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Two "experts" from the planning department of the council got a rough ride at the public meeting they chaired on Dockland development at the end of April.

They arrived expecting a small turn out, and little resistance to their plans, (already underway) to continue selling off thriving areas of the port to developers, who build luxury housing for yuppies and force up prices for local people. What they got was a very different reception.

Dockers, tenants, fishermen, even the sports council were united in their anger and opposition to the developments. The speakers were heckled and abused during question time, and became quite flustered. On many occasions they obviously didn't really know what they were talking about.

The packed meeting of over 150 raised vigorous objections to the development on the grounds of safeguarding port jobs, as A.B.P. try to run Southampton docks into the ground, and on the grounds of the housing problem in the city. More working class people and families are without a home in this city than anywhere else in Britain, except London. Meanwhile 1 bedroom flats sell for £150,000 in Ocean Village.

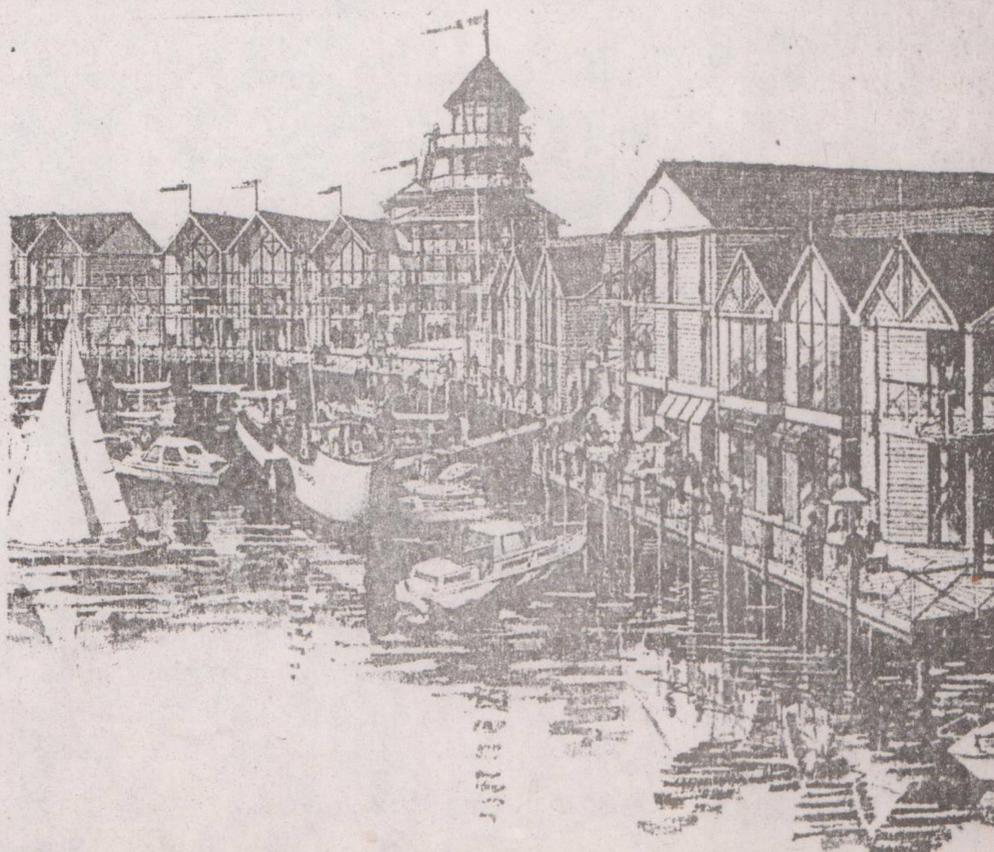
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and how to do it

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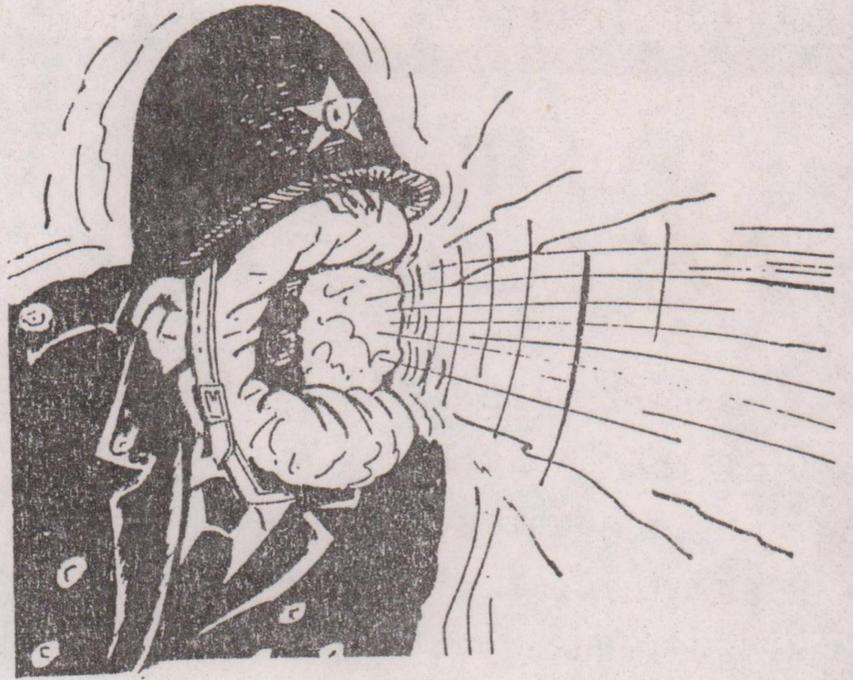
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RUMBLINGS

C O P T H A T

Portswood head of the C.I.D. detective inspector, John Harvey, recently got a taste of his own medicine. So keen is he to interfere in the lives of ordinary people that even whilst off duty, he cannot help acting the bully.

Four youths in the street outside his house came under the unwanted attention of Harvey, who told them to leave the area. He promptly had his long nose flattened and had to have time off to recover(arrh!) The area was surrounded by police cars and the four youths arrested. (I bet you wouldn't of had the same response, if the old lady down the road was attacked and mugged.) SO, the moral of the story is, if you ever need the police-beat up a copper. THEN AGAIN? WHO NEEDS THEM? IT'S USUALLY THE POLICE WHO CAUSE OR START TROUBLE.....



|| scumbag || column ||

Rumble has decided to add a much needed regular column, entitled 'SCUMBAG OF THE MONTH'. No doubt this will be one space we'll never have trouble filling! THIS WEEK it's the turn of a local scumbag landlord who thrives on the desperate housing situation in Southampton. MR. SHAMIR. of 'SALTAM OF BRITAIN'. TEL. 773435. COME ON DOWN! His offices are on Bellemor Rd off Hill Lane.

This man, according to our sources, has a long history of exploitation of his tenants. His exploits include evicting people at six in the morning just after he's got his hands on their deposits from the DHSS, and then causing damage himself, such as cutting up furniture and bedding and urinating on the carpet as an excuse for the eviction. In the case of a friend of ours, he ripped up the already tacky furniture himself after she had left, took photographs of the damage, and is in the process of taking her to court for compensation!! Beware of dealings with this man. The only property that we know he owns is 4 or 5 holiday let houses in Highfield. He probably owns more, as he is in effect the company. He advertises in various places, shop windows even. Don't let his nice sweet talk lull you into a false sense of security!

It's Snow Joke!

Not a paper that likes to praise the likes of labour councillors, we feel we should give a clap on the back to one of the parasites whom managed to put some of his braincells together at the leisure committee meeting and tell a cracker of a joke. It was shortly after the Klosters skiing trip which resulted in a near miss for Charlie and a one-way trip to the morgue for Hooray-Henry Palmer-Tomkinson. Read, asked whether he thought Charlie might be available to open some expensive useless waste of Southampton's money, replied that he thought Charlie might be "snowed under", chortle chortle. Surprisingly others in the room, including an Echo reporter, didn't find the joke funny, councillors and journalists are not noted for their sense of humour. As for Eddie, you're wasted on the council, you should go on the stage, where you'd be much better appreciated!

HOUSING

Southampton has the second biggest homelessness problem in Britain (outside London) and whilst homelessness gets worse our communities are being turned into playgrounds for the rich by flash developers. Recent changes in housing benefits and the fact that soon we'll all have to pay the Poll tax makes the situation worse as we are forced to pay out even more and live on even less. People can wait years for council accomadation while the councils themselves get their own properties to prevent squatters housing themselves. Many people are forced into the hands of unscrupulous private landlords who usually charge exorbitant rent for what's often a squalid exuse for a home. But having a home is a basic right and not a privalidge, and we have every right to live in a place which we know is disused, and we can do this legally.

LEGAL WARNING

(Section 6 Criminal Law Act 1977)

TAKE NOTICE

THAT we live in this house, it is our home and we intend to stay here.

THAT at all times there is at least one person in this house.

THAT any entry into this house without our permission is a *criminal offence* as any one of us who is in physical possession is opposed to any entry without their permission.

THAT if you attempt to enter by violence or by threatening violence we will *prosecute you*. You may receive a sentence of up to *six months imprisonment* and/or a *fine* of up to *£2,000*.

THAT if you want to get us out you will have to take out a summons for possession in the County Court or in the High Court, or produce to us a valid certificate in terms of S.7, Criminal Law Act, 1977.

Signed

The Occupiers

N.B. Signing this Legal Warning is optional. It is equally valid whether or not it is signed.

Squatting is not a crime and although it takes time and effort to get a place for any reasonable length of time it can be well worth it in the long run. For instance in Amsterdam whole areas have been squatted with cabs, bars, theaters, workshops and creches being set up for the benefit of the whole community and not just to line the pockets of a few.

Both councils and private landlords will use all the tricks in the book to evict you if you squat (including the dirty ones) often using heavies to physically throw you out. The advise given hear is only a basic outline of whats involved so it's advisable to get a copy of the squatters hand book which gives both legal and practical information on squatting.

YOURSELF:

If you can squat successfully then you have the same rights as other house owners; the right to essential services like gas, water and electricity, postal services and refuse collection.

The first thing to do is to note any empty properties which look o.k from the outside, (check that services have not been cut off). Next step is the council to try and find out who owns the property and if they intend to do any thing with it. This can be done by looking at the Statutory Register of Flanning consents (you have a legal right to see this). If that does not throw any light on the owner then you could try the council's Housing or Rates departments or estate agents, but you'll have to have a cover up story for this. If the house isn't being used then getting in is the next step, this has to be done with out causing any damage, then change the locks and try and make sure that at least one person is always in, at first. Don't open the door to anyone you don't know and speak to officials through the letter box. It's advisable to place a notice (like the one shown) on the front door. There are a number of laws wich the owners may be able to evict you under (though some places can be squatted for years) so it's important to know your rights. But if you want to opt out of a system that's capitalist and exploitative then squatting is one way of doing it. For more information on squatting phone or write to the ADVISORY SERVICE FOR SQUATTERS Tel; London(OI) 3598814, 2 St.pauls Rd London NI.

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SUNDAY
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DOPEY COP

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It seems like Portswood cop shop is becoming a hotbed of criminal activity. After last months revelations of an Inspector being found guilty of handling stolen goods, a second cop has put his foot in it. The latest news is that a haul of £1500 of cannabis resin has been discovered hidden at the bottom of a tree at the Hants police training college at Netley. The drugs were supposed to have been destroyed after a court case but our industrious local bobby saw no reason to waste such a nice little earner.

However, John "puke" Duke, chief of Hampshires police thugs described the incident as "shoddy workmanship"! It seems obvious to the rest of us that this is a bit more than just negligence. Has more been going on at Portswood nick, John, we ask ourselves? Mind you Pukes probably got his dirty fingers in a few pies himself which might explain his reluctance to "weed" out these dopey cops.

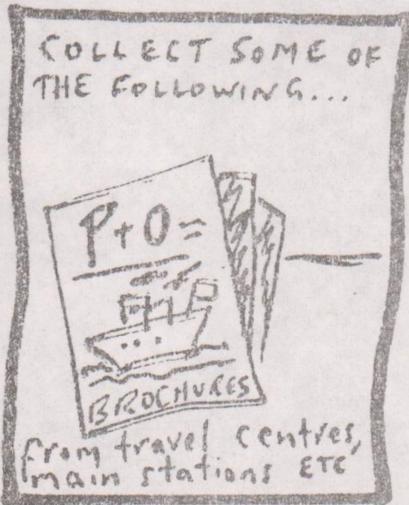
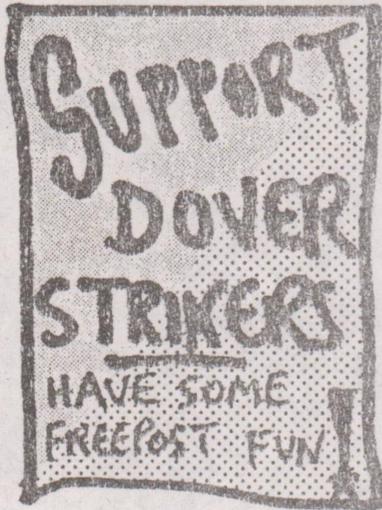
Meanwhile the "Advertiser" has started a campaign to egg on the police corruption. Their plan is that if you know of any wrong doings in your area you ring "Crime Line" so that the cops can go along and get their cut. Much better to get together with your friends and neighbours and deal with it yourself.

LET'S STAMP OUT CRIME!
LET'S STAMP OUT THE POLICE!

One very irate speaker read out a council guarantee written in 1976 which said that under no circumstances would the planning department permit marinas or marina style developments in the dock areas. So angry was he at the councils deceit he offered to fight one of the planning department. The strength of feeling at the meeting made up of a large cross section of Sotonians showed that there is a great deal of resentment and disgust at how the council have allowed these developments to go ahead. People are angry and a feeling has emerged that the yuppies and developers must be resisted, to save working class communities in the city, and to safeguard the waterfront heritage of Southampton.

P&O STINK

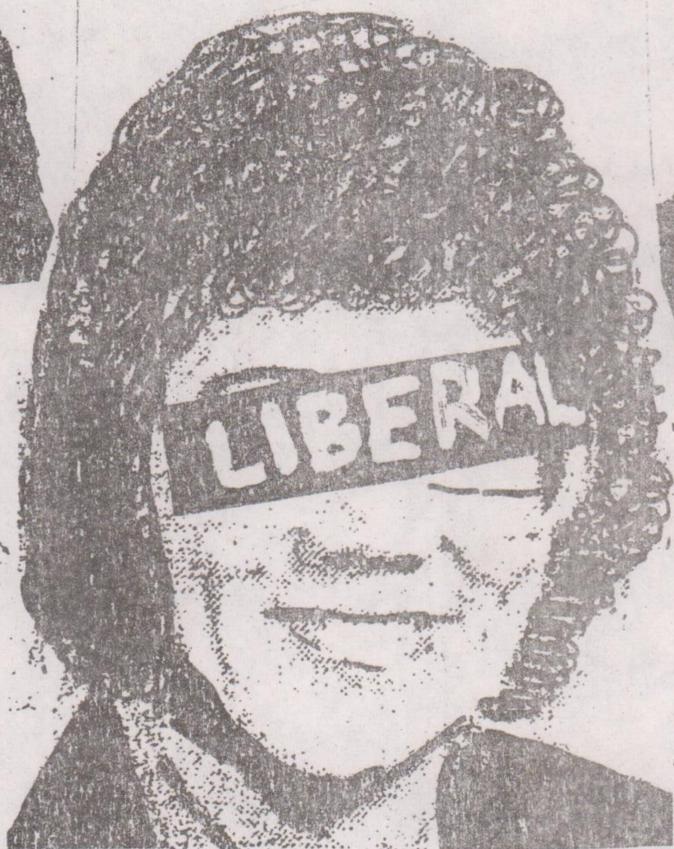
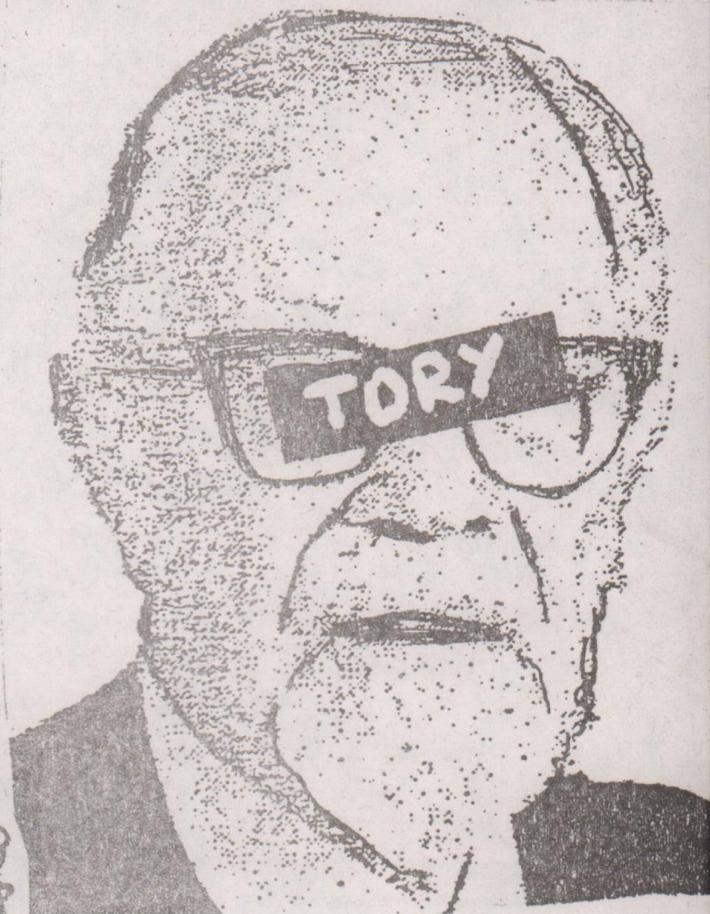
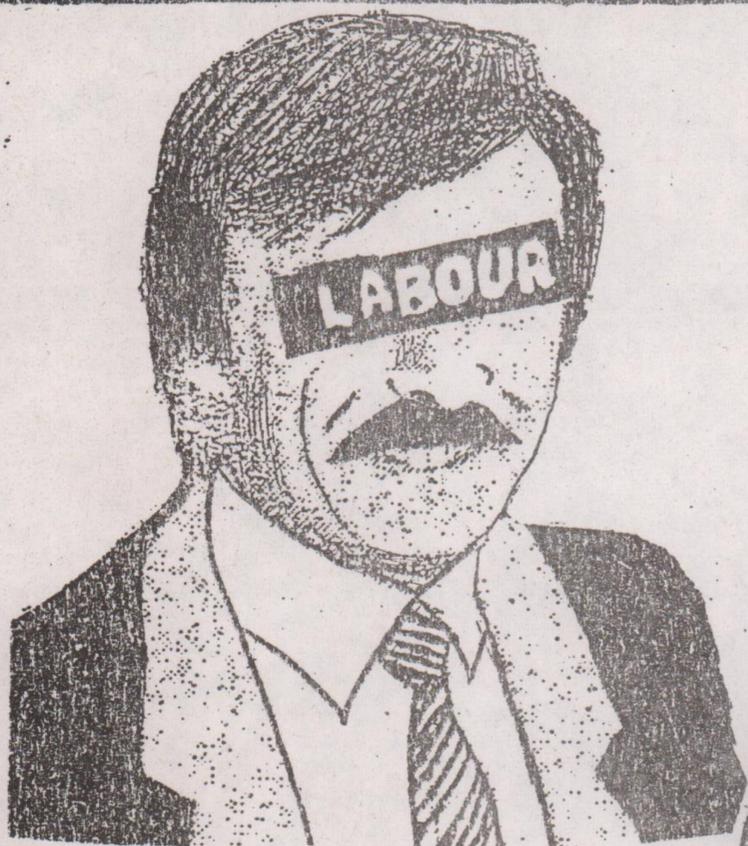
If You're as angry as we are over what you've seen on the TV about Dover and all the people who've been sacked and the use of scab labour, then perhaps you'd be interested in the little scam below.



TO,
P+O EUROPEAN FERRIES,
FREEPOST No1, DOVER. KENT CT16 3BR.

Give P+O Management somethink to chew on... Obviously it will never bankrupt the filth BUT it does waste their bureaucratic time (and a little cash)... TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

NOBODY CARES



VOTE FOR NOBODY

THURS.

MAY 5TH

DONT GO TO THE POLLS, GO TO THE
ANTI POLL TAX PARTY
at the Guildhall
10.30pm. Onwards