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# CLASS WAR

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A YUPPIE ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE  
DEMONSTRATES HIS CURRENT LEVEL OF  
OPTIMISM....



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F\*\*\*KED!

# MUGGED AGAIN..

**Baby Man mugged  
Attacker mugged —  
hurt beaten for shoes!  
in or mugging imbalance**

We are sick & tired of hearing about robberies & muggings of working class people by each other. The worst thing of all is the kind of muggings where some unlucky working class kid with only 50p in their pocket gets bashed up really badly because the muggers are disappointed at their 'haul'. THIS IS DISGUSTING! The people who do this sort of stuff need their heads kicked in!

When is our class ever going to get out of the mess that the state keeps us in if we spend half our lives in fear of being bashed by our bloody neighbours? Muggers & burglars have got to realise that they can't carry out their anti-social behaviour on us anymore. Obviously we understand why people need to rob money, times are hard for a lot of us, & people NEED to rob just to eat, but that isn't much comfort when you get mugged & YOU need that cash.

The answer has got to be to ROB THE RICH! Take crime out of our working class areas & into the areas where the yuppy's live. They've got plenty of money to sling around on their BMW's & posh houses, & THEY should be the target of the criminal 'redistribution of wealth', after all it's our money that they took! Of course it's harder to rob the rich sometimes because they've got money for alarms & security guards, but it's not that difficult to be selective & it's really IMPORTANT that we wise up to the fact that stealing from each other will keep us all in poverty forever.

**Old lady mugged  
Slashed down Man beaten,  
MUGGED**

If other working class people continue to rip us off then we've got to get together & do something about it, & we don't mean call the cops! The cops will only make our problems worse, like they always have, they're not interested in preventing crime, they'll let us rob off each other just so long as the middle class & the rich aren't involved.

What we need to do is to build strong communities that can look after themselves. Good examples of this are the vigilante groups & patrols set up by Asian self-defense groups to protect their communities from racist scum. We must be aware though, that some people might try & use vigilante groups for shit reasons. eg; The N.F. have tried 'anti-mugging' patrols on some estates, which just go around attacking black people.

## THIEVES MOW DOWN COP

A policeman who spotted two stolen cars in a traffic jam was **KNOCKED DOWN** by one and **RUN OVER** by the second.

Now police in Manchester are hunting four teenage thieves who stole the two Ford Fiesta XR2s

from the city centre. PC Peter Williams, 32, was knocked down as he approached the first car in Moss Side.

The driver spotted him and mounted the pavement to speed past a line of cars.

The second car ran over PC Williams' legs as the driver made his getaway.

If the groups are an expression of a strong community, & based within that community it can only act in the interests of the people themselves. Once we stand together we are unbeatable. If we are attacked by anti-social bastards then the community as a whole can deal with them, if we are attacked by the state or it's representatives we can take them on & WIN, but only if we work together. Our burglars can go off to steal from the rich & we'll be safe to walk around our streets, but, before we can get there we need the active involvement of all the working class people in our communities. That's what we need to be working for & we need to start NOW!

**Muggers jump woman knife  
Woman attacked walking her dog Mugging  
ordeal**

## COPS GET JAIL KICKING

Two of the five cops responsible for beating up five kids in Holloway, North London in 1983 got their just deserts in prison the other month.

The pigs, who had just been transferred to Spring Hill open prison near Aylesbury were sussed out by other inmates and given a good kicking. Both needed hospital treatment after the attack.

Let's hope that the other three cops involved also meet up with some class justice and have to make an unplanned visit to casualty in the near future!...

## Whitelaw collapses at Westminster carol service



HOSPITALISED

TORIES No 2

VISCOUNT Whitelaw, the deputy Prime Minister and leader of the House of Lords, was taken to hospital last night believed to be suffering from a stroke.

He became ill at the annual Christmas carol service at St Margaret's, Westminster, minutes after he had finished reading the deputy Prime Minister and lesson.

Lord Whitelaw, aged 69, was taken to hospital last night believed to be suffering from a stroke. He became ill at the annual Christmas carol service at St Margaret's, Westminster, minutes after he had finished reading the deputy Prime Minister and lesson.

**SHAME THE BASTARD DID'NT DIE!!**

## Coal Shock

In Derbyshire the Cadeby Hill Colliery is to be closed. The Union of Democratic Miners organised here as miners scabbed in the 1984/85 strike. They were promised their pit wouldn't be closed. They're learning now that any promises made by the boss are not worth the paper they're printed on.

# CLASS WAR SAYS

## SAME OLD STORY

The fire at King's Cross station in November was the stuff of nightmares, people trapped by furnace heat & poisonous smoke in a confusing maze of tunnels. It killed 30 people, injured dozens, & scared us all. It could have been avoided, or dealt with quickly & safely.

As became clear very quickly after the event, London Regional Transport (LRT) were warned of the safety measures needed to prevent this sort of disaster. But tube stations, like football grounds before the Bradford disaster, don't have to take these precautions.

There were no automatic sprinklers, no smoke detectors, no alarms. Cuts had been made in the number of staff. According to the union (complaining too late as always) cleaners at King's Cross were cut from 27 to just 3!

Still the dangers remain. Two days after the fire, burning rubber & smoke could be smelt on an escalator at Paddington. The next day Euston was evacuated when yet another escalator caught fire. As anyone whose ever used the tubes at places like King's Cross, Paddington or the Angel knows that the underground is a death trap that gets worse with every cut. The main reason that so many died at King's Cross was that the bosses at LRT cut as many corners as they could get away with. The less they spend on safety, on cleaners, & on training staff, the more they bump up profits. They're like every boss. At our own works, we all see how safety is ignored to get work done faster & more 'efficiently'.

People die at workplaces & on public transport, not because the laws aren't strong enough (bosses will always cut corners), but because factories aren't run by the people who work there, & because the tube system isn't run for the benefit of the people who use it. It always comes back to the same old thing; profit is more important than people. When THEY stretch things too far, WE are injured & killed.

One good thing to come out of the King's Cross disaster was that the ambulance crews, fire crews, & nurses were shown in their best light. Even 'The Scum' called for nurses to get better pay, & this after all the press attacks on the strikes by the emergency services!

So remember the next time the media has a go at these people, they are workers like us, & they need our support like we need theirs.

## SNOOPERS

Department of Health & Social Security snoopers in Merseyside are probably considering some drastic career moves on health grounds following the publication of 'anti-snooper' posters by local unemployed people.

The posters show pictures of four known snoopers, naming three of them. One was recently spotted & set upon by about twenty people in a pub in the Kirkby area & had to make a quick getaway in his car. It is thought he was checking up on part-time bar staff.

A DHSS spokesperson complained that the poster campaign puts social security spies at risk.

CLASS WAR says: TOUGH SHIT! Stop picking on the unemployed.

**BUSINESS**

# CRASH BANG WALLOP!

## COLINS COFFEE CUP COCK-UP CAUSES CRASH!!

A startling new twist in the stockmarket crash has come to light. It is now believed to have been caused by a spilt cup of coffee!

Wall Street money markets, like most financial centres, is linked together by a computer network. Every day, central independent assessors program in all the market's ups & downs.

Collin Wishbone is one of these assessors & he has revealed exclusively to CLASS WAR the following revelations.



**COLIN:**  
**Caused  
crash!!**

"On the afternoon of the day of the crash, I was at my computer terminal programming in all the data for that day. I'd just got myself a cup of coffee from the MAX-PAX machine when the phone rang. As I went to answer it my coffee spilt across the keyboard of the computer. I hurriedly mopped it up & then carried on programming in the last few bits of information".

"But, well, the following morning when the market opened I noticed that the spilt coffee had fused the central computer & had decided to knock a few noughts off the value of company assets & it had done it right across the board! I couldn't be certain that it was my fault, but it's too much of a coincidence for me to keep quiet about it. You see, in minutes Wall Street was in chaos & no one had seemed to notice the mistake. Perhaps I should start drinking my coffee out of a baby's bottle!"

*But Seriously Folks...*

THE CRASH OF 1987! THE STOCK EXCHANGES TUMBLE! "THE YUPPIES GET IT" we're told. "Second-hand Porsches fill the Exchange & Mart".

### DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!

A few of them might have had their fingers burned, but most of them will be alright. It's us, the working class, who have got to be ready.

Stock markets don't just fall. The fall because something is wrong in the Capitalists' World Economy. The ruling class knows the "wallop" is on its way. THE RECESSION IS COMING. The USA has kept the world economy going by pumping money in and now it's in trouble - the USA is in debt. Since half the goods made in the world sell in the USA this means an industrial collapse across the world.

### RECESSION

"Recession? - but I thought we were already in one." It did seem like that but it now looks like the last few years were the good times. No wonder they keep on telling us we've never had it so good. What they mean is, if they get their way, we'll never have it as good (!) as this. Our future is firms crashing, unemployment, more power to the big multinationals, attacks on our wages and benefits, living and working conditions.

For us it means that the bosses and the rest of their class are going to up their

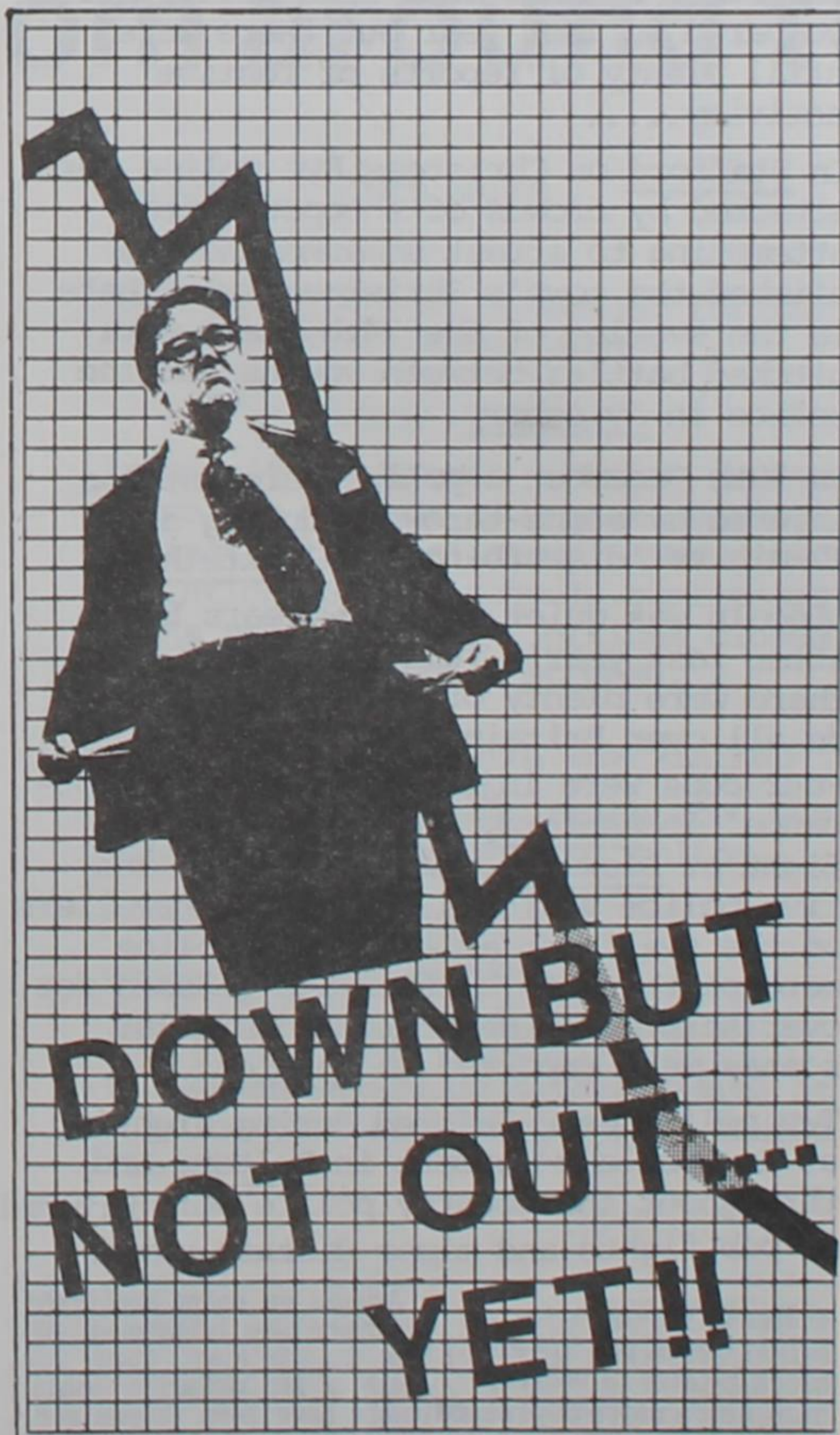
attacks. Someone has to pay for the recession and they'll make sure it's us not them. Those working class shareowners who lost their life savings had better realise they have more to lose than that. We are all under attack.

### TAKING STOCK

Our only defense is attack. Solidarity with other workers, employed or unemployed. That means worldwide too. These multinationals are international, and to fight we have to be too. We must be ready to extend the struggle, to spread it from industry to industry, town to town, country to country. We must be ready to fight the trade unions who will side with the bosses.

And just incase you're still wondering about the Yuppies, they'll moan to get tax cuts but they won't hang themselves ...that will be left for us to do!

When the BP share offer was on, all the posh papers (Times, Guardian etc) told people not to buy them while the well read papers (The Sun etc) told people to Buy! Buy! Buy!



When the Russian Revolution started in October 1917 the share index had fallen to zero. Not that share indices cause revolutions.

## READY FOR THE RIP-OFF

Three company directors are to face criminal charges for trying to defraud £600,000 from the building of the new Falkland's runway.

### WAR

While squaddies were sent to kill and die in the Falklands conflict, what did they find? They found that they were under fire from British-built weapons produced for considerable profits, all for the sake of protecting the wealth of a few rich fisherscum and the interests of the British oil companies on a windswept island most people never new existed.

When squaddies were sent to kill and be killed in the Falklands, they found themselves coming under fire from British-built weapons produced and exported for huge profits, and all for the sake of protecting the interests of a few rich fishing and oil companies on a windswept island that most people never knew existed.

### SALT IN THE WOUNDS

So now, adding insult to injury, we find that our fine pillars of society, the businessmen, displaying all the virtues of entrepreneurial spirit, have been hatching plots to cash in on the whole Falklands farce.

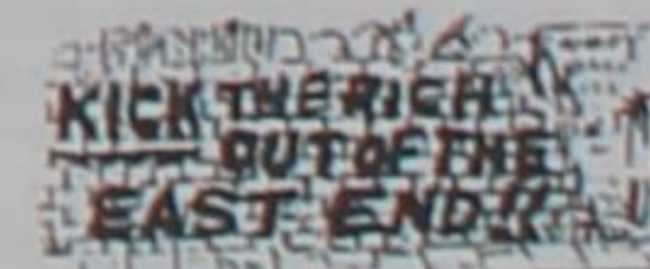
### THE ENEMY

Remembering the Falklands war dead means not forgetting why they died - for the benefit of the bosses' bank balances and for a vote-catching ploy by greedy, power-crazed politicians.

The Falklands war may be over, but the real war - The Class War - is still being fought.

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# POLICE ATTACKED



There have been several incidents in Sheffield since late summer. In mid-August the Burngreave area came close to a full-scale riot. In a few hours of sporadic disturbances, two police cars were damaged, one cop hit with a pool cue and beaten up, and a crowd of 70 youths carrying sticks and clubs confronted a small group of cops...who made themselves scarce pretty quick! In other incidents in the city, dustbin bags full of rubbish were dropped onto a patrol car injuring the driver, and another cop was shot with an airgun in the Hyde Park flats. Also in early November a cop was beaten unconscious and a panda car overturned on the Manor Estate in the city.

**A POLICEMAN was in hospital in Sheffield this afternoon after being kicked unconscious by a mob on a council estate.**

Their Panda car was overturned and Pc Lawrence Bilbey, aged 45, was punched in the face and rendered unconscious as he lay on the ground.

In August trouble returned to the Butetown area of Cardiff, a crowd of 20+ attacking the local police station with stones and petrol bombs.

Four cops were injured in Blackpool in September after they were attacked by a crowd of 200 people, mainly deaf mutes attending a conference in the town centre. The crowd, which swelled to nearly 1000, pelted police with cans and bottles, and rescued a woman who had been arrested from a police van. A witness said "the police were using a loudhailer to ask the crowd to disperse but that wasn't much use...everyone was using sign language!"

In September eight police were injured by a crowd in Ilford, Essex, and police fought running battles with youths in Barton, South Humberside. Also in late September there was a major clash in Moss Side, Manchester: a crowd freed two youths who had been arrested, and police were stoned. Eleven police were injured and 9 of their vehicles damaged. One was set on fire.

A few weeks later a cop was stabbed by a gang in the same area after attempting arrest. Last thing we heard, local police chief James Anderton was whining on about no-go areas and vicious mobs... SHAME!!!

A helicopter with searchlights was called in by police to help disperse a crowd of several hundred after a panda car was overturned and missiles were thrown at officers in Birmingham. Three men were charged with assault and public order offences after the incidents in the Lozells area.

In the same month a cheeky thief in a stolen Porsche smashed police station windows in Liverpool, taunted the cops to catch him, then roared off, leaving their panda cars standing! Old Bill knew they were beaten as soon as the driver of the 140mph sports car challenged them to a race...they didn't even get a discription!

In October, 150 youth fought with the police in Bath. Five cops were injured

and a patrol car damaged after being stoned by a mob of about 40 in Camberley, Surrey. A police station was damaged by petrol bombers in Hunstanton Norwich, and there were several minor clashes in Handsworth, Birmingham. In one incident a police car was overturned.

## Crowd of youths attack police

St Paul's area of Bristol, where violence flared after police booked illegally parked cars. Youths began taunting the officers, who called for reinforcements. Thirty police finally broke up a crowd of 150 hurling stones and bottles.

## Police hurt

Five policemen were injured and a patrol car was pelted with stones as more than 40 youths rampaged in the centre of Camberley, Surrey. Two officers were attacked as they tried to hold a man. Seven youths were arrested.

In November several cops were injured in a street battle with an angry mob of 150 in Oxford.

A crowd of 150 attacked police with bricks and bottles in St.Pauls, Bristol and trouble returned to Union Street, Plymouth, when two police vans were overturned and burnt and cops were attacked with bricks and bottles by a crowd of 250 in the most serious outbreak of rioting in the city yet!

## Rioters attack police

EIGHT people were injured and 10 arrested after a rioting mob of 250 youths attacked police in Plymouth early yesterday. Cars were wrecked and two police vans set on fire. Sixty officers were drafted in after 11 called to the scene were forced to retreat from a hail of stones and bottles as the youths chanted "get the pigs."

Christmas and New Year were pretty quiet compared to last year but there were still plenty of reports of festive activity.....

In Stafford on Christmas Eve police were attacked by crowds of shoppers after attempting to arrest someone who had climbed the town's Christmas tree. Late in the evening of the 24th there were pitched battles between youths and the police in Aylesbury.

On 30th December a police sergeant was injured by stone-throwers during a 90-minute 'disturbance' in Toxteth.

Lincoln was quiet this New Years Eve after last year's full scale riot, but there were plenty of celebrations going on all over Britain;-

Four cops were injured in a 'big disturbance' in Ashford, Kent, six at a pub fight at Bloxwich, West Midlands, and five police vehicles damaged by revellers on the sea-front at Weymouth. Police were pelted with bottles and glasses for over an hour in Hereford and similar scenes were reported in Ipswich.

Two police were injured during fighting at an open-air concert in Bolton, and throughout the country police were injured in pub fights and minor disturbances.

● **Heath Town** is just one of the tower block estates in Wolverhampton's more depressed areas where police patrols answering hoax calls have come under attack and had everything from bottles of water to furniture hurled at them.

Attacks on police and other incidents have heightened tension in the town. Since the death of Mr McCurbin, petrol bombs have been thrown at a police car in what appeared to be an organised ambush, an incendiary device was planted in the civic centre, and a car bomb was driven into the car park of the town's main police station.

In High Wycombe shops were looted and a pub wrecked as a gang of racist skinheads were seen-off by local black people.

Finally, we were delighted to hear that a top bravery award is being awarded posthumously to the late P C Blakelock. We hope that there will be plenty more such awards in 1988!

If there is any news of interest in your area that you think our readers would be interested to hear about, please send details, press clippings, etc. to the London Class War address.

## CLASS WAR GROUPS & CONTACTS

**WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL GROUP.**

BRADFORD CW: C/O ERIC, 3 BLENHEIM RD, MANNINGHAM, BRADFORD 8.

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BRISTOL CW: P O Box 499, Bristol BS99.

CARDIFF CW: P O Box 157, Cardiff CF51YE

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MANCHESTER CW: C/O MMA, 75 Piccadilly, Manchester M1 2BU.

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BARNSTAPLE CW  
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WORKINGTON CW

All C/o the BRISTOL group.

DARTFORD & GRAVESEND CW  
DERBY CW

SURREY CW  
MEDWAY CW  
SHETLAND CW

All C/o the LONDON group.

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We also have new contacts in: BIRMINGHAM, OXFORD, STOKE and BELFAST.

Contact the LONDON group for details.

IF YOUR AREA IS NOT LISTED ABOVE AND YOU WANT TO SET UP A LOCAL GROUP, PLEASE WRITE SOON TO THE LONDON CW GROUP.

# COUNCILS IN CHAOS

For anyone that's ever lived in a Labour Borough, the idea that Labour councils, & the Labour party in general, are a motley collection of right-wing scum & so called left-wing, two-faced, lying yuppies is not news. That both Labour left-wingers like militant 'Marxist' Derek Hatton (turned debutant chaser & Wapping writer) in Liverpool or Hilda Kean, Socialist Action-International Marxist Group of Hackney, & Labour right-wingers like John O'Grady, anti-women, anti-gay, & black bigot in Southark, have ruled over the slums & ruin of people's lives in their boroughs isn't news either. What is news, though, is the rising resistance to the latest massive cuts in spending by Labour councils from Lewisham to Liverpool.

At the end of September, over 500 people picketed a council meeting approving cuts in Haringey. 200 people in Lambeth & 100 people in Brent did likewise. In Hackney, 200 homeless people occupied the borough's Labour party conference in protest at cuts & eviction & held a very successful 'no cuts - no eviction' meeting. In Camden, 200 people marched in protest at nursery cuts.

On 29th October there was a one day NALGO strike in Camden with 90% support & picket lines supported by NUPE workers. Also in Camden, residential workers have been on strike for 2 months (end of November), & NUPE boilerworkers & housing workers have had disputes with the council.

In Hackney on October 29th, 200 NUPE painters struck a council committee over cuts in housing work. Under immediate pressure, councillors wisely voted down the proposals. A NUPE steward commented "they (the Workers), were saying you (the council) muck around with us & that's a taste of what you'll get!"

Further mass strikes have happened in November; In Manchester, in social services, in

Liverpool, in finance & in various departments, housing in Greenwich & Lewisham. There was a one day all-out strike in Brent over cuts, while dustbin workers struck in Edinburgh.

In Islington, library workers & users, forced a reversal of library cuts with a strike & occupation of a meeting, while on November 17th a half-day strike at Hackney town hall forced the council to revoke a suspension of a union activist, who had hit (during out of work hours) a councillor.

There is a growing wave of anger amongst council workers against their Labour bosses. Action like the Hackney painters show what can be done, but unfortunately, a lot of the

action is being encouraged & manipulated by the so-called 'extreme left' of the Labour party. This group who were themselves voted out of control of dozens of local parties in recent months were, themselves, making cuts while in power! After a few years of slowing cuts, the Labour left has finally felt the reality of Thatcher's class war & split up. Labour party comrades from the barricades of rate rise-capping to a few years ago are now screaming "Tory & traitor" at each other. "Fight back" campaigns have been launched by these ex-cutters, fronted by "rebel" councillors pledging to support & organise the support against cuts. YES, all cuts must be fought, but as most council workers & tenants know, these people cannot be trusted. They will say one thing & do another, they are middle-class patronising bastards at their worst.

We have only one way to fight council cuts - that's for tenants & workers to fight together outside of Labour party control.



Haringey Conservative ward vice-chairman Neil Rostron is escorted away for his own safety after being attacked by members of the Broadwater Farm Defence Committee.

**IN HARINGEY**, a Tory councillor had to use an umbrella to shield himself from the rain of debris thrown by protesters as the cuts were voted through.

cuts agreed, including a proposal to axe one teacher in every primary school and to raise primary rents by £4 a week.

**IN BRENT**, fights broke out as council staff and Left-wing activists barged past security guards to invade the council chamber - but the controlling Labour members still agreed a cuts package which includes cutting 150 teaching jobs and increasing rents by £2.

Nalco spokesman Ed Hall said the joint trades union committee estimated that 1,000 jobs would go from the council's 10,000 work force, and warned that there would be resistance.

As he was taken off to hospital, Mr Rostron said: "About six members of the Farm rushed over and started kicking and punching me. They pushed me towards the balcony and it seemed they were going to throw me over but luckily the police got to me first."

## News from around the World

13/10/87 - COLUMBIA

Assassinations by the police are reacted to by protest riots and attacks on the police. Police Posts and Patrol Cars shot at. In the Policarpa slum district police forced to withdraw and army sent in.

16/10/87 - BRISTOL

Gang attacks lone policeman in Staple Hill, hospitalising him.

25/10/87 - SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

20,000 anti-government protestors confront riot police.

26/10/87 - PAPETE, TAHITI

French authorities declare a state of emergency. Riots follow attack by police on dockers occupying the port.

- SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Students clash with Riot police attempting to release 26 comrades seized by the police.

- ITALY

Pilots strike

- PORTUGAL

Oil workers strike

1/11/87 - BANGLADESH

Anti-government protestors attack police.

3/11/87 - SOUTH WALES

(Lady Windsor Pit)

Coal Conveyor belt sabotaged for the fourth time in recent weeks.

- BEIRUT, LEBANON

Indefinite General Strike brings peace to Beirut as workers protest against the religious war and inflation. Shops, schools, businesses banks and government offices closed and public transport stopped.

5/11/87 - WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Hundreds of people celebrate Guy Fawkes Day attacking riot police.

6/11/87 - BEIRUT,

General Strike continues.

- HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY

W. German Republicans shot flares at a police car as Charles & Di toured the city.

9/11/87 - BEIRUT

Trade unions sabotage General Strike. They call it off saying the government will meet workers demands. Meanwhile 60,000 Muslims and Christians tear down the barricades dividing them on religious grounds.

10/11/87 - DHAKA, BANGLADESH

General Strike and mass protests to bring down government. Protestors attack riot cops with stones.

15/11/87 - DHAKA, BANGLADESH

Anti-government strikes continue.

16/11/87 - COWLEY, OXFORD

3000 Austin-Rover workers strike.

- HALEWOOD

Ford Workers strike.

20/11/87 - PENZANCE

3 Women barricaded themselves inside a kitchen of the Bolitho maternity unit, to protest against plans to close it. The occupation continued the weekend. The closure would have forced women to travel 40 miles to give birth.

23/11/87 - BRITAIN

17,000 Ford workers on unofficial strike to back up a pay demand.

Mid Nov/87-BRASOV in ROUMANIA

Massive demonstrations against "Communist Party" rule, food and energy shortages. Riot police and the army sent in against the crowds. At least two cops killed. The Red Banner lorry factory rioted, resisting a seven day week.

# THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE?

CLASS WAR now reveals an exclusive report into the state of Britain's schools.

HOW much say do we really have in how our schools are run, and by whom?

WHO'S to blame for the archaic system which leaves so many people lacking in the basic skills we need every day?

WHY are today's school-leavers often ill-equipped to cope with life in modern Britain with all its pressures?



## CHARITY

Years ago, in the 1800s, to try and put a stop to widespread discontent among the working class in Britain, the government of the time was FORCED to pass a number of reforms. One of these was to provide a minimal education for the vast majority of people who's folks couldn't afford to send them to privately-run schools. This was just a load of pompous aristocrats casting a few crumbs from their tables.

But even then the seeds were sown for an education system geared to providing an obedient workforce for the new industries, and make plenty of cash for the factory owners, the new middle class. The government had strict rules about what was taught, plenty of religion and mind-numbing exercises based on learning things off "parrot fashion". You can imagine the delight felt by the bosses and politicians when they suddenly had a human production-line of well-behaved workers for their mines, mills and farms.

And so it went on, every concession made by ANY government on education was due to the demands made on the working class by big business who wanted, above all, respect for their wealth, their position, and their property.

## BOREDOM AND BULLYING

There are two ways of being successful at school: you can be cunning or clever.

Something we all are at school is BORED. CLASS WAR found it was the most common feeling amongst the people in school today. Even the bright sparks who do well get bored.

This is one of the ways school prepares us for the life the ruling class have

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prepared for us, working in boring jobs and living boring lives.

The boredom creates tension between people in school, especially when the school authorities separate the 'inmates' into streams depending on their 'ability'. As a result, resentment builds up and people take it out on each other.

Bullying was a common complaint voiced by today's school goers.

All this carries over into adult life. We've all seen it happen before, working class youth fighting amongst themselves outside a pub, taking the frustration that's built up over the week out on each other, and we learnt it in school.

## TEACHER TROUBLE

So what part do the teachers play? Most school goers reckon that...

"Some are alright but most are bad."

Almost everybody thought that the teachers were only interested in academically inclined students, another thing that



breeds a lot of resentment.

The pupils also have a fair idea about who is "good" or "bad" at teaching. Not surprisingly most didn't think much of their teachers. And when you think that most teachers leave college with good "qualifications" they must be totally incompetent if all they can do is take up some crappy teaching job. The old saying still holds true in most cases...

"Those who can do, those who can't teach."

## HEAD MASTERS

In the end the ultimate responsibility for running a school lies with the head masters. We found that in almost every case this post was held by ancient middle class ex-public school boys who believe in lots of...

"Jolly good beatings, rigger and teaching fine old traditional values."

Most head masters in comprehensive schools seem to think they should be running posh prep-schools for young toffs. A ridiculous bunch of old farts who really need a good kicking!

## EXAMS

After we've served our time come exams, just to see how well we've towed the line. Most young people realise this, and though some smart-arses find them easy, most people hate them and a lot just don't bother at all.

In the end exams tell employers just how well you follow orders, so that they can be sure of a good return on their 'investment'.

Then we go off into the so-called "world of work" where the brain-washing pays off. There's still someone giving orders and you've still got to asee-lick to get what you want.

## UNIVERSITY

The ones who stay on for things like 'A' levels and maybe go to college are groomed for middle-class careers. 'Higher' education has always been dominated by the well-to-do middle class anyway.

## TAKING CONTROL

Like everything in this society, education is run for the benefit of the ruling class. It supplies their businesses with a labour force by keeping us divided, ignorant and subserviant. When we refuse to serve these scum any longer and take control of our own lives we will have to learn how to educate ourselves and our children for the benefit of us all. All those middle class teachers will have to make a choice between helping us or facing the consequences by standing with the bosses and politicians. Either way, we can and will educate ourselves. We don't need them, they need us.



## BLAZING ROW

September 1987 - West Glamorgan firemen struggle against job cuts. Labour Council attacks lead to wildcat strikes in Greater Manchester, Lancashire, North and South Yorkshire, Cumbria, West Midlands and Scotland. The Firemans Union and the Council stitch up a deal before the strike spreads nationally. An East End firefighter said "a few stations have taken a lot of risk going on unofficial action and they've been kicked in the teeth" (World Revolution Nov 1987).



## TOO MUCH POSSE

The attempts by the media & the police in London to criminalise black youth seem to be coming to a head following trouble at the recent LL Cool J gigs, after which the Met called for a ban on all rap concerts in London.

### CARNIVAL

Since this years Notting Hill Carnival, which ended with riot cops clearing the area in huge numbers, the media have been going berserk about black 'steaming' gangs. The trouble is, the papers aren't making a fuss about the crime itself (& nobody can defend muggings, except of the rich of course!), they're just using the public's fear of being steamed to generate a criminal image of black youths & to try & get everyone to break out in a cold sweat every time a black posse walks down the street- they're trying to fuck our heads up using the actions of a tiny minority of violent youths.

### STEAMING

Without a doubt 99% of young black kids are just as pissed off with muggings as are most young white kids, except that it suits the cops to portray all black kids as evil & anti-social whenever they get the chance. The point is that steaming is not a black phenomenon, loads of South London steaming gangs are white, & many gangs all over London join black & white together in a way the middle class liberals never imagined! The trouble outside the LL Cool J gig was really shit (except for the large number of injured cops!), totally anti-social, & as such we should condemn it- it played right into the hands of the police force who were ready & waiting for a refresher to their Notting Hill Carnival Anti-black hysteria (but then, knowing them, they would have invented something if nothing had happened anyway). Whether it's black or white kids who are doing the mugging, the media will say its black crime. They're so stuck in their racist stereotypes that they're not interested in reality & they just exaggerate the smallest amount of trouble that happens at a black music gig, especially if it's a rap gig.

### SORT IT OUT

It's up to us all to see through the lies, to get to the truth of whats happening, & to fight racism wherever we find it. Of course it's also important for the rap crowd to deal with their own people so that the muggings that do come from there get stamped out. It's important for us all to deal with the muggings in our own communities.

The whole hysteria campaign is yet another example of the racist police force playing 'divide & rule' again, being more interested in criminalising black youths than doing anything about crime.

# HIDE & SEEK

From November of this year everyone has the right to know what information is held on them - virtually every company that holds information about you on computer has to be registered under the Data Protection Act. This may leave you thinking that there's not much that these companies can hold on you - WRONG!

For a small subscription fee any company can join a database system that specialises in storing information on people - there are two main systems; CCN & UAPT. CCN has access to 23 million addresses with 44 million names on them. Anyone who fills in an electoral register (which by law should be everyone) is on that list. Most companies that subscribe check out for county court judgements, which is what you get for not paying fines etc. If you or anyone in your house has a CCJ you might have problems in obtaining credit (bank loans etc) - if you live in an area which had a lot of judgements you could be refused credit for your neighbour's bad debts.



The other big user of the electoral register system is the police. if you're asked by a copper for your name & address, they radio it back & it's checked in the same method as a CCN system. So if you give a false name & address, GIVE ONE THAT ALREADY EXISTS, or they are going to get suspicious.

The Government is soon to introduce Poll Tax & that is going to effect everyone on the electoral register - if you don't plan on paying, get off the register, if you're already off it, then stay off! A good way to make it difficult for them to trace you is to change your house from a number to a name. Just remember - if we all refuse to pay Poll Tax we can give the Government a good kick in the teeth!

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When credit companies, banks etc. are owed money, they first have to find the person to get them to pay - If you don't want to pay then the best thing to do is move. If you rent a flat this may not be too difficult, but if you own your own house you may have problems. If you can move then tell your neighbours that you are going to Brazil or Ireland - they may well try to trace you by asking a neighbour if you still live next door.

They are usually more than willing to tell all, & it's been known for them to knock on people's doors to check if you're still around. If you get a suspicious phone call, it could be a credit company after your neighbour. Refuse to answer any questions - don't grass on your neighbour.

If you're stuck & can't move, try sending the letters back with 'gone away' scrawled over it - it does work! If your on the dole then don't worry too much about them giving you away. As a rule they don't disclose their information to anyone. Also, if you haven't got any money to give the company they usually wont take you through the courts as it's not worth their while. The company generally checks up on your financial status on the records, & if they find you're broke they generally leave it.

Just remember that if you're on the electoral register you're also on their records. The advantages of being on the register are few - the advantages of staying off are many - GET OFF WHILE YOU CAN!



From the end of January, all telephone owners are to join the list, this also effects ex-directory. giving a false name when you sign on for the phone is the only way to avoid this, but that's illegal, isn't it?

## UNDER 14's

"WE REALISED what happened to the school children in Soweto in 1976, and we wanted to show that their blood had watered the tree of liberation."

Thus spoke Stompo, a 13 year old boy from Tumahole, in the Orange Free State in South Africa. When he was ten Stompo started a group, made up of children, which had initially four members, but now numbers over 1500, all of whom are 14 or under.

The group now see themselves as the most organised resistance to the South African state (most of the radical adults have been arrested in the present state of emergency, or are being harrassed by the police).

Their main enemies are the Green Beans (police in green uniforms) and the 'A-Team' (local conservative vigilantes who support government-sponsored townships).

They attack, using dustbin lids and stones for ammunition, which is very effective when the attacking children are several hundred strong.

The group are fighting for a free South Africa for all, irrespective of race colour or sex - and also making demands for more playgrounds for black children, since white children have a lot more.

The Under-14s as they are known by the 40,000 people of Tumahole, are making a stand against apartheid and state brutality, and as they are saying themselves: "We the children are now at the forefront of the struggle".

### JONATHAN KING

A FEW weeks ago I took delivery of a new Rolls Royce and I've been proudly looking after it ever since.

On Saturday night I left it parked in a quiet road near my house, the kind of tree-lined avenue undisturbed by rowdy party goers or drunken football fans.

On Sunday morning I woke to find every window smashed.

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# GIVE THE COPPERS THE RED CARD



The charging of four international footballers following October's Celtic-Glasgow Rangers derby highlights the increasing interest the police are showing in football these days. Several players decided to add a bit of spice to the match by staging a couple of re-runs of the Bruno-Bugner fight, only to be charged with 'behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace' for their troubles.

## HOOLIGANS

The 'rights' & 'wrongs' of bringing criminal charges against violent footballers is open to debate. However, what is obvious is the confidence & the power of the police to control events on & off the pitch has increased at an alarming rate. This is rarely- if at all- to the benefit of either the fans or the game as a whole. The police & the authorities have conspired- under the guise of stamping out 'hooliganism'- to make the traditional Saturday afternoon trek to the local football ground more like a trip to Colditz than a pleasurable leisure time activity.

## WOT NO BEER?

In recent years we have seen the banning of alcohol inside grounds, the ban on away fans at Luton, Colchester & Torquay, 'membership schemes', closed-circuit TV surveillance, electric fences, & soon random breathalizer tests on entry to grounds. And all this during a period when football violence is lower than it has been for many years.

## OLD BILL

To most fans the most obvious sign of increased repression at football has been the attitude of the police towards them. If it's not enough that more & more clubs seem to take delight in seeing just how many fans they can squeeze into the smallest area of terracing (something that will get worse with membership schemes), supporters are lied to, abused, & often physically assaulted by the police, usually without any justification whatsoever. The list of horror stories about the police's over-reaction to harmless boisterous behaviour or drunkenness is endless; eg six coppers beating the shit out of a young lad at a recent Birmingham-Ipswich game. Then there are the arbitrary arrests & ejections for harmless swearing or gesturing (unless it's racist, of course!) & away fans being herded miles out of their way on their home journey, as happened at a recent West Ham-Millwall derby.

## YOUR NICKED!

How long before cheering when a goal is scored or even just smiling inside a football ground gets added to the police's list of 'threatening behaviour'? Or perhaps they'll just be content with issuing the coppers on the pitch with yellow cards!

But what can be behind this increased repression?



Well for a start it gives the filth a chance to practise their crowd control & surveillance techniques at least once a week. But more importantly, it would seem that the authorities are genuinely scared shitless by anything which brings working class people together around a common interest, whether it be their work, their community or their local football team. Thus we have seen the attacks on workers in all the big industries, the systematic dismantling of working class communities through gentrification & engineered urban decay, & of course increased repression at football matches. Anything which promotes any kind of solidarity amongst large groups of working class people is a threat to those in authority, even if it is 'just' supporting the same team.

## DISGRUNTLED!?

It suits the government to portray all football fans as thugs & hooligans even though this is clearly not true, as it deters many other working class people taking an interest. True, there are a small number of nutters on the terraces, but there are ways of dealing with them that do not involve the cops. Meanwhile it's encouraging to see that increasingly disgruntled fans are taking out their frustrations on the real enemies- the cops- instead of each other. Even though this is usually only when the filth try to intervene between opposing groups of supporters, anti-police violence has definitely taken a healthy upswing, & we look forward to the day when fans forget about fighting each other altogether.

*Peelie...Peelie..  
Sharp  
as a needle!*

"I flew to Paris to the Real Madrid final in the plane with the Liverpool directors, and a more disagreeable bunch of people I've rarely encountered in my life. I'd sooner take my chances with a bunch of so-called football hooligans than go anywhere with those bastards again!"

Radio One DJ, JOHN PEEL talking to the football magazine 'When Saturday Comes'.

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1. We want to destroy capitalism and its class system and replace them with a free and equal society where people have complete control over their own lives.

2. We believe that the most important division in this society is between the working class and the ruling class and its agents. We accept that it is sometimes difficult to see which side of this division people are, and to complicate things further, people may move from one side of it to the other, depending on changes in their personal situation or in society at large.

3. We are opposed to all forms of the state including so-called 'communist' states.

4. The struggle of the working class to seize control of the world from the ruling class and its agents will involve the use of violence. We support working class violence against the ruling class and its agents. We are opposed to elitist terrorist type actions as they are not an expression of ongoing class struggle.

5. We do not believe the working class needs leadership. We are totally hostile to the politicians, union bosses and 'Revolutionary Parties' who attempt to be working class 'leaders'. We are not trying to lead anybody anywhere. The purpose of CLASS WAR is to increase the revolutionary aspects of working class resistance by participation and communication as equals.

6. Dividing the working class by skin colour, sex or sexual preference, etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must fight and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

7. The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is open to all groups and individuals who agree with these aims and principles. We accept that these groups and individuals may have disagreements on other things.

The CLASS WAR CONFERENCE, which meets twice a year, will decide the policy of the Federation. It will exclude any groups or individuals found to be acting against the 'Aims & Principles'.

8. We accept that the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not the only valid way of opposing the system. Other ways of organising will be more appropriate to other people. We will work with other working class groups when our struggles coincide.