



8000 JOBS SCARE

Southwark survey shock

"AT LEAST 8,000 JOBS IN SOUTHWARK ARE AT RISK from plans of the GLC, Southwark Council and private developers". This is what Mr Miles, Southwark's Employment and Industrial Development Officer, told representatives of Southwark Trades Council at a meeting of Southwark Council's Employment Policy Group on September 16th. He said that a survey of firms in the borough had shown that these jobs were threatened over the next ten years.

Trevor Ely, one of the Trades Council delegates, said "It was scandalous that workers in the threatened firms did not know that their jobs were at risk". The chairman of the Employment Policy Group, Councillor Ron Watts, replied that the identification of these firms was a confidential matter.

Mr Miles told the meeting that every year 2000 jobs were leaving the borough. This was the equivalent of an industrial estate of 40 acres every year. This was the price, he said, of losing existing jobs from the borough because these jobs would be enormously costly and difficult to replace.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

Concern for the protection of existing jobs was one of the points put forward by the Southwark Trades Council in their recently published report on "Employment in Southwark" (reviewed in SE1 September). The other issues stressed in the report and discussed with the Employment Policy Group were the necessity to increase public expenditure and stop all cuts in Southwark Council services. The Trades Council welcomed measures taken by the borough to obtain land for industrial development but wanted a firm policy on the protection of existing jobs.

Rod Robertson, Secretary of the Trades Council, told SE1 that he wanted an "immediate response from Southwark Council on the Trades Council report and immediate action over the risk to existing jobs".

Ted Bouman, chairman of North Southwark Community Development Group, also commented "for the past 4 years we have been telling the Council about the threat to firms. Many have gone but many like Spillers, Borough Market, Porn and Dunwoody and Caustons and others are still threatened by Southwark's own plans. It has taken



Musical fun at the party given by the home helps at the Waterloo Action Centre on September 17th. See Page 4 for a full report.

this survey to bring out the folly of those plans and we are looking for a statement from Southwark that all remaining industry should be protected."

Minister's Statement

The survey also comes just as the Minister of the Environment, Mr Peter Shore, has promised to act to stop the life blood draining from Inner London. This is a major policy switch away from creating new towns outside London and has been welcomed by Sir Reg Goodwin, Leader of the GLC, as "good news indeed".

Major policy switch or not, the fact that it is the GLC's and Southwark's plans which are the threat to the 8000 jobs, not central government policy, calls for a major rethink by both authorities.

GLC MESS MANAGEMENT

GLC CARETAKING and maintenance appears to be nearing a point of breakdown. On two local estates, Pattison/Babington in Redcross Way and Tabard Estate off Great Dover Street, routine cleaning of courtyards, stairwells and grassed areas takes place at infrequent intervals and then only because of persistent protests by tenants.

Residents of Pattison/Babington only managed to get the courtyards and grassed areas cleared by writing personally to Reg Goodwin. But after the rubbish was cleared the estate was neglected for another few weeks until more complaints were made. Similarly, on the Tabard Estate one tenant was driven to ask for a visit from Illyd Harrington, deputy leader of the GLC, so that he could see for himself how bad things had got.

Difficult Negotiations

The problem on parts of the Tabard Estate is the failure of the GLC to clean out rubbish shutes and clear the squares of rubbish on a regular basis. Mr Tony Judge, chairman of the housing management committee, recently made a statement that "the simple answer is that there have been continuous and very difficult negotiations with the trade unions who have an extremely good agreement and are naturally unwilling to forego any of the benefits. We have tried to introduce a residential presence and to increase the cleaning and caretaking staff in order to deal with the fundamental problem, which is the absence of cleaning in the evenings and at weekends. Everything possible on this side has been attempted.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE GLC HOUSING DEPARTMENT? Residents have been told time and again that these problems are connected with the difficulties over mobile caretakers. But is this all there is to it? Is it shortage of staff or staff inefficiency? SIR REG, WE NEED SOME ANSWERS QUICKLY.

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Nora Andrews of Pattison House and her friend Annie McDermott point out one of the problems on the Pattison/Babington estate in Redcross Way - the rubbish shutes.



Quote of the Century

The reaction of Southwark planners to a planning application for family housing units on Bankside:

"IT WOULD LEAD TO THE INTRODUCTION OF FAMILIES INTO THE AREA" included in a report presented to the Planning Committee 14/9/76

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Rephidim tenants demand

Dear SE1,

We, the residents of Rephidim Street, SE1, would like to bring to the notice of our elected Greater London Council and Southwark Borough Council representatives the difficulties we are encountering in our normal daily lives, through what we consider to be very bad planning without consideration or consultation of Maddon Hall Estate and Rephidim Street.

By completely enclosing all direct access roads to Rephidim Street, except one, which is quite complicated to locate, also by enclosing approximately a square mile of the area in corrugated iron they have not only shut in the residents of Rephidim Street but have made life exceedingly difficult for many old people and young children of the area who have to go to school or do shopping in Tower Bridge Road. Due to lack of correct street signs, people are walking the length of the street only to find they have to go right back from where they came from and take an entirely different route.

While we appreciate the very urgent need of housing and understand that progress has to be made, we do feel that the next time a project of this size is undertaken then some consideration is given to the residents of the area.

Yours faithfully, The tenants of 36, 44 and 46 Rephidim Street

Golden Oldy

I was born at No 7 Duke Street, late Dadson Street, opposite the eye hospital in Waterloo Road.

Waterloo Road, The Cut, Lower Marsh, Westminster Bridge Road, Hercules Road, Oakley Street and Murphy Street and the back alleys off Oakley Street were the boundaries of my world, never going much farther away.

Starvation was a way of life, going to school without breakfast was quite common. I remember my school master cutting up loaves of bread and a 7lb jar of jam which he put out of his own pocket, and the guttler who ate it the more you got.

I remember the Gatties picture palace, a penny upstairs and tuppence downstairs, and the Canterbury Music Hall, the last manager there was Gunner Moore the heavyweight boxer. Next door to the Horse and Groom was the Oakley Bun House where the Lambeth Building Society is today.

The Dolls House was in Lower Marsh next door to the Red Lion Pub and on the other corner was the Dover Castle. Many people ask where the picture palace was. It was next door to Hymie's the tailor shop, the place has just been modernised.

You could go to The Old Vic in the Waterloo Road and half way through the programme they would give you a ticket and we would come out and buy fish and chips a penny and go back.

Holy Moses! What's happening to our churches?

Dear SE1,

Are people less religious today? The reason for this question is seeing all the empty and derelict churches.

There is a church in Kennington Road which is now being demolished, the church next to Lambeth Palace is now closed and boarded up, St Johns in Waterloo Road has been under contract to London Weekend Television and is only open for services. There is even an old chapel in Borough Road which has been turned into a bank. It seems the change is from changing our souls to change our souls!

Day centres

It is a shame not more use is made of empty churches, especially the church at Lambeth Palace. Surely this could be used for a day centre for

vagrants, it is in a non-residential area except of course the Archbishop of Canterbury, but surely he would give this idea his blessing.

Already vagrants frequent the church gardens and at Christmas the doors of the church were open to supply food for these people. Unfortunately even the crypt at St Johns which is very large would serve this purpose, but even though they already gather around the church by day and night, local residents may oppose it.

It is a shame to take this attitude because every day we all face these people and no one seems to do anything about it. Surely some time we have to face up to the problem and believe me it is going to get much worse.

Yours

John Hearn
Campbell Buildings, SE1.

Harry Barber

must remember that I am going back 70 years before they were born.

Where was George's, the Pudding Shop? There was two, one at the top of The Cut where the bakers shop is now and the other one was where Woolworth's is now and I have been in there many times. Next door was Thomas's, a very large butchers, and the fairground which was owned by Harry Grey.

Back in the Cut next to the Pudding shop was a very large linen drapers called the Beehive and next door was a Dairy called Morgan's. I have seen people lined up to buy margarine at 4d a pound.

I lived down a court in Murphy Street, there were twelve small houses, one room up, one down, we lived at number three. One Sunday a donkey and barrow came down our court with a

Mixed blessing

Dear SE1,

After two or more years of campaigning for a chemist in Blackfriars, I am pleased to say that we are having a chemist in the area.

On Monday 13th September I received a letter from H.E. Liberman Ltd. of Taplow House, SE17 stating that he noticed a letter of mine published in their weekly paper "Retail Chemist" complaining of the lack of pharmaceutical service in our area. He said it should be of interest to me to learn that a new retail chemist is due to be opened by the above company.

I went up to see if I could get any further information but Mr Liberman was not available but I did find out that a chemist shop was to be opened probably before Christmas and I understand it will be at Kings Reach.

While I am pleased to know that at last we have made a break through, I am afraid it will not benefit the elderly people of Blackfriars or Southwark to a great extent owing to the danger of crossing Blackfriars Road and Stamford Road. However we will hope for the best.

Yours

H.J. Hare
256 Helen Gladstone House,
Nelson Square, SE1.

little girl on the barrow. The man lifted the little girl down and they went into one of the houses, I was about 10 years old then and I was all over that donkey, and once more the man lifted the little girl up and away they went. That little girl is my wife today and she is 78 and I am 80, we have had 58 years of happy married life.

3 Q's Bakery

As many people in Waterloo will know, Mr George Jacoby, the baker at the Three Q's in Roupell Street, passed away last month. The bakery has been managed by the Jacoby family since 1959.

We will miss Mr Jacoby but the shop will carry on in its usual way - although under new management - and Mrs Jacoby, with the help of her son, will still be in the shop selling home-made cakes and hot bread.

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Council wreckers

ONE DAY RECENTLY A VERY surprised family found their waste pipes being torn away by workmen vandalising their block on Lambeth Council's instructions.

Serve House on Vauxhall Gardens estate is due to be demolished and the vandalism was done as part of Lambeth's continuing campaign against squatting.

But these workmen didn't notice that several families still remained because they had not yet received acceptable offers of rehousing.

So for several days they suffered with no light on the stairs or walkways, and with lavatory and bath waste cascading down into the courtyard below, to lie rotting on the

concrete, a health hazard to many in the surrounding blocks.

Water had been left on in some of the empty flats and was overflowing into the courtyard. No rubbish had been collected for some time and the full bins had been overturned with the rubbish left strewn all over the courtyard.

It took repeated calls from Councillor Neil Turner from Wednesday onwards to get any action, and finally - despite a personal assurance from the Housing Director, Mr Yates, that the soil pipes would be repaired on Friday - the damage was put right on Saturday. Even now the repair leaks.

It is hoped that the remaining families will be rehoused soon.



Severn House, Vauxhall Gardens Estate. Tenants were still living here in this mess caused by vandalism by council workmen.

Kings Reach hotel developer begs for £8m.

THE DEVELOPERS of the 750 room luxury hotel on the Kings Reach site are appealing to an international banking syndicate for £8 million in order to complete the construction and fitting out of the building. They have already spent £15 million on the project. The developers are the Spanish owned Melia hotel group and Miller Brothers and Buckley, a Rugby based construction firm.

According to an article in the Times, the hotel was the first in Britain to be run as an "aparthotel". Under this system, rooms and suites are sold to private investors for specified periods and then are rented out at normal hotel rates. Mr Ramirez, managing director of the development company, told the Times that "several offers to purchase apartments had come from Arab and other business sources". The building by the way was designed by Richard Siefert of the (still empty) Centre Point and London Bridge House fame.

Jet foiled

Remember our story about the hydrofoil service that was to operate from Hays Wharf to Ostend?

According to a report in the Evening Standard, the project is now abandoned because the Danish company that was to run the hydrofoil and build the terminal on Hays Wharf says it cannot afford the cost of pilotage fees. These fees must be paid by all foreign ships if they come up the Thames and could be more than £200,000 a year for the twice daily trip. The report added that talks between the company and Trinity House, the licensing authority, were continuing.

Chemist—who gains?

AS ANNOUNCED IN MR HARE'S letter on page 2, a new dispensing chemist is to open in the Kings Reach development on Stamford Street.

Mr H. Liberman, of Liberman Ltd, the firm which will run the shop, told SE1 that he hoped the chemist would open in mid-November. It has not been decided what the opening hours will be, for example whether it will open on Saturdays.

While everyone in SE1 must be glad that there is at last a new chemist in the area, it is doubtful that it will be of great benefit to local people and especially pensioners. The Kings Reach site is ideally suited to office workers on the South Bank but is not of great help to people living around the Borough.

Mr Liberman pointed out that to make it worthwhile a chemist shop had to yield a profit of at least £10,000 a year and there are no sites in North Southwark that are suitable. He rejected rent or rate subsidies as a means of attracting chemists to the area. He suggested that if the council were to offer a prime site somewhere else in the borough (one which would normally be snapped up by Boots) then that would offset any loss on a shop in an unprofitable area.

Discussions are apparently taking place with the Council along these lines. See this month's editorial on page 4 for an alternative way of providing chemist facilities by municipalisation.

Bad news from Reuters

Local people's protests over plans for Reuters's office block on the Evening News site next to the National Theatre have been ignored by the GLC and the developers, although some changes have been made.

The original plans were for an office block, some housing, shops, a restaurant and grassed roofs accessible from the planned riverside walk.

At a public meeting earlier this year several changes were proposed. These were, 1) moving the restaurant back from the riverside walk, 2) increasing the number of flats to what had originally been proposed, 3) restoring the elevated walkway connecting with the National Theatre, 4) allowing public access to one of the grassed roofs.

Instead the flats remain out, the roof out of bounds, the restaurant stays where it is and the walkway is eliminated. To cap it all, seven of the eight shops have been removed altogether. It seems that the building had been designed so that it covered part of the National Theatre site so of course instead of reducing the office block they have cut the shops.



BOURGH MARKET: London's oldest Fruit & Veg. market at the end of another days trading. Still going strong after 300 years trading.

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ONE OF THE PAPERS presented to the GLC Manifesto Conference made the important statement that the Labour GLC, if they remain in power after the April 1977 elections, will urge local authorities to open up chemist shops themselves where there are areas of shortage. The paper, which was on financial policy, refers specifically to the loss of chemists in North Southwark, saying that "the main sufferers from the shortage of chemists are the elderly who face a difficult journey to get necessary drugs and medicines."

SE1 welcomes this concern by the Labour GLC for a problem that local people in Waterloo and North Southwark have been campaigning about for several years. Labour members of the GLC rightly recognise that the

only way to bring back chemists is for local authorities to set up their own dispensing service. In contrast, Miss Shelagh Roberts, Conservative spokesman on planning, has only been able to put forward the feeble idea that local residents might be able to use dispensing services in the proposed private hospital in Lavington Street.

This is no solution to our problem at all since the shortage of chemists is not confined to the area around Lavington Street but stretches from Blackfriar Road to Dockhead. Moreover, there is no guarantee whatever that the hospital will allow the public access to their dispensary or that the Area Health Authority will allow this.



Homely Happening

BY MARY DIMOND.

I was in the Waterloo Action Centre on Wednesday afternoon, 15th September, when coachloads of people began to arrive, mostly handicapped, with their Home Helps. What a wonderful crowd they were. The Home Helps were giving them a party, a fabulous party. I have never seen anything like it, it was really wonderful, and what a welcome they received as they arrived. There was plenty of food and drink for all, legs of chicken and chips, cakes, etc. In the midst of it all, the Mayor and Mayoress of Lambeth arrived, and there was a warm welcome for them; they stayed a long time chatting to the folks. I myself am a pensioner. It made me feel proud of these Home Helps, who do such a lot to help elderly and handicapped people and cheer them. Here are some of the comments from the folks:

Mr Bailey, Mallon Court, Lollard Street - He said he never goes out, is unable to walk, with both legs in irons. He has a male Home Help. "He is so good to me, I do not know what I'd do without him."

One lady said this was her first outing for 8 years.

Mrs Holgate only goes out once a week, she goes to The Towers for Luncheon Club. Her friends, Lily Cox, Louise Wood

and Mary Barber, all say they are very happy in spite of handicaps and give thanks for Home Helps.

Mrs Sparks does not go out a lot, so is glad to come to the party, she feels so happy, it is so wonderful to join in the singing, everyone seems so happy, the Home Help is wonderful too.

Miss Emily Farr, 8 Pony House, Lambeth Walk - A very happy person, crippled with arthritis, hands crippled and legs in irons, but my can she play the piano, with two fingers, all the old songs, Lambeth Walk, etc.

Mr Ray Kennington had never seen such a wonderful party in his life, and was happy to see all the old people enjoying themselves; Home Helps are wonderful people.

Mrs Mary Fiddaman - is handicapped, works in the Waterloo Action Work Centre, thought it was a smashing party; said the Home Helps who look after us are wonderful people, thank you for them all; they do a good job, God bless them all.

Mrs Wilson, 7 Poole House, China Walk - Has lived 63 years in Lambeth, was her first time out for 2 years, she was so excited, wondering what the party would be like; her Home Help is so nice, nothing is too much trouble for her.

cockles and muscles

Anyone been down to the Thames foreshore lately? If not there is a great surprise for you on the south side of the river below Southwark Bridge and along towards London Bridge. Under the larger stones there are groups of young mussels. How long they take to become large enough to eat we do not know, probably the river is still too polluted to make it safe to eat them anyway, but in a few years we will all be able to go musselling down the river. Underneath other stones you can see what looks like small shrimps.

For the past few years we have seen quite a few ducks around, the best time to see them is at night. Now swans are starting to arrive. One group of eight was seen at Blackfriars. They are also breeding in our area for there is a pair of swans with two young which always make their way to the sand bank in front of the Daily Mail building at Upper Ground.



Dr. Stone Retires after 44 years in 'The Borough'



DR STONE, who has been a family doctor in Marshalsea Road since 1932, is to retire at the end of September. He told SE1

BANKSIDE POWER CUTS

SE1 FEATURE ON THE FUTURE OF THE POWER STATION &

"Bankside is now the cleanest power station in the country", Mr. Wicks station chemist told SE1 in an interview with himself and station manager Mr. Vickers. The power station has run for 301 days without a complaint, and has been running 6 days a week all summer.

Mr. Vickers explained that last year after complaints about the chimney smoke had led to the station shutting down, several hundreds of thousands of pounds had been spent on new instrument panels and controls and boiler repairs. In Bankside the flue gas from the boilers is washed in a solution of chalk and water before being exhausted from the chimney. This washing process is the reason for the plume of steam that is a feature of Bankside's chimney. The problem last year was not due to any fault in the washers, but because a fine dust of Carbon called 'particulate' which the washers could not pick up was escaping up the chimney.

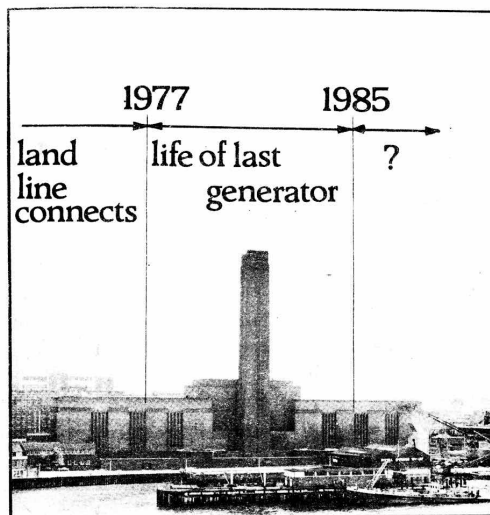
new controls

This Carbon dust which is finer than cigarette smoke was not detected by any instruments, and until the shutdown it was not known what caused it. Like many problems it was a combination of things, but the main reason was that under certain conditions in the boiler itself a chemical reaction was taking place and the carbon dust forming. The new instruments and controls can now detect these conditions and adjust the boilers to cut out the 'particulate'. Mr. Wicks is now confident the problem will not re-occur.

Mr. Wicks also stressed that there was no substance to the argument that homes should not be built on Bankside because of the Steam plume from the chimney. He said "Pollution levels are no more and probably less in the immediate vicinity of the power station than further away". The GLC is at present conducting a survey to see if the station can be given a clean bill of health. This is in response to North Southwark Community Development Groups application to build some homes on Bankside.

that he had hoped another doctor would take on his surgery but the Area Health Authority had other ideas. A spokesman for the Area Health Authority said that they do not intend to appoint another doctor to the surgery and will ask Dr Stone to transfer to Dr Radcliffe's Group Practice in Harper Road.

We asked Dr Stone what it was like practising here in the early days. When he started here in 1932 there was no such thing as the National Health Service. People at work would have state insurance but mothers, children and self-employed people would either have to pay each time they went to see the doctor or get private health insurance. Most people would not send for a doctor unless they were very



BANKSIDE POWER STATION WILL CLOSE; BUT THERE IS NO FIXED DATE AS YET. SE1 LOOKS AT THE TIMETABLE TO CLOSURE, THE RECENT PROBLEMS AND A £2 MILLION PLUS DISTRICT HEATING SCHEME THAT WILL NEVER BE USED.

How long will the power station stay on Bankside? Whilst the station manager Mr. Vickers told SE1 "there are no immediate plans for closure", what could lead to the station closing down? At the moment Bankside has a special job in supporting Central London's demand for electricity. This is called a "system support role". However work has already started on bringing in a power line from New Cross which will eliminate this special role. The land line will be completed in late 1977. The significance of this is that without its 'special' tag Bankside has to fight in a big league with other power stations for work. The league is made up of 84 generating sets in the S.E. Region. Stations as such do not compete but each turbine is listed in "Merit Order". Merit is another word for efficiency or cost. This means the older less efficient sets are low in the league. Generally coal fired stations are ahead of oil fired in order of merit. Bankside is oil fired and its its 3 turbine generating sets (there were 4) are 36th, 52nd and 55th in the league at the present time. Of these three sets two were put in in 1952 and the other in 1962.

When the land line comes in from New Cross the two older sets will cease to operate, leaving just the newer one. Estimates vary as to its life but about 8 years is a realistic estimate according to some station staff. The land line will still necessitate a switch gear at Bankside because the electricity will be distributed from there, but its days as a generating station are numbered.

Slum tenements were at the back of the surgery in Redcross Way. They had toilets and sinks on the landings. "Things were rough." Dr Stone thinks that one of the big improvements to the area that he has seen is in the housing.

He thinks the NHS is a big improvement over the pre-war years but it needs more money. It has meant much more paperwork for the doctor. He doesn't like the change to people making appointments to see the doctor. In the old days, they could always go to the surgery and be seen by the doctor without an appointment.

Many of his patients who have been rehoused outside the area still travel up to the Borough to see him. He will be missed.

Before the war, there were no cars outside the houses, trams ran down Marshalsea

£2M LOSS ON LEB scheme

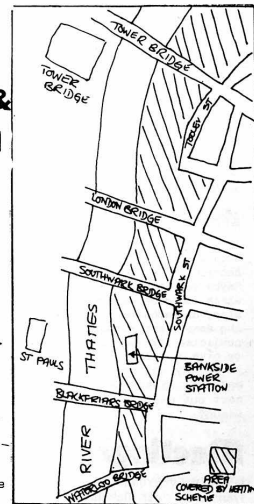
THE LONDON ELECTRICITY BOARD HAS LOST OVER £2 MILLION because of a district heating scheme for North Southwark that went wrong, and the scheme has now been scrapped.

The scheme was to pipe heat from a central boiler house to new developments along the riverside.

A huge new boiler house at the back of Bankside power station specially built for the scheme contains the remains of two giant boilers and another two have been scrapped. Pipes have been laid in Tooley Street with no means of connection to the power station, not that there is anything to connect to.

This latest expensive chapter in the redevelopment of North Southwark dates back to 1970 when the LEB prepared a report called "Thermal Energy for the heart of London's Riverside". This report is very revealing. It says "In the spring of 1970 it was announced that the south bank of the Thames between Tower Bridge and Waterloo Bridge was likely to become available for offices, hotels and high class housing". The report goes on "Proposals have been formulated and include five million square feet of office accommodation, up to 10,000 hotel beds and high class accommodation for several thousand people. The area could become another West End. This is confirmed by Southwark's Strategic Plan". Southwark Councils Thames-side Strategy Plan envisaged all this development taking place on Hays Wharf, Bankside, Butlers Wharf and back from the river (see map) and it meant the removal of homes and the closure of firms such as Courages, Spillers and many other local firms.

The startling thing about all this is that though the report was written in 1970 the Strategy Plan which was the cause of a massive public protest was not passed by Southwark Council until 1973 and then in severely amended form. It has never been accepted by local people and has been rejected by the GLC. Why then did the LEB go ahead with its plans



several years before the Strategy Plan was even passed by Southwark? Mr. Holt co-author of the report told SE1, "Mr. Ceri Griffiths Southwark's Director of Development, and the then Chairman of Planning Councillor Halford were very keen to get the scheme going, and also the Tory GLC at that time were giving encouragement". In 1970 the scheme was costed at £1.2 Million, but the escalating costs of steel and cement at least trebled that figure.

obsolete

The astonishing thing is that even as the scheme was being started its very reason for existence was collapsing around it, as the developers who were building for IPC at Kings Reach by Blackfriars Bridge told the LEB they would not be part of the scheme, and then another huge development for a site next to Southwark Bridge was scrapped because the prospective tenant Alexander Houden found space elsewhere, over in the city. Inflation and the collapse of the office boom were the final nails in the coffin of the scheme, and public pressure and a commitment to control offices in North Southwark by the GLC, and the fact that several developments have installed their own boilers mean the scheme is unlikely to be revived.

Mr. Holt told SE1 "The scheme will never be finished or used". For the present we can speculate if future archaeologists will dig up those pipes in Tooley Street, and wonder what they were for. Certainly they are a monument to yet another very expensive blunder by planners.

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Or why not come to one of the meetings listed below where we sort out what will go in the next issue?

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Thursday, 14th October at 7.30pm
Thursday, 21st October at 7.30pm.

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SOUTHWARK MUSIC

Popular Concert by Southwark Singers, Sunday October 17th, 8pm. Norwegian Church, Rotherhithe.

Around the world in music with Southwark Singers and Concert Orchestra, Saturday Oct 23rd, 8pm at St John's Church, Meeting House Lane, SE15.

A Night of Gilbert and Sullivan with Southwark Singers and Concert Orchestra, Saturday Oct 30th, 8pm at Grand Hall, Dulwich Baths, SE22.

Ballet - Pope played by Southwark Concert Orchestra, Thursday Nov 11th, 8pm. South London Art Gallery, Peckham Road, SE5. (Conductor for all performances is Dennis Coleman).

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Family Concerts: The World of Percussion - James Blade and Traditional African Music - "Agromma", 8th October, 10.30am. Morley College, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

Plus lots more concerts every month until next April - we'll keep you informed. Season Tickets: £2 for first adult and 35p for each other member. Single Concerts - 25p, children 5p.

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27-31 Oct	Still Life Mime Theatre.	29-31 Oct	East End A.S.

OVAL HOUSE WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays: Modern Dance (beginners), Drama (15-17 yr olds), Tap Dance, Jazz Singing.

Tues: Contemporary Dance (15-18 yr olds), Acrobatics, Mime, Print Workshop, Drama Production.

Wed: Ballet, Modern Dance (advanced), Music and Drama Improvisation, Video.

Thurs: Clown Workshop, Video (13-17 yr olds)

Fri: Drama (15-17 yr olds)

Membership fees for workshops: Over 18 £4/year, £2/term, Under 18: £2/year, £1/term. Details 735 2786.

Making Waterloo a better place to live

PEOPLE LIVING in the area of Hatch Row, Roupell Street, and representatives of local groups met again at the Waterloo Action Centre on 13th September to talk about the best way of getting new family housing on the present prefab site at Hatch Row.

A second set of plans was presented by the Society for Cooperative Dwellings who are to develop the site. These plans had three slightly different options and the meeting agreed that the best option was the one which had the largest open space, fewer people in fewer houses, more variety of house sizes and a small community meeting place. This plan has now been sent by SCD to the GLC. They are hoping to get government money to build it with.

Half of the housing will be reserved for local families who are in housing need, as long as they are willing to become part of a cooperative scheme.

New Society magazine recently moved into the sky scraper on Kings Reach. Having seen the South Bank, they decided to get a few people together to talk about how it can be improved. Two local residents, Margaret Mellor and John Hearn met Richard Bourne of New Society and others from the area.

Suggestions made included a temporary wooden 'boardwalk' to link up the existing bits of riverside walk (did you know that LWT bans us from using their bit?), a riverside swimming pool, using derelict buildings as shops, galleries and craft workshops, having more places to eat and drink outdoors, using the car park in front of the Shell Centre as a grass space.

Next year is Jubilee Year and the GLC have money to spend on the South Bank. Write to SE1 with your ideas. Let's tell them who to spend it.

New Society's article on the South Bank appeared in the September 30th edition.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Book now for Cinderella! Pantomime begins on Weds 29th December to 15th January at North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road, SE15. Reservations at Box Office, 28 Peckham Road, SE5. 703 2917.

Childrens Show on Friday 29th October at 6.30pm at Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Road. Presented by Waterloo Amenities Group.

Club Nights and Variety. In Southwark. Opening Club night with 24 hours non-stop entertainments starring Mullica and Nesbitt on October 8th.

Joe Brown on Oct.ober 22nd.

Ventriloquist Ray Allen and Lord Charles on November 5th. Shows start at 8.00pm at North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Road SE15. Box Office: 703 2917. Tickets for first two shows are £2 each, £16 for a table of 8. 5th Nov show £1.50 each. Also variety shows at Rotherhithe Civic Centre beginning on Thurs 14th October, tickets 50p each, phone 703 2917 for details.

SPORTS

Sports Coaching in Brixton for Gymnastics (5-14 yrs), judo (for girls 10-16yrs), soccer, amateur wrestling (boys 8-16yrs), karate, yoga. All at Ferndale Sports Centre, Nursery Road. Phone 733 5703 for more details.

Lambeth Coaching programme

Gym (8-14yrs) and judo (10+yrs) for beginners at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road, SE1 every Tuesday £1. Underwater Swimming (18+yrs) at Clapham Pool, Clapham, SW4. 3 weeks from October 3rd on Sundays. £2.50.

Tennis for beginners. four week courses for 17+ yrs at Kennington Park from Weds 6th Oct 10-12 and 2-4.

Multi-activity course - includes judo, gymnastics, fencing, water polo, swimming, snorkelling - 26-29th Oct at Stockwell Manor School, SW9.

For bookings and full details contact Lambeth's Directorate of Amenities, 14 Knights Hill, SE27. Tel: 761 0901.

COLOMBO STREET SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE. Next meeting of the Steering Group is on Monday 11th October at 7pm at Christchurch Hall (opposite the Centre in Colombo St). Everyone interested in making use of the hall is welcome.

Classical Concert for Multiple Sclerosis at St Martin's in the Field - 14 Oct. Tickets: 732 2734.

JUMBLE SALE JUMBLE SALE JUMBLE

Ethelred Nursery School, Kennington Road. 2.0 pm Saturday October 9th.

Jumble to Anne Bibby, 73 Gibson House, Ethelred.

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Meeting open to anyone at 8pm

on 19th October at Durning

Library (by Kennington Cross),

YOUR VIEWS ON THE COMMUNITY

HOSPITAL WANTED!

FUN! at Waterloo Action

Centre, Baylis Road

Children's Show

Fri. 29 Oct. 6.30.

Bill Bailey's Ragtime

Ragmuffins

Fri. 26 Nov. 8.30.

Grand Christmas Dance

Cabaret

Fri. 17 Dec.

Variety matinee at Young Vic

Mon. 1 Nov. 2.00

Presented by Waterloo

Amenities Group.

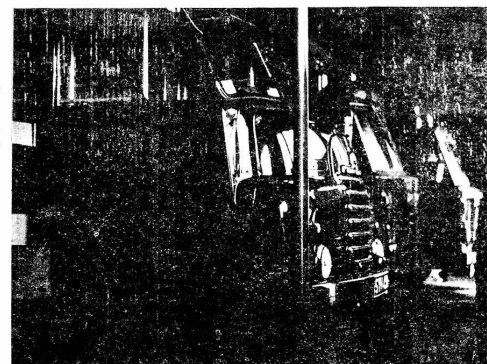
green goddesses

SE1 residents have in the past few weeks been reminded of the Cold War years, or if they haven't must have wondered what the appearance of the Auxiliary Fire Service on the streets means. The London Fire Brigade has on loan from the Home Office 40 elderly fire engines known fondly or otherwise as "Green Goddesses". This is because between 60 & 80 of the Brigades newer engines are off the road awaiting repairs. A backlog of work has built up at the brigades workshops, due partly to industrial action and partly because of increased wear and tear on the machines due to extra calls during the drought. With a top speed of only 30 mph they are no match for their 60-70 mph newer counterparts. The elderly engines were stockpiled in the 50's to cope with the aftermath of a nuclear attack.

Whilst they might have been built for the nuclear age, this hasn't impressed the local firemen of 1st division. They have refused to drive them because they break the 1970's traffic laws, having no blue flashing lights, and other deficiencies such as lack of speed and two-way radios mean they are limited in their usefulness in an emergency.

A spokesman for the Fire Brigade told SE1 "neither the Green Goddesses or the lack of up to date machines will affect fire cover, as stations will cover up for each other until the backlog of work is eliminated".

The fact that the Green Goddesses were built for a nuclear attack, but only needed because of the drought and mechanical repairs is a relief. Perhaps all those deep shelters can be turned into mushroom farms. A fitting epitaph to the nuclear threat.



Ethelred tenants fight

ANGERED BY BEING CHARGED FOR HEATING THEY NEVER GOT, the new Ethelred estate tenants formed an association and by taking united action look set to get some compensation.

"Lambeth offered us £5, but we won't accept less than £10," T.A. Chairman George Wilkins told SE1. "Anything less would be unacceptable."

This seems quite reasonable when you consider that they have already given £17, on average, to the nineteen residents who had made a fuss individually before the T.A. was formed.

A previous T.A., Vauxhall Gardens, was trying valiantly to cover three estates. "It was too much," said Helen Blanks and June Cooke, who have been putting the association's heating case to the relevant Council

meetings. "By concentrating on our own estate we are getting results." They are hopeful that compensation will be agreed with the Council on November 2.

Indeed activity generally is beginning to hum down Lambeth Walk, symbolised by the successful Bank Holiday Festival, masterminded by Gordon Lay. In recent years community spirit in the area had been destroyed by rehabilitation and wholesale redevelopment, but now things are changing.

Ethelred T.A. are waging their heating campaign, a jumble sale (see page 6), and are claiming a hall for the association in which they are already planning a Mum's Club and Whist Drives.

Vauxhall Garden residents are demanding to know what has happened about Lambeth's promise two years ago to build an indoor swimming pool in Pedlars Park - more of which next month

Crisis at Babcock's

There is a danger that local firm Babcock and Wilcox, may lay off 250 workers from their premises in Great Dover Street. This is because of a Government decision to postpone new power station orders until 1980. Babcock's are designers and manufacturers of equipment for power stations, and it is the design staff in Great Dover Street who are affected. The manufacturing side of the operation is undertaken at Renfrew in Scotland.

A joint trade union/staff association action committee has been set up to campaign and lobby M.P.s, and the Government to restore the power station program. The action committee has written

to Southwark's M.P.s and to Sir Reg Goodwin asking for help. Ian Donaldson, a trade union member of the committee told SE1 that they have lobbied Jack Jones and other trade union leaders at the recent TUC conference. Southwark Trades Council have also been asked to help.

Meanwhile, the company has just published its accounts for the year. These show that pre-tax profits have risen from £6.2 million in 1975 to £15.2 million in 1976. Moreover, in the next six months a spokesman said that "We are looking to roughly double trading profits". SE1 hope the management will consider this before laying off any of its work force.

Taking Police advice, China Walk tenants are taking legal action against noisy motorcycles with the help of Lambeth's legal services.

Near Troaz street residents are investigating whether an empty site there, which is both a fire hazard and a danger to health through rats, dust and dogs barking in the early hours, should be allowed.

Finally the North Lambeth Neighbourhood Council are applying to turn a tinny site for open space, as the Council won't use it for some time.

Success with the heating shows yet again that united action brings results. The lesson won't be lost.

YOUR RIGHTS

Behind with your benefit?

Mrs Naughton has been claiming Supplementary Benefit for over two years - since her husband died leaving her and her two small children.

Last winter she moved to a new flat and received an Exceptional Needs Payment from Social Security, to buy curtains and floor covering for the flat, as well as some new blankets for the children's beds.

This summer, a friend pointed out to Mrs Naughton that as she had been claiming Supplementary Benefit continuously for over two years, whilst not being required to register for work, she was entitled to Long Term Rates, which would mean an increase in her Weekly Allowance of nearly £3.00.

Mrs Naughton applied for Long Term Rates, but there was a delay of nearly two months before she was awarded the increase; and so when she finally started receiving it, she applied for the arrears dating back to the time when she had first become entitled.

She was then told that these arrears would be "offset" against the Exceptional Needs Payment which she had received the year before, and that she would not, therefore, be receiving them.

Mrs Naughton appealed this decision and went to a Tribunal, where it was decided that the decision to offset her arrears against a previously awarded ENP was unjustified, and ordered that these arrears be paid to her.

What can you do?

1) If there is any delay in paying your benefit, or an increase in benefit to which you are entitled, e.g. your rent is increased or a rent rebate stopped, make sure that you are paid the arrears owing once your weekly allowance has been adjusted.

The DHSS can decide when to pay you but how much they pay (except in the case of Exceptional Needs Payments) is laid down in Scale Rates.

2) If you are told that your arrears of benefit are being used to "offset" a grant which you have previously been awarded, then you can appeal this decision.

*Remember that you have 21 days in which to appeal.

3) If the Social Security still do not agree to pay you this money, your case automatically goes before an Appeal Tribunal, unless you decide to withdraw your appeal.

Go along to your local Advice Centre, where you will be able to get advice on what to do/say at the Tribunal and possibly, if you want it, someone to come along to the Tribunal with you.

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tabard fury

TENANTS IN REPHIDIM STREET and Peveril House (at the junction of Tower Bridge Road and Great Dover Street) have been fenced in with corrugated iron sheeting by the Greater London Council so that it can start a new housing development.

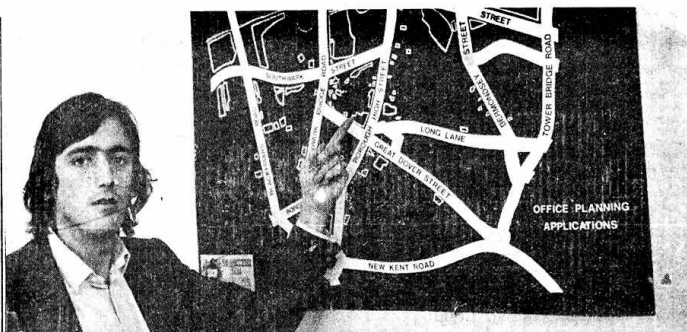
Not only has this caused great inconvenience, but the GLC didn't even consult the tenants or ask for their views. As a result of what is known as "The Greater London Council, London Borough of Southwark, The London Traffic (Prescribed Routes) (Revocation No 2) Traffic Order 1976", the GLC has closed off and tinned up parts of Rephidim Street, Christmas Street, Haddonhall Street, Poitier St, Weston St, and Rothsay Street.

The tenants are angry that there is now no direct access to shops and the local school in Tower Bridge Road, which means that both they and tenants on Tabard Estate will have to walk a lot further, causing great inconvenience to pensioners especially.

The tenants are also angry as the fencing is causing chaos to emergency vehicles. Ambulances have had to be redirected and firemen have had to break down corrugated fencing to put out a fire on waste ground in Rephidim Street. Further trouble has been caused by people going to the nearby Chaucer Institute, parking their cars in Prioress Street which is the only access left open to Rephidim St and Peveril House.

Consultation with the tenants has been abysmal. The planning laws require local authorities to publish a Public Notice in the local newspaper (the GLC did so) but it was in language which no ordinary person could possibly understand. The order, made by the Department of the Environment, requires the developer, the GLC, to provide footpaths to the satisfaction of the council, Southwark. But what about the people who live there? The tenants didn't even receive letters telling them what was going to happen let alone being asked if they agreed.

Rephidim Street and Peveril House tenants are now considering what further action they can take against the GLC.



Nicholson slams offices

"IT IS PERVERSE TO SUGGEST as some have done that Labour will lose votes in 1977 because we do not allow office developments," George Nicholson of Cathedral Ward Labour Party told delegates to a Conference on the 1977 Labour Party Manifesto on September 18th. The Conference was discussing what planning policies should be included in Labour's Manifesto for the GLC elections in April 1977. Nicholson warned that "the developers are waiting for the GLC to buckle in over their resistance to offices...the local community still feel threatened." He told the Conference that major sites throughout North Southwark and North Lambeth were in the hands of property companies or private firms seeking office development.

He asked the Conference to include in the Manifesto specific commitments "to protect

inner city communities from further office blocks in their midst with the land to be used instead for housing, industry and community facilities" and to include a reference to the GLC's plan The Future of Southbank. This plan placed housing as a priority for the South Bank and led to the preparation of a scheme for family houses in Coin Street next to the National Theatre, where once a luxury hotel was planned. "This is a tremendous achievement, and if pursued elsewhere on the South Bank would clearly show the electorate that there is a reason for voting Labour."

The Greater London Labour Party was urged not to back down. "There are thousands of people in North Southwark looking to the GLC to implement their policies for the South Bank and a specific statement in the Manifesto would give them heart," he said.



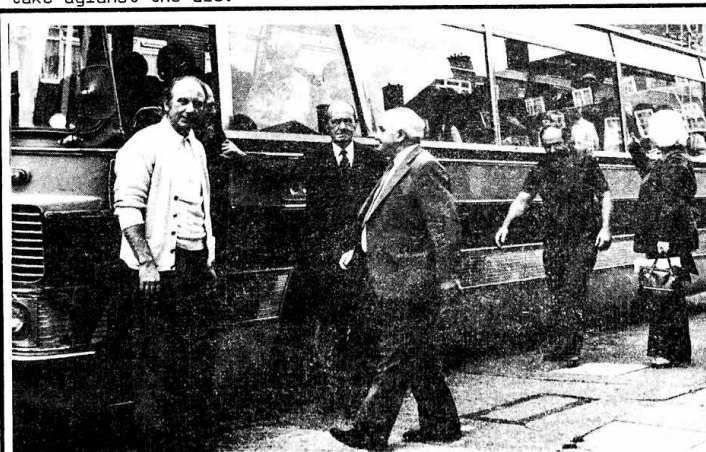
CHC MEETING on Lambeth Hospital

PROSPECTS FOR A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL RECEIVED A BOOST LAST MONTH when the South East Regional Authority asked our local health experts to make a detailed feasibility study of the idea in conjunction with the Community Health Council.

The CHC, who represent the man-in-the-street in the National Health Service, have long been campaigning to make a Community Hospital out of part of the Lambeth Hospital in Brook Drive, when the patients there

Now these proposals are going to be seriously costed. "We are very encouraged," says Sue Thorne, the CHC Secretary, "and are looking forward to discussing the details. In fact we'd like to hear from anybody who has views on it. Why not come to our next public meeting, 8.0 pm on the 19th October at the Durning Library?"

The future use of the rest of the site is to be agreed between the CHC, Lambeth Council and the Area Health Authority. Already the original idea of accommodation for 2,000 medical staff has been rejected, and in September Lambeth Council's planning committee decided that they preferred a plan which provides 277 ordinary housing places a badly needed hostel for 24 mentally handicapped adults and sheltered housing for 70 elderly people. Certain of the existing hospital services would stay put.



DICKENS TO BLACKPOOL John Sullivan and Eddy Hart, Chairman and Secretary of Dickens Estate T.A. welcome residents aboard the coach for their annual weekend in Blackpool.

CATERING FOR THE FUTURE

Caters Ltd have been approached by the Waterloo Community Development Group to see if they are interested in extending their shop in The Cut.

A letter to the property manager of the firm was sent, telling them that the shop next door which used to be the Sussex Laundry until last June, is available on lease. It wouldn't take much to convert the shop into an extension for both shops have the same frontage and it would only need a dividing wall to be demolished to give the supermarket much more badly needed space.

Fact box

THE GLC IS OWED £15.85 million by companies who have appealed against the rates. In Southwark, no rates are paid by Kings Reach (IPC), Southwark Towers (Price Waterhouse), or by the tenants of London Bridge House. Shell have also appealed against their rate valuation.

Quote of the month

"We don't have much to do with Community Health Council". - Official at the Guy's District Area Health Authority.



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