

Brighton Voice

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.....and lots, lots more....

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A SINGLE COLOUR VOICE THIS MONTH
DUE TO PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE
FIRE. HOWEVER, GLAD TO SAY WE'RE
STILL FIGHTING FIT!

THE BURNING QUESTION ?.....



AT ABOUT 2.00 A.M. ON MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, THE RESOURCE CENTRE, NORTH ROAD, BURN'T DOWN. THIS IS THE RESULT. MORE INFORMATION INSIDE. page 3



.... MEANWHILE THE N.F. HAVE STARTED TO LEAFLET IN
AIR STREET ON SATURDAYS. THESE PEOPLE ASSULTED SEVERAL
ANL MEMBERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC RECENTLY.
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.....and talking of FIRES.....

The **CUTS** and our
FIRESERVICE.... a local
Firefighter speaks out p6&10

SATURDAY NOV.8th
MARCH AGAINST
RACISM & FASCISM
ASSEMBLE AT 10-30 AT THE LEVEL

ORGANISED BY BRIGHTON & HOVE ANTI FASCIST COMMITTEE/A.N.L.



NO NF
in our
schools

FOR AN
LIST OF
SCHOOLS
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Letters



Dear Brighton Voice,

As the 'anonymous' person to whom Geoff Jones referred in his letter last month, I would like to make a few points.

In his efforts to call Marx to his assistance he missed out the one about nations that oppress other nations shall not themselves be free. Having recognised that capitalism (and Imperialism) uses the divisions in those it oppresses in order to survive, Geoff Jones is at a total loss to understand how to combat this. When I group believes it is inherently superior to another group - as the Loyalists in Northern Ireland do - the only way to conquer the divisions that have resulted is for the oppressed group itself to organise to defend itself. Geoff Jones' statistics (the origins of which are not disclosed) if not phoney are highly selective. According to the 1978 Report of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, 51% of economically active households on the Catholic Falls Road have an unemployed head of household (cf to 14% on the Shankill). The Falls also has 3 times the number of 1 parent families and 83% of houses in the catholic Cromarc Ward lack all 4 standard amenities. Unemployment is where sectarianism bites deepest - Harland & Wolf, the biggest employers in N Ireland - employed only 500 catholics out of a workforce of 10,000. Catholic unemployment is nearly twice that of the Protestants - so there is a very real material basis to sectarianism.

It was the division of Ireland into 2 parts in accordance with British Imperialism's economic interests that produced the National Question. Far from being a mirror image of the Orange Card, it is precisely an attempt to overcome the divisions in the Irish Working Class which the border represents. The Orange Order was formed in 1795 as a direct result of the growth in support for the United Irishmen (who were Protestants). You can no more accuse republicans of sectarianism than you can accuse the womens' movement of reflecting mens' sexism or black self defence groups of being the equivalent of the National Front.

The Trade Union movement in Northern Ireland also reflects the division of Ireland into 2. You forget Geoff that there has been a Labour Party in N Ireland - it was called the Northern Ireland Labour Party. It was when the Civil Rights Movement developed and the IRA was reborn (as a result of pogroms against the catholic community) that the NILP fell apart. A Labour Party can only develop in Northern Ireland when catholics are prepared to buckle under and accept their lot. Otherwise how do you explain the derisory vote that the President of the Derry Trades Council got (himself a supporter of Militant!) at the May 79 General Election? It is a reflection of the Imperialist mentality that you should be prescribing what parties are necessary for the achievement of socialism in Ireland. You said that any comparison with Rhodesia was idiotic as the whites there were only landowners.

I always thought that Militant considered civil servants, shop keepers, clerks etc as members of the working class. If not Zimbabwe what about South Africa? There is certainly a white working class there. Are the black political organisations there sectarian? And what about Israel - is the PLO sectarian? You are quite right to say that the Catholic Church doesn't wish to see a united working class hence its traditional opposition to Republicanism.

It is because national liberation is a pre-condition to the achievement of socialism, that the troops should be withdrawn.

Tony Greenstein

Dear Brighton Voice,

I very much regret the implied knocking of Church attendance and the slur implied by the heading "Opium Addiction Wears Off", in Brian Dougal's Undercurrents (October edition). Whereas it is true that in all generations there have been a minority who have clung to religion because of 'fear of death' or superstition, it is not appropriate to imply that the majority of people with a religious persuasion hold such beliefs out of superstition or ignorance. For many of us the religious context provides the most rational framework within which to understand all aspects of life - of which contemporary politics is only one aspect. Thus religion, at its best, can prevent a narrow perspective or one which seeks only the goals of its own adherents. The bases of the Welfare State owe much to the types of people that slurs were cast upon and the Trade Union Movement had its roots in the early class meetings of the Methodist Church. As a result of our Christian beliefs, some, such as myself, have been led to take up offices within the Trade Union Movement.

However, even if all Christians were of an identical persuasion, it would be inappropriate to judge the essence of religion only by the lives of adherents without a study of what religion, whether it be Christianity or any other, has to say. Some educationalists have questioned the value of religious education for the very young on the grounds that religion presupposes an attitude towards life attainable only by mature adults. Whether this is the case or not, it will be true that the under 15s referred to will be too young to have a full awareness of life, but hopefully they will continue to develop. However, it is sad that so many older people's development in this sphere is stunted by a blinkered perception or by a refusal to outgrow childish concepts of what religion is about.

For those interested in the Christian basis of Socialist political commitment I refer them to Tony Benn's address at Mansfield College Chapel, Oxford, in 1979.

Please, don't judge by external appearances only and don't judge what you have an inadequate knowledge about.

Yours,
Mike Dennis

NUCLEAR ARGUS?

Ever wondered why the Evening Argus doesn't print much anti-nuclear news? Perhaps the answer lies in 'ATOM'. This free promotional magazine is issued by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, the body which has

overall responsibility for both power and weapons production in Britain. At the bottom of the back page, in tiny type, stands "printed by Westminster Press, Argus House, North Road, Brighton."

no to rape, to silence; no to oppression

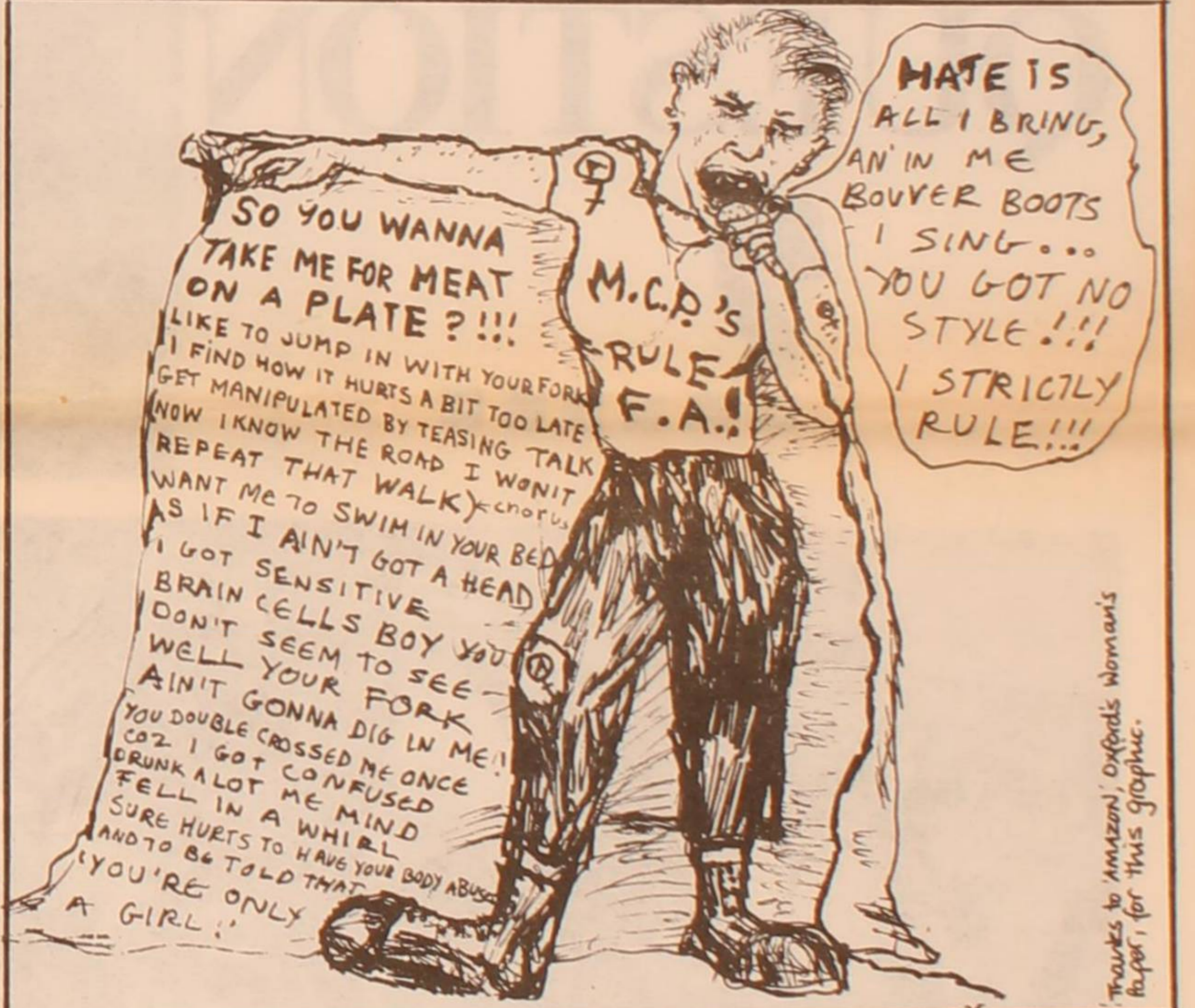
On Friday the 17th October, women from Brighton held a rape vigil. We decided to protest about Rape because we are angry. We are angry that rape is presented as the random act of a few 'sex-starved' men who attack a few 'attractive' women. We know that this is not true; that the reality is that all kinds of men rape all kinds of women, whatever their age, race, religion. Men rape women. The reason for this fact lies in male attitudes towards women - the assumption that men have rights over our bodies.

Even where we are not the specific target of Rape, all women are oppressed by it. We cannot walk home alone after dark. We must avoid lonely places. Walking or being alone even in the daytime has its dangers. All women experience them even if they choose to shrug them off.

To make a protest about Rape, we stood in Churchill Square from 4.00p.m. on Friday in rotas, until Saturday morning, singing songs and talking to passers-by. As though to make our case for us, we were accosted by several men, late at night. There were two separate attacks on us by men who objected to our protest about Rape, implying that our being there accused them of rape. They saw us a threat and accordingly fought us.

The details are history now, but the lessons for us was that those men acted out their "rights" over us...to silence us as women, to insult us, to threaten and even to hit us. This they did because they believe they are free to.

WE SAY NO TO RAPE, TO SILENCE, TO OPPRESSION. A woman has rights over her own body. We assert that right for ourselves and for all women.



A Rape victim knows that if she struggles she faces worse violence than if she doesn't. But the law recognises her submission as 'agreement' to the violation. Double-bind!

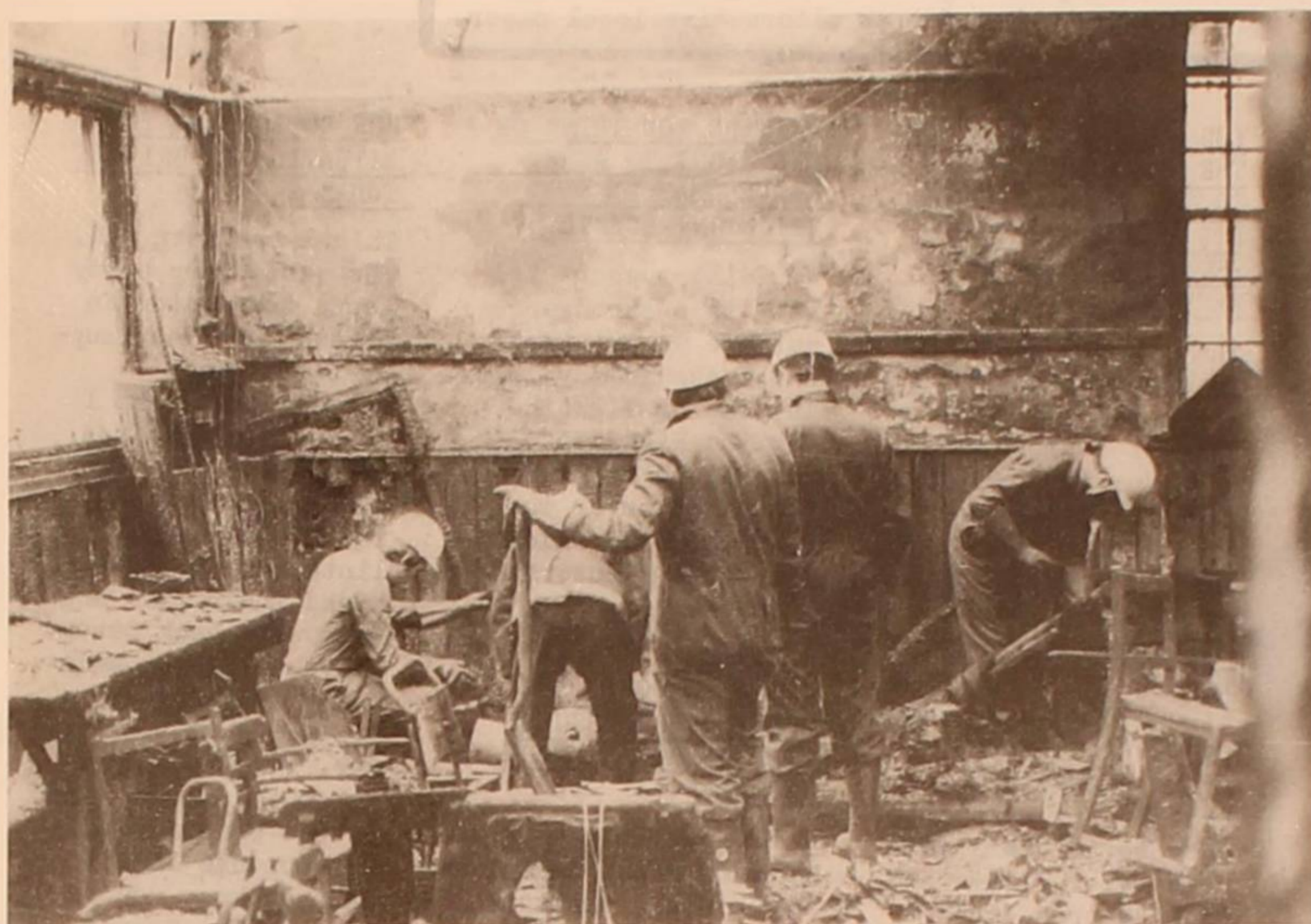
This article was written by one woman who attended the Rape Vigil.

After the Vigil, our anger increases.



SUNDAY'S MARCH IN LONDON MARKS THE RESURGENCE OF BRITAIN'S ANTI-NUKE MOVEMENT. COULD 100 000 BE WRONG?

RESOURCE CENTRE A STATEMENT FROM THE WORKERS



6 The Resource Centre has burnt down. The fire occurred on the night of Sunday October 5th. The major printroom equipment and the entire fabric of the building was destroyed. Five years of collective effort by people of Brighton has gone up in smoke.

Our initial feeling was of shock and utter numbness. Our work, and a good part of our lives, was gone. We felt violated. From their reactions, so did many others.

Nobody knew what had happened. We began to ask questions. Who? Why? How? We had been threatened before. Rumour was rife. The fascists marched in March. We kept an all weekend vigil. The Summer was quiet. It seemed the far Right was keeping a low profile. Their leafletting increased towards the end of the summer and the ANL began to grow again. The ANL meeting at the Centre on 24th Sept. was picketed by loony thugs. The same evening a lighted jacket was thrown into the hall and fascists were overheard in the 'Windsor' talking about burning the building down. The following week-end the building was broken into twice. On the second occasion oil was poured over paper and printed material - a nice quiet way of doing damage. The following week-end the building burned.

Whether or not it was arson, we can't be sure. Perhaps the most significant point is that almost everyone believes it was deliberate. The far Right, with their macho posturing and attitude of bravado, are assuming responsibility. Their activity has taken a sharp upturn. Leafletting in the town centre and harassment of the Women's Centre are the most recent examples. People in community activity and alternative politics feel correspondingly depressed. As well as losing physical resources there has been a drop in morale. The fact that people are prepared to go as far as burning down the building has an effect on the political climate in the town.

There has, however, been a positive side. We have been grateful for the support we have received. The effect on Brighton's music scene, is potentially tragic, but seems to have brought home to some of the younger followers of the Right the reality of their 'politics' - they aim to destroy what is worthwhile in an otherwise violent and oppressive society. This awareness is clearly something that we should try and reinforce.

The political climate of which our fire is only a part has emphasised, if emphasis is needed, the need for people in Brighton & Hove to fight against fascism, sexism and racism. That fight has got to be on the widest possible basis; for our part we believe it is important to be active in the community to supplement the work others are already doing in the workplace and among young people.

Whether we were deliberately burnt down or not, our task, as Resource Centre workers, is to rebuild. Our organization and our van are intact, but everything else is gone. We need all the help we can get. We have set up an appeal committee, and are appealing to trusts, but all money will be more than gratefully accepted. If you fancy organizing a benefit or can help in anyway please ring us. Most pressingly we need a new building. If anyone has any ideas please let us know. We are temporarily on 202492.

Rising From The Ashes

<p><u>November 5th</u></p> <p>There will be collections for the Resources Centre at many bonfires.</p>	<p><u>February 14th, 1981</u></p> <p>Community Carnival. Stalls open all day, kids' entertainment in the afternoon, cabaret in the evening.</p> <p>Anyone who can help - bands, acts, stalls, etc. (especially children's entertainment) or who can offer prizes, please contact:</p>
<p><u>November 14th</u></p> <p>Benefit at the University with...</p> <p>The Golinski Brothers Daddy-Yum-Yum Bright Girls and bar...</p> <p>Entrance only £1. Starts 8pm</p>	<p>Titus 202492 Pat 779567</p>

**..singd
but very much alive**

WHITEHAWK

There is no doubt whatsoever that over the last ten years or more the people of Whitehawk have been treated with contempt by Brighton Council. The insecurity and uncertainty in the area has been very bad indeed. It doesn't look as though that position is going to change in the near future either.

On top of the incompetent way in which the authorities have carried out the re-development, so far, there is the devastating effect of government cuts to add to the misery. The H.I.P.S. allocation of a paltry £7.2 million in response to a request for £13.7, which was reckoned by the council as a minimum requirement and now the virtual standstill of all council building will have terrible consequences with regard to schemes like Whitehawk.

Mr. G. Pinsburg, the Under Secretary of State for Housing, went to see the problems that are arising in Whitehawk and was told by the officers of the East Brighton Residents Association some of the things that need to be done. The main request was that the estate should be recognised as a special case. It will be interesting to see whether anything is forthcoming when the next H.I.P.S. allocation is made. Perhaps then we will be able to judge if the ministerial visit was a really meaningful operation or just a Tory P.R. job.

The way the estate was 'tarted' up for the occasion had to be seen to be believed. One wonders where they found the money for all the extra grass cutting, road sweeping and other work. The demolished sites were almost landscaped and at one time houses were being knocked down on one side of the street, while the grass was being mowed on the other. What a load of wasteful 'bull'.

YOUTH SERVICES

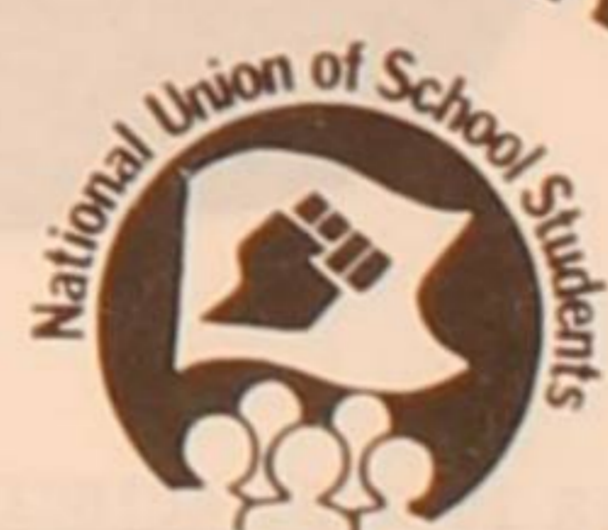
The spending cuts that have been imposed by this present government are now taking effect. In the Whitehawk area we are beginning to see services being badly affected. One of these is the youth and community programme.

Ruby Barrow who has been running the service in Whitehawk for many years is under great pressure and is in need of help. Her assistant, Mark Preston has been deployed on two nights a week to Woodingdean, so we are getting very short of youth workers.

The East Sussex Education Committee has made a cut of 16% since September and what remains will cut by up to 50% by next March. If we're not careful we won't have a youth service at all.

If you could offer Ruby Barrow any help like volunteering to sit in and keep an eye on The Whitehawk Centre on one evening now and again, please phone the Centre on 686793.

RIGHT TO WORK - NUSS

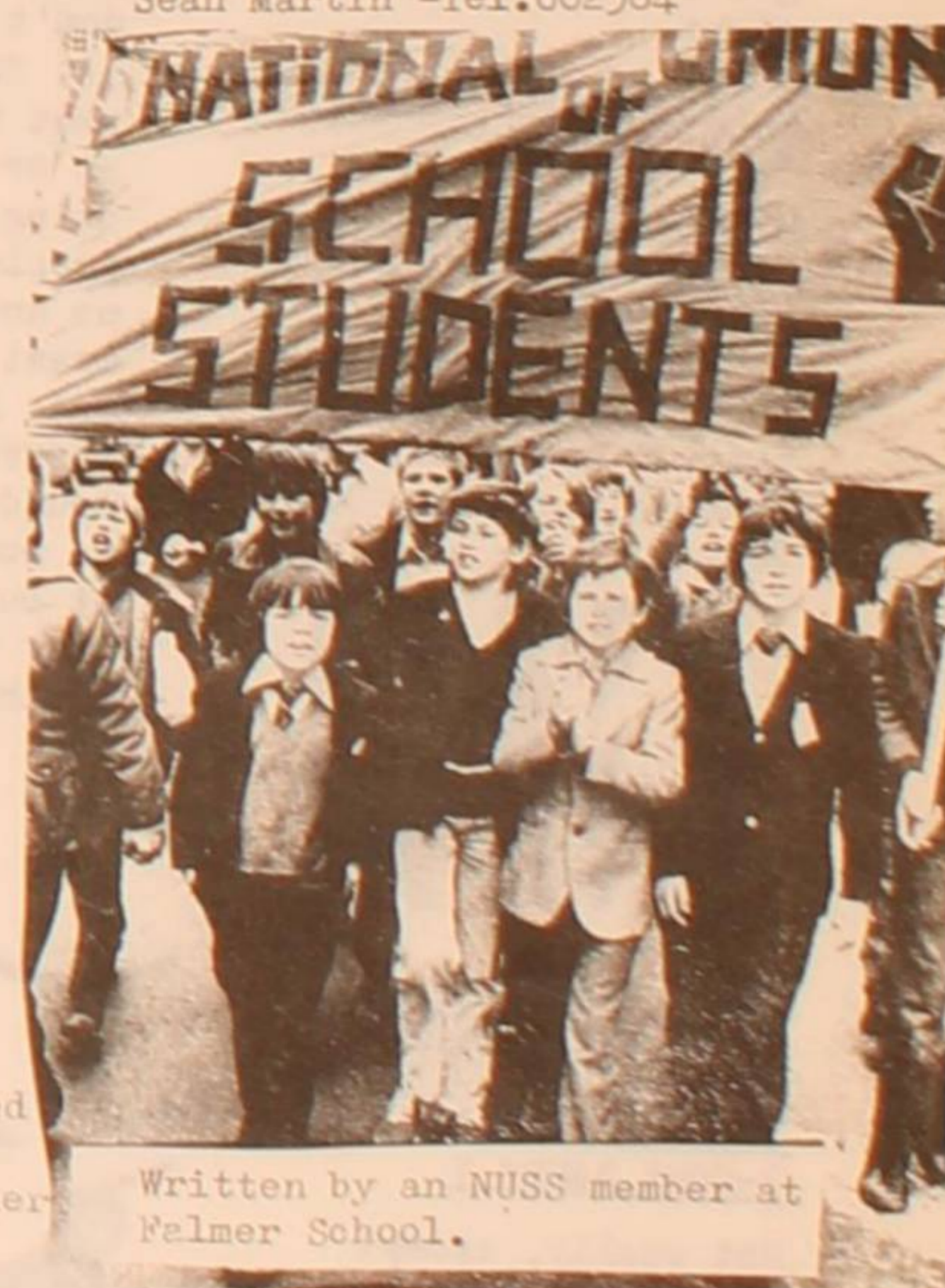


On Thursday 9th October two members of NUSS were leafletting outside Palmer High School, one being Hardy Desai, an NUSS fulltimer. He was put in a Pig car and carted off to Lewes and then told he could walk home because he was a bastard. The other, Carl Dent, was taken to the Headmaster's office and interrogated. About 200 kids gathered outside the H.M.'s office and chanted out the message that we wanted Carl back. When the pigs came out people began to chant anti-pig songs, and they kicked and spat at the car. The fat one went mad and attacked the smallest kid he could find. At this the kid's sister attacked the pig and a few other kid's managed to get the boot in.

On the Friday a picket was erected at the school gates, built mainly of Right to Workers. About 20 pigs were there ready to 'have a go'. When the kids came into school the marchers directed them over to the University to join the rest of the marchers. A lot of kids were dragged into school and locked in the South Hall. We marched down to the level where we were joined by normal Trades Union branches and then through to the Railway St., where we got a great response from people. Finally about 120 of us marched to Brighton Centre to give the Tories what they deserve!

Even though old Tommy Hockton (HM) tried to shit up all the kids before Friday, only about half the kids attended school. Another victory for N.U.S.S.

Sean Martin - Tel. 602384



Written by an NUSS member at Palmer School.

HISTORY WORKSHOP 14

LANGUAGE AND HISTORY

Friday evening 14th November to Sunday evening 16th November 1980

This year's History Workshop is to be held at Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade and Royal Pavilion Estate, Brighton.

Plenary speakers: Raymond Williams, Stuart Hall, Raphael Samuel, Gareth Stedman Jones.

Contact: Andy Durr, History Workshop 14, Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade Brighton. Tel: 0273-604141 [evening] 0273-505314



A WEEK AFTER THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH ARRIVED IN BRIGHTON IT SEEMED appropriate to interview the band UB40 (the number on your dole card) who were playing at the Top Rank. After a really enjoyable gig we hassled our way backstage and this is some of what came out of a very long discussion. We talked to Jimmy (drummer) and Robin (lead guitarist) - the two who said they enjoy doing interviews most, and agreed to the interview after they discovered it wasn't for the Argus but for an alternative local paper.

YOU SEEM TO BE ONE OF THE FEW BANDS TRYING TO GET REDUCED TICKETS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED AT SUCH LARGE VENUES.

That's because we're in control, not with a major company. Basically if a promoter wants us to do a gig they'll do what we tell them. Other bands say they'd love to do it, but they can't and they're not lying. But we can do it because we're independent. (We've heard since that in practice it wasn't so easy to get this reduced rate. Virgin and Fine Records claimed to know nothing about this. We intend to inform the band of this - BV)

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE RIGHT TO WORK MARCH THAT REACHED BRIGHTON RECENTLY?

We fully support it, but its a stronger message we put across. I should say that instead of fighting for the Right to Work you should fight for the right never to have to work, which is a more widespread issue.

THE RIGHT TO WORK CAMPAIGN DOES TAKE UP THOSE OTHER ISSUES, LIKE A SHORTER WORKING WEEK.

I believe in a no - working week. Unemployment is a capitalist tool. There has to be unemployed, so you can offer other people their jobs when some worker's getting uppity.

HOW DO YOU SEE THE SITUATION IN BRITAIN TODAY?

Things are very bad. The whole Tory party keeps the system in status quo. They support the rich. But one criticism I would point towards the left is the lack of organisation. There are so many splinter groups. They spend their time arguing with each other. We've all got a main enemy to fight and its not just M.Thatcher. Its Capitalism. But when you get most of the people voting someone like MT in, you know you're in trouble. People are brainwashed, cos all the media is owned by rich people, by the capitalists. But basically there's a lack of choice and you have to support the lesser of two evils. You have to support the Labour Party. But there's still a real pacifist approach by the left, which has proved doesn't work.

WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT EXACTLY?

I'm talking about the left in general: SWP, Socialist Unity, whoever you like. They're all taking a pacifist approach, even though they may be working really hard. They move away from sneak violence which groups like the IRA have proved is totally necessary, 'cos you can't fight the police head on.

SO HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO ORGANISE?

I don't personally believe in hierarchical organisation. That does happen in left parties. You've got your stewards and speakers. I don't believe in it.

BUT YOU'VE GOT IT HERE AT THE GIG WITH A LOT OF HEAVY BOUNCERS PROTECTING YOU FROM YOUR AUDIENCE. THEY WERE FAR HEAVIER WITH US WHEN WE TRIED TO GET BACKSTAGE THAN THEY NEED HAVE BEEN.

Yeah, but I don't condone this either. We have a very strong following of very young girls and kids which does cause a bit of a problem backstage, but its great.

WHY IS IT GREAT?

Cos its nice to meet your audience.

WOULD YOU FEEL THE SAME IF IT WAS A LOAD OF YOUNG BOYS?

Yes, of course. There's a load of young boys as well. I find it quite frightening that young girls come. Its very dangerous ground.

" I SHOULD SAY THAT INSTEAD OF FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK YOU SHOULD FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT NEVER TO HAVE TO WORK"

HOW DID YOU GET THE NAME UB40?

It was almost a direct result of being on the dole that we got the band together. 8 of us were friends anyway. The ones that were unemployed decided out of boredom to get a band together and the ones who were employed packed in their jobs, so we could all learn to play instruments.

YOU LEARNT AS A DIRECT RESULT OF BEING ON THE DOLE?

Yes.

WHERE DID YOU GO FROM THERE?

Well before we did a gig we played 6 months solid 9-5 on the dole.

HOW DID IT TAKE OFF?

Just by doing gigs. When we started in Brum we started the venues ourselves by approaching the managers of pubs who hadn't got a regular rock night.

WHAT ARE RACE RELATIONS LIKE IN BRUM?

Generally OK. Its as bad as any other industrialised multi-racial area. There's still a lot of racism but not as bad as some other places like London.



BEING A MIXED BLACK/WHITE BAND HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED MUCH TROUBLE AT GIGS LIKE 2-TONE BANDS?

Not really, except there was a confrontation at our first big London gig at the Electric Ballroom. That was awful - the NF and the APL (Anti-'Paki' League) were there.

HOW DID YOU RESPOND?

Well that time we just did the gig basically and swore at them. But we have done more positive things like punch them on the nose! Consequently we don't get much trouble.

IT SEEMS VERY DIFFERENT WITH THE SPECIALS

Well the Specials are a different kettle of fish. They encourage it through the atmosphere at their gigs. They made the mistake of encouraging just anyone to come to gigs and encouraged skinheads to jump around, not realising at the time that 99% of them were NF, BM or APL. We try to calm them down. (Perhaps the difference could also be to do with the more up-tempo driving rhythm of ska/punk compared to reggae - BV).

Its just fashionable. Half the BM is made up of kids who don't know what the BM is. They don't know what they're playing at or why they're doing it. We've had people "Seig Heil" at us and like it was meant to be a compliment. Its totally absurd. If everybody could hear our words we wouldn't get any NF at our gigs, or if they were it would be to throw things.

UB40

IS IT JUST COINCIDENCE THAT THERE ARE 2 BLACK PEOPLE IN THE BAND?

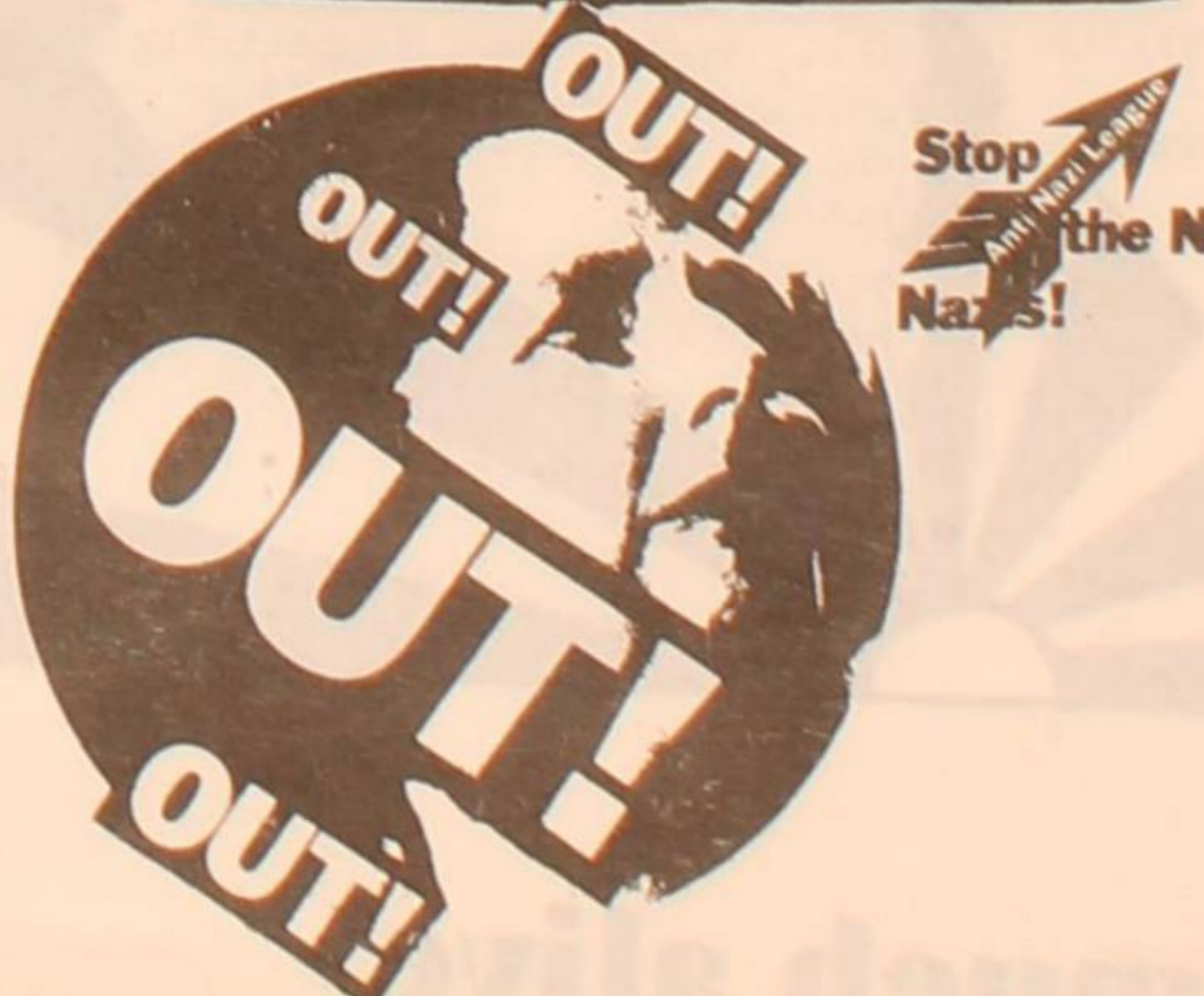
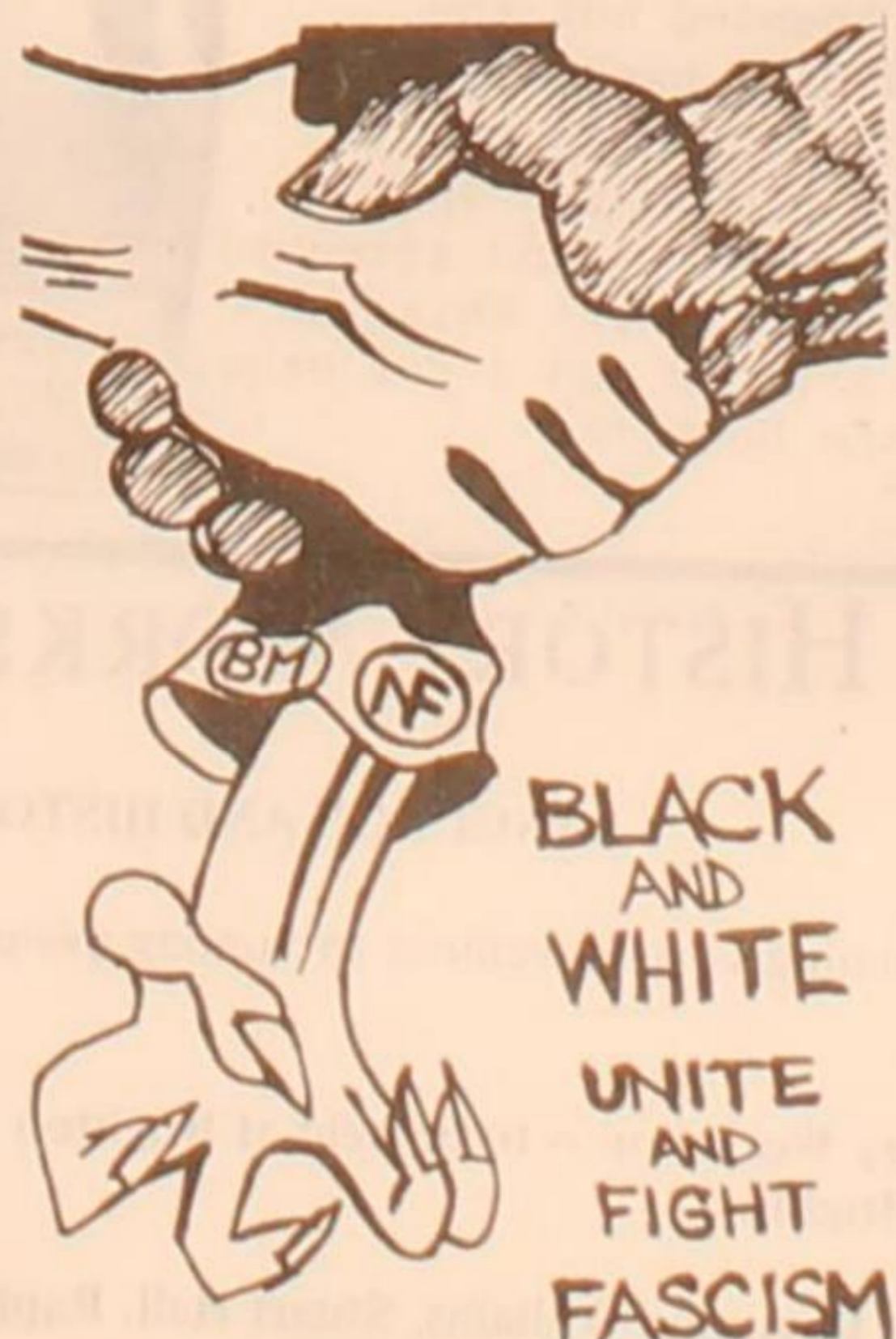
Yes, we were all friends anyway. It wasn't a conscious decision, but we make an obvious anti-racist statement by being a multi-racial band.

WERE THE BLACK MEMBERS PART OF THE REGGAE INFLUENCE?

Well, no not really, as a drummer I've always played reggae anyway. I don't know how to play anything else. You don't need to be black to play reggae, to have a roots feeling. Its all down to your background.

HAVE YOU DONE ANY ROCK AGAINST RACISM GIGS?

Yes we've done a lot in the past, but haven't time at the moment. We get loads of requests and find that we have to limit ourselves, so we only do Legalise Cannabis and Rock Against Thatcher. We'll do as many RAT gigs as possible. In fact every gig we do is a Rock Against Thatcher.



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Evening Argus, Friday, October 24, 1980

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ARTICLES WANTED

CASH OLD FUR, BODY SCULPTURE, RUBBISH, BROWN'S

With large sections of industry and the public services closing down, it is interesting to note the job 'explosion' in the armed forces. The arrogant challenge at the end of the advert, 'The Sappers are back', is issued with an implied security that the war-monger mentality is now OK. Which came first, the crisis or the reaction, the problem or the solution? Only the media knows for sure...

Andersonstown NEWS

Published weekly on Thursday by: ANDERSONSTOWN NEWS, Owenvarragh Buildings, A'town Road, Belfast 11. Phone: 619006.

The following article is taken from ANDERSONSTOWN NEWS, A local newspaper in West Belfast. An exchange has been established between the NEWS and BRIGHTON VOICE. Hopefully, this will allow us to get a more accurate picture of what daily life is like in Northern Ireland than that presented by the established British media.

RONNIE BUNTING'S INTERROGATION

Following his arrest and questioning in Castlereagh in August, Ronnie Bunting gave the following statement to the Association for Legal Justice, date 11.8.1980: "I was arrested along with Sean Flynn and Francis Barry [Troops Out Movement] after a public meeting in the markets area [time of arrest 9 p.m. Friday 8.8.80]. We were all brought separately to the Grand Central. I was illegally photographed by the army despite my protests. I refused to answer any questions. The three of us were transferred to Castlereagh under Section 11. First night no interrogations. I ate no food during my stay. On Saturday I was fingerprinted and interrogated. I refused to answer any questions, gave name and address. One plainclothes man asked me to punch him. It would cost me six months in jail, but think of the satisfaction. The first two interrogators said I would be glad to hear a soldier was dead and fourteen police hurt, but many others were dead and injured. Second interview: Plain-clothes, about 45, silver hair and big beefy dark haired cop. I refused to answer anything but name and address. The young one said how would it go for me on the Shankill. It could be arranged that I would get three slugs in the head, then these people could inspect me on the slab in the morgue. The silver haired man had vainly but ingeniously tried to strike up a conversation with me. The beefy cop said twice 'You are a bad bastard and we'll get you.' Third interview: I had requested to see the duty inspector to complain about the death threats. My requests were ignored. [plain-clothes, early forties, country intonation] When this person realised I wasn't going to answer questions he said I'd be killed by him. The method would be a shotgun. I would be unrecognisable in the coffin. When I got what I deserved, my 'daddy' wouldn't be there to 'hold my hand.' I got a lot of sardonic remarks about my father attending my court case. The coffin would be burned to destroy my lice-ridden and flea-ridden body. The older cop's partner, straight-haired, blondish. The older cop said 'look at my face'. This is the face you'll see before I kill you. I broke my silence and asked these cops their names. They refused to give their names. I was told if my father killed me, any Irish court would award him a medal. They wouldn't convict him. I was told my family would suffer what the Trainer family in Portadown suffered. I complained to two doctors and the duty inspector [uniformed] about these death threats. T.R. BUNTING. Following the recording of this statement, Mr. Bunting made a formal complaint to the R.U.C., at Queen Street.

BY footnotes.
* FOUR days after this statement Ronnie Bunting was shot dead "it is believed by a protestant para military group" (Guardian 16.10.80). His wife, Suzanne, was shot in the face and is in a "serious condition".
* HE WAS a Protestant and son of a former Loyalist Leader, Major Bunting (referred to in the statement). At one stage he was an aide to Ian Paisley. Ronnie Bunting, however, rejected Loyalism and was a member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party.
* "CASTLEREAGH" the Royal Ulster Constabulary's (the armed police force) detention and interrogation center.
* "SHANKHILL" - this road is a strong loyalist area of Belfast.

SO HOW DO YOU ORGANISE AGAINST THE TORIES ?

You do it quietly. LIKE THE IRA ?

The IRA are at war with an invading force. They aren't terrorists they're a freedom fighting army. No-one called the French resistance terrorists. I don't think the left would be organised enough to have a bloodless revolution. There's no cultural revolution.

SO ARE YOU ADVOCATING TERRORISM OR SOMETHING AS OPPOSED TO MASS ORGANISATION OR DISORGANISATION ?

I personally think that mass organisation leaves itself wide open. Its laid bare to attack by infiltrators. Demonstrations are a waste of time. Its just getting a load of lefties together to congratulate each other. You've got to make the working class realise the situation they're in.

YOU SAY YOU'RE INDEPENDENT. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN PRACTICE ?

Well we are the first band ever to get a single into the top 10 without the backing of a major record company. Its never been done before. Hopefully it'll be done again and again.

The stranglehold that the majors have got in the British music business is slowly loosening. We could have got signed up but we don't want to rush into anything, or we'd have got signed up with someone like Chrysalis with a phoney front - our own label - like someone else who shall remain nameless

2 - TONE ?

Yeah. Our set-up works better. We would have got lumped together with the 2-tone/ska influence, which is crumbling. Its what happens - the usual press procedure - Build it up and knock it down. Its the Fad treatment - the fashion treatment. One thing we've proved: you don't need the media to get ahead.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE MUSIC PRESS ?

Well we keep out of it as much as we can. We consider its better to do things like 'Jackie' than the 'NME' etc because we get our views across to kids. Even if its in a watered down version we're still going to get our politics and views across. We recently did a 'Smash Hits' article which was very political, but written in a way that 14 or 15 year old kids could understand.

DO YOU ENJOY TOURING?

Its a nice life even tho' I've got responsibilities at home. Most of the band have got steady girlfriends and children. Its unfortunate that we have have to leave people behind when we go, but they have to put up with it as its to everyone's advantage in the end. If it was an all-girl band that was doing well and we were the

boyfriends the same would apply and we'd have to stay at home.

WOULD YOU BE INTO THAT ?

Jimmy: Yeah o yeah
Robin: Don't lie !



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ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE

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The Manager
Department of Employment
Unemployment Benefit Office
Crown House
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BRIGHTON
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WHAT ABOUT THE WORDS TO 'IVORY MADONNA' ?

Its about the hypocrisy of religion - about people stuffing themselves at Xmas when there are people starving. Our lyrics are openly political if people could hear them. Our new single is about the aftermath of nuclear war.

6 Brian Dougal's undercurrents...

WHAT BEANZ REALLY MEANZ...

Remember last month's bit about the Heinz campaign to assist the Cuts (of course you do); well, further research has revealed that you'd all better get eating pretty quick if you're going to help your local school before the offer closes on December 31st.

One of several things it doesn't say in the advert is exactly how many labels you need to actually get anything - so here's some examples:

leather football-3,600
table tennis table-22,500
video cassette recorder-86,000
minibus-1,300,000

This means, of course, that while on the one hand teachers will be encouraging kids to ask mummy/daddy to buy Heinz (and lots of it) the company will have to spend relatively little compared with the increase in profits - a fine example of capitalism at its best.

SUPERMARKET BLUES

While we're on the subject of food, here's a delightful little exchange from one of my weekly shopping expeditions to Sainsbury's:

The scene: A hard-pressed cashier is working flat out, with a long queue of people waiting. A supervisor comes along and tells her to remove the £5 and £10 notes from the till and lock them up.

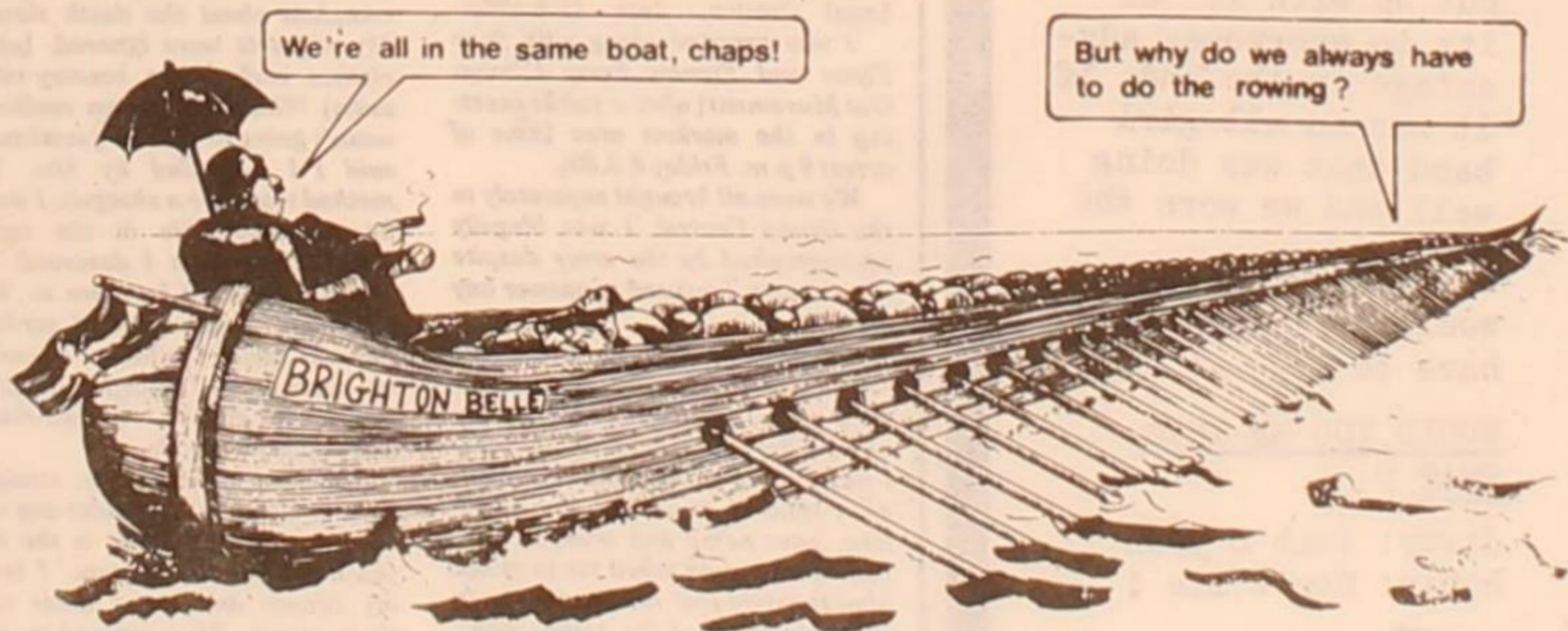
Me: "Be nice to take them home instead, eh?"

Cashier: "Oh, no, I couldn't do that, I haven't earned it."

Me: "I bet you've worked harder for it than Lord Sainsbury!"

Cashier: Looks blank and passes on to the next customer...

THIS MONTH'S RIP-OFF



A SOCIALIST DILEMMA

Elections like the one on November 6th. in St. Peter's ward pose a dilemma for the socialist: how far should I go to keep the Tories out?

Normally, of course, this would be a clear first priority - particularly in a town like Brighton - but where the Labour candidate is as right-wing as Michael Neves, might it not be more ideologically sound to abstain or 'spoil the paper'?

Neves is the sort of hack ego-tripper who makes up a large proportion of Councillors around the country - socialism is as dirty a word to him as to the Tories, and his vision of the future is a block of flats called 'Neves House'.

Letting the Tory win would be seen by the many good people in the Labour Party as a slap in the face, but, to quote a member of the local electorate, "At least with Geoffrey Theobald (the other-Tory-Councillor for the ward) you know where you are" - which is more than you can say with a conservative 'socialist' whose canvassers apologise for his views.

Maybe the answer lies in the anarchist slogan: 'Don't vote, it only encourages them', or maybe not? How about a letter or two on the subject?

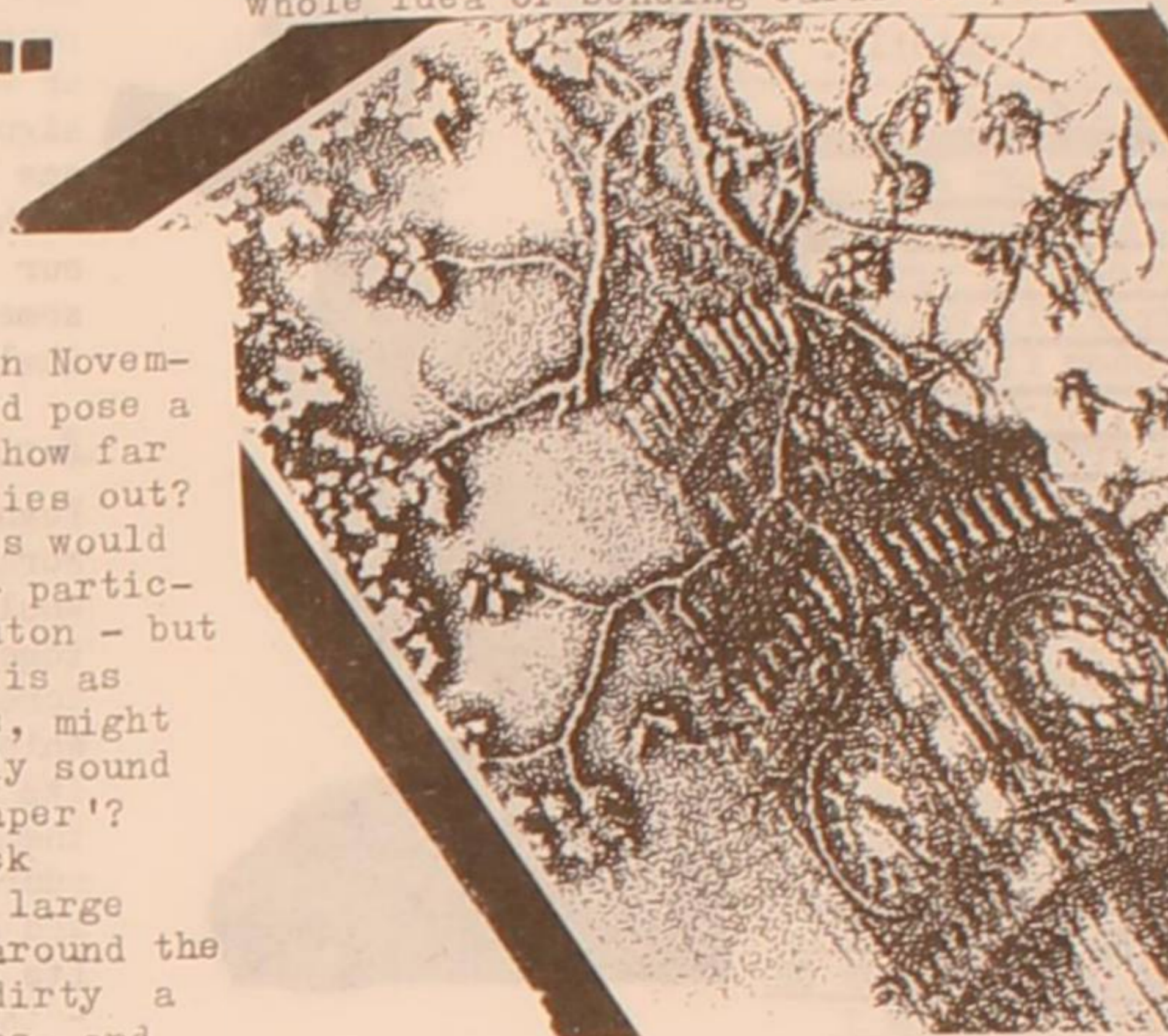
MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE - AND KILL THEM...

Can it simply be a coincidence that an area of high unemployment like ours is getting a very hard sell from the Army? The Jobcentre in the Steine is currently displaying an enormous advert for the military, and doesn't seem to have much else on offer. No doubt backing for this No. 1 Job is on the way from the Argus as well; after all, the more who die in Ireland, the less cost there is for their political masters.

NAUSEA

This is part of a blue and white card sent to a girl in Council care on her eighteenth birthday.

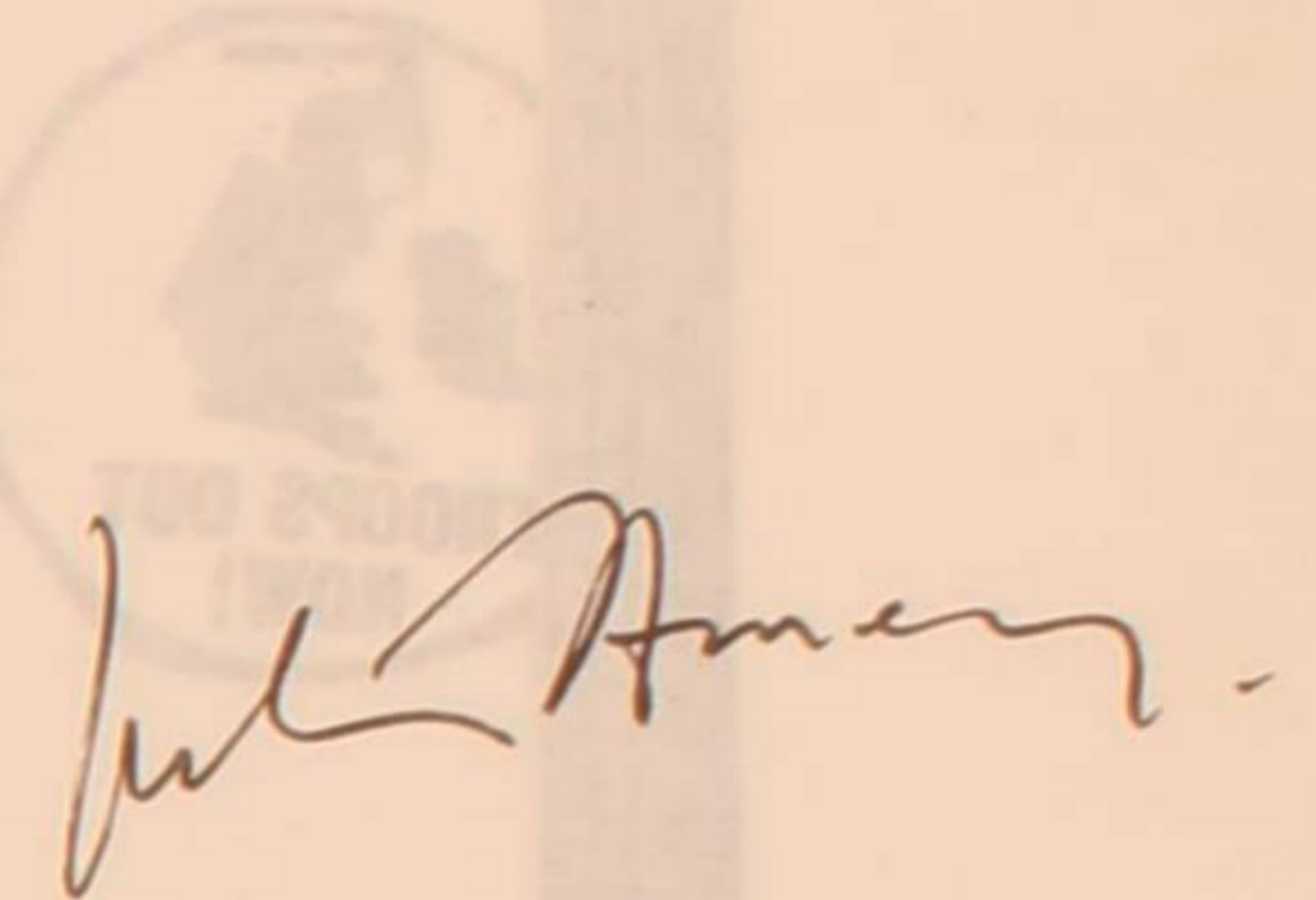
Apart from the hypocrisy of the whole idea of sending cards to people



you don't know, I'm sure Julian wouldn't be in the least concerned that she was abandoned as a baby and has no contact with any relatives.

Just the thing to be reminded of when you're trying to make a start in life.

Congratulations!



P.S.

Now you can play your part in shaping the future. If you could like some information about the Conservative Party, please write and let us know.

Congratulations on your 18th Birthday.

TRAITORS

The National Association of Head Teachers has issued its members with instructions on how to sabotage and undermine action against the Cuts by teaching staff.

Heads are advised to order teachers to cover for absent colleagues if the money to employ temporary staff has been cut and to discipline those who refuse to teach oversize classes or rearrange timetables. Other teaching unions have condemned the advice and efforts are being made to expel the NAHT from the various national negotiating bodies.

GROVEL

Two cars parked illegally on a bus stop; one is a Rolls-Royce. The police arrive in due course and tow the other car away (to be expensively reclaimed later), first pushing the Rolls into the space cleared. Two hours later, it is still there, with only a £6 parking ticket to pay.

SOCIAL DISSERVICES

The Voice may not have obtained an exclusive interview with retiring Director of Social Services Denis Allen, but we're not too proud to pinch someone else's. The following extracts from the internal newsletter of the Brighton office deserve a wider audience:

"...some politicians, in arguing for community care, are doing so as an expedient to achieve quick savings..."
"...employees of the Department can,

BATTERING HENS

Did you know that the Ministry of Agriculture's so-called 'Welfare Codes for Domestic Fowls' recommends a cage measuring 18ins. by 20ins. for five battery hens?

You can help stop this appalling cruelty simply by buying free range eggs from Simple Supplies, Infinity Foods and health food shops; they may cost a bit more, but they're a lot fresher and they don't make you feel guilty. All creatures have a right to live - not just humans - and it is totally hypocritical to support birds spending their whole lives in conditions that would cause utter revulsion if they were inflicted on people. Don't just dismiss it, think about it...

and indeed should, be agents of social change, but not beyond the limits that elected members have a right to set..."

QUESTION: Some Brighton staff were disciplined earlier this year (for opposing the Cuts). What did this achieve? ANSWER: "...my authority was being challenged...it was intended to exert control...I hope that, in the longer term, fear will not be uppermost in the minds of staff when they have strong professional points to make(!)..."

A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE WORLD

You may have been as surprised as us to read about the "Terrified Woman in Axe Siege" in Friday's Gazette. ("The Shining" had obviously sparked the reporter's imagination!) While we are delighted to get front page coverage about the Women's Center, we were extremely angry about the sensationalist way in which it was reported. We should be able to get media coverage without an exaggerated presentation of us as defenceless, helpless women.

The N.F. have been harrasing the Women's Center. They did spray it with "A woman's place is in the home or in the bed" and groups of men have been banging and shouting outside. Women have been chased and abused. These attacks seem to have been specifically directed at us as women, challenging our position in society.

The N.F. believes that women should not work or lead independent lives, but should devote themselves to servicing men. Obviously we are angry and concerned about these incidents, and the apparent growth of the N.F. in Brighton. However, we don't want the temporary closure of the Women's Center to be seen as running and hiding from the N.F. We intend to reopen as soon as possible.

The Women's Centre is not only a "welfare center" which is "closely connected with the social services". We DO offer free pregnancy tests, advice and information about social security, health, contraception, legal rights, housing etc. But one of our most important functions is as a contact and coordinating center for the many self-help

projects associated with Brighton Women's Liberation Movement. For example - women's therapy groups, unemployed women's group, women and health group, women's self defense and many others. We are not affiliated to any political party, but our work is 'political' in a broad sense as we are trying to make it possible for women to gain control over their lives.

We are now urgently searching for new premises; any help, advice, offers would be most welcome. We're also desperately short of money - any donations can be sent to us c/o Hanover Center Southover St or c/o Resource Center, The Institute, Queens Square. We can be contacted on 694873.. Mon, Thur and Fri 11.00 am to 2pm.

BRIGHTON VOICE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH JOHN ALLEN OF THE FIRE BRIGADE UNION. (More on page 10)



"The police becoming more involved in our job is something we've become a bit worried about recently...We want to keep separate because it's a separate job...You see, there's marvellous implications for them in terms of increasing the status of the armed services and the police - which are at a bit of a low ebb at the moment - certainly as far as the police are concerned. I don't think they would complain of having more of a rescue role because it would make their job easier in terms of co-operation. You know people won't see them so much as law-enforcers, but more as 'my rescuer!'"



ON MARCH 29 THIS YEAR the NF marched in Brighton. Although over 1000 antifascists gathered at the level to oppose them, the Nazis were able to march part of the way along their route. Since then there has been an increase in NF activity both locally and nationally. They have organised pickets of Labour meetings and meetings of the Anti-Nazi League (ANL), and they have leafleted in town and at the Goldstone Ground. They have also physically attacked a number of people. Most recently they have claimed in the streets that they were responsible for setting fire to the Resource Centre, and several of their thugs staged a vicious attack on the Women's Centre.

In response, the Anti Nazi League in Brighton has been re-formed and they have started leafletting in the town and at the football matches. And now the ANL, together with the Brighton and Hove Committee Against Fascism are holding a march AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8th. (See details on Front Page). This march intends to show that the vast majority of people in Brighton have nothing but contempt for the Nazis of the National Front.

STOP PRESS

On November 6th there is a council by-election in St Peter's Ward, Brighton. The NF have found a Nazi candidate, and intend to hold a public meeting in the ward.

At the time of going to press the NF had applied to hire the Downs 1st School, Ditchling Road, on Tuesday 4th November. The headmistress, governors and parents are totally opposed to the NF's racist doctrine being allowed to pollute the community. But they've been overruled by the Education Office. It will now be up to the community to demonstrate their anger.

Voice readers will certainly be aware that the level of fascist activity and violence in Brighton is on an alarming increase. Brightonians concerned about the NF's apparent bravado will be gratified to know that the nazis' recent attempts to present themselves as 'legitimate' have resulted in impressive and spirited mobilisations by anti-fascists.

On Saturday 18th October about six fascists appeared in Air Street, just off the Clock Tower, selling such publications as 'Bulldog', 'Sussex Front' and 'National Front', inviting shoppers to buy them with such slogans as 'wogs out' and 'buy the white man's newspaper'. They were also carrying

out a particularly aggressive leafletting operation, actually stuffing leaflets into people's pockets. Although only managing to sell one or two newspapers they carried on unperturbed for about 30 minutes until the alarm was raised, mobilising 30-40 anti-fascists. During this time taunts and insults were exchanged between the two groups,

which climaxed when one anti-fascist called out "Who burned down the Resources Centre?" The nazis then went a bit quiet and exchanged grins. One shouted back "Just try and build it again!"

As the anti-fascists' numbers' grew our chanting became more confident. The nazis knew that they were on the run, but it was important to show

them that their defeat was not simply due to being outnumbered, but also to the fact that people passing through Air Street were rejecting the ideology of racial hatred. We noticed that the 'Keep Britain Tidy' rubbish bin at the end of Air Street was quickly filling up with discarded NF leaflets, and in a market hawker's voice one anti-fascist stood next to the bin crying "Let's have your National Front leaflets, ladies and gentlemen! Right this way, now, any more National Front leaflets? Show the nazis where their leaflets belong!" The bin was by now noticeably bulging with the nazi leaflets, and the hawker at the bin even

offered some of the less crumpled discarded ones back to the fascists, suggesting that they might be re-cycled! By this time, shoppers walking through Air Street were joining in with the spirit we had created, and were placing the leaflets, which had been thrust into their hands and pockets by the nazis, into the bin with defiant and theatrical gestures. It reminded me of the best moments in 1978, when it seemed that anti-nazi carnival was here to stay.

At the height of this festive success, the inevitable panda car arrived, and two policemen emerged and walked up to the fascists. Was it my imagination that they exchanged grins of recognition? In any case, everyone was moved off quite soon. The nazis were not 'done' for selling their newspapers without a street traders licence (as Brighton Voice sellers have been recently) but the day was undeniably ours.

Saturdays have become regular occasions now for anti-fascists in Brighton. It's a sad fact, but it's equally important that it continues

regularly until the nazis get the point. They surface every Saturday now, often leafletting at the Goldstone football ground, or Churchill Square, or the open market. Air Street is a particularly regular spot. Make sure you have the Anti-Nazi League telephone number with you on Saturdays so that when you spot the fascists

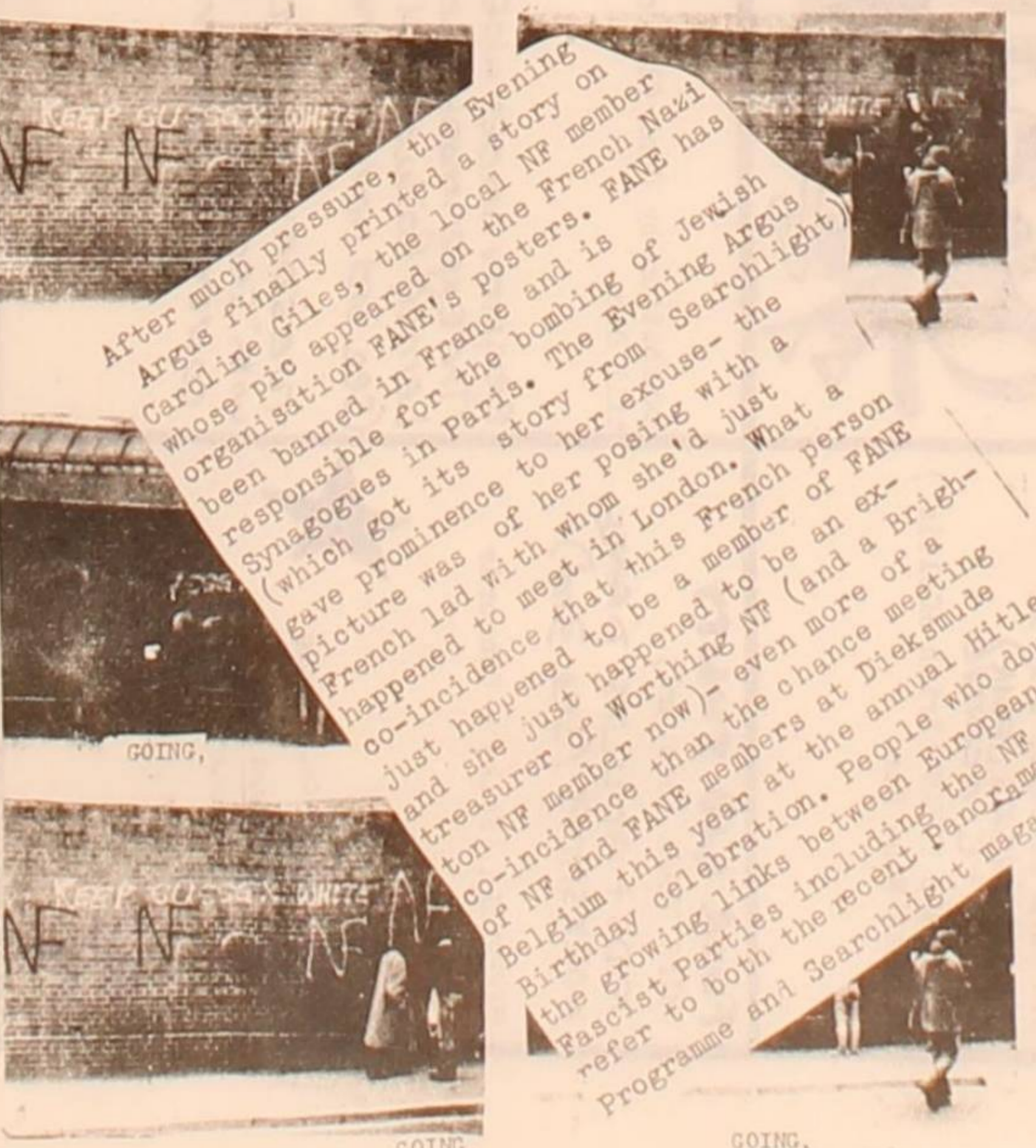
'trying it on' with the public, a quick show of sanity - and ideally carnival - can be mounted.

PLEASE NOTE
On the following Saturday, October 25, two anti-fascists were attacked in Queen's Road on their way home from Air Street/Churchill Square. Always ensure that you leave quickly and in groups of at least 3-4.

The Air Street Shuffle



A group of the 'Master Race' proclaiming their superiority. Shortly after this photo was taken several people were assaulted.



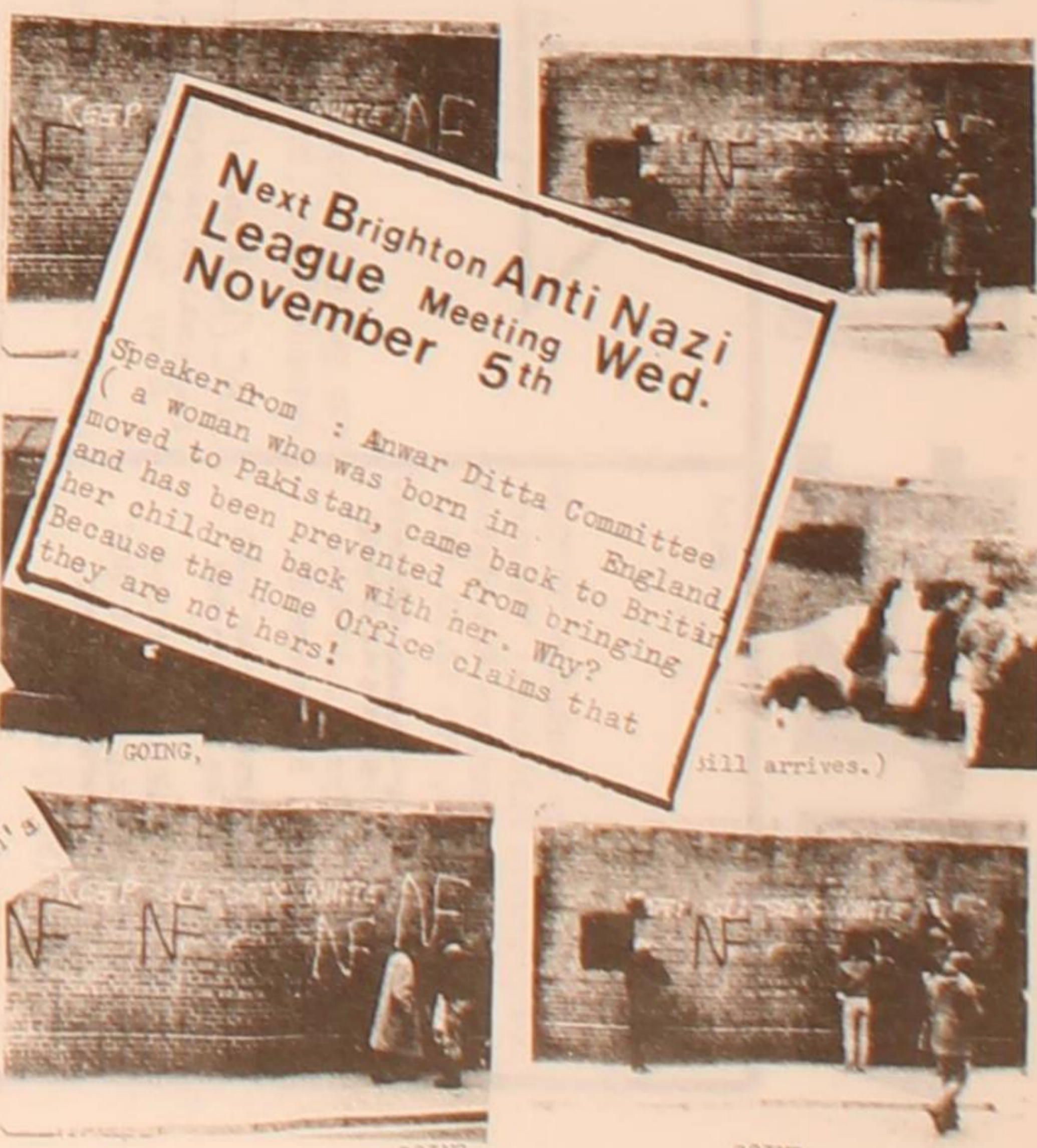
After much pressure, the Evening Argus finally printed a story on Caroline Giles, the local NF member whose pic appeared on the French Nazi organisation FANE's posters. FANE has been banned in France and is responsible for the bombing of Jewish Synagogues in Paris. The Evening Argus (which got its story from Searchlight) gave prominence to her exouse - the picture was of her posing with a French lad with whom she'd just happened to meet in London. What a co-incidence that this French person just happened to be a member of FANE and she just happened to be an ex-treasurer of Worthing NF (and a Brighton NF member now) - even more of a co-incidence than the chance meeting of NF and FANE members at Diekmids Belgium this year at the annual Hitler Birthday celebration. People who doubt the growing links between European Fascist Parties including the NF should refer to both the recent Panorama Programme and Searchlight magazine.

Des Fenwick, the NF's new treasurer is amply qualified for the job. Not so many moons ago he received a 7 year prison sentence for borrowing rather a large number of books from the Public Libraries - without bothering to inform them! Not surprisingly for someone with such a talent for cooking the books, Mr Fenwick owns a second hand bookshop on Queens Road - Barry's Bookshop. So add that to your Boycott List - a place where Brighton Library can no doubt recover some of their lost books.



out Bill arrives.)

MORE ON MIKE NEVES - see Under Currents
Traditionally the Labour Candidate has agreed to anti-fascist leaflets going out under his/her election expenses for legal reasons. Not so Mike Neves. The St Peters Ward Labour Party has voted in principle NOT to allow 'Vote Labour' to go on anti fascist leaflets. Mike Neves explains this as being due to "running out of election expenses". Can't guess what the real reason is for this decision by Brighton's 'moderate' Labour Ward!









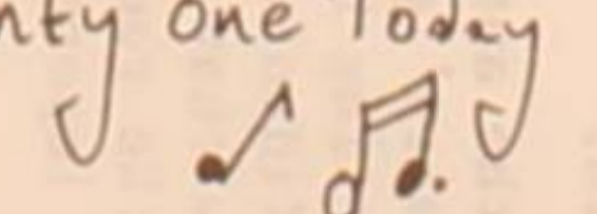


Next Brighton Anti Nazi Meeting Wed. November 5th

Speaker from : Anwar Ditta Committee (a woman who was born in England and has been prevented from bringing her children back with her. Why? Because the Home Office claims that they are not hers!)



what ELSE is on Brighton Voice

NOVEMBER 1980

<p>3rd MON.</p> <p>Brighton Actors Workshop 'HITTING TOWN' (Steven Poliakoss) 'Theatre Upstairs', Railway, opp Btn station Tues-Sat 1.15pm, Sun 12.30 Till Nov</p> <p>REGENCY SOCIETY - INSIDE BRIGHTON Exhibition till 15 Nov, at OMAC</p> <p>KIDS DRAMA (8-12yrs) 4.30-6pm, St Anne's Hall, St George Rd Kemp Town</p> <p>KIDS DANCE WORKSHOP 6.30-7.30, ADULT at 7.30-9.30, Carlton Hill School</p> <p>ILLUSTRATED TALK by British-I Soviet Friendship Soc. at OMAC</p> <p>JIM DANIELS (Blues) RAFFLES TAVERNERS (Folk) Concorde</p>	<p>4th TUE.</p> <p>THE ENGLISH - photo exhibition at Friends Centre, Ship St, till 14th</p> <p>NAC (National Abortion Campaign) meeting Ring 21947 details</p> <p>CHEFS - Art College Basement</p>	<p>the only person to enter parliament with honest intentions</p> <p>REMEMBER</p>  <p>REMEMBER</p> <p>5th POLK (club night) - Marlborough</p> <p>GUY FAWKES DISO! main hall, Art College</p> <p>PANAMA JAZZ - Northern</p> <p>COLLECTIONS FOR THE RESOURCES CENTRE WILL BE MADE AT BONFIRES</p>	<p>SIXTH THUR.</p> <p>YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP (12-16yrs) 5.30-7.30, ADULTS 8-10pm, St Annes Hall, St George Rd</p> <p>FILMS - 'Getting to Know Each Other & Changing Days' - Birth Centre, 8pm at Hanover Centre, Southover St</p> <p>BILL + BRUCE (Folk) Shakespeare's</p> <p>GEORGE MOODY & THE COUNTRY SQUIRES, Bton Country Music Club, The King Alfred, Kingsway, Hove</p> <p>IN CAMERA & REWARD SYSTEM - Concorde</p> <p>FLAT BACKERS - Art College Basement</p>	<p>7th FRI.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE BRITISH ARMY - Raffles Wine Bar</p> <p>FOLK (Chorus songs) 8pm Springfield</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB - Art College Basement</p> <p>NIGHTS IN MONTREAL - Northern</p>	<p>888888888888888888888888 SAT</p> <p>BUNCH OF FIVES Old Time Music Hall 7.45, £1, Old Markets Art Centre</p> <p>Folk music at Marlborough Hotel</p>  <p>Have a whale of a time tonite!!</p>	<p>9 SUN.</p> <p>BRIGHTON VOICE General discussion meeting 8.30pm 40 Cowper St. Hove</p> <p>FOLK 8pm Springfield</p> <p>IRISH FOLK MUSIC at Shakespeare's Head</p> <p>WILBURY JAM - Concorde</p> <p>WOODBINE at Northern</p> <p>DADDY YUM YUM - Alhambra</p>
<p>10th</p>  <p>KIDS DRAMA - see 3rd</p> <p>KIDS DANCE WORKSHOP ADULTS " } see 3rd</p> <p>CEILIDH at Concorde</p>	<p>11th</p> <p>Brighton Actors Workshop: 'Playing with Fire' (Strindberg) at Railway See 3rd for times. Till Nov 23</p> <p>THE TECHICOLOUR ROSY SHOW One woman-show-clown-magic-mime 8.30 Queen's Head, Steine</p> <p>TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB - SWINGING CATS (two tone band) Art college B'ment</p>	<p>TWELFTH</p> <p>12th UNCLE JOHN'S BAND - Marlborough</p> <p>GAY SOC DISCO Art College Basement</p> <p>PANAMA JAZZ - Northern</p>	<p>13th YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOP + ADULTS (see 6th)</p> <p>FRANK IFIELD & BARBARY COAST, BTON Country Music Club (see 6th)</p> <p>ASK A SILLY QUESTION (4 week course) Hove Library (see p.) 7-9pm Week 1</p> <p>Birth Centre talk 'Homeopathy during childbirth & childhood' 8pm at Hanover Centre, Southover</p> <p>BRIGHT GIRLS - Concorde</p> <p>BILL & BRUCE - Shakespeare's Head</p> <p>theatre: "DO TROOP" Art College Basement</p>	<p>Brian Gould 'Which way Labour now?' Fabian Soc talk 8pm Cricketers, Black Lion Street</p> <p>TOM MCCONVILLE + KIERON HALPIN (Folk) Springfield</p> <p>NIGHTS IN MONTREAL - Northern</p> <p>GOLINSKI BROS/DADDY YUM YUM BRIGHT GIRLS - RESOURCES CENTRE BENEFIT, UNIVERSITY</p> <p>TECHICOLOUR ROSY SHOW (see 11th)</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE BRITISH ARMY - Raffles Wine Bar</p> <p>RESOURCES CENTRE BENEFIT - with Golinski Brothers, Daddy Yum Yum Bright Girls, University £1</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB - Art College Basement</p>	<p>FIFTEENTH 15TH</p> <p>FOLK - Marlborough 8pm</p> <p>DEMONSTRATION for British withdrawal from Ireland. Support the Irish Prisoners on Hunger Strike. COACHES FROM ST PETERS</p> 	<p>16 BRIGHTON VOICE 8.30pm</p> <p>TIM BROADBENT & STEVE MAY (Folk) Springfield</p> <p>WILBURY JAM - Concorde</p> <p>IRISH FOLK - Shakespeares Head</p> <p>DADDY YUM YUM ALHAMBRA</p> <p>WOODBINE - Northern</p> <p>Deadline for articles for BRIGHTON VOICE</p>
<p>17th</p> <p>KIDS DRAMA (see 3rd)</p> <p>Kids } Dance Workshop Adults } (see 3rd)</p> <p>'In defence of the downs' talk by Bton & South Downs Centre, 7.30 6th Form College, Dyke Rd</p> <p>TAVERNERS (Folk) - Concorde</p> <p>CAROLAN'S DREAM (Irish & Celtic) Raffles Wine Bar</p>	<p>18th EIGHTEEN</p> <p>NAC meeting (see 4th)</p> <p>TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB with METS & support, Art College Basement</p> 	<p>NINE TEEN</p> <p>CHRISTINE HASE (Folk) at Marlborough Hotel</p> <p>Soul Classics Party, Art Coll.</p> <p>PANAMA JAZZ, at Northern</p> 	<p>20th YOUTH } DRAMA } ADULTS } (see 6th)</p> <p>ASK A SILLY QUESTION week 2 (see 13th)</p> <p>Birth Centre talks by Lynn Dodd 'Midwifery' & Vicki Juner 'Homebirthing, Hanover Centre</p> <p>THE FOUR BILLIES - Concorde</p> <p>BILL & BRUCE - Shakespeares</p> <p>Jeannie Denvers White Rose Band, BTON COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB (see 6th)</p>	<p>Twenty one Today</p>  <p>Twenty one Today</p> <p>GUITAR DUO - Peter Batchelar + Kenneth Heggie (classical) £1.75/7.45pm OMAC</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE BRITISH ARMY - Raffles</p> <p>STUART REED (Folk) Springfield</p> <p>NIGHTS IN MONTREAL - Northern</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB - Art college B'ment</p>	<p>FILM & Discussion - 'The Rape of the Forests, Can they Survive?' 9.45 Friends Centre, Ship St</p> <p>TROOPS OUT Dayschool - watch out for details</p> <p>FOLK - Marlborough</p> 	<p>CAPTAIN SLOG: STARDATE NOVEMBER 23rd 1980</p> <p>BRIGHTON VOICE, 8.30</p> <p>JAKE WALTON (Folk) - Springfield</p> <p>IRISH FOLK MUSIC - Shakespeares</p> <p>WILBURY JAM - Concorde</p> <p>DADDY YUM YUM - Alhambra</p> <p>WOODBINE - Northern</p> <p>Deadline for news items for BRIGHTON VOICE</p>
<p>FOUR AND TWENTY</p> <p>KIDS DRAMA (see 3rd)</p> <p>KIDS + ADULTS DANCE WORKSHOPS (see 3rd)</p> <p>TAVERNERS (Folk) - Concorde</p> <p>THIS SPACE COULD HAVE BEEN FOR YOUR GROUP, MEETING, EVENT....</p> <p>NEXT MONTH, LET US KNOW!!</p>	<p>25th</p> <p>Exhibition by John Olsson at OMAC till Dec.</p> <p>BRIGHTON ACTORS WORKSHOP "The Experiment" (Lawrence Lerner) Railway till Dec. (See 3rd Nov for times)</p> <p>TUESDAY NIGHT CLUB with "Section 25" Art College Basement</p>	<p>26th PANAMA JAZZ - Northern</p>  <p>DAVE GOODSTONE (Folk) Marlboro.</p>	<p>27th</p> <p>YOUTH DRAMA } ADULTS DRAMA } See 6th</p> <p>Ask a Silly Question week 3 (see 13th)</p> <p>Fabian Soc talk 'Cooperatives & their potential in Britain' 8pm Cricketers, Black Lion St</p> <p>BILL + BRUCE - Shakespeares</p> <p>Theatre group - Art College Basement</p> <p>BANDS at Concorde</p> <p>DUFFY BROTHERS & STAGECOACH - Bton Country Music Club (see 6th)</p>	<p>TIM LAYCOCK (Folk) Springfield</p> <p>CHRISTINE PEMBRIDGE (piano) £1.50/7.45 OMAC</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE BRITISH ARMY - Raffles</p> <p>FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB - Art college B'ment</p> <p>NIGHTS IN MONTREAL - Northern</p> <p>28th</p> <p>WHERE IT'S AT!!</p>	<p>TWENTYNINTH 29TH</p> <p>Day School NUCLEAR POWER, PROBLEMS & IMPLICATIONS, UNIVERSITY (Science Area Energy Group)</p> <p>FOLK MUSIC at Marlborough</p> <p>FAD GADGETS, Art College B'ment</p> <p>Bert Oram 'Cooperatives and their potential in Britain'. Fabian Soc. talk, 8pm Cricketers, Black Lion Street.</p>	<p>30 DAYS HATH NOVEMBER</p> <p>BRIGHTON VOICE 8.30</p> <p>MALCOLM & JULIA DONALDSON Springfield</p> <p>WILBURY JAM - Concorde</p> <p>IRISH FOLK - Shakespeares Head</p> <p>WOODBINE - Northern</p> <p>DADDY YUM YUM - Alhambra</p> <p>The End</p>

OMAC: Old Market Arts Centre, Upper Market Street, Hove
 RAFFLES: St. James' Street
 CONCORDE: Marine Parade (near Aquarium)
 ALHAMBRA: King's Road (B'ton Seafront)

ART COLLEGE: Grand Parade
 MARLBOROUGH: Prince's St. (off Steine)
 NORTHERN: London Road
 SHAKESPEARE'S HEAD: Spring Street
 SPRINGFIELD: Springfield Road

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information

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 organisers 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
MOULSCOMB C.A.: 67 Centre Tel 682428
NORTH LAINE C.A.: Julie Skoging 26 Tidy St
QUEEN'S PARK C.A.: Jon Bellows 33a Egremont Pl.
WEST HILL C.A.: Tel 21359.
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 (Btm & 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. Woolcott. 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 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. 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 ASS'N -Local contact Phil Shore - Tel Worthing 208772.
Weekly meetings every Tuesday 8pm
76 Stanmer Park Road, Brighton. Tel
Eve Simpson, Brighton 509937.

S.A.N.D. (SUSSEX ALLIANCE FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT): Co-ordinating body for any nuclear disarmament/peace groups in Sussex. Sec E. Da Fern 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 Peadman 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. 69208, 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; Kempton A Frampton 32 Brownleaf Rd 36817; Hove & Portslade J McCormack 11 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 Alloway, 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.
KINGSLIFFE CONSERVATION SOC: 18 Bedford St
PRESTON CIRCUS ASSOCIATION: Celia Matyer 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 Btm Hove district buspeople, from Conway St Depot.

Self-Help

ALTERNATIVE EXCHANGE SERVICE: Swap your skills, services or labour. Tel 682955.
FRIENDS OF THE WESTERN BUDDHIST ORDER: Meditation teaching, yoga, communication exercises 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

Services

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 Harrington Road, Tel 601559
TUC PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION: Tel 504147

Women

BIRTH CENTRE (B'TN): Info & support group. Pregnancy, birth & early infant child care. Tel 689194 or 695279.
BRIGHTON LESBIAN GROUP: Jill 6 298.
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 Juliana 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 1, The Institute, Central Free Church, Queen Square: Mon & Wed 3.30-6pm, Tues 9.30am-12.30pm, Tel 259998. 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: (P.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 12.30-2.30-7pm Tel 202492.
WOMEN'S AID: Refuge for battered women. Contact Women's Centre.
WOMEN'S CENTRE :- Temporary contact tel Brighton 694873; Mon, Thur & Fri 11am-2pm.

Emergency

ARRESTED-RELEASE-01-603-8654
Samaritans 772277
GAY Switchboard
690825 8-10pm daily
3-10pm Sat

WOMENS AID
% Womens Centre See Advice
NSPCC 553334
Parents Helpline 688633
Royal Sussex County Hospital
606611
SOCIAL SERVICES 693693
OUT OF HOURS 682288



BRIGHTON VOICE

SPOKE TO HOVE FIREFIGHTER AND FIRE BRIGADE UNION (F.B.U.) OFFICIAL JOHN ALLEN ABOUT THIS LATEST REVIEW OF THE FIRE SERVICE. HE IS IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THE DANGER OF MORE CUTS:

"They've knocked us down to the bone now. Anything else means loss of fire cover."

One pumping appliance and 8 jobs have already been cut from Preston Circus. Now, a Government Green Paper proposes yet more cuts!

The Green Paper is the outcome of 4 years of study of fire protection legislation. But in the last year a decision was taken to look at the fire service. John describes the Green Paper's conclusions:

"We've got too many firemen, we've got too many fire engines, they respond too quickly to fire calls...And it's costing us too much money!"

The Review

This last minute review was based on a statistical analysis of fire calls in 1978. Yet the F.B.U. points out

that even by 1979 fire calls had increased by over 12%. The review also ignores the fact that firefighters don't just put out fires. They also rescue people from floods; major accidents, like the Sweet Hill train crash; people trapped by machinery and car crashes; make safe dangerous buildings etc.

"We're not just a fire service. We are the main rescue service."

The review suggests that fewer firefighters are needed because there are very few large fires. It points out that the main jet hose was used only in response to 2% of firecalls in 1978.

"But what they're neglecting is that the speed of attack by the fire crew is the reason why that number of jets doesn't get used. That's why the number is so small. If they allow the authorities to reduce the fire cover, then they're going to find that those statistics are going to go out of the window."

But the views of firefighters were not asked for. Their union was not consulted and Whitelaw (Home Sec) has refused to accept a deputation from them.

Where it hits.

All areas of the country are placed into one of five 'risk areas'. Brighton and Hove fall into B and C categories. B risk:- town centres, light industrial areas.

C risk:- residential areas. For B risk areas one pump has to get to the incident in five minutes and a second pump in 8. For C areas one pump has to get there in 8 minutes. At the moment in our area two pumps are sent to any fire call - something the FBU has always campaigned for.

Hove Fire Station has two pumping appliances and 1 hydraulic platform. There are 60 whole time firefighters on the station which is manned 24 hours a day (like Roedean and Preston Circus stations). Every shift is manned by 11 firefighters.

How will the Green Paper's proposals change this?

* 'variations in the speed of initial attendance and follow up' If you're trapped in a burning building 2 or 3 minutes are a matter of life or death. Cuts in follow-up attendance are also terrifying.

"In Brighton and Hove they can get at least another 2 or 3 pumps there - at least within 8 minutes, because there's five pumps covering the area. Now if for any reason they were cut you're talking about Newhaven or Lewes: 10 - 15 minutes. They don't want that help in 10 - 15 minutes. If they ask for help they needed it 2 minutes ago! It's that urgent if you ask for assistance."

Figure 1 Leather fire bucket



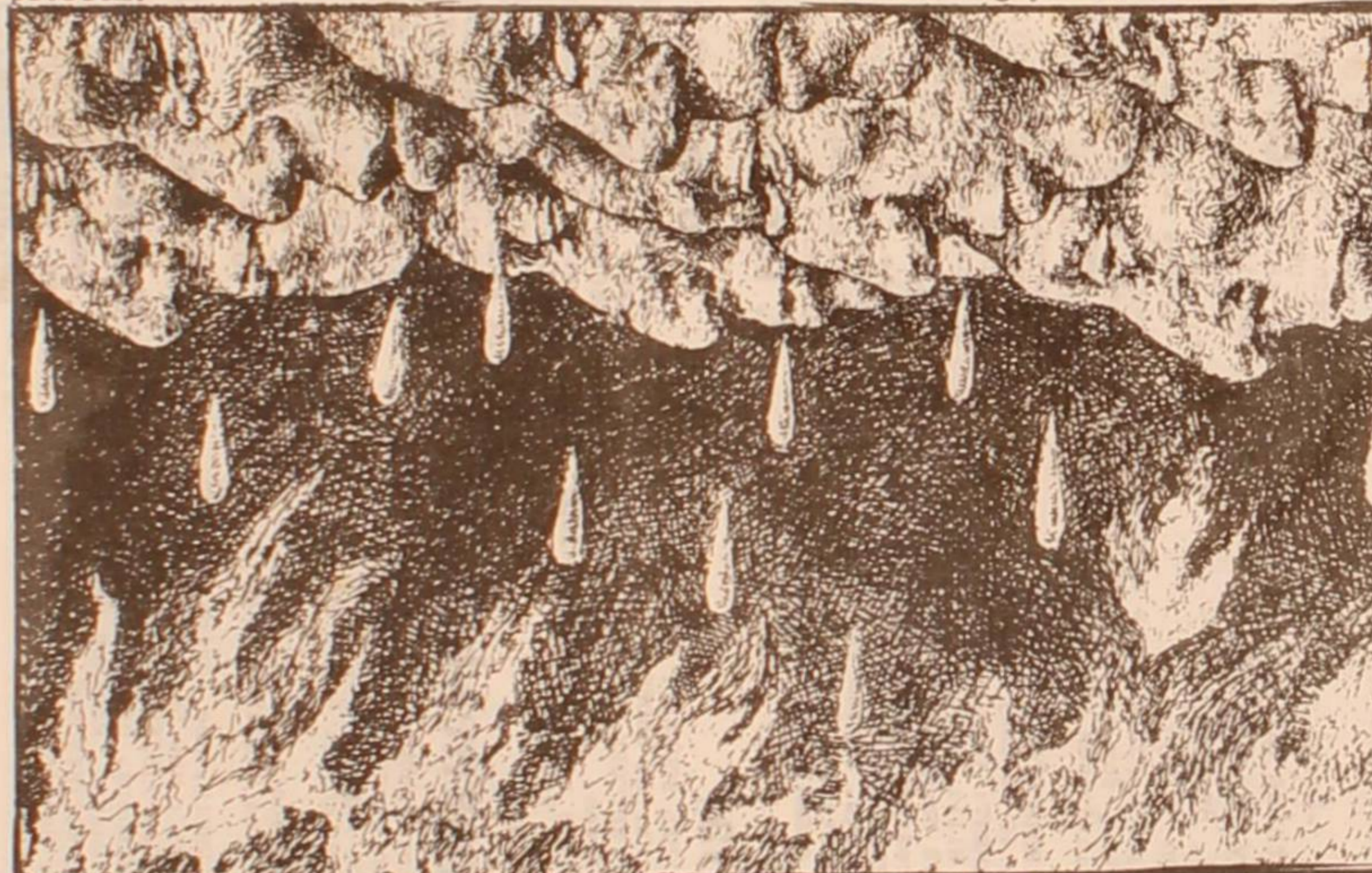
Part of our future fire service...

* 'Less pumping and non-pumping appliances' and 'Changing the number of riders and appliances' For Hove that could mean cutting out one pump and putting six firefighters on the remaining one with a bit more equipment. At present two pumps are sent to every call with 5 on the first and 4 on the second. It's a tall building the hydraulic platform is also sent. John pointed out the danger

"Whereas now you've got 9 men, if this happens you're going to have 6 trying to do 9 men's jobs. A fireman can't stand back and say well that's his job so we'll leave that bit - we won't do that. They can't do it. They just can't. The job's there, it's got to be done...This is dangerous for us, let alone the public."

* 'More day-manning stations'. These could be introduced at Roedean and Hove. Retained firemen would have to be called out from home at night. But the same number of fires happen during the night as in daytime. Also;

"Night fires are generally worse than day fires because they take longer to discover for obvious reasons. And by reducing night cover you're just exacerbating something that's already a problem."



* 'Replacement of whole-time skilled firemen by retained part-timers'

"They're alright out in the sticks where they belong - that's what they're for! But obviously you cannot expect a retained fireman to have the same degree of professionalism as a whole-time fireman. He doesn't come anywhere near."

For example, John told us that for a whole-time fireman to become a fully trained user of breathing-apparatus takes over a year and a half. For a part-time fireman it's a question of "about three weekends!"

It seems the review is looking at continental fire-brigades.

"What you've got in effect is a very very small concentrated number of professional firemen backed up by a great number of part-time or volunteer firemen."

* 'weaken the 1971 Fire Prevention Act'

"It's been a really hard battle to get the fire prevention legislation. It's all come through disasters pretty near...Now they want to relax it at the same time as they're proposing reductions in fire cover as well!"

What effect has the legislation had in Brighton and Hove?

"It's still very very weak. We've got great powers far as hotels and

FANNING THE FLAMES...



"this is a recorded message, due to cut-backs we are unable to send a fire-engine straight away but your address will be noted and be dealt with as soon as possible."

The Fire-Brigade has few friends in East Sussex County Council.

"I think as a result of our strike and our reduction to a 42 hour week and our pay agreement we've made a lot of enemies in the local county council authorities...since then we've had nothing but trouble from them. They're our employers and they've had it in for us. Before we were good little boys that toed the line."

The employers learned other lessons from the 1978 strike-

"Obviously the employers would be very happy at the idea of having retained firemen because I think only about 2 or 3 retained firemen joined our strike...the retained firemen are their blue-eyed boys...not like those greedy others who ask for pay rises."

"BRIGHTON NOW HAS A LOWER STANDARD OF FIRE COVER THAN THAT RECOMMENDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN 1958."

The Fightback

Paragraph 1074 of the Review states that cuts could be made "which would not result in an unacceptable increase in property loss and casualties." The FBU says that even one extra life lost or one home or workplace destroyed.

The FBU is campaigning for a public inquiry into the Review.

"We are quite convinced that if they have a public inquiry that it will call for increased standards of fire cover and more effective legislation than we have at the moment."

The FBU is trying to lobby every councillor, MP and relevant pressure group. They want the public to do the same. John Allen remembers the public support for the firemen during their strike-

"The support we had from the public during the strike and since has been amazing. We've always had very good relations and support from the public and organisations. It was quite fantastic, it really was."

If a single fireman is made redundant the FBU will immediately convene a recall conference. Industrial action could follow.

In the meantime, we must resist these horrifying proposals in every way we can. Get them discussed in your trade-union or community organisation. Contact the FBU for information. Put pressure on your councillors and MPs.

The proposals clearly fit into the government's economic strategy. Profits are seen as more important than people's lives. Deaths are seen as "unavoidable". That's why we fight to get rid of "his inhuman values. They are "unavoidable".

"There's no two ways about it. It's no different to closing a hospital or cutting social services. That's what it is doing - it's just another social service that's being cut."

boarding houses are concerned. We're the scourge of hoteliers and boarding house owners. They hate us basically because we cost them a lot of money when we go round!

"But if you go to an old people's home that's owned by the local authority we've got no powers to enforce our recommendations at all. So what happens is that you go there for six or seven years saying that a door has to be put right and it isn't! And there's nothing you can do about it."

"IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE IS NOT TO CONTRIVE SAVINGS"

That's what the Government says about its Green Paper. John Allen takes a different view-

"Later on in the review it says 'If certain proposals were implemented savings of up to £30 million can be expected.' In my view this 'not contriving savings' is a downright lie. I don't think there can be any other way of looking at it."

The Review clearly aims to cut the wage bill by cutting whole-time firemen and setting up day-manning stations;

"because the costs of the fire service are so heavily concentrated in the provision of manpower, the only changes which could have any significant effect on the total costs would be changes in the level of whole-time manpower." (Green Paper, para. 1043)

What could this mean for Hove fire-station?

"You've got 60 firemen on that station. Now if, for instance, that was turned into a day manning station, what you might have there is 13 whole-time firemen and so many retained. You're talking about the reduction from 60 whole-time firemen down to 13"