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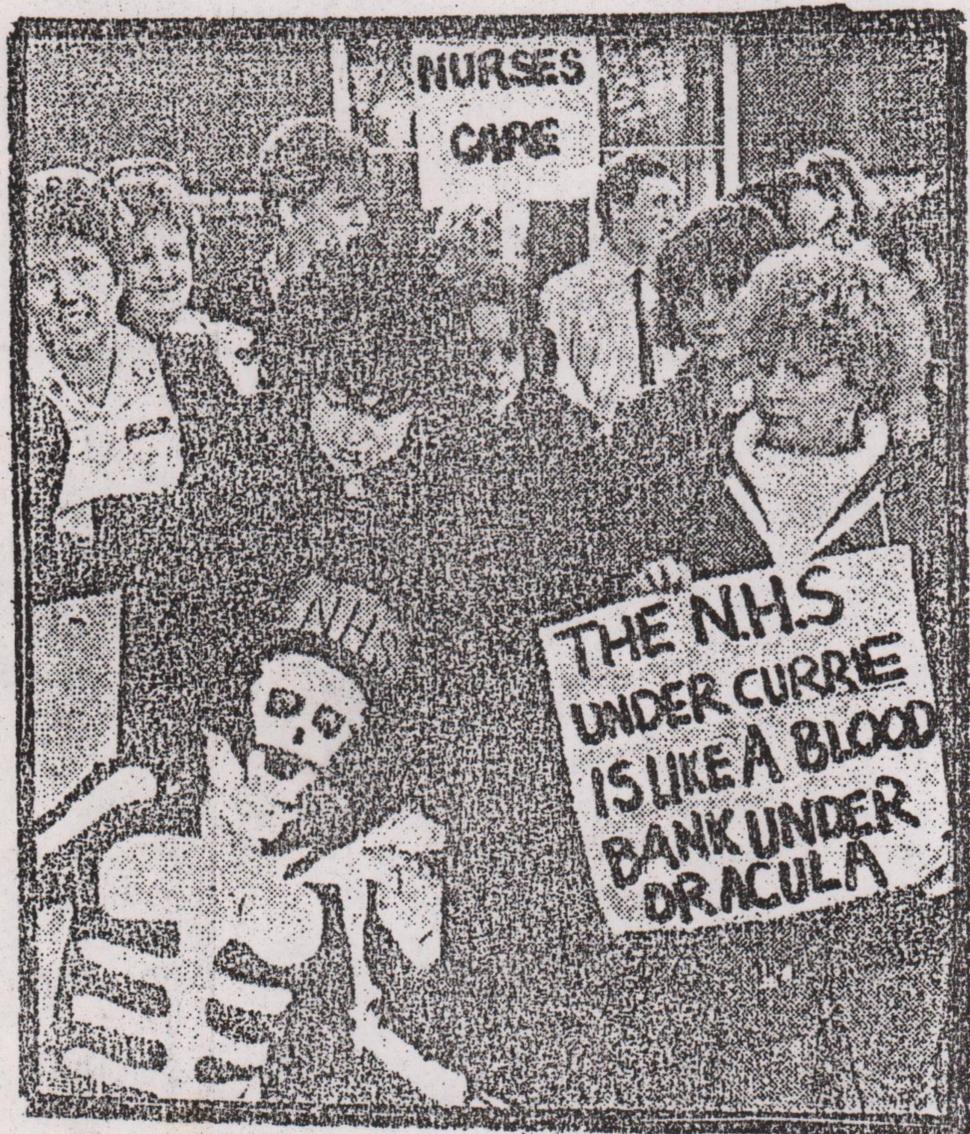
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DEMO CALLS FOR VAMPIRE CURRIES BLOOD



Recent actions by healthworkers have highlighted the state of our National Health service; the job cuts, closures, privatisation and long hours. This strike is as much against a rapidly deteriorating health service as it is about low pay, and it is a fight we should all support and be involved in.

STICHD UP

Meanwhile Edwina Currie, junior health minister (infamous for her stupid remarks about the eating habits of northerners), honoured us with a visit to Southampton General Hospital, where she was confronted by a crowd of over 200 protestors shouting "you have to face us, if you haven't got the guts we'll seek you out". Later that day Currie told her scummie cronies at Southampton Tory headquarters that the general public should "think about giving up that second holiday in

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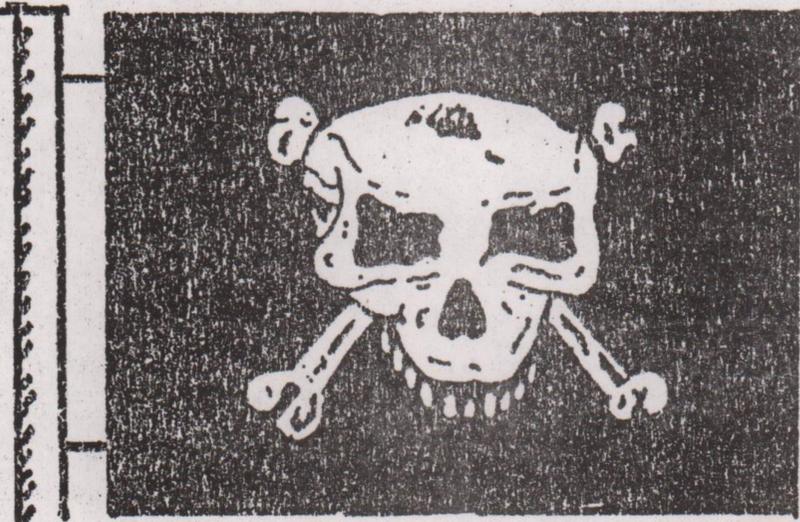
MAWLED!

Normally in the pages of this paper we would be applauding any attack, verbal or physical on the political parasites who feed off this city. However the recent attack on Angela Mawle, a IA-BORE councillor, living in wealthy Highfield cannot be supported by us. The attacker, (a racist scumbag, self styled protector of white supremacy.) daubed her house in graffiti and petrol. If we'd caught up with the evil fascist bastard first, there would not be much left of him. However he was caught by the police and probably given a nice cup of tea and a pat on the head down the cop station. Rumble says lets kick the racists out of our communities, lets kick them in.

MUTTER

As we go to press, we hear that P&O ship workers in Portsmouth have occupied two ferries over a pay and conditions dispute. The company has offered a measly 5½% increase on their basic rates. The workers had demanded a 10% increase but then compromised and asked for a 7½%. This was not unreasonable, since even a 7½% rise would not make their wage packets the same as their Dover and Felixstowe co-workers. But as usual the company, eager to protect their profits and exploit the workers for what they can get, refused point blank to even negotiate the rise.

After a vote, a unanimous decision was taken to occupy the ships until an agreement was reached i.e. when the management coughs up the readies, AND WHO SAID PIRACY WAS A DYING ART?



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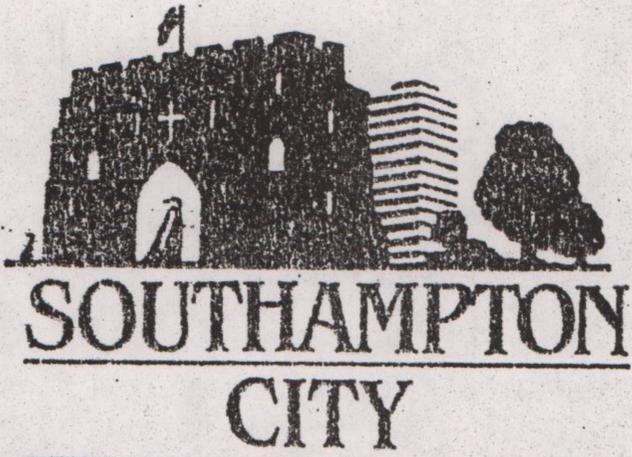
Fun things have been happening down at Southampton DHSS. Last Monday (22 Feb) a claimant, well miffed at getting pushed around by bolshy counter clerks, kicked in a security door and hospitalised 2 of the staff that had been mucking him around. Whilst we have every sympathy with most of the counter clerks, who are doing low paid work in a very high stress situation, when they start taking out their frustrations on the claimants instead of their bosses, then they deserve everything they get. It's bad enough getting little or no money in the first place without some snotty little creep acting like they're God on the other side of the safety screen. We'd like to see both claimants and clerks uniting together and running the DHSS for our benefit and not for the bosses.

In the meantime if anyone knows who the person was who attacked the staff, please try and get them to get in touch with us and let us know if they're being charged with anything. We'll try and help out if we can.

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

By now most people have heard of the overwhelming victory won by Ford workers in the their recent dispute with the company. Despite attempts by 'their' union to sell them out right from the start, there was complete solidarity amongst the rank and file workers, which eventually led to their demands being met. During the dispute Fords were losing over £17 million a day and affecting plants in Europe. Contrary to TV reports, however, those workers who were laid off on the continent supported the British strike, even after they had been duped by their own unions into accepting the flexible working conditions at the heart of the dispute. In the meantime we hope that Ford workers worldwide will take a leaf out of their British counterparts book -

UNITED WE WILL WIN.

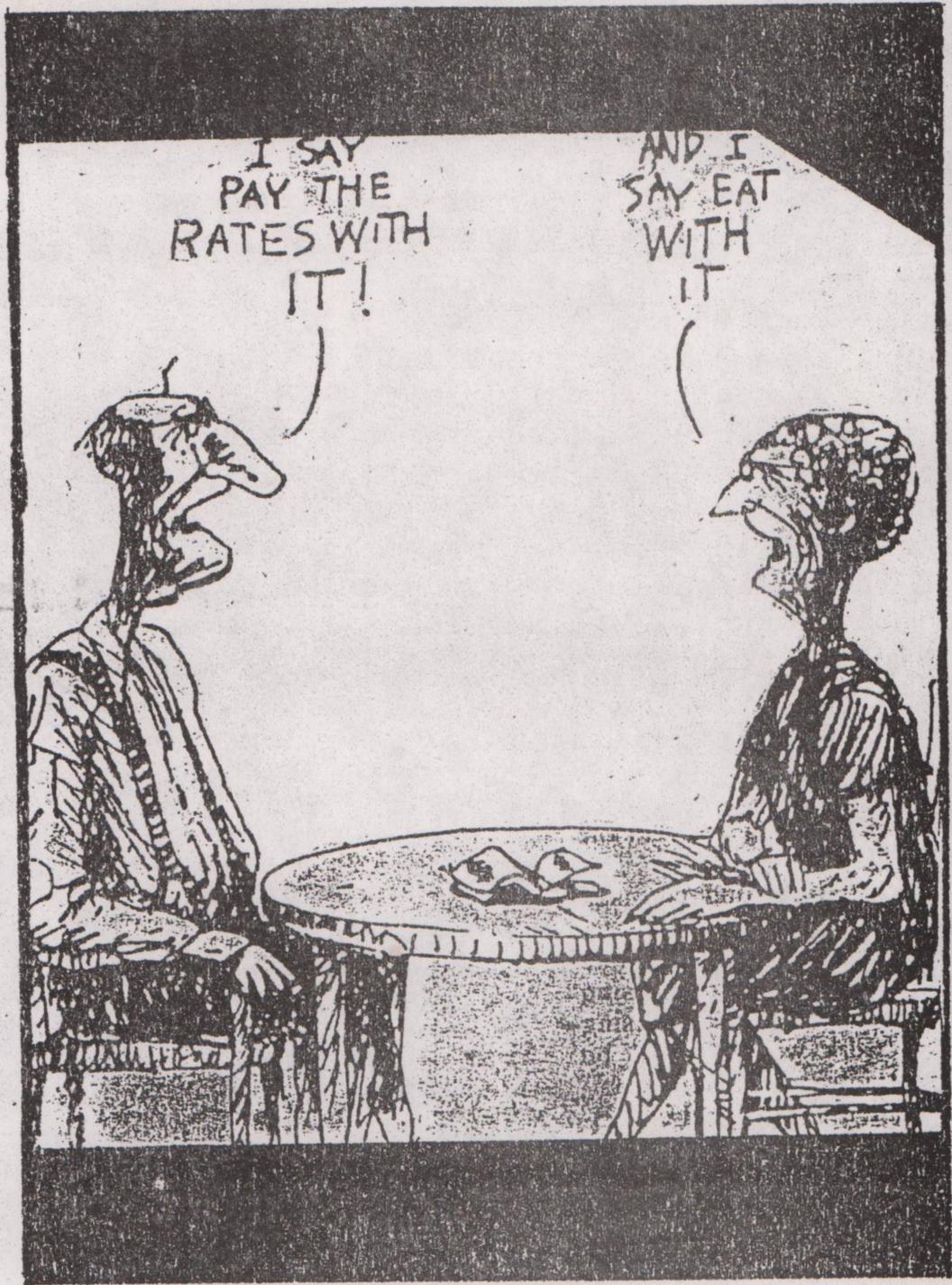
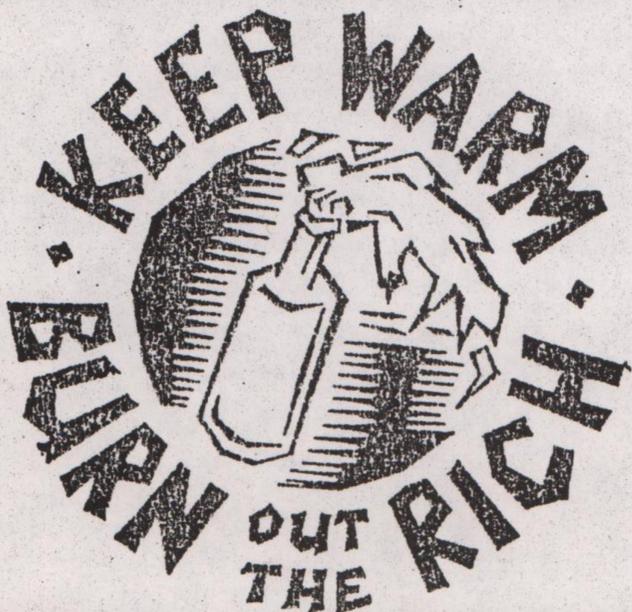


Working for

themselves!

As you probably know already Southampton council are again trying to pull a fast one on the people of this city. Only this time they are trying to deliberately steal money off ratepayers rather than their usual tricks of not using the rate money they collect for what it's supposed to be for, housing and services.

Everybody who pays rates in ten monthly instalments and then gets March and April "free" will now have to pay in April anyway. Having already paid all your rates bill they are effectively adding on a ten per cent surcharge. Most people on low wages and in bad housing find rates an intolerable burden anyway, that is why they choose to pay them in instalments. Successful businesses and rich property owners are unaffected because they pay their rates in one lump sum. The council, running short of money, have targetted poor ratepayers, to rip off, in order to maintain the cushy jobs in the council bureaucracy for one more year before the boycott of the poll tax gains momentum and they've even less money for their executive suites at the civic centre. There's only one thing we have to say to these uncaring, money grabbing gangsters—
CAN'T PAY, WON'T PAY!



rich aren't wanted

Situated on the west coast of Southampton water is Hythe Marina Village, yet another example of ever creeping yuppiefication. The developers literature boasts of extensive landscaping, paved courtyards and screen walling, to separate them from us perhaps? Oh! And of course mooring for your yacht starting at £ 1200 a year for a 30 foot yacht. The actual house prices start at £162,950 for a single garage, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom townhouse.

Talking to some of the shopkeepers in the village of Hythe I was suprised to come across a certain amount of caginess about their new found wealth from the posh development. Hythe has always been notorious for attracting the wealthy anyway so this just means more rich pickings for the shop owners.

However one self employed window cleaner I talked to was a little more forthcoming than most. I asked him if he cleaned any windows in the development. After looking furtively around he said, "Between you and me son, the bastards are too tight fisted to to pay me!". Say no more. Kick them out, the rich aren't wanted here.

Soton Fascist Revealed

A RUMBLE in depth investigation can now reveal that a neo-nazi scumbag is living in the quiet Southampton suburb of Sholing. Steve Fountain is a member of 'The Final Sound' who have just got a contract with 'Rockarama', an openly racist German record label. The band and their lyrics have recently received coverage from 'New Dawn' the NF youth paper where they were credited as being "musically in the forefront of the nationalist new order". Their songs contain such sickeningly shit lyrics as "in the ghettos, thats where they lurk cos multi-racial societies just don't work" and "black pigmentation:genetic deviation". If you want to pay this fascist lowlife a visit (no appointment necessary) then his address is 273 Spring Rd, Sholing. Lets make it the final sound we hear from him for a while.

Cop Shopped

There's something very fishy going on at Portswood cop-shop. A uniformed inspector has been suspended for something criminal, and is now under investigation by other cops. What has he done, we want to know? Dealing in stolen property? Putting confiscated drugs back into circulation? Armed robbery? Or just the usual cop crime of lying in court, assaulting ordinary people, or obstructing us in the course of our everyday activities, the bloody hypocrites. As for letting cops investigate another cop, that's about as useful as letting National Front members investigate racial attacks.

RUMBLE READERS

M E E T I N G

HAVE YOU BEEN READING RUMBLE FOR LONG ? DO YOU ENJOY IT ? DO YOU THINK WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK ? FANCY GETTING MORE INVOLVED ? THEN COME ALONG TO OUR FIRST READERS MEETING AT ST. MATTHEWS HALL. MARCH THE 14TH(MONDAY) 8PM.

BURTON BULLIES

We thought you might be interested to know how BURTONS, who have a shop in Southampton, treat their women workers. Tricia Jennings, a woman who started work in Burtons in Edinburgh in April last year, found out she was pregnant in September. A few days she was rushed to hospital with threatened miscarriage. She was informed that everything was alright about work as long as she told them when she was coming back. She had to take six weeks off, The shop manager was given the relevant sick notes. When she returned to work on Nov. 9 she was told she'd got the sack. She was given no reason for her dismissal. There had been no complaints about her work record, also, on the day she was given the sack Burtons were advertising for staff.

BURTONS also own TOP SHOP, TOP MAN, PRINCIPLES DOROTHY PERKINS and DEBENHAMS.

RUMBLE says do what you can to support Tricia. Boycott these shops and let Burtons know. These all powerful big companies think they can treat their staff how ever they want. Lets show them they can't.....

LETTERS

Dear RUMBLE,

I don't have much time to think about politics but I agree with you about "yuppies" or whatever you like to call them. There used to be a time when the rich were kept at arms length, you knew where you stood, there was us and them. But now they want to move into our areas and flaunt their wealth in front of people who sometimes haven't two coppers to rub together. And we're expected to just accept them, make them welcome even!

There's this idea that we could all be like them (and want to be like them) if we weren't lazy or stupid. Now I might be old fashioned but I know that everyone can't be rich and that some people think there's more to life than making money. Just because these people aren't the owners of the historical "dark satanic mills" doesn't make them any less the enemies of the poor. They want much much more than they need, and when that happens someone else always has to pay. Keep up the good work RUMBLE.

Yours,

Concerned Mother of 3.

RUMBLE says 'right on!'

YUPPIE INVASION

A NO-GO AREA

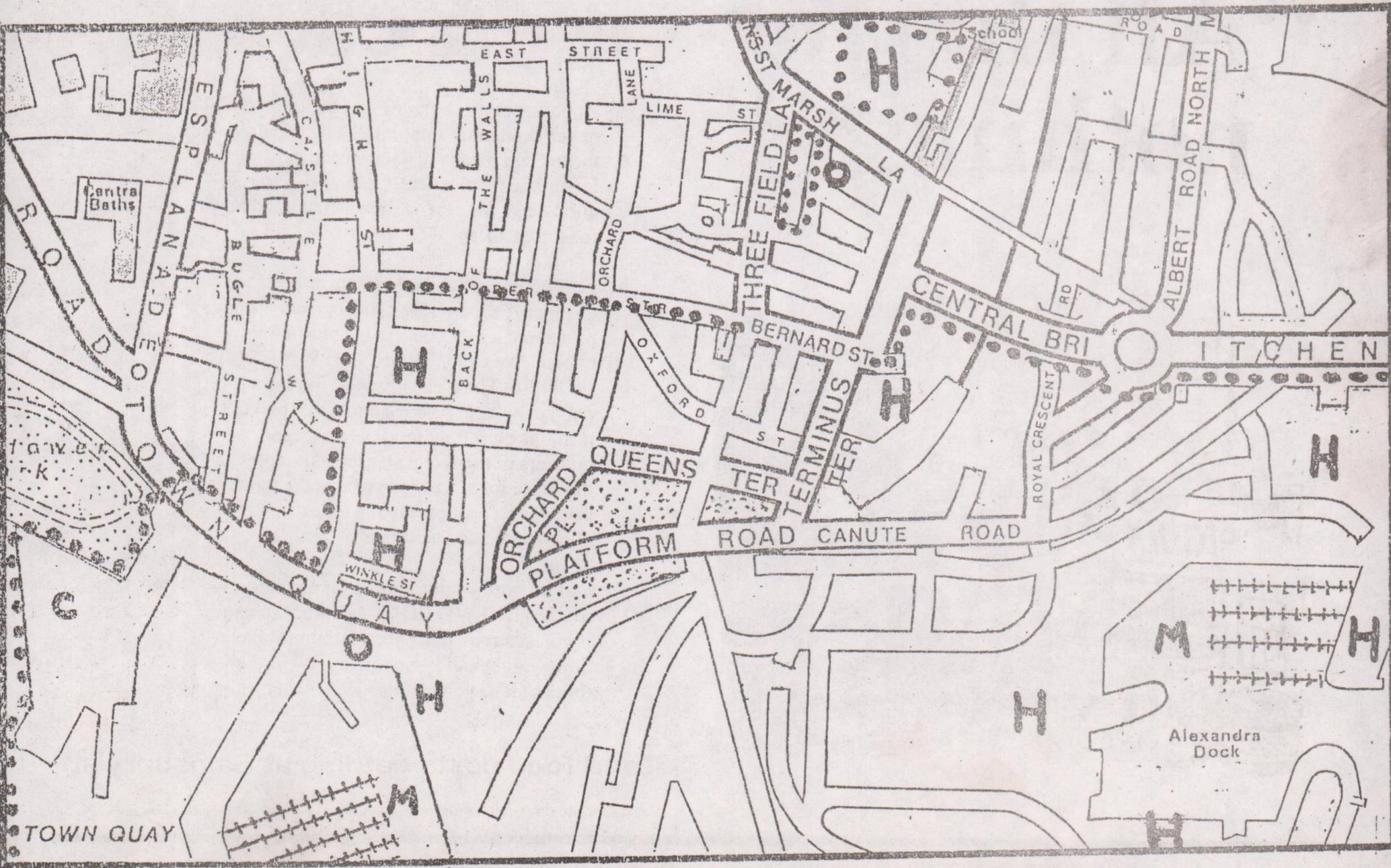
When work started on Ocean Village, a lot of working class people in Southampton, particularly those living nearest to it, felt a resentment to the posh houses, slick nightclubs, shopping mall and yachting marina. Let's face it the place has become a playground for the rich. Well RUMBLE can reveal that Ocean Village is not the end but the beginning of a complete take over of the docklands area by yuppies.

From the Royal Pier, Old Town Quay, Ocean Village to the Itchen Bridge and up to Bernard Street a new yuppie town is being created. Over 700 new luxury homes will be built. We are not talking about desperately needed council housing, all of them will be private and that means between £80,000 and £1/2 million each. There will be 2 marinas, exclusive wine bars, pavement cafes hotel and conference area, and financial offices with direct links to the City of London. All this spells trouble for the ordinary people of Southampton. It will become a no-go area for the likes of us, with private security guards, police and high prices keeping us out. They will not

be content with the area that is planned to be developed now either. The new housing bill will be law soon, that means councils will have to sell off their estates to private landlords. With the Orchard Lane estate on the front line of the Yuppie invasion it will be snapped up by developers, the rents upped and the tenants gradually kicked out.

It's happened to whole communities in the docklands of East London. For them it may be too late, but not for us, let's stop the Yuppie invasion. Only neighbours getting together, standing side by side, will OUR communities survive.

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order to pay for health care or put off decorating the lounge to get our teeth done done instead". Well, F**k off Currie, you're living on another planet. Working class people are struggling just to live, we are being attacked on all sides with cuts in services, deterioration of living standards and working conditions, cuts in state benefits, pay and on top of all this the Poll Tax. The government is discussing introducing a charge of £25 a night to stay in hospital and £10 for every visit to your G.P. People who can afford it will be encouraged to take out insurance policies whilst its tough shit for those of us who cannot.

We must fight alongside the healthworkers, join them on picket lines or form support groups or patient groups. We have to explode the myth perpetuated by the state that strike action harms patients. It is the state itself that is killing off the poor.

There is a march in support of the health workers in London on March 5th. The march will incorporate people from all parts of the trade union movement, not just the health service and everyone is welcome.

The TUC is running 2 trains from Southampton available from union branches, so if you're not working or not in a union get a friend to get you a ticket. Hope to see you there.

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