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The Job Seekers Allowance. An attack on our Class

The JSA

The Job Seekers Allowance started on October 7th this year. It gives the benefit agency and employment service oppressive new powers to force people into low paid jobs or into mindless training schemes. To do this

- Signing on - will be like having a Restart every two weeks.
- Job Seekers Directives - you can be told to do things to make yourself more employable such as change your dress, hair style and even your attitude.

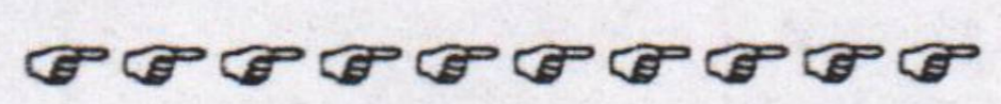
forced off of the dole for peanuts. Already we are seeing more and more jobs becoming casualised, which not only means poorer conditions but also makes it much more difficult to organise within the workplace to oppose the bosses.

Welfare Attacks

JSA is part of an all out attack on the welfare system. Project Work more accurately known as Workfare was piloted in Hull and the Medway towns last year and now has gone nation-wide. This scheme

involves 13 weeks of jobplan/restart type courses followed by 13 weeks of hard labour for an extra £10 on top of your dole. The introduction of Incapacity Benefit and the "All Work Test" means that many sick and disabled people are now forced into looking for work. This totally ignores the fact of the discrimination that potential employers show towards people who are disabled or

have long term health problems. Cuts in Housing Benefit has left many people having to pay for part of the extortionate rent charged by landlord out of their giro. From October the housing benefit for many under 25's has been cut even further, which will result in many thousands of under 25's being chucked out of their homes. The Child Support Act impoverishes fathers and threatens the financial and physical safety of mothers and their children. It also includes the Immigration and Asylum bill which not only denies thousands the rights to benefit but also uses black and immigrant people as a scape goat for the cuts in welfare while the real burden on us - rich bosses and politicians - reap the rewards as cheap labour and tax cuts.



- Labour Market System. This is a computer system which allows them to match you up to any jobs which may be vacant. This will result in much more pressure to take low paid / crap condition jobs for you and a very cheap workforce for the bosses.
- If you don't go along with any of this then you will lose ALL BENEFIT - not just 40% as now - for up to 6 months.

If You Work

The JSA is part of a move to produce a 'flexible workforce'. That means creating a low paid, insecure, cowed workforce. If means low wages, no workplace rights and no welfare safety net - if you leave your job voluntarily or get the sack it means NO BENEFIT for up to 6 months. Why should bosses pay you a decent wage when then can get people

Politicians are Psychopaths - It's Official

Anarchists have known it for a long time but now it seems that the medical profession have finally seen the light.



Lisa Marshall, a psychologist at Glasgow Caledonian University, has recently completed a 3 year study

which involved interviewing 105 long term offenders in Scottish prisons. Of the sample, 50 of them were psychopaths and scored highly in a list of personality traits that indicate psychotic behaviour. See if your MP scores highly

among the following

- ✘ Selfish
- ✘ Remorseless user of others
- ✘ Pathological Liar
- ✘ Glib and a con artist
- ✘ Fails to accept responsibility for actions
- ✘ Parasitic lifestyle
- ✘ Promiscuous
- ✘ Has high sense of self worth

In fact the only difference between the criminals and politicians is the fact that politicians stay within the law (really?). According to Lisa they could be defined as "successful psychopaths."

We'll just carry on calling them bastards.

Same old Labour

We all know Hackney Labour Party is dodgy but even hardened cynics find the Mark Trotter case hard to believe. Trotter was a Labour activist who worked in children's home. He was also said to be a rapist who victimized children in his care. He was about to be charged for what he did to children in Liverpool (before moving to Hackney) but died of Aids first. Hackney Labour councillors knew of the investigation and of allegations in Hackney- one councillor even stopped using him as a baby sitter but let him carry on in children's homes. When he died

the scandal got out because of the internal Labour Party power struggle in Hackney Town Hall. Blocks have been put on a full investigation seemingly because Trotter was a party man. Children (some now adults) have not been traced. Some may be HIV positive because of Trotter. For 12 years Trotter was in charge of working class children "taken into care" in Hackney. Most councils are reluctant to have these cases looked at too closely because they may get sued by their victims. Mixed in with the political arse covering this case stinks- next time the SWP tell you to vote Labour kick them in the....

If you want to get involved in the campaign against the JSA, Project Work and other schemes which force people into low paid jobs and harrass claimants then contact one of the following groups. They are active leafletting, flyposting, occupying DfEE premises and also produce more detailed information on JSA including a benefits survival guide. Get involved and get active.

- South London: Job Shirkers Alliance : Box JSA, 121 Railton Road, Brixton, London SE24 40LR
- East London : East London against the JSA. c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street. London E1 7QX
- North London: North London against the JSA, c/o Harringey Solidarity Group, PO Box 2474, London N8 0HW
- West London: PO Box 87 Hampton, Middlesex. TW13 3TF
- National: Groundswell c/o Claimants Action Group. O.U.W.C.U, Princes Street, Oxford, OX4 1HU

Anti Election Alliance

Our so called 'democracy' has failed. No longer are there many people of "sound mind and body" who believe that the many problems that face our world - mass starvation, war, anti-social crime, destruction of the environment - can be solved by any of the political parties, either left or right. The best that people hope for is that one party is not quite as bad as the other, however the difference between the political parties seems to be getting less and less.

There has always been a small faction of people who have said that these problems CAN be solved. That the solution to these problems is not a question of getting "better leaders" or "better policies" but as a fundamental change of the way that society is organised. We must look beyond the blinkered vision of "this is the best that we can get", "that's the way people are" or just "that's life". Instead of sitting in front of our T.V. screens and saying "that's terrible" and "why doesn't somebody do something" we must realise that it is up to us to stop agonising and start organising and do something about it ourselves.

Hi-jacked

For hundreds of years boss class has pushed us around and worked us into the ground to secure THEIR profits. At the same time we have seen the hard struggle of working class people hijacked by the so called "workers leaders" and union bureaucrats. It is up to us to see what went wrong in the past and to organise for the future.

Part of this process is shattering the illusion of our voting



democracy.

To show that the present system has failed to deliver and that **THERE IS AN ALTERNATIVE.** To show that people can come together in solidarity and get things done without having to

rely on leaders and bureaucrats to organise things for us. The Anti Election Alliance is part of this process. Stickers and flyposters have been produced and activities are planned for the run up to the election. If you want to get involved contact the address below.

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The producers of London Resistance do not suggest you follow any of the activities mentioned in this publication. In fact we strongly suggest you put your feet up, watch the Telly and let the capitalist system wreak chaos and destruction on our world.



Same Old Stokey

Stoke Newington's cops are in trouble again- this time some have even been suspended from duty and have appeared in court on November the 5th. The charges: assault, unlawful imprisonment and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. This latest crop comes from two incidents: the Hackney Homeless Festival in May 94 and a separate attack in February 95. Ironic that a simple punks-bash can result in suspensions and charges whilst the killing of Siji Lapite goes

unpunished. Stokey - London's most nasty nick are not alone: South of the river, swine walked free and are still on duty after beating Brian Douglas to death. Campaigns organised by the friends and family of the victims and local Police Monitoring groups should receive every assistance if we are to feel safe on London's streets. Unlike the Socialist Labour Party speaker, who described the police as a "necessary evil" at a public meeting in Dalston, we feel they are a brutal imposition that can not be tolerated.

ACF OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS

We regularly hold discussion meetings which are open to all who wish to take part. The next ones are as follows.

REMEMBERING REVOLUTION

Thursday November 6th at 8pm

This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Spanish Revolution and the 40th Anniversary of the Hungarian uprising. We will be looking at the experiences of these events and seeing what lessons can be learnt for future revolutionary movements.

NATIONAL LIBERATION. IS IT REALLY LIBERATION?

Thursday December 5th at 8pm

We look at the whole sorry mess of national liberation movements past and present. What is their purpose in relation to the class struggle and what is their record once they've attained power.

Both the above meetings will take place at the Marchmont Community Centre, Marchmont Street, London, WC1. (Nearest tube Russell Square)

Who we are...

London Resistance is produced by a group of Londoners who are sick and tired of the rip-off dog eat dog society we live in.

We *refuse* to be passive while the boss class robs and exploits us, impoverishes our class and makes loads of money out of our misery. We *will not* stand by with starvation and poverty across the globe while food mountains rot in Europe.

We *will fight* against all enforced inequalities between races and sexes.

We *won't* watch idly while the environment is wrecked in order to make big profits for a gang of wealthy crooks.

We *resist* being lorded over by government, politicians, bosses, police, priests, the rich and their hangers on.

We *refuse* to remain silent as the present system drags us all towards increasing barbarism and war.

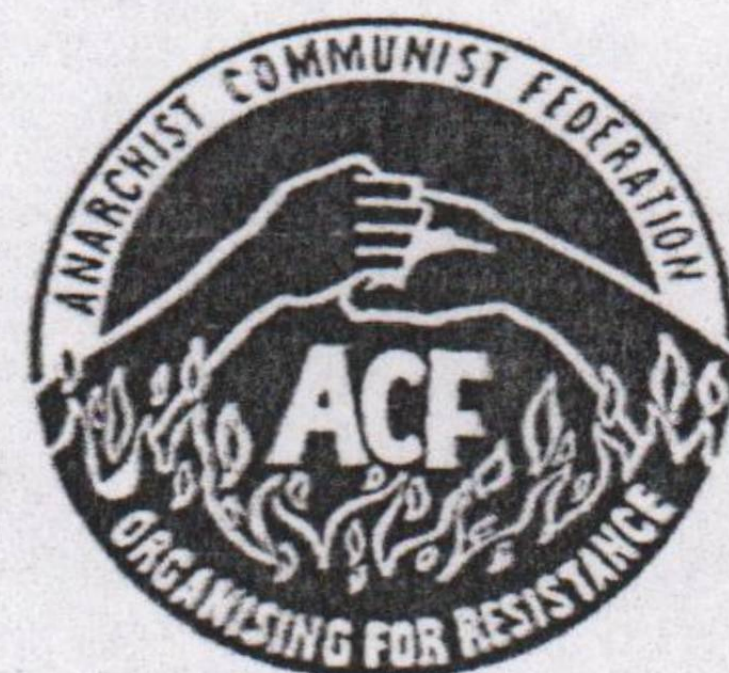
Things Needn't Be Like This

We believe it's high time the working class got organised for resistance to this crooked system. It's time to give up following leaders and politicians (of whatever party) who all stand for one thing - grinding us down.

Our class has the *potential power* to do away with capitalism and government and can build a society based on freedom, equality and social and economic justice

We are the London group of the **Anarchist Communist Federation** - an organisation with members all over the country.

We are part of a rapidly growing international movement. If you want to get involved or simply want more information, then write to the address below.



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