THROUGH THE MUSHROOM

CONTINUED.

aboriginies had wandered all

over the test sight, and how

group of them sitting in the

bottom of a bomb crater around

a fire. When he looked at them

he saw that they were covered

1977. The pathologist stated

that nuclear debris had been

at one time he had found a

in sores. William Grigsby

died of a brain tumour in

found in his brain tissue.

* Harry Angwin was at the

Monte Bello test site. He

... lung cancer, less than two

he gave a signed statement,

died in 1982 of stomach and

years after the first symptoms

had appeared. Before his death

witnessed and verified by an

lagoon had spilt on some of

how they slept on deck in and

around contaminated boats. The

old shipmate, stating that

the crew and over the ship,

Ministry of Defence flatly

denies this story, but the

Admiralty (who apparently

have not yet been told to

ination' and described the

* Brian Young was wearing

down the RAF Canberra that

He was soaked in water and

the crew of the Scarborough

believed to be polluted. No

warning was given. Nor were

we warned that pieces of

coral taken as souveniers

was put ashore with others

Malden Island and while the

burning. Without protective

anti flash hoods and gloves,

they spent six weeks cleaning

from a seemingly endless list

of horrifying negligence, -

if it was negligence.

are not allowed to make

illness and compensation

callously used as expendable

or did they not fully under-

stand the horror of what they

To us this must now become

the main issues. What we

want to know is were we

pawns in the search for

the central issue.

knowledge about the bomb,

were doing in the 1950's..

These are just a few things

It is vital that the press

test buildings were still

clothing except gun crews'

after two air bursts over

could be contaminated.

swam in the lagoon now

had flown through the cloud.

later developed serious sores.

* Myself and other members of

ship as 'lukewarm'.

keep quiet) admit that there

was a 'light residual contam-

contaminated water from a

THINGS THEY

BRITISH NUCLEAR VETERANS HAVE APPEALED FOR OTHER VETERANS TO BREAK THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACTS AND COME FORWARD. SO FAR THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN GOOD. EVEN WITHOUT THE AID OF THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS (WHO ARE ONLY NOW TAKING AN INTEREST) OVER 130 HAVE COME FORWARD. 80 CASE HISTORIES WERE HANDED TO DR. ALICE STEWART OF BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

Of the 80 cases studied 17 had died, 16 from cancer and 12 of these from blood cancers associated with radiation exposure. Eight of these deaths have been in the last six years. Others are suffer- ' ing from leukaemia, rashes and many other radiation linked diseases. Dr. Stewart said the sample showed a high proportion of skin troubles and cataracts developing at a relatively early age. The figure for deaths is abnormally high, in fact two and a half times higher than is normally expected for the same age group. In the Brighton area, of the six people who have come forward, four have diseases believed to be linked to the Christmas Island tests.

As lay-men it will be almost' HMS Zeebrugge. He also told impossible to prove that our diseases are related to the nuclear tests, no matter how many come forward over the next few weeks. The government will amass a fine array of Lords, professors scientiests etc., to whitewash our evidence.

But we can tell you about some of the things that happened. Things witnessed by many people in the front line and which the armchair pundits cannot dispute.

* William Grigsby who was at the Maralinga ground burst tests told his wife how

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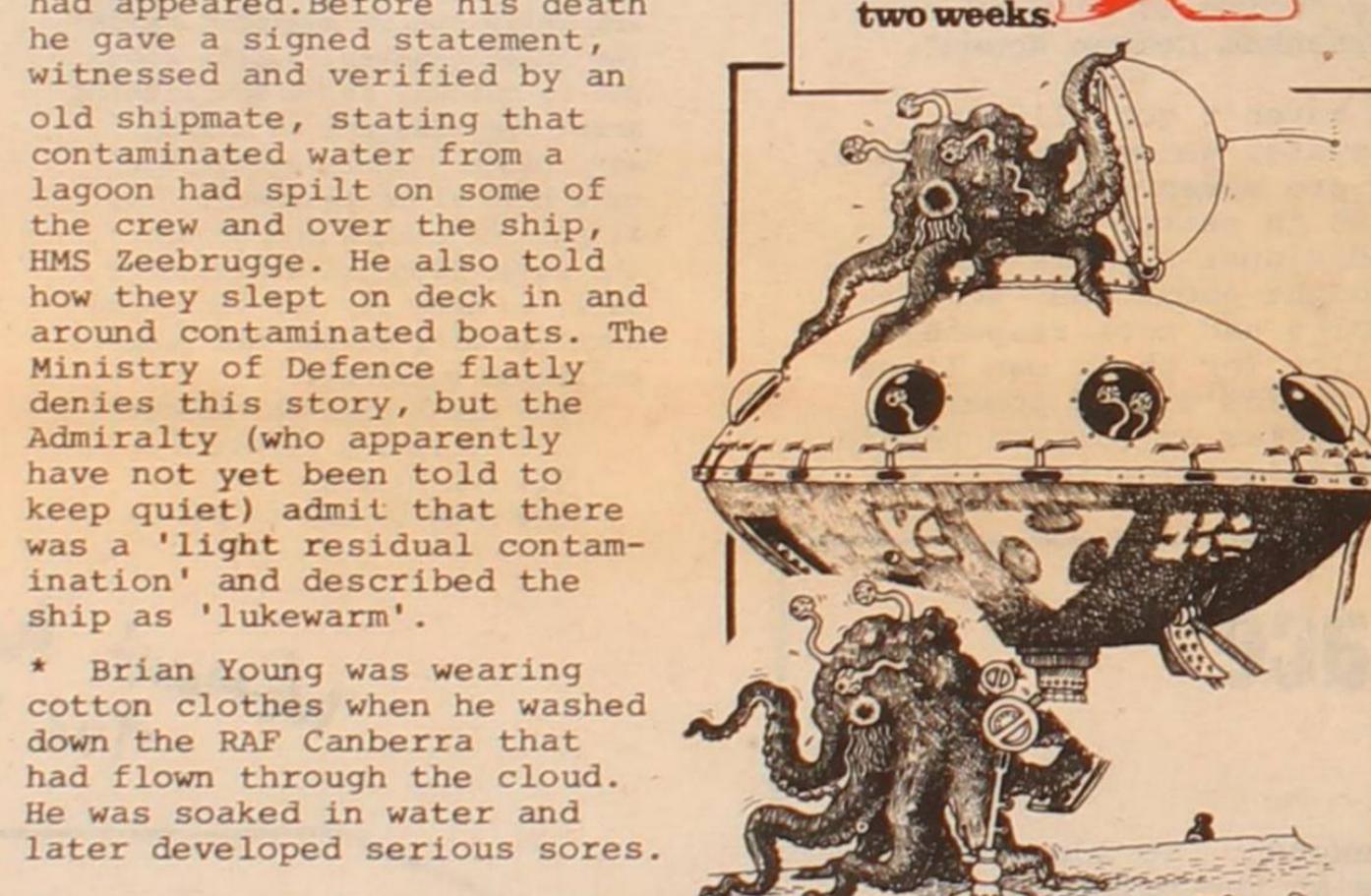
FORESTER

957/1958 on HMS SCARBOROUGH.

During this period he witnesse two Hydrogen and four Atomic bomb blasts codenamed X TESTS. He now lives in Whitehawk and can be contacted through the voice. 40 Cowper St, Hove.

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





DUOTES

A LOAD OF ...

Inscribed above a hot-air hand-dryer in the gents' * Terence Dale from HMS Narvic toilet at the House of Commons: "Press button for a message from your

> The vital question: who will press the button if Cruise Missiles are fired from this country? Francis Pym admits it will be an American finger on the button. Tory backbenchers are aghast! Perhaps "No destruction without representation" could be their rallying call!

PROPERTY BEFORE PEOPLE

"Dene Clarke fell out with his girl friend and banged her head against a plate glass window - which broke. Yesterday magistrates at Chesterfield fined Clarke £50 for damaging the window."

-Morning Telegraph.

"Several policeman spoken to in the centre of Bournemouth said many police were in favour of hanging, themselves included."

Bournemouth Echo

Tom Forester's lust for glory is getting a little out of hand. The intrepid Councillor it seems, is attempting to ensure that he and he alone gets the credit for anything decent that happens within his Hanover patch.

Take for instance, the case of the Queens Park sandpit. Some Hanover parents were upset that a fence separating it from the swings in the play area were due to be removed following proposals finalised by the Parks Committee (including Councillor Forester), several months ago. Their concern led to a meeting with the director of the Parks & Recreation Dept., Mike Griffin,, Councillor Forester and another Hanover Councillor, Stan Fitch.

When Forester arrived and saw Fitch there he was, apparently, agitated, demanding to know what the hell Fitch was doing at the meeting. (Fitch had in fact, been invited by both Griffin and Hanover residents).

Well, eventually it was all sorted out and the fence will remain. But an indication that the incident was not entirely forgotten came a few weeks later when one of the Hanover residents who had helped set up the meeting, was walking home. A car drew up beside her, the window was wound down and the abusive tongue of her local SDP Councillor began to harangue her in an exceedingly immoderate and illiberal manner about the Invite to Councillor Fitch.

The Voice's advice to Councillor Forester is to cool it down a little. You're much more lovable when you're modest, Tom, and we're sure that a little personal reticence wouldn't interfere unduly with your many "good works".

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE?

The good doctors at Brighton General hospital recently had a seminar on alternative medicine. Acupuncture, meditation, and so on. Good food from Food For Friends. Sounds like a useful event. Just one sour note. The seminar was sponsored by Roche, the well-known multinational drug company whose products include Valium. Perhaps future events of this nature could be self-financing???



40 COWPER STREET, HOVE.

BRIGHEON

In December last year on

BBC TV's 'Nationwide" a doctor

Hugh Evans, speaking as an

true. He said: (1) Nobody

and after the tests all

could have been closer than

expert and on behalf of the

government about the Christ-

mas island tests, said several

things that were blatantly un-

fifteen miles from detonation.

(2) Everybody was supplied with

protective clothing. (3) Before

personnel wère given stringent

medical tests. (4) All person-

nel carried their own personal

dosimeter. (5) There were no

natives living on the island.

He then went on to say that

people are subject to more

radiation in everyday life

sleeved blue cotton shirts.

were all ordered to muster

protective clothing.

Maybe this was their idea of

Thirty minutes later we

to sit with out backs to the

our hands. At zero hour the

the detonation. There was

an indescribable flash of

This was followed by an

light that showed the bones

of our hands like an X-ray.

extremely loud bang and a

heat that I can only describe

as someone opening a very not

blast and cover our eyes with

Scarborough was 5 miles from

on the upper deck where we had

IN THE LATE FIFTIES, AS A YOUNG SEAMAN, I WAS SERVING ON HMS SCARBOROUGH WHICH WAS PATROLLING THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN STATION. HAVING SPENT THE LAST FEW WEEKS VISITING THE BAHAMAS AND JAMAICA I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRIP THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL. LITTLE DID REALIZE THAT THE NAVY HAD PLANNED A VISIT TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST EXCLUSIVE ISLANDS, OR THAT THE SAME

I was sent to Christmas Island, a small coral island in the pacific, where the British carried out nuclear tests. The island is semi-horseshoe shaped and roughly 24 miles as the crow flies, from tip to tip. Apart from the small clusters of coconut groves dotted around, it was pretty barren. At the southern tip was a small restricted area, the other was a lagoon, which the crews of the three ships taking part in the operation used for swimming.

ISLAND WOULD COME BACK TO HAUNT ME ONE DECEMBER, 24 YEARS

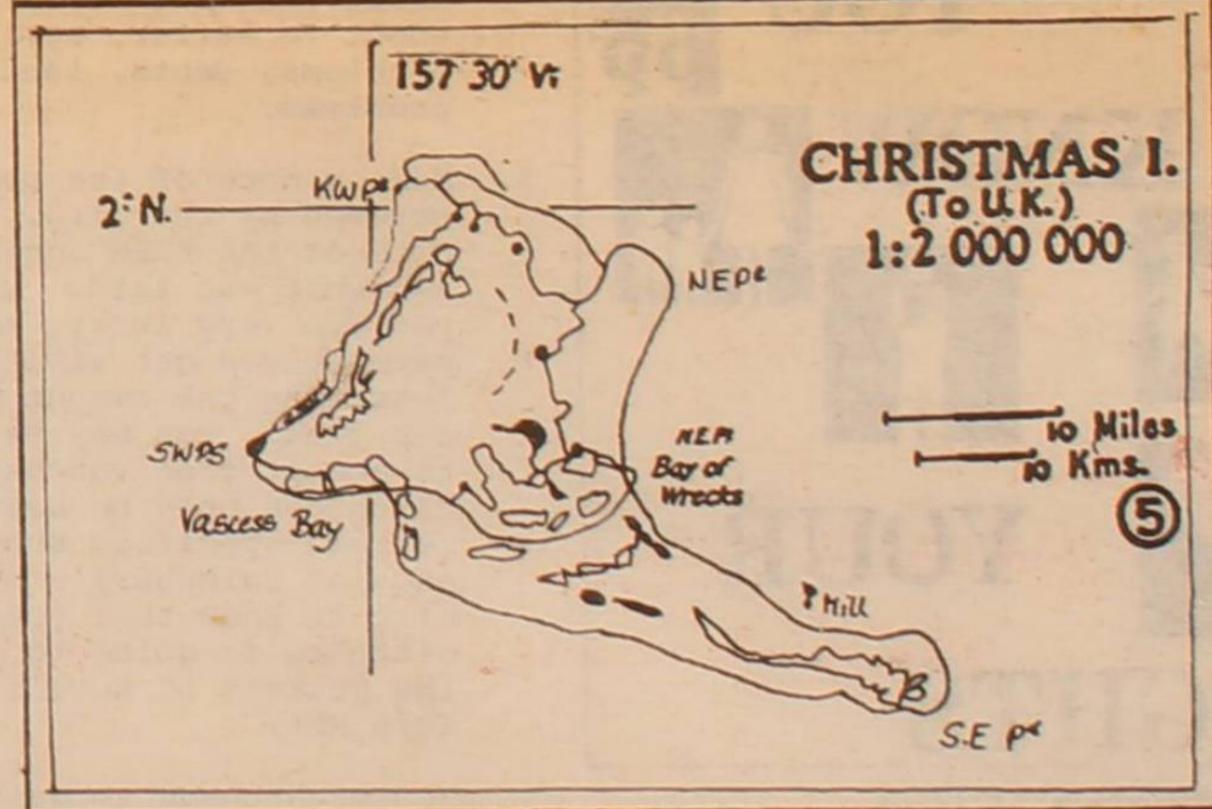
LATER. IT BECAME THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST.

On the island itself there were several army regiments, a contingent of the RAF and a native village. THE BRITISH PERSONNEL WERE ON THE ISLAND BEFORE , DURING AND AFTER THE. TEST. THE LOCAL INHABITANTS WERE EVACUATED BEFORE THE TEST BUT WERE RETURNED AFTER-

The three ships were allotted the following tasks. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary, a supply tanker, would evacuate the islanders, take them out of sight of the test and show them films. The New Zealand destroyer, HMS Pukaki, would station itself on the outer boundaries to warn off any stray ships or aircraft. HMS Scarborough would sail into the test area. The official reason for being so close was that we may have to rescue the crew of an RAF Canberra, whose job it was to fly through the mushroom cloud and take samples of radiation.



BY COLIN AVEY



than the service men on Christoven door on your face. Lastly mas island. came the blast. To try to give This is what actually you some idea of what it was happened on HMS Scarborough like, imagine travelling on an from zero minus one hour express train through a tunnel before detonation until after with the window open. Another the test. At zero minus one we, express train passes at the the ships company, were told same speed. The blast we felt to go below and change out was a hundred times worse, of our white shorts and put enough to take your breath on No. 8's. This was our winter working gear of long denim trousers and long-

_After the blast we were 'allowed to turn around. We gazed up in awe at the giant mushroom cloud that appeared to hang directly over the ship. The huge fireball cracked and roared for twenty minutes or so, sounding like an overhead clap of thunder magnified many times.

But the most amazing sight was the different colours reflecting off the layer of ice that had been sucked up and shot through the cloud to a height where it had been frozen.

MEANWHILE, IN THE AIR, THE RAF CANBERRA BEGAN TO TAKE ITS SAMPLES AND THE SCARBOROUGH CREPT SLOWLY FORWARD UNTIL WE PASSED THROUGH THE BASE OF THE MUSH-ROOM CLOUD. ON OUR WAY BACK TO THE ISLAND PEOPLE WHO HAD SLIGHT BURNS TO EXPOSED SKIN WERE GIVEN THEIR 'STRICT MEDICAL'. THIS CONSISTED OF BEING TOLD TO TAKE A SHOWER AND TO RUB CREAM INTO THE AFFECTED AREA.

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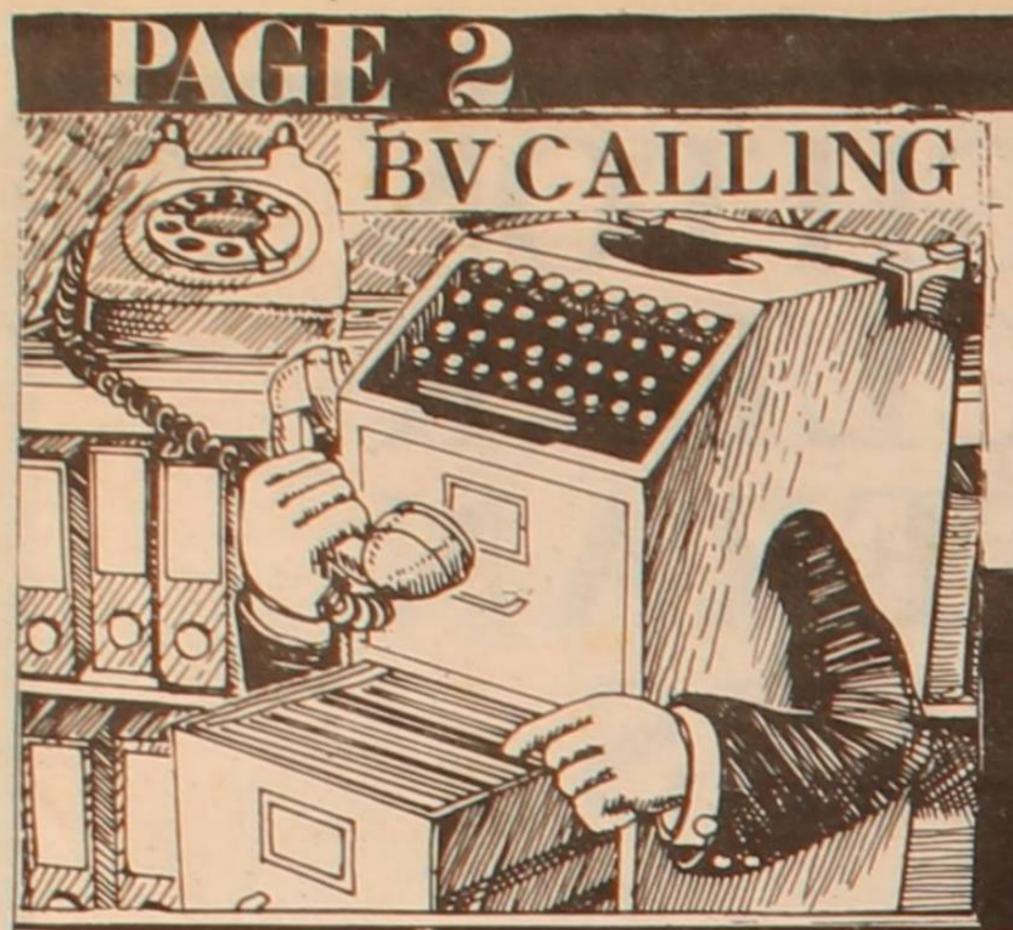
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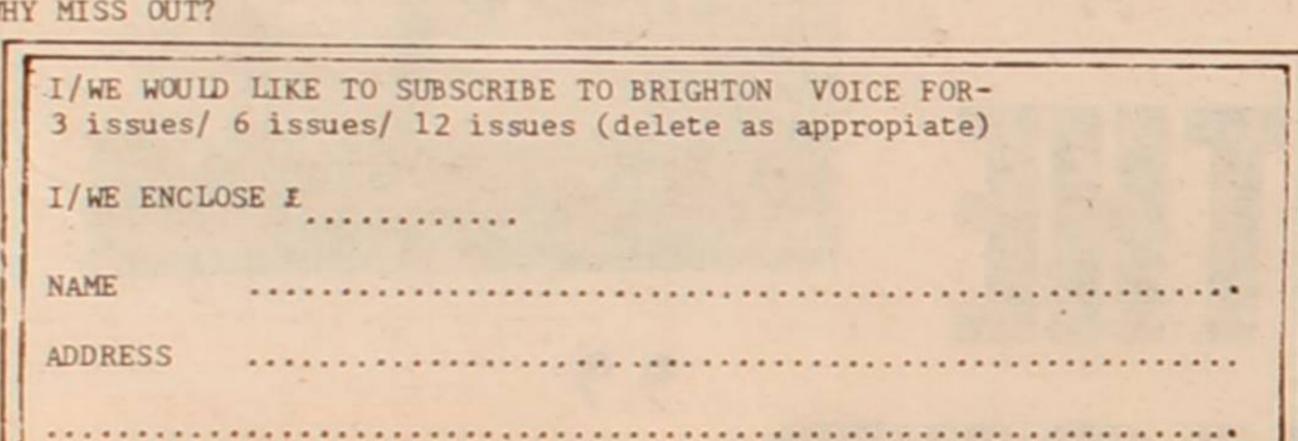
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40, Cowper Street, Hove. WHY MISS OUT?





Missing Giros

If your Giro fails to arrive, the DHSS should interview you as soon as possible and make an immediate payment. Even if there is doubt that the loss is genuine, they can make an urgent needs payment to avoid unnecesary hardship. But in Brighton and Hove the DHSS take a hard line on missing Giros so DON'T BE PUT OFF. Keep calm and persist.

What to Do:

- 1. Check with the main GPO Sorting Office to see if they still have it - they rarely do, but you might be lucky.
- Tell the Unemployment Office where you sign on that the Giro hasn't arrived, and make sure that you fill out the official form before you leave.
- 'Phone the DHSS to tell them that it hasn't arrived

and demand an immediate

interview. At the DHSS interview: go with a friend who can give you support and act as a witness. State that as you have not received your Giro you need a counter payment. Give them as much information as you can about the hardship you are about to suffer, eg, health problems, debts, landlord problems.

Make a note of the period covered by the Giro, the date of the DHSS interview and what was said. Unless you are very lucky, any payment you get will be less than the amount you are owed. You may be made to accept food vouchers, which can only be used at certain specified shops, such as Sainsbury's (it's nice to know that your pittance is going to line the pockets of Hove's Tory MP!)

You might have to wait up to 4 or 5 months for any arrears. You cannot appeal to a Tribunal for any money owed to you from a missing Giro, but you can take action in the County Court. If this sounds a bit complicated, DON'T BE PUT OFF. Start by getting advice on how

to go about it. If your Giro arrives, but then gets lost or stolen you may be able to get an urgent needs payment or even a complete replacement. GET ADVICE BEFORE YOU TAKE ACTION.

We think that people with missing Giros are getting a raw deal locally, so if you've had trouble with this, we'd like to hear from you. We want to press for a change in local office policy. If you've had a Giro in the past that wasn't replaced in full, get advice. You may still be able to CLAIM

Contact the Unemployed Centre Welfare Rights Group, 4 Coalbrook Road, Kemptown. deadlines. Phone 600881. Mon-Wed 10-1.

Dear Brighton Voice

AN OPEN LETTER TO EILEEN DAFFERN, NATIONAL COUNCIL

It's a pity that the author of the reply to my letter in BV '89 though acknowledging that I raised 'useful and important points', failed to grasp them. My attitudes are divisive, or so our member of National Council claims. Wrong, I am not some political agitator trying to infiltrate CND in order to create division. I am not trying to take it over or subordinate it to my political party, I am criticising CND because it is political centralisation which lies at the heart of nuclear conflict.

Some proverbs sound wise but are immensely stupid. You do not fight fire with fire, you fight it with water. You do not combat the power structure which lies at the heart of nuclear conflict by imitating it. You build an alternative which incapacitates the nuclear capability of present structures. This is not cowardice talking. It is to talk of the need for a truly brave fight. We cannot keep coercive and elitist power structures in society and expect nuclear weapons to go away.

Now it will no doubt be stated that talk of changing the

But it is remarkable that those who think that nuclear weapons can just be got rid of, let the question of why there ARE nuclear weapons go begging. One part of the answer must include reference to the fact that nuclear weaponry defends centralised structures of power and wealth. What is utopian is to assume that structures which depend on nuclear weapons for their survival will voluntarily give them

social structure is utopian

If you want to get rid of nuclear weapons you must exchange the structures of the societies which need them for structures which render their existence redundant.

What I have tried to do is point ot the way those structures are NOT being changed, but are being reproduced even within CND itself. Might not this be the reason why CND has proved to be so ineffective so far?

I do not insult you. I do not accuse you of lacking courage or of being divisive. I am trying to show you in what way you and many in CND are confused and, hence, so ineffective.

An Com.

UNIONS AND THEMEDIA

Brighton journalists, working with the media sub- committee of the Brighton and Hove Trades Council, have produced a pamphlet aimed at helping trade unionists get better Press coverage.

Local coverage of the Labour movement has traditionally ranged from poor to appalling but members of the National Union of Journalists maintain that trade unionists could do a lot to improve coverage by better organisation and understanding how the media work.

The 16-page pamphlet "How to Use the Media" (price 25p and a largish SAE from 70 Hartington Road) tells trade unionists to:

- * Remember that editors are more interested in circulation than doing good.
- * Be open with reporters. And remember that they have

Make sure newspapers hear your side of a dispute.

- * Write punchy press releases with day-time telephone numbers for further information.
- * Use the readers' letters column.
- * Suggest picture ideas to go with stories.
- * Complain to the editor, news editor or NUJ official if you are unhappy with coverage.
- * Don't forget TV and particularly local radio.

Some 2,000 copies of the pamphlet have been printed and are being circulated to local trade unionists.

Meanwhile, the Trades Council media group is planning further campaigns which may include monitoring media coverage of labour affairs.

CIVIL DEFENCE GOES PUBLIC

SUSSEX WAR PLANS

On 22nd February the County Council is expected to ratify the decision of the Public Protection Committee to make the East Sussex War Plans available to the public. Unless the Tories get cold feet the plans will be placed in Council offices, Libraries and Citizens Advice Bureaux, and individuals will be able to purchase those parts available so far for about

The surprise decision of the Public Protection Committee came on 16th December following disclosures in October's Brighton Voice and the submission of a motion from County Councillor Harry Spillman which condemned the existence of secret war plans.

Cllr. Spillman's motion also called on the County Council to initiate a public debate on the plans and to open the County Bunker and other operational war rooms to public inspection.

At the Council meeting on the 22nd he will continue to push these two points in an effort to open up the whole of the County's war planning process.

The East Sussex War Plans reveal many of the ways in which central government has planned for nuclear war. They confirm many people's worst fears.

Did you know that your ambulance

There has always been a policy of

covering vehicles with crews on

overtime when staff have been

Under new instructions from the

time will be worked which runs

This includes a wide range of

into double time.

routine work.

duties such as:

Bank Holidays

Sunday Working

Rest Day Cover

Recall to Duty.

Night Shift

Chief Ambulance Officer, no over-

This applies to front line emer-

Disturbing news has reached the

'Voice' on reduced cover in

AMBULANCES WEARING

cover is being reduced by stealth. tions has so far meant in

* The public will be kept in the dark about the possibility of war.

"All official preparatory measures will be undertaken covert(ly) for as long as possible. The need to avoid panic reaction by the public and political activity that would hamper the government - Rushing in its attempts to avoid war , must be kept in the forefront when making decisions to activate particular measures".

The public will be told to 'stay-put' and that they may be refused food and shelter if they try to evacuate themselves before an attack.

* The prime purpose of Home Defence Planning to to "Secure the United Kingdom against internal threat" and an urgent task for the police (and armed forces) will be to take "Special measures to maintain internal security with particular emphasis concerning subversive or potentially subversive persons".

- * Fall-Out Shelter policy is a farce, even for those who will be expected to work for local government if they survive an attack.
- * After an attack the only food that will be available will be from Emergency Feeding Centres, based on school kitchens and improvised open air field kitchens.
- * The entire surviving population would be expected to live on one half pint of "stew-type" meal a day, (perhaps with some bread or biscuits) for several months



and perhaps up to a year. The Food Control and Emergency Feeding Plan states: " There will be a chronic shortage of food over a period of at least two years. The adjustment to a subsistence level diet will be a grim process for the public.

* Notes to householders suggest what action should be taken by the public to protect themselves. But they don't admit that if you live within 10-20 miles of a nuclear explosion YOU WILL BE DEAD ... and maybe grateful to be so.

The East Sussex Plans run into hundreds of pages and it is impossible to convey the full horror of them in a few paragraphs. Brighton Voice is .. therefore going to prepare a booklet summarising and analysing the plans. We hope that this will be available in a few months time.

County Treasurers Department

They may at first sight seem

are enough of them, even the

Out-Patients Dept. of Brighton

General hospital were selling

second-hand books and raffling

teddy bears and snoopy dogs to

patients. This was not to help

purchase some exotic and expen-

namely stools on which people's

legs can be rested while dres-

basic, essential supplies,

The dedication of staff in

taking on the extra work to

ded. If the money cannot be

squeezed from the budget and

help patients is to be applau-

the stools are needed now, then

there is perhaps no other way

to get them. But such actions

down the road towards the day

directly for their own treat-

take the health service further

when patients will have to pay

ment. In this case it is only

we all know that this case has

a thousand more like it up and

a little way down the road, but

sings are put on.

down the country.

sive equipment, but to buy very

insignificant, but if there

smallest cuts can prove

One example- just before

Christmas, staff in the

deadly.

ALL BUT £20,000 OF THE £123,000 "SAVINGS" BEING MADE IN THE COUNTY TREASURERS DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED BY CUTTING

12 posts in all are to go; 5 of these (4 in Salaries and 1 in Computer Control) have been found to be unnecessary due to the introduction of new equipment.

Here of course, there will be no compulsory redundancies because of NALGO's New Technology agreement with the employers. There is no such certainty about the remaining six posts in Computer Development nor the one clerical (or training post) in

Administration. photo Deb Shorrocks

during the NHS industrial dispute.

Brighton has always been noted for its comprehensive and skillful service, but this is now being put at risk by the decisions of management. Who is to say where this attack will

Once lower standards are accepted the path will be towards privitisation and contract agreements.

It seems as if the authorities have turned to erosion and reduction by stealth instead of direct confrontation. which doesn't look very likely.

> WE feel it is imperative that the people of Brighton should know what is happening!

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152,700 that on four days from Brighton and the surrounding areas. January 1 to January 11 there were reductions of up to two vehicles on day work and the reduction of one vehicle on the evening shift, the busiest time depleted by sickness and holidays. on two occasions, leaving just two vehicles to cover the whole An ambulance from Heathfield population for emergencies and recently picked up a mental urgent admission to hospital. patient under section for tran-

In Hove they frequently lose one of their two vehicles at night, unless a station officer gency vehicles as well as those on works with no payment. This is to cover a population of

The effect of these restric-

Brighton with a population of

Recently two children were transferred from the Accident Unit at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, one with a fractured leg in plaster, the other with head injuries and concussion, by a vehicle from Hove without an attendant in

the back of the ambulance.

crews from Lewes are frequently These management practices now being sent to attend emergen-cies in Brighton.

ambulance.

of cover at Hove.

give a hollow ring to their protestations of patient care

sfer to a London hospital, and

in the abscence of a trained

crew member a police officer

travelled in the back of the

An ambulance from Newhaven

recently had to go to an emer-

gency in Hangleton due to lack

This looks as if it will be a

future unless union members are

continuing pattern for the

able to reverse the policy,

Library staff are not going to be made redundant, but their hours will be reduced.

Cuts in hours will mean cuts in

Workers will also suffer in the following ways:

* Superannuation rights will be affected. Some workers may no longer even be eligible.

The employment protection

legislation will not apply to workers whose hours fall below the required level.

SIMPLE

11 George Street, Brighton. and now also at 167, hewes Road ..

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LIBRARIES: 29 hour variations The social implications, partic-"STAFF VARIATIONS" IS THE LATEST ularly in a town like Seaford, PHRASE BEING USED IN THE LIBRARare only too obvious. Many of the IES DEPARTMENT TO HIDE A MULTI-

STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. The majority of Libraries are to be closed for a further day a week. On top of that, they will

TUDE OF DAMAGING CUTS WHICH WILL

HAVE FAR REACHING EFFECTS ON BOTH

also have the hours they are open daily reduced. For example, Seaford Branch is at present open for 412 hours over a five day period. In future, this will be reduced to only 29 hours over a four day period.

elderly look upon the library as somewhere they can go for both warmth and company; somewhere they can read a newspaper and generally still feel part of the community. This also applies to many of the growing number of unemployed.

Such considerations are, it would seem, unimportant to the present Conservative Council.

Naturally, if Libraries are not going to be open - staff will not be needed. This is where the "variations" come in. It appears that

THE SEEDY ONE ~ A SORDID SAGA

The Mayor's Rolls Royce is to be scrapped after having had over £20,000 worth of repairs and renovation since 1976 -£4,500 since last October! Now while car maintenance is an expensive business you may wonder how it is possible to spend such sums. Well, the answer is given in the table.

But the reliability of the car cannot be guaranteed and in a succinct piece of understatement Brighton's Transport Manager said "the present condition of the car does not reflect well on Dutton-Forshaw (the usual repairers) even after allowing for its age and mileage." Dutton-Forshaw have now stopped trad-

The Transport Manager recommended that the car should be replaced as early as 1974. But in an effort to avoid the political furore which whould inevitably have surrounded the purchase of a new car it was decided to keep the Rolls going despite the staggering costs involved.

Now the Tories look set to spend £27,000 on a new Daimler Limousine. Brighton's Chief Executive, R. Morgan

CD1 faces the end of the road



said that the Mayor needs a car which can seat four or five passengers comfortably and that 'the Mayor of a Borough of some importance needs to arrive in suitable style, and that he, and in particular his Lady, need to have the space and headroom to enable them to get into and out of the car with appropriate dignity'.

At a time of financial crisis you might imagine that services to the ratepayers

might be of more importance, than the dignity of the Mayor and 'his lady'. Obviously not.

If Brighton has to have a Mayor, and a Mayor's car with plenty of headroom, what was wrong with the suggestion of British Leyland Taxi-type ca at £10,000.

The cheaper the car the cheaper it is to maintain they should have realised by

OFFICIAL CAR-HISTORY OF REPAIRS.

			DETAIL OF LARGER JOBS (inc.VAT)	
	YEAR	TOTAL	AMOUNT	MAIN DETAIL
		£	£	BY DUTTON- FORSHAW
	76/77	1,770	521	Gearbox, etc. Steerbox, new cylinder, etc
	77/78	5,354	5,604	Overhaul, Refurbish.
	78/79	856	552	Radiator, Drive Belts etc.
	79/80	1,931	374 335	Various Service, repair doors etc.
	80/81	1,752	300	Service, radiator etc.
			258	Various pipes swivel point.
h			281	Service, locks doors.
5	81/82	3,124	1,327	Exhaust, gearbox.
ar			270 548	Service etc. Various
	82/83 to Oct. 82.	1,300	515 800	Exhaust etc. Service & various.
				BY PETRIE & SCOTT
	Oct. 82	2,394	2,394	Brakes, steer- ing, suspension
				BY TRANSPORT DEPT.
	Nov. 82	2,185	2,185	Transmission Body, MOT
	Don't bland	transport Manager.		(Transmission free from RR)
	Blane the	Transport Hanager.		

SOCIAL SERVICES 3

DESPITE A REPORT FROM MR KEN YOUNG (DIRECTOR) THAT SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT CLIENTS COULD BE AT RISK IF FURTHER BUDGET CUTS WERE MADE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SOCIAL SER VICES COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A FURTHER £836,000 BE CUT FROM THE 1983/4 BUDGET.

The cuts were divided into two categories:

"EFFICIENCY SAVINGS" * £290,000 The bulk of this sum was to be found by cutting 20.5 administrative and training staff posts. Mr Young assured the Committee that this would not mean compulsory redundancies and he was confident that the staff affected could be "suitably" employed elsewhere.

While this may be greated as being "good news", it cannot detract from the fact that lost posts do mean lost jobs.

"REDUCTION IN SERVICE LEVELS" * £546,000

Savings in this area will be found in a varity of ways all having a serious effect on the service offered to the public.

The opening of several vitally needed residential establishments (eg. Knoll House for the elderly) is being delayed despite the fact that some of them have been ready to be occupied for some time. At the same time, financial support for agency placements, both for the elderly and the handicapped (eg. Cheshire Homes), has been further reduced.

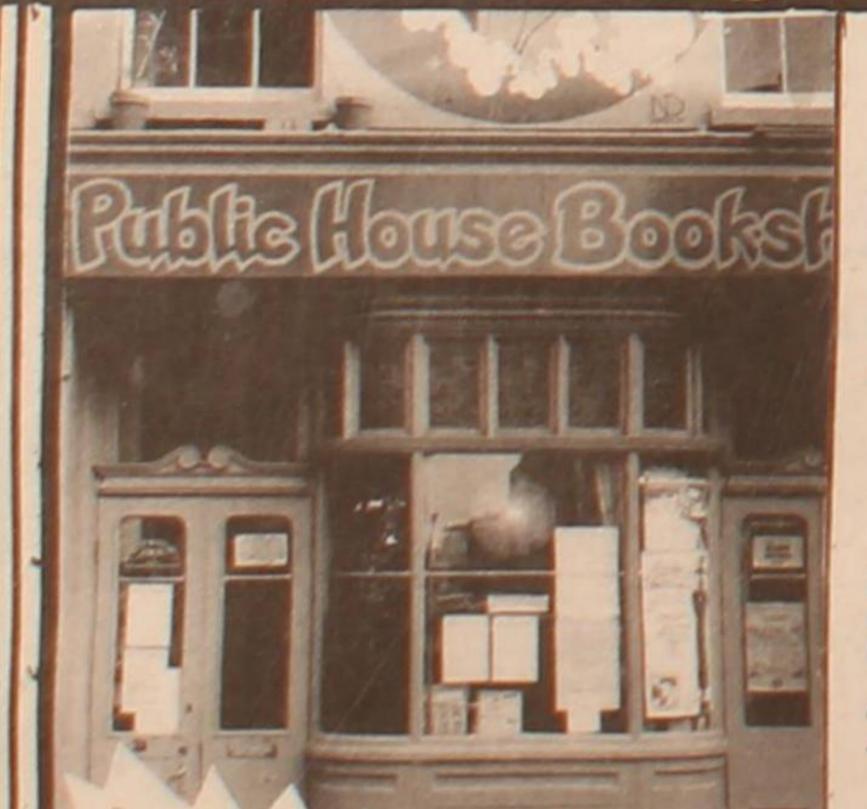
Added to this is the reduction of Family Consultation Service Social Workers from 92 to just 35 posts. Committee members had received many letters of protest about this proposals. A great number of the letters were from health service professionals who consider this relatively

inexpensive service to be essen

The cut was still agreed.

Mr Young suggested to the Committee that the service could be saved if money could be made available from the health service budget, in the form of joined funding. This seems a very forlorn hope from the outset. It is almost certain that the health service could not find such additional money. It is also very unlikely that there is sufficient time for negotiation. Formal approaches have only just been made and an initial reply is not even expected until after the Holicy and Resources Committee of the County Council have met to consider the budget proposals ...

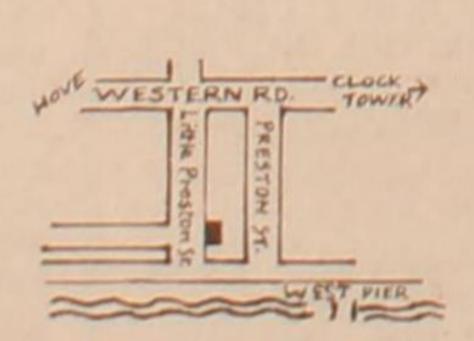




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The appalling state of Brighton's highways and footpaths gets steadily worse. The County Council continue to cut back the money for this and they recently decided that there has to be a 1 inch high 'trip' to make it worth their while to repair it. So when you go headlong over a %-inch high trip you can curse Charnock, the evil engineer in Lewes County Hall.

The engineers in the Highways Department, themselves may say that matters have reached a dangerous state and safety standards are very low, particularly in Brighton.

But don't expect to get much attention if you complain. The County has also decided to sent out just a standard form letter to all those who add to the rising tide of complaints.

However, enormous energy is being put into getting the bureaucracy right. A new system of standardised and detailed reporting by inspectors is being set up at considerable expense, but precious little attention is given to actually getting some repair work done.

HOUSING BENEFITS

Ten million people will be very much worse off under the new government scheme for Housing benefits, and 2,000 DHSS employees will lose their jobs. The scheme will come into operation in April, but many Council tenants on Supplementary benefit are affected

Like so many actions of this government there is a core of reasonableness to what they are doing. They want to help the poorly-off pensioner, but to avoid increasing the total sum paid out, those just above the poverty line but still entitled to benefits are being firmly squeezed out. It is estimated that a quarter of a million households could be forced out of benefits area entirely.

In addition, all housing benefits, whether in the form of rebates or the housing element of supplementary benefit, will in future be dealt with by the local Council. This means that for Council tenants no cash will be handed over. Instead rate and rent bills will be reduced. So Council tenants will have less freedom of action to control their budgeting and less ability to juggle available cash between the various demands on their households as they think best.

The new regulations are very complex and will likely put many people off claiming them, in addition to producing many appeals because of mistakes. Already queries are reaching the CAB and the Rights Centre, but they are expected to flood in when the new scheme really bites in the Spring.

But these appeals will now be heard by three local Councillors, 'advised' by the very officials who made the original decisions. How can busy Councillors be expected to master the complexities of cases? They will be putty in the hands of the officials. And unlike present Supplementary Benefit Tribunals there will be no qualified and expert chairman. This is plainly a kangaroo court, and even this miserable semblance of justice was only included by the government because of the angry protests of the Child Poverty Action Group and other housing groups.

Nationally the Labour movement has done little to challenge the government over this issue, and it is being left to local independent advice agencies and welfare rights activists to pick up the pieces. Concerned people - all those on supplementary benefit or in receipt of rent or rate rebates - should contact the CAB or the Rights Centre for advice.

Families to lose homes

Two Brighton families will shortly lose their homes because of a bureaucratic blunder. The giant gyratory road scheme planned for Lewes Road, solely for the benefit of Sainsbury's new store and its 400 car parking lot, aroused fierce opposition eighteen months ago, both locally and throughout the town. In particular there was deep anger at the compulsory purchase by the County Council of nine houses in the way of the grandiose and unnecessary plan. All of the houses were in good condition and many had been lived in by their present families for more than one generation.

It now emerges that the County Council purchased two too many

cuts-the NALGO VIEW

In January, the Finance and General Purpose Committee of Brighton Poly recommended cuts of £1.4 million.

Identified are 40 nonteaching and 45 teaching staff so it is with no pleasure that we will have to go to the membership to ballot them for selective industrial action when the first termination of employment (sack) for any member of APT &C staff is announced.

It is with regret that the reduction in the finances of the Polytechnic could not have been foreseen by the Authority and suitable action taken against the Government's education policies. We now know that the protest made when William Waldegrave MP visited the Polytechnic to discuss possible cuts with the Director, was not on a sufficient scale to divert him. With hindsight, perhaps the protest should have been stepped up to the point of civil disobedience.

No youth opportunities

The far reaching effects of the sacking of staff will undoubtedly be felt in many areas. One of these will be that the youth of the community, who may have participated in the NTI (New Training Initiative, may not now have that opportunity because our members will not be able to support the scheme while they themselves and/or their colleagues are being made redundant.

The situation within Brighton Polytechnic looks even more grim when you consider this is only the first round. As summer approaches the 17% cuts recommended by the National Advisory Body will be brought into effect. This could see the total removal of some courses which in turn will obviously see the loss of even more staff.

Protest action is inevitable and Brighton Polytechnic staff will need the support of all NALGO members.

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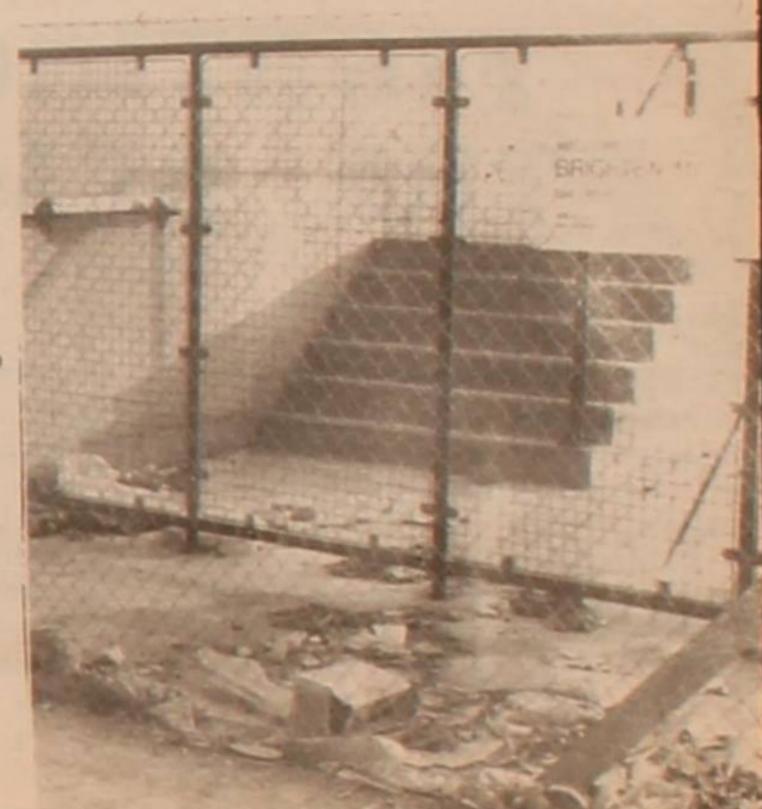
National Westminster Bank in Marina write~off

The Brighton Marina Company is making a bid to kill off competition from the proposed Black Rock Theme Park. At a recent closed meeting of the Marina Liaison Subcommittee, one of the company's directors asked Brighton Councillors not to lease the Black Rock site to the theme park applicants, Theme Schemes, but instead to let the Marina Company take it over.

Although the company's public relations officer says that they are 'two entirely separate developments', the theme park would clearly be in competition with the £12 million leisure centre which the company plans for the Black Rock end of the Marina. The Marina Company wants planning permission for the development, granted as long ago as 1975, to be renewed when it runs out in May 1985 and, as the company is already finding it hard to raise the necessary cash, it is anxious to clear away any further obstacles. Hence, the attempt by director Mr. Perkins to have the Black Rock scheme squashed.

It was suggested at the meeting that Theme Schemes be given just six months to start work at Black Rock, otherwise the Marina Company could move in. One councillor said that the site might make a good car park.

Whatever the outcome, the Marina Company will still have to find the money to finance its leisure its leisure centre, and this is



not so easy. The Council isn't going to sink money directly into the project, and it looks as though even the company's own backers are getting cold feet. It seems that the holdings of the National Westminster Bank's pension fund, one of the major shareholders, have been bought out by the Bank itself, presumably to protect its employees from the effects of a poor investment.

Perhaps one day, if the worst happens to the Marina Company the Council could buy up the Marina cheaply and start putting some useful things on it. Would they ever do it? Well, they're full of surprises. In 1979 they couldn't find the £285,000 needed to restore the Black Rock swimming pool, but in this austere (election) year they're going to spend £350,000 on what is described as a 'seafront facelift'.



Secret Opportunities!

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it. But they don't want anyone to know! That's why the Tories turned down a motion to have the Council declare itself an equal opportunity employer last December.

The County Council now intend What? Why don't they want anyone to know? Search me, I and eventually sell them off expect if you can't guess it for We offer a professional level of skills in these and other yourself then you haven't got the Registered Office: Merlin Work Collective Ltd relevant merits and abilities. 208 Ditchling Road Brighton Sussex



FIGHTING ON THE BEACHES

"Fighting on the Beaches" is not a highly polished professional programme, nor was it intended to be. It was made by the unemployed of Brighton about unemployment in their own area. The programme not only gives a general view of a town struck by unemployment but it also provides personal accounts of life on the dole in Brighton.

The programme dispels the myth that chronic unemployment is a problem confined to the industrial North, it shows that even in the supposedly comfortable, affluent South East unemployment is rife and on the increase. In the Brighton/Hove area alone, one in seven of the population is without a job.

The sunny, sugar-coated Brighton featured on picture postcards and holiday brochures is very remote from the true Brighton, below the veneer of wealth and affluence lies the other world: the reality of poverty, bad housing and decay caused by mass unemployment. For many it is certainly not "fun to be beside the seaside"

The slogan of the programme is taken from Margaret Thatcher's own speech at the Tory conference in Brighton - "We will tell the people the truth and the people will be our Judge" the truth is shown not by the

MPs or high ranking officials but by the people for whom unemployment is a reality.

Such a program can hardly be described as "light entertainment". Also it is not in a documentary style; between the scenes of acute reality there are sketches and humorous moments, because, after all,

you either want to laugh, or cry), at a government that puts 3.5 million on the dole. However, laughing nor crying will alleviate the situation, as the programme suggests, the unemployed must find alternatives - not only recreationally or educationally. The public should be made aware of the desperate situation and realise that they can do something about it, fight the system "on the beaches" if necessary!

9th February.

Unemployed Centre.

Rooms available for meetings, etc., Evenings and Weekends, other times negotiable. £5 per session.

Please contact Unemployed Centre, 4 Coalbrook Road, Brighton. Tel: 600881 for details.



Help for Groups Getting 'Into Print'

The Brighton and Hove Community Resource Centre has set up a new 'Into-Print' project to help local organisations start their own regular newsletters and produce leaflets to publicise their activities.

Two new artwork kits containing equipment for layout and pasteup work are now available free of should contact any member of the Confercaces, in that respect hire charge (£20 returnable deposit) from the Centre.

Money is also available for borrowing by groups needing to pay for their first newsletters before establishing secure funding.

A number of training sessions on how to lay out, and pasteup newsletters will also be arranged for local groups.

Anyone interested in either the greater extent by nontraining sessions, or in using teh fund or the artwork kits sesource Centre collective on 202492 during office hours.

More Work -Cheaper Labour

Like the tramp who cut off the bottom end of his blanket to sew on the top to keep his shoulders warm, the Brighton Borough Treasurer is searching for some extra cover. Unlike the tramp, though he has actually shortened his blanket so his needs are greater.

Poor Mr. Webb. Over the last reducing the size of his revenue section by nine full posts, nearly 15%, and now finds that it is unable to cope with the increased workload brought about by computerisation, the new rates system and 9,000 cases transferred from the DHSS The money to buy 'The Nook' came under the new unified housing benefit scheme.

Already 2½ posts have had to be restored in the office's benefits section to deal with the DHSS transfers. Now the treasurer is pleading for temporary help to carry out the other extra tasks. Mind you, a treasurer must be thrifty, so he is asking for just £3,5000, including employer's overheads, to pay for the equivalent of a full year's work.

Brighton Voice hopes that the former staff members recently made redundant appreciate his efforts to find work for unemployed school leavers.

Council Fleeces Public Again

All the charges for Council services are going up yet again. This happens with depressing frequency now, and the lowering rate of inflation seems to make no difference to it. Perhaps the most brazen of the increases is that charged against people who are being summonsed for non payment of their rates. In these hard times it is no wonder that those in this category have almost tripled in recent years. And because they cannot pay their rates bill the Council is going to increase the fine on them for not doing so. A lunatic policy.

However charges for everything are to go up, from inspecting a meat carcase, the cremation of a body and the hire of a ball of rope (now £1.90 through to the hire of the Withdean Stadium or the Dome (now £310.00).

From all this piling on of the agony the Council expect a measly sum of £157,000 in a full year.

a nook of their own

A BRIGHTON SUCCESS STORY

Two Piers Housing Co-Operative is in the process of buying 'The Nook' an old, rambling building of great character but in a poor state of repair situated just off the London Road. The 'Nook' has a checqfew years he has been seriously | uered history - many years ago it was a vicarage, but more recently it was re-opened as a squat, and after several years it was licenced to Two Piers by the owners, East Sussex County Council.

> from the Housing Corporation after the lifting of a moratorium on spending by the Department of the Environment. The decision to free the money and Two Piers' successful application for funding came as a great relief to residents at 'The Nook' as there were fears that the Council would not renew the licence and sell the building. As Nicola, one of the residents put it:

"We'd all put in a lot of work to try and make the place more habitable, and then it looked for a time as if we'd end up having to leave - I was really worried becuae I can't afford to pay the sort of money most landlords ask in this area. Besides, we've all become very attached to this place."

Two Piers alrady own two large 'fair rented' houses and 'The Nook' will be a welcome addition. There are more ambitious plans for the future however: it's hoped to acquire funds from the Housing Corporation to buy up to four more houses like those acquired already, and work is already underway to develop a large site in the Montpelier area of Brighton -Christchurch' - which should provde housing for up to fifty people when completed in two or three years time. The co-op would also like to start a 'short life' housing scheme to use local houses left empty (pending re-development) but which would be suitable for temporary housing. There will be a public

meeting to explain in more detail Two Piers current development programme and find out more about the sorts of housing interested parties would like Two Piers to try 0) to provide - as well as trying to answer any questions people might have about Two Piers. It will be held at the Hanover Community Centre, Southover Street on the 5th February at 7.15 pm.

UNIVERSITY

short term

Basic academic considerations have been resoundingly dumped by the University with their decision to shorten the Christmas vacation by a week in order to lengthen the Easter vacation The crassly commercial reason for this is simply in order to squeeze in one more paying Conference in the Spring. Meanwhile the students are still expected to complete their termpapers and essays in the abbreviated vacation, during almost the whole of which the Library is closed.

It is a good thing to see The University campus and buildings being used to a academics, but the sense of priviledge remains. are not much different from students.

health squeeze

Government cuts are now going to cost Sussex University students an arm and a leg. The University Council has decided that it can no longer afford £40,000 for the £12, million budget to pay for the University Health Services (UHS), but it insists that the Service is vital to the students - so they are now charging each student £10 out of their Grant to pay for it, whether they use it or not. If they don't cough up, Council threaten, the UHS will have to close. This would mean that "risk acceptance" applicants - then handicapped, epileptics, partially hearing, etc., would no longer be offered placed at the University.

Students are sickened by Council's attempt to blackmail them. They are refusing to pay for Government cuts on principle, and are organising a "Can't Pay, Won't Pay" boycott campaign.

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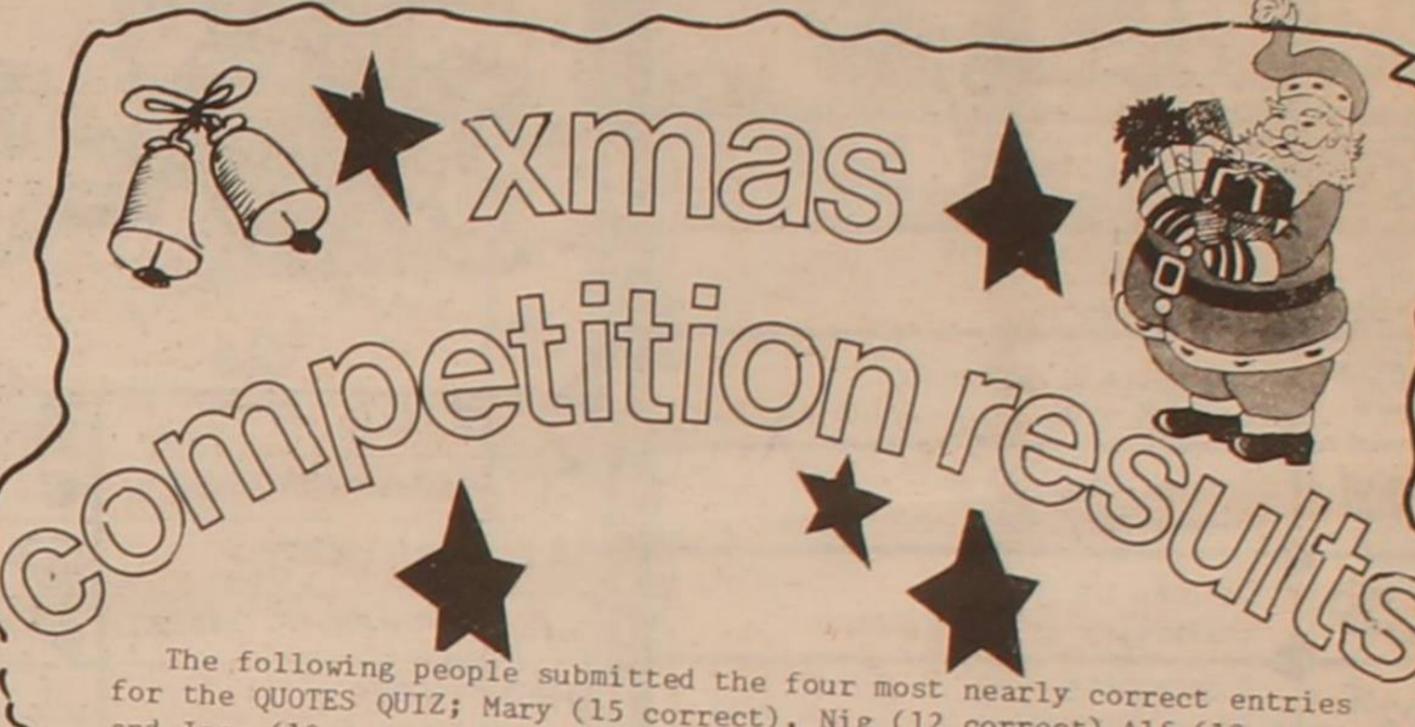
I want something better. Give me funny dancing, its the new thing Give me funny dancing, its as

old as anything.

So that when the music stops And the disco lights go out And the beat doesn't go on We can carry on having fun. Its more important than the

More important than the fashion More important than the discjockey

Its funny dancing We don't need the big star We copy and change each other We've stopped separating Our day to day living from our dancing



for the QUOTES QUIZ; Mary (15 correct), Nig (12 correct) Alf (12 correct)

The prize for the 'photo caption goes to Alf for the following :-"There may be a big spy scare but my lips are sealed." Each prizewinner will be contacted about their choice of prize.

Results of the Quotes Quiz

1 Rosa Luxemburg

2 Fat Freddy's Cat 3 Brian Hare (B'ton Landlord)

4 Adolf Hitler 5 Sigmund Fraud

6 Groucho Marx 7Joni Mitchell

8 Lady Caroline Douglas-Home

9 John Blackman (B'ton Tory

Councillor) 10 Groucho Marx

11 George Orwell 12 Karl Marx

13 Woody Allen 14 Germaine Greer

15 Ronald Reagan 16 Simone De-Beauvoir

17 Spike Milligan

18 Woody Allen

19 Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers 20 Margaret Thatcher

First Blood: fascism on film

FIRST BLOOD, afilm starring the redoutable Sylvester Stallone of 'Rocky' fame, is fast becoming the cult film of the new right in

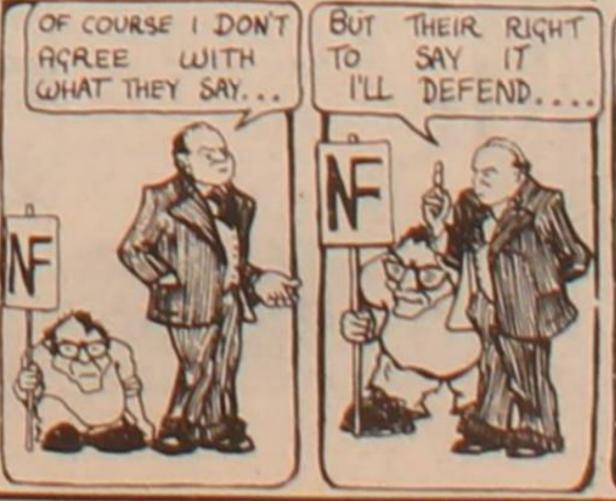
Our hero, Rambo (Stallone, naturally), is a Vietnam veteran. A green Beret, a killing-machine trained to a fever-pitch to eliminate 'the enemy'. That the enemy were the Vietcong, fighting against overwhelming odds to liberate the country is besides the

Rambo is hitching back home after finding out that his closest buddy from his old unit has died of cancer contracted from the Agent Orange chemical poison which the US forces liberally showered on 'the enemy' during the war.

Passing through a small, sleepy town, he is hassled by an overbearing and overweight policeman and picked up. Escaping to the mountains, he manages to hold off police and the National Guard, shooting up the town in the process.

This film, though technically well-made, has little to recommend it. The director of 'Conan the Barbarian' said after finishing it: "This film would have gone down a bomb in Hitler's Ger-

The same I think, can be said of'First Blood'. There is an underlying fascist sentiment running through its 15 hours which only surfaces once, when



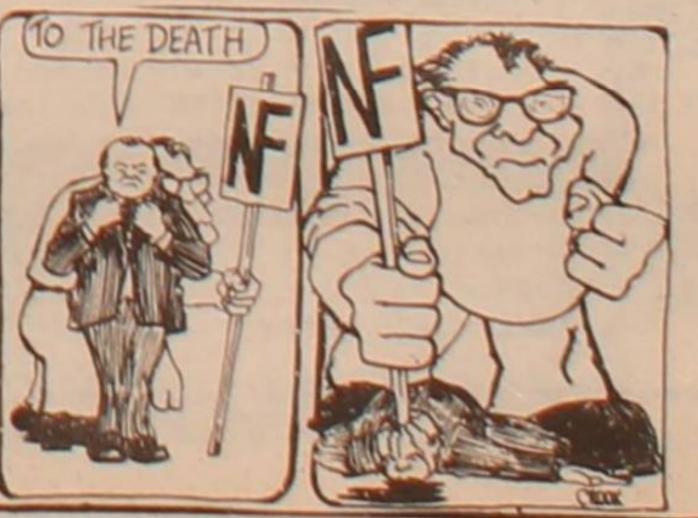


Rambo, surrounded on all sides, mumbles half-incoherently to his old commanding officer:

"There are no friendly civilians".

SPURIOUS

The idea that the military with their spurious battle codes of honour are the goodies - while the civilians - weak-kneed, devious and manipulative - are the baddies is a hallmark of all imperialist war-machines, and is a sure gateway to fascism, the political expression of militarism.





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jority of fire-calls in Circus. So if you're in West Hove or Portslade

fire-engine straight away but your address will be noted and be dealt with as soon as

The other problem is if the fire is of a serious magnitude. Generally speaking you need atleast 4 pumps to deal with it.

BV: What do you consider to

JA: It's difficult to deinvolve the need for rescue, rying about the risk to adjoining buildings - things like that.

Say that happens in a high-rise building in Hove. Under the new plans you'd get the HP, 1 pump from Hove and 1 from Preston Circus. They decide they need assistance, and probably from Roedean and Preston Circus.

Then you're left with the whole of Brighton & Hove devoid of fire cover!

The next nearest appliances in the event of a simultaneous fire-call would be Shoreham, Lewes, Newhaven. If you're choking in a smoke-filled room, you could be waiting an awful long time ...

BV: So these cuts will expose the i public to greater risk?

JA: Yes. But they are not just a danger to the public - it means that we're put at extra risk, too. If we are called to a

high-rise building in Hove, we've got 11 men there immediately. Now they're saying you'll only get 7 men there on the initial attendance. You'll have to wait several minutes for the other

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of the century through the

eyes of the author of the

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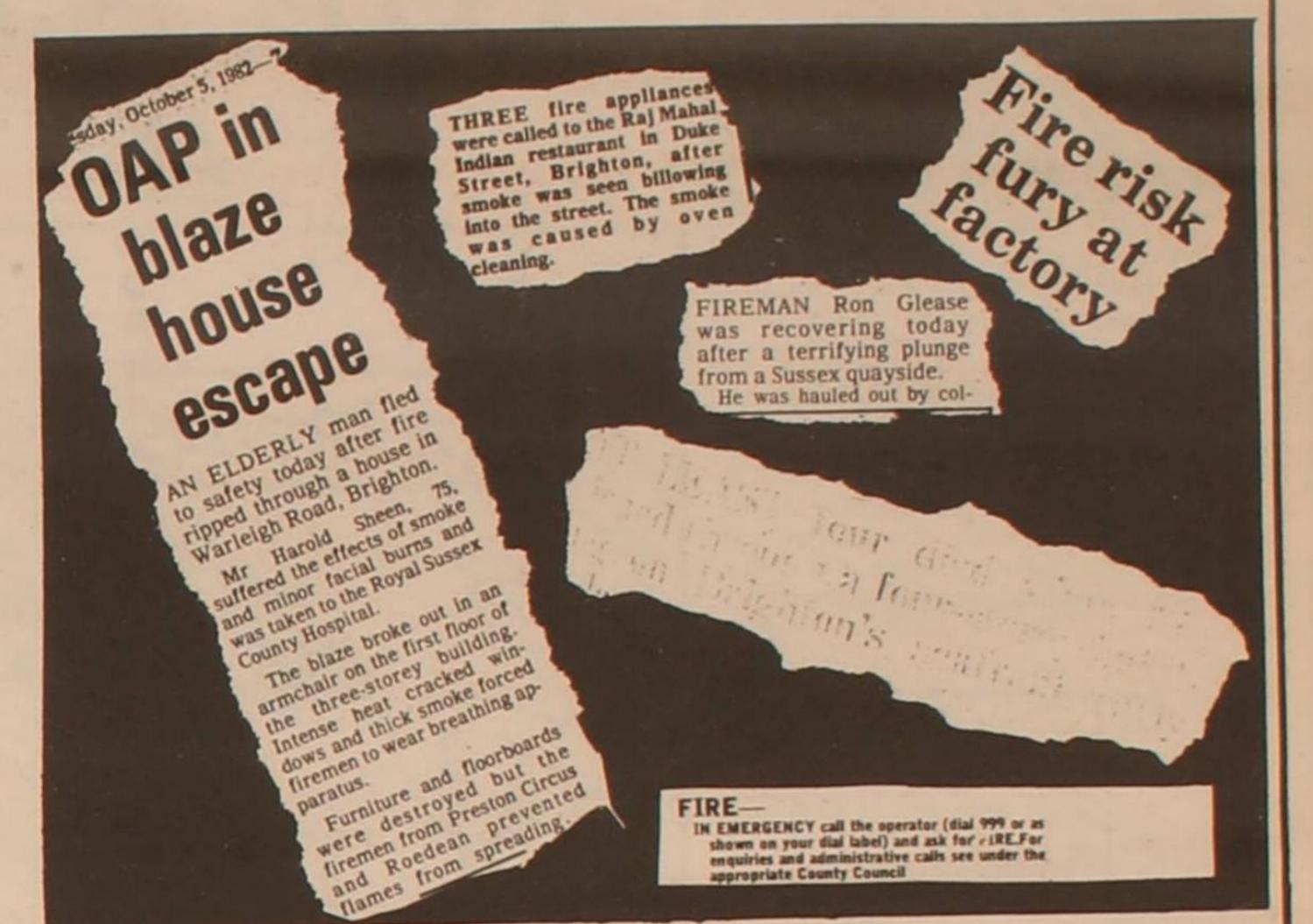
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4 men from Preston Circus. Now that means that the seven who are there are going to have to do the work of eleven. If you're pushed, that's when you get accidents. Things start to go wrong. You need the right number of blokes

there right away. BV: What's the feeling of your members about these cuts?

JA: They just can't understand how anyone can make the decisions of this sort. The blokes at Hove have set up a

campaign committee. They're going to be trying to get coverage in the other local media, leafletting shopping centres and organising a public meeting. They're planning to invite Eric Whittaker (Chief Fire Officer) along.

BV: What's his position on the cuts?

JA: His performance has been appalling. In other parts of the country, Chief Fire Officers have fought their own committees, but this one's put up no fight whatsoever.

* In 1981 there were 3,396 fire calls in the Brighton and Hove area.

* East Sussex comes third for fatal injuries caused by fire in the non-metropolitan counties' league table. * East Sussex comes second for non-fatal injuries caused

by fire in the non-metropolitan counties' league table.

Job Cuts

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SUSSEX BRIGADE). BRIGHTON VOICE: What's your

main worry about these cuts? JON ALLEN: The Fire Authority is trying to reduce the level of firecover in the Brighton & Hove conurbation by a third of the level that was consi-

dered adequate 25 years ago! In 1958 the Home Office drew up standards of firecover for Brighton/Hove. The level was set at 6 pumping appliances (the ordinary "fire-engine")

There were 3 at Preston Circus, In 1979 a pump was cut from Preston Circus. Now the Authority is proposing to go

2 at Hove, 1 at Roedean. over to "alternate manning" at Hove - so we'll effectively lose another and be down to 4 only.

BV: What's "alternate manning"? | be a "serious fire"? JA: At Hove we've at present got 2 pumping appliances, plus | fine exactly, but it could

a hydraulic platform for high rise buildings. All 3 appliances the use of breathing equiphave a separate crew manning, ment and you could be woreach of the machines 24 hours a day. Now they're saying the its own crew. If it's needed, the crew from one of the

hydraulic platform won't have pumps will have to man the hydraulic platform (HP) instead. That effectively means that 1 pump becomes unavailable | so they get back-up appliances if the HP's is needed. All you can do is

choose 2 out of 3 machinesyou can't have all 3 machines turning out at the same time. There just won't be enough men to do it. It'll mean the loss of 8 jobs BV: What will all this mean

in practical terms?

JA: For a start, the ma-

Brighton & Hove area require the attendance, in the initial period, of 2 pumps and the HP. Now, instead of having them turn up all at the same time, you're going to have to wait for the third pump from Preston you're talking about a considerable delay.

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INTENTIONS

In all the battles that have raged around the N.H.S., none has been as sustained as the original resistance to its creation. The first propposals were made by liberal peer Lord Beveridge, in a paper on Social security in 1942.

It became one of the main planks of the Labour Party's 1945 election platform. After a long and bitter fight between Aneurin Bevan and the established medical profession, the paper was made law on July5th 1948.

OPPOSITION

Medical treatment had until then been carried out by a loose cong lomeration of voluntary hospitals and local institutions. The great majority of GP's were in private practice, and standards varied enormously according to the wealth or poverty of different areas. Ever since the industial revolution which had brought an influx of workers in to the cities, health care standards had been abysmal. There was a high mortality rate amongst all ages, especially amongst the manual workers and their families in the new industries Epidemics were rife, with diseases like T.B, Smallpox, Diptheria, Scarlet fever, and so on taking their toll in the unhygenic conditions, where there was an abscence of even rudimentary medical care and simple preventitive measures. The second world war brought about a revolution in medical techniques, and the proposed National Health Service was probably the greatest single piece of reforming legislation ever attempted in this country, The opposition to Bevan's bill was immense, and in many cases vitriolic, and came from many sections of the medical profession. The British Medical Association(BMA), arguably the strongest trade union in the country, was implacably opposed to any service which was seen as an attempt to reduce their financial and professional freedom. The media, with the notable exception of the 'Lancet' were were almost 100% on the side of the doctors. The headlines of the day were, Daily Express; 'NO FUTURE FOR

US IN Britain, DOCTORS TURN TO EMPIRE', (We still had one then) Daily Mail, '5000 DOCTORS SAY PLAN

WONT WORK'. A former secretary of the BMA Dr. Cox

'I have examined the bill and it looks uncommonly like the first big step towards National Socialism as in Germany. The bill will establish the Minister of Health in the position of a medical Fuehrer'. A £25 per head fighting fund for doctors was established, and the Representative Body of the BMA passed a resolution , that 'That this body regards as essential to the freedom of the profession the right to buy and seli practices as at present', By 299 votes to 13.

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HEALTH CENTRES

Bevan's original idea was for an all

encompassing service for health, not

just for sickness. He planned Health

centres staffed by full time salari-

be contributary and free at the point

of treatment. But_ the doctors blunt-

ly refused to join the scheme with out

ed doctors. The whole conception of

the health bill was that it should

the proviso that private medicine

should exist within the Health Ser-

vice. He eventually had to concede

al flaw that has enabled the That-

The effects of the original battle

have been felt ever since. The med-

ical profession is a microcosm of

the class system existing through-

out the country. The Health Servi-

ture, and the disasterous reorgan-

isation of 1974 resulted in a mul-

tiplicity of adminstrators backed

by the notoriously reactionary DH-

SS. Often administrative conven-

nts needs. The Government makes

increases have been made in real

terms, but what the NHS needs is

vast sums pumped in even to main-

tain the original premise of the

act. Labour governments are not

blameless as a progressive under

We can study the results of the

the eyes of a town like Brighton,

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repeated claims that the cash

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cher government to elevate it to

a major proposition.

this point, which has been the fat-

he authorities admit that the only way to achieve peace and quiet in Brighton General is to pay for an amenity bed at £10 a day.

One result of the overcrowding is that there is an unsuitable mix of patients - they are squeezed in wherever beds are available. Patients Nuffield in Hove. There are no are also discharged prematurely without adequate aftercare instruct- sector, so all the staff are NHS

> ndean and the Ear, Nose & Throat he ambulance crews had to fight a long battle against carrying very sick patients on stretchers up an outside fire escape. One slip could have meant disaster for both patient and crew.

REALITY

They are able to take their pickings from the waiting lists, and many elderly patients are faced with 'going private', with the financial aid of their families, or enduring more years of pain. The main private hospital is the teaching hospitals in the private trained at the expense of the community. Should a patient require intensive care they are transported down the road to the County. They even get their blood free from the Transfusion Service.

We would look in vain in Brighton for the type of Health Centre envisaged by Aneurin Bevan. There are groupings



BRIGHTON GENERAL LOOMS OUT OF THE MURK.

a disgrace. They are massive clinics nicknamed 'cattle markets' by the staff. Patients often sit for hours on long rows of hard chairs. In one clinic they have even resorted to calling the patients by numbers. The Radiotherapy department at the County is reached by a long covered slope up which patients have to struggle for their daily

The outpatient departments are

treatment. Often they have to sit in a corridor for three or four nours in order to see a doctor. Then could come the long wait for the hard-pressed ambulance service to take them home - which could be: as far away as Eastbourne or Worthing. The psychiatric unit at Brighton

General appears to be a holding unit for patients until they can be sent home, or transferred to another Victorian monstrosity, St. Francis' at Haywards Heath. The geriatric wards are one of the greatest single problems. They are bursting at the seams, depressing, in desperate need of renovation with an all-pervading smell of urine. In the crowded day rooms only the strongest can maintain some form of dignity. The dedicated staff in this unpopular section of medicine cope as best they can with the ever growing problem of accommodation for the aged.

The casualty department is housed on

PRIVATE

the 5th floor of a 14 storey block, the other half of which has never been built. It is badly designed and patients have to wait in a small airless room without windows before seeing a doctor. The staff don't see large area, the nearest small casulty units being at Shoreham and Lewes. mists of time following savage cuts

Private medicine is the one growth industry in the town. It is still possible for consultants to bring their patients into NHS hospitals

X-Ray has disappeared. It is a picture of a service in rapid decline. The inroads private medicine has made is threat enough without the general decline due to consistent underfunding.

We must realise what is happening to the concept of health care for all free at the point of treatment. We must promote the business of saving lives above that of preparing to take them. Hospitals must be of more use than nuclear weapons. If we do not get our priorities right, the once admired health service will die a slow death and medical care will be provided on the basis of ability to pay, not on the basis of need.



REATURE FEMINIST

17th January 1983

Diana Holland, for the Brighton and Hove Community Resource Centre, c/o The Institute, Queen Square, Brighton,

Dear Madam or Sir,

Gallery of Holography

12 January 1983.

Light Fantastic

48 South Row

Covent Garden

The Market

London.

The Resource Centre Youth Opportunities Scheme recently attended a science fiction exhibition at Brighton Museum. Mostly we all found the exhibition very varied and entertaining, but there was one aspect of the exhibition that concerned us.

This was the hologram of a woman being surprised, naked, in the shower. Upon enquiring at Brighton Museum we have found out that this hologram was supplied by your company. The hologram was fascinating, and if the picture had been of something else, would have been most impressive. We felt that using a woman's body in this way, as something to be looked at (whether she likes it or not), and in a situation which we were presumably meant to find amusing, is very irresponsible. Women who have been "spied on", flashed at, or sexually assaulted in any other way do not find such situations amusing. In an exhibition aimed primarily at young people and children, where attitudes about people of the opposite sex are being formed, such displays are particularly dangerous. For girls and young women, who are particularly sensitive about their bodies as they are changing, this kind of exhibition does nothing to increase their self-confidence.

Doubtless holograms are an exciting new way of presenting images but we do think that care must be exercised as to the type of image that is presented. We hope that you will take more care in the future.

Yours faithfully

Brighton and Hove Community Resource Centre.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Which is I believe the more correct form of address. However you were correct in your assumption that it was a woman who was instrumental in the choice of this hologram. So I suggest you direct your feminist agression that way.

By the way you express agression in your letter I would suggest that you stop eating red meat. I must admit I am always surprised at the spontaneous condemnation of the male. I would suggest madam that all sexes should whilst they are changing do so with self-confidence.

Yours faithfully,

PETER H.L. WOODD

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Apart from the fact that the sex of Diana Holland cannot be disputed, "Dear Madam or Sir" would be correct more often anyway, since women constitute 52% of the population.

Where is the aggression (feminist or otherwise), red meat or condemnation of the male?

The image of the hologram was chosen by an uncredited woman - you might consider some likely choices of Mr. P. H. L. Woodd (MD)!

I look forward to new holograms in Brighton, produced and discussed with greater awareness and less arrogance.

GRADUATE GHETTO

In the past Brighton has attracted young people because it is a pleasant place to live. In the middle of the worst recession in memory, the image of Brighton as a haven is reemerging, but this time it is young graduates in particular who are moving into the town in the belief that work is more readily available. Unfortunately, the truth is very different.

In researching this article I interviewed 16 people who were all graduates or college leavers who had decided to move into Brighton because they thought there was a better chance of finding work.

The facts unfortunately do not match up to the image of Brighton many people seem to have.

In Sussex as a whole the level of inemployment is appreciably lower than in the rest of the country the one black spot is Brighton.

in the country as a whole the number of graduates without work has doubled ince 1980 (80,000 to 160,000).

All the major public employers in Brighton like the Post Office, British Telecom, the Civl Service and British Rail have stopped recruiting. In many cases even waiting lists have been suspended.

Many private companies are making people redundant

Many private companies are closing or making people redundant. Small new companies like Harvester Press in Ship St. ticularly for unemployed graduates in exist, but they rarely recruit people. For instance, Harvester who employ about 40 people, recently advertised for a worker offering a salary of £3,800. They received over 400 applications in 5 days. A SHORT SHARP BUST

There are a few employers in the public sector still recruiting, like the NHS, but many jobs are part time, involve shift or weekend work- and can mean taking home as little as £44 p.w.

Temporary work is available, but the kind of skills in demand - like office work skills - leave graduates at the back of the queue. Many find that having studied for 3-4 years, their expertise and skills developed simply do not match up to the tiny pool of temporary jobs available.

The skills in demand are VDU experience, typing and general clerical skills which are absorbed by the building societies, insurance houses and places like American Express. A woman of 25 with a year's VDU experience is in demand, whereas a graduate is unempoyable.

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The alternatives open to graduates in this position are grim. Of the 16 people I interviewed, 2 managed to get a week's work at the Post Office over Christmas, 1 was working part time in a restaurant, and 1 was working part time in a hair dressing saloon. The others are unemployed.

As the recession grew the most important jobs went first; the kind of thing graduates are specifically equipped to do like teaching, working in advice centres and a whole range of jobs in the public sector have been chopped completely, leaving them with nothing.

To a suspicious observer, the whole thing almost looks planned. Perhaps the Government just does not want educated people like graduates. The trouble with educated people is that they think too much.

For the people I interviewed 1983 looks grim.

Ian, who left Oxford Poly last summer and moved to Brighton in September to look for work summed up the feelings of the group best when he told me:

"I just want a job .. I'm not at all fussy.. I just want to work.. I just want a start, that's all!"

The popular image of Brighton as a soft option for people looking for work is not based on fact. The situation parthe town is very poor indeed. The message unfortunately, is that there is no work for graduates in Brighton. Brighton is graduate ghettoland.

FOR THOSE WHO HAPPENED ACROSS THE RATHER EMOTIVE HEADLINES 'WHITE-HAWK - LUXURY STYLE', IN THE GAZETTE (7.1.83), MANY RESIDENTS OF WHITE-HAWK MAY WISH THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT, IN TOWNS AND CITIES UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY, TO EVENTUALLY AQUIRE TENANCY OF CORPORATION HOUSING REACHING LOCAL GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS ONE NEEDS TO BE RESIDENT IN THE AREA, AND LIVING IN SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS, FOR PROBABLY THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF A CHILDHOOD: THAT IS, AS IN MY CASE. FIFTEEN YEARS.

In Hove I lived in a bedsitter accommodating myself, my husband, and two children - accepted on to the waiting list only after the birth of the second child.

Six months later, expecting a third child, we elected with other families to move in on empty properties in Brighton: firstly Terminus Road, by Brighton Station then, with the press in hot pursuit, into Wykeham Terrace.

This operation, motivated by University students in co-operation with various political activists resulted in some of the families being housed in Welfare accommodation, others eventually being offered private houses in a poor state of repair.

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"THERE'S A COUNCIL MOUSE COMING UP FOR RENT THIS WEEK " 'Welfare accommodation' is substandard housing owned by the Corporation, held aside for emergency situations such as sudden flood or fire; but now the homeless of the town has reached such proporation that these properties are leased out to families on the waiting list. The houses are termed temporary lettings because almost all of them are due for demolition, although may decay for ten years before being pulled down. After two years in a bedsitter, five in accommodation officially classed Unfit for Human Habitation, I arrived at Brighton Housing Office, Grand Parade, to receive

"WHAT'S HAPPENING .

to a council house. My family then spent the next eight years in a tiny Whitehawk house, forty-five years old, designed to cover the most basic needs of sleeping and eating with no facility for leisure or storage space.

that coveted state prize, the key

(Strictly speaking this too was substandard accommodation, since the toilet leading out of the bathroom into the kitchen is illegal, and no member of the private sector would be allowed to sell or lease such accommodation.)

In the last days of 1982 I found myself in the pathway of an ambitious redevelopment scheme, first begun fifteen vears ago, when my history with Brighton/Hove councils began.

So, today I am living in luxury in a brand-new, centrally & A CRIMINAL RECORD eated, custom-built £30,000 manion. (A fourth child born a ear ago entitled us to a fourth bedroom). Yes, we did have over £850 compensation, as showily pointed out in the Gazette, who however, omitted to add that 50% of this is statuatory to the Land Compensation Act; would this have been made such a meal. of concerning compulsory purchase of 'private' homes?

> Who remembers, that Moulsecoomb, was built subsequent to the furious demands of thousands of soldiers returning not to 'homes for heroes' but to no homes at all....

And where is our 'democracy', if the prefix H.R.H. means that, at the expense of others, those few can live in overblown grandiose style with never a whisper of Family Planning??

Sarah Wright.

deprived inner city. The two main hospitals are both very old. Brighton General is over 100 years old. It was in fact the local workhouse and is still viewed as such by many old people. The Royal Sussex County is not quite so old, but it has the doubtful privilege of sitting amongst the faded grandeur of Bevendean hospital is a gaunt

Victorian pile situated on a bleak hill surrounded by cemetaries. It was originally built as a sanatorium when TB was rampant. Other units like the Sussex Eye, the Ear, Nose & Throat and the Queen Alexandria Childrens hospital are equally old and beset with the problems of temporary buildings and inadequate facilities. Staff fight a losing battle against these ageing hospitals. In the main

hospitals overcrowding has meant

for a small locker between the beds.

the light of day for the whole of their shift. It has to serve a There were plans to build a new multi-purpose hospital at Falmer but that has disappeared into the by successive governments.

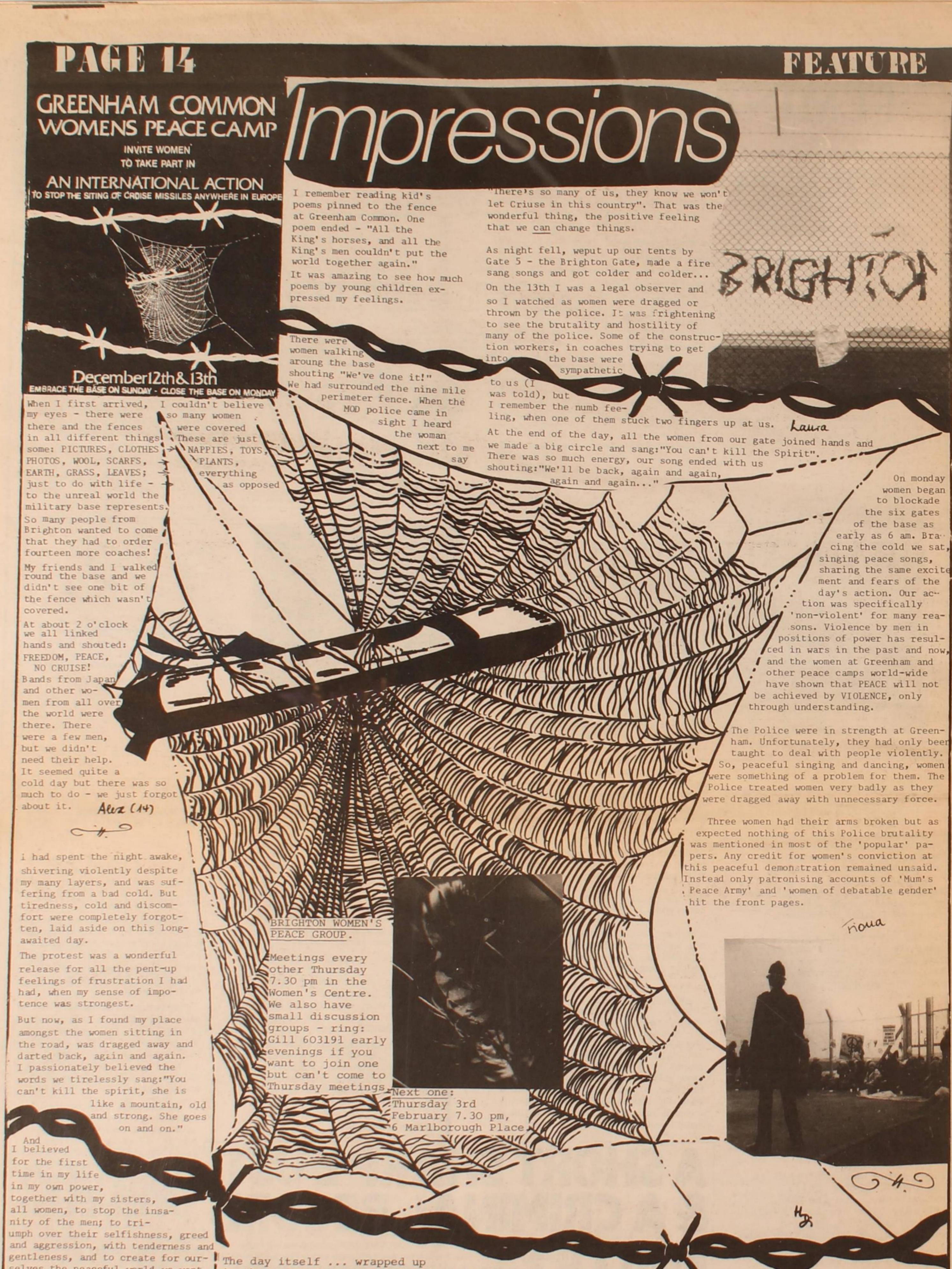
of GPs in one building for convienience, but they posess no diagnostic equipment of their own with which to relieve the hard-pressed hospitals. One of the main objectives of primary care was to concentrate on preventative medicine. But many doctors waiting lists are so long that some patients have a disease of an advanced nature before they are seen by a consultant.

DECLINE

Even the highly successful mass

The terminal symptoms are already evident and time is short. Only the most intense campaigning, and the refusal to accept this decline, will help preserve the basic rights of a society which chooses to call itself civilized.





and aggression, with tenderness and selves the peaceful world we want. in thermal underwear, equipped coaches. We were left at the purple wool, tinsel and my

December 12th - a focus of excitement for me for months Mandy and I attempted to teach ahead, from as soon as some- the Greenham songs to all the one said "they're planning to women on the coach - I knew get 20,000 women to hold handsthem but couldn't sing in tune So many women, some so familiar, all around the base". and Mandy's singing.

At first I felt "they won't do it, but it will still be amazing to try".

birthday cards to put on the fence, I set off to catch the coach. We carefully set up a women-only non-smoking coach, only to acquire a male,

chain-smoking driver.

Approaching Greenham the roads were jammed with cars and

with sandwiches, thermos flask, Green Gate ... I immediately met three old friends, one 8 months pregnant, and very active. "Don't panic, I'm a midwife" said a woman from the Brighton coach.

> On our way to the Purple Gate-3 miles of mud and quite isolated sections-but all of the fence was decorated.

so we relied on my enthusiasm some so different. Linking hands at 2 O'Clock in the mud and hearing the keening in the distance approaching ... reaching our Gate as it began to get dark and cold,

finding fires and friends. Singing and dancing in circles with candles for hours, hoping my coach wouldn't come so I'd have an excuse to stay for the Monday and not go to work - leaving with

regret and admiration for those who would brave the cold, seeing the whole base surrounded by a ring of candles.

This protest affected me more emotionally than any demonstration I'd been on ...

Feature

Greenhan

NEW YEARS DAY

Early in the morning a group of women quietly prepared to go over the fence of the USAF base. The silos, which are being rapidly built to house 96 cruise missiles, are surrounded by 5 fences. However, a woman who lives at the camp miraculously found a spot with only one fence. It was easy, then with ladders and carpet to get over.

The police car patrollingsaw them and feebly tried to stop them by taking away the ladders on the inside. But, undeterred some women jumped and replaced the ladders for more to follow. Some women were held in the police car, watching whilst others scrambled on to the silos. They danced and sang for over an hour whilst police decided what to do. Eventually 44 women were arrested by civil police and charged with Breach of the Peace! They were kept in over the weekend in various police stations. The Court case was adjourned until 15th February. There will be both action in Brighton and women going up to Newbury. Contact the Women's Peace Group via the Women's Centre (tel: 600526) for more information.

review

"Keeping the Peace" is a

which contains accounts by

peace groups, together with

notes for organising action.

exciting reading, particularly

Shibokusa women of Kita Fuji,

their traditionally submissive

progressively more monotonous,

" While Society remains deeply

sexist no peace movement can

The argument that women must

therefore break from tradi-

tional roles as conciliators

and become assertive is fine.

The connections between rape

and militarism, pornography,

and pollution need to be made.

But it is ridiculous that the

book makes no mention of the

nature of class oppression.

In fact a Dutch woman admits

the problem of reaching women

in the factories. I see this

as a fundamental weakness in

whilst obviously acknowledging

the importance of initiatives

like Greenham Common. Taking

"the toys from the boys" is

the Women's Peace movement,

win long-term substantial

written by women with mainly

middle-class backgrounds.

Nottingham Women Opposed to

the Nuclear Threat state:

victories". (p.23).

women involved in various

women's peace handbook

Some of the book makes

the description of the

over-run their land.

Japan: rebelling against

role and determined to die

rather than let the military

keeping the peace

The women who live at the Peace Camp are now signing on in Newbury and have just fought to get the vote. They have post delivered and have to pay rates for the privilege of having a stand pipe to get water. Yet, they are still being threatened by the local Council who want to evict them.

CONDITIONS

On the 14th January, 2 caravans one being the one where the 2 children slept were towed away. The County Council are helping to get them back, even though ironically it was their Department of Transport who evicted us the last time!

After all the recent publicity the camp is getting a lot of support from individuals, groups and Trade Unions. Every day there are microphones, cameras and questions wanting "words of wisdom" from "Greenham Common Women".

We haven't got all the answers, we are not leaders, we are women who want to live in peace. If every individual on this planet thought about what is happening and took responsibility for their own lives we wouldn't need power struggles or certain people being superior to others.

not enough. To identify gender

alone as the primary source of

structure of our society that

requires nuclear (and military)

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dangerously weakens any

effective fight back.

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PARLIAMENT

Hundreds of women stood in queues or wandered around the entrance to Parliament waiting for the opening session for 1983 to start. Throughout the afternoon women were in the public gallery saying things or singing and were either thrown out or detained. Those detained were let out later after the session had finished.

At the same time a lot of women sang outside and others were let in to lobby MPs. Individual women and groups saw their MPs.

At 3.30 some women sat in a circle, holding hands and singing while others headed towards the inner chamber. Police stopped us quickly so we sat linking arms. They dragged us a long way, often roughly by one foot or a hand along passages, five flights of stairs and across the stone floor of Westminster Hall. We sang all the time, the sound echoing in the old highceilinged building ..

> You can't kill the spirit She is like a mountain Old and strong

Eventually we were dumped and penned in a corner of Westminster Hall. They held us there for two hours, whilst they decided what to do with us. 74 of us in a small, cold gloomy place, not allowed to go to the loo, not told what was going on. MPs came to look at us, and some spoke for us in Parliament and were very supportive.

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At about 6.00 the Chief Whip came to tell us that we couldn't be heard by the House so we had 2 choices: leave or wait until the end of the session and be dragged outside. After a quick discussion we decided that it wasn't likely that we'ed be heard, and as we had already been represented in the House we had achieved something. It was most sensible to leave now without any of our names being taken and no-one arrested. So we danced outside, singing and leaping up and down

After only two hours it was good to be free again.

She goes on and on and on ..

HOVE

LABOUR CANDIDATE

Hove Labour Party has selected an ex-union official as its candidate to fight Tim Sainsbury at the next election. There was a short-list of various areas of banks printing, Iam standing as a socialist". and pubs. It will be his first parliamentary campaign.

Chris comes from Croydon and holds a degree in Industrial Relations law from the London School of Economics, gained on the bench at the job he

He was brought up in the Labour Party, both his parents being activists, and believes that a clearly working class candidate is the strongest challenge to Sainsbury.

Chris said the real issue in the coming campaign will be unemployment, and having been made redundant twice recently he feels he knows the problem intimately.

Another major theme that he expects to emerge is the state believes his work on the Croydona fight".

Area Health Authority has made him very aware of the views and difficulties of Health Service

three. He is Chris Wright, who "I am on the left of the Party" has organised workers in the he said, "but I am not doctrinaire.

He declined to comment on the Hove Labour Party support for Dennis Healey in the 1981 Deputy Leadership election and when asked about his attitude to Militant he said "That isn't what people via a TUC scholarship. However, talk about on the doorsteps. It is at present, he is back working why their kids can't get into a school or why Granny can't get originally served an apprentice- into hospital." His theme will be ship in, lithographic retouching that he wants everyone to come in

> and fight against Thatcher. His experience of working in unions has led him to take the view that they have too many negative powers, ie, they can stop things, but not enough positive powers to incept new ideas. He would like to change

Chris Wright will have a tough fight on his hands as Sainsbury has a majority of 20,000 and the Hove Labour Party only 300 members to call upon. Nevertheless he says he is optimistic of the Health Service, and he and he will put up " a hell of

But I found many of the accounts "Keeping the Peace" is published by "The Women's Press". (Feb. 1983) £3.60

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