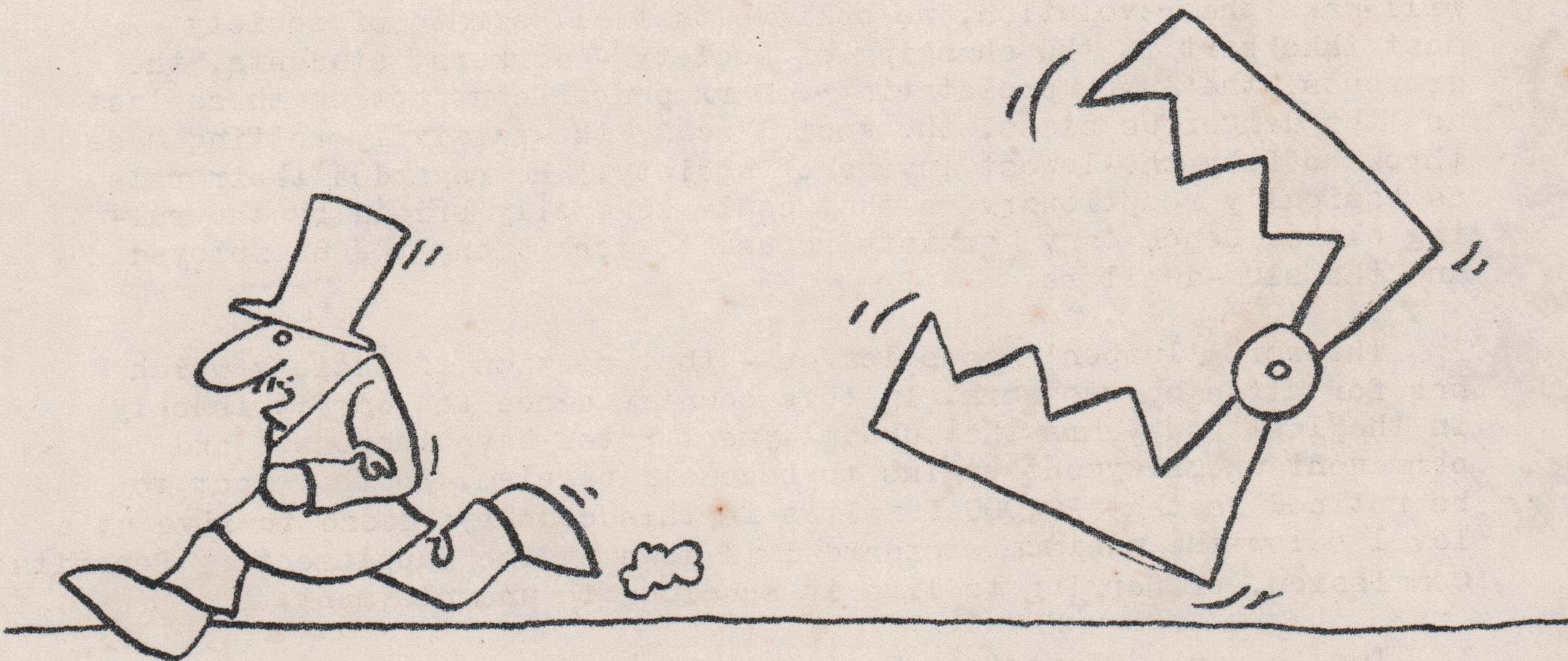
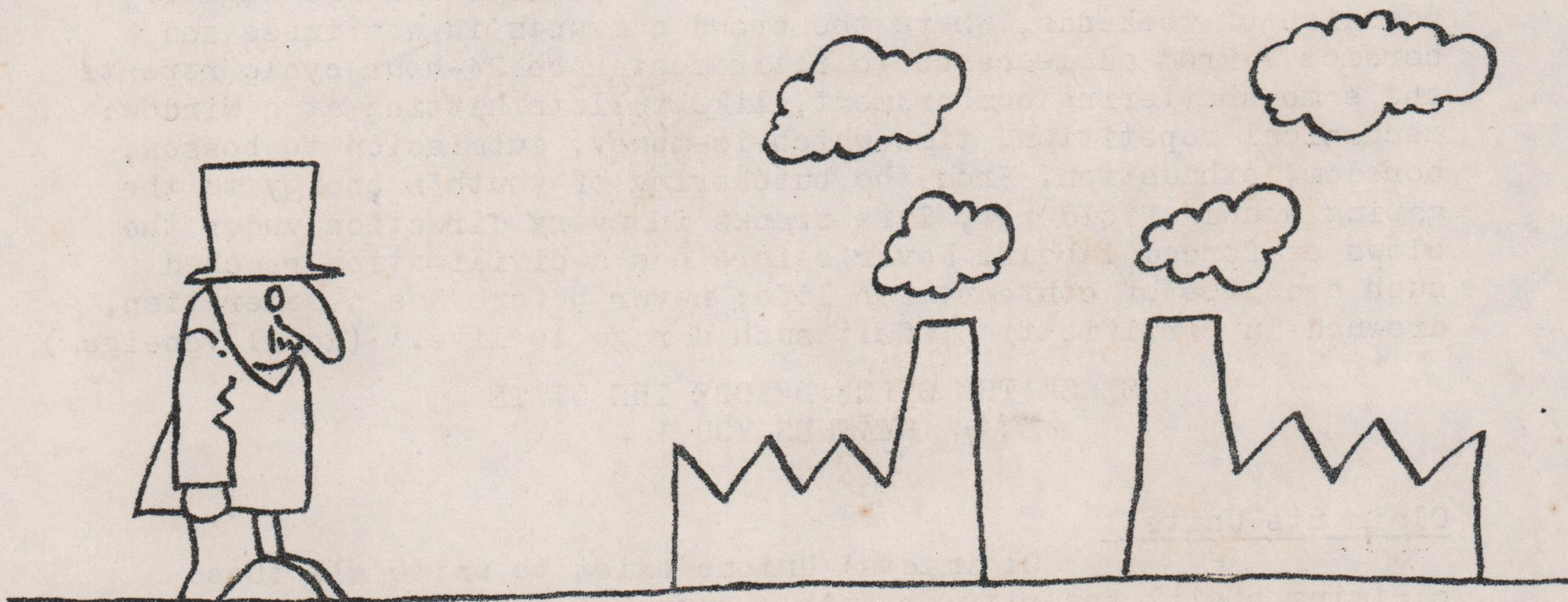




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# POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

### The Effluent Society.

'In an industrial society which confuses work and productivity, the necessity of producing has always been an enemy of the desire to create. What spark of humanity, of a possible creativity, can remain alive in a being dragged out of sleep at six every morning, jolted about in suburban trains, deafened by the racket of machinery, bleached and steamed by meaningless sounds and gestures, spun dry by statistical controls, and tossed out at the end of the day into the entrance halls of railway stations, those cathedrals of departure for the hell of weekdays and the nugatory paradise of weekends, where the crowd communes in weariness and boredom? From adolescence to retirement each 24-hour cycle repeats the same shattering bombardment, like bullets hitting at a window: mechanical repetition, time-which-is-money, submission to bosses, boredom, exhaustion. From the butchering of youth's energy to the gaping wound of old age, life cracks in every direction under the blows of forced labour. Never before has a civilization reached such a degree of contempt for life; never before has a generation, drowned in mortification, felt such a rage to live.' (Raoul Vaneigem)

SMASH THE STATE BEFORE THE STATE  
SMASHES YOU !

### Claimants Unite !

Claimants' Unions exist to unite all those claiming social security or Supplementary Benefits, to act collectively to ensure their rights, and to represent claimants at the NAB and dole while claiming, and at both tribunals and court.

As Anarchists we support the organizing of Claimants' Unions because they increase the confidence and initiative of the people. Unlike the Marxists, who see the industrial worker as the class that will make the revolution, we believe that all strata of society must take part in the changing of society - workers, students, the dropouts, the 'lumpenproletariat'. Marx poured contempt on these last as 'the dangerous class, the social scum, the passively rotting mass thrown off by the lowest layers of society.' He regarded their role as basically reactionary as they could be easily bribed by the ruling class. Hence many Marxists refuse to work among the unemployed and the slum-dwellers.

The word 'lumpen' means loafer - that section of society which has forgotten how to work. In this country since the war it is only in the last few years that unemployment rates have increased and permanent unemployment begins to become a problem. Another fact to be noticed is that 20,000 families in this country choose to live at a level below the minimum standard laid down by the Supplementary Benefits Commission, preferring to live in squalour to unemployment.

Two-thirds of Britain's 7 million-odd Claimants are pensioners who have worked for the greater part of their lives. Do we see these too as loafers ?

The lumpenproletariat may be easily bribed by the State. On the other hand, they are the most unstable class - they have nothing to lose - and in times of crisis are the ones that move first. This is indicated by the growing militancy of such people in the U.S.A.

Claimants live in fear of the arbitrary judgements of the NAB, as tenants, of eviction and the disgusting conditions in which they are forced to live. They are harrassed by State bureaucrats, and are denied their legal rights to provision and adequate accomodation. They are treated as if they have committed some crime against the

State by being unemployed, whereas the State is the criminal in denying work to those who want it and adequate provision to those who need it. Last year 60,000 ).A.Ps died of cold in the winter - how much longer will the government tolerate these idlers and scroungers ?

The unemployed are beginning to organize. Claimants Unions are springing up all over the country. There is one here in Brighton. If you're unemployed why not join now - a united body can do much more than the action of individuals.

Hopefully, the struggle of the C.U.s will shift away from just the clerks, and towards the root of the trouble, and towards links with other people fighting the State. If this happens it will develop into a united struggle.

#### Message to Women's Lib.

If the women's movement as such is given too much priority by female revolutionaries, they will run the risk of isolation, irrelevance, and complacency based on the illusion that women are basically nicer, as well as futile head-bashing against the brick wall of entrenched attitudes and customs. For most women their personal struggle is hopelessly privatized, and will continue to be so until society is changed and the structure of family life effectively sabotaged.

By all means let us include analysis of the position of women in our critique of existing society. Let us carry on our individual struggles as best we may. But let us join with our comrades, male and female, in a general and total revolutionary movement.

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#### Vortex.

A rehabilitation service for ex-addicts and for people trying to get information on related problems. An advisory service for parents and youth clubs as well. They also run a workshop with a lathe and various tools. Available (as far as we know) to whoever needs the facilities. For information contact BRIAN FRANCIS 68 MILNER ROAD ... Vortex also needs more tools for their workshop. Anything useful welcome...woodworking, metal, leather, whatever, including resourceful people. If you know how to do something, drop them a line or go along and offer.

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Ray is trying to get a drugs advisory service off the ground. To contact schools, youth clubs, parents, bad trippers; whoever needs it. He could use some help, namely people, telephone, small office. Space - somewhere where there could be a 24 hour thing.

Crash Pads - if anybody has got a little spare floor somewhere and likes having strangers around once in a while, could you let Ray know. Contact him for both things at OPEN SECT.

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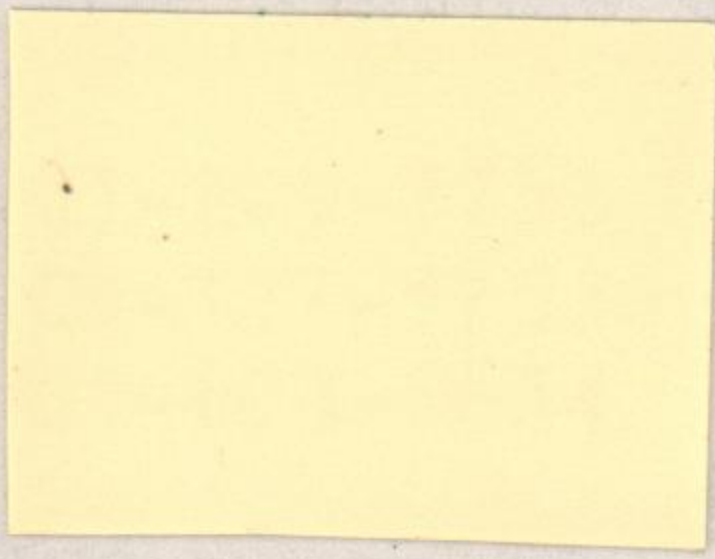
#### Sanctuary

Give me shelter. Another thing that there's none of in town is a place where people with not necessarily drug problems can go where they can be pretty much by themselves to get better. Or maybe find somebody to talk to. This might keep them out of the loony bin. Any ideas.

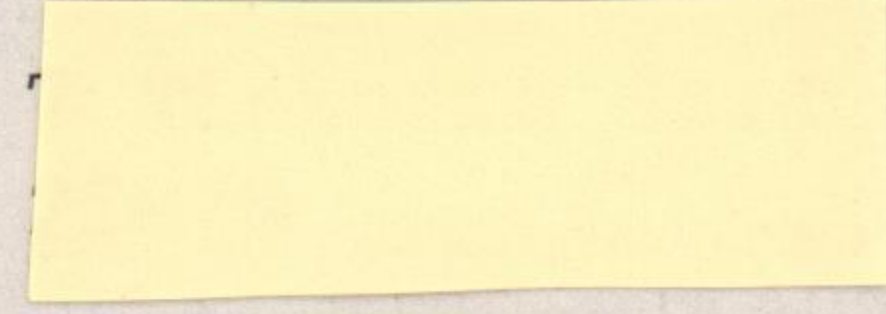
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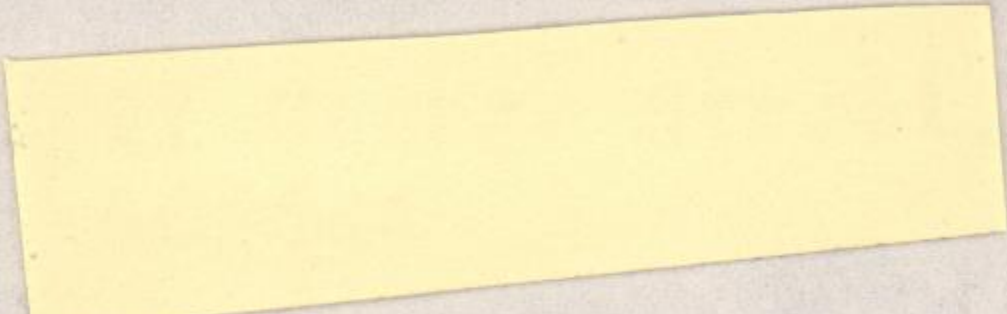
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OPEN SECT - vegetarian restaurant, 24 hour phone for local busts, claimants union.

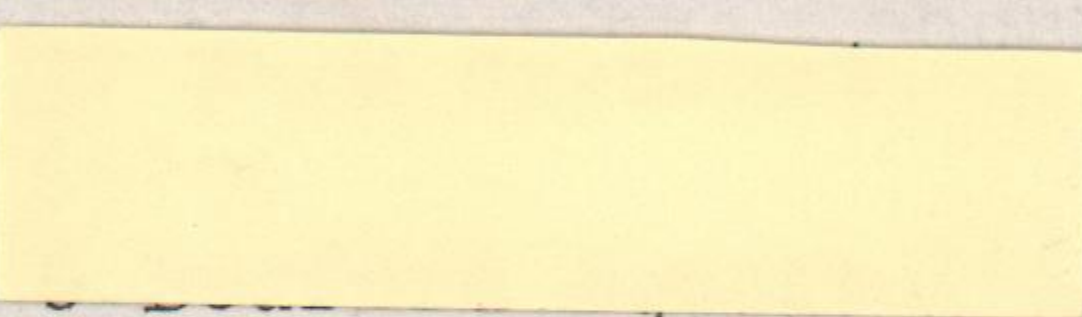


WRAGGLE TAGGLE - if you make something ...clothes, leather, candles, small furniture, you can take it there and they'll try to sell it for you.



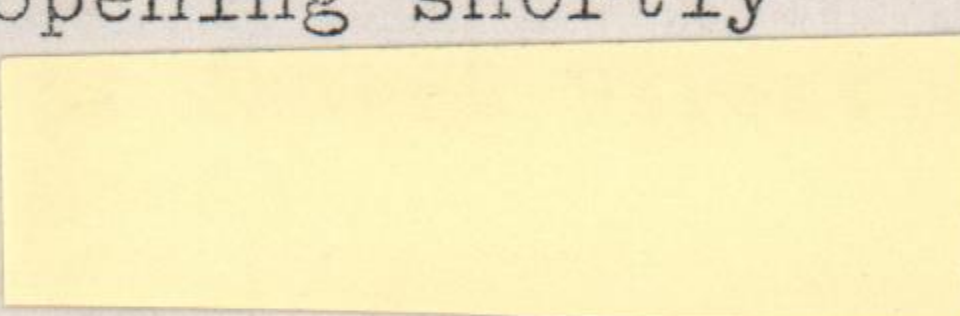
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NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES - legal advice, pressure group.



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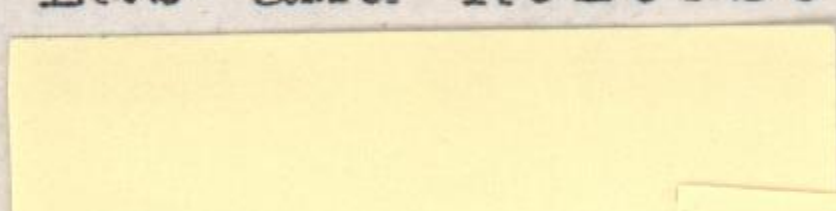
MACROBIOTIC FOOD SHOP - opening shortly



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HOT MANNA - Lewes Arts Lab and Release

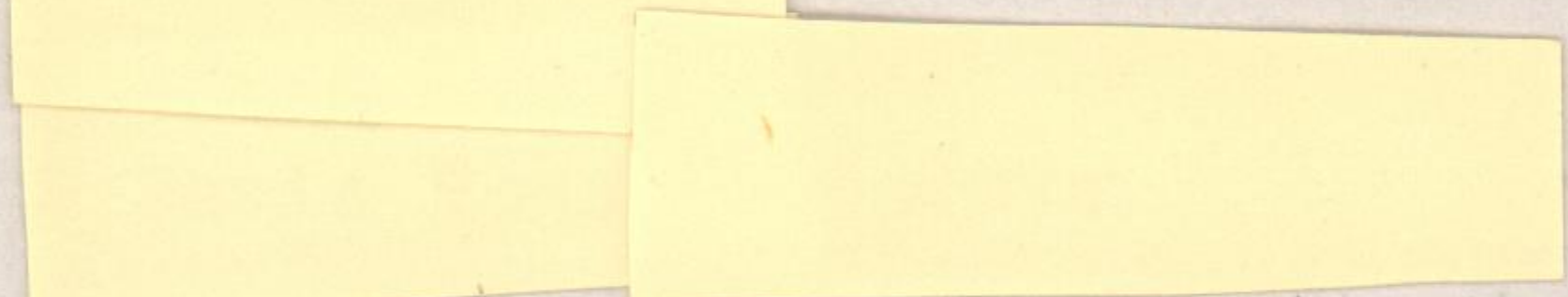
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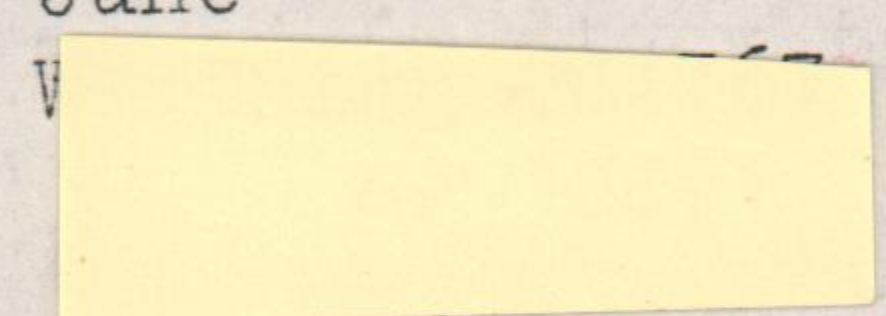
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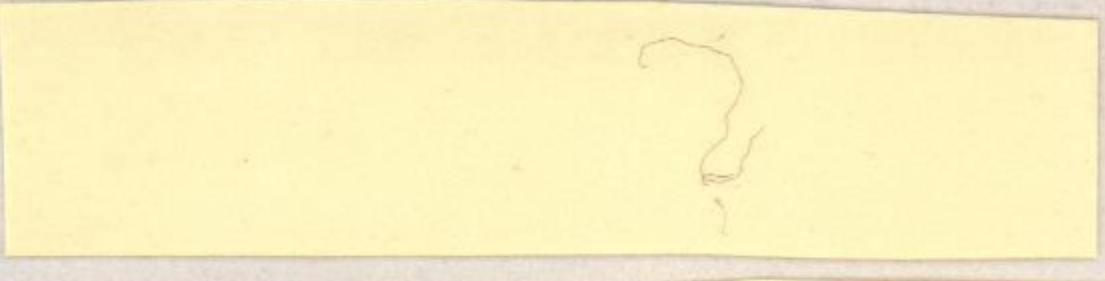


WORTHING FESTIVAL - 19 June

Organizers -



ODD-JOBBERS WORKSHOP - all the usual jobs and any of the odd considered. Contact -



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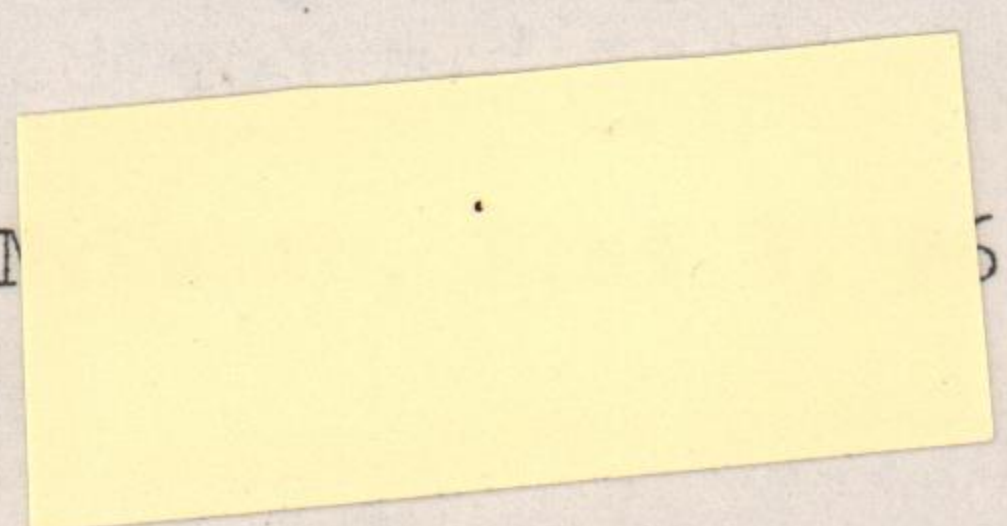
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\*\*\*\*\* THE ANARCHIST BOOKSHOP IN BRIGHTON \*\*\*\*\*

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Clifton Terrace.