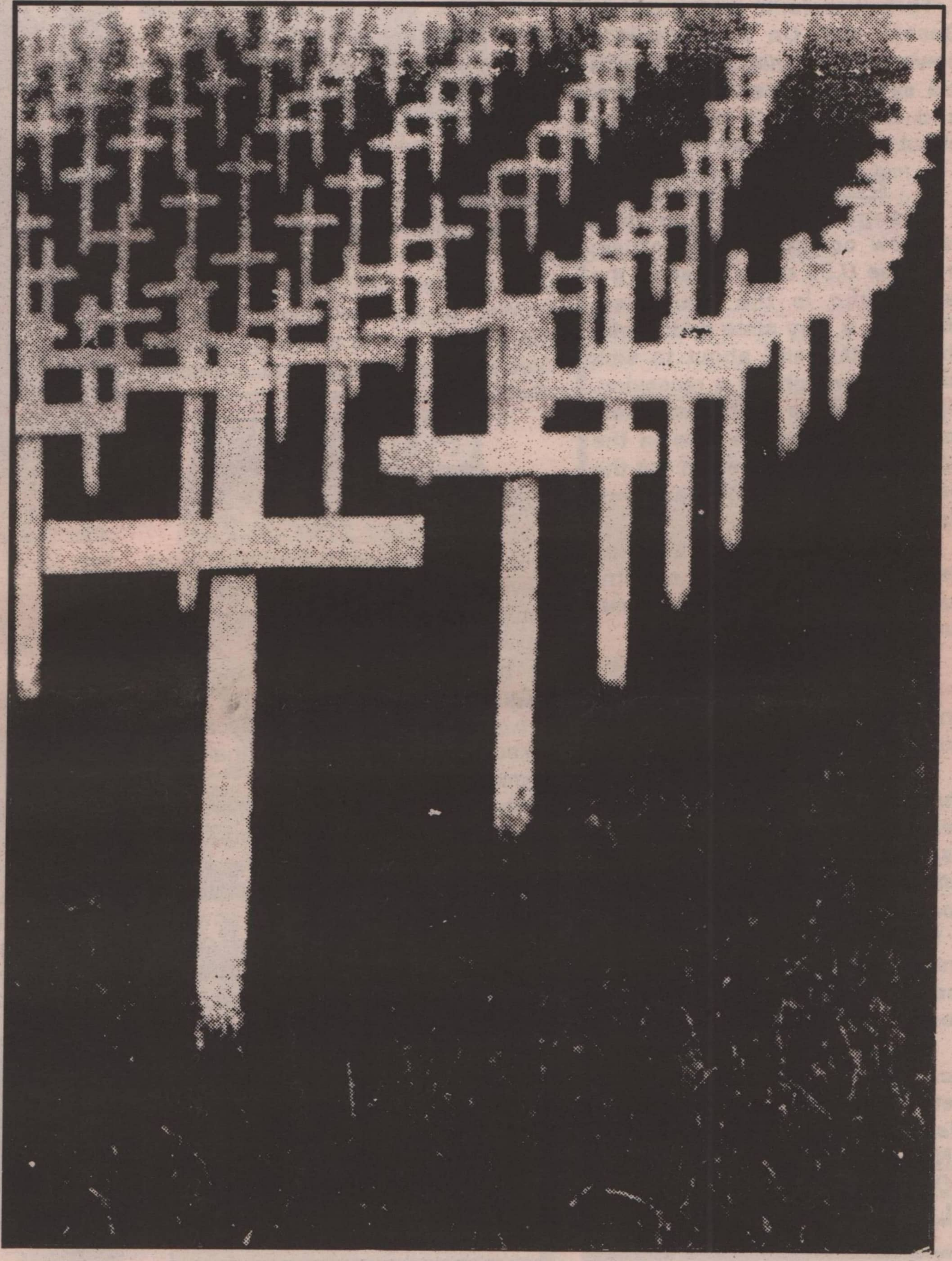


CLASS  **WAR**

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CLASS WAR



INSIDE: GULF WAR, POLL TAX, NEWS, SPORT AND SCANDAL!

CLASS WAR
BRITAIN'S MOST UNRULY TABLOID
WHAT WE SAY!

BRING THE WAR HOME!

UNLIKE THE rest of the British Left, who squeal about "British and U.S. imperialism" in the Gulf.

And who seem to think that the sun shines out of Saddam Hussein's arse, we make **NO distinctions in this war.**

This war is a just another Bosses war. On one side is a power hungry mad despot, with his eyes set on a Arab Empire, and who doesn't think twice about gassing his own people.

BUT THE BOOT IN!

Ranged against him is a rainbow coalition of countries; from the U.S., eager to show the world who is the real boss, **BRITIAN**, a Tory state ridden with the poll tax, and about to sink under the weight of a recession, right through to **SYRIA**, who hate just about everyone else in the coalition, but are keen to put the boot into their regional rival, Saddam Hussein!

And what is this mighty force defending? **KUWAIT**. A country run like it's some sort of semi-fuedal society.

SLAVES

Complete with near-slavery, and only 3% of rich males able to vote! Some demoracy that is!

But don't make the mistake of thinking we are pacifists who believe in standing around with candals, or going on "die-ins" with a load of liberal vicars and social workers!

Soldiers are trained to kill the enemy, we say turn your guns on the REAL enemy, your officers, bosses and rulers!

We say bring the war home to our streets and communities. Lets fight the real enemy, **the class enemy - THE WAR TO END ALL WAR'S, THE WAR TO END ALL CLASSES - CLASS WAR!**

ANOTHER GULF WAR! BOSSSES WAR!

MAKE NO mistake - this war will do nothing for the working class.

It's solely a power battle between rival forces, both bent on controlling the Gulf, and its precious resource - oil.

Who ever controls the oil flow , can effectively hold the rest of the world to ransom.

This is the reason why the multi-national forces took on Saddam Hussein, when so often before they had let similar situations pass them by.

But why do we have wars? how do they start?

Well the U.S. has tried to convince us that this war is to defend "civilised values, democracy and freedom" Bollocks!



No one is fooled by that. War is the inevitable consequence of the ceaseless competition between different parts of the international ruling class.

The nature of capitalism is such that it continuously needs to expand, just to survive. This is true right from company takeovers, through to national economies.

The effect of this is that there is a permanent state of competition between different States. The logical conclusion of is, that one state will "takeover" another.

When this happens other States either sit back and ignore it, as in the way Gorby has just streamed into



Lithuania, or if this "takeover" threatens other States economies, they do something about it.

LIES

This is what we're seeing right now in the Gulf.

Of course this is never the reason we go to war. We are always told some lies or other when they want us to die for them, and put up with the increased hardships of a war economy.

Bush, Hussein and Major aren't in any danger of being killed in front line fighting. For our leaders, war means sitting back in a nice plush bunker and coming out when it's all over.

They get us to kill each other by trying to convince us that our interests are the same as theirs, that we're

fighting for "the good of the country" when in reality we're fighting to prop up their rotten system on more time!

We don't give scum like Saddam Hussein our support just because he's supposedly fighting American Imp-eralism.

TAKE NO SIDES

Supporting either side in the gulf war, means calling off the class war, the only winners would be the ruling class, at our expense.

This is why we take no sides in a bosses war.

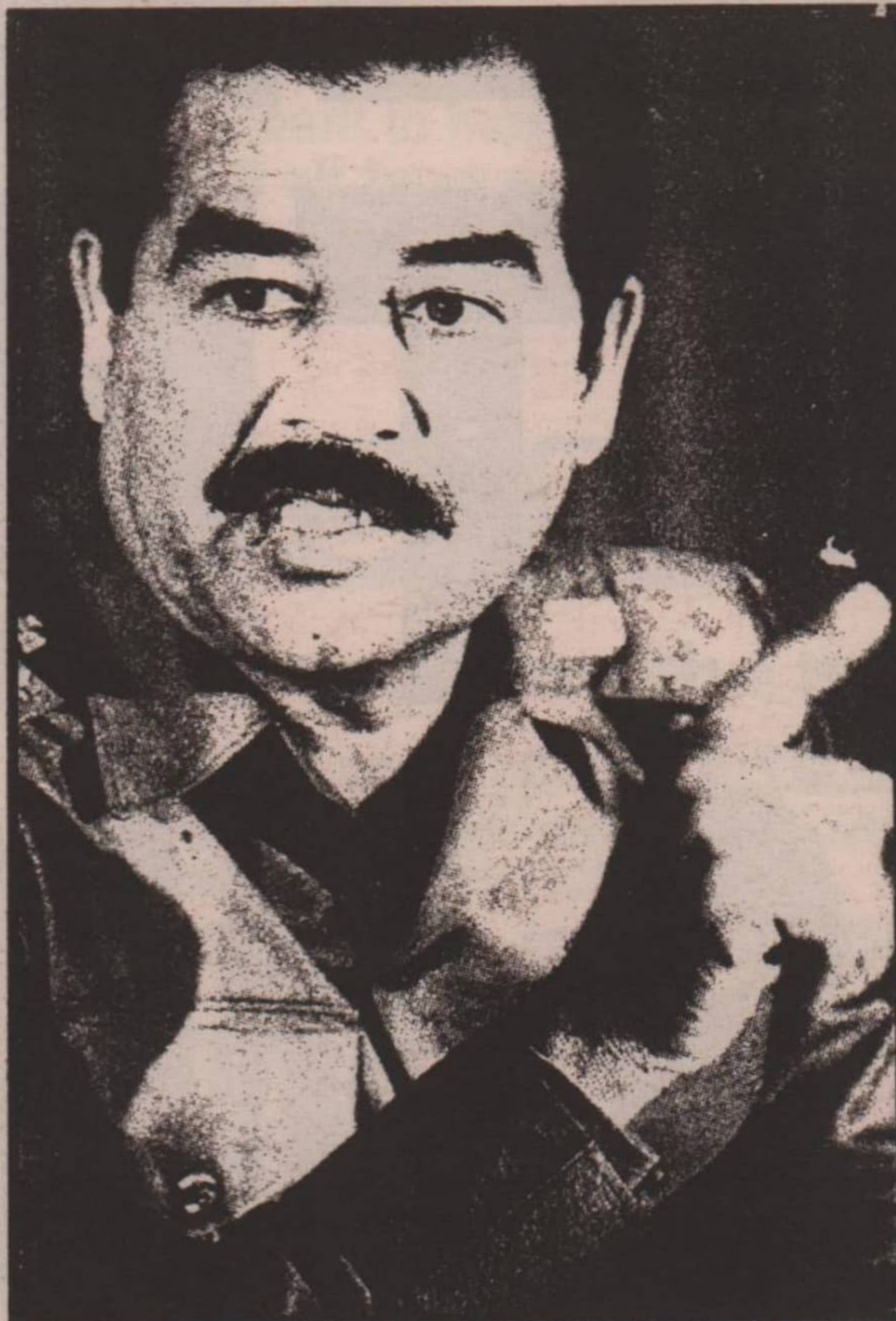


RICH SCUM GET THE BEDS!

Whilst hospitals are being closed, and beds cleared, to make way for Gulf war wounded, it's been revealed that Private patients, in NHS hospitals won't have to give up their beds.

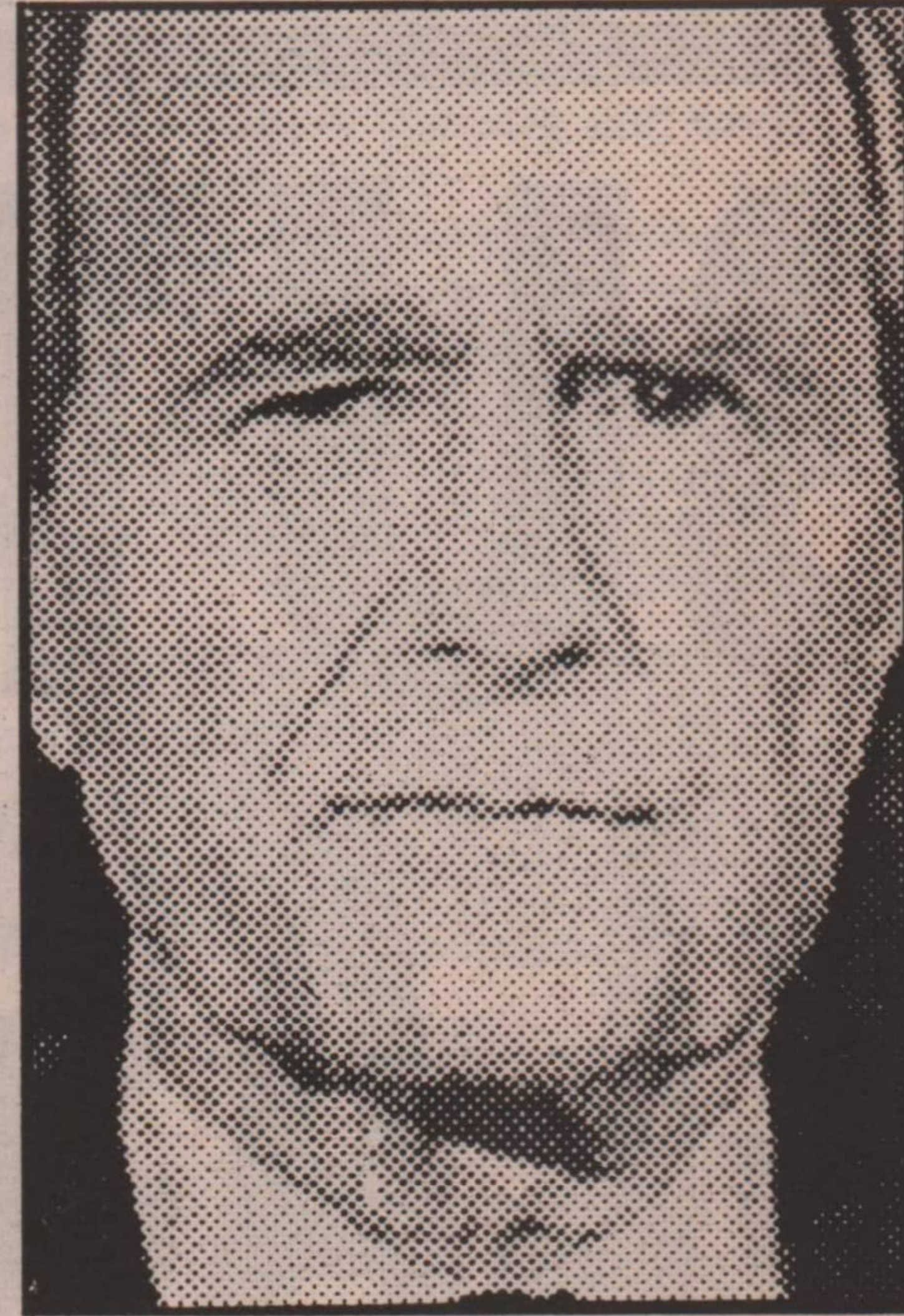
All in the name of "good customer relations" to quote one NHS manager!

TURN THE GUNS ON THE



SADDAM HUSSEIN

POWER MAD megalomanaic with his sights firmly set on regional conquest...



GEORGE BUSH

WANTS TO show the world whose still the Boss.

Even if it does mean massive global destruction...

CLASS WAR
BRITAIN'S MOST UNRULY TABLOID

NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL GOOD RECORD SHOPS!

IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT ON THE SHELF - ASK!

DON'T JUST SIT THERE

EVEN BEFORE the war started, workers were taking action against it.

The NHS was to be the first casualty of the war with admissions stopped and operations cancelled as preparations were made to cope with expected war wounded.

The Tuesday before the bombing of Iraq, hospital workers held a demonstration against these cuts, outside the London Hospital in Whitechapel, London.



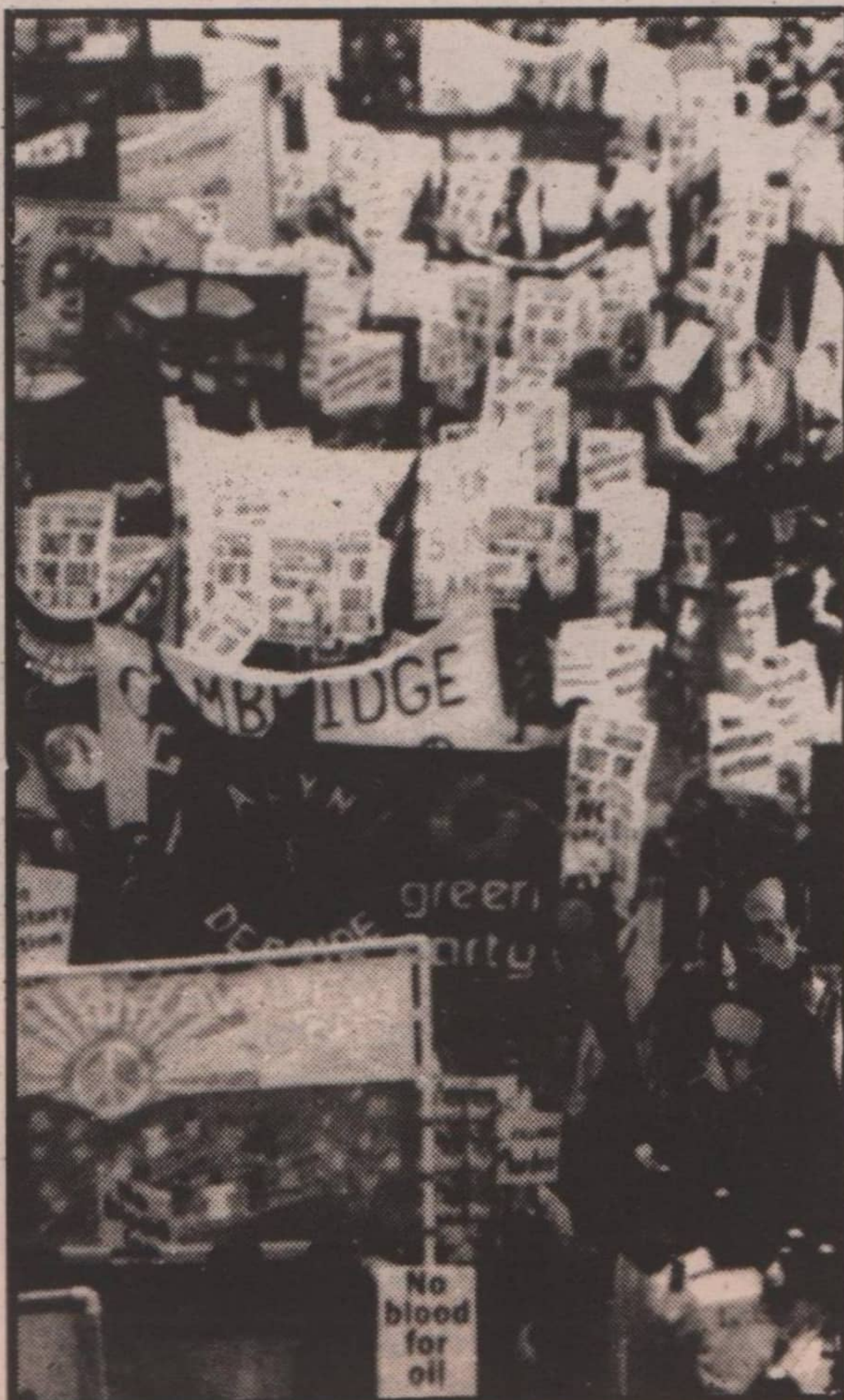
As the war drive picked up, so did direct action against it. Massive demonstrations were held all over Europe, with Germany the scene of huge mobilisations of people.

DISRUPTION

Berlin and Hamburg had the biggest, with tens of thousands of people taking part. Demonstrators then started blocking the roads into American airforce bases, which was to continue all week.

The days after the bombing started saw world wide action against the war. This was not the usual whinging group of liberal teachers prancing around with candles, holding prayers for peace, but action designed to cause maximum disruption.

On one day alone in America more people were arrested than during the



entire anti-Vietnam war demo's of the '50's and 60's.

Almost 1,000 people were arrested in San Francisco alone during a day of rioting near the Pacific Stock Exchange!

More arrests were made outside the White House as protesters threw bottles and stones at police lines.

PETROL BOMBS

In Germany the news of the start of the war brought tens of thousands out on to the streets in over a dozen cities.

Hundreds of cars blockaded the Berlin motorway for hours, and a mob of rioters threw petrol bombs and stones at police outside the American Cultural Centre in Berlin.

There were similar actions in Frankfurt and Cologne.

In the German State of Rhineland-Westphalia over a third of all schools were closed as teachers and pupils joined anti war marches and demos.

BATTERING

The property of American companies also took a battering with petrol bomb attacks reported right across Europe from Milan to Keil.

In Britain spontaneous demonstrations took place in many towns and cities when the war started.

Typical of these was the one in Bristol, where over 3,000 people marched through the town centre, stopping traffic and chanting "No war but the Class War".



The streets around Whitehall and Westminster in London was the scene of another demo, with 5,000 odd people taking to the streets, the demo went down to

REVENGE!

An attempt by a former top aide of Haiti's ex-dictator "Papa Doc", to seize power in the island, was foiled after a mass uprising by the people.

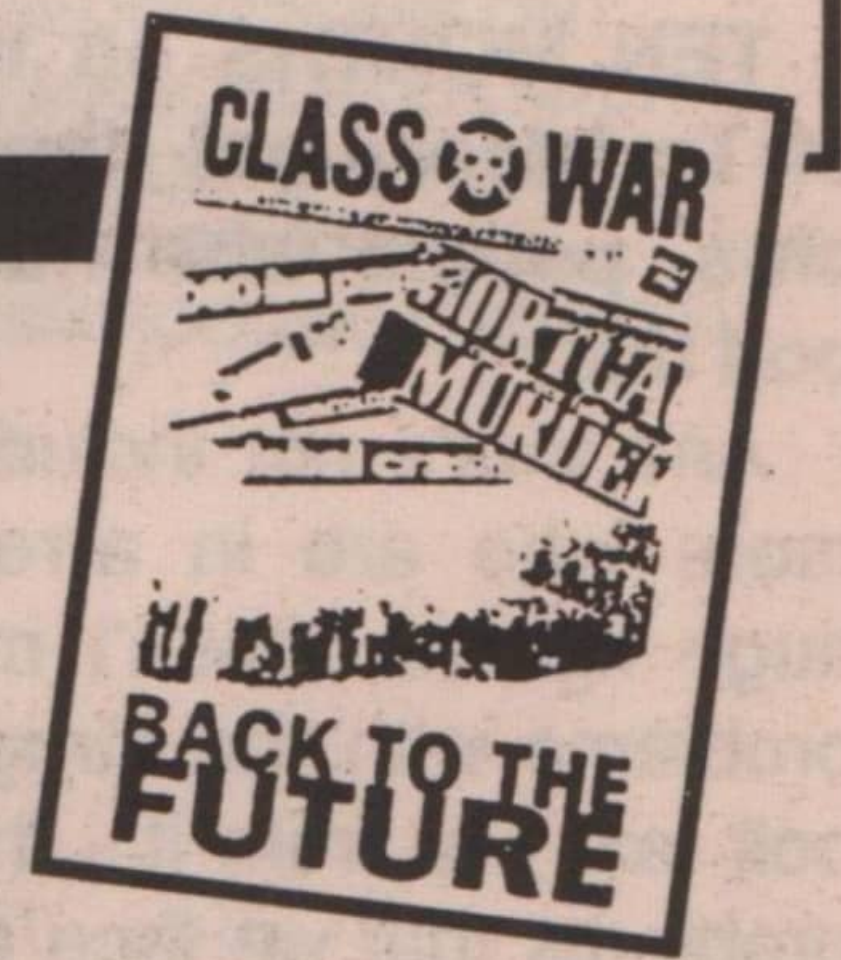
The citizens of the capital, Port-au-Prince, weren't having none of it when the coup leaders broadcast news of their actions.

Tens of thousands of people, armed with machetes, stones and iron bars stormed the Presidential Palace, with Army help, and brought down the coup.

The mobs then went on the hunt for members of the despised former secret police, the Tontons Macoutes, and other leading members of Papa Doc's regime.

Barricades were set up, and the enraged people wrought their revenge on their hated ex-bosses, over 30 were killed, including nine Tonton Macoutes who were burned to death on their way to support the coup.

Nice one!



WE GOT IT RIGHT..

CLASS WAR JAN 1990.

IT'S OFFICAL! AFTER eleven years of Tory rule, we're back in the same boat we were in, in '79.

Britain, according to the latest figures, is a country where the rich get richer, the poor get poorer, and everyone else lives on credit!

The Tories have fiddled the unemployment figures a massive 18 times!

But still the dole queues grow with every month record numbers of workers waking up to the fact that the so-called boom years of the mid '80's were just a cruel sham.

Business's are failing faster than they can count 'em, as they are crippled by the high interest rates the capitalists need to protect the pound. But for millions more the "boom years" never happened.

MEGA-RICH

The gap between the rich and poor is at its highest ever, equal to the days of Victorian squalor.

Whilst a few became mega-rich from tax cuts and management buy-outs, the rest of us were offered the crumbs of a few shares in British Telecom, and the chance to buy your own home and be chained to a costly mortgage.

Many others, in the poverty trap, never even saw this, and struggled like never before just to survive.

But what's this we hear? "The current recession will not last long", "The recession

is the fault of workers wanting higher wages" - all the same old crap!

POISON!

In the event of a "victory" in the Gulf War, the Tories may go for an early election - hoping to ride high on voters whipped up patriotism - a circus of four weeks of nonsense.

Like with the the difference between Major, Hurd or Heseltine, the "choice" between Major and Kinnock is simply a matter of choosing your poison.

The Class War Federation, along with millions of others, does not believe you can vote in change, you have to make it happen.

Only by fighting back against the attacks on our class will we improve our standards of living. Not by sitting idly back, or passively voting every five years.

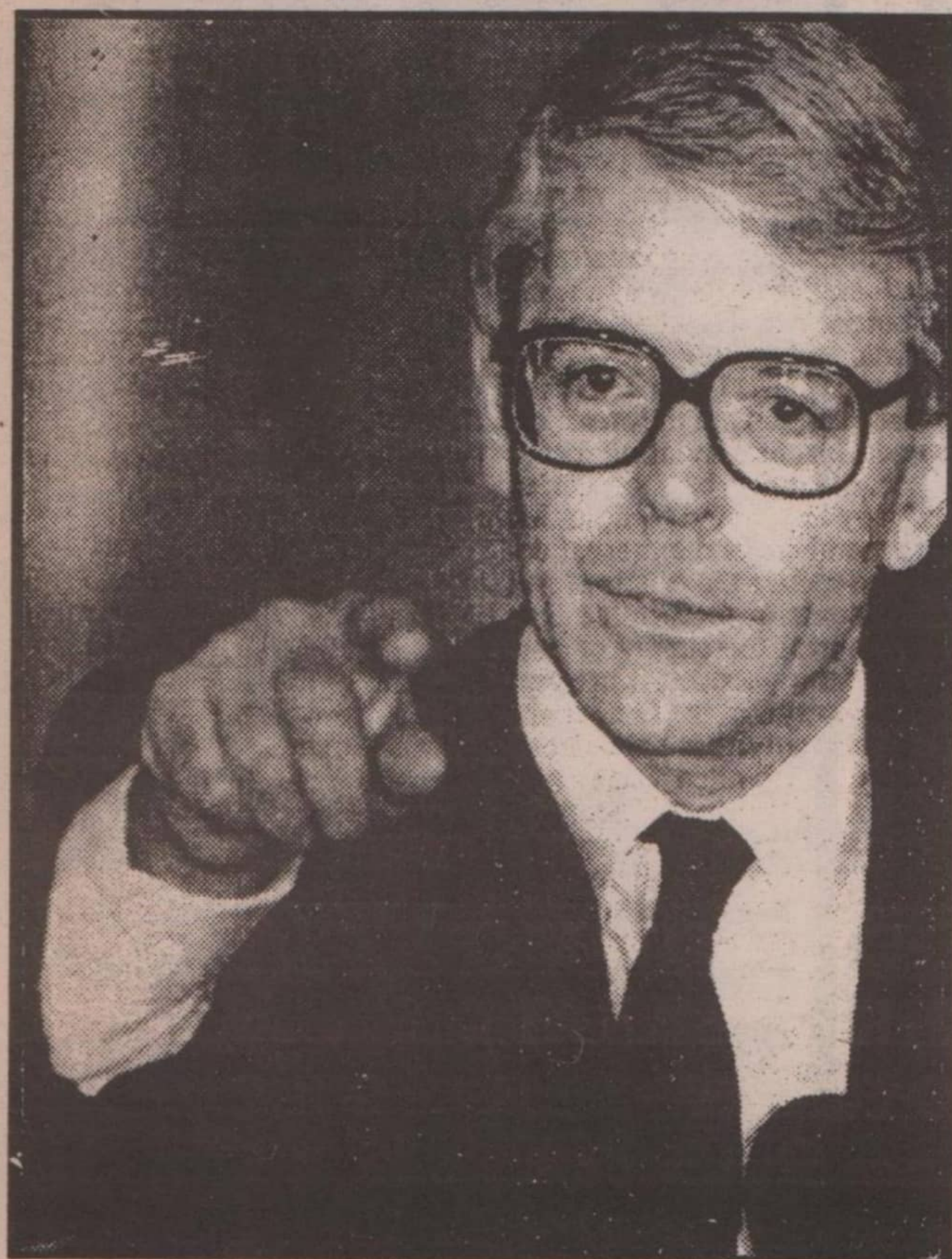
CRETINOUS COPPERS COP IT!

TWO LUTON coppers scored a spectacular own-goal when they managed to blow themselves up - in their own Police HQ!

In a pre-Xmas bonanza of stupidity, PC 'Lacking Up Top' Longley and PC 'Balls-up' Baker hospitalised themselves by detonating a bomb in their own hands, while on 'advanced' explosives training!



REAL ENEMY!



JOHN MAJOR

NEW BOY on the world stage. Keen to show that Britain can still muster up a fighting force.

Would you trust any of them?

"MAKE A KILLING"

The rich are already looking at ways in which they can make money out of the Gulf war.

The Daily Mail ran a series of articles on where to invest money during war time, and Ata Karel, a top Dutch stockbroker commented;

"The results of the first bombing of Iraq seem to be excellent. Trading should be hectic."

Meanwhile working class people are used as fodder for the war...

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FIGHTING

TEN MONTHS on from the battle of Trafalgar, and there's 14,000,000 plus, people who haven't paid the poll tax.

And that's not including the millions more who are in arrears. But these huge figures doesn't mean there's no problems with the struggle against the poll tax. Far from it - there are serious problems that we face and have to sort out.

SURVIVAL

For a start, most of the struggle is based on being passive - waiting for the bailiffs. Its a bit like not paying your TV licence or electricity bill - another way of working class survival. The problem is that most people pay their electricity bill in the end.

There's nothing wrong with surviving - but we should want something more than mere survival.

A lot of the blame for the struggle being passive can be placed on the so-called "leadership" of the anti-poll tax movement.

Most of them are members of the Militant Tendency, and they're more interested in recruiting members than intensifying the struggle.

Their real aim is to get Labour elected at the next general election, and then take over the Labour Party from the inside. As far as Militant are concerned, we are little more than voting fodder.

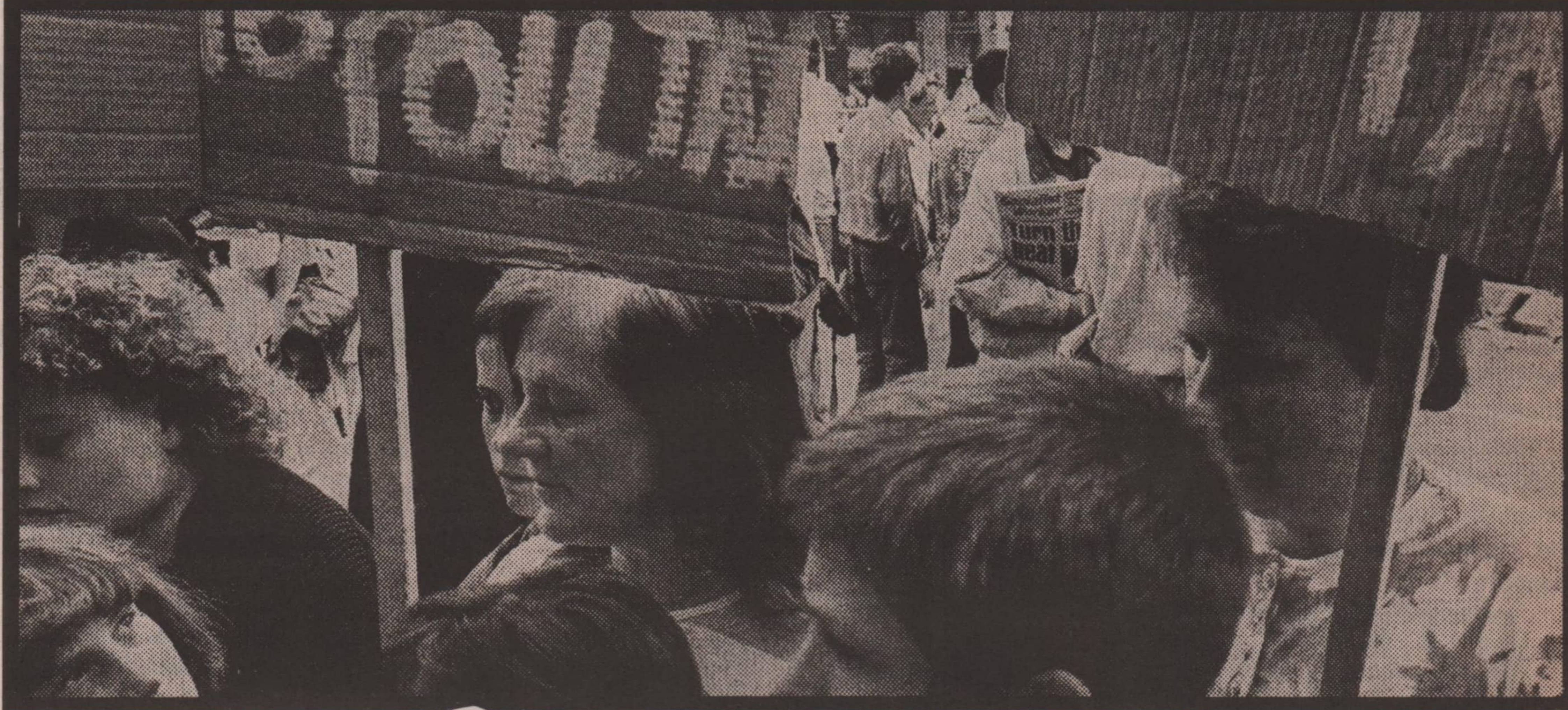
But we all know that Labour is a complete waste of time: Tory/Labour - same suits, same shit, different faces.

The rich aren't going to hand over their wealth and power to some elected government, we've got to forcibly seize it off them.

SEIZE!

But being trapped in the Labour Party for years has blinded Militant to reality. They want a passive campaign under their control.

They have deliberately stopped the spread of ideas and information in the anti-poll tax movement. They have turned conferences into mere cheerleading sessions - like the recent National Federation Conference in



Manchester.

They have organised pathetic wastes of time like the Peoples March Against the Poll Tax, 25 martyred heroes wearing smart track suits, claiming to do it all for us.

And they have revealed their gutless cowardice and treachery by threatening to "name names" to the police after the Battle Of Trafalgar.

On top of this is the fact that the government is going to reform the poll tax - there can be no real doubt about that.

FIGHT ON

When they finally decide on how they will change it, we must be ready to fight on, which means completely abolishing it, and ensuring a total amnesty for all non-payers and everyone whose been imprisoned for opposing it.

But to get there we've got to get stuck in! There are thousands of anti-poll tax unions across the country - doing great work - like getting rid of bailiffs, informing the local community of what's going on, running stalls, holding public meetings etc.

Everyone should be involved in their local union, and if there isn't one - set one up!

But the unions shouldn't stop at just

opposing the poll tax. They could be used as the basis for opposing all attacks on our class and uniting our communities.

ON THE STREETS

But to win we've got to get together - which means out on the streets. The local councils will be setting the level of this years poll tax in February and March; lets make sure they know what we think of the poll tax!

Coming up is the next National Demonstration on the 23rd March. We should do our utmost to make sure it's the biggest demo this country has ever seen.

Already the poll tax struggle has recorded some great victories for our class: the millions who are defying the law with non-payment, the biggest uprising London has seen this century, the unity the struggle has brought to some communities and the toppling of a Prime Minister.

POWER SEEKERS

But we need to continue and step-up the fight. We need to make sure we don't get betrayed by a bunch of jumped-up Trot' power seekers.

And that means getting ACTIVE, getting STUCK IN and fighting to WIN!

BLEAT BACKSTAB AND BETRAY

THERE ARE many independent Anti-Poll Tax Unions across the country, and these numbers are swelling daily as unions get fed up with, and leave, the National Federation.

There are two national organisations that help co-ordinate activity, and spread information - what the National Fed should do - but doesn't.

There's the *Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign*, set up to defend those arrested on 31st March last year, and the *3D Network*, who have a regular newsletter and organised conferences.

A part of TSDC, the *Prisoners' Group* regularly produces updated lists of prisoners and where they're being held.

They give financial support, co-ordinate prison visits, and arrange for letters of solidarity to reach prisoners.

They also provide radios/walkmans for prisoners' use.

Also there's the excellent "Refuse and Resist" paper from Glasgow, which carries all the latest news about what's going on.

All three are well worth checking out - as Militant betray, backstab and bleat, we need to make sure we're nationally organised.

T.S.D.C. - Room 205, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London, WC1X. (Tel 071 833 8958)

3D Network - 11 Springfield Rd, London, N15. (Tel 081 801 6041 or 081 802 9804)

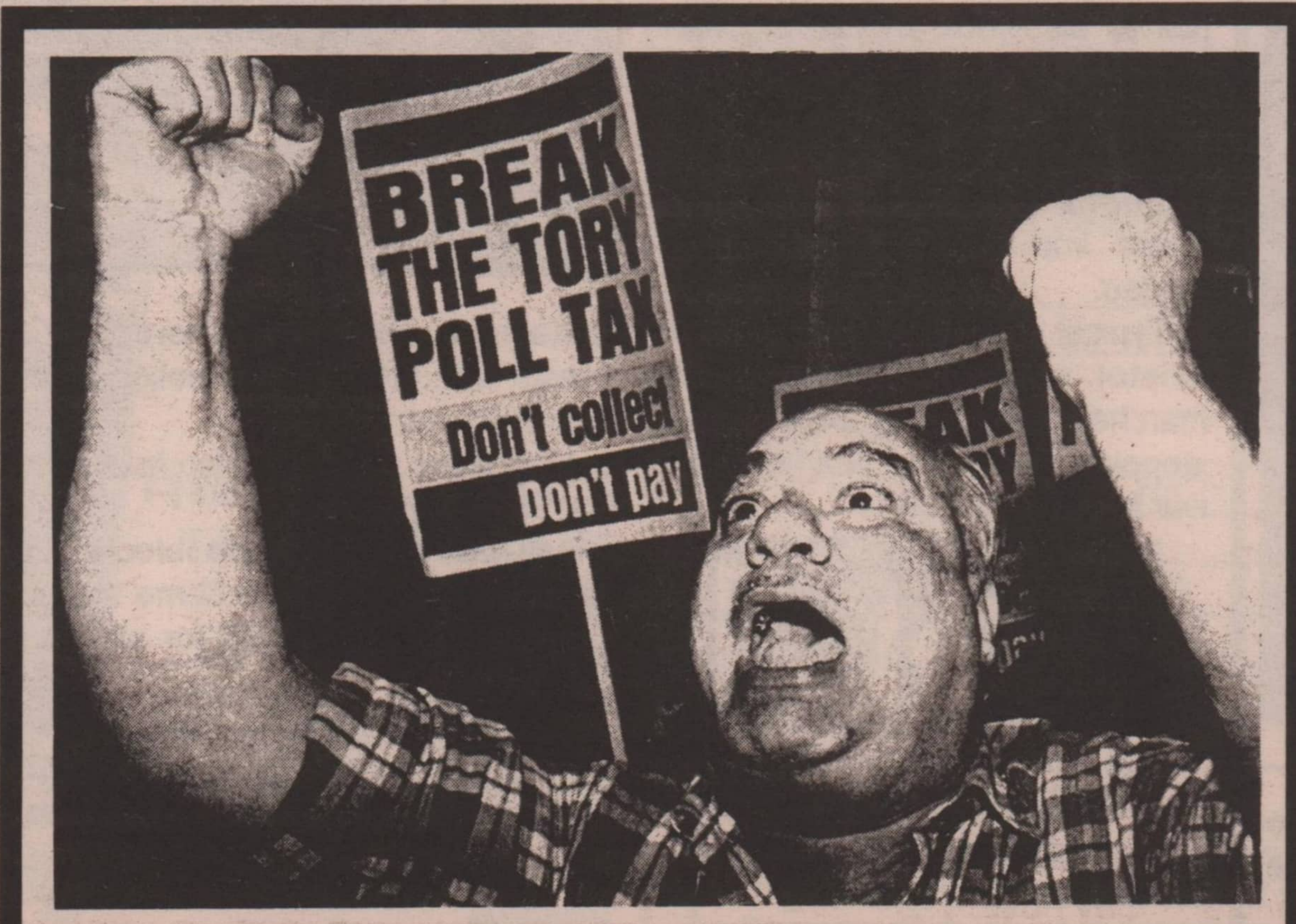
"Refuse and Resist" - PO Box 239, Glasgow, G3. (send donation)

SNEAKY BASTARDS

SAILORS IN the Gulf will have a special surprise when they get home. For a full Poll Tax bill will be waiting for them on their return.

Yes, despite being away at sea for over 9 months in many cases, they are being charged the full sum.

And many sailors have now been summonsed by sneaky councils, for non payment!



TO WIN

**IT'S FULL
STEAM
AHEAD
FOR THE
POLL TAX
MOVEMENT.**

BAILIFF BUSTING - MAC' STYLE

WHEN IT comes to resisting the hated Poll Tax, those in Macclesfield know how to do it in style!

So solid are they in their resolve not to pay, that "TRENCH WARFARE" headlines fill the local rags.

But, at the same time the local APTU's know how to have a laugh along the way, with amongst other things, Anti Poll Tax PARTIES!

RESISTANCE!

Despite being barred from the courtroom, weekly protests outside still go ahead on the Tuesday; - a day set aside for non payment hearings, so many is the number of non payers!

And resistance to the Tax goes on, and what's more is gathering momentum.

While the Local council, with its whinging two-faced Labourites, has knuckled under, and started sending in the bailiffs, the people of Macclesfield have taken to their own forms of bailiff busting.

One bloke, while off sick, saw fit to put a dampener on the bailiffs actions and threw a bowl of water over them! And cops turning up to investigate, decided the bailiffs warrant wasn't in order anyhow and sent THEM away!

MAYHEM!

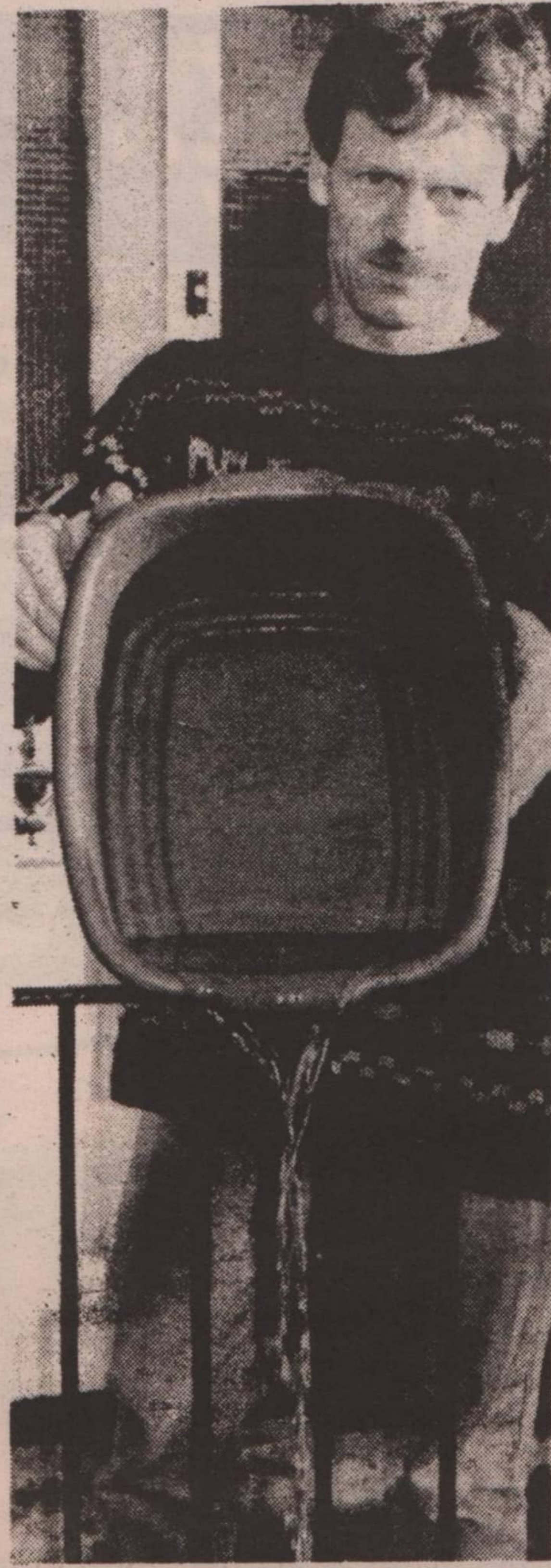
And the Macclesfield APTU, now recognised as the largest 'political' group in the area, continues to go from strength to strength, even collecting petrol coupons to get useful gear for the group.

An informative newsletter is produced telling exactly what the bailiffs can, and more to the point, CAN'T do, and putting people in the picture about the mayhem at Macclesfield Council.

HATED!

We are sure that as the second year of the hated Tax grows near, and the councils aim to set the next level, the mayhem will get worse for them.

And that's better for US!



BAILIFF DOWSING...!

DERAILED

British Rail are compiling computerised personal files on BR workers.

These are to include details of poll tax resistance, non-payment etc.. in an attempt to help with wage arremstments.

It'd be terribly sad if the BR bosses fell under a train, now wouldn't it?

SENT TO COVENTRY

Don't look for any help from the Labour Party when you're fighting the poll tax:

Coventry Labour Council has announced that it's going to gool non-payers if they don't cough up the £425 local tax.

The good news is that hypocrirical scum like these are quite happily digging their own graves, and their own Party won't be able to protect 'em!



HERO!

BRYAN WRIGHT, from Grantham, Lincolnshire, (Thatchers home town) was the first person to go to jail for non-payment of the hated poll tax. But he didn't stay there for long!

An angry march of over 700 people, the biggest in the town for years, put enough pressure on to embarrass magistrates into letting him out before Xmas.

Bryan doesn't have to pay his poll tax as he's wiped the slate clean by going to prison.

He's delighted at the solidarity he felt from his community, and swears that he's not paying this years' tax either: *"The forms will go straight in the bin!"*

FLOODED

AT THE END of December, the town of Hucknall, Nottingham, came to a standstill.

Workers flooded into the local magistrates' court to destroy any chance of 700 'personal hearings' taking place.

The excellent mood, as all cases were adjourned was summed up: "We'd go on strike if they tried to take the tax from us".

Bosses in Nottingham will be ducking for cover if they collaborate with wage arremstments - *they'll end up with no workforce left to exploit and a bloody nose!*

NATIONAL ANTI POLL TAX DEMONSTRATION - 23rd MARCH CENTRAL LONDON.



**LETS MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST
DEMONSTRATION LONDON
HAS EVER SEEN.**



SEE LOCAL APTU'S FOR DETAILS



SALLY SKULLY

A LOOK BACK AT 1990 WITH..

Yes Folks! Better late than never... it's Class War's very own look back at '90!

"quotes"

"The Poll Tax will prove popular" - Thatcher.

"Class War, not oil war" - Graffiti on Army recruiting booth in Times Square, New York.

"Where to invest your money if it's war in the

Gulf" - *The Daily Mail*, on the day the West bombed Iraq.

"They were working class hero's" - Class War's Andy Murphy, talking on TV about the poll tax rioters.

"We will hold an enquiry

and name names of the people responsible" - National Federation officer Steve Nally, also talking on TV about the poll tax rioters.

"I wish that cow would resign" - A luckless, Tory Northern Ireland Minister who was

taped talking to his wife about Thatcher, by the IRA, on his car phone.

"May I first agree with everything the Prime Minister has just said, as I have long made clear" - Neil Kinnock to Thatcher.

"I don't like strikes. I like unofficial strikes even less" - TUC boss Norman Willis.

"Those people who long for a bit of class struggle should go try London" - Wall Street Journal after the poll tax riot.



"working class hero's"



STEVE NALLY - NAMING NAMES

"We lost" - A London WPC after the poll tax riot.

"All jurors should have A levels" - Ernest Saunder's son after his old man he was found guilty, and sent down, for fraud.

GREEDY RICH SCUM!

AS THE THATCHER years ended - a record number of City figures were caught with their hands in the till. Here's just a few of the more famous...

Asil Nadir - Ex-boss of the multi-national Polly Peck empire, under Serious Fraud Squad investigation for stealing stockholders' dosh.

Ernest Saunders, Gerald Ronson, Larry Parnes and Sir Jack Lyons - Sent down for insider dealing and fraud during the Guinness takeover battle.



ASIL NADIR - ANOTHER RICH BASTARD

The Fayed Brothers - Owners of the toffs' shop Harrods, under investigation for lying and cheating when they brought the House of Fraser chain seven years ago.

Roger Levitt - Boss of the Levitt Group, once dubbed "Britain's most successful salesman", he drove a fleet of posh cars, and lived a life of luxury - right up till the moment the law raided his offices and nicked him for fraud. *Ha, Ha, Ha.*

THIEFING, LYING,

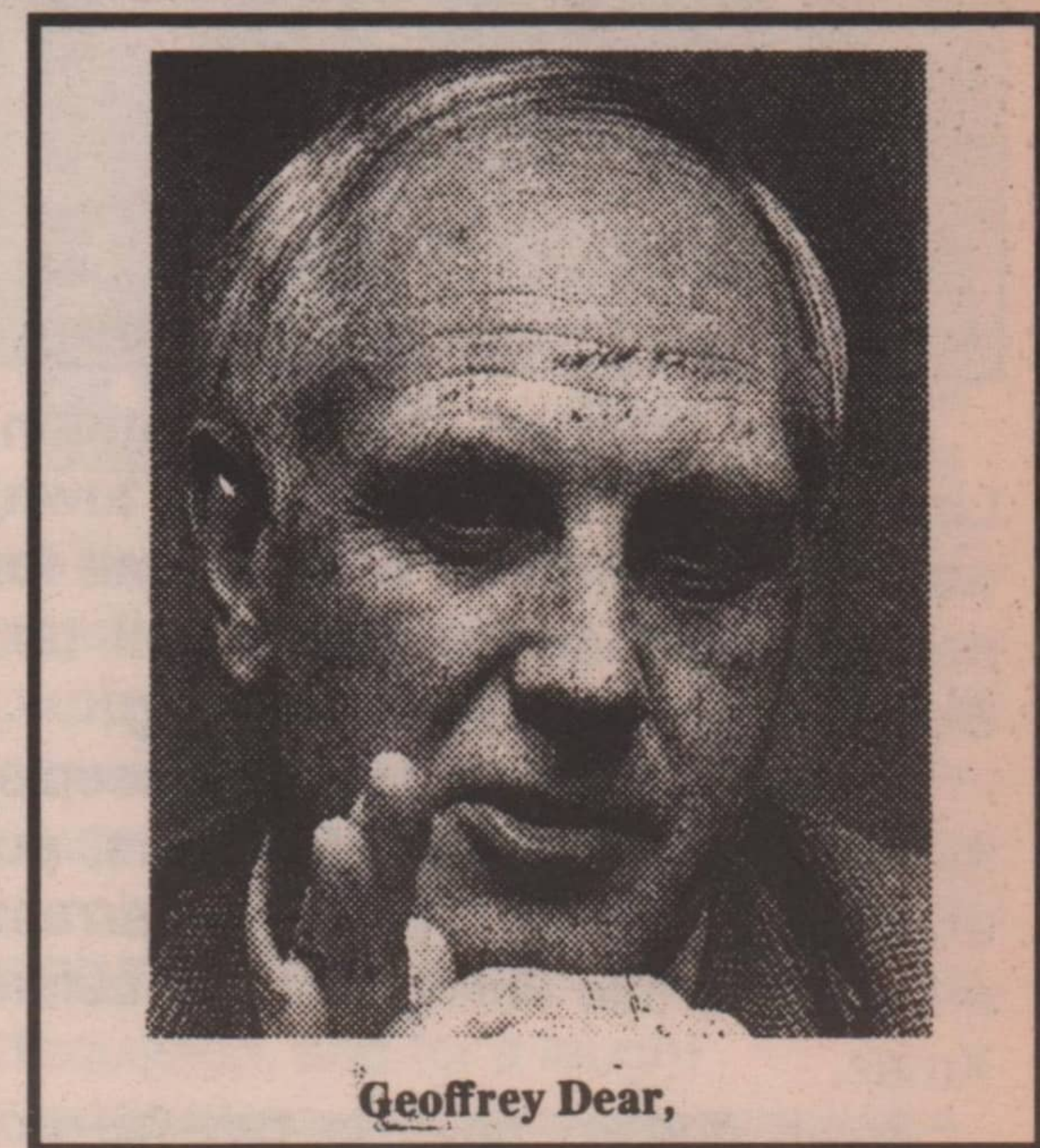
HELLO, HELLO, hello, what's all this then..?

The battered Boys in Blue haven't had a good year of it... and just to rub salt into their wounds, here's a reminder of a few things they've been up to...

THREE TOP COPPERS are about to appear in court over the fitting up of the Guildford Four.

£57,000 a year new boy, Ass. Commissioner of the Met., Wyn 'Wapping' Jones, who earned his stripes commanding riot squads during the News International strike, is under investigation about his links with Asil Nadir, arrested ex-boss of the collapsed trading empire, Polly Peck.

GEOFFREY DEAR, Chief Constable in the West Midlands, facing investigation into the workings of the



Geoffrey Dear,

infamous West Midlands Serious Crime Squad.

THE BIRMINGHAM Six's expected release next year, will turn the knife again in the back of the West Mids force.



ERNEST SAUNDERS - DOING TIME



BUILDING WORKERS IN SHEFFIELD CELEBRATE THE END OF THATCHER.

NOT THE NEW YEARS HONOURS!



AT THIS TIME of year the New Years Honours list is released.

Full of grovelling civil servants, fat, rich, businessmen who've paid millions into Tory Party funds, and the odd has-been sports star, it doesn't make for interesting, or surprising, reading. *But this will!*

We are proud to present Sally Skull's very own New Years honours list...

First of all, a whole hat full of medals goes to all of the Poll Tax Rioters - if you brought disruption to your town hall or even Central London on the 31st - you're there!

Next, a fistful of medals to all those



who took part in the prison uprisings of April/May. Special mention to the lads at Strangeways.

The honour of having the best demo against the rich goes to the 2,000 class fighters who fought head-on with riot



HERO - BRYAN WRIGHT

cops guarding the annual Vienna Opera Ball.

A world famous gathering of idle rich bastards. They battled all night long, and brought terror to the party-going parasites!

WILDCAT

A special award goes to all the anarchists who booed and jeered Gorby off the stand, at the Moscow May Day Parade, in full view of hundreds of millions of watching TV viewers.

A special "Most outstanding Industrial Dispute" honour must go to the Offshore oil-rig workers who staged lightning wildcat strikes throughout last year.

And ignored everyone from the government, the bosses and the unions who were all crying out for them to stop.

Another award goes to the best named football team of the year, who

won the Sun/Carling Black Label Striker Cup - they were called Pay No Poll Tax!

FOUGHT

Without a doubt, the winner of the "Best All Round European Uprising" award, facing stiff competition from both the French school students and a late contender; rioting Greek youths, are the homeless of the Friedrichshain district in Berlin.

They fought a grand battle against

the German police and Army, who were trying to evict them from empty blocks of flats.

And finally a special mention in the Working Class Hero section goes to one of Grantham's finest - Bryan Wright - a 21 year old building worker who put two fingers up to the poll tax, and became the first person jailed for non-payment.



WINNERS OF THE EUROPEAN UPRISING AWARD...

BASTARDS

SEVEN "exemplary officers" were sacked after being suspended on FULL PAY for two years, after beating up and glassing Londoner, Gary Stretch, who lost an ear in the attack.

SURREY DETECTIVE Witchlo, was found guilty in a million pound baby food poisoning plot.

A COP is jailed for 13 years in Manchester, for running £10 million drugs factory.

..And they still seem to wonder why they're so unpopular!



Wyn "Wapping" Jones.



Waste of space - Canary Wharf in London's Docklands.

ON THE SCRAP HEAP...

BANKRUPTCIES are at record levels, and some of the most prestigious companies of the eighties have gone down the tubes.

You know the ones, they were held up as shining examples of modern capitalism...

● **British & Commonwealth** - One of the largest property developers in the country, responsible for building most of London's Yuppie Docklands. Crashed with almost two billion pounds worth of debts!

SACKED!

● **StoreHouse** - Owners of British Home Stores and top draw retailers Habitat. Massive cutbacks and store closures only just saved the company. But not the boss, Terence Conran - who was sacked by the board.

● **Multi millionaire Ralph Halpern**, famous for his affair with an 18 year old

model, was another boss who was sacked when his Burton clothing group reported massive financial problems. But don't bother shedding a tear, this rich bastard got a huge £3,000,000 pay off!

STRUGGLING

● **Coloroll** - The up-market home furnishings company called in the liquidators when the market for their expensive crap folded.

● **Harris-Queensway**, the nationwide chain of furniture shops, called in the receivers just before Christmas - losing millions of pounds of customers deposits in the process.

● **Sock Shop** - One of Maggie's favourite companies went down the tubes with huge losses...

Which should soon be followed by Next and Dixons, who are both struggling for their financial life...

BUYO

A LOT OF PEOPLE find it hard to believe that anyone can be homeless in a "wealthy" country like Britain.

Certain groups and individuals even blame the homeless themselves, or 'immigrants', coming to Britain to "take our homes".

Others might put it down to incompetent management by local authorities who own 1000s of empty properties throughout the country.

Both of these 'answers' - for all their differences - share a common myth: that the "powers that be" actually WANT to give everyone a decent home, and it's only immigrants, councillors and the homeless themselves who prevent them!!

The current housing crisis began in Britain after World War II: thousands of homes had been destroyed in the conflict, mainly in large, dismal, working class areas. Many homes that were left standing were in really bad shape even before the War.

Having been used as pawns in the ruling class power struggle, returning workers demanded change. Revolution was in the air, just as it had been after World War I.

UNREST

The ruling class realised it had to do something to keep the lid on the unrest, and it was the Labour Party who came to their rescue!

Following their landslide victory in 1946, Labour introduced sweeping reforms: the setting-up of the NHS, the Welfare State, state education, nationalisation, and massive investment in public sector housing.

Although this improved the general standard of living, it was still the ruling class that were in full control of the changes.

In industry, workers had to put up with the same bosses, managers, rules and regulations; and the same resistance to wage increases and improved working conditions.



Similarly, in housing, the working class had **no say or control** when streets of terraced homes were demolished to be replaced by ugly, impersonal and alienating tower blocks and estates designed by a new breed: middle class planners and architects.

But it was the working class who had to build and live in these shit holes!

DISCONTENT

The post-war "boom" ended suddenly at the end of the 1960s. Britain was hit hard by the plummeting world capitalist economy.

The ruling class decided to make the workers pay for its own crisis, and began to dismantle the last 20 years' reforms.

10 years of intense class conflict followed, culminating in "The Winter of Discontent", in 1979. The ruling class came out on top, for a while, after a bitter struggle. The working class had limited itself by sticking to the traditional labour/trade union methods - they didn't see that the ruling class would no longer offer them something.

At the end of the '70s, the Labour government made more and more cuts in education, health, and housing.

But it wasn't until the '80s that workers, under Thatcherism, realised how much their defeat would cost them: spending on housing became almost non-existent; there was a block on building council houses; council grants were savagely cut so that councils couldn't even maintain their own housing stock.

Homelessness soared, and by the end of the '80s, it was impossible to walk down a city street without seeing 1 or 2 people, huddled up in a dirty blanket or shop doorway.

SOCIAL CONTROL

Cuts in spending aren't the only part of Tory housing policy. The sinister idea of social control is just as important to them. It has 3 parts:

1. People have been lured and forced into home ownership. This began by making it a lot easier. Council tenants were given the right to buy their homes at a discount, and it became a lot easier to borrow and get a mortgage.

It then became a case of "buy or rot" as decent rented accommodation got harder to find. With the 'right to buy' policy AND enforced council cuts, local councils lost their best houses and couldn't afford to maintain their remaining ones.

Many private landlords sold up to make a fast buck out of rising property values, making it even harder to find somewhere to rent.

Landlords took full advantage, and private rents went up by as much as 400%! For many young people, especially couples, there was no choice but to take out a mortgage and buy.

The logic behind this disaster? Thatcher's "popular capitalism". Share values and mortgage interest rates are directly linked to the nation's economic health. Tied up with a mortgage, people will work to pay it off and are unlikely to do anything that'll threaten their finances.

People with mortgages are less likely to strike as they would be risking



the roof over their families' heads. A very powerful means of social control!

2. **Planned homelessness** is a new way to threaten the working class. Previously, unemployment was used to keep the workers quiet in times of economic crisis:

With a large pool of labour to choose from, bosses used to bribe us by saying: "If you don't like the job, there's plenty more that'll do it".

But by the 1980s, the main area of **class conflict** was in the community, not the workplace: in 1981 working class youth rioted all over Britain as the recession brought more and more cuts in the standard and quality of life.

So the threat of homelessness became a 'convenient' way of saying: "You might not mind being on the dole, but see how you like living rough!"

Throughout the last decade, the Tories brought in more and more legislation, and changes in social security/housing benefit rules, to ensure that a young person would end up on the streets if they left the family home.

3. **Destroying working class communities** was also on the Tories'

agenda: in the past, workers were generally housed together, in big estates, or whole areas of cities.

For the ruling class, this was a case of "out of sight, out of mind", BUT as community class struggle grew, the ruling class were threatened by the solidarity and communal spirit in these areas, and now try to break these communities up.

The middle class/yuppies began to buy up houses in working class areas, thus making it harder for workers to buy homes in their own areas.

GREED

This process, called "**gentrification**" was often directly controlled by Urban Development Corporations, with government money, who seized land from local councils, at knock-down prices, and sold it to developers to build luxury apartments on.

If this wasn't enough, the Tory scum promoted the idea of 'the individual', NOT 'the community'.

This was meant to encourage selfishness, greed, and an "I'm alright, Jack" attitude that is shown in many areas, in the form of crime, drug abuse, and a generally poor environment.



A family forced to squat an empty house being evicted after WW11.

R R O T II

Class War takes a look at housing, and some of the myths around it.



SELF-HELP HOUSING CLASS WAR STYLE

IT'S ALL VERY well saying that "Revolution is the only solution" when you're not homeless. It's not exactly very comforting for the person kipping in a shop doorway, or the family crammed into bed and breakfast accomodation.

But there ARE things we can do which fight the class war and secure a place to live: In London, and all over Britain, there are literally HOMES UP FOR GRABS!

TAKE THEM!

In the south of England property developers are moaning that they can't sell their newly-built houses. If the yuppies don't want them, there's plenty of people who do!

We're not talking about local councils taking them over, renting and selling them.....we're talking about working class people TAKING THEM!

SQUATTING has got a bad reputation over the years, conjuring up images of young hippies and punks with lifestyles totally alien to the majority of the working class. BUT this is the result of the ruling class making any form of self initiative seem 'strange' and 'ghettoised'.

COLLECTIVELY

After World War II, returning soldiers were part of a huge squatting movement amongst the working class, pissed off with waiting for the council to house them and their families.

Yet it's the Tories who're always telling us to "get on our bikes", and to stop depending on the state for "handouts". The big difference between them and **Class War** is that we say people should do it collectively rather than individually.

Taking over empty property needs planning and organisation to be successful. It also implies a certain degree of defending your territory against attempts to evict you - the state, the police, the bailiffs, hired thugs etc. The reason squatting has become the domain of the young and single is that many older people with families can't cope with the insecurity.

INSULTS

WELL, security only comes from knowing that you're doing something with other people you can depend on.

Why stop at houses and flats? There are empty offices and other buildings all over the place...In London, one of the biggest insults to the homeless is County Hall at Waterloo, left standing empty. It could house literally hundreds in comfort, with a view of The Thames as a bonus!

In 1974 a group of young people occupied Centrepoint, an empty office block in the heart of London - they planned brilliantly, and proved that it could be done. All it takes is imagination, guts, and a vision of what can be achieved.

So, don't just sit there, ORGANISE!!

As well as physically and geographically breaking up the old communities, the whole process ensured that the actual base population of the working class was gradually eroded, as young people were forced out.

THE TRUTH

So there you have it - Britain's housing crisis: **NOT an accident and NOT the fault of the working class.** But a consciously employed weapon of the ruling class, used to destabilise working class communities.

A plan to create INSECURITY for the working class, and security for the ruling class.

The only way to change it is to destroy the whole rotten system that causes it in the first place: no amount of 'caring' local councils, Labour promises, "self-help" housing schemes or charities will make a difference in the long run. **The working class should expect NOTHING from this system,** or from the people who prop it up, however well-intentioned they may seem.

Security, choice and freedom in housing and all aspects of our lives will only come when WE take the initiative and build a new world on the ruins of the old.

MIDDLE CLASS SOLUTIONS?

ALTHOUGH Housing Associations or Trusts are often run by 'well-meaning' people, they have become pawns of the Tories. Like many new ideas that may threaten the state, they have been compromised and sucked in.

The first trusts, like Guinness and Peabody, were set up by rich scum "with a conscience", over 100 years ago, to help the urban poor, who were often the same people who worked for them! The money used was usually profit made from our labour, and workers had no control over the trusts.

Other trusts were set up by the bleeding hearts of the clergy - with big donations from big business and the wealthy churches.

EXPLODED

In the late '60s, housing associations exploded onto the scene, partly because young people saw that the new housing estates were falling apart.

These people went for houses rather than blocks of flats; and many housing

co-ops were in fact squatters who'd got a licence. Many of these new groups were based on self-help and mutual collective action.

Unfortunately, these freedom-loving 'rebels' got older, had careers, mortgages and marriages, and so got sucked into the system.

LAWS

Now, most housing associations have become totally dependent on the government of the day or on loans from big banks.

A variety of laws have been passed, the last being the 1988 Housing Act, to force these organisations only to act on the wishes of government - and the current wish is that the Tories control the rehousing of the homeless - **which is why it's not happening!**

Housing associations are now little more than private property managers, companies charging high rents and giving tenants little or no say.

Why don't they object? Because

the associations' top people are on wages of £30,000 - £50,000, and like the Labour reformists before them, they only want to keep their own power and privileges. These people are **our enemies.**

Any attempts to find solutions to housing problems must not be chained by what is 'legal' or 'acceptable'. We have seen middle class co-ops buckle under to government wishes time and time again.

The best intentions have been swallowed in a tide of capitalist bureaucracy and the need to "make ends meet" under capitalism.

We won't search for middle class answers to a ruling class problem - it is only direct working class action that will give us all a decent home in a decent community, run by us and for us

- NOT TO FURTHER SOME BASTARD'S CAREER, BUT FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF US ALL.

TOP TEN TIPS

Class War is proud to present its own Top 10 tips for all people in London, looking for a home. Now read on:

1. BUCKINGHAM PALACE: or any other property owned by Royal parasites. Guaranteed to have 100s of well-furnished and warm rooms.
2. HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT. Hundreds of offices easily converted into bedrooms, classrooms, living rooms etc.
3. COUNTY HALL (EX-GLC). Reputed to have over 1000 rooms sitting empty. A beautiful location by the river.
4. CENTREPOINT. Still empty.
5. 97,000 privately owned empty houses in London.
6. THOUSANDS of houses owned by local councils.
7. HOUSING MINISTER. George Young's constituency office, Avenue Rd., Acton, London W3. Pay him a visit!
8. A POSH FLAT in the Docklands - 75% of em are still empty.
9. HYDE PARK - if you have a mobile home or prefer camping
10. THE 17% of City offices left permanently empty.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR TOWN OR CITY?

MUCK SPREADER



DIGGING THE DIRT ON THE GREEN FRONT...

WINDBAGS

THE EUROPEAN Parliament is set to reverse a damning report on alternative energy sources, that it commissioned from non other than the UK Atomic Energy Authority!

The AEA was asked to report into the possibilities of wave power, and other 'alternative' energies, by the EEC back in 1985. After years of stalling, the report was written in highly technical terms, and said that so-called 'alternative energy' was a dead duck!

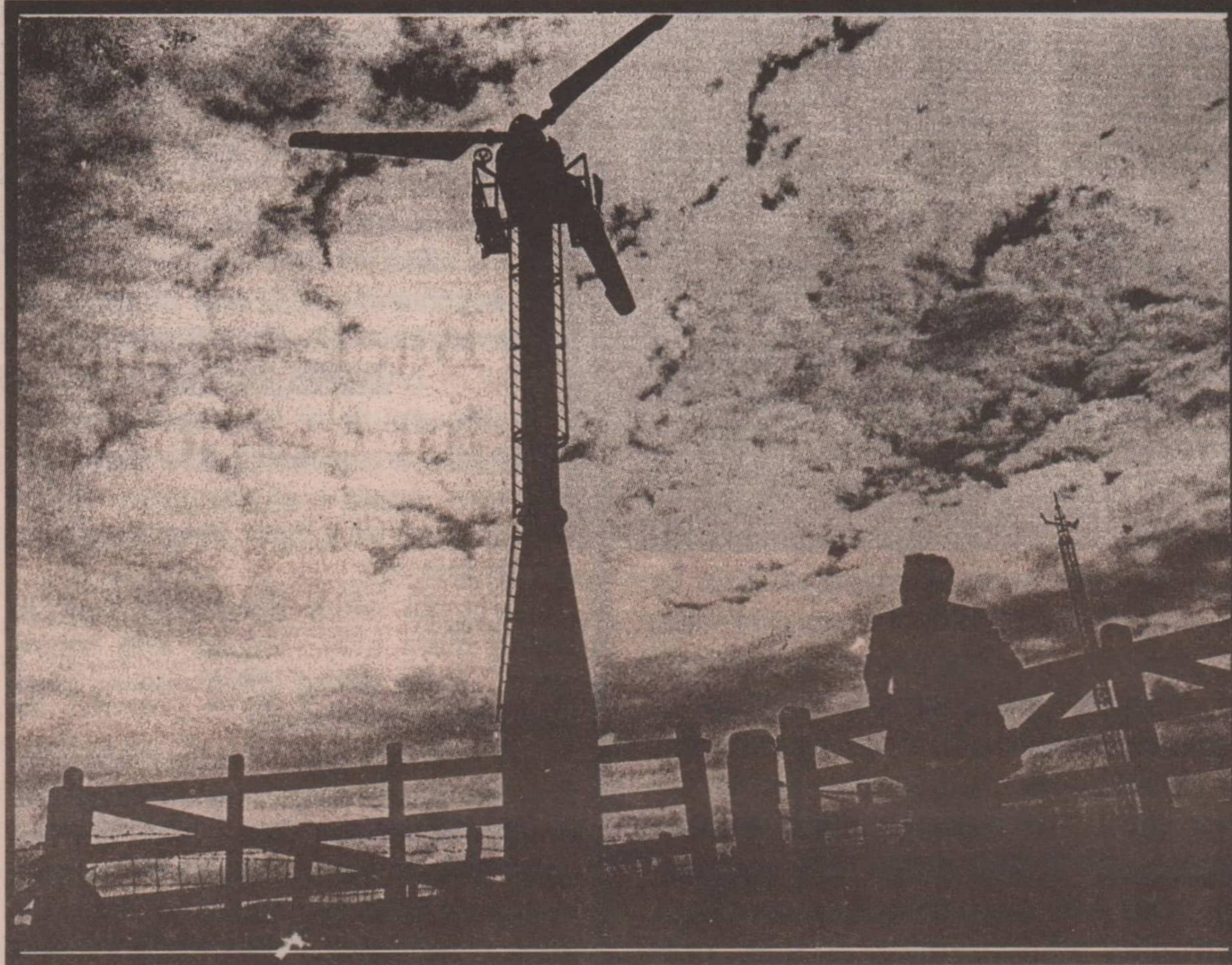
Asking the AEA to report on alternative energies is like asking the Sun to print the truth. Both have a vested interest in keeping us ignorant about what's really going on.

In this particular case, the AEA is shit scared that the big money they need to jump start the flagging British Nuclear industry will be attracted towards renewable sources of energy.

SHIT CREEK

They presented the report hoping to baffle the Eurocrats with their technical jargon, but they were sussed-out by some bright-eyed boffin, and the AEA ended up in shit creek!

This winter, like the last two, has seen storms and devastating winds of near Biblical proportions! Houses have been flattened, whole areas flooded by high seas, and yet the AEA want us to believe that energy gained from wind and wave power



WIND POWER - THE FUTURE ?

would somehow not work!

The powers that be are telling us on one hand that alternative energy is a non-starter, whilst we watch the results of wave and wind power laying waste to the seaside, on the other!!

Its quite obvious that harnessing these natural elements would provide a clean and plentiful source of energy.

And if this years storms are anything to go by they should keep us going for a while!

CLASSLESS MY ARSE

Surprise, surprise! John 'Who's He?' Major's goal of a "classless society" has already come seriously unstuck as a recent medical survey shows:

Basically, the working class, who work harder and longer, for less money than the middle and ruling classes, are more prone to serious illness. This was shown to have very little to do with either drinking or

smoking - in fact, the middle class piss it up far more than the workers.

Obviously, it's got a damn sight more to do with poverty, homelessness, and the difference between a BUPA scheme and an NHS waiting queue.

Hopefully, the ruling class will drink themselves into early graves. That's one good reason to pop a few corks!

PINE STRIPPERS!

EVER WONDERED why some of the most rugged moorland and mountain side in Britain is covered in a dark blanket of pine trees?

Well, you're just about to find out. In the early eighties, as a reward to big business, which had fought to get them elected, the Tories created the Business Expansion Scheme.

This was a scheme whereby investors in certain types of industry (forestry was one of them) could claim their investment back against tax.

This meant that over night millions of pounds were poured into forestry, and as well as getting a slice of the industry, the rich investors were getting ALL the cost of their investment back!

MONEY

A licence to print money said the City! And off went new forestry companies planting thousands of now profitable acres of pine trees (which happen to be cheap and quick growing).

But these "black blankets" of dense pine forest were destroying the ecosystems of the land they were planted on, and whole swaves of land became "dead".

Recently the government, shamed by its green record, paid lip service to a report saying that broadleaf trees were the right thing to plant in this country.

TOKEN CHANGES

It made token changes to the Scheme, but this has not changed the situation one bit, and everyone from cash laden pension funds, to such rich scum as Terry Wogan and Cliff Richard, are still queuing up to double their money.

The fact is, Capital will never change its spots, where it sees money, it will run. Most of these forests would not even exist if it weren't for this scheme, but for it to work trees must be planted.

STUNG

Some of the companies are stung by the criticism of the green movement, and have come up with daft reasons to fool us into thinking they are doing us a favour. One crackpot excuse is that "they are securing wood supply for times of war".

That was a good excuse in the days of wooden warships when timber was needed, but we think the nature of modern warfare makes this a little hard to swallow!

However much Capital insists its now "gone green", and point to the waste lands of Eastern Europe as the bad guy, the fact remains that if we let them, they will lay waste to the world, and then try to blame us for it!

Unless we stop them...

NO MAJOR CHANGE...

What's all this bollocks about John Major being "classless", as TV presenters, and everyone else is fond of calling him?

With the Labour party spending the last 5 or 6 years chasing the Guardian-reading Green voters, it must be easy for the coseted media pundits to think that Major is so-called "classless".

But would you think of your Bank Manager or some top civil servant as "classless", of course not!

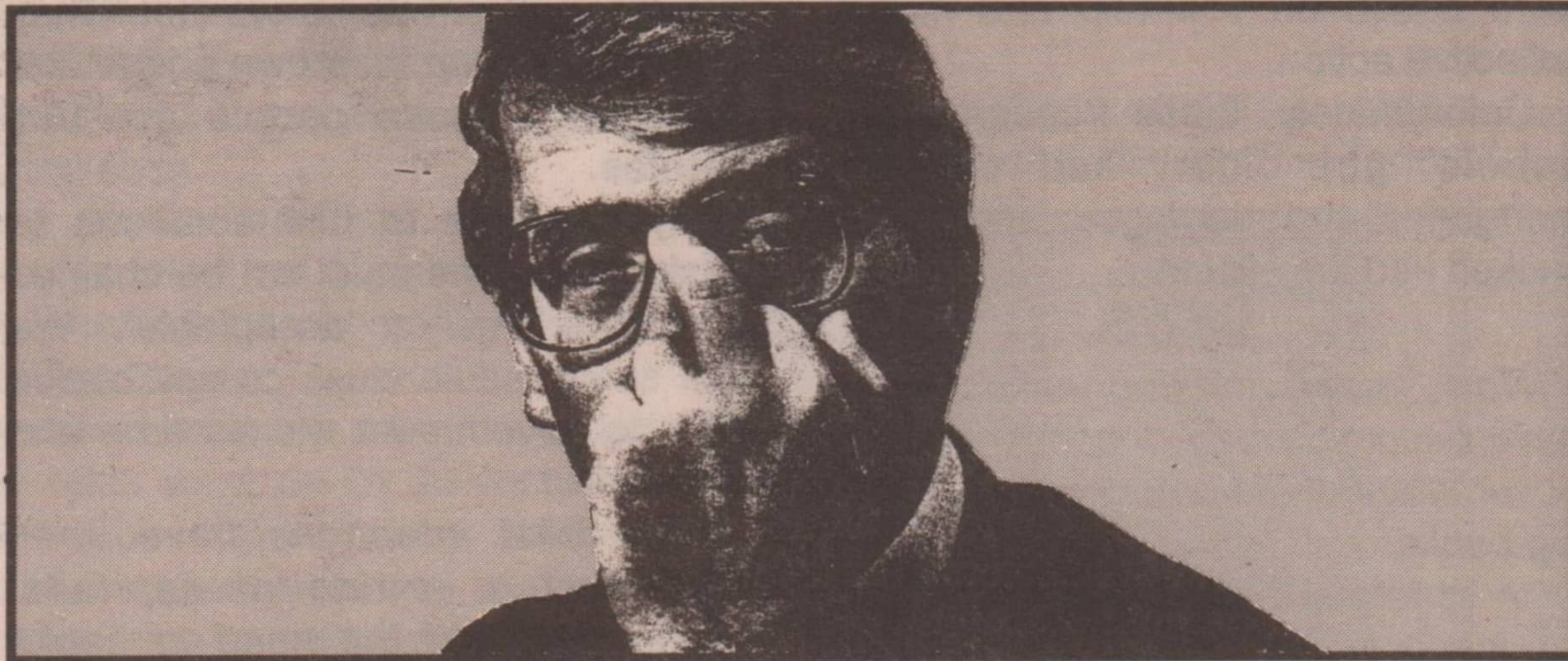
PRIVILEGED

Just because he doesn't have a long winded title, or isn't heir to some country estate, doesn't mean that he's working class, or "classless" in Tory Speak.

In the eighties the Tories tried to tell us all that we were all middle class, now in the nineties we are supposed to be seeing the "classless society".

What a load of crap! John Major has had the privileged life of someone who came from a well off middle class family, and was educated in a top Surrey Grammar School.

He knew which side of the bread was buttered, and has spent his entire life



RULING CLASS PUPPET - JOHN MAJOR.

climbing up the Establishment ladder - local Tory Councilor, senior bank manager, kids in posh public school etc. etc. - what's so surprising that he became Prime Minister?

MYTH

Like Thatcher before him, he will serve his Establishment bosses well, until like her, his usefulness ends, then out will come the Mark II model. And off we'll go on the merry-go-round of so-called Parliamentary

Democracy all over again.

The most vital part of maintaining this myth of democracy is that change is seen to happen, whilst the reality is that **REAL** change **NEVER** happens.

Part of this must be a change of leadership every now and then - Thatcher/Major, Tory/Labour - it doesn't mater whose Captain of the ship, because the hands on the steering wheel are still the same.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!

A GROWING NUMBER of rich young men in Cardiff, S.Wales, are committing suicide. This trend is worrying local Samaritans, but pleasing local Class Warriors no end!

In the words of one local: *Xmas has come early. I'm just sorry we didn't have the pleasure of finishing off the scum ourselves!*"

YELLOW-BELLIED!

All this in the week before Xmas, when the bosses of the Coal Board shut down Mardy, the last remaining pit in the Rhondda Valley. The miners there were the last to go back after the 1984/5 Strike, and the mine was the mainstay of the community.

The day before Mardy's closure, thousands marched through the mist to show the Coal Board they weren't beaten. This strenght of spirit, in

YUPPIE DEATHS BIDDLE

struggle, is in stark contrast to the yellow-bellied yuppies of Cardiff who're topping themselves when the going gets a little tough!

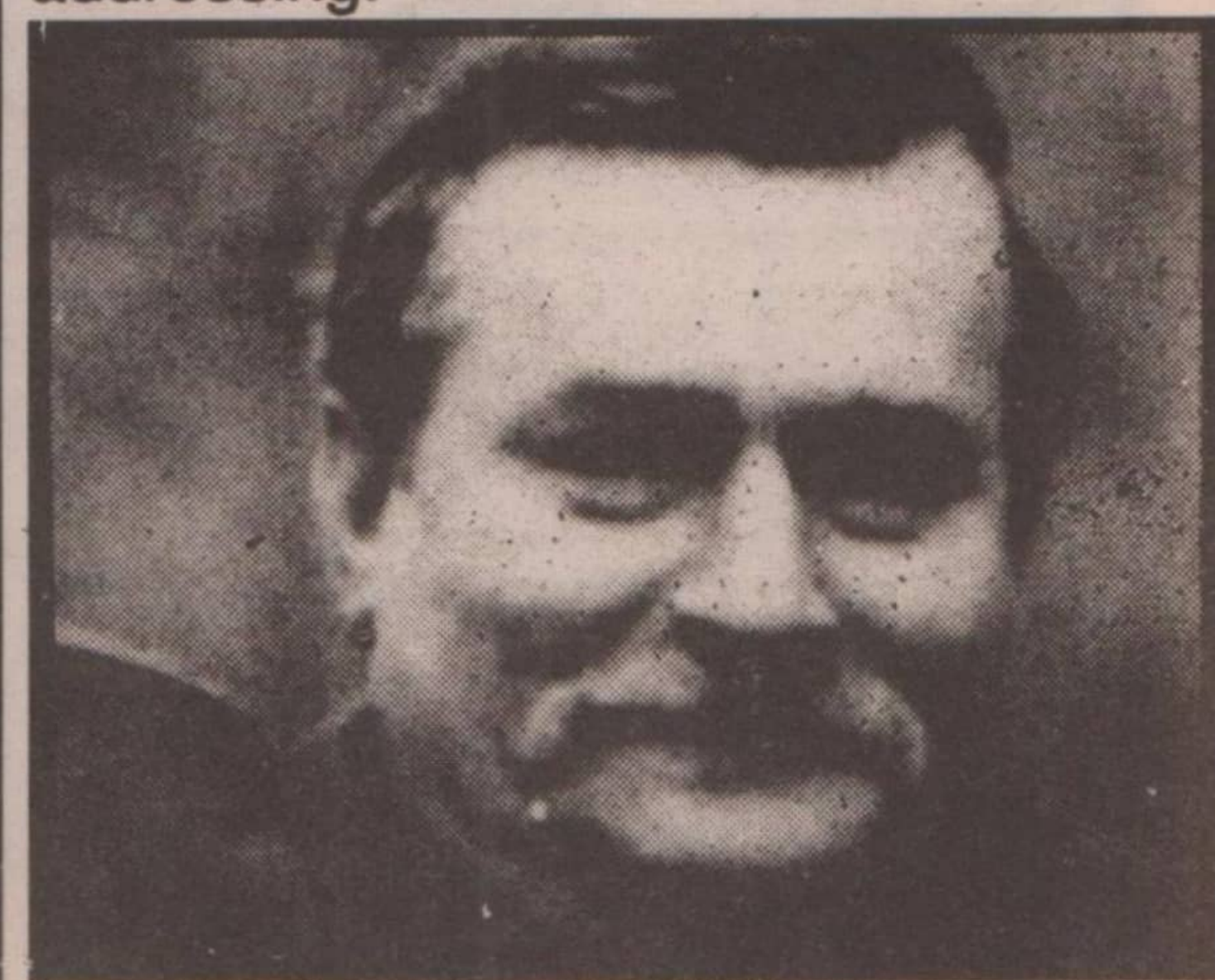
The spirit, pride and solidarity of Rhondda's working class, and the world over, is something that the ruling class'll NEVER match, or defeat. We're proud to be with 'em!



POLES APART!

THE DARLING of the Tories, Lech Walesa, was elected President of Poland in December, in a country where living standards fell by over 40% in 1990. His campaign was highlighted by intimidation, but resistance grows:

2000 Workers, sick of Walesa's tactics, rioted at the steelworks in Warsaw. Under black flags, they took on his private army, after chanting anti-Walesa slogans at a meeting he was addressing.



Lech Walesa: Bully boy tactics

STRIKE!

IN THE XMAS WEEK, the people of Fez, Morocco, took to the streets to battle heavily-armed security forces. It all began with a huge anti-government, 24-hour general strike against low pay for state workers.

More people joined to protest against poor housing, low education standards and no decent opportunities for the young working class.

This class anger spread to other cities and won't go away in a country with NO social security and high unemployment.All power to them!

SOD OFF!

TURKEY has been rocked by the latest in a series of all-out General Strikes.

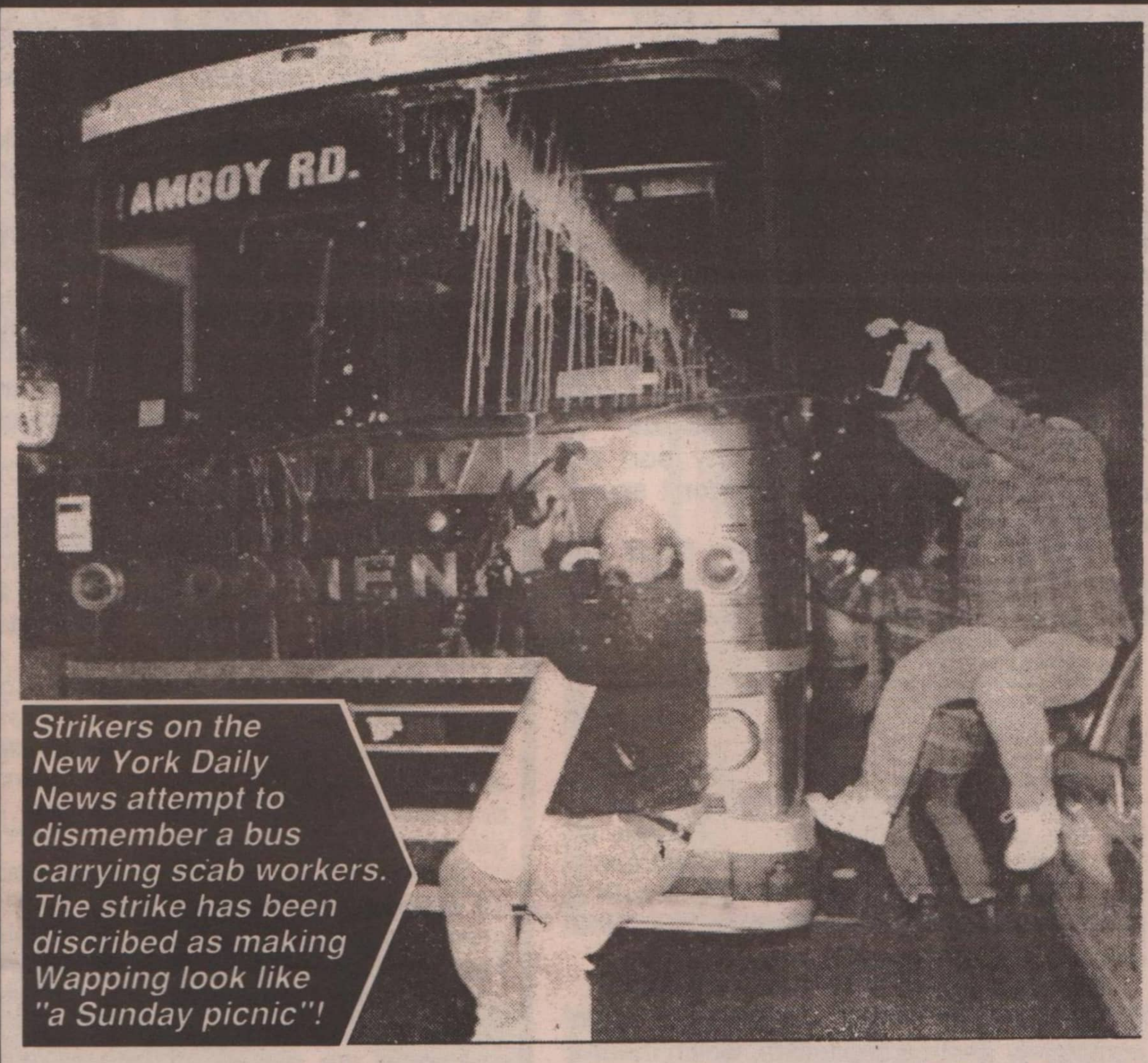
The most recent, in early January, saw over 90% of workers walk out. The government served a court order, banning the strike, on various unions, but they told the government to "sod off"- and carried on anyway!

Latest reports say that the Turkish PM is about to do a "Thatcher" and be forced to resign...



DEMONSTRATORS battle with the Athens police in Mid-January, after a march of 30,000 workers attacks waiting police lines. The march was called in revenge for the police murder of a trade unionist.

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Strikers on the New York Daily News attempt to dismember a bus carrying scab workers. The strike has been described as making Wapping look like "a Sunday picnic"!

COPPERS GET CLOBBERED!

DESPITE THE winter weather, tensions have been boiling over in Chapeltown, Leeds.

The 'community' coppers of the area have been stepping up their 'progressive policing policy' yet again. It's actually called intensive harassment.

Police swear blind that it all has

nothing to do with the hospitalisation of a certain PC 'Easy Target' Elgie.

But Chapeltown's social life has been seriously cramped by the police intrusions into the community. Not to take this lying down, locals quickly set up a Defence Campaign.

They've already held a successful

march, several public meetings, and have a high profile in Chapeltown.....it's obvious to us that the best form of defence is attack!



ITS COMPETITION TIME!

CLASS WAR
NO POLICE TAX

Thats right. Us generous bastards at the Fed are having a cracker of a contest! All you've got to do is to take a photo of the best piece of Class War graffiti you can find, send it to us, and every issue we'll print the best one - which will win a tenner! Don't worry about your snaps, we'll even send them back to you after.

Send your snaps to CW, PO Box 772, Bristol, BS99

LETTERS



CLASS WAR LETTERS:

We welcome letters, on any topic, from our readers. If you have one, please write to, Letters, PO Box 772, Bristol, BS99 1EG.

HA HA HA!

Dear Class War;

WE HAD A "cracking" time the other Saturday, so we thought we'd drop you a line and tell you about it...

About 2,000 anti-nazi's scared the shit out of the BNP, and the Police, on Saturday Dec. 8th. In what was dubbed by the Sunday Mail as a "riot", 28 people were nicked whilst the police tried to protect the Nazis at a pub where they were holding a "rally".

The Battle of Waterloo St resulted in the BNP having to be rescued by police vans, who were to take them out of the city centre.

The looks on their faces, especially their so-called "hard men", told us how much they were shitting it, especially when it rained bricks, bottles and banners on their heads!

CRAWLED!

Their Fuhrer, John "plummy voice" Tyndall, wasn't able to make it as "his train was stopped due to inclement weather". But we'll tell you what John, try to come to Glasgow again and you'll get your face taken off.

Prat of the year has got to be BNP Glasgow "leader" Stephen Sinclair who said before the event; "We've deliberately disinformd all those Reds about our rally. Let them try and find us."

Well scum, we felt the wool had really been pulled over our eyes as we aimed our bricks and bottles at your heads as you were crawling out of the pub later on...Ha, Ha, Ha.

No Gulf War, No Gang War, No Race War - we want Class War!

Class War "Scheme Team" - Glasgow.

Untruths?

Class War Comrades,
There's been an annoying tendency in the Muckspreader section each issue.

Issue 43 had a particularly painful mistake, with particular regard to the 'Barking Mad' article. The gist of the article seems to be putting down deep ecologists for being anti-people and anti-working class. Where do you get your facts? From *The Sun*?

Especially with regard to the practice of spiking trees, there hasn't been a single incident without the company and landowners being fully informed.

This means the bosses, ie the rich scumbags, know full well that the trees have been spiked. If they had been felled and sent to the mills, it's their responsibility, and exemplifies the fact that they care more about profit than the welfare of labourers who could be harmed.

QUICK BUCK

The reason tree-spiking takes place is not an issue of trees before people. In fact, trees are spiked against the misuse of resources: to save trees from wasteful clear-cutting and other non-renewable forms of logging, ie which means that loggers will be out of a job as soon as bosses have made a quick buck and used up our resources.

If you wish to maintain any sort of credibility, we advise that you don't spout untruths.

This is just a short note. Don't be misled into thinking that we don't have well thought-out opinions on the subject.

Twin Cities Class War USA.

Reply

We are critical of green politics because, like the 'green consumerism' of Friends of The Earth and the Green Party, they imply that there's a solution to the world's problems within the framework of the existing capitalist system.

WE SAY THERE IS NOT!!

The only way to save the planet is to completely destroy capitalism, which means fighting the class war, NOT just the eco-war, however radical.

As for being factually correct, our information about the Eco-war! group, the main topic of the article, came from their OWN propoganda, which they sent to us.

We hope this answers your queries.

Class War Federation (Britain).

UNITED

Dear Class War,

About Northern Ireland, in response to the letters in your last issue (43)...not one of us sheds any tears for Airey Neave or Ian Gow, and the sight of petrol bombs raining down on RUC landrovers is wonderful. And I don't presume to lecture the IRA on their tactics.

BUT, can they win? The British Army can't, but neither can the IRA's politics: there isn't a Nationalist solution to any struggle.

It means more than an annual Troops Out march. It means building a massive, anti-religion, anti-party, anti-state movement THROUGHOUT these Isles - in Glasgow,

OUTDATED

Dear Class War

There are a few points about the article in issue 43 on Militant I'd like to make.

Firstly I find Militant's recent attempts to smear Class War quite disgusting, but also quite revealing.

As a member of Militant for almost four years in the early eighties, I am revolted that they have lowered themselves to the gutter level of the Sun in saying such crap.

I also wonder how my former comrades in the ranks of Militant can peddle such rubbish?

By all accounts they can't, I hear that many Militant members are leaving in droves in disgust at their leaders' undemocratic methods to hi-jack the poll tax movement.

However, why didn't CW 43 knock the recent Militant lies and smears well and truly on the head?

A mate of mine was threatened by Militant stewards at the Brockwell Park Demo, so much so that another mate, who was in Militant, had to pull away the foaming-at-the-mouth stewards!

This bloke and several others in Ealing have now left Militant because of this.

PISSED OFF

However, time spent fighting with Militant stormtroopers, is time lost from meeting people who are looking for a genuine alternative to Militant's redundant politics.

They talk grandly of the "traditions of the working class movement". To them this includes forcibly removing dissenters from a public rally, and using bureaucratic manoeuvres to hi-jack a genuine mass movement.

Do they really believe they can lead 10 million non-payers? Most APTU groups don't bother with the All-Britain Fed. My local group has to put "We are not members of Militant" on our leaflets to reassure people.

People are pissed off with Militant and all other parties who want to lead us, with their outdated politics and methods of organisation.

Let's not copy their mistakes, but instead ensure the growth of an unstoppable autonomous force.

Tim. West London.

THIS IS CLASS WAR

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is an organisation of local groups and individuals who have come together to do something about 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 by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems they experience, using direct action against the individuals and institutions that cause them. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of class war, but only as mass class violence out in the open, not as elitist terrorist actions.

The law is merely a weapon of the ruling class and must be ignored and broken as the need arises.

The ruling class divide us by preying on petty differences of race, sex, sexual preference, age, or football team you support. We will destroy these barriers.

Above all, the CLASS WAR FEDERATION believe politics is life, and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary left". Politics must be fun, it's a part of ordinary every day to day life and must 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 propoganda, active participation and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produce and distribute propoganda; 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!

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NAZIS HIDE IN POLICE VANS AS DEMONSTRATORS ATTACK...

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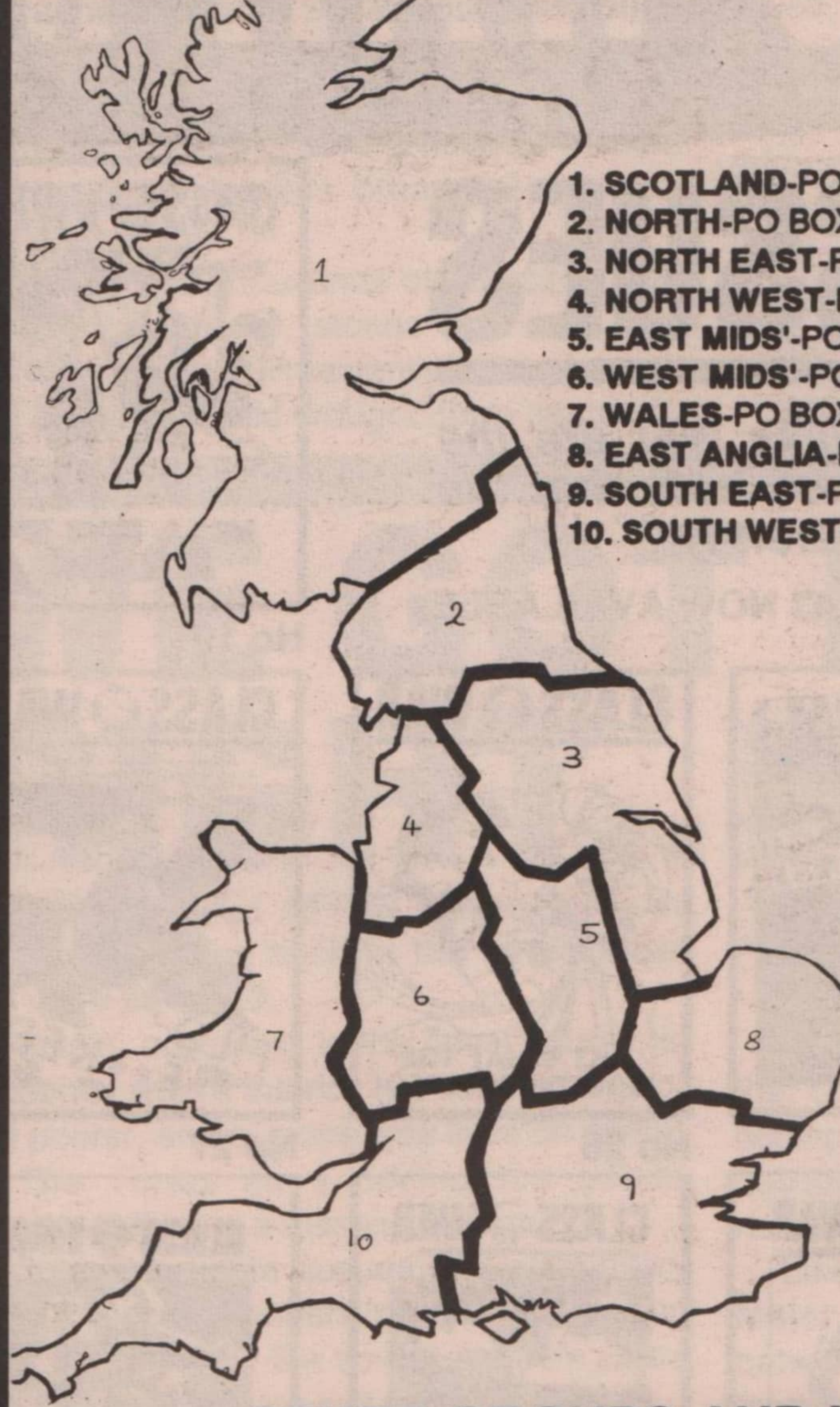


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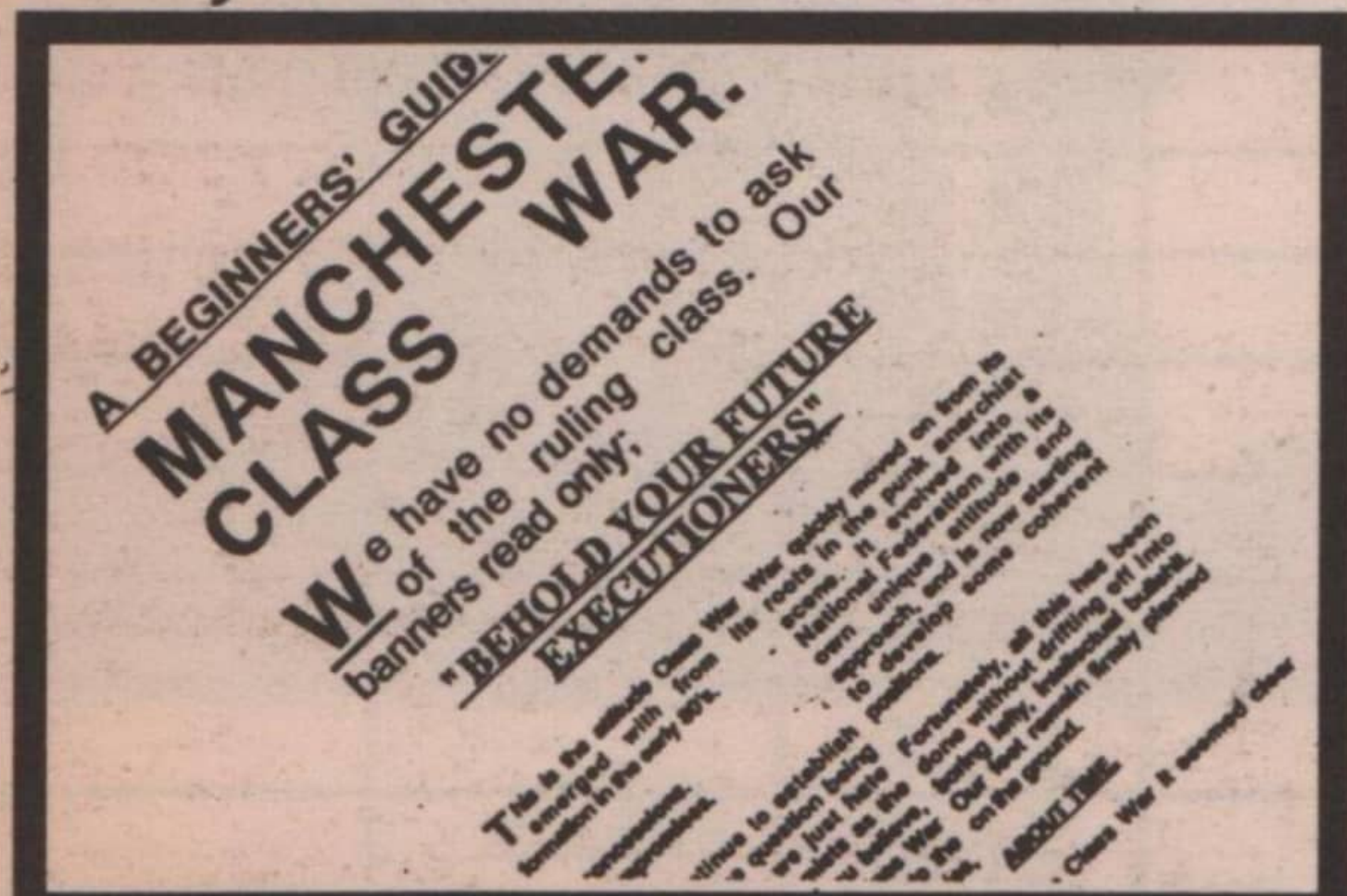
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REGIONAL ROUND UP

MANCHESTER C.W has kicked off the New Year in fine form, producing not only a 'beginners guide' to the group, but also the sharp local broadsheet "Not the Evening News".

What with these, and all their 'normal' activities of flyposting, papersales, and making themselves truly popular in the active anti-Poll Tax groups, you might think that they've exhausted themselves.

Far from it! Those ever energetic Mancurians have still found time to initiate the Manchester Solidarity Group, AND plan a series of Public Meetings alongside a further group, 'Subversion'. Is there no end to their activity? It doesn't look like it!



THEY GAVE us the Guardian Angels... we've given them something much better..

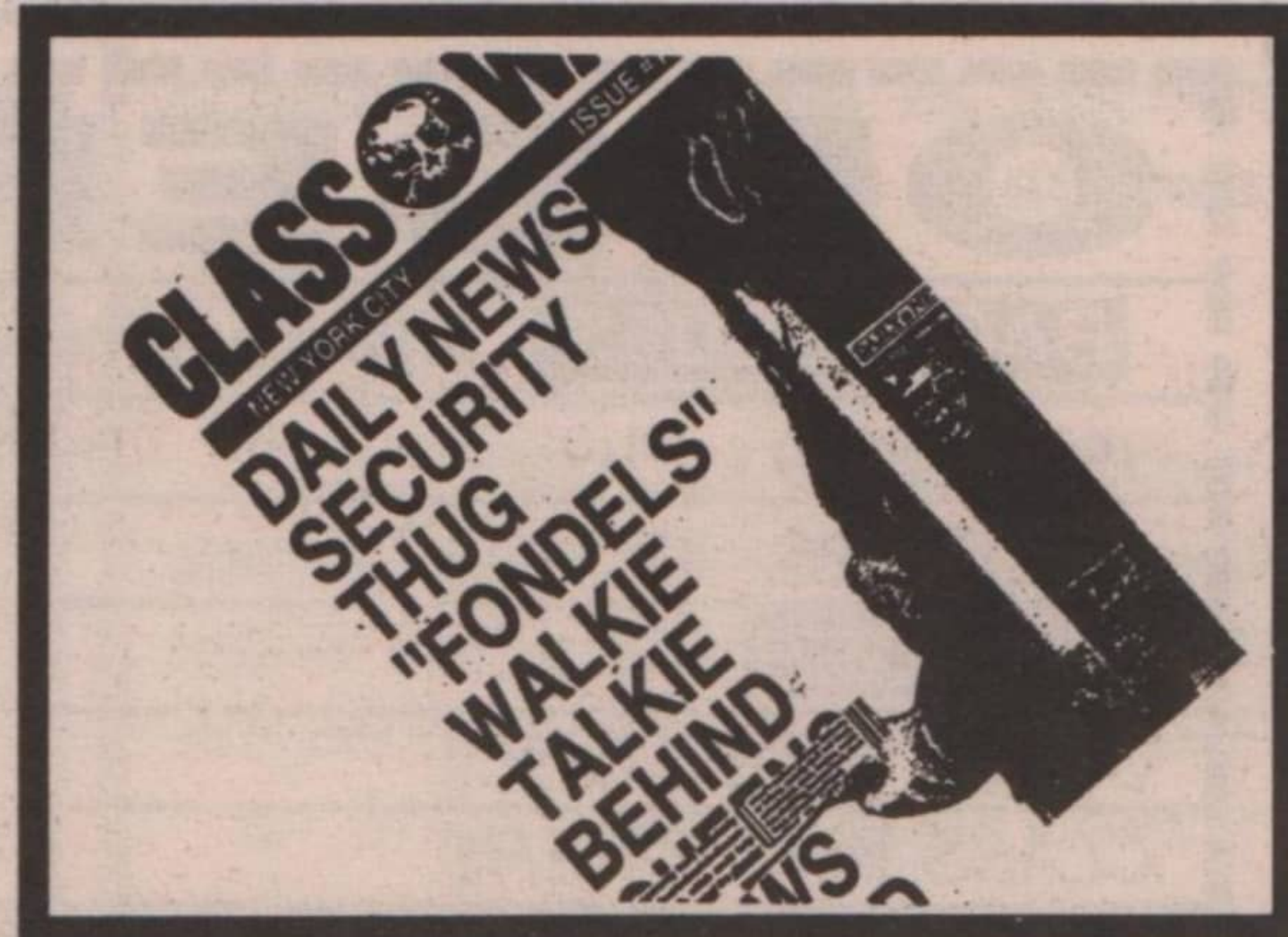
Yes, Class War now has a group in NEW YORK, and what's more they're

so well organised, that they've done their own paper!

Concentrating this issue, on the bitter 'Daily News' strike going on there, and filled with solid, thought-out pieces, in that 'unruly tabloid' style you've grown to love, a worthy job it is too.

Already with C.W. groups in TACOMA and MINNEAPOLIS, as well as NEW YORK, USA C.W. looks set to boom in the nineties!

Certainly the best trans-Atlantic crossing yet! Eat your heart out Richard Branson!



Once again, filling the columns of local papers are the actions of the SURREY C.W. group. Already locally renowned for anti-bailiff patrols and outside-court agitation, they made jollier the festive season by FUMIGATING the courthouse!

With the support of local nurses and other people, and the aid of a smoke 'bomb', the Epsom Poll Tax hearing was turned into an even bigger fiasco. Spluttering court officials, searching for a way out, were greeted by the CLASS WAR "BASH THE BAILIFFS" banner, swaying above the smoke.

All in all, a good day out! And there's plenty more to come!

BRISTOL C.W. have emerged from the seasonal festivities with an impressive line up of goings-on for the new year.

With weekly meetings getting ever more popular, and paper sales ever more entertaining, 1991 looks likely to be another HOT one in the South West!

An onslaught is planned, with a regional conference, public meetings, and a Rally in the pipeline. Watch this space...

AND AS IF them at the Post Office haven't had enough to do over the last month or so, the C.W. POSTALWORKERS still found the energy to continue their activities amidst the mounds of cards and pressies.

They've started the year with equally justified attacks on both the P.O. bosses and the Union, making use of, amongst other media, their own magazine: C.W.P.W NEWS.



AN OPPORTUNITY not to be missed was taken up by members of the SURREY GROUP recently.

When two members returned to DERRY for the holiday period, they used the crossing to get some of C.W.s

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literature across the water.

Things couldn't have gone better: when the two attended an open meeting, got involved in debate and discussion, people took mass interest, and a large number of the 80+ attendance were won over by Class War's style and approach.

Papers were snatched up, and many people, welcoming the obvious breath of fresh air, expressed their interest in getting involved.

For the moment, correspondence to fledgling Derry group will be channelled through SURREY CW, at least until they have their own P.O. Box. And if the enthusiasm there is anything to go by, then it won't be long.

STOP PRESS!

As we go to press new Class War branches are being formed in Liverpool, Edinburgh, Bradford and Leeds.

If you wish to get in touch with any of them, write to the National Secretary at the address shown on page 12.

Also we are pleased to announce the beginning of a special edition of Class War for the North American continent. All enquires to Twin Cities, address above.

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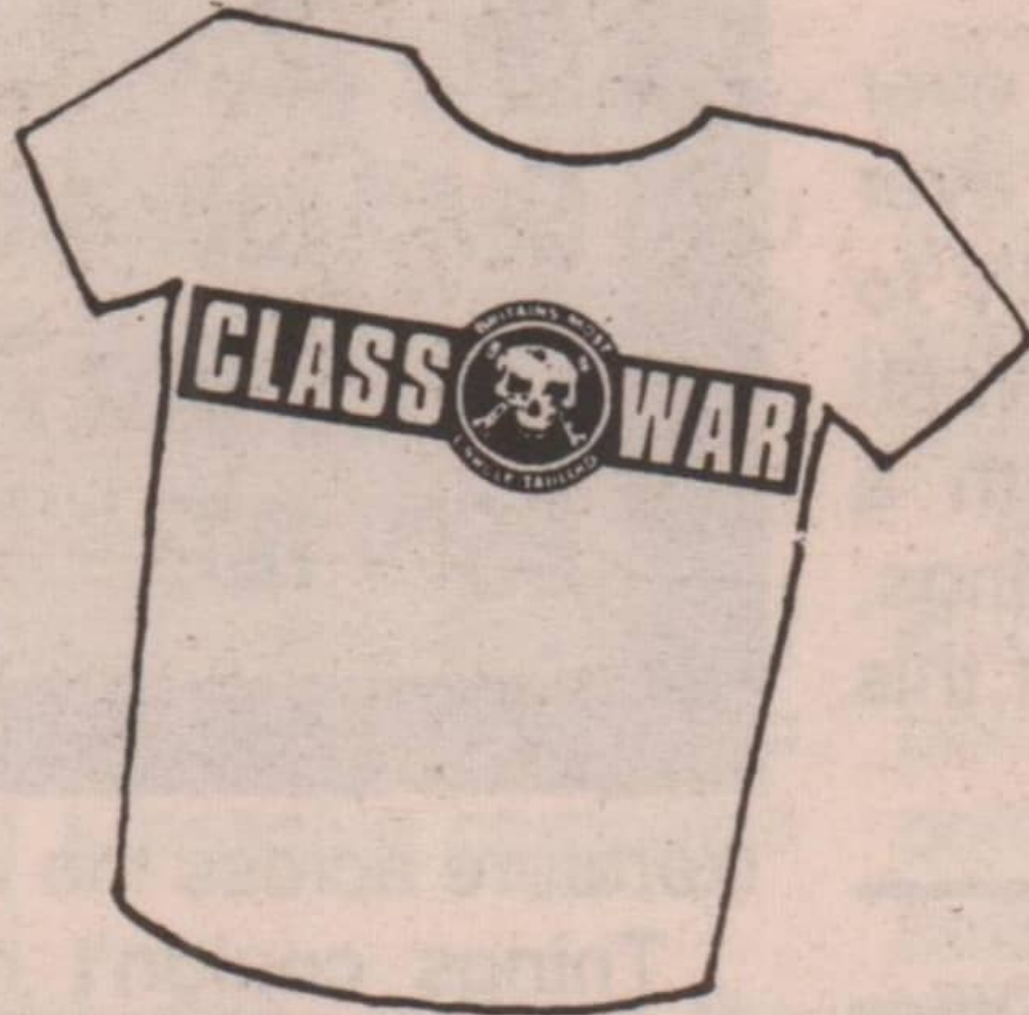
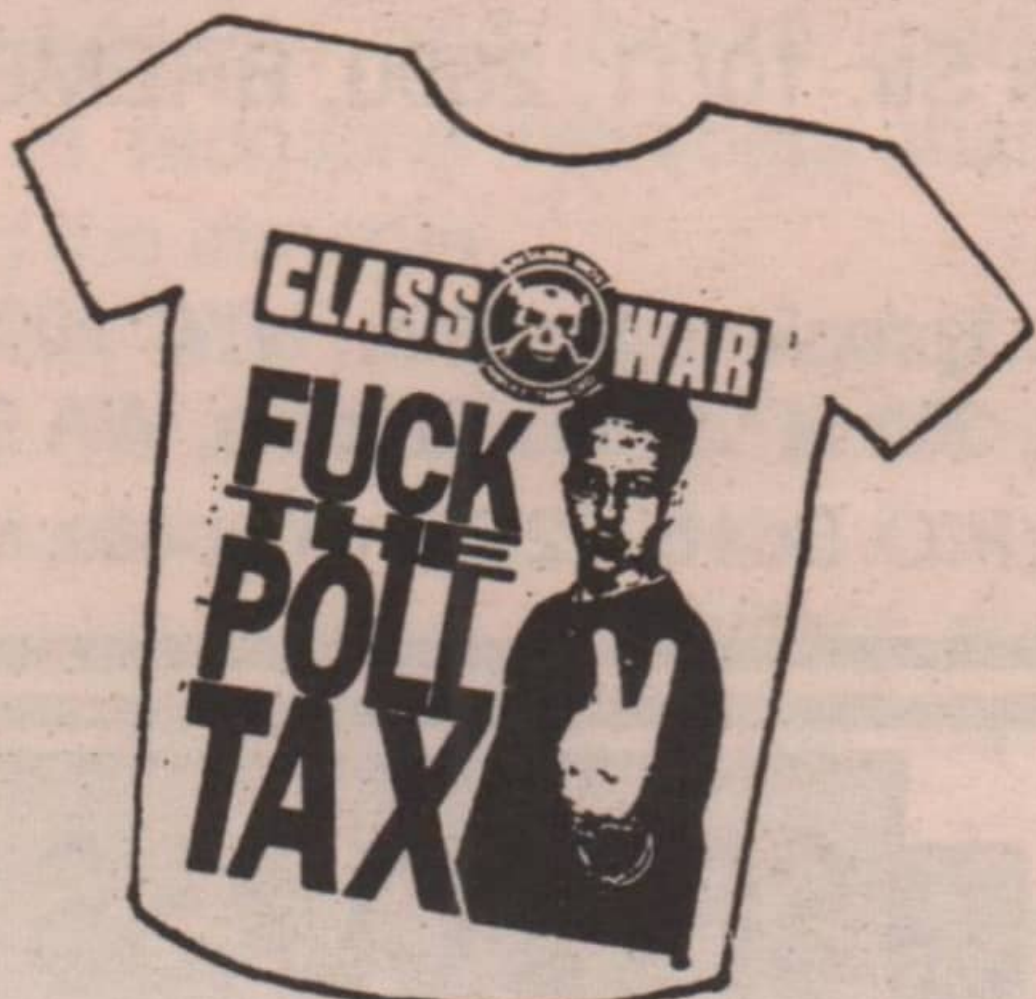
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SPORT

BELOW THE BELT!

THE AMATEUR Boxing Association has gone into the New Year fighting dirty, and making fools of themselves in the process.

TOSSERS

December saw 4 senior area officials sacked from their posts, under a previously unused, 1976 rule that had not even been included in the rule book!

And the 'crime' of the 4? *They are all women!*

And now the gloves are off!, and the senile old tossers of the ABA board had better watch out 'cos when the women get



SACKED: ABA OFFICIAL

reinstated they'll be wanting more than just a couple of senior posts!

Definitely a 'below the belt' action that deserves a 'below the belt' reaction!

DID YOU KNOW?..

That while John Major has pledged £100 million to football over the next 5 years, *EACH* year they take £250 million in tax on the pools. And that's apart from tax on the clubs themselves.!

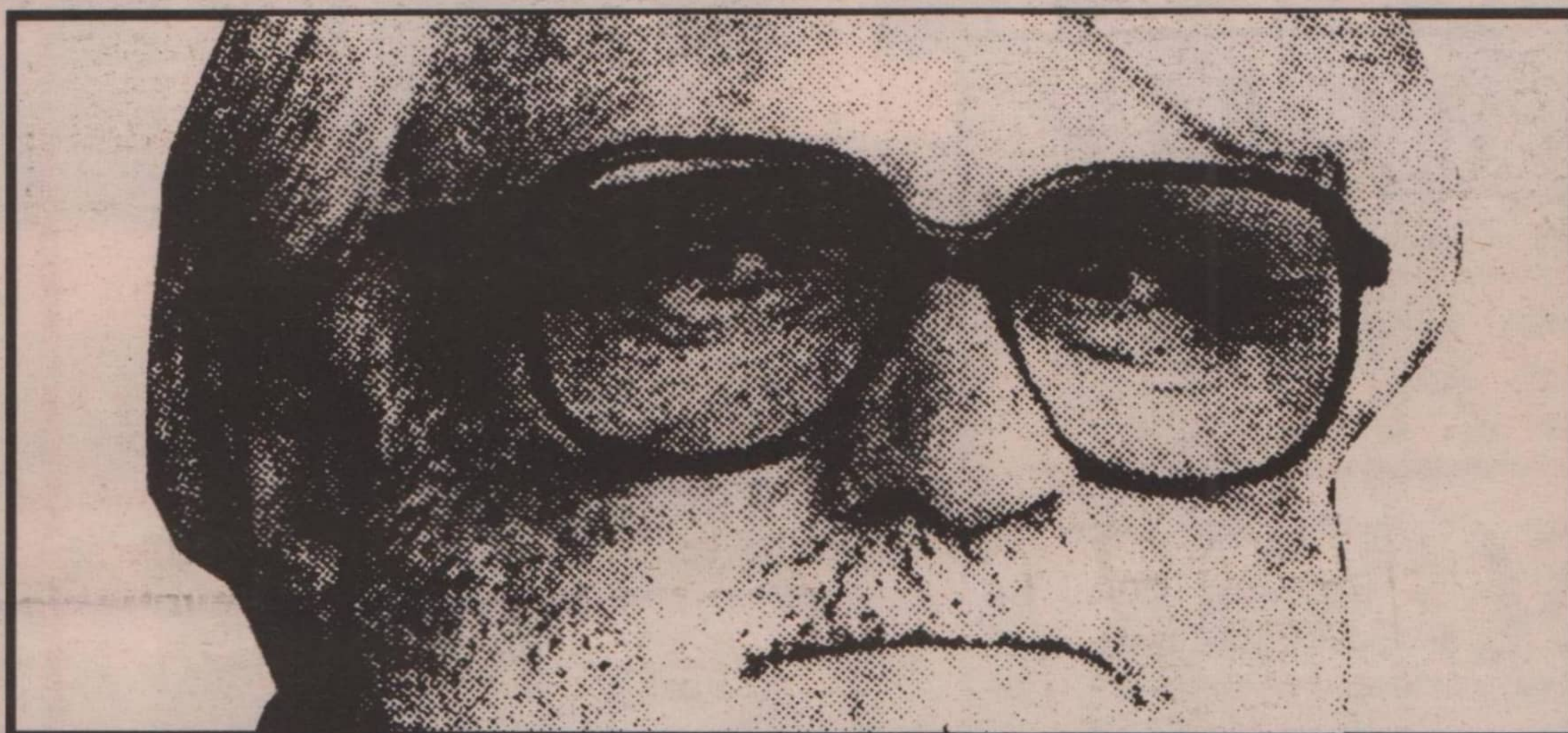
HOT AIR!

TOP OF THE scumbag list, Richard Branson, looks like coming a cropper again.

Not content with sport for the fun of it, baboon Branson's insatiable thirst for fame, has led him in an attempt to be the first to cross the Pacific by balloon.

But, with the elements against him, this latest quest for elitism looks set to dump him in deep water, the balloon about to be ditched in mid ocean.

Let it be known, that Class War applaud this latest venture; What better spectator sport than to watch rich bastards kill themselves!



KEN BATES?... WHAT A WANKER!

NO OFFENCE to any Chelsea fans out there. But your chairman Ken Bates must rate as one of the biggest slimeballs in British Football (and he's got some stiff competition!)

His club was recently fined a mere £105,000 for illegal payments to star players. The same offence that sent Swindon Town, initially, two divisions!

Is this mere ciance? Or could it have anything to do with Bates being a top dog on the FA's Management Committee (which was the body that fined the club) It seems there's one law for the big clubs, another for the small...

But lets not forget Bates is a little to the right of the SS in his politics, which no doubt endears him to the government, and once asked to be allowed to electrify the fences at Stanford Bridge!

The sooner this tosser ends his career in football, the better for all fans!

THE SCENES AT Bryan Robsons 'testimonial' against Celtic recently, dealt the 'gutter press' a real black eye.

RANTING!

Where moronic sports reporters might have been looking for an excuse for their mindless anti-fan ranting and raving, they were deprived the chance.

All through the game, Celtic fans sang United songs, and United sang Celtics!

The 'melodious tones' of "There's only one Bryan Robson" came not from the United end, but from the crowd of Irish Nationalist strong Celtic fans.

And as if this wasn't enough, the party really began after Robson's lap of honour, as thousands of Reds invaded the pitch and made straight for the Celtic end.

FLEEING

With coppers fleeing in all directions, the fans jumped onto the fences to shake hands, and swap scarves and hats with the Celtic supporters.

The pitch was then held for half an hours' singing and chanting **ALONGSIDE** the 15,000 or so Celtic crowd. If UEFA had been at the game then English clubs would be back in European competitions next year,.. with no pre-conditions.

BATTERING!

What had started as just another game, had ended up a special occasion!

The unity between fans on the pitch, on the terraces, and in the pubs was even better than giving the cops a battering!

CAN'T PAY! WON'T PAY!

As a New Year's present to the fans, Spurs Inc. have upped their prices by 17 percent. Standing will now cost a ridiculous £8 !!

Financial mismanagement by the 'make a fast buck' gang running the club has left it some £10 million in debt. So, who pays? Us, the fans.

MORE
SPORT
OVER
PAGE!



"On the other hand, the Leeds troublemakers don't build blocks of luxury flats in the middle of the pitch."

FOR

TAKING THE PISS!

THE TWO-FOOTED, high, late attack on football itself continued over the "festive Season", writes our paranoid, conspiracy-mad sports writer.... trouble is, IT'S TRUE!

The Mirror came out with; "Soccer in Chaos" as a record 20 players were sent off. "Soccer went Christmas Crackers" it raved.

MORON!

The moron who wrote this followed it up with a quote from the FA on the soaring number of sending-offs, and the use of the new professional foul rule.

If we didn't know most sports writers are just ignorant money grabbers, we'd think they were actually out to wreck football...

Practical ideas, like the 'sin-bin', are being ignored, for the sake of delivering moralistic sermons. Certainly, deducting points for fights can only harm football.

London clubs cop bills

Cost of police soars for soccer

by Mick Dennis

THE COST of policing soccer matches in Britain has rocketed by an astonishing 42.5 per cent to more than £6 million—and London clubs are paying more than anyone else.

contributions to the expense of police grounds as well.

And although the Football Trust contributes almost £2 million to clubs to subsidise the bills, the Trust warned to give less for police.

and so will have less money for police.

But even with Trust help, clubs like Chelsea have to pay huge sums to the police—Chelsea paid £242,335 last season—an increase of 45 per cent and the third time in four seasons that they had the unenviable distinction of leading the policing league.

And, since the Trust contributions are calculated on a sliding scale, those biggest police bills get the least

Her majesty's 'finest' continue in their evil ways, too, trying their hardest to bankrupt clubs.

In the 89/90 season they charged some £6.8 million to police league games... up by 42.5 percent on the previous season! At Millwall, they charge (and get) 80p per fan, per game!

COPS PAYING?

While the Football Trust thinks certain forces may be taking "advantage" (the piss to you and me!),

the Audit Commission says the police are undercharging and subsidising the game!!

What a day that would be, when the cops pay us to go and see a match!

CLASSIC FIXTURES!

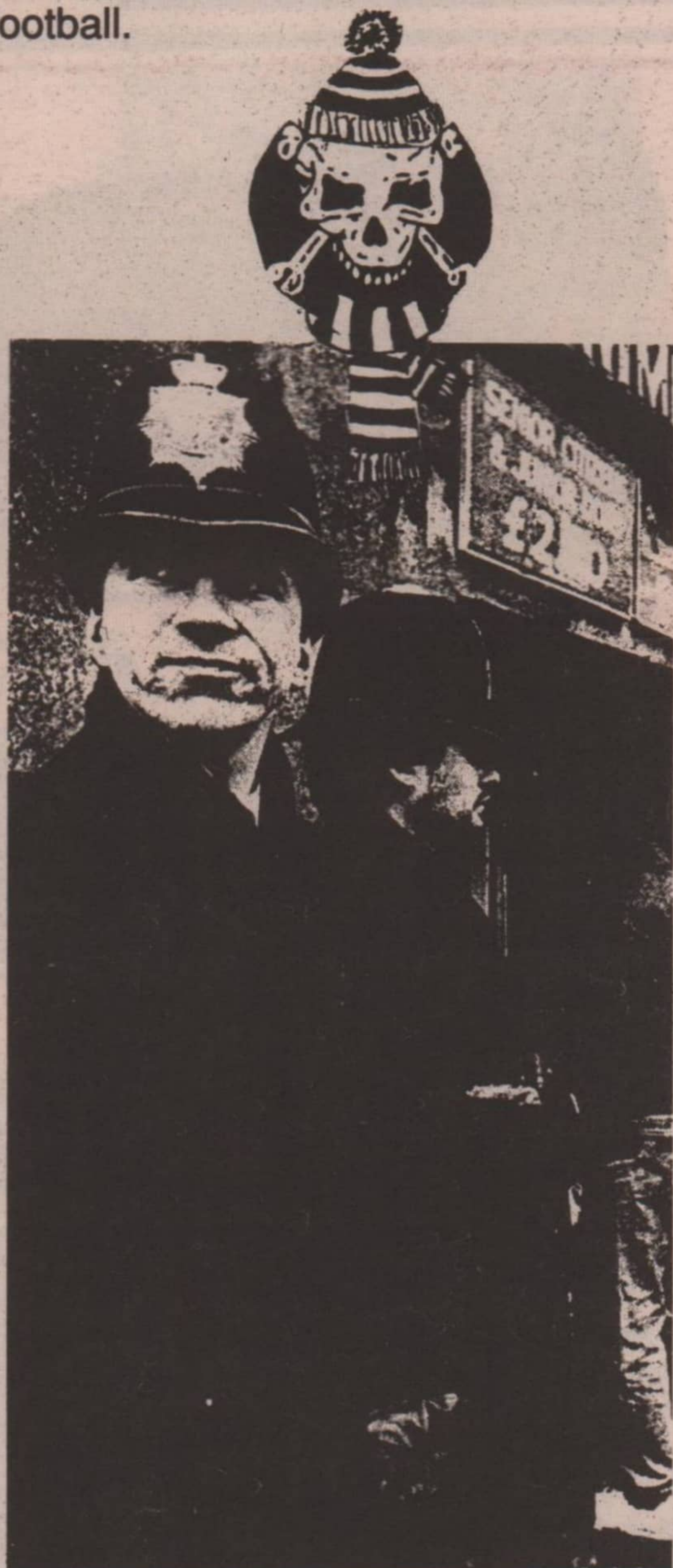
And to top it all.. the police and league combined this season to get the lowest crowds at games, and the highest cost for getting to them, with some classic fixtures on Boxing Day; *Cardiff v Carlisle?!, Palace v Sunderland!!*

BARMY BRUM BOSSES

ONLY MONTHS after the national I. D. scheme was defeated by the massive resistance to the idea, the sherry sipping scumbags in the executive box at BIRMINGHAM CITY introduced their own version!

ANGER

And the results so far...? Attendances driven down, anger and demoralisation amongst fans, and the real trouble makers moving to the seats, not covered by the scheme!



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But, we wonder. Where do the Hearn, Warrens (and Maxwells) get the money they so "generously" donate back to sport? From me and you. Nowhere else. From selling lads beating shit out of each other to us, and us buying it.

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