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MAY DAY 99

MAY DAY MESSAGE

by Purshotum Karbal, President of Nottingham & District T.U.C. & Secretary of Nottingham Branch of the National League of the Blind & Disabled.

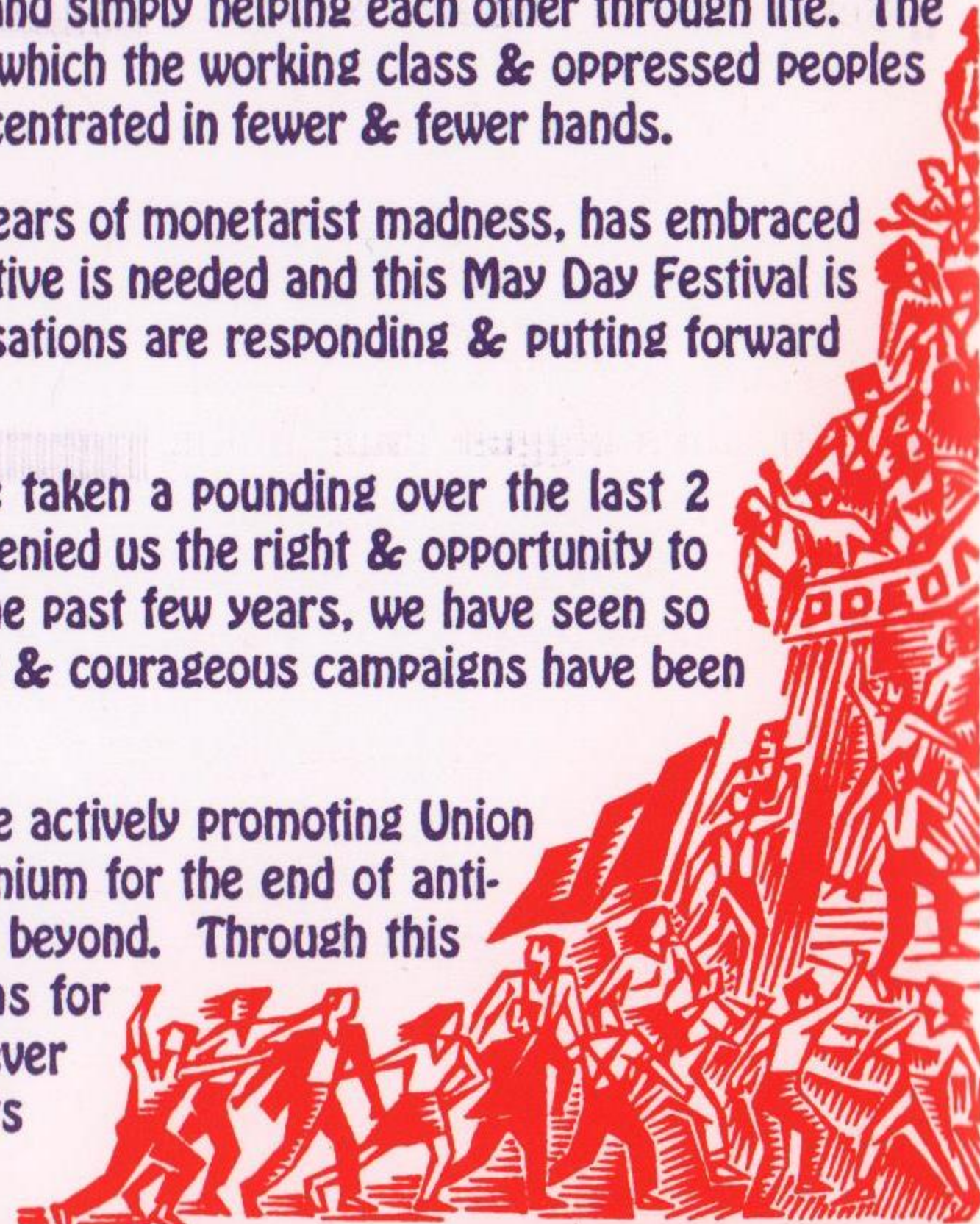
This year Saturday 1st May in Nottingham will be a real celebration of international working class solidarity and culture. For far too long the working class movement has been under attack by those who profit from international competition & division, while what the world desperately needs is co-operation and mutuality between its people. And for far too long, we have been almost embarrassed to proclaim the ideals & watchwords of our movement, for fear of being dismissed as dinosaurs & out of touch with the modern world.

Yet the real truth is that, as catastrophe threatens to overwhelm the planet in many ways, it will only survive if social life around the globe is refounded on the ideas of solidarity and simply helping each other through life. The consequence of capitalist competition are a dog-eat-dog society in which the working class & oppressed peoples are suffering ever greater inequalities while wealth & power is concentrated in fewer & fewer hands.

It is a sad fact that a Labour government, finally elected after 23 years of monetarist madness, has embraced this way of thinking - and acting - in so many ways. A real alternative is needed and this May Day Festival is intended to showcase the many ways in which grass roots organisations are responding & putting forward their own solutions.

Not least is this needed in the workplace where our unions have taken a pounding over the last 2 decades. What we need is an end to all anti-union laws that have denied us the right & opportunity to express solidarity action with fellow workers. As a result, over the past few years, we have seen so many struggles go down to isolated defeat, after the most creative & courageous campaigns have been undertaken to stand up for the ideals of social solidarity.

This May Day, the annual celebration of workers solidarity, we are actively promoting Union Rights Day - for a renewed struggle this year and into the millennium for the end of anti-union laws & for the flowering of solidarity in this country - and beyond. Through this brochure & events you will find examples of ongoing campaigns for social justice & equity and we urge you to support them in whatever ways you can. But above all enjoy this Festival - support the events and let's make this a marker for May Days in Nottingham to come.



CHECK OUT THE CENTRE PAGES FOR THE MAYDAY DIARY

In the Same Boat

are a group of people who talk in a pub. We get angry and hopeful and we dare to give a toss. We want to make things happen this Mayday, celebrate our culture, raise our heads, be seen, be heard (why else would you hire both a full on brass and samba band??).

We have pulled this off through making contacts with others (occasionally in pubs). This mighty mixture of theatre, speakers, photography, music, marching, campaigns, dancing, rambling, information, imagination and film is open to all free minded individuals. Come and see what your community is up to.

THE THINGS THEY SAY..

The attitude that you cannot change things is just an excuse, and an insult frankly. People do it all the time - people fight all the time. People change all the time. That's what happens. That's what being human & alive is.

Mark Thomas

My friends it is solidarity of labour we want. We do not want to find fault with each other, but to solidify our forces...our masters are joined together & we must do the same thing

Mother Jones, 1902

They say the Pharaohs built the pyramids. Do you think one Pharaoh dropped one bead of sweat? We built the pyramids for the Pharaohs and we're building for them yet

Anna-Louise Strong

THE DURHAM MINERS



In the spirit of unity, we are proud to welcome the N.E. Area NUM Brass Band to lead our march on MayDay. The Durham miners have a long tradition of solidarity & support for causes as varied as the Spanish Revolution, the printers fight at Wapping & against the apartheid regime. They give reality to the slogan "Your fight is Our fight". Sadly years of onslaught by the Tories have destroyed the pits of Durham, but the communities & their fighting spirit live on. No where is this more evident than in the Durham Big Meeting, an annual gathering of bands & banners celebrating the spirit of working class unity. When I was a mere lad my grandad used to take me to the Gala & hoist me on his shoulders to watch a sea of banners pass by. Many of those banners bore a common legend "Unity is Strength". That slogan has as much relevance today as it ever did - in fact more so. Far beyond the realms of the workplace & trade unionism to all groups & individuals fighting oppression

& injustice throughout the world. Too often have strikers been left to fight on alone because "it's nothing to do with me" or "who's interested in unions anyway?"; likewise protests outside the trade union movement have been ignored or seen as not relevant. The truth is we are all fighting the same battle and we need each others support. The growing of a mutual respect & support emerged in the great miners strike of 1984/85 & the year long printers strike at Wapping; and more recently the striking Liverpool dockers and Reclaim the Streets have seen the importance of a united struggle against the common enemy. The point is this - you don't have to be a worker in a trade union, or a traveller, or a free party goer, or a road protester, or a local resident fighting to save your swimming baths - but you do have to support these people in whatever way you can, because one day you may need to call on their support. Never forget that their fight is our fight.

Eric McNaughton, MayDay 99 Brochure Co-ordinator



HILLSBOROUGH

During the 1989 FA Cup semi-final at Hillsborough 96 Liverpool fans (men, women & children) died following a crush in one section of the ground. The families of those who suffered at Hillsborough have never received satisfactory answers about how such a tragedy could take place. A campaign group has now been formed to seek both increased public awareness & to insist upon real accountability.

The initial overcrowding could have been avoided simply by directing people to the less crowded sections. It is clear from the TV footage that players & fans realised that an emergency was developing but could not convince the police who believed that a pitch invasion was underway. Consequently supporters undertook the majority of rescue work & only two ambulances reached the pitch or proceeded to hospital, while ambulances lined up in the streets outside were refused permission to enter by the police. The presumed dead were left in a hall without being seen by a doctor or paramedic to ensure they were indeed beyond help.

The inquest failed to reveal the full story. The coroner decided at the start of the proceedings that all were dead by 3.10pm, consequently nothing after that time was considered. When you remember that people were still crushed inside the pen at that time & a living person was found left for dead some time after, it is a remarkable decision. We must ask if the response would have been different if the crowd were at the Royal Opera House rather than a football match. If the police had not viewed fans in terms of the trouble they may create rather than members of the public would they then have witnessed what was happening rather than what they expected to see?

This was not a random unavoidable tragedy but a terrible expression of the way in which attitudes & prejudice can contribute to the formation of tragedy & what efforts may be undertaken to hide the truth.

To show support to the campaign you can join the group for £2. Phone or write for an application form to: 134 OAKFIELD RD., ANFIELD, LIVERPOOL (0151 4231753)

The MAYDAY 99 COMMITTEE would like to thank Caroline Hennigen @ The Broadway Cinema; Becky at the Alley Cafe; The Old Angel; 118 Workshop; City Union for sponsoring this brochure; GPMU Central Midlands Branch for sponsoring the brass band; Dick Quinn & the N.E. Area NUM Band; the Samba Band; Queens Walk Comm. Centre Trampoline & everyone else who has helped in any way. The MAYDAY 99 COMM. consisted of Janet, Eric, Bill, Ian, Simon, Mark, John & Stewart. Thanx for all the hard work. Cover photo by Rentasnap. Printed by TUPS Books, The Old Mill, 30 Lime Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2PQ. An IN THE SAME BOAT PRODUCTION. Designed & typeset by Eric with lotsa help from Janet (Groucho Design 0115 9420921)



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THE HAYMARKET MARTYRS

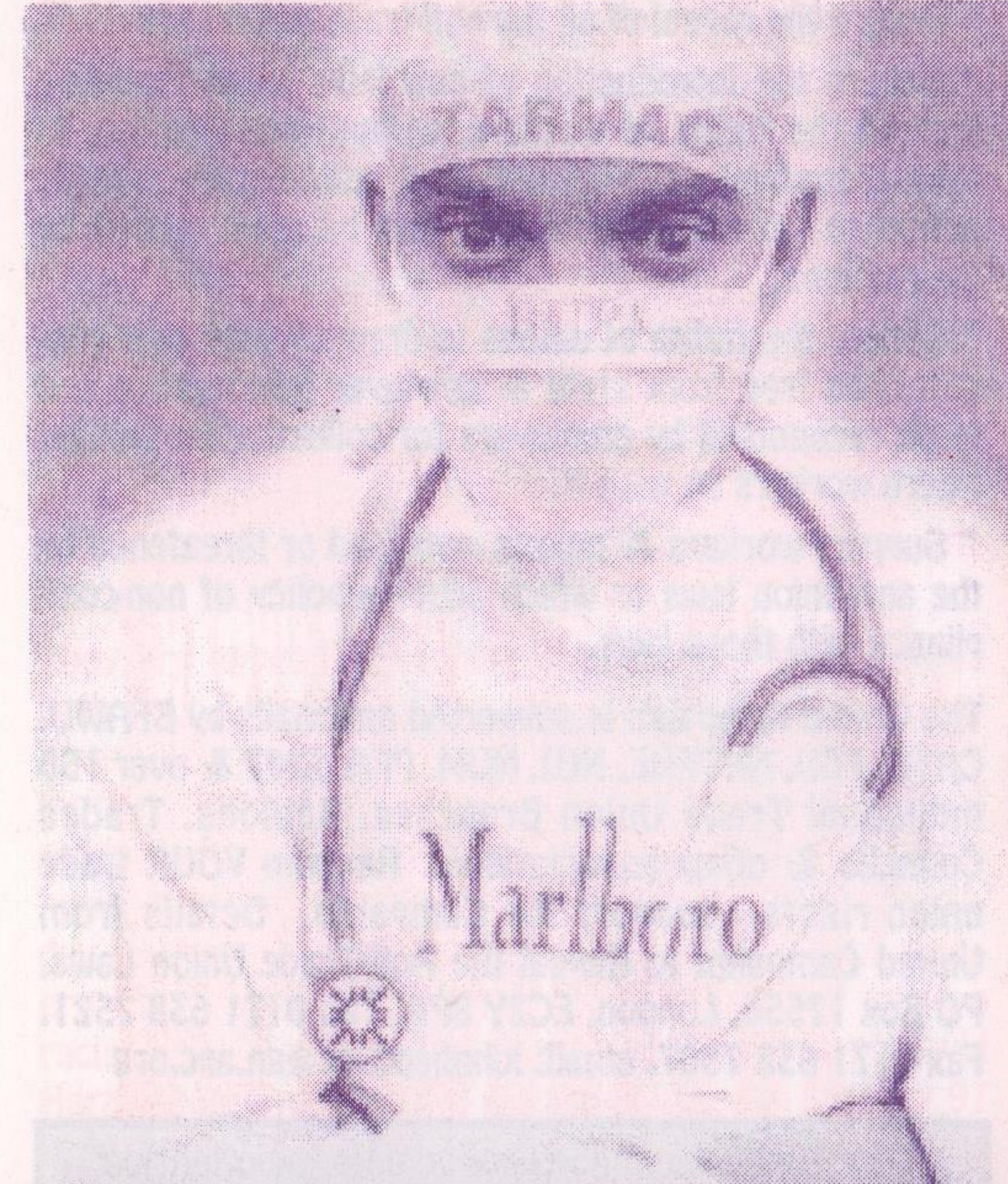
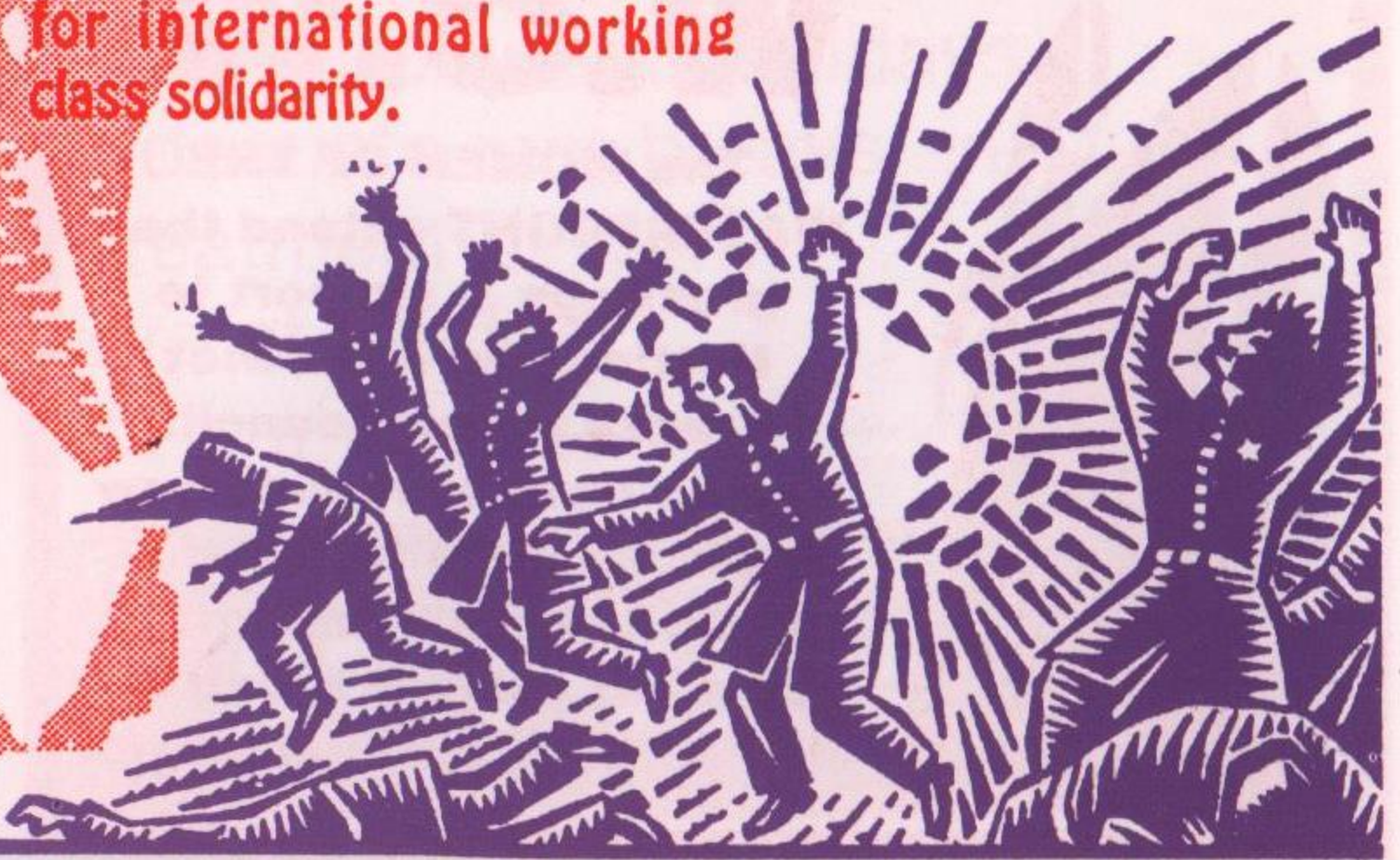
May 1886 and 80,000 workers & their families walk down Chicago's Michigan Ave. in the world's first ever May Day Parade. At the same time 340,000 workers in 12,000 factories across the US downed tools to demand the 8 hour day in order to spread work among the thousands made unemployed by new 'labour saving' machinery. The next day Chicago police attacked peaceful strikers with guns and clubs, killing & wounding several. On May 3rd 5,000 striking lumberworkers marched to the aid of strikers at the McCormick Harvester factory who had been locked out over a wage dispute. When pickets tried to stop scabs from entering the plant the police attacked again, opening fire on the strikers, killing 4 & wounding many others. Outraged at this act of naked aggression, a protest was called for the next day at the Haymarket Square.

The meeting was peaceful & a shower of rain soon sent away most of the crowd. When only a few hundred remained the police suddenly attacked. In the confusion a bomb was thrown & exploded among the police who immediately opened fire on the workers. Several police & many workers were killed.

It has never been discovered who threw the Haymarket bomb, but it was certainly none of the 8 anarchists who

were put on trial for it. Six of them were not even there & the other two were clearly innocent. Yet a trial of perjured testimony, a packed jury, biased judge & a hysterical press ensured a guilty verdict & condemned 5 of the 8 to death. Despite worldwide protests Parsons, Spies, Fischer & Engels were hanged on November 11th (Ling had committed suicide the previous day). Six years later the state governor released the survivors from jail, admitting that there had been no evidence to link any of the 8 with the Haymarket bomb.

On 14th July 1889, on the 100th anniversary of Bastille Day, an American delegate at the International Labour Congress in Paris proposed that May 1st be officially adopted as a workers holiday. This was unanimously approved & since then May Day has served as a date for international working class solidarity.



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Eric McNaughton F.O.C.
Janet Lee Deputy M.O.C.

With 26 soldiers of lead we shall conquer the world.



W.O.W.

The WOMEN OF THE WATERFRONT extend their greetings & support to Nottingham & District Trades Union Council. People have to realise how important it is to stand in solidarity with one another, so as to achieve a better way of life & a better world.

RECLAIM OUR RIGHTS! REPEAL THE ANTI-TRADE UNION LAWS

Most anti-trade union law was introduced by the Tories between 1979 & 95. These laws strengthened employers & weakened workers. These laws MUST be repealed, not only because they are repressive, but also because they are illegal in themselves, contravening the UK's international legal obligations under the Council of Europe's Social Charter. Back in March 1997 Tony Blair declared the changes he proposed "would leave British law the most restrictive on trade unions in the western world". He was right. New Labour's "Fairness at Work" proposals, many of them welcome, will still leave most anti-union laws in place, and they have since been further weakened.

Positive legislation in the field of industrial relations is required - laws which will protect trade unions from legal attacks, allow them to operate democratically & protect their members; laws which restore & extend collective bargaining, protect workers against exploitation and provide the basis for a fairer and more just society.

The United Campaign to Repeal the Anti-Trade Union Laws was set up to be a non-sectarian body involving all current campaigns and to:

- * Secure the repeal of all the anti-trade union laws
- * Secure the introduction of new laws which enshrine instead the rights of workers, without penalisation, to take industrial action (including solidarity action & action to secure recognition) and be represented by their unions.
- * Secure the rights of unions to draw up their own constitutions free from state & employer interference and to be recognised by employers for collective bargaining where workers so wish it.
- * Support workers & unions penalised or threatened by the anti-union laws or which adopt a policy of non-compliance with those laws.

The United Campaign is supported nationally by BFAWU, CATU, FBU, NATFHE, NUJ, NUM, PFA, RMT & over 150 individual Trade Union Branches, Regions, Trades Councils & other associations. Reclaim YOUR trade union rights - support the Campaign. Details from United Campaign to Repeal the Anti-Trade Union Laws, PO Box 17556, London, EC2Y 8PA. Tel. 0171 638 7521. Fax 0171 638 7507, email: johnhendyc@gn.apc.org

"If the movement does not go onto the offensive with its ideas and vision, there is left a void which is filled only by the ideas and visions of its enemies".
Reclaim Our Rights - 1998f



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JUSTICE FOR TAJ & ROBERTO MAY DAY GREETINGS TO ALL ANTI-RACISTS

On the basis of the word of supposedly 'independent' witnesses, Taj Ahmed (24) & Roberto Brollini (21) were convicted of actual bodily harm on 2 other men - Andrew Wearden & his accomplice Matthew Perry. Perry & Wearden racially abused & then attacked Taj & Roberto. What the jury was not told was that Andrew Wearden was the fascist British National Party's candidate during the 1997 General Election. As a result of this incident Taj & Roberto have been given a 12 month custodial sentence.

They are appealing against this, but in the meantime both they & their families are suffering. Taj has spent Xmas, New Year & Eid in prison. His 3 children & their mother have had to flee from the area for fear of reprisals from nazis after the local paper published their home address; Roberto also had to spend his 21st birthday in prison & may have lost his job with a local delivery firm - all for having the courage to stand up to a racist bully. Compare their sentences to those of David Haraldsson, Preston BNP Organiser jailed in January 97 for a mere 18 months on 5 counts of ABH on elderly people at a nursing home in Chorley where he worked as a care assistant. The courts give a lenient sentence to a nazi who tortures the elderly but throws the book at Taj & Roberto!

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COLOGNE 99

20 million people remain unemployed in Europe & 50 million live in poverty. Social democracy has come to power in many EU countries raising the hope of an end to neoliberalism. The new governments remain unwilling, however, to introduce a fair distribution of labour & wealth. The Maastricht criteria and the stability pact are still in force and the welfare state remains under attack. The EU Luxembourg "jobs summit" in November 1997 solved nothing, resolving to export British "job flexibility" to the rest of the EU. The racist "fortress Europe" remains in place & is being strengthened.

The European Marches Network is calling a major demonstration in Cologne on May 29th 99 to coincide with the Heads of Government Summit of the EU. It follows the 50,000 strong demonstration in Amsterdam in June 97 & those in Luxembourg, Cardiff & Vienna since then. The demo is expected to be at least the size of the Amsterdam one, if not bigger. To build for the demo marches will take place across Germany during May, heading for Cologne. They will start from Hamburg, Berlin, Prague & Basel in Switzerland. There will also be an international march from Brussels comprised of delegations from across the continent. There will also be a global dimension with the participation of a large delegation of landless peasants from Brazil, trade union activists from South Korea, and links

with the world march of women against poverty & violence against women.

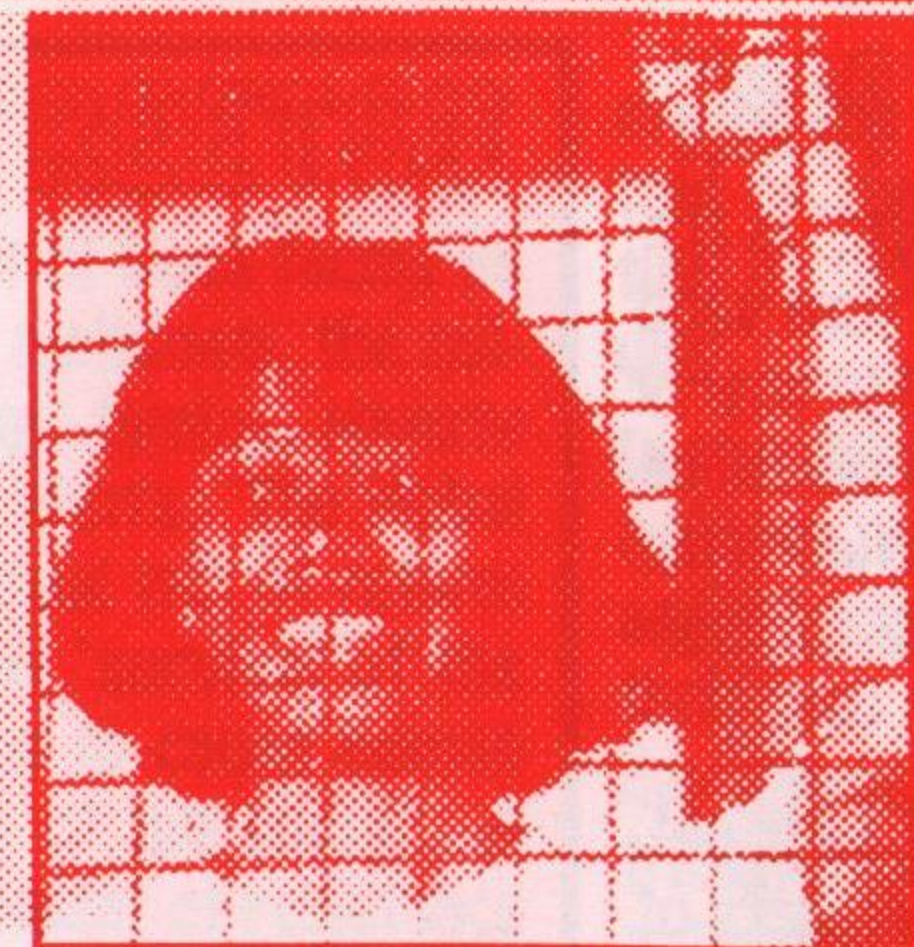
There is already wide interest in organising for these events from Britain. Among those involved are Reclaim the Streets, the Socialist Party, Campaign for Free Education & the Euromarch Liason Committee.

The idea of the Euromarch is to make connections throughout Europe of all unemployed associations, trade unions, activists & others committed to fight against unemployment, all willing to work on a joint platform. It is also a means of circulating info about our struggles and encouraging contacts, actions & co-ordinated resistance.

In Britain the Marches Coordinating Committee is calling for the broadest mobilisation for the Marches & demo. Those interested can contact Cologne 99 on 0191 2220299 Email: EUROMUK@aol.com. All donations to Cologne 99, c/o Leeds TUC, 88 North Street, Leeds, LS2 7PN.



For people in some countries, standing up for human rights is dangerous



Dita Indah Sari

Dita Indah Sari, a 24-year-old woman, has been sentenced to five years in an Indonesian jail. For nearly a year she lived with the fear of a possible death sentence, as she was charged under Indonesia's draconian Anti-subversion law. Dita Indah Sari was arrested on 3 July 1996 when she took part in a demonstration calling for a rise in the national minimum wage. The demonstration was entirely peaceful, yet it was blocked and violently dispersed by a heavy military and police presence. At least nine students and workers were arrested. Many were beaten, including Dita. Most were released, but Dita was kept in custody. Her trial was held in December 1999. At an appeal in July Dita's sentence was reduced to five years imprisonment.

Amnesty International believes, she was denied a fair trial, because she was convicted for peaceful political activities. In 1998 Dita Indah Sari was offered conditional release from prison, which would mean, that she could not engage in any political activity or travel overseas until the year 2002. Dita refused conditional release, because she claims, that she is innocent and should be released without any restrictions. Dita's family believe, that the international pressure being generated on her case was a factor in the government's decision to offer conditional release.

Amnesty International works to free all prisoners of conscience and to protect Human Rights worldwide. If you want more information about Amnesty International and other trade union cases, please contact:

Amnesty International 202 Mansfield Road Nottingham NG1 3HX Tel: 0115 9245100 e-mail:nottm@amnesty.org.uk

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Article 23 of the UDHR

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National League of the Blind & Disabled

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to all comrades, brothers & sisters in the unions of Great Britain

P.D. Karbal, Branch Sec.
NLBD, Nottingham

DISPUTE AT LSG LUFTHANSA SKY CHEF SACKED FOR ONE DAY'S OFFICIAL STRIKE

Sky Chef is the largest airline catering company in the world and this dispute is at its Heathrow operation. The airline catering business is extremely competitive with contracts being won & lost quite frequently. LSG has been trying to improve its competitiveness by increasing the productivity of its workforce. The company proposed changes to working practices & to rostering designed to make savings. A trial period was agreed on - after some considerable industrial relations difficulties - on the basis that once the trial period was evaluated there would be negotiations to reach an agreement on enhanced pay rates to be implemented in return for the changes. The negotiations were unsuccessful & the negotiating procedure exhausted, including attempts at conciliation by ACAS. The company refused to implement the status quo clause in the negotiating agreement & insisted that the new working practices stayed in despite the failure to reach agreement. On top of this they refused to pay a promised 1% pay increase. These issues brought all T&G members

throughout the operation into dispute.

After an informal ballot indicating overwhelming support for strike action a secret postal ballot was conducted. There was a 75% majority for strike action. The company was given notice of 4 different days of strike action. The first of these was on Friday 20th November 1998 &



there was overwhelming support from those rostered to work. They were all sent notices of summary dismissal by courier to their homes the same day. Since then more union members have gone on strike & been sacked. At a series of meetings members decided to continue the dispute until all those sacked have been reinstated.

The company have publicly refused to discuss the dispute and are recruiting new employees. The T&G members remain remarkably solid & support is growing, both on the airport & throughout London. There is a regular picket outside the London offices of Lufthansa Sky Chef's regular customers.

More info, messages of support & donations to: Transport & General Workers Union, Heathrow District Office, Transport House, Uxbridge Rd., Hillingdon, Middlesex. UB10 0LY.

DEFEND BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK

The "No Tarmac Quarry At Bestwood Campaign" is trying to stop the Tarmac company digging a 32 acre sand quarry adjacent to Bestwood Country Park. This quarry will destroy wild flower meadows, kill 20,000 trees, be a safety hazard & risk to life for young people in the Bestwood area, and choke Bestwood Village & the surrounding roads with dust & heavy trucks.

On Monday February 1st, with our campaign 1 year old, we decided to take the initiative again. Ten members of the local campaign were joined by about 25 from the international environment group Earth First. We went to the Bestwood 2 quarry at Devil's Elbow on the Mansfield Road where we erected a 25 foot scaffolding tripod in the main driveway & locked the gates. When all work had stopped, & we had explained to the workers why we were there, we answered Tarmac's phones in the office. Customers were informed that the quarry was shut as Tarmac had decided their operations were too environmentally damaging to continue. This action was taken to illustrate to Tarmac the disruption that would be caused to our everyday lives if they go ahead with their proposals to quarry at Bestwood.

In June the County Council will decide upon the final planning conditions on Tarmac's application before they begin quarrying. On June 8th 1999 Tarmac is holding its AGM in Birmingham. To be able to officially attend this meeting and put your questions & demonstrate your concern directly to the board of directors all you have to do is own one share in Tarmac plc. We would like to take at least 100 people to the AGM which means buying shares & reissuing them to individuals, and booking coaches to Birmingham. To support the protest we are asking for £1, to buy a share £1.50 and to guarantee a place on the coach £5.

RALLY TO DEFEND BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK SUNDAY MAY 2ND

Bestwood Country Park is one of our most precious assets, just 4 miles from the city centre, with over 500,000 people using it every year. Like many of Nottingham's facilities it's under attack from private profit. It's our park & up to us to defend it so join us on the site & show your support!

Public transport: Service 19 from Trinity Square at 1.07pm. Get off at Harkstead Road & follow signs to Bestwood Country Park car park for a 1.30pm start for a short walk through the woods to the rally. If you come late or don't want to walk, use the Winding House car park in Bestwood Village. There will be a range of activities for all ages including children. Come & buy a Tarmac share or sign the bulldozer pledge.

NO ONE WILL SAVE THE PARK EXCEPT US!

Our meetings are fortnightly at the Bestwood Hotel, Bestwood Village & all are welcome.

Campaign contact No. 0115 9585666.

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RECLAIM THE STREETS!!

On the eve of the 21st century the list of woes facing us seems greater than ever - economic meltdown, the millennium bug, environmental crisis, war, famine, poverty - all unconnected we are told by the experts. The global market economy is crumbling. As usual talk of reform is in the air, but a system based on 'survival of the fittest' & 'growth' can only continue to cause human misery while destroying the ecology of the planet. A new world is possible. A global movement of resistance is rising - people are reclaiming control of their lives. Across the world social & ecological movements are coming together, talking, taking direct action & enacting radical alternatives.

Activists from diverse groups & movements around the world are discussing, networking & organising for an international day of action on June 18th, aimed at the heart of the global economy: the financial centres, banking districts & multinational corporate power bases. Environmentalists, workers, the unemployed, indigenous peoples, trade unionists, peasants groups, womens networks, the landless, students, peace activists & many more are working together in recognition that the global capitalist system, based on the exploitation of people & the planet for the profit of the few, is at the very root of our social & ecological troubles. The action is timed to coincide with the first day of the G7 summit of the lead-

ers of the richest nation states, when again we will be told by the economic & political elites that the promotion of 'free' trade & corporate dominance is the only way.

In the spirit of strengthening international networks for equality, freedom & ecological sustainability we encourage all sympathetic movements & groups to organise their own autonomous protests or actions on the same day - June 18th - in the same locations - financial districts - around the world. Each event would be organised autonomously; could be co-ordinated in each city by a variety of movements & groups; while linked globally by post, phone, fax, email & international meetings.

Strikes, protests, pickets, actions, occupations, street parties, demonstrations, blockades, shutdowns - a unity of diverse events are being planned by a growing network of individuals, groups, movements & alliances. Your participation, no matter how small, is crucial; meetings need to be organised, events planned, leaflets printed & distributed, funds raised, laughter & conversation shared. If we co-operate & co-ordinate we can realise a different world; has it ever been so necessary and so possible?

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Mansfield Rd

If I can't dance to it, it's not my revolution - Emma Goldman

MAYDAY

MONDAY

APR 26

OPENING NIGHT**

TRAMPOLINE. Night of mixed up media and digi goings on. The Maze, Mansfield Rd.

APR 26 - MAY 1

WORKING LIVES, PHOTOGRAPHY FROM ANDY YOUNG. Downstairs Amnesty Bookshop, Heathcoat Street, Hockley. Free

APR 26 - 30

UNDERCURRENTS, ALT MEDIA VIDS EVERY NIGHT. Old Angel, Hockley. Free

APR 26 - MAY 1

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APR 26 - MAY 1

MY BIG BROTHER, PHOTOGRAPHY FROM TASH. Old Angel, Stoney Street, Hockley. Free

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UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL, COLLAGE AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY NADEEM HAIDER AND RAJESTY KUMER. Hyson Green Law centre, Radford Rd & Royal Video Centre (Nxt to Post Office) Gregory Boulevard. Free

THURSDAY

APR 29

BANNER THEATRE PRESENT FREE FOR ALL, YMCA Shakespeare Street. 8:15 PM, £3.50 (£2)

FRIDAY

APR 30

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DIARY

SATURDAY

MAYDAY

MAYDAY MARCH TO MARKET SQUARE, MUSIC FROM THE DURHAM MINERS BRASS BAND AND SAMBA SOUNDS. BRING BANNERS AND FRIENDS !! Meet 12 noon at Queen's Walk community centre, the Meadows, (5 mins walk from Midland train station). Exhibition: Marching in the Streets. March to rally in Market Square 2pm. Speakers inc. Joe Marino (Bakers Union) , Noel St Baths Campaign, NAC, Lynn Jones (MP), Ricky Reel Campaign

MAYDAY

Also in the area.....
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EVEN MORE

MAYDAY

Meanwhile.....
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SUNDAY

MAY 2

MASS RAMBLE AT BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK. Meet 1:30 pm in the car park . (Bus 19 from Trinity square to Harkstead Road. Follow signs for car park.) see p.10 for details

MAY 2

WORKERS FILMS. Special Archive screenings of work by local filmmakers. Broadway Cinema (see Broadway Brochure for more details)

MONDAY

MAY 3

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MAY 3 - 9

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For more information on the case and the Campaign and how you can help & get involved or send a donation please contact: Dr. S.I. Chowdhury, STOP THE DEPORTATION OF SHIRIN & FARIDA CAMPAIGN, c/o Bangladesh Youth & Cultural Shomiti, 30-32 Biddulph Street, Leicester. LE2 1BF. Tel: 0116 2471866. Fax 0116 2545050. Email: BYCS@Compuserve.com

BASFORD ACTION GROUP

When the planned closure of Northern Baths was announced local people formed the Save Northern Baths campaign, organising petitions, door knocking, meetings, demonstrations - including blocking Vernon Road - and a parade & carnival. Following information from contractors that they had been hired to board up & eventually bulldoze the pool (part of which is a listed building) the site was occupied. The council promised us an independent survey if we would end the occupation. This seemed to be a victory: we had been disputing council claims about the state of repair of the building & the cost of improvements & had asked for a 2nd opinion. Since then the council have consistently ignored our requests to fulfil their promise. Indeed at one Leisure Services meeting we attended it became apparent that few members of its committee were even aware this promise had been made! Not content with this, they closed the pool months ahead of schedule. Incredibly they tried to blame it on the occupation, saying we had damaged the pool - totally untrue. This was a cynical attempt to divide the Basford community over the issue. That's how much you can trust this council.

We accuse them of letting Northern Baths fall into disrepair in order to justify closing it - a charge they even admit, saying to do repairs is "throwing good money after bad". We urge people in other areas to look out for the warning signs we experienced: lack of even minor repairs to swimming pools, allowing them to be vandalised, unexplained temporary closure & cutting public swimming time. This is what's happening at Noel Street & it's no coincidence that it's run by the ex-Northern Baths manager.

The whole experience has opened our eyes to how little the council consider themselves accountable to the communities they represent & how little they care about Basford in general. As a result we formed the Basford Action Group last August. We are still campaigning for the pool to be reopened & facilities expanded, and also plan to tackle the council about local issues such as lack of school provision, the state of Vernon Park & lack of leisure provision & green space in this area generally. We are also involved in attempting to halt council plans to close Victoria & Noel St. swimming baths. We urge everyone to form local groups, especially in Lenton & Bestwood as those pools are now targeted. Co-operation between groups will challenge the arrogance of the Labour City Council. They believe they can carry out cuts & closures, accountable to no-one. Groups like BAG will show them otherwise & continue to be a thorn in their side. If you would like more info on BAG ring Pat on 9167971



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Simon Jones was killed on 24th April 1998, aged 24 on his first day as a casual worker at Shoreham docks. He was sent to work unloading cargo inside a ship - one of the most dangerous jobs in the country - with only a few minutes training. Within 2 hours of starting work he was crushed by the grab of a crane. The growth of casualisation, where people are forced into low paid jobs with little or no training, no job security, no sick pay & no holiday pay means bigger profits for companies and more deaths & injuries for the people working for them.

Simon Jones was taking a year out from Sussex University when he was killed. The harassment Simon got from the dole made him take any job on offer for fear of having his benefit stopped. He got the job through an agency, Personnel Selection, who should by law have checked the job was safe for him - they didn't. Throughout the country agencies make huge profits by providing cheap labour to companies. This government is busy creating a low pay economy where millions of people will be forced to take crappy jobs like Simon, or lose their benefits.

From the beginning the memorial campaign set up in Simon's name has been committed to direct action to ensure that politicians don't get away with brushing his death, like so many others, under the carpet. Simon wrote for SchNews, the direct action movement's weekly newsletter & was involved in supporting direct action in support of the Liverpool dockers strike against the casualisation of their port.

On 1st Sept. 98, on what would have been Simon's 25th birthday we occupied the Shoreham dock owned by Euromin where Simon was killed. Two 80 foot towers are taken & banners reading "Simon Jones RIP" & "Casualisation Kills" are unfurled. A wreath is layed at the dockside & leaflets handed out to sympathetic dockworkers. Euromin are forced to close the docks & send all casual workers home on full pay. Two days later the Brighton offices of Personnel Selection are occupied. A banner reading "Murderers" is hung from the window. Leaflets are handed out & the office is shut down for the day, again workers are sent home on full pay.

For more information on the campaign & how you can help contact: Simon Jones Memorial Campaign, PO Box 2600, Brighton, BN2 2DX. Phone/fax 01273 685913
Website: www.simonjones.org.uk
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FREE SATPAL RAM

Satpal Ram is serving a life sentence for defending himself against a racist attacker. His attacker died only after refusing medical treatment. Satpal was found guilty of murder after bad legal advice and a refusal by the court to provide translators at his trial meant many defence witnesses were unable to give evidence. In October 1995, appeal judges again used the evidence of Satpal's attackers to uphold his conviction for murder, ignoring the fact that he was the victim of a racist attack. Satpal is appealing to the European Court of Human Rights. Because he is campaigning for justice Satpal has been continually harassed by the prison authorities who have moved him 57 times in eleven years and put him in individual segregation for months on end.

WHAT YOU CAN DO.....Write to the Home Secretary (Home Office, 50 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 9AT; Fax 0171 273 3965) protesting at the treatment of the prison authorities & demanding Satpal's case be sent back to the Court of Appeal. Also write to your MP at the House of Commons, London SW1 0AA. Write to Satpal. Contact the Campaign for details c/o 101 Villa Rd, Birmingham. B19 1NH. Tel. 0121 3311511

SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE

ANTI-FASCIST ACTION

Since the British National Party declared that there would be "no more meetings, marches or punch ups" some have taken this as a cue to leave anti-fascism off the agenda. They seem to have adopted the approach that "if you can't see them, they're not there", when in fact nothing could be further from the truth. Nottingham AFA has followed the progress of our local fascists with interest, choosing to treat no news as bad news....and unfortunately we were right.

It may come as a surprise to some to discover that instead of going away the local branch of the BNP have aspirations beyond the usual show of flag waving and race baiting that they usually come out with. Last years leafletting of estates in Mansfield & Kirkby alerted AFA to the new direction they were taking. This falls in with the national BNP's line of involvement in community politics & Nottingham is no exception. The use they have made of local issues disguises their true colours & has given them publicity & an air of respectability.

Issues in the East & West of the Midlands have seen the BNP making full use of the media as well as issues they know they can get support on, including opposing the opening of a mosque and the closure of a school.

This has seen an increase in branch meetings in some areas on a scale not seen for a few years now. Some people laugh off any attempt by these people to legitimise themselves. AFA begs to differ. By ignoring the aspirations of the BNP you are ignoring the intentions behind it. Fascists across Europe have learnt that goose stepping down the highstreet isn't going to get you anything but unwanted attention! The BNP has learnt the lesson well & are putting theory into practice.



While some choose to mock the BNP we choose to keep them under check. We continue to recognise the need for longer term solutions to be sought. This we have done by building on our local support in and around areas where fascism exists. As the reports come in of fascist gigs being organised and racist attacks & harassment on the increase, the work of anti-fascism is as important as it ever was. For some it could be a rude awakening.

Thanks must go to those independent anti-fascists who continue to give their invaluable support & help to AFA. If you would like to offer yours or have any information on fascists in your area then contact us at NOTTS AFA, PO BOX 192, NOTTINGHAM, NG1 1FJ or phone the national hotline 0976 406870.

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EXODUS

MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE. (LUTON).
TRANSCRIPT FROM RADIO1 NOV 98
Hazan (Exodus Dj): All of a sudden you had an influx of thousands of townies going to these travellers do's, and actually realising that these traveller people are the soundest people you could ever meet. I don't think the state liked that.
Presenter: The late 80's and early 90's saw a ruthless purging of traveller culture & underground parties. For the purposes of criminal law, rave music was defined as "a series of repetitive beats". But Exodus's free parties had a saving characteristic: they were indigenous.
Hazan: Exodus crossed that bridge, as we're not New Age Travellers. We're the bods whose mum & dad work down at Electrolux. We're not tuning in, turning on & dropping out. We're right bang smack within the community. We're right in the centre of the grans, mums, and uncles and that's powerful.

NEWS FROM 99
Haz manor, the building that the Exodus collective squatted, refurbished and ran projects from is being threatened with demolition by the MoT (can you confirm?).
Exodus would like to buy but things are never what they seem. Expect the usual antics of people Vs profit. Lets hope they are on form (along with their grans).

THE THINGS THEY SAY

We'll hold this line until Hell freezes over - Then we'll hold it on ice skates - Anonymous from a picket sign.
Better to starve fighting than to starve working
Slogan of the Lawrence, Mass. strike 1912
When a man tells you he has got rich through hard work, ask him whose. - Don Marquis, Journalist
Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty - Wendell Phillips
When I feed the poor they call me a saint, When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist
Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife, Brazil



KEEP NOEL ST BATHS OPEN

Rumours that Noel Street Baths (Forest Fields) were earmarked for closure, materialised into hard fact

last year when a group of residents discovered plans for closure contained in the City Council's "Leisure 2000" project. The Independent Residents Association have other plans....

Since last October we have initiated several public meetings (including a demonstration on the Forest with 200 people), a letter & poster campaign. The Council have since further incensed public opinion by proposing a £12 million replacement for Noel St Baths and Victoria Leisure Centre on one of the few remaining green areas in the city, the Forest Recreation Ground. We have subsequently seen support from the Open Space Society and the Civic Society.

Last Nov Cllr Ian MacLennan (Chair of City's Leisure Ctte) refused to debate Noel St. on local radio as "there were no plans to close Noel Street Baths". We beg to differ.

This whole episode has highlighted a certain lack of democracy & accountability within the Council. We are not against a new leisure development, but along with the people of St Anns and Snierton (set to lose Victoria Leisure Centre), we will not sacrifice either much needed community facilities serving the most deprived areas of the city, or any more forest! More info: Gail 9705788 or Leo 8410457

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION



MY BIG BROTHER by TASH

State Surveillance of travellers & the left
Mon 26th April - Sat 1st May

@ The Old Angel, Stoney Street, Hockley

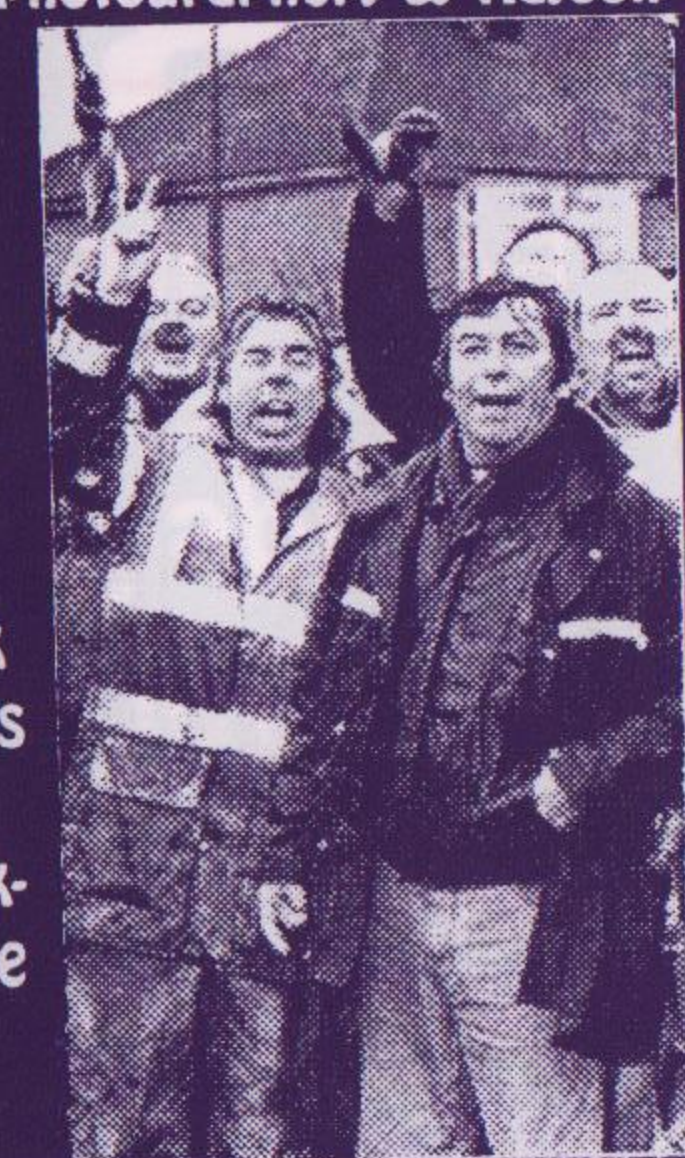
WORKING LIVES by Andy Young: "For 6 years I worked in an industry as a warehouse labourer and heavy goods vehicle driver. I worked on the night shift at a food distribution plant in temperatures as low as -20 degrees. It was difficult and dangerous work, and sickness and injuries were common. It is from these experiences that the Working Lives project grew. I wanted to use my experiences positively, to examine the role of working men and women in Britain at the end of the twentieth century. The work

ranges from traditional crafts to heavy industry, and is a celebration of those who spend their lives with dirty hands. Mon 26th April - Sat 1st May @ Amnesty Bookshop, Heathcote St., Hockley

UNITED WE STAND - DIVIDED WE FALL. Trades Unions in Pakistan. Nadeem Haider (photographer) & Rajesh Kumer (artist/designer) collaborate to reflect on trade union & workers rights in Pakistan in a series of collages. Mon 26th April - Sat 1st May @ Hyson Green Law Centre & Royal Video Centre, Gregory Blvd.

DREAMING OF A WAY OUT/MAC by Janet Brandon & Eric McNaughton. Nostalgic in dirty places, projecting images of once upon a time onto the only things you have. Worship, epic, giz a job, raise the dead. Mon 26th April - Sat 1st May @ Alley Cafe, Canon Court, Off Long Row.

DOCKERS by Dave Sinclair. An exhibition which followed the 28 month Liverpool Dock strike. The military style, strong arm policing to which the dispute was often subject is one abiding image from this exhibition. But far more than that, it captures the many moods - elation, humour, frustration, sometimes despair - through which the 500 dockers & their families went during the most significant industrial dispute in the UK since the 84/85 miners strike. Mon 3rd May - Sat 8th May @ The Mezzanine, Broadway Cinema, Hockley.



After the Kapp Putsch of 1920 (an attempt by the radical right to violently overthrow the new Weimer Republic in Germany) clashes occurred between the army & workers in Dresden. A bullet went through the window of the Zwinger Gallery & damaged a Rubens painting. Incensed by the incident, Kokoschka - then art professor at Dresden Academy - financed an appeal which appeared in local newspapers & as wallposters, urging the two sides to settle their scores away from cultural treasures. Kokoschka's evaluation of art above political struggle outraged Grosz & Heartfield (political art activists) who replied with a furious polemic 'Der Kunststump' (The Artist as Scab) ridiculing the idea that art could be considered more important than the lives of workers. They welcomed the fact that bullets had penetrated galleries, palaces & a Rubens, rather than the homes of the poor.
from PHOTOMONTAGE: A POLITICAL WEAPON by David Evans & Sylvia Gohl.

Nottingham & District Trades Union Council

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- * To encourage all workers to join their appropriate trade union
- * To campaign on issues of concern to trade unionists at local, national & international levels.

The Trades Council is the Nottingham area's representative Of the TUC and feeds back our views into the national movement. Full Council meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month @ the International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd., Nottingham, 7.30-9.30pm

Is your branch a member yet?

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

In football racism has always been a problem. In the seventies and eighties racist chants and 'fans' throwing bananas at black players used to be common. The National Front and other Nazi groups targeted football grounds for newspaper sales and to whip up racial hatred.

Largely because of the campaigns that have been launched against racism in football, things are starting to change - but there is a long way to go. We still have the situation where only 1% of fans who go to football matches are black, and black managers and coaches are rare. Although thousands of Asians play football there aren't any Asian professional footballers.

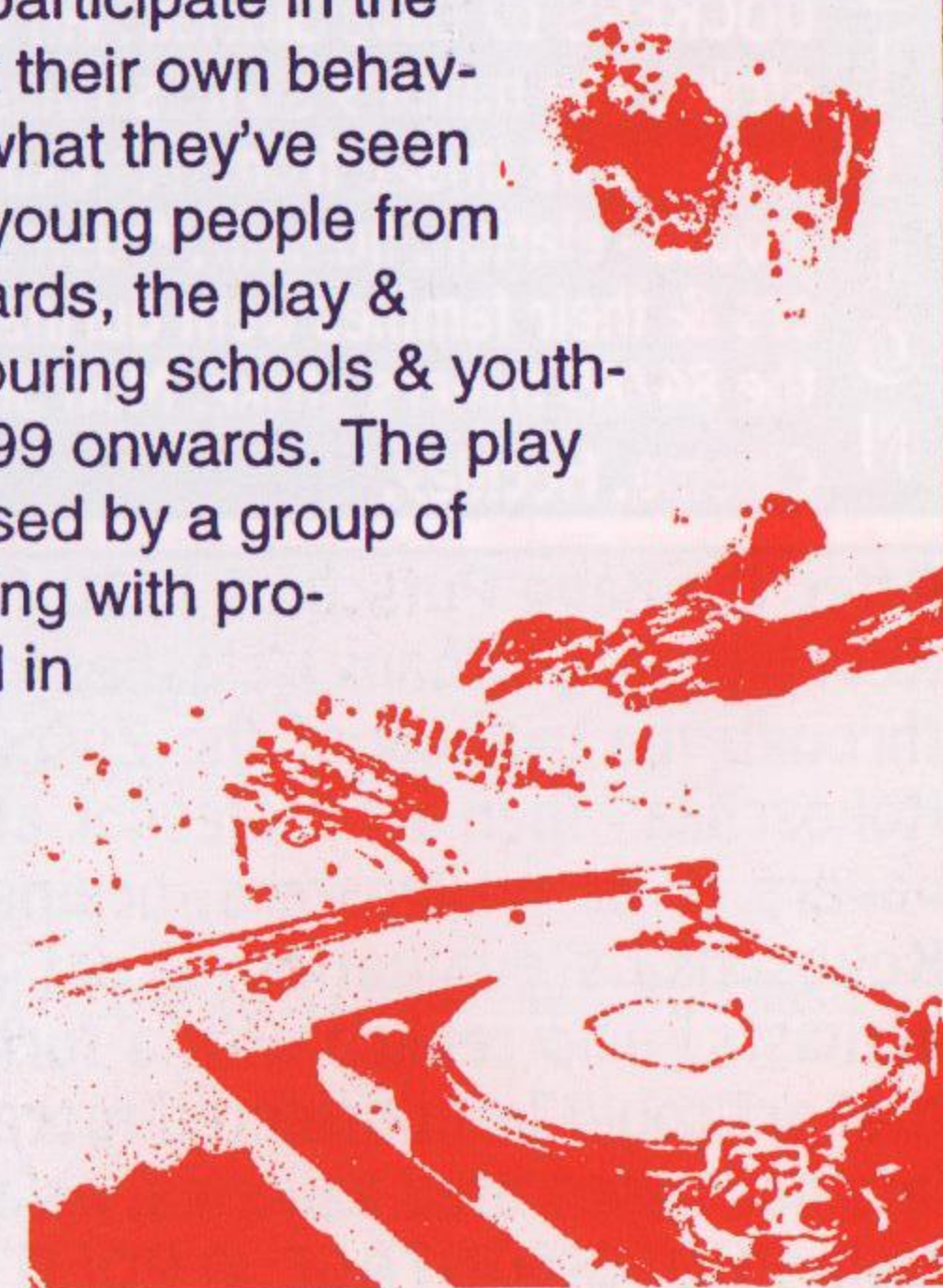
But we're not just about challenging racism in football, we want it wiped out everywhere. It's our aim to encourage fans to follow the example of their heroes; enjoy, as they do, mixing with people from different backgrounds; celebrate each others culture; show just how easy it is for people to get along.

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Positive Arts presents dj Easy Bassrider

Based on a number of true stories, DJ Easy Bassrider goes Down Market is a short 30 minute drama incorporating music & dance. It raises issues of race, gender & prejudice & is followed by a short discussion based workshop where the audience will be encouraged to participate in the debate & to look at their own behaviour in the light of what they've seen & heard. Aged at young people from the age of 14 upwards, the play & workshop will be touring schools & youth-clubs from July 1999 onwards. The play was written & devised by a group of young artists working with professionals involved in POSITIVE ARTS.

For more info and bookings contact Stuart on 0115 9706654 or Paul on 0115 9789191



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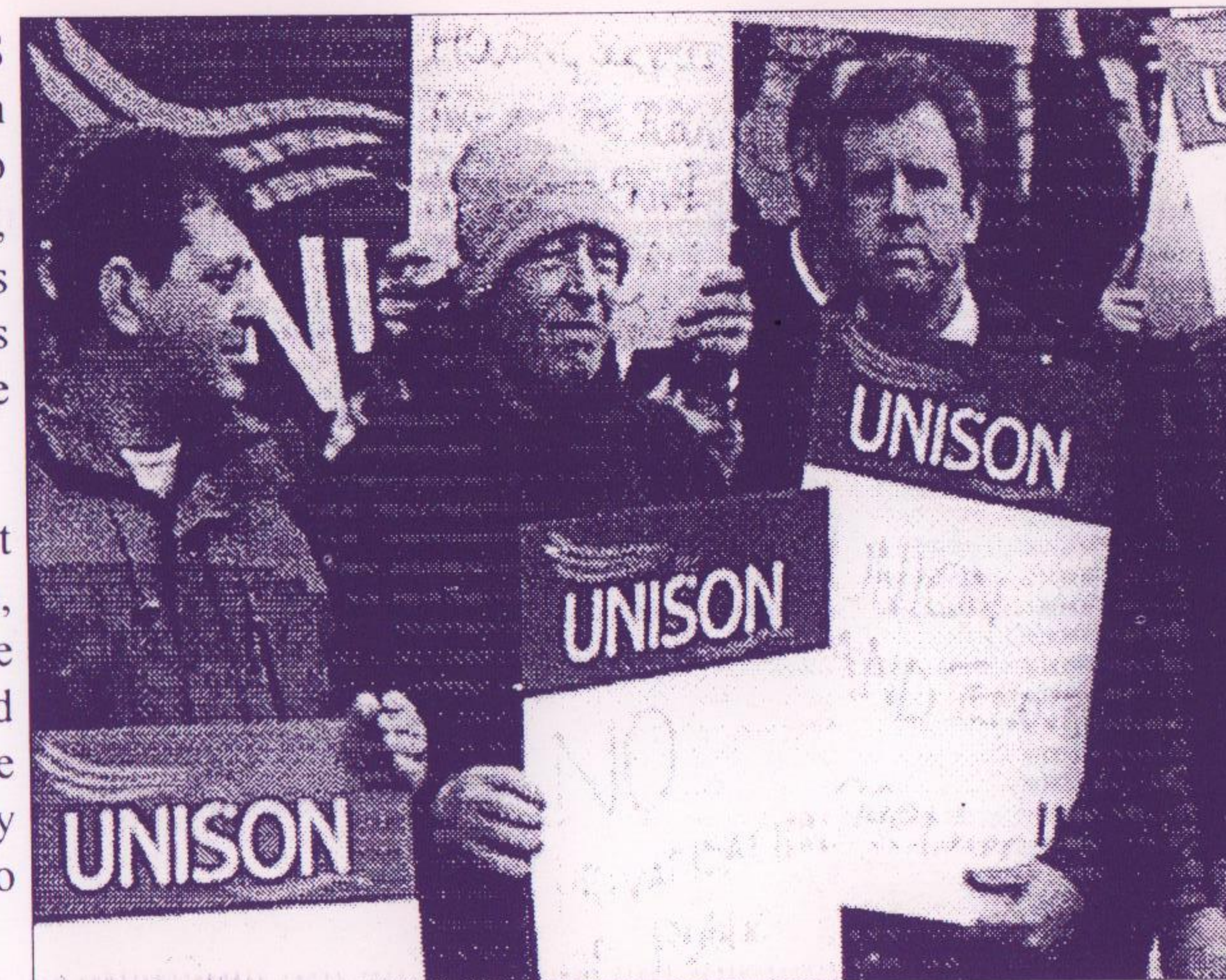
Extends greetings to the Trade Union & Labour movement on International Workers Day. On May Day we celebrate the struggle of working people throughout the world for a better

NOTTINGHAM CITY UNISON

Fighting to Defend Jobs & Services

Public Services. From the NHS to Council Housing, from Elderly Persons homes to Schools and Youth Services, people have seen their services cut. Successive Governments have put profits of a few before our services.

Nottingham City UNISON, part of Britain's biggest trade union, campaigns against this. We believe that public services need more money not less. Despite what the papers and many politicians say we can afford to pay for decent public services.



Britain is one of the world's richest countries. There are 130,000 millionaires in Britain. The 1000 richest people have over £108 billion stashed away. Despite corporation tax cuts worth £14 billion, rich business people still owe over £23 billion in unpaid corporation tax.

We believe that this money would be better spent on the NHS, or housing homeless people, or giving young people decent local facilities!

The money is there - it's just in the wrong hands.

Fighting Against Privatisation

Nottingham City Council is trying to privatise part of the Housing service. 45 workers will lose their jobs under the privatisation.

UNISON is fighting against the privatisation, not just to defend these 45 workers but also because we don't think that a few Fat Cats should be able to make a profit out of Council Tenants. We believe that

tenants rents should be reinvested in council housing - not go to a few shareholders back pockets.

You can support our campaign by writing to Councillor D. Liversidge, Chair of Housing c/o Council House, Nottm, and call on him to stop the privatisation.

No Privatisation Of Our Public Services