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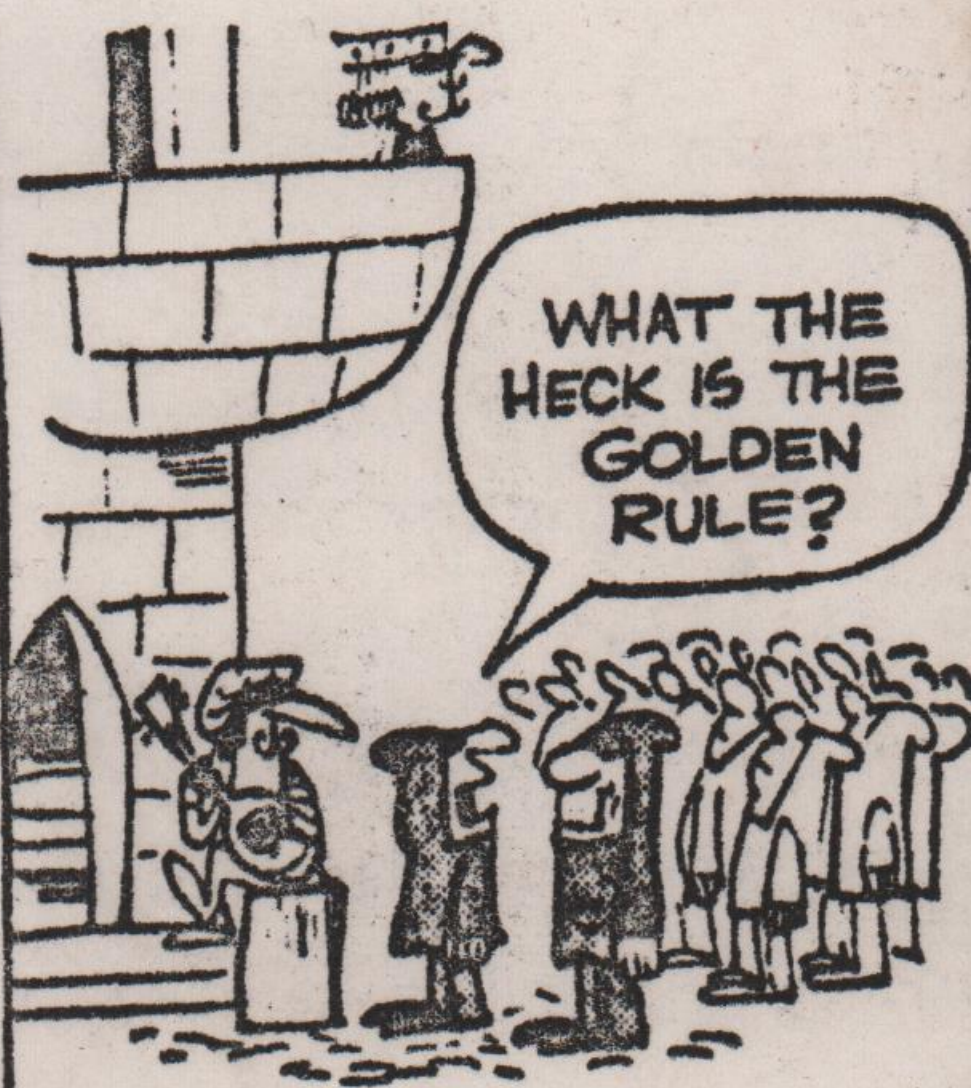
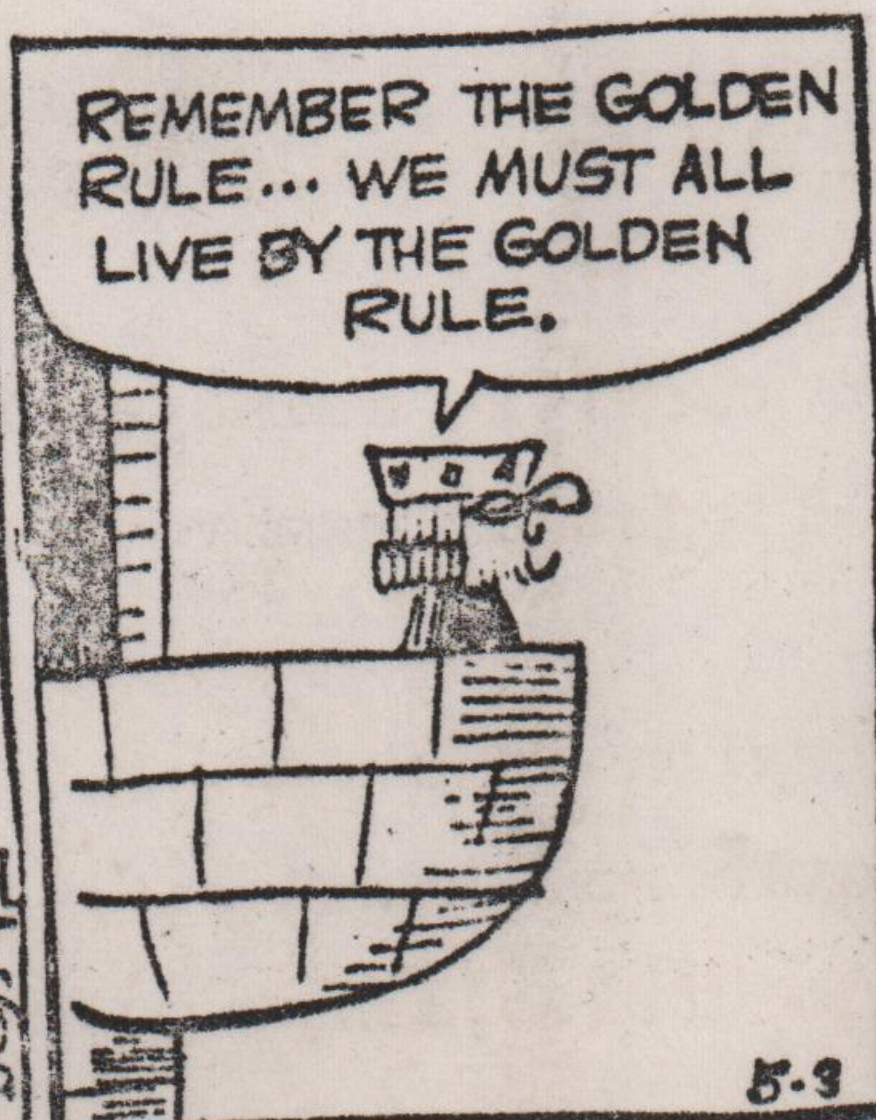
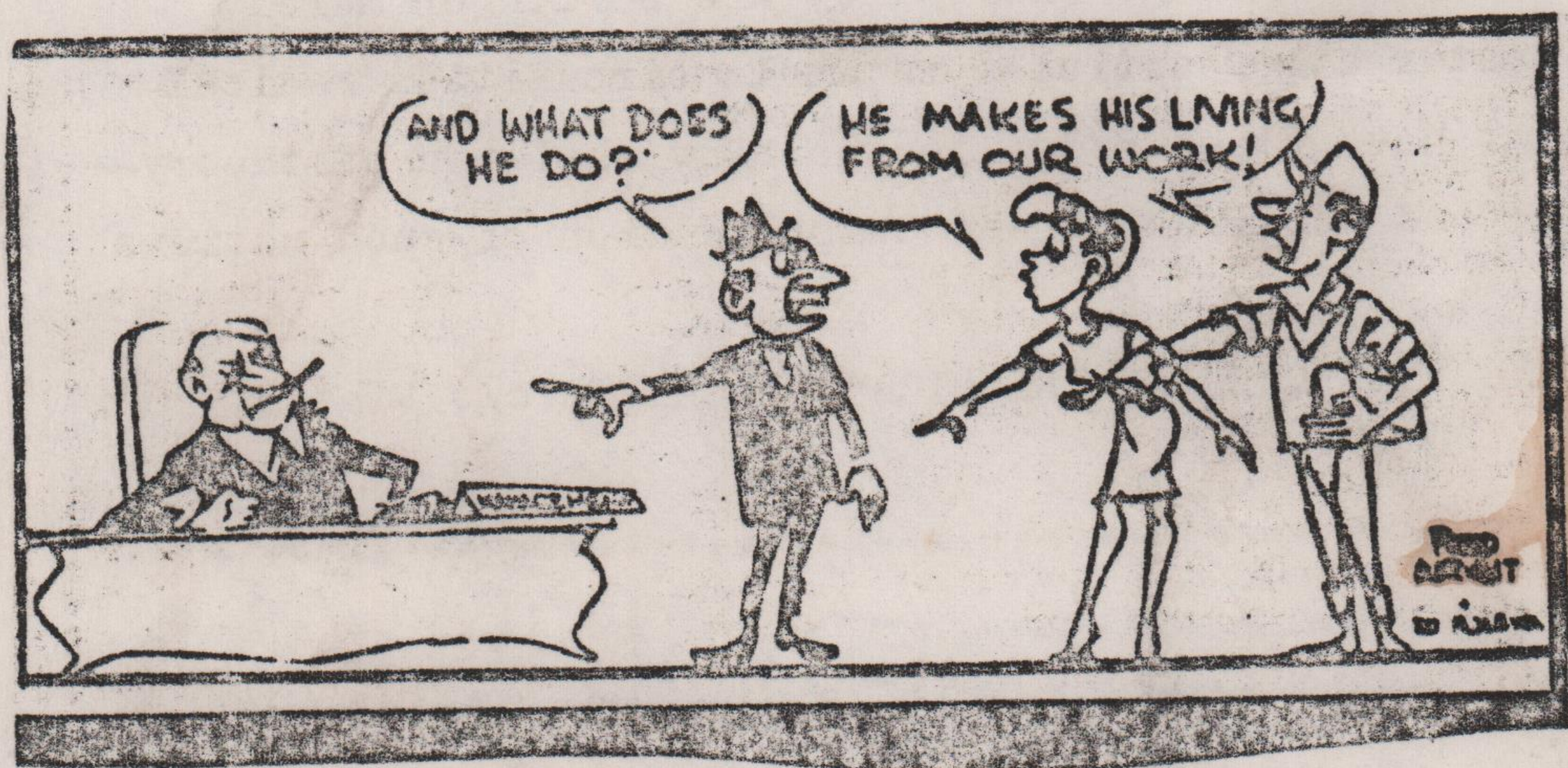
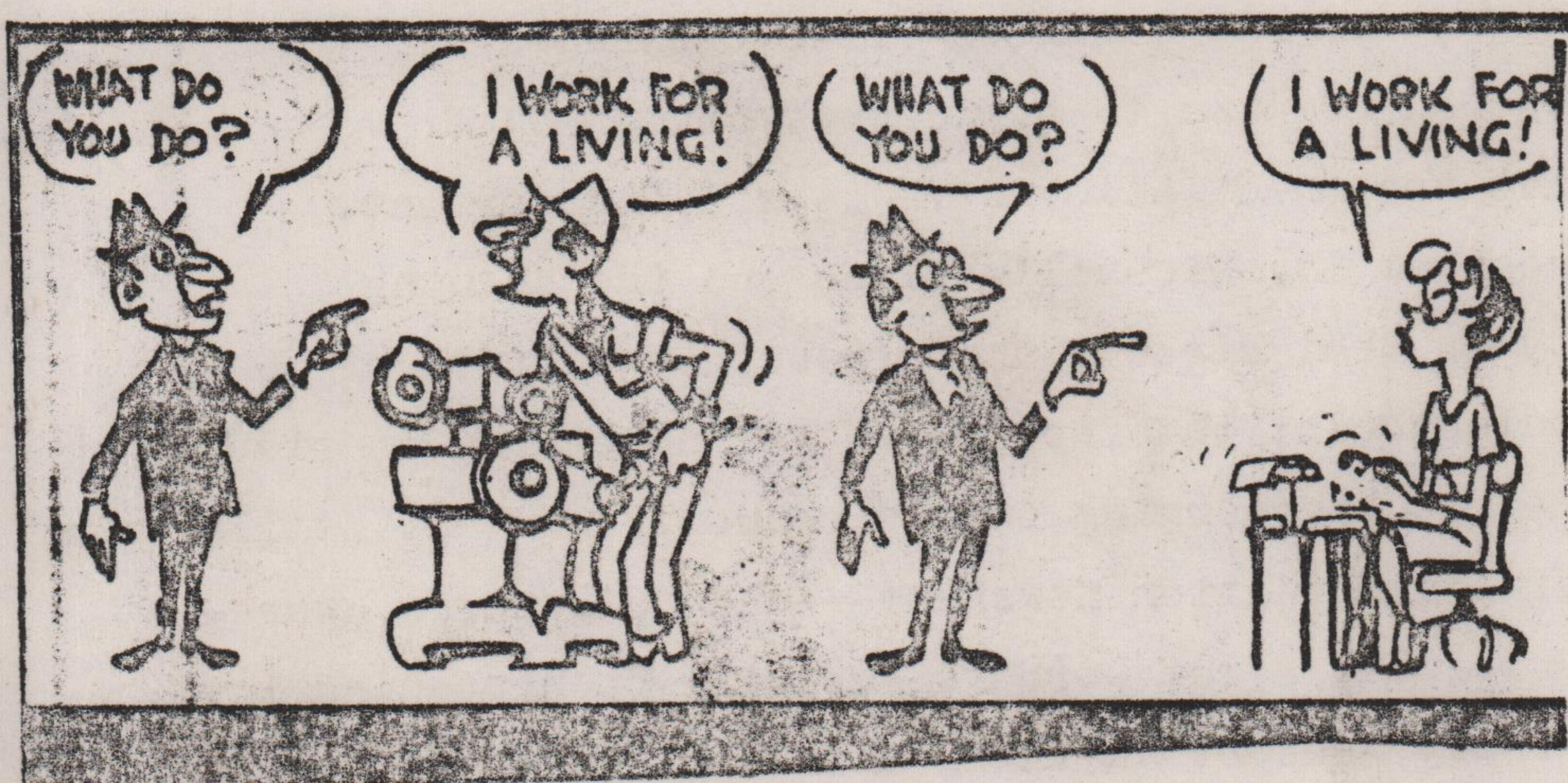
INSIDE:

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BIG BROTHER'S  
CHILDREN

IT'S YOUR LIFE

and lots of  
other good  
things





We're out again if a little late, and we hope you have not forgotten us; and are in fact anxiously awaiting our return. This magazine should be a bit more regular from now on, owing to a number of developments all our time was taken up and we had no time to spend on typing.

Quite a number of things have happened while we've been lying dormant. There's been the recent fracas at St. Michael's Place and the ensuing growth of community activity in that street; there's been the birth of a new community paper in Moulsecoomb; the food co-op is increasing in size and tenants associations seem to be emerging on two council estates. Attila has appeared again as a useful information newsheet---and a general awareness seems to be emerging. Hopefully a lot more things will be happening in the next few months and we fully support anything that will increase people's control over their neighbourhood and work-place,--workers control and tenants control must grow and develop to a stage where they are no longer merely slogans and subjects of masturbatory articles in small circulation radical magazines. These ideas must have flesh added to the bony skeleton of theory--that flesh is the practice and continuance and consolidation of such notions of social change.

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FABLE

A man who has a large cancer on his leg limps into the doctor's office. "I was wondering," he begins apologetically, "if you have some liniment for this."

"I'm afraid liniment is not the answer," the medical man replies.

"-A vaccine perhaps.....?"

"No, no--"

"Well, then, surely you have some pills that would cure me!" the man cries at last.

"Great heavens, man! This is a terrible malady---and you babble about pills! No, the malignancy must be altogether removed, and quickly, if we are to save you at all."

The patient's face assumes an expression of scorn. "Oh, a quack. Huh! Well, I'll get along without such a drastic remedy."

Still sneering, he stalks out of the office, limping as before.

Later he dies.



# Puzzle

Here is a puzzle: last summer 2 childrens parties were held in the street outside a block of council flats literally a stone's throw from the Fuzz Shop---not a sign of the police. Everyone had a good time.

This year another childrens party was held, this time in just about the most notorious street in town---almost the other side of town to the Fuzz Shop. A couple of hundred residents and friends having a good time when, Blarr. Blarr, here come the cops, break up the place, arrest 14 people. Why? Who knows? Maybe they had no - thing better to do.

It reminds me of a story I once read about a town where people who had a financial interest in slum housing and who also had some pull with the neighbourhood fuzz. They feared that their tenants would organise to fight against the poor conditions in which they lived. In fact they had their own heavy mob to deal with the stray individual who stepped out of line. The slightest sign of tenants coming together was seen as the first step towards a tenants association and other horrors. Therefor a word was dropped in the right place that influential local people would be grateful if these signs of tenants building a community were nipped in the bud. The local fuzz obliged.

That was long ago and in another town; that place was corrupt-- and this is Brighton.

## MEMO

Official figures are often boring, but if you can plough through them they sometimes tell interesting stories. Like there are 10 million production workers in Britain which means the wealth of this country is being created by only 1/5th of the people. So although they often get low pay work in boring

## BRIGHTON BANK HOLIDAY PROJECT

Every Bank Holiday weekend large numbers of young people come to Brighton. Brighton is geared to visitors who conform and can spend alot of money. Those who have'nt much money are often discriminated against becouse of their long hair style of dress and sleeping on the beach. The Union Hall is a place where young visitors can freely sleep, eat and talk to other people if they are lonely or have problems. People can sleep in Union Hall and other church halls in the town for a very small sum. Volunteers are needed to run this scheme, and they will be briefed and guided by those who have done the job before.

Organisations taking part: Brighton I.V.S., NAYC, YVFF, Tunbridge Wells Young Volunteer Action and Linkup(UoS).

Guests should not bring in dope, booze, or ripped-off gear. as this could ruin the project. Although the churches have a big hand in this project they try to stay unobtrusive---although one gets the impression that the Establish-

supports the project not out of reasons of concern for young people but because they want to keep them off the streets

so that there won't be any agro.

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and dangerous conditions and are looked down upon they keep 4/5th of the population. They seem to be mugs. They support capitalists -cops-troops etc-capitalism doesn't work for them.



# big brother's children

There must be people somewhere who mourn for J. Edgar Hoover who died aged 77 on May Day--possibly Habershaw and Bond, the terrible twins of the Angry Brigade Prosecutions are among them.

Hoover was, from 1924 to his death, the director of one of the most corrupt and repressive organizations in the world, the F.B.I. A gang of political assassins who, although they routed the Ku Klux Klan and the racketeers for a while, found their true vocation in the hounding of foreigners, anarchists, socialists etc.--in fact anyone whose life did not revolve around beefsteak, apple pie, saluting the flag, and the Shirley Temple fan club. Hoover became prominent first on New Years Day 1920, when he planned for the U.S. Attorney General simultaneous raids on communists meetings through out the states which resulted in the arrests of 6,000 people suspected of being part of a plot to overthrow the government. In fact, although many people remained in jail for months a total of 3 pistols were uncovered with which to carry out the coup.

Hoover can stand as a representative twentieth century figure--representative of the increasing power of impersonal state officialdom which sees as it's duty not only the suppression of it's enemies (since we're engaged in a war thats understandable) but the annihilation of the individuals right to his own intellectual privacy. The snoopers of the F.B.I. carried the fight into the home with phone-tapping, long-range photography, concealed tape-recorders in the post-war period. Together with this went the hysterical pouncing on those who even dare to look guilty--all with the collusion of a self-righteous and largely silent press.

The Hoover disease was comparatively late in coming to Britain, but the frantic evidence rigging following the Angry Brigade attacks, Internment in Ulster, the 13 murders

in 'Derry by British Troops (sorry, 'reckless behaviour' Lord Widgery, not 'murder' ), the recent raids on anarchist bookshops and the ludicrous raids on the members of the International Socialists and the International Marxist Group in which every scrap of waste paper, nail paring and particle of dust was taken away. Show that the disease is now flourishing here. Big Brother is dead but he leaves behind his insane spawn throughout the world, plagued by insecurity and, therefore all the more dangerous when they play with the toys Big Brother left them. Their tactics permeate down from Special Branch to the Vice Squad to the Drug Squad to the Social Security Investigators to the Watch Corruptees as they demand a greater rigidity. If you're active in a union or political group, like to sing in the open air, claim social security, indulge in any drug but aspirin, tobacco and alcohol---in fact, do anything but obediently work and watch T.V. -- You're in danger--Someone, somewhere has a file on you.

Don't be fooled into thinking that what's happening in Ulster, that what's happening to 'left-wing' political groups, to immigrants, to the Liverpool Dockers can't happen to you.

Everyday the states definition of 'militancy' becomes narrower.

BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT :

The following Ad. appeared in the Argus

"Office Boy with short hair & intelligence, Age 16/18 to start as dogsbody and train for senior position with reputable company in Newhaven-----Day Release "

Meanwhile the Anarchist movement has unlimited vacancies for people to start as fleas on the dogsbody.



# it's your life

Hello friend how is your life in this so-called free democracy where it is said that affluence reigns and poverty and hunger are a things of the past. Are you enjoying a peaceful life in this land of milk and honey?

The truth is that you are a poor hard-working MUG, just getting by on your low wages. You allow this profit-based social system, capitalism to continue by working for it or just accepting it. You accept a low wage or a social security hand-out, high rents, high prices, noise, air sea and land pollution, in short lowering of your life style, while the rich get richer on profits you earn for them. (do you think super-parasites earn their millions by the sweat of their own brows.)

Here in Brighton while the rich live in luxury drive in Rolls Royces and gamble in the casino, other people sleep outside, live in really bad houses, work in boring tedious jobs or join the dole queue and this is the same in every other town and country.

Life could be so much better in a class-less world with people of all ages, sexes and races freely co-operating together to make and distribute the things they need and want. Using science and technology for the good of mankind without the the restrictions of capitalism we can create not an Utopia but a world much better than the present one. A world without barriers, pollution, divisions class and racial hatred, poverty, disease, the holding back of science and technology, the dumping and deliberate under-production of food while millions starve.

*We have Monoclonal weapons too*



## TIME IS RUNNING OUT FAST

We are on the edge of total destruction by pollution, breaking of life cycles and nuclear and biological warfare.

By allowing the capitalists, their politicians armed forces and police to control YOUR life YOU are allowing them to control YOU.

YOU should organise politically study the situation, talk to people and convert them to the idea of a communal world before it is too late.

ITS YOUR WORLD AND YOUR LIFE  
AT STAKE!!!!!!

## LEGAL ADVICE

Not beating the system, but a bit of help for those within it who need to use the laws. The Sussex Law Society has at last agreed to Brighton Solicitors giving free legal advice to those who can't meet the normal charges. A panel of 24 local solicitors are running the scheme, taking it in turns to man the office of the Citizens Advice Bureau on Thursday evenings. They're there if you need that kind of help. It's best to ring the C.A.B. (see contact page at back) to check on the time beforehand.

Pressure from the Sussex Civil Liberties Council helped prod solicitors into action with the help of a few of the profession who see their job as a public service, rather than just a way of screwing money out of people.

## YOUR ACHING BACK

MAYBE YOU HAVE JUST FINISHED ANOTHER BACK-BREAKING DAY AT WORK.

MAYBE ITS ACHING AFTER CARRYING THE ROBBING BOSSES, LANDLORDS AND FINANCIERS, THE TROOPS TO KILL YOU, THE COPS TO ARREST YOU, THE JAILERS TO HOLD YOU, THE POLITICIANS AND BUROCRATS TO MISLEAD YOU AND THE AD-MEN TO CONFUSE YOU -----AD INFINITUM



# Me Old China....

It was announced recently that lovable Brighton estate agent, wit, socialite and Mayor, Stanley W. Theobald (pronounced George White and Co.) may visit China next year as part of a world trip(?) he is making with his good lady wife. In fact he's been invited to go by inscrutable Chinese scientists visiting Brighton (pronounced Stanleyville) for the recent Oceanology Conference.

This news has given rise to certain rumours which we think it only right and proper that Gutter Press as a responsible journal should take this opportunity to deny. There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that:-

(a) Stan is leaving the country as a result of the searching spotlight of publicity trained on him by an article in the last issue.

(b) the Chinese visit is a preliminary to Stan's nomination as a candidate for the U.S. Presidency.

(c) Stan has lived a double life until now and, hedging his bets in case of revolution, is, in fact, the brains behind the Maoist Workers Bookshop in Gloucester Road.

(d) Stan is acting as an emissary for National Car Parks who intend opening a multi-storey bicycle rack in Peking.

On behalf of Stan's many friends in the borough we would like to wish him and his wife a long and happy stay in the People's Republic-and we mean long

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Anticipate equal pay day with Vaughan Automatic Assembly Machines-Advert in the Financial Times.

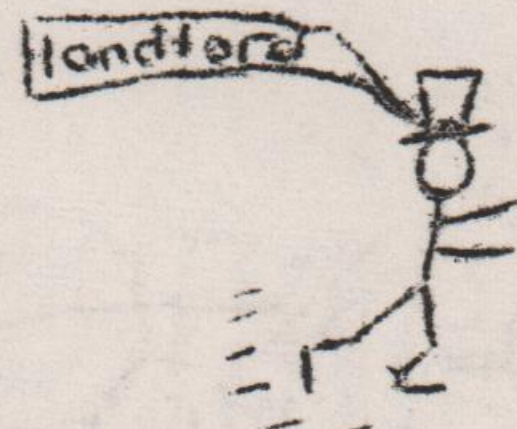
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Brighton Environmental Committee are preparing a waste collection campaign. They plan to gather waste paper and take it to the re-cycling plant in Portslade. They are looking for a van and driver for this purpose-who can help out once a fortnight. Any offers contact Kathy Watson, 45 Gladstone Place. They thus hope to cut down on pollution and at the same time gain money to help pay for a free bus or transit that they hope to run for the old people of Brighton. Yet another very useful community project looks as if it is going to get under way.

Radio Jesamine broadcasts on 256 metres, Sundays and bank holidays and hopes to be a community station carrying news as well as music. It's a pirate so broadcast will be erratic.



# KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR



Commander Burgess is a rich man. He lives in a house called Broadbridge Mill, in Bosham, Sussex. He has a real estate business in Sussex and he also owns a bungalow in Oughterard Galway which he rents to holidaymakers all the year round. The bungalow is in a place called "Millionaire's Mile" by the local inhabitants. Next to his bungalow is a cottage lived in by a 68 year old widow, called Mrs. Nora Fahey. She is not exactly a land tycoon. She has an acre of land with the cottage, another acre which she rents from the Land Commission for £20 a year, 4 cows, 4 calves a Connemara mare and 2 hens.

Commander Burgess is evicting this 68 year old widow from the cottage which has been the home of her family for over 70 years.

The people of Galway are not standing idly by. Over 500 people attended a protest meeting the Sunday before the High Court appeal hearing, and over 100 picketed the court on the day of the hearing. Mrs. Fahey was given 6 months to leave the cottage. Commander Burgess had to be escorted to the police station, pursued by angry demonstrators. The campaign will continue-- the people of Galway are not prepared to stand by and allow a man who has more than enough to evict a woman who has little enough.

We don't think that Burgess would try the same thing in Bosham, not because he would have any scruples about it, but because he lives there and small communities have a way of making themselves felt.

Last sat. (29 th April) a thousand leaflets were distributed in Bosham by Clann na h'Eireann to inform the ordinary people of Bosham, what a member of their community is doing. We ask the people of Sussex in general and Bosham in particular to consider how they would feel if Mrs Fahey lived in their village.

We hope that the people of Sussex will follow the lead of the people in Galway and make their opinions heard---write to Cmd. Burgess and register your disapproval of this man's action.

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## ANTI INTERNMENT LEAGUE

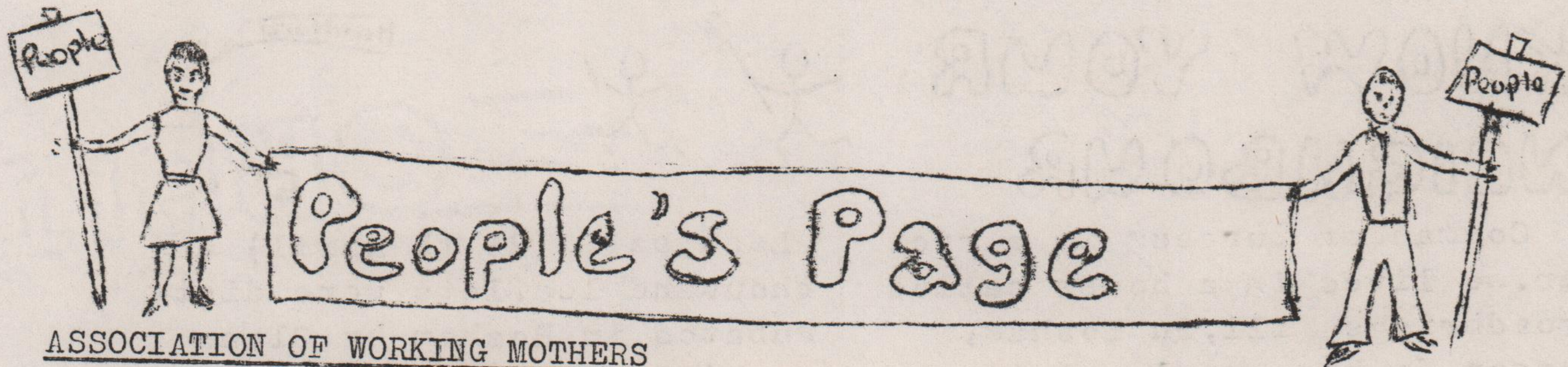
At present there are approx. 800 men interned in Long Kesh concentration camp. All have been denied their basic civil rights of a trial, and rather than being considered 'innocent until proven guilty' all are being treated as guilty.

Many of them have been imprisoned from the start of internment on 9th August 1971, and many are innocent of any crime; but whether guilty or not should their family be made to suffer?

The girlfriends, wives and children of the internees are refused social securities, and the only money they receive is from funds set up by groups like the A.I.L., please give generously to the Internees Fund.

ALL DONATIONS TO & INFORMATION FROM ANTI INTERNMENT LEAGUE.





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SUSSEX GAY LIBERATION FRONT

Weekly meetings at Stanford Arms, Preston Circus-Tuesday at 8.15

Further enquiries 71583

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

37 Park Crescent 65706

BRIGHTON FOOD CO - OPERATIVE

Joint food buying in a spirit of mutual aid-cuts food costs too  
enquiries to Open Sect - see above

ANARCHIST LIBRARY

at the Public House Bookshop, during shop hours (closed Tuesdays)  
21 Little Preston Street-wide range of libertarian books and pamphlets

BRIGHTON ANTI INTERNMENT LEAGUE.

Clive Carroll, Flat 11e Park Village, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton  
(see elsewhere in this issue)

BRIGHTON FREE SCHOOL

contact Ian Birksted, 65 The Drive, Hove- Tel. 738411

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

contact Dave Clifford, 191 Moulsecoomb way, Moulsecoomb Tel. 65764

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

17 Ditchling Rise 61664

BRIGHTON RENT TRIBUNAL

Anston House 137 Preston Rd.

PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY

Wednesday meetings at Open Sect, from 8p.m. onwards



PEOPLES PAGE cont.

BRIGHTON HOSTEL

105 Islington Rd., 686380 (see elsewhere this issue)

MOULSCOOMB PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP

Jane Skelton, Tel. 31427.

3 - 5 years group, weekdays 9.15 to 11.30



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page 1 of the Ads.-----

FREEDOM----Alleged Anarchist Weakly-----5p.

ANARCHY----Anarchist theory and disscussion--monthly-----20p.

BLACK & RED OUTLOOK----Anarcho-Syndicalist paper (mainly industrial  
coverage)-----5p.

SOLIDARITY----libertarian rank and file monthly---(again mainly  
industrial coverage)

BLACK FLAG----Anarchist monthly----Anarchist theory and discussion---

very good coverage of Internatioal situation;continues to maintain  
it's high standard despite the fact that Stuart Christie (the Editor)  
is imprisoned on remand awaiting trail---see elsewhere this issue-----6p.

THE UNITED IRISHMAN---- Offical organ of the Offical Sinn Fein---  
full coverage of the I.R.A.'s activities in both the 6 and the 26 counties---  
monthly-----5p.

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TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL SOLUTION-----by Murray Bookchin---a CUTTER PRESS  
PAMPHLET-----yes,folks thats us-----an in depth analysis of pollution  
from an anarchist viewpoint-----4p.

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ANARCHIST PUBLIC MEETINGS::::: every 1st. & 3rd. Fridays of the month-----  
at the Prince George Pub. 5 trafalgar St. from 8 p.m. onwards-----  
-----speakers from Fine Tubes-----Gay Lib.-----Womens Lib-----discussions  
on-----ecology---alternative psychiatry---Etc.---



# REVIEWS

Two pamphlets worth taking a look at are " Education on the Cheap " and the edition of " Spokesman " on Brighton. The latter, a socialist publication, contains various articles on events and organisations in the Brighton area, put together by Brighton people. There is a good deal of useful information, facts and figures, but I feel that the edition is as a whole inadequate, mainly because it talks about things that happened as long ago as five years, and the only recent thing that is handled is the University Tenants' Association. The article on the Claimants Union gives little information, mostly being concerned with general aims rather than local activity (this is probably due to the fact that at the time the article was written, activity was at a low ebb, though thankfully the union seems to be growing and doing more. The article on Women's Liberation is similarly,

dwelling in the past and telling us little of what is happening now. There is also a rather boring article by Stalinist hack, Ken Geering talking about Haywards Heath and Communist activity there in the Fifties, and a thing on the CIR lockout of 67-68, but nothing about industrial activity at the present moment, apart from a page on the Newhaven docks which says bugger-all. We're also inflicted with a thing about the Rent Project and the squats of 1969 from Is member Mick Bury. He informs us that " a whole block of dilapidated flats...were occupied throughout the summer and autumn of 1969... the organised Left both inside and outside the Labour Party, stood back and watched local 'anarchists' and visiting drifters virtually take over the politics of the campaign". He fails to tell us that he himself was nowhere to be seen during the long squat summer, and tries to malign the Anarchists by trying to give the impression that they weren't really Anarchists - the quotation marks make all the difference - and implying that they were late comers to the squat. In actual fact, Anarchists were supporting the squatters from the very beginning till the time when the squat collapsed, and they remained through the summer when all the 'leftie' students had gone on their hols.

However the article on nursing is much better with an account of activity at the Royal Sussex County, as well as useful facts and figures. The pages on unemployment are interesting for similar reasons although as a whole the mag. lacks relevance.

The other magazine under review, offers us an account of over crowding in Brighton schools and states " it is concerned with bringing out into the open the working conditions of Brighton's teachers and their treatment by an irresponsible and reactionary council". The pamphlet, put together by a group of anonymous Brighton teachers, who share Marxist, let us even say Marxist-Leninist views, exposes the lousy conditions in the Secondary Mods and primary schools and urges Brighton teachers and parents to fight back against these conditions. Already parents and teachers at Moulsecoomb and Whitehawk are mobilising, as you can see from reports in the Argus, and a storm is brewing. This pamphlet is informative and points to practical action; though it is somewhat narrow in its analysis of the education system. But anyway it's a good buy and should be in the hands of every Brighton parent and teacher.

Spokesman 21./22. Feb/Mar 1972. 35p. 76 pages.

Education on the Cheap. 5p. 16 pages.

Both are available from Unicorn Bookshop.

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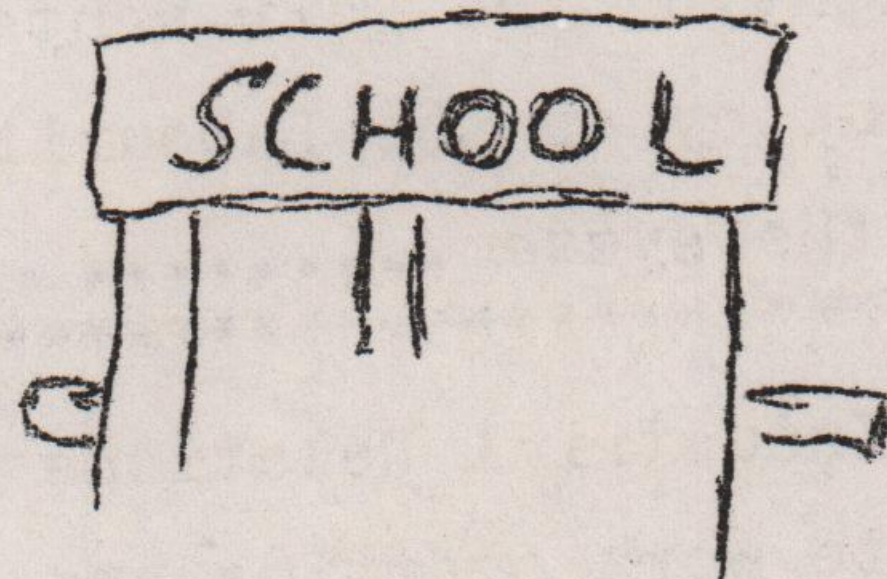
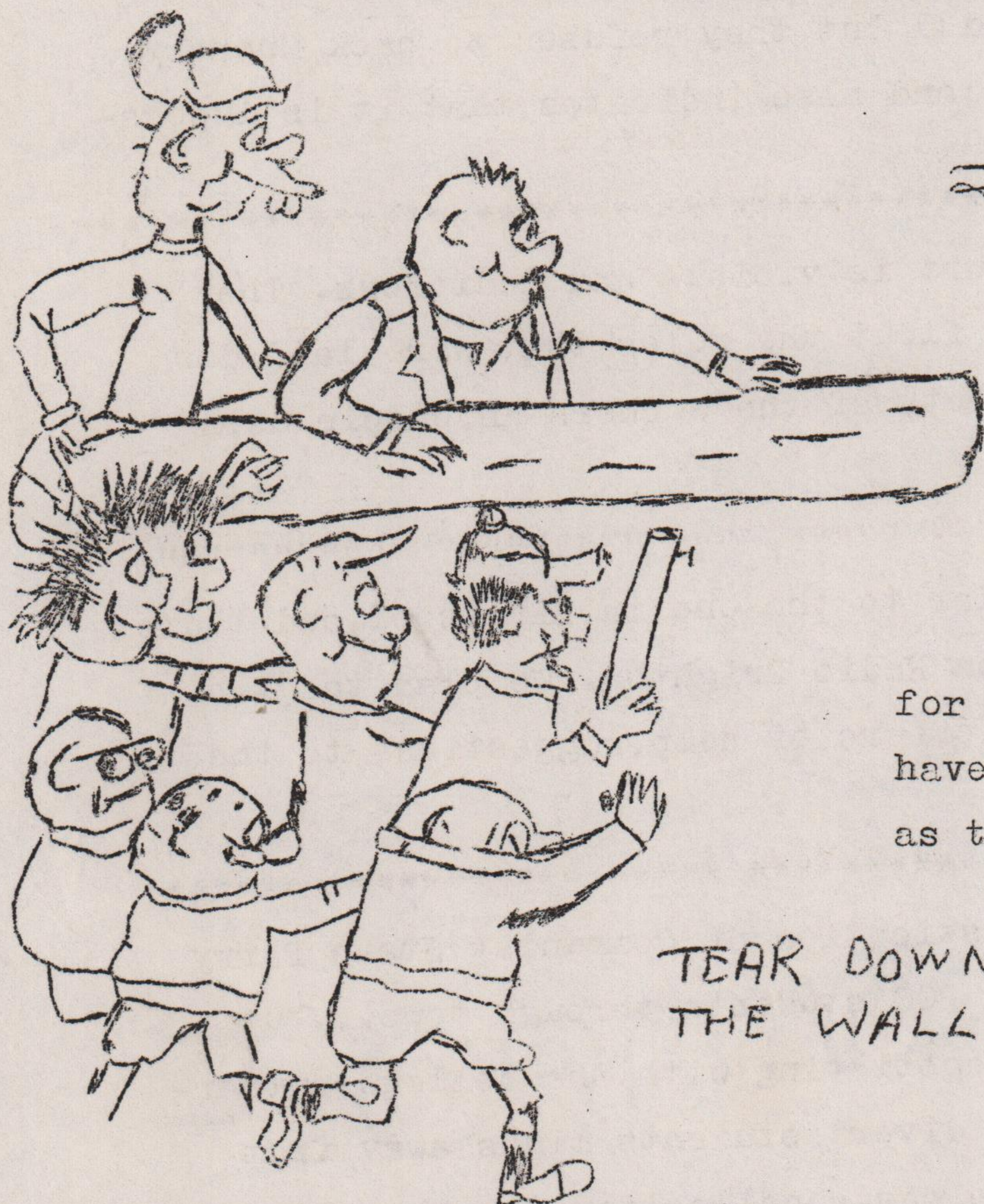
Has anyone any information on a pig named Ken Jackson, national secretary of the Commercial Services Group of the Transport and General Workers Union. Rank and file workers would like to know. Write c/o Gutter Press (address below editorial).



# Power to the pupils

The upsurge of pupils at Patcham-Fawcett, Whitehawk, Queen's Park, (to name but a few) points to a number of things -one, that spontaneous protests can spread like wildfire, and that school pupils can be as militant as any other section of the community, and thirdly that their demands can be as well thought out as anyone's. Children are people, but in this society they are treated as -I won't say second class citizens because they don't even come into the running-merely something hardly human that has no say in how these schools should be run that they go to.

The demands put forward by the schoolkids are perfectly reasonable-decent meals and free milk, better school conditions, abolition of school uniform, prefects, corporal punishment, compulsory games, victimisation, public schools and grammar schools, tyrannical headmasters, compulsory religion and schools to be run by pupils teachers and parents. Already it is rumoured that over 10 schoolkids have been expelled-the place where people are conditioned to accept this lousy system is endangered (remember the Little Red Schoolbook, School Kids Oz) and the authorities are attempting to put a stop to a situation



which is already beginning to get out of hand. The Evening Argus is insinuating that the Rebel group an International Socialist youth outfit here in Brighton is responsible for the school strike but although they may have leafletted the kids the final choice as to whether there should be action was

up to the pupils. As one boy interviewed on television said they would have come out anyway, regardless of whether there was an I.S. leaflet or not. This was only the

TEAR DOWN  
THE WALLS.

match that was needed to set ablaze something that would have caught fire sooner or later anyway. The strikes at schools in London are inspiring children all over England, just as the sit-in strike by workers in Manchester, at Plessey's and UCS, are giving the British working class a new tactic for the future.



## GUTTER FESTIVAL BLUE GAS POEM

Indecipherable comings and goings, presaging tantrums on lewd galaxies, interminable ascent of odorous earthmen beaten off with eyes, sentinel, of rotting monsters through the malevolent air. Angels; too, and sunshine, blurted out of blank hillsides or leaning backwards and forwards over the stunned ranch. Testified, vanishing and reappearing in fountains, funerals, astral configurations and abandoned convents, a frantic signalling to indifferent pastures. A joust. Or between the ears, passing out to whatever distance they brush, all pink and fleshy and careful, of landmarks and dishevelled generations. The mind, wonderfully invisible, as a paper funnel down which all this petroleum anger is sucked, piecemeal, into the children's greedy future. Tears, urban retentions, oblique sympathy for the concealed fee, grandly broadcast through the plush jungle of this recent hope, as if with a little tinsel and sleep the dragons would return to base.

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Brighton Council declared that the town police were wonderful, recently. The police were congratulated on their crime prevention and detection success and it was noted that the force was nearly up to strength. No wonder our councillors are praising the police---they are tied up in property and 80% of our laws are designed to protect property..... Norman Munnery, Communist councillor was frozen out by the Labour group at a recent council meeting. The Labour party is supposed to be fighting the Fair Rents Bill but they refused to back Munnery. This shows the bankruptcy of the Labourites; and also indicates that it is impossible to work within the system.....

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The decision by the Industrial Relations Court is vicious and ludicrous. They are telling railmen to work overtime and to flout the rules that were laid down by the unions and the management for the safety of the workers and people using the railways.

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There is a plan for a free school, similar to the one in Liverpool, and there has been an article in the Argus and a bit on Radio Brighton. We plan to give further details in the next Gutter Press.... offers of help, suggestions to the Brighton Free School (see people's page)

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Aggro at the College of Education and the rustication of Communist Steve Parry president of the students union.... a march of 200 students through town... but it is rumoured that the union executive is negotiating with the college authorities and the march was merely a sop to help divert students minds away from the thought of a sit-in.... On the march there was a collection for the Stoke Newington 8 fund; Steve Parry and Norman Munnery were approached and asked if they would like to make a donation; Munnery very reluctantly gave a few pennies Parry gave nothing--so much for revolutionary solidarity. Whether you believe what the Angry Brigade did was right or wrong, the fact remains that 8 people face life imprisonment on flimsy charges and are being tried primarily for their politics. Here follows a statement which we don't all necessarily agree with.



# STOKE NEWINGTON 8 TRIALS

Sisters and Brothers,

In June, 8 people are going on trial charged with Conspiracy to Cause Explosions. The police say they were involved in all the major bombings since 1968.

How much do you know about these bombings? No one was ever killed or badly hurt by them, and the damage to property wasn't that great. They were effective because they pin-pointed targets which all of us are fighting against, or know to be bad.

Like the machine-gunning of the American Embassy in 1968, at a time when everyone could see that the Vietnam War was totally vicious, was being fought only because big business couldn't afford not to.

Or, nearer home, Robert Carr's house was bombed because as Minister of Employment he was responsible for the Industrial Relations Bill, tailor-made to make work even less under our control than before. So on January 12 1971 there was a strike, a huge march, and a bombing.

Biba's was bombed in 1971. You work all week in Marks and Spencer and go and spend all your money at Biba. Buy, buy, buy, and meanwhile women are degraded into stereotyped clothes pegs.

Some of you may know the Eight - they have been active in the squatter's and tenants movements, in the Claimants Union, in Women's Liberation and the Gay Liberation Front. They are part of the same movement of protest as us, have suffered the same as us and have fought back the same as us. Whatever the form of your oppression, we all know there is only one answer: direct confrontation. And however you think of yourself - as part of a radical movement, as a person knocked around and put down all your life - we all need to support each other.

The Stoke Newington Eight need your support in the same way. If the state gets away with treating these people as an isolated group, they can safely put them away for 30 years.

Copy of a letter circulated by the Stoke Newington Eight defence group.  
If you can offer help or support, please contact them:

Box 359  
240 Camden High Street  
London N W 1

"Now at midnight all the agents,  
And the superhuman crew,  
Come up and round up everyone  
That knows more than they do  
Then they bring them to the factory  
Where the heart attack machine,  
Is strapped across their shoulders,  
And then the kerosene,  
Is brought from the the castles,  
By Insurance men who go,  
Check to see nobody is escaping,  
From Desolation Row." Bob Dylan.

JOHN BARKER  
CHRIS BOTT  
STUART CHRISTIE  
HILARY CREEK  
JIM GREENFIELD  
ANNA MENDLESON  
KATE MACLEAN  
ANGELA WEIR.



# No room at the hostel

Probably not many people knew of the existence of the Brighton Hostel until the recent publicity in the Argus when the council were threatening to close it down. Yet for the last six years this little house at the top of Islingword Road has been almost bursting at the seams, trying to accomodate countless people who the police and the council would have it don't exist at all. Their reasons for wanting to close the Hostel? Health reasons of course, not enough toilet facilities. So the council, not content with just ignoring its own responsibilities and providing a decent shelter itself, will go to any lengths to quash attempts made by members of the community to do so and on the ridiculous basis that a house trying to do a job which no one else will do is not adequately equipped, thereby pushing people back into "skippers" or "derrys" which are usually crawling with rats and don't even have floorboards or window panes let alone toilet facilities. As it happens the council did not order complete closure of the Hostel as it had threatened, but instead imposed very severe restrictions which must be observed if it is to remain open. From now on only six people may live there at any time, and no overnight accomodation may be given however desperate the situation may be. This is very nice - of course the house is only really big enough to hold six people comfortably, and the place immediately seems more homely - BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHERS WHO USED TO SLEEP THERE? WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - Have they evaporated? vanished into thin air? The other 166 places in the various common lodging houses in Brighton are filled, and most people would rather sleep on the beach in the snow than go to the Reception Centre, the only council owned shelter; so what will happen to them? Hopefully as far as Brighton "leaders" are concerned they will move on somewhere else, become someone else's problem - the fact that all but one of the shelters have been removed from the Level would seem to reinforce this theory.

But many have not gone. They are at this moment living in squalid conditions - in which rats breed and most humans would not survive. Dossers are not objects from some far off planet to be feared or ignored, they constitute the few (gradually more and more) who cannot remain within the system at any level. Many are alcoholics and ex-servicemen, a few made a deliberate choice to go it alone but most have never had that choice, and have been continually rejected by both the institutions of society and by its individual members. Homeless people can make absolutely no claims on the welfare state by the very fact that they are homeless. As long as we live in a competitive society, the feeling of isolation which we all feel to some degree and which is particularly extreme in the case of dossers, will remain with us.

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There should be two socials coming up for the month of June -- a gay lib. dance set provisionally for Sat. June 10th. and the Anti-Internment League social set for the following Saturday. 17th.



# Community News

There is an urgent need for people to come forward and take part in the crash pad service run from Open. For those who don't know what this means-- people who volunteer to put visitors to Brighton up for one or two nights at their place. In this way their having to sleep out or paying for a room is avoided, and something that is lacking in this society is developed--a sense of fraternity and mutual aid. It should be interesting to relate to strangers and to dispel the distrust bred in this system against each other. As such it is as important a development as the food cooperative--new modes of social organisation must grow within the shell of the old society. If you can't always take people under the crash-pad service you of course have the right to refuse and if someone is sent round to you you will be phoned first or someone from Open will come with them so that no neighbours are disturbed unduly. There are going to be a lot of people using the service this summer and at the moment the number of volunteers is about half a dozen. At least 20 more are needed if everything is to run smoothly. Offers please to Open (see under People's Page for address.)

Sussex Poverty Action Group wanted to set up a stall in the "Steptoe Market" in Upper Gardner Street to hand out leaflets and give information about welfare rights. But the council refused to grant permission on the grounds that the market was established for selling and not for the use of a free stall. This decision was upheld in court by Brighton magistrates. On the surface this looks like an example of red tape, a particularly exasperating one, and the system could be condemned for this alone. But could it not be that the Tory council and the Tory beaks did not grant permission because they did not want the people to find out about their rights many of which are not taken advantage out of ignorance. This seems more like a move against the working class than anything else.

Brighton Food Cooperative is growing in size and takes in 100 households now. With a lot of people buying together fruit and veg. can be bought direct from the Municipal Market without any middlemen and without the extra charge thus incurred. This also makes for a spirit of mutual aid--and a number of other community plans could possibly grow out of a large number of people working together in a cooperative fashion for the first time. A suggestion to the food cooperative.... Why don't members of the co-op rent some allotments in Brighton and begin to grow vegetables. Of course, not enough could be produced at first to take the place of those supplied by the market. But at 30 bob a year and quite large plots of land surely its a worthwhile scheme. Suggestions care of Open.

CHILDRENS SUMMER FAIR.

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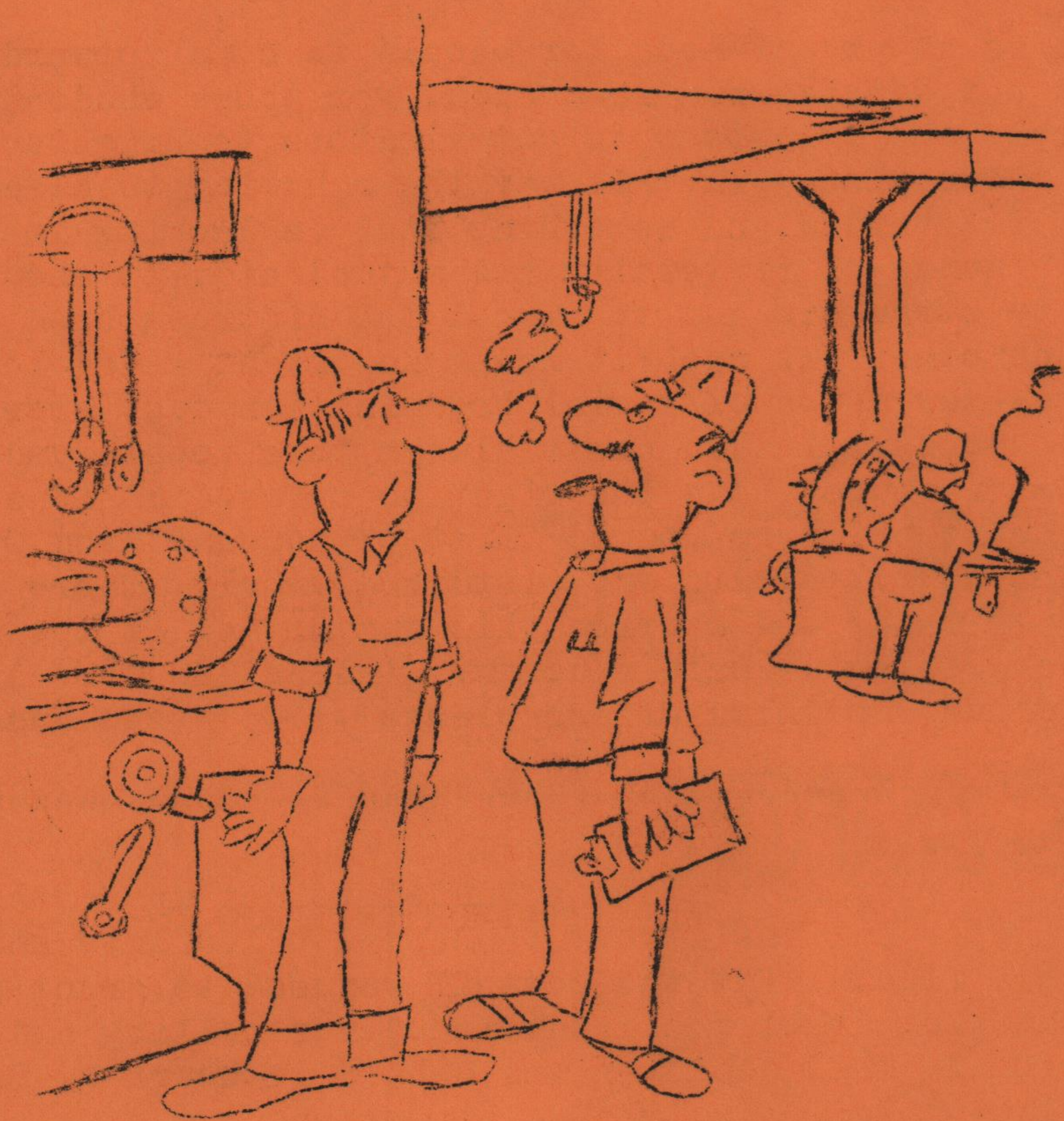
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