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To the memory of my sister, Lydia

Introduction

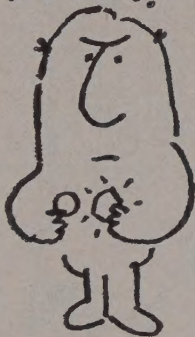
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THESE CARTOONS are a selection from those that originally appeared on the front page of the *Sunday Times*. The first cartoon in the book is the first one I did for that space—on 26 October 1969. The rest are in more or less chronological order—covering a period of three and a half years. When I went through the files, I was surprised (and saddened) to see how little the world's problems had changed during that time. Strikes, Ireland, Inflation, Unemployment, Bombings—all still with us. It would be foolish to hope that cartoons can change anything: all they can do is to make it a little more bearable.

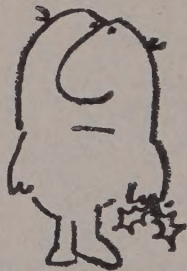
I would like to thank Harold Evans, Editor of the *Sunday Times*, for providing the title of this book and for his murmurs of encouragement (and even smiles) from time to time. Also Duncan Gardiner, who shepherded my first efforts in to the Editor and softened the rejection of unfunny ideas with unfailing gentleness and tact. If there is any work worse than being a cartoonist, it must be having to cope with them and their temperaments. A special medal to Karen for bravery in the face of heavy bad temper on Saturday mornings. And thanks to Him up there for providing me with so much material to work on.

London 1973

Perhaps the new 10/-
piece looks like the
2/- one because
that's what it's
worth...



Some people think
Father Christmas
is an illegal
immigrant...



I promise to hear
No starvation..

See no
starvation

Speak no
starvation..



I've a good mind to get
inflation and
then they'll be
sorry...



This may be slower
than the Jumbo - but
there's a lot more
privacy



I thought I'd buy
one of those
unbuilt houses
with the wage
increase I haven't
had...



We can't go on
meeting like this



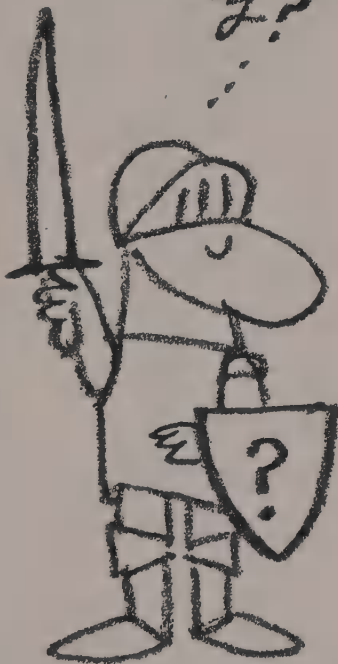


DOWN
WITH
EVERYBODY!

I feel that most
protests only
attack the fringe
of the problem



Which should I save
first - the sixpence,
the Third Programme,
the countryside or
my sanity?



My nephew is at
University - he's
reading Files...



voting's easy -
all you have to do
is put a kiss
against the nice man's
name

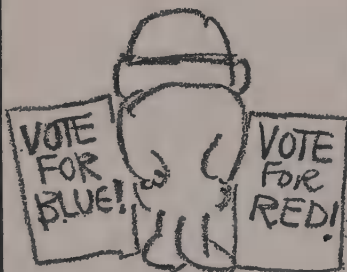


Let him who
would cast the
first stone - please
put it back
where he
found it.



A plague on both
your parties!

...



I'm not prejudiced -
but would you want
your daughter to marry
a South African nigger
∴ player?



I'm so old
I can
remember
Socialism



I hear they've brought
out a new pill that
stops you worrying about
the other Pill...



it's alright-
I'm only practising..



FASCIST!!!

CAPITAUST!!

RACIALIST!

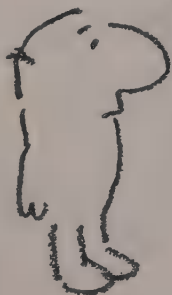
SOCIALIST!!!

Escapist:



I've heard about
these short cuts
before

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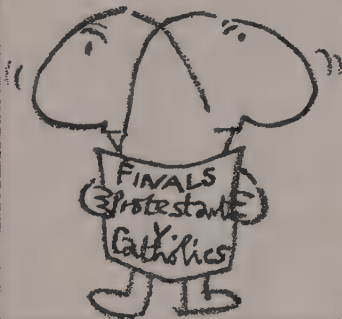


TO PEACE
VIA
CAMBODIA

I miss not being
able to blame
Wilson anymore
for everything...



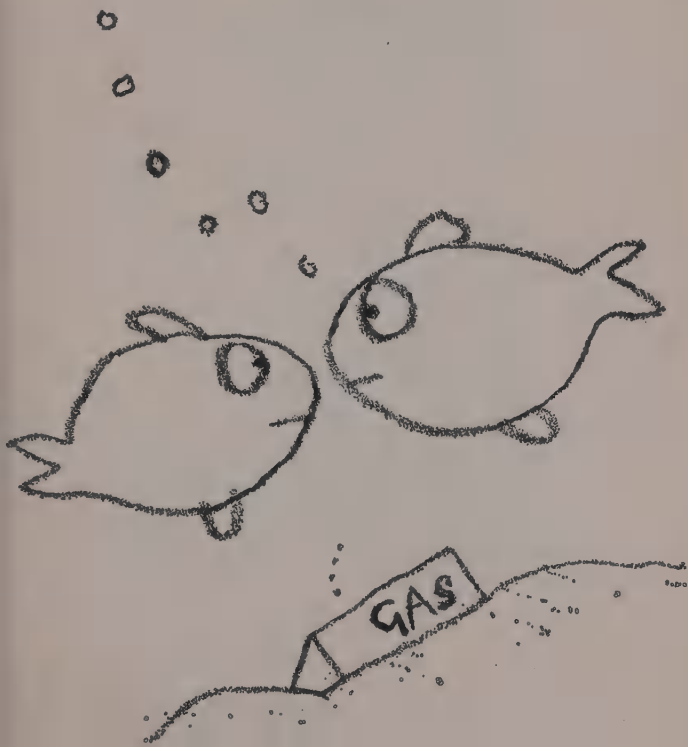
Wasn't the score
once love all?
...



Silence is more
golden than
ever...



I feel very
nervy today



There'd be
peace by now
if it wasn't for
the Ceasefires



Of course, these
antiques are
increasing in
value all the time



On a clear day you
can see a
better tomorrow

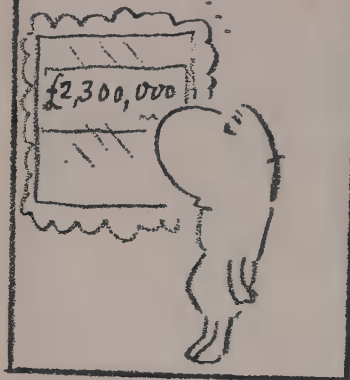


RISING PRICES
HEALTH CHARGES
STRIKES
DEARER FOOD
ARMS FOR S. AFRICA

I wish they'd stop
shuffling the pack
and get on with
the game...



Look at the exquisite
drawing of the
figure..



If the lights were
on, I might be able
to see their point
of view..



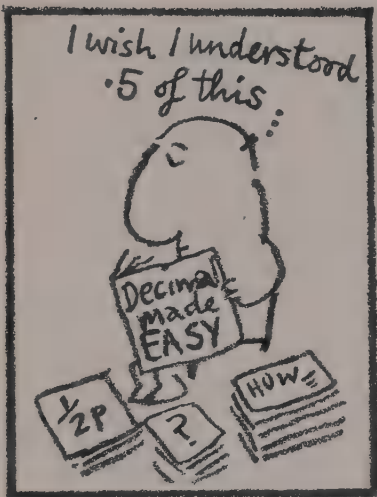
Sometimes I just
don't know where the
next 72 millions is
going to come from



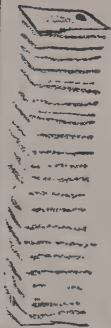
If I don't get letter
times, I'm going
on strike



I wish I understood
.5 of this...



Someone,
Somewhere is
waiting to hear
from you!



If we can now phone
Shanghai - we
should soon be
able to get through
to Holbom again



Is that
Dial-a-Strike?



£ — SMOOTH — £

TORIES

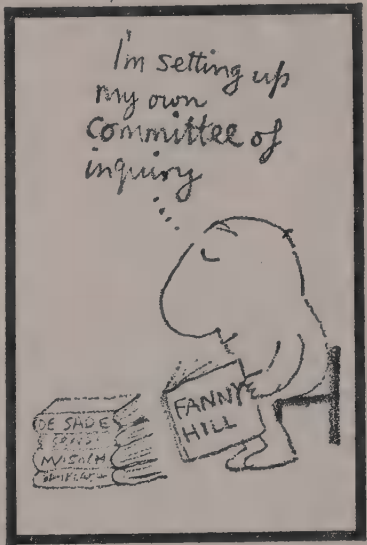
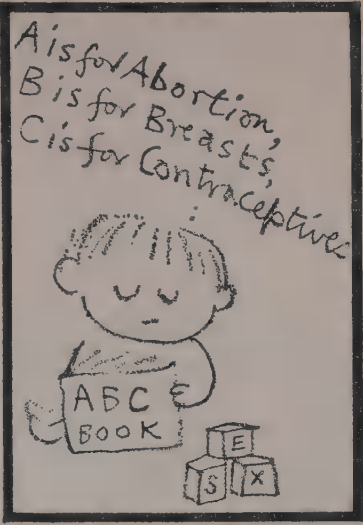
WARNING!
THIS HABIT
MAY CAUSE
SOME
UNEMPLOYMENT

I always did
distrust these
cut-price policies



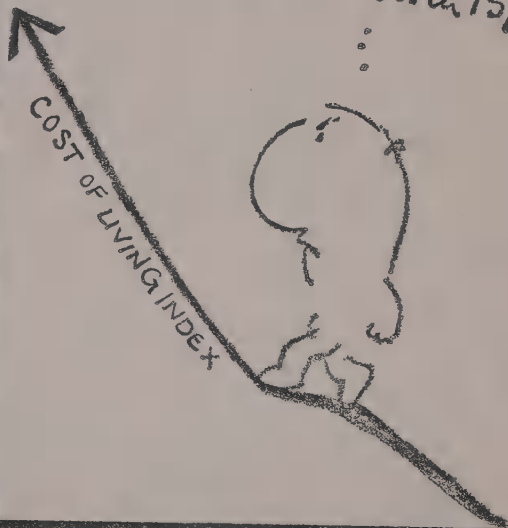
He then used a
word that is no
longer
obscene..



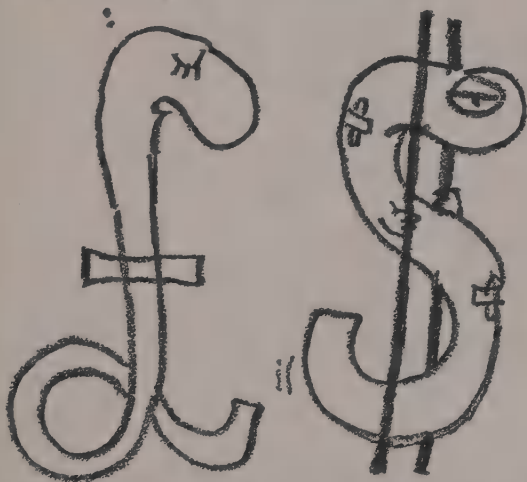


I can remember
the good old days
when a £1 was worth 15/-

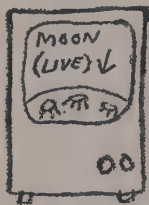
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We're none of us
as good as we
used to be



Must be the only
package tour
not worrying
about where
they're going to sleep



shoot across

By Denis Herbstein and Derek Hum

ADIER Marston Tickell, Army Chief of Staff in Northern Ireland said yesterday his troops would probably fire across the Eire border if life endangered by attack from the

followed a 45-minute gun battle between soldiers and the border town of early yesterday morning. The order is now to be strengthened with armoured vehicles from the Life Guards and the Royal Irish Fusiliers patrolling the South from today.

Meanwhile, the British Government is expected to request the Northern Government to exercise firmer control of the border, and Marston Tickell confirmed that the British is trying to establish its authority under international law. No shot has been fired at anyone fleeing back across the border to the South.

Northern Ireland Prime Minister, Mr Brian Faulkner, has been asked by the Northern Labour Party to recall the Attorney General and High Court Judges on holiday in view of the massive backlog of the law list.

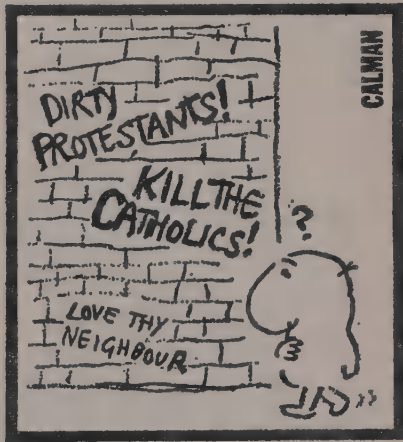
Violence broke out at the end of a human rights meeting in London yesterday. As the speakers were escorted by a crowd of about 500 back to the "free Derry" area of the Bogside, youths began firing from a warehouse in which they were resting and the soldiers were hit with CS gas.

Stoning continued and troops

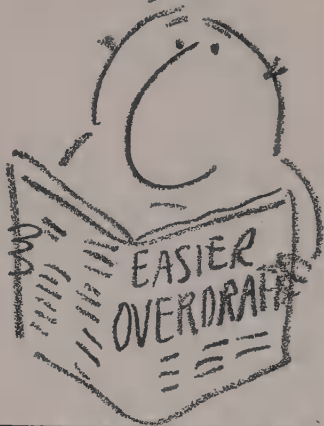
backed up by Saracen armoured cars rushed at several hundred people who had come up behind the stone-throwers. The crowd turned and fled as the troops rushed at them.

Earlier Miss Bernadette Devlin, MP, told the meeting that the time had come to come talking and to take action. "General Tuzo, Mr Heath and Lord Carrington have already started their side of the action by interning our men and women folk. They expect people to lie down and do nothing as they did in the 1950s. It is now a crime to stand outside your front door and rattle your dustbin to warn of the approach of troops. Now we will do the talking and we will do the sorting out of our political future," said Miss Devlin.

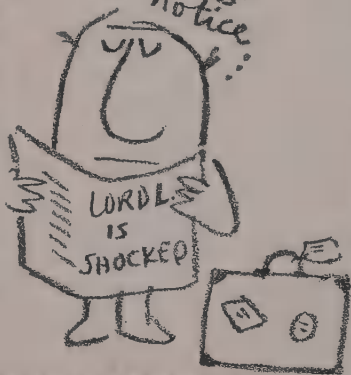
Other speakers referred to the

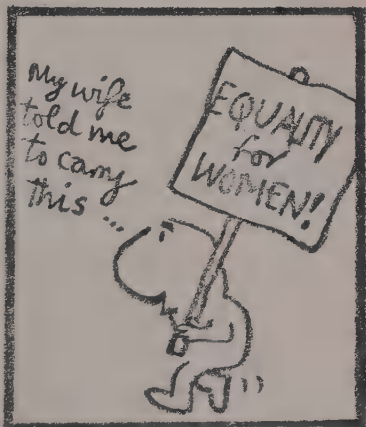
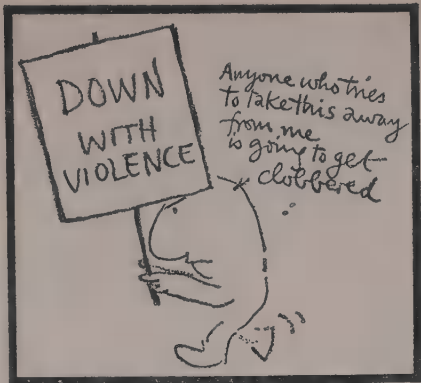


I wish
I could afford
to be broke



I'm ready to
take his place
at a moment's
notice





I spy with
my little eye -
someone spying me
with their
little eye...



Ah - the sound of
M.P. being honest...



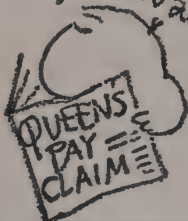
I don't remember
saying anything
:



When I grow up
I'm going to be
unemployed..
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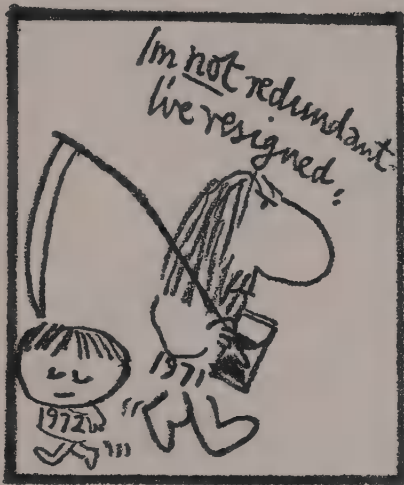


Of course, there
will be increased
productivity -
100% more of -
hand waving..



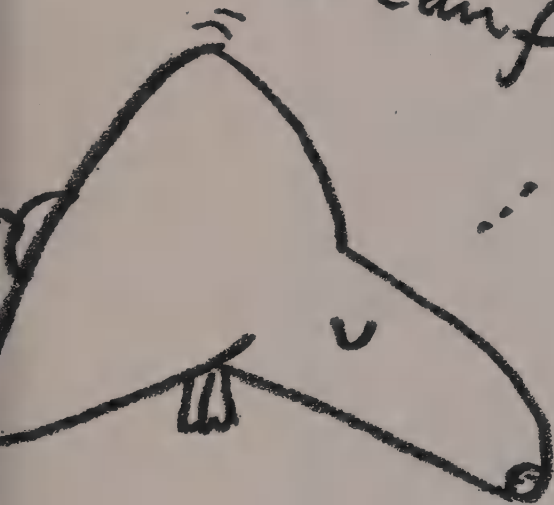
At least it's
strike-proof..







it's not every
white elephant
that can fly..

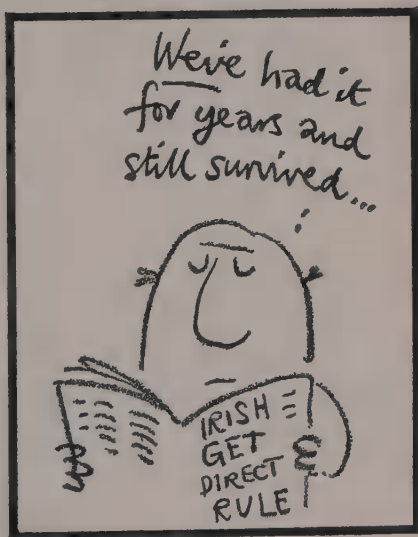
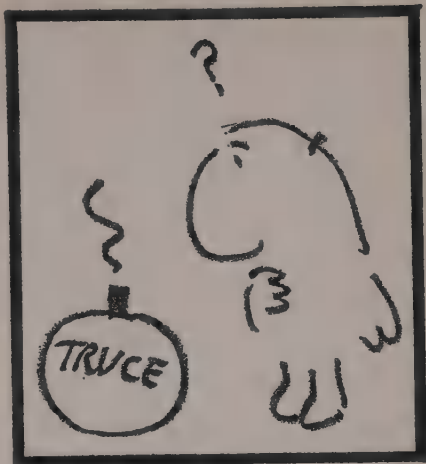


This cyanide dump
set in an oil-slicked
sea...



it's got an unique
system of heating
the place on
hot air

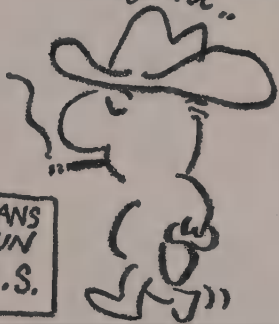




It might be
a booby trap

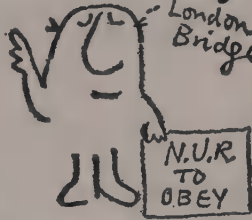


I think I'll just
mosey down to the
old shipyard..



TEXANS
RUN
U.C.S.

its another giant
step for mankind
and all systems go
for the 7.55 to
London
Bridge...



My feet would
welcome another
'cooling off' period



He who paddles
his own canoe
doesn't get
any bomb scares



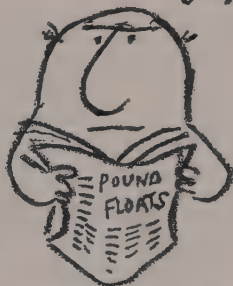
What's democracy.
Coming to when a man
can't even go to jail
when he wants to?



A prophesy that
after due consultation
and careful consideration
of all the factors
involved, fares
will go up..

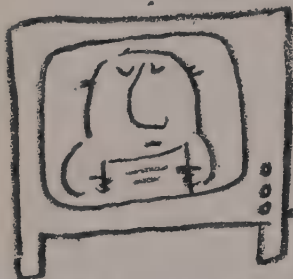


I hope it doesn't
get wet and
shrink even further
:



Normal crises
will be resumed as
soon as possible..

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Hurray!
We've sold
the Concorde
to ourselves..

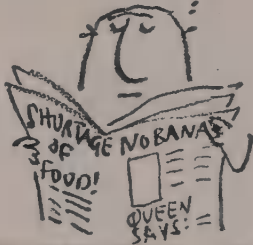


”KJ”

If they built the
Concorde in Piccadilly,
They could have
two unnecessary
projects for the
price of one

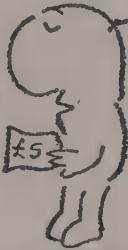


It's a very shrewd
attempt by the Govt.
to revive the old
wartime spirit



A dear day
return please..

TICKETS



Would you like
your daughter
to be caught by
a British trawlerman?



At least there's
Lord Longford's
Pom Report to look
forward to...

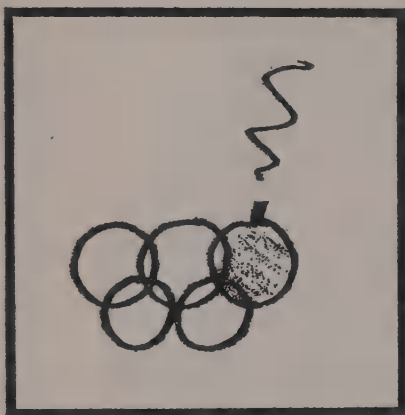


Now the smog's cleared,
you get a lovely view
of the cyanide dump..



I'm training for the
400 metres Walkout





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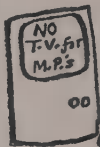
it's people like
General Amin
who give military rule
a bad name



I wish we hadn't
all got our money
on the result



I was looking forward to
'The Slanging Match of
the Day ...'



Get well soon—
or I'll change you
into a yew



There will be a Freeze
on several fronts, followed
by a deep depression,
and cries of 'It's all your
fault!!'





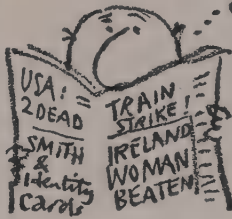
I saw three bombs
go sailing by...



No-one wants it
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it's a full time job
trying to be
an optimist these
... days



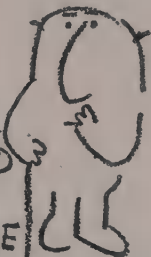
And still got
no sense

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Harold who?

HAROLD
IN
TROUBLE



What's the French
for - 'my postillion
has been struck
by a sack of
Jamaican sugar'?

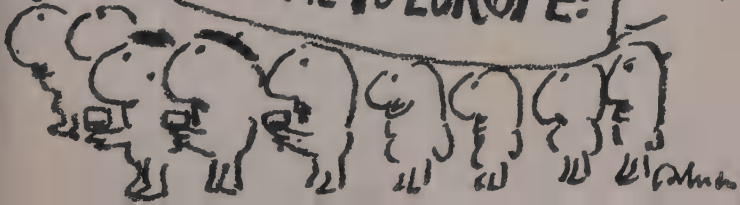


I'm not sure
I want to become a foreigner...

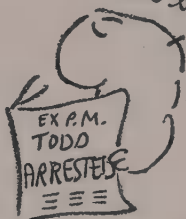


WELCOME TO EUROPE!

Boyniw!



He was charged
with being in possession
of an unlawful weapon -
a ballot box



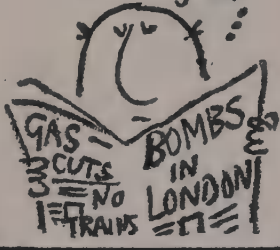
I dont mind who
knows about
my bank balance
as long as they dont
tell me



At least in the old days
you could always
put your head
in the gas oven...



I think that's carrying
nostalgia for the '40's
a bit too far



ON STRIKE

No-Im a politician
Whos out of
his depth

Pretend there's a wom-
I can't afford a real one..

Are you looking
for North Sea Gas?

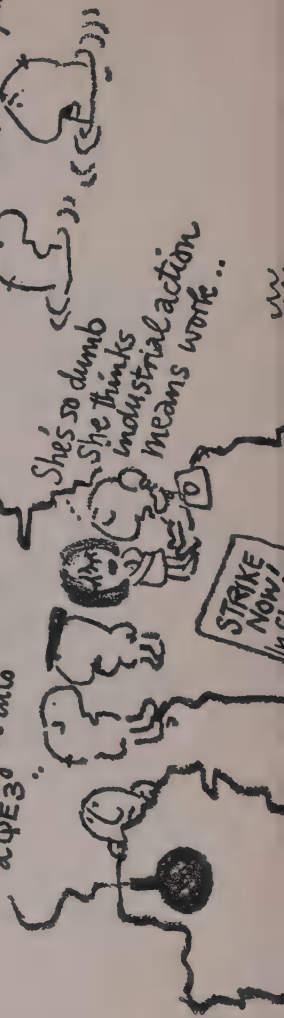
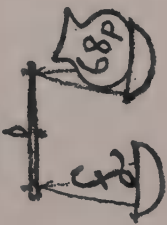
She's so dumb
She thinks
Industrial action
means work..

Goodbye!

I hear Cunard is buying
a Concorde and
converting it into
a QE3..

STRIKE
NOW!

Scale:





They've put VAT on Sirens

or they'll all want some..

And profits

BANK RATES UP

LET THE TRAIN TAKE THE STRAIN

I thought we were at war!

VAT AHEAD

BANG!

There's nothing wrong with this country, that a spot of wartime spirit of wartime cure.. Conkhobik cure..

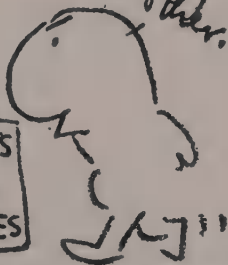
I'm emigrating to the Scilly Isles

5B

Just as I was perfecting
my boiled egg flambe
...



That'll teach them
to - something
or other..



DEFEATS
FOR
BOTH
PARTIES

I never thought
I'd live to see the day..

R.I.P.
UNKNOWN
SOLDIER

Peace in
Vietnam



Oh, to be in England,
now that April's here..

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SPRING
DAFFS.
10P.
plus VAT.



Waiter!
There's a VAT
in my soup



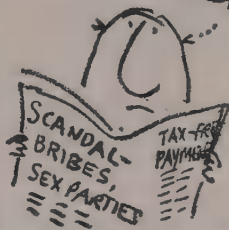
What's a nice girl
like me doing in
a place like this?
...



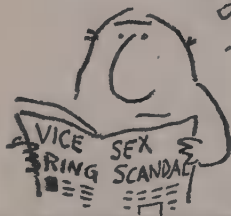
Here's to Nixon-
The Last 10 Days..



All I've ever been
offered is
luncheon vouchers..



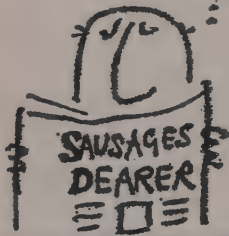
I feel I lead
a very boring
life - Thank God..



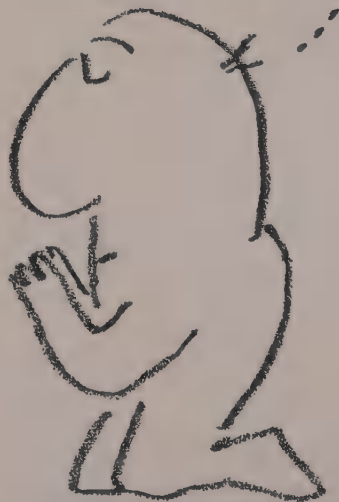
For what we are
about to receive,
may we be truly able
to afford it..



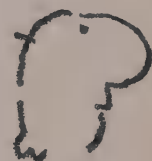
I expect it's
due to the increased
price of bread



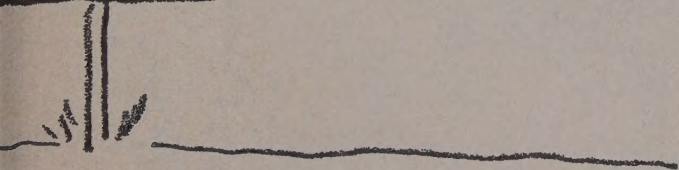
Give us each day
our daily price increase

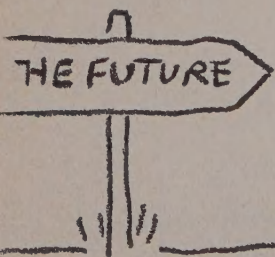




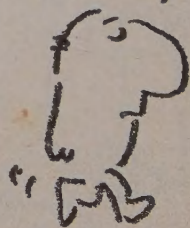

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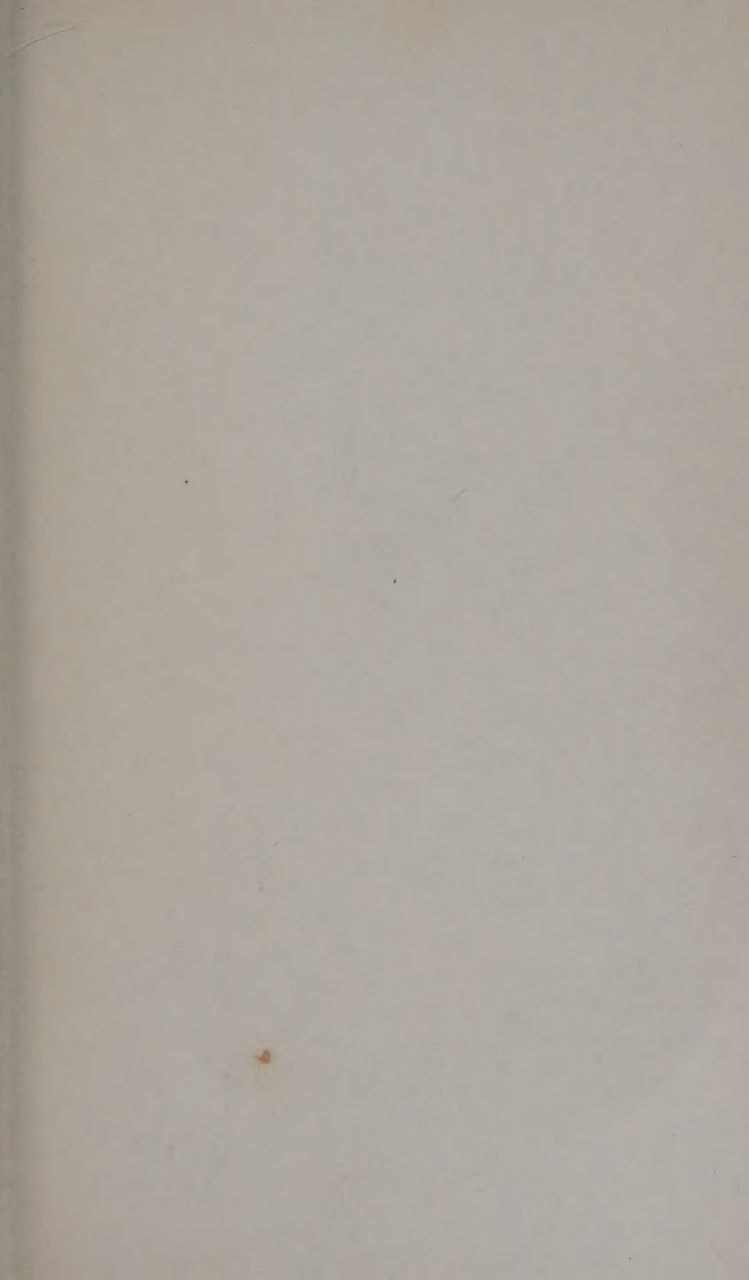
THE FUTURE





Promises, promises





THIS PESTERED ISLE

by Calman

Stanley Devon



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He is very interested in animated film, and has made one, *The Arrow*, for the British Film Institute.

He has recently done more writing, though he thinks of his cartoons as 90% writing anyway.

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