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GOLDEN FIDDLE AWARDS

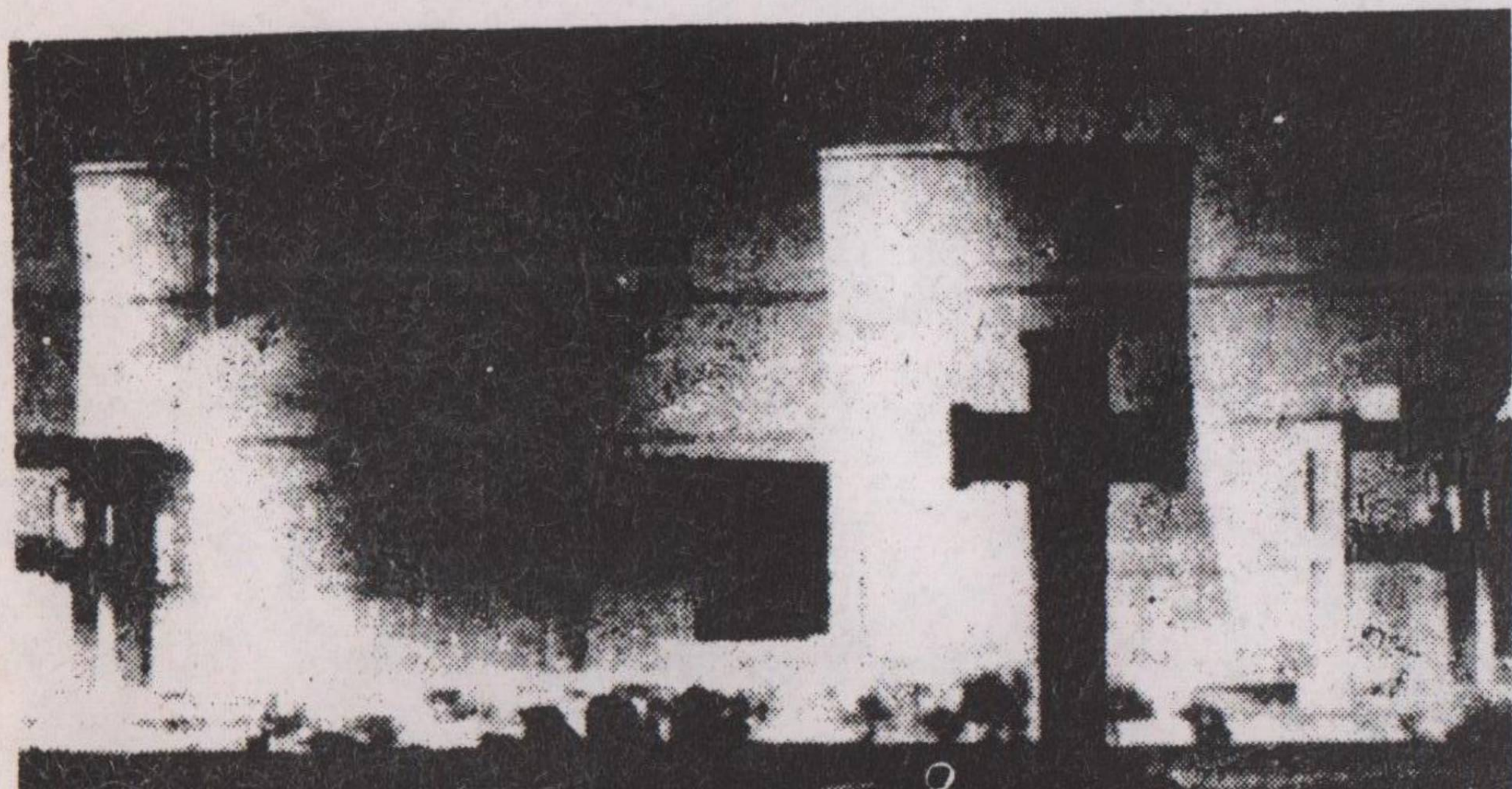
IT HAS been stumbled upon in the homes of Maryhill and the West End that the dubious practice of electricity meter fiddling is going on.

Discovered is that by loosening the glass on the face of the meter, and inserting a pin, or thin plastic or metal strip it is possible to prevent the rotation to the moving disc, thereby stopping the recording of

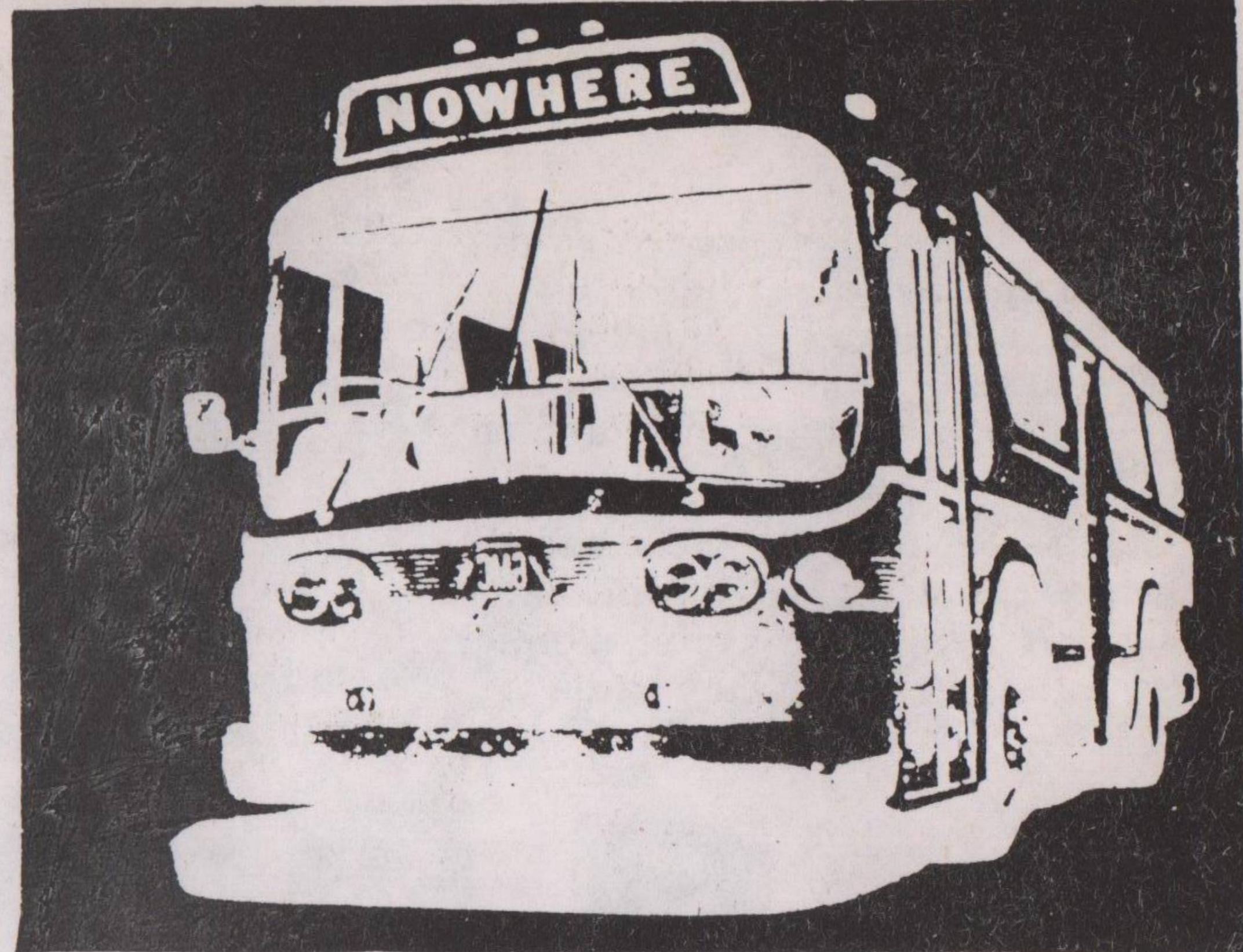
Also revealed is the use of a thin metal or plastic strip, which is inserted at the join round the meter, at the level of the spinning disc, and similarly employed to stop the rotating disc.

The above practices are both illegal and widespread, and the editors of this publication would like to express their horror and outrage at this fraud, which is being perpetrated on the good old S.S.E.B.

and we would strongly advise that our readers should never, never, never, carry out this odious practice themselves.



**NUCLEAR POWER:
IT'LL COST US THE EARTH**



NO FARE!

OVER THE PAST few weeks staff in the S.P.T.E. (buses and underground) have been holding lightning 1-day strikes in protest at the closure of three bus garages — Ibrox, Langside and Maryhill — which will involve 150 voluntary redundancies.

The Regional Council, who run this service say that these garages must close because of the declining number of passengers using the service. The reason for this can only be the high fares we have to pay, so with such inspired logic the Regional Council have decided to put those fares up further!

What's more the Council are hoping to merge the S.P.T.E. with the S.M.T. (red buses), and in the long run are planning to have only 3 bus garages running in the whole of Glasgow.

We think this is appalling — there should be twice as many buses on

the roads and they should be free to travel on.

This is something that effects everyone who uses buses, not just those working on them.

We suggest as another way to fight would be for the drivers to refuse to accept fares and for passengers to try and encourage them to do this.

The Regional Transport Committee, who obviously don't live out in some scheme which will be worst hit by their schemes, have gone beyond their 'fare stage' and so should be flung off the buses accordingly.

SAVE IT!

LAST YEAR the Electricity Board as a whole made a stunning £134, 177,000 profit from you the consumer. Nearly all of this, £113, 820,000, to be exact, was paid back in interest for building and development of the numerous positively deadly nuclear power stations which litter our countryside.

Just one of the power stations, Torness, costs the consumer £1,097,000,000. The nuclear power station's primary function is to produce plutonium, which only use is for the state's nuclear armory. The electricity that is produced is merely a by-product of plutonium production. Ever been had?

Electricity is a basic necessity to everybody. More and more people will now not be able to afford the luxury of electricity. Nobody can afford the awesome danger of nuclear power.

STOP PRESS: The S.S.E.B. have publically admitted that the entire 4.8% rise in electricity charges are 'entirely' due to the funding of the cost of work going on at the power station site at Torness.

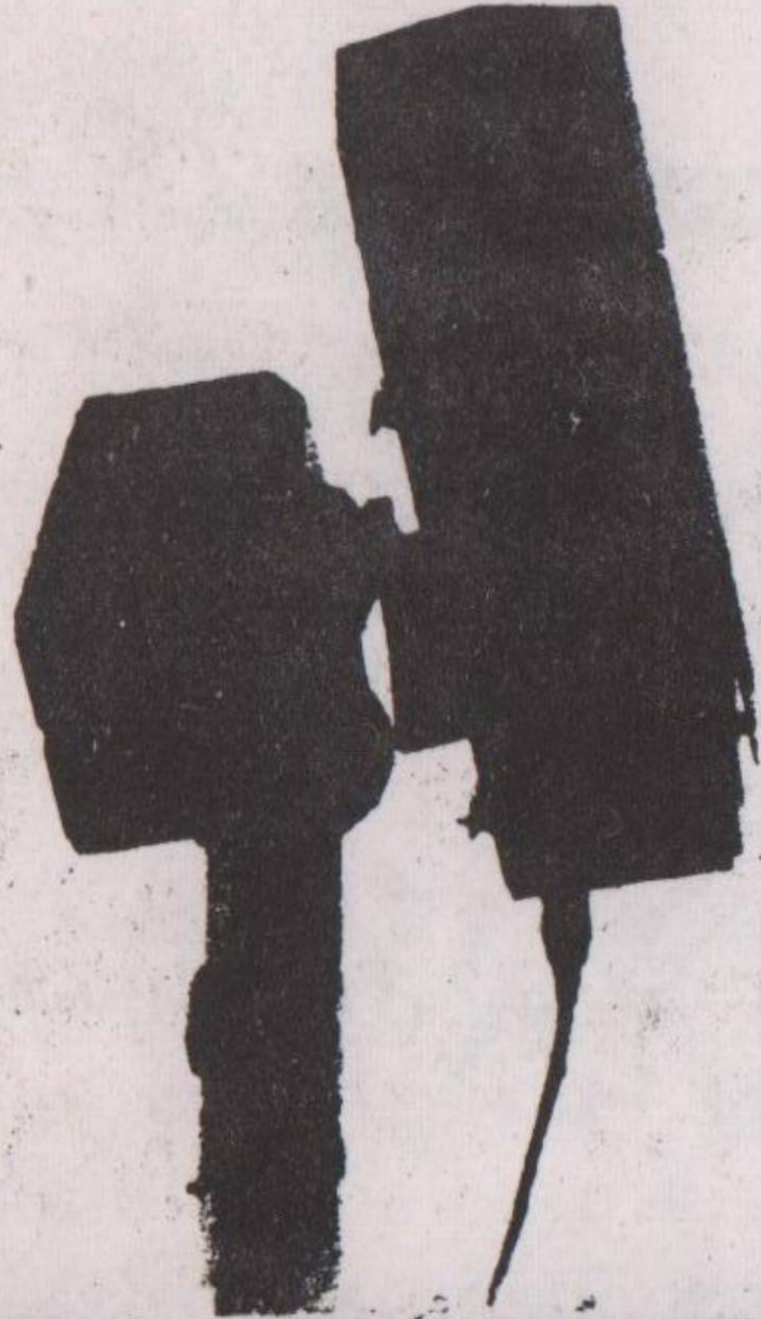
PIE IN THE SKY

The 1984 prophecy seems to have a frightening realisation in the streets of Glasgow. The observant amongst us may have noticed TV surveillance cameras springing up all over the city.

These cameras are there under the pretext of traffic control, but they can rotate full circle, therefore can watch whatever they wish.

They also have a computer which will automatically monitor 24 hours a day, anything which it decides is of interest. To link up with the computers the cameras have close-up and recording facilities. All this wonderful technology, costing £4,000,000 will cover an area of 400 square miles from Paisley to Hamilton.

These cameras are a direct threat to the freedom of action and movement of the people of Glasgow. How many times have you been filmed, referenced, and then filed away by these cameras? Don't know? Well hardly surprising. Big Brother just isn't watching you, he's watching everyone.



WE'RE AT WAR!

IT'S NOT only the bus drivers who are getting a rough deal at the moment, the unemployed as usual are being overloaded with hassles.

Over the last two months there has been an increase in unemployment review of young unemployed.

At an interview I had recently I was told:

"Mrs Thatcher is right when she talks of old-fashioned values... people must accept that the unemployed have got to sell themselves to an employer".

This is utter drivel in the traditional sense of the poor being expected to seek charity from the rich and being expected to be grateful for it.

If you get called in take somebody with you, say as little as possible as everything will be written down and used against you - liter-

ally. Most of all don't accept anything you don't want to. This is the worst part. What they are doing is trying to force people to accept these things through fear of cash deductions.

Don't let these bastards get the upper hand: organise amongst your friends and neighbours.

So far the government and their lackeys in the 'poverty industry' have managed to isolate us from the rest of the community giving us as an alternative a few places to play ping-pong. The last thing the bureaucrats and 'bovver boys' want is people to feel as part of a community because then we can fight back when they come down heavy on people - but as isolated individuals we can do nothing.

...YOUR CARING SHARING COP-OUT

IF YOU GO into Maryhill Co-Op, you may notice on the shelves that they are selling Carousel Ice Cream wafers.

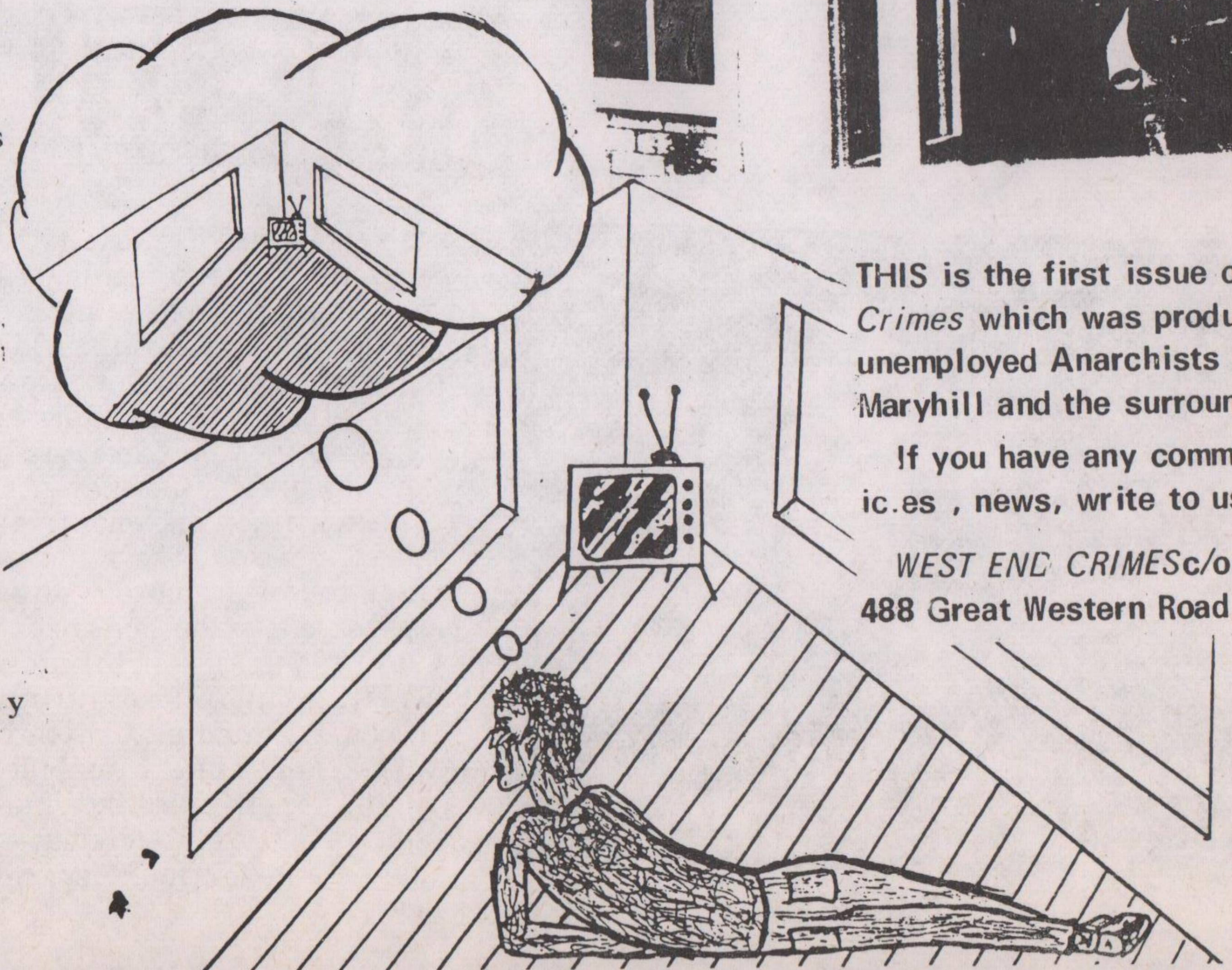
Carousel, the Company in Shettleston that make these, have been in the news over recent months, because in July the owner Sandro Saccamando, sacked nine young people for joining a union. He was known to have said that he would rather burn his factory down than have unions in it. The conditions in the factory were appalling - bird shit on the food preparation area, a bucket to take the place of the ladies toilets when the pipes froze, and one woman lost part of a finger because there were no safety guards on a machine. The pay the employees were getting was also appalling at £32 per week... That's not all: when pickets were held outside the factory Saccamando deliberately hit one woman with his car.

Yet still the co-op sells the products of this man even after agreement with the people in Shettleston to take them off their shelves, and that was six months ago.

The co-op which puts forward the idea of fighting prices and a good deal has proved that it is just another capitalist profiteering company by scabbing on the workers in Shettleston.

We suggest a boycott of the Maryhill Co-op or better still only go into it to thief from them.

Latest D.H.S.S. ploy to make sure you're looking for work.



THIS is the first issue of *West End Crimes* which was produced by some unemployed Anarchists living in Maryhill and the surrounding area.

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