

READY AND PASS ON! **KEEP ON**



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RIP OFF THE SUPERMARKETS



If Property is Theft, What is an Estate Agent?

FAIR RENTS!

if this is work - we demand the right to be lazy..

FREEDOM IS WHAT YOU LIVE

I'm a sex object

I degrade myself.



STRIKE

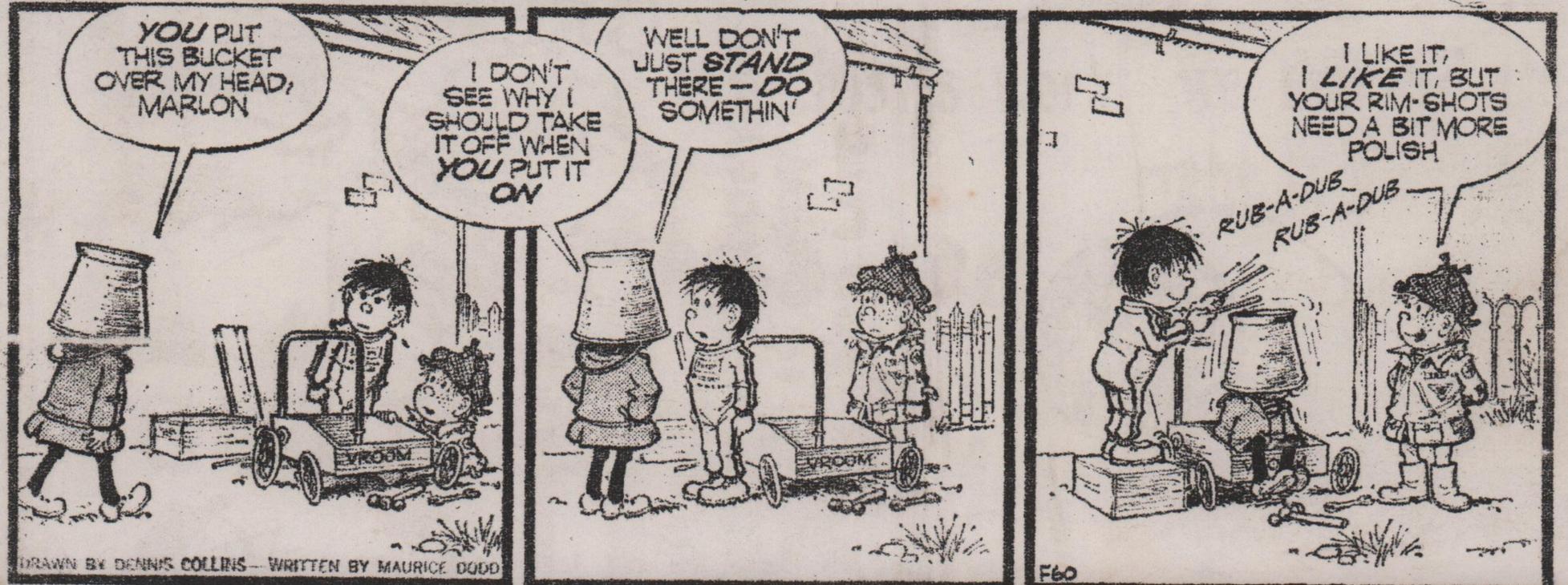
It doesn't do any good **angry**

GET THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT LIFE

IN TODAY'S ARMY-IF YOU CAN

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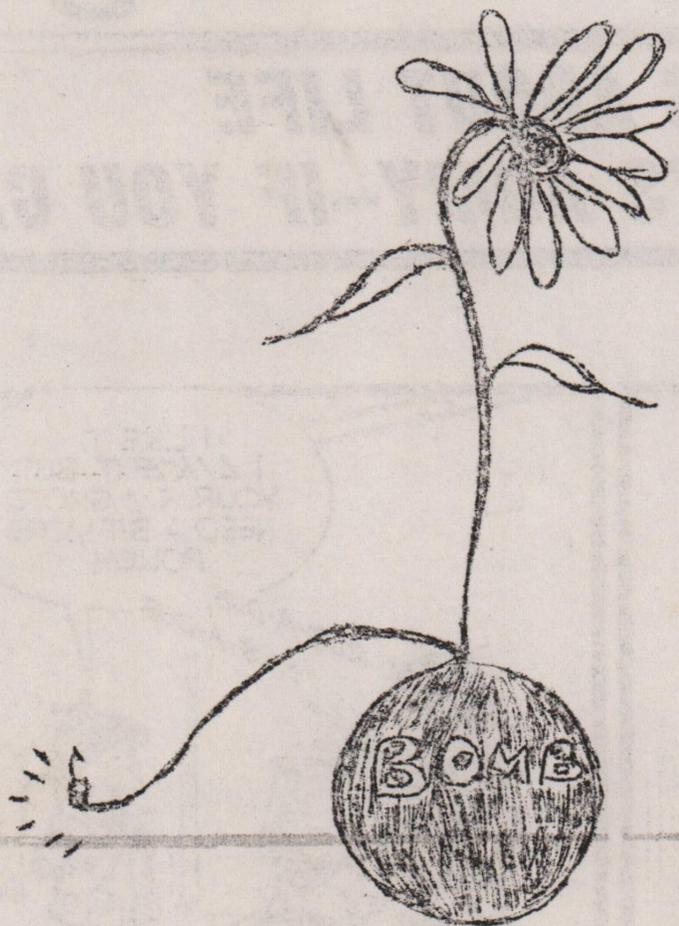
The Perishers



Well, we've managed to get to issue number 7 of this mag. but so far we've not had as much interaction as we'd hoped for. This journal is produced by members of Brighton Anarchist Group and puts over libertarian, anti-authoritarian views. At the same time we'd love to have contributions from outsiders—information and articles from people working on the buses, in the factories, in the hotels and kitchens, in the hospitals and in the schools. We'd like YOU to use this paper as a vehicle for your views and grievances, to tell us and the readers what the conditions are like where you live and work, how your boss is treating you. The Argus, Radio Brighton we feel do not represent the views and opinions of the people, they always report things from the side of the establishment. There are very few ways in which the man in the street, the rank and file worker, the housewife, the schoolkid can hear their voice be heard. So, make sure that those letters, those articles, those snippets of information start coming in.

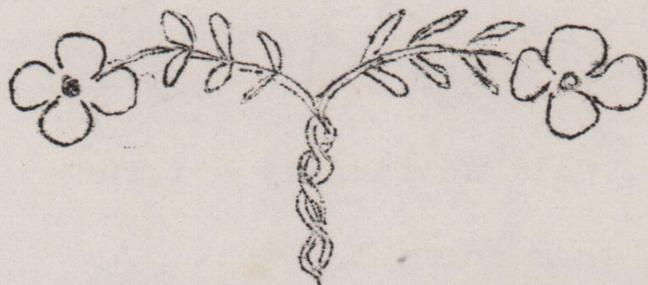
Contact us via 8 St. Michael's Place.

GUTTER PRESS!--- THE TYRANT'S FOE---THE PEOPLES FRIEND!



Miscellany

Manchester - Ulster



Workers in Manchester in a fight against the bosses for higher wages, better conditions, five hours off the working week, and equal pay for women, are on strike at the moment. Not only that 4,000 of them have occupied 9 factories in the Manchester area as part of the struggle. Employers at one of the occupied factories have retaliated by bringing a High Court order against the sit-in workers under a new act that was intended for use against squatters - which means people have to leave the building in question within 24 hours of a case being decided against them. Perhaps we will soon see the spread of sit-in tactics in industrial disputes to the South East despite the use of such laws.

Heartfelt condolences to Nick for doing the "right thing".

The troubles in Ulster have been going on for quite a while now but there is still widespread ignorance in this country over the ins and outs of the situation. This ignorance is to be found amongst radicals as well. The crisis there is treated by many as a purely sectarian religious fight, and this is exactly what the State wants us to believe. Of course it involves religious difference but to a great extent this was fostered by British rulers who are now naturally fanning this intolerance still further. The Ulster trouble also involves the Catholic minority fighting for civil rights----- and the unemployment, poverty, and slums affects Catholic and Protestant workers alike. The rulers of Ulster are hoping to draw attention away from the economic crisis; but on two memorable occasions in the past fifty years when the system was on very flimsy feet, Protestant and Catholic workers have united against the bosses.

Naturally, the very complicated situation in N.I. cannot be gone into at any great depth.... readers are recommended to read the issue of ANARCHY on Ireland... or to attend meetings of the Anti-Internment League, a non-sectarian group that calls for the withdrawal of British troops from Ulster and the ending of internment now. It is open to all who agree with these two things and there is room for wide discussion. There is a branch here in Brighton and all those who are interested in joining, in attending meetings, etc can contact AIL by writing to Gutter press who will send you their address and other details.



Letters

To 'GUTTER PRESS'

well, well we finally got some all this time and nothing
before now
keep them acomin' in

to whom it may concern

do you realise that the soldiers of your country's army recently
shot in cold blood thirteen people, and have injured many others?

do you that the irish people have been struggling for two
hundred years to gain freedom from english domination a
freedom which your country has always claimed as a right for all
people?

do you realise that the british t.v. and newspapers are being
regularly censored?

do you know that your troops are still torturing irish people?
..... as they are known to have done in aden, cyprus and other places

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOUR GOVERNMENT IS JUST?

freedom for the irish ... end internment now

jan. 72 postmarked paris, france.

Dear Editors,

There are several methods of healing by natural means.
Macrobiotics is at present probably the most well known. Nature
Cure which contains a variety of different ideas on diet is
another such system. Although varying in certain details most
practitioners are agreed upon the benefits of fasting and water
application therapy for specific conditions. Nature Cure clinics
exist in Britain and research into all methods of natural
healing should prove highly rewarding. Books on Nature Cure can
be obtained at most health food stores or at the library.

unsigned published for the promotion of
Natural Healing.

Dear Editors,

While I agree with a number of points raised in your journal
.... which I think by the way has little care and attention put
into it's preperation I fail to agree with your basic premise
that man is good enough to be able to live without government.

Perhaps you could set my mind at rest?

yours etc.

J. Humphreys. postmarked hove.

Dear J. Humphreys,

We never said that man ... and woman ... was good enough to
be able to live without authority people are neither good or
bad, but a mixture of both anyway, good and bad as we know
them are concepts defined by this society, and have little meaning
to us No what we want is a more rational society a
decentralised society where one man cannot decide the fate of
millions ... as today ... no man is good enough to be another man's
master.

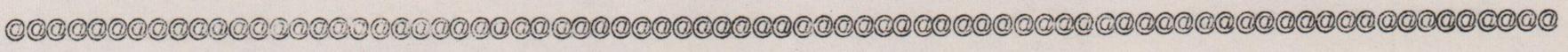
and now for something entirely different

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY

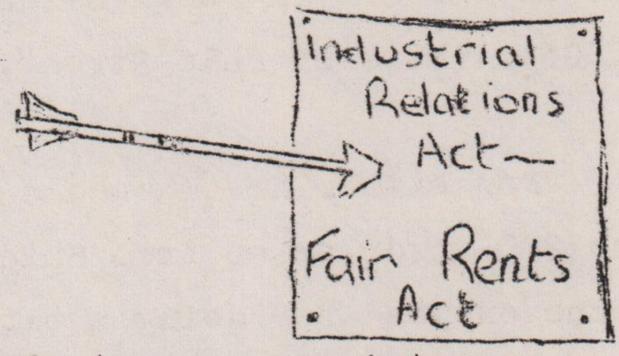
The present University of Sussex Tenants' Association campaign is
bringing to the fore the whole nature of institutions, executive
committees and power itself and the aim is an approach which quite
frankly would ultimately lead to the opening of all matters
concerning the life of the campus. It has already emerged that a
meeting is an insufficient ... though vital ... part of true
democratic process. What the campaign has revealed is that people

EXPANDING DEMOCRACY cont.

need to be able to use all media and any means to consolidate mass participation. There will soon be a need for a room or rooms where if necessary everyone can lodge suggestions and look through documents. And it will be necessary to ensure that any proposals received in writing are aired at meetings and are freely available. One can easily see meetings whose sole function may be to accumulate ideas. Debate is only a part of the evolution. The accumulation and consolidation of information and its subsequent free availability and the encouraging of proposals and counter proposals are other vital parts. There may arise a need to elect delegates to co-ordinate information and activities but they should be subject to recall and replacement and have no power of decision making on their own. It might also be necessary to use the referendum if there is a demand for it due to the existence of insufficient agreement.



WORKERS
STRIKE
back



Workers at ITT Creed, the Hollingbury factory, won a victory recently against the bosses. 500 workers walked out after a colleague was sacked when he refused to fill in a work sheet--this entailed a daily report giving a minute-by-minute account of everything he did. Before this, the work sheets had been weekly. Roy Granvilley, 57 and 5 others had been ordered to fill in the daily sheet--Roy refused and was sacked on the spot.

The management had changed the worksheet system without telling the Works Committee and the union advised workers not to fill in the new sheets.

Because of the Industrial Relations Act the union could not call out their members and hundreds of workers on hearing of the sacking walked out SPONTANEOUSLY. The management backed down and reinstated Roy--and withdrew the daily sheets. The Creed workers should be congratulated on their great solidarity.

Further show of solidarity was expressed by Sussex workers when Crawley Trades Council and other workers organisations threatened strikes at every factory in Crawley if any tenants on the local estates was victimised for being on rent strike against the Fair Rents Act--things seem to be livening up!

Meanwhile the State and the employers are hitting back...The Transport and General Workers Union was fined 5,000 quid for blacking container units--Under the new laws blacking is illegal.

Aloha, aloha, aloha. ^{what's going on here then?}

Beginning (and, we hope, ending) the strange exploits of Stan, Stan, the Housing Man.

S. Theobald, Mayor of this Borough, ex-chairman of the Housing Committee and (coincidentally of course) proprietor of George Whites, Estate Agents, has ceremonial use of a Mayoral, municipally purchased Rolls during his term of office. The said Rolls recently figured in the court hearing over riotious behaviour at the Seven Stars disco-pub when it was stated that on occassions it and its chauffeur had been belaboured verbally and physically by merry-makers leaving the pub in the afternoon when the auto was parked outside the offices of Geo. White in Ship Street.

Now either Mr. Theobald is a very lazy man incapable of walking the 200 yards or so from Ship Street to Bartholomews or one is perhaps excused for doing a bit of quick mental arithmetic involving the answer four and asking a few questions about the permitted uses of the Rolls and who pays for the petrol.

No doubt if rotund Comrade Stanley had been in the Rolls himself at the time of the "attacks" he would have accounted for himself like a man. Old Timers in Brighton will remember the dynamic performance which Stanley, of Aloha, Dyke Road Drive, put up at an election meeting for J. Amery in 1970 when a vandal in the hall started blowing bubbles. Cherubic Stan's face went scarlet, bald head flashing and smoke issuing from the ears he leapt from his seat into the audience and, aided only by a gang of half a dozen retired Tory gentlefolk, succeeded in expelling the offender from the hall. It was suspected that the incident had some traumatic effect on his nervous system as observers say that he shook for about half an hour afterwards.

Such men make Brighton the town it is.

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Joe Hill

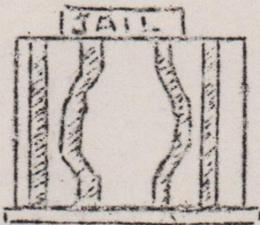


The film "Joe Hill" has been and gone in Brighton, but we did not get a chance of reviewing it at the time. However, we feel that this film cannot pass without comment of some sort. Joe Hill was a militant member of the libertarian revolutionary union, the Industrial Workers of the World which was active in the States, and elsewhere, during the first fifty years of this century.

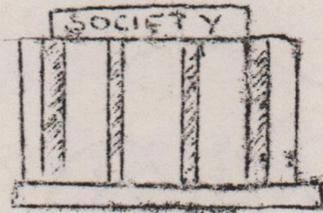
Joe Hill arrived in the States from Sweden and by 1910 he was a member of the IWW; he took part in the San Pedro dockworkers strike the San Pedro free speech campaign, and an abortive insurrection in Tia Juana which aimed to make Lower California into a commune. He went to Utah where he helped organise copper miners and other workers in and around Salt Lake City. The Copper Trust and the Mormon Church realised how dangerous he was and he was framed for murder. He was executed by firing squad in 1915. He had been responsible for many revolutionary songs, which had catchy tunes and much satirical comment, including the famous "Pie in the Sky" "Dump the Bosses off your Back" etc.

The film, I feel does not do enough justice to Joe-the music, incidentally, is good, great guitar work by Stefan Grossman-and rather dilutes the personality of the Fellow Worker. Facts are more or less adhered to, but if you did not know what the IWW was before you went to the film, you would be none the wiser afterwards, and the Mormon Church instrumental in Joe's death, is not even mentioned! I left the show with a rather empty feeling. I feel that big business is exploiting the current interest in Anarchism to make money-witness the highly priced reprints of Anarchist classics in the States and soon over here----works that have been reprinted again and again by Anarchist groups in cheap pamphlets. This film is a bit of a con, there is a much better film about Sacco and Vanzetti the Anarchists who were framed and executed in America in the 20's but it is not planned to show it over here. A postscript--Paramount, on the site of "Joe Hill" hoped to pay the film workers (in California) less money by acting under the auspices of an European production company-European pay for filmworkers is lower-but the IWW going through a miraculous resurrection, organised on the site, struck, and won the higher wages!

"I never died," said he. ~



OPEN & SHUT PAGE



OPEN BIT BY BIT VICTORIA ROAD B'TON 27878.

Well wot's bin 'appening in and around the 'ouse in Victoria Road lots and lots the police are getting their spring time clean up together and as a result we have had to get quite a bit of legal aid together.

By the time you get around to reading this, the BIT BY BIT workshop will have truely got off the ground every SATURDAY afternoon in the 'orange room' basically an information and talkback thing watch out for RAP, which comes out from OPEN every FRIDAY afternoon for and about SATURDAY afternoon

READ RAP .. TALK ABOUT IT AND PASS IT ON

The collection of ciggarrette coupons and greenshieldstamps has so far netted enough money to get the FRIDAY NITE FILM SHOW at the Duke of York's of the ground coming soon, watch out for posters around town, this rag and RAP and alot of tools for the workshop downstairs at OPEN ... we need you coupons and your stamps, if we can't have your money ... they're worth money, and that's what the BUST FUND needs you may need the BUST FUND one day !!!!

The CAFE is maybe not doing as well as it could/should it's a good place with lots of good wholesome food, and it needs your support, your love, your company as often as possible

Which brings us to the meaty bit lots of people use OPEN for all sorts of reasons, at all times of the day and night it, the building, the people, the whole thing is an organic growing being and like all growing things needs love and care and hard work to keep it alive

OPEN LIVES too maney people just use the place and the people there with often very little regard for it's health and wellbeing please people OPEN is as much yours as it is ours and needs your love and understanding and help and work and money and all sorts of things, but mainly your love, because together we can do it what ever it is but only TOGETHER

DOWN ON THE FARM DEPT.

mondays Brighton and Hove Claiments Union ... 8p.m.

tuesdays ... libertarian dicussion 8p.m.

wednesdays . people not psychiatry 8p.m.

thursdays .. Sussex Gay Liberation Front counselling
service 8p.m.

all in the 'orange room' .. BIT BY BIT workshop ... the idea is that those who feel they need to rap about a special thing have a time and a place to do it in/with.

SERVICES

crash pads ... still alot more needed ... before the summer is on us all workshops still being created ... call Chris or Wes at OPEN if you're interested legal and emergancy not quite 24 hours a day seven days a week, but still there for those who need it ... 27878 DRUGS .. the advisory service still functions via a library and our collective knowledge information BIT BY BIT ... almost anything on anything try us and see

APOLOGY DEPT.

last issue carried a thankyou to BIT in LONDON for paying the phone bill ... not true ... it was RELEASE ... sorry all !!!! also sorry marick ... you where unintentionally anonimous in the last issue

THANK

to the person in Worthing who sent us a quid and also the wanderrer who gave the BUST FUND a fiver.

to all those few who turned up to the concert in aid of the fund and the people who put it togther.

WATCH OUT FOR THE AMAZING LATE NITE FILM SHOWS ... VERY SOON.

Community

Welcome back ATTILA THE HUN ... all is forgiven free every saturday all over Brighton ... a very valuable service Welcome, also, to THE INCREDIBLE HULK ... our sister rag at the sweat shop in stanmer park out weekly ... from the anarchist bookstall every thursday lunchtime outside the junior common room ... WOTEVERTHATIS ... and to the ever changing weekly newssheet run by anarchists at the college of education called so far ... LEFTTIT ... GNUS .. and various other things. Also in the town, RAP ... BIT BY BIT information workshop sheet ... out every friday afternoon ... free ... read rap and pass on

AMAZING SPRING FESTIVAL put together by the federation of sussex anarchists ... including us at the university WED. THURS. FRI. 22nd. 23rd. 24th. MARCH be there anything could happen and probably will ... who knows !!!!!!!

FOOD CO COP central supply to sub co ops at OPEN VICTORIA ROAD ... if you want to join and need to know which group of people you will be working with contact Caroline at OPEN, she can probably work it some way ST. MICHAEL'S PLACE CO OP operates froms OPEN every saturday lunch time orders must go in a week in advance with an approx. amount of money

TEDDY BEAR LIBERATION FRONT strikes again and again last summer teddy was removed from the flag pole outside the childrens hospital ... since then it has happened again twice this time the FRONT tell uss he is down for good.

informers this is serious and true ... there is a man in brighton living under an assumed name ... PERRY ... this man is dangerous .. he has already shopped a young deserter from the british army ... and in the process dropped alot of other people in the shit ... he is about 45 to 50 years old, bald, between 12 and 15 stone and 5ft. 6ins. very into asking questions and giving bad advice ... he must be stopped if you see this man tell him brighton doesn't want him and he must leave

LITTLE RED SKOOL BOOK bill butler got a heavy fine and the books destroyed by order of the magistrates he says thanx to all those people who helped during the whole thing

people in brighton seem to be putting somethings together for themslves ... their own organizations to deal with specific issues and problems, but all the time these very people are becoming entangled with the forces of law and order still if we pull together, we might be able to beet them at their own game

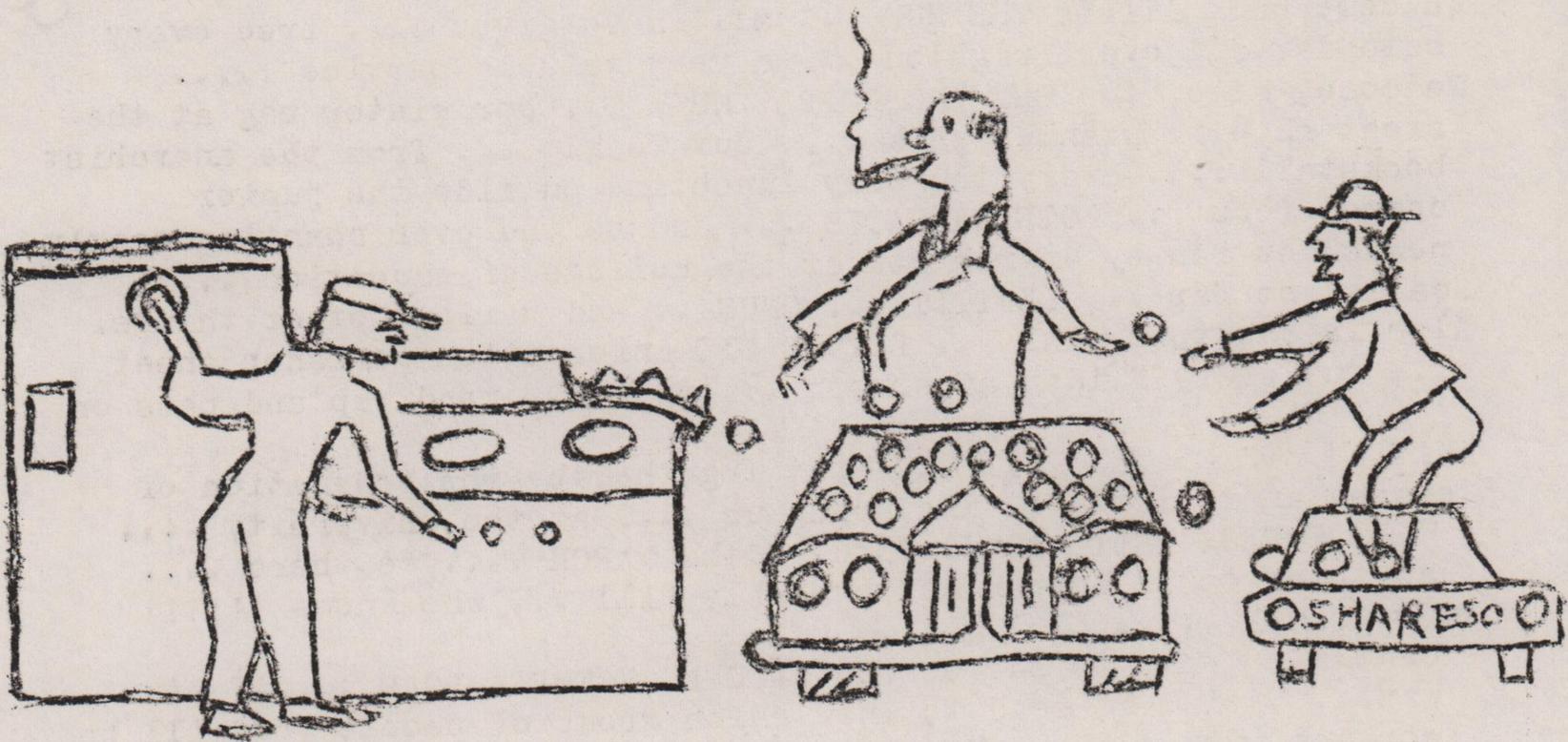
WHY DID THE EVENING ARGUS REFUSE TO CARRY AN ADVERT FOR THE GAY LIBERATION FRONTS COUNSELLING SERVICE HAVE THOSE MOTHERFUKERS GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE !!!!!!!

WHEN ARE THE PIGS GOING TO GET OFF OUR BACKS ONLY WHEN WE TIP THEM OFF TOGETHER

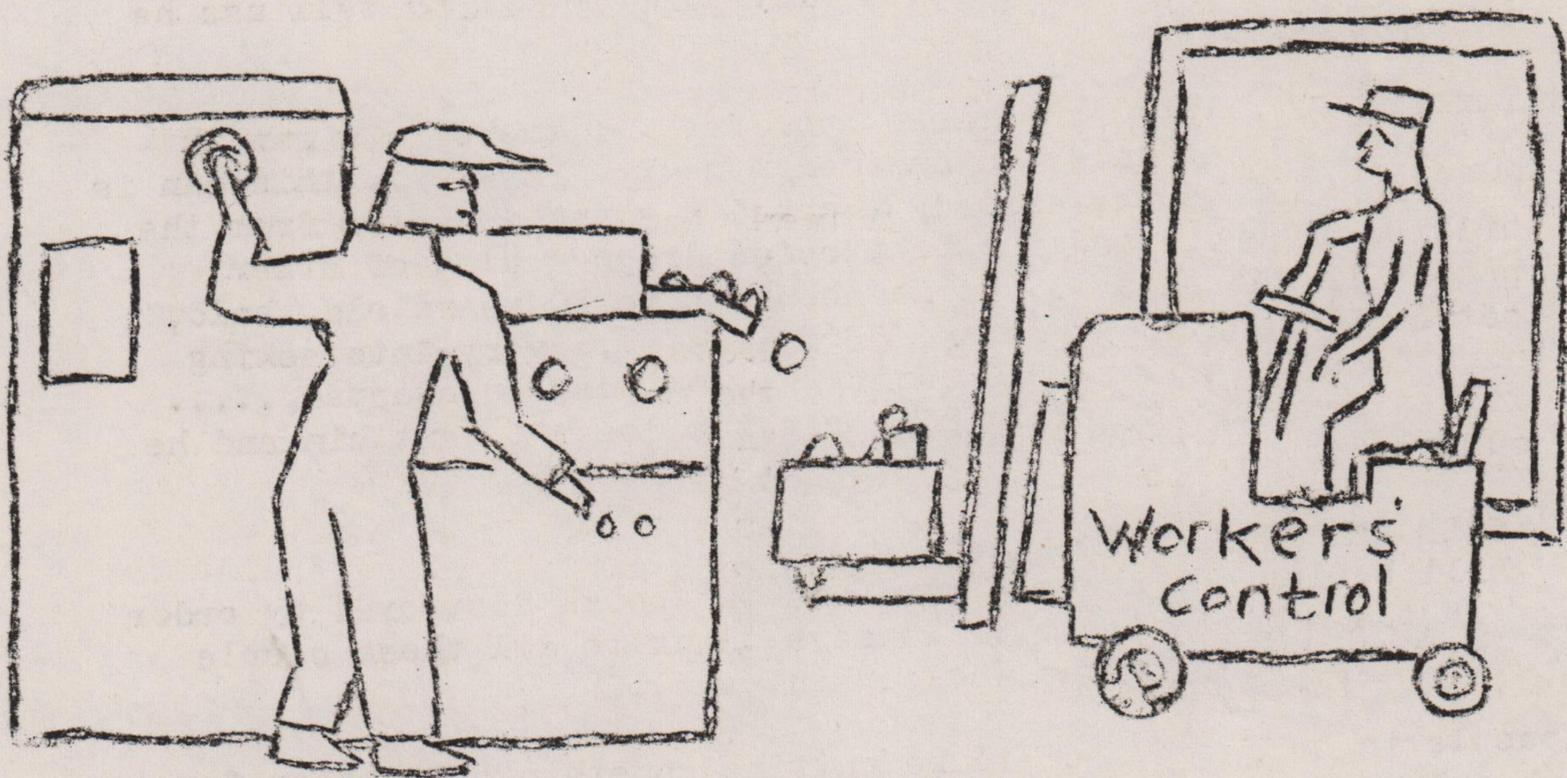
PLAYGROUPE NURSERY

would anybody interested contact Helen or Tom at 19 Gloucester Street also information and/or help re premises.

ANARCHIST LIBRARY at the PUBLIC HOUSE BOOKSHOP, little preston street during shop hours richard also has lots of goodies for sale a very fine bookshop ho ho ho ho !!!!!



They can't do without us.....



We can do without them!.....

gaylib in brighton

The Gay Liberation Front ...

exists to fight discrimination of homosexuals, male and female, in all spheres of society.

has discussions, social functions and dances regularly.

has non gay members and welcomes anyone interested in the aims of the front ... even those opposed.

runs a counselling service for anyone hung up on relevant sexual problems.

holds weekly meetings at the STANFORD ARMS Preston Circus upstairs 8.15p.m. every tuesday.

counselling service at seven victoria road every thursday 8p.m.

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off the record

it's open tuesdays, wednesdays and thursdays 7 till 9p.m.

and wednesdays 12 noon till 2p.m.

at 6a Marlborough Place B'ton 63080.

PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY

Numerous groups operate under the name of P.N.P. throughout the country. Contact between the various groups is minimal, but all have similar goals. The mental health services are based on the assumptions which we do not share. They concentrate upon the psychopathology of the individual, largely ignoring the patterning of relationships which contributes frequently to the initial diagnosis of 'mental illness'; ignoring for the most part, too the pressures of social norms to which we are all subject. Also, the possible significance of social network in recovery is grossly underestimated. Insufficient preventative work is carried out; hospitals rely heavily on drugs and electro-shock 'therapy'; and after-care provisions are plainly inadequate. Some of the problems are endemic to organized 'help', and the shortcomings of the system are more marked in some fields than others, but the need for alternatives is obvious. P.N.P. cannot hope to make up for all the deficiencies, nor does it aim to work as a pressure group to change the system. Mental illness can develop in conditions of isolation: we hope to make contact with anyone beginning to lose touch. Equally we hope to provide alternatives to intolerably stressful situations in offering undemanding supportative relationships. P.N.P. believes in human contact, and the confirmatory experience of developing relationships, which we hope to be able to offer to anyone who wants to take part.

The Brighton group has been in existence for several months now, and activity centres upon the Wednesday meetings at OPEN. Many people have become involved, to a greater or lesser extent, bringing an enormous variety of problems and ideas. The meetings are totally unstructured, and are generally lacking in direction, but this means that the individual can participate at any level. If you come along and want to talk things through with one person, that's fine or with a few people ... or whatever. Smaller groups meet during the week to explore the implications and the possibilities of relationships, in conventional and unconventional ways: find out about these on wednesdays.

Nothing is for sure guaranteed: it is all very experimental though maybe not as exciting as that makes it sound.

cont. over

BRITISH DRUG HOUSES, I.C.I. and BEECHAMS made 150 million pounds profit between them last year on drugs to fuck your mind.

P.N.P. cont.

Of course there are difficulties. How to establish and maintain an atmosphere of trust and openness? How far to commit yourself personally in whichever role you choose, knowing that whatever you give or whatever you receive is limited by the situation? P.N.P. can only offer possibilities, but people do need people, and a wide variety of relationships to fulfill their varied needs.

PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY is for YOU
YOU are PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY.

j.s.

it's the Durnuti Column

What exactly is Brighton Corporation doing? They plan to knock down 47 houses in Upper Gardner Street, King Street and Church Street, Windsor Street and Portland Street—they want to get rid of the houses, but seem very vague as what to put in their place. One of the two blocks might be a multi-storey car park and the other one might possibly be used as a carpark until something more definite is decided. The demolition plan throws a lot of people out of their homes, most of which are in good condition—this at a time when there are 1,073 people on the council housing list.

Look at the acres of wasteland in Kempton, the hundreds of boarded-up houses which have stood vacant for years—it looks like Brighton has just been through a blitzkrieg. And what usually happens when houses are knocked down—yes, you've guessed it, they're turned into car parks.

Look into the crystal ball and see the town in 1980—one huge car park, with the homeless inhabitants pushing prams and belongings around looking for accommodation. Who gets fat meanwhile? National Car Parks and the Council.

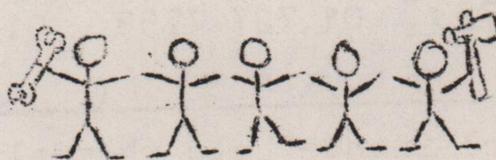
As Dennis Hill of the Brighton Trades Council said recently, most workers in Brighton are getting "coolies' wages" and accept as a fact of life that because they work in Brighton they will earn up to £5 a week less than if they worked in another part of the country. (See article in last Gutter Press on white collar workers.) Some bosses are making very large profits, but the situation was not related to the unemployment figures but has been the same for a very long time indeed. The cost of living in the town has to be taken into account when one considers these wages, and it's higher than in other parts of England (as much as 60% dearer in housing costs) Brighton workers have been sitting on their arses for far too long

Its about time they woke up and started to fight back against the bosses who are bleeding them dry.

The Phantom Chalk Scribbler has been on the rampage recently around Brighton-some of the slogans to be noticed, especially on the walls of the Public Library are "Let Tate and Lyle be your dentist"--- "Heath is Nero"---"Make-up is fake-up"---"So who owns news".

Congratulations Dave and Jeane on the arrival of Joseph--let's hope things are better in the world by the time he grows up--who knows he,(and us too we hope)will see the birth of a free society.

Form Fives



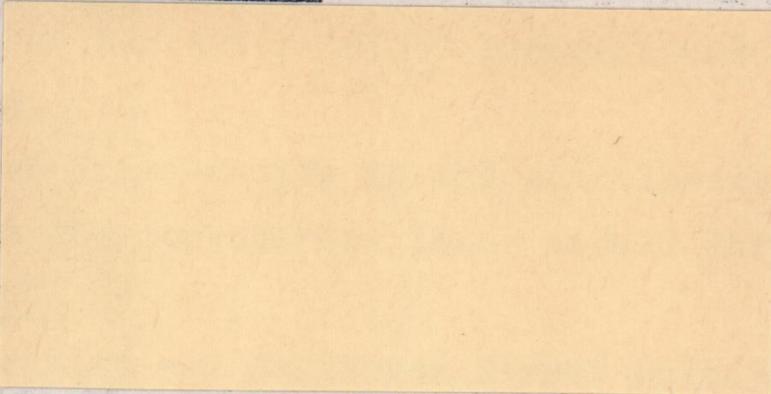
There are now thousands of people, tens of thousands even, who regard themselves as "left" or as "underground" or as "revolutionary". They know themselves to be powerless. Every so often they protest at arbitrary dictates by the Silent Minority rulers. They know their protests mean nothing. Meetings, however militant and advanced the ideas expressed, are as little effective as those held in a pub bar. Yet these same people, at work, represent an enormous factor--stronger perhaps than the TUC itself. In every shopfloor dispute one looks around for allies, for other militants. If only one did not have to look. If one accepts the idea of WORKERS COUNCILS, cutting out state control from above, then form the embryos NOW. Just get to know, at any meeting, four others of a trade. Meet them occasionally. See to it that at some time each of the five tries to form a group of five in his ACTUAL PLACE OF WORK. There you will have a framework of militants all over the country, all believing in militant action. Their other political views are irrelevant. Those fives will be the forerunners of workers' councils. Try it and see for yourself. Workers' Councils, of ALL the workers, will bypass political action and destroy capitalism.

Kenneth Patchen, poet and revolutionary died recently in the USA at the age of 60. His death is mourned by all those people who have shared his dream of a society based on love and solidarity and who have read and appreciated his books and poems. If you'd like to read some Patchen then start off with the "Journal of Albion Moonlight" available from Unicorn and Public House.



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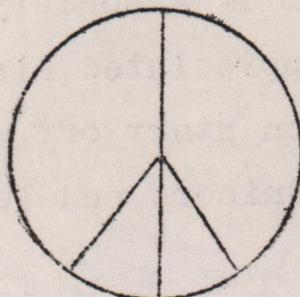
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PEOPLE NOT PSYCHIATRY

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The Badge
of
Innocence
On the Road
Again?



DONT LET THE SYSTEM
GRIND YOU DOWN.