

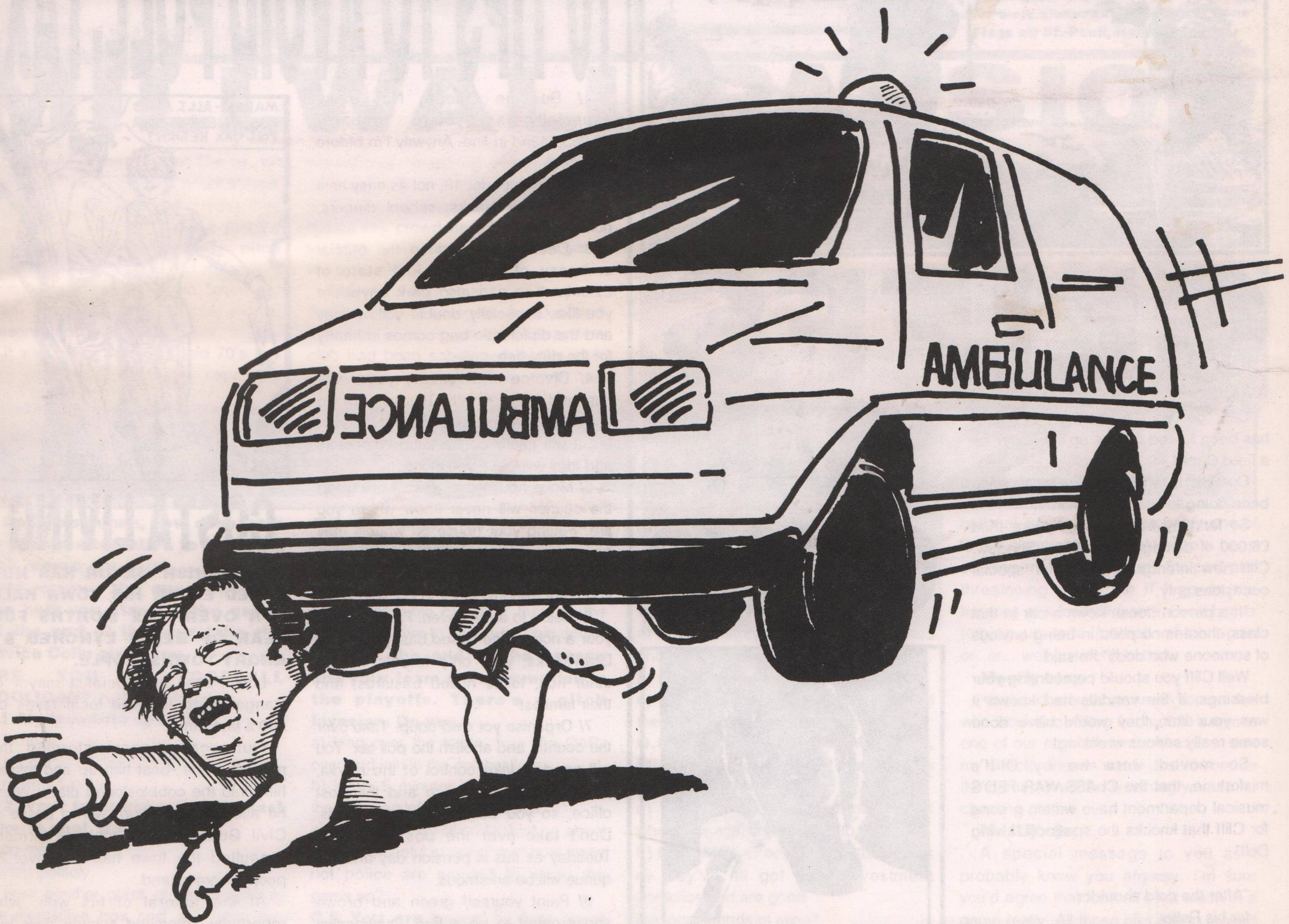
CLASS WAR

BRITAIN'S MOST UNRULY TABLOID

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RUN DOWN KENNETH CLARKE



NOT THE HEALTH SERVICE

LIFT OFF!

WELCOME TO ISSUE 38 OF CLASS WAR, THE PAPER THAT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS.

Packed into this edition we cover everything from riots and revolutions, questions and quizzes to judges, jokes, industry and I.D. cards.

On the centre pages is a pull-out section on Eastern Europe, it's certainly all been happening there! The articles might look a bit 'heavy duty' in this section, but they're well worth going through. We hope to produce at least some articles for the next Heavy Stuff on Russia/Communism and Eastern Europe, if not a booklet. So keep your eyes open for that.

Closer to home we look again at Salford, to find that war has been declared! The Ambulance dispute gets a well deserved page, Sally Skull's in fighting form and the sports page the best to press.

Women in work, T.V., Hong Kong, it's all here, in the paper that's looking good for the 90's. Looking healthy also is the Class War Federation. Letters are flooding in from home and abroad and new contacts being made all the time. We are preparing to organise ourselves better in the Fed to cope with our growth and to make sure the Federation remains fair and true to its aims.

OUR TIME HAS COME!!!



CLIFFS

Cliff "get your bibles here" Richard has been forced to give up his Roller for a Ford Capri!

Due entirely to the damage locals have been doing to his posh motor.

So far they have caused more than £6,000 of damage to his Silver Shadow. Cliff now intends to use it for special occasions only.

"If a person doesn't own a car in that class, there is no point in being envious of someone who does" he said.

Well Cliff you should be counting your blessings, if the vandals had known it was your limo they would have done some really serious wrecking!

So moved were we by Cliff's misfortune, that the CLASS WAR FED'S musical department have written a song for Cliff that knocks the spots off "Living Doll"

"After the cold shoulder for his Roller, Cliff's now happy with his Capri. But changing car won't get him far, Cos we know that he's still a tuneless twat".

CAR CRISIS



TUNELESS TWAT

Tuneless, Rich Twat

DON'T BE A MUG

ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY, (VERY APPROPRIATE) THE MOST HATED TAX EVER WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

In Scotland, where they've been poll taxed now for almost a year, the system is in a shamles.

The very system of local government in some areas, is threatening to grind to a holt. Over 25% of folk in Glasgow alone are refusing to pay, and this is the figure that the BBC are quoting, you can bet the real figure is much higher.

The government, and their lackeys in local government, are seriously concerned. Glasgow's new court building has been built with 'holding'

cells for up to 3,000 people!, the Tories have promised 'generous' grants to the Scottish local authorities for next year, and the media is now being flooded with 'make it easy on yourself' type adverts.

The lesson for the English and Welsh is easy, DON'T PAY, DON'T REGISTER, and if you do PAY ONLY A COUPLE OF INSTALLMENTS, then tell the council to; "Fuck right off" and don't pay the rest.

If you're doing any of these things don't keep it to yourself, tell your neighbours and get them to tell theirs. Remember; its easy to avoid payment theres' just to many people for them to fine everyone.

Don't be a mug!

10 TIPS TO AVOID POLL TAX

1/ Become Queen. Not easy, especially as you're probably 40,283,242nd in line. Anyway I'm before you.

2/ Become under 18, not as easy as it sounds. Draw backs; school dinners, homework and detention.

3/ Declare your house the official embassy of the long lost state of Estonia. You can also park anywhere you like, especially double yellow lines and the diplomatic bag comes in handy for the duty free.

4/ Divorce and remarry your wife/husband every month. This will involve you filling in a poll tax form every month, but it will totally confuse the inspectors and they will leave you alone.

5/ Move house every two weeks and the council will never know where you are. Putting your house on wheels may be easier. One drawback. If they catch up with you they may make you have your very own inspector to live with you.

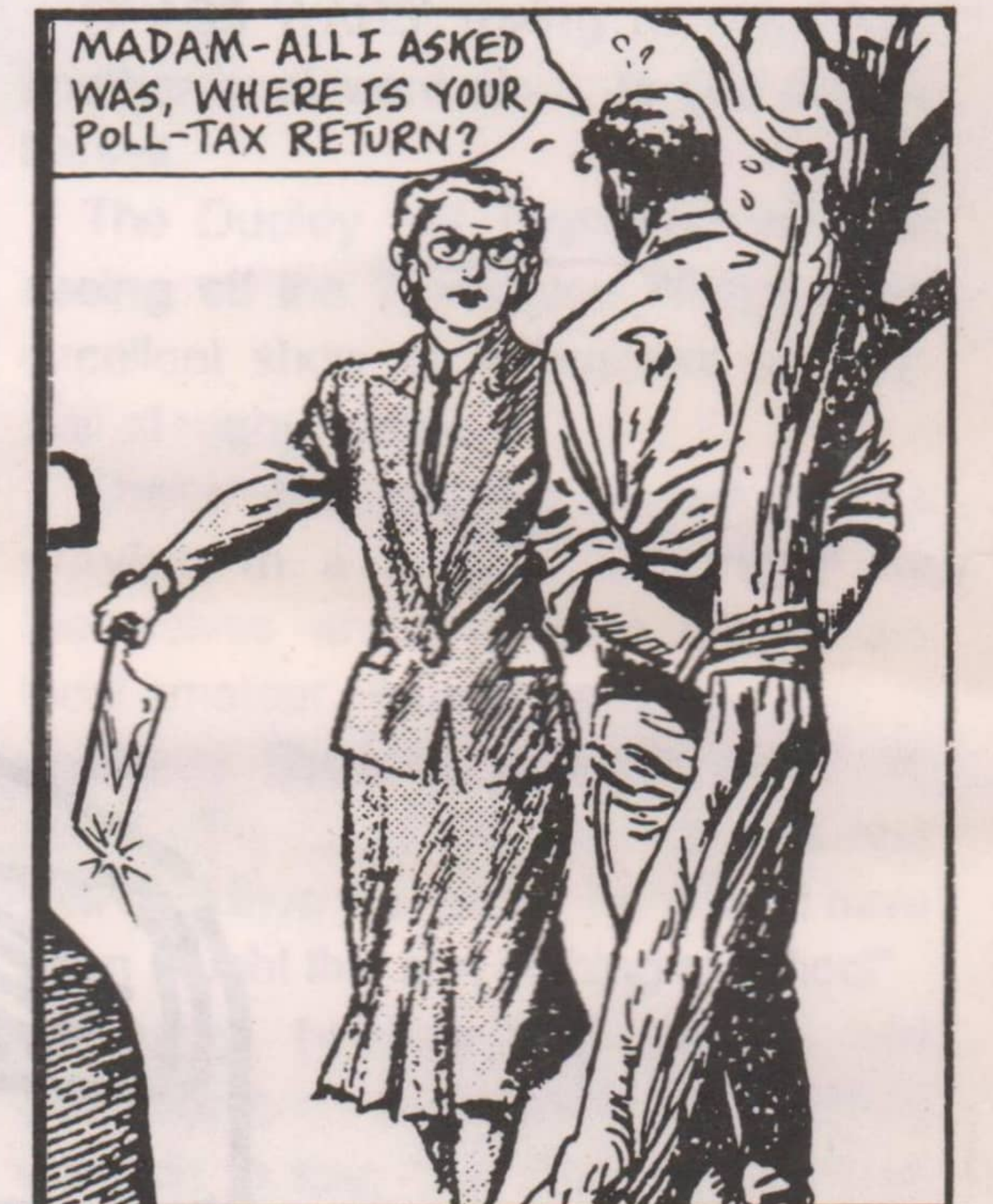
6/ Retire to a tax haven. Fairly easy, if your a rich, toffee nosed, bastard that is! Drawbacks; your only friends will be other rich, toffee nosed bastards, and their families!

7/ Organise yor own coup. Take over the country and abolish the poll tax. You will need to take control of the media, parliament, army, police and the post office, so you will need a few friends. Don't take over the post office on Tuesday as this is pension day and the queue will be enormous.

8/ Paint yourself green and brown and pretend to be a tree. Drawbacks; dogs, and your hair falls out in autumn.

9/ Admit to being a Russian spy and get expelled to Moscow. Drawbacks; it's very cold in Moscow and Thatcher is planning a state visit there soon.

10/ DIE. A bit drastic but that's life!



COSTA LIVING

A SPANISH MAYOR HAS NOT DARED ENTER HIS TOWN HALL FOR OVER FIVE MONTHS FOR FEAR OF BEING LYNCHED BY ANGRY TOWNSPEOPLE.

Lois Pens, the Socialist mayor of Cangas tried to raise local taxes by 500% last June.

Outraged villagers stormed the mayor's office, beat him up and tossed him onto the cobblestoned plaza. When he attempted to return with a posse of Civil Guardsmen a mob of farmers assaulted the town hall and over 20 people were injured.

At the funeral of his wife, who reportedly committed suicide over her husband's troubles, Pens was almost lynched.

Now that his police escort has been removed he can only go back into town with a bodyguard.

We wonder how the townspeople of Cangas would react to the poll tax!

ANGER GROWS IN 999 DISPUTE

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS ARTICLE, BRITAIN COULD BE IN THE MIDDLE OF A NATIONWIDE, ALL-OUT AMBULANCE STRIKE.

As we go to press, crews in several areas are already on unofficial strike, others are carrying out ballots and more look set to follow.

All over the country the mood is one of anger and frustration at the continuing deadlock in the dispute and the union leaders' refusal to step up industrial action in line with the views of a growing number of rank and file members.

PITIFUL OFFER

The dispute is centred around a pitiful 6.5% pay offer by health service chiefs. It is now in its 19th week, and the government are more stubborn than ever.

Health Minister Kenneth Clarke, fuelled the workers' anger when he said they were nothing more than "taxi drivers" who didn't deserve a bigger increase.

TORIES DETERMINED

The Tories are determined to win the dispute at any cost. Many lives have already been lost due to army ambulances not turning up or through accidents caused by inexperienced army drivers.

The army has now been called in by 20 out of the country's 30 ambulance services wheeling out ever more dodgy looking vehicles that look as if they date back to the First World War!

WORKERS CONTROL

In many areas, crews have set up unofficial accident and emergency services under full workers control, releasing ex-directory telephone numbers of stations for the public to ring direct.

Many controllers have refused to pass on 999 calls onto the police and army and have been suspended along with ambulance crews.

BAN Managers have been trying to scupper the crews' heroic efforts to provide their own service by getting court injunctions banning them from using ambulance service property "without permission". Stations have been locked up, and ambulances have been immobilised or had life-saving equipment removed from them. Drivers have also been threatened with prosecution for "stealing" ambulances



"I don't care, I earn loads and use BUPA"

and driving without insurance.

RESISTANCE

But many crews are resisting these moves, despite pleas by union leaders to "abide by the law". Workers at stations such as Hillingdon in West London have barricaded themselves in to prevent management immobilising their vans. Hundreds of angry workers stormed the main headquarters of the London Ambulance

Service at Waterloo, and were only prevented from taking over the control room through the intervention of the police.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

Opinion Polls have shown that an incredible 85% of the population support the ambulance workers' claim. 4.5 million people have signed their petition and over £1.5 million has been collected from public donations. A demonstration in London drew over 40,000 people and there have been well-supported marches and rallies all over the country.

MORE ACTION NEEDED

But public sympathy has not been translated into political action. The big London demo could have been ten times bigger if the union leaders had used all the resources available to them.

The TUC have backed a "General Strike" for 30th January. But unsurprisingly they have said that workers should only come out "by arrangement with their employers" and for no longer than 15 minutes! Even at a grass roots level, ambulance workers have failed to capitalise upon the support of the working class communities they serve. They should be trying to get people to help with the running of occupied stations helping maintain vehicles, getting supplies in

and so on.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, LOCAL PEOPLE AND OTHER WORKERS WILL BE NEEDED TO PHYSICALLY DEFEND AMBULANCE STATIONS AGAINST LOCK-OUTS OR ATTEMPTS TO IMMOBILISE OR COMMANDEER AMBULANCES AND EQUIPMENT.

VICTORY

The ambulance workers cannot win their dispute on their own. They need the active support of the rest of the working class, both in the community and the workplace.

A VICTORY FOR THE AMBULANCE CREWS WOULD THEN BE A VICTORY FOR US ALL. IT WOULD GIVE OTHER WORKERS THE CONFIDENCE THEY NEED TO FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES AND WOULD BE A WELL-DESERVED AND LONG OVERDUE SMACK IN THE GOB FOR THATCHER, CLARKE AND THE REST OF THE TORY SCUM.

TO STRIKE OR NOT TO STRIKE

The indefinite, all-out strike has always been seen as the "final solution" in any and all industrial disputes.

Since the beginning of the ambulance dispute, the "hard" left have been calling - as they always do - for a national strike. militant workers, frustrated at the lack of progress have now taken up the call.

However, we believe that the increasingly stubborn and aggressive attitude displayed by the government

DID YOU KNOW.....

*The money paid out to the Police and army during the dispute so far would have funded the ambulance workers claim in full.

*The Metropolitan Police are charging the London Ambulance Service #16.20 per hour for their services - Ambulance crews are paid #5.46 per hour.

*Nearly all the equipment carried in ambulances in some areas has been bought through fund-raising by ambulance staff.

*The T.U.C. asked the Police to ban a march of ambulance workers and supporters from South London to Trafalgar Square on 13th. Jan.

*Crews in Hackney Station, East London, refused to meet T.U.C. leader Norman Willis when he came to visit them, due to his lack of support.

*Kenneth Clarke is a complete Bastard who should be put up against a wall and shot.

shows that they are actively trying to provoke an all-out strike.

They know that they cannot give in while public support remains high. They are terrified of the effect a popular victory would have upon the rest of the working class in terms of wage demands and political militancy in general.

Even though a strike would stretch the resources of the police and army to the limits, causing many preventable deaths, the Tories will hold their ground. They have already shown their willingness to let people die rather than concede to the ambulance workers' demands.

There is no doubt that a strike would drag on for months and public support would be seriously damaged.

Until now, the gutter press and media have been unable to criticise the workers. But a withdrawal of unofficial emergency cover would allow them to express all the venom they have been keeping back for the last four months. In time, there is no doubt this would start to take effect.

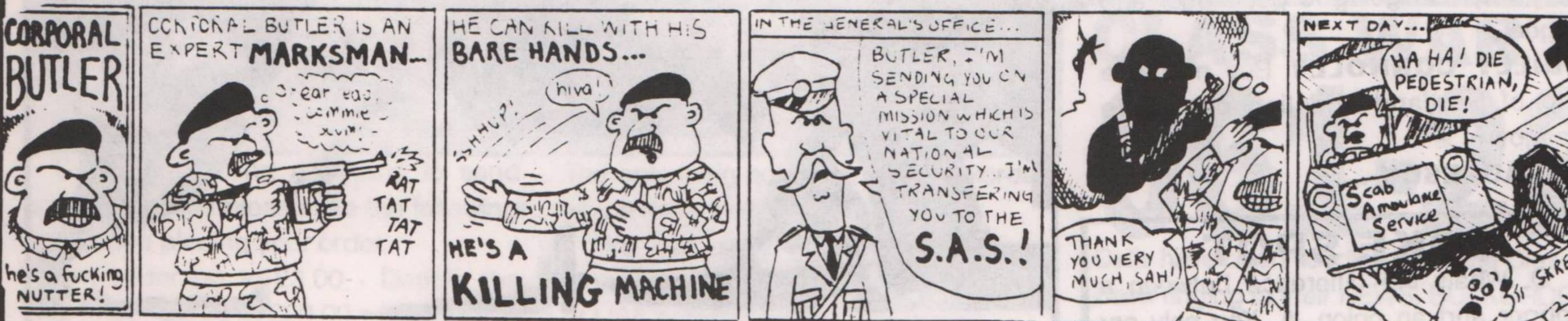
The union leaders have already shown their willingness to make concessions against the wishes of rank and file members. An official strike would put all the power back into their hands, instead of the initiative remaining at the grass roots.

When the government judge that the time is right, they will make a few minor concessions. The union leaders will recommend acceptance to their members who will have no choice but to follow if they are to avoid a backlash from the public.

This dispute has demonstrated how ordinary workers can run an essential emergency service without bureaucratic management. It has been a shining example of workers control. **IT MUST NOT BE WASTED!**

A national strike is not the means to a momentous victory for the ambulance workers. The real secret lies in mobilising the rest of the working class - turning passive support into militant action on the streets and in the workplaces.

We will continue to support the ambulance workers whatever, but we must remember is, is a hollow victory is no victory at all.



SALLY SKUDS

ROYAL PLOT

NOW THAT THE FLU BUG, WHICH HAD US ALL LAID UP, HAS PASSED, I AM GOING TO REVEAL TO MY READERS A SECRET PLOT TO TOP THE QUEEN!!!

As the flu virus hit epidemic proportions in December last year, with hundreds dying each week, a cunning plot began to unfold to kill 'Old Horseface'.

As she mingled with crowds of people, a fearless Class Warrior, who'd been stricken down with bronicle flu, was strategically placed and as Horseface came within six feet of his streaming nose, he let fly with a carefully held sneeze.

It went straight at Her head, covering Her with countless billions of Flu germs!

Alas, the plan failed, she contracted flu, but stubbornly refused to die...

NEW YEARS HONORS?

Heres a few new years resolutions I've managed to get my hands on...

THE QUEEN MUM; I'm going to go green for 1990, and stop using Panda hair incontinence pads...

GORBACHOV I have no resolutions. I have no word to describe what is happening in the Soviet Union. They keep sending me off to places I've never heard of, full of people shouting at me in languages I don't understand, stinking of garlic and goat dung. It's more than flesh a blood can stand, I'm considering giving up this job and opening a small Whelk stall on the Black Sea...

COLIN MOYNAHAN Every day, in every way, I'm going to get bigger and bigger....

BILLY CONNOLLY Buy myself a map of Scotland and find out where Glasgow is...

CEAUSESCU

JOKE SPOT

Q, Whats the difference between a copper and an onion. A, You only cry when you chop up an onion!!!



WHAT'S IN STORE

Around this time every year I like to cast the tea leaves and have a look at whats in store for the coming year...So heres a few predictions...

The Duchess of Pork, who had seven holidays last year, will have only five. Also on the Fergie front, watch out for her giving birth to yet another parasite, whilst skiing one legged down the Swiss Alps...

Cliff Richard will embark on a project to turn the Bible into a string of hit pop singles...

A duet of **Aled Jones** and **Kylie**, will tour the USSR, taking it by storm singing their classic single "Come dig the coal heroic miners, and together we'll beat this years production quotas"

They'll be followed by The Nolan Sisters (who?) eager to flog the four million copies they've got left of there LP, "The worst of The Nolans"...

There will be massive rises in...rents...mortgages...prices in general...unemployment...and sales of Class War!

BIG EARS

Prince 'If I could talk to the animals' Charles has been slammed for forcing out elderly, working class tenants.

Big Ears has been ordering massive rent rises in his Duchy of Cornwall estate flats in London. His residents cannot pay, and then they are thrown out, and the now tenant-free flats are flogged of to Yuppies.

Pensioner Fred Stedman said; "It makes me angry seeing Charles on TV saying there should be more places to rent. Meanwhile he's selling his own rented property left, right and centre. It's disgusting, he's nothing more than a parasite!"

Dead right Fred! I say string the lot of 'em up, and we'll soon see how superior they are then!

WE'LL GIVE THEM A RISE

AND WHILE WERE ON THE SUBJECT OF HANGING...

It would seem that the Tories are still having to buy the

loyalty of their so-called 'top people'.

Yes, the top civil servants, judges, soldiers and bosses of nationalised industries are to get yet another in a series of whopping pay rises.

That senile coffin-chaser Lord Justice Lane get a huge £13,000 rise, and boss of the RAF Sir David Craig, who's not exactly short of a few bob himself, gets an extra nine grand!

All this, while ambulance staff are forced to strike to get a poxy 9% themselves.

SPOT THE



PARASITE

IF BEING THE MOST EVIL, TWISTED BASTARD EVER WAS A COMPETITION, JUDGE JAMES PICKLES WOULD STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING.

You may remember him being in the news recently for jailing a mother and her young baby for theft. Despite the fact that this was her first offence, and that the woman had gained nothing (she undercharged people on the check-out till where she worked) Pickles used her as an 'example'.

An example to other women who might think that by getting pregnant they can avoid prison. **HAS THIS MAN GOT MAD COW DISEASE OR WHAT?**

Can't you just see it? Women thinking 'bugger me I might get six months inside, better devote the next 16+ years of my life to bringing up a child to get out of it!!! What makes it more amazing is that this woman conceived the baby BEFORE knowing of her fate. But all this passed by Judge Pickles, on his crusade to fuck up as many lives as possible.

SMALL MERCIES

Thankfully his decision in this case was overturned. ONLY because other judges don't mind wiggid bastards like Pickles, as long as they don't go COMPLETELY over the top, which in this case he had done.

But the Judges who overturned his decision were careful not to seriously

criticise him, let alone sack him. Well, as he said himself during another controversy "no-one can sack me".

DEAD BABIES

What, though, has gone widely unreported, is the sad tale of Tracey Scott's friend who was jailed in the same shop theft case.

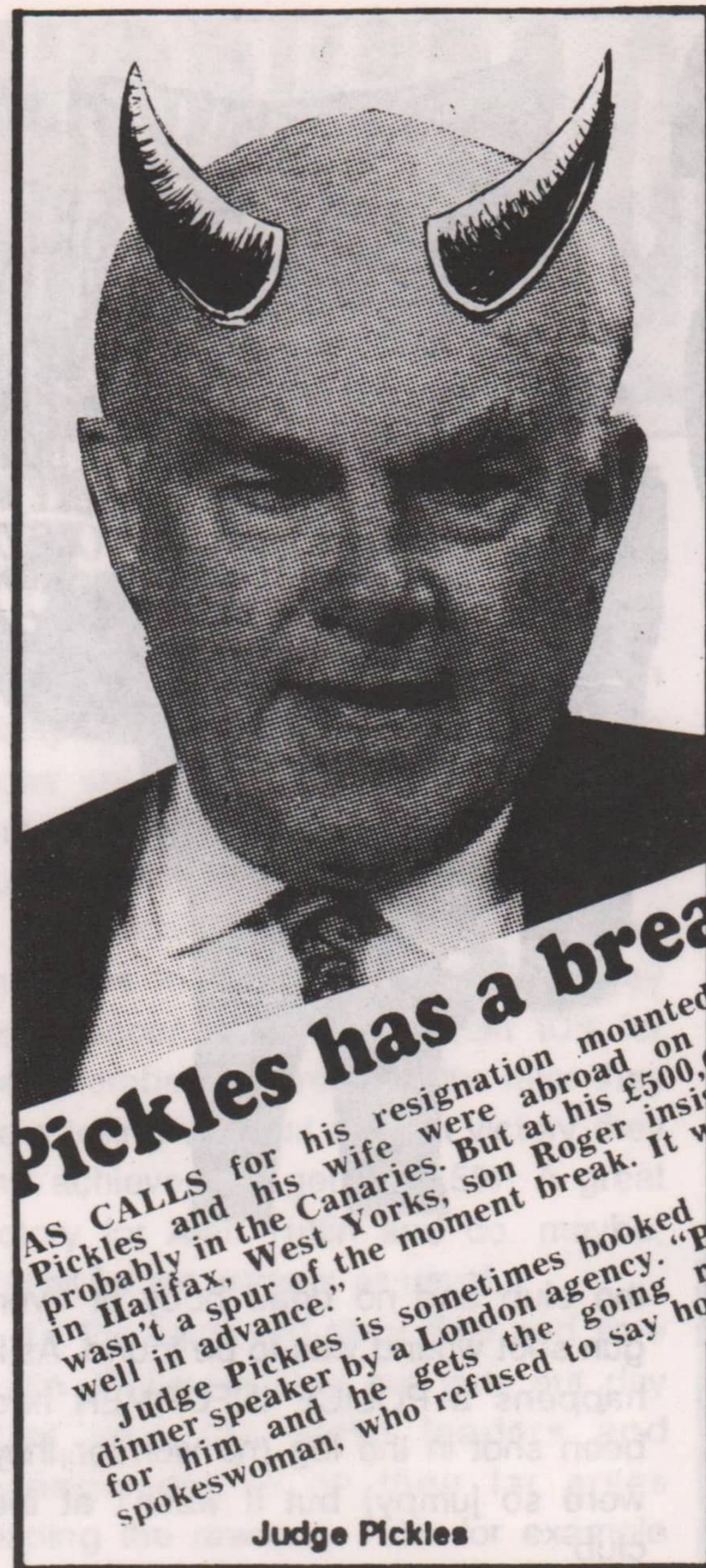
Vivien-Anne Todd was sentenced to 28 days in prison for stealing goods worth £30. That was over the top to start with. But she too had a son, 5 month old Darryl, who through prison she was forced to be separated from. Only a few days after being released from her unfortunate and unnecessary prison sentence, Darryl died a cot death.

Although experts can't rule out a connection (Dr. Paul Johnson of the infant monitoring centre pointing out that between 3 to 6 months was the worst time for mothers and babies to be separated) this is not what Vivien-Anne Todd holds against Pickles. She holds against him the fact he took away from her precious time she could have spent with her baby.

RICH

It comes as no surprise that Judge James Pickles is Rich. The rich just don't understand the working class, they hate us.

Their job is to keep us oppressed, because if we get too cocky, we may turn round and tell them where to get off, and organise our own justice. This fear of



PICKLES PREVIOUS

The past form of this man, Public enemy Judge Pickles, makes gruesome reading. Here are some of the selected low-lights we in the Fed have picked out.

* When asked whether he thought it was right that 3 people had to share a cell at Armley he replied "If I had my way they'd be forced into sharing 3 to a bed".

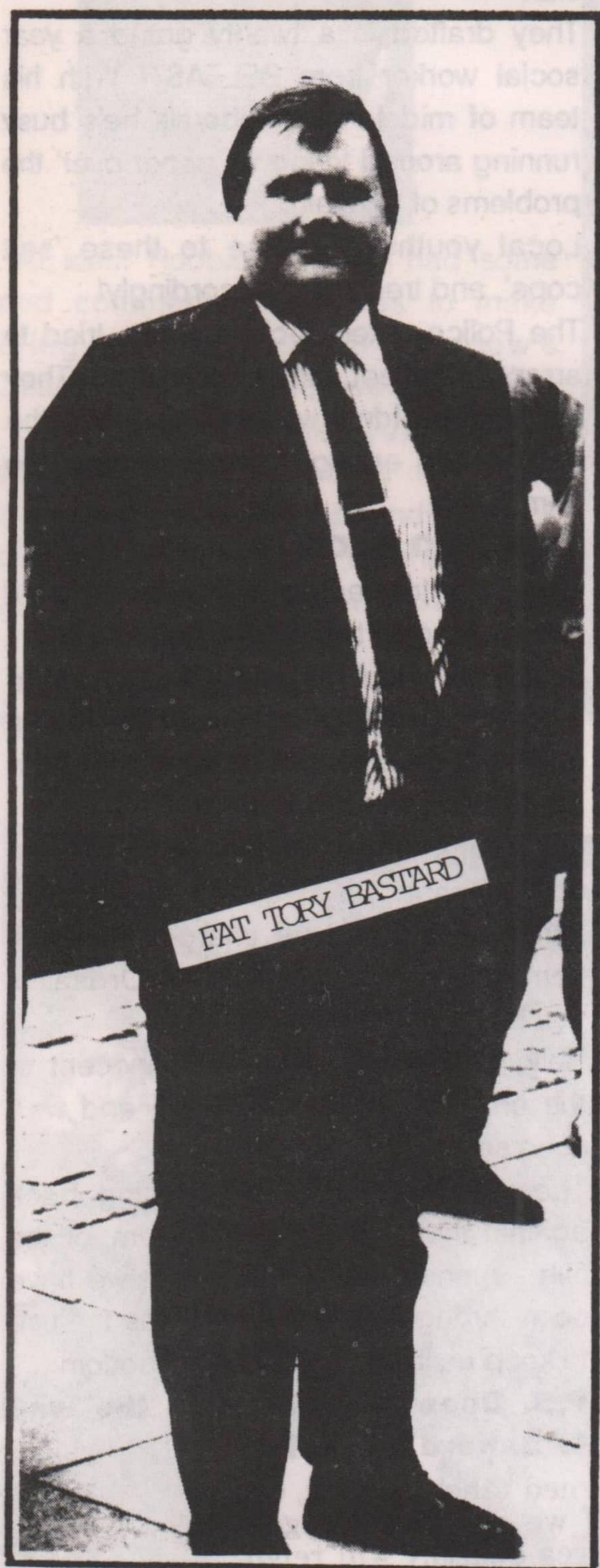
* In January 1989 he freed a sex beast who assaulted a girl of 6, saying "If you went to prison bullies would pick on you".

* In June 89 he jailed a woman who was too scared to give evidence against a man accused of beating her up.

* When asked to comment on Vivien-Anne Todd getting sent down (see under 'Dead Babies' in main article) he said "it would have been just like a bout of flu for her".

PICKLES, GUILTY AS CHARGED!

YORKSHIRE PICKLES



ON TUESDAY OCT. 25th. 1988, THE NATIONAL MEDIA AND THOUSAND OF DEMONSTRATORS DESCENDED ON BRADFORD'S TOWN HALL.

The event was the beginning of what the Tories called 'The Bradford Revolution'. But this was not a revolution by, or for, the people. This was about the introduction of a callous and brutal attack on Bradford's working class.

It was a Tory revolution in that it marked a milestone for them in their attempts 'to wipe-out Municipal Socialism forever'. That is to change, through privatisation, the way local authorities operate.

Essential to all of this was one man. Eric Pickles, The Bradford Tories leader. Following the life of Eric Pickles and the 'revolution' in Bradford to date is the

subject of a new book, 'The Pickles Papers'. I thought it a very worth-while book (although I'm biased what with having family there) but I think it would be an enlightening read for anyone, especially those in inner city areas because it gives an insight into how local authorities (City Hall politics) works.

RADICAL PLANS

In this instance the Tories wheeled, dealed, lied and cheated their way to 'a majority' (based on the casting vote of a Tory Lord Mayor) to win through their 'revolution'. And how since gaining power the Tories, and especially Tory leader Eric Pickles, have tackled the problems over their radical plans.

It is not a boring intellectual book, though the large number of names mentioned are a bit hard to take in. It is written in an 'easy-read' way without being slow and over simplified. I thought it worthwhile tracking down the author to ask him a few questions about the book.

It says in the book that it is a story of intrigue and double dealing, ambition and power, sex and money. There are elements of all these in the book, but weren't some of the facts made up? it does sometimes read more like fiction.

No, nothing has been invented. It was well researched over 12 months. Key characters went under surveillance, secret documents were intercepted and

top level moles probed. In the chapter entitled 'Blackmail' it seemed you were implying that Eric Pickles was visiting a prostitute. You could certainly have made a good guess that this was the case, why didn't you?

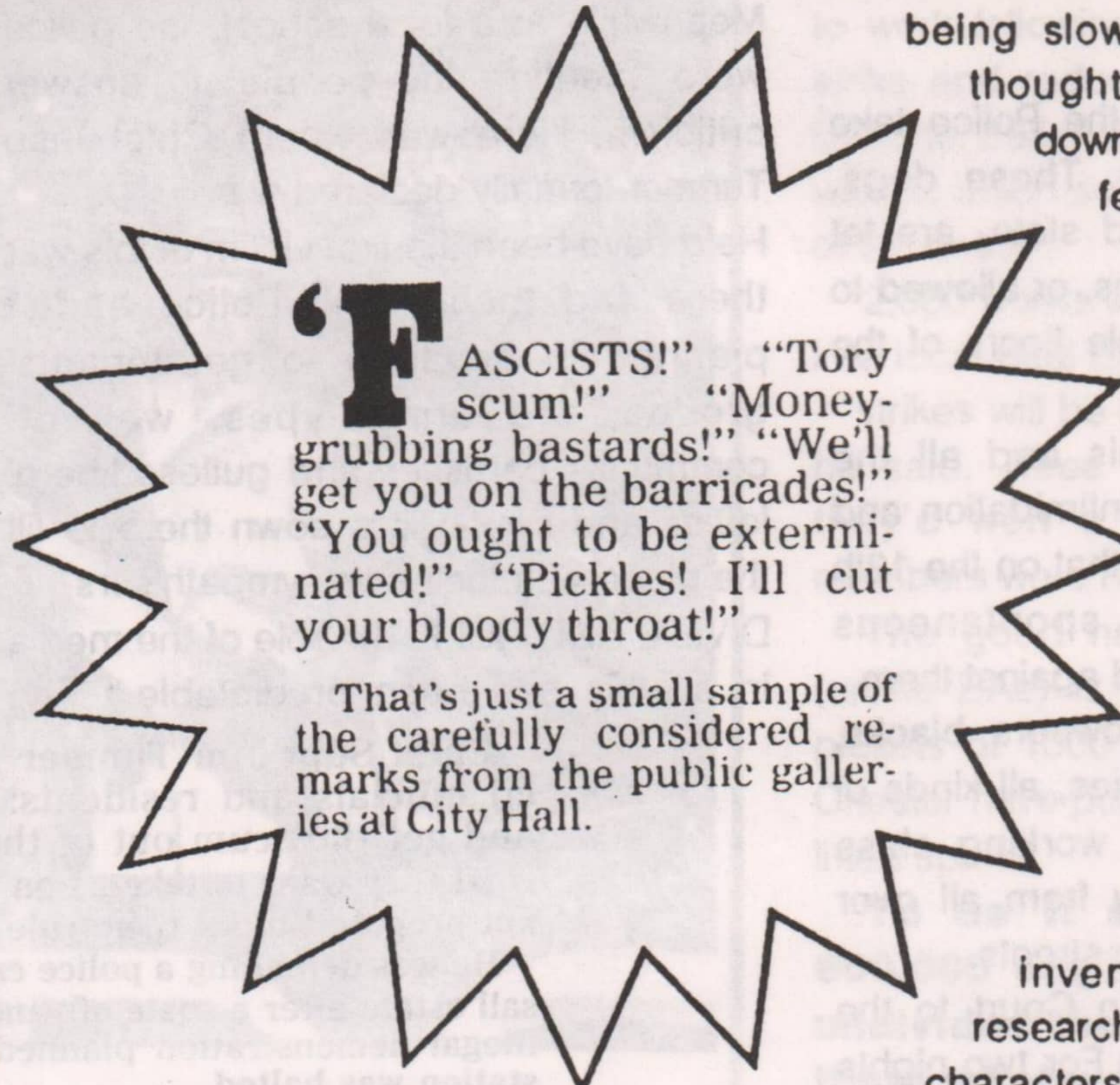
NOTORIOUS

For legal reasons we couldn't be more specific than this. But remember he was being blackmailed for something, by events that centred around Bradford's notorious red light district.

You say that to the Labour Party and Unions he was 'a puppet of Central Government'. To the Tories he was a 'Hero'. To journalists he was a 'man of mystery', and that to protestors against him he was, at best, 'a Fat Tory Bastard'. Which description of him do you think is most accurate?

I'm amongst the protestors against him.

The 'Pickles Papers' is available from 'One In Twelve Publications' 21 to 23 Albion Street, Bradford, W. Yorks. Price #5.00.



Bradford Toen Hall 25/10/88



"... a threat to society and a danger to women - but enough about me..."

"THE BEST FORM OF RESISTANCE IS ATTACK"

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1989 SAW MASSIVE POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN THE SO-CALLED COMMUNIST REGIMES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

In Poland, the election of a Solidarity prime minister saw East Europe's first non-Communist leader in 40 years. In Hungary the Communist Party relinquished its constitutional right to power.

In East Germany and Czechoslovakia mass demonstrations toppled governments that had been in power since the Second World War and forced the opening of the Berlin Wall. And in Romania a mass, armed insurrection brought a bloody end to Europe's most repressive dictatorship.

Now, as we enter the 1990s, there are rumblings of discontent in Albania, demonstrations in Bulgaria and the "liberalisation" of Yugoslavia. And in the Soviet Union we see nationalist fervour in the Baltic States and a virtual civil war in Azerbaijan.

BLOODY STRUGGLE

However, even where changes have been brought about by "People's Power" which, in the case of Romania, has cost many brave people their lives, the condition of the working class has changed little.

True, they now enjoy certain "freedoms" that were previously denied them, but materially they are little better off. Basic essentials remain in short supply or, in the cases of Poland and Hungary, have been subject to massive price increases due to the influence of western capitalist institutions such as the World Bank.

In political terms, the struggles, however bloody, seem for the time being at least to have been taken over by the rising middle classes or remnants of the old order who have hastily switched sides to



save their skins.

But we should not despair. The revolutions in Eastern Europe are by no means over - they are only just beginning.

The brave efforts of the Romanian, East German and Czechoslovakian workers and students, which have been beamed all over the world, have shown the true power of a united working class and will be a source of inspiration for many years to come.

COMMON CAUSE

The current feeling for breaking down international barricades, within the tearing up of the Iron Curtain, will push us towards a united Europe. Not just for the capitalists who even now are attempting to bring the newly "liberated" states into the EEC, but also for the working class.

The introduction of western capitalism into the East will bring about a new unity amongst the workers of all European states who, for the first time, will be fighting a common class enemy.

In this special CLASS WAR feature pull-out, we examine the momentous events of the past few months and suggest what further developments might occur. We will also expose the lie that is "parliamentary democracy" and outline the road to true working class power - the workers' - and community councils.



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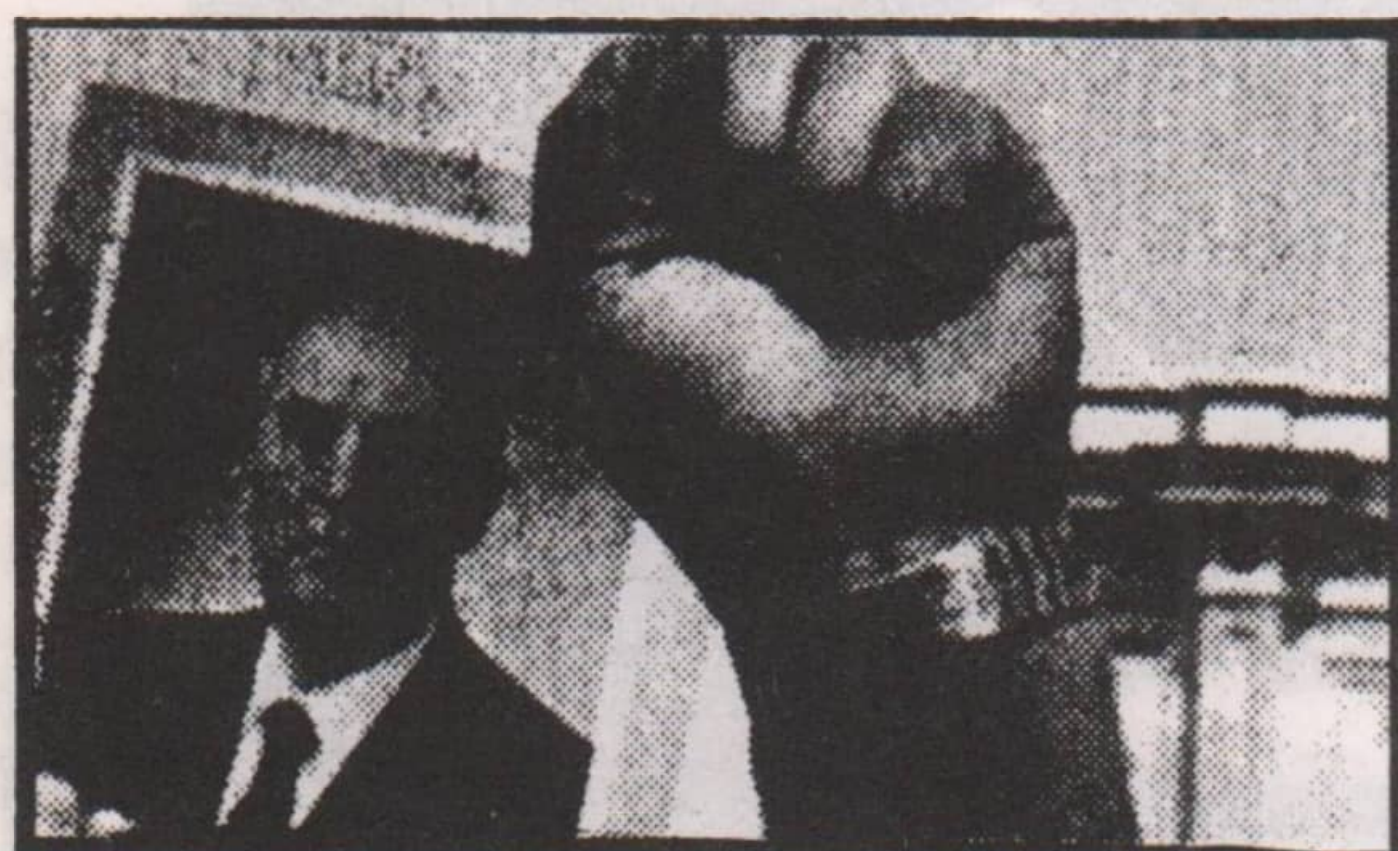
MORE REVOLUTIONS

MOBS STORM SECRET POLICE HQ

On the night of 15th January, thousands of East Germans stormed the main headquarters of the Stasi, the hated security police who have made people's lives a misery for the last 40 years.

They smashed windows, wrecked offices, rifled through files and daubed slogans such as "where's my file?" and "this would have made a nice hospital!" on the walls.

This was the latest battle in the fight to destroy the power of the Communist Party who have ruled the country since its birth in 1949.



EXODUS

The fight for change began in September, when thousands of people began flooding out of the country via Hungary, which had opened its borders with Austria. Many skilled workers believed that they could make a fortune in West Germany, where they would be granted automatic citizenship.

In a panic, the East German government banned visits to Hungary to stop the mass exodus. But the people, resourceful as ever, started travelling to Czechoslovakia instead and thousands sought refuge in the West German embassy in Prague. They were eventually allowed to travel to West Germany on special trains before the Czech-East Germany border was sealed.

DEMONSTRATIONS

The people, anxious for change, suddenly realised that the government was vulnerable and open to attack. They took to the streets in their thousands and their hundreds of thousands.

In Leipzig a few thousand people

assembled in Karl Marx Square chanting "we want to stay!" and demanding political change. More demonstrations followed, many of which were brutally attacked by police.

NEW FORUM

An opposition group, New Forum, was formed, mainly made up of middle-class liberals and intellectuals. They claimed to represent the voice of dissent amongst the people.

The demonstrations grew bigger. On the 40th anniversary of the birth of the country there was an explosion of mass protests in several major cities including East Berlin.

A demonstration in Leipzig on 16th October drew over 100,000 people chanting "we are the people" and demanding the legalisation of New Forum.

Two days later, long-time Communist Party leader, Eric Honecker was sacked. He was replaced by Egon Krenz who promised reforms.

But still the demonstrations

continued, reaching a peak when half a million people gathered in Leipzig.

BERLIN WALL

The government knew it could not hold out without resorting to a massacre. In an attempt to cool the anger of the demonstrators Krenz reopened the border with Czechoslovakia. This was followed a week later by the opening of the East-West German border and the historic breaching of the Berlin Wall.

Millions of East Berliners celebrated in the streets before spending a crazy weekend shopping and partying in the West. All but 25,000 returned east to go to work on the Monday morning, no doubt extremely hungover! The TV stations, now free from state censorship, fuelled the anger of the people when they exposed the decadent lifestyle enjoyed by senior Party officials.

Honecker and his cronies had their own private village in Wandlitz, where they enjoyed the sort of luxuries most East Germans only dreamed of - expensive western clothes, plenty of

food, foreign cars and so on.

Krenz was forced to resign and Hans Modrow became the new Prime Minister.

STASI ATTACKED

In several towns, people were tipped off that the Stasi were destroying documents that would reveal the true extent of the Communist Party corruption as well as their own misdeeds.

The hatred for the Stasi knew no bounds. They had made people's lives a misery and revenge was the order of the day. At demonstrations people chanted "Hang the Stasi!" and "slit their throats!". In Suhl, one senior officer shot himself in the head as crowds surged into his office.

REUNIFICATION

The mass demonstrations have brought the East Germans many of the basic freedoms they desired. But the demonstrations continue, and now the demand from a growing number of people is for the reunification of East and West Germany. The chants have changed from "we are the people" to "we are one people!"

However, this does not necessarily point to a return to the nationalism of Hitler's Germany.

True there are neo-nazis about, but the majority of people calling for a united Germany are doing so for purely economic reasons.

SHATTERED ECONOMY

The East German working class have had to put up with 40 years of shortages of everything. They doubt the ability of any new government, however "democratic", to give them the material things they need. The exodus of over 300,000 workers has left a massive labour shortage which will mean long queues for essential goods for a long time to come.

The examples of Poland and Hungary have shown how the

introduction of western capitalist economic ideas has resulted in huge price increases as government subsidies have been removed at the instructions of the World Bank.

However, unlike the Poles and



HUNGARY

Hungary suffered a peaceful revolution last year. It was a revolution that wasn't a revolution - cos nothing changed!

The hated Communists have been ousted, and they now have freedom of speech etc. and no one's knocking that, but that's about it. Hungary's proud achievements since 'liberation' are: diplomatic and trade relations have been resumed with Chile (an extreme right-wing dictatorship) and South Africa (an extreme right-wing democracy... if you're white!)

Then on December 20th 1989 a

package of cuts was passed in their parliament. Rents up 35%, mortgage repayments up 100% etc, etc.. in fact everything up at least 20%!

It's the same old story. If you want to live under Capitalist 'freedom', you have to pay for it through the nose. The good news is that the idea of having a 'proper' revolution is gaining support, as Hungarian workers are getting themselves organised.

We can predict here forthcoming outbreaks of CLASS WAR!!!

POLAND

"I extinguished the strikes and I will extinguish any others..... ..all types of strikes must be suspended".

So spoke, at the end of last year, Poland's world famous unofficial, wildcat trade unionist, Lech Walesa. He is now of course the leader of the Polish Solidarity government, and Thatcher's darling!

Solidarity had once waged industrial and street war against their corrupt Communist government. By 1988, with millions of members behind them they forced, seemingly, the collapse of that government.

The new Solidarity government must

seem a big let down to those who have either been on strike or fighting the riot police since 1980. In December 1989 Solidarity declared that living standards must be reduced by 25% in 1990.

The country owes massive debts to the West and the I.M.F. (International Monetary Fund) and because of this will do what they say. Strikes have become routine again in the factories and mines, with the bizarre spectacle of members of the corrupt old puppet unions striking against the new Solidarity state!

But to be fair, this was all to be expected. Solidarity was not revolutionary. Like all unions, their aim was for a bigger slice of the cake, and capitalism was thought of as necessary. State Capitalism like that of the

THAN HOT DINNERS?

Hungarians, the East Germans have a rich sister nation next door. Reunification would enable them to get a share of West Germany's wealth.

Whether the West Germans will welcome this idea is, of course another matter. In West Berlin a backlash against East German refugees has already begun, fuelled by the chronic shortage of housing that is growing problem for working class people all over West Germany.

WHAT NEXT?

There is now a "vacuum of power" in East Germany. The government is universally hated by the people, and the opposition - now a coalition of about six different groups - is divided and out of touch with the mass of working class people who will continue to take to the streets

New Forum and others have been trying to stem the anger of the people, who're frustrated at the slow pace of change. They are worried that an escalation of the struggle into all-out revolution would undermine the positions of power they have created for themselves.

Meanwhile, neo-Nazis are waiting in the wings, trying to gain support by jumping - on the Reunification bandwagon.

WORKERS COUNCILS

There is evidence of the formation of workers' committees in a few factories across the country, where the Communist officials who previously ran the plants have been ousted by militant workers. However, this movement is still small and has received little publicity.

We do not think that the struggle in East Germany is over yet. The anger is continually bubbling under the surface and the middle class liberals who dominated the opposition groups will not be able to maintain their control forever.

We look forward to seeing the emergence of a truly working class movement in East Germany, whether or not it is reunited with West Germany. We would welcome any information of positive developments in the East, as well as contacts with East German militants.

'Communist Parties' in Eastern Europe, was a bureaucratic failure in the eyes of the ruling classes.

So they went over to the Western style model. To the workers that just means more of the same. They produce, say, #50 of goods a day, and get paid #30 for their trouble! Just like before and just like over here.

But why did the Communists roll over so quietly?.... well really they didn't. After they'd failed to crush the unrest, they put Solidarity in power to let them do it! "I will extinguish all strikes".. etc.

The thing is that they're failing too. No matter what flag the government flies, its reliance on bureaucracy, power, deceit and greed will never offer the workers what they want. A growing number of Polish workers now realise this, as the struggle continues and intensifies.

As the Ceausescu stood in front of that wall with 150 people fighting to finish them off, they must have wished they'd learnt the lesson of East Germany.

While in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria & East Germany the Communist Party realised its time had come, the self appointed Ceausescu dynasty thought it could repress the working class. Arrogance bred by years of vicious attacks on our class eventually proved damaging to Nikolai's health, it caused his welcome death.

The army in Rumania realised that the brutality necessary to suppress the uprising would have to have been immense. If they lost it would be them butchered like the hated Securitate, the secret police, they changed sides.

It was not a mutiny in the main but a tactical move by the generals who now have a large influence over the Communist Party (?) military junta which is the National Salvation Front.

If the soldiers had joined the people and made their task the destruction of the whole state apparatus, not just one part of it, then we could have been much



nearer real change. The National Salvation Front have made every effort to prevent this.

In an attempt to divert demands from a better standard of living and political power for the working class, they will offer what the new reformist leaderships elsewhere offered, elections and political parties. Change which is no change, choice which is no choice.

The Rumanian working class will be

reluctant to see more bloodshed but there is no future in the present society. Although violent revolution overthrew some parts of the previous regime, power in the end remains in the same hands. As in Poland and East Germany the struggle and self organisation is an inspiration, the result a lesson that somebody telling you they're a friend doesn't make them one!

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prior to the political upheaval in the latter part of 1989, Czech Communist Party officials enjoyed the sort of lifestyle that would make most Western European yuppies green with envy.

The former director of furniture and food-processing plants revealed that he had provided senior party members with lavish free meals, arranged secret hunting trips in government helicopters and had supplied them with prostitutes.

SWEPT AWAY

But now the old guard have been swept away by yet another tide of mass demonstrations.

Events began in Prague on 17th November, when students demonstrating in Wenceslas Square were brutally attacked by riot police.

Anger at the violence gave rise to a week of more and even bigger street protests of up to half a million people which eventually brought about the collapse of the government.

NEW GOVERNMENT

By the end of December, the Czech government included just seven Communists. The rest were a collection of assorted "dissidents", including the former Prime Minister Alexander Dubcek, who was sacked by the Russians after their invasion in 1968.

The new "provisional" government is headed by Vaclav Havel, a playwright who only recently was released from jail.

However, unlike in East Germany, the demonstrators calling for reforms were almost exclusively from amongst the intellectual middle classes writers, actors, students and academics.

The workers are conspicuous by their absence, until right at the end of the street protests.

FEAR

The workers were worried about their livelihoods. They had seen the Poles in even worse misery since the collapse of "Communism". Compared to the rest of Eastern Europe, the Czech workers are relatively well off. "The workers have refrigerators, all the pork steaks and beer they want, and maybe a holiday once a year in Yugoslavia. They don't want all the chaos and price rises of Poland" a drinker at a working class bar in Prague told reporters, as the middle class demonstrated outside.

MISGIVINGS

The working class have severe misgivings about the ambitions of the intellectuals demanding reforms. "At the head of the procession are the Communist careerists, superstars and informers" said one worker.

"All these famous people, who've made all their money from the

Communist system, all these sportsmen, actors and academics - now they're the ones in the forefront of the protest" said another man.

FEW ILLUSIONS

All this means that the Czech working class is even less likely to tolerate the inevitable worsening of living conditions than other liberated East Europeans. They played little part in the "democracy" movement and have few illusions as to how considerate the new "leaders" will be of their interests.

One of the few remaining Communists in the "provisional" government gave an indication of what they can expect when he addressed a mass rally in Prague. After promising microwave ovens, cars, dishwashers he said "we shall have to resort to unpopular measures...and restrict expenditure".

He also revealed his liberated (!) attitude towards women when he claimed that unemployment would be avoided because women could "devote themselves to bringing up children. It is necessary to renew the cult of the mother"!

REAL REVOLUTION

We look forward to witnessing a real revolution in Czechoslovakia, when the working class, having been relieved of their old "Communist" rulers, tire of the liberal rantings of the new intellectual ruling class and start the fight for workers' power.

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FLYING THE FLAG

Much of the overthrow of the regimes in Eastern Europe has been done in the name of Nationalism.

Flags with the hammer and sickle ripped from them have flown in East Berlin, Prague and Bucharest. The response to forty years' dictatorship from the Communist Party has often been a fiercer cry for national unity.

But what does nationalism offer to the people there? While it's an understandable reaction to the Soviet Union's domination is it an advance? Here are three ways in which the ruling class use it.

DIVIDE

1. This January has seen the most barbarous form of nationalism as the bigots of Azerbaijan have begun a massacre of Armenians in their Soviet republic.

The Armenians have reacted in kind. On the basis of national identity the Islamic fundamentalists of Azerbaijan have declared war on the Armenian population as a whole. Their aim is an Islamic republic.

The lessons of 1979 in Iran have not been learnt. In the name of anti-imperialism the fundamentalists divide the working class on a religious/nationalist basis and if they achieve their end, will suppress them.

2. In Hungary nationalism has been used in a more sophisticated way. Hungary has seen none of the troubles that sprung up in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

By reforming their society the ruling elite have avoided confrontation. The standard of living has not changed and most Hungarians have to do at least two jobs to live. To avoid the Hungarian population asking questions about their own situation, the Hungarian authorities encouraged nationalism.

BRUTAL

A century ago, Transylvania, now part of Rumania, was part of Hungary. It still has a large Hungarian minority. Hungarians were encouraged to protest against the Ceausescu regime's bulldozing of peasant villages.

But that was not a nationalist question as the Hungarian elite called it. The Rumanian majority were as brutally treated. Eventually history has left the Hungarian authorities with a problem.

It was demonstrations by the Hungarian minority within Transylvania which gave the rest of the population the confidence to take up arms. The Hungarian government can no longer deflect criticism by using nationalism.

3. In East Germany and Rumania the heroic workers' struggles of the last years have brought many changes.

Now in the name of national unity,



Communist Party and military juntas have demanded that workers behave. How long before the National Salvation Front in Rumania is stopping strikes as the Solidarity government in Poland has.

BLIND ALLEY

In East Germany nationalism and national unity have been used to a greater extent. The uniting of the Germanies has been portrayed as the major demand of the demonstrators, strikers and rioters.

To the credit of the East German working class they have not been diverted down the blind alley of nationalism and have continued to resist the new leadership as it tries to cement its position, resisting the introduction of the new secret police.

Nationalism is a reaction to the

Moscow dominated Communist Parties. If all the revolutions of 1989 mean are the creation of new national states with a number of political parties, they will have been defeated.

RIPPED

Where the Soviet Union exploited them before, now the United States, West Germany and Japan are waiting to exploit a divided East Europe. Low wages make them an attractive workforce, but as in South Korea or Taiwan, the working class soon has to learn it gets nothing.

A wealthy middle class minority may arrive but most people will be left with nothing more than a flag with a hammer and sickle ripped from it and a pencil to vote every five years; and that's if they're lucky.

DEMOCRACY? WHAT DEMOCRACY!!

WESTERN POLITICIANS HAVE MADE MUCH OF THE CALLS OF "DEMOCRACY" IN EASTERN EUROPE.

But what has really happened in Eastern Europe is little more than the replacement of one ruling class - the Communist Party, with another - the liberal intellectuals.

Wherever power is centralised in the hands of a few whether it be in a one-party Communist state, or a multi-party "democracy" - the working class have no control over their lives.

RELIGIOUS MANICS

All "free elections" will bring is the opportunity for people to vote for which particular group of middle class intellectuals or religious maniacs will administer their exploitation.

In Rumania, the National Salvation Front have already banned street protests and have secured a monopoly over access to the TV and media.

We do not believe that "parliamentary democracy" will bring any real change to the conditions of the working class - we can see that from the problems we are experiencing in Britain.

In Hungary in 1956 the working class rose up against the Russian-sponsored government. However, unlike Rumania where the army generals maintained their control of military operations on behalf of the people, in Hungary it was the workers themselves who were doing the fighting, having taken weapons from the armouries.

Then instead of limiting their aims to changing the government, they set up their own decision-making bodies - the workers' councils. These consisted of elected committees of revolutionaries who took over the running of the factories, distribution of food supplies and directed military operations against the Red Army.

This was real democracy, as it was the workers themselves who were making the decisions on their own behalf and in their own interests.

DOMINO EFFECT

We have heard of workers committees being formed in East German factories, and peoples committees taking over the running of villages in outlying areas of Rumania.

We look forward to seeing such movements spreading. Even though the revolutions of East Europe have so far failed

to smash the entire class system along with Communist rule, we are confident that the struggles will continue, especially when the workers start to feel the real effects of the introduction of western capitalist economic methods.

We also believe that, just as the first wave of protests had a "domino effect" in the East, the second wave will have effects on workers in the West.

ALL IN ALL IT SEEMS THE 1990's WILL BE AN INTERESTING DECADE, TO SAY THE LEAST!

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE

What's going on in Eastern Europe isn't a defeat for the idea that ordinary people can run their own lives - like the media wants us to believe.

They're going on like the whole world is turning into Thatcher fans. And that all the Czechs, Bulgars etc. just want to make a fast buck and damn everyone else.



Bullshit! These people have been out on the streets, on strike, been shot at - not for a coca cola - but to get some parasite off their back. They're no different to your average Brit. With few people pumping out the ideas of getting people together and running things from where we live and work, 'cos they all got locked up and/or their ideas are made to appear loony - just like they've done here!

Many people are just going to want to go for the western car, the coke, the bunny girl and all that stuff and in many ways who can blame them. People aren't stupid.

BIG OPPORTUNITY

If something appears unobtainable, and serious work to get hold of, however rich the reward, most are going to take the easy option. It's the same the world over.

The events in Eastern Europe make a revolution a thousand times more likely than before. The old cold war threat has gone, the German working class the biggest in Europe will hopefully soon be reunited, the compromiser Lech Walesa has been seen to be little better than those before him and so on.

DON'T get me wrong though, it's also a big opportunity for western money-makers to strike it rich and the dollar to reign over all of Europe. But the potential is also there for US!!!

SEEN ^{BUT} NOT HURD

THE HOME SECRETARY, DOUGLAS "MR WHIPPY" HURD GOT A HARD TIME DURING HIS VISIT TO BRITIAN'S RICHEST REMAINING COLONY, HONG KONG.

Dumbo Duggie thought he could strut around like an SS commandant in the Vietnamese refugee 'concentration camps' and get away with it. Surprise, surprise, his visit was met with some healthy demonstrations and riots.

The British ruling class have tried to divide the Vietnamese refugees from the Hong Kong working class when it's clear that both are in the same situation.

Both are starting to realise that 'human rights' only exist for the rich, as the businessmen, politicians and other sections of the ruling class leave the colony for better lives in Canada and Australia.

POVERTY

Meanwhile the Vietnamese boat people are cynically called "economic migrants" by the British government and the Hong Kong working class are offered as a cheap workforce for the Chinese 'stalinist' geriatrics' bid to build a 'free market' economy.

All across the world the only 'refugees' that the ruling class recognises are poets, writers, religious nutters and other middle class wankers. If you flee from persecution, poverty or for any sensible reason you are treated like scum.

The main problems for the British ruling class in Hong Kong are keeping the lid on the place while the rich evacuate, & deciding whether to let the 'super-rich' into Britain.

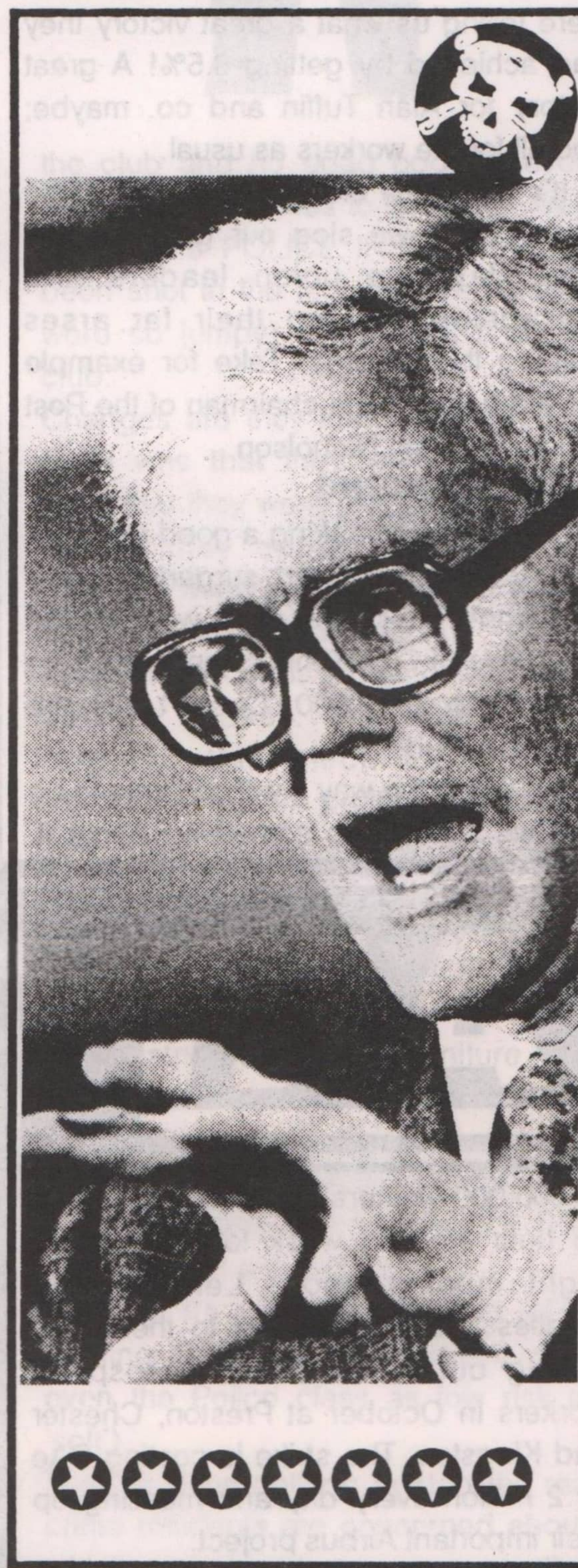
As far as stopping any trouble in the colony goes, the British 'owners' are well equipped. The Hong Kong colonial police are renowned worldwide for being one of the most vicious forces around.

During the Tianenmen Square massacres in China, demonstrations

were viciously suppressed in Hong Kong by this little lot, (who also invented that great gift to mankind, the plastic bullet.

If there is trouble with the Hong Kong working class they may even have to have a few 'Tianenmen Ssquares' of their own to keep things 'in order'.

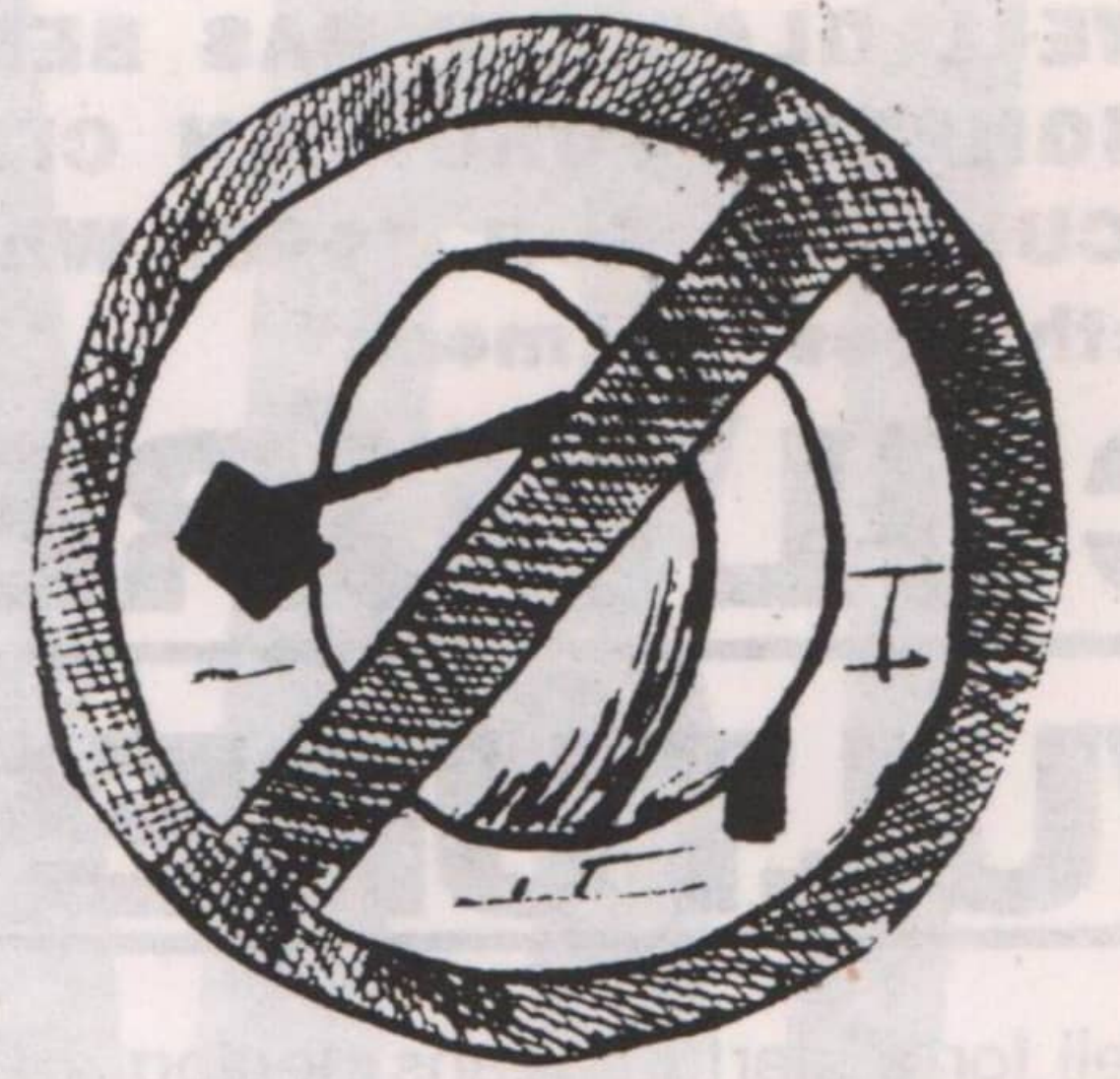
Another funny thing is all this talk about the evil Chinese "communists" and "democracy". Hong Kong is run by a series of puppet governors installed by the ruling class. Where's the 'democracy' in that?



MURDOCH BAN

A village has become the first place in the British Isles to ban Murdoch's satellite Sky TV channels.

New Earswick, near York, is now a dish free zone as residents banded together and decided to ban the spread of Murdoch's evil empire from their village.



THE REVOLUTION WILL BE TELEVISED!

AS THE STRUGGLE OVER WHO CONTROLS RUMANIA CONTINUES, THERE'S STILL A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT WHATS BEEN HAPPENING.

One thing was obvious from the start - the main battle raged around the TV Station, and it was clear that control of the TV channels was the most important target for both 'sides'. Not the Town Hall, the cop shop or the railways but the TV station.

The ruling class all over the world have always realised the power of TV, and how they can use it to keep people in the dark.

TRENDY LIBERALS

Have you ever noticed how soaps are always full of little "lessons", like about gambling or Ken and Dieder's divorce Sharon in Neighbours just took one drag of a cigarette and within minutes she'd burnt down Daphne's shop in a huge exploding fireball.

The TV news programmes learned long ago not to show riots until after they're over because people went straight out to join in!

The people who run the media and TV are a bunch of middle class wankers and trendy liberals with a totally fucked-up view of working class people. How ever 'well meaning' they would like to be they haven't got a clue what people want from TV and they'll always continue to do the ruling class's dirty work for them.

Following Sky and the launch of BSB in the spring, the government has now

brought out a new Broadcasting Bill, which will increase the number of channels and sell off all the ITV stations to the highest bidder.

Almost all of the TV programmes in Britain are paid for by selling the advertising space in between them.

There is a fixed amount of money that the advertising companies are going to pay out, so the only difference the new Broadcasting Bill is going to make is that they will just be a bigger bunch of capitalist bastards fighting over their share of the advertising 'cake'.

BLACKMAIL

They'll show even more shit programmes, repeats, cheap old films etc. That's exactly what Sky is like, a load of repeats of the Partridge Family and sports commentators pretending to be at Grand Prix races when they're really sitting in West London because they can't afford the flight out!

Because Sky is losing #2 million a week, its owner Rupert 'Madman' Murdoch has been buying up big sporting events like boxing matches

People who haven't got a satellite dish cant see them, so

it's a way of blackmailing people. Most people who buy them throw them out after six months anyway because Sky is such a pile of shit!

It's always been obvious what power the tabloids have to change public opinion, but we shouldn't forget who it is that brings the TV programmes into our front room every night - **roll on the CLASS WAR TV Channel!**

WOMEN'S FIB!

IF THE SO-CALLED 'QUALITY PAPERS AND TRENDY WOMEN'S MAGAZINES ARE ANYTHING TO GO BY, THE 90'S ARE GOING TO BE THE DECADE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN.

Yippee!, we all start to shout; has women's liberation finally come through? Not on your life, it's a load of bullshit.

What has happened is that because of a 35% drop in the birth rate between 1964 and 1976 it has resulted in less school and college leavers in the 90's. So employers are being forced to employ women. They are having to attract 'mature' women back into the workplace.

AU PAIRS

So does this mean that women at long last will have equal pay and rights at work? Will they be able to go back to

work after having kids knowing there will be nursery places? Well don't hold your breath!

This decade is going to be alright for your 'career' women or yuppies (as usual). After all they can afford nannies, au pairs or expensive creches. The majority of this country's women work because of financial need, they have to pay out for childminders or nurseries.

There are very few state run nurseries in the U.K. and to get your kids in is "mission impossible". Sweden, like the U.K. has a high number of working mothers - four out of five - but in Sweden 80% of under 6 year old are in state nurseries. In fact the U.K. has one of the worst pre-school education records in the EEC.

'PLANET'

According to Harriet Harmen MP "jobs will be geared to suit women as they become a vital part of the workforce, and work will become more 'people-sensitive' with better childcare facilities, job sharing and flexitime". What planet is this woman from?!

Midland Bank are soon to open 20 creches and some big industries are running schemes so women can take 'time out' to have kids. Nursing and teaching are both running advertising campaigns aimed at attracting women back to work after having children.

DESPERATE

So shouldn't we be thankful for these small mercies? Why the hell should we? These token changes have come about

because of capitalist need not because of twenty years of the feminist movement, which has done buggler all for ordinary women (except to mystify and confuse them).

Nor through token women's committees usually made up of well-educated middle class women making a career out of exploitation.

These changes have come about because capitalism is desperate for more workers in certain professions. The financial services sector in the South East, teaching and nursing because of low pay.

We should use this 'crisis' to get as much for ourselves as we can, but don't expect any real change - That will only come about when we fight for it.

WELL GLASGOW HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EUROPEAN CITY OF CULTURE FOR 1990. What exactly does that mean?

CULTURE VULTURES

Well for a start it means getting rid of the soup kitchen in George Square, that has helped feed thousands of homeless and down and outs of "Culture City" for the past 12 years or so. (Can't offend the tourists you know).

It means arty farty exhibitions or the chance to pay a 'mere' £75 to see Luciano "fat boy" Paragrotty and for rich scum and yuppies to flaunt their dosh in the name of culture.

'VULTURE CITY'

Meanwhile in the housing schemes, far from the trendified Merchant City and yuppie warehouse flats, people are still forced to suffer high unemployment, poverty and damp-riddled housing.

But back to "Culture City". Glasgow is full of culture already, working class culture. Like Paddy's Market, our football grounds, good honest pubs (not plastic coated wine bars), the very street we live in is our culture.

We don't need or want any rich bastards or yuppies turning Glasgow into a "Vulture City".

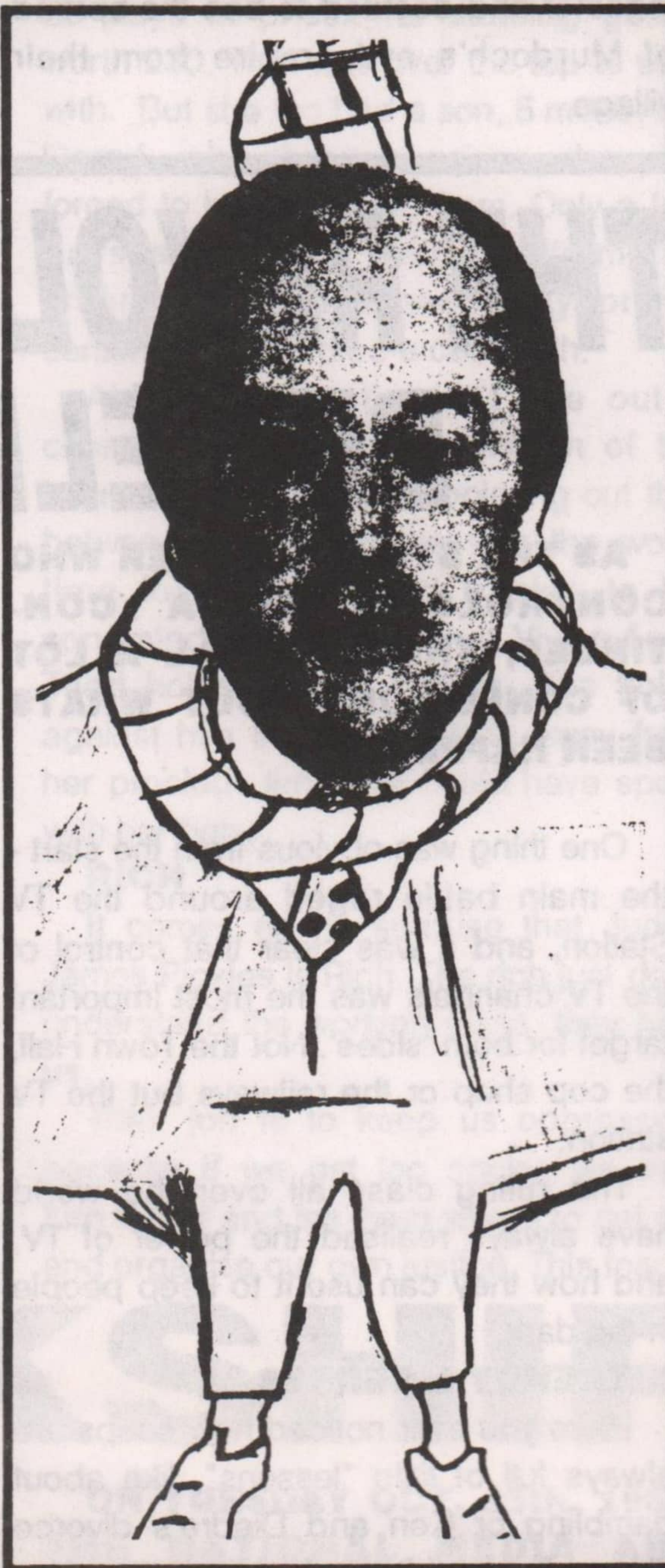


At least Robbie Coltrane had some good comments and jokes to make during the 'opening' of Glasgow's "Culture City", at St Georges Sq.

He described the yuppies as "bastards" and ridiculed them for "spending hundreds of pounds to look like my old geography teacher". And continuing with "anyone who pays their poll tax is a tube".

Nice one Robble.

CIVIL POSTAL WORKERS GET TOFFIN!



Recently the postal workers union agreed to a pay rise for its members of 8.5%.

This followed, or so we were told, three months of hard negotiations. In reality this means, of course, that the two sides sat around a table, drinking gin and tonics and discussing how to stitch up the workers...again!

The union's own paper 'The Post' had headlines in October stating that they would accept nothing less than 10% for their members. Three months later they were telling us what a great victory they had achieved by getting 8.5%! A great victory for Alan Tuffin and co. maybe; sod all for the workers as usual.

It's the same old story time and time again. While we slog our guts out day after day, the union leaders and management sit on their fat arses reaping the rewards. Take for example the old bastard, the chairman of the Post Office, Sir Brian Nicholson.

CHALLENGING

Unfortunately making a good recovery after undergoing heart surgery (maybe next time!!!) Last year while we received a pay rise of £11.50 his salary went from £84,000 to £110,000. Doesn't it make you feel proud?!

But this is the way it will continue to be until we start to do something about it.

We are the ones who keep the industries ticking over. The gaffers and union leaders need us - we don't need them.

Now is the time to start taking control. We must start forming a large, solid force which is capable of challenging union leadership and the management. CLASS WAR Postal Workers aims to do this.

Already we have contacts in England, Ireland and here in Scotland (where are you in Wales?). Not bad for a group that's only a couple of months old. Every day we are growing bigger and stronger - so why not join the fight with us...**NOW!!!**

NANNIE GET YOUR GUN

AN INCREASING NUMBER OF WOMEN FOREIGN AND BRITISH - ARE WORKING IN PITIFUL CONDITIONS AS NANNIES OR "DOMESTICS" FOR YUPIES.

When "professional" couples decide to raise a family, they get themselves a nannie as a symbol of their wealth.

Having an au pair or nannie has become a cultural thing like the Laura Ashley wallpaper. With the huge number of unemployed and homeless youth about, there is no shortage of supply.

Most nannies work "illegally" and there are no controls over hours or rates of pay. Thus their pay is pathetic and days off often fail to materialise.

Being left to mind rich kiddies may well have a few fringe benefits though e.g. nannies are in a good position to steal off their wealthy bosses. This we would happily encourage, and whilst realising it could cost them their jobs, think getting one back at the bosses is only fair.

Bringing kids up is hard work, especially if they're posh brats. The sooner this form of work, along with women's sweatshops and 'home-work' businesses are exposed as the disgrace they are the better.

T-SHIRTS

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HOT AIR

A prize for the 'Industrial dispute that almost wasn't' of 1989 goes to the engineering workers' strike led by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions.

800,000 workers are 'in dispute' for a 35 hour working week following votes eight months ago! Lengthy and pointless negotiations led to the CSEU calling out 7,000 British Aerospace workers in October at Preston, Chester and Kingston. The strike is costing BAe £1.2 million every day and messing up their important Airbus project.

The union's strategy almost destroyed the strike at Xmas as dozens went back to work following refusal to spread the strike and reduction of strike pay from £150 to £85. 1500 were also laid off without union support in Bristol because of the action.

2,000 workers were sent back to work in a local deal by AEU chief Gavin Laird - "strikes will be out till hell freezes over" he said. Three days later he claimed they'd won a first rate deal - his members were not so impressed.

The good news is that the strike (unlike BAe) is taking off again. Mass pickets of 1000 at Preston and 500 at Chester have pulled scabs back out and lifted spirits.

To us it seems simple. If 800,000 engineers downed tools undivided the bosses would give them whatever they liked!!!



LETTERS



Dear CLASS WAR,

The Drifffield, home ground of Northwich Victoria, has just celebrated its 115th birthday.

This makes it the oldest football ground in the world, unfortunately there are certain people i.e. a well known DIY company who would not like it to celebrate many more. They plan to turn the ground (and the town's bus station next door) into a DIY hypermarket.

The town's other football club Witton Albion have already had their ground turned into a branch of Sainsburys and now play out in the middle of nowhere.

There is already a branch of B&Q about three miles from the ground. The town of Northwich has no need of another DIY store. People go to DIY stores in cars (you can't carry home a wardrobe) so three miles isn't very far.

The only need for a new DIY store is for the profits. The fact that it's the oldest football ground in the world is irrelevant.

What is the point is that a football ground gives pleasure to hundreds of local people (maybe that's not the right word looking at Vic's recent performances!) against another DIY stall there's no comparison.

L. DRIFFFIELD

Dear CLASS WAR,

Greeting and news from Poland! Well, the first thing which is worth mentioning is the role of Lech Walesa. In the western medias he is presented as a 'freedom fighter', 'leader of democratic opposition', 'workers hero', 'eminent trade unionist' and so on.

In fact he is no longer a worker or a trade unionist. We still watch his meetings with all leaders of European governments. He is a fat rich person who sends his children to the USA (which is a luxury in Poland).

Moreover he is one of the most authoritarian personalities in our political life, he is the chief of Solidarity but not elected and his opponents in the trade union are persecuted.

The radical opposition which didn't take part in 'Round Table' talks and were against the so-called "free" elections, were called "hooligans, anarchists and irresponsible groups" by the constructive opposition and Communist Party. And were therefore enemies of reforms and so on.

Your media seem to say that everyone in Poland is happy to live with the new government and the overwhelming power of the Catholic Church. The truth

is quite different. There are still groups which are against compromises and pacts with the corrupted Communist Party.

There are demonstrations of radical youth, for example;

1) 29th November 1989 - demonstration against the existence of Lenin's statue in Cracow. Protesters used stones, metal baskets, tins and bottles with petrol. The Solidarity MP tried to calm the youths down but was booed!

2) 13th December 1989 was the eighth anniversary of introducing martial law. demonstrations in Cracow, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Szczecin, Katowice and Poznan. In Cracow demonstrator attacked two police cars. The basic demands were punishing General Jarizelski and General Gruba, who were responsible for the deaths of 16 miners in December.

The group of youths decided to attack the building of Communist Party Committee symbol of martial law and persecutions. Again throwing stones and bricks. Windows were smashed and they even managed to light a fire.

3) In Wroclaw demonstrators attacked the main police station, throwing stones and petrol bombs. People also built barricades around the police station.

So as you can see we have an interesting life!

IREK. POLAND

Dear CLASS WAR,

Congratulations on another excellent paper you make more sense than the left wingers and so-called anarchists I've been involved with in the past.

I've just got one criticism violence. Okay there's definitely a need for direct action now: there's no point in reasoning with a van-load of coppers intent on screwing up your day and the only time a petition ever stopped developers fucking up someone's home, is when that someone happens to be a yuppie who doesn't want a half-way home for poor institutionalised sods on his doorstep.

CLIFTON ELITE

But force needs to be used carefully. It's alright trashing scum's property but if it gets to be a habit then, when change comes, people are going to be on the receiving end just for being different.

My basic point is that violence isn't good or glamorous - it's just necessary at the moment and should be put behind us as soon as it's done its job.

Changing the subject - buses. Anyone trying to get a bus into Bristol's working class areas like Filton, South Bristol or Southmead is going to have a long wait. But buses into well off areas like Clifton and Westbury run like clockwork every five or ten minutes.

Perhaps the bus company (but not the drivers) should feel a little direct action before the brown noses that run it turn OUR public transport over to the Clifton elite (who all own cars anyway) Bye for now, keep up the good work,

N.BRISTOL.

QUESTION



TIME

Q. How much did we get off Carling Black Label for advertising them on the front cover of issue 36?

A. 2000 cans of piss-weak beer.

Q. Is it true we poison Mars Bars?

A. No! We cut their heads off, break their legs and leave them hanging upside down in toilets.

Q. Is The Class War Federation an undercover organisation? A. For security reasons we cannot answer that.

Q. Is Class War obsessed with swearing? A. Fuck off.

BUT SERIOUSLY.

Thanks to the press, general misinformation and to some extent our own past mistakes, people often got the wrong idea about us.

One of the biggest complaints we get is that we glorify violence. We DON'T wish to glorify violence, the unfortunate fact is we MUST use violence against our class enemies, because they won't just give up their positions of power if we ask them to.

They will cling onto it to their deaths. Therefore when violence is used by our class to say, bring coppers down a peg or two, or to stop scabs crossing picket

lines, it's a victory for us.

And you won't get to hear about these victories in the national press, or even in the gutless 'direct action - shy' lefty papers. You'll read about them in Class War, because we're proud of our class and the fight back it's involved in, be it violent or not.

Right! That's that one answered, what's next? If you've got any queries about anything to do with what the Fed. thinks or does then get a letter in the post or ring the Hotline. We won't laugh in your face, or send the heavies round, unless of course you are the class enemy!!!

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THIS IS CLASS WAR

THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION IS AN ORGANISATION OF LOCAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS YOU HAVE COME TOGETHER TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CHANGING THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

THIS SOCIETY IS DIVIDED INTO CLASSES BASED ON WEALTH AND POWER. THE RULING CLASS WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY THE MIDDLE CLASS...AND THE WORKING CLASS. SUCH A SOCIETY IS THE CAUSE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY WORKING CLASS PEOPLE THE WHOLE WORLD OVER. THIS CAN ONLY BE SORTED OUT BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RULING CLASS BY THE WORKING CLASS...THIS IS CLASS WAR! REAL CHANGE CAN ONLY COME ABOUT THROUGH WORKING CLASS PEOPLE ORGANISING THEMSELVES TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS THEY EXPERIENCE, USING DIRECT ACTION AGAINST THE INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM...THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE. VIOLENCE IS A NECESSARY PART OF THE CLASS WAR, BUT ONLY AS MASS CLASS VIOLENCE OUT IN THE OPEN, NOT ELITIST TERRORIST ACTIONS. THE LAW IS MERELY A WEAPON OF THE RULING CLASS AND MUST BE IGNORED AND BROKEN WHEN THE NEED ARISES. THE RULING CLASS DIVIDE US BY GETTING US TO FIGHT EACH OTHER ON THE BASIS OF STUPID THINGS SUCH AS RACE, SEX, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, AGE OR FOOTBALL TEAM YOU SUPPORT. WE WILL DESTROY THESE BARRIERS. ABOVE ALL CLASS WAR BELIEVE POLITICS IS LIFE AND LIFE IS POLITICS. WE REJECT THE BORING CHARACTER OF THE SO-CALLED "REVOLUTIONARY" GROUPS. POLITICS MUST BE FUN, IT'S A PART OF ORDINARY DAY TO DAY LIFE AND MOST BE ABLE TO TAKE THE PISS OUT OF ITSELF!

OUR AIM

THE AIM OF THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION IS NOT TO LEAD, BUT TO INCREASE THE MILITANCY OF WORKING CLASS PEOPLES ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THROUGH PROPAGANDA, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND DEBATE AS EQUALS.

WHAT WE DO

THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE PROPAGANDA - A PAPER, JOURNAL, LOCAL LEAFLETS AND NEWSLETTERS. WE ARE INVOLVED IN WORKING CLASS STRUGGLES AND WE ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION TO DO THE ABOVE, FOR DISCUSSION, AND FOR A LAUGH!

GROUPS & CONTACTS

There are active CLASS WAR groups and contacts in the following places. If you want to get in touch with us, please do so by writing to your LOCAL GROUP.

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CLASS WAR is at present making up lists of International groups and contacts who wish to be part of the rapidly growing CLASS WAR FEDERATION. If you wish to be included, or would like to know more, please write to the BRISTOL ADDRESS.

Countries in which people have shown an interest in forming groups, include;

U.S.A., CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NORWAY, SWEDEN, EIRE, POLAND, and THE PHILIPPINES.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR?

SO YOUR PISSED OFF WITH WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU...YOU'VE READ CLASS WAR, AND YOU LIKE THE ANGLE, SO WHAT DO YOU DO NOW?

Well sorry, but we offer no quick solutions, no leadership which you can be bottle fed by, because we believe the working class can only be free if it takes power, as a class, at the grass roots, on the streets and in the factories. With no leadership, no political parties, doing it by ourselves, for ourselves.

We say, just get on with it, where you live, where you work, where you go to school...and if you want, give us a hand in getting these ideas across.

Apart from what we do at work, and where we live, CLASS WAR'S activity is mainly selling the paper. We do this by putting it in local bookshops, newsagents, recordshops etc, but above all, by STREET SELLING, or selling to your mates...standing outside stations or on the High Street on a Saturday.

CLASS WAR doesn't believe it is the be-

all and end-all of peoples lives. We don't demand all your time and energy.

We want more people, however, to be involved with the CLASS WAR FEDERATION, as we think the CWF is one of the best ways of getting revolutionary ideas across.

CLASS WAR, already sells many thousands of copies, copies which in turn, are read by many thousands of other people. We want, with your help, to be able to get over to even more people. You can do this in a number of ways;

GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOCAL GROUP-START A LOCAL GROUP. By getting in touch with your local group, you can get involved in CLASS WAR activity in your area. Or drop us a line, and we'll give you all the help you need to start your own group up and running.

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SPREAD THE IDEAS OF CLASS WAR. Through things like graffiti and putting up stickers.

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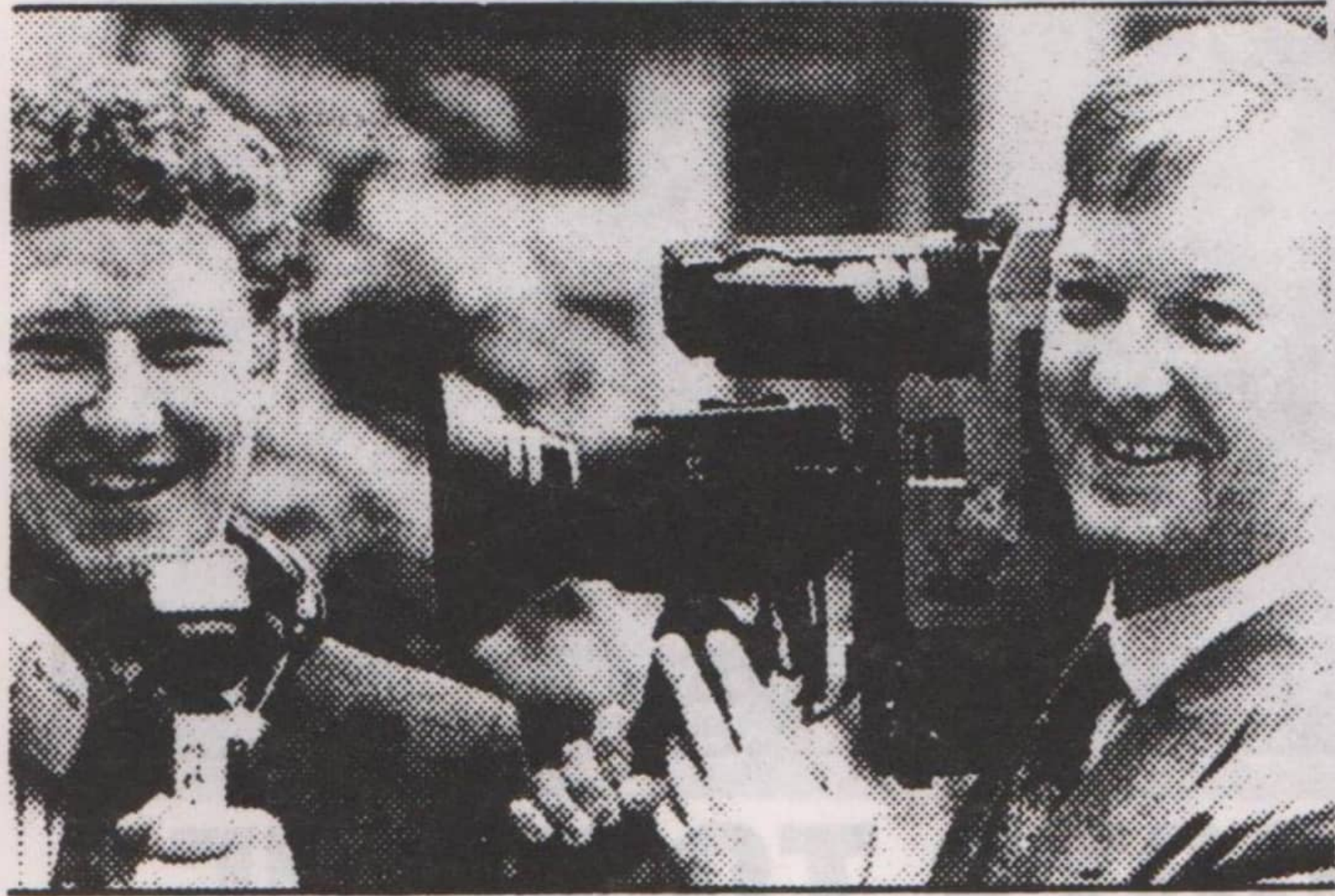
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SHOOTING STAR



"SHOULDN'T I BE DOING THE SHOOTING"

This article may be a bit out of order really cos the bloke is probably innocent.

And we shouldn't talk like he's guilty before he's up in court...but that aside...if he did shoot Frank Warren that'll be a better knockout than any of his fights, even for lifting the IBF title in 1986.

Terry Marsh has always been a bit of a hero - not being a heavyweight he was never a loud-mouthed money man and was still a fireman even when world champion, as well as publicly commenting on the sorry state of the new Yuppie East End and the forced emigration to Essex etc of the Eastenders.

Frank Warren is a smoothie, smarmy

gangster, a creep, a thug and a general anti-social undesirable. For all the cultivated public image it is well known what sort of gent the man is.

So CLASS WAR sends greetings to Terry Marsh - hope you get found innocent and all the better if you get off - you shouldn't have! And good luck to all those who take a "shot" at the big men in boxing or wherever...just don't get caught!

Seriously though, things like this are done in desperation and solve fuck all. The Warrens of this world will one day be driven from this world by all of us UNITED AND UNAFRAID!

Pancake ban hits superfan

SOCCKER-MAD Martin Smith was thrown out of a ground before the kick-off... for throwing a pancake on to the pitch.

Police said it was a dangerous missile.

For months, Martin and his mates had light-heartedly let fly with a volley of oatcakes as their Stoke City heroes stepped on to the turf at away games.

But police at a Sheffield United match told him an oatcake - a Pot-teries delicacy made of oatmeal, flour and salt - could have taken some-one's eye out.



You'll never walk alone. Skull and Cross Bone Flags at St. Paul, Hamburg

MILLWALL PASSION

Did anyone see "No one like us, we don't care"? A programme about Millwall FC. The bit about football history was dead good. The programme pointed out that there were always pitch invasions, rowdy crowds and violence at football games, even in the "good old days" that all the league officials and TV personalities go on about

It was only in the 60's and 70's that newspapers started reporting

sensational headlines about football violence and set about creating the football hooligan to scare everyone with. Before this, crowd trouble was put down to "high spirits" and "taking the game too seriously"!

Older fans went on about all the years they had been going to the Den and how their efforts to set up a supporters club had been sabotaged by the club directors and the money they had

collected stolen from them.

For years the directors creamed off the profits from the club, the same story all over the country. Fans had to put up with crap fences, high gate prices and poor facilities, whilst being called hooligans and kicked around by the cops.

Much of the "crowd trouble" at the Den from the early days right through to now was protests and demonstrations by

the fans against the shit they had to endure.

All these years the directors and businessmen have taken from football - it's time we took the game away from them.

As one Millwall fan said on the programme "The point is not to boycott Millwall, I couldn't...it is my life and passion. The thing to do is get it back for the fans"

COLIN'S QUIZ...

Colin Moynihan, now desperate to find an alternative to ID cards, has come up with.....A QUIZ! Just answer the questions and see how you stand in the game. At the end of the quiz take the advice Colin gives you.

ARE YOU A FOOTBALL HOOLIGAN? by Colin Moynihan

Q.1 My favourite sport is...

- a) football
- b) soccer
- c) rowing & polo

Q.2 Your team scores a vital last minute goal. Do you...

- a) go mental
- b) clap politely
- c) pour another glass of champagne in the executive box and ask what the score is?

Q.3 The ref disallows the goal. Do you...

- a) Join in the chorus of abuse
- b) Cover your ears and hum 'The Match' theme tune
- c) Turn the TV over to Neighbours in your executive box?

Q.4 Someone tries to sell you a football fanzine. Do you...

- a) buy it and chuck your newspaper away
- b) ignore them and walk away as fast as possible
- c) report them to the police and offer to be a witness in court?

Q.5 It's the end of the season and your team wins promotion in the playoffs. There's a pitch invasion. Do you...

- a) leap over the fence, help the OAPs over and join in the celebrations
- b) leave 5 minutes early so you're not the only one left on the terraces
- c) turn to Jimmy Hill and rabbit on about the "disgraceful scenes" and how many riot police are needed to clean the game up?

Q.6 You are going to lose your ground to Yuppie developers. Do you...

- a) help start a campaign to save the ground by occupations and pitch demonstrations

b) Appeal to the developers

c) say "That's progress for you" and stick to the rowing instead?

Q.7 The disaster at Hillsborough was caused by...

- a) a long history of dangerous grounds and the cops treating us like animals
- b) God
- c) Liverpool hooligans who crushed themselves to death.

Q.8 What do Robert Maxwell, Michael Knighton and Ken Bates have in common...

- a) they are all money-grabbing scum who know nothing about football
- b) they are all directors of football clubs
- c) they've all got good investment portfolios and are good personal friends of mine?

Mostly a)s; You disgusting horrible person. It's hooligans like you that are destroying our profits...er, sorry...

national game. You're probably one of those despicable people who's been sending me things through the post and threatening to kill me if I go on the terraces at a football match. Don't bother turning up to a football match again or...er... well just don't bother.

Mostly b)s;

You're obviously a keen soccer fan who would be willing to pay £20 a time in one of our new 'all seater stadiums' that my director friends want. Just remember the cameras will be watching you, so no chanting please.

Mostly c)s;

A special message to you as I probably know you anyway. I'm sure you'd agree that football's not much of a game really. All those oiks rolling around in the mud and thousands of dirty horrible working class people in one place. It sends shivers up my spine. It's people like you and me who know that the only good thing about football is profits and the place to go if you want sport is the Henley Regatta.

ANSWERS

OUR VICTORY?

WITHOUT SOUNDING SMUG, WE ALWAYS SAID I.D. CARDS WERE DOOMED TO FAILURE, DESTINED TO BE SLUNG IN THE DUSTBIN OF HISTORY, AND A FUCKING STUPID IDEA THAT ONLY A DEMENTED 'RICH TITCH' COULD DREAM UP.

Now they're shelved, thousands of football fans can clap each other on the back and down a few well deserved pints. THIS WAS A VICTORY GAINED BY THE FANS THROUGH UNITED OPPOSITION.

But, despite ID cards demise, many

Taylor report suggestions are just as bad. They'll be three new ways of criminalising fans, these are, making a offence to 'invade the pitch', to chant 'offensive slogans' and to throw missiles.

Increased Police surveillance, and all seater stadiums, meaning higher gate prices, this report will be the death of smaller clubs.

We must build on the victory, and stop this new offensive. The changes WE want to see will only be delivered by the fans, united. And not by the government, with the Police there to hammer them home.

SPORT

SORINS SHOOT TO FAME

WHO SAYS POLITICS AND SPORT DON'T MIX? Rumanian Olympic shooting star gold medallist Sorin Babil

found himself in the thick of it as he helped drive off the Securitate snipers in Bucharest during the uprising.

"This was not the sort of practice I wanted. I always preferred paper targets" he said. Well, if the National Salvation Front don't stop trying to hijack the Rumanian workers' revolution soon, Sorin may well be getting a lot more target practice!

Meanwhile, Rumania's top football team Dinamo Bucharest have reverted to the name of Unirea Tricolor - the club's title before the Communist

takeover. It will be "reorganised on a democratic basis with the support of its numerous fans" it was reported.

The team used to be run by the government who showered players with cash, free apartments and cars to stop them moving to other clubs.

RACIST REBELS

Dr. Ali Bacher has been the man responsible to regain international sport. The tactics used have become very sophisticated. Bacher set up a number of township coaching schemes which were not only to teach but also to give young blacks somewhere to play.

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Thereby giving the impression that things were finally changing. This scheme however wasn't meant to bring about equal opportunities, but to lure foreign teams to South Africa again.

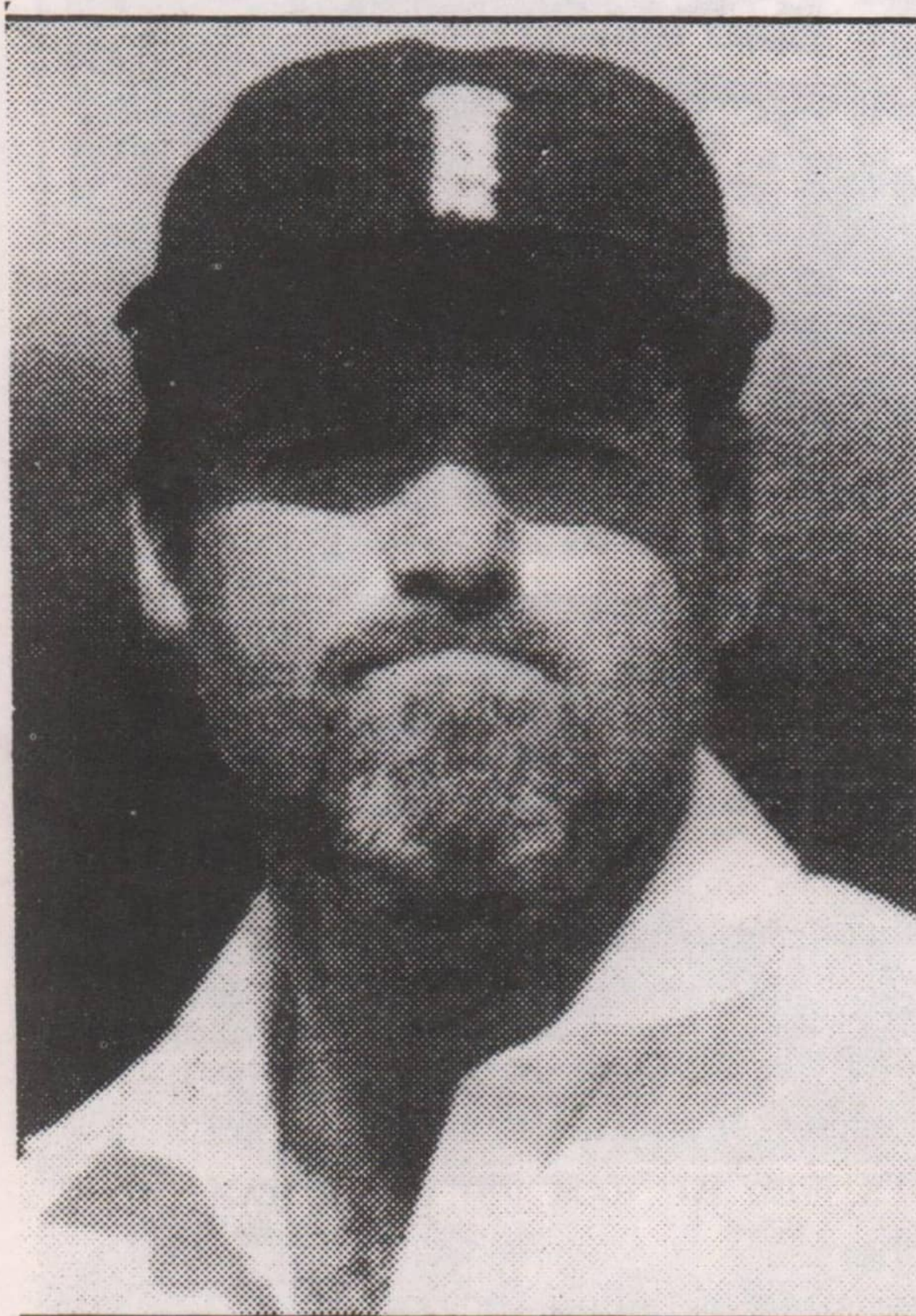
Out of every 1000 Rand spent on sport, only 1 Rand is spent on blacks. Out of 100 cricket pitches only 15 allow blacks to use them. 99% OF SPORT IN SOUTH AFRICA IS SEGREGATED.

Mike Gatting claimed ignorance when he first announced the rebel tour and said "I know very little about apartheid". We presume then that he thinks that by spending a couple of hours training a few black kids while he's coining it in will make everyone believe apartheid's crumbling, and he's all right really!

WE DON'T WANT HIM

One way or another he will become a lot more familiar with the consequences of apartheid as a mass movement acts to stop the tour.

As one black activist recently said on a World in Action programme, about Gatting, "He should stay at home, we don't want him here in South Africa, his coming here will cause a lot more people to get jailed and a lot more people to get killed, because the might of the South African government is behind them".



AS THE ENGLAND TEAM IN THE WEST INDIES GETS BATTERED BLACK AND BLUE, AND THOROUGHLY HUMILIATED MIKE GATTING LEADS THE ENGLISH REBEL TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA INTO A CAULDRON OF VIOLENCE.

The seven week tour will bring the squad a huge amount of money, and will act as a major propaganda coup for the South African government.

White South Africa worships sport, especially cricket and rugby and will do anything to regain international sports events.

OUR KGB

The government's plans for football came to their logical conclusion at Torquay United the other week. Cops tried to arrest a man for (wait for it) ringing a bell, something he'd done for 15 yrs. Fans piled in to help him and managed to stop him being chucked out.

These days it's getting increasingly dodgy to do anything at a match except clap quietly if your team scores!

The papers were always going on about Eastern European fans being "dead quiet and restrained" or "shit scared of the KGB". It seems like we're in for a dose of the Stalins now its gone out of fashion in the East.

LEAGUE LASSES

A GROWING PHENOMENON IS HAPPENING IN YORKSHIRE, WHERE GROUPS OF WOMEN ARE GETTING TOGETHER AND REBELLING AGAINST THE "NETBALL AND HOCKEY" IMAGE OF WOMEN.

CLASS WARS' roving reporter (yes another one) went along to find out for herself.

The Dudley Hill Thunderbirds were seeing off the Warrington Wasps in an excellent show of enthusiasm and the skill of rugby league.

There are around seven teams playing in a league organised by themselves which revolves around the local amateur clubs in the area.

Nancy Starkey, who plays second row in the scrum for the Thunderbirds told us "I love the game, we should have been taught this sort of thing at school"

Nancy (whose ten month old daughter is on the signing list for 1999) went on to say: "our team ranges from 13 year old school kids to factory, shop and office workers and we all play hard, on and off the field."

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