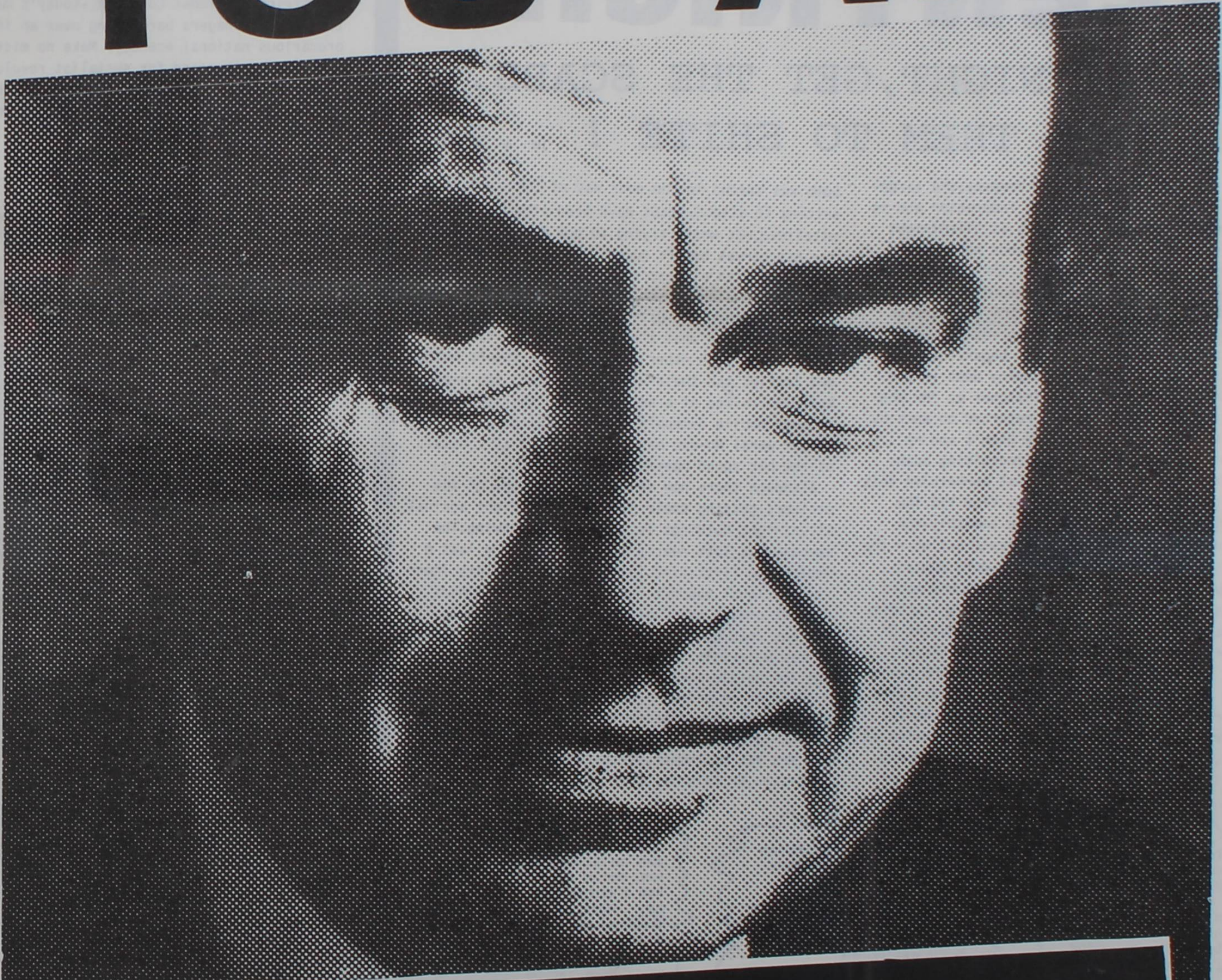


CLASS WAR



15p

**MURDOCH
YOU ARE**



Scum

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?



Q. WHATS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COPPER AND AN ONION?
A. YOU CRY WHEN YOU CHOP UP AN ONION!



SOME PEOPLE HAVE GOT A REALLY SICK SENSE OF HUMOUR!

A.N.C. South Africas new ruling class?

In South Africa a governing class relies on the divisions of races to shore itself up -having created a white labour aristocracy, with blacks dispersed in 'homelands' and townships as a cheap labour force. For many years this crude form of class domination paid dividends, but now apartheid is a millstone round the neck of a S. African capitalism facing an economic crisis and ferocious black resistance in the townships and workplaces. The white ruling class has been forced by this wave of confrontation to reform certain glaring injustices within apartheid, but only ostriches in the ruling National Party believe such petty measures would be enough to dampen people's anger.

The businessmen, with an eye to their continued existence rather than morality have been quicker off the mark in realising that the only way to save South African capitalism and their profits is to dismantle apartheid. If bullwhips and bullets cannot stabilise the Rand then more liberal solutions will have to be found. Which is the background to leading S.A. businessmen having discussions with leaders of the African National Congress -today's managers and tomorrow's managers bargaining over an increasingly precarious national economy. Make no mistake, the A.N.C. doesn't stand for socialist revolution -its immediate aim is a movement uniting all classes to create a black capitalism in South Africa. As ANC leader Joe Slove put it:

"We're not in favour of abolishing the middle class. Black traders will be better off with us than under the present regime with its apartheid restrictions"

The ANC claims to represent the interests of the working class, yet the struggle of the working class communities has been waged largely without their influence or control and has consistently its limited horizons. The current wave of riots and strikes flared up last year as a response to rent and fare rises, with an underlying rejection of the political and economic system that caused them. No doubt, with an ANC government in the saddle the old catchword "it's for the good of the nation" will be bleated whenever cuts in the living standards are made. The ANC stands, not for class liberation, but national liberation, an ideology perfectly compatible with capitalism. Take a look at Angola, Mozambique and Zimbabwe where self-proclaimed 'communist' regimes have invited back firms like U.S. Gulf Oil whilst workers in these countries have found that little has changed. Whilst the Luanda dock workers found their strike brutally crushed by MPLA troops of their newly 'liberated' country in 1976, workers in Harare have found that Mugabe uses Smith's Emergency Powers to prevent them struggling against low wages. National liberation means the freedom for a homegrown capitalist class to compete in the world market with 'its' workers as profit fodder.

The current struggle in South Africa is just one facet of an international class struggle which confronts the bosses from the streets of Yorkshire pit villages to factories in Milan. As the pitch of struggle intensifies in S.A. apartheid will be dropped like a mask by a capitalist class to 'loosen the collar', Just as the bosses in Germany favoured a switch from democracy to fascism to tighten the grip on 'their' working class. There are no long term solution to our problems within capitalism because capitalism is the problem. As long as we look to groups like the ANC, the Sandinistas, the Labour Party etc to liberate us then we are handing them our lives on a plate -to continue the deadening cycle of the buying and selling of our time and activity for the employer's benefit. The only guarantee of success for the struggles of the working class in South Africa is that we extend those struggles in our lives and our lands.

From Broadwater Farm to Barcelona,
From Lodz to Paz,

THE WHOLE WORLD IS SOWETO!

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Southampton.

SILENTNIGHT

VIOLENT NIGHT, GET THE SCABS, AND KICK THEM TO SHITE !

Silentnight is a large bedding company, the largest firm of the national bedding federation and is worth £51 million. 100's of workers at Silentnight Sutton; W. Yorks, and Barnoldswick; Lancs have been on strike since June 11th against the firms refusal to honour the 1985 pay deal. Instead of £5.25 most workers were offered a few pence. The bosses said there were going to be no redundancies but within a few weeks announced 52. The strike began. The boss, Tom Clark (the ninth richest company boss in the country), once described by Mrs Thatcher as "Mr Wonderful" said that unless they returned to work by July 22nd he would sack them. They didn't and he did. The bosses immediately began recruiting scabs (there were only 13 of the original workers) in this area of high unemployment including from YTS. The bosses claimed everything was going smoothly - the large lorries were coming out regularly but when the pickets stopped and opened them they were empty! Bosses could be seen inside the factory trying to get things together when they were totally useless. Strikers attacked the lorries putting them out of action. They were moved to make it more difficult to attack but this meant that when they were found they were usually in more secluded spots. One lorry full of beds was burnt out outside a scabs house. There have been many incidents of stone throwing at the gates, the factory has had windows smashed and been attacked with paint. On one occasion a petrol

bomb was thrown in the door way of the sutton plant setting it alight. Scabs have been attacked and hospitalised, one while trying to buy a packet of fags for his nerves before going to work. They are bussed into work with pig escorts and drivers wearing helmets. One morning as scabs waited for their transport in Keighley Town Hall Square they were attacked by strikers and what a sight it was as strikers fought with each other to get on the bus. As buses and lorries had their windows smashed the press and pigs talked of a secret weapon the strikers had - a huge mobile catapult like something out of the trojan wars! No-one has been arrested as a result of the hit squad operations.

Although there now seems to be no hope of the strikers getting their jobs back, the fight against Silentnight Holdings is still in full swing. The company has lost nearly £4million in the last 6 months - the first time in its 33 year history. There is good local support for the strike and miners support groups have joined rallies and pickets by the bus load. Bockers have refused to handle imported raw materials bound for the silentnight factories. The battle goes on.

However in order to continue the strikers need our support too. Write for information and send donations to Sutton Silentnight Womens support group c/o Mrs Pat McCormack, Northstead, Northroad, Sutton in Craven, Nr Keighley, BD20 7PG.

The lorry, parked in North Dean Road, was safe until at least 3.50 a.m. when it was checked by a patrolling policeman.

The attackers probably arrived about 4.30 a.m.: a dog belonging to one of the lorry driver's neighbours began barking at that time but nobody took any notice, says Mr. Senior.

Just after 5 a.m. another neighbour was wakened by a bang when one of the lorry tyres exploded. She looked out of her bedroom window and saw the trailer blazing fiercely.

Hooded men were again involved when, in Station Road, Cross Hills, at 6.30 a.m. on

Wednesday, missiles broke two windows of a Silentnight lorry.

Police had to put out a blaze with buckets of water on Wednesday after a paraffin bomb was thrown.

The home-made device, concocted inside a milk bottle, was hurled at a wooden door alongside the entrance to the premises.

Sgt. Hughes says more than £3,000 damage has been caused through acts of vandalism at the Sutton factory since the strike over pay began nearly four months ago.

Last week stones were thrown at cars and factory windows.

And yesterday, at about 6.15 a.m. on the main road at Skipton, one of the firm's drivers had a narrow escape from injury when a large stone shattered the windscreen and glass at the back of his cab.

A bus carrying workers from the Sutton factory had its windscreen shattered at lunchtime on Saturday. The driver was slightly hurt.

Stocking-masked men jumped out of bushes in Park Lane, Keighley, about 6.45 a.m. on Tuesday breaking three windows of the bus taking men to work.

Police protection for the buses to the factory has been resumed and the company's drivers are being instructed to wear helmets.

Two police forces are hunting a masked gang which has escalated the violence in the Silentnight strike. The gang has been involved in two of four separate attacks on company vehicles since Saturday.

Liverpool

In November '85 the Militant 'revolutionaries' and their comrades on the Liverpool City Council finally ended the long running Merseyside farce and negotiated a loan with some Swiss banks. Ridiculous it sounds but it was inevitable and obvious that L.C.C. would never win their 'fight'.

Once upon a time 42 Labour councils affected by Tory spending cuts and rate-capping threatened they would defy the government and "spend spend spend" for the people of 'their' boroughs. They all chickened out, sooner than later, leaving Liverpool on its own by the early summer of last year.

Compared to the average Labour council, Liverpool was quite unusual. It began a massive housing programme for 1000's of houses and created several



NICE SUIT, SHAME ABOUT THE POLITICS!

thousand jobs. It talked in grand terms of resistance etc etc.

But however much we preferred Liverpool's brand of municipal socialism to right wing councils and Thatcher and Kinnock, and hate the type of scum who've lined up to attack Hatton, Liverpool's/Militant's policies were and are basically no better than those of the right. Why?... Because they give false hope, because they preach passivity and because they always lead to defeat.

The theory went: i) get control of your local ward Labour party; ii) get workers/militant councillors elected and iii) lo and behold you have a "workers'" council which will fight for (sic) the workers of the borough, and will win jobs and services. In Liverpool this worked for a while. The local Labour party was totally corrupt and easy to takeover. The liberal council was naturally not popular and local people and especially council unions warmed to a council investing in jobs and services. Limited demands can always be won if the state/capitalism can afford it. But if they say "NO", then you're powerless. L.C.C./Militant totally misunderstood what the Tories are up to and what's needed to destroy them. The Tories know what they're doing - all the cuts, the anti-union laws, the police bill etc, are a deliberate attack on the working class on behalf of their capitalist bosses. But Militant/LCC's politics was so-

cialism from above with a council elected from a demoralised city without real active support or organisation (and that type of politics can never challenge the system).

The working class isn't a stage army like Militant and the Labour party see it. (i.e. the ridiculous threat to make temporarily redundant its total council labour force) Real resistance comes not from these self-appointed 'leaders of the working class' but from workers fighting back from the miners' strike and Silentnight to the rioters in Toxteth and Tottenham. Only the working class can resist the attacks of the state/bosses and defend what we hold now let alone create a revolution. Just as in France and Greece where 'left' governments attack the working class to please the capitalists, the Liverpool fiasco shows us the total bankruptcy of Labour party and left politics.

It is of no interest to revolutionaries (or anyone outside the Labour party!) if one section of the Labour party attacks another. Both sides politics are a deadend and it's high times they were ditched, once and for all.

Defend Militant against the witchhunt? Fuck off!!



Toxteth residents in a hurry to support their local labour council?...You've gotta be joking!

How About Some REAL ANTI-FASCIST ACTION!

The last year or so has seen open racism and racist violence reach their highest level for years in our cities and especially in East London. Reports of racist firebombings, stabbings and murders are now commonplace even in the racist gutter press with only the police still denying the true causes of these attacks. Fascist activity - NF marches etc - is at its highest level since the late 70's with e.g. over 150 at an NF meeting in Brighton recently, though it is still low in comparison with the NF being 3rd overall in percentage votes in GLC elections of 1977. At the recent relaunch of Bradford NF only 15 of the "master" race appeared. The current racist violence seems to come from unorganised white youth rather than a coordinated terror campaign, while the Tory party has captured the organised racism the NF once represented. The riots were used as an excuse for racism and calls for more policing - mostly what the riots were against in the first place! In Tottenham white councilworkers marched against Bernie Grant in the post-riot hysteria.

Against this background a group called Anti Fascist Action was set up. At its founding conference in July 85, AFA appeared to be committed to both direct action against fascism, wherever it reared its ugly head, and to a mass propaganda campaign. After 5 months existence AFA has done virtually nothing and has firmly entrenched itself in the Labour party quagmire.

SO WHATS WRONG WITH AFA ?

1/ AFA sees fascism apart from patriotism and state racism. It produced a disgustingly patriotic leaflet for the anti-'NF Remembrance Day Parade' demo, with anti-fascists drawn as "true-Brits". AFA concentrates too much on the fascism and racism of small groups and not the racism inherent in 'British Democracy' -the Tories and the 'Loyal Opposition'.

2/ AFA is based in and indirectly funded by the Labour party. The dominant groups in AFA are all GLC funded. Politically, they support police monitoring and the ridiculous idea of police accountability, and keep quiet about Labour party racism. Kinnock recently went to Walthamstow and told victims of racist attacks to stay calm and trust British justice!

3/ AFA proudly boasts of not being dominated by a particular left-wing group, as the ANL was by the Socialist Worker party. In reality this means AFA is dominated by Labour party members, while its anti-left ideology blinds it to the nature of racism/fascism and how to fight them.

All this has meant in practice that AFA has done little else but produce press-releases and set up sub-committees. What direct action has been taken has been by Red Action, with the credit being taken by AFA. The demo against the NF annual Remembrance Day Parade is a good example: to counter such a big march and police presence, tight secret planning and/or a mass leafletting/poster campaign was needed. Neither were done -just a few leaflets one week beforehand.

SO HOW DO WE DEFEAT FASCISM ?

CLASS WAR believes fascism must be physically confronted wherever it appears, and we support, more importantly, self-defense groups based on the community. We also support communities which go on the offensive against the racists/police. At the same time though a mass campaign is needed in the factories/estates attacking not just fascism but racism and patriotism. And from a class point of view, this means attacking not just the NF but also the state -the Tories, and Labour. While we must verbally and physically confront racism in the working class we must not fall into the trap, like the liberals, of blaming the working class. Racism doesn't come from the working class -we

are not born racist- racism is used as a tool to divide the working class and it comes from and the blame lies with capitalism and the state. Attacking racism is crucial to uniting the working class. Anti-racism is not a side-issue nor is it a separate issue. It is totally part of our struggle. Only the working class can really fight racism -the Labour party's paper anti racism is just words- and only the working class will destroy fascism and racism when we get together and start to destroy capitalism and its state.

CLASS WAR affiliated to AFA at its founding conference. We generally supported its aims and wished to be part of what looked like becoming an active anti-fascist group. However in October 85 we were suspended "due to very serious allegations". These were based on a Guardian report of the Brixton riot which alleged CW was run by ex-leading NF'ers. This ridiculous smear has been dropped now but a number of new lies, smears etc have been invented by the AFA secretariat since. In December, after being barred from putting our position to an AFA meeting, CW was resuspended for another 6 months. Basically AFA secretariat are Labour party liberals who hate anarchists and anyone who rejects their pathetic brand of softly-softly anti-racism. (e.g. one accusation that we attacked the police on a Newham 7 demo which got a number of Asians nicked. This is insulting to the Asian people fighting back: they don't need/want us to lead them. They hate the police, fight them when they want and we support them in that.

CLASS WAR rejects (for the 100th time!!!) all accusations of racism thrown at us. We have nothing to hide. We have been witchhunted out of AFA and demand our suspension is lifted.

A leaflet containing all the allegations and our response is being prepared for the AFA February conference.

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE COPS FUCK OFF?



CHASING THE COPS OUT...

For most of us, the most important political events of the past five years have occurred, not in the smoke-filled rooms of the union barons; not in the stripped-pine rooms of the Habitat socialists; not even in the meat-free living spaces of the anarchist ghetto, but on the streets and estates of the urban working class. From the blazing summer of 1981, through the miners strike, to the siege of Broadwater Farm, literally thousands of working class people have taken on the forces of darkness and the state, physically resisting the filth in a host of struggles, many of them suppressed by snivelling hacks. And we've only seen the preliminary skirmishes in a conflict as inevitable as it will be bloody.

URBAN WAR

Whether Kinnock, Thatcher or Owen scratch their way to the top of the parliamentary dungheap matters bugger all. By 1999, the urban war will be a permanent feature of everyday life in every benighted city in this septic isle. There will be guns and deaths on both sides, as the cops mutate into daleks, and a host of scrapheap geniuses become the weaponsmiths of the ghettos. The army will be there, either in an advisory/intelligence role (as they were in Brixton in 1981), or on the streets dressed as cops (as they were in the miners strike), or both. Increasingly, the cost of maintaining civil order, both in casualties and finance, will be more than the state is prepared to pay in the rotting heartlands of our cities.

FANTASY AND REALITY

This all sounds fine as apocalyptic fantasy, but what's it going to be like when YOU have no choice about living it...24 hours a day? It's already too close for comfort for some of us. While the police terrorise Broadwater Farm, stealing food and clothing, and menacing people with guns. People living on the Gloucester Grove estate in Peckham, South London, are deprived of post and emergency services due to attacks by anti-social elements. If we're not careful, the 1990's in the cities could be a choice between these two options- occupation by brutal pscho-cops-or terrorisation by criminal scum.

The two rapes in the 1985 Brixton riot underline this point. Writing in the magazine Monochrome, a woman refers to women being treated as 'the spoils of war', and describes how she felt safer fighting the cops than in the areas they'd been

kicked out of. Well, sod that, for a liberated zone!

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE COPS FUCK OFF?

The question of what we're actually going to DO when the cops fuck off, has been almost completely ignored by street revolutionaries, but it's one of the most important problems we face. There is no way that people are going to be grateful to see the back of the filth, if they think that muggers, rapists, smack-dealers wife beaters, and other anti-social bastards are going to have a free hand.

But it needn't be like that. Someone once told me of an incident he witnessed in occupied Ireland. Rioting on the Falls road had carried on 'til early morning, and vehicles were needed for a road-block, when along whirred a milk float. Quick as a flash it was commandeered. However, it was not torched until the crates had been taken off and every local household had been delivered two pints of milk!

COMMUNITY RESISTANCE

This sort of interaction between street-fighters and the rest of the community is essential. When looting takes place, we must make sure that goods are distributed to those in need, not as an abstract matter of principle, but because we need to show that we care far more about the welfare of our fellow prisoners in the slum streets and rat-hole estates than any

number of incompetent, grassing social workers. And, of course, in a state of insurrection, those who look after our kids, carry messages and weapons, lie for us in court, and give first-aid, are as vital to the struggle as the able-bodied, young, and largely male (though less so every time!) streetfighters.

But it's not just a question of handing out a few tins of beans to the old-folk. If we cannot deliver safe streets and secure homes for EVERYONE, ordinary people will be begging for the return of the law. Obviously informers must be dealt with severely, but the best way to stop them creeping out of the woodwork is to prove that the community can do a better job of preventing anti-social behaviour than the filth.

STREET JUSTICE

Street Justice is an ugly phrase. It carries visions of Clint Eastwood crazed vigilantes shooting black kids for being assertive; the IRA kneecapping kids for smoking dope; the Ayatollah's 'Party of God' beating women for daring to dress the way they want. But, somewhere along the line, as individuals, as communities and as a class, we are going to have to learn how to dispense street justice. Otherwise, people terrified to walk their own streets and estates will continue to fall for all that law 'n' order bullshit.

IT STARTS NOW

It starts now. With thinking about what you'd do if you saw next door being broken into. There's got to be a better answer than calling the cops or letting it happen. And we need to find it before every street has a neighbourhood watch snoop snivelling back to the smiling community bobby with his plastic bullets and computer files.

It starts now. With making sure that in this summer's riots, the muggers are challenged, and the rapists eliminated. With making sure that clumsiness or drunken stupidity don't result in proper people getting their homes burnt out.

It starts now. With discussions on the streets and estates about what we are going to do when the cops fuck off. Street justice is justice for ALL, by ALL. Anything else is just a new set of cops. We need the answers quickly, and we haven't begun to ask the right questions.



...AND KEEPING THEM OUT!

STOPPIN' WAPPIN'

MURDOCH

At the end of January 1986, Rupert Murdoch publisher of the Sun, The Times, The News of The World, and The Sunday Times, moved his papers to his new £100 million print works in Wapping. The 5000 printers etc. who struck in protest were sacked, while the new works was run with secretly re-cruited scabs, mainly members of the electricians union the EEPTU.

The dispute has been in the offing for quite a while. In the USA, all newspapers are hi-tec, while in British printing, only Fleet St. has resisted management imposed new technology. On The Kent Messenger and The Nottingham Evening Post management have won battles in the last couple of years over new technology, sacking printers and replacing them with NUJ scabs. Most importantly in 1983 Eddie Shah destroyed the power of the local NGA, following a sacking dispute at his free rag the Stockport Messenger. After riotous mass pickets and massive fines for secondary picketing, the NGA leadership bottled out and accepted defeat. On Fleet St. itself Maxwell got rid of 2000 printers a couple of months ago. But it is Shah's new daily (to appear by the summer) that has really led to the current crisis. Shah is threatening to sell his colour daily for as little as 10p., which he will be able to afford because of the amount of cost cutting technology and new work practices he has used. In the 'soon to come' price/costs war on Fleet St. Murdoch has moved first.

THE UNIONS

However the almost total failure of the NGA and SOGAT leadership to resist the bosses attacks over the last 2 years is responsible for his ease in getting away ..(so far!) with the 5000 sackings. In fact 'Drippy' Dean and Dubbins wanted a deal with Murdoch... a deal which would have meant ..no unofficial strikes acceptance of 'single -key copy', a major change in work practice and an acceptance of major job loses.

The print union leaders strategy for victory centers on an appeal to public opinion to stop Murdoch's papers and to the TUC to stop EEPTU work at Wapping, and to stop distribution of the papers. After 3 weeks of strike fuck-all has been achieved--distribution is nearly back to normal. But with such a pathetic strategy that's not surprising. When you fight the bosses you don't hit them with a feather you go for the kill!

The only way Murdoch will be defeated is by all-out industrial warfare



THE ONLY LANGUAGE THAT SCABS UNDERSTAND!



BIG MONEY NOW SCABS, BUT WHAT ABOUT IN 2 YEARS TIME?

- mass picketing, violent or not
- through pickets of all TNT distribution points
- through sabotage of the plants and distribution network.
- calling out of the rest of Fleet St.

SHAH, MURDOCH, MAXELL.

Shah is vulnerable, he has invested all he has in his new print works. Maxwell is vulnerable, his papers are doing badly and Murdoch is vulnerable-60% of his



income is from the SUN.

This struggle is crucial to all of us. An employer has sacked 5000 workers and totally replaced them with scabs -- unheard of on this scale for dozens of years. This is the most important strike since the miners and could be even more important. Murdoch must be smashed!!

SOME PEOPLE HAVE SAID...

PART ONE

Some people have said...why support the

Sun's printers --they're just bastards printing such sexist and racist rubbish. Unfortunately most people aren't totally 'right-on' and need to eat like you and me. Print workers do a job like anyone, boring and with no control over what they do. During the NHS and the miners strikes the printers were in the forefront of giving both financial and industrial support. It's only through struggle that anything will ever change.

PART TWO

Some people have said..(part2)..why support the printers, they all earn about £40000 a year. Bullshit! Maybe 50 out of 5000 earned £40000 -after 25 years of skill learning. Why criticise those who forced a good wage out of their boss. Good luck to them!

WAPPING, 8th FEB.

Second mass picket of the strike, called by SOGAT 82. A march of 2000, sacked women printers and the wives/families of sacked printers joins a 1000 strong picket outside Murdoch's Wapping plant. After the road was totally blocked for a while, Brenda 'Drippy' Dean tries to lead away people to a nearby rally site to a chorus of boos and jeers. (The Beaucrats always try that trick don't they!) Later the picket reforms outside the gate where the lorries come in and out. 300 involved in a push and shove, a few punches etc. but the police have the road clear within half an hour. Over 5 lorries have their windscreens shattered, as does a police coach carrying scabs and best of all Murdoch's Merc gets the same treatment. Basically though there was never enough people to stop the paper this time. True mass pickets need to be organised as soon as possible and regularly. People in and outside London should get ready to turn out on mass. February 8th showed what's possible with a few hundred pickets at the lorry gate, but next time we need 1000s!

WHERE TO GO

PICKET LINE is on EAST SMITHFIELD/ THE HIGHWAY in WAPPING, East London. Nearest TUBE : TOWER HILL.

SUPPORT THE STRIKING PRINTWORKERS!

SMACK ATTACK

Dear Class War

Your article, "Fighting back in smack city" could have been found in the pages of National Front News. I realise you're encouraging this sort of reactionary vigilantism because you've never seriously considered the issue of heroin. So Class War thinks that the "anti-smack squad" metes out revolutionary proletarian justice? Bollocks, reliable sources of information from Toxteth told me that the vigilantes were led by a 'certain' big dealer. Also when I asked him who he thought the Anti-smack squads were the author of your article himself admitted he "thought they were other dealers". So a few small dealers get the shit kicked out of them by a mob stirred up by the big boys who feel that these dealers are scoring from the wrong sources.

Your article attacks the wrong people. Street dealers are just trying to support their habits and if you've ever used gear you'd know they don't go "forcing their evil wares on all and sundry" (especially school kids) In fact it's not usually that easy to get 'accepted' as a regular customer as dealers are understandably wary. The higher-up people who make a lot of money out of heroin are as much bastards as the next businessman, which they often are, e.g. the "certain big dealer" is himself a rich local 'businessman and community leader. There is obviously a lot of involvement between the pillars of society and the forces of law and order + smack dealing, and these are all real enemies.

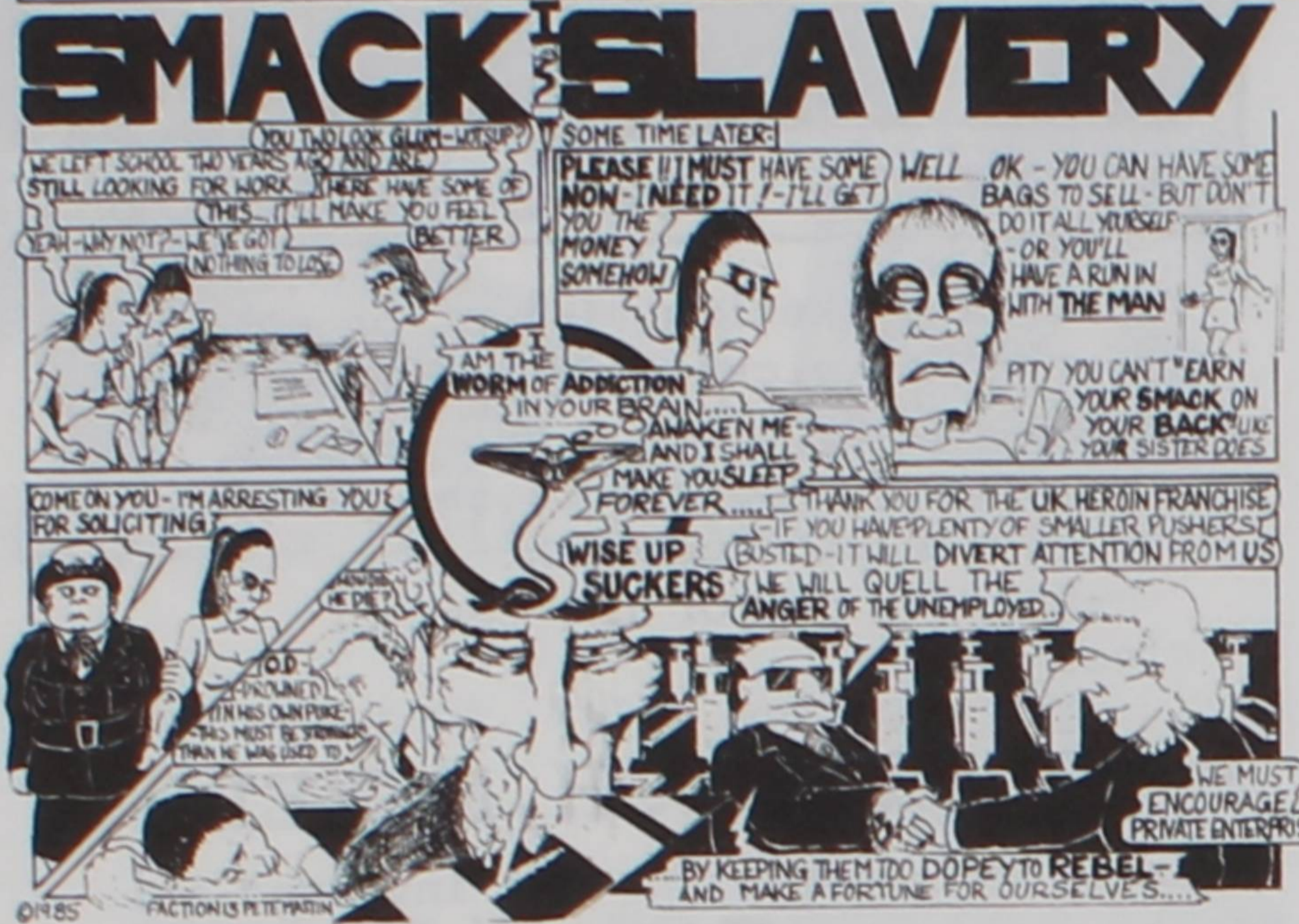
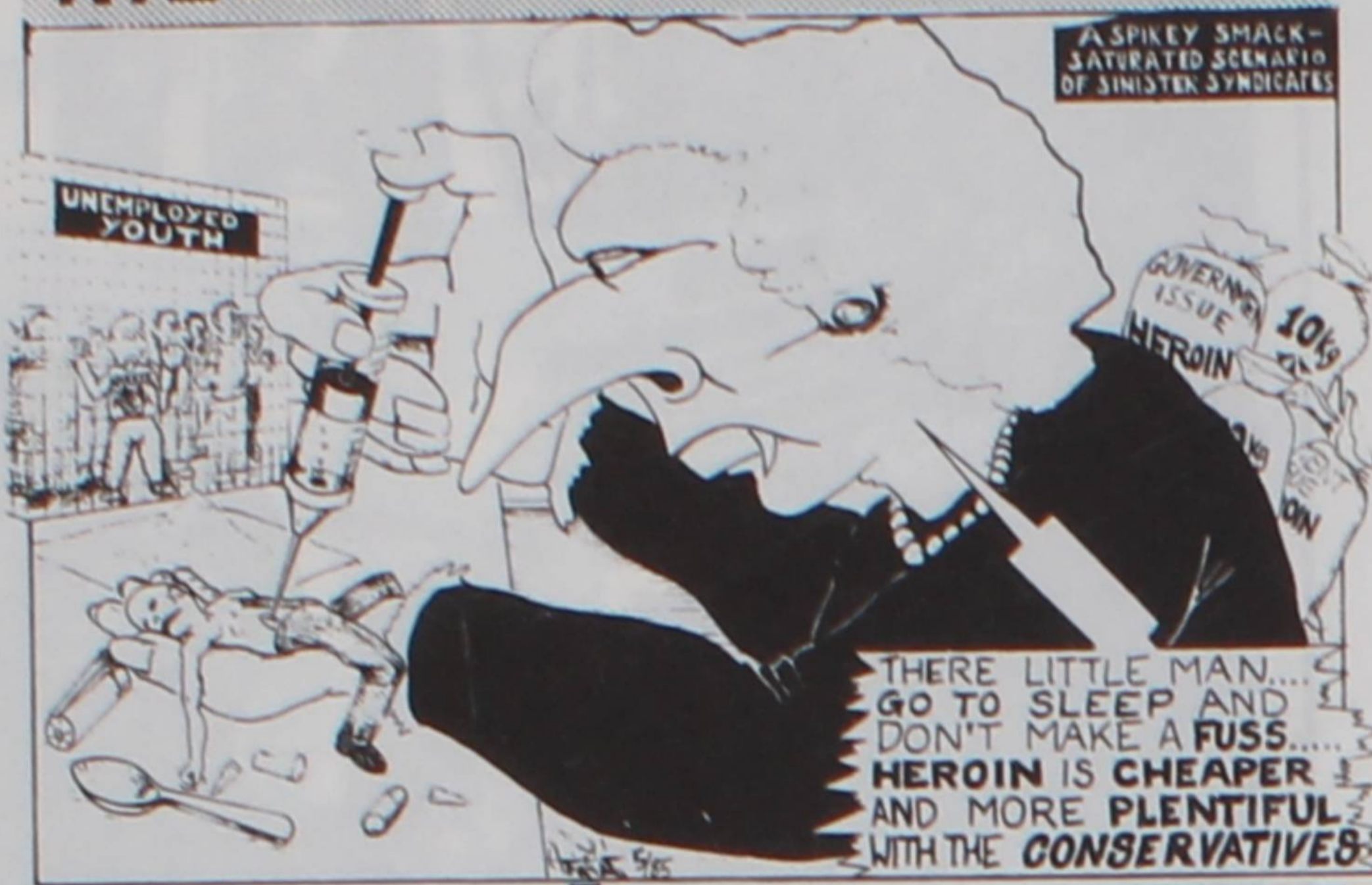
The question of vigilantes is very dodgy: what about when a "vigilante group" of NF'ers attacked smack dealers in Edmonton?

Your attitude to heroin is simple moralism like that of 19th century socialists who said that drink was the ruin of the working masses. In small amounts smack, like alcohol, makes you feel nice, and why shouldn't we have some fun in this fucking society without being attacked by puritans posing as our political saviours?

The problem is addiction and that is a class issue. If your life is shit then there seems no earthly reason to stop taking something that makes it less painful (valium, booze, gear etc) It is also frightening to come off; to go back to your poxy existence without the means to blot it out. It's different for the bored little rich kid junkies who can afford expensive treatment and holidays in the sun. When you're poor your health gets fucked as all your money goes on smack, but what fucks you most is getting the money to support your habit. If you're not likely to inherit Blenheim Palace you have to go on the game, thieving or whatever. Hardly the passive acceptance of the system that you seem to think most smack users demonstrate (OK robbing from your mates, or other working class people is out of order, but it's not just junkies who do that. Anyway all the users I know select their targets well: the dole, shoplifting etc).

You get hit hard if you're caught using junk and


MEANWHILE...



happen to be working class, e.g. 3 months for possession of 50p worth and nothing to help you out when you're withdrawing inside. Nearly all the aristocracy and upper class kiddies do it (and it's very popular with the under 30's in the city, I hear) but if they get too obvious about it what's £1,000 fine to them?

People like us can overcome our psychological dependency on drugs by creating alternatives for ourselves (ultimately revolution) and we don't like being condemned by the politically selfrighteous

**Left school?
No job?
No money?**



Then fuck off.

GnatWest
THE FRANK BANK

(you're all tee-total I assume?)

You're extremely patronising to assume-along with the rest of the media-that smack intake can't be controlled. It can and I do, along with others. Anyway a lot of people would just get pissed all the time if smack was unobtainable.

It's our lives, not the drug itself, that need sorting out. And I don't mean individually, but by attacking the system that drives us to addiction. By your logic we should get a crew together to blow away our local publicans for 'dealing in death' after all alcoholism is the 3rd biggest killer in this country and as for fags....

So stop being so naive and moralistic and sort your fucking ideas out.

Love C.

A REPLY...

If as pointed out in this letter the vigilantes were led by a big drug dealer we obviously do not condone this. The point we tried to make was one of people organising themselves and taking action without the traditional forces of law and order. People have taken independent action against drug dealers, for example, Dublin, where they were not led by any dealers but worked via community meetings and group actions.

Not all small dealers are the nice responsible people you suggest in the letter. A person who sells something they know is killing someone deserves a good kicking; this is true whether they are just supporting their habit or making money. Also it is not true that addicts only steal from the right places, they will steal from the nearest source when they are desperate.

We agree that it is the shitty life people lead that make heroin so attractive, but this is the very reason they do not use heroin in the responsible way the letter suggests. While people like the letter writer are able to control their intake of heroin the vigilante groups as in Dublin are not concerned in these cases. They are concerned with people who will inevitably die. When teenagers have gone through a long withdrawal period helped by family and/or friends the last thing they want is for them to go back on heroin again and see them back on the brink of death. Can you blame them for being angry and attacking heroin at whichever source they can find. While we are waiting for the revolution could the family and friends of addicts be passive and allow them to die?

We believe heroin has been made an issue by the politicians; the government by using a vast advertising campaign have made sure everyone knows about heroin.

Then, instead of the pathetic standard of living people have to put up with and all the shit this society dishes out it will be heroin that will be blamed. So Thatcher can stand up moral and strong, shed a few crocodile tears and point the finger at heroin. Shallow promises will be made about doing something about heroin and what a good excuse for stronger policing...

A&A.

TOTTENHAM WIN THEIR SPURS

Once again the whole of Britain has been rocked by a series of massive riots, first Handsworth, followed by Brixton and then Tottenham. Some brilliant things have happened in these uprisings, the stoning of Douglas Hurd in Handsworth and the attacks on the cop shop and tory club in Brixton etc, but nothing really compares with what happened at Broadwater Farm in Tottenham on the night of October 6th. Nearly all of the North London estate became a no-go area to the pigs for over 9 hours and not only did they have to face the usual rioter weapons-bricks and petrol bombs etc, but new ones appeared too-shotguns, a revolver and a rifle. And thanks to the raised walkways there was fuck all the cops could do..they were massacred, to see just how successful the battle was we only have to look at the 'results': -1 cop dead, over 200 injured and only 7 arrests on the night (though, unfortunately, there have been quite a few since).

Of course the media had a field day over the 'sad' demise of the so called "community cop" Pc Keith Blakelock... "Hacked to death by Hyenas", "Red Butchers" etc, plus all the usual crap... "the quiet family man", "loved by everyone" and so on, it's the same old heart rendering bullshit they always use to get sup-

port behind the police and the authorities, against working class people who dare to fight back against the shit they are forced to take. But we know who we support...any one who does the states work for it, attacking working class people whose only crime is resistance, deserves what they fucking well get, and if that means they die then they die, it's as easy as that...Blakelock may have been the first but he certainly won't be the last!

Another good thing that has come out of the riots this time has been the attacks on Fleet Street journalists-knifed in Brixton, shot in Tottenham etc. If you haven't realised why this happened then you obviously don't read the papers very often, the amount of racist crap and absolute bullshit that has been written about the riots has been incredible, is it any wonder that journalists get attacked when they produce articles like: "Why the West Indians hate Asians" (Sun), "If you're white you should not be on the streets of Brixton tonight" (Mail on Sunday), "Moscow trained hit squads gave orders as mob hacked Pc Blakelock to death" (D. Express). No we don't pity the Fleet Street scum who get attacked, they basically do the same job as the pigs and they deserve the same treatment.

Though the riots won't achieve anything by themselves, especially while only small sections of the working class are involved, we see them as a very important part of the increasingly violent struggle against the state. The riots were the voice of some of the most oppressed sections of the working classes fighting back against the shit they're forced to put up with every single day of their lives, if you condemn them then you condemn the whole of the working class. People don't throw bricks and petrol bombs for nothing, they don't cut up coppers just for kicks, these actions are a response to oppression and alienation, but we know that electing a labour government won't change things, a few extra jobs on the YTS and community programmes won't change things, more community policing won't change things, the only reason these things exist is to pacify us, keep us down, keep things as they are at the moment-them on top us underneath, to make sure we don't change things and to hide the real face of the capitalist state. The people of the inner city ghettos know what it's like, the miners know what it's like...pretty soon you may know what it's like too!

AFC.

'86: The Hottest Year Yet!

Already this year there have been loads of confrontations with the cops, before the snow has even melted there have been riots in Southport, Stainforth and Bristol. It looks as if the cops are going to be in for a real hammering this year... '86, the hottest year yet!

RIOT IN SOUTHPORT

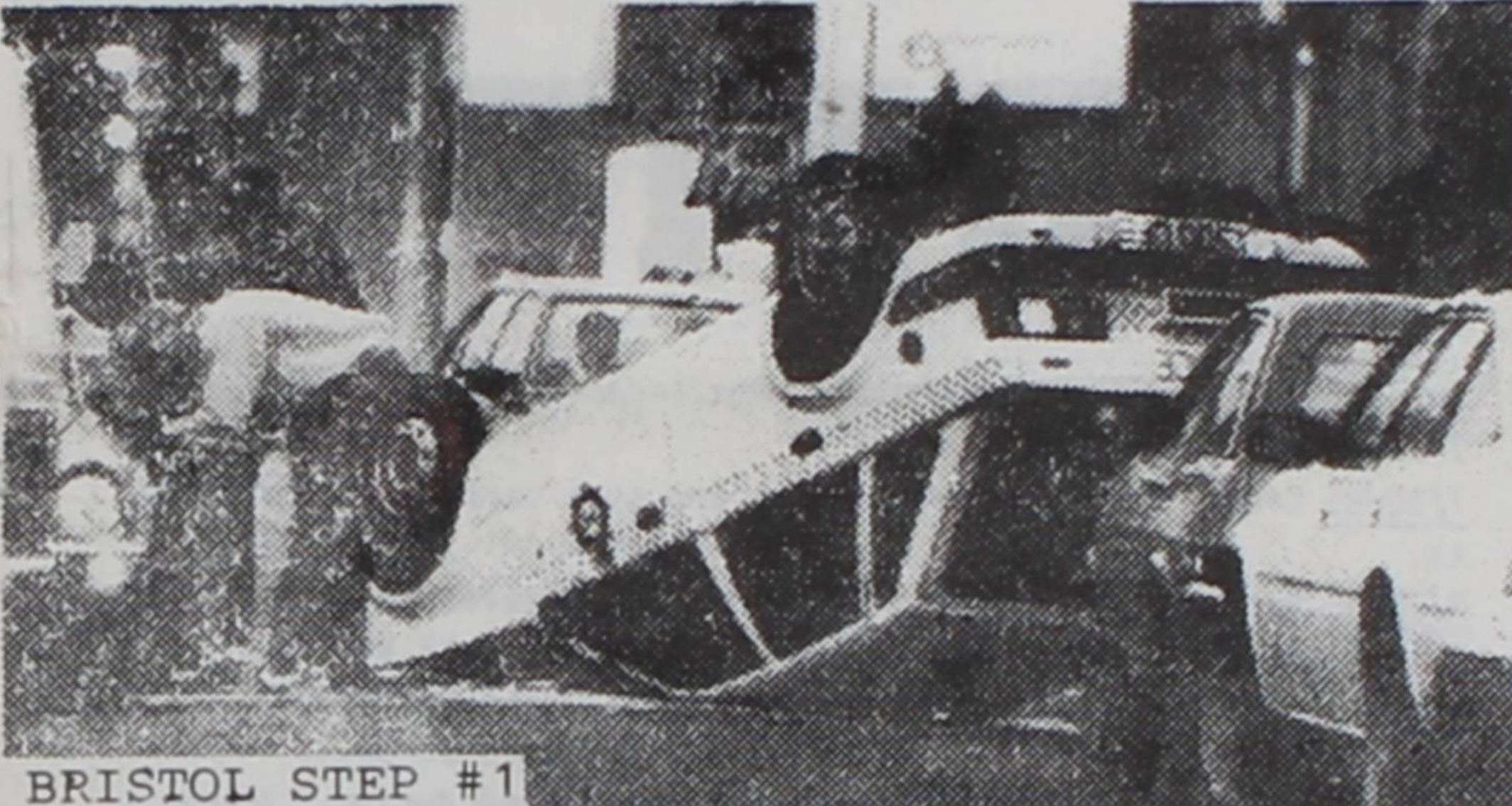
Nowadays, the police can no longer murder people and get away with it; in Southport Ray Moran was beaten to death while in police custody on Jan 23rd. As soon as the news got out there were people on the streets looking for revenge. Shop windows were smashed that evening and on Friday 24th the cops were pelted with golf and billiard balls, cop car and shop windows were smashed and 4 pigs were injured. On Monday, angry crowds waited till half time of a football match (at Southport FC) before stoning the filth. Cops in riot gear tried to restore peace but the rioter kept control of the street, attacking the pigs, chanting "Ray Moran, Ray Moran" & "Murderers". They overturned a caravan and put burning barricades in the road. Another 2 cops were injured.

Chanting gangs attack police

LEAFLETS accusing police of killing a teenager are circulating in a seaside resort.

FRIDAY night saw some of the worst violence ever on the streets of Southport when youths chanting "Ray Moran!" hurled billiard and golf balls at police cars and smashed shop windows.

AND GUESS WHERE...



BRISTOL STEP #1

On Friday evening February 7th, cops chasing a runaway car crashed their motor in St Pauls, Bristol. Surrounded by a mob of 150 masked and balaclava'd youths, they fled the area—the mobile Sty was overturned. As darkness arrived with the cops no-where to be seen petrol was poured over the wreck and it was torched... it was totally gutted. We suspect that this was just the beginning as far as Bristol's concerned—there's a lot more on the way.



BRISTOL STEP #2

Southport uproar
SOUTHPORT police appealed for calm yesterday after three nights of disturbances after a 19-year-old man's death in custody.

Police hurt in mob attack

Police target of hate mobs

STATE PAID GET EM! GANGSTERS

STAINFORTH RIOTS AGAIN

Almost on the anniversary of the start of the miners strike the pit village of Stainforth near Doncaster was the scene of renewed anti-police struggle on the Saturday night and Sunday morning of 25th & 26th.

It all started when the police made the grand entrance into one of the local pubs "the Fox" and lifted one of the local anti-social elements. Anti-social element or not the police, after 12 months of struggle and entrenched hatred, are not welcome anywhere in this village. And when the lad's father got up and followed the police outside to complain at the arrest of his son, all eyes went with him, the blood enriched by now with several pints of John Smiths was pounding. The cops did not appreciate the verbal from the arrestee's father and punched him, that was it, world war 3 had been declared. The police car was rapidly wrecked, and in the course of the night as odd cars and meat wagons rolled into the village they were stoned and turned over many with the filth inside. The police station was also subject to attack, as the crowd of comatents grew from pub to pub and the streets filled with people itching to have a go at their favourite people.

One old lad arrested was a veteran of the strike campaign and many a rough picket, he was violently grabbed for telling the cops where to go and arrested but not before he'd put up a spirited resistance with his walking stick.

The armoured vans and riot shields started to appear as convoys of filth started to pour into the village, sadly some of the young 'uns tried to sieze service busses to use as road blocks and started bricking them while they were full of villagers coming back from town. If handled correctly the passengers would have probably joined in the fun and the bus driver donated the bus, it being the last run of the evening anyway.

By about 2.30am the next morning the ambushers who had coaxed the simple filth down the back alleys to be bricked had nipped off to bed, ready for the boozing session next morning, leaving the filth tip toeing round not certain what to expect nor when to expect it.

As news spread round the village the next day and into the neighbouring Dunscroft and Hatfield the general feeling was one of gross disappointment at having missed the fun; this suggests that "trouble" for the cops will not be long away in the future...

Danny the Red.

Police hurt in mob attack

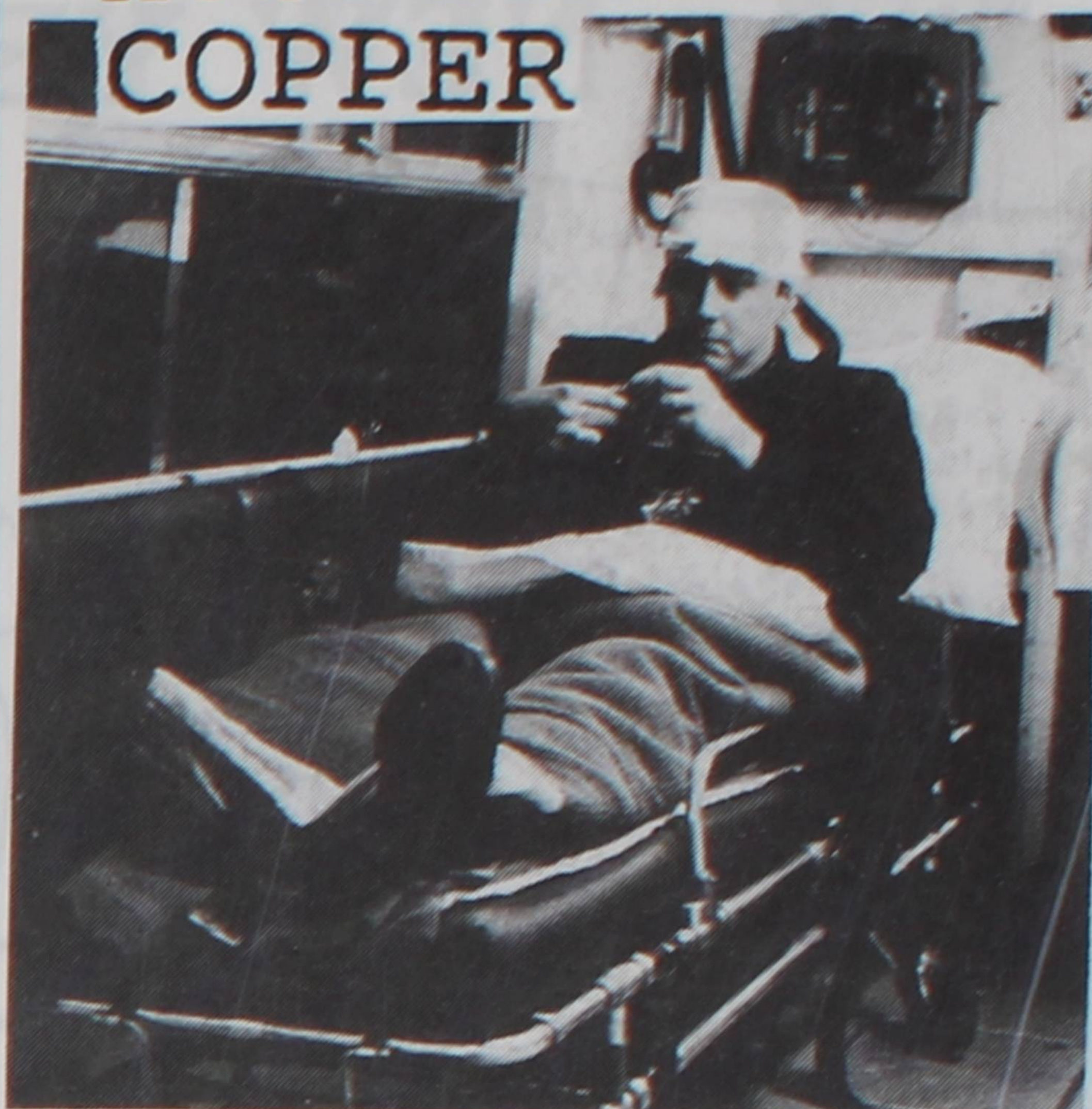
A POLICEMAN had his jaw broken and four others were hurt in what a senior officer described as a very ugly clash with a mob of youths armed with bottles, stones and bricks at Stainforth, South Yorkshire, at the weekend. Five patrol cars were wrecked.

Police were trying to arrest a 15-year-old, who had absconded from a detention centre, when the youths emerged from clubs and public houses.

I'VE GOT A BLISTER SARGE!



HOSPITALISED COPPER



* PC ARTHUR ARSEHOLE, AFTER BEING ATTACKED *
* WITH A ARF BRICK AT THE ANTI-ARPARTHEID *
* DEMO.....HE CAN COME AND ACHE IN OUR *
* AMBULANCE ANYTIME!! *

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We are still running the Class War Bust Fund for anyone nicked on "Class War actions" (Bash the Rich marches etc). All donations gratefully recieved.

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CLASS WAR



NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST

A box of knighthoods goes to Pentonville prison, for those prisoners who kicked the shit out of the Marquis of Blandford while he was on remand there. Another box of medals also goes to Wormwood Scrubs to be shared out equally among those prisoners who joined in the good kicking that well-known fascist, Joe Pearce received there.

A special mention and a Victoria Cross for 25-year old Jumbril Adejumo, recently made redundant, who stabbed to death a 39-year old Citibanker for being a rich bastard, who had all the things that he hadn't. This type of activity should definitely be encouraged, but remember-don't get caught.

An O.B.E. goes to the famous clairvoyant gypsy, and well-known criminal 'Red' Ted Knight. On the 23rd. October of last year, he declared that there would never be riots in Brixton again, because of all the wonderful community work, the local Labour Council was doing. Three days later.....

A whole truckfull of assorted medals, titles and honours go to the party-goers who squatted the £4 million house in Hampstead. As rumour has it that a number of Hooray Henries and Henriettas joined in the New Year's fun, only those who are untitled should dip in to the honours. The rich kids should get a good kicking for gatecrashing the party.

And a British Empire Medal goes to the Bristol Conservative council leader, who wrote to his local paper demanding that Kinnock kicks Class War out of the Labour Party.

Three right-on Santas shall be created Dames of the British Empire for their very 'anti-social' activities in three shops this Xmas.-one took part in an anti fur-trade demonstration in the shop where he was working (he was sacked). Another robbed a load of toys from the shop where he was working, and gave them out in the street. (he was sacked as well). The 3rd. naughty Santa told a little boy who wanted a gun for Xmas-"You should get a real gun and shoot Mrs. Thatcher" (Yes-you guessed it. He was sacked as well!)

Without wanting to start a heated debate on whether animals have class-consciousness, two O.B.E.s go to the horse that kicked and injured his 'master' Capt. Mark Phillips, husband of ratty-royal Princess Anne. We hope to see much more of this outrageous behaviour in the not too distant future.

And finally..... Scummy Bob Geldof gets an M.B.E. from Class War, because nobody else will give him an honour.

Lofty (from Eastenders) get a very warm Knighthood from Class War for services rendered to evening viewing on BBC 1.

When Princess (My Daddy was a Stormtrooper) Michael of Kent recently went to Antigua, some local bright sparks sprayed up all over the area where she was staying on the island. Those involved shall be created baronesses, Earls and Marquises.

SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE

We all saw what happened in Tottenham Brixton and Handsworth on Telly and in the papers. They were so big that there was no way that the media could ignore them (so they had to be content with distorting the facts and telling us lies instead). What you probably haven't heard about are the score of smaller riots that have happened around the country-from Glasgow to Bicester, Gloucester to Monmouth, there have been clashes all over the country. Not forgetting the massive riots in Holland, W. Germany, Greece and of course South Africa etc etc. Below is a list of all the riots we've heard about in Britain since last August. It's by no means complete (if we missed your town/areas riot then send us press cuttings and details). A few of the details may be wrong... unfortunately they didn't all make the front page and we've only had sketchy reports to go on.

- 25/8/85 Armed police shoot and kill 5 year old John Shorthouse while he is asleep in bed. That evening a crowd of 50+ ambush cop cars answering a hoax call in the same area. 1 cop injured, 2 patrol cars damaged
- 27/8/85 Police patrols stoned in Toxteth after chasing joyriders, pig car stolen when cops pursued thieves on foot.
- 30/8/85 Police station in Toxteth besieged by crowd of 150 after cop nicked an innocent person in connection with a murder. Windows smashed and burning barricades built around the building. Crowds enter the station and steal bottles of spirits and documents listing pigs home addresses. 1 cop injured, no arrests.
- 7/8-9/85 Cops stoned in Hulme, Manchester after attempting an arrest, they flee empty handed.
- 2/9/85 Cops attacked after throwing 50 youths out of a cinema showing Rambo in Gloucester. 2 pigs injured, 7 arrests.
- 9/9/85 Large scale rioting in Handsworth, Birmingham. Shops looted and burned and cops come under sustained attack with petrol bombs etc. 15 cops injured, 12 arrests (on the night).
- 10/9/85 More rioting in Handsworth, Douglas Hurd stoned when he visits the area. 18 cops injured, 92 arrests.
- 10/9/85 Clashes in many other parts of Birmingham including Moseley, Balsall Heath, Perry Bar and in nearby Coventry.
- 10/9/85 Cop cars stoned in Toxteth by crowd of 50+.
- 10+11/9/85 Rioting in Salford, Manchester. Petrol bombs thrown and cars overturned.
- 12/9/85 Shops looted by crowds of 100+ in Wolverhampton. 11 arrests.
- 13/9/85 Reports of cops being stoned in St Pauls, Bristol.
- 16/9/85 Disturbance at Albany prison, I.O.W. 5 screws injured.
- 21/9/85 Reports of riot at Wakefield prison, York. No further details.
- 28/9/85 Large scale rioting in Brixton, S. London. After cops shoot and cripple Cherry Groce, mother of 6 in dawn raid. Brixton police station besieged and petrol bombed, rioting extends from Tulsehill to Stockwell. 16 police injured, 149 arrests.

- 29/9/85 More rioting in Brixton but nothing on the scale of the previous night due to the whole area being saturated by riot cops.
- 29/9/85 Crowds of 200+ loot shops in Walworth, S. London.
- 30/9/85 Confrontation in Peckham, S. London. Shops looted and barricades built. No arrests.
- 1/10/85 More rioting in Peckham, shops looted (and 1 burned) cops petrol bombed and stoned from housing estate walkways.
- 1/10/85 10 hours of rioting in Toxteth. 3 cops injured, 10 arrests.
- 4/10/85 Riot in Oxford, crowd of 100 smash windows, loot shops and attack cops. 2 cops injured, 9 arrests.
- 5/10/85 Clashes after the Goose Fair in Hyson Green Nottingham. Burning barricades built and shops looted.
- 5/10/85 Windows smashed and roads blocked by crowds in Bridlington.
- 6/10/85 Large scale riot in Tottenham, N. London. After Cynthia Jarret is killed in police raid. Broadwater farm estate become no-go area to cops for over 9 hours, firearms are used against the cops

- for the first time in a mainland riot. 1 cop killed, 220+ injured, 7 arrests (more since).
- 7/10/85 Crowds of 100+ smash windows and burn cars in Radford, Notts.
- 9/10/85 Rioting after football match in Highfields, Leicester. Petrol bombs thrown and shops looted. 4 pigs injured, 17 arrests.
- 10/10/85 Cops come under attack in Guthlaxton, Leicester. Petrol bombs thrown and cars overturned. 1 cop injured, 5 arrests.
- 12/10/85 Petrol bombs thrown and cars overturned during 3 hours of rioting in Southall, W. London.
- 12/10/85 Cops stoned and shops looted in Welshpool, Powys.
- 13/10/85 Clash with police reported in Gloucester Town centre.
- 13/10/85 Crowd of 150 attack cops with bricks and fireworks and smash shop windows in Harrogate, Yorks.
- 13/10/85 100; rampage through Rugby town centre smashing windows etc.
- 15/10/85 Reports of clash in Gosport, Hants. 1 cop injured, no further details.
- 15/10/85 Police vans petrol bombed during clashes on the Carnwathic scheme, Glasgow.
- 19/10/85 Cops attacked by crowd of 150; throwing petrol bombs and bricks on the Sheepridge estate, Huddersfield.
- 19/10/85 Further clashes reported in Harrogate.
- 22/10/85 Police attacked with bottles and bricks for 3 hours in Allum Rock, Birmingham.
- 2/10/85 Cops attacked by crowd of 30+ chanting "Tottenham, Tottenham" and "Kill the bill" in Alton Hants. 5 arrests.
- 2/10-11/85 Reports of disturbance in shopping centre, Stockport.
- 2/11/85 Police bombarded with missiles during clashes at Anti-apartheid Rally, Trifalgar Square, London. 10 cops injured, 144 arrests.
- 4/11/85 Crowds besiege police station in Askern, S. Yorks. Windows broken by stones and fireworks.
- 5/11/85 Police patrols stoned by crowd of 50+ in Cricklewood, NW London. 1 cop injured.
- 5/11/85 Reports of pigs being stoned in Notting Hill, W. London.
- 9/11/85 Police stoned during and after football match at Millwall, E. London. 2 cops injured, 20 arrests.
- 24/12/85 Riot in Monmouth, Gwent. 150+ smash cop station and shop windows and overturn cop van. 8 arrests.
- 24/12/85 Police attacked by crowds of 40+ chanting "Kill the Bill" etc in Littlehampton.
- 31/12/85 Cops attacked by crowd of 100+ in Bicester, Oxfordshire. 1 cop injured, 1 arrest.
- 1/1/86 Police station besieged by crowd of 50+ early in the morning of the 1st at Nailsea near Bristol. Station doors smashed and windows broken, cop car overturned. 1 cop injured, 4 arrests.
- 2/1/86 Police stoned in Laurence Hill, Bristol, by crowd of 80+. 1 pig injured, 3 arrests.
- 2/12-1/86 Police stoned in St Pauls, Bristol, after arresting someone for shoplifting.
- 24/1/86 Police attacked in Southport after 19 year old Kevin Moran dies in police custody, cops pelted with golf and billiard balls, 4 injured, 20 arrests.
- 25/1/86 Rioting in Stainforth near Doncaster after cops attempt an arrest. 5 cop cars trashed and 5 cops injured.
- 27/1/86 More rioting in Southport-police stoned during and after football match, barricades built outside ground. 2 cop injured, 9 arrests.

A POLICE station near Bristol was under siege in a violent start to the New Year.

Gangs battle in pit village

Gangs of teenagers rampaged through the Yorkshire pit village of Askern, near Doncaster, on Monday night, laying siege to the police station and hurling stones, milk bottles and fireworks.

A POLICEMAN had his jaw broken and four others were hurt in what a senior officer described as a very ugly clash with a mob of youths armed with bottles, stones and bricks at Stainforth South Yorkshire, at the weekend. Five patrol cars were wrecked.

RIOTING youths stoned police in Claremont Way, Cricklewood, on Tuesday night.

ASIANS CLASH WITH POLICE

Five people were arrested after clashes between Asian youths and the police in Birmingham on Tuesday night. Police said four Asian adults had been bailed to next Wednesday and an Asian boy to a date in November.

A POLICEMAN was hurt by a missile as soccer violence erupted at Millwall yesterday. Trouble flared near the end of the all-ticket match against Leeds when fans started hurling bricks and chunks of wood at police.

Youths rampage in Harrogate

THREE people were arrested early yesterday after a disturbance involving 150 youths in Harrogate. Shopwindows were smashed and two police vehicles damaged. Four police officers were slightly hurt in a disturbance at Welshpool, mid-Wales, late on Saturday. The trouble began when a crowd confronted police who arrested a man.

Youths riot at 'Rambo' cinema

Two police officers were injured, and a police car was damaged after 50 youths forced their way into a late-night showing of the film, Rambo, and began a riot when police tried to eject them.