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Anarchists who forget their history are doomed! See our bulletin and publication list at: www.katesharpleylibrary.net

In a society that has destroyed all adventure, the only adventure left is to destroy that society.



Sheffield 4th annual anarchist book fair // Saturday 11th May 2013
Venue tbc www.sheffieldbookfair.org sheffield@bookfair.org.uk

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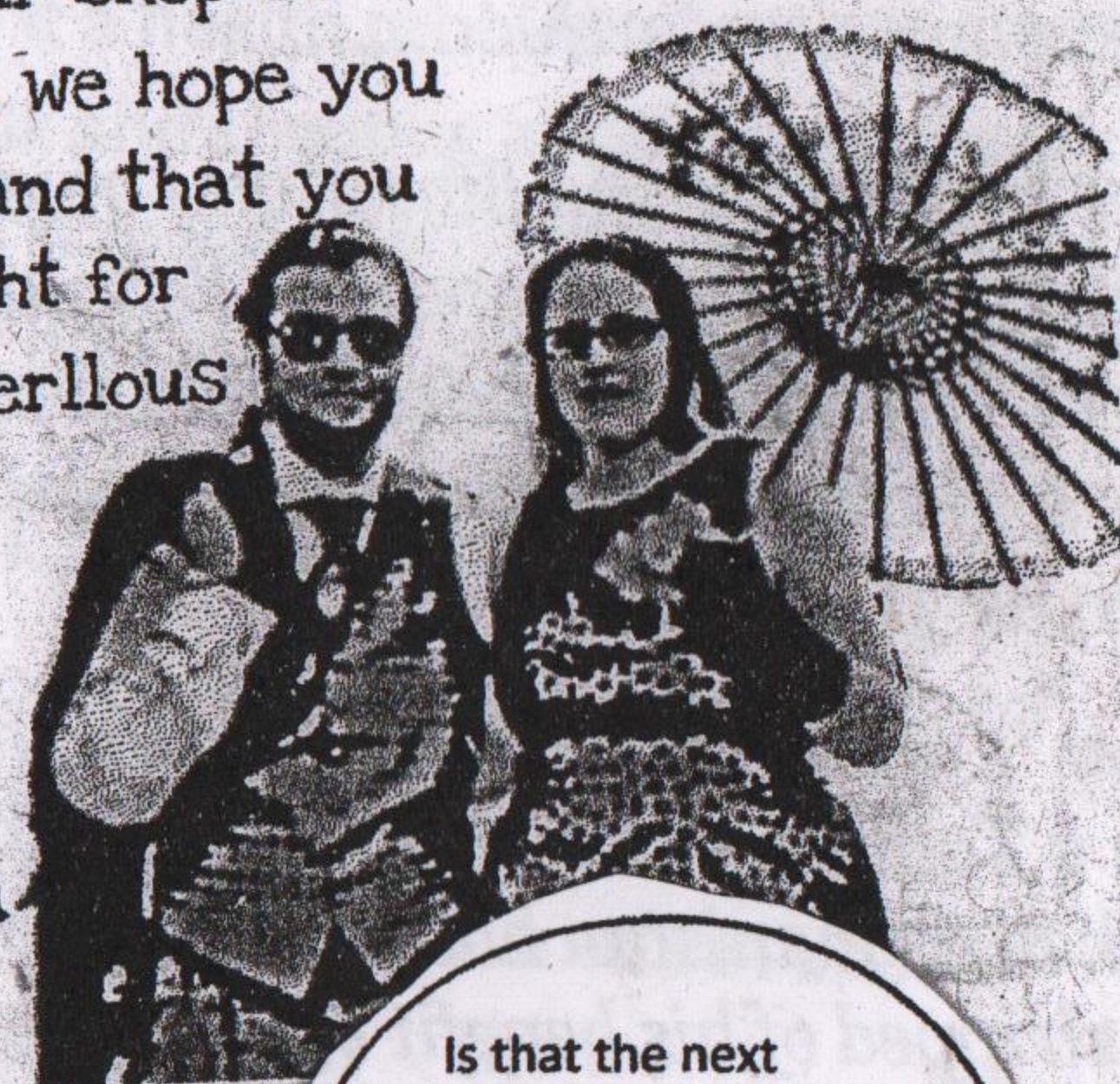
An Ethical Pet Shop is quite a new concept - people often ask us what we could possibly be selling! Well, we actually found a whole world of wonderfully ethical pet stuff, once we started looking! (Hurrah!)

We found biodegradable bowls and vegan dog-chews with seaweed, we found recyclable toys and hand-made dog soaps from Glossop! Then there's the non-tested tonics, the organic, vegetarian and vegan foods, the warm and fleecy pet beds made from recycled plastic bottles and so many more things!

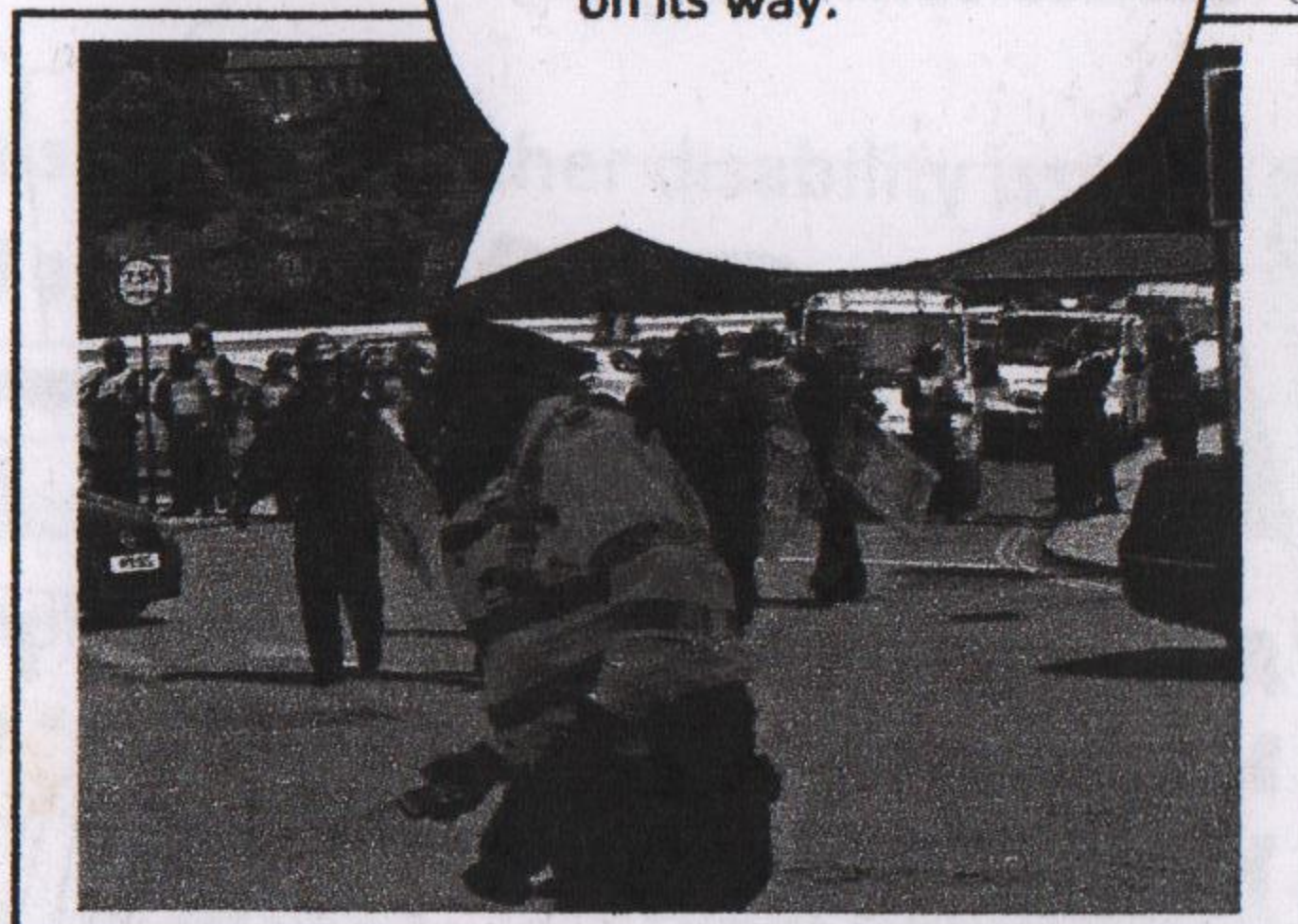
All in all, we're pretty thrilled with the care and thought that has gone into the lovely things we sell - So now... we just have to tell the world about them!

Please come and see our shop at www.ethical-pets.co.uk we hope you like how pretty it is, and that you find something just right for you, and for your marvellous furry friends!

Enjoy your mischief!



Is that the next edition of Rearguard Action on its way.



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Rearguard Action

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Benefit cuts,
More work for less,
Shit management,
Price rises, 50p
Corporate tax avoidance...



Then get off your arse and join the resistance.....

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www.industrystrike.org

HUDDERSFIELD

WHERE IS THE RESISTANCE?

The resistance is everywhere...

.....in hundreds of individuals and dozens of networks in this town that are growing day by day as people make contact and get involved. This is not an obvious process, it is hidden underground, beneath the surface. But the pot is bubbling away. The pressure is building up, wage cuts, benefit cuts, more work for less, bureaucracy, hopelessness.....it is building up bit by bit day by day. And when it blows the networks must be ready to build the movement, push the boundaries using direct action, mutual aid and direct democracy to overthrow the government.....and it is a global movement.

Corporate powers are coming for your job, pay, benefits, and education. They are taking the future of your children and leaving them with jack shit and they will get away with it too if you let them.
The more we give the government the more they will want, the more we resist the less they will get.
Wake up learn to say no. Don't be afraid, If the Arab people can fight back living under a dictatorship then so can we. Join together collectively in your workplace or community talk to the people around you organise defiance, resistance and direct action.

Yes join a union but don't rely on it. Don't trust any leaders or bureaucracy, build the networks. Just do it yourselves with art with humour, courage and love. Such a policy is winning victories for people across the world.

rearguardaction@yahoo.co.uk

To The West Yorkshire Commissionair of Police ,
Huddersfield Police Station,
Albion Street Huddersfield.
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Dear Copper,

As a tax paying citizen I must complain strongly about the occupation of ATOS on 5th September at Crown House by anarchists, lefties and other hairy types.
It is a disgrace that after this act of mass trespass took pace it took the police 40 minutes.....yes 40 minutes to turn up to deal with this melee. When they did arrive (all two of them) they then spent 10 minutes talking to security before asking the largely anarchist gathering the ridiculous question "whose in charge".

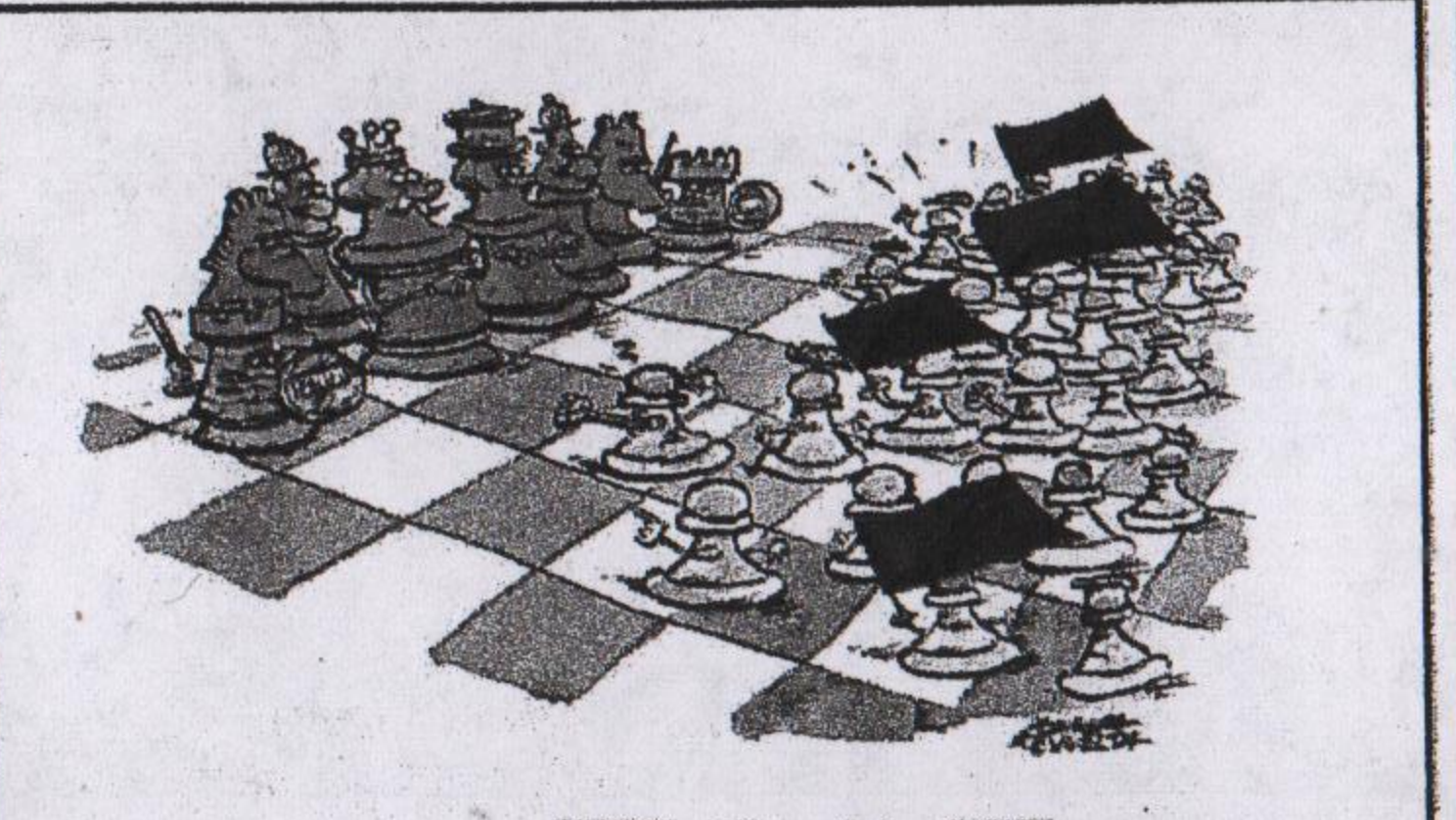
Next time such an occupation takes place can I request that the police response time is improved to arrive after the press but before we all get bored of occupying since we are busy people with a lot to do.
Also rather than sending the pathetic two coppers in future considering the dynamism of our actions and seriousness of our cause we feel that a more fitting and dramatic response would be to send at least a dozen coppers, with two in riot gear, a FIT team, the river police and an helicopter. Can such things be booked in advance?

To be fair at the 10th December Jobcentre occupation the police response times were more rapid but there again there was only a half dozen clueless cops one PCSO and no helicopter.

Yours,

Jan Glimmer
Huddersfield Anarchist League

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Little VICTORIES

Cleaners at contractor ICM working in John Lewis stores in London, who are members of the Industrial Workers of the World revolutionary union, have won a 9% backdated pay rise following them balloting for strike action.

Cleaners at the Guildhall won a similar victory back in the summer.

Both led by IWW the anarchist trade union.

12 January 2013, Athens, Greece. Demonstration in solidarity with the evicted people from Villa Amalias and Skaramaga squats. There are 6000 to 8000 protester-e-s in the anarchist contingent.

12 January 2013. Bilbao, Spain. Demonstration to protest against political prisoners.

25th Jan (TPIC #23J #Squat #Italy English/German)
The social center #Bartleby in #Bologna was evicted this morning by an impressive number of police forces. Bartleby was barricaded with bricks and cement. The Social center was founded during the italian student movement "the wave". Later today Clashes erupted between police mercenary forces and students after students tried to reoccupy the building after a demo.

20 January 2013
HMV shops in Ireland occupied till the company taking over the shops pay staff that are been made redundant all their back pay

"All shops have now been vacated and an agreement has been handed to Limerick from the receiver Deloitte stating all money due will be paid to staff next week.
What more can be said about the heroes who left their families and sat in our shops
Thank you all so much for the outpouring of support and love , and this is just the beginning not the end ."

HMV Staff Ireland

the Office of National Statistics revealed that last winter, 24,000 people died due to cold weather. The majority of those who died were aged over 75

Should women troops have same right to kill as men?

was an interesting 'Friday thinker' yesterday on the open university social sciences facebook page - 'Should women in the armed forces have equal rights as men to kill' (can u believe that)

its mad in it

yeah
will show u what i wrote (its short and to the point)
"I think we should all refuse to kill in the name of the corporate elite! No more blood for oil, or whatever other natural resource they decide to send out our working class kids to die on the front lines for. No-one (male or female) should even want to go to other lands and kill our brothers and sisters who live there - just because some authority figure invented a bogieman and used the media to propagate hate, such as 'islamophobic' misinformation. War solves nothing but more misunderstanding & more hate. So to conclude, the men should also be stopped from killing & brought into line with the women."

Dear Rita

I am writing with effect to my previous correspondence regarding the folly of running around wasting time looking after furry animals and distracting ourselves from the class struggle.
Not only are badges, bats, foxes hippies and the like not able to appreciate such selfish actions on the part of human beings but also they have a many times in history actively taken the side of reaction.



The photograph above shows proof of collusion by arctic hares, elks and polar bears with German forces on the Finish front in 1939. Here we see a polar bear attached to a forward unit of the Waffen SS. Animals either the fury, feathered or bin scavenging variety are neither to be trusted with the great social problems of the day nor your granny. Like other bourgeoisie deviationists such as anarchists and traffic wardens they should not be entertained by a true revolutionary proletarian movement.

Yours

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GENERAL STRIKE NOW

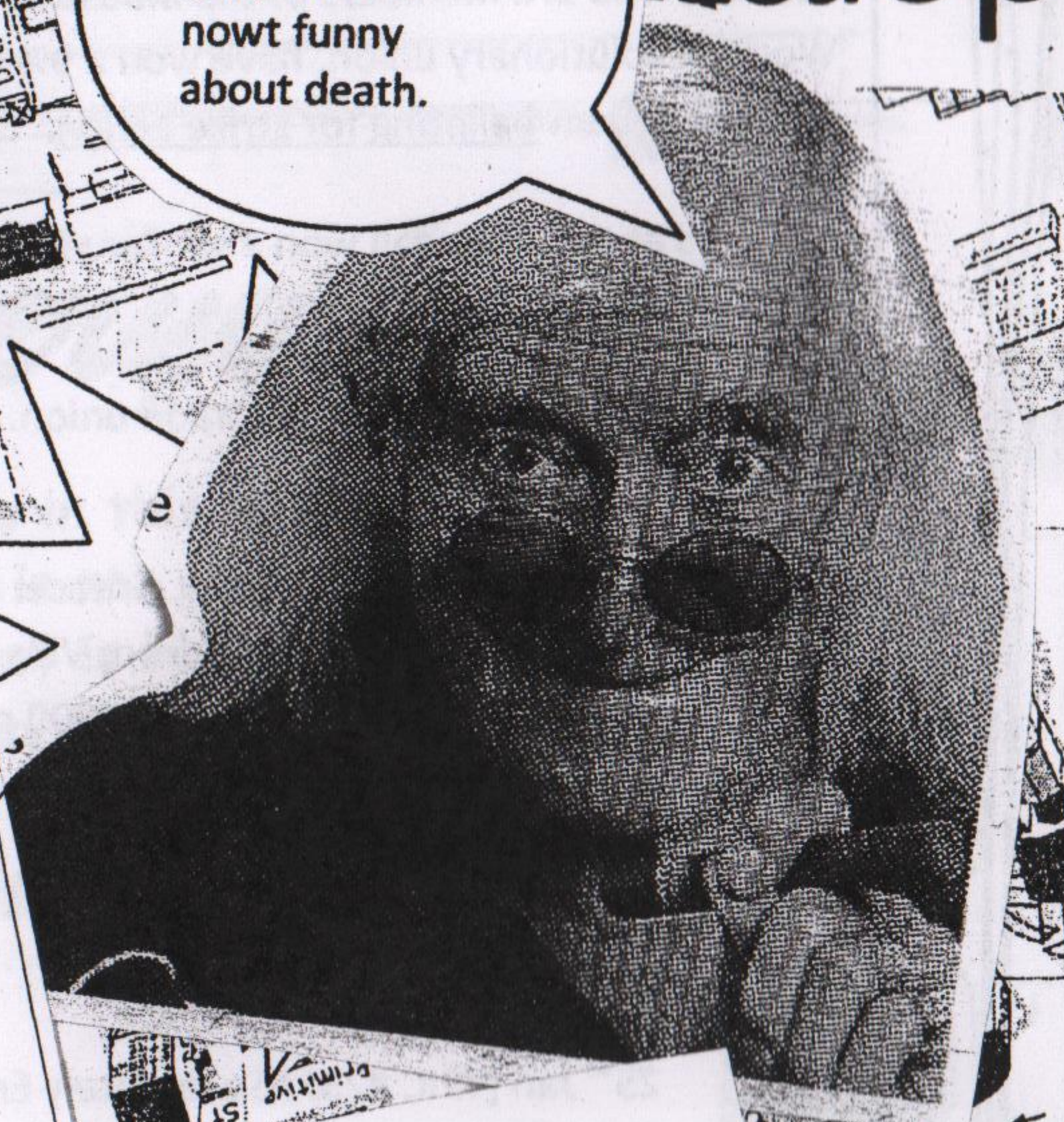
This poster is NOT for enlarging to A3 and flyposting

live in the PARISH

All these proposed changes mean pensioners will receive an average earnings related rate of inflation when indexing their pension to a different rate of inflation when indexing the final salary. Reduction of pension accrual rate by 25%; using

JIMMY SAVILLE'S DEATH PAGE

Now then guys and especially gals, there's nowt funny about death.



D ANTHONY ERVIN MUST HAVE THOUGHT that robbing a blind man would be easy; but Courtney Beswick, aged 28 and blind since birth, flipped him over his shoulder and put him in a wrestling hold until police arrived. Ervin was taken to hospital in Philadelphia, but was pronounced dead of neck injuries. In 1987, Mr Beswick was named Most Valuable Wrestler for the Eastern Atlantic Association of Schools for the Blind. *Guardian, 12 Oct 1996.*

A POACHER DIED AFTER HE TRIED TO CATCH fish by putting a live cable into a pond outside Moscow. He forgot to disconnect the electricity before collecting the fish. *D.Record, 16 June 1994.*

TWO RUSSIAN POLICEMEN SHOT EACH other dead on 7 March 1997 in a case of mistaken identity while trying to arrest suspected robbers. One group of policemen in the town of Nizhny Novgorod east of Moscow mistook another group for the crooks in the dark after they refused an order to drop their weapons. *The Times (Malta), 11 Mar 1997.*

RALPH BREGOS, 40, WAITED TWO YEARS for a heart transplant. When news arrived at his Kentucky home that a donor was available, he got so excited that he had a massive heart attack and died. *D.Record, 9 Feb 1996.*

IN AN ATTEMPT TO CURE MARIA MENDOZA'S fear of heights, psychiatrist Ed Cabrillo took her up 20 floors of a Brazilian office block and told her she had nothing to worry about - just step into that lift. Maria bit her lip, took a pace forward, and plunged to her death. They hadn't noticed the warning signs that the lift was under repair. *The People, 31 Oct 1993.*

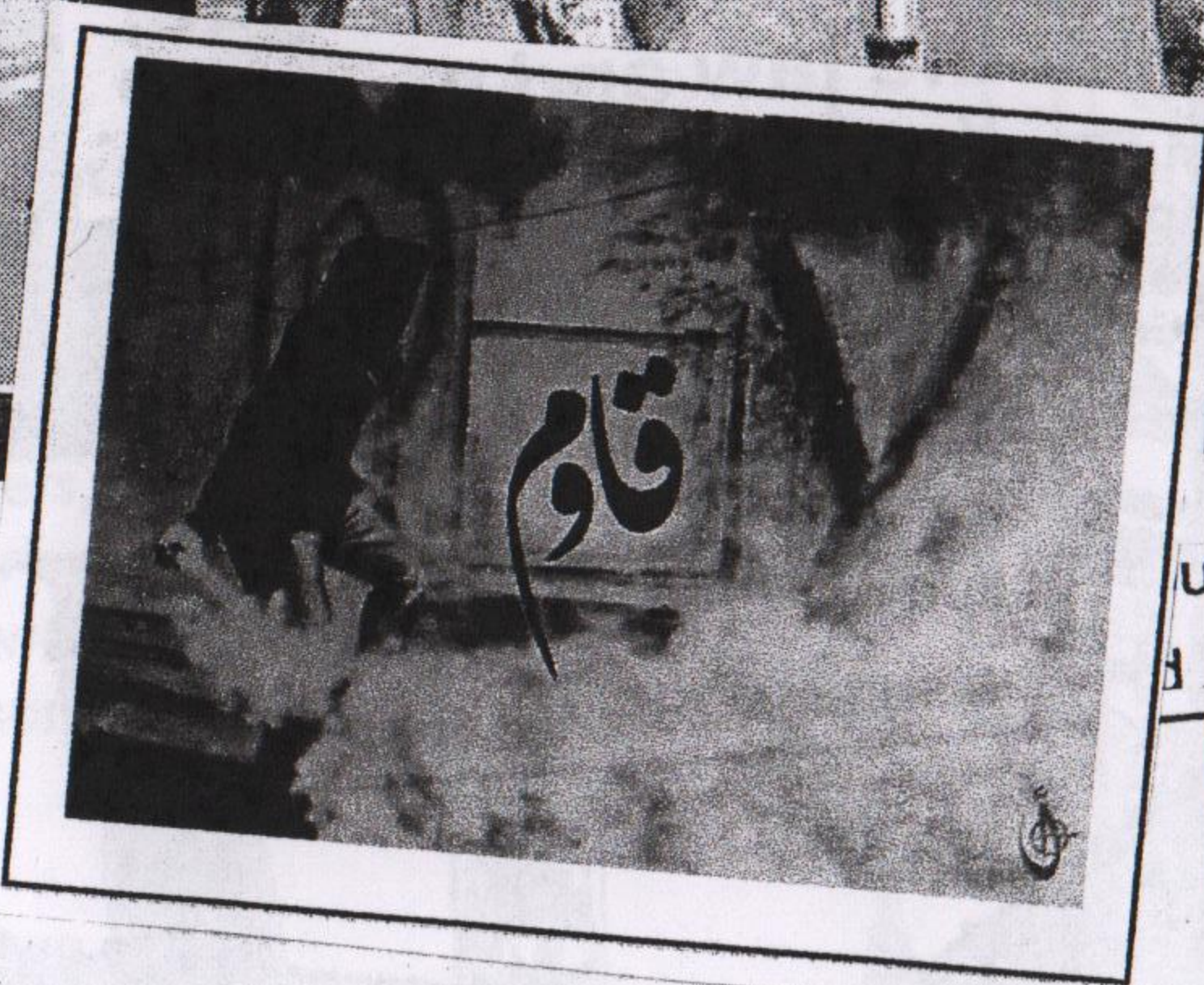
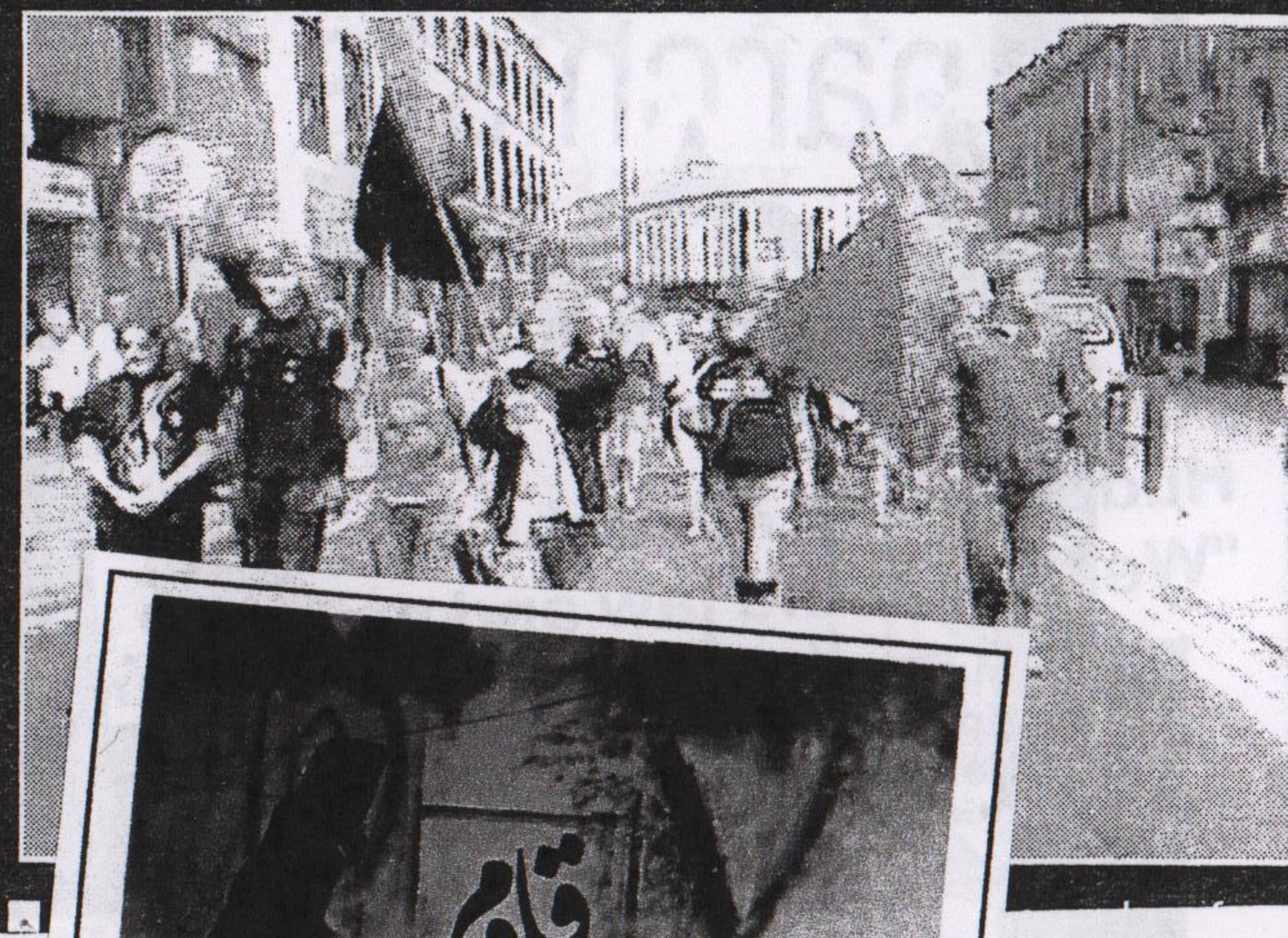
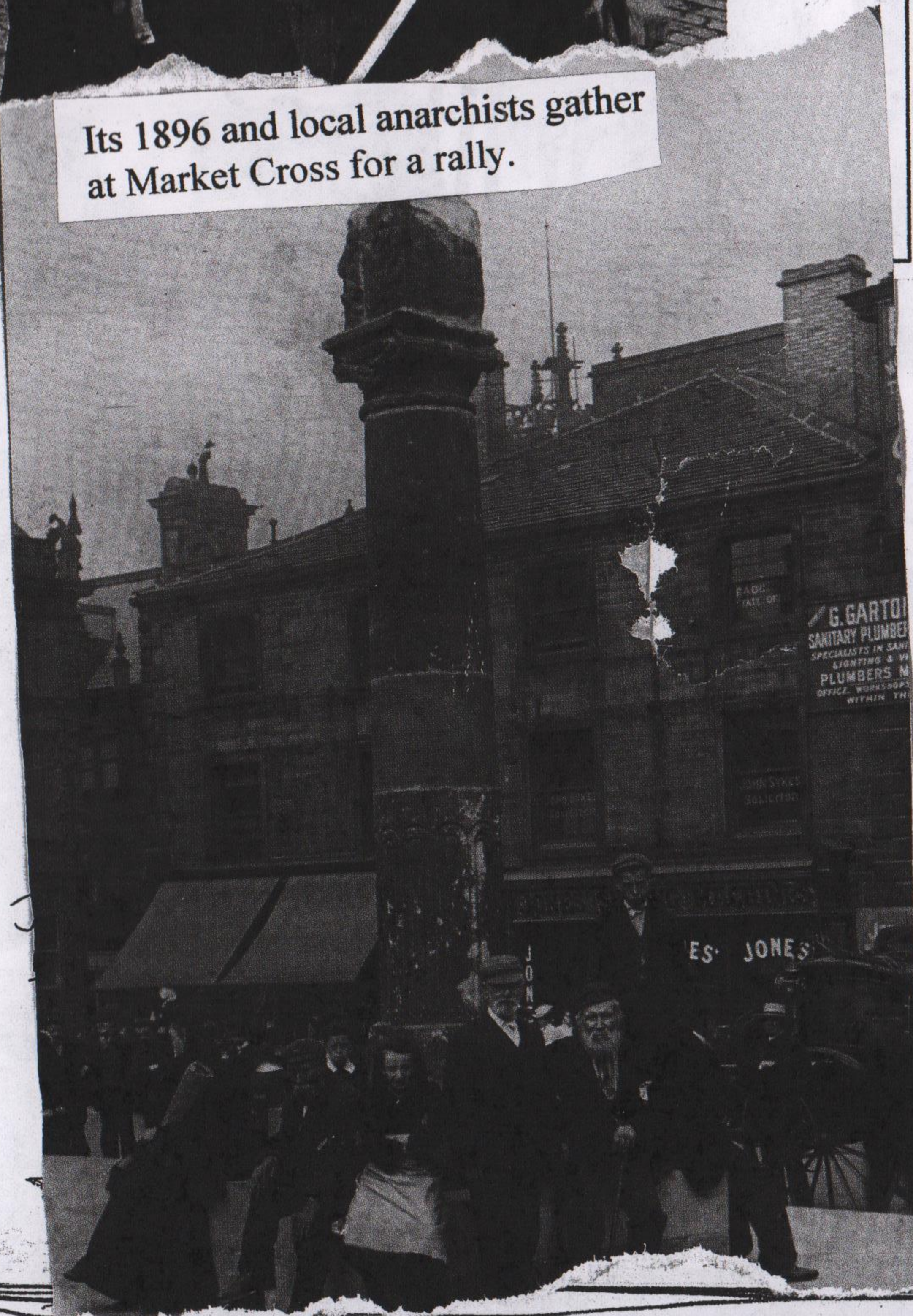
CZESLAW B, 60, WHO WAS SO AFRAID OF burglars he filled his house with lethal booby traps, fell victim to his own safeguards. He was found shot dead outside his garage on 19 November 1996, killed, according to initial investigations, by two home-made guns mounted on the garage doors. Explosives experts, moving cautiously through his house in Kosianka Trojanowka village, eastern Poland, found eight similar traps by the front door, in rooms and the attic. Each device was fitted with a discreet off-switch. There were 28 more booby traps in the house in various stages of construction. *[R] 20 Nov 1996.*

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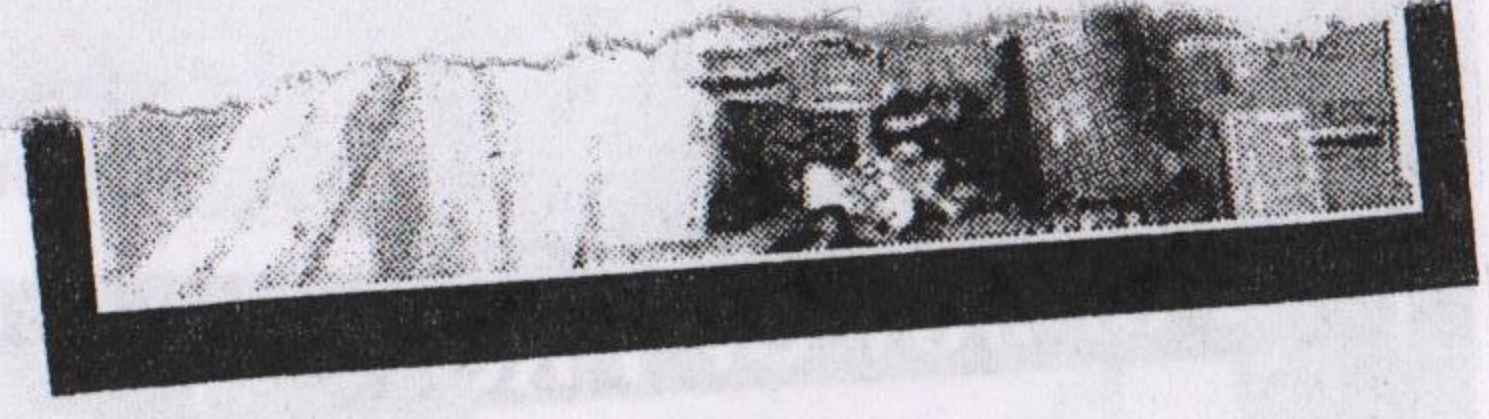
On 19th January 2013 the 10.27 Huddersfield to York train was stopped at Leeds for 15 minutes whilst police questioned a supporter of Huddersfield Anarchist League and the Fraid Knot radical reenactment society. Police boarded the train at Leeds after the guard informed them that two characters in period dress were carrying a musket, (of course they were they were going to a Luddite Commemoration), one was hauled off the train in front of astonished passengers who thought the police had completely over reacted. After been questioned he was allowed to continue his journey with the musket wrapped in his great coat and apologies from First Transpennine staff. The police yet again have been humiliated by local Anarchists who this time weren't even trying to cause trouble.



Its 1896 and local anarchists gather at Market Cross for a rally.



Hey mate - hope all is well in your corner of Kirklees! Question for you; despite there being overwhelming evidence that the ConDems are following in the footsteps of their mortal goddess Mrs.T, I am overwhelmed by the silence of those most affected by the cuts that are being made, the 1% cap on all benefits - including those for the disabled - and the recent development (2 DAYS after voting for the 1% cap!!) that our glorious MPs can't possibly survive on 60K + all additional perks that take that figure far higher, and require a 32% increase in their salaries. Taking the piss doesn't even begin to come close to what they're doing, yet - no apparent response from the left - or am I just missing something?? When the students were faced with the tuition increase, the lefties in the general population stood shoulder to shoulder with them, in protest. We protested against the UK going to war in Afghanistan, loudly and long. Now that the ones affected are those of us in receipt of benefits, you can see the tumbleweeds blowing down deserted streets and squares... and the government will see this as acceptance. Where can I go, what can I do to light a fire under the peoples conscience and sense of duty to others??? I know that you've had a lot of experience in demonstration and campaigning for various causes - can you please point me in the right direction?? The way I see it, we can either sit on our arses and whinge while the gov't continues to rape us financially and emotionally, or we can stand up and say FUCK NO we don't accept this, and actually affect some change!!



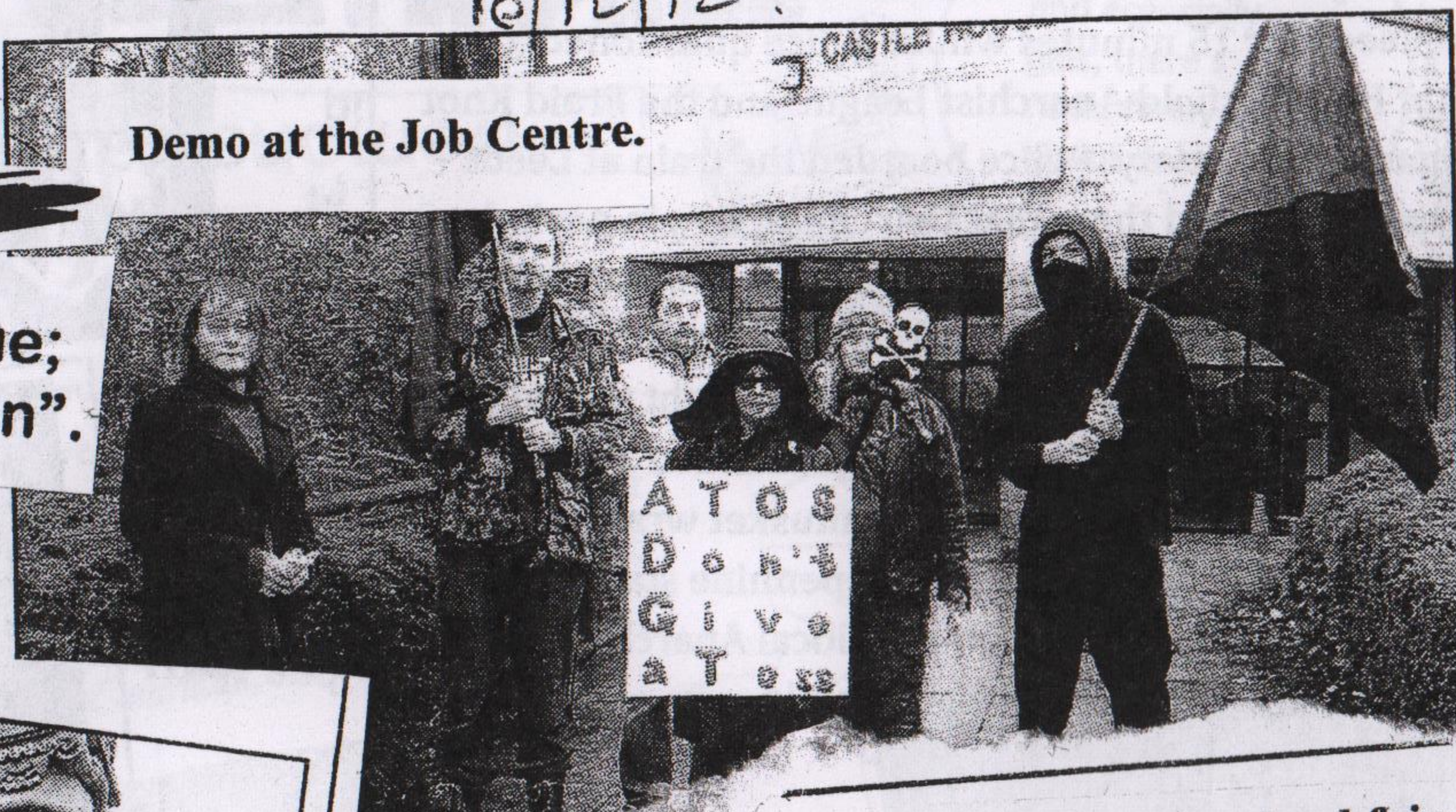
Anarchists target job centre again

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Huddersfield Anarchist League; "We fought the law and we won".

about Government... people's benefits. Helen Henson said: "They were waiting for us this week and the door."

18/12/12. Demo at the Job Centre.



Luddite reenactment at London anarchist bookfair.

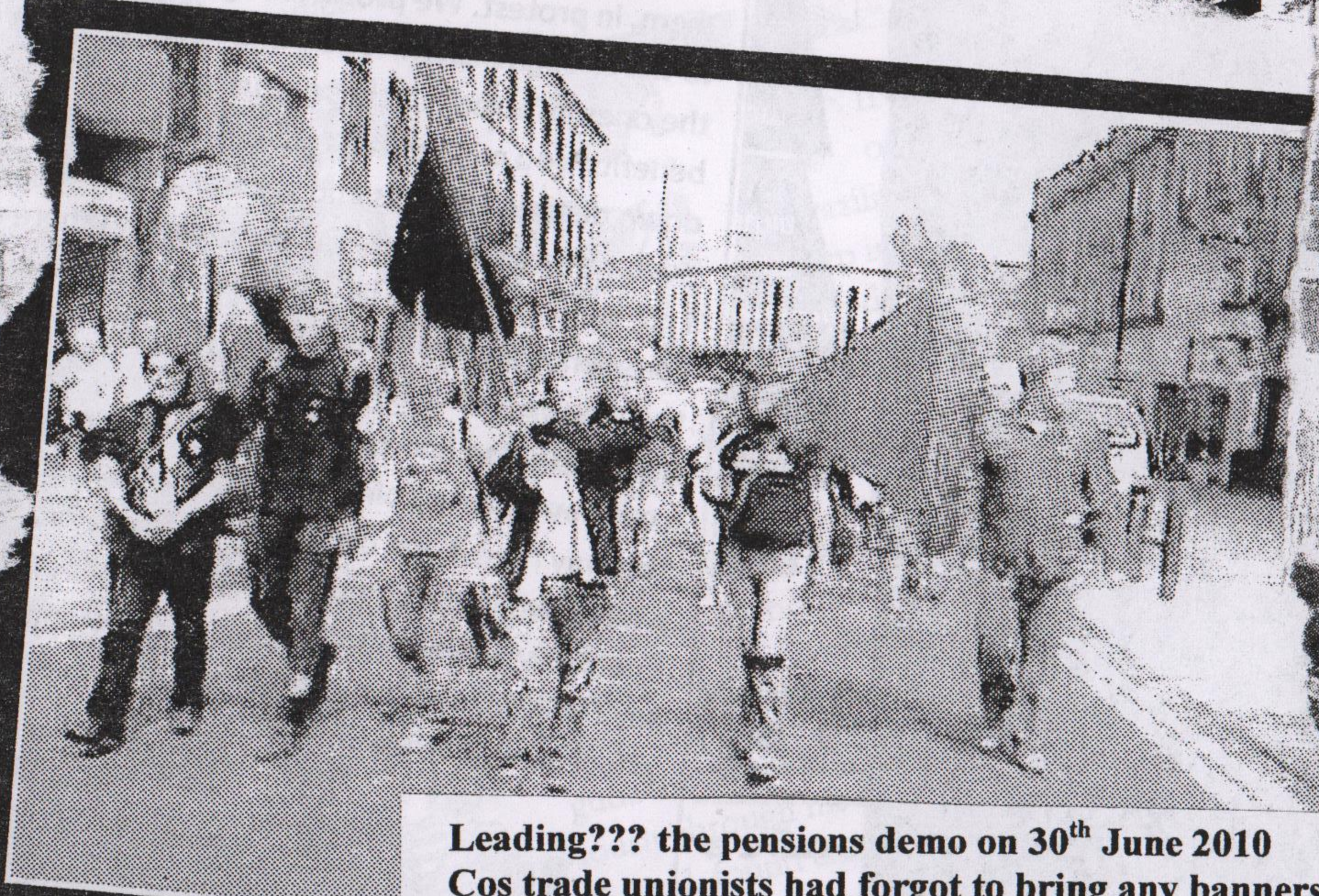


CHEERS: Alison Bray, left, and Beverly... ready to party at the sort of



SMASHING: Two members of the 'Fraid Not Society attack a mock up of an 1812 type shear frame in London

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Leading??? the pensions demo on 30th June 2010 Cos trade unionists had forgot to bring any banners.

SPRIT OF PROTEST: Examiner website video grabs of



DON'T CALL US SPONGERS: Cleaning the ex-Co-op building on New Street

Building attacked with soap

HUDDERSFIELD anarchists have attacked a town centre building - with soap.

Masked cleaners raided the filthy frontage of the former Co-op building on the corner of New Street and Castlegate.

Four members of Huddersfield Anarchist League cleaned the windows of the unused 1930s building on West

Masked anarchists cleaning windows.

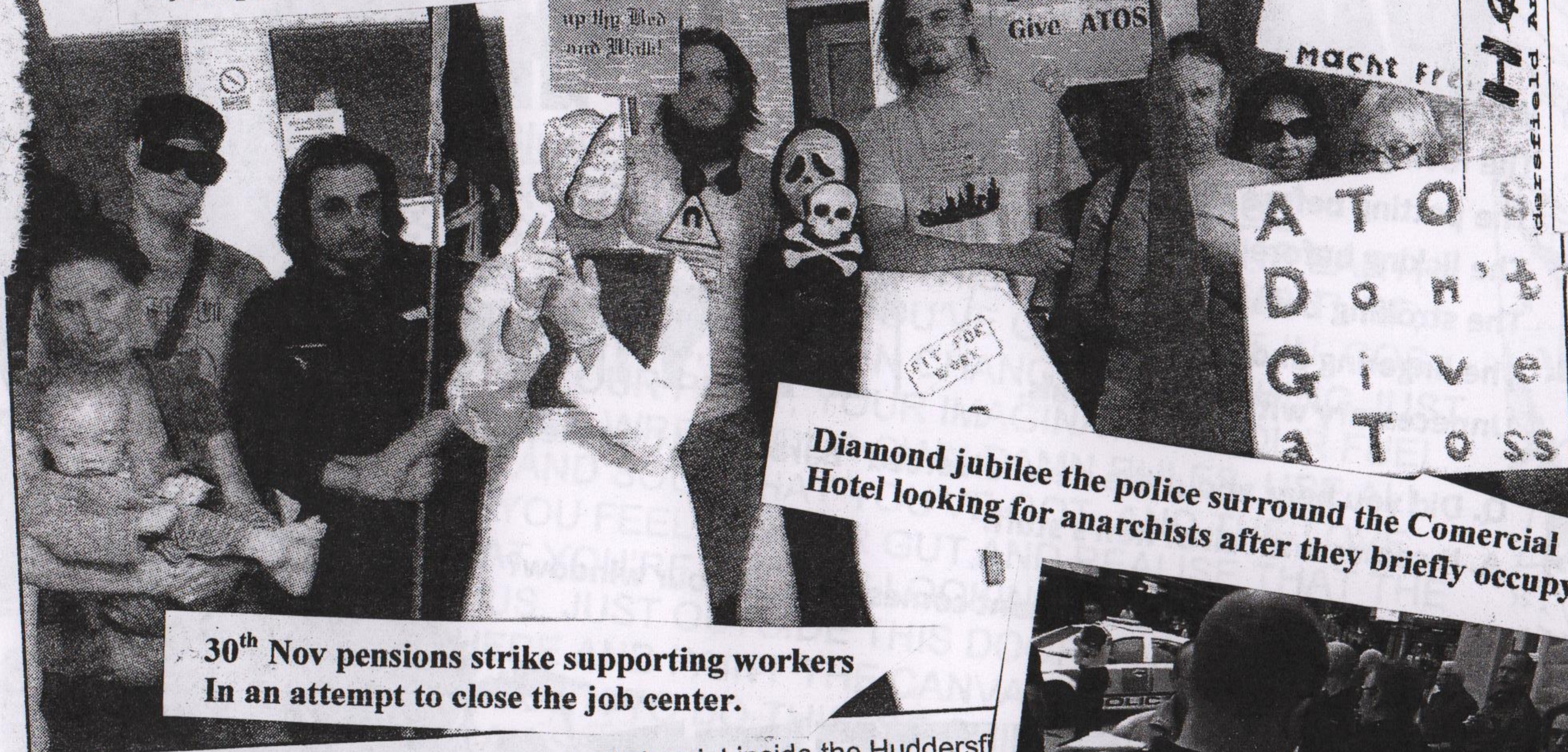
The rise of HUDDERSFIELD ANARCHIST LEAGUE

Founded during the Gaza blockade demo in June 2010 at an unofficial meeting in the Commercial Hotel, the Huddersfield Anarchist League has gone from strength to strength. In part due to the international blossoming of anarchist ideas since the Arab Spring and the attack on Millbank Towers, the rise of the League is also due in part in the non-sectarian, humanist and creative approach of its supporters as well as an open and inclusive approach that is not apparent in some of the more 'conspiratorial' anarchist groups.

Their black and red flags have become common at town centre protests as has their courage in leading direct action and occupation's. From Occupy London to the Luddite Bi-Centenary celebrations their supporters have played a part and they have fought the law and won on numerous occasions. They have initiated a campaign of cleaning the window of empty shops (rather than breaking them), plotting (on allotments) and numerous other things that have made the ideas of anarchism popular in town.

Here through the pages of the Huddersfield Examiner we track some of their antics.

Occupying ATOS.



30th Nov pensions strike supporting workers In an attempt to close the job center.

DYING FOR CHANGE: Protestors make their point inside the Huddersf

Diamond jubilee the police surround the Comercial Hotel looking for anarchists after they briefly occupy Top Shop.

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Does ATOS give ATOSS?

I am angry about ATOS. As someone who has experienced disability and is now following the paralyemics, ATOS epitomises the hypocrisy in the UK around disabilities.

The paralyemics have had fantastic coverage, open, un-patronising, enthusiastic.

ATOS has a role in testing people for disability allowances. I went through this process a few years ago and I don't know who did my assessment; they ask the questions not us, it's not exactly an "empowering process". From the outpouring of outrage at ATOS, it seems that my experience wasn't isolated. But being at the time very isolated myself, I didn't know that.

I suffered from extreme fatigue and "wobbly legs" for a number of years. I never got a diagnosis and after a while the NHS gave up investigating what was wrong with me. Part way through this process, when it became obvious that I wasn't going to get fixed any time soon, I went for a disability assessment, mainly as it was a chance to see a new doctor who might be able to help find out what was wrong with me. I was looking for work but finding it very challenging due to not knowing if I would be able to

1. Sit up all day, or even part of it. 2. Get to work and get around an office at work as I was still trying to figure out some sort of mobility aid that was affordable and. 3. Feeling that I could not honestly say to an employer that I would be reliably well enough work.

So I went for an assessment and demonstrated my wobbling for the 10 metres down the corridor that was as far as I could go, described what was wrong and that there was as yet no diagnosis. The assessor examined me, (hammer on the knees again etc) and asked general questions about my life and I answered as best I could. All very friendly and professional. She asked what my career was and when I told her, she asked for advice about heating her house sustainably and I gave what advice I could to help.

A few weeks later, when I got the letter explaining what help they could offer, I read it and am still so angry about it that if I saw the woman in the street who carried out the assessment, I'd spit at her. Apparently, I had no problems of any sort with mobility and no problems with fatigue either. I had no problems at all apart from one box ticked to say that Anna Marie "didn't care about her appearance". Which I didn't particularly, but hadn't considered it a health problem until then. What most confused me was that if I had been putting on a funny walk and scooting about in a mobility scooter with no physical need, I would expect to be assessed as someone with extreme mental health problems, not no problems at all. I'm shaking with anger now when I think of the sheer nastiness of it.

I gave up on the NHS and on the benefit system. As my husband worked, we had enough money to try alternative help and eventually I found a chiropractor who gradually fixed me.

The experience of being disabled has opened my eyes to what disabled people have to put up with day to day and the obstacles and abuse put in place by the "caring professions". The worst discrimination I experienced was by health care professionals and the most helpful and kind people were Joe Bloggs on the street.

The recent press focus on disabled "benefits cheats", to the exclusion of any other disability issues seems to have had a corrosive effect on attitudes to the disabled and ATOS seems to be at the forefront of accusing people of this, rightly or wrongly and with no regard for the effect on those wrongly accused. The paralyemics are showing publicly that disabled people are normal people, not fakers and scroungers as they have recently been portrayed. Hopefully this will be a changing point for attitudes and ATOS will come under closer scrutiny as to their "assessment" methods.

Anna Marie Byrne

ATOS

Reminiscent of the Third Reich Eugenicians, the 'Con-Dem' government would have you believe

that the sick & disabled are an unsustainable luxury, who we can no longer afford to support.

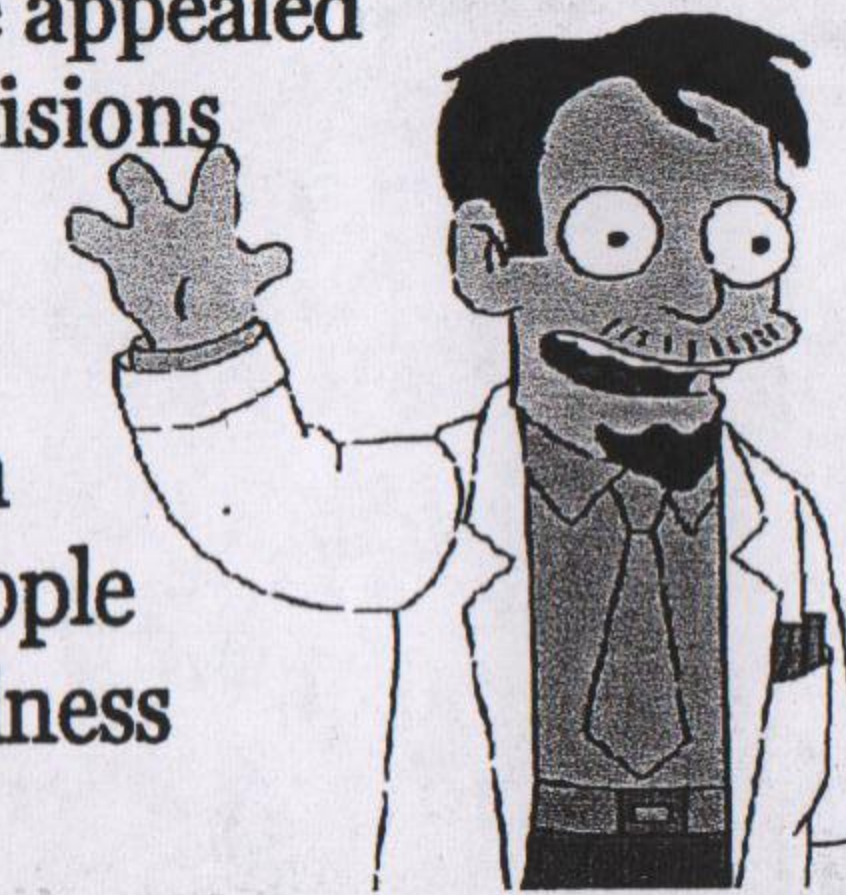
Official Paralympics sponsor Atos holds a £100 million a year contract to carry out 'fitness to work' tests on some of societies most vulnerable people. This is part of a government austerity drive, whose main objective appears to be to cull benefit claimants.

This scheme has driven many sick & disabled people into hardship, poverty & despair and in some cases even to suicide or premature death.

These tests carried out by Atos are unfair 'one size fits all' tests which do not distinguish between individual conditions & show no understanding of a patient's daignosis at all.

Out of the 738,000 assessments carried out by Atos last year, 40% of their decisions were appealed against of which 62% of Atos decisions were overturned (Gardian.co.uk 31/8/12).

This process is the cause of much anxiety and distress for many people who are already suffering from illness & disability.



- Terminal Lung Cancer (0 points) Fit for work
 - Terminal Breast Cancer (0 points) Fit for work
 - Amputee (0 points) Fit for work
 - Severe depression (0 points) Fit for work (suicidal)
 - Severe Heart Condition (0 points) Fit for work
- and so on and so forth.....

Cancer sufferer 'Cecilia Burns' was given 0 points by Atos for her Breast Cancer in February 2012 & declared 'fit for work'. Sadly Cecilia succumb to her illness & died on 27/8/12 (bbc.co.uk 31/8/12)

Sapper 'Karl Boon' a soldier who lost his leg in a Taliban rocket propelled grenade attack in Afghanistan has also been stripped of his benefit by Atos (www.causes.com 31/8/12).



ATOS

A Harold Shipman Josef Mengele Partnership. Killing people since 2008

FUCK ATOS

On 5th of September after a demo at Market Cross anarchists, socialist workers and others occupied Crown House the DWP building in Huddersfield from where ATOS assessments are carried out.

Inside the building protestors carried out a die in the place to challenge the suffering of the disabled at the hands of ATOS. The police were called but didn't turn up for 35 minutes; a disgrace maybe police turn out times have been badly affected by the cuts. When they did turn up they spent ten minutes chatting with security before approaching us and making the typical cop mistake of saying "who is in charge", after the laughter died down we confessed in unison, "we are all in charge".

Barry Gibson from the Examiner got there in five minutes flat to report on the shenanigans prompting the baron to say that the next time he gets mugged he is gonna call Barry Gibson not the cops.

Check out Examiner Video.
<http://www.examiner.co.uk/news/local-west-yorkshire-news/2012/09/06/huddersfield-protestors-occupy-job-centre-in-demonstration-against-french-firm-atos-healthcare-86081-31777048/>

TOP SHOP TARGETED AGAIN
Reports have come in that last month there was an incident in Top Shop where a group of teenagers took items off rails and threatened to take them out of the store in to cover taxes that hadn't been paid by Top Shop boss Philip Green. Away ta go the peoples bailiffs.

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Demons the resistance 30 St Geoi Huddle

Ant-ATOS protest Huddersfield.