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NO PIT CLOSURES!

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NO POLICE STATE!

SPENCERISM HISTORY REPEATS...PT.1

George Spencer, labour M.P. and non-elected leader of the Notts Miners launched his breakaway union in the middle of the miners lockout in 1926. In Spencers own words; "It is a cardinal point of policy to show that by joint effort with the management, material benefits will result to the worker."

It is true; for those bribed back to work and a Spencer Union, were given a higher pay rate than before the lockout. It cost them dearly; interms of increased death and injury, but by the end of the 5 year no strike agreement, the Notts miners were amongst the lowest paid in the coalfield.

Roy Lynk and his fellow conspirators seem to be out of the same jelly mould as Spencer believing that breaking away from National agreements will leave us better off under managements wing. To be continued....

EVENTS LIST.....

FEBRUARY :

FRI. 8: Disco and live rythm and blues band Brief Encounter at the Carlton, Noel St.

THURS. 14: Gig with the Membranes and A Witness at the Garage.

FRI. 15: Disco at the Carlton.

WED. 20 : The SWP meet at the Narrowboat (Canal St)-The miners strike and the Labour party-Speaker Sheila McGregor. (no relation to the butcher)

SAT. 23: Live bands, Our Heroes and Red Go Red at the Hyson Green Boys Club.

MARCH:-

SAT. 9: Disco at the Italian-Centre, (sherwood Rise)

SAT.23 : Disco at the Carlton.

And more to come..

UNECONOMIC ? A LOAD OF MANURE..

Im getting sick and tired of all this talk of uneconomic this and uneconomic that, . We must all know by now just how viciously anti-subsidy this govenment is, well weve had it crammed down our throats often enough.

Just to illustrate this attitude of the government, we should take a look at what has been happening in another traditional industry -the farming business. Last year, farmers profits rose to a healthy £1826 million. Their level of subsidy, a mere, £1,700 million!!

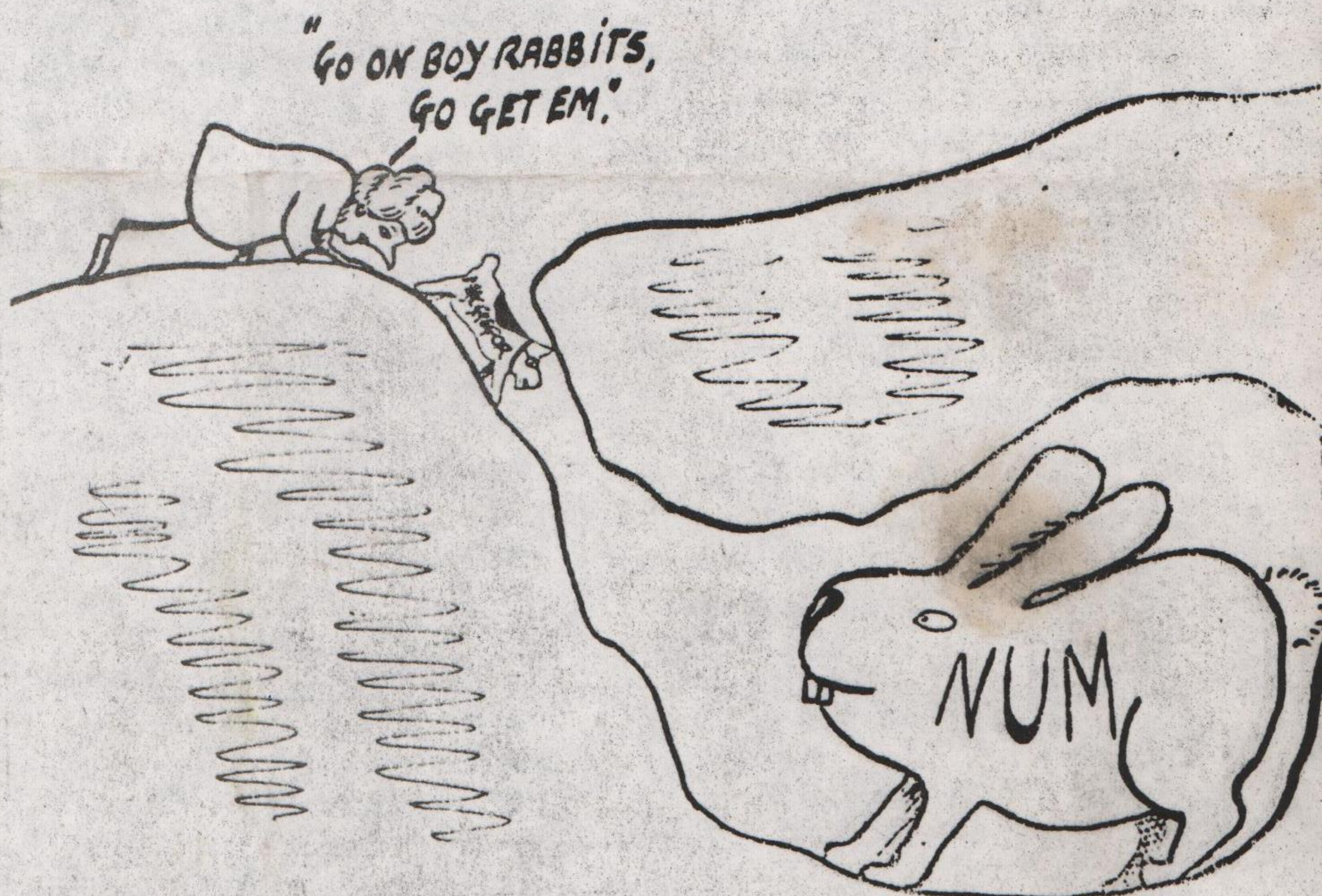
INCREDIBLE SUPPORT.....

Prisoners at Portsmouth jail, whose weekly wages for working is between £3 and £4 per week have contributed the staggering figure of £89.40 to the Cortonwood Womens action group.

PIGSWILL IN THE CANTEEN .

Last Thursday, the King scab at Kiverton park, Norman Haywood entered the canteen escorted by a police inspector. He proceeded to read out a letter calling on all to join the new breakaway union. Most of them in the canteen either walked out or retired to the far side of the room.

When Norman had finished, the inspector gave out a warning against intimidation, as he felt threatened. Wonder why ?



FOR FEBRUARY THE 11TH.....

Hampshire trade unionists, in response to a call from the S.E. tuc are organising a mass picket of Fawley power station, to be followed by a rally at the Southampton guidhall. This is just one of the 28 different sites picked by te S.E. tuc for their day of action. NALGO members in the metropolitan area and in Yorkshire are being asked to strike in support, as are the N.U.R. The Mineworkers defence cttee at a rally last week urged the Scottish TUC to call a one day general strike Here in Nottingham, support grops are building up for a mass at Ratcliffe. See yer there.



APPRENTICE OUT.

Chris Blore, a 20 year old apprentice electrician at Gedling pit has joined our ranks this week. He regrets bitterly leaving it so late; but, "iwas under indentured contract and that would have meant the loss of my job, i am proud to join the strike." Welcome to the struggle Chris.

QUOTE LINES.

"To ask unions that they will in fact co-operate with the closure of capacity i think is somethin g unusual for a trade union to adopt." Ned Smith.

"Those who have gone back in this dispute have gone back with their heads bowed in defeat." Peter Heathfield.

C MON KIDS...

Just in case you may have missed it last time. Weve had an appeal for any kids thoughts , poems, drawings, cartoons, songs, or jokes concerning the strike. Send contributions to; Martin Hoyles, The Labour Centre, 8 Camden Rd. London NW1 9DP

RHYME LINE.

Let foremen steal our gold and then,
theyll leave us what we were, brave men,
But could they steal our mines of coal
Theyd steal our bodies, hearts, and souls
Tis coal that makes our Britain great,
upholds our commerce and our state.

JUST ANOTHER VICTIM.

Early January a lorry running coal into Didcot power station killed a van driver. Coal and oil lorries have been involved in a spate of accidents around this area Two weeks later a head on collision inside the station hospitalised one driver. Power workers there, have complained bitterly about drivers using the site as a race track. The A43 has had at least one crash involving a coal lorry, it blocked the road for several hours.

JOKE LINE.

Q,Whats the difference between a cactus and the working miners comittee .

A.A cactus has pricks on the outside.

FOULSTONE LATEST.



Ken Foulstone that shining example of law and order, faced Doncaster beaks on Tuesday charge with three burglaries. Ken has been granted unconditional bail, so he can continue his dubious back to work campaign at Manton Colliery. He is accused of robbing a house in Sth Yorks, involving £1,613 worth of gear, £1,760 worth from a Doncaster house and £1,650 worth of Viscount Galways precious heirlooms, from their place at Serlby Hall S.Yorks. These offences are alleged to have taken place in 1977, that is before he became obsessed with law and order.

STABBING LATEST.

Darrel Matthews, a Cotgrave apprentice fitter has been charged with GBH for the Denman St stabbing of a university support group member on Jan the 18th . Also on bail.



NO COMMENT.

The Thames Valley Police, have been presented with a 8" brass miner by Calvo working miners for protecting their strike breaking activities. It wasn't mentioned wether or not the figure was stood up or on his knees.

LAST LINE.

What have Sir Hector Laing, Lord Taylor, Lord Hesketh, Lady Hesketh, Andrew Simpson, The liberal Party, David Hunt and Lord Hanson got in common Quite simply they are the paymasters of the National Working Miners Cttee. The only reasons they pay their puppets are to smash the NUM. Lord Taylor in June 1984, did a study into the possibility of buying two power stations . We have no doubts, that he wouldnt mind a couple of pits to go with them!