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E. H. ATTOE (Evening News Letters, August 17) quotes Mrs Winnie Mandela selectively and out of context in order to back up some rather naive views on the struggle for freedom in South Africa.

South Africa is a terrorist state which in many respects, resembles Nazi Germany. In fact, many of the founders of the currently ruling National Party were self-confessed admirers of Hitler and several of them were interned or imprisoned for attempting to sabotage (including by terrorist means) South Africa's entry into the second world war.

Apartheid deprives the black majority of all basic rights while the white minority monopolises power and privilege. Whites own almost 90 per cent of the country's land while blacks are allotted for fragmented and often infertile "tribal homelands", which the government considers to be their only real home, even if they have never been there; they are only in "white South Africa" to work.

South Africa encourages "homeland" leaders to opt for an illusory "independence" not recognised by any other country in the world.

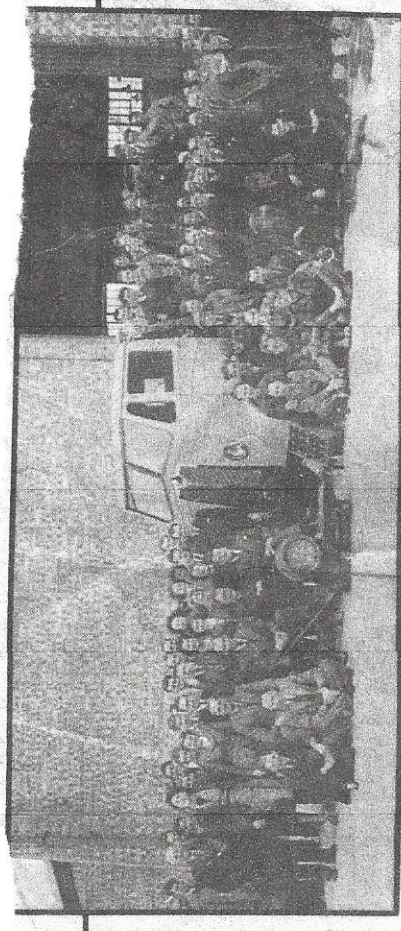
Malnutrition, poverty and disease are rife in these areas and also in the townships where many of those black workers needed by white-owned industry live. African children are over six times more likely to die in their first year than their white counterparts.

Over 1/2 million blacks are home-



John O'Neill: tragic end

Let's give John a benefit



Flashback to our picture of the Proctor Springwood factory workforce. It was taken around 1946

Story behind 'first truck'

WITH reference to your picture story in the Evening News on August 12 headed "First truck cause for much pride,"

The company was owned by Jack Taubman and was started in 1947 by a Mr Brant who is seated on a bench on the left of the picture on the far left.

Three of us actually started there in a huge aircraft hanger, Sid Townsend, Ex-Airborne, Norman Bullen, ex-Royal Marine and myself an ex Royal Marine.

We all knew George Butcher, who was one of the best brush painters in the business, in fact I think we all progressed from Eastern

Counties Bus company of Cremorne Lane, Norwich.

The "first truck" was actually built and pulled to pieces to be used as patterns for future production and was put together by the three persons mentioned. Proctor Springwood then progressed into luxury coaches which were built by craftsman and really looked quality.

I wonder how many ex-employees remember me, Sid and Norman. Peter Pulford, Thynes Lane, Mattishall.

such, Norwich Council are right to honour him. I agree with E. H. Attoe that perhaps a street could

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IN reply to Keith Daley's letter of August 20 and his comment claiming that the city centre is really going to become a parade for cyclists and walkers.

I wonder then what is going to happen to all the multi-storey parks in the city centre, seeing there will be no cars to use the anymore? Use them as multi-storey bicycle parks perhaps?

With regard to the Inner Ring Road, we too have a copy of the Public Consultation Document dated July, 1988, and we too have read the paragraph that states that through traffic will be removed from the city centre by implementation of the ring and loop proposals.

That is all very fine, but without legal enforcement this proposal is meaningless.

Without this guarantee of enforcement, it will only take a modest increase in traffic levels on the Inner Link Road for the roads earmarked for public transport (by the ring and loop system) to be opened up for the increase of traffic, and the floodgates will be opened and will be back to square one.

The accusation that we are inflexible in our stance against this particular road scheme is certainly true.

With every one of us

Your Stars

TOMORROW'S PREDICTIONS

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): A versatile astral array enables you to spread your attention over a whole range of demands and desires Wednesday, from ensuring that your material world is given full consideration to joining in with a loved one on a spiritual crusade. You're adroit, adept and adaptable, but don't put a strain on your nerves by taking on too much.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Leisure and pleasure are your main aims in life as the stars supply you with a reservoir of creative energy that keeps you bubbling over with ideas galore! Pep up a personal pastime with some novel notions, or join some fun-loving friends in a round of revelry, for you're personality-plus and can expect to be at the centre of a sizzling social scene!

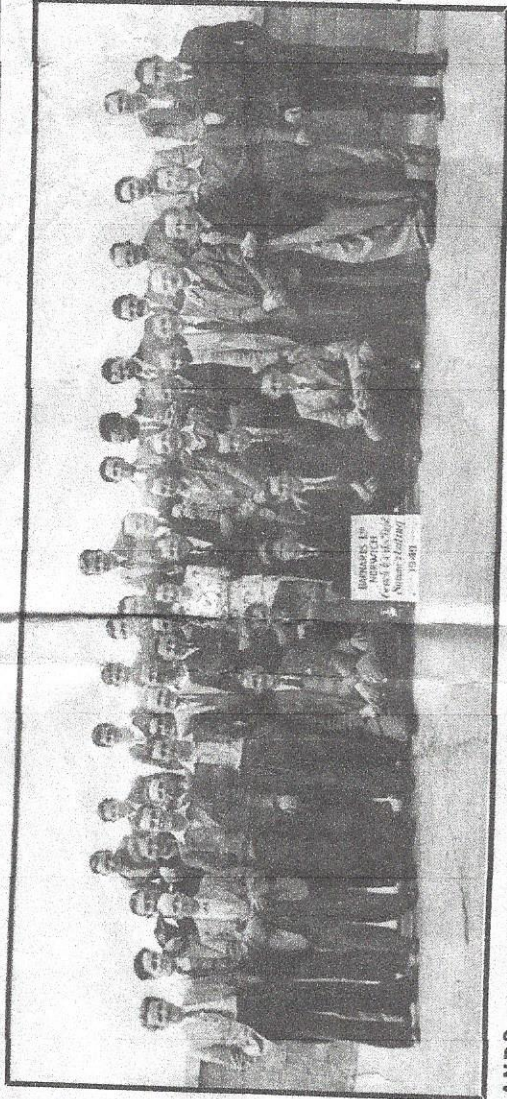
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Wednesday is perfect for sorting out a more suitable professional situation, if you can't put up with a discordant workplace any longer. If you're stuck with a position that's putting pressure on you talk things over with an understanding and sympathetic soul, who'll soon make you see sense, put things in perspective.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): Be prepared to drop everything and dash off to spread "the word," whatever your particular interests may be, for you're no longer content to keep crucial information to yourself. If you're a solo Scorpio you should keep an eye open for answers whilst you're off on your travels, for the heavens hold a rapturous romantic promise that shouldn't be ignored!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Conversations concerned with cash dominate your day, and you'll have good reason to be pleased with any progress you make. Set up a secure strategy for an assured financial future. If you're seeking advice you should go for it rather than spend time with folk

Derek James

WHIFFLER'S CITY



HANDS up everyone who remembers Squashy Howes — not the sort of name you forget. Here he is — standing second on the right in the front row — way back in 1949 when he worked at Barnards in the famous coach building department.

In an astonishing coincidence Squashy popped in with his picture just a few days after an old colleague of his, George Butcher (standing fourth from the left in the front row), dropped off the same photograph.

George, of Grove Avenue, New Costessey, and Squashy, of St Mildred's Road, were mates at Barnards during the late 40s where they made a range of coaches.

"I remember the double-deckers they made for Glasgow. They were beautiful," said Squashy.

Both reckon they were on their way to Hunstanton when this photograph was taken — a well deserved break for a team of real craftsmen, not forgetting the woman. Oh, and I'd better explain how Mr

Howes, now retired, came to be known as Squashy. When he was a little lad he and a few mates went bird-nesting on their way home from school.

"I'm afraid to say I put some eggs under my cap. We then bumped into a policeman who guessed what we had been doing and tapped me on the head. It was a mess and the name stuck," explained Squashy.

I'll bet that was the last time he went bird-nesting!



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Most Whiffler ret are so I'm sure you w able to respond to plea for help from Concern in Norwich.

Visiting sch organiser Ann McL says they have a tear 103 volunteers visiting elderly people in the ci "We expect to be a to provide many n visitors during the w: ings can be lonely e depressing for household," said Anr

