

Brighton Voice

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**we
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intimidated**

On the streets of Brighton at night -

- * Are you afraid to walk home alone ?
- * How often do you feel intimidated by men ?
- * How often do you get verbally abused ?

The rapes in Brighton this summer have made everyone think about rape. For women the threat of male violence is a constant factor in their lives. We are angry that we are expected to modify our behaviour. We are made to feel that this violence is prompted by the way we dress, walk and lead independent lives. IT IS A MYTH THAT RAPE IS A RESULT OF WOMENS BEHAVIOUR.

- * 4.7% of rapes are committed by a friend, acquaintance or relative
- * As many rapes occur at home as in the street
- * Women from the ages of 6 months to 90 years are raped.

The media leads us to believe that rape is the work of individual sex maniacs. Rapes are not sexual acts, but acts of power and control by men over women. The Law states that rape is "The unlawful carnal knowledge of a female by force or fraud against her will". (Carnal knowledge means penetration of the labia (outer lips) by the penis to any degree - full penetration and ejaculation need not take place in order to prove rape.) (Harris's Criminal Law, Sweet+ Maxwell, 1973)



It can involve:-

- INTIMIDATION WITH THREATS OR WEAPONS
- BEATING, CHOKING, KNIFING
- SEXUAL + MENTAL HUMILIATION
- URINATION, DEFAECATION OR SPITTING ON THE VICTIM
- FORCED ORAL SEX
- MULTIPLE RAPE BY ONE OR MORE ASSAILANTS
- INJURY TO GENITALS BY BOTTLE, STICKS, ETC. PUSHED UP THE VAGINA

We believe that rape is the result of the way society oppresses women. Womens bodies are used to sell cars, alcohol, cameras, motorcycles, etc. Like these products, women are used as objects, to be possessed and used by men. Everywhere we see images of women as passive, mindless beings longing to be controlled and dominated by powerful men. This is a reflection of attitudes prevalent in our society. Women are expected to be subservient to men in all things. Rape is just one of the consequences of these oppressive attitudes. Wife-beating physical and emotional harassment and intimidation are others.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FRIDAY OCT. 17th.

To voice our anger we are holding an all night vigil on Fri. Oct. 17th. It will be a women only protest, taking place at Churchill Square. It will start at 4pm. on the Fri. and last until 10am the next day, when there will be a short march thru Brighton. We need as many women as possible to join the vigil. We have organized a rota so that each woman does a 3 hour shift. If you would like to be involved ring or visit the womens centre.

BRIGHTON WOMENS LIBERATION.

hotel workers fight back

During the TUC conference the Hotel and Catering Workers Union (HCWU) mounted a massive operation to continue the unionisation of this low paid sector. The campaign included Press and Bus adverts, Radio interviews and most importantly delegates leafleting their hotels and restaurants. The union a subsection of the large General and Municipal Workers Union (GMWU) recieved enthusiastic help from many delegates especially those from the National Union of Public Employees (NUPE). The campaign which according to the union made a substantial impact, was backed up by 6 full time officials following up enquires. Similar but smaller operations had been mounted in Bouremouth and at last years TUC and Labour Party Conferences in Brighton. The Union with over 33,000 members has had many successes, the Bedford, Metro-pole and Royal Albion are already unionised. Here the union negotiates wages and conditions better than those set down by the Wages Councils. Other establishments have members in them and next months Voice will carry details of further inroads.

The Wages Councils are Government bodies which set minimum wages for workers in under-unionised and low paid sectors. These wage levels are theoretically enforceable by law. But without unions and unenthusiastic enforcement coupled with a paltry maximum fine for non-implementation of £100, few workers even receive these minimums. Even as recent surveys have shown, often up to 50% of jobs advertised in the Jobcentres do not reach these levels.

The MINIMUM levels are for a 40 hr wk Hotel Workers	
'Service Workers' (those in areas where tip tips are usually given)	£48.80
'Other Workers'	£57.60
Barstaff	£50.00
Restaurant & Cafe Staff	
'Waiters & Waitresses'	£51.00
'Service Cooks etc.'	£52.00

These are the rates that apply to those over 19 and not living-in. There are other rates that apply for those younger or living-in and other regulations that cover conditions, overtime and holiday pay. However these are too complex for the Voice to publish in full.

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This mural (in glorious technicolour!) has recently been painted on the shutters of the Workers' Bookshop in Gloucester Road. A little idealised perhaps, but it makes a welcome change from advertising hoardings and neon signs.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED URGENTLY
for 2 women with 2 children.
Will pay up to £30 per week.
Please phone 29610

Brighton Voice — 'on the inside'

Collective Voice

BRIGHTON VOICE is.....

- ...a local socialist newspaper produced monthly by and for local people
- ...non-profit making. Neither the newspaper nor the people working on it make money - unlike the Argus and Gazette
- ...not dependent on money from advertising - money from sales usually covers printing costs
- ...democratically-produced by a collective of local people. We call ourselves a collective because all work is shared and decisions are taken collectively. There is no editor. We are all paid the same - nothing!

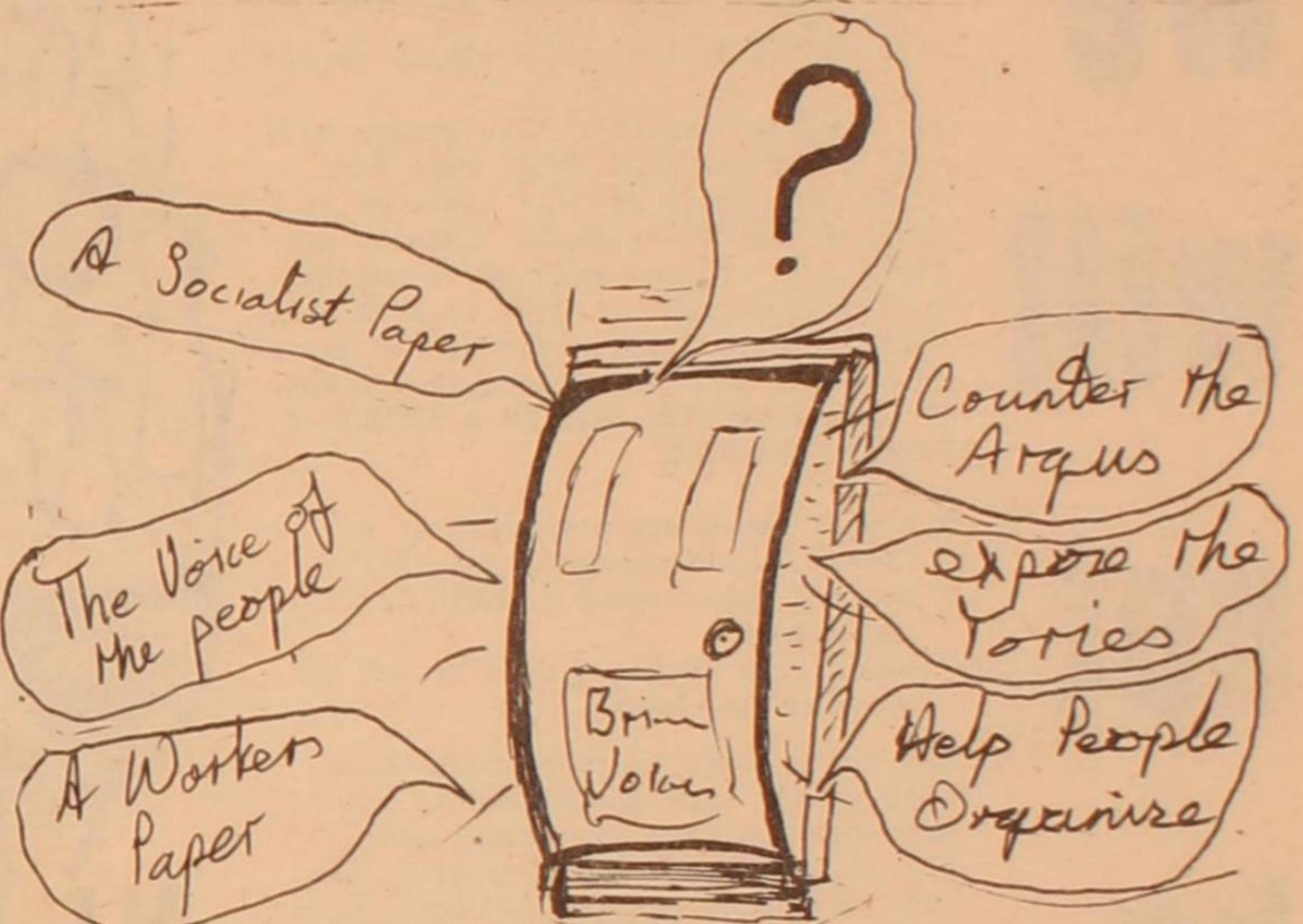
- * The August issue was produced by a collective of women
- * We are trying to make meetings as friendly as possible, and to organise our work so that people (men) with the loudest voices can't dominate, learning from the women who produced the August issue

The people who collectively produce the Voice have different left political viewpoints, but we are all committed to the idea of a newspaper in which ordinary people can put forward their views. People who work on the paper have very different ideas about what Brighton Voice ought to be...

BRIGHTON VOICE began about seven years ago, although none of the members of the present collective were involved at the beginning. The Voice has always had an Alternative Information Page (skills, services, shops, community campaign groups, self-help groups) and a local What's On Page. Over the years the paper has covered a wide range of issues, such as housing, squatting, industrial action, community campaigns, anti-fascist campaigns, abortion rights campaigns, health, education, local politics and occasionally national news which is relevant to Brighton people.

You will no doubt find numerous technical imperfections in these pages: typing errors, crooked headlines, spelling mistakes. That's because none of us claim to be 'expert' journalists, typists or graphic designers. Most of us type with two fingers, and a lot of the pasting-up is done in the small hours of the morning! Our aim isn't to produce a perfectly polished paper, but to learn together as we go along. Producing an interesting, attractive and well read newspaper is important, but it's just as important that it is produced in an atmosphere of co-operation and acceptance, where no individual or group feels left out or useless.

Anyone can write articles, bits of news, draw cartoons. The collective is open to anyone, but it is obviously harder for some people to come along to meetings than others...



Anyone is welcome to come along to meetings and to get involved in putting the paper together.

OCTOBER MEETINGS: SUN 5th 8.00pm (Discussion meeting) Resource Centre
 SUN 12th 8.00pm Cowper St.
 SUN 19th 8.00pm Cowper St.
 SUN 26th 8.00pm Cowper St.

FRI 31st 8.00pm (Collation) Resource Centre
 NOVEMBER MEETINGS: SUN 2nd 8.00pm (Discussion meeting) Resource Centre
 **** On the first Sunday of every month the meeting of the collective is purely for discussion - we talk about how we feel about the last issue, where we're going, how the paper and the collective meetings could be improved. We think it's important that readers of the Voice can come along regularly to make their views known, so we started these monthly public meetings which aren't directly concerned with the nitty gritty of producing the paper. Also, if you've never been to a Voice meeting, these monthly discussion meetings on the first Sunday of every month (at the Resource Centre) are good times to start. See you there !!



So, B.V. has mainly been produced by men in the past. This isn't easy to change, but:
 * We now organise baby sitting collectively (ring 604310 if you need a baby sitter)

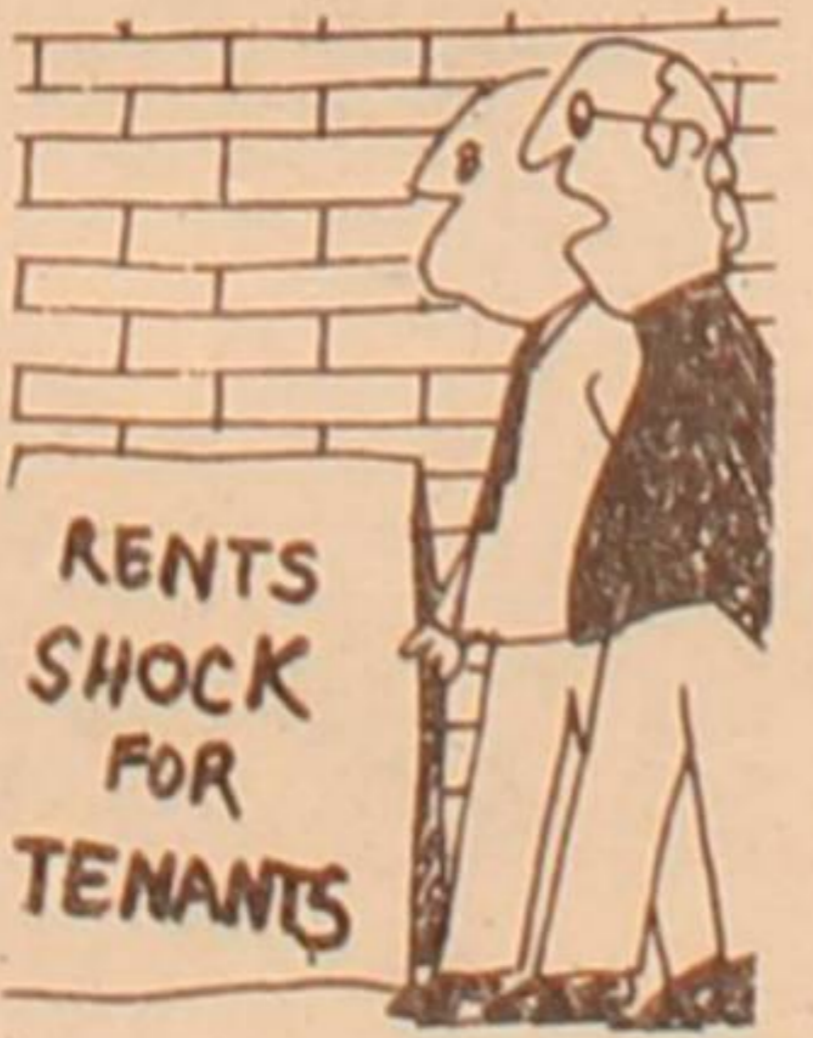
£2.44 SHORT! a pensioners weekly lament

In april 1980 we pensioners were warned (an appropriate word don't you think?) of an increase of £3.50 weekly in our pension, to start next month, Nov. 1980.

But I keep a diary and in the back I note down odd price rises that happen to me.

The following increases in prices have occurred this year;

RENT INCREASED	£1.75 a week
ELECTRIC INCREASED	£1.50 a week
TELEPHONE ""	£1.00 a week
TELEVISION ""	.50 a week
MILK AND CHEESE INCREASED	.26 a week
FISH AND CHIPS INCREASED	.36 a week
NEWSPAPERS INCREASED	.15 a week
CATS FOOD (6 tins up 7p each) INCREASED	.42 a week
THAT MAKES £5.94 a week	



BREAD UP 12p
 PARAFFIN UP 26p per gallon to £1.00
 PINT OF LAGER UP 13p to 52p
 - and I would especially like to draw your attention to 'Carters Liver Pills', bought in Boots (per 100)

* JAN 1980 57p JUNE 1980 67p SEPT. 1980 70p *

AN INCREASE OF OVER 25%...

Surely the present government are not so dim as to imagine that people in general don't realize that if less than 1% of the profits made by supermarkets bakers, chemists, (all the big boys) were out and absorbed by these companies it would stop these price increases and stabilise prices whilst the general low wages were increased.

Or do they want 'our country' to once more be taken over by the riff raff?.

L. R. JENKIN.



Be sure of your 'VOICE' EVERY month

Do you sometimes miss an issue? - your shop has sold out, you don't have a chance to get into Brighton, you are too busy to look for a copy. There is a simple solution to YOUR dilemma - take out a subscription!

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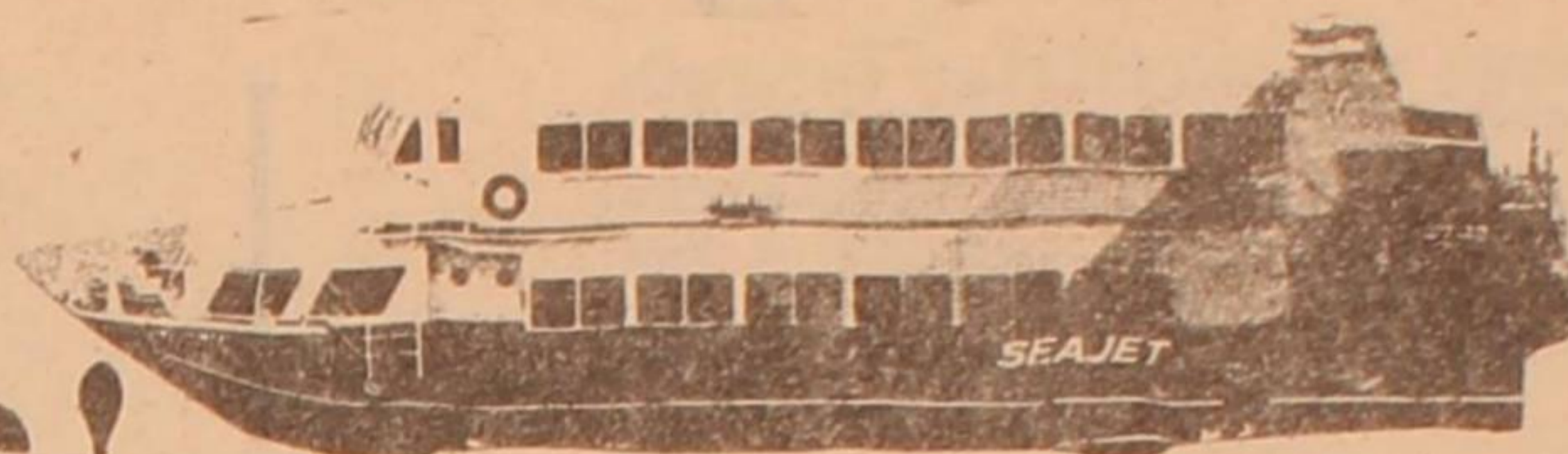
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 40 COWPER ST,
 HOVE, SUSSEX.

On top of these ;increases that can't be measured weekly:-

HISTORY CORRECTED

seajet holed before strike!



Dear Voice,

I'm sick and tired of reading letters in the press blaming the bankruptcy of Seajet on the French fishermen strike and praising the efficiency and good organisation of the service.

Once again it is an attempt to change what really happened and create a false history that blames working people.

Seajet management themselves said that the fishermen's strike was merely the straw that broke the camel's back. I worked for Seajet over the summer and from the time I started in May, stories of Seajet's financial losses were widespread.

I was told by employees who had been there since its launching 15 months earlier that, in that time, it had lost over £1 million, and rumours of takeover bids by Lonhro, Ladbrooke and even Laker were constantly being passed around.

This didn't surprise me as events unravelled themselves. Another worker and myself made a small reckoning for one week in July and out of 42 channel crossings planned for that week (i.e. 6 a day - 3 over and 3 back) two-thirds of the crossings did not occur, either because of bad weather or "technical problems". The Boeing jet engine proved extremely temperamental and it was always touch and go whether both port and starboard engines would get going. One crossing was cancelled apparently due to "technical problems" when in fact the Captain of the boat really wished to attend a crew party being held on the Brighton side.

And instead of blaming French workers for defending their jobs perhaps we should look at some of the management decisions made. One directors' party which included a dinner in Dieppe cost the company £1,100. Another member of management lived in London but worked in Brighton, so she had a full hotel bill paid Monday to Friday - in the Royal Albion Hotel, week after week.

And do you remember the Terry Wogan Show which came from Brighton, where he ended up boarding Seajet? Good advertising, maybe, but it cost the company about £300 to look after him on his overnight jaunt.

It seems to me that Seajet was a little company playing with a big image. A good example of this was the specially painted coaches, 3 in all, which ferried passengers between London, Brighton Station and the Marina. The majority of times when I worked there, each of them arrived with only half a dozen people and yet apparently they cost on average £13,000 a month to run.

And to say Seajet was well-organised is a lie - for example a silly thing like properly observed and regular correct readings of the fuel tanks which supplied the ship with oil were not organised. On one occasion a false reading resulted in sludge and grit being drawn into the fuel pumps. The pumps failed, Seajet did not make a crossing, specialists from Esso were called in to take the pump apart (on a Sunday), new pieces ordered and this little piece of bad organising cost £8000

Finally, who were management actually aiming the service at?

- 1 - Holiday-makers? Many of them drive cars - Seajet took no cars.
- 2 - Day-trippers? A day trip cost £17.50. Four miles down the coast at Newhaven it only cost £7.50.
- 3 - Foot passengers? Most of these carry backpacks and are more likely to choose the cheaper crossing at Newhaven.

That leaves the more well-off members of our society who can afford to pay more to cut 2 hours off the journey. Seajet could have been a good service had it been efficient, well-organised and open to all.

A redundant worker

ANTI NAZI LEAGUE MEETING

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Wednesday 24th September saw the first ANL meeting for some time at the Resource Centre. Around 120 people turned up to relaunch the ANL and several decisions were made, including the formation of a telephone tree, a co-ordinating committee, and leafletting was planned for the dole and football matches.

Bar Winder Singh from the Southall Defence Committee spoke about the resurgence of the NF nationally. The NF, he said, were trying to pick up on the discontent caused by the Tories, especially unemployment. Other speakers stressed that the ANL's role was to provide a constant opposition to this, and to go out to reach those people the NF were trying to reach, in particular schoolkids and the unemployed.

But the whole reason for the revival of the Brighton Anti Nazi League could be found outside the Resource Centre where up to 60 fascists; many of them members of the NF, were penned in behind police barricades while about 30 ANL stewards were protecting the meeting. The NF shouted racist and anti-left slogans....such remarks as ;

Six million was not enough
Blair Peach's body lies a
mouldering in the grave and
the NF marches on
The NF marches on
British Jobs for British
Workers and so on

They also threatened to burn down the Resource Centre, and a smoke bomb wrapped in a denim jacket was thrown in.

After an hour and a half many of them left shouting that they were going to the Buccaneer (royal Escape) for a pint. Some, though, hung around and harrassed people leaving the meeting though there was no serious incident.

Racist graffiti and swastikas were found in the Queens Park area the next day.

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Geoff Jones replies to the criticism in the last Voice of a local Labour Party's attitude to the Irish question.

12 STEPS TO SOCIALISM?

12 BASIC POINTS ON THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM IN NORTHERN IRELAND (for the edification of the person who wrote the anonymous attack on me in Brighton Voice No.69).

- 1) The history of all preceding societies is a history of class struggle (Communist Manifesto, line 1).
- 2) A person's class is defined by their relationship to the means of production. If they have to sell their labour power to live, they are members of the working class.
- 3) This is a material fact, whether the person believes it or not. A lunatic may believe he is Napoleon, and act on that belief. In the case of the lunatic, attempts to marshall phantom armies are merely pathetic. In the case of workers who believe that their interests coincide with that of their capitalist exploiters, the results may be tragic.
- 4) Obviously there are divisions in any working class; divisions on the basis of skill, income, religion, language, colour of skin, sex, to name the most obvious at random.
- 5) The most successful tactic of the capitalist class has always been to play on these divisions in order to weaken the only class that can overthrow it.
- 6) In Northern Ireland British capitalism carried out this policy, succeeding for a number of years in persuading those workers of protestant religion that they were uniquely privileged. In

fact, the 'privilege' was only a slight lessening of misery, and even that has now gone. (In 1976 in the catholic Falls Road area of Belfast 56% of heads of households earned less than £25 a week, 53% of houses had no inside toilet, 57% had no hot water. In the protestant Shankhill area, the equivalent percentages were 59%, 79% and 81%). Anyone who tries to equate protestant workers in Northern Ireland with white landowners in Rhodesia is an idiot.

- 7) The success of the 'Orange Card' has produced its mirror image in the catholic workers. What else is the famed 'National Question' other than an identification with green capitalism in the south rather than with their fellow workers?
- 8) The trades union movement in Northern Ireland represents the only united, non-sectarian organisation of the working class. The preservation and strengthening of the unity of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions against the sectarian pressures of the last few years has been a magnificent achievement, often with very limited leadership from the top.
- 9) In the past few years membership of Trade Unions has actually increased. But Trade Unions can only go so far. The vital need is for an independent political party of Labour, opposed to all sectarianism, with a socialist programme and the perspective of a socialist transformation in all Ireland, North and South.

- 10) Such a Party would need at the beginning to develop the closest ties with the Southern Labour Party. In the course of the coming class upheavals, they would have the task of organising joint action of workers north and south, preparing for the unification of labour in Ireland as a step towards the only possible reunification of the country, a socialist reunification.
 - 11) Opposition to the building of such a party comes from three sides: from the protestant bourgeoisie, who see their hold on 'their' workers removed, and from their bully-boys in the paramilitaries. From the southern Irish bourgeoisie who see the loss of a similar weapon against workers in the South, from their bully-boys likewise and from the Catholic Church which fears a weakening in the hold of superstition, the crucifix and the rosary over their 'flock'; last but not least from British capitalism and its forces who, while wishing an end to the running sore of Northern Ireland, do not wish to be confronted by a strong united working class.
 - 12) Nevertheless the movement for such an independent, non sectarian, socialist party of labour is growing and represents the only way forward for the workers.
- The last line of the 'Communist Manifesto' is Workers of the World Unite. Marx did not make any exception for Northern Ireland!

4 Celebrate With The Argus!

The Evening Argus is owned by Westminster Press Ltd. Last year this company's profits shot up 23% to £13,404,000. A huge increase in advertising revenue and the lower cost of newsprint due to the strong £ are the company's reasons for this growth.

Government policies hurt other parts of the Pearson Longman group however (they own Westminster Press). The publishers Longman were "particularly hard hit by the strength of sterling and the cutbacks in educational spending" (Annual Report*).

Still, that didn't worry the directors too much. The highest paid director received an 'emolument' (salary) of £58,255. (over £1,000 per week) before tax. That's a mere £28,000 more than he received in 1978--in the region of 40%!

This took place during a time when, for the rest of us, inflation was topping 20%. It shows how those able to maintain a discrete profile over their income still just manage to cope with the regularly publicised demand to 'tighten our belts' - a

message not unfamiliar to Argus readers!! Clearly people like the directors of our highly respected free press possess a few more notches to their belts than the rest of us! At least the 20%



rise in the price of the Argus should ensure those belts won't need to be tightened just yet. No wonder the Argus is celebrating!

*Local collections of company reports are available at Brighton Public Library and the Watts Library, Brighton Polytechnic.

N.U.T. action

East Sussex County Council's decision not to allow schools with absent teachers to have a supply teacher for the first 3 days of absence has produced a strong reaction from East Sussex N.U.T. Pointing out that together with the cuts in full-time teachers last year, the authority's decision puts even more stress on teachers and children, and further reduces the standard of education, the East Sussex N.U.T. is refusing to cover for colleagues absent for more than one day for full time posts not filled and for absences notified well in advance. The action, begun on Sept. 22nd and designed to force the Council to employ more supply teachers, is expected to affect over 100 schools in East Sussex. The Council's reaction is to sit and watch how effective the action will be. An N.U.T. spokesperson said that a ballot of members last term had produced overwhelming support for the action, which was also being viewed sympathetically by many headteachers. The other teachers unions had also indicated support.

East Sussex County Council refused to comment to the Voice on the effect of the action.

It is hoped that Brighton will be selected for this scheme since it would create much needed local skilled and unskilled employment. Various interested parties are producing an independent feasibility study, more of which in a later Voice.

sources: CEEB, EETPU & Dept. of Energy Press Offices
Energy Papers 20, 32 & 34

WEA

Two of the courses being run by the W.E.A. in Brighton this autumn term are especially provided for women - and not in the way that dressmaking and cookery are the evening classes traditionally offered to women.

Both classes are part of the W.E.A.'s programme of Women's Studies designed to bring women together to discuss women's lives in a relaxed but stimulating atmosphere.

'Women and Socialism' is taught by Gill Scott on Tuesdays at the Resources Centre, North Road, Brighton, and starts on October 7th. Ms Scott writes that 'Women and Socialism' is a short title for an enormous subject,' and continues:

"Women's Liberation has been with us for more than a decade - what difference has this made to women at work and in the home? How have trade unions, the Labour Party and other political organisations taken up these questions, and what have women been able to contribute to this process? How closely are the demands of the women's liberation movement related to those of socialism? The course will explore the experience of women at home and abroad, in the past and the present, as a focus for understanding these and other questions."

The second course on offer is 'Women in the Media', taught by Anne Miners and Jane Root. Ms Root has said "at almost every moment in our waking lives we are faced with images of women - from the snappy, happy and organised mum on the cornflake packet to the vampire in the late night horror film. This course will examine the way women are presented in newspapers, fashion magazines, on television and in films. We will discuss how these images affect us personally as women, and how they influence women's position in society generally."

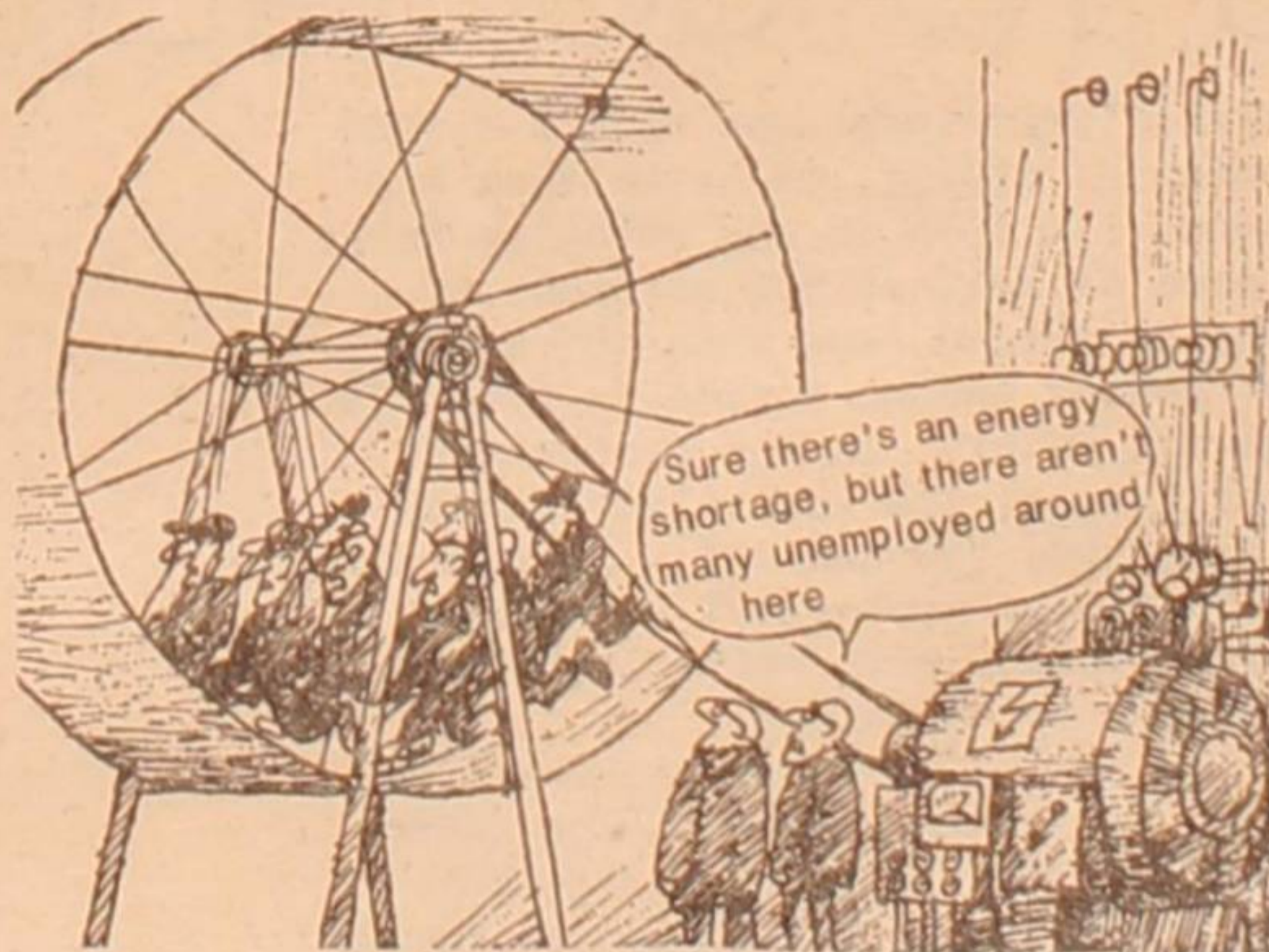
'Women in the Media' will take place on Wednesday evenings at The Basement, 6 St George's Place, starting on the 8th of October.

Gill Scott can be contacted on Btn 21947
Jane Root can be contacted on 737055

WORKERS POWER SHOREHAM ?

This month the Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) announced that they were to close 16 power stations and mothball a further 6. This is due to the over optimistic demand forecasts which are used to justify the building of nuclear power stations.

Normally the CEGB closes around 5 stations a year a policy with which the main union involved the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbers Union (EETPU) cooperates. The General Secretary of the EETPU Frank Chapple is the most vocal supporter of nuclear power within the TUC. Maybe this will be reconsidered since the unions have expressed "a number of objections and reservations" believing "that staff in many stations would have great difficulty in finding alternative employment in the industry." Thus members of Frank Chapple's union are suffering as a result of his support of the Governments and CEGB's nuclear plans.



Because of the limited number of old small stations that can be closed this means although Shoreham is spared this time, it will have to be closed sooner. These power stations are mainly small inner city, labour intensive, stations which could have been converted to combined heat and power stations. With combined heat and power the waste steam is piped out to form the basis of a communities central heating systems. Since this is a much more efficient use of energy the Dept. of Energy has recommended this as a basis of long term plans. And is now with EEC money carrying out a detailed feasibility study. Brighton is one of the few places left meeting all their criteria for a pilot scheme which would most likely be funded by the EEC.



In anticipation of a very large attendance, CND have modified plans for the London Demonstration to take place on Sunday 26th October. The march will now leave from Hyde Park (assemble 11am) ending with a rally in Trafalger Square at 2.30 pm. The themes of the demonstration, which takes place during UN disarmament week, are: No to Cruise, No to Trident, No increases in defense spending. Organisations supporting the march or sending speakers to Trafalger Square, include the Ecology Party, the Anti Nuclear Campaign, the Labour Party, the National Union of Students and many others.

A massive turnout will ensure wide publicity for CND and help it to recruit the active support that it needs if we are to challenge the British government's slavish support of the dangerous and aggressive strategies of NATO and the USA.

Hyde Park is close to Victoria: travel on the 9.34 (groups of 15 get one free ticket) and you will be sure of company. Or (cheaper) go by coach: contact Dave Hellens, c/o 698111. A car pool, sharing petrol costs, is also being organised: for this and other queries contact Brighton CND, 689459.

THE ROAD FROM REDUNDANCY

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These redundancies are real and they are affecting all of us. Unemployment, forced redundancy, is one of the ways that the people who control industry in Brighton hope to restore profitable production.

(A) They take advantage of the growing pool of the unemployed: people are afraid of being thrown out of work and so it is easier to keep wages down, quash any dissatisfaction at work and even introduce new schemes - like covering for absentees - which mean harder work and of course more profit.

(B) The division between those with jobs and those without becomes bigger and any united action against redundancies is made difficult by workers having to fight other workers either to keep jobs or to find new ones. There is little pressure on unions from members to defend and unite with the weaker sections of the workforce. The young, women and black workers are all losing jobs faster than others. Links must be built between these groups.

(C) Every time a redundancy notice goes unchallenged it makes it easier for the employers to push through the next lot of sackings.

WHO DO WE LOOK TO?

* Often the traditional channels of opposition which rely on trades union leadership to visit a firm and organise a fightback do not stop redundancy. All too often this leadership knows nothing of the particular problems of working at the hotel or factory, and instead of opposing redundancies actually joins with the employers to organise where jobs can best be cut. Trades union leadership want to see fair play over redundancy, but **THE ONLY FAIR PLAY IS NO REDUNDANCY** - no worker should pay to defend investment at the top.

* Demands for a shorter working week or job sharing are fine if full pay is maintained, as are job creation schemes, but they are secondary to the task of uniting the workforce against redundancies.

* Many working people - in the home, factory or shop - have the idea that 'we' are in crisis, 'we' are in a depression, as though the industry they work for represented their own interests. The interests of the employers are not those of the workforce, and it is up to us to unite and defend ourselves and our jobs against the employers, who have the profit of the industry at heart.

ATTACK

When jobs are being attacked - be it in a seafront hotel or the Chubb factory in Hollingbury - employers play one section of the workforce off against another. At Chubbs, this took the form of negotiating with one union, TASS, while ignoring the rest of the workforce, at least initially.

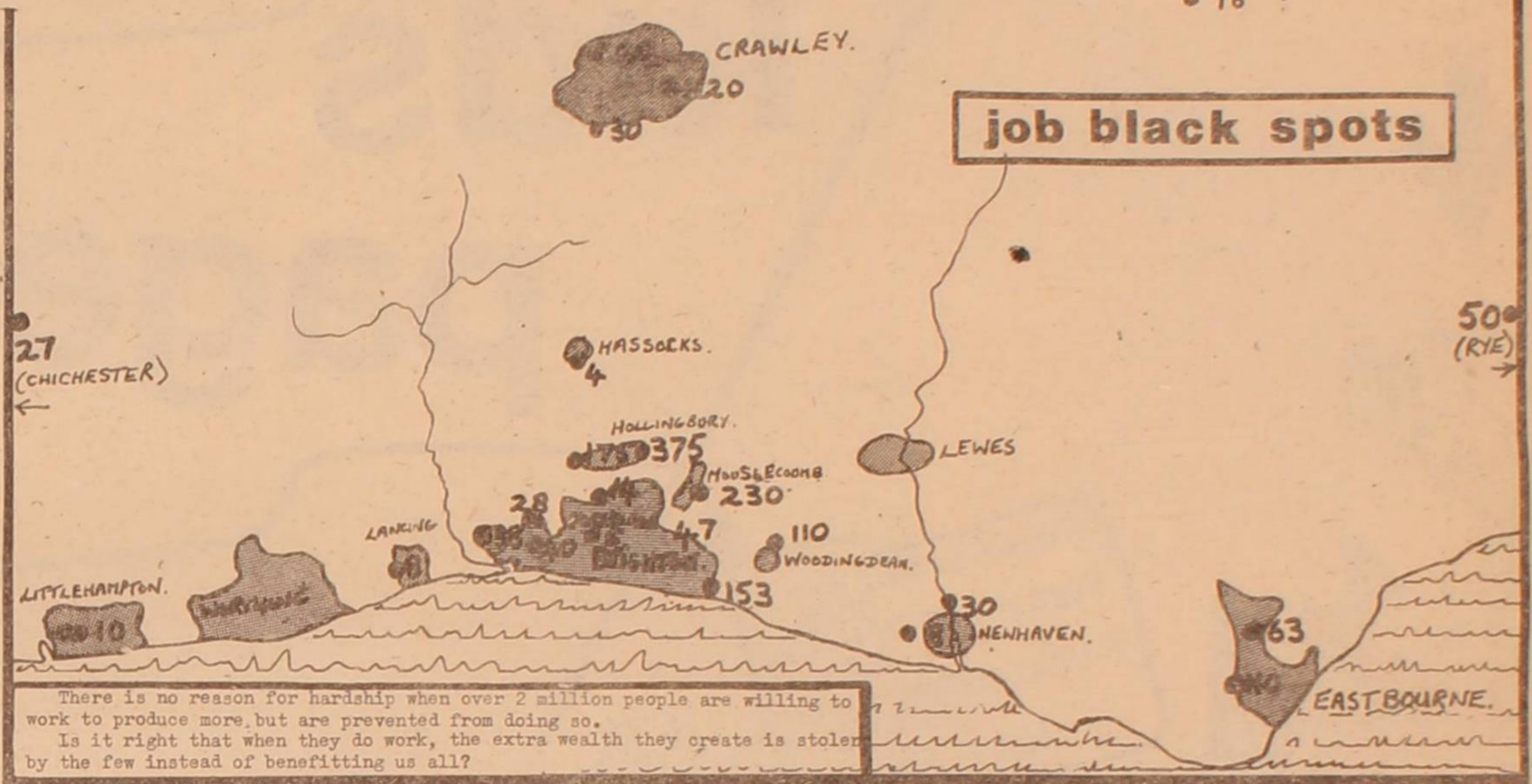
SO WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN WE ARE FACED WITH REDUNDANCY?

Answers are easy to come by, but more difficult to put into practice.

- (1) It seems that we must not wait for leadership to drop out of the sky, but organise ourselves at grass-roots level **NOW**, even before redundancy is mentioned.
- (2) That means organising (both inside and outside the union structure) groups of workers from all sections of the work process. We must not let the bosses divide the workforce.

(3) Widespread and detailed communication between the workers and their representatives is essential for solidarity.

(4) Produce daily or weekly bulletins about the upto date situation, the economic state of the firm and what is behind the latest moves of the employers.



REDUNDANCIES IN SUSSEX. WHERE THE JOBS WENT! (as far as we know)

375 - Chubbs Cash Registers, Hollingbury (26/9/80)	40 - Hedland Brick, throughout Sussex.	10 - Bell & Webster, Littlehampton.
230 - Allenwest, Mouslecoomb.	40 - Advance Linen Services, Arthur St. Hove.	8 - John Bull, Portslade + Newhaven.
220 - Metal Box, Crawley.	38 - D.P. Autos, Station Rd. Portslade. (19/9/80)	8 - Solarbo Fittings, Lancing.
175 - I.T.T. Creed, Hollingbury.	33 - Southdown Motor Services, B'ton.	5 - Travis & Arnold, Portslade, Littleton, + B'ton.
153 - Seajet, Marina, B'ton. (29/8/80)	30 - Silcock & Collings, Newhaven.	4 - Lovell Plant Hire, Hassocks + Eastbourne.
110 - Jaycee Furniture, Woodingdean, and Eastbourne.	30 - A.P.V. Engineering, Crawley. (29/8/80) (+ 20 short time)	3 - Halls Fuels. -
98 - Air U.K., Gatwick.	28 - M.B. Metals, Portslade.	
63 - Jaegers Clothing, Eastbourne. (Oct. 80)	27 - Beanstalk Shelving Ltd., Chichester. (1/9/80)	JOBS THREATENED
50 - Farnborough Engineering, Rye.	17 - Amy Roadstone, throughout Sussex.	430 - Metal Box, Fishergate. (put on 4 day week, Oct. 80)
47 - Unigate Daries, Davigore Rd., B'ton.	14 - Preece, Cardew, Rider, Preston Rd. B'ton (28/8/80)	60 - Tradewinds Cargo, Gatwick. Oct. 80
40 - Edwards High Vacuum, Crawley. (25/8/80)	11 - P.D. Wparfage. -	25 - Barclay Sheltered Workshop, for mentally + physically handicapped.

(5) **BRIGHTON VOICE** is willing to help create these bulletins, if equipment or technique is needed.

(6) Be wary of letting fulltime union officials represent the workforce.

(7) Let the **workers'** committee negotiate with the employers.

(8) Resist any redundancies; once a few workers have been sacked, the precedent has been set.

Defending our jobs depends on our united strength being greater than the employers'.

THE MAIN CONCERN IS TO DEFEND EVERY JOB.

This article is an individual contribution and is not intended as the final word, but to open up the problem and encourage other suggestions and observations arising from workers' own experiences of fighting redundancy. Thanks to 'Next Step'.

campaign against youth unemployment

On Monday 8 September County Court bailiffs forced their way into 7 St Georges Place, which had been occupied for 3 weeks as an unemployment centre. The Centre had been vacated the previous Friday but East Sussex County Council had stayed its hand. In the 3 weeks of the occupation, many unemployed people - young and old - had passed through the Centre. Labour Party branches, members and councillors (with the exception of the Labour Party Young Socialists) had provided political and financial support and coverage in the media had been exceptional. Day by Day covered it 5 times, the BBC twice, the national news once and the Argus (who couldn't be seen to appose it!) and on

Radio Brighton. Over 2 000 signatories were collected calling for the establishment of an unemployment centre and in support of the occupation. Over £100 was donated by members of the public and an approach is going to be made to the local Trades Council for them to make an initiative. At the moment we are building up support for the Right to Work march and picket of the Tory Party conference but we do intend to keep campaign going afterwards as well. One thing we intending to do is set up a Claimants Union to bring unemployed people together in a more structured way to fight for their rights. We meet every Monday at 7.30 in the Resource Centre, North St. Everyone is welcome.



Police extend a traditional welcome to Right To Work marchers in Hendon in March 1976. Will the marchers fare any better this year in Brighton??

THURSDAY 9th: MARCH ARRIVES AT OUTSKIRTS OF BRIGHTON AT 5pm
RTW BENEFIT AT 'HUNGRY YEARS' WITH THE AMMONITES

FRIDAY 10th: ASSEMBLE BRIGHTON STATION FOR RTW MARCH TO BRIGHTON CENTRE. 11am
RALLY OUTSIDE THE BRIGHTON CENTRE. 2.30 ONWARDS

MARCH!! RALLY!! Your JOB COULD BE NEXT!!

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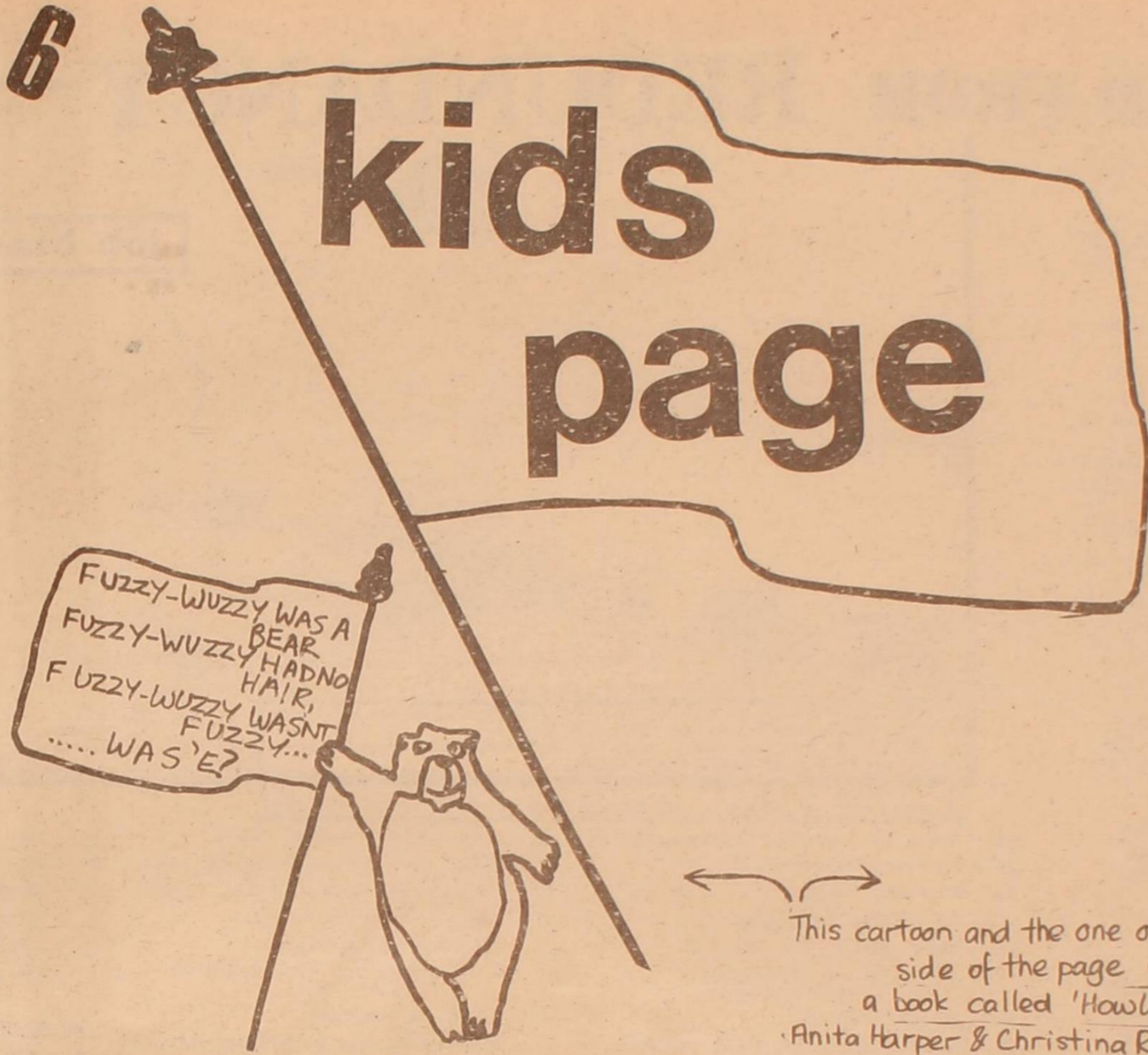
Hotel Workers (cont. from front page)

So if you think you are being underpaid or are not receiving holiday pay or have bad working arrangements. CONTACT THE HOTEL AND CATERING WORKERS UNION AT Beaconsfield Road, Btn 602279 or the wages inspectorate at Btn. 23353.

This is not the first attempt to unionise this sector, but now there is a greater chance of success. Since many hotels and eating places are part of large corporations and thus it is easier to bring union pressure for recognition to bear. The corporations have moved into hotels because those investing large amounts of capital can now reap incredible profits often up to 100%. For instance the Metropole, the Bedford and the Palace Pier are all owned ultimately by the Lonhro corporation. While the Royal Albion is owned by Ind Coope a subsidiary of Allied Breweries. Generally if this sector can be unionised and fair rates of pay achieved, since hotels represent an important part of Brighton's economy, it would be the first step to eradicating low pay throughout Brighton. Thus this initiative should receive the support of all trade unionists in Brighton.

Some people have one job.

Some people have more than one job.



This cartoon and the one on the other side of the page come from a book called 'How We Work' by Anita Harper & Christina Roche. (Puffin)



Years ago there was a place called the Land of Point, and that was because everything in the Land of Point had a point.

The barns, the houses, the carts- everything-even the people, everyone in the Land of Point had a point on the top of their head - everyone that is except Oblio.

Now although Oblio was born to a set of normally pointed parents and although he was born physically perfect in every other respect, he was born without a Point-he was a round head.

And as time passed Oblio became increasingly aware of his being the only boy without a point-and so did everyone else-which made life in the Land of Point rather uncomfortable for him and his parents. You see Oblio became sort of -well, famous and he was subject to the sometimes cruel and unusual harrassment

from his schoolmates. It wasn't being the only pointless person in the whole Land of Pointland in an effort to make life

easier his father knitted a pointed cap for him to wear. It was to conceal his pointless condition, but it didn't do much good, because everyone knew he didn't have a point, so it only managed to make Oblio a little lonelier, in fact the only real friend he had was his dog, Arrow.

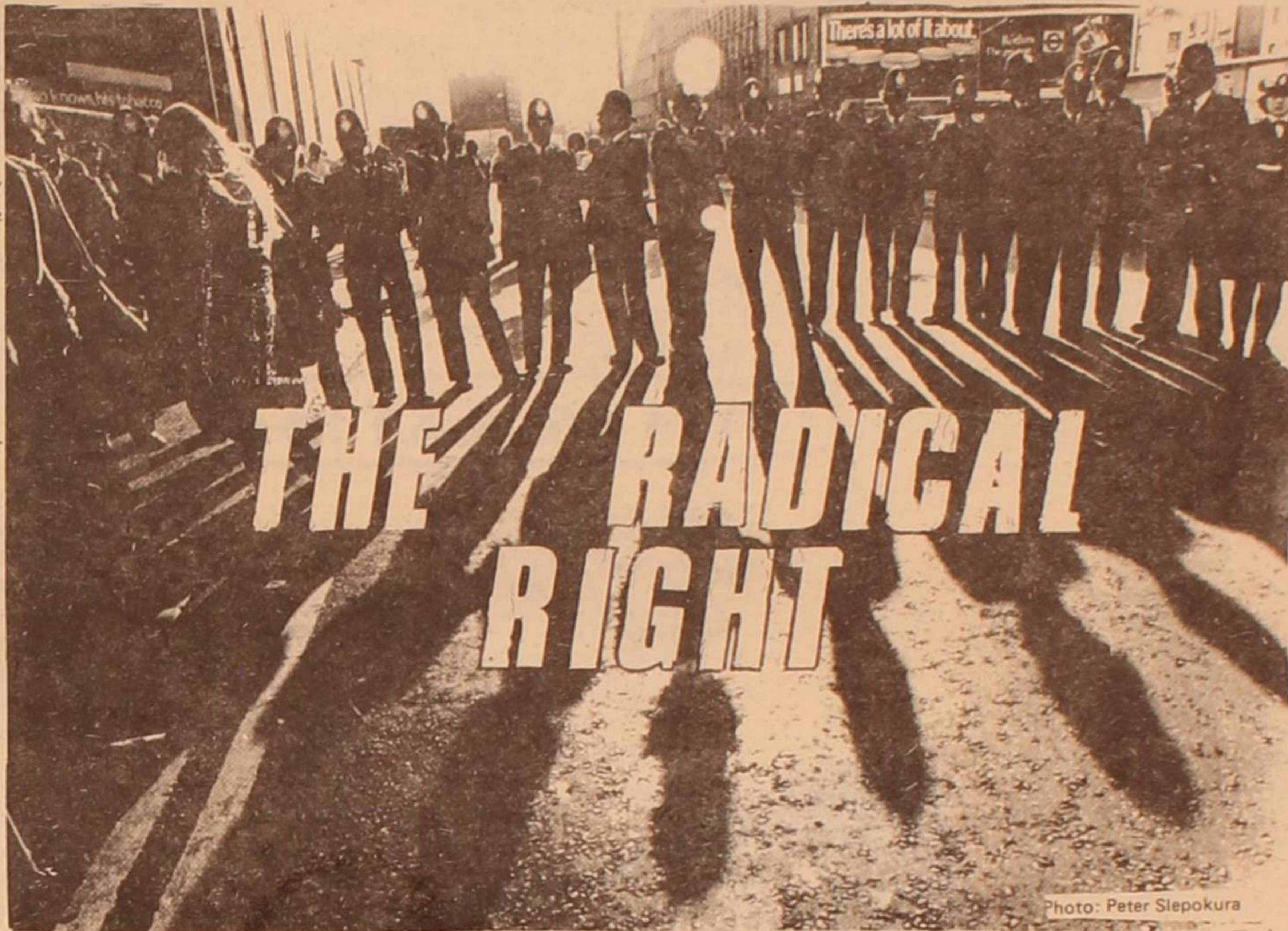


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THATCHERISM 7

This month Brighton plays host to the Conservative Party conference. Nearly a year and a half of this government's policies are having disastrous effects everywhere in the country: 2 million unemployed, factory closures every day, the drift into a "law and order" society and the dismantling of the Welfare State while government spending on the armed forces and 'defence' increases at a frightening rate. Locally, the implications are not hard to find: take a trip to the dole and then the Job Centre; try asking an ambulance driver what would happen if there was a major disaster in Brighton Health District; or ask a local school teacher what s/he is doing for classroom materials next year. (B)

It's clear we're facing a government of the 'Radical Right'. The stalemate of Heath-style Toryism and Callaghan-style Labourism (there was never much difference) has been broken, and for the worse. This government has brought together under one banner elements hinted at in earlier Tory programmes, and rather than messing around with government bodies, laws, etc. it intends to 'change the terms of the struggle, to shift the balance of class forces irrevocably to the Right'. One of the ironies about 'Thatcherism', particularly for some sections of the Left, is that it is, in some ways, 'anti-state' - or against the State - it goes against the Labour 'social-democratic' as well as the Tory 'liberal-conservative' models in its economic policies, law-making, propaganda etc. Remember the stuff about individualism and self-reliance in Tory election propaganda? Well, it's very hard to be self-reliant when you are unemployed, bringing up kids on your own, sick, elderly. However, this propaganda played on a dissatisfaction among the working class with social democracy and presented the Tories as the party to represent the 'people' as opposed to the 'state'. Unfortunately this has had popular support and has left the forces of opposition in a mess. On the one hand we have the resistance of the steelworkers to brutal policies of closure, but on the other hand we have the vote by Leyland workers against Derek Robinson, the militant shop stewards' convenor at the Longbridge (West Midlands) factory who was sacked for opposing BL management's plans for 'economies'. Tory promises seem very hollow now. The 'more money in people's pockets' bit was just an electoral fraud, and the temporary alliance of 'monetarism' and 'free collective bargaining' seems pretty sick now in the face of closures and unemployment shooting up. Of course the government is losing support - even in the capitalist press and among Tory back-benchers - and it will lose even more as the global capitalist recession



This is the official number, but the actual figure is likely to be in excess of 3 million when the hundreds of thousands of people - particularly women - who don't sign on are taken into account (A)

It is this irreversibility of Tory policies which is perhaps the most frightening aspect. Callaghan may promise to repeal the 1980 Industrial Relations Act, but does he think he can buy back council houses, children's homes and waste land sold off to tenants, private industry and property developers? Reverse the social impact of massive unemployment, sub-standard education and homelessness? (C)

The underlined quotes are from an article by Stuart Hall in the February 1980 issue of 'Marxism Today', which provided many of the ideas for this article

Local examples of this deepening crisis are everywhere - you need only look at Chubb's or at Seajet and at the local official unemployment figures (up by over one-third during the summer) (B)

The photos on this page were pinched from 'Big Flame' & 'In & Against The State.' (London-Edinburgh Weekend Return Group)

"BEYOND THE FRAGMENTS: Feminism and the making of Socialism" by Sheila Rowbotham, Lynne Segal and Hilary Wainwright (Merlin Press) (D)



gets worse and 'monetarism' is unable to cushion the blow. This may sound like good news for opponents of the government, but 'Thatcherism' has allowed for that by creating a 'crisis' frame of mind - things will get much worse before they get better.

The ultimate aims of 'Thatcherism' and the real reasons why this government is supported by the capitalist ruling class are political. They want to create a situation where there's no going back, even if the Tories are kicked out at the next election and we get a Labour government back in power. For example, 'social contracts' and 'incomes policies' will be a different matter with unions held back by legal limits to their strike and picket rights, the employed and the unemployed fighting for jobs, skilled against unskilled, men against women, blacks against whites. This obviously sounds terrible, so what can we do about it?

Women-hating insults aimed at Thatcher, empty slogans etc. are not the way. To oppose 'Thatcherism' we need to develop new forms of popular democratic struggle. Defensive struggles will always be important - fighting the cuts, redundancies - but this will get us nowhere if we think of returning to the old status quo. We need new forms of socialism that we can use now, not at some future ideal time. We also need unification. It's very comfortable to think that there's a class of people waiting in the wings which has an automatic inclination towards socialism, but this is not the case because the working class has been divided by capital, the state and by 'Thatcherism' itself. So we must ditch such comfortable thoughts. The key to the problem is that we need new types of organisations to represent people, more democratic and wide-reaching than the existing Left organisations. We need this now if we are to go 'beyond the fragments'. (D)

To create a popular struggle requires, not temporary alliances, but real transformations in existing groups and interests if it will be effective and long-lasting: 'A sexist labour movement cannot win the deep support of an active feminist (or gay! - ed.) movement; racist organisations cannot provide the basis for the construction of a political unity between black and white workers; feminists who do not see the relevance of the right to strike to their own struggles cannot enter into an alliance which is more than temporary with the organised working class.'

Maybe this is too much to ask, but the alternative may be chucking out Thatcher & Co. without any real antidote to 'Thatcherism'.

This is a personal view of a member of the Brighton Voice Collective.

1. What does monetarism mean?

Monetarism - as practised by Mrs Thatcher - aims to curb inflation in quite a new way. The idea is to cut wages (and hopefully prices) by cutting the amount of money in the economy.

2. Does this mean burning pound notes?

Not quite. They think of money as anything you can use to buy things. So it would include not just cash in the hand, but any kind of credit - like HP, or mortgages, or credit cards, or bank overdrafts.

3. So how do you cut money?

The first way is to raise the interest rate. This makes it more expensive to borrow money (for example to buy a house) and banks find not so many people want credit. So 'credit money' is cut.

4. But what does this have to do with wages?

In a way which is difficult to see at first but which is a key to monetarism. If interest rates go up, international bankers move their money to Britain in search of profit. So many of them want to change their dollars and marks for sterling that they push the pound's price up. But, what is good for the bankers is bad for industry. The high pound prices sports out of foreign markets, while become cheaper. So industries are squeezed from both sides, and reduce real wages, and redundancies.

MONETARISM

5. So high interest rates are linked to the strong pound, and a falling wage?

Yes. It's a round about way to cut wages and jobs, but it's effective form Mrs Thatcher's point of view. Unemployment is expected to double to £3 million by 1983. The Bank of England say real wages should fall by 5% this year. Profits have collapsed, exports are falling, and this week a study calculated that one sixth of British industry would be destroyed by 1983.

6. How do the state cuts come in?

If the state spends more than it gets in taxes, it can ask for credit from the banks to balance its books. More credit means more money in circulation. To cut the amount the government has to borrow is another way of reducing the amount of money in the economy.

7. And in practice.

In fact there have been no actual reductions in state spending. More has been spent armaments, the military, and the police. Rising unemployment has meant more dole money. So the welfare cuts are to offset this. It's a case of switching rather than cutting. The government has now announced even more welfare cuts to achieve overall cutting.



8. Can the policy work?

The monetarists hope that if wages and welfare services can be cut, and trade unions neutralized, profits (after a lean spell) will rise. Unfortunately where monetarism has been tried out in practice the effects, particularly on working people, have been disastrous. In Chile unemployment has risen to 13%, while working people's share in the 'national cake' fell from 60% to 40% between 1974 and 1980. In Israel the policies of Professor Milton Friedman (the king of the monetarists, Mrs Thatcher's guru, and chief advisor in Chile) have increased inflation to 100%.

9. But surely we are living beyond our means as Mrs Thatcher says?

Quite the opposite. Our means are what we can produce. At the moment our factories are working at idle capacity. Some have been sold for scrap. We are not using 1 1/2 million potential workers. So we are wasting our means. As for the state, over the past few years the state has been saving, and running down its debt to the public. The so-called public debt is now at the lowest level since the 1890s.

10. What is the answer?

The first answer is for everyone who is not a shareholder in oil companies or a British bank (who have gained from the strong pound) to do all they can to stop the monetarists destroying the British economy. (The newspapers campaigned against trade union power before the Day of Action, but did nothing to explain what monetarism is and threatens to be)

Second, to restore state spending (on schools not bombs) would do something to improve things. But the problem goes deeper than that. We have to change our starting point. Instead of asking: what is profitable, and cutting what we produce to that, we should start by saying that we need everyone of us working because it is labour which produces value. More of us working means more products. Profit is no longer an accurate guide to the economy. It's like a compass that's pointing the wrong way, to follow it now leads to waste, to unemployment, to poverty, and - if the past is anything to go by - to a military scramble for declining markets. There are two ways out of the current crisis. One is to fight for profitability and against labour, at whatever the cost. This is monetarism. The other is to reorganize the economy with the support of labour, and to stop those wedded to short term profits jeopardising the achievements of long term wealth.



Larry Herman (COP photographs)

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THE NEW BRITISH NATIONALITY ACT

In the next Parliamentary session the Tories intend to introduce a new Nationality Act- the 1st since 1948. It comes as the logical conclusion to the 3 Immigration Acts of 1962, 1968 & 1971. British Nationality and Citizenship laws are by nature complicated due to the legacy of the Empire which has created at least 5 different classes of British Citizen/Subject.

The 1948 Act

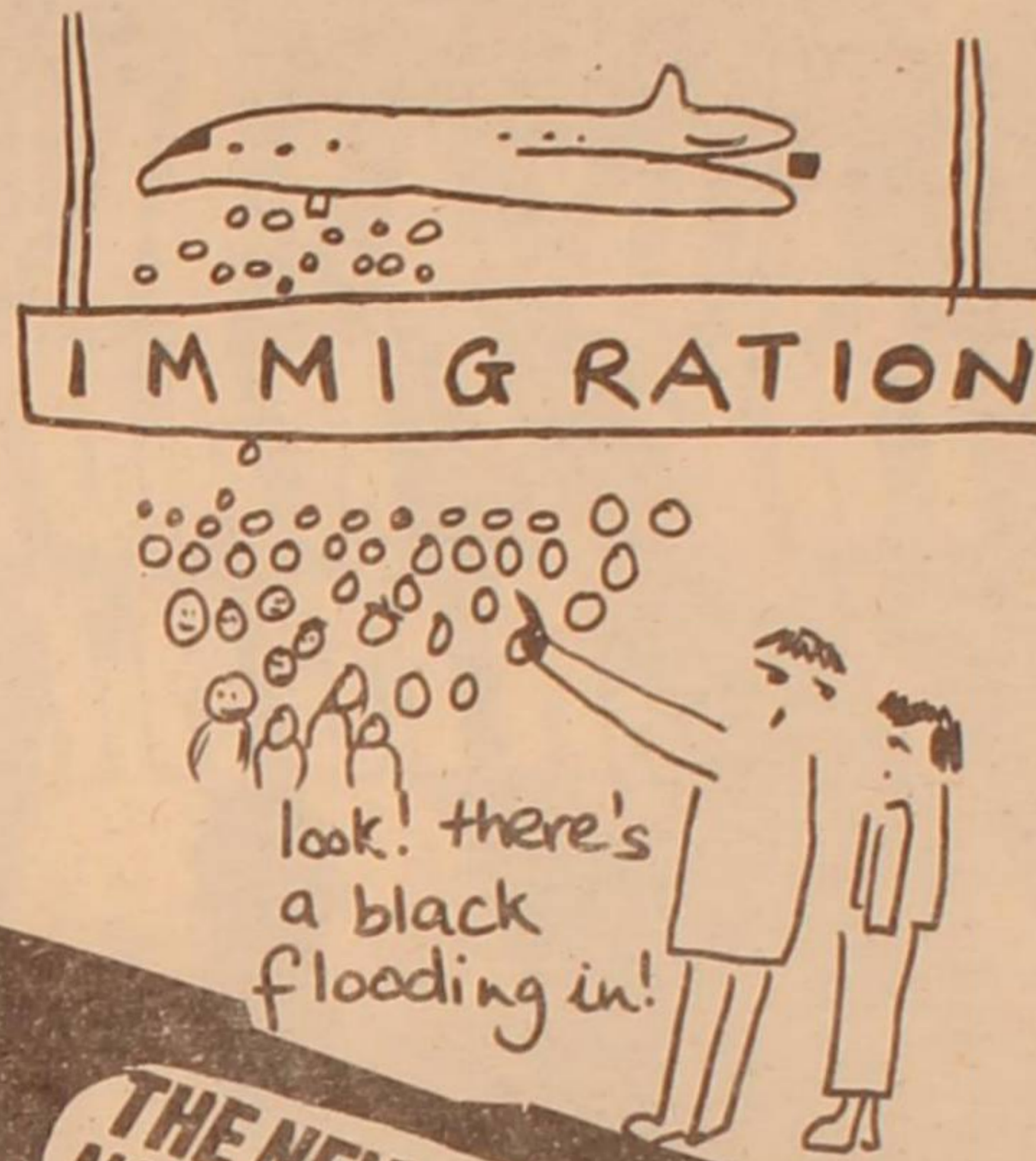
Despite the rhetoric of Britain's 'Civilising Mission' in the world and Kipling's tales of the 'White Man's Burden', the Empire was the means by which Britain became one of the worlds richest industrial nations. We plundered the colonies of their raw materials, exported capital, repatriated the profits and generally modelled the economies of the colonies in the interest of our own. Industries such as Irish Textiles were suppressed if posed a threat to Britain's 'Manufacturing Base,' all resistance being ruthlessly crushed. By 1948 the white Dominions had become independent (and passed racially discriminatory legislation eg. the White Australian policy) and even India, the jewel in the Empires Crown, was becoming independent. Although the days of the Empire were numbered, Britain's economic interests still lay in the colonies with their cheap raw materials and British investments. Hence the 'Commonwealth.' The 1948 Act made all citizens of the Commonwealth British Subjects with full civic rights in the UK eg the right to vote and free right of entry. Citizenship of the UK & Colonies was just 1 of many Commonwealth Citizenships. In the 1950s the British economy was still expanding due to lack of competition from the Japanese & European economies. With virtually no unemployment there was a severe shortage of manual workers. The Commonwealth and in particular the West Indies thus provided a ready source of cheap labour. At this time there was little opposition to Black immigration from the 3 main parties.



The 1962-1968-1971 Immigration Acts

By 1962 the economy was going through a series of stops & goes (mini recessions). The economy was slowing down and unemployment was starting to rise. As the demand for labour slackened and the Common Market loomed on the horizon so the pressure from the racist Empire Loyalist section of the Tory Party for a halt to (Black) Immigration increased. The 1962 Commonwealth Immigration Act restricted the immigration of Commonwealth Citizens who didn't have ties with the UK and also created 2 classes of UK & Colonies citizen- those whose passports were issued by their own country and those issued by Britain. At the time the Labour Party under Harold Wilson denounced the Act & pledged to repeal it. In 1964 Labour came to power and did no such thing.

Meanwhile both inflation and unemployment were increasing. In short all the conditions were ripe for a growth in racism. In 1964 Labour lost the Smethwick constituency against the national swing after a campaign by the British National Party using the slogan "If you want a nigger neighbour, vote Labour." The successful Tory candidate Peter Griffiths (branded a parliamentary leper by Wilson) had given the fascists a nod and a wink (Griffiths is now MP for Portsmouth N. having been defeated in 1966).



In 1968 the NF was formed and in Wolverhampton Enoch Powell made his famous 'Rivers of Blood' speech- and was promptly sacked by Heath from the Shadow Cabinet. Meanwhile Powell and the press focussed on the arrival of the East African Asians who had served as the Civil Service and small business class in the African colonies. When Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya gained independence, the Colonial Secretary, Duncan (Lord) Sandys had guaranteed that they could come to Britain whenever they so chose. As so often in the past, when a Labour Government came under a racist storm they gave in to it rather than stand their ground. Callaghan, then Home Secretary, introduced the Kenya Asians Act in 1968 which removed the right of unrestricted entry and introduced a voucher scheme. It created a 3rd class of UK & Colonial Citizen- those with British Passports issued outside the UK by High Commissions/Embassies.

Enoch meanwhile was concentrating on the birthrate of Black people already here and the fact that it was still possible for some black people abroad to enter this country, especially dependants. In 1971 Heath introduced another Immigration Act.

This removed all civil liberties from immigrants here under conditions of stay, tightened up drastically on work permits, brought in the age of deportations etc. It also made the possession of a British passport meaningless. It created 2 classes of British Subject/UK/ Commonwealth Citizen. One was a PATRIAL ie had a parent/ grandparent born in Britain ie was white. The other was a NON-PATRIAL ie was black. This Act came into force in 1973 and no longer did a certain period of residence in the UK automatically qualify one for UK Citizenship.

The New Nationality Act

Although there have been 3 Immigration Acts since 1948, the laws on citizenship and nationality have remained unchanged. Nationality has traditionally meant literally-loyalty to the Monarch or Constitution. The right to enter the country free of control was simply a consequence of that nationality- as were other civic rights. In the eyes of the world though, one British subject (whatever his/her colour) is much the same as another. So the new Nationality Act is to be modelled on existing racist Immigration Acts using Patriality as the main criteria. Slowly but surely immigration controls have touched upon people's right to work here, change jobs, gain access to the NHS etc and finally even their right to be a nominal citizen of the UK.

There will be 3 new kinds of British Citizen:

- i) British Citizen
- ii) British Overseas Citizen
- iii) Citizen of British Dependant Territories.

The last 2 will be reserved for non-patrials in the few remaining colonies or citizens of the UK in East Africa, India & Malaysia + some commonwealth citizens in this country. British Overseas Citizenship "will not carry with it the right of abode in any British territory" and the 3rd type of citizen will be "eligible for a passport describing him as such." As these latter 2 citizenships cannot be inherited, many children will become stateless. Having robbed & plundered the colonies, we have now given millions of their inhabitants a meaningless citizenship without any rights of abode. The Labour Party promised to repeal the 1971 Immigration Act- when elected into office in 1974 it did in fact operate it more harshly than the Heath Govt had done and it introduced a Green Paper on Nationality in 1977 on much the same lines as the present 'White' Paper of the Tories. In opposition Labour will no doubt make token noises of opposition to the new Nationality Act in the full knowledge that they will operate it clause by clause if re-elected. It is because it is the workers and exploited of the world who have common interests, that you cannot be a socialist without being an internationalist- and that means opposition to all immigration controls and racist nationality laws.

west pier gamble

A huge gamble is going on behind the present discussions over the future of the West Pier, which is a community resource that has been the plaything of wealthy men for far too long. The company set up by John Lloyd is in debt to the tune of £1500, and the only way out of bankruptcy for it is to get the plans of John Hawes off the ground. If these do go ahead the company would be saved by the huge amounts of cash that would need to be injected by Hawes. No wonder some £2000 of the Company's money has been spent on publicity to get permission for the fun fair.

But this makes it the worst possible negotiator on behalf of the people of Brighton. With the life of his company at stake John Lloyd isn't going to be too obstinate if Hawes leans on him to be more 'reasonable' when seeking reassurances about the rest of the pier. So the Council, god help us, have got to carry the can on this one.

THE RIGHT DEAL

There is a deal to be made with Hawes but the Council have to be clear what it is. Hawes can have his fun-fair provided he guarantees to get the rest of the pier open to the public at the same time. If the people of Brighton are to give away a prime piece of sea-front property for someone to coin money from, then they want the use of the Pier guaranteed.

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Hawes has been attacked for his extravagant boasting of shadowy financial backers and for his arrogant manner. He contemptuously called Reg Morgan, Brighton's chief executive, a 'child' and has consistently refused to meet local councillors and societies. However Hawes is not entirely a man of straw, having already completed one

fun-fair in the North. But Morgan's caution in dealing with him are not entirely unfounded in the face of persistent rumours that Hawes

development company in Rhyll is in deep financial trouble.

The lack of backers is not really surprising at this stage; no capitalist is going to sink £6 million into a scheme when the conditions are still undecided.

To get his planning permission Hawes will have to agree to conditions, both planning; appearance, land use etc, and financial. The problem, once planning permission is given is how to ensure that the money is found for the less profitable part of the project, i.e. the pier. Remember all those marvellous public facilities promised in the beginning by the Marina Company?

The council however does have a very strong bargaining counter in that it has a 999 year lease on a 70 ft. wide strip of land at the shore end of the pier (see diagram). Hawes needs this land and the council can impose the conditions on which he gets it.

These would ideally be the putting on deposit enough funds to completely renovate the pier, but this may be so tough as to scupper the plan. Anything much less however could easily mean Brighton getting a large fun-fair and no pier. It simply isn't good enough, as John Lloyd has been saying recently, to trust Mr Hawes' 'financial ability'.

FULL SURVEY.

But even this sort of condition begs two important questions. How much money and what repairs to the pier? All kinds of figures are being bandied about, most of them several years out of date. One condition the Council should insist on is a full survey of the Pier and an up to date coating of repairs, so that we

do not finish up with all the money gone, the pier only partially repaired and Hawes standing back saying 'I kept my part of the bargain.'

There are four possible options for these repairs: 1/ 'emergency' repairs; 2/ sufficient to preserve the structure for, say, 20 years; 3/ sufficient to re-open the pier as a promenade; and 4/ full restoration of structure and buildings. 1/ and 2/ are very poor deals, relying heavily on the fun fair making a sufficient profit to pay for restoration later. 3/ however makes sense. The public would have access as soon as the fun fair opened; something could certainly be done with the buildings once public access was a reality.

HAWES' CHANCES

So, what are Hawes' chances of finding his capital, if he does get over the hurdle of planning permission? If the council makes too hard a bargain with him it is difficult to see any capitalist being interested.

It would probably take between 1 and 1½ million pounds gross every year to make it pay. This would have to be largely done over the 140 plus fine days of the summer season. He plans to have four rides plus the big wheel on the site, with a total of possible seating capacity of 15,000 persons per hour. At 50p a head Hawes could make his needed income providing he can attract enough people away from the town centre to the west. But it is questionable, far too questionable, for the council to rely on for the restoration of the pier.

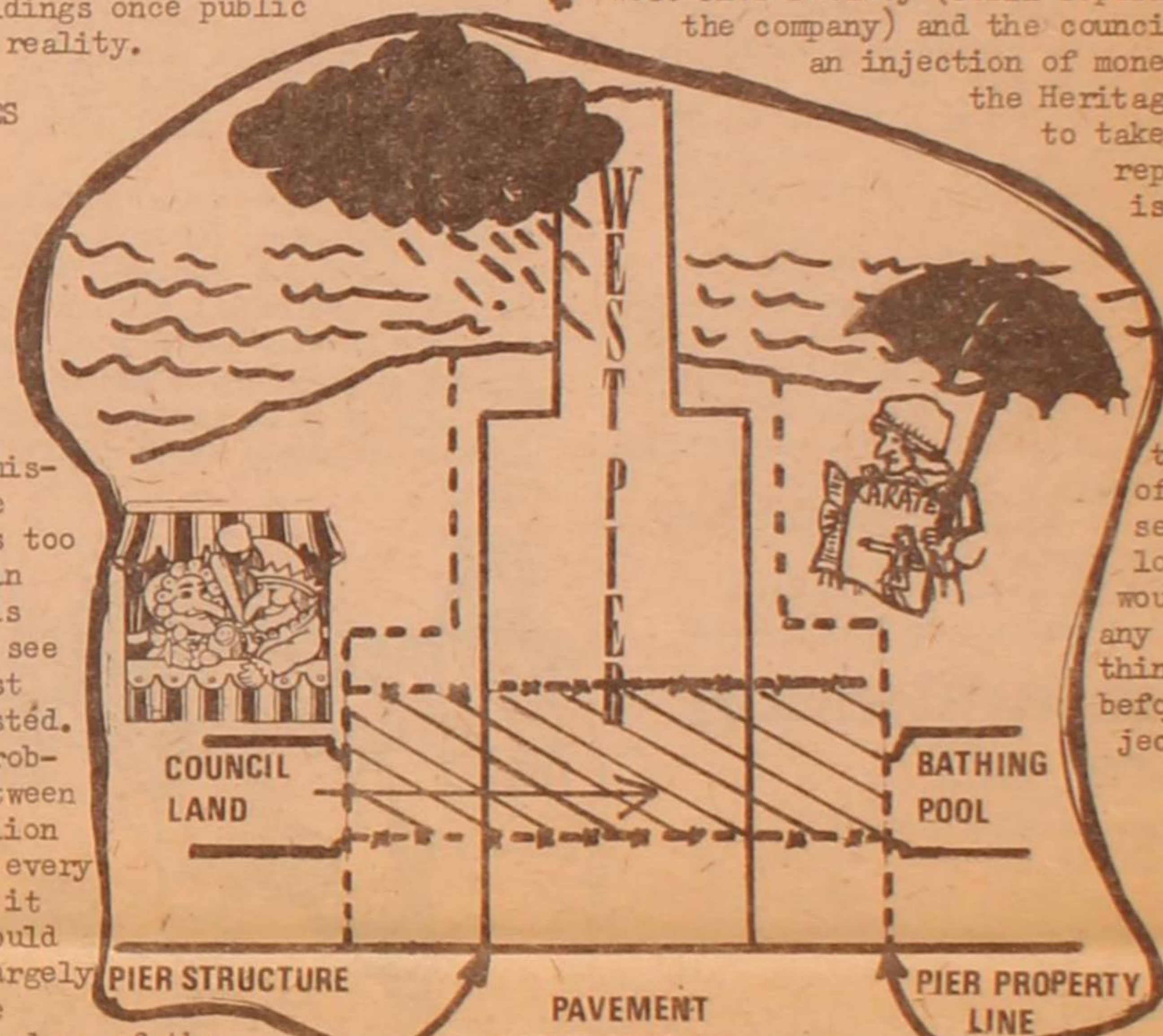
OTHER OPTIONS

What are the alternatives if Hawes' plans fail to materialise? The Council have made their position plain - they'll

try to pull it down. That will raise a storm of protest and, as it is a listed building, it will mean a public enquiry. That means an inspector from the Department of the Environment will have to make the decision. To persuade him to oppose demolition he will have to be given some viable alternative proposals. And there are two, despite the shouts of those promoting the Hawes plan that 'this is the last chance to save the pier'. It isn't.

One proposal being mooted is to get a new joint grouping of all the conservation people, the West Pier Co., the West Pier Society (still separate from the company) and the council, plus an injection of money from the Heritage Fund

to take over the repairs. It is a programme which could work, seems to have the support of the conservation lobby and would make any Inspector think long before rejecting it.



ROLLING REPAIR

The other alternative is even more interesting. The West Pier Society have been promoting a 'self help' or rolling repair programme. In effect this is saying, if Hawes fails then that closes the chances of an entrepreneur saving the situation, an appeal has already failed, so follow the path that other groups have done when faced by similar situations. Raise a little money, do a little repair, and a few more repairs, and do them as cheaply as possible, with free or below cost materials and volunteer labour wherever possible.

The Society has concluded that this is a feasible approach to the pier. Perhaps most attractive, it would be a community approach to a community resource.

THE COUNCIL'S TASK

So what is the council to do? First it needs to understand that the West Pier Co's financial position rules out it as a serious negotiator. Secondly they need to understand that giving Hawes his planning permission is only half the battle. Thirdly they need to understand that they have the weapon in hand to force the necessary financial concessions from Hawes. Fourthly they need to be clear what repairs they are asking of Hawes, and these should be for the opening of the pier for public access. Finally they should not be stampeded by talk of a 'last chance'. Alternative strategies are available if Hawes proves a mirage.

If the Councillors can get these points clear in their minds then there is some hope that any agreement with Hawes will actually result in the reopening of the pier. Anything less in the way of conditions and they will have made a bad bargain. And it will be the people of Brighton who will suffer.

In preparation for his reign, Young has put forward an ingenious plan to give him complete control over the work - and more important, the policy - of the Social Services Department. Early drafts have already split the workforce into those who welcome the greater decentralisation of day-to-day work and those who fear the creation of the two super-Divisions which would replace the present six covering the county.

There would, it is true, be more freedom at the grass-roots, but only the freedom to take relatively unimportant decisions. Top management would be far more remote from the workers and the public and any faint hope of realistic consultation or discussion on the type or quality of services would be gone.

During a lightning meet-the-people tour after his arrival in East Sussex Young told a group of workers in Brighton that their job was to work and his was to manage - and never the twain should meet. It won't be long now before we see what sort of public servant is stepping into Allen's £19,000-a-year shoes.

In December, Denis Allen, the present Director of East Sussex Social Services, retires, and Ken Young, now Deputy Director, will take his place.

The public has as yet heard little of Ken Young, but those in the know are seriously concerned that he will prove a willing tool of axe-happy Tories.

Denis Allen has, through the years of too-patient dealing with ignorant, smug, self-interested Councillors, been worn down to his present hand-wringing state, his ideals so far in the past that he has almost forgotten them. This is the man who, while trying ineffectively to protect essential services, was also prepared to sack a trainee social worker in 1978 for supporting the squatting movement and to discipline workers earlier this year for openly opposing the Cuts.

But Ken Young is not a wishy-washy liberal, whatever else he is. A blunt - and often downright rude - man, the most that can be said in his favour is that he seems to hold everyone in equal contempt. He is someone who looks after No. 1 first, last and always, and who came to East Sussex last year with a reputation as a 'Cuts man' - a reputation justifiably gained in Plymouth, where he decimated the work-force to please the ruling Tory Council. Denis Allen opposed his appointment but here, as so often elsewhere, he was unable to affect the outcome.

New Boss at Social Services Refuses Interview

Allen out - Young in
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22nd August, 1980

Thank you for your letter of the 19th August in which you requested an interview with me. I regret to say that I am not prepared to be interviewed by Brighton Voice.

Thank you for your letter of the 19th August, 1980.

I am declining your invitation to be interviewed by BRIGHTON VOICE.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Young
K.N. Young
Deputy Director of Social Services

Yours sincerely,
Denis Allen
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Director of Social Services

Brian Dougal's UNDERCURRENTS...

conference notes

The TUC conference has now passed (thankfully) into the mists of time, but for me several things made it a week to remember:

The position of women was one; only about a fifth of the delegates were women, even though they make up almost half of all trades unionists. The delegations from NUPE, NALGO and the NUT in particular contained very few in relation to their membership. Other signs of second-class citizenship were TUC President Terry Parry's sexist jokes and the way the photographers homed-in on the few women speakers. Funnily enough, they did the same to the only black speaker - one of the grand total of five at the conference. The resolution on women's rights was heard by a half-empty hall - and NALGO, with 355,000 women members, abstained: there is clearly a long way to go.

Another unpleasant memory is of the rigidity and authoritarianism of the TUC machine. Protesters got not so much short shrift as no shrift at all - anyone in the gallery daring to boo was leapt upon and removed instantly, even if they promised not to do it again: no sign of the democratic right to dissent here. Leaflets, etc. were treated in the same way - nothing could be given out to delegates unless approved in advance by the TUC. Stewards were ordered to remove stickers supporting direct labour

opium addiction wears off

A comprehensive survey by the Bible Society has been unable to disguise the fact that only 11% of the population goes to church regularly - or that numbers are falling steadily.

Even the Catholics - bigger than the C of E for some years - are losing their congregation at a rate of 2% a year. Women members greatly outnumber men and in London at least, a third of church attenders are under fifteen. Most of the rest are over fifty-five; afraid of death or too young to know better...



WOMEN'S CYCLES WOMEN'S CYCLES WOMEN'S CYCLES WOMEN'S CYCLES WOMEN'S

WOMEN'S HEALTH WARNING

TAMPONS CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH

MORE AND MORE WOMEN, fed up with the price of ST's and tampons (15% VAT rating, ... razor blades no VAT), have recently been changing to using SMALL NATURAL SPONGES instead. They cost about 40p from chemists, the Body Shop (Kensington Gdns.) and will soon be available at the Women's Centre (North Road) and can be washed out and used again for at least 3 months. To sterilize them, they should be soaked in a solution of Milton's as with babies' bottles. (To avoid embarrassment in public toilets carry 2 or 3 sponges with you - but I've found women have been really interested and sympathetic).

Sponges are especially good for women who have had several children and usually have to use 2 or 3 tampons at a time - you just choose a bigger one ... or if you find tampons uncomfortable, because they're too big, you just choose a smaller one.

and the Bower paper workers; even the Trades Council's dance tickets had to be distributed on the quiet.

The behaviour of the large number of photographers underlined the fact that the conference was a show for the media rather than a meeting of trades unionists to discuss policies and action. They wandered about at will, getting in everyone's way and thronging round 'newsworthy' speakers. It must have taken a supreme effort of concentration to deliver a speech with ten or fifteen of them snapping away within three or four feet, often with lenses a foot long and six inches across. Needless to say, the TUC staff made no effort to control them.

'fair' hotels con

The General & Municipal Workers Union publishes a regularly updated list of hotels which have made 'fair-wage' agreements with their workers.

The Brighton area contains only seven: Bedford, Butlins (Saltdean), Grand, Imperial (Hove), Metropole, Old Ship and Royal Albion. In these few, while you reflect on how smoothly they are ripping you off, you can be glad at least that they aren't treating their staff too badly.



UNEMPLOYED? ON SHORT-TIME?

DON'T JUST SIT THERE!!!

voice from the terraces

The unprintable thoughts of Chairman Bamber on the safety regulations that caused the temporary 24,000 limit on Albion gates have proved somewhat of a red (or in his case, blue) herring.

In fact, the main reason why crowds this season have been so dismal is Bamber's own decision to raise the entrance money to £2 a game - a particularly insensitive move when unemployment is so high. Brighton is a notoriously low-wage area at the best of times, and it seems a bit much to expect us to put up with the highest entrance fee in the league - no sign of 50p entrance for the unemployed here, even if Coventry can do it.

Bamber's answer would no doubt be that success in modern football has to be bought, but even so, there are ways of raising the money rather more fairly. How about selling shares in the club, for instance? As a socialist, I would hardly be advocating this sort of thing under normal circumstances, but in this case it does have some definite advantages:

Firstly, the cost would fall on those (including groups of supporters) who could afford it;

Secondly, it would result in a much closer relationship between club and people - a good thing from everyone's point of view;

Thirdly, it would give the Voice From The Terraces an entry into the boardroom, and just maybe an actual

corporation con

While we're on the subject of cons, did you know that not only do we subsidise all conferences that take place in 'our' Conference Centre, but also give delegates to them free goes at all sorts of things we have to pay for?

A 'facility card' is issued to each delegate allowing unlimited access to swimming pools, deck chairs, bowling, golf, putting, tennis and Volks' Railway - and that's on top of the free booze-up on the rates.

centre on the way out

One advantage of attending the TUC conference was the opportunity it gave to take a close look at the Brighton Centre - and believe me, the place is in pretty poor condition.

Defective doors, dangerous stair carpeting and the appalling state of the floor in the main hall are causing serious concern to those responsible for safety regulations, and visitors should proceed with caution. One woman dropped a coin, and watched it disappear down a hole to the floor below!

Having forked out £9million for this monstrosity, we are entitled to know why it is falling to bits so soon, not to mention who is going to pay for the repairs.....

blight on brighton

Once again Tory-controlled Brighton Council has shown its true (blue) colours. On 23 September the Council's Highways Committee approved the planning application by National Car Parks Ltd. (NCP) to build a 7-storey car park on the King Street/Church Street site. This is bad news for a town already dominated by extremely heavy motor car traffic. The Committee's decision ignores the strong opposition mounted by local pressure groups and by the Labour Party group on the Council, who see the car park as a visual obscenity as well as a lure for increased car use in the town centre. Labour Councillor Brian Fitch called the proposed multi-storey tower 'a blight on an area full of architecture of historical interest.' Who needs a massive grey wall in the middle of Brighton? Not the small shopkeeper, but the businessmen and women working in the offices of the big banks, building societies and insurance companies cashing in on the Tory's recessionist policies.

Notable by their absence when the vote was taken were Liberal Councillors - notably Coun. David Rogers (Liberal spokesperson on the Highways Committee). Liberals have always paid lip-service to the horrors of multi-storey car parks as part of their new 'community politics' image, but their absence on Sept. 23rd must suggest a clear capitulation to Tory/business interests.

**TELL THATCHER
"ITS TIME TO GO"**



BRIGHTON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

**March 1.45 pm from Peace Statue
(Brighton/Hove Seafront Boundary)**

Rally 3.00 pm at Brighton Level

say in the running of the club, though I agree this is a bit optimistic. League clubs still resemble the 19th. century model of capitalism that they sprang from far too closely; the Albion is our club and was long before Bamber or Mullery became involved. Some of us have been paying wages and transfer fees through the turnstiles since the days in the Southern League: isn't it about time we came in out of the cold?

keegan 1, education 0,

Thatcher-kisser Kevin Keegan has now lent (or rather, sold) his name to a Heinz Beans campaign to back the Tory spending cuts.

"Help your school obtain the recreation items it needs", says the label; "your school will welcome your help". So will the Tories who should be providing it.....

capitalism doubles up

Last year's donations from big business to the Tories more than doubled to nearly £3 million.

Top contributors included Beechams (£20,000), Cadbury Schweppes (£15,000), GEC (£50,000), European Ferries (£15,000), Marks & Spencer (£20,000), Mothercare (£25,000), Rank Hovis MacDougall (£30,000), Trust House Forte (£28,000), United Biscuits (£30,000).




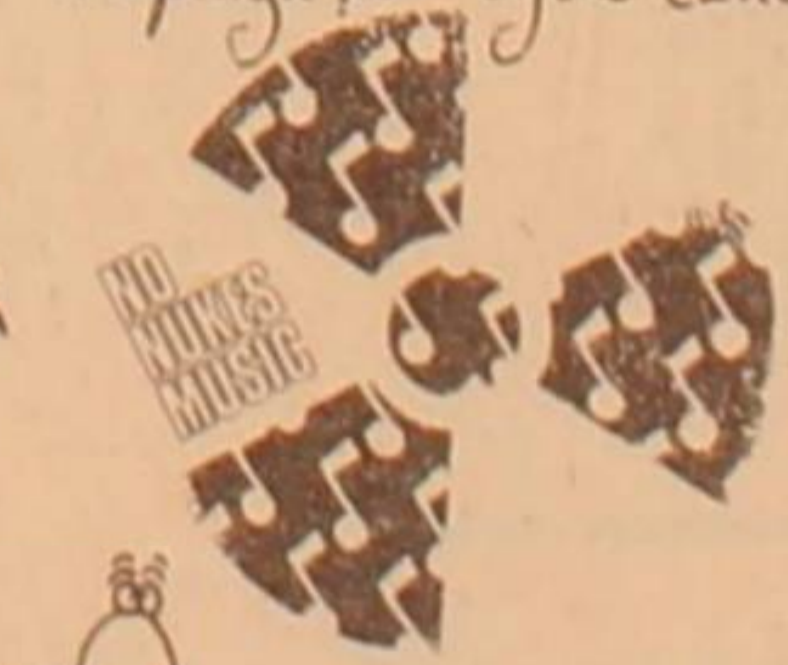


Nice to know where your money's going, innit?

Brighton Voice

OCTOBER

WHAT'S ON

F&P Pendkarn Ltd., c/o
40 Cowper St., Hove

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
<p>* Tory Conference all this week - heckle your hardest !!</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band.</p> <p>* Concorde - Taverners</p> <p>* Gardner - 'French Dressing' (Alan Melville - till 11d Oct)</p> <p>* Raffles Wine Bar - St James St - Pete Burgerian + Barry Walker (Blues Band)</p> <p>* University - York Bar Radio Folmer Road Show 8.00 (NUS only). Crypt - Gay Soc Disco 8.00 (NUS)</p> <p>* Brighton Community Arts Workshop (Kids) 4.30 - 6.00 St Anns Hall, St Georges Rd Kids 8 - 12 yrs. Every Monday</p>	<p>* Brighton Actors Workshop. Theatre Upstairs, Railway Tavern, Surrey St (opp Brighton BR) - The Dumb Waiter (Pinter) Lunchtime (1.15) Till Oct 12th 7.5p. Concessions 50p.</p> <p>* Brighton Poly, Basement, Grand Parade Lillyput + Furious Pig 8.20 Tickets - Attrix</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band</p> <p>* University - Park Village Disco 8.00 (NUS)</p> <p>* Women's Self-Defence to SC Hove C.C.</p> <p>* Pavilion Gardens - Demonstration against civil reception for Tories</p>	<p>* Concorde - Wilbury Jam 8.00</p> <p>* Marlborough - Folk - Carolanne Pegg</p> <p>* Northern - Panama Jazz Band</p> <p>* Alhambra - Birds with Ears</p> <p>* Gardner - Painting Exhibition Patrick George - till 30d Oct</p> <p>* University - 'Societies Fair' - all day Mandela Hall - Cuts + Unemployment meeting - speakers from National NUS SC Region TUC 6.00pm all welcome Norwich House Disco + all night films York House Bar - Folk Song Concert Brian Cookman 8.00</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY 'Women + the Law' tutorials, Friends Centre 8pm →</p>	<p>* Stanford Arms (Preston Circus) - Laughing Gas - every Thursday</p> <p>* Concorde - Blue Junction + Louder Animal Group</p> <p>* Shakespeare's Head - Bill + Bruce (free)</p> <p>* The King Alfred, Kingsway, Hove Al Bamatt + Bob Everhart (Country Music)</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band</p> <p>* Brighton Museum - Lunchtime Lecture - 1.05pm (free!) lasts 1/2 hour</p> <p>* University - Disabled Theatre Group Mandela Hall 8.00</p> <p>* York Bar - Disco + bar extension</p> <p>* Right to Work march arrives about 5pm Preston Park. Join the march. Benefit Bop - Hungry Years with the Ammonites</p>	<p>* Right to Work - Picket conference Centre with employed, unemployed, Brighton Trades Council, Brighton Poly + University Student Unions.</p> <p>* Mandela Hall 8.00 - Band + Disco (NUS)</p> <p>* Top Rank - Specials - Tickets - Virgin</p> <p>* Theatre Upstairs, The Railway Tavern (opp Brighton BR) - Graeco Theatre Co (Theatre of the Disabled) 8.00</p> <p>* Alhambra - Fascinations</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Dave Burland 8.00</p> <p>* Northern - Knights of Montreaux</p> <p>* University Debating Chamber - Labour Students - Andy Bevan + Trades Council Speakers 12.00 all welcome</p>	<p>* Brighton Poly - Sallis Benney Hall Red Beans + Rice Art College, Grand Parade 8.30</p> <p>* University - Counteract Theatre talk by Ann Jones first, Lancs House 8.00</p> <p>Mandela Hall - USTA Barn Dance 8.00</p> <p>* Marlborough, Princes St - Singalong</p> <p>* Alhambra Ammonites</p> <p>* OMAC - Upper Market St. Guitar Master class. David Russell 10.30am 50p</p>	<p>* Us! 'Voice' meeting Resource Centre 8.30 General discussion. All welcome</p> <p>* Northern - Woodbine</p> <p>* Pedestrian Arms - lunchtime rock band every Sunday</p> <p>* Alhambra Daddy Yum Yum</p> <p>* Concorde Wilbury Jam</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Terry Masterston 8.00</p> <p>* Shakespeare's Head - Shakespeare Head + Irish Folk (free!)</p> <p>* University - Hunt Sabr AGM Rean 11.2 2.00pm</p>
<p>13</p> <p>* Dome - Shadows</p> <p>* Gardner Centre for the Arts - Jazz Rock Concert 7.45</p> <p>* Concorde - Ceilidh</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band - all proceeds to Brighton Housing Trust</p> <p>* University - Gay Soc Disco - Crypt 9.00pm (NUS only)</p> <p>* Brighton Community Arts Workshop (Kids) see above. Tel 697493 ask for Fred or Barbara.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>* Women's Self-Defence to SC Hove Community Centre.</p> <p>* University - Siren Theatre Group Debating Chamber 8.00</p> <p>* Alhambra - Dick Damage and the Silhouettes</p> <p>* Eagle - 'Bricicles' (Brighton Cyclists campaign) meeting see 26th</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>* Top Rank - Skids - tickets Virgin</p> <p>* University - Mandela Hall Alvin Lee + Chevy (support) 8.00 (NUS only)</p> <p>* Gardner - Lunchtime Concert 1.15 - 2.00 every Wed 7.5pm Concessions 50p</p> <p>* Northern - Panama Jazz Band</p> <p>* Marlborough Folk - Club Night - Clive Bennett</p> <p>* Alhambra - Ammonites</p> <p>* Concorde - Wilbury Jam 8.00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>* Brighton Museum - Lunchtime Lecture - 1.05pm (free!) lasts 1/2 hr</p> <p>* Theatre Upstairs - Railway Tavern 8.00 'Clean Break' - theatre group of ex-prisoners (women). Cast/audience after show discussion £1.30 Concessions £1.00</p> <p>* University - Gay Soc Strugglers Rest 4.00 all welcome. CND - Lewis Room 5.00 SWSO - Debating Chamber 5.00 Comm Soc - Room 112</p> <p>Gay Sweatshop Mandela Hall 'Blood Green' 8.00 £1.20 on door.</p> <p>* Concorde - April + the Fools + Voluntary sector</p> <p>* Shakespeare's Head. Same as 9th</p> <p>* Alhambra - Ammonites</p> <p>* The King Alfred, Kingsway Hove - Gordie West, Younie + Norman Champion (Country Music)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>* East Sussex County Council Education Committee 10.30 Pelham House, Lewes. Possible picket by Brighton Nursery Schools Joint Action</p> <p>* Top Rank UB 40 8.00 Tickets - Virgin</p> <p>* Women only all night vigil against rape + intimidation. Churchill Square. 4.00pm</p> <p>* 'Clean Break' women ex-prisoner theatre group. see 16th</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Mick Teus + Pat Smith 8.00</p> <p>* Northern - Knights of Montreaux</p> <p>* Alhambra - Drones</p>	<p>18</p> <p>* Alhambra - Chefs 8.00</p> <p>* Marlborough - Singalong</p> <p>* 'Clean Break' theatre group see 16th</p> <p>* Royal Society Protection of Birds Films - Dome 2.30 + 7.30</p> <p>* Labour Party Jumble Sale St Peters Church Hall 10.30am</p> <p>* Your organisation on this page? It'll cost you the price of a stamp or phone call. 604310</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Us again! 'Voice' meeting Cowper St. all welcome</p> <p>Shakespeare's Head - see 12th</p> <p>Northern - Woodbine</p> <p>Pedestrian Arms - lunchtime rock!</p> <p>Concorde - Wilbury Jam</p> <p>Jenkinsons - Simple Minds</p> <p>Springfield Folk - Faith Petri + friends 8.00</p> <p>Alhambra - Daddy Yum Yum</p>
<p>20</p> <p>* University - Gay Soc Disco Crypt - 8.00 (NUS only)</p> <p>* Brighton Community Arts Workshop (Kids) see 6th + 13th</p> <p>* Mango Theatre Co - Debating Club.</p> <p>* Raffles Wine Bar - St James St Bruce Seattle + Bill Smith (un-describable!)</p> <p>* Concorde - Taverners</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band. proceeds to BHT</p>	<p>21</p> <p>* Old Market Arts Centre (OMAC) Upper Market St Hove Exhibition - 'Inside Brighton' by the Regency Society.</p> <p>* Brighton Poly - Basement, Grand Parade 'Blurt' 8.30</p> <p>* Mango - see 20th</p> <p>* Gardner Arts - 'Biograph Girl' Director Victor Spivetti. Till 1st Nov</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band</p> <p>* 6.30 - 8.30 Hove Community Centre, Southern Street. Women's Self-Defence.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>* Students Against Nuclear Energy (SANE) Brighton Poly Basement Grand Parade 2.00pm.</p> <p>* Mango - see 20th</p> <p>* University - Com Soc Debating Chamber 5.00</p> <p>* Alhambra - Birds with Ears</p> <p>* Marlborough Folk - Cyril Tauney</p> <p>* Concorde - Wilbury Jam</p> <p>* Northern - Panama Jazz Band</p> <p>* Why did I ever let myself in for writing this lot?</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>* Brighton Museum Lunchtime Lecture</p> <p>* Sussex University Gay Soc 4.00 Strugglers Rest</p> <p>* Shakespeare's Head - see 9th</p> <p>* University - SWSO</p> <p>* Alhambra - Drones</p> <p>* The King Alfred, Kingsway Hove 'Poacher' - Country Band.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>* University - Mandela Hall Classic Nouveau 8.00pm (NUS)</p> <p>* Alhambra - Exclusives</p> <p>* Northern - Knights of Montreaux</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Transports of Delight 8.00</p> <p>* Over 1/2 way now!</p>	<p>25</p> <p>* Marlborough - Singalong</p> <p>* Alhambra - Fascinations</p> <p>* Sea front - Mass cycle rally to campaign for cycle lanes see 26th</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>* National CND Demo. Assemble Hyde Park 11.00am. It's gonna be big. Coaches or train from Brighton. Watch for details. Pop from Mickey Dread, Athletics Spizz.</p> <p>* Voice meeting Cowper St</p> <p>* Top Rank - Rock Pile 8.00</p> <p>* Shakespeare's Head - see 12th</p> <p>* Northern - Woodbine</p> <p>* Pedestrian Arms - lunchtime rock.</p> <p>* Alhambra Daddy Yum Yum</p> <p>* Concorde Wilbury Jam</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Michael Moor + Doug Morley 8.00</p> <p>* Clocks back 1 hour tonight</p>
<p>27</p> <p>* University - Gay Soc Disco Crypt (NUS only)</p> <p>* Brighton Community Arts Workshop for Kids 4.30 - 6.00 Give Fred or Barbara a ring - they're still waiting 697493</p> <p>* Concorde - Taverners</p> <p>* Alhambra - live band proceeds to BHT</p> <p>* Voice is published 1st Monday of the month. WWS!</p>	<p>28</p> <p>* Alhambra - Dick Damage and the Silhouettes.</p> <p>* Getting near the end of the month - time to renew your 'Voice' subscription? Why not take out a sub for a friend for Xmas? £3 for 12 issues - see elsewhere in this edition for details</p> <p>* Women's Self-Defence Southern Street, Hove, C.A</p> <p>* Announce your group's activities in these columns every month.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>* Mandela Hall - Q Tips (NUS only) 8.00</p> <p>* Alhambra - Birds with Ears</p> <p>* Concorde - Wilbury Jam.</p> <p>* Marlborough - Halloween Party</p> <p>* Northern - Panama Jazz Band</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>* Brighton Museum - Lunchtime lecture</p> <p>* University - Gay Soc 4.00 Strugglers Rest</p> <p>* Concorde - Birds with Ears + Golinsky Brothers</p> <p>* The King Alfred, Kingsway, Country Music with Pete Henry/Linda Venor + Johnny Elk.</p> <p>* Alhambra - Drones</p>	<p>31</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Roy Harris 8.00</p> <p>* Northern - Knights of Montreaux</p> <p>* Alhambra - Exclusives</p> <p>* November 'Whats on' dates - push them to the Voice by 25th Oct</p>	<p>Nov Marlborough Singalong 1</p> <p>* WARNING: HM GOVERNMENT DEFENCE POLICY CAN</p>  <p>SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH</p>	<p>2</p> <p>* 'Voice' meeting Resource Centre</p> <p>* Brighton + Hove Humanist Group Queens Head (opp Brighton BR) - 'Capitalism + Ethics' with Arthur Latham MP. 5.30</p> <p>* Pedestrian Arms - lunchtime rock.</p> <p>* Alhambra - Daddy Yum Yum</p> <p>* Concorde - Wilbury Jam</p> <p>* Springfield Folk - Les Barker + Mo Ackroyd 8.00</p> <p>* Northern - Woodbine</p>

For Local & National Activities See Brighton Voice Each Month

That's all folks see you next month

KEY Alhambra - Sea Front. Concorde - by Aquarium (Sea Front) Marlborough - Marlborough Place / Princes St. Northern - York Place. Pedestrian Arms - Foundry St. Springfield - Springfield Rd. Railway Tavern - Surrey St. Shakespeare's Head - Spring St. Eagle - Gloucester Rd. Friends Centre - Ship St.

This information page is designed to provide basic advice and information for/and about individuals and groups trying to obtain greater control over their own lives.

In the first section you will find names and telephone numbers of groups who can help or involve you in the longer term. The advice section contains groups specifically or mainly designed to provide advice. While the emergency section is for what it says. Some groups appear in more than one section, this is because they perform a range of functions.

Through lack of resources we are unable to keep this completely up to date. So readers or organizers of groups are asked to check their entries and inform us of changes and any new entries that may be useful.

We believe this fills a need in Brighton please help us to keep it up to date.

Adult Education

FRIENDS CENTRE: Voluntary adult education centre; meeting space. 16 Ship Street 27835.
WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Tel 680654.
EVENING CLASSES: There is a huge variety of evening classes run by, for example, the council, technical college, Polytechnic and University. For details, Education offices, York Buildings.

Community

RESOURCE CENTRE: Resources for the community. Meeting space, printing, duplicating, silk screen printing, community press, transport, information and help for community and other groups. North Road Tel 607141.

LINL-UP: Sussex University community action. Falmer House, University of Sussex. Tel 680380 Write for free copy of "Praxis".

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

BRUNSWICK C.A.: Lansdowne Centre. Tel 735928.
HANOVER C.A.: Self-build community centre. Tel 694873.

HOLLINGDEAN C.A.: Tel 509887.
KNOLL C.A.: Tel 413749
MOULSCOOMB C.A.: 67 Centre Tel 682428
NORTH LAINE C.A.: Julie Skoging 26 Tidy St
QUEEN'S PARK C.A.: Jon Bellos 33a Egremont Pl.
WEST HILL C.A.: Tel 213559

COMMUNITY CENTRES

JEWISH SOCIAL CENTRE Tel 737012
PAROSI: Multi-cultural centre, Lansdowne centre, Lansdowne Place, Hove.
PATCHAM C.C. Ladies Mile Road Patcham. 502188
WHITEHAWK C.C.: Tel 686793.

OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

CARTWHEEL: Trying to set up a village community using traditional skills. 5 Fairlight Pl.
NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE GROUP: Tel 721402.
TOY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (Btn & Hove) C/O 99A Ditchling Rise.

Disabled

AGE CONCERN See Advice section.
DISABLED CHILDREN'S TOY LIBRARY: Open alt Wed and Sat mornings St Gabriel's family centre Wellington Road Tel 605040

DISABLEMENT INCOME GROUP: To help disabled people to obtain benefits, entitlements etc Mrs D. Woolacott. Tel 415886

MENCAP: Brighton, Hove and District Society for Mentally Handicapped Children & Adults. Day centre, holiday home, outings. 1 Chesham Place Tel 696523.

FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER GROUPS contact Brighton and Hove Federation of the disabled. 17 Ditchling Rise (Brighton voluntary service centre. Tel 692664.

Elderly

AGE CONCERN: See Advice section
HELP THE AGED: Tel 552838
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF OLD AGE PENSIONERS ASSOCIATIONS: Contact Resource Centre. Tel 607141
SUNDAY NIGHT CLUB: "For lonely people who want to relax in a friendly atmosphere", meets every Sunday night at Central Free Church, Institute Hall, Queen's Square. Tel 730369
TUC PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION: Tel 504147

(un) Employment

ANTI LOW PAY GROUP: Tel Kevin 682295 or Andrew Lewes 77499.
CLAIMANTS UNION: Self-help for benefit claimants. Contact Rights Centre.
RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN: 19 Elm Grove 688633.

Environment

ANIMAL AID: Helen Archer, 342A Abbey Hotel, Norfolk Terrace. Tel 778771 ext 92
ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN: Tony 27845
BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Brighton & Lewes) L Hawkins, 14 The Lees Peacehaven. P'haven 4522
BRIGHTON SOCIETY: Environmental pressure - Selma Montford, 10 Claremont Road Tel 509209
CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND): Kate Soper and Martin Ryle. Tel 689459

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH: Ecological pressure - Mary Newman 32 Over St Tel 609891 or Kate Dessau 31083.

HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION: P.O. BOX 19 Tonbridge, Kent.

S.A.N.D. (SUSSEX ALLIANCE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT): Co-ordinating body for any nuclear disarmament/peace groups in Sussex. Sec E. Da ffern Tel 681181.

SERA (SOCIALIST ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES CENTRE): Mark Goodwin, 40 Regency Square.

SURVIVAL ACTION MOVEMENT: (Anti-nuclear weapon group) Burgess Hill: 221 London Rd Tel B'Hill 44817. B'ton: 178 Havelock Rd Tel 551013. Lewes: 55 St Anne's Crescent, Lewes 78131.

SUSSEX ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP: Tel 691398
TRANSPORT 2000: Meetings, second Tuesday of each month at Brighton station 7pm.

WORKING WEEKENDS ON ORGANIC FARMS: Contact Don Pynches, Lewes 6286.

Gay

CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY 8-10pm 202930
GAY CHRISTIANS: Tel Martin 680868
GAY RURAL AID & INFO NETWORK (GRAIN): Clyde Oliver, 69 North St, Lewes.

GAY SWITCHBOARD: Info & advice, 690825 8-10pm daily & 3-10pm Sat. P.O. BOX 449
LESBIAN GROUP: Jill 696298

Health/Alternative Medicine

ACUPUNCTURISTS: Peter Deadman B.Ac Lewes 77996
J.P.Scott 33 Surrenden Crescent 559379 (Also Alexandra Technique by appointment only.
Clinic of Chinese Acupuncture: 6 Old Steine Tel 699716 office hours.

ANOREXIC AID: see advice section.

CANCER PREVENTION (Area Health Authority) Tel 23344.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL: See advice section.
FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC: New Sussex Hospital, York Avenue entrance Tel 736255.

HOMEOPATH: Robert Withers, homeopath and acupuncturist. Portland Centre, Preston St 27464.
PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY Tel 25821

SECOND SUN HEALING: Healing through direct action and increased understanding 7 Terminus Road. Tel 29248.

SMOKING ADVICE CLINIC: Tel 23344.

Housing

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

DAY CENTRE: For Homeless people. Tea, help, advice and a cheap meal at 12pm. Mon/Tues/Thurs, Fri, 10am - 3.30pm. AT the Resource Centre.

FEDERATION OF TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS (Brighton) 72 Swanborough Place.

HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE: See advice section.

HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS: Contact Housing advice centre.

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

SQUATTERS AND TENANTS ADVISORY SERVICE: Advice to homeless and those with housing problems. C/O Resource Centre. 607141.

TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS: For info contact Resource Centre.

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

Parent/Child

GINGERBREAD: Self-help pressure group for one parent families. Basement, 6 Marlborough Place Mon/Thurs 10am-2pm. 697208, 688661 (not mornings)
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SINGLE WOMAN AND HER DEPENDANTS: Tel 500935.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS: Outings, entertainment for children and adults-divorced, widowed, separated etc. Meets 3-5.30pm in Lansdowne Centre, 58 Lansdowne Place, Hove. Tel 420320

WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS: Baby sitting, social events, creche etc Pauline 556510, 558746.

Politics

1. parties/groups

COMMUNIST PARTY OF BRITAIN (Marxist-Leninist) 37 Gloucester Road Tel 684404.

COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN: Pearl Coffin. 95A St George's Rd. Tel 687336.

CO-OPERATIVE PARTY: Brighton 86 London Rd Tel 683067. Hove J Cattell 29 Foredown Rd, Portslade.

FABIAN SOCIETY: George Forbes 66 Meadow Lane, Burgess Hill. B'Hill 43723.

LABOUR PARTY: Brighton 179 Lewes Rd. Hove 40 Cowper St. Lewes 3 North St Lewes 4312.

LABOUR PARTY YOUNG SOCIALISTS: Brighton C/O 179 Lewes Rd; Hove Clive Walder 120 Clarendon Rd Tel 722218; Lewes A Bryant 16 Willow Walk Newhaven 6299.

LIBERAL PARTY: Pavilion F.Hix 14a Ship St. Tel 25315 day 26560 eve; Kemptown A Frampton 32 Brownleaf Rd 36817; Hove & Portslade

J McCormack II Wellington Avenue, Hove 738462.
NEW COMMUNIST PARTY: M Chaplin 83 Edburton Avenue.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY: 19 Elm Grove 687848
YOUNG LIBERALS: C/O D Rogers 8 Guilford St Tel 26011

2. local campaigns/pressure groups

BRIGHTON ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON PROJECT (BAPP) See advice section.

GEORGE STREET AREA SOCIETY: (Save George St Campaign). Howard Allaway, 7 Steine Gdns 693763
HUMANIST GROUP (BRIGHTON AND HOVE): Details W. McIlroy, 32 Over St Tel 696425. Meets first Sun of each month at Queen's Head, Queen's Road.

KINGSCLIFFE CONSERVATION SOC: 18 Bedford St

PRESTON CIRCUS ASSOCIATION: Celia Mather 39 Stanley Road, 691771

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

SAVE THE FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS CAMPAIGN C/O F.P.A., 13A Western Road. Tel 774075

WEST PIER SOCIETY: Jon Lloyd 5 Belle Vue Gdns Tel 603705

3. local branches - national/international

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: (Brighton & Hove group. Colin or Mary 400832.

ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE: 179 Lewes Road.

ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE: C/O Resources Centre 607141

ANTI-NUCLEAR CAMPAIGN: Tony 27845.

BRIGHTON UNION FOR DEVELOPMENT: Oxfam, 31 Western Road, Hove.

EDUCATION FIGHTBACK: Fight for an education worth defending. Meets fortnightly at Resource Centre. 8pm.

LEGALISE CANNABIS CAMPAIGN: Tel 608528.

RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN: Tel 688633.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION: Exists to promote the work and ideals of the U.N. Nancy Dore, 157 Surrenden Road. Tel 501370

Publications

MEETING SPACES DIRECTORY:

HOVE & PORTSLADE OR THE DISABLED.

BRIGHTON & HOVE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT: all these from resource centre.

QUEENSPARK: Paper for the Queen's Park area. C/O 13 West Drive.

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

WAYBILL: Newsheet of T.G.W.U. 1/402 Btn & Hove district buspeople, from Conway St Depot.

WHOLE EARTH: Alternative technology, organic living, local environmental action. II George Street. Tel 694600.

INDEPENDANT LABOUR PUBLICATIONS: Gary Kent Tel 558070.

Self-Help

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

FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER: Meditation teaching, yoga, communication exercise no charge. Wed meditation 7.15pm, Thurs Hatha yoga. Tel 698420.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS: Tel 503715.

HOVE DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CLUB: Tel 776430
MEN AGAINST THE PATRIARCHY: For men struggling against sexism. David 692367.

MERLIN WORK COLLECTIVE: Property repairs, domestic & secretarial work, transport, tutoring, mechanics, electrics, disco. Over 40 skills on tap. Tel 26516 or 812962.

MIND: ex-psychiatric patients group. Tel 730369

S.H.A.R.E.: for parents of the mentally handicapped. Tel 416468.

SCHIZOPHRENIA NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP: (Brighton & Hove branch) Tel 33824.

Shops

1. food

INFINITY FOODS: Wholefoods, bread and bulk supplies. North Road. Closed Wednesdays.

PURE JOY: Wholefoods catering collective. 19 Hammy Way, Shoreham. Tel Shoreham 62301.

SAXONS VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT: George St, Mon/Thurs 11.30-4.45, Fri/Sat 11.30-3 & 7.15-10.15.

SIMPLE SUPPLIES: Wholefoods, George St. 9.30-5.30pm Mon-Sat. Open Fri till 6.30pm.

SUNRISE VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT, North Rd. Open Noon-5pm.

THREE ROOMS CAFE: Blatchington road, Hove. Vegetarian cafe, open 10-3. take-aways.

2. books

BOOKSHOPS: These shops sell books and magazines on rights, community action, politics, alternative technology, feminism and women's studies, mythologies, natural resources, literature, education etc.

PUBLIC HOUSE: 21 Little Preston st. Tel 28357 Open Mon-Sat 10.15- 5.30pm

SOLSTICE: Trafalgar Street.

QUEENSPARK: 33 Egremont Place. Tel 690428.

WINDHORSE EMPORIUM: George st.

WORKERS BOOKSHOP: 37 Gloucester Rd Sat 10-4pm.

RECORDS: ATTRIX RECORDS, Sydney St. Sells many small label records. partic good on local bands

BRIGHTON AND HOVE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE: offers various services to individuals, political and community groups. These include:- transport, printing and duplicating, silk-screen facilities, information and support for new groups. Top of North Rd. Tel 607141.

DUPLICATING: The following places also offer duplicating facilities:- Gay Switchboard 694379, Friends centre 16 Ship St 27835, Infinity foods 25 North Rd 603563, Carden Youth Wing Carden Avenue 558897, Childbirth trust 71922, North Star studios 65 Ditchling Rd 601041. Also Brighton Voice.

Trade Unions

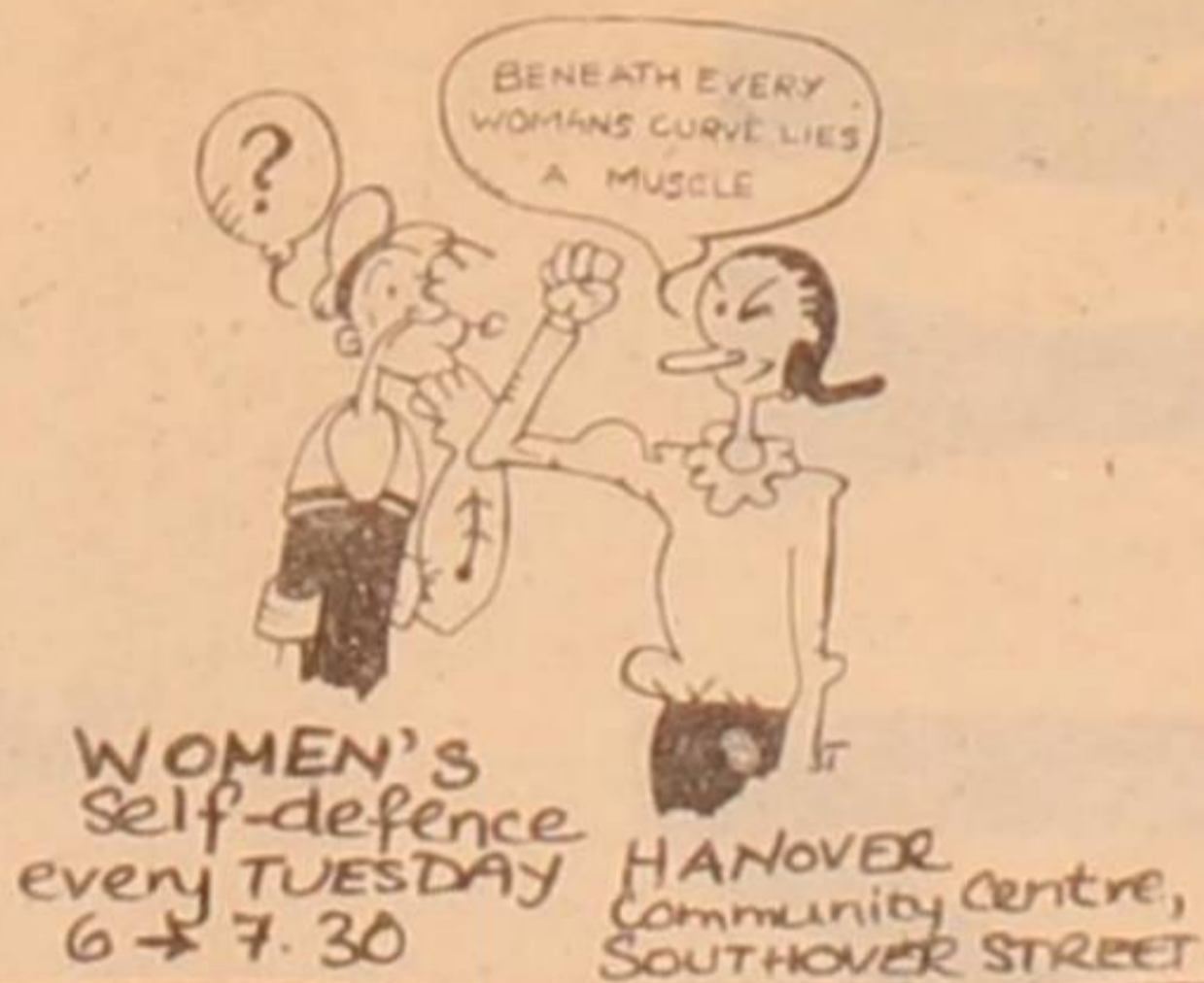
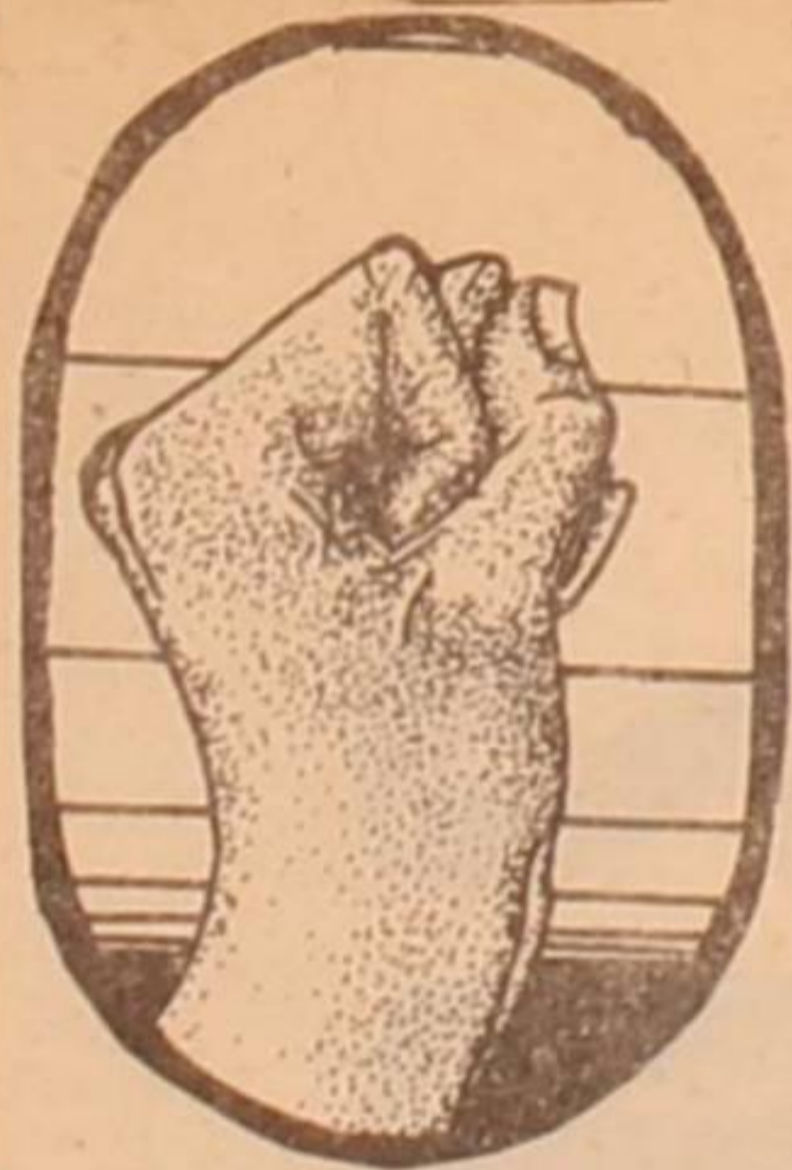
TRADES AND LABOUR CLUB: Meeting place for trades unionists 16 Lewes Road, 601101
TRADES UNION COUNCIL: Co-ordinating group of local Trades Unions affiliated to the TUC - Ann Jones, 70 Hartington Road, Tel 601559
TUC PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION: Tel 504147

Women

BIRTH CENTRE (BTN): Info & support group. Pregnancy, birth & early infant child care. Yoga in pregnancy classes & infant swimming classes. Tel 689194 or 28357.
BRIGHTON LESBIAN GROUP: Jill 696298.
NATIONAL ABORTION CAMPAIGN: C/O Women's centre.
PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE: See advice.
WIDOWS CLUB: 47 Tivoli Crescent, Dyke Road. Meet 8pm fourth Wed 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 Centre Tel 605911. See advice section for times.
WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM: Tel 684604 & Lewes 4161.
WOMEN'S LIBERATION: Meet Resource Centre every third Monday. Info 605911
WOMEN'S VOICE: Based on W.V. paper Sue 21260
WORKING ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS: Baby sitting, social events, creche. Pauline. Tel 556510.

Youth

BRIGHTON CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT:
SHOREHAM YOUTH WORKSHOP: The Barn, St Julians Lane, Shoreham by sea. Tel 593535.
SUSSEX YOUTH ASSOCIATION: Tel 682282
FOR OTHER YOUTH CLUBS/ASSOCIATIONS: Tel 29801.



Advice

AGE CONCERN Old people's welfare/advice 57 Ditchling Road, Mon-Fri 10am-12.30pm & 2-4pm Tel 683275
ANOREXIC AID: Penny: 775084, Jane 734862, Rosemary: 507912
BRIGHTON ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON PROJECT (BAPP) info & advice, employment counselling, literacy and numeracy for those at risk of going to prison- Room I, The Institute, Central Free Church, Queen Square: Mon & Wed 3.30-6pm, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm, Tel 25998. Fri 2.15-6pm tel 607141
CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY 8-10pm 202930
CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU: Brighton-17 Ditchling Rise. Mon/Fri 10am-4pm, Tues 6-8pm. 2 St Georges place Mon/Fri 10am-1pm & 2-4pm Tel 601664
Hove-Town Hall, Tisbury Road: Mon/Wed/Fri 10am-12.30pm & 2.15-4pm. Tue/Thur 10am-4pm Tel 734811
COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL Advice on hassles with the N.H.S. (Brighton) 33824, (Hove) 71186
CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT 681118
HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE (COUNCIL) 73 Grand Parade: Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm. Tel 29801
LABOUR WEEKLY ADVICE CENTRE: 10.30-11.30am 79 Lewes Road.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES: Tel 689385 or C/O Public House Bookshop.
PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE: (B.P.A.S.): Pregnancy testing, counselling, abortions, vasectomys. Wistons 138 Dyke Road. Tel 509726.
RENT TRIBUNAL: Rent, landlord/tenant disputes security of tenure etc. 137 Preston Rd 506381.
RIGHTS CENTRE: Central free church, Queen Square. Tues 5.30-7pm, Thurs 12.30-2&5.30-7pm Tel 202492.
WOMEN'S AID: Refuge for battered women. Contact Women's Centre.
WOMEN'S CENTRE: Tues/wed/Thurs 11am-2pm & 6.30-8pm, Fri 11am-2pm and Sat 11am-4pm. Tel 605911. If urgent 697225 or 684702.

Emergency

ARRESTED-RELEASE-01-603-8654
 Samaritans 772277
 GAY Switchboard 690825 8-10pm daily 3-10pm Sat
 WOMENSAID 1/2 Womens Centre see Advice
 NSPCC 553334
 Parents Helpline 688633
 Royal Sussex County Hospital 606611
 SOCIAL SERVICES 693693
 OUT OF HOURS 682288

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Of the 60, only a dozen were over 18 and virtually none

were women, but the size of the NF picket shows that they are now feeling more confident than they were 2 years ago.

The police made only 1 NF arrest.

SO YOU ARE NEEDED AT: the next

ANL PUBLIC MEETING at the Resource Centre, on Thursday 16th October at 8p.m., To organise against: **FASCIST MARCH IN WELLING, SOUTH LONDON**, on Saturday 18th October.

10 a.m. coaches from St Peters Church.

For further info contact Polytechnic at 683585

and to organise leafletting against NF paper sales at the football ground and in the town centre. For further activities contact the above number.

EVERYONE OPPOSED TO THE NF IS ASKED TO INFORM THE ANL WHERE THE NF ARE SELLING, LEAFLETTING OR DOING GRAFFITI. THE ANL'S POLICY IS TO BE THERE FIRST AND IN GREATER NUMBERS TO DENY THE NF THEIR PITCH.



Have you noticed any improvement in the Voice recently? Since we increased its size in July we've packed in twice as much news and info, and each issue has practically sold out. The Voice is proving so popular that the local constabulary took 40 copies last month. As yet they haven't been paid for, so would the policeman concerned please 'rush' his £6 to 40 Cowper St. or at least return the copies after reading them.

The 40 copies were taken from a street-seller outside the TUC conference at the Brighton Centre last month. The seller was cautioned for "selling without a licence" although many other newspaper-sellers in the same area were left completely alone. We could get into questions of censorship of the alternative-press, but we leave you to think over the implications. Despite our natural annoyance, our letter to the police

was very polite, but unfortunately the police's reply was not very helpful....

SUSSEX POLICE
 POLICE STATION, JOHN STREET, BRIGHTON, BN2 2LA
 Telephone: Brighton 606744 Extension:
 Date: 24 September 1980
 My Ref:
 Your Ref:

40 Cowper Street
 Hove
 12 September 1980



Forty copies of Brighton Voice please

Dear Sir/Madam,
 On 2 September (around 2 pm) outside the Brighton Centre, on the second day of the TUC Conference, one of our collective was cautioned by a Police Constable and about 40 Brighton Voice papers were "confiscated".

On phoning John Street police station, they knew nothing of the incident and suggested we write to you.

We wish to know under what law these newspapers were confiscated, how we go about gaining the return of these newspapers or a reimbursement of their sale value.

We cannot aid you by giving the number of the PC concerned but we have witnesses.

Yours,
 Brighton Voice

Dear Sir
 I have received a letter dated 12 September 1980 from your address which was unsigned and the writer unidentified.
 In view of this I am afraid I cannot give you any information about the matter.

Yours faithfully

 Superintendent

Brighton Voice
 40 Cowper Street
 HOVE
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FRI. 10th OCT. FROM 12 NOON**

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