

HOUSING ACTION

***RENTS UP**

***NEW ACTION GROUP**

***CLEARANCE DOWN**

***EXCHANGE COLUMN**

COUNCILLORS FACE SURCHARGE

could tories go to court for house sales?

City Councillors might have to pay back thousands of pounds out of their own pockets if complaints against them are upheld.

Nottingham Housing Action Group is preparing a dossier on the millions of pounds that are being lost through council house sales. This will be presented to the District Auditor, the man responsible for seeing that the City Council is handling the City's finances according to the law, in August.

The Action Group claims that the City could have already lost over £13 million through the sale of redevelopment land and their decision to sell council houses. In ten years' time there will be an additional yearly loss of over £600,000 p.a. The Action Group will be detailing four main losses:

1. HOUSES SOLD AT A LOSS

New council houses are being sold at knock down prices, many are being sold at less than the cost it took to

TRANSFER FREEZE

Tenants in Nottingham wanting transfers are unlikely to get them in the near future.

A Senior Official of the Housing Dept admitted that there had been no transfers in the last few weeks and that it was unlikely there would be any under the existing council policy of giving priority to buyers.

One of those who has been hit hard by this policy is Mrs S J Snelgrove of Hyson Green.

APPEAL TO MRS THATCHER

Mrs Snelgrove, a divorcee with 2 young children, moved into Hyson Green flats nearly a year

TRANSFER FREEZE (Cont)

ago. She was promised by the Housing Dept that a transfer would be given with 6 months. However, no transfer has been made yet and, given the circumstances, seems unlikely.

Mrs Snelgrove would like to move because she wants to find a job and pay her own way as much as possible. At the moment Mrs Snelgrove is having to manage on £15.95 a week (after rent, electricity and heating deductions) and feels that she can-

not manage on this income with 2 young children.

However if a transfer to the Clifton area could be arranged her mother and sisters would be available to look after her children during holidays and in the early evenings enabling Mrs Snelgrove to find employment.

But as fast as she tries to stand on her own 2 feet, Jack Green keeps pulling the carpet away! As there seemed no possibility of a transfer Mrs Snelgrove wrote in desperation to Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Conservative Party, explaining

her position and inviting Mrs Thatcher to take over her role as mother and manage on her weekly income.

The reply received which is published below ignores this offer but does clearly show the confusion existing within the Tory Party on the effects of their housing policy. We also publish in full a letter received from Mr Campbell-Lee, Housing Manager, which clearly shows the consequences of Tory policies. Reading these 2 letters it must be asked does the Tory right-hand know what the Tory left-hand is doing?

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

21st June, 1977

Dear Mrs Snelgrove,

At Mrs. Thatcher's request I am replying, on her behalf, to your letter of 9th May, 1977. I am very sorry for the delay in replying.

Although transfers and direct exchanges of council houses and flats are not subject to any countrywide "freeze", it is certainly true that a great deal of unnecessary bureaucracy obstructs tenants from the quick simple transfers that could otherwise often be arranged. The Conservative Party plans to introduce a "Tenants' Charter" for council tenants which will have amongst its purposes the aim of facilitating transfers.

The sale of council houses does not hinder transfers. After all, people who want to buy their council property will have had to have lived there for some time and will like living there - otherwise they would not be wanting to buy it. They are unlikely to be the kind of people considering a move away. Transfers of council houses are made possible by deaths and by existing tenants seeking accommodation more to their taste. Both will continue to occur even when other people are allowed to buy their properties.

I hope this sets some of your anxieties at rest.

Thank you for writing and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
M. H. Lee
Matthew Dearn

**LEFT
HAND**

**RIGHT
HAND**

My Ref. I/LH/100/77.
Please ask for Mrs G.,
Your Ref.

Dear Mrs Snelgrove

I have your letter of 5th May and I appreciate your anxiety about your transfer....

....A number of people have expressed an interest in purchasing a house at Clifton, as well as other areas, and these applications are being given priority over lettings to the Waiting Lists, clearance rehousing, and all other categories of rehousing, including transfers...

....I am sorry that this will be a disappointment to you, as it will be to all other similar outstanding cases, but if the prospects change I will let you know when I am able to assist you.

Should you be interested in purchasing a house I will be pleased to register your name.

Yours sincerely

M. Campbell-Lee

Director of Housing



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- Why all sales must be stopped
- Who's demanding the sale of council houses
- Sales campaigns around Britain
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Radford East

We in Radford East who are next in line for redevelopment, (when this takes place?), are in the forefront of the present Tory housing policy. We can see the full effects of the standstill that has arisen, already.

For instance, one old lady left in Dorset Street with no W.C. must walk at least 200 yds to a friend's house. Perhaps the Council Officers in their wisdom will give her a chemical toilet, it's easier than offering her a Council flat or a dwelling for rent.

After all they must look after

the Mr and Mrs Moneybags from London who put their name down on the waiting list and are offered the very dwelling that would have been ideal for this old lady.

Again we have the lady from Muskham Street in the Meadows riddled with arthritis, whose last offer was in February this year.

It was an even older property than the one she is in now, all on her lonesome with nothing but corrugated tin sheets to look at. The house offered had steps to climb to get to the front door.

Jack Green would say she is too "choosy". Never mind she may get the chance of a flat 6

floors up in Balloon Wood or with a bit of luck win Find the Ball on a really good week and then she'll be able to buy one of Jack's Council houses.

We in Radford East see this and worry and worry and worry because that's all we can do, because nobody is telling us anything we are in the process of running a petition demanding that these councillors and senior officers come into our areas and answer these questions.

GEORGE DALEY

Petition forms are available from 240 Denman Street or tel 785101

STOP PRESS

COUNCIL HAVING DIFFICULTY SELLING SITES TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS. SOME DEVELOPERS OFFERING PEANUTS. SOME SITES NO TENANTS. TORIES MAY BE FORCED TO INCREASE HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME.

COUNCILLORS FACE SURCHARGE(cont.)

build them, and this is without using the discount scheme.

The Press have already covered the losses in Nethergate and Wilford. In NHAG's April Cuts booklet they showed how houses were being sold at a loss of between £4,000 and £5,000 a time. There was some doubt at the time whether the Council could do this. Councillor Borrett showed these doubts when he said: "But if it turns out that we cannot sell, we will certainly take rent applications."

We now discover that many new houses are being sold at huge discounts. For instance, a house up for sale at the end of June in Colliery Road, Meadows, was going for £10,000. But if you read the Council minutes the tenders were £13,658 and then there were £1,550 to add on for fluctuations of prices for materials DURING THE CONTRACT.

Thus the house is being sold at over £5,000 below cost price. And so are many others.

We estimate the total loss on new houses could have amounted to £1,000,000 due to this price cutting so far.

★ Redevelopment

Slum clearance sites are being sold off to private developers to build houses for sale. The price is "market value" but it is way below the actual cost of preparing the site ready for building (ie the costs of rehousing, slum clearance, compensation).

The whole community pays the cost of this slum clearance so you would imagine the community would benefit from council houses being built on it. Not so. A private developer would never take on the job of slum clearance but is willing to pick up land at reduced prices after public money has cleared the site.

For instance, in Radford East on a 19 acre site we calculate there will be almost a £3 million difference between the cost of acquiring the site and the price it is up for sale.

If you multiply this figure by all the sites up for sale to private developers we believe the hidden subsidy to private developers could be in the region of £12 million.

★ Rent lost

Estimates of empty houses vary but we say a figure of 500 is

not unreasonable for houses which are waiting for sale or waiting for legal contacts to go through.

If you take the average rent lost as £5 and the average rates lost as £1.50, the Council is losing £3,250 each week. Or £169,000 per year.

★ Council loses

It is often claimed that selling council houses will save the tax and ratepayers millions of pounds. However lost income from rent and mortgage tax relief mean that Local Authorities and the Exchequer in fact lose on sales.

When the Council sells a house it provides a 100% mortgage for the buyer and then instead of receiving rent payments it receives higher mortgage charges. It is also saving money on maintenance and management. However the mortgage payments stay fixed whilst rents increase. Furthermore many council houses have paid for themselves in rent and are now making a profit for the council, even after maintenance and management charges. This surplus can go towards building new houses.

★ Who suffers?

What this means is that the council can provide houses for anybody unable to afford to buy at reasonable prices. These houses are at first subsidised but as rents rise and the loans borrowed to build the houses are paid off, these houses actually make a profit as well as being a valuable asset.

N.H.A.G. has calculated that after 10 years the loss of income to the council in selling council houses would be £219 per house. If the council sell no more houses than they anticipate after the end of this year they will be making a loss of £639,000 per year and this will be greatly increased if they continue to sell at the present rate.

Other studies have shown that Birmingham is estimated to have lost £16 MILLION selling 10,000 houses between 1966-72.

Leeds, if it succeeds in selling 5,000 houses as it intends, would lose £8 MILLION and have lost £1½ MILLION on the 900 already sold.

The Action Group realises that all these figures are not completely accurate and will be working them out more exactly. However the results are clear-council house sales result in huge financial losses for the community as the Council look for short term financial gain.

Clearance HITS LOWEST years

Figures of the number of families rehoused in the last month were released for the July Housing Committee. Only 55 families were rehoused in June. At this rate only 660 families would be rehoused in a year.

This amazing figure comes only a few months after Jack Green's promise to bring clearance forward! The effect of other Tory policies is biting into the supply of houses so hard that it now looks unlikely that present commitments to clearance can be kept.

HOUSES TO LET "SUPPLY v. DEMAND" - some statistical

Lies

●Question: How many houses will there be for those on the Waiting List, Jack?

-Answer: During 1977/78 there will be, by our estimates, 2,334

●Question: But are not 1,800 of these houses 're-lets' that you are offering for sale?

-Answer: Of course we are!

●Question: Why then in June have you offered 110 of those relets for sale? On a full year that means you are selling 1,200 re-lets. That only leaves 600.

-Answer: Professional agitators (deleted) inspired stirrers.

●Question: Why has the waiting list increased by nearly 1,800 families in the last 6 months?

-Answer: Ask Mr Wakely (City Secretary), he's given you all the figures so far! (2)

Info. Needed

WHAT HAPPENS TO COUNCIL HOUSES WHICH ARE PUT UP FOR SALE AND SO LEFT EMPTY?

They may get vandalized or they may just deteriorate because repairs which should have been done are neglected. If you know of any houses which have deteriorated in this way, please ring N.H.A.G., tel

Your information will help us work out how much money the council loses by selling council houses.

① P.S. LATEST REPORT ON BRINGING CLEARANCE FORWARD, HAS NO FIGURES SAYING HOW MANY HOUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE!!

"Paying mortgage rates —for rents"

We asked one family facing a £1.75 rise what they thought of the proposed increases.

Mr Picker was shocked to hear of the rise: "You are paying mortgage rates for rent", with his wife and 2 sons he lives in Ryehill Gardens in the Meadows.

"Two years ago I used to pay £3.24 a week rent and rates, if this rise comes in, it will mean I'll be paying £12.48 a week. It's ridiculous."

It was only a fortnight after they moved in that the first increase came. Last October the

Pickers had to meet the effects of the full rise (£1.75). So it's the maximum twice running.

After a year in their new house he worked out with all the rises in rent, district heating, rates food and clothing prices, cost of running a car - "We are about £30 a week worse off."

Mr Picker is due for a pay rise of £2.50 soon but after stop-pages "It won't even cover this new rent increase, it seems my living standards have got to go down."

And it will be the same story for thousands of other tenants - "I rent, you buy, we lose, they profit."

RENTS UP....

WHY must my rent go up?

Because both the local Tory Council and the National Labour Government have no real interest in keeping them down. Council housing is financed through the money market and the cost of borrowing has rocketed over the last few years.

WHAT'S the national Government got to do with it?

Well, let's start from the beginning. The income necessary to meet Council house expenses comes from 3 main sources - RENTS, GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND RATES. See Chart below.

every £100 of INCOME comes from:	every £100 of EXPENDITURE goes on:
Unrebated rents £ 55	Interest payments £ 62
Subsidies 35	Repaying loans 8
Contribution from the rates 7	Repairs 17
Other 4	Management 10
£100	£100

BUT I have paid for my house twice over.

Very probably, especially if you live in a pre-war house. However, at the whole base of the Council house system is rent-pooling. All the widely different costs of providing houses are shared between all tenants (eg land, construction, maintenance, management). So the older houses subsidise the high costs of new ones.

WELL, that sounds alright but it seems to cost a lot to pay for it all.

Exactly, because however fair the rent-pooling system is the actual money to pay for new Council houses is raised by a series of loans. And that is far from cheap! Interest rates have doubled over the last few years, and now some 70p in every £ spent on Council housing goes on loan repayments.

BUT couldn't the Government supply the money straight out of taxes?

Of course they could. But it is a matter of priorities; roads and tanks are paid for straight out of "petty cash" whilst housing has to be financed from the City.

WHY don't they nationalise all these institutions making profits?

This would strike at the roots of rent rises but there seems to be a little opposition! For instance, the banks are presently carrying out a full campaign against such a move, yet they are one of the biggest investors in council housing.

WHY don't the Government subsidise the high interest repayments?

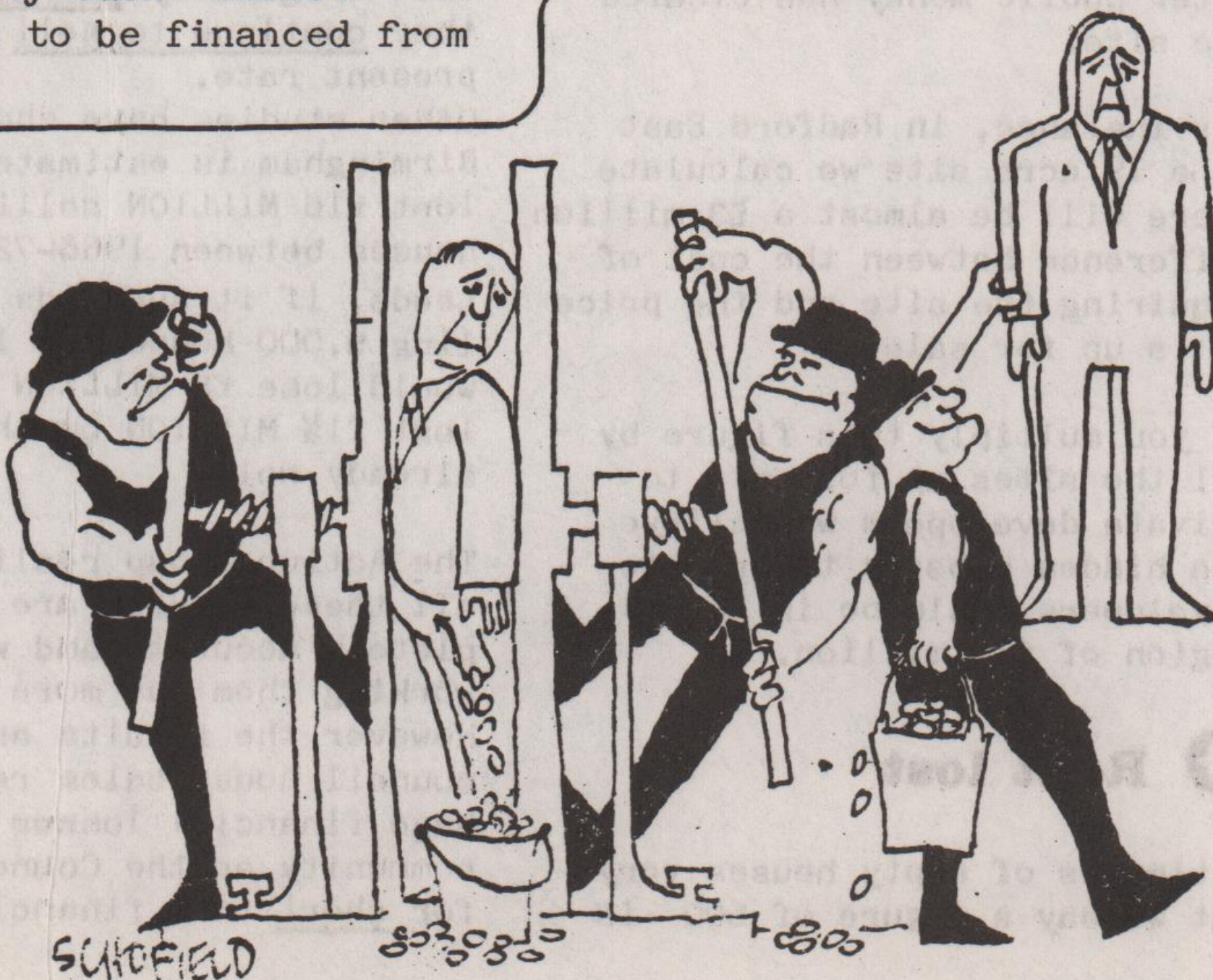
They do. From 1971-5 subsidies increased by 233% (compared to 300% increase in subsidies to owner-occupiers). But last year's White Paper on Public Expenditure, limited increases in subsidies to 13% per annum over the period 1976/81. Even though the cost of borrowing money would increase far beyond that.

Thus a Public Spending Cut is being passed on directly to rent payers.

SO, we have been sold out by the Labour Government. What about the Tory Council?

They are pledged to cut spending too. Jack Green is on record as saying he wants to balance the Housing Revenue

Account (this is the financial account which covers most of the income and expenditure of housing, eg new building, repairs, improvements, buying up houses etc). This could only be done by decreasing expenditure on council housing and decreasing the rate contribution and by increasing items which tenants have to pay for as well as rents.



.... **LIVING STANDARDS DOWN**

I'VE heard that if people paid all the arrears, we would all get a £ a week off our rent?

Not true. In June 1976 the City Treasurer announced that the total cost of financing rent arrears was £30,000 per year. ie just over 50p per year per tenant. At that time 334 tenants owed over £100, whilst 9,017 were owing on average £19.

AREN'T wage increases causing higher rents?

Not significantly at all. The cost of management and repairs only form a small part of housing expenditure as we have seen loan repayments are the biggest item. In 1975/6 27p in every £ spent went on repairs, maintenance and management. A substantial part of this amount is labour charges but the rest consists of the overhead of renting buildings, heating, materials and so on.

IS Jack Green right in saying he's using money from the sales of council houses to keep rents down?

Yes, if (we repeat if) they sell a house at a profit, eg one that has already been paid for, the Council can get interest from the money received from the sale. However by going ahead with the sale they will be losing the rent from the house. But even more important they

will be losing that house for ever for people who need it.
(See Lead Story)

BUT my rent's not going up - I have nothing to worry about. Or have I?

Unfortunately you have. From 1972/6 there were a series of flat rate increases thus houses with fewer facilities were getting the same rises as most modern houses. However in the last two rises the Tories have taken graduated rises to their extreme, some tenants will be paying an extra £3.50 from this rise and the last one.

These huge differentials are merely paving the way for a ghetto situation. A situation where there are most definitely high class and low class estates and many houses are out of the reach of people's pockets.

Moreover, the low rises can be used to justify not taking action when houses and flats are in a bad state. In fact we should all be demanding that all housing be brought up to modern standards and then there will be no possible justification for these differentials.

WHY are new house rents going up?

That's the important question. The new houses are built to higher modern standards - but does that justify paying a fortune? Or is there something far more sinister behind it? It has crossed a number of people's minds that 2 years of extortionate increases are deliberately aimed to (a) push people into home ownership, and (b) force people to move to cheaper housing thus releasing houses for sale.

JOIN US⁵

With the formation of Tenants Associations and Housing Action Groups throughout the City, and adjacent Districts, it became obvious that there should be some organisation that would enable the many Associations and Groups to meet to exchange views and co-ordinate their activities. The Federation was formed some years ago, and has proved of immense value to both new, and long-established organisations. We are now involved in the setting up of a National organisation.

The Federation is a very democratic body which meets regularly. Each affiliated or organisation is entitled to send 3 delegates who can and do raise their particular problems, this enables them to discuss the sort of action necessary with Associations who have or have had similar difficulties. In addition to the many Association problems, we attempt to combat the massive propaganda that has attempted to portray tenants as second-class citizens.

We believe that the future housing policy of our City cannot be left to Councillors or Officials who are unsympathetic and have no practical experience of our problems.

We seek full consultation from the start of any redevelopment to the completed new Housing Area. We believe that adequate housing should not be based on wealth alone but on need.

Your area may need an Association - let us know and we shall be pleased to help.

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● EXCHANGE COLUMN ●

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- Exchange wanted from clean 2 bedroomed maisonette Hyson Green, C.H. and constant hot water inc. in rent, for 2 bed-

roomed house or flat Bulwell area (other areas considered) Contact Mr and Mrs Wood, 13 Wigston Walk, Hyson Green.

- Exchange wanted from one bedroomed modernised flat, fully heated, for a house Lenton Abbey area. Contact Mr and Mrs Searey, 95 Abbey Court, Park St, Lenton.

- Exchange wanted from one bed-

roomed flat off Ilkeston Road Radford, for house with small garden preferably Ainsley Estate, Wollaton Park, Nuthall Road, Lenton but other areas considered. Tel: 73718 (not Tues or Thurs) Mrs Briggs.

- Exchange wanted from flat with small garden in Hyson Green to house in Clifton. Contact Mrs Snelgrove, 1 Witham Walk, Hyson Green.

* All entries to 50 DORNOCH AVENUE, Sherwood by 8th September please.

CLIFTON TENANTS FIGHT TORY SALES POLICY

On Wednesday 29 June over 60 angry people packed out a meeting called by a local resident to protest at Tory housing policies. The meeting which was addressed by several Labour Councillors warmly endowed condemnations of Tory policies.

The tenants at the meeting expressed frustration at the

way their complaints and requests are ignored and decided to form a group which the Housing Department and Council would not find so easy to ignore. During the meeting several of the audience movingly described their predicaments since relets and transfers have virtually dried up.

It was also decided to chal-

lenge Councillor Borrett, Chairman of the Housing committee, to address the next meeting. The meeting elected MR T LUPTON as Chairman who can be contacted at Clifton Youth Club on Southchurch Drive, or through Mrs Wilson on 217066. Any housing problems, ideas or offers of help are very welcome.

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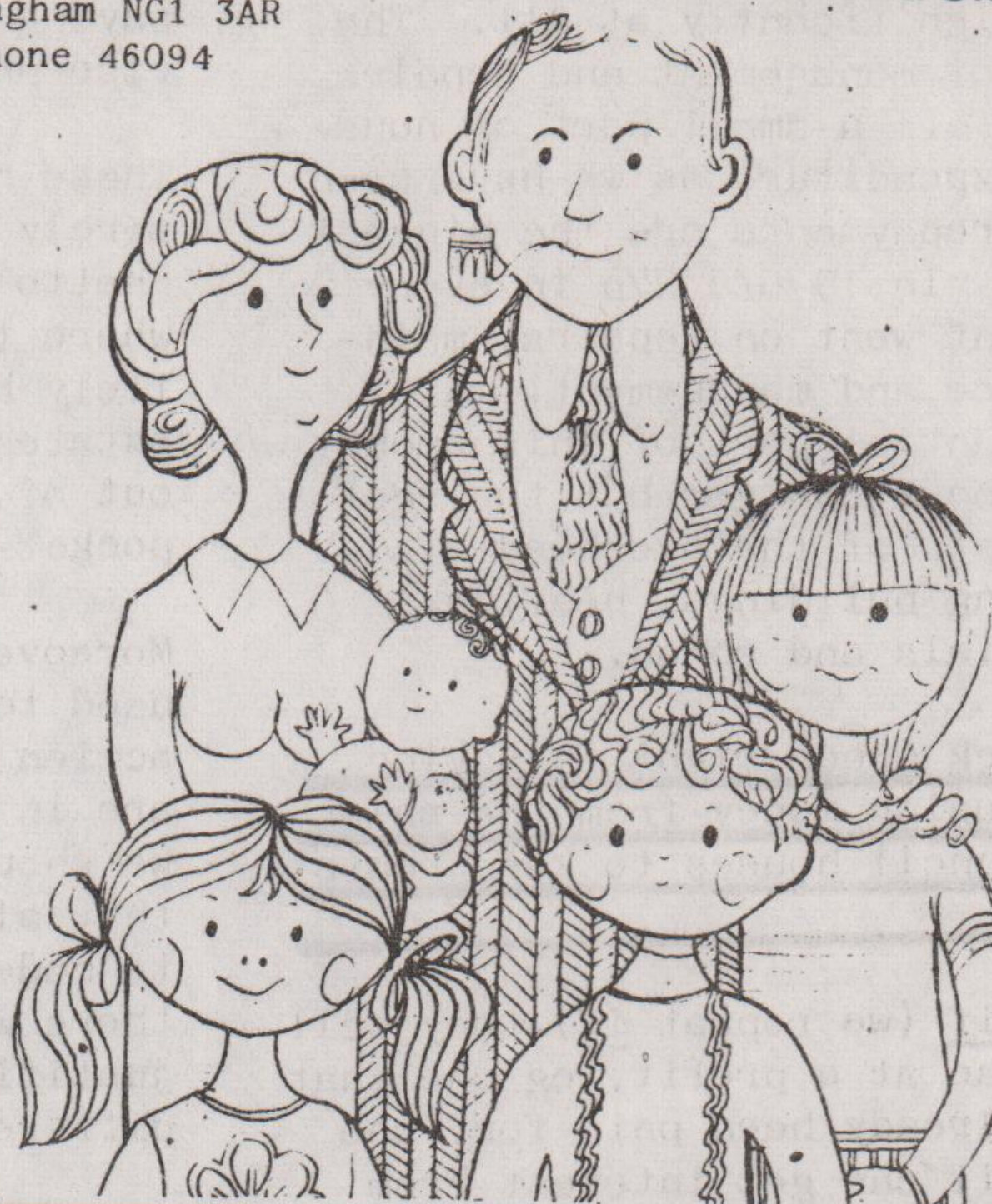
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HOW AND WHY THE MEADOW LANE AREA ACTION GROUP CAME ABOUT

The Meadow Lane Area Action Group originated through 3 housewives chatting at the corner of the street.

Feeling indignant at the conditions they were living under and also feeling they were a forgotten community they asked themselves what they could do to call attention to their complaints. One of them had seen comments in a local paper about the Nottingham Housing Action Group. She contacted the group for advice. NHAG suggested the residents of the area call a public meeting to discuss their problems.

meeting arranged

An open air meeting was arranged. The weather, however, looked uncertain, so everyone crowded into the downstairs of a house which had only just been vacated. About 90% of people in the area came along. Everyone agreed it was a huge success.

rubbish

Most people told the same tale. They were fed up with being the last few dozen families to be rehoused. Backyards were strewn with rubbish (old mattresses etc). Bins often weren't emptied. Rats and mice plagued the area (even in people's kitchens in some cases)



WE OUGHT TO GET TOGETHER!

Hot weather made the smell of rubbish and drains intolerable. Vandals were often about stealing lead etc. (One elderly person had all the lead taken from his outside toilet - the only one). Break-ins occurred and were feared by many. Elderly people were being worn down by isolation and uncertainty. And finally, people were fed up with not knowing when and where they would be rehoused.

disappointment

One group was particularly annoyed. Earlier this year, they had been asked by the Council if they would like to apply for Greenwood Estate, Colwick Woods, instead of their original choice. They agreed. However, they heard nothing for some time. Just before the formation of the Action Group, some of the residents had rung the Housing Dept only to be told that all the houses are up for sale under their selling policy. This news came as a shattering disa-

appointment following months of uncertainty.

campaign

The meeting elected a committee and decided to mount a campaign to press for rehousing as soon as possible in areas of their own choice. Residents are worried that the policy of selling council houses may mean that they are only offered houses which are unsaleable. This could mean that they would be offered houses in unsuitable areas eg (because of distance from work, elderly and younger relatives, friends, etc.)

Meadow Lane Area Action Group have already had some success in publicising their case. One leading Tory spokesman has accused them of being choosy. Their reply is that the majority of the residents haven't even been given one definite offer. They have also been accused of being politically motivated.

talks?

On the contrary, they argue that their concern is with being rehoused and that they would welcome talks with either Conservative or Labour Councillors.

At the time of writing, we are pleased to report that a lot of rubbish has been moved and several people have had housing offers. Hopefully this trend will continue.

ERIC.

HOUSING ACTION

Is an independent paper produced by representatives of tenants groups and individuals who make up the Nottingham Housing Action Group, who want a better deal for all tenants and others living in poor housing conditions.

We would very much welcome help in writing, producing and organising the paper. We'd also welcome letters or ideas on any housing issue. Housing Action is non profit making and finances itself through donations and advertising.

The last issue of 10,000 plus copies was distributed as follows.

Balloon Wood (650), Basford (850)
Bulwell (750), Clifton (200),
Direct Labour (200), Edwards
Lane Estate (750), Kildare Road
(400), Mapperley (250), Meadows
(850), Radford East (1000),
Sherwood (1000), Shipstone St
(500), St Anns (1000), Strelley
(1000), Top Valley (200), Wil-
loughby St (300), Woodthorpe
Court (100), TOTAL 10,000.

We are determined to build Housing Action into a regular monthly paper which continues to improve its circulation, its news and its effects.

Fighting Fund

This issue we launch a fighting fund:

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This would help build the paper, buy essential equipment, make us independent of other financial sources.

With your help we can do this. Help us launch the fund this month. Donations of any size welcome to Nottingham Housing Action Group, 50 DORNOCH AVENUE, SHERWOOD, NOTTM.

NO AUGUST ISSUE

Some of the Action Group will be going away, so there will be no August issue, however we will be back in September.

COMMENT

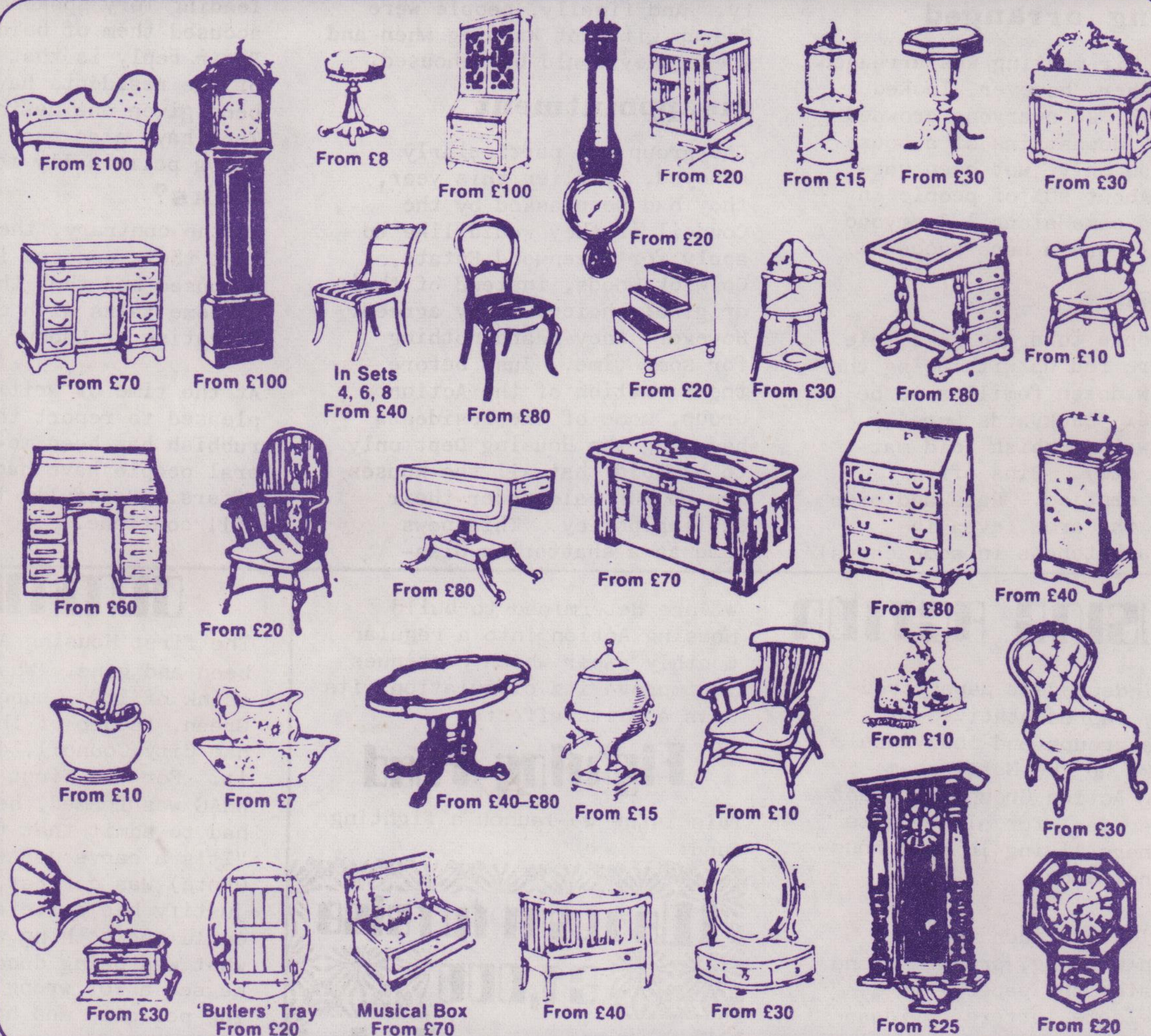
The first Housing Action has been and gone. What did you think of it? Councillor Jack Green, Leader of the Nottingham City Council, didn't like it. For the first time since NHAG was formed, he has actually had to admit that the article "It's a carve up" (which we wrote) was correct, although to justify his policies he said he could see nothing wrong in what was being done.

We see a lot wrong in his housing policies and have been saying so for some time. In the recent past we have issued documents analysing and criticising his housing policy, these have been met not by a reasoned explanation in defence but either silence or childish name calling of the group (both normal political reactions when one is put on the spot).

Some of the worst news this month is that Jack Green's housing policies have received support from the Labour Government. The ideas in their latest Green Paper are being supported by the Local Council, the Evening Post and the Daily Telegraph. This must be bad news for tenants.

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