

CLASS WAR



Olympic Special

№30

PRESENTS



CHARIOTS OF FIRE!

As the rich get richer they're into flaunting their wealth in our faces. In Somerset in mid July the latest "Gate Crashers Ball" happened. It's for young public school types and the £40 tickets are only available through their exclusive circles. There was lots of talk locally about banning the hooray henry piss up because the mass of underage drinking that goes on. However it was organised by an influential multi millionaire and so nothing got done, after all mater and pater would not be too pleased with their Henry's and Henrietta's in trouble with the law. So in the end there were no raids and no riot cops.

* Meanwhile in the towns and villages of Somerset and other rural communities young working class men and women are forced to carry Identity cards or they won't get served in pubs.

THE DAY THE PUBS RAN DRY

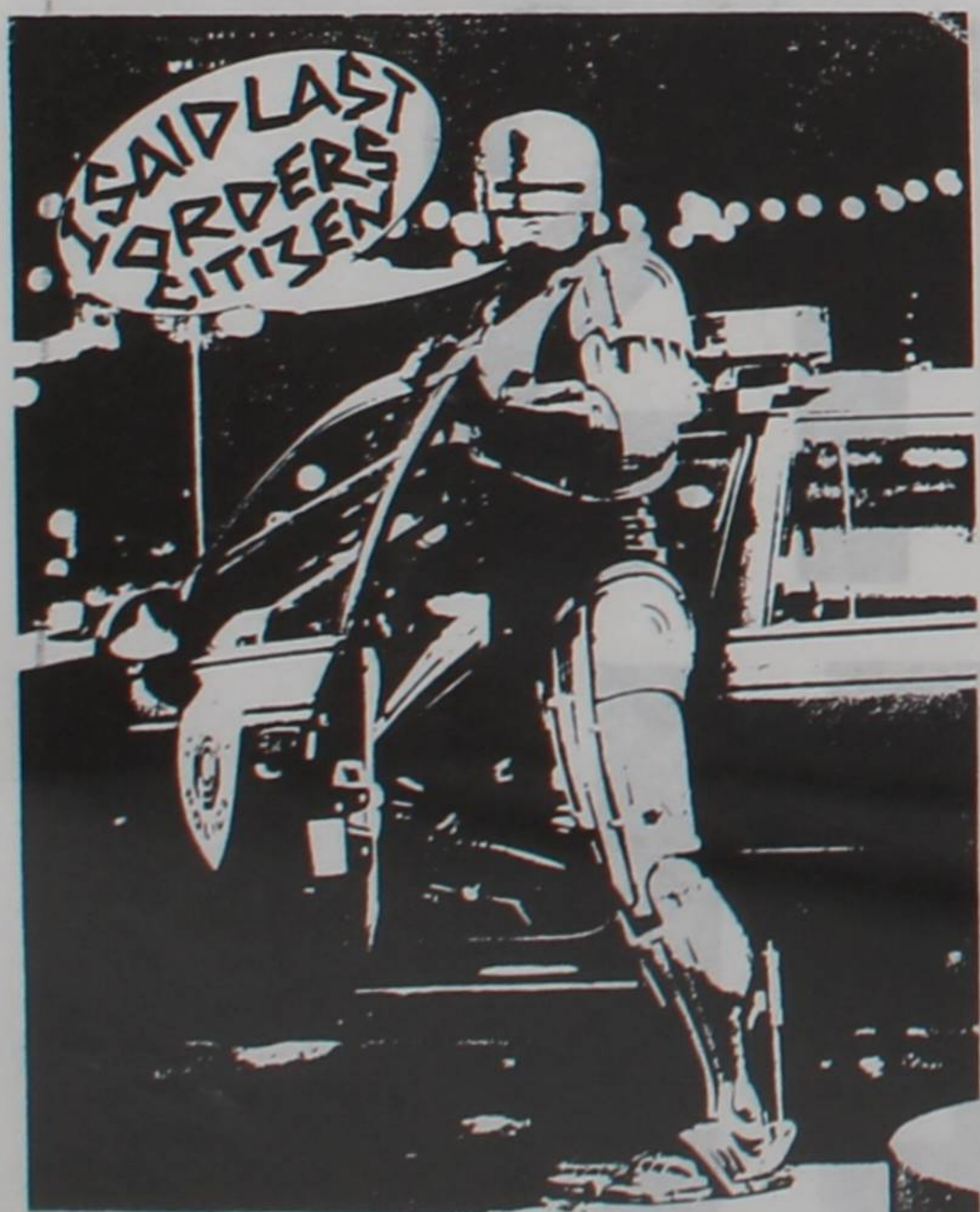
June in Dublin, Eire saw 3000 bar staff in 600 pubs on strike. They demanded money, not time off when laws were abolished enforcing the traditional Sunday "holy closing". A "Quick Victory" would have been our battle cry!

LATE NEWS

We've just heard off our Irish correspondent that the striking bar staff asked for support from pubs in rural areas, unfortunately they had never heard of the "holy hour"!



WE SAY

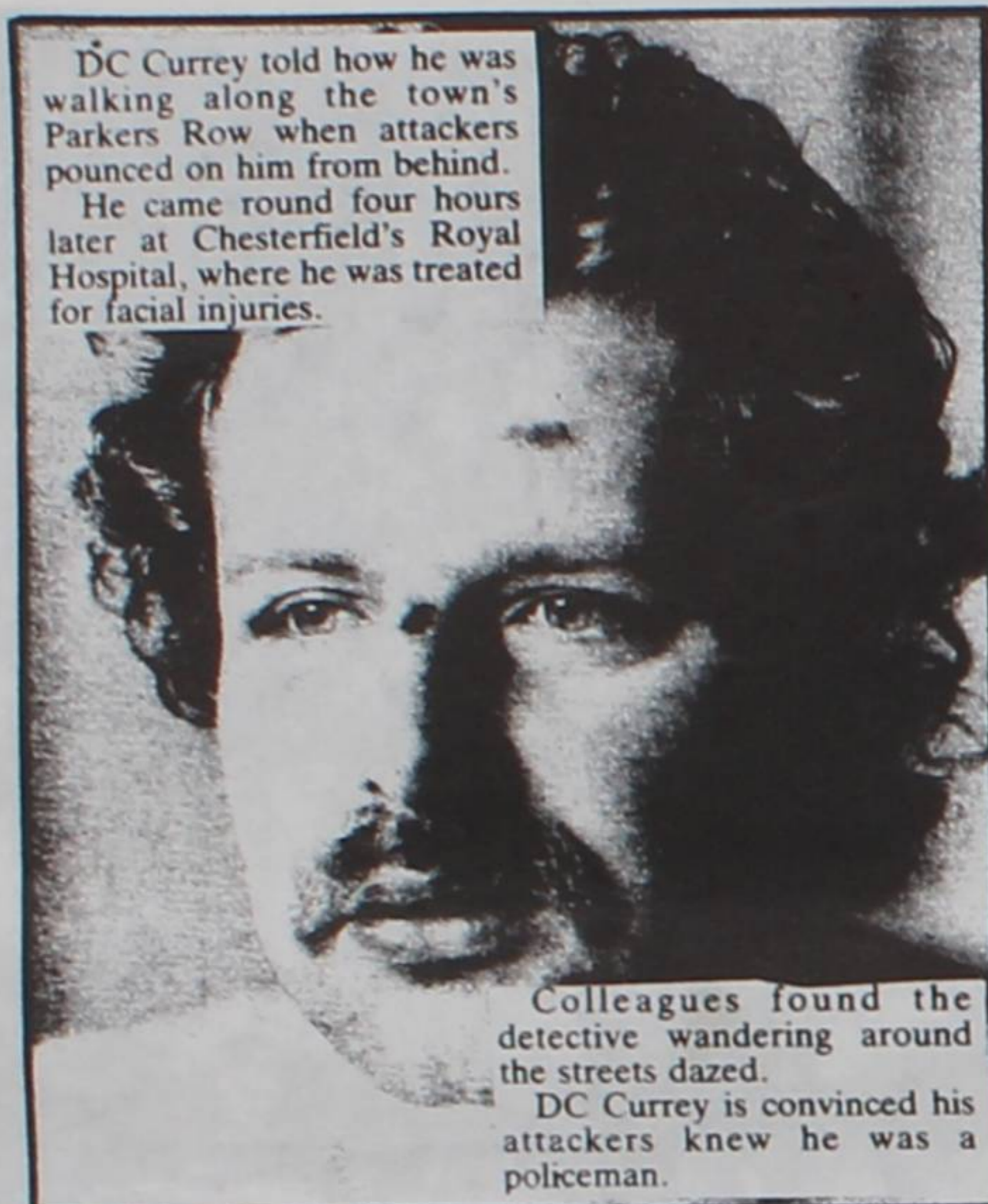


BALLS

*In Oxford pubs are raided and anyone drunk is charged with disorderly behaviour.

*In the tourist centre of Bath, rich visitors complain about "untidy" groups of youths drinking on the streets so they are moved on by the police.

BATTERED BOBBY No11



● Detective Constable Nigel Currey — battered and bruised after his attack.

Detective tells of birthday attack ordeal

The last few years have seen our free time being generally mucked about with by the ruling class. Whether it's drinking, sport, sex or just going out together we are being attacked day by day.

DRINKING

The government has just changed the law on opening hours. The rich want more profits out of us by making drinking easier but what they don't want is the results..street violence, attacks on the police and riots. So what do we get, more pub time and MORE police, ID cards, raids and arrests. They have never given a shit about how many peoples lives have been wrecked by drink, the deaths, the broken families. They only take notice when we get out of hand, when we cause them trouble. They want us drunk but not disorderly.

GOING OUT

Large groups of working class people together are now seen as a "potential source of public disorder" whether it's at football, a gig or a club. The police are fully trained in riot tactics, video surveillance, ID checks and plain clothes work. This is all to

*New police policy has been introduced to "catch trouble makers BEFORE they get out of the pubs" which means raids and arrests in many rural areas.

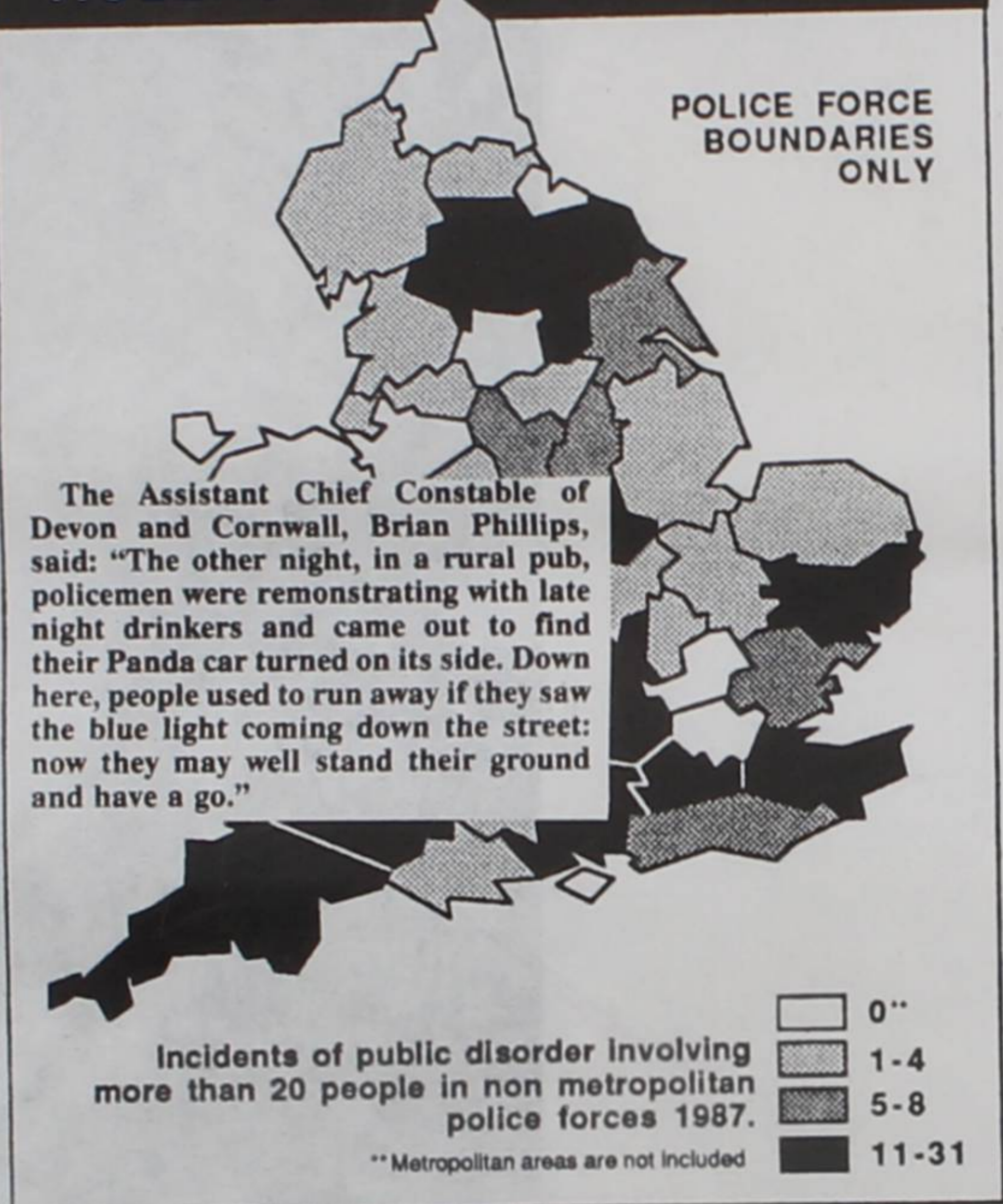
*In Coventry a bylaw now makes it illegal to drink in public places. Other towns and cities are already thinking of introducing similar bans.

They tell us it's drink that makes us riot at the weekends, our message to them is wait till we are sober and there is no where to go. Then the trouble will really start.

Their campaigns aren't about controlling "evil" drink they're about controlling the working class. They want us quiet at work, quiet at rest and quiet at play.

IT'S WAR

VIOLENCE IN RURAL AREAS



deal with us when we go out. They try to stop or restrict as many working class events as possible, from the Notting hill carnival to gigs, football matches, rowdy pubs and clubs. They want us to be seen and not heard.

SEX

AIDS has been the best thing to come along in years as far as the ruling class is concerned. They've used the justified fear in people to scare us back to the values of Victorian England. This means they do what they want in their sex lives whilst we are told to stay with one partner and those of us who are gay come under increasing repression. They treat our sex lives as their property.

All these attacks add up to this. We are supposed to be grateful for a job, obedient at work and seen and not heard in our spare time. Unfortunately for the ruling class and their lackeys the police and politicians the future is not going to be nice and cosy.

A SUMMER OF STRUMMER

From mid July to mid August the main part of the Rock Against The Rich Tour with Joe Strummer and The Latino Rockabilly War, and reggae band One Style went around the country. Starting in Leeds and finishing in Aberdeen the tour took in most major UK cities. It was a great success with over a third of the dates being sold out, and hopefully a reasonable amount of money being raised for a variety of good causes ; eg S. Yorks sacked miners, community resistance and anti poll tax groups in Scotland etc. We haven't worked out how much we've got to give to these groups yet, but as soon as we do we'll print a full list of who got what in the paper. Several police forces seemed to work themselves into a total frenzy about the whole thing, visiting venues in advance with horror stories of major riots, insurrections, etc, etc all on their own doorstep. Course if this didn't work they just threatened to take away the venues drinks licence or shut them down altogether. Still the tour went on and despite their best efforts the old bill only managed to spoil the fun a handful of times. A few people moaned about the ticket prices - we tried to keep them as low as possible (between £2.50 & £5.00 with discounts for UB40's where possible) but it wasn't always easy. The tour running costs were very high

even though all the bands were doing it for expenses only, and we did want to raise a bit of money for different groups as mentioned before. Course it aint over yet there's still going to be loads more Rock Against The Rich gigs around the country so keep a look out for more details - even better, organise your own, if you've got mates in bands or whatever then put on a gig in your home town and keep the message loud and clear -

ROCK AGAINST THE RICH !



TOUR T-SHIRTS

Sold out on the tour but now available again. Three designs are available....

- * "I HATE YUPPIES"
- * ROCK AGAINST THE RICH - JOE STRUMMER TOUR T-SHIRT
- * "CLASS WAR" NEW LOGO

They all cost £4.50 and are available from CW T-Shirts, PO Box 467, LONDON E8 3QX.

(CHEQUES PAYABLE TO LONDON CLASS WAR) Also available are large size tour posters at £1 also from the above address.

BYE-ELECTION SPECIAL

KENSINGTON CONSTITUENCY

THE SURROUNDING CONSTITUENCIES

LABOUR: Brent East, Brent South, Kensington, Hammersmith, Fulham, Chelsea

CONSERVATIVE: Westminster North, The City of London and Westminster

CLASS WAR CARNIVAL YES!

VOTE JOHN DUIGNAN CLASS WAR

YUPPIES NO! CLASS WAR

A TORY parliamentary candidate was chased from a public meeting by an angry mob last night. Dudley Fishburn and aides retreated to their campaign van, which was kicked and clubbed before being driven off in a hail of missiles that included a bottle.

LAST ELECTION RESULTS

Party	Percentage
Conservative	47.5%
Labour	33.2%
SDP/ Alliance	17.2%
Others	2%

June 1987

Scale: 1/2 mile

THE BIG SIXTY

Well no one thought we were going to get that many votes did they! Alright 60 is pretty pitiful but seriously though, we never went into the election with any illusions that votes were what mattered most to us.

We got what we wanted...

*National publicity on TV, radio and the press.

*John Duigan our candidate (a building labourer fresh out of the Labour party after 20 years on/off membership) saying on the news "The only way the working class will get power is by taking it themselves... voting will change nothing".

*The Tory candidate getting beaten up by local people (the press tried to keep it quiet).

*10,000 leaflets got to local working class people who now know what we've got to say.

20,000 working class people in North Kensington neither had a vote nor bothered to vote. We neither expected nor particularly wanted these people to vote for a Class War candidate, but to some of these people cynical about politics we got across that there is an alternative to this shit...not a different "party" but that the solution to our problems lies within our communities and workplaces, within us as the working class, NOT in elections, but in hard united action.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO DOWN TO THE WINE BAR

ANTI YUPPIE ACTION WORLDWIDE

It's not only in Britain that working class communities are under threat of destruction. The same thing is happening all over the world...from Scotland to South Korea, the Isle of Dogs to India working class people are being pushed out of their areas to make way for the rich. BUT THERE IS RESISTANCE....

There was an "anti yuppie" riot in New York's Lower East Side on the 6th August, when hundreds of youths clashed with 450 police in the most serious outbreak of public disorder in the cities recent history.

During the hot summer the tenement buildings in the area became so unbearable that people spent as much time outside as possible. One popular haunt of the young people is Tompkins Square Park where they often have all-night parties. However yuppies have recently begun moving into the area, willing to pay \$1 million for a luxury air conditioned "condominium" in the neighbourhood. The rich newcomers complained to the authorities that the noise from the park was keeping them awake at night. Worried, no doubt, that the resulting yuppie fatigue would cause the imminent collapse of western capitalism, the city council slapped a lam curfew on the park. The locals didn't take it lying down. They organised a night time protest march which was attacked by mounted police and riot cops. But the locals fought back....so effectively that the authorities have been forced to repeal the curfew until the end of the summer at least.

"GENTRIFICATION is Class War." "Die Yuppie Scum." Banners and T-shirts emblazoned with these slogans came out in force recently in New York in a demonstration against gentrification which turned into a full-scale riot. Dozens of people were injured as protesters and riot police turned a Manhattan neighbourhood into what one local newspaper described as "something like a war zone". At one point, demonstrators attacked a newly renovated luxury apartment building, ramming a police barricade through its gilded glass doors and wrecking its lobby.

The riot shocked a city which is used to a regular diet of nightmarish individual acts of brutality but has not seen much political violence since the 1960s. "Class Struggle Erupts Along Avenue B," announced a New York Times headline, accepting the demonstrators at their word. Was the march of the yuppie commentators wondered, under threat? Shades of Class War anarchists in London's Docklands?



Class war? A parochial affair in New York until it was transformed into a big event by police over-reaction when they turned out to stem the tide of protest.

A "YUPPIE FREE STOCKHOLM" demonstration was held in Sweden recently (see photo). Hundreds of protestors took part and ended up attacking the Grand Hotel in the capital. NICE ONE SVEN!

Whirlwind

No one denies the police were provoked—by skin-heads throwing M40 fire-crackers and bottles, and by activists hurling invective and chanting "Death to all Yuppies" but questions remain. Why were 450 police in

The park had always been open all night, and like the rest of the neighbourhood, it had always maintained its share of junkies and thugs. But the city had never done anything about it—until those living in high-priced condominiums overlooking the park began complaining about the noise, the rubble, the crime.

Brutality

One cop involved tried to explain. "We were caught in the middle of a battle between the rich and the poor." But in fact, the original complainants say the police response far surpassed anything they asked for—or desired.



SQUATTERS

During the past few months the authorities in several major cities have launched attacks on some of the well established squatting communities in Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. They want the squatters kicked out so the land can be used for building luxury housing schemes.

In Copenhagen, the "BZ" squatters (famous for their militant defence of their homes) successfully fought off a large army of riot cops who were attempting to evict their squat in Baldergade using tear gas. However the threat of eviction remains so the barricades have been strengthened and other local residents kept informed about what's happening.

MILITANT ACTION

These successes (just two or three of many) show how sticking together to take direct action can really get results. They show that we do have the power to stop the rich pushing us about at their will.

In the UK much of the "anti yuppie" struggle has so far been characterised by minor acts of vandalism (smashing up cars etc) carried out by small groups or individuals. Such action is an expression of class anger but can never be as effective as organised collective actions such as the above. It is these that we should be aiming towards if we are serious about wanting to reclaim our territory and our lives from the rich.



TROUBLE IN THE GARDEN



"The Garden of England" is how the poets like to describe the county of Kent, giving the impression of peace and tranquility.

However, in many of the communities situated around the county the class war rages no less fiercely than elsewhere in Britain. One area of struggle is the predominantly working class north west corner of the county stretching from Dartford to the Medway towns.

YUPPIES

The increasing shortage of development land in London has encouraged property companies to look to North Kent for sites for their luxury housing developments. The recently completed M25 and improved A2 and M20 roads have made the area a viable alternative to Docklands for yuppies, who can now drive to their jobs in the city in under an hour.

RESISTANCE

However the proposed developments are not going ahead unopposed, especially in the rural areas.

In mid July 600 angry villagers from Meopham packed a public meeting to hear details of a proposed development by Norwood Holdings. The 500 acre project includes 259 houses, a luxury country club and two exclusive golf courses. The company are trying to "buy off" the villagers by offering other leisure facilities for their use, but they made it clear that the company would not get their way without a long and vicious battle.

In nearby Hextable, the local council want to let Crest Homes build 27 luxury detached houses (estimated price £200,000 each) on an ancient playing field. But in a council-run poll seven out of eight villages voted against the plan, even though Crest are offering a bigger modern leisure facility next to the existing site. There is no guarantee that the council will halt the plans.

COMMUNITY

There is a very strong sense of community in these villages and residents are concerned that an invasion of selfish, money grabbing yuppies will destroy this. How far they are willing to go is hard to say, particularly as the villages are far from exclusively working class and the richer residents (whose houses have the best views of the country side) are the ones who tend to take control of the local "action groups".

Anti-yuppie sentiments have already expressed themselves in nearby Gravesend in the form of attacks on Yuppies cars. One Saturday night in July 20 cars were damaged in one street in the town.

OLD BILL

Meanwhile the local constabulary are rapidly realising that they are not the most popular people in town. The local youth seem keen to improve on their lowly eighth position in Class War's Rural Riot Top Ten in our last issue.

At the beginning of July more than 60 men and women pelted four cops when they tried to arrest a man outside a nightclub in Dartford. The doors of a cop car were buckled beyond repair as members of the gang tried to tear them off. One cop was hospitalised and two people arrested after police reinforcements were rushed in from Sevenoaks and London.

On the same night in Gravesend a gold Mercedes Benz worth £30,000, an E-registration Ford Escort Cabriolet Turbo worth £13,000 and a BMW 318i worth £11,000 were damaged.

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Anti-yuppie link in spree of car attacks

Vandals caused thousands of pounds damage to "yuppie" cars in a wrecking spree across two counties.

In an apparent anti-yuppie outbreak, the vandals smashed windows, slashed roofs and tyres, and dented doors and wings in attacks that stretched along the A343 road from Newbury, Berkshire, to St Mary Bourne in Hampshire.

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TWO HUNDRED motorists rioted for two hours through a county, took yesterday after being ordered out of a wine bar for drinking after hours. They hurled one policeman through a window and pelted others with glasses.

YUPPIE SPEAK

Relaxed and self-assured, sipping Pimms and Fosters against the breath-taking backdrop of the Clifton Suspension Bridge. John, adjusting his sunglasses, says: "I know that by the time I am 30 I am going to be rich. Maybe just a few steps away from making it. I've always felt that."

And Andrew chips in: "Being a millionaire isn't particularly rich. £1 million, so what?"

"Don't they call anyone with more than £100,000 a millionaire now?" muses John.

THE GENERAL'S POLE-AXED



Jaruselski's cold warriors had the wind put up them in the last couple of weeks. The unrest in August had the geriatric generals reaching for their exit visas, as flights to MOSCOW seemed ever more attractive. The biggest wave of strikes since 1981 rocked Poland, from simmering Szczecin to good old Gdansk the Polish working class showed they are far from beaten.

PIG



With the Economy in Britain crashing round our ears, interest rates and inflation flying up, we say to Nigel Lawson "up yours". No one has been fooled by your attempt to buy favour with tax cuts.

Most of us lost more in benefit cuts than we gained in tax cuts. Inflation has already stolen back the few pence a week we got off the budget and those of us who are trying to buy houses are now paying much more in interest rates. The whole of the working class is losing out whether unemployed or in work. The lefties say it is "mismanagement" but we say there are no "good" or "bad" managers only "hard" and "soft". There are those who enforce pay cuts and job losses with smiles and those who kick us in the teeth. It's just the same with politicians.

Since 1974 recession and slump has dogged the world. The 1987 crash heralded the next stage. We have been under constant attack throughout this period. We've lost jobs, suffered pay cuts and been forced to accept longer hours. Lawson like any politician has tried to disguise the bitter taste of the pill but he can't disguise the fact that capitalism is a rocky old system lurching from boom to bust, with us at the bottom. He's tried to give the bosses big profits at our expense and keep the economy going for their sake and not ours. He is pig ignorant if he thinks we are going to take it. This time when our class goes out to bring home the bacon let's make him and his kind the main course.

IGNORANT



THERE will be no repetition of the ugly scenes at Dover carnival on Saturday when the Deal procession sets off later this month.

Miss Dover, 22-year-old P&O stewardess Wendy Parr, will not be taking part because of work commitments.

Perspex shields had to be built around Miss Dover's floats to protect her and the princesses following threats against Wendy by some of her former colleagues angry that she had left the picket line to return to work.

Trouble flared outside several public houses as her float passed by. Demonstrators hurled abuse and at one point glasses of beer and fish and chips were thrown at the float, hitting the shields.

SCAB QUEEN TAKES AWAY

POSTMAN PAT FIGHTS BACK

As Class War goes to press a national postal strike is looming up. Its about time the image of the "happy postie" doing his duty for the "Royal Mail" was buried, good and proper. Postal workers are amongst the most exploited sections of the working class, working long hours for low wages. The latest strike is not just about bonuses but the pay rise that hasn't been paid, the introduction of video surveillance at work and demands from the management for increased productivity. Let's give them all the support we can.

Encouraging news for British workers. So far in 1988 1.9 million working days have been lost through strikes. Nurses, car workers and seaman made a great start to the year so we should easily top the 1987 figure.

FROM BELGRAVE TO BARROW

In YUGOSLAVIA (7/7/88) 4000 demonstrators, mostly shoe workers stormed the parliament building demanding to be paid their wages and protesting about the cost of living. BARROW IN FURNAÇE in Cumbria has seen a massive struggle. The Vickers shipyard that dominates the town has been on strike for weeks. Workers are refusing to be forced to take all their holidays on the same fortnight of the summer so the bosses can close the factory and save profits.

CHARGE



25/8/88 Nurses at London, Sheffield and Manchester hospitals took industrial action in support of their pay claim.

LETTERS



Dear Class War,

I've noticed that you don't have a letters page so I thought you'd like to start one.

What I like most about Class War is the way that, unlike other "political" papers it doesn't go on and on about "after the revolution etc etc". I like the way it talks about doing things NOW, to improve our lives NOW. I think one of the best things about it is its no nonsense approach to dealing with anti social criminals, muggers, rapists and other class traitors. Now, I had better say right here that I am not some right wing vigilante type who has simply picked on this one aspect of Class War. I consider myself a "Class War Anarchist" but I think that community defence is as important as any struggle which our class has to deal with.

Most other papers and groups, both anarchist and left wing only seem interested in people defending themselves when they are attacked on the grounds of race or sexuality. Of course they are quite right to support such self defence, but what about other attacks on members of the working class? After all, race and sexuality are not grounds for an attack, they are simply excuses. I assume that people like the RCP, SWP etc are in favour of intervening to stop such attacks but what if they see someone getting kicked in on the excuse that he supports another football team, follows a different youth cult looked at one of his attackers in the pub or danced with one of "their" girl friends in the disco. Would they intervene then? I suspect not. However I would like to think that most supporters of Class War would do something. These thugs are among the worst oppressors our class has. They keep us off OUR streets and out of the pubs, clubs and football grounds which are the rightful property of OUR class. The struggle against the thug is exactly the same struggle as the one against the Landlord, the Employer, the bigot and the rich bastard.

I think that Class War's stand against anti social criminals is going to attract a lot of working class people who are, hopefully, beginning to see through the idea of the police as our protectors. They don't protect us. They are not meant to. There aren't enough police to protect Old Age Pensioners (apparently) but there seems to be plenty to protect royalty, break up picket lines, beat up hunt saboteurs etc. The main problem in defending our communities against muggers, thieves, racists etc is the police. Self defence is practically illegal in this country (for the working class, anyway). Remember that guy with his sword stick on the London Underground not long ago? He ended up in court. I bet he wouldn't have got done if he had been royalty or rich. The point is that a hell of a lot of people sympathised with that guy. What we have to get across to people is that if they agree (quite rightly) with breaking the law if they feel they have to in order to protect a basic human right (in this case physical protection) then why not in order to protect other basic human rights, homes, healthcare, the

environment on which all life depends? You can't believe in government on the one hand yet on the other be prepared to break that governments laws. It is hypocrisy. If you are honest you have to declare yourself an anarchist! Think about it.

MICK Middlesborough.

CLASS WAR BIKERS



The fat scumbags in parliament see Bikers as a threat to their normal society. We are a large minority, of mainly working class people, united by a love of motorbikes. We have a strong tradition, built up over the last twenty odd years, of support for each other and a healthy dislike for authority.

Rich, parasitic, chauffeur driven M.P.s have been making policies enforcing a series of laws against our freedom to ride, so as to slowly wipe us out.

Most bikers realise this and are aware that we must put up a united front to show that our culture will not be destroyed that easily.

Many bikers have joined groups like MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP or gone to demos like the recent one at Hyde Park. Hyde Park attracted enough bikers to block up London for the day. While these actions show our strength and determination to stand together, we as bikers in Class War realised they don't go far enough.

As long as there is government there will be more and more laws against us. Believing this we've formed CLASS WAR BIKERS which is not only against biking laws but against the system which makes them. We think bikers should join the class struggle so our culture can survive.

If you ride a bike and hate the government and the Rolls Royce driving politicians who are trying to stop you, then fight back with Class War Bikers.

C.W. Bikers can be contacted through Derby Class War Group.

GOOD IDEA GO TO

Thanks to Mike for the idea. the fact is that we won't have much of a letters page if you don't write, so put pen to paper today.

THE HEAVY STUFF



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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.

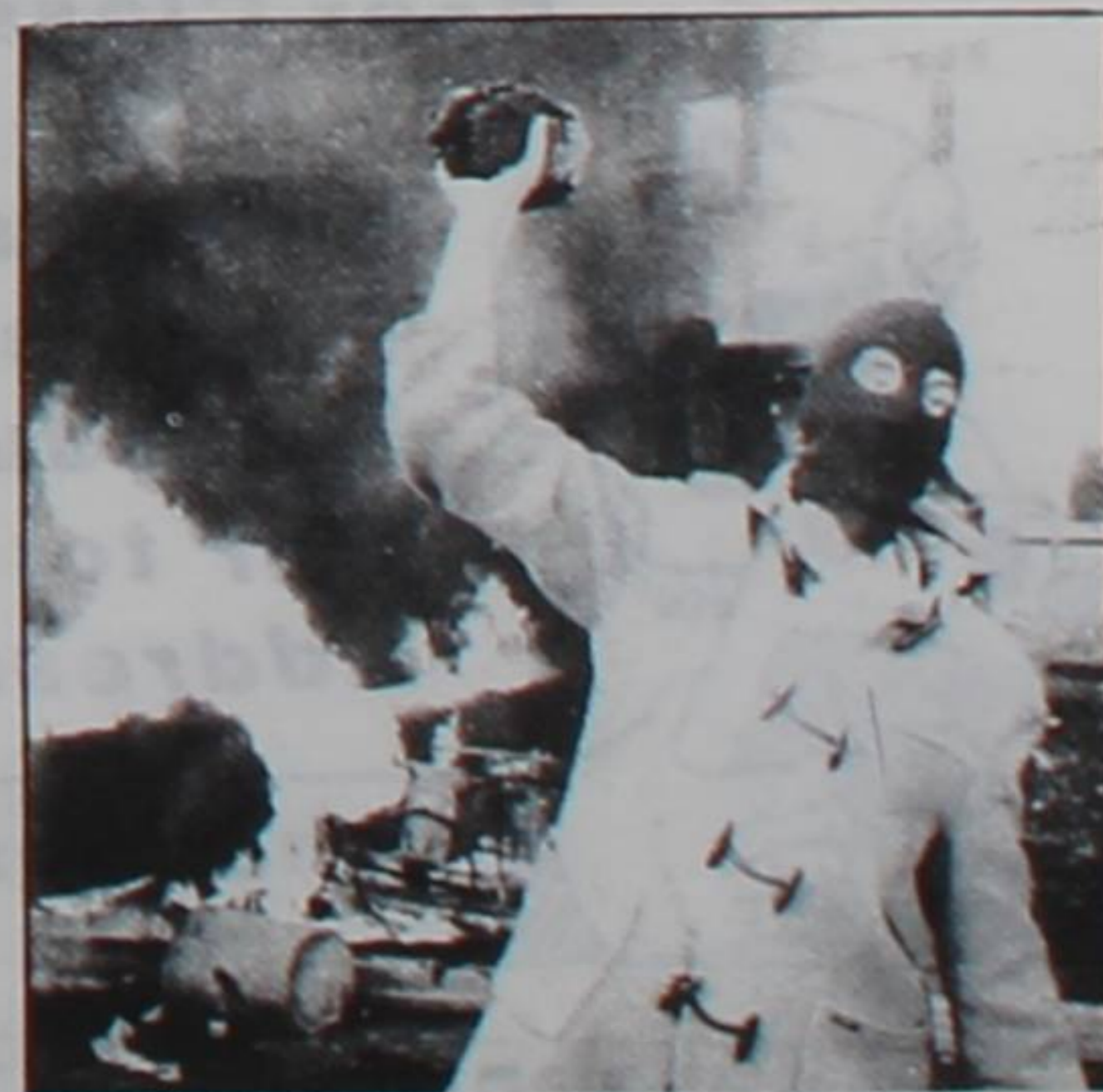
5. We do not believe the working class needs leadership. We are totally hostile to the politicians, union bosses and 'Revolutionary Parties' who attempt to be working class 'leaders'. We are not trying to lead anybody anywhere. The purpose of CLASS WAR is to increase the revolutionary aspects of working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



SPORT

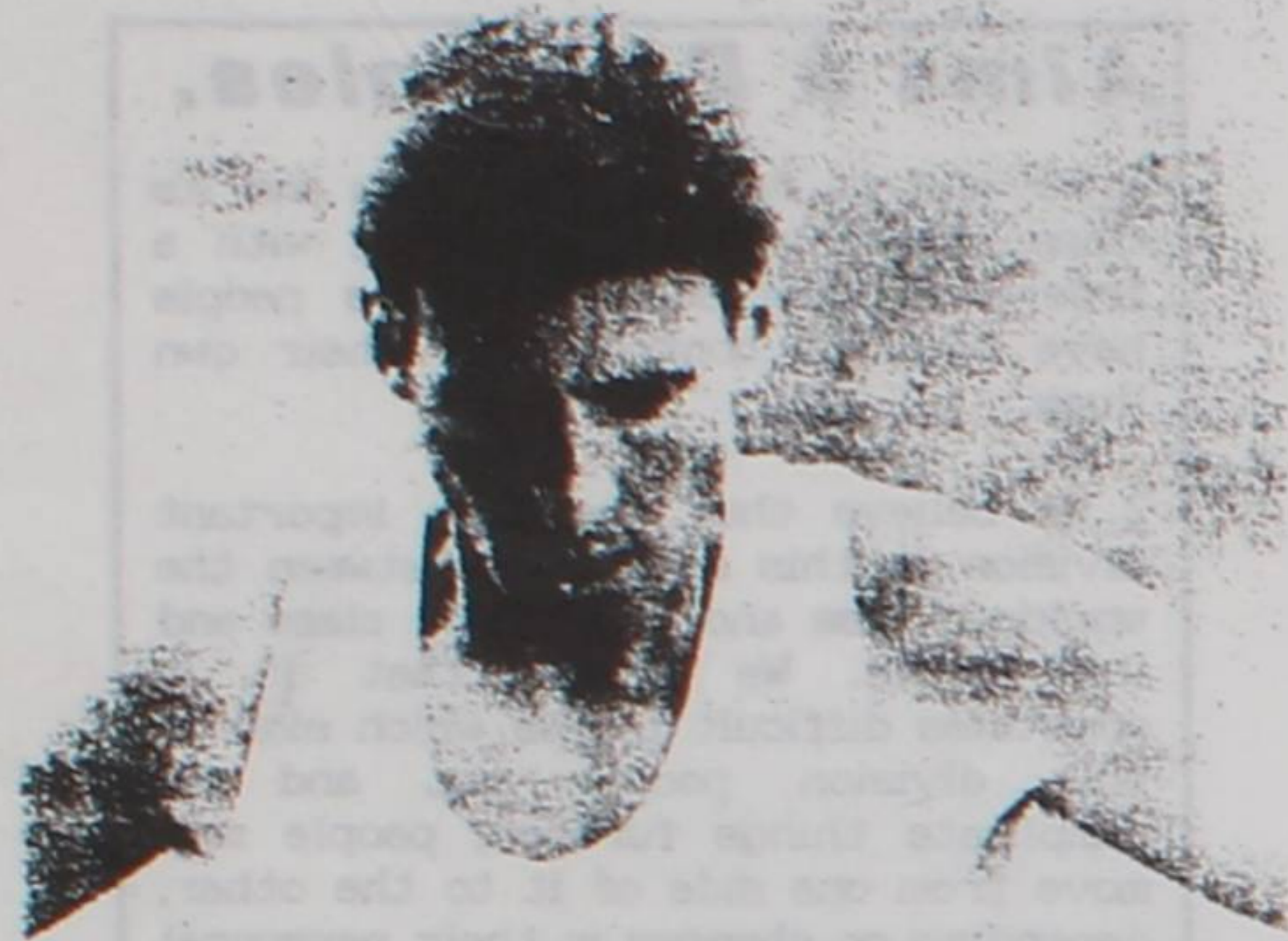


WHATS UP SPORT

So now our sports centres and playing fields are to be sold off. No doubt the fields in desirable areas will soon sprout luxury housing. In many towns sports facilities are already bad or non-existent, you have to book weeks ahead at sports centres and now its going to get worse. When they are owned by big business what's the betting the prices will rocket and they start looking for a more exclusive type of customer.

We'll be left with what they can't make a profit out of second rate facilities where much needed repairs will have to wait. The result will be swimming pools, running tracks and football pitches left derelict.

As communities we have to resist further closures and attempts to cut back. It's often easier to keep things open than it is to get them open once the shutters are down. Neither can we let facilities in our towns and cities to fall into the hands of property developers and big business. They'll only be really safe when they're in our hands.



I SHOULD COE COE

Seb Coe, the ugly face of yuppie athletics not content with making millions for running round the asphalt for one and a half minutes, now wants a free meal ticket to Seoul. That was the sickening story of July. His tory friends in the media and government hysterically portrayed him as God's gift to international athletics, while the other hardworking and poorly paid contenders selected in his place continued to destroy him on the tracks of european stadiums.

Now it appears that Coe's support comes not because of any belief in his recent mediocre ability but because he is a long standing member of the Conservative party. Coe has voiced his wish to stand as a candidate for the tories, and a medal in Seoul would have greatly increased his chances of success in a political career. Lets run this bastard into the ground.

SEOULED OUT

Latest news from the olympics is that walls have been built along 100 miles of the Olympic torch route to hide the shit housing that working class people have to live in. To cap it all the residents of these areas have been asked to pay for it! This comes after over 100,000 people have been evicted from their houses to make way for property developers.

FOOTBALL SHORTS

"It's disgraceful what people are trying to do in the leagues centenary year. Some might argue that it has become a Wall Street game, with money being the most important consideration but I think we owe the game more than that."...Gordon Taylor, leader of the Football League Players Union.

● Thirty of the Leeds group clashed with 100 Bradford City supporters at the town's railway station and they had to be rescued and ushered on to trains by uniformed police. During that fracas, an undercover police officer, Pc Paul Creeham, known to the gang as "Poacher", was the only person arrested.—Daily Telegraph (Mr J T Hart)

As reprinted in the New Statesman

"The survival of soccer as a spectator sport is in question"....Margaret Thatcher 1988. Thanks for the warning.

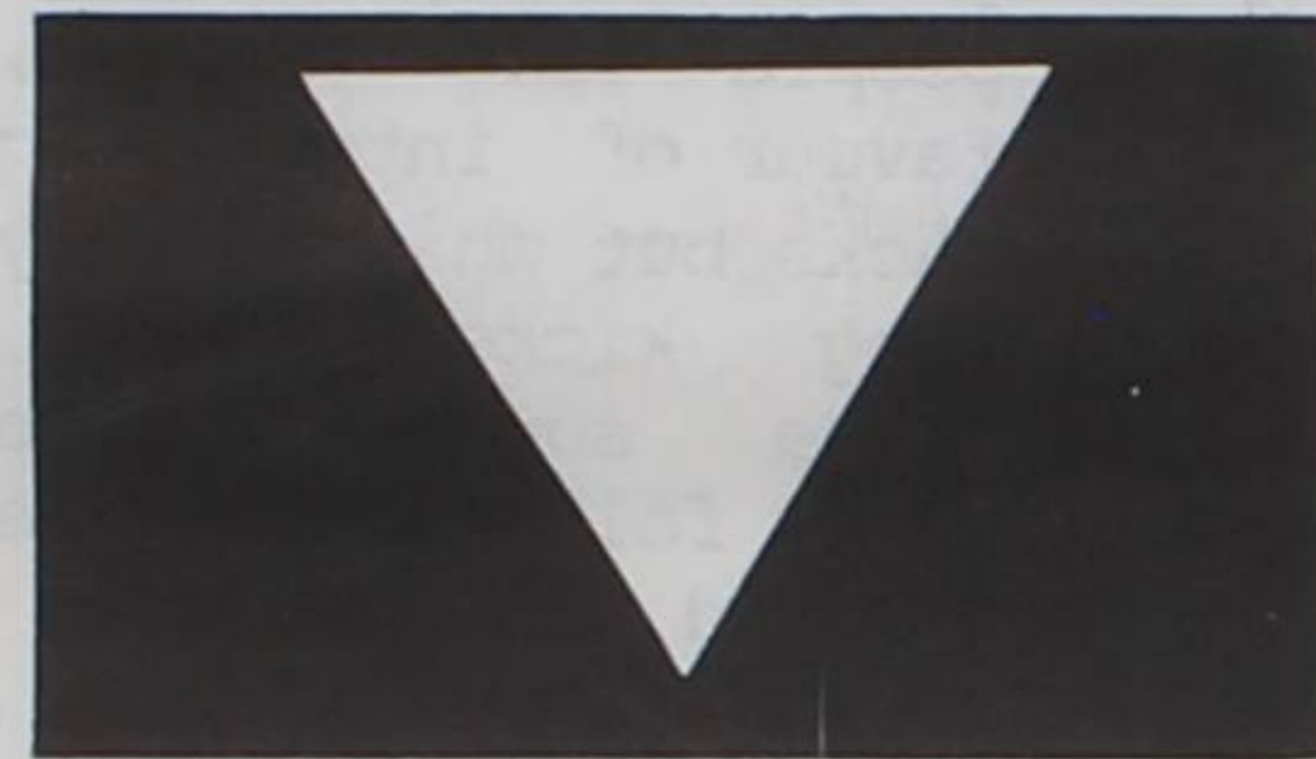


TOUR DE FRANCE

88 THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE GOES ON

Striking French Shipyard workers earned themselves some international publicity when they halted the "Tour de France" cycle race for 15 minutes during its first stage. The strikers protesting about the loss of jobs had warned the race organisers that they would block the giant suspension toll bridge at St Nazaire. However they promised to let the riders through after they were allowed to make a presentation to Guido Bontempi, winner of the previous days time trial.

The strikers kept their word...by blocking all the toll entrances except one, allowing the riders to go through in single file but halting the advance convoy of publicity vehicles and team cars. The race was halted. The demonstration was largely good natured but towards the end fighting broke out between the stikers and race stwards. Publicity cars were smashed up, a particular target of the strikers was the Volvo carrying Luis Ocana, the 1973 tour winner who was reporting the race for Spanish TV. Ocana is a known right wing extremist and supporter of the French National Front. Luckily for him he managed to escape.



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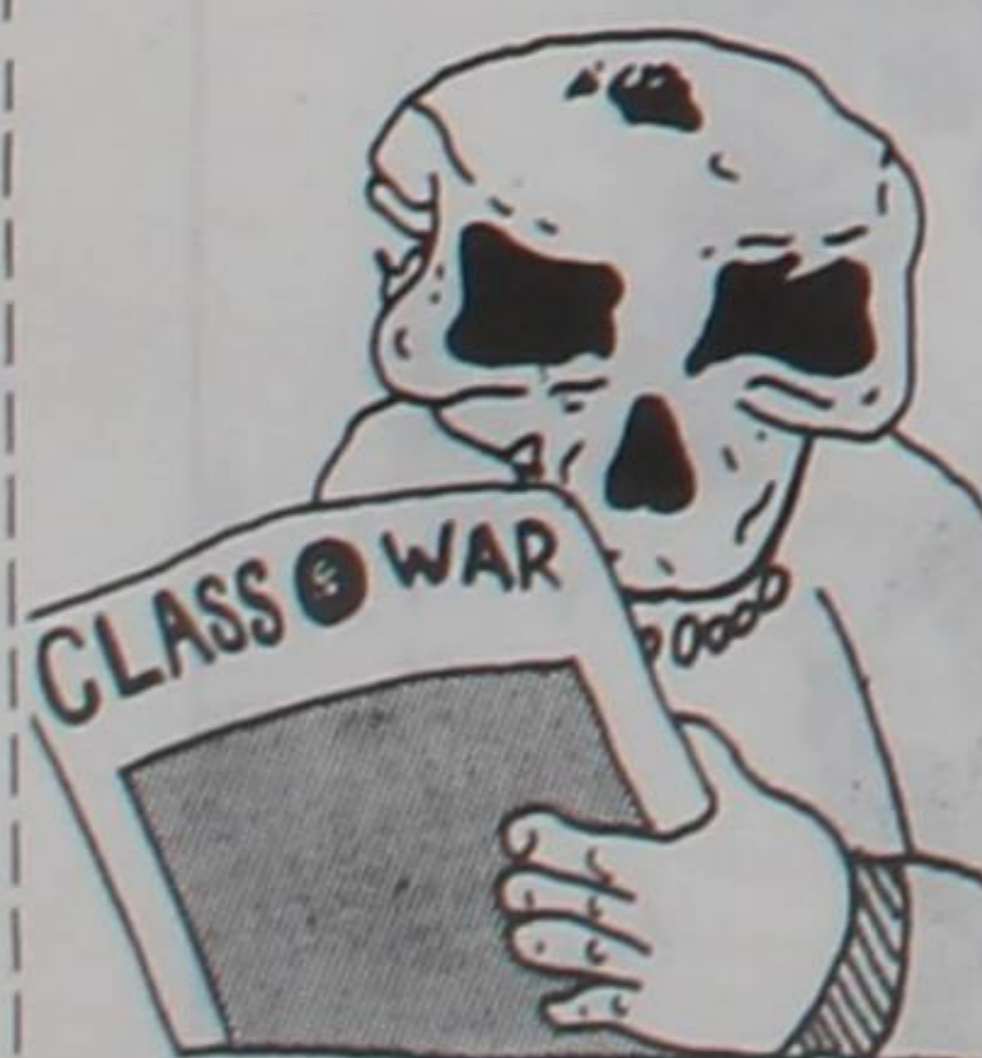
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