

## Bowlers, brollies and jeans... meet the new Board

# Schoolkids' take-over

Liverpool schoolkids could get themselves a new image over the next few months — of pin-striped bowler-hatted cigar-puffing share-holders.

For 1p a head they'll be offered the chance to become share-holders in a public company to be set up by Liverpool sculptor, Arthur Dooley.

The company is to promote an idea of Arthur's. He wants to see a 'camera obscura' erected in the City.

A 'camera obscura' is a set of mirrors, some fixed more than a hundred feet in the air, which reflect what is happening in surrounding areas.

The view is reflected down on to a white, concave table-top below, and creates a moving aerial picture for people on the ground.

"I want to see this thing set up in Liverpool. So I decided to form a company. Having the kids as share-holders will give them a chance to have a say in the planning of the city," said Arthur.

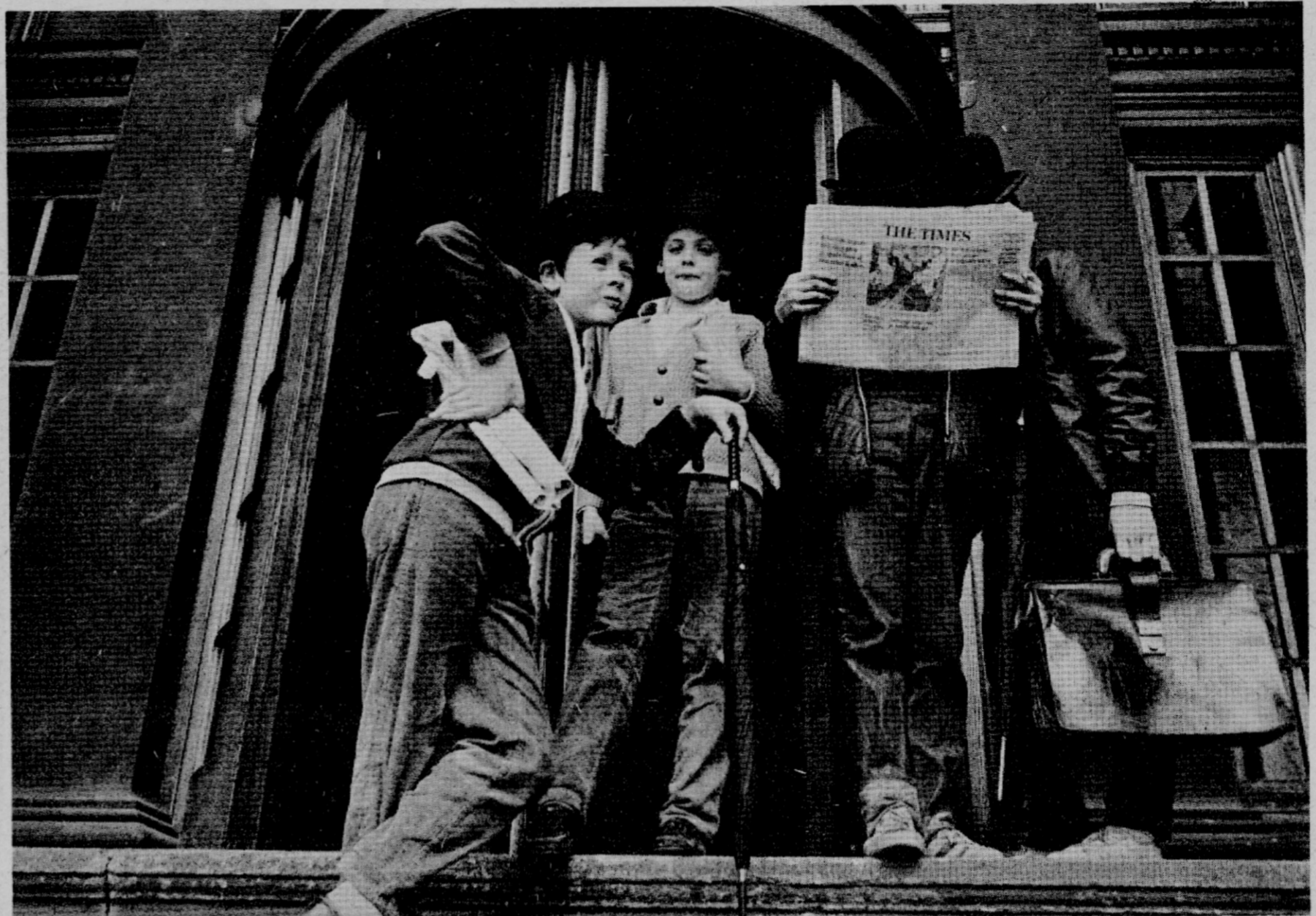
"Edinburgh has got one."

The proposal is one of a series that Arthur has made to the Liverpool city planning office, along with two other members of the Worker Artists' Association, Frank Hendry and Alan Curran.

The need for the 'camera obscura' is based on "the exclusion of the Liverpool population from contact with the river by the dock development of the last 150 years."

"The 'camera obscura' would be in the city centre and would give people there a panoramic view of the river," added Arthur.

On their list of suggestions they comment on the Victorian art in the city: "A pantheon of its own Gods, be they brewery magnates or now obscure conquerors of an empire that has vanished."



They suggest three themes for artistic ventures in the pedestrian precinct planned for the city centre—the Slave Trade, the Irish Famine and The Blitz.

And they want King John to be recognised as the first planner of Liverpool (Watch out Mr. Amos).



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## Virgin under pressure

A record shop which opened in Liverpool's posh Bold Street only a few weeks ago has already been visited by the health authorities.

The shop, Virgin records, was opened by London's Richard Branson of Students Advisory Service fame.

The health people had received complaints about noise levels and ordered one of the entrance doors to be kept permanently closed.

However, in Church Street, two shops on either side blast out music onto the pavements quite freely.

According to Tony Murphy, one of Virgin's managers, the Bold Street Traders Association has got up a petition to close the shop under the pretext that it lowers the tone of the area.

The shop has also upset several of the leading record retailers in Liverpool as Virgin sell their records at lower prices. Some of the major shops have tried to stop supplies being furnished to Virgin.

# Police beat me up — says bricklayer

Bricklayer Ken Woods, aged 21, was sitting in a cafe in Crown St. Edge Hill, talking to a workmate on July 10th, when two police officers burst in.

They took a quick look around the cafe and then went out the back entrance. Returning about 10 minutes later they went up to Ken Woods and asked him to step outside for a moment.

What happened outside the cafe caused Ken to complain that one officer struck him several times, which resulted in his right eardrum being perforated.

Several tenants in Myrtle Gardens, which is just opposite the cafe saw the incident. Some of them have been too frightened to step forward as witnesses.

But one tenant Mr. Ron Reid, has given a sworn statement to Ken Wood's solicitors saying he saw him being beaten about the head and stomach by one policeman.

His mother, Mrs. May Reid, also saw the alleged incident.

"We were waiting for my daughter to come back from the shop, I looked out the window and saw two policemen talking to a young lad who

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was standing in front of the cafe windows."

"Then I saw one of the policemen dig him in the stomach and hit him about the head. He was then taken off down Crown St."

Ken Woods, who claims his only brush with the law previously had been for speeding said, "I started work on the site near Myrtle Gardens at 8 a.m. and then went for a sandwich with a mate about 10 a.m. Two police officers came in about ten past ten.

"They were obviously looking for someone. They glanced round then went out the back, they came back about ten-twenty and asked me to go outside with them.

"One of them reckoned I had been with a gang who had been throwing stones at the police.

"He then started thumping me over the ear and in the stomach.

"They radioed for transport and

then took me off down Crown St. towards the traffic lights. A jeep came after one or two minutes.

"There were two policemen already in the jeep. A sergeant was driving. There was another policeman — I think he was a constable — sitting next to him.

"The two police officers got in the back of the jeep with me. The one who hit me before, grabbed me and thumped me again. The other one never laid a hand on me. He seemed a bit frightened but didn't say anything."

## No charge

Ken Woods was then taken to Cheapside police station, and then allowed to go. No charge has yet been made against him. Ken went back to Cheapside in the evening to lodge a complaint about police brutality.

On Monday he saw a G.P. who diagnosed a perforated ear. Ken then went to the Ear Nose and Throat hospital in Myrtle St., on the G.P.'s advice. He is still receiving treatment for his ear.