for disarmament. The disarmament movement cannot be apolitical, but it will not be politically homogeneous. What is essential is that we should remember that differences among ourselves are the natural differences of democratic allies; and that they are as nothing to the gulf which divides us all from the nuclear generals and their political confederates.

The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at \$17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money

... about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.



"Senior officials have never known such close ministerial interest in their 'doomsday' activities. Mrs Margaret Thatcher has already been through the steps she would have to take to launch a Polaris missile strike in response to a Russian nuclear attack on the United Kingdom."

Times, 26 February, 1980.

WHAT CAN WE DO ?

Throughout this article, we have been emphasising that all those opposed to the nuclear arms race must now act against it. In Britain, it is particularly vital that we keep Cruise out; otherwise, we may be annihilated before the decade is out. We must also campaign for Trident to be scrapped, and for British unilateral nuclear disarmament. But what people want to know is: what can we do?

INFORM YOURSELF

It is no use relying on the media. But information is available. Here is a list of the pamphlets we've used in writing this. Send to national CND for them, and add 15p for postage: see below for address, but remember they are very busy, and you will have to wait three or four weeks.

Towards the Final Abyss?, by Professor Michael Pentz; 25p. Especially relevant to the debate on Soviet/NATO force levels.

How Many More?, by Dan Smith and D. Griffiths; 30p. Specially detailed on the international nuclear power/nuclear weapons link-up.

SIPRI Brochure 1980 (price not known): annual summary of work of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Protest and Survive, by E.P. Thompson; 45p. Some copies may be available locally: try Beal's, Solstice, Infinity Foods. Protest and Survive is to be reissued, together with other articles, as a Penguin Special this autumn.

Civil Defence: the cruellest confidence trick, by Philip Bolsover; 40p. Read this if you think it's worth campaigning for 'better' shelters: it will disillusion you.

Overkill, by John Cox: a full-length book, which can be ordered from bookshops. Costs £1, published by Peacock Books (Penguins).

Newsletter of the Arms and Disarmament Information Unit: available free (but send 15p for postage) from ADIU, SFRU, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex. NB: if funds are not forthcoming, this Unit will be closing shortly.

'Notes on exterminism, the last stage of civilisation': this is an essay by E.P. Thompson and is addressed particularly to the left in Britain. See the August New Left Review (no. 121), which is available from Public House Bookshop, Little Preston Street.

ACT INDIVIDUALLY

Raise the issue, and discuss it seriously, at work and among friends. Put people in touch with each other, and with the disarmament organisations. Teachers, actors, musicians are all in a position to reach a wide audience.

People active in political parties, trade unions, the women's and gay rights movements can make sure that the issue of nuclear war becomes a focus of discussion and activity.

Everyone should write to the local and national press (form groups to cover several papers), to radio correspondence spots (FM, Any Answers), to MPs (House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1), to local councillors. Editors and politicians must be made aware that they have a new public opinion to reckon with.

ACT COLLECTIVELY

We must avoid duplication of effort, and we must exchange ideas. We need to work together on organising and publicising meetings, events, demonstrations; on distributing leaflets and petitions; on arranging lobbies, pickets and protests.