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# SOUTHWARK HOUSES 67% OF LONDON'S HOSTEL PLACES Hostel may stay in Vauxhall Blackfriars move postponed

ST MUNGO'S HOSTEL which was due to move out of the Marmite Factory in Vauxhall into Tress House in Stamford Street has been asked by the GLC to look at an alternative building at Bondway, next to the Wroughton House hostel in Vauxhall. Residents and business people who heard the GLC announce this decision at a Planning Committee meeting on July 5th at County Hall were surprised by this last-minute change of heart but fear that if St Mungo's do not like Bondway they will want to renew their bid for Tress House.

The GLC officers' report on Tress House said that while there was opposition this would be the same on "any site in Inner London". Even the chairman of the committee pointed out that Southwark housed 67% of all homeless men in London. Sir Reg Goodwin, the local GLC councillor, said, "To add to the problem in this area is totally unacceptable and unfair."

The meeting was the climax of weeks of lobbying, petitions and public meetings by local people. Fierce opposition to the hostel was voiced at a public meeting at Christchurch Hall in Blackfriars Road at the end of June. Southwark and the GLC and St Mungo's were told in no uncertain terms that they did not want the hostel moved to Stamford Street. When a vote was taken at the end, 136 were against the hostel, 5 were for, and there were 2 abstentions.

There was a strong feeling that the problem of homeless men was over-concentrated in this area. There were no day facilities for the men so that bringing in more hostels would make the daytime problem in the area more difficult for local residents and workers.

## Mrs. Humphries CELEBRATION

A DAY TRIP TO EASTBOURNE will celebrate the retirement of Mrs Nellie Humphries as leader of the Wellington College Darby and Joan Club. Mrs Humphries, who lives in Douglas Buildings, Marshalsea Road, is to leave the WRVSi in September after 37 years of service.

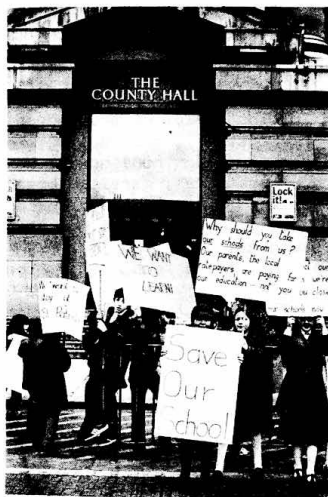
She had led the Club since 1947, seeing it grow from its early beginnings in a backroom in Browning Street, in Walworth, with just 7 members to its present location in St Peter's Church Hall, Walworth Road, where over 50 pensioners regularly meet.

Members meet every Thursday at 2 pm where they enjoy the varied programme the club offers as well as a cup of tea and refreshments. Meetings always end with a good sing song. The success of the club is undoubtedly due to the close personal relationship between club members and their leader.

Mrs Humphries will be sadly missed at the Club. She is also a familiar figure in the SE1 area in her smart WRVSi uniform. We wish her a great day out in Eastbourne with all her friends and much happiness in her retirement.



She has always taken an interest in the local area, especially over Chemists.



HIGH HOPES REMAIN FOR SAVING St Patricks and St Andrews primary schools with an exciting new idea - the first joint Catholic and Anglican primary school in the whole country!

Some joint secondary schools exist, but this could be the very first for children aged 5-11 years. The managers of both schools are very keen on the idea and are working hard on the arrangements. The Waterloo community has been suggesting this amalgamation for years. Both churches and both priests say that there would be no problem in the teaching of religion.

## plus nursery

There would be separate religious teaching for the children of each denomination at certain times during the week (under the guidance of each church) but there would be no compulsion for parents who did not want their children to have this teaching. At all other times in the school day the children would be together, forming a new school, with a new name. The building would be improved, and would probably have a nursery class.

The ILEA say that they will support this joint school if both Diocesan Boards come forward with "positive proposals" for it during the next 10 weeks. They also say that as the two existing schools will have to be closed before a joint school can replace them, they intend to serve the "closure notices" on them on September 1st, to stimulate the two Diocesan Boards into making their "positive proposals". The ILEA decided to do this in spite of the strongest possible protests

# Joint scheme may save primary schools in Waterloo

from the managers of both schools and from the Waterloo community, who thought that this decision was premature, and that it was extremely unfair and dangerous, as it might be misunderstood by the parents.

Discussions between the managers of both schools and the Catholic and Anglican Diocesan Boards are continuing. New ideas are also being explored, such as the formation of an independent "trust" to oversee the establishment of a joint school.

With all the new housing schemes which are proposed for this area of Waterloo (Coin Street, Hatch Row, Edward Henry House, Stamford Street, Aquinas Street and Peabody Estate), the managers of both schools are confident that, in 5 years time, there will be about 200 primary school children in the area around St Patricks and St Andrews Schools. The ILEA think that the number of children will be more like 100 (as it is at present). Even this number is quite enough for one thriving primary school.

## new name

The managers of both schools will be working hard right through the school holidays to do everything possible to enable the establishment of this joint school, which would have a policy of high educational standards, and the religious education to satisfy every parents's demands.

For further information now, contact Father Patrick (at "Greyfriars", Whittlesey Street, SE1 - 928 4818) or the Revd David Wickert (1 Secker Street, SE1 - 633 0852).

Any suggestions for a name for the new school?

# DOSSERS help them and we help ourselves!

by John(Ernie)Hearn

ANOTHER PUBLIC MEETING concerning the problem of the dossers, vagrants, tramps or single homeless in our area has been and gone. This is the second one in three years, but like the first meeting concerning the use of Roadair House for vagrants, the recent meeting came to the same sorry end. The same facts arose, local residents complained about the problem, but just the same, nothing constructive came out of the meeting.

## Already have enough night hostels in our area

Right from the start, let me make myself clear. I opposed the Roadair House proposal and likewise I was firmly against the new proposal for a night shelter at Tress House. I agree with what most people were stating at the meeting that we already have enough night hostels in our area.

But that does not mean that I will sweep the problem under the carpet. No, the problem is with us now, the future of Roadair House (now demolished) and Tress House won't solve the problem, in fact I can only agree that they would simply further aggravate the problem. By that I mean, that they would bring more of these people into the area.

But unlike most local people I have tried to look into the problem a little bit more, but firstly I am going to make it clear that I do not believe in treading on people who are less fortunate than ourselves. I want to say that none of us are very far from the gutter. The problem of vagrants is certainly not new, in fact it has been with us for centuries. But today's society is not curing the problem, but making the problem worse.

With high unemployment nationwide (a lot of the vagrants are Scottish), bad housing, lack of enough housing in the southeast area, marriage break-ups and of course the drinking problem (even perhaps as some residents think the "welfare state"), let's face up to these facts. If I myself, say, was Scottish and found myself unemployed in my home town - and this is not necessarily a self-made problem - I might think of coming to London, where the streets are not paved with gold but laid out with more of these people with the same problem.

## None of us are very far from the gutter

Have you ever tried to get a job without any permanent address? This is a chicken and egg situation. No permanent address, no job. If there was enough housing to go round, this could be one of the solutions. Today we have a much higher ratio of break-ups in the area.

marriage - I myself being separated from my wife know what it is like to try to get alternative accommodation to ease the problem. And it is not easy - that is with knowledge and knowing how to fight for my rights. What about the person who doesn't know and has very little fight left?

## Do not think that it does not happen to our own people

Please do not think that it does not happen to our own people, because it does. You will not see them here in our area, they would be ashamed to be seen locally, so they move even as far as Glasgow. So when I say that we are all very close to the gutter, don't take it too harshly, but the facts are it can happen to us. I can count numerous local people who have some personal problem who turn to drink. But at the end of the drinking session they have somewhere to go, they may even have someone to welcome them. And they are not all workers. Let me tell you about a local man I know, who lives very close to me. For obvious reasons I will not mention names.

Toward the end of the second world war, he came home on leave to find his house bombed (his house was very local) and what was left of his furniture was in the road. His wife had decided to leave him, and had taken their only child. He finished up in the Salvation Army hostel in Blackfriars Road. Who knows where he would have gone from there? Normally there is only one way, that is further down. But there was a helping hand, in the guise of a local housing trust, which found a one-room flat for him.

## Decisions behind our backs

Although the war, plus these extra problems, had made this man a sick person (he is only just over sixty years of age now), this gave the man a new lease of life. He still likes his pint, but is at least, back with us, a very nice and harmless man. And he is not the only one. So what I say is, do not tread on these people, it may be someone we know or even one of us.

We ourselves get trodden on day after day, by someone making a decision on our part. I criticise both St Mungo's and the GLC for even suggesting the idea of using Tress House for the single homeless. They did it behind our backs, knowing full

well that there were organised groups in both the Waterloo and North Southwark areas. It was only the action of local groups and local activists which in fact set up any kind of local participation through a public meeting.

What comes out of these meetings? Sure people object to any new proposals, but what is thrown up is not about the future but the present day situation. People talk about the nuisance of the vagrants, taking over local open spaces, the danger to children and the elderly and toileting up against their front doors. These things are legitimate, but what is being done about it? Nothing from the residents. We should not be waiting for the authorities to do something. We should be suggesting our ideas.

## 'lets face up to it!'

My ideas may differ a lot from other residents, but at least I do try to think about the matter. We have, like other areas in London, got the problem, let's face up to it. The area surrounding every main line station in London is used as a refuge for down and outs. But we are never going to get rid of the vagrants. What we need is not another night shelter but somewhere for them to go in the daytime. And it has got to be somewhere in a non-residential area but not outside of our area, don't let us pass the buck. My idea is somewhere near where they gather, say north of Waterloo Road. How many of us have reason to go to York Road? Here is an area with rich commercial enterprises, even with all the redundancies going on at County Hall, this may even create space in there, why not? But for Christ's sake let's do something!



Coin St

# Coin st

THE COIN STREET FAMILY HOUSING which is so closely linked with the proposal for a new joint primary school in Waterloo, is still to be discussed and decided at a public inquiry this year. We are still waiting for the date of this.

The first bricks might well have been laid by now if the Tory GLC had not decided to wreck this beautiful scheme for low-rise family housing with individual gardens, set around two squares of private garden for the families to share. They want to replace it with a horrific mountain range of skyscrapers from Waterloo Bridge to Blackfriars Bridge.

The Waterloo community and the North Southwark community have long been stressing the urgency of this housing for local families, and have been asking to have the Public Inquiry as soon as possible.

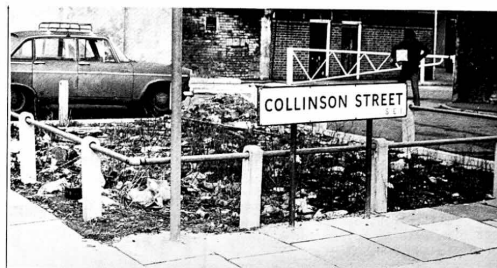
They have now asked local MP's Bob Mellish and George Strauss to cut through the red tape and to get Peter Shore (Secretary of State at the Department of Environment) to order the public inquiry immediately. The local community is ready to argue its case for the housing now. The Tory GLC and the property developers say that they can't prepare their arguments in less than 2 months. Why not? If we can do it so can they and they have millions of pounds at their fingertips. Let's get on with it, we need the housing urgently - to bring more children back into our community (and to fill the proposed new joint primary school).



The second large Coin St. poster is now being fly-posted around Waterloo, and 2 new small ones are just about to be printed. Please help the campaign for housing by calling in at Waterloo Action Centre to get free copies of the posters to put in your window, in your car, on your door, on your estate - anywhere and everywhere.

Please help by signing the petition, and by offering your help, also at the Waterloo Action Centre.

SEE YOU AT THE PUBLIC INQUIRY!!



A Chance to clear up sites like this one ???

## WANTED! IDEAS TO SPEND A MILLION

IDEAS ARE TO BE SOUGHT from residents for suggestions of local environmental improvements following the setting up of a £1 million fund by Southwark Council.

Any ideas that local people have, from planting the odd tree to more ambitious schemes for improving courtyards, providing sports facilities or removing eyesores, should be put to local councillors, TAs or sent to the Council, so that when the allocation of the fund starts in September, SE1 gets its fair share. £1 million won't solve all the problems of Southwark, but with participation from local people it could make an important start.

One thing that will have to be watched is that the fund is not used for "grand" schemes like riverside walks or tarring up conservation areas where already too much attention and money is diverted.

This is not the first environmental improvement scheme. Southwark last year with a flourish of publicity launched a "Down Your Way" scheme for improvements to several small sites. Surrey Row and Long Lane were two sites that benefited. However the company doing the sites went bankrupt before properly finishing them off and further work needs to be done on them. Hopefully this time the Council's own labour force will be doing the work.

## EDWARD HENRY LATEST

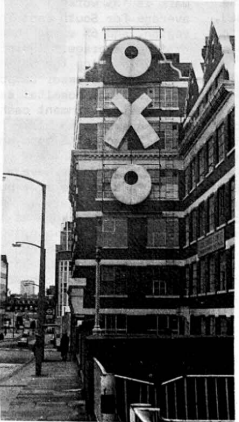
DEMOLITION OF THE FLATS is making good progress, and a committee has been formed, who are meeting to discuss the plans for Edward Henry House. Future progress will be reported.



The Smith & Young Building in Emerson St; not in the scheme.

## FLOOD OF LETTERS Sumner Residents Spell it out

40 SUMNER RESIDENTS from Sumner Street on Bankside have sent letters to Southwark about the Derelict Oxo building on Southwark Bridge Road. In the letters, residents are opposed to a developer's plans for a 7 storey office block on the site. They say that the office will cut light to the estate and that what is needed in the area are homes, industry, shops and open space. They ask the Council what the point is of allowing the Oxo development while leaving the derelict Smith and Young/Oyez building behind. Why not redevelop the whole block together? The Planning Committee is to consider the letters on July 25th but it is thought that the Council want the developers to get on with it. Cllr Watts, chairman of the committee, has said "200 jobs are at stake" if the developers are refused permission yet sources in the Council say the scheme is entirely speculative.



## CASH REGISTER MENTALITY SQUASHES LOCAL HOMES

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A YEAR Southwark's Planning Committee has rejected an application by the North Southwark Community Development Group supported by the Family Housing Association for 42 family homes with gardens on Bankside.

Southwark owns part of the site in question which overlooks St Paul's, the remainder being owned by the Central Electricity Generating Board and a development company. The Council's own ambitions for the site are for a large office block and a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Last year they tried to buy up the whole site under the Community Land Act. But the Government would not allow this because the Council did not have an Office Development Permit for the 110,000 sq ft of offices they are seeking.

At the Planning meeting, Cllr Watts, Chairman of the Committee, said there were not sufficient social amenities in the area and that family housing was "not an appropriate use for the site". George Nicholson, councillor for Cathedral Ward which includes Bankside said that the report prepared by planning officers on

## biased report

the proposed family homes was "extremely biased". He said the report did not mention a survey of the area taken by local people in 1975 which showed that the vast majority of local people wanted family housing, nor the many local organisations who wrote in during the Local Plan consultations pressing for housing on the site.

Alan Davis, the other councillor for Cathedral Ward said that the housing scheme was "a vital link in the residential chain along the river between the new Edger housing scheme and Sumner and Peabody Buildings." Councillor Bob Eadie, from Dulwich, said that while he was an enthusiastic member of the Libraries and Amenities Committee he would find it difficult to support plans for a Globe Theatre on the site in preference to housing.

Cllr Rowe from Rotherhithe said that while the previous Labour GLC had supported the housing scheme, they "had not put their money where their mouth is". But Cllr Nicholson again pointed out that a Housing Association was prepared to build the homes and that the job of the Committee was to decide on the "best use for the site" and not to make judgements in financial matters.

The North Southwark Group has written to Peter Shore, the Minister, asking him to call an inquiry into the family housing plan and Southwark's refusal of it.

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# SE1

## STAR GAZING

"Has it ever occurred to you what horror it must be not to be able to step out of your door at night and gaze at the stars...how miserable it must be never to hear the song of a bird or the waving of leaves on a tree because there, 20 storeys high, no bird sings and no trees reach".

So says George Tremlett, Tory Housing Leader, at a recent meeting of architects.

We couldn't agree with you more, Mr Tremlett!

Which is why we care so much about the need for more low-rise family housing with gardens in SE1 (at rents that local people can afford) and more open space for everybody, such as we have in our Coin Street scheme.

But we can't believe that Mr Tremlett's statement means that he really wants what we want; it's true that the GLC are building 16 family houses on the site of the old Chaucer House, Tabard Estate, but like

the Rephidim Street houses (see page 8) and Quinn's Buildings in Waterloo Road, these will almost certainly be sold to private buyers for £25,000 to £45,000.

Time and again George Tremlett's public utterances put over a human, caring image which in reality does not exist, and we in North Southwark and Waterloo are discovering the reality of his policies - especially with the Coin Street battle and the sale of GLC houses.

Unfortunately, by selling off Council property he is condemning people to stay on old estates or in tower blocks - the very places 'e now so fiercely criticises.

SE1 firmly supports the fight for family housing at Coin St and opposes the sale of council housing, or the building by Councils of housing for sale whilst so many people are still homeless or living in bad conditions.

Mr Tremlett's housing policy is in for a rough ride

## NO REDUCTION IN HEALTH CARE

### Says Health Authority

"No cuts!" say the Area Health Authority of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, in opposition to the government's decision to cut NHS spending in the area. It is the first and, up to now, the only Health Authority to take such a stand in the face of slashes in funding throughout the country.

The area's £110 million budget has already been cut by a massive amount, and the government proposes a further yearly cut of £2.6 million until only £97.5 million is spent in the area. If these cuts go ahead, patient services will have to be reduced, with a possible 3000 redundancies. As many as 1000 beds for seriously ill patients will have to go, probably one of the three teaching hospitals in the area - some say Guy's - and Community Health Services will also lose.

Health workers, trade unionists and community activists are organising a campaign in defence of decent health care for local residents, together with the national Fightback organisation. A meeting on September 6, to which all of the public are invited, will decide what action to take.

Although the government have dropped this political hot potato until after the General Election, if held this year, there is no doubt that they would proceed with their plans. "Only a solid wall of opposition from trade unionists,

health workers, community group groups, pensioners, the Area Health Authority, local councillors and the general public united in resisting these cuts will have any effect at all," say the campaign organisers.

The inner-city area of SE1 is especially needy of good health care services. Even though we have some large tea catering for patients inside and outside the area, the local

### Urban Problems

adjusted death rate for Southwark is 13% worse than the average for South East Thames region, and 6% worse than the national average. Infant mortality is twice the national average. Professor Campbell of Kings College Hospital said in 1977 that government cash restrictions were "to blame for thousands of stillborn and handicapped children.

Not only do we have a high death rate in the area but also more than our share of inner urban problems, such as poor housing, high unemployment, homelessness, 'one-parent families, overcrowding, and lack of social and basic amenities such as indoor bathrooms and toilets with hot water in all outhouses. A survey in Camberwell, for example, showed that women are more likely to become depressed if they live in poor housing with young children.

All these problems lead to higher death and illness rates, and require not only improve-



## Waterloo Festival

THE FOURTH WATERLOO FESTIVAL WAS HELD ON SUNDAY JULY 2ND. WE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED HAD A GOOD TIME AND ENJOYED OUR EFFORT. THE WEATHER WAS OVERCAST, BUT THE RAIN HELD OFF, THOUGH WE FEEL THAT THIS KEPT MANY PEOPLE AWAY. THE SHOWS THAT WE PUT ON WERE VERY GOOD, AND THE STALLHOLDERS ADDED COLOUR TO THE SCENE.

WE WERE SORRY THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF MUSIC BUT TWO BANDS NEVER TURNED UP, AND THAT LEFT GAPS IN THE SHOWS.

APART FROM A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS, EVERYTHING WENT WELL, BUT WE FELT THAT WE COULD HAVE HAD MORE HELP FOR STUARDS. SOMETHING THAT WE MUST KEEP IN MIND FOR FUTURE FESTIVALS. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HELPED IN THE FESTIVAL AND ALL THOSE WHO MADE DONATIONS TO HELP FUND IT.

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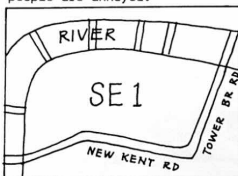
### CREAM CRACKER CHAMP

3 CREAM CRACKERS IN A MINUTE MAY SEEM LIKE AN EASY WAY TO EARN A FREE COPY OF SE1, BUT AS THE PHOTOS SHOW, EVEN THE MOST COMBUSTIBLE SUPPORTERS HAVE THEIR DOUBTS HALF WAY INTO THE 2ND CREAM CRACKER. HOWEVER LIKE ALL GREAT IDEAS, THE END OF THE TUNNEL PRODUCES A FEELING OF RELIEF OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE ACHIEVEMENT, BUT THEN THE JOCK WAS JUST TO HAVE FUN: THE SE 1 WAS JUST A BONUS.



# HELICOPTERS - BUZZ OFF!

There has been a great increase in noise and nuisance from helicopters for those people in SE1 who live near to the river. As the river is the northern boundary of SE1 this means that thousands of people are annoyed.



Until recently, the authorities claimed that almost all helicopter flights were 'essential', but the Tory GLC recently gave permission for the first time for very expensive 1 hour joy-rides from Battersea heliport.

Fifteen minutes is just enough time for four people to climb into a helicopter, pound over our heads to Bermondsey, turn around and pound back again. The £84 charge includes a glass of champagne at the beginning and running commentary on SE1 from the pilot. (This is unlikely to refer to our battles for family housing on Coin Street and Bankside, etc.)

On sunny days there is a constant procession of helicopters.

There also seems to be a great increase in the number of flights by enormous army and navy helicopters. The red ones belong to either the police or the Duke of Edinburgh. These are the only ones that do not have to follow the route of the river. The reason for other helicopters having to follow the river (though some don't) is that they are likely to



crash suddenly because they can't glide down if their engine fails or their rotor is damaged. In 1975 two helicopters crashed on the SE1 section of the river: one into the water, and the other onto the bank.

Lord Vesty still has permission to land his own helicopter on the barge moored by the OXO tower, and there is little to stop anyone else (rich enough to own a helicopter) from doing the same thing at any place along the river.

People tend to think that there is nothing that they can do about this noise (along with aeroplane, juggernaut, car and motorbike noise) but this is not true. The complaint procedures for helicopters are very complicated but are known to SE1. If you wish to complain about the noise, the number of flights over your head, their height, the landings, or the deviations from the route, please write to SE1, 12 Meymott St, SE1 and we will direct your complaint to the right person. More news on this later.

## WRITE

to SE1. We want to hear your news and views. Send your letters to: SE1 Community Newspaper, 12 Meymott St, SE1.

Dear SE1,

I went to a centre at the Blue, a new pensioners' club, on the offchance. They introduced me to the girls, they were all sitting around. We went to dinner, 12-2, and then we went to play darts in the afternoon. Then they had bingo. At 4 o'clock it closed down and we came home.

The older people couldn't get about, they were just sitting around. They only do lunches, and cups of tea. It was alright, but I don't like sitting around all day. They expect you to go from 9 in the morning till 4. He said it wasn't just to come and go as you like. My eyes are bad, and it was no use me sitting there, if I can't see the thing. I'm not one for sitting about.

The lady on the pensioners course brought up, what did we think of the food? Did we cook our own, or go to the centres? At this centre, they get the same food every week, regular. Really, you could have a change. Another lady on the course, said about the food being bad. So they should have a change, they could have a roast sometimes.

I'm not the only one who thinks that.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Jessie Green  
32C Marcia Road, SE1

## Contact Your Councillor

### Cathedral Ward, Southwark:

Councillors Alan Davis and George Nicholson

Blackfriars Settlement,  
47 Nelson Square, SE1

2nd & 4th Fridays, 7-8.15 pm

### Chaucer Ward, Southwark:

Councillors Arthur Knight, Joy Lee and Bert Ray

Harper Road Library, Children's Section, SE1

2nd Friday, 7-8 pm

### Riverside Ward, Southwark:

Councillors Thomas Cornish, Peter Flower and Coral Newell

Rent Office, Lockwood Square, SE16 - 2nd Friday, 7-9 pm

Social Services Area Office, 283 Tooley Street, SE1 - 4th Thursday, 7-9 pm

### Bishops Ward, Lambeth:

Councillors Bryn Davies (tel 735 9709), Peter Lane (tel 733 6531), and Pam Verden (tel 674 0821)

179 Kennington Road, SE11  
Monday, 6-7, Thursday, 7-8

# South London Profits

Can you guess which company a Stock Exchange analyst recently described as the most profitable company in Britain?

Probably not. It was the South London Press Ltd.

SE1 found this strange, so we investigated further. In 1973 the SLP made a profit, before the taxman and directors took their rakeoff, of over a third of a million pounds. In 1973 it was over a quarter of a million.

Not bad for a little local paper. Those profits represent around 30% of the money invested by the owners in the business. Compare that to the rate you get in Post Office Savings.

## Dividends

Sadly, things got worse in 1975 and they only made £100,000 or so. Mind you, that did not stop the directors paying out more in dividends than was available in profits, an orthodox policy only made possible by having lots of money in the Bank that they obviously didn't intend to put into the paper - by printing more news, for instance.

SE1 cannot tell you what has happened since then because the SLP are not very prompt about reporting their accounts.

But we can tell you how they make so much money. The SLP isn't a newspaper. It's an advertising supplement with a few stories stuck here and there. Less than a third of the space consists of news, and that's being generous by counting wedding photographs, TV guides and so on as 'news'.

## 10% News

If you take them out, and then get to the real news by also allowing for the sports and syndicated court stories (and very economical to get compared to investigating news stories), take out the Council handouts that drop on their desk, then a close analysis of the paper will show that less than 10% is actually real news. In contrast, SE1 has less than 10% advertising.

Of course the sport and all that sex and sadism in the court cases are popular and give the SLP the flavour that people probably associate with it. But it's the derisory 10% of genuine news which explains why the CHC for instance got a shirty answer when they wrote suggesting more space be given to community news.

The SLP could easily fill two pages with letters, or even give a page over to articles contributed by the CHC or a TA or a group like the NSCDG.

But they won't. It wouldn't sell any more copies. It wouldn't be worth printing four more pages. So they would have to make space by reducing the amount of advertising. And that would reduce profits, which they can't afford to do. Can they?

## YOUR RIGHTS

## Don't go to school naked

A NEW IMPROVED CLOTHING SCHEME has been introduced by ILCA to help parents with the cost of providing school clothes. This replaces uniform grants and necessitous clothing allowances. Parents who qualify will be given vouchers enabling them to shop around for the best value. These can be used at most local shops, chain stores and school outfitters. The clothes bought should be suitable for school, or uniform if the school has one. The net income scale is the same for free school meals, and parents will be entitled to clothing allowances for the same number of children. The size of the family and income after deductions for income tax, rent and rates are taken into account.

The allowance will be paid every two years - £15 for children at the ages of 5, 7 and 9; £35 for secondary pupils at the ages of 11 and 13; and £30 for 15 years (slightly less as uniform requirements are often relaxed in the last year). At present the law does not cover P.E. kit, but in the meantime schools with a high number of children from low income families will have an extra allowance to purchase kit for loan to pupils.

The vouchers are being issued this month for the term beginning in September. They cannot be exchanged for cash and parents must make up any small balance on items in cash. If you have 1 child you will be eligible if your income is less than £38 per week; 2 or more, £44.15; 3 or more, £50.30; 4 or more, £56.45; 5 or more, £62.60; 6 or more, £68.75.

If you are in any doubt as to whether you qualify, contact your divisional education welfare officer: Southwark, 2 Camden Square, Peckham Road, SE5 (tel 703 0855); Lambeth, 456 Streatham Hill, SW2 (671 0051).

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## SE1's Saturday Night Fervour

Proudly the sweatiest event ever held at Columbus St. Sports Centre will be the way the SE1 benefit will be remembered. Boxing tournaments may come and go, Karate exponents can grunt away week in week out but the stamina shown by the huge gathering of SE1 supporters would have made even those Hollywood dancing tournaments of the 30's seem like mere set pieces out of Madame Tussauds.

Not since the building was used as a canteen by Sainsburys have so many people eaten and drunk there. Yet only hours before the benefit was due to start there was some doubt as to whether the sausage rolls from Tulise Hill, the beer from Greene King country, the bean sprouts from Steve, the balloons well no-one even now knows where they came from, and the lighting from the Rome Opera House would actually all arrive at the right place on the right day in time for the kick off.

But Kick-Off it did with a band playing a mixture of ex-cruciatingly loud music which

divided the revellers into 2 camps; those camp enough to enjoy the music and those who camped in the Rose & Crown until the interval. However the crowd continued to swell, and by the time the second band started to play everyone was on their feet, and it stayed that way until the end. A last minute attempt to extend the dance, but this did not stop several spontaneous parties springing up all over South East London in the early hours, to be followed shortly after by the bar opening at the Waterloo Action Centre for the start of the Waterloo Festival. This may have had something to do with the Southwark Strollers shock defeat later in the day. However the benefit was an undoubted success and thanks must go out to all who made it possible. All the money that was made will be used to make SE1 a better paper and we can all look forward to that and the next dance as well.

With a profit of about £400 we should be around for a long time yet.



## HORSESHOE REVEALED where is it?

ANSWER: On the side of the Horsehoe Pub, Tower Bridge Road, it was revealed when the Trecator Cinema was demolished recently.

## SPLASHING OUT

## IN '82!

Swimming pool  
for North Lambeth

At last the northern part of Lambeth are getting their much demanded swimming pool. Demolition work recently started on the proposed site, at the corner of Kennington Road and Fitzalan Street. For the past five years residents and local groups such as the Waterloo Community Development Group and the North Lambeth Neighbourhood Council have been putting pressure on Lambeth Council for the lack of swimming facilities in our area. Local schools have to take their pupils as far as Camberwell Green baths to teach them to swim.

### Recreation Hall

Everyone is pleased at the outcome of the pressure and a lot of thanks must go to the local Ward Councillors who kept up the pressure. The Council are committed to complete the building by 1982. It will not only consist of a 75 foot pool and a learners pool, but also a sports recreation hall for 500 people. Four squash courts, a foyer, 'control' room, club and

meeting room, vending area, staff room, administrative suite, spectators gallery for 150 people, changing rooms for 300, a cafe for 60, and bar for 200, plus all toilet facilities etc. Cost: £1,287,000, but worth it. Teaching kids to swim saves lives.

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## FUNDING FOR CENTRE DELAYED AGAIN

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LABOUR COUNCILLORS IN SOUTHWARK have voted to refer the issue of renewal of funding for the North Southwark Planning Centre, in Great Guildford Street, to a policy committee called "the External Policy Group".

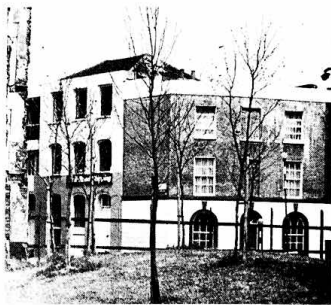
This policy group met for the first time last week to consider the general issue of community work in the borough. Members of the policy group have received letters from Bob Mellish and Reg Goodwin, several unions, local Labour parties and the Waterloo Action Centre, in support of renewal of the grant.

The policy group is to report to the Council in September and make recommendations about community work in general, and the future of the Planning Centre in particular.

In the meantime, two reports on the Centre and its work have been produced to tell councillors what the Centre does, who runs it, who uses it and who works there. The Centre costs Southwark only £2,500 per annum.



Have you noticed these plaques on walls in SE1? They mark the ancient parish boundaries. This one is for St. Saviours Parish which stretches from the riverside back to just beyond Union Street, and from the Borough High Street to Blackfriars Road. Look out for others.



THIRTEEN OUT OF THE EIGHTEEN LONDON PLANE TREES PLANTED AT a ceremony last November as the first stage of the Mint Street Park have failed to produce so much as a leaf. Southwark who bought the trees from the GLC's nurseries, have now rooted the dead ones out and are to plant replacements. Wish the trees better luck this time - WE NEED THEM!



## TREE TROUBLE & WEEDY EFFORT

### REPHIDIM STREET

PLANS BY THE GLC TO SELL OFF NEW HOUSING TO PRIVATE BUYERS are being opposed by Southwark Council. 50 new houses and maisonettes at Rephidim Street, Bricklayers Arms are nearly completed and the GLC wants to sell them on the open market.

But Southwark Council, which has built more housing than any other London Borough, want the Rephidim houses for council tenants. It intends to make a Compulsory Purchase Order on the houses to enable it to buy them. And, hedging its bets, a request is also to be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment for an Order under the Local Government Act 1963 for the transfer of the houses to Southwark.

Southwark is not completely opposed to Councils building houses for sale since a decision has already been made to allow the sale of some new housing on Surrey Docks and there is apparently no opposition to the GLC selling 8 flats at 58-60 St Georges Road, SE1.

Rephidim Street is the first of several new GLC housing estates in SE1 nearing completion (others are Quinns Buildings, Waterloo Road, Garden Row, and the Chaucer House site at Tabard Estate). It's very likely that the GLC will also attempt to sell these on the open market unless they are opposed.

AT LAST AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, the GLC have weeded around the bases of the trees which were planted in the spring of last year, on the Tabard estate. Not before time, as in some places the weeds were a couple of feet high, and did nothing to "improve the environment of the estate", which was supposedly the intended purpose of planting the trees in the first place.

Sad to say, nothing has been done to improve the surfaces of the surrounding courtyards, which are a potential danger, such is their state of disrepair. There are so many potholes and loose stones that they are a constant hazard to motorists, bicycles and most definitely to pedestrians. Considering the number of elderly people in the area I would have thought something could be done to improve these surfaces before a bad accident occurs.

Surely the GLC are able to do something about this? Resurfacing work should be undertaken immediately.

Yours Val

ARCHBISHOP TAITS INFANT SCHOOL, that little low building at the edge of Lambeth Rd and Archbishops Park, will not be allowed to become offices, as the Diocesan Church Board recently re-requested. Amongst other reasons - the Waterloo District Plan says not.

THERE HAVE BEEN ENQUIRIES about the development on the Hatch Row site. Their committee would like to say that progress has been held up due to negotiations with the GLC and DOE which are lengthy and slow. We expect the lease to be handed over shortly, and we are dealing with a foundation problem. When this is settled we hope to see a start on the on the site.

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## 110 JOBS SAVED

WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF BEING SET UP, Southwark's £3m Industrial Development Fund has already helped to safeguard 110 jobs. Three companies have already received help from the fund, and two of these, Bi-Print and Heating Installations Ltd, are situated in SE1. 20 more companies are seeking assistance.

Bi-Print is a printing, artwork and type-setting company started in 1971 and by 1977 their annual turnover had reached £800,000. The company has outgrown its existing premises in Clerkenwell and decided to build its own factory/office complex. Its search for a site put it in touch with Southwark Council, who found them a new building at 33 Copperfield Street, SE1.

## Severe Pressure

The Council has worked out a funding scheme with the company involving a loan of £295,000. The company will move into their new building in 1979 and up to 40 new jobs will be created.

Heating Installations Ltd of Westminster Bridge Road has traded in Southwark since 1906 as heating and ventilating engineers and oil and gas burner manufacturers. Its 20 skilled craftsmen have more than 230 years' combined service with the company. The recession of the last three years has put the company under severe cash/credit pressure and Southwark Council will now help them to rebuild stocks, finance outstanding debts and continue the expansion begun before the 1974/5 recession.

The third company, Norman Martin Skirts Ltd, is being helped to take over the Rael-Brook factory in Carlton Works, Asylum Road, saving 50 jobs.

*Matters  
Arising....*

THE OLD STEVENSON AND HOWELL BUILDING in Great Suffolk Street is to be redeveloped by Town and City Properties if Southwark agree a mixed office/industry plan for the site.

A FACTORY IS PLANNED for the tinned up site in Loman Street by the GPO Parcels Depot in Union Street.

THE COIN STREET ACTION COMMITTEE are to see Bob Mellish MP for Bermondsey to urge him to ask Peter Shore, Minister of the Environment, for an inquiry into the Coin Street office and housing conflict.

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