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A major public campaign is gathering momentum to fight the GLC's proposed Southern Relief Route, which would cut a swathe of destruction through Rotherhithe and Bermondsev.

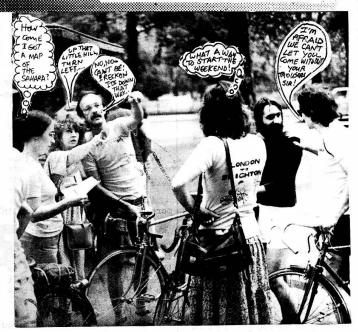
About 50 people turned up at the last Rotherhithe Forum. bringing petitions which have started circulating around local estates.

Joint action with residents from other affected parts of the Borough is planned, and comes up for discussion at Bermondsey Forum on the 11th September and at North Southwark Community Development Group on the 12th September.

All this leads up to a key public meeting on the 25th September at the Assembly Rooms, Rotherhithe Baths at 7.30nm.

The proposed motorway has brought together in opposition a curious alliance, including the Council, whose Leader, John O'Grady has dubbed it 'Dynamite Way and both Bermondsey and Southwark Trades Councils.

In its latest newsletter the Southwark Trades Council says; "The disastrous £140 million scheme would put between 600 and 1000 Southwark jobs at risk ... scythe down about 400 homes, chop about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of Southwark park, and demolish two schools and a Community Centre in the borough".



8a.m. Saturday July 28th outside the Oval...what's going on???? There's a clue on the back of the T-Shirt. The full story on p6.

# BORTION RIGHTS DEFENDED

### Corrie Threat

Women (and men!) will be glad to know that a Southwark campaign has been set up to defend our rights of access to abortion. These rights are under serious threat from a Bill currently before Parliament, proposed by a certain MR John Corrie. CORRIE'S BILL WILL CHANGE THE ABORTION LAWS.

The bill will result in: 1. Restricting the grounds for abortion.

Reducing the upper time limit to 20 weeks.

3. Smashing the abortion charities.

For more detailed information about the Bill and details of the National Campaign and the TUC-called Demonstration on October 28th - see page 6.

### Southwark's Campaign

In Southwark we've got off to a flying start, with over 80 people at an Open Meeting. Most of them, plus some more, are active already with street leafletting round shopping centres, collecting signatures on a petition, and planning other activities, including on a petition.

Other activities are being planned including work on housing estates, raising money and speaking at meetings.

### Contacts

If you want to know more about the Campaign or the Bill or if you can help in any way please phone us: Carol 701 9328 (work)

703 5048 (home) 237 1715 (work)

732 2633 (home)

\*NO CORRIE BILL\* \*NO RESTRICTION ON ABORTION RIGHTS\* \*NO CORRIE BILL\*

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### FIGHTING THE CUTS

RIGHT: a group of building workers listen to one of the speakers at a large picket of County Hall on July 24th. Tenants and building workers joined forces with GLC architects and others (including the Coin Street Action Group) as part of a growing campaign against Tory GLC policies aimed at selling off GLC housing, closing down the directly employed labour department, cutting off the grant to the London Tenants Organisation, and encouraging office development instead of badly needed housing.





### OF THE MONTH

DENNY'S, on the corner of Hatfields and Roupell Street, has stocked SE1 since the very first issue in July 1975. The shop recently had a bright new front erected - a brave move by Norman and Joyce (pictured above), since in the seven years they've been running the shop, it's been broken into no less than sixteen times!

Norman reckons he gets up at five o'clock at their home the other side of Catford, in order to be here in time to open the shop at seven for the early birds. He certainly looks as it he's already done a day's work. sometimes, by the time the morning's tide of commuters has flowed through the shop! Don't know how he keeps going till six in the evening. He used to open all day Saturday and Sunday morning as well, but they found there wasn't enough business to justify all the travelling.

SE1's thanks to Norman and Joyce for their support and



## Letters

#### No to cuts

Dear SE1.

I am very upset to hear about the cuts in the AHA, because I have to go to hospital quite a lot. If the government wants to make cuts, why don't they make cuts in the army, RAF and

The army are short of men, so a lot of their vehicles are not in use. The navy are short of men , so there are a lot of warships and subs in dry dock. The RAF are short of pilots. 200 to be precise, and if you

consider that one fighter plane costs £20 million these cuts are a joke. I cannot see why we pay £20m for something that kills which we pay for with our money, Dear SE1, and then they say that they are going to cut our money that pays for our hospitals, to kill more people. To me, this is our the earth.

to pay for a pint of blood. I

know the rich will be able to

But can the poor pay for their

pint of blood? There stands the

afford their pound of flesh.

question, don't you think?.

23/24 Lower Marsh, SE1.

Yours sincerely,

E.J. Acourt

53 Kennington Rd. SE1

#### Cuts draw blood

Dear SE1.

I think there should be no more cuts in the National Health Service, or else it will be so under-funded it is bound to founder for good and all. If that's the Government's wish. then I think they had better be careful, or they may just sow t the seed of revolution, if they are not careful, very careful indeed.

People must be sick and tired of cuts in places where they are always felt by the local people, the ordinary person. And the rich just do what they always done: pay for their treatment. And as in most cases, because of their money, they go to the top of any list, and get the best treatment money can buy.

So the more people have, the government take more and more of their money away and give less in return. They are in danger. The people's health must surely come first, if not its it very hard for a poor person to stay under the thumb-screws without a fight. When your family's health is under threat, then the poor will fight to survive

I think we should all fight cuts to the health service, unless the people would like to pay for all their health problems. I think just a few people

money, and it should go to stopping people from dying and not to wipe people off the face of Fondest repards for the human

C. J. Bell

### 56 Bellenden Road, SE15. Disappointment

Jumping

Councillors?

Now the (police) ban on

stunt-riding has been lifted,

may we suggest that 34 South-

wark Councillors try jumping

over 4 Town Halls on a Bull-

Yours faithfully,

Sally Anderson

Dear SF1.

dozer?.

Following my letter to you in June, I have now got to let you know that for reasons unknown, there will NOT be a might die because they're unable CHEMIST in Blackfriars, and the shop is to be let for other nurnnses.

> I know that this will come as a disappointment, as it did to me and to a lot of people.

Your respectfully. H.J. Hare,

256 Helen Gladstone House Nelson Square, SE1.

### If the health cuts go ahead...

Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham will reduce the intake of student nurses by 200 over the next three years.

St Olaves may be closed. Staff at Guys will be cut back to less than the number in

ST THOMAS DISTRICT

Holmhurst Geriatric Hospital could be closed. The Tooting Bec Hospital could be shutdown, with facilities being concentrated in part of the South Western Hospital. But there are proposals to close the South Western

Fifty general medical beds would be closed in St Thomas' Hospital. Plans for renal dialysis facilities at Lambeth Hospital would be completely shelved

KINGS HEALTH DISTRICT

St Giles Hospital is due to be closed. This will increase the waiting lists for people eeding orthopaedic operations. This hospital provides a vital service for the

AMBULANCE SERVICES.

London is short of 600 ambulance drivers. This means crews are being taken off out-patient work to help out the emergency service. This is already affecting our area.

### southwark child care campaign

- is setting up an exciting new project in the Surrey Docks area. It will investigate child care provision in the area for children of all ages with working parents, and work towards extending and improving present facilities. Surrey Docks is a development area. It will be facing many changes over the next few years, including a growth in population. These changes will present a great challenge for those living and working in the area.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR a part-time Administrative Worker to join the Co-ordinator. The job will be varied but will include typing, duplicating and general responsibilities for the office. The office will be located in the Surrey Docks area.

Local knowledge and an interest in the aims of the Project are more important than recent office experience.

> 18 hours per week Local Authority scale AP 1 - approx £36 per week.

Closing date : 17th Sept. 1979.

Please write with details of yourself, your experience and your interest in the job to Nicky Road, Portakabin Offices, St. Albans Hall, Penton Place, SE 17.

Contact Carol Walliker, Co-ordinator, if you want to discuss the job. Daytime - 701-1038/9. Eveninos - 249-1257.

### Museum in Bermondsey?

Following the success of its recent exhibition on Edwardian education (the 'Good old golden rule days'), the Inner London Education Authority is thinking about setting up a 'Museum of Education', which would house this and other displays of the history of education.

There is a possibility that the Authority might be interested in using a building in Bermondsey for the Museum. Any readers interested in this idea and wishing to encourage it, can learn more from Edna Matheson (tel: 237 3731).



Ironically flanked by 2 booze advertisements across the road, folksinger Jackie Summers entertained a demonstration outside the DHSS Headquarters at the Elephant, protesting against cuts in projects helping alcoholics in South East London. The protest was organised by a newly formed action group - Save Alcoholism Services - and was addressed by speakers including Lord Soper and Lambeth MP John Tilley. Next day a SAS deputation met Health Minister Gerard Vaughan who promised to look at the possibility of DHSS help for projects facing imminent closure. The government makes many millions out of the taxes on drink, but spends peanuts to help those who fall victims to the industry's 'success'.

wages, in an already underpaid

profession, were calculated to

20 per cent, to catch up with

rundown

refused to provide any more

rity correctly decided by 19

votes to 5 that it could not

carry out the cuts in expendi-

ture. Health Minister Patrick

Jenkin promptly sacked them and

sent in five Commissioners who

could be relied on to run the

Area's Health service down in

Janet Maquire, Secretary of

the Campaign against the Health

"The Tory Government is

determined to finance tax cuts

for the wealthy at the expense

of working meanle's health. The

worst hit by these cuts would

disabled and the poorest section

of the community - none of these

be the aged, the permanently

the way be wante.

Cuts, told SE1:

money to cover the increases -

so the local Area Health Autho-

The Government has adamantly

The Cuts being planned in

the NHS will have a devastating

effect on the lives and health

of the people in South London.

This is why the three trades

councils of Lambeth Lewisham

outside the NHS, formed the

and Southwark, along with trade

union branches both inside and

Campaign Against Health Cuts in

Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham.

The Committee was formed when

trade unionists got wind of a

early this year by the Area

had been told to chop £4.5

Health Authority which covers

these three boroughs. The AHA

million off its annual spending.

however, mean that somewhere in

the region of £8 or £9 million

the area's health expenditure.

The former figure of 4.5 mil-

lion had been based on infla-

tion staying at 8 per cent. -

inflation will be 18 per cent.

by late this year! The Budget

increased VAT from 8 to 15 per

for in the former figures); and

cent (which was not allowed

but it is now estimated that

will actually be taken out of

The Cuts now being proposed

secret document being discussed

Street battle is the unveiling of the giant scheme put forward by Greycoats Properties, which would use all the available sites in the Coin Street area (including the ones in Southwark adjoining the still-empty hotel /office block in King's Reach).

The plan would create a huge 'wall' of offices, up to twenty stories high, all the way along Upper Ground behind the National Theatre, London Weekend Television, etc - curling round to the river bank at Baroe House allev where the old steps lead down to the water at present. Some housing (flats) would be built between this 'wall' and Stamford Street.

The Minister of the Environ ment has already decided that this plan should be included in the Coin Street Public Inquiry, even though to do so means

**WE'LL FIGHT NHS CUTS!** tax cuts and VAT increases! The

> in the NHS, and is for free health care for all those who need it. This is why we aim to mobilise the labour movement and the community to resist these cuts.

We will use petitions, demonstrations and pickets. If need the Association of Waterloo se we will urge occupations and industrial action by the entire local labour movement to fight the cuts. people's health and lives are at stake, and we are determined to take what action is necessary to protect them."

### meetings

The Campaign will be holding rise by 5 per cent., whereas the its first PUBLIC MEETING on wage claims have averaged around Thursday, 6 September at 7.30pm in the NORTH PECKHAM CIVIC CENTRE, Old Kent Road.

Readers interested in supting the work of the Campaign (for instance, by getting friends and neighbours to sign the petition; distributing leaflets. etc) should contact Janet Maquire, ECG Department, Guy's Hospital, SE1 (tel: 407 7600).

has arrived so late. The two inquiries will run together, adding to the already huge confusion of the existing Inquiry, with its comings and goings of different developers as they continue their behindthe-scenes deals over who is going to pull the plum out of the Coin Street Christmas pie.

The Public Inquiry starts anain after ite eummer breek, on Sentember 4th.

Grevcoats Properties are meanwhile attempting to undermine the unanimous local opposition to any form of office development on these sites. They have had a meeting with local representatives to try and 'sell' them the monster office scheme as a 'reasonable balance! between the speculators' greed and the human needs of the area.

They are also putting the model of their scheme on show at the Old Vic, in the hope that a fancy display will convince local people that over one and a quarter million so. feet of offices is really just what we need. They 've even Campaign fights against ALL cuts decided that an advertisement in SE1 might help to give respectability and approval to the plan-SE1 is happy to let people know the exhibition is on - go and see for yourself what the speculators have in mind for our area. But don't be conned by them!

When they saw the new plan. Groups and the North Southwark Community Development Group said 'We are borrified that anyone could seriously propose a Berlin Wall of offices a quarter of a mile long, that cuts South London off from the river - but that is precisely what the Grey coats plan would do. The Coin Street sites are the only significant sites available for housing, both in this area and the whole of Lambeth. Lambeth Council has 17,000 people on its waiting list - the longest in London. We desperately need these sites to build the sort of good quality, low rise houses with gardens that families want to live in. The Grevenats scheme is the wrong scheme in the wrong place at the wrong time. We reject it completely'.

### COIN STREET EXHIBITION

Greycoat London Estates' proposals for the redevelopment of the Coin Street area are being exhibited at

THE OLD VIC, WATERLOO ROAD, SEI

From Wednesday 15 August for two weeks. Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. 10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS

GREYCOAT LONDON ESTATES LIMITED

### **WANTED:** Lollipopers

SCHOOL CROSSING ATTENDANTS are wanted to patrol busy streets in the Borough area.

The appointment of the lollipop people is a success story for parents of kids from St. Saviours and St. Joseph's primary schools. Last March they presented the Council with a petition of several hundred names after 2 accidents involving kids on their way to school. (See the photo in SE 1. April '79.)

Local police took note and are now looking for people to fill the 4 posts available.



If you're interested, CONTACT Sqt. Stokes, Southwark Police Station on 407 8044.

It's part-time work paid by the hour. The jobs would suit retired people wanting a bit of extra cash. It helps if you like kids.

### thingimijig

Charterhouse Street Theatre group, and for the first three weeks of the summer holidays the sound of their songs and chants echoed around the streets Estate, who had been having of Bermondsey.

The first week's play 'starring! Superweatherman, found everyone chanting 'You never know with weather 'cos it changes all the time!, and we certainly didn't. Though Superweatherman told us to 'keep your eyes peeled to the sky. now you'll believe a man can fly...', we were really looking for rainclouds and wondering if the rain would hold off!



The afternoons were filled with games, and arts and crafts, and the kids made things connected to the morning!s Here again we were

fighting the wind, as paintings and other objets d'art blew away, and a few times we were all sent scurrying back to the Ark in Crosby Row.

On Wednesdays Thingimijig joined up with the LAW STREET BUMPERS, the other Charterhouse playscheme on the Tabard a lot of fun, with much enthusiastic help from teenagers and mums. They had arranged swimming trips, games, outings to Greenwich, Canvey Island and other exciting places.

The subject of the second Thingimijig play was 'The princess who wouldn't smile! and all the kids enjoyed the antics of Terry Harris, brother to Rolf?, really a dentist in disquise! He decided she couldn't smile as she didn't have any teeth, and wielding a large syringe and various saws, amid much groaning and screaming he fixed on a cardboard grin.

In the final week we were taken into DR. FRANKENFURTER'S laboratory and were kept in suspense as to exactly what was in the coffin. The two cleaners of the laboratory kept trying to peep, but were foiled every time by Riffraff, the doctor's evil assistant. When the monster finally emerged. many of the kids were fright-

Many thanks must go to the students who made up Thingimiiig and to all the other helpers who were involved for the three weeks.



"It's child's play" doesn't seem to be the story on the faces of these two 'contented mums' who were brave enough to act as helpers on the Charterhouse scheme.





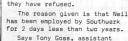
Reading the South London Press, residents of SE1 would not have gathered much about the Day Festival in Burgess Park on August 4th to mark the 'Year of the Child'. A picture of the 'Tribute to Elvis' stall was all they could muster.

However there were many local groups taking part including Mint Street Adventure Playground and Rockingham Play Association from SE1. In fact a large group of different play and other children's organisations had organised events for the day, helped by

a £400 grant from Southwark Council.

The range of events from mural painting organised by Mint Street to throwing huge liquorice Allsorts at gaping mouths run by the Southwark Child Care Campaign was free although the legendary fundraising of Rockingham Play Association did come to the surface selling a few cakes.

The day proved a great success and will hopefully lead to more joint ventures long after the year of the child has been forgotten.



Says Tony Goss, assistant Social Services convenor: "When we met the Councillors. we produced mounds of evidence that there was no such thing as a 2-year rule. They just said they had confidence that the Director of Social Services

"Certainly if there is such in the Social Work strike."



Tel. 582 7680 Bookings 735 2786

### COUNCIL WORKER **VICTIMISED**

NALGO are taking Southwark Council to the Industrial Tribunal in one of the many disputes arising out of the Social Work strike.

The dispute concerns Neil Williams who is taking a course to qualify as a social worker. having worked up till now unqualified. Normal practice would be for Southwark to pay for the course: but in this cas they have refused.

has been employed by Southwark

knew what he was talking about!

rule, it's never been applied before. We suspect that the sole reason for their refusal is Neil's active participation





SCHOOL MEALS

The I.L.E.A. have just nounced that from the beginning of the Autumn term, more parents will be able to claim free school meals.

Entitlement to free meals depends on the number of children in the family and the parents' net income - i.e. take-home pay, child benefit and any other income less rent or mortgage, rates, fares to work, and certain other outqoings.

This increase in the scales will coincide with an increase in the price of school meals to 30o. There will be another increase as usual in November. Best advice is : if in doubt,

AND SCHOOL UNIFORMS ...

Parents buying uniforms during the holidays for their children's return to school in Sentember should non into the Lambeth Walk Consumer Advice Centre. Throughout August the centre will have a display on school uniforms and how to get the best value for money when

For those parents who receive shool uniform grants from the ILEA, the centre can provide a list of shops which accept the vouchers. Lambeth Consumer Service advisers will also be able to belo parents who think they may qualify annly for a grant.

The display will also give information on how to look after clothing, care labelling and consumers rights if anything goes wrong. The display runs until 8th September.

Lambeth Walk Consumer Advice Centre, in Lambeth Walk shopping Precinct, SE 11. Open Tuesday to Saturday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

### SEI MULLE

#### 12 Meymott Street, S.E.1. tel: 928·1643

SE1 is a community newspaper This means it is run by local people who live or work in the area. It is non-profit making and no one gets paid (not even the pubs or newsagents which sell it). The paper provides an alternative to the commercial press for news and views which rarely get an airing.

you have ideas, news or something to publicise, why not

If you have ideas, news or would like to help with producing the paper why not come to one of the meetings listed below where we sort out what will go in the next issue?

MEETINGS Mondays 10th & 17th September.

AST DAY for articles to go in the next issue is 17th Sentember

ELP PREPARE THE PAPER It's great fun typing, thinking up headlines and glueing down the stories: the weekend of 22nd and 23rd September. 11am till we finish - stay for as long as you have time.

### Peoples History Group

THE SE1 PEOPLE'S HISTORY GROUP meets again after the summer break on Tuesday September 11th at 7.30 in North Lambeth Library, Lower Marsh.

The group discusses and records memories of ordinary peoples' lives in the area.

Drop in to the library and ses our display. or look at the booklets we've printed already (10p each).

Better still, come to the meeting, which will open with à discussion about street life in Lower Marsh in the 30 to.



for the Hatfields open space, so those wishing to use the pitch there should contact Bob or Jim at the number above

JUMBLE WANTED: we're having a jumble sale in November, so we're looking for any jumble you can spare. We'll collect if you can't bring it round yourself, so let Bob or Jim know if you can offer anything.

### Have bike - will travel

1 (RIGHT) July 28th saw 45 community paper supporters up with the dawn. Riders came from all 3 Southwark papers - SE 1. Walworth in Print & Peckham Pulse. Kennington residents had never seen so many legs in their lives. What could be up? Bicycles & money were the 2 main clues.



(RIGHT) By the lunch stop, the riders were getting more confident that they really would make it too ... ssh, quess where. Sandwiches and orange juice were enthusiastically gobbled. The weather was good - most riders opted for the shade of a tree for their siesta.



5 (RIGHT) The last stretch. Only one rider had dropped out (with cramp) on the 60 mile journey. Is there somebody still smiling there? - Everyone still had the appearance of having a good time - specially at the tea-stop for home made flap-jacks. SE 1's financial situation was looking up too, as the puffed out treasurer remarked.



2 (LEFT) Yes, a sponsored cycle ride. 'To Croydon or just Streatham? F came the taunt from rival Lambeth "journalists". The early going wasn't too bad, with more bumps than hills. and plenty of stops to buy chewing



4 (LEFT) Noone knew quite where these 'youngsters . got the energy from. They seemed to think it was fun going up 5 in 1 hills (don't tell me that should be 1 in 5). This picture sees them smiling their way down from Ditchling Beacon. Several riders swore the atmosphere was getting too thin for cycling on the way up.



(LEFT) Yes, you guessed it it's Brighton pier. Lots of smiles. Next on the agenda was loading the bikes on the Elephant Jobs lorry. Then a swim, the pub, hot baths and a rather stiff Sunday. Meanwhile members of QueenSpark community association planned a mass descent on London in return. WATCH DUT!

### THE CYCLE RIDE WAS SPONSORED BY...

AND ALL THOSE INDIVIDUALS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION



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**Abortion Rights** 

Contd. from front page

The Corrie Bill threatens abortion rights for women in three ways:-

1.Restricting Grounds

It will be almost impossible to get a doctor to do an abortion unless the woman's life is in grave danger or there is a <u>substantial</u> risk of serious injury to the woman's physical or mental health. or that of her children. These three words will make it practically impossible for the majority of women to get abortions.

2.Reducing Upper Time Limit

The present time limit is 28 weeks. The new limit would mean that doctors would not do abortions after 16 weeks, to allow for error. A woman would have to be literally dving before she could get a later abortion. The only exception would be if the foetus was severely handicapped.

3.Smashing Abortion Charities

Corrie says there can be no financial link between the referral agencies and the clinics where abortions are done. This will paralyse the charities, who at present deal with at least 25% of abortions. Where will women go for abortions if the Corrie Bill is passed? There are certainly no proposals in the Bill to help women get abortions on the NHS; in fact, with the heatlh service getting brutally cut, getting an NHS abortion is already more difficult.

National Opposition to the Bill

The Labour Party and the TUC are against the Bill, so are doctors, nurses and midwives, including the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians. What we need now are forceful campaigns in every area to get everyone to realise the threat to abortion rights contained in Corrie's Bill, and to make clear to our elected representatives that they must vote against this Bill. These local campaigns are well under way in many areas.

October Demonstration

The climax of the national campaign will be at the end of October before the Bill has its final reading. The TUC have called a demonstration for SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER, from Marble Arch to Trafalgar Square (assemble at 11.30). Please join us, and bring your friends, neighbours, and trade union branch members. Let's make sure the MP's get the message

### glc tories: bye bye to council housing

"Sell the best - Get rid of the rest".

Their strategy is threefold:

\* FIRST - SELL ANY PROPERTY WORTH LIVING IN

\* SECOND - TRANSFER THE REMAINDER TO THE LOCAL BORDLIGHS \* THIRD - STOP BUILDING HOMES FOR RENT.

Their sales plan is accelerating with the appointment of a Director of House Sales.

IN THIS DETAILED REPORT, SE 1 REPORTS ON THE LIKELY EFFECTS THEIR TRANSFER PLAN WILL HAVE FOR OUR READERS.

of its role as the country's biggest landlords the GLC is trying to transfer the bulk of its housing in January 1980 to local councils. Southwark Council has agreed to take over the 22,000 GLC homes in the borough together with nearly 900 increasing the rates (about 1p GLC workers responsible for theirin the pound). Outer London refused to have anything to do with the transfers, claiming that the present arrangements will make the Council. tenants and ratepayers worse off. The London Tenants organisation is firmly opposed. All the other increases. Since August 1978 cept Tower Hamlets have also refused to accept the GLC's tran-average £1.20 (16%) last April tiating.

There is little doubt that tenance of council housing and less chance for tenants to move to better housing.

### Rates up

Older GLC property usually makes a profit. Most of this oughs which will be able to keep this profit. In the past the



"We Conservatives have always believed in home-ownership -I personally own over a hundred and fifty ... "

As part of its aim to get out GLC has used this surplus to offsetthe deficit on newer property mostly in inner London, where loans to cover building costs are still being paid off.

After transfer this difference estimated at £1,000,000 in 1978-79. will have to be made up by management and maintenance. But boroughs will be able to use the Lambeth Council has steadfastly profits from former GLC housing to offset such rate increases.

### Rents up

As a prelude to transfer the GLC has been making huge rent inner London Labour boroughs ex- there has been an average increase of £1.80 (26%) with an sfer terms though some are nego- and another increase due in October. The GLC's proposed subsidy system to local councils these terms will be bad for inner that take over GLC housing will London resulting in higher retes, assume that similar rent increases council tenants. higher council rents, less main- will continue. And if councils want to keen rents down then they'll either have to find the money elsewhere or put up the rates - unlikely when there is now so much pressure on the rates from government cuts.

### property is in outer London bor- Moving round London

Up to now GLC tenants have found it much easier to move around London, especially from inner to outer London. In 1976 over 8,000 families from inner London were rehoused in outer London, 3 of the total lettings by the GLC in outer London. This will stop once the GLC housing is transferred to local councils and people living on estates like Tanswell in Lambeth or Tabard in Southwark will have virtually no hope of ever moving to better housing. The situation is made even worse by the fact that the GLC is selling off its best houses before transfer.

## BOROUGH COMMUNITY

56 SOUTHWARK BRIDGE ROAD, SE1.

LARGE HALLS : SOCIALS £25 (youth clubs £15), WEDDINGS £30, MEETINGS £15, OTHER BOOKINGS £5 per hr. (£3 locals) SMALL ROOMS £1.50 per hr. (queries ? then phone up for rates)

2 HALLS FOR HIRE + SMALLER MEETING ROOMS + KITCHEN BOOKINGS TAKEN FOR SOCIALS, WEDDINGS, MEETINGS, DANCES, CONFERENCES, JUMBLE SALES.

Write to Borough Community Centre or ring 928.8165 day 407.6542 evening.

Bert's boots The GLC is proposing a new Mobility Scheme, but it offers little extra hope. The cut in the GLC's building programme to less than 1.000 homes per year

and the concentration on building only in Docklands, Thames-Border League. mead and Covent Garden will increase pressure on housing in

### Pressure on the rebel boroughs

Lambeth Council like other inner London Labout-controlled boroughs will find itself under increasing pressure both from the GLC and Government to accen the transfer or accent the consquences. Tactics being considered by the GLC include the establishment of an Independent Housing Authority, sales on the open market, transfers to Housino Associations, punitive rent increases on GLC tenants. "dumpino" of "problem" tenants and rundown of maintenance and renairs.

Southwark Council has accepte transfer and have succeeded in cetting the GLC to buy out the notorious mobile caretaking scheme by making the caretakers an offer they can't refuse. The GLC has also agreed not to sell off anymore of its housing in Southwark. One new estate, in Rephidim Street, Bricklayers Arms, has thus been saved for

#### Regulars at the Prince Albert in Colombo Street have organized a soccer team which will play in the London Kent

Known as the 'Albert Football Club', it got off to a perfect start by winning its first friendly 4-0.



The team trains at Hatfields where it's attracted interested attention from local kids, and raised the possibility of a youngsters team sometime in the future.

Money for the club has come from raffles and other events. On Saturday September 22nd there'll be a Disco-Dance at the IPC Club in Colombo Street. from 7.30pm to midnight. All are welcome - tickets are £1.50. including buffet.

You can spot the players by the soft drink in their glasses their matches are on Sunday morninos.

For more information contact Steve Ellerington, 102 Kingsley Flats, Old Kent Road. Tel 237-

### Benefit that backfired

A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH LONDON CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOCIAL SECURITY CUTS MAKES AN APOLOGY FOR THE 'SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT' THAT WENT WRONG ...

We were naturally very disappointed by the benefit for the campaign held in Colombo St. more and more urgent. In a on July 27th. The bands which played assured us that at orevious events there had always

At Colombo St however, some of the kids just had too much to drink. And the tension increased incredibly when a group of the kids from the fascist 'British Movement' turned up. Apparently the attendance of fascist kids is a disturbing new trend at musical events.

We do apologise for all the inconvenience caused to local people. All we can say is that on August 29 (Wednesday), at the trouble was just about con-

By the way, the actual campaign is gaining strength. but the situation is becoming recent confidential letter to department officials, Patrick Jenkin (the minister) said he been a good friendly atmosphere. recognised there was no more room for cosmetic cuts: what was needed was a radical attack on the level of services.

The November social security increases are almost bound to be paid later, due to lack of staff.

In response to this, there will be a nicket at DHSS headquarters at Alexander Fleming House (Elephant and Castle), 3.30 pm. The picket has been tained - and it certainly won't called by the CPSA, one of the DHSS unions.

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### WATERLOO WOODY

"MESSIN! AROUND"

You can tell my hard hitting words are getting up the noses of certain folks - it's no coincidence both Southwark and the GLC have come up with extravagant lamp-post schemes, and it took me no time at all to see through their devillish intentions.

First Southwark decides to spend £15000 from its so-called "Environment Fund" to replace normal lamp-posts in Trinity Square with ye-olde-worlde-trendy -type-fake-gasse-lampe-postes.

Now the GLC says its going to spend £38,000 cleaning up the dolphin lamps by the Thames.

Well\_it's a conspiracy! They figured I'd be lured to these flash perches like a mouse to the cheese in a trap...snap! I'd be theirs, like James Bond in Goldfinger's evil clutches.

So when I come visiting your ornaments it'll be on my terms, flying visits with my winged mates from above, and my fourlegged ones from below.

The lesson is:don't mess with Woody or you'll find out what messin' is really all about.





### DICKENS

OVER 30 CHILDREN from the Rockingham Estate marched on County Hall on Wednesday 15th August to demand a park on Dickens Square, a large derelict piece of land next to the

estate and owned by the GLC.

The protest was in response to a rumour that the square was to be sold for private development.

Rockingham Estate Play Association (REPA) have been keeping an eye on the square ever since Southwark Council, in a fit of madness, destroyed the only other chance of easing the chronic shortage of open space on the estate by building on the site of the adventure playground in Meadow Row.

There are also noises that the residents of Trinity Church Square would also like use of the land.

Rockingham Estate, having over 1,000 flats, must have priority in deciding any future

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use of the square, and the protest was to establish that consultation must take place.

Reg Goodwin, the local GLC member and leader of the Labour opposition at County Hall, met the children at the front entrance. He told them that as far as he knew there were plans for the GLC to lay out the Square as temporary open space. He agreed with REPA that if any money was going to be spent then the needs of local residents must be taken into account He undertook to insist that nothing should happen until a meeting had taken place on the estate between officials of the GLC and Rockingham tenants.

Anne Keane, secretary of REPA told SE1 afterwards that she was pleased with the demonstration and felt it had made the point to Reg Goodwin that there were very strong feelings on the Estate about lack of playspace and open space.

# BRIXTON

LIVE MUSIC - THEATRE INFLATABLES -5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT DOMINO COMPETITIONS -STALLS

ALL THIS AND MORE is on offer at Brixton Carnival 179 to be held at Brockwell Park on Saturday September 2nd.

The event is a Carnival against racism, bringing together in a day of fun people from all the races of which the community is made up.

Brixton Carnival 179 runs from noon to 7pm and is supported by a wide range of people and organisations, including Lambeth Council.

See you there!

### WHAT DO YOU THINK WE NEED?

Lambeth Council are planning to make improvements to some of the open spaces in the Waterloo area, and this gives local residents an opportunity to make sure that the improvements meet the needs of the area. The Waterloo Community Development Group will be meeting with the Council planners in September to tell them what local people want - so if you've got an opinion on what you'd like to see done with any of these sites, call in at the Waterloo Action Centre, 14 Baylis Road (where you can see rough plans), or contact Margaret Mellor, tel 928 5510.

Some suggestions have already been made, and you may wish to comment on these, or make other ones.





UFFORD STREET RECREATION Playspace?

Parents & pensioners sitting out area? 

### CAMPBELL BUILDINGS

Lambeth 's Housing Sub-Committee is to consider the demolition porgramme for Campbell Buildings on September 15th.

A recent meeting between Campbell Buildings tenants and the Housing Chairperson Matthew Warburton, discussed the use of the "buffer" block (that is, the block which would stand nearest to the block being demolished, as each block in turn is pulled down).

. Lambeth council with a huge waiting list quite rightly want to make as full use as possible of any empty housing which has a reasonalble life, and is considering using the "buffer" blocks as short-term housing for people whom the Council has

no legal liability to rehouse, but whose housing need the Council recognises.

The tenants in Campbell Buildings are worried that using the "buffer" blocks for short-term; tenants will mean that the people put in the buffer blocks would get rehoused ahead of them - and might therefore be suspected of 'queue-jumping'. Warburton promised them that the Campbell Buildings tenants would get better re-housing offers than any short-term tenants, and that the use of the buffer blocks in this way would not cause any slowing down in the already delayed demolition programme.