

CLASS WAR

№28



“ROCK AGAINST THE RICH!”

God in Sex Scandal

Only a few weeks ago it was revealed that Chief Constable James "God told me to do it" Anderton's Daughter was a lesbian. Daddy was well aware of what was going on and even had his daughters lover to Sunday lunch.

A while ago God had told Anderton to say that homosexuality was a "cesspool" and should be outlawed. So what did James have to say when the "problem" was a little closer to home? He said it was God's will that

his daughter was a lesbian. Looks like it's one law for God's disciple and another for the rest of us poor sinners.

The jokes on us though, because it's Anderton's police force who'll be gay bashing and outlawing "deviants" whilst his family and his class will be allowed to do what they want.



Aims & Principles.

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, ect. 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 and 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.

THE HEAVY STUFF

The first issue of the Class War theoretical magazine, still available. Only £1.00 inc P&P. From: PO Box 467, London, E8 3QX. Cheques etc payable to «Class War».

TORY SCUM!

Fat Tory git, Nigel Lawson, can afford to look smug. He's just given his rich Yuppie pals an early Christmas present.

The Tax reforms announced in April's budget mean that a stockbroker getting around £70,000 a year will be better off to the tune of £150 a WEEK!

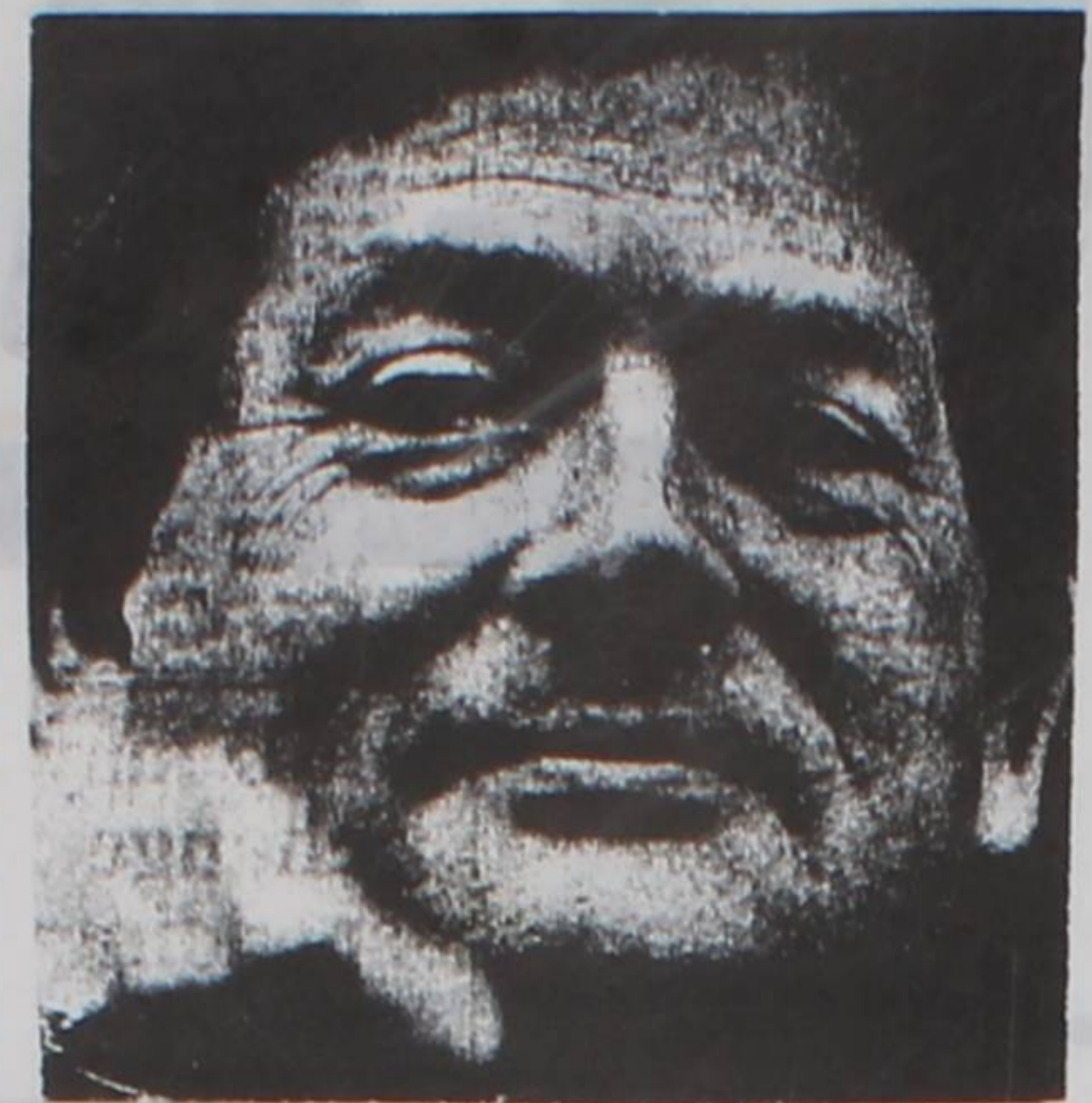
Meanwhile, us poor sods at the bottom of the pile can look forward to being substantially worse off in the very near future.

There are countless cuts and price increases planned or just implemented which will put us all out of pocket whether we're in or out of work. Amongst other things, the new Housing Benefit regulations mean that even pensioners now have to pay 20% of their rates, plus the water rates and heating charges.

Unemployed under 25's are having their dole cut. Then there is the new Housing Act which will do away with 'fair rents', meaning an increase of up to 100% in some peoples rent.

And while this is going on, we are expected to sit back and watch the rich invade our communities, flaunting their posh new houses and their flash clothes and cars.

And all our 'leaders' in the Labour Party and TUC can offer is "wait until the next election", while they squabble amongst themselves, and Labour councillors look more like Tories every day.



Lawson.....FAT TORY GIT!

KINNOCKS IN CONCRETE SHOCK

Good to see a healthy disrespect for our politicians is growing. Neil and Glenys had a peaceful evening in their luxury home broken when someone chucked a lump of concrete through their livingroom window. Neil demanded better security. No doubt he finds such mindless vandalism very worrying.

Fancy That!

ELN has found a Class War cell behind enemy lines in Stoke Newington. In the animal enclosure in Clissold Park is a black Minah bird which shrieks "Fuck Off!" to all passing 'Yuppies'!

East London News

CLAUSE WAR

On the 9th of March Clause 28 was ratified by the House of Commons and now only needs Royal assent to become law in June. The clause is designed to outlaw the 'promotion' of homosexuality by local authorities (for 'promotion' in this case read 'any favourable or positive statement or action concerning').

Hot on the tail of the Alton Bill, this clause is another part of the government-inspired Moral backlash intended to force us back into a way of life more suited to their present economic needs - ie. larger working class families that pay more Poll Tax. They are using the moralist approach because by inciting a moral backlash they can use middleclass dogooders and mealy-mouthed religious bigots to do their dirty work for them. They have stated that the clause is not intended to stifle a positive image of Gays and Lesbians in media, art and literature, but the lie in this is transparent. Already before the Clause is law Luton Tory/Fascist MP John Carlisle has attempted to stir up the shit by speaking out against the performance of a play concerning homosexuality put on at Luton's Library Theatre.

You can always trust an MP like Carlisle to make full use of ignorance concerning things like the fear of AIDS and the links between AIDS and homosexuality. We should not be fooled. Our bodies are our own and we will not let people get away with telling us what we can or cannot do with them.

The debate in the House of Commons on the Clause has thrown the Labour Party into turmoil as to how far they can go to oppose the Local Government Bill which contains the Clause.

Kinnock and his cronies fear that if they push the issue too far the Tories will use this as propaganda against them particularly in the North in the same way as they used the 'Labour's defence policy' poster during the recent election and 'If you want a nigger for a neighbour, vote Labour' during the late 70's.

The Labour Party are worried that their new red rose might not smell so sweet to the yuppies and their friends whom they are anxious to attract to the Party.

After all, defending Gay Rights is not a vote winner.

Kinnock and co. are not interested in fighting for Gay Rights, just as they are not interested in fighting for Abortion Rights for women, or defending the NHS.

If we are to defend what small rights we have, then we have to take the struggle into our own hands. Linking these campaigns together is one way to stop the onslaught of the moral crusade led by the Tories. Leaving the fight up to the Labour Party is a recipe for disaster, as they gave up fighting years ago. Only action outside of parliament will win the struggles ahead.

CLASS WAR CLICHE ENDING

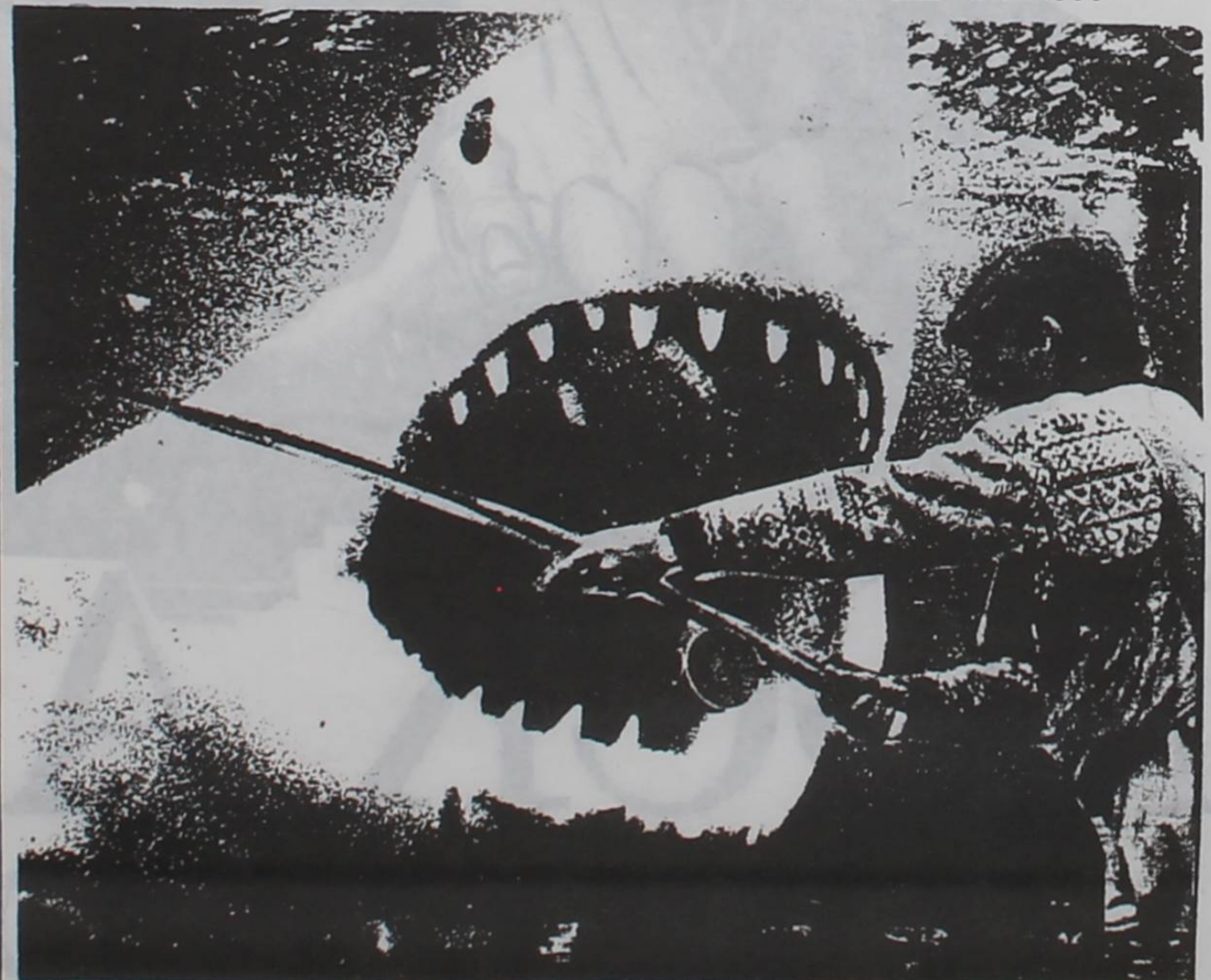
However, through all the doom and gloom we can at least look forward to a 'hot' summer whatever the weathermen say! And hopefully by Xmas, when the landlord has turned off the heating and you can't afford to pay the electricity bill, at least we'll all be able to keep warm by gathering around the barricades of burning BMW's and Porsches. And who knows, perhaps there will even be a few Yuppies hanging festively from the lamp posts, just to brighten the place up!

KLOSTERS KOCK-UP!

The international working class struggle suffered a dramatic setback recently following the expulsion from the Class War Federation of the Class war Alpine Patrol (C.W.A.P.) C.W.A.P. was formed in 1986 by a group of angry Swiss, French and Austrian workers who had got hold of some copies of Class War. Their aim was to rid the ski slopes of the hoards of journalists and members of the English Royal Family who invade them every year, and reclaim the Alps for the working class.

Their expulsion followed the failed attempt to assassinate HRH Prince "I am a caring person" Charles. They had planned to bury him under an avalanche caused by some class conscious yodelling. However, their timing was disastrously wrong and they only managed to dispose of a minor toff, so insignificant that nobody can remember his name. (And if you think this is a joke, it's more believable than some of the things we've been blamed for!)

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK TO THE WATER...



BEWARE THE CLASS WAR SEA PATROL!!!!!!

ROCK AGAINST THE RICH!

All over Britain the Tories are trying to grind the working class into the dust. Our communities are faced with the Social Security reforms, the Poll Tax, the Housing Act, and plagues of rich Yuppies driving us out. At work we are expected to accept harsher conditions, lower wages and more and more shit from the bosses.

The only resistance to the vicious class war being waged by the rich is coming from the communities and workers under attack themselves. The Labour Party, Trade Union Leadership and the Left as a whole have shown time and time again their inability and unwillingness to do anything about our situation.

Class War have formed ROCK AGAINST THE RICH (R.A.R.) to support these communities and workers physically, politically and financially in their resistance.

We will be putting on gigs in towns and cities all over the country, each one highlighting the working class struggles in that particular area:

e.g. In North Wales R.A.R. will be supporting villagers resisting the takeover of their areas by holiday homes for the rich;

In South Wales R.A.R. will support local communities involved in robbing coal trains-repossessing what their own class dug from the ground in the first place; In Doncaster there will be a benefit for sacked miners, and in Dover for sacked P&O workers and their families

In towns like Liverpool, Birmingham, Hull, Southampton,

Newcastle and East London, where inner city and dockside areas are being Yuppified, local people engaged in fightback against the Tories' Urban Development Corporations will be supported.

We believe that rock music can be a force in bringing people together for organised resistance.

R.A.R. is using music in a concrete way-the music is directly related to the political struggles of these working class communities where the concerts are staged. Wherever the working class are engaged in active resistance R.A.R. will be doing gigs, inviting people involved in the struggles to speak.

By NATIONAL ANTI-YUPPIE DAY on September 10th, R.A.R. should be firmly established in all major (and not so major) towns and cities in Britain. September 10th should see a National expression of class anger, combativity and confidence which hasn't been seen on a co-ordinated scale for too long.

THE FIGHTBACK IS NOW!...LET'S ROCK AGAINST THE RICH!



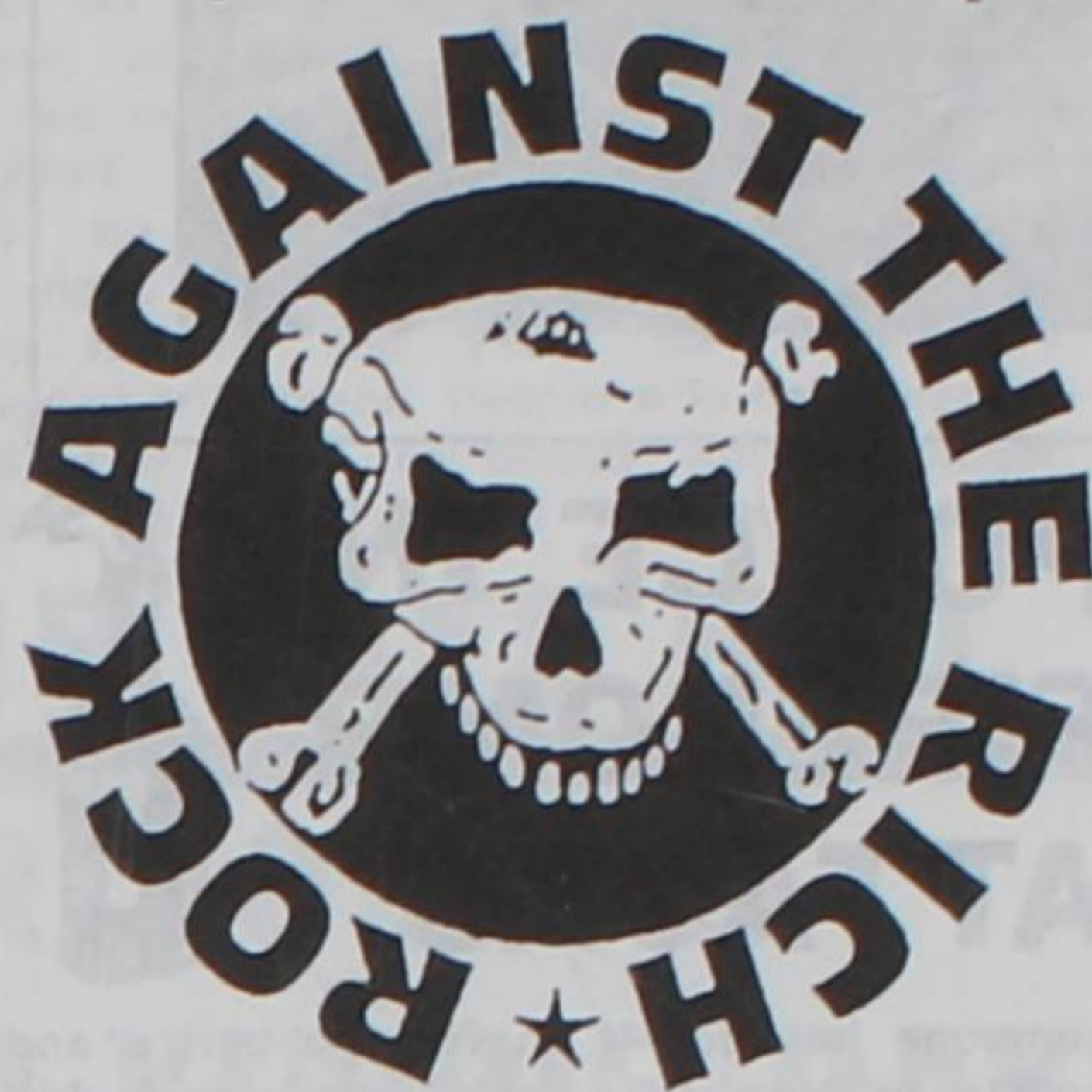
JOE STRUMMER TO HEADLINE NATIONAL R.A.R. TOUR

ROCK AGAINST THE RICH is being organised on two levels. Firstly local Class War groups and other individuals who support R.A.R. are organising concerts in their own areas to help out people involved in local community struggles, strikes and so on.

Secondly, the NATIONAL ROCK AGAINST THE RICH TOUR. The tour will take place in July and August, visiting around 20 towns and cities around the country.

It will be headlined by JOE STRUMMER & LATINO ROCKABILLY WAR, who have offered their services free, as have ONE STYLE, Hackney's top roots reggae band who will be the main support band. There will also be a local support band at each gig.

As we go to press over 200 bands have already offered their services to Rock Against the Rich, including World Domination Enterprises and Transvision Vamp, and for all you old hippies, Bob Calvert (ex-Hawkwind) & the Starfighters. If you're in a band and want to Rock Against the Rich, then contact us as soon as possible.



YUPPIE HOMES BLITZED



NEW YUPPIE homes being built near Devizes, Wiltshire have been attacked by firebombers.

A group called the Wessex Freedom Force planted two incendiary devices in posh new developments being built for rich people.

In a letter to a local paper they say that "the destruction of our village communities has gone far enough."

"We are starting a campaign of arson attacks on new houses being built in rural areas for yuppies from the city."

The attacks are the result of dozens of new developments in the area, many costing over £1million. With the cheapest few properties going for over £40,000, many young people wanting a home of their own are being forced out of the communities they have lived in all their lives.

Police have warned contractors building £1m-plus houses to be on their guard.

However, the attacks are expected to continue due to local anger over the yuppies' invasion and the systematic destruction of local communities.

R.A.R. NATIONAL U.K. TOUR DATES CONFIRMED SO FAR

JUNE

23rd: The Fridge, BRIXTON

JULY

7th: Electric Ballroom, CAMDEN
13th: Irish Centre, LEEDS
15th: Royal Court, LIVERPOOL
17th: Leadmill, SHEFFIELD
18th: Bierkeller, BRISTOL
21st: St. Georges Hall, EXETER
23rd: Arts Centre, POOLE
24th: Mayfiar, SOUTHAMPTON
25th: Concorde, BRIGHTON

26th: Concorde, BRIGHTON

28th: Marina Nitespot, SWANSEA

AUGUST

2nd: Powerhouse, BIRMINGHAM
3rd: Rock City, NOTTINGHAM
5th: International 2, MANCHESTER
6th: Palm Cove Club, BRADFORD
7th: Barrowlands, GLASGOW
9th: The Tower, HULL
10th: Mayfair, NEWCASTLE
12th: Caird Hall, DUNDEE

TICKETS FOR ALL THE NATIONAL TOUR CONCERTS WILL BE ON SALE VERY SHORTLY. WE ARE TRYING OUR BEST TO KEEP THE PRICES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PUTTING SOMETHING AS BIG AS THIS ON COSTS LOADSAMONEY! EVEN SO, WE CAN GUARANTEE THAT NONE OF THE CONCERTS WILL COST YOU MORE THAN A FIVER, AND MOST WILL COST LESS. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR LOCAL PRESS AND THE MUSIC PAPERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

T-SHIRTS

THREE brand new T-Shirts will soon be available. They are: "CLASS WAR" (new logo), "I HATE YUPPIES!" and the official "Rock Against the Rich" Tour T-Shirt. All shirts cost £4.50 each, including postage and packing. So send your money NOW to: C W T-SHIRTS P O BOX 467, LONDON E8 3QX. Cheques etc. payable to 'Class War', please.

...AND HERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS!!

Gas death of ruined yuppie

A YUPPIE hit by the Stock Market crisis gassed himself because of his debts, it was revealed yesterday.

Computer engineer Stephen Williams, 22, took a long-term bank loan to buy shares just three weeks earlier, a Cardiff inquest heard yesterday.

Williams, of North Rise, Llanishen, Cardiff, was found in his car on Caerphilly mountain with a hose from the exhaust through the window.

"After the market difficulties he was aware he had a long loan without the income he had anticipated," said his mother Patricia.

Coroner Dr Lawrence Addicot heard that Williams finished with his girlfriend the night before his death.

Verdict: Suicide.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

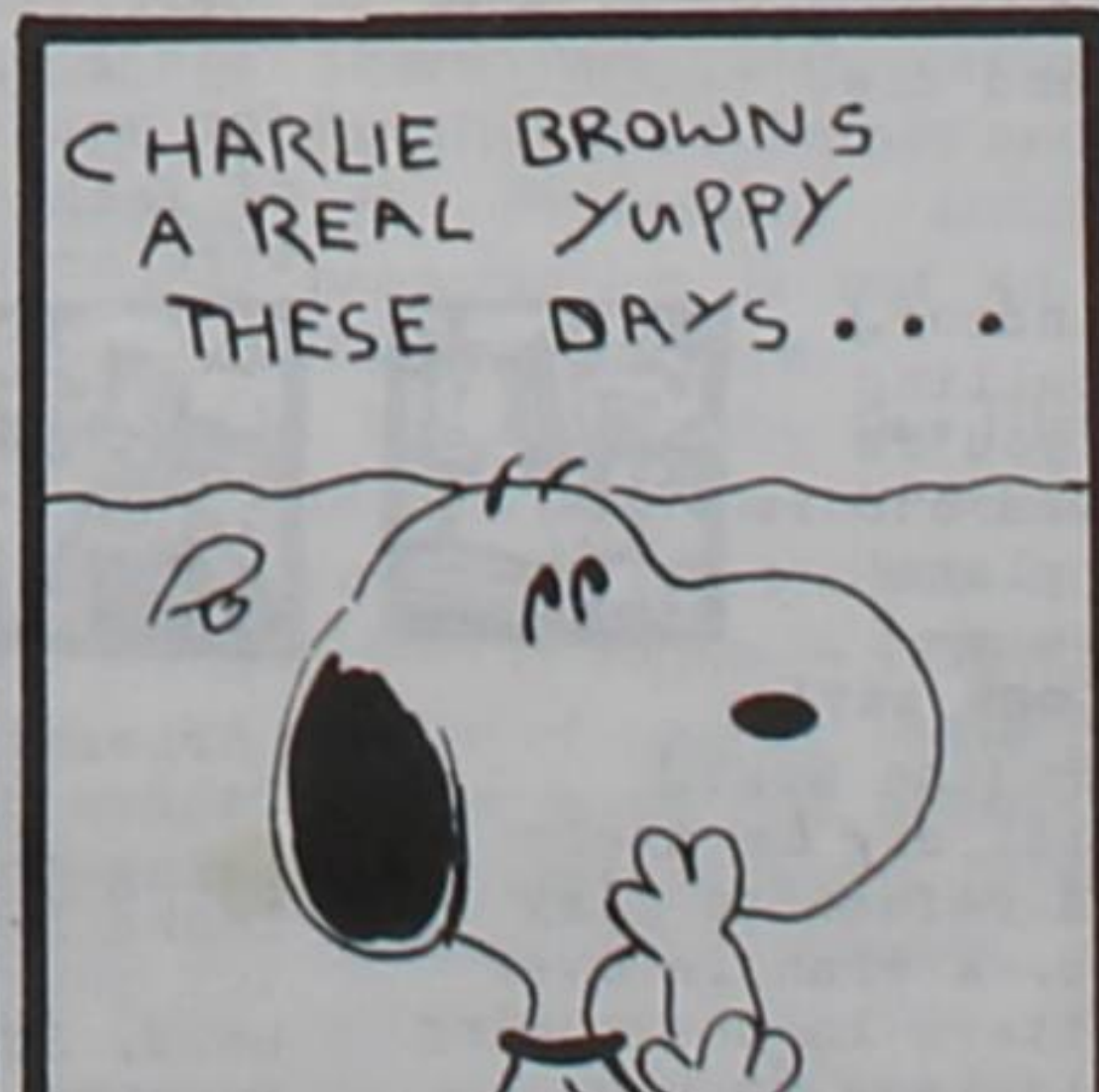
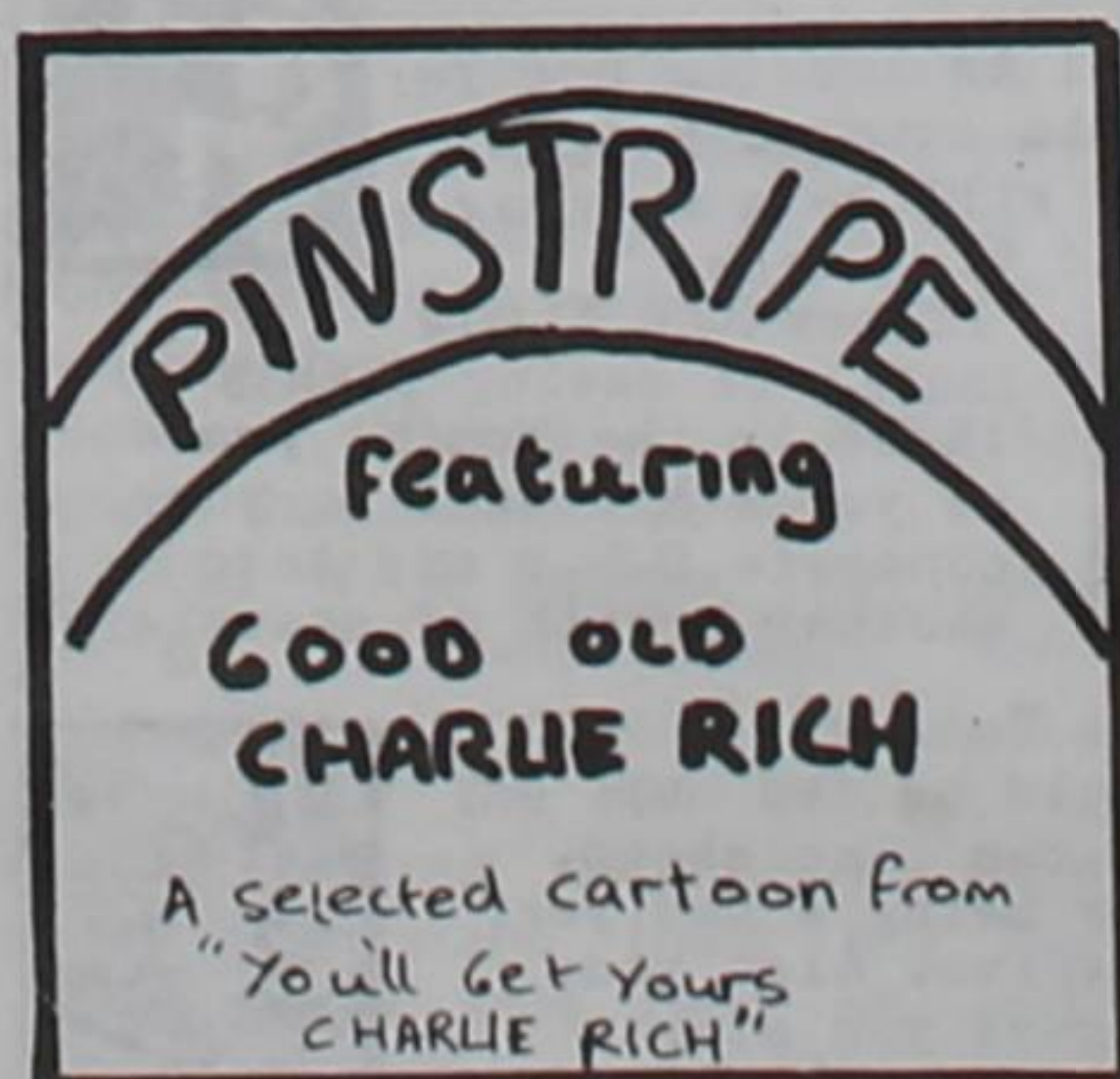
Apart from bands, R.A.R. also needs people all over the country to help out with publicity, leafleting, flyposting and organising local gigs. If you want to help, or if you want to be a contact to let us know what struggles are going on in your town, then get in touch with us now.

ROCK AGAINST THE RICH

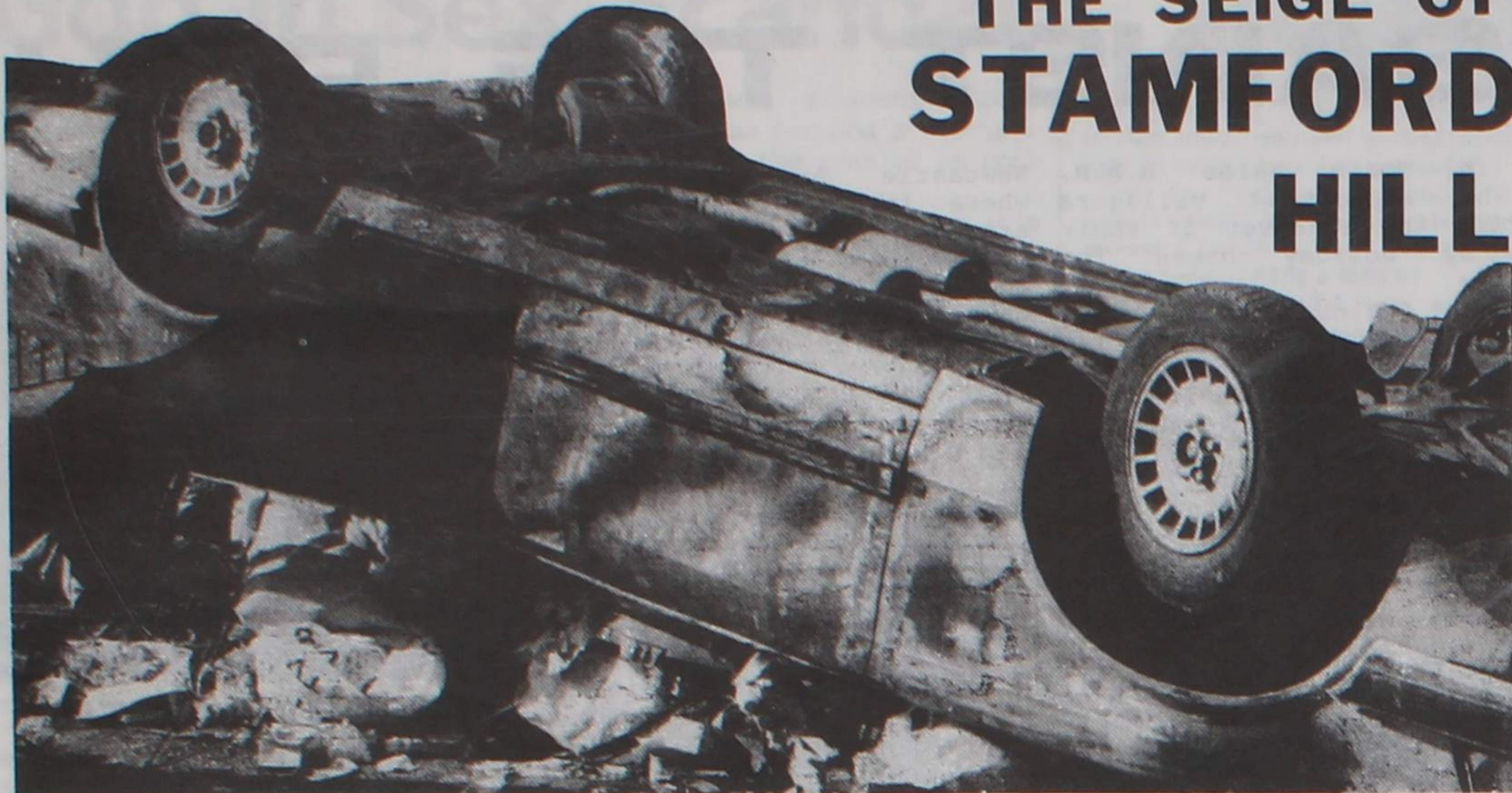
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THE SEIGE OF STAMFORD HILL



● A burntout car forms a barricade on the estate.

IN MARCH, the Stamford Hill Estate in North London became the scene of one of the best occupations for several years.

The eviction by left-wing Hackney Council of over 200 squatters from the estate was physically resisted with the aid of barricades of burnt out cars and overturned skips, and the estate was a no-go area for the police for two days.

The Council, forgetting their long-standing policy of non-co-operation with the police, mounted a massive operation involving several hundred riot cops, which cost an already overspent Housing Department over £500,000.

A number of the squatters had worked hard for several months forging links with the tenants on the estate. This paid off as some tenants donned scarves and joined the squatters on the barricades.

Local youths stole cars for use as barricades and there were successful attempts to enlist support from the Direct Labour Organisation and tenants from other estates.

Even though there were no cops on the estate for the duration of the occupation, anti-social crime was virtually non-existent. Muggers and burglars were aware that they would be 'dealt with' by the squatters who were patrolling the estate and stayed out of the area.

To ensure access for tenants with cars, the squatters set up tow removable barricades, and this won-over a number of previously sceptical tenants.

All the rubbish lying around on the estate was also cleaned

up - a significant improvement on the usual state of affairs.

However, it wasn't all a long line of successes.

For instance, there was far too much emphasis by some of the squatters on the wearing of balaclavas (obviously spending too much time in front of the telly watching videos of squatters in Germany!). This put some people off, seeing youths looking like terrorists walking about all the time.



Also, when the occupation finally ended, the riot police walked onto the estate unopposed. This was in part because of the fact that nobody had thought to organise any sort of rota system for operating the barricades, so that everyone ended up staying awake for long periods of time and knackered themselves.

However, the resistance didn't end as soon as the barricades were pulled down.

On the same evening, a meeting of Hackney Council was broken up by a well organised firm of squatters and tenants.

They smashed their way into the Council Chamber and attacked the Chair of the Housing Committee, Brynley Heaven. Although a number of people were arrested, the police failed so far to bring any charges of assault against anyone involved.

POLICE IN FIREBOMB ATTACKS



Someone has got it in for the police and courts in Newham, East London in a big way!

* In early March, Newham West Court was petrol bombed, destroying part of the building.

* Only two days before, part of Forest Gate Police Station was gutted in a fire bomb attack.

* In February a fire bomb badly damaged the Inspectors Office at Stratford East Court.

* A few months before, five cars were burned by arsonists in the car park at West Ham police station.

NICE ONE!

It's war in WOLVERHAMPTON

On April 7th the government sent some ministers up to Wolverhampton to launch their crackdown on crime, also known as the "grass your neighbours to the cops campaign". Only a day later the black community gave its reply. For the fourth time in the last few months police were lured into the Pendleforth district by hoax calls and an attempt was made to petrol bomb their squad car. This incident and three previous attacks, on Wolverhampton Civic Centre, a local police station and another cop car are a direct response to the murder of Clinton McCurbin who was strangled to death by cops as they tried to arrest him in a city centre store. That murder has not been forgotten.

The press say a group called the Black Liberation Front has claimed responsibility. They quote them as saying "we will continue our struggle until one of them is dead". The complete failure of the cops to

BATTERED BLUE LINE

More good news....a remarkable 17000 coppers got a good hiding last year; that's a magnificent increase of 20% on the year before-in fact it was the best year for cop clouting since 1981!

This brilliant figure works out at an amazing 50 beatings a day for those battered boys and girls in blue!

In spite of fierce competition from all over the country, Strathclyde has come top of the Bobby baiting league with an amazing 2700 assaults-that's nearly one in every two coppers! Yes, Strathclyde's pigs have got the dubious (for them) distinction of being the most battered and bruised bobbies in Britain!



COMMUNITY COP CLOBBERING.....

indication of the support these actions have in the local area. Such support and protection is the difference between class struggle and isolated terror gangs like the Red Brigades, Action Direct and the Fighting Communist Cells in Europe. The BLF appears to be a constructive response to attacks on the working class unlike the isolated futile actions the other groups have engaged in over the last few years.

The activities in Wolverhampton are similar in their tactics and success to the hit squads that appeared in the striking mining communities. Once again with community solidarity the police failed to smash these organisations.

The development of a united fighting working class community is the best defence against attacks on our living standards and the low life who continue to steal from their own in many working class communities.

Class War's HOROSCOPE for Rich Bastards!

<p>Taurus (the Bull.) Remember what bulls do to china shops? We do the same to snobby yuppie bistros. Ole!</p>	<p>Leo (the Liar) You really are a bastard! Whatever happens to you you'll be lucky to survive.</p>	<p>Scorpio (the Scorpion.) This would be a good year to fuck off and die.</p>	<p>Aquarius (the water Petrol Carrier.) Things will be looking hot for you this summer. Height of fashion will be a burning tyre around your neck.</p>
<p>Gemini (the Twits.) Forget the coming year-- you probably won't see any of it. Better jump off an office block while you still have an office.</p>	<p>Fergo (the Parasite.) A potentially good year for you but unfortunately there is no longer any room for your class.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (the Windsor.) Things are really falling off at the moment - you're almost totally snowed under. A trip to a remote place would be a good idea -- Especially if it's one way!</p>	<p>Pisces (the Fish.) You'll be seeing plenty of these in the coming year as you stand tall in your concrete D.M.s and take another breath of seawater.</p>
<p>Cancer (the Crab.) You'll make a lot of money this year, but if you don't share it out you could end up dead.</p>	<p>Libra (the Liberal.) A wishy-washy year for you, with some serious injuries later on if you don't sort out your politics.</p>	<p>Capricorn (the Goat.) Others will dig in their heels and refuse to play your game. A wrangle over money matters in the coming year could lead to you getting lynched.</p>	<p>Aries (the Ram.) Others could be fed up being treated like sheep. Looks like being a bad year for your volvo. Also your head. Suggest you start running</p>

BUPA BLOODSUCKERS

We've all seen the glossy ad's on TV depicting beautiful, clean and well equipped private hospitals. BUPA and other private health businesses present themselves as caring, charitable associations where "putting the patient first" really counts.

THEY ARE PRACTICING FRAUD. They present themselves as a new and better way for people to get good quality health care, but their system offers **NOTHING** to ordinary workers and their families.

Private healthcare for working class people means going without treatment until you really desperately need it, because you can't afford it. Insurance schemes like BUPA seem a good bet for someone that never gets ill, but what happens when you do? You start paying, that's what! Because if it's a serious illness, BUPA won't want to know. If you get diabetes or heart disease, if someone in your family develops senile dementia, if your kidneys pack up, if you suffer from other permanent disabilities or anything that needs skilled long-term care then BUPA will close the door in your face. Why?...because

they can't make a **PROFIT** out of you.

Proper healthcare provides treatment for illness, not treatment for profit, and it provides care for whoever **NEEDS** it, not only for those who can afford it. BUPA is a parasite on the health care industry. Them and others like them can never provide the health care we need. **ALL THEY WANT IS OUR MONEY.**

If the Tories get their way, then we will be left with an even more run down public health service from what remains of the NHS and **THEY** will get the best hospitals all to themselves.

We say **NO** to private health care, the NHS is not for sale. The working class has no choice, we can't afford £2000 a year, and we wouldn't pay it to BUPA if we could! We want a better NHS with decent wages and proper investment, and we want it now, because we need it now. We all know of people waiting for months and years for desperately needed treatment. People who have worked all their lives for bosses who no longer want to know, bosses who extract their

wealth from us and give nothing back. Now we demand our money back. All

the billions of pounds that have been given to the rich by the Tories have been stolen first from the working class that created the wealth and secondly from the NHS which we pay our taxes for.

We want to put the rich on trial for crimes against society....For stealing resources from the NHS. For leaving thousands of old people to rot in deteriorating geriatric hospitals and nursing homes. For leaving people in pain waiting for treatment that could be done tomorrow. For breaking the backs of health workers who are left to cope.

On Thursday 12th May, a group of health-workers who are associated with Class War are organising a demonstration outside the main BUPA HQ in London..... 1pm, at 300 GRAYS INN ROAD, NEAR KINGS CROSS.

Hopefully this will be only the first action in a major national campaign against the private health industry.



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CLASS WAR SAYS KILL TORIES NOT PATIENTS!

SEPTEMBER 10th IS NATIONAL ANTI-YUPPIE DAY



**Let's wipe the smiles
off their faces!**

HEALTH & SAFETY

Following the unnecessary deaths at Zebrugge and Kings Cross we now have the fire at the Leber Mount Hotel in Blackpool. Not a luxury hotel for the rich or this disaster would have hogged the front pages for weeks. No, it was a hotel crammed with homeless DHSS claimant's families, forced to live there. No doubt when it comes to the inquiry they'll talk about smoking or families cooking with camping gas in their rooms. These were not to blame. The thirty injured should never have had to be there. That's why we fight for homes for the homeless not luxury flats for the rich.

What is the bosses response to such disasters?.....

The P and O Ferry bosses are ignoring all the recommended safety measures

and have cut down the number of staff. Next time they push the ferries to fast there'll be even less staff and the chances of mistakes will be even higher. It'll be Zebrugge all over again. It's not just the striking workers at Dover that have a lot to lose, we all have. Together we have a lot to gain.

And finally months after the fire at Kings Cross the bosses inquiry owns up. They claim the Underground managers "were more interested in economics and efficiency than safety". What a surprise.

NEWSFLASH.... We've just heard that the Underground bosses are bringing in "staff economies". Just what do they think they are playing at?

A LABOUR YUPPIE SHOWS HIS TRUE COLOURS

A £240,000 yuppie residency in Rotherhithe, South-East London, was bought recently by trendy-lefty Labour MP Bryan Gould.

The well-heeled 'designer socialist' and his wife flogged their last house near Banbury in Oxfordshire for £295,000 - nearly double the price they paid for it two years ago, and moved to their brand new luxury house only a stones throw from the river Thames in the heart of the gentrified Docklands.

For several years the working class residents of Rotherhithe have been fighting against the takeover of their area by the likes of Bryan Gould and his Yuppie friends. A London newspaper's property page (Yuppies only!) wrote that the main problem with moving to Rotherhithe was animosity from locals - Class War hopes that it isn't too long before Bryan Gould is on the receiving end of some local 'animosity'!

MURDER MOB MAYHEM MADNESS!

Many people in mainland Britain think that Northern Ireland is under the control of psychopathic mobs where, try as they might, the 'decent' RUC and British Army fail to keep proper law and order.

They see, on the one hand, religious fanatics like Ian Paisley leading mobs of strange people dressed up in daft bowler hats and orange sashes, going on about the 'Devil in Rome' and the 'Battle of the Boyne', while a loyalist gunman fires indiscriminately into a crowd of Catholic mourners.

And on the other side they see 'mad bombers' blowing up bystanders at Enniskillen, riots and burning buses in West Belfast every other month, and an angry mob dragging two British squaddies from their car, beating them and then shooting them.

However, there's a lot more to Northern Ireland than meets the eye.

CLASS WAR believe that people taking control of their streets, estates, and workplaces is crucial to battle to rid ourselves of the rich and powerful scum who make our daily lives hell. And in Northern Ireland their are hundreds of examples of this type of working class power that we would like to see on the

mainland as well.

The Republican areas in Northern Ireland have very advanced community organisation. This is due to the relentless attacks upon those communities carried out by the Army, the RUC and loyalist mobs, and to the appalling state of housing and other services provided by the Loyalist provincial government.

People have created new forms of 'popular' justice aimed at stopping anti-social behaviour, like mugging and thieving.

There is a 'Black Taxi' scheme where hundreds of cheap taxis enable people to shop and travel cheaply and safely. There are also prisoner and prisoners' families aid schemes and advice centres.

In Protestant areas the community organisation is not so developed, but the 'feeling' is there.

The strikes by the Ulster Workers Council in the 70s were some of the most far reaching of strikes in Britain since the General Strike in 1926.

Now of course, these instances of 'workers power' have not always been perfect. The UWC strikes were in support of continued division and bigotry, while some of the 'justice' meted out in Republican areas is unnecessarily harsh - kneecapping young

'joy-riders', for example.

However, CLASS WAR isn't scared of 'workers power' or 'mob rule'. If the working class is ever going to take power then mistakes are going to be made. However, why shouldn't the protestant community shut down the 'province' for a day (or more)? And what's wrong with the Catholic community defending its funerals against loyalist attacks, even if the 'attackers' turn out to be British soldiers?

But community power only becomes 'revolutionary' when it destroys the barriers that have been put up between different working class communities.

For real community power, communities must unite as a class.

We should not feel too negative about the situation in Northern Ireland. Unity has occurred many times, most recently over the NHS strikes.

Just as the government, police and army have learnt lessons about crowd control and the infiltration of working class organisations in Ireland which have been used on the mainland, so we should learn from the examples and mistakes that come from there.



NORMAN WILLIS WE HATE YOUR GUTS! (AND THERE'S PLENTY OF 'EM!)

TUC BOSS, Norman Willis, must be one of the most obnoxious and gruesome human beings ever to claim 'leadership' of the working class in Britain.



Norman takes a break from counting his cash to show his support for the workers.

It makes you sick to watch him crawling up the arses of the rich Ford bosses in Detroit, supposedly on our behalf.

Ford announced in early March, shortly after the end of the nationwide strike, that they would not after all be building a new 700-job electronics plant in Dundee.

The reason given was the TUC's refusal to sanction the single-union, no-strike deal negotiated by the engineering union, the AEU.

So our Norm promptly rushed over to America to get the bastards to change their minds - unsuccessfully.

However, it seems unlikely that this was the real reason for the withdrawal. After all, both the AEU and the Transport & General Workers Union have shown their willingness to sell out their members in the car industry in recent months.

Before February's Ford strike they repeatedly urged workers not to take action and to accept a crap deal. At Land Rover they instructed their

members to stick to the six-person picket limit and banned mass pickets. This undermined the strikers' spirit and brought about the collapse of the walk-out.

Alongside this treachery, however, there has been a remarkable upsurge in the confidence of the grassroots members to take matters into their own hands. More and more workers are giving their bosses and union leaders the two-fingered salute, telling them where to stick their worthless "agreements".

The Ford bosses are aware that a single-union, no-strike deal at Dundee would not guarantee a strike-free workplace. At the same time they know that the plan to scrap the national wages and conditions agreement at any new Dundee plant would prompt large scale and costly unofficial action right across Britain.

Thirty-two thousand Ford manual workers have only just gone back to work after a strike over just that issue. They would not be too happy to

see their union sanctioning something that would undermine the poxy deal they finally got.

Of course, Fords are also quite happy to do anything which winds up the unions against each other. In this case they have certainly been successful. Not a day goes by without AEU boss Bill Jordan getting his ugly mug on the telly to slag off Ron Todd of the TGWU, or vice versa.

Todd has been playing the "Good Trade Unionist" role throughout the affair, condemning single union deals. However, the TGWU have actually negotiated several such deals themselves, alongside the AEU and the EETPU.

The Dundee affair has shown once again what a bunch of two-faced, grovelling hypocrites our union leaders are. However, it has also shown that a big multinational company like Ford is scared of the power of the working class, once it has shrugged off the parasitical union bosses ...and that's no bad thing, is it?

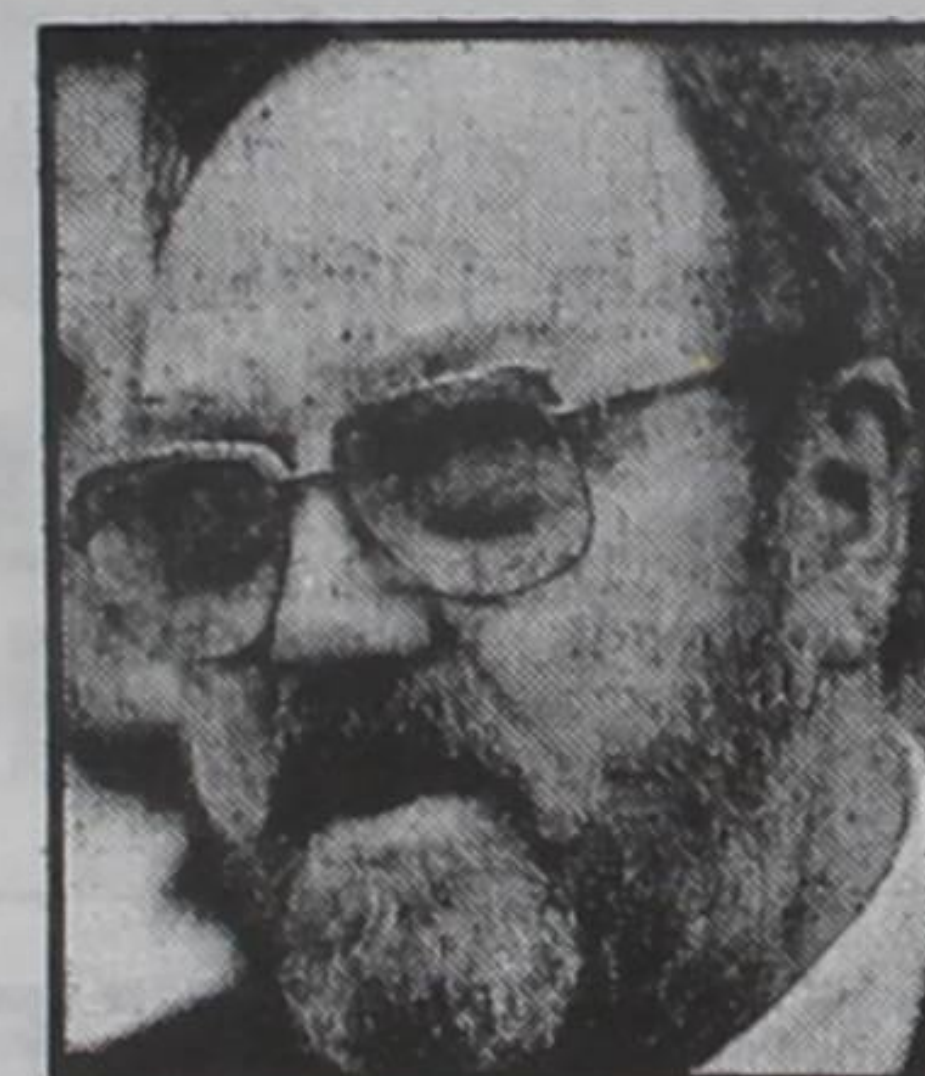
ON THE WATERFRONT



The long running National Union of Seamen dispute at Dover exploded suddenly into a National strike at the end of April. For three months P&O workers had been on strike, and after failing to win a national strike in February, after the NUS was threatened with sequestration of its funds by the courts, it looked like another of those forgotten strikes - forgotten by the media, the Union, forgotten by all but the 2000 strikers.

At the end of April though, P&O moved to break the solid strike, calculating, recruiting and bussing in scabs, expecting the strike to quietly and quickly collapse.

They were wrong. Within days only 200 of the NUS's 3,000 ferry workers were not on strike. And for the first time a Union, this time the NUS, refused to back down to the courts and appeared (3/5/88) to be looking to fight to the finish funds or no funds. NUS workers have seen that when P&O and other employers fight with fire, they must do likewise. In Dover itself, the strike, after waning, is now spreading again, with the working class community of Dover solidly behind the strikers.



Sam McCluskie

It's the Neil and Tony Show

It may be nice to see Tony Benn trying to wipe the smile off Kinnock's face, but apart from that the result of the battle for the leadership of the Labour Party means fuck all.

Even if Benn really did intend to support the working class (which we doubt) he would have to drop our demands in order to get Labour elected.

Kinnock abandons the working class in struggle in order to be seen by the media as an ally of the bosses. Benn will also have to do the same or face their wrath. The lesson is simple - copy Thatcher or lose the next General Election! Both are hungry for power and prestige so it's obvious what they will do.

Benn and Labour can never deliver anything worthwhile - the bosses will see to that. The bosses and the capitalist system run our lives - parliament is just their puppet. If the bosses want to attack our living standards then Benn will have to do it for them in order to stay in power.



Neil and Tony demonstrate the huge differences in their political thought...

WE SAY... Only the working class itself can overthrow the bosses and change society, not any Party. The Kinnock/Benn fight is a side-show. The real struggle is the class struggle that affects our daily lives.

But of course Benn is saying better things than Kinnock - who doesn't? Nevertheless, all of Benn's promises will be forgotten if he wins.

The campaigns of both candidates are an opportunity to expose the role of the Labour Party for what it is - a pressure valve for our class anger that has more to offer the bosses than it can ever do for the working class.

We cannot rely on 'left-wing' leaders, why should we either when they always turn against us once they're firmly in power - the new ruling elite.

No. Instead we must only rely on our own class and its own ability to organise and fight back.

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STAR OF "The Equaliser", Edward Woodward-another bastard with more money than sense-has given up driving his ultra-posh Rolls Royce in London after repeated attacks.

The T.V. star's Roller has been trashed no less than five times while parked on the streets of London, and he whined about constant abuse from teenagers while driving it around. "I pointed out that it is a British car and we should be proud of such a product he said, "but they couldn't see it and continued shouting."

What poor old Edward hasn't realised is that why anyone should be proud of a heap of mechanised shit is a bit beyond most people. A car that costs more than most people earn in years is seen by many for what it is - AN INSULT!

We're on the phone

YES FOLKS! Class War has finally entered the twentieth century...We've got ourselves a telephone!

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We can't guarantee that you will be able to get an answer 24-hours a day, but we'll do our best to make sure that someone is around to answer the phone during normal work hours. However, if you don't get a reply, please try again later. In the mean time, if anyone has an answering machine they want to get rid of...

Also, as the response to our request in the last issue for donations towards the phone was totally underwhelming, CLASS WAR is now severely in debt. We know times are hard, but if you've got any spare cash lying around and would like to help in making sure that your favourite paper continues to appear on the streets then send it to us pronto!



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BEAT THE BULLDOZERS

A PIECE of common land in Bermondsey, South London, is under threat from the property company Ideal Homes.

The land, used for years by the local people and the home of many wild animals and plants, is one of the few remaining undeveloped sites left in the area.

Now Ideal Homes want to bulldoze the site and build

even more posh houses in an area that already has more than its fair share of incoming yuppies.

However, the plans are not going unopposed. Local residents have already staged several demonstrations on the site, and it is clear that the bulldozers won't be going in unopposed.

ARSON APPEAL

We are sure that all our readers have been deeply concerned by the recent increase of arson attacks carried out against holiday homes owned by well off English people in North Wales. Hundreds of cottages are used as summer retreats for only a few weeks a year, in spite of the fact that many of the people who live in the area have no decent accommodation of their own and no hope of affording the high prices paid for cottages by rich bastards who are hardly

ever there. We are sure everyone would love to give the cops some 'help' in their investigation of these attacks. If so, phone their brand new 'HOT-LINE' on 0492 412949, BUT don't waste your special information on any old pen-pusher, go straight to the top! Demand to speak only to Gwyn Owen. He's the head of the North Wales C.I.D. WE'RE SURE HE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FOOTBALL FIGHTBACK

SHELF NOT WEALTH!

HUNDREDS of chanting Tottenham fans occupied the famous Shelf terrace for 40 minutes after their teams 2-1 win over Luton recently.

They were demonstrating against the club's plans to replace their standing area with luxury executive-type boxes.

At intervals throughout the game fans chanted abuse at the club chairman, Irving Scholar, and, after being ushered out of the ground by the police, stood outside the main entrance calling for his blood!

The demonstration was called by a group of supporters who go under the name of "Left on the Shelf". Their terrace provides one of the best standing areas in the entire League, as it runs alongside the pitch rather than being situated behind one of the goals.

There are also plans to re-develop the famous 'Clock End' terrace at nearby Arsenal.

The club's directors want to remove the clock and erect luxury boxes above the terrace for rich people to watch the game in comfort.

SOCCER STRIKE

THERE was widespread rioting and a general strike by the 130,000 inhabitants of the Greek town of Larissa in mid-March.

They were demonstrating against a football board decision to dock four points from first division leaders Larissa after its striker, Georgi Tsigov, was found to have taken codeine - illegal in Greece - during a match. The deduction effectively deprived the team of their first ever league championship win.

The protesters built barricades, lit fires and blocked road and rail links through the city, including 25 miles of the main road linking Athens with Salonika.

There were no arrests!



"I've taken you off for your own good. The police were about to arrest you for loitering."



FANZINE FIGHTBACK

FOOTBALL is in a pretty bad state these days. Crowds have been pushed down by a combination of increased prices and decreased standards. The media make things worse with their crap about hooliganism and the idiotic dream (nightmare!) of "family" stadiums.

The 'old style' director/businessmen who were once content to let their clubs crumble around them while their egos inflated and their wallets filled, are now turning into property sharks, closing or merging clubs, and trying to make a quick million on land values.

But a new mood is sweeping the terraces. Football fans have finally had enough of the shit we have to put up with.

Alternative supporters clubs and independent "fanzines" have started up at clubs all over the country. They are all highly critical of the way football is run and the way it is treated by the "outside" world.

They attack the parasitical boards of directors who don't give a damn about the clubs or the real supporters. And they stand up for the people who turn up every fortnight and more to pay £3-5 to stand on crumbling, wind-swept terraces, while the company-perk ticket-holders and other rich scum drink champagne in their luxury private boxes, where once fans stood or sat.

The fanzines also slag off the Old Bill for their constant harrassment of fans - herding us

from station to station at away games, using police horses to keep us in line like we were some sort of dumb animals, and then doing their best to intimidate people inside the ground.

The idiocy of the idea of "all the family"-type entertainment and Americanisation of the game is exposed with a vengeance.

They criticise the psychos who use football as a base for their indiscriminate violence, and the racists, bigots and nationalists who polute out game as well as society in general.

Above all, the fanzines are well written and humorous. There is a lot of good-natured pissing-taking of other teams, and the same treatment is given to their own fans and players. However, there are no holds barred when it comes to the directors!

Some groups of fans have also been getting together to challenge the way their clubs are run directly. For example, Charlton Athletic's "Back to the Valley" campaign has been organised by supporters independent of the "official" supporters club.

The Football Supporters Association is also growing rapidly, although it is nowhere near as radical or exciting as most of the new groups and fanzines.

So start buying and/or producing a mag at your club. Get together with other supporters and show the club bosses that football is our game, not theirs.

Some of the new fanzines currently available...

- The Absolute Game: 35p from 26 Glen Street, Edinburgh EH3
- Balls: 30p from 6 Grays Inn Buildings, Roseberry Avenue, London EC1R 4PH
- Off the Ball: 40p from P.O. Box 861, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 4NB
- The Arsenal Echo Echo (Arsenal): 30p from 30 Dene Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4DD
- AWOL (Meadowbank): 50p from 66 Broughton Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3SA
- Chairboys Gas (Wycombe Wanderers): 30p from Cedar Cottage, Green End Road, Radnage, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4BZ
- The Chelsea Independent (Chelsea): 20p from 45 Ridley Road, London SW19 1ET
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- Eagle Eye (Palace): 40p from 30 Manor Court, York Way, Whetstone, London N20 0DR
- The Elmshill Ender (Wealdstone): 40p from 37 Grange Road, Kenon, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 2PR
- Fingerpost (W.B.A.): 40p from 19 Ashville Drive, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 3SD
- Hardaker Rides Again: 25p from 151 Corporation Street, London E15 4HE
- A Kick Up the Ru (Q.P.R.): 40p from 51a Alexander Drive, Upper Norwood, London SE19 1AW
- Leyton Orientear (Leyton Orient): 30p from 1 York Road, Leyton, London E10 5QG
- Not the View (Celtic): 50p from P.O. Box 306, Glasgow G21 2EA
- Out of Court (Bournemouth): 20p from 61 Oxford Street, Southampton, SO1 1DL
- The Pie (North County): 30p from 81 Stratford Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham NG2 6AZ
- Terrace Talk (York City): 30p from 9 Waverley Street, York, YO1 7QZ
- Tired and Weary (Birmingham City): 50p from 133 Longmore Road, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 3EF
- The Web (Queen's Park): 40p from 120 Praespehill Circus, Glasgow G42 0LW

THE COPPER CAME A CROPPER

Police often find fans a bit of a handful—but they don't usually have much trouble from the players. But here's one policeman who found himself on the receiving end of a challenge by Q.P.R.'s Simon Stainrod, whose pursuit of a long pass took him into the path of the patrolling constable!

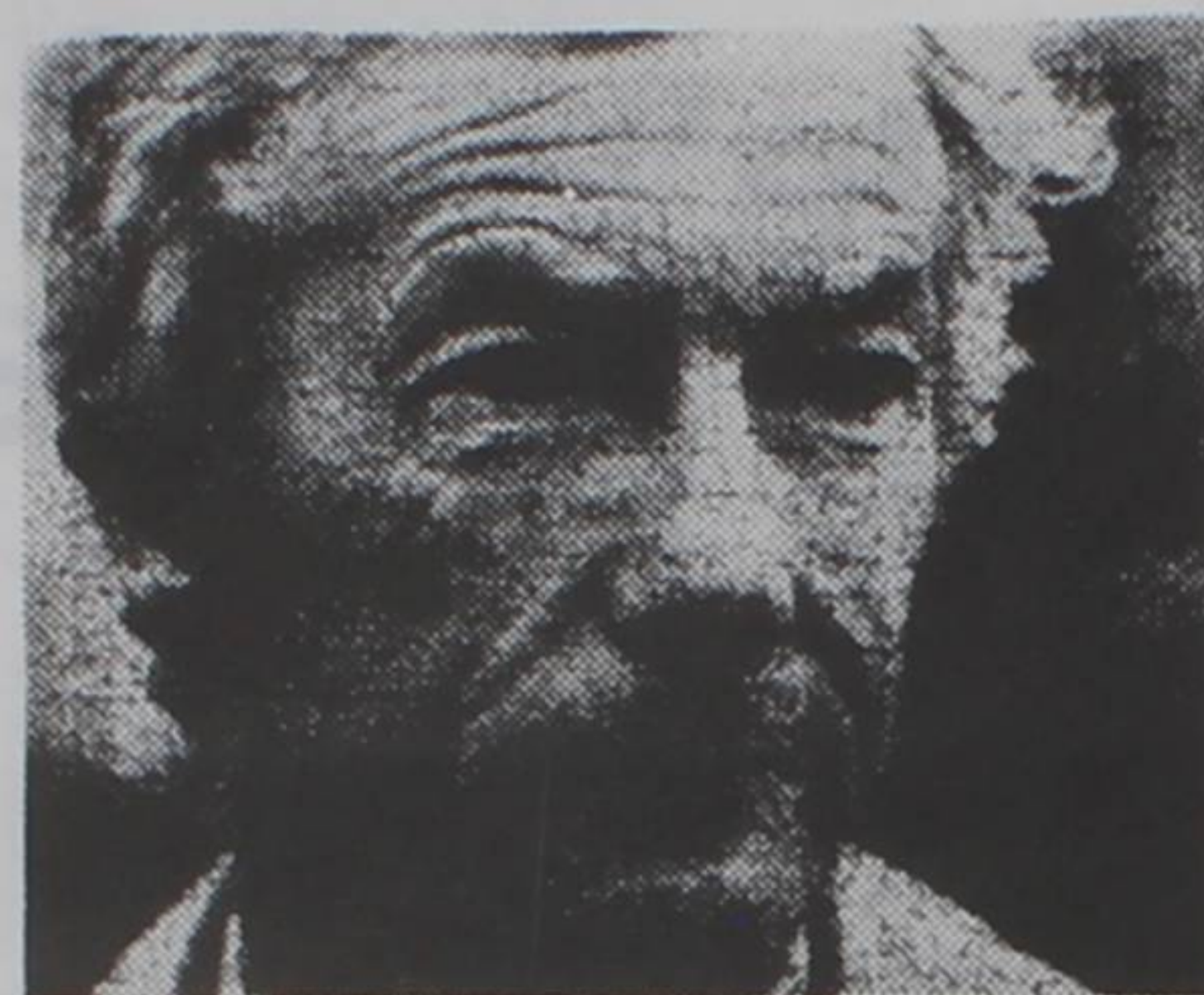


THE BEST TACKLE AT LOFTUS ROAD FOR YEARS!

BUY 'EM!

Lucky Lester!

Race horse Jockey Lester Piggott is ill in hospital. Friends say he may need hospital treatment. He is depressed and won't eat. The cause of this is his recent 3 year prison sentence for fraud. If he'd been treated like every other prisoner and kept in a tiny cell with no exercise he might have been even more ill! Lucky for Piggott, his celebrity status enabled him to get an exceptionally quick transfer to an "open-prison".



NOT EATING: Piggott is desperately ill

Lucky for Piggott, He'll still be able to afford a lifestyle beyond most peoples reach when he's released.

Lucky for Piggott, newspapers like the Sunday People scream "DON'T LET LESTER DIE" on their front cover. In April they wrote "Lester Has been through enough. He is not a danger to society and in October he is eligible for parole. We call on the Parole Board to give it to him."

While people like Piggott get a cushy open prison to do their time in, the working class have to do their bird in overcrowded prisons sometimes 4 to a cell sharing the same bucket to piss and shit in, locked up 23 hours a day. If the boredom and frustration don't get you the daily humiliation of the screws and their stooges does. The number of prisoners who commit suicide or who are beaten or killed by the screws never seems to make the headlines. Not so for the middle and upper classes who in the main, go to open prisons that are more like hotels; some even let their inmates go home every night.

But let's get one thing straight right from the start. We don't agree with the idea of prisons—not even "open" ones. They are there for one thing only, to protect the ruling class and their property. That's why they often hand out sentences for crimes of violence that are shorter than for those of crimes against property. This often puzzles people but the answer is simple. The ruling class really don't give a shit about us killing each other but they do care about their money and property. That's why the vast majority of prisoners are working class.

Of course we don't think that all prisoners are angels. There are some right scumbags in prison who are

working class. Anti-social acts especially those involving violence have to be dealt with but not by the cops, courts or prisons. Working class people can and do deal out their own justice. There are plenty of examples of smack dealers, bullies, rapists and muggers who have been sorted out by the community they live in without the help of the "grass your neighbour" schemes like Neighbourhood Watch run by the police to keep us divided. But of course this never makes the headlines—instead we are fed one atrocity after another with the intention of making us too afraid to get together.

We do live in the real world and in some communities things are so bad people are glad to have the cops and do feel safer for it. But if you think about it the cops, courts and prisons don't stop people behaving badly. All they do is clear up the mess afterwards. Remember if you have to use the cops you don't have to feel grateful! Just remember how many working class people are humiliated, beaten and murdered by the scum.

Most people in prison are there for things like:— not paying rates or fines, falling behind with hire purchase, divorce maintenance payments, shoplifting, stealing, fraud and other petty crimes; things that hardly make them a threat to the rest of us. We have more in common with them than the cops or the screws.

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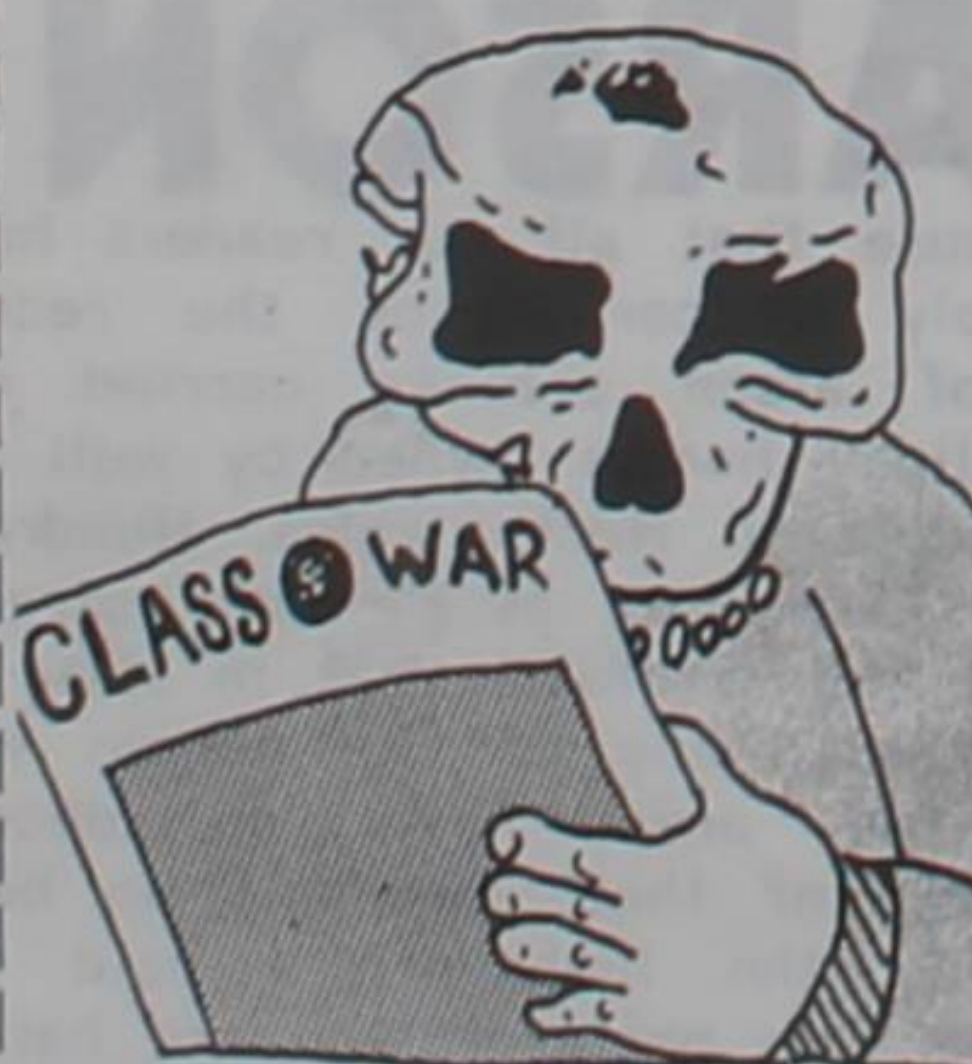
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