



CLASS WAR

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BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY

THOUGHT - THEY'RE BARKING MAD!

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MAD DOGS!

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WHAT WE SAY

WHEN THE Chancellor, Norman 'vampire features' Lamont said in Parliament that "rising unemployment was the price worth paying to get inflation down" he wasn't talking about unemployment for his own class.

When his toffee nosed friends in the City, and the bloated rich bosses of Britains top companies have the cheek to lecture to us about "pricing ourselves out of a job" it's strictly a case of "do as we say, not as we do".

LAME EXCUSES

These rich and powerful people, already enjoy lifestyles that we can only dream about. Yet they go on, and on awarding themselves whacking pay rises, extra perks, a few MORE weeks holidaying in the Carribean, a spanking new company BMW, and to them it doesn't matter if the company's profits are going down hill, or if the order book is empty.

While they use these lame excuses



MICK 'BLOATED' NEWMARCH - RICH BASTARD

to throw out workers on to the scrap heap, they at the same time justify their double standards and stinking hypocrisy with a bland statement about "having to keep directors pay high to attract the right sort of person".

What a load of bollocks! It's us who always have to pay the price of recession, us who are the ones left with a pittance on the dole, or a crap low-paid boring job.

Already 22% of the population earn LESS THAN HALF of the £12,000 a year average wage. *But to these fat capitalist bastards even £12,000 a year is a joke, it's the amount they spend on Golf clubs, or what little Henrietta's school fees cost.*



NORMAN 'VAMPIRE' LAMONT - UPPER CLASS PRAT

Bosses in the City were coining it in last year, with salary increases of 50%, but their workers had to make do with 6%.

Workers at Rolls-Royce Aero engines at Leavesden worked all Christmas to keep up supplies for the Gulf war, and save their jobs, now all 1,750 been sacked.

REFUSED

"This is the managements thanks for us getting those engines out, they've shat on us" said one worker. Meanwhile their boss, Lord Tombs (hobbies include golf and sailing) has just had a 51% pay rise. But he's far from alone.

● Mick 'Bloated' Newmarch - the boss of



ROBIN LEIGH-PEMBERTON - STINKING HYPOCRIT

the Prudential had a 43% pay rise, taking his wages to £543,000. *His workers have been refused a pay increase because company profits fell 37%.*

● Robin Leigh-Pemberton - Aristocratic head of the Bank of England, spent last year warning of the "dire consequences of above inflation pay rises" Then awarded himself a 17% increase. *He now earns £155,019.*

The list is endless.

How much longer will we tolerate these so-called captains of industry, and slimey politicians dictating to us?

WE SAY - don't only boot the lot of them out, boot them in!

MERSEY COUNCILLORS KOP OUT

1000 WORKERS SACKED

LIVERPOOL CITY Council, under the leadership of that nice, "moderate" Councillor Harry Rimmer, recently decided to balance its books by making nearly 1,000 of it's workers redundant.

Of course, the council workers aren't taking this lying down - after a three day total strike in April, a campaign of selective strikes aimed at different council departments is in progress.

FAITH

Clashes with police outside the municipal buildings have ended in thirteen arrests.

Many threatened workers placed a lot of faith in getting six "Broad Left" independent labour councillors elected in the recent local elections. Five of them were elected.

Along with twenty-nine other Labour councillors suspended from the labour group, they form a block of thirty-four Militant influenced councillors.

So the reasoning goes, if twenty more Labour councillors, can be persuaded to vote with the other thirty-four, then they could have a small majority. This will give them the chance to cancel the redundancies, even if Rimmer does more horse-trading with the Liberals.

Naturally, any working class people would want to see any group of workers mount a successful challenge against redundancy. But the council workers in Liverpool are being told "just make sure the right councillors get in. That's the answer - they'll do it for you".

That sounds fine but, come next year, those same Labour councillors are going to be expected to implement the Poll Tax, by "law". They have pledged not to - which leaves the city with a re-run of the events of 1983-87, which led to 47 councillors being dismissed from office.

SHAM

If the same thing happens next year, how are they going to defend jobs - when they are out of office?

Elected representatives, however radical, can only operate within the limits set by the system. As long as workers place faith in the electoral sham and the system that it props up, any gains that they make can always be reversed by the ruling-class. The



LIVERPOOL COUNCIL WORKERS BURNING THEIR REDUNDANCY NOTICES

80's in Liverpool were a classic example.

Also, leaving workers as passive, voting fodder makes them easy meat for devious, manipulative groups who have objectives far beyond saving council worker's jobs.

Workers should never rely on any party, or politician, to do things for them. Only when we take control of their own lives, and chase all the politico's and bosses out of it, will we be able to make gains that NO-

BODY can reverse.

Only we can take our freedom for ourselves - by acting together in communities and workplaces, to control the production of what we need, and to manage our own affairs.

And bollocks to the greedy, parasitic rich filth, and the self-appointed "cadres" and "leaders" who know what's best for us!



● HARRY RIMMER

HATED!

LIFE FOR Harry Rimmer has been warming up recently.

An arson attack nearly burnt his flat down, and there have been a string of attacks against his fellow Labour "moderates", who are pushing through sackings and cuts;

● Deputy Lord Mayor, Trevor Smith, was attacked in a city centre pub.

● Other councillors have been threatened and followed, and many aren't getting their beauty sleep due to mystery late night callers!

CAP'N BOB SLIPS UP!

WHEN SO-CALLED socialist mega-millionaire Robert Maxwell ordered workers at a French printing works to take a pay-freeze, they didn't waste much time in deciding what to do.

The French printers, 100 of them, decided to march to Maxwell's HQ and tell him what they thought of him.

BANANA

They went to the Channel Tunnel, stormed the fence, and set off walking to London. Ten miles later they were stopped by a steel ventilation door, but not before Kent police had rushed coppers to their end to try to stop them.

But they were not put off and instead got a ferry, and held the demo as planned, all wearing T-Shirts saying "If Maxwell's a socialist, I'm a banana."!

'WE DON'T LIKE 'EM'

THE CHAPELHAY arms in Weymouth is well pissed off with the Egon Ronay Good Food Guide.

It called the pub "the friendliest in Britain" and as a result toffs have been flooding the place.

Landlord Micky Honor said "These yuppies arrive, see the locals, and ask snootily where the dining area is. We've had enough of it, we don't like 'em round here. I've written to the guide asking them to take us out."

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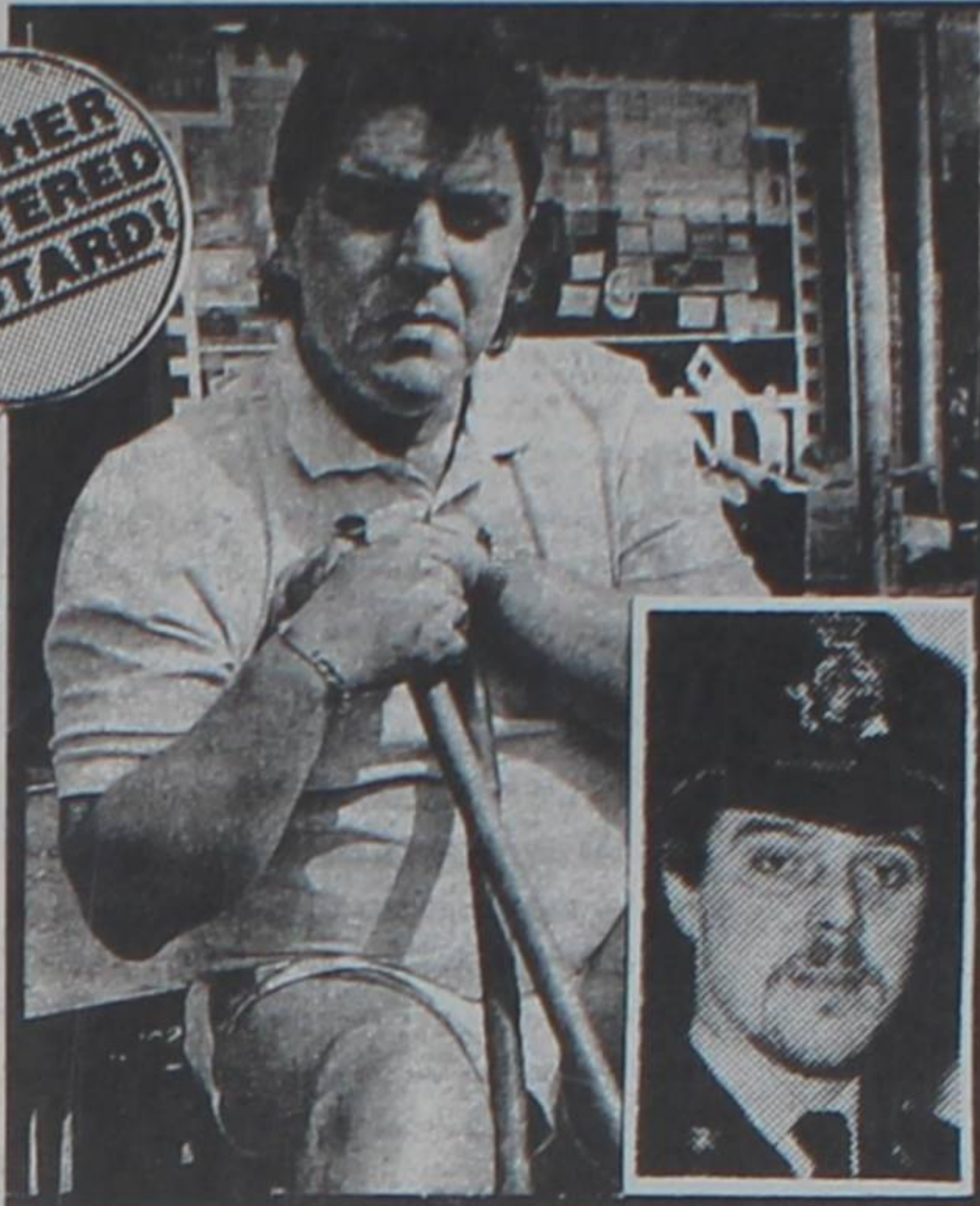
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ANOTHER BATTERED BASTARD!



It's back...it's bad!
YES FOLKS! Due to popular public demand here's a welcome return to Hospitalised Copper.

Our lovely page three fella is Ex-PC Alan Tritton. Once the darling of the snatch squad, Alan was pensioned off after a violent encounter with the residents of Toxteth.

Now living in Civvy Street Alan loves to remember those happy days in the force spent headbutting bricks, and catching bottles with his face.

Ahh, those were the days...



● THE TOXTETH UPRISING

"OUR POLICIES ARE CRAP" ANOTHER CLASS WAR EXCLUSIVE

KINNOCK STUNS NATION!

IN A SHOCK after dinner address at the Institute of Directors, Neil Kinnock revealed that Labour's policies are "totally, absolutely, undeniably, CRAP!"

The captains of industry bellowed their approval as Kinnock continued... "Our commitments will disintegrate quicker than a Marks and Spencers' prawn sandwich; our promises melt away faster than a Waitrose avocado mousse".

Shaking with mirth, he declared: "The policies we sell are, in fact, not real or genuine socialist ones, but actually only cheap imitations of the more expensive Tory ones. But still," he chortled, "We expect 11 million mugs to snap 'em up at our election fever sale later this year".

SHOP-SOILED

"Elaborate shop window-dressing with such meaningless slogans as 'Opportunity Britain' and 'Working for our Children's Children' confuse the punters into parting with their ballot box crosses for any old garbage", he roared.

The top tycoons screamed encouragement as Kinnock chortled hysterically. "Our guarantees are completely worthless". Dusting down an old nuclear disarmament policy, he smirked,

"This model is put on sale with a guarantee every four years, but the day after the election sale, we chuck it out the window. Yet thousands of lefties snap up this junk".

Laughing, Kinnock recalled that he had taken over this ailing business, bankrupt of ideas, with no demand for its shop-soiled goods, with rude and unhelpful staff, such as wild and woolly Wedgewood Benn.

Now he has dressed up his puppet salesman Gould and Cunningham in smart suits and told them not to say anything to anyone who might take offence. He predicted that sales of the same old shit were to boom again.

"Once I have completed my next takeover bid for the government", he concluded, "all this old stock will be jettisoned. I'll do the same for you big boys just like Hawke and Co., (an associated firm) have done in Australia. We're on our way, brothers!" END. WILD APPLAUSE!

The male voice choir sang "Land of Dope and Tory" and "Stick the Red Flag up your bum".



STARVED OF THE TRUTH

STARVATION IN Africa is big news again.

But after hitting the headlines in 1984/85, and shocking the world, why is there continuing starvation? *Class War* looks at the causes of famine.

To produce food, under-developed countries need cash, for farm equipment, irrigation etc. *But the ruling elites in these countries don't spend what cash they have on this.*

A lot of farm land is put over to growing "cash crops" like coffee and tobacco, these are sold for export, but this income is then spent on enriching the bosses, and on arms to protect their positions of power.

The money they spent at the start of this process of "development" left them owing tens of billions on loan repayments. Finding the money to pay these repayments became more and more difficult in the '80's as prices for their cash crops nosedived, and interest rates skyrocketed.

What makes this situation even more complex was that the Superpowers used Africa as a battle ground, each attempting to gain more power and influence through a whole series of propping up, and destabilising each others tinpot dictators.

It's a fact that the countries worst hit by famine are those in the grips of bloody civil wars (Ethiopia, Sudan, Angola) backed by rival Superpowers. In the last year or so USA and USSR have, in the main, pulled out of Africa. *But they have left a bloody legacy of war and conflict.*

So is charity the answer? Princess Anne recently told us all to skip lunch and donate a fiver to the starving. Yet her mother is the richest woman in the world, if she skipped just half of her wealth it would keep tens of thousands alive for the rest of their lives.

Charity might provide emergency aid, and that's fair enough, but this is no long term solution. While we give with one hand, our banks and governments take it with the other.

ON YER BIKE

P.C. MEL 'simple' Smith was left looking a right prat when a light fingered thief made off with his push bike.

But to add to his humiliation his nicked bike was cut in half and hung from a high bridge with a note saying "Jim's fixed it" attached to it.

The poor porker, from Kilburn in Derbyshire, said "I whined when I had to report it stolen".

OH LA LA!

LATE MAY saw a weekend of rioting in five cities across France.

Youths attacked cops, and looted expensive shops in Toulouse, St Etienne, Carpentras, Mantes and Chanteloup.

The best was at Mantes, near Paris, where riot police battled with hundreds of youths who looted a jewellers, and then turned to attack the cops.

Unlike previous inner-city uprisings in France, which have been sparked by the killing of local residents, these incidents show a very welcome tactic of going on the offensive.

YOU DONT SAY

POLICE IN Manchester are still reeling after a couple of dimwit PCs were lured out in their car by a hoax call, and then promptly petrol-bombed.

Sadly, they weren't injured, but we must give credit to the amazing intelligence of a senior cop who said: "The two ambushed officers could have been seriously hurt".

HALF-BAKED

UP TO THE minute figures show that a whopping 70,000 homes are set to be repossessed this year.

This is a massive increase on last years all time record figure of 43,890 repossessions. The cause is the huge rise in mortgage interest rates which are crippling families already hit hard by the latest recession. *Where's all the talk of Britain being a "property owning democracy" now?*

But the good news is that the Tories crack-pot policies have even hit their City friends where it really hurts, in the pocket. For the showpiece office development in London's Docklands, Canary Wharf, has ground to a halt with over 50% half built.

Canary Wharf was dubbed "Europe's Biggest Office Development" in the Thatcher years - now it's known as *Europe's Biggest Office Disaster!*



The only solution is political, when the peasants and workers of Africa collectively control the technology and resources, then famine will be tackled.

The bosses, here and in Africa, don't want this, it would mean them losing their power and wealth.

FACTS ABOUT FAMINE

- In 1985 Africa got 3,000 million dollars in aid. But it had to pay **DOUBLE** that back to Western banks.
- At the height of the Ethiopian famine it was selling grain to Europe to pay off debts.
- In 1988, 3 million tonnes of grain would feed all Africa's famine victims. The EEC had a surplus of 360 million tonnes.

BAILIFF BUSTING!

HANDY TIPS

There are many myths about what bailiffs can and can't do. Here's a few facts..

- **BAILIFFS CANNOT** break into your home or force entry in any way, no matter what they tell you.
- **THERE IS** no such thing as a "bailiffs warrant" or court order giving them the power to enter your home.
- **YOU CANNOT** be arrested or fined for not letting them in.
- **YOU ARE** well within your legal rights not to let them in.
- **BAILIFFS ARE** private debt collectors hired to collect by the council. They have no police or court powers.
- **THEY CAN** only enter if you let them in. Don't open the door to talk to them, talk through the letter box.
- **THEY CAN** enter "peaceably" which means through unlocked doors and windows - so keep them locked!
- **IGNORE THEM** if they say they've "laid claim" to goods by valuing them through the window, or other such lies - they can only do this by being let in.
- **REMEMBER!** There are only 1,000 bailiffs for all the councils in England and Wales, and close on 14,000,000 non-payers.

The poll tax has been beaten - now let's beat the bailiffs.

NEVER DIE

OLD SOLDIER Norman Laws became the first pensioner to be jailed for non-payment when a South Shields court sent him down for two months.



STORMIN' NORMAN

But 71 year old Norman *still* refuses to pay, and said that he regards himself as political prisoner.

DAY OF ACTION

THE CLASS WAR Federation, in association with local poll tax groups right across the country, has called a National Day of Action, against bailiffs on Monday 1st July.

This has been called so that local people can have the opportunity to go on the offensive against these parasites.

Instead of sitting quietly at home waiting for the bailiffs to call, a whole series of ambitious actions are being planned to take the battle to the enemy.

These scum are legitimate targets for being put out of business, whether its snatching goods to pay poll tax bills, or taking a families home because they can't pay crippling mortgage rates, they are tapeworms who feed and grow fat on other people's misery.

This Day of Action will show them exactly what we think of them!

It will start at dinner time and continue throughout the day.

Get in touch NOW with your regional Class War group, or phone the CW Hotline number above for more information.

BAD TO WORSE

THE DEPT of Enviroment, has released offical figures showing that moves to collect poll tax from non-payers "failed totally" in a huge 80% of all cases!

Bailiffs attempts to seize goods had met with a "low success rate" due to "defaulters being aware of their rights in relation to access to their property."

Deducting cash direct from peoples' income support etc. only produced "a small token amount of money", and automatic deduction from salaries "In most cases wasn't happening".

CRIPPLED

It also said that "Imprisoning defaulters had not produced any noticeable incentive for others to pay."

As councils all over Britain are being crippled by non-payment the plight of Lothian Council in Scotland is typical.

Their Finance boss Mr Diggory said "We're only going to get 55% of payment this year, last year it was 75% and things are going from bad to worse." **NICE ONE!**

A VERY WORRIED MAN!

● IN THE LAST issue of *Class War* we printed the address of Keith Shawcross, head of poll tax recovery in Trafford.

● Local non-payers decided to send him a copy "to enjoy with his cornflakes" - the result was that poor old Keith now has a 24 hour police guard!

● When shy-boy Keith turned up in court recently to commit to jail another non-payer he was surrounded by four coppers and seemed most unkeen to have his picture taken.

● Rumour has it the the council are set to double his salary to make up for all the agro he's having.

Whats happening with the Bailiffs and poll tax collection in your area? Give us a ring on the Class War Hotline 061-226-1293 or write to CW, PO Box 772, Bristol, BS99. and let us know!

PULL OUT

Rayner Ferrar & Co, the firm of bailiffs that work for Hackney Council in East London have pulled out because of the very low collection rate.

Bailiffs are only paid if they collect, and they've collected such a tiny amount, that it said it ain't worth their while!

TREADING ON COCKROACHES

"I WAS SHOCKED. I did not know what had happened, then I saw banners and I was told what had happened".

Thus spoke prize bastard, John Roach, boss of one of the biggest bailiff companies in the West Country, when he returned home in the aftermath of a successful and rowdy protest outside his posh home in the sleepy village of Nempnett Thrubwell.

NO DOUBT

After a march, about 100 bailiff busters surrounded his home, left messages on his wall, bricked up his front door, and pulled his possessions from a carelessly unlocked garage, leaving them strewn across his lawn, with a Bristol Bailiff Busters placard



GIVE 'EM BOTH BARRELS!

A COUPLE of bailiffs got more than they bargained for when they went to seize the property of an elderly man in Lavendon, Bucks.

As they approached the mans house he opened fire with a rifle and shot one in the hand! If you're too old to boot 'em, why not shoot 'em?

Recovering in hospital, the injured bailiff said that he was giving up being a bailiff "for something more peaceful".

A wise move.



BRICKED UP. COCK-ROACH'S HOUSE

stuck in the middle, to leave him in no doubt as to who'd called round to visit him.

In answer to Roach's confusion, the local press printed our reply:

"We regard bailiffs at home and at work as legitimate targets and we aim to put them out of business...this was designed to show him what it feels like when the bailiffs come round. We think he'll get the message".

"THEY'D SELL THEIR GRANNIES FOR A TASTE OF POWER!"



MIKE BRERETON - POWER HUNGRY BASTARD

THE LEADER of a safe Labour council is getting ready to imprison poll tax non-payers in an attempt to rise up the ladder of political power.

Cllr Mike Brereton is the leader of Newcastle Borough Council in Staffordshire, and he has been trying to get nominated for the safe Labour parliamentary seat of Newcastle/Staffs.

To show what a "responsible" member of parliament he'd make in Neil Pillock's new look Labour party. He's gone over the top and has ordered that non-payers be sent down.

But one of the non-payers he is about to jail is Mrs May Finney of Silverdale. She is kept alive by a daily intake of medicine, and is confined to a wheel chair. His threat to her has stirred up a hornets' nest of anger, and local people are determined to put up a strong fight.

May Finney's family of five has a total income of £200 per week, and her poll tax bill is now £369. "I have not paid a penny" she said "I don't agree with it."

Silverdale APTU has already resigned from the Militant-dominated Potteries Federation because the Fed wouldn't back a motion calling on Labour Councilors to resign rather than enforce the hated Tory Tax.



Mike Clarke, 8, Lower Oxford Road, Basford ST5 0PB (Wolstanton Ward) Tel: 626561

**SCAB!
THE BOSS
OF POLL
TAX
RECOVERY**

LIES

Chairman of the Poll Tax Finance committee, Cllr Mike Clark of 8 Lower Oxford Rd, Basford, said on local radio that they had done all that was possible to avoid sending non-payers to jail. **This is a stinking lie.**

When Mrs Finney wrote to them asking for more time, they wrote back demanding the full amount by return of post. Cllr Mike Brereton boasts; "At Newcastle Council we use your money well and wisely."

In this careerist bureaucrat's desperate quest for a taste of power no one, no principle, is allowed to stand in his way.

But this scumbag isn't alone. The new look Labour party dresses up its politics in a glossy packaging of "respectability and moderation", and that means going out of their way to show what so-called "responsible" leaders they'd make.

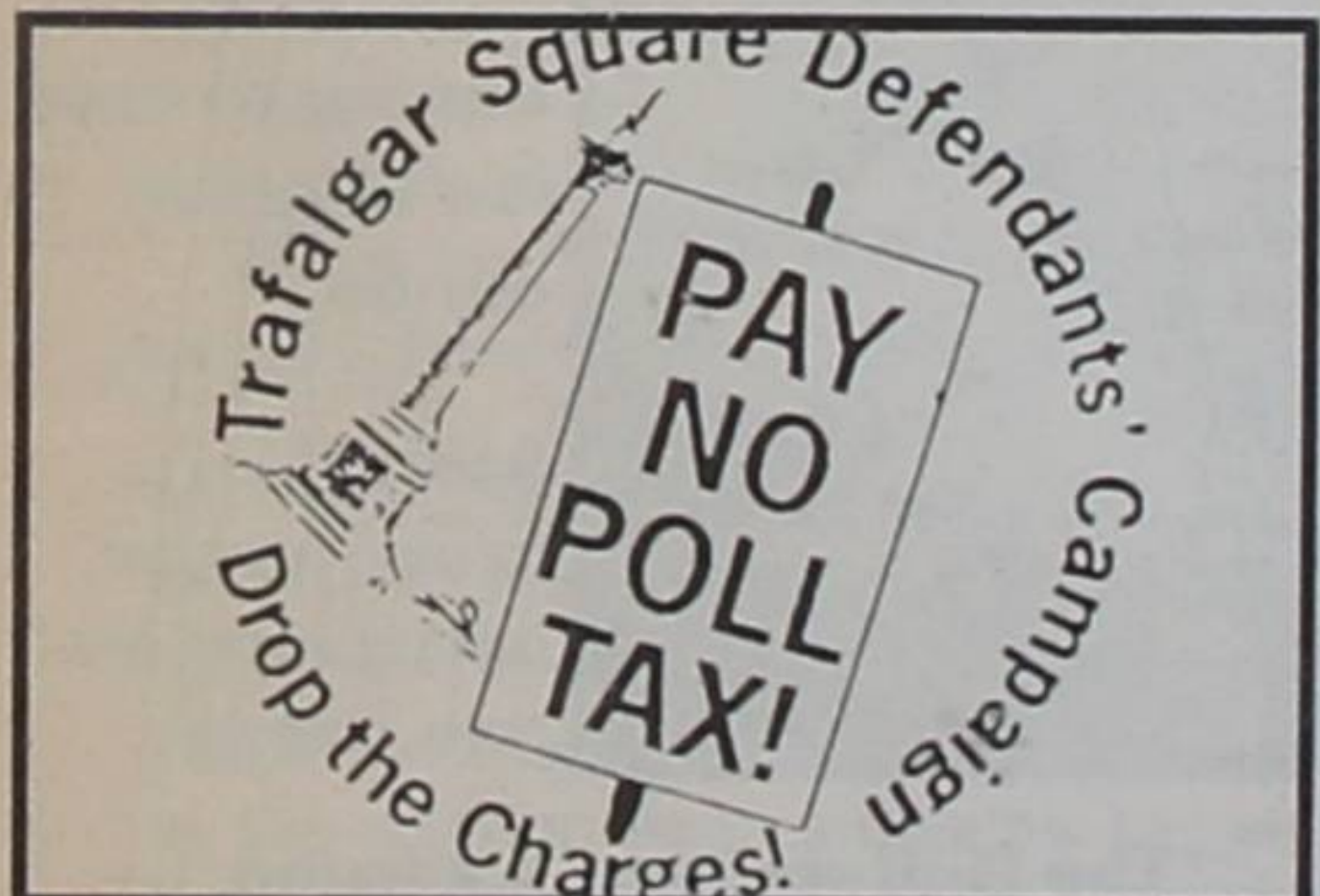
It's of no concern to them if ordinary working people are sold out and sacrificed on the way: **Lets give them all the boot!**

BANGED UP BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

HERE'S THE most up-to-the minute list of all those heroes who didn't quite get away - people now in jail for fighting the poll tax.

If you want to show your support, please write to them at the addresses below...

- Richard Andrews** - MW0962. HMP Wandsworth. Heathfield Rd, Wandsworth, London SW18 3HS. 18 months for Trafalgar Sq.
- Matt Lee** - MW1054. HMP Wandsworth. 30 months for Trafalgar Sq.
- Alan Clarke** - MV2254. HMP Cordingley, Bisleigh, Woking, Surrey, GU24 9EX. 2 years for GBH (Alan can't read so send postcards).
- Brian Tavares** - MV3239. HMP Wandsworth. For throwing a missile at a police line.
- Michael Neal** - MV3973. HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Rd., London N7 8TT.
- Tim Donaghy** - MW 0105. HMP Belmarsh, Weston Way, Woolwich, London SE2. 3 years.
- Darren Healey** - RA2183. HMP Wandsworth. 2 years and 6 months.



- Tim Paine** - MW 0231, HMP High Point, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk. 16 months.
- Neil Bremner** - MW0216, HMP Cordingley. 30 months.
- Martin Benfield** - PF2678, HMP Wandsworth. 15 months. All letters via Prisoners' Support Group.
- Steven Murray** - MV0218, HMP High Point. 12 months.
- Paul Jacob** - RA0711, HMP Wandsworth. 4 years.
- Stephen Lynn** - MW1028, HMP Ford, Ford nr. Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0BX. 1 year for "violent disorder".
- Steve Curtis** - MW1182, HMP Northeye, Barnhorn Rd., Bexhill On Sea, E.Sussex, TN39 4QN. 3 years for 'violent disorder'.
- Simon Russell** - ND 1666, HMP The Mount, Molyneux Ave., Bovindon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts., HP3 0NZ. 3 years and 2 months.
- Adrian Pugh** - RC0627, HMP Wandsworth. 9 months for arson.
- Robert Ray** - MW1242, HMP Feltham, Youth Remand, Dedfont Rd., Feltham, Middx., TW13 4N. 21 months for criminal damage.
- Keith Ray** - MV1241, HMP Feltham. 16 months.
- Ingolfur Thorsteinson** - JH3825, HMP Lincoln, Creepwell, Lincs., LN2 4BD. Non-payment of poll tax.
- Norman Laws** - CK0163, HMP Durham, Old Elvet, Durham, DH3 HU. Non-payer.

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PUPIL POWER

KIDS IN Strathclyde, Scotland, really set the ball rolling at the end of April:

Due to falling school rolls and the bad state of school buildings, parents, the Regional Council and even the Catholic church had been in conflict over the announcement that the Protestant Cranhill Secondary and Catholic St. Gregory's were to be merged into one school. The argument was that the pupils should be taught their own religions.

BUT they soon showed that they had no time for the 'adults' religious bigotry - despite attempts to stop them by their teachers, kids from both schools walked out of their classes and met up, carrying placards, in the Cranhill playground.

PELTED

Local cops tried to break up their demonstration, but were met with force, two police cars damaged into the bargain! After a few hours, the pupils returned to get on with their studies, of their own accord.

The following day, the same action spread to three other schools: Drumchapel, Waverly and St. Pious, where police, attempting to arrest the students, and smash their protest, were pelted with bottles and sticks, resulting in two injured cops and a damaged police car - the kids got away with only two arrests.

After years of religious sectarianism and bigotry in Strath-clyde, the kids are showing the adults the way ahead - the enemy isn't someone of a different religion, colour or sex, but the people who keep us downtrodden.

THEY CALL IT 'BABY BEIRUT'

MACHETE ATTACKS, stabbings, shoot-ings and seemingly no end to increasing violence has thrown Moss Side, Manchester, into the national news.

Kids as young as 12 being shot and mutilated bodies being left on walkways hardly makes you want to go there for your holidays.

So what's going on? A Moss Side resident, and Class War activist, explains:

Living on Alexandra Park Estate is depressing - it's a big, early '70s council estate, with houses burnt out, boarded up and trashed. There are few facilities and high unemployment - a typical black inner city ghetto policed by racist thugs.

There are many like it, where the working class have been dumped: Toxteth, Thamesmead, for example so why's Moss Side so violent?

Located near the city centre and good road links to the North West, it's a natural centre for the drugs trade which generates a lot of wealth for those involved.

If you live there, the choice is to look around the job centre for hard, full-time work offering only £120 per week and no prospects, or to become one of the designer-clothed young men, driving a BMW.

Getting involved in drugs can make dreams come true! Not much of a choice for youths really.

DRUG TRADE

But the trade isn't all about fast cars - there's a big down side. First, the drug takers, not dope smokers, but smackheads and the like, a sorry bunch who'll rob and abuse whoever to get their next fix. Second, there's the community that gets split as fear and violence take hold.

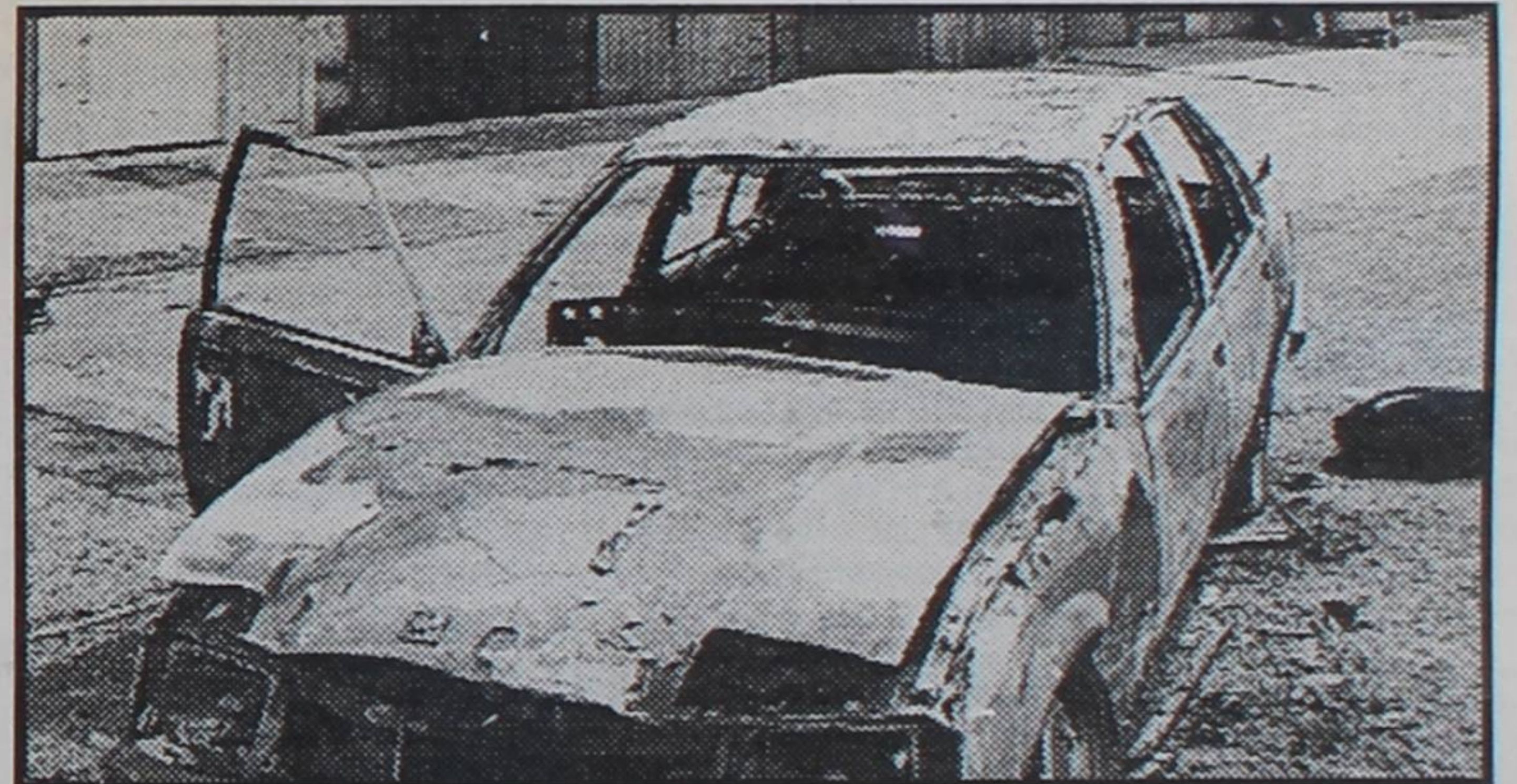
Sure, drugs can bring money into the area. Many hate the cops so much that if they support one of the opposing camps - police versus gangs - the gangs will win. This ISN'T because the drugs trade has popular support, far from it.

The point is that when friends, family and neighbours are involved in the conflict, it's not easy to stay on the sidelines.

Thirdly is the drug dealers themselves. There are two types: the top 'drug barons' who earn loads, don't live locally and tread

carefully for fear of rivals or going down for a long sentence.

Then there're street pushers, often working in gangs, who earn a lot, but need to protect their position. This is where street culture comes in.



A BURNT OUT CAR IN MOSS SIDE

Black youth culture, expressed by many rappers, points to the need to be hard and proud. Some bands like Manchester's 'Ruthless Rap Assassins' combine this with a political message.

Others, like America's 'Easy E', don't. The result is gang pride and respect for hardness in taking out enemies/opponents.

Extreme violence, often over petty things, is meant to prove that 'no one messes with me'. This attitude accounts for a lot of the violence, which isn't always to do with drugs.

LEFTIES DO NOTHING

The Left have done nothing for Moss Side. The Labour council occasionally dishes out a bit of money for one-off projects like the recent Bob Marley Memorial festival.

The rest of the Left turn up asking for signatures on anti-racist petitions, or try to make us guilty so we'll fight deportations. They haven't just failed to get support, they've created resistance to all Left and Revolutionary ideas.

Then there's the community 'leaders', all, without exception, have come and gone quickly when the going got a little tough.

Often they end up in cushy council jobs or being in charge of police liaison com-mittees.

The problems of Moss Side and the inner cities, were created by capitalists: bad housing, no job prospects, racism and

'hit squad' policing. But now we face an internal enemy, the drugs trade - it's an alternative capitalism, and just as corrupt, oppressive and offensive.

SOLUTIONS EXIST!

Simply shouting abuse at or grassing up kids involved in drugs/gangs won't solve the problems. Neither will the whinging liberals who want to lobby the council for more business and housing schemes.

If kids want excitement and to prove their hardness, they should rob off their real enemies, the rich, and take on their other enemies, the police.

If the community as a whole wants trust and security, it should resist both cop and bailiff harassment, AND the manipulation by the rich - DRUG BARONS, WEALTHY BUSINESSMEN AND COUNCILLORS ALIKE.

If you live in a place like Moss Side, it may sound hard, but just compare it with the difficulties now. The need to fight a class war, NOT a drugs war, is more urgent than ever.

Moss Side has a good tradition of community solidarity, that's been temporarily submerged by recent conflicts, but is still there ready to assert itself.

SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH...

SALLY SKULL



SEEMS POOR old Maggie Thatcher is having a tough time since being booted out of office last year. (WHAT A SHAME!)

Not only can't she find the right person to help her write her memoirs, but sometimes she wakes up and isn't sure what day it is. "This never used to happen when I was PM", whinged the old crow.

"The pattern of my life was shattered. I can't pick up the pieces," she added. Perhaps she's now got some idea about how it feels to be laid off. *And lets face it, who has been responsible for laying off more people than her?*

On top of that, it seems her £750,000 fortress in Dulwich was "inconvenient" for her new lifestyle.

GUTTED

She probably found it was too far away for her to keep a firm grip on young John Major. *So now she and Dennis have leased another home from their old chum the Duke of Westminster.*

It's a five-storey mansion in Chester Square, Belgravia. Their ten-year lease is a snip at just £700,000 - but it seems they didn't like the interior decoration as they've gutted it for refurbishment.

If that doesn't make her happy we're sure London's thousands of homeless could be persuaded to pop 'round for a bit of a rave.

It's easy to spot the house - and we've even included a photo of it in case you're unsure.

PS - builders working on the expensive redecoration have kindly chalked "No.10" on the door!

GUTTED!



MAGGIES NEW HOUSE (THE ONE WITH SCAFFOLDING ON IT)

DOESN'T YOUR HEART JUST BLEED

Well folks it's official, the rich are getting poorer. What's this you say justice at last - **fat chance.**

The ravages of recession have taken a temporary toll on the top richest scum's fortunes in the U.K. A recent survey revealed that Gerald "doin' time" Ronson was down £249m; Sir James Goldsmith down £120m; and the richest of the rich - the Duke of Westminster - is £500m the 'poorer'!

Though that still leaves him with £3,700,000,000, and I notice he was so concerned about this that he splashed out £300,000 on new gates for one of his houses.

The survey reveals (as if we didn't know before) that the top 200 people are worth altogether £47 billion - 10% of the U.K.'s wealth created each year.

If you sold their assets you'd have enough to raise child benefit to £33 a week, and still have enough change to run the NHS. **It's a hard life for some eh?**

WHAT A LOAD OF BOLLOCKS...

IN JOHN Major's so-called "classless society" his own party are the ones falling over themselves to claim humble backgrounds.

Firstly there's John Major being very shy about explaining why he stopped calling himself John Major-Ball (his REAL name complete with posh hyphen). *Then education secretary Kenneth Clark saying that he went to a state school, when he went to fee paying Nottingham High School.*

And finally Home office minister Angela Rumbold suffered a bout of amnesia when she said her kids went to state schools. *That's funny, they were last spotted at Surbiton High School (fees £3,000 a year).*

WHAT A PAIR OF PILLOCKS!

IT SEEMS the Tories are scrapping the bottom of the barrel when it comes to schemes to fool people into voting for them.



Their latest "brainwave" consists of sending out 150,000 copies of a tape encouraging 18 to 25 years old to support them.

With the stunningly imaginative title of "No Red Tape", it features an interview with John Major conducted by prize-prat Emlyn Hughes.

I reckon the only reason they picked him was because he's so stupid he could even make John Major look intelligent.



JEFFREY ARCHER - showing off the Tories' latest voting enticement.

BARKING MAD?

ONE OF my sources in Manchester has told me that the competition for James Anderton's job as Chief Constable has narrowed drastically since it was announced that ALL candidates will be required to have an examination by a psychiatrist!

It seems that the antics of Jimbo "barking mad" Anderton so worried the Police Committee that the last thing they wanted was to have another top cop who claimed God spoke to him.

Quite understandable, but what's got me, and half of Manchester, thinking is that why did most of the candidates drop out once told about the test?

Could there be a few closet loonies up there in the higher levels of the G.M.P.? **Very likely...**

WOODENTOPS!

NOW I AM not saying that all coppers are thick but read on...

"It was a very strange sensation" wrote an Essex copper about being attacked "It sounded just like wood hitting wood and I realised that it was my head that was being hit."

With such obvious powers of perception, not to mention having a wooden bonce, I predict that this eager young Sherlock Holmes will go far.. a future Chief Constable perhaps?

"QUOTES"

"We are UNIMPORTANT. We are here to serve, to heal the wounds and to give love. We want men to look after us."

MARIKE DE KLERK - South Africa's "First Lady" on the subject of women.

"You have the right to speak, of course, but when it is in public you must get permission."

SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT - After banning a press conference.

"The management cares, really cares about people, about their staff and colleagues."

PETER GRIFFITHS - Chief Executive of Guys Hospital Trust, after sacking 600 workers.

"Eton remains the finest training ground in the Kingdom for statesmen, politicians, administrators of the top rank, merchant bankers and entrepreneurs."

LORD CHARTERIS OF ARMISFIELD - The retiring provost of Eton.

"How am I going to know what to think without the Sun?"

JOHN REDWOOD - The Tories trade minister.

"The average copper has to keep his job a secret, and can't live near their place of work, in case they get recognised."

DAVID WEBB - Ex-Liverpool Police Superintendent.



"It is an honour to have her brighten our day."

PIK BOTHA - South Africa's foreign minister, talking about Maggie Thatcher.

"The Gulf war was a stirring victory for the forces of aggression"

DAN QUAYLE - vice president of America.

"When Dan Quayle became vice president, the most dreaded sentence in the English language was said to be George Bush complaining he didn't feel well. Suddenly the joke isn't funny."

JOE HAINES - writing in the Daily Mirror.

TELLING PORKIES...

It's make your mind up time! Who's the biggest lying drossbag? Is it;

1. John Major, caught out good and proper telling porkies to cover up the NHS "opting out" fiasco? or...
2. George Bush, hopelessly denying that he tried to keep American hostages IN Iran until after the 1980 Election to make sure that Reagan got elected?

Answers and execution suggestions for the lucky winner on a postcard please.

WEALTH = HEALTH

A NURSE SPEAKS OUT...

"I WORK at a large hospital in the North East.

This hospital last year applied to become a self-governing trust, but was refused due to its finances being well in the red.

As a result, the management are doing their best to get a healthy-looking bank balance at the expense of both patients and staff, so that they can re-apply next year.

Chronic staffing shortages meant that management cocked-up its plan to save money by not using bank nurses - nurses who are on a register and are used to supplement staffing levels. *But even with them, we're still under staffed.*

ALL staff now are contracted to work on one ward, but to do a combination of day and night duties; this is called Internal Rotation.

UNQUALIFIED

Wards are mysteriously shut, amalgamated with other ones, staff moved about and shifted again when/if the ward reopens. We had two male surgical wards, one of which was shut to take Gulf War casualties. It hasn't been reopened yet.

Wards and their staff are pushed right to the limit, voluntarily doing extra time to cover the workload.

This strains the staff and is no good for patients, some of whom have had major surgery or are terminally ill and desperately need to talk with someone. How can they when staff haven't the time or resources even to carry out the nitty gritty work?

Unqualified student nurses, at the end of their second year, are often placed in charge of a ward, like at night when the only other nurse is taking a well-needed break.

In a "caring profession," student nurses can't refuse this. But what is supposed to happen when a single, student nurse is faced with emergencies?

THREATEN

When the recent government White Paper was to be introduced, many student nurses in Britain demanded to meet with management to discuss working conditions.

Generally they were patronised with reassurances that their working conditions would be reasonable - management can always threaten students by making sure they don't find employment if are too militant.

The main nurses union doesn't help either - The Royal College of Nursing is a reactionary union with a big voice and a no-strike agreement.

The tragedy is that the vast majority of nurses DO care for their patients and want to provide as much as they can for them - **GIVEN ENOUGH RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.**

Unless this happens quickly, nurses will be forced to work in private health care where pay and prospects are better, and the government's dream of destroying the NHS by the back door will come true."

SIX OF THE WORST! - THE MANAGERS WHO ARE RUNNING THE NEW TRUSTS. WOULD YOU BUY A SECOND HAND CAR FROM THEM?



Jeremy Elwes, CBE, runs St Helier Hospital Trust in London. Previous experience; boss of Reed International and worked for Tory Central Office.



Adrian White, runs a Trust which manages four hospitals. Previous experience; boss of a private water company, and gave £44,150 to Tory party.



Kevin Gardner, runs the Trust of the National Ear, Nose & Throat Hospital. Previous experience; Tory councillor.



Sir William Harris, who runs the Guys & Lewisham Trust. Previous experience; boss of cash strapped Harris Queensway PLC.



Sir William Staveley, boss of TRUST which runs the Royal London Hospital. Previous experience; ex-Admiral in Royal Navy.



William Wells, runs the Royal Free Hospital trust in North London. Previous experience; ex-top chartered surveyor.



CLASS WAR SAYS

"WE ARE making the NHS more accountable to it's customers" says the Health Secretary - Bollocks!

You don't need a brain the size of a planet to realise that the NHS is going under.

Waiting lists are so long that people go grey before being seen, and those who do get in are quickly turfed out with a packet of Aspirin and a get well soon card because some other half dead person needs the bed.

And struggling to keep this sinking ship afloat are the nurses and other hard working staff who graft away to provide the public with an essential service, only to be thanked at the end of the week with a pay packet that's so empty that if you dropped it in mid-air it would float!

But if you think we are all in the same boat, think again!

The rich who run the NHS avoid it's hospitals like the plague. What? They share a waiting room with a load of working class rabble and get seen by some unknown doctor whom they haven't played tennis with at least



"Harley Street's straight ahead"

twice this week. **NOT LIKELY!**

Because while we have to wait patiently in the mile-long NHS queues these toffee nosed toe rags potter on down to Harley Street for a chummy chat with their private physician pals before being whisked into a plush private hospital, complete with all mod cons.

Well why should we put up with this? The Tories say that those with more money should have faster, better treatment, to solve the crisis.

While Labour and the Left think that dropping another fiver into the kitty will save the day, without realising that the only way is for the hospitals to be run by the people who actually work there. For the benefit of the local community.

We don't need some middle class trendy lefty intellectuals telling us how to run our lives.

The NHS is a vital sector of the essential service industry. Working class people are 100% dependent upon it.

Therefore the policy for preferential treatment should be; working class people first, Toffs last... DEAD last!!

PIG SICK

IN A YEAR when nursing wage increases have been awarded in two stages, and ancillary workers (porters and domestic workers) are on poverty wages, South Derbyshire Health Authority has made it's workers pig sick:

Health workers are angry to discover that last year three NEW emergency wards were closed, and the domestic budget was slashed (due to 'overspending' a pitiful amount of funding).

This was done by mangers who have just awarded themselves £100,000 worth of new cars - a senior manager, on being questioned said, "We need incentives such as these to attract the right type of manager".

If the "right type" cuts services to patients, and increases the already heavy workload on health workers, while lining their already bulging pockets, Class War Healthworkers can only agree that they're the right type...FOR STRINGING UP!

THE WITCH DOCTOR WRITES...

PROFILE MARKETING, a top marketing consultancy, has been employed to raise funds for a show piece NHS hospital that William Waldegrave has described as "a shining example of the way the government is funding the NHS."

The cash-strapped, half built Westminster & Chelsea Hospital has pleaded to 600 of Britains top companies for money, in exchange for advertising rights.

Jo Buckley a director of Profile Marketing said; "Someone like Mothercare could sponsor the childrens ward, it would be called the Mothercare ward, and patients would be provided with Mothercare products when they leave the ward".

Pass the sick bag...

NOT ON YOUR NELLIE

HOSPITAL STAFF are being threatened with dismissal if they speak out against the Tories NHS reforms.

Since the reforms came into effect on 1st April health authorities and hospital managers throughout the country have imposed "confidentiality" policies.

Just one example is at Nottingham University Hospital, which may soon become a trust, where staff have all had a letter warning that they may be sacked if they give out "confidential information".

And what is this "confidential information"? Top secret formula for new drugs perhaps, or the plans for a amazing new life saving piece of equipment? *Not on your Nellie!*

The letter says it's "Any disclosure of information likely to lead to a lowering of public confidence in the hospital or the NHS."

180!

WHEN CANCER patient Marie Chaplin wrote to John Major pleading for help to replace the clapped out scanner in her hospital, all she got back was a photo of him with a letter saying that she should raffle it to raise money!

Marie, from South Cleveland, was disgusted, "This is no use" she said "I'd be lucky to get 10p for it, I'd make more if I charged people to throw darts at it."

CW Healthworkers reckon she could raise the £750,000 needed, no problem, if they had the real John Major to throw darts at. Mind you the queue would be long. *Still, thats nothing new for the NHS.*

ARISTO-PRAT

ARCH aristocratic idiot, and Tory NHS supremo, William Waldegrave, put his foot where his silver spoon usually is the other day.

He admitted that the NHS is a "ramshackle old service" and that he's a member of private health insurers BUPA.

"I joined 20 years ago when I was up at Oxford (University)" he helpfully added.

Oh, well that's alright then.

LAVISHED

THE BOSSES of the 57 hospitals that have so far opted out of the NHS stuck two fingers up to the ordinary working people of Britain when they lavished £30,000 on a junket at a flash London hotel.

Whilst the rest of the NHS totters about on its last leg (and a very shaky one at that) these already bloated rich parasites scoffed themselves on champagne and fine food.

Lets hope the bastards choked on it...

OVER QUALIFIED?

HOSPITAL MANAGERS at Aberdeen's Royal Infirmary are about to apply for Trust status against the wishes of the entire hospital staff.

All because the boss of the Local Health Board, James Kyle, has his heart set on a fat slice of the accompanying political power.

And what brilliant medical mind will run the new Trust? Mr Brian Broomfield, a previously unheard of car salesman!

CLASS CULTURE AND POLITICS



INTRODUCTION

Culture plays an important part in our lives, and our politics. By culture we don't mean the opera or theatre, or a dozen blokes doing Morris Dancing.

So what do we mean? - well culture is the way we relate to each other, share common values, beliefs and experience. It forms the basis of most of our activities. It enables a whole mass of people over a large area, to have some form of unity and common identity.

That's a real powerful force, which our rulers know only too well. Control of this area of our lives is so important to capitalist society, that they devote much time, effort and resources to it. Capitalists dominate and control most forms of cultural production (newspapers, TV stations, etc.), and recreate popular cultural activities infected with THEIR ideology (their system of ideas, values, etc.).

The benefits we get out of this popular culture i.e. entertainment, enjoyment of leisure etc., is paid for at a high price with the ruling class having an opportunity to put across their insidious ideas, to our class, to justify their stinking system.

Because of this an essential part of revolutionary politics is to develop a revolutionary culture of resistance.....



UNLIKE THE British Left, Class War does not see ordinary working people as mindless, moronic sheep, with no political brain of their own, who we must seek out, and educate with our superior political beliefs.

We believe that most people have our politics already - that of resistance and suspicion of authority, and a hatred of the privileged elite.

What we try to do is to champion and develop these already existing ideas, and to create a popular culture of resistance and solidarity; one that is capable of changing society. **But how?.. and what of Class War?**

PROPAGANDA

Regular readers of *Class War* could be forgiven for thinking that the people who write it are a bunch of crazed, hate filled

stupid, but because they want to unite 'militants' around a particular brand of Marxist-Leninism in order to "build the party", rather than trying to convert the masses to socialism.

We believe that our ideas must become part of peoples everyday lives, not just a reaction to a hostile economic, social or political environment.

Class War has often been compared to the *Sun*, both in terms of our style, and our blunt, down-to-earthness. A few years ago one magazine said "*Class War* reads like the *Sun* has been taken over by Pol Pot!"

Yet nobody would ever think of calling the *Sun* a political newspaper, but it's papers like the *Sun* that are the most effective at influencing people's ideas.

After all who invented the "Loony Leftie"? And who knocked Michael Foot's political career on the head by giving more

just the product of a sick sense of humour, its getting people to laugh at things that aren't supposed to be funny, that are supposed to be symbols of the power of the State.

VICIOUS?

The media portray anti police violence "poor defenceless bobby suffering a vicious attack from evil blacks/strikers/anarchists". The Left go the other way with pictures of vicious looking coppers beating the shit out of a defenceless black/striker/lefty.

Anyone falling for the Lefts account is likely to be totally demoralised, fearing that the slightest murmur of dissent will be met by an immediate and extremely violent response from some huge invincible baton wielding riot cop. **Hardly the stuff to inspire revolutionary fervour amongst the working class!**

However don't be mistaken into thinking that we try to produce a "political" version of the *Sun*. We differ in one vital way, whereas the *Sun* is happy to spew out its nasty little ideas, and get its readers to vote Tory every five years, in between they are encouraged to stay safely sat in front of their tellyes.

We however, as well as trying to convince people of the evils of capitalism are also trying to persuade people to get off their arses and overthrow it!

SCARING 'EM

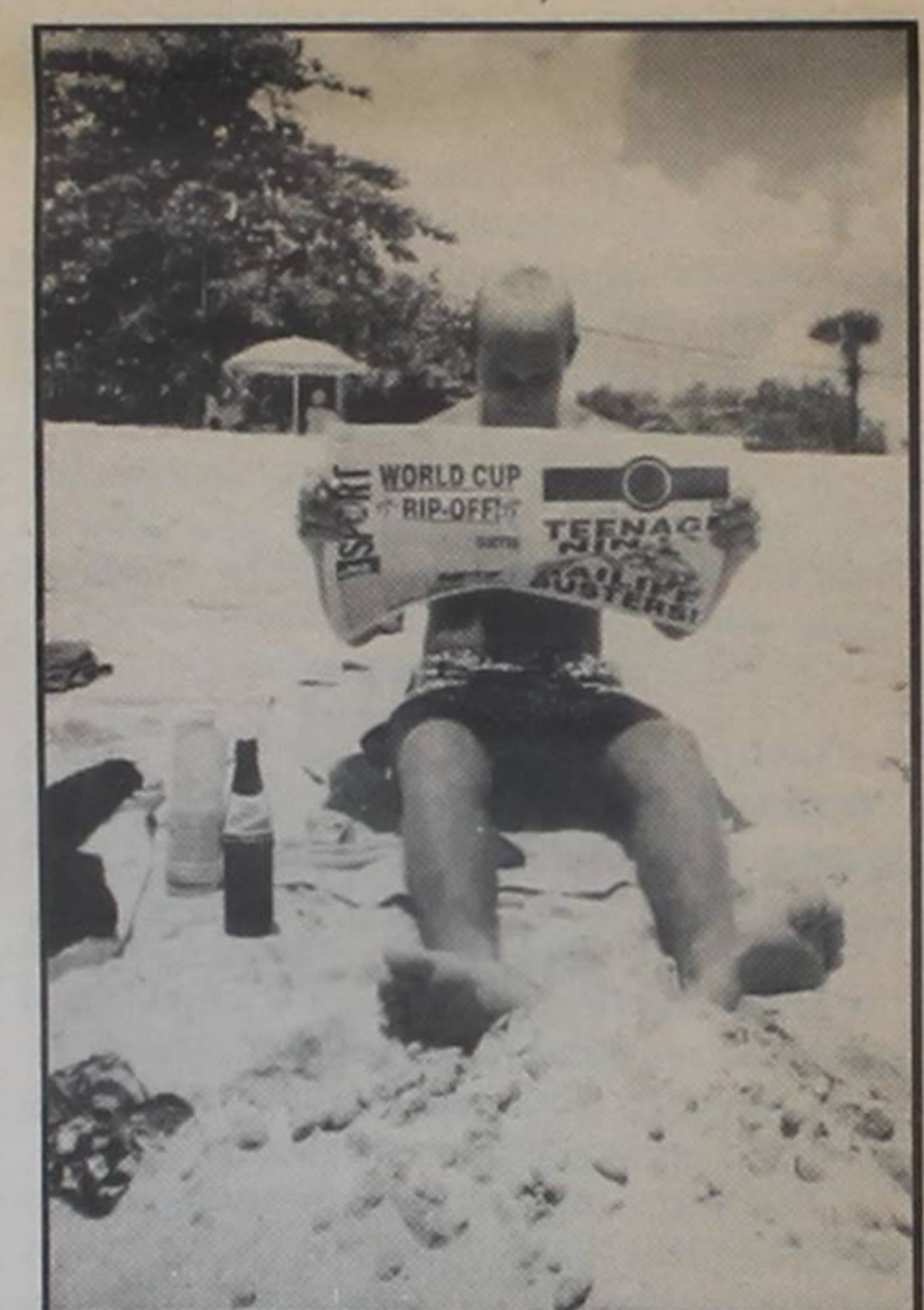
Propaganda, as well as being readable, populist and widely available must also instil a strong dose of class solidarity, unity with other working people no matter what their colour, sex, age or what football team they support.

It's this solidarity that scares the establishment the most. They spend a huge amount of their time and resources trying to destroy it, its the old story of divide and rule.

So how do we unite with other working class people to create the society we want? Especially when certain

parts of working class culture are harmful to its own interests...

Although working class culture is very diverse, certain parts of it appear more dominant than others, particular among young working class male youth, (we say appear because the state has an interest in blowing up these elements out of all proportion, and the manifestations of them are often loud and violent).



These elements are of course **sexism** and **racism** and they must be challenged, but not in the way the Left does, which often only further entrenches these attitudes - everybody hates being lectured to.

CHALLENGE

Firstly lets see how these ideas manifest themselves. Even though fascist activity is very small in this country, ten years ago everywhere you went you could see fascist graffiti; in football grounds, schools, toilets and subways.

Obviously it wasn't all done by members of fascist groups, or even people who would join given half a chance. However constant reinforcement of racist ideas, plus racist ideology promoted by the media, aided the growth of this part of white working class youth culture.

Women are also faced with having roles dictated to them by newspapers and TV, who urge working class men to ridicule and step on women who challenge that position.

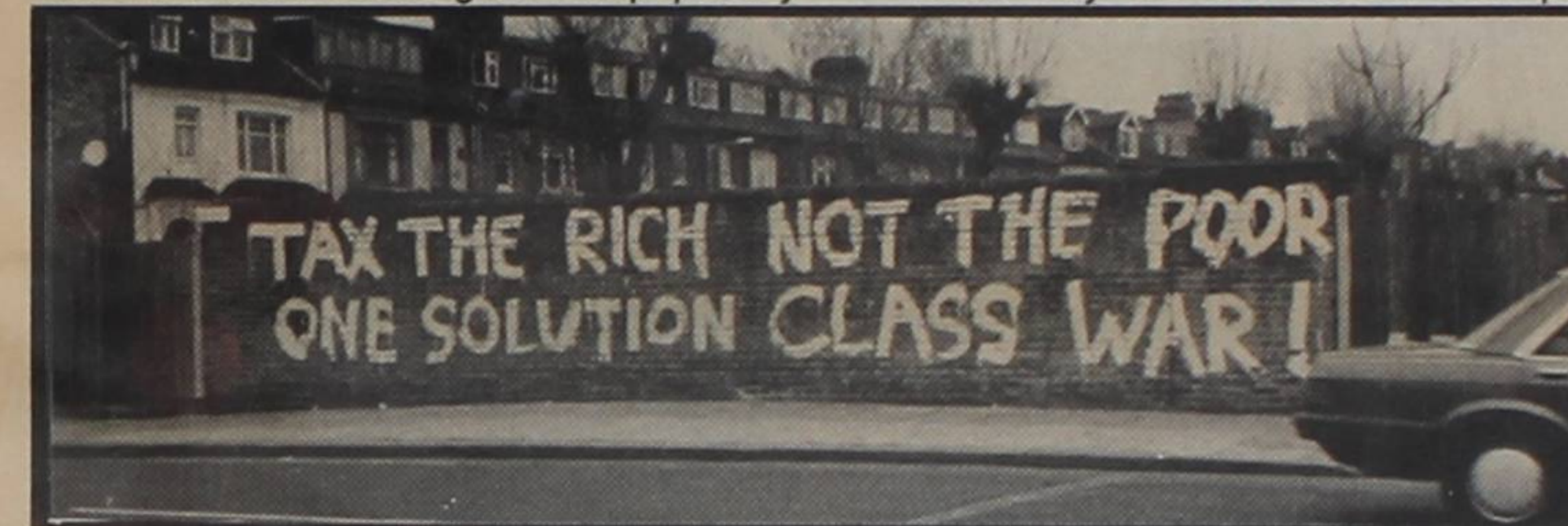
More ominously porn is sold on every street in Britain, relegating women to powerless victims of sex. Aggression plays a greater and greater part in porn these days as the ruling class seek to channel working class aggression into forms that are

less threatening to it.

But less obvious is how fragile this racist and sexist dominant ideology is. The people who have a real interest in keeping us divided have to work very hard at it. It breaks down very easily in the case of racism i.e. the massive growth in popularity

to raise awareness of aspects of working class culture that we are interested in. To do this, and to make unfashionable and smother the other ideas, our slogans, ideas, symbols and politics should confront our class every day.

Each day we are faced with pro-



of black American culture amongst large sections of white working class youth.

This has succeeded in uniting whole sections of black and white working class youth around music, fashion and a particular lifestyle.

AWARENESS

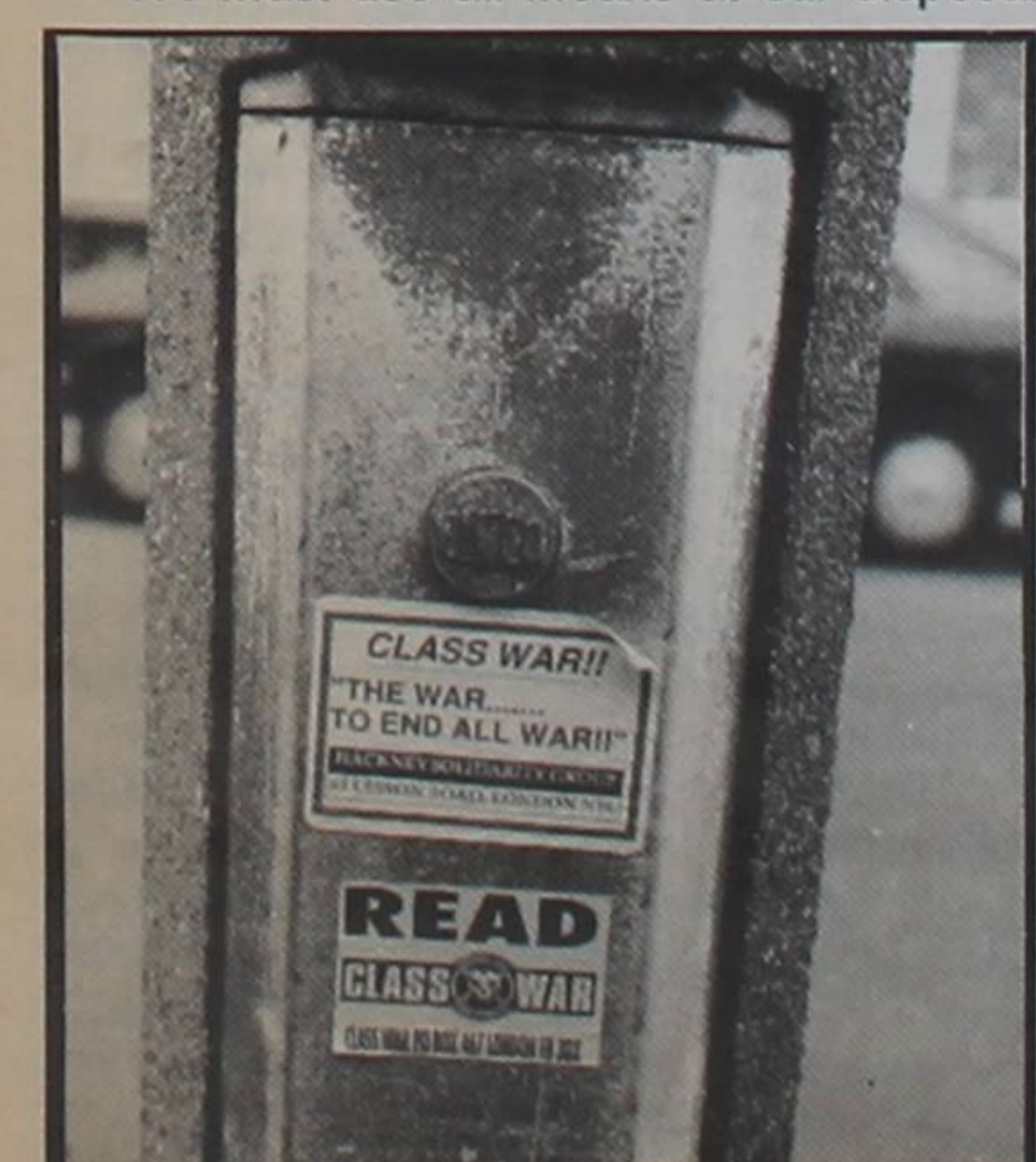
The negative aspects of working class culture appear ugly and threatening to many people, but we must not ignore them, but strive to create a counter culture of solidarity using the traditional ideas of suspicion of authority and hatred of the rich as our starting points.

These ideas have been submerged under an avalanche of racism, sexual division, patriotism and subservience. The fact that these ideas are already part of our culture is often forgotten.

Class War is not saying something new. History is littered with examples too numerous to mention of people putting our ideas into practice.

So, if we know hating the rich and powerful on a mass scale is possible, how do we go about making it possible?

We must use all means at our disposal



capitalist and racist media, sexist and reactionary graffiti and conversation. We must counter this with graffiti of our own, on a mass scale, mass flyposting, sticking

SHAPING CULTURE

OF ALL the mainstream political parties the Tories have been by far the most successful in the area of shaping culture.

They know what a powerful weapon it is and have pulled out all the stops in an attempt to make their politics part of everyday life.

Such statements as "*We are all middle class now*" and "*There is no such thing as society, just individuals and families*" is cultural engineering, designed to deny the basic idea of class boundaries.

SELL OFF!

This have been coupled with an ambitious attempt to sell off everything that was once state owned. The reason is to raise cash to pay for their policies, but they try to present it as "people power" giving people the right to own a tiny bit of Telecom or British Gas.

The reality is that these were token shares, a poxy amount when compared to the amount held by their friends in the city. But giving people a few hundred shares, and letting them buy their council house was trumpeted as a triumph for popular capitalism.

The idea was that as share values and mortgage interest rates are directly linked to the nations economic health who would want to rock the boat?

Tied up with a mortgage, people will work hard to pay it off and are unlikely to do anything that would threaten their finances. To strike at work would be risking the roof

and paper selling, an avalanche of political propaganda.

We should ridicule and abuse those who try to continue the myths and lies that keep us divided. We must reach a situation where people are being bombarded with pro-solidarity working class input from dawn

to dusk! Our ideas are gaining ground rapidly at the moment, but we can't make the same mistake of the Left and assume that just because we say the right thing, people will come flocking to us.

Peoples lives are not just ruled by what is rational, what is right and wrong, but by a



whole series of other decisions many of them cultural.

Our approach to the Trotskyist Left should not be one of rivalry, but of outright hostility. They suck people in and feed off their initial enthusiasm, energy and money, but puke out the majority of people at the other end cynical, bored and apathetic.

So how do we combat the so-called revolutionary left and prevent people being sucked into an experience that is basically alien to working class culture - the hierarchical party? Well the answer is simple - **we take the piss out of them!**

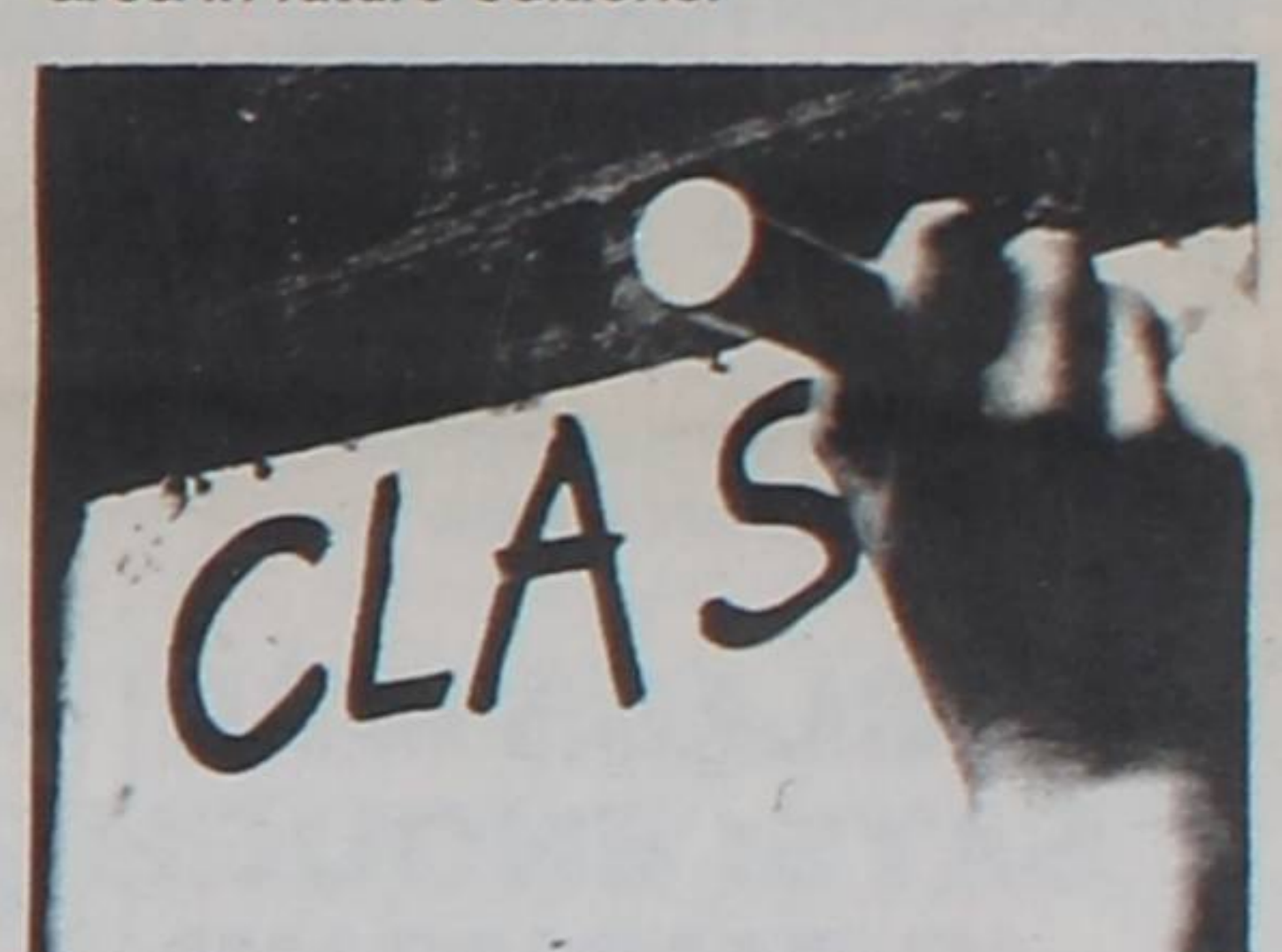
At every opportunity we should be defacing their posters with humorous and witty additions, or doing spoof ones that don't just attack their ideas, but promote ours. We should hold them up to general ridicule and abuse.

If we can create an aura of foolishness around these organisations then people will steer clear of them. **After all no-one wants to join an organisation that is generally thought of as a laughing stock.**

OUR DAY WILL COME

These are just some parts of creating a popular culture of resistance, and have been taken from past articles in issues of the *Heavy Stuff*.

Look out for further articles in this area in future editions.



Another meaningless slogan was "freedom of choice" with popular capitalism we were all supposed to be able to have the choice to do as we wished.

What this really meant was that you could only have a choice if you could afford it, if you couldn't you still had the same old shit you always had.

After all, a rich man has the same choice to sleep rough under Waterloo bridge as a homeless man, but economic reality says otherwise.

But where the Tories have been by far the most effective in crafting a "popular capitalism" has been the way it has succeeded in twisting the lunatic economic theories of capitalism into so-called "common sense".

Through the popular media, they have tried to turn the ideas of greed and profit into "common sense".

Anyone who questions in the slightest the priorities of a society were the poorest die of hyperthermia, and the rich squander our wealth in unparalleled luxury is seen as a "crackpot" or "loony".

Being able to dismiss your political enemies in this way is a highly effective method of keeping in power.



nutters without a serious political thought in their heads, this is certainly the image that the media would have you believe!

If we want to "change the world" why do we produce a paper full of Hospitalised Coppers and articles ridiculing the powerful, instead of serious "political" stories?

The aim of any political literature is to get certain ideas across to people. But the vast majority of political newspapers in this country do not meet this aim. The readers of such rags as *Socialist Wanker* may not all be members of the SWP, but they will all be "leftwing" and the majority will be political activists.

In other words they are preaching to the converted.

The simple fact is that many ordinary, working class people are not interested in "political" newspapers, and sure as hell aren't going to fork out the best bit of half a quid for the privilege of reading one.

The reason the Left produce newspapers like this isn't because they are

column inches to his duffel coat than his politics?

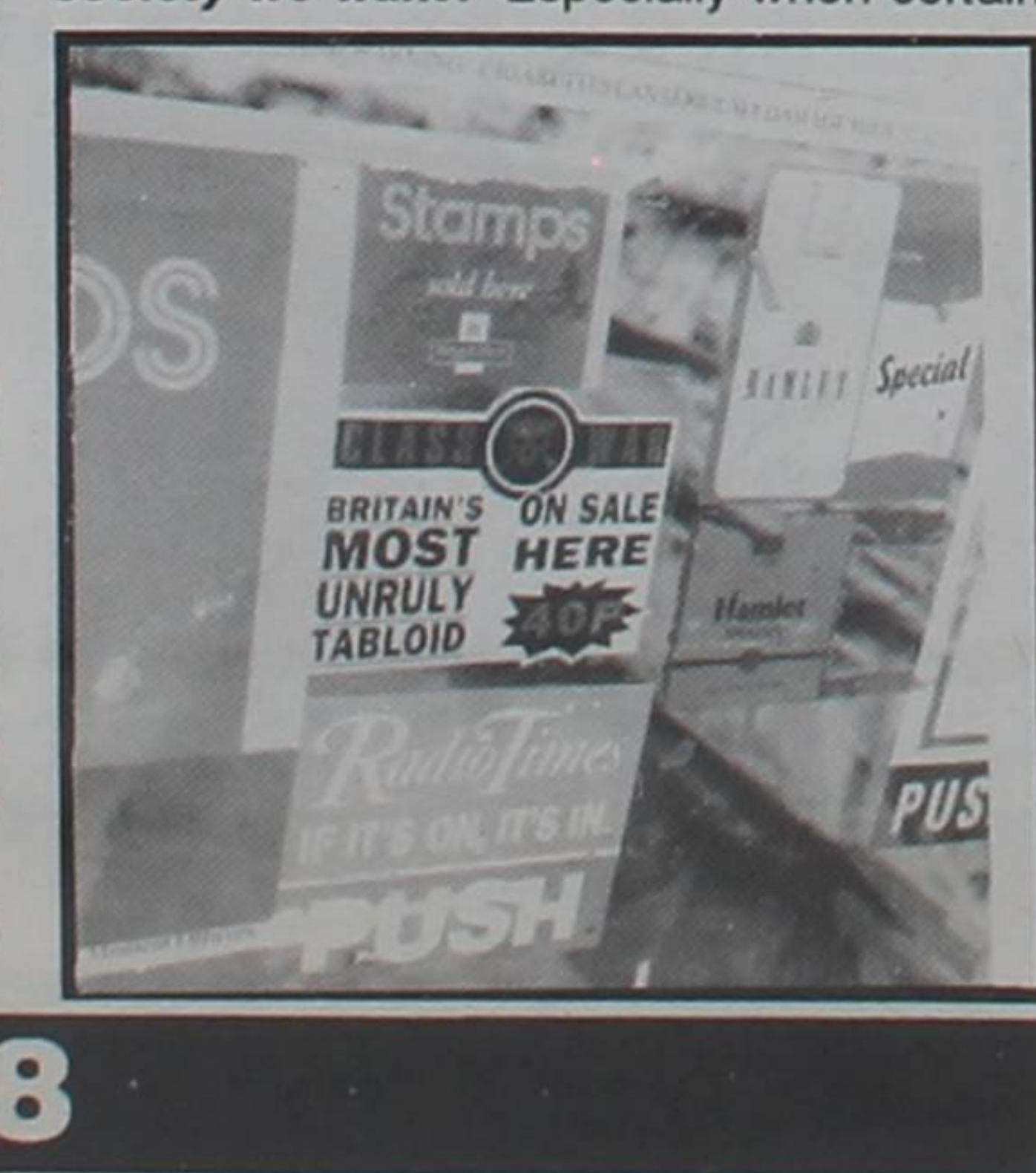
RIDICULE

Pick up the *Sun* and you will find dodgy political ideology on every page, from the statement about women and sex on page 3, to the jingoism splashed across the sports pages. Any issue that might provoke working class solidarity or fightback is either ignored, misrepresented or trivialised.

More often though the reader's attention is diverted with "Is your neighbour a Werewolf?" type stories, making them seem more important.

Humour, ridicule and satire are very effective ways of undermining our political enemies. **Laughing at them, and the institutions they represent, is half way to attacking them.**

For instance *Hospitalised Copper* isn't



COSTA'S £1,000 PARTY FOR NEIL'S BOY

Mrs T WOULD STILL BE PM IF SHE'D SACKED NIGEL

REDIT LABEL VICTORY

Sun

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MUCK SPREADER

SPREADING THE DIRT ON THE GREEN FRONT

CANCER CON

Remember the hoo-haa about the Bristol Cancer Centre - that 'alternative haven' that was heavily criticised last year for its treatment methods?

It was found that cancer victims there had generally less chance of being cured than under

conventional treatment, and they have to pay a damn sight more for the privilege.

Now, it appears that the Directors of the Centre AND the bosses of the firm which sold the very expensive drugs that patients were urged to buy at the Centre had quite a bit in common - they were the same bloodsucking people!

RURAL REVOLT!

ALREADY SPLASHED all over the West Country's newspapers, support for and interest in the MASS TRESPASS at Pen Wood, East Coker, Somerset, grows daily.

Readers of Class War will have seen our piece "If You Go Down To the Woods", in C.W 46. The article, citing Pen Wood and its rich top Lloyd's Underwriter 'owner', William Davis, shows how the Forestry Commission has been systematically selling off OUR land on government orders, to wealthy scumbags, who close off thousands of acres, and use woodlands and fields for their own pleasure OR more usually, for their own filthy profit, through intensive pine planting, for instance.

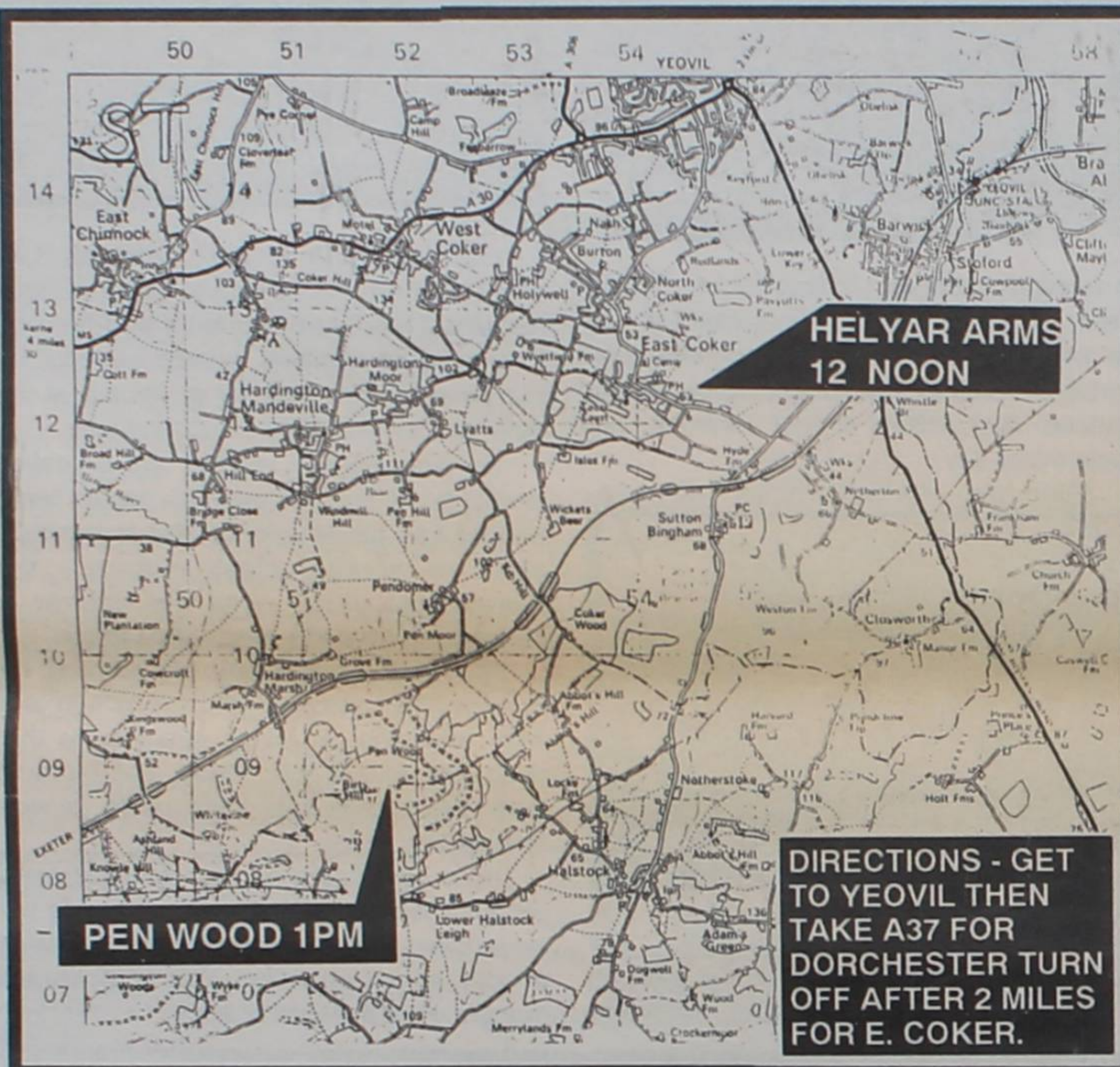
The all-too-common pattern is that the woodlands are left unattended, closed off to us, and end up as property speculations, OR get so fucked about with that wildlife, trees and undergrowth die off.

Lest we forget - the cash from these quick sales of our heritage go straight into central government coffers.

CLASS WAR SAYS: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

This Mass Trespass will raise the banner of rural revolt, hoping to spark off a campaign all over Britain - A campaign against Yuppie scum who flood into villages, driving local people out with inflated prices for homes that were theirs.

NO MORE



A campaign against the wealthy who think they can meddle with OUR countryside, OUR places of leisure and enjoyment, denying working class people access to woodlands because they are arrogant enough to assume that a few quid can buy what is everybody's.

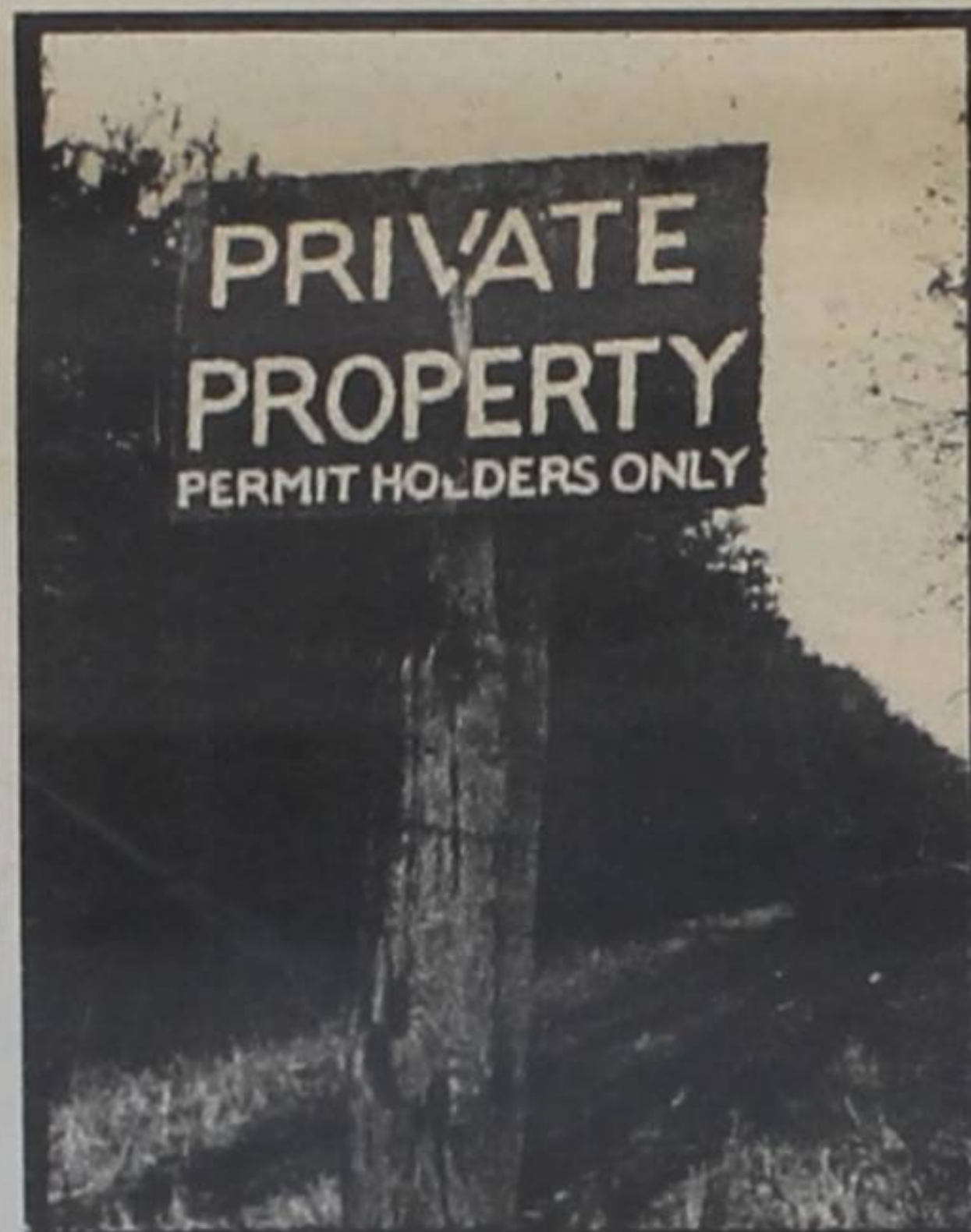
There is no room for negotiation with this new breed of landowner - People who live around Pen Wood have been trying that since its closure to the public in 1983! What is ours is ours and we will treat it as such.

Anyone who'd like to get in touch with William Davis can do so at his push, weekend holiday home:

'Sleights', Lodge Hill, East Coker, Somerset.

Or at his business:

C.D Life Syndicate/Cassidy Davis Ltd., St. Helen's, Undershaft, London EC3



PRIVATE LAND!

PEN WOOD, EAST COKER, SOMERSET - JUNE 22 - 1PM - COME TO TAKE BACK WHAT'S YOURS!

THE SQUIRE'S THE LIMIT

SOME TOFF has been at it again, this time in the form of a local squire, craping from a great height upon the rural working class...

The Dorset village of Rampisham's social centre, its only pub, has been shut by Raymond Boileau, Lord of Rampisham Estate, and the scum trustees of his estate.

The reason that the Tiger's Head has pulled it's last pint, after Mike and Pat Austin had spent all their savings making it a pleasant place to chat and drink, is because Boileau lives 50 yards away from the pub and claims that it's too noisy for him to get his beauty sleep.

LORD MUCK

Squirming bastard that he is, he claims that he had no part in the closure, and it was "all the trustees doing". It's notable that there are only two trustees: one's an unnamed Dorset farmer, and the other's the Squire's 14-year old nephew.

Seems as though Lord Muck's family and shy friend are doing his dirty work for him, then.

Needless to say, no one in the village is at all happy about the squire's attack on their boozery. George Wright, a regular at the pub: "Rampisham will become like so many other Dorset villages - a dead place. This is tearing the heart out of the village".

Anti-social activities like this are all too typical of the way in which our countryside and what happens in it and its villages are meddled with by rich gentry and fly-by-night yuppies.

They believe that they can destroy the environment and leisure time of ordinary people if they have the cash: by buying up weekend homes, shops, woodlands, raising prices in the area, and privatising or closing down the things that locals have enjoyed for years, and were rightly theirs in the first place.

The likes of Boileau really better watch their backs, or the people he pisses off may ensure that he gets a very good night's sleep - permanently.



DOOMED - THE TIGERS HEAD

WORKING FOR THE YANKEE DOLLAR

While the fat cat bosses of oil companies worldwide continue to raise prices, the former cowboy oilman, President George Bush, has come across a godawful plan to further increase US profits and to fuck up the environment even more, in the process:

To 'reduce dependency' on the Arab states for oil, Bush and US Energy Secretary, James Watkins, want to destroy the Arctic Wildlife Range in Alaska, by drilling for oil there; and then they have their sights set on California and the Mexican Gulf.

But, leading US environmental experts have already worked out that if American cars were more oil efficient (not too hard a task as many run on 15 MPG!), the USA would save more oil than it imports from the Persian Gulf AND has in its existing coastal oil reserves.

There are only a few things that these bastards really care about, and they're not OUR environment: profit, power and pressure from their buddies in the motor and oil businesses - Muckspreader advises them all to take an extremely long soak in some very hot oil.

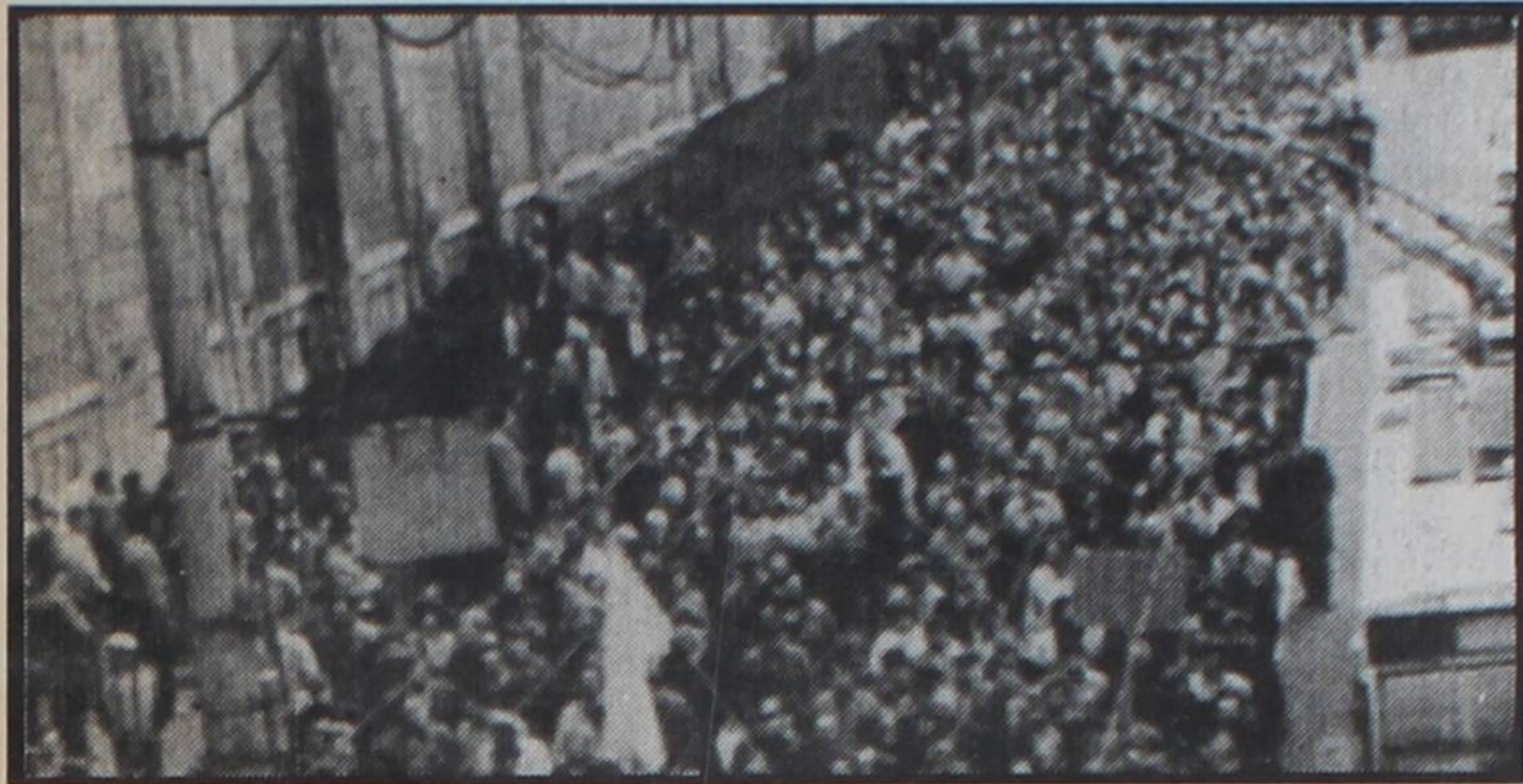
RE-IGNITING GERMANY

The German government ministers are openly admitting their fear of another social revolution, just two years after the Berlin Wall came down.

Workers in the west have been up in arms since President Kohl broke his main December election promise and increased taxes soon after he was elected. Western workers are demanding decent wage rises, leading to strikes in engineering, chemical, printing and banking industries.

The government wants western workers to take wage cuts, to help bail out the economy of old East Germany. But at the same time western bosses are carving up the east for themselves, making use of cheap labour to get rich quick.

In the east the situation is desperate. Unemployment and prices rise continually, with the economy near collapse. By July a further 2 million workers could be on the dole in the east, as the government is soon to stop subsidising wages there.



GERMAN WORKERS ON THE MARCH

It's becoming clear that the German bosses, having welcomed reunification for the profits they could make, are becoming nervous about how far they can squeeze the reunited working class. They never had any intention of giving everyone in the east a good life (likewise in the west), but their plan to make the workers pay for it all is beginning to backfire, and is affecting their own profits.

For the German bosses the question is clear - how far can they squeeze the working class without setting off a chain reaction of social unrest similar to 1989.

For the workers, particularly in the east, there is no such luxury of choice. For many of them it's clear that the capitalist west only wants them for its own greed. Their situation is so bad they could only gain from another revolution. That's what really scares the bosses! The key question is whether the eastern workers can link their grievances to those in the west. So far the state has tried to play one side against the other, and have counted on western workers comparatively higher living standard to be a dividing factor.

BUT if the working class, east and west, can cut through the bullshit, then the REUNIFICATION of Europe's largest workforce will be something to celebrate.

HOMES FOR ALL

WHINING YUPPIE estate agents and building societies are continuing to cry into their wine decanters because the housing market has failed to pick up.

And, how terribly sad, more of 'em are losing their jobs.

While mortgage rates have only fallen a fraction, house prices and sales have failed to go up. But what these idiot rip-off merchants fail to realise is that thousands of working class people can't afford to buy their homes because these parasitical yuppie bloodsuckers forced prices sky high in the middle class scramble to get rich

quick at our expense, so many are forced to live on the streets, in shitty council flats, or to pay rip-off rents to private landlords.

DESTROY

Under capitalism, the housing system is uncaring, sick and corrupt - with millions living in sub-standard homes and the bosses of building firms preparing to lay off more workers - the same workers who can build homes for all of us.

We must destroy this and build a society where everyone gets a decent home, a society based on need, not profit.

INTRODUCING... THE PICKLEOMETER

AT CLASS WAR, we're responding to the rabid, woman-hating drivel that has been made so famous by Judge Pickles, and the latest of his sexist rulings: he acquitted a sex attacker because he was "usually shy and reticent"!

So, we've introduced the "Pickleometer" for services to extreme bigotry, sexism and all-round stupidity.

Straight in at No.1 is Judge Arthur Myerson QC (Quite Cretinous). Myerson spoke of Brian Huntley's "Concern and consideration" because he was wearing a condom while he raped a woman. The judge continued with his evil gibberish by saying that because the woman was a prostitute, she'd be used to being treated "With a degree of contempt", anyway!

AXES

While we're sure that most women know exactly what to do with the likes of Pickles and Myerson, we'd like to take this opportunity to assure all judges that we'll take the precaution of dipping our axes in dettol before we chop their worthless heads off.

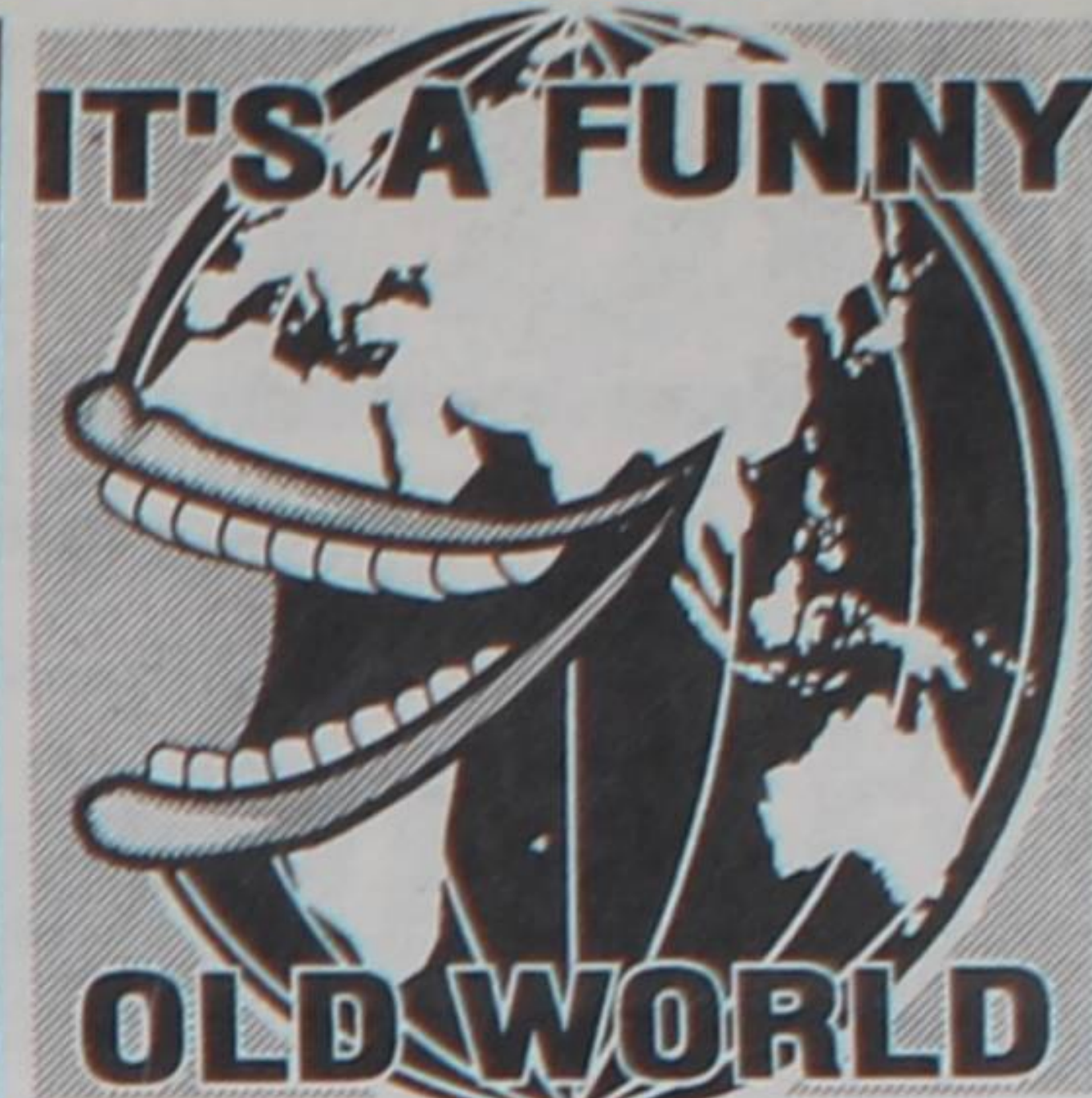
If you know of any sexist scum worthy of the PICKLEOMETER AWARD, write to *Class War* at the Bristol address:

**PICKLEOMETER
PO BOX 772,
BRISTOL BS99, IEL**

BURNT BRUSSELS

Parts of Brussels were in flames in May after police accused a black youth of stealing his own motorbike!

People from poor sections of Brussels swarmed the streets of the capital, burning, looting and laying siege to police stations. The situation was further inflamed by attempts by white racists to march through black areas. Looks like Europe's going to be a riot this summer - Class Warrior tourists'll be bound to have loadsa fun taking a busman's holiday on the continent.



Rioting in South Korea intensified in May after riot police beat to death a 20 year old student.

Student and workers took to the streets in ever increasing numbers in Seoul and many other towns and cities, threatening to topple the hardline government of President Roh. In one incident, as Roh held a dinner party for his henchmen in his presidential palace, demonstrators invaded his party headquarters.

In a desperate attempt to save their skins, it looks like the government will concede to many of the demonstrators' demands. It remains to be seen, however, if demonstrators will be happy with the crumbs from their masters' table, maybe they'll want the whole cake with some icing on top?



NOWHERE WITHOUT US

Spain was rocked by strikes in May as workers struck for more money to combat Spain's ever-increasing inflation. Airlines and other transport and public services ground to a halt as the Government said foolishly they wouldn't give in to strikers' demands. NO PAY, NO PASARAN (they shan't pass), through public transport services, was the message from Spanish workers.

WASHINGTON WIPE-OUT

When a cop shot a Hispanic youth in Washington D.C. whilst arresting him, all hell broke loose. The Hispanic community took to the streets for three days of burning and looting. Blacks and whites joined in; as rioting got within ten blocks of the Whitehouse, the National Guard was put on alert. Cop cars and symbols of wealth & authority were torched, as the authorities admitted this was class war, not a race war between sections of the working class.

As the American economy feels the world recession, it looks like CRISIS in the USA is something the doctor did not order for Bush's dodgy ticker.



COPS OUT!

In Corning, California, a particularly offensive traffic cop pulled Warren Woodson over and gave him a speeding ticket, while he was rushing his pregnant wife to hospital in emergency: "Everyone's equal under the law, buddy", the filth 'explained'.

Woodson was extremely angry, but got his slice of justice when he discovered that the police station where he was ordered to pay his fine was a building that he'd just inherited from his father. So, without further ado, he evicted the cops!

THE GRAFFITI COMPETITION!

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE SPRAY-HANDED FOLKS OUT THERE! FOR THIS ISSUE, WE'VE BEEN SWAMPED WITH MORE PHOTOS THAN EVER - KEEP 'EM COMING! THIS ISSUES WINNER COMES FROM NORTH LONDON. AND WE'LL BE BUNGING A TENNER UP TO YOU NEIL RIGHT AWAY.

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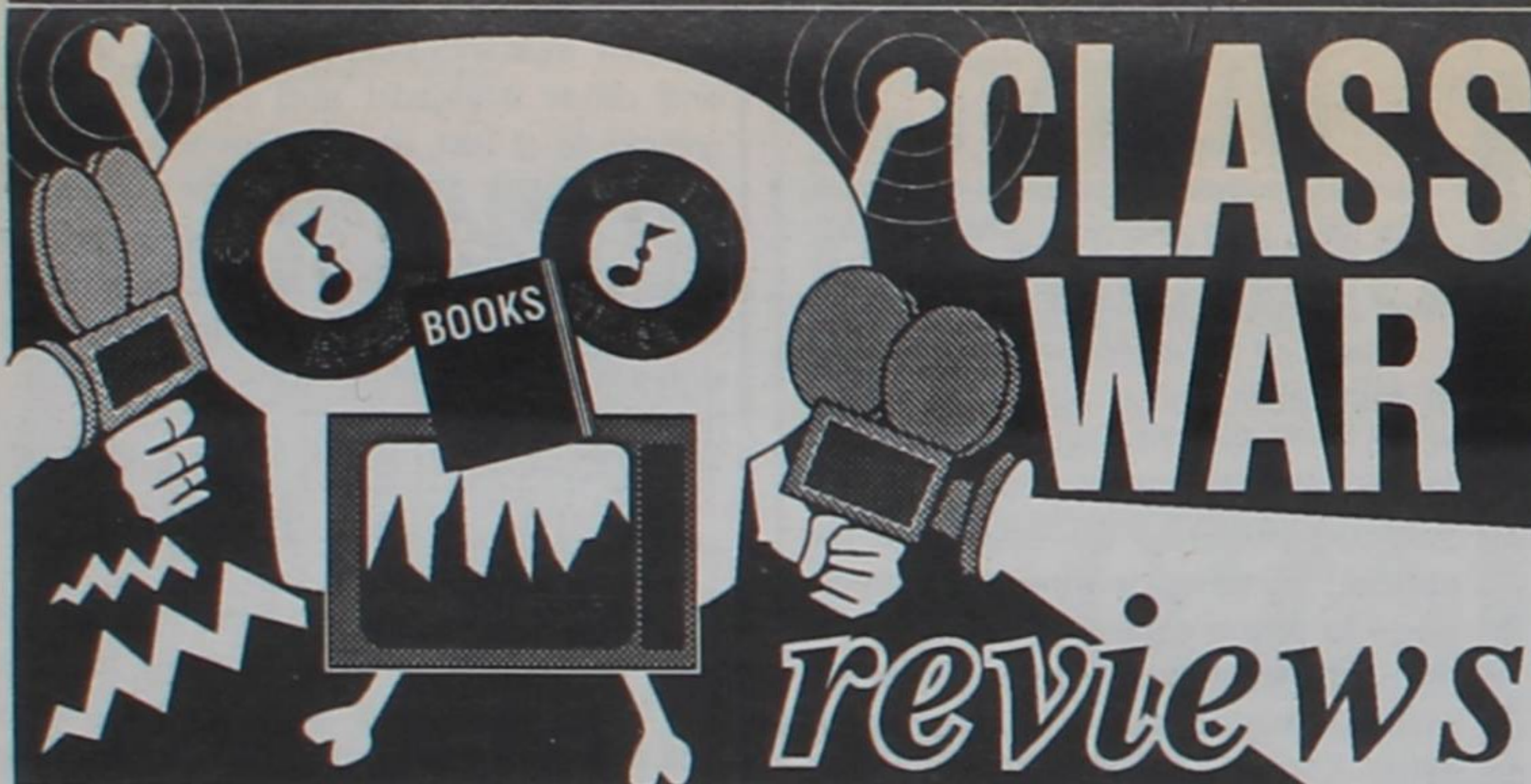
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TEST DEPT. - "PAX BRITANNICA" LP (Jungle Records)

Another classic - and we mean classic - from the Test Dept. crew: those hard-hitting pioneers of 'industrial meets classical' music are at it again.

Stirring the imagination and highlighting things as they really are in Britain, this new LP is an epic critique of British Imperialism.

Test Dept. are well-known for their epic collaborations with theatre groups etc, to produce awesome social commentaries in multi-media performances that leave you inspired.

This combination, with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Choir(!), using samples of such notable ruling class enemies as Churchill and Thatcher, recreates the frightening power and authority that they try to represent.

The last track, "The Legacy", shines out, with a raw industrial edge, commenting on newboy, John Major, and his arselicking of Bush and American intervention all over the world. Strong and emotional - comparable to a film epic. A touch of classy class war!

SHELLEY'S CHILDREN - "EVERYTOWN" 12" (Peasants' Revolt Records).

This new single from Reading's 'Shelley's Children' (don't miss 'em at the C.W International Conference) is an interesting fusion of folk, punk and glittering pop that's bound to get your legs leaping where some chartsounds leave you cold.

SILVER BULLET - "BRING DOWN THE WALLS, NO LIMITS, SQUAD RETURNS" LP (Parlophone)

All you undercover anarchists, come out and get this crucial piece of vinyl, y'hear? This album is filled with shit-hot tracks, and hard, good rap, delivering a conscious message, for sure.

Includes some of their past classics, like 'Twenty Seconds to Comply' and 'Bring Forth the Guillotine'; it also includes their latest offering - 'Under Anarchist' - which sneaked into the charts (though you'd hardly even knew it was there).

The rate of delivery of lyrics on this LP is way into overdrive, this is not for those who can't take the pace. In the US of A the 'Daisy Age' might be wilting, but this North London crew represents the 'Weed-Killers'!



GET INVOLVED!

If you want to get involved with Class War in your area, please write to your closest Regional Secretary using the map below. If in doubt write to address 4 (Manchester CW)



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TWIN CITIES CW: c/o Profane Existence, PO Box 8722, Minneapolis MN 55408

SOHO - "GODDESS" (Tam Tam Records)

Along with the likes of Gary Clail and Silver Bullet, SOHO are bringing good music and social comment into the limelight. Good pop melodies mix with dance classics here and the lyrics range from personal love songs to grass roots comment on sexism, poverty and even the attitudes of hippies toward class struggle. Proof that class-conscious music needn't be tuneless and noisy.

ON THE BOX THE REAL McCOY BBC 2, FRIDAYS

'Bout time too they had a comedy series like this on TV. Comedy that is about being Black (black representing Asian and Afro-Caribbean experience), that doesn't come from some scumbag racist comedians like Bernard 'beer-gut' Manning or Jim 'prat-prat' Davidson.

They get down to the nitty-gritty of black culture, and because it is done by black people for black people, it can truly take the piss out of aspects of that culture, without being offensive or racist. Sketches truly hit the funny bone while dealing with serious issues like racial stereo-typing, racist policing, etc.

In one programme they took the piss out MC 'Holy' Hammer; and something I personally pissed myself laughing at (being a second generation Asian) was their send-up Indian cinema epics (complete with tacky soundtrack and dance routine).

Comedy is a serious force (no joking) for changing attitudes, we wonder how much freedom this programme will get from the BEEB; will it get a second series??

1000 HOMO DJs "SUPERNAUT" 12" (Wax Trax)

More of the harshest dance music ever to hit the world's turntables, from the same lovely sickos who brought you Ministry, Lard, Palehead and Rev. Co.

1000 Homo DJs turn Black Sabbath's 'Supernaut' into the unlikely dance song around - big drum machines, big bass sound, loud guitar and fuzzy vocals make a stunning track which makes the toes tap and long for Friday night!

'Hey, Asshole', the B-side, is directed at a Tory MP who tried to ban Rev. Co. when they were over in Britain, but the title's as good as it gets - 8 minutes worth of one good idea is just a touch too much!

CLASS WAR NEWS...

PUSHED AS we always are for space, here's a few titbits from the news desk:

The North East and the Midlands Regional Class War Conferences were held recently, and went extremely well, pulling in individuals and groups from all over their respective areas.

As a result regional meetings are going to be held every two months in the Midlands, get in touch with Redditch CW for details.

Two actions are both coming up soon. The National Bailiff Day of Action, which you can find details of on page four, and the Mass Trespass at Penn Wood, which is covered on page ten.

Class War Fed has a few new publications coming out over the summer months.

The pamphlet *This is Class War* is being reprinted, and a major document detailing our political platform will be available soon. A London publishing firm is publishing *A Decade of Disorder* - a ten year history of the Fed. This will be a 200 page book, and will be hitting the streets in September. Class War Postalworkers' summer edition is available NOW from the address above.

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LETTERS



SQUADDIES

Dear Class War,

I applaud your no nonsense stand on the recent Gulf War, in stark contrast to the Left and its dithering.

But I feel unable to feel sympathy for the squaddies, working class or not, because once in a uniform, you cease to become a person, but a State-sponsored killing machine. A soldier's duty is to carry out orders and do the governments's dirty work.

I would never surrender myself or my will that easily.

Also, supporting all squaddies would be to support some people who could be racist or homophobic. I realise that some only joined the army to get off the dole queue, but personally the army is one job I'd never take to earn some cash.

Cheers, Friends and Comrades,

John, Strood, Kent.

REPLY

To set a few misunderstandings straight, John: Class War never will and never has supported racism or homophobia. Nor do we unconditionally support the members of any State army - we will never support State armies, come to that.

But the fact that some squaddies may hold these beliefs doesn't mean that anyone can write off all working class soldiers, especially when they're fighting and dying (on both sides) as pawns in dirty, cynical bosses war, as wars usually tend to be. The point is to win these people over with good arguments and good politics, not

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to spends time alienating them and moralising about what evil bastards they all must be.

The State probably does look at its squaddies as "killing machines" to do its dirty work, but we doubt very much whether the majority of them look upon themselves in this way.

Capitalism creates the need for State armies, and also the economic conditions to make people join them, and keep them under its thumb, while it can, and however it can - this is why the British army spends a lot of time and money using psychological methods against its troops, in an attempt to make them believe all manner of total bullshit.

In Class War 44 we said "Turn Our Guns On The Real Enemies" (politicians, world 'leaders' and the ruling class).

We also said that the only war worth fighting, the only war to end all wars, (and to create a much better world into the bargain) is the class war - this statement is as much addressed to soldiers all over the world as it is to you.

Class War

carry on her pregnancy or not.

You call it murder, a very strong word, usually used by moralist anti-abortionists who preach their reactionary morality at the rest of us.

Abortion is a deeply emotional and traumatic operation to choose to undergo, often through necessity (we do still live in a capitalist class system!), without people passing judgement on what you do with your own body.

You write about "murder" - but what about the unnecessary 'murder' of working class women who can't afford plush clinics or can't wait indefinitely on the NHS list, and gamble their lives with back street abortionists?

Each woman is an individual, and it is up to her how and what she chooses to do with her body and her life.

DEMANDING!

Dear Class War,

I thoroughly enjoy the paper and agree with all your views but one.

In C.W 46, you called for the need of "abortion on demand" for women. I would appreciate it if you would clarify this point - after all, many of us would be dead now if it abortion on demand was law.

Yes, do the coppers, the capitalist scum etc., but don't call for the murder of the future working class. I'm not a religious freak calling abortion a sin, but I am a working class person calling it murder.

No war but class war

Terry, Plymouth.

REPLY

Abortion on demand is an emotive term for a woman's right to choose - whether to

DAVID: TOTALLY BONKERS!

Dear Class War,

The hilarious spectacle of David "Keep Taking the Tablets" Icke, offering himself as the new son of god, only serves to reinforce the age-old concept that all politicians (whether red, green or blue) are after just one thing: POWER.

Obviously, and in Icke's case, when things don't go their way, they'll resort to the most absurd measures.

Just to add a personal observation...one thing certainly remains true - all politicians will eventually turn green. That's if you leave 'em hanging long enough.

Yours, Barney, Hants.

A HOT POTATO...

Dear Class War,

I'm fed up with your non-coverage of a working class struggle against exploitation of an underclass - Yes, the animal rights movement.

At a grass roots level we are not middle class "greens", we are working class, fighting against speciesism, no different from racism or sexism. How can we hope for a future without exploitation when we are growing up seeing it as natural?

Stronger dominates weaker, man over animal, man over woman, white over black. Hunt sabotage gets working class people arrested, is direct action, group action against the ruling class, its sports and pastimes, and against heavy police interference.

Meat eating is not working class, it is murder, it is exploitation. Most grassroots activists are Anarchists, yet how many readers are tucking into a beefburger at McDonalds multinationals? A fair few I'll bet. The A.L.F. and hunt sabs are fighting for equality, just like you. We need support not seperatism from class warriors.

UNITE AND FIGHT

D.Walker, Gt Yarmouth.

SOME CHOICE

Dear Class War,

Class War's a group that cuts through the crap and gets straight to the point. That is until it comes to the subject of Ireland.

As I see it, the Left has failed abysmally in Ireland: half of them see the IRA as murdering scum and accordingly encourage support of the police and army. The other half see them as "the cutting edge of anti-imperialism in Ireland"; and think that they can do nothing wrong. If you're one of these groups, just have a look at the IRA's politics - if they're a class struggle organisation, then I'm Mary Whitehouse.

The divisions between the Catholic and Protestant working class in Ireland must be challenged. The only time this has happened is when the working class has come into conflict with the State, such as in the 1919 Engineers' Strike, the 1932 Outdoor Relief Strike, and the 1933 Railways Strike.

Working class unity is what scares the Irish bosses more than anything. As long as we're fighting each other, we won't attack them.

So let's have no more of the false choices: Hussein or Bush, Labour or Tory, Orange or Green - sweep the lot aside and fight the ONLY war that's in our interest, the class war.

In Solidarity for class war, NOT creed war,

L.Malley, London.

NOBBLING THENAZIS

Dear Class War,

During the local election run-up, NF scum decided to field a candidate in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

They held a meeting in a local junior school, of all places, poorly attended by about 25 fascist boneheads, who were rather inadequately 'protected' by local cops.

No sooner had their meeting began, than they were charged by a fine bunch of local anti-fascists, including Class War and Anti-fascist Action members. The woeful police guarding the racists were bowled over and spent quite a while grovelling on the floor, before being able to radio for reinforcements.

While the cops were in disarray, a little class justice was administered to the NF candidate and his so-called hard lads, who later had to be escorted by the police, while being pelted with stones, rocks and sticks.

It seems only fair to advise the NF to take out life insurance policies if they continue to be stupid enough to hold meetings in public, especially in our area - we're ready for 'em!

In Solidarity,
A.N., Luton

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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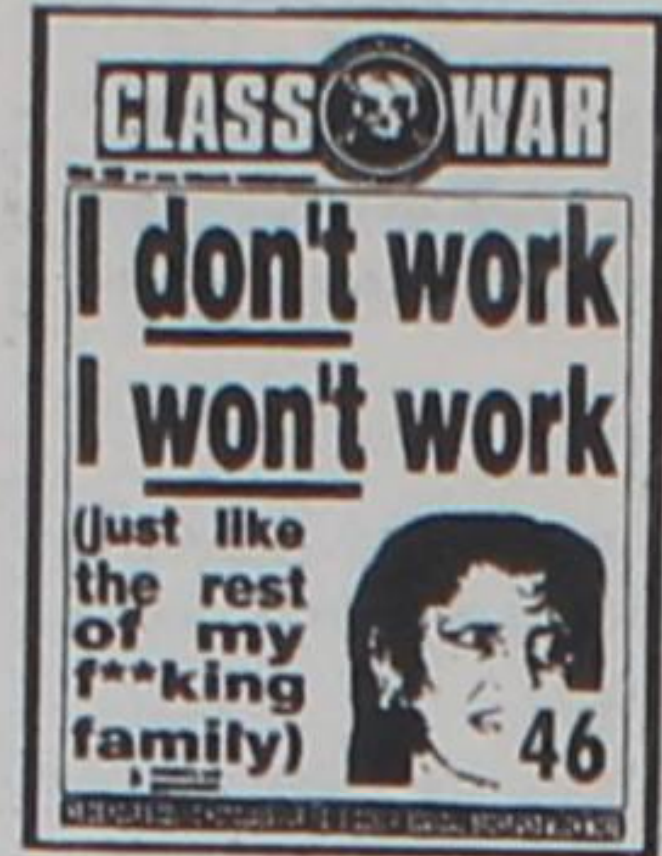
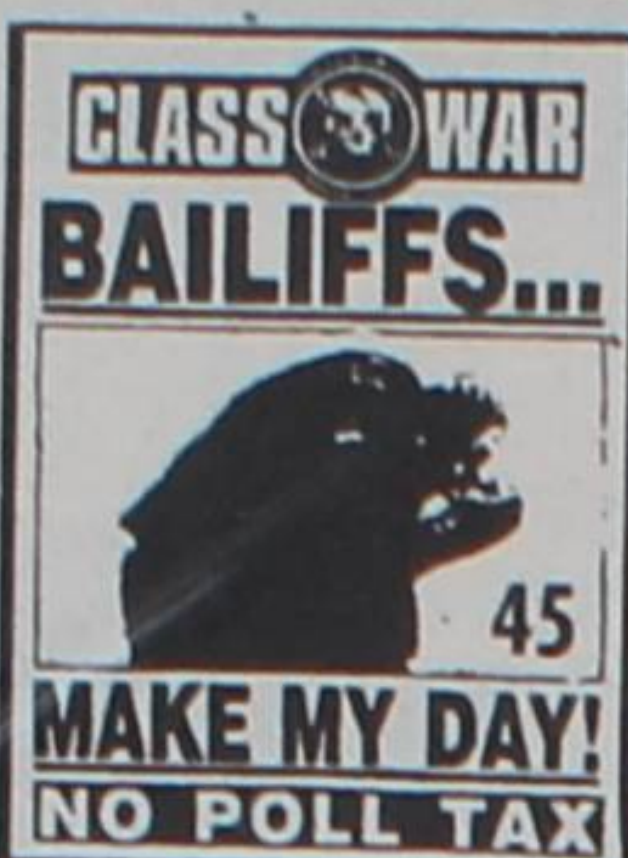
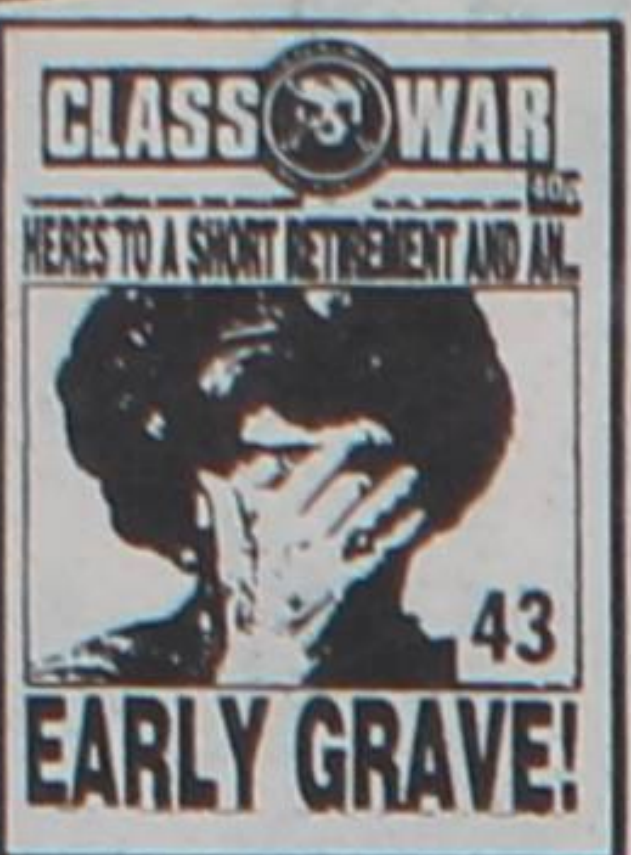
O.K you lovely letter writers...if you're keen on writing to us, why not put pen to paper and drop a line to one of the poll tax prisoners?

The Poll Tax Prisoners Group is still doing loads of work: prison visiting, writing, sending prisoners £10 a month, and producing up-to-date lists of those convicted and those still on remand (see page 4 for more info.)

To find out more, send donations, get a copy of the prisoners' list, offer help etc., contact:

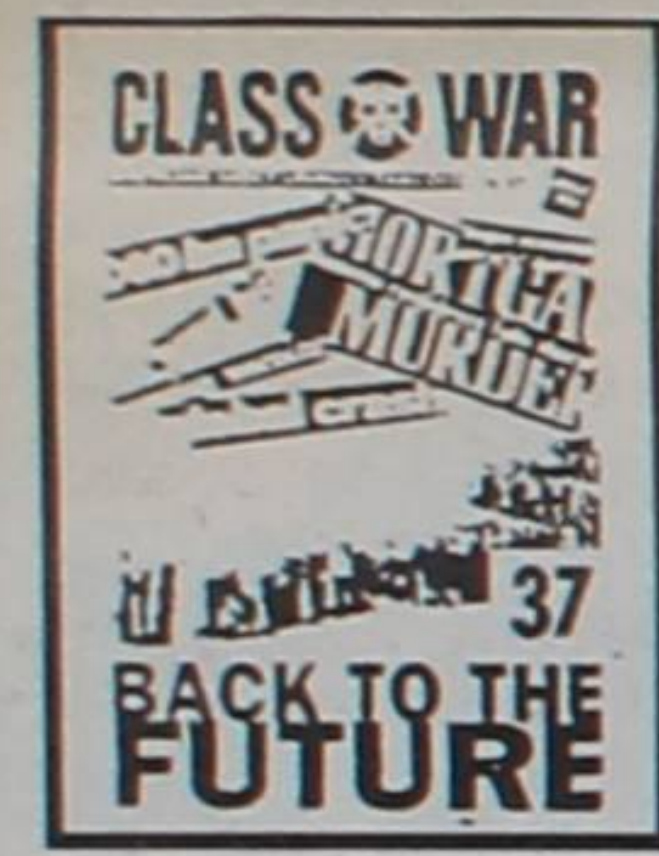
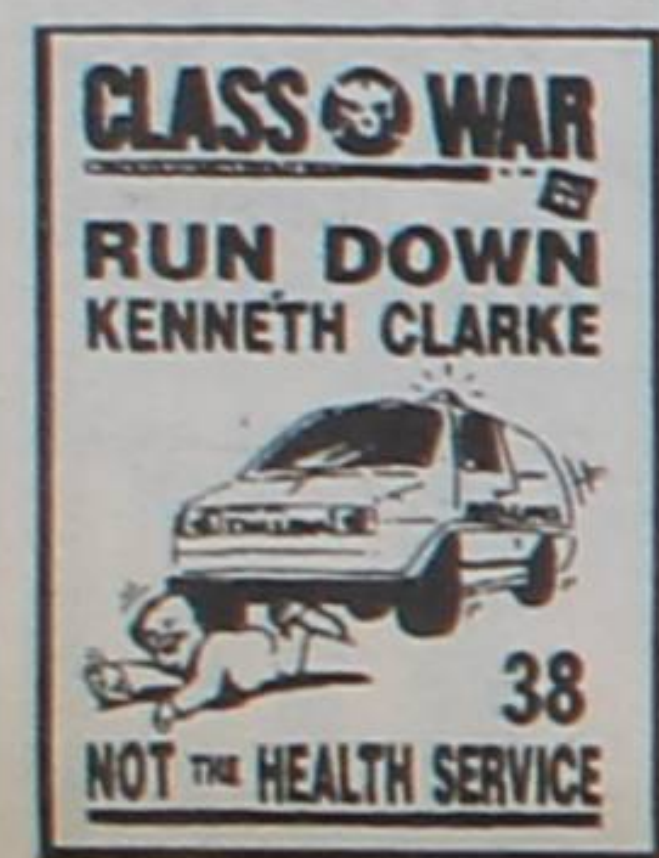
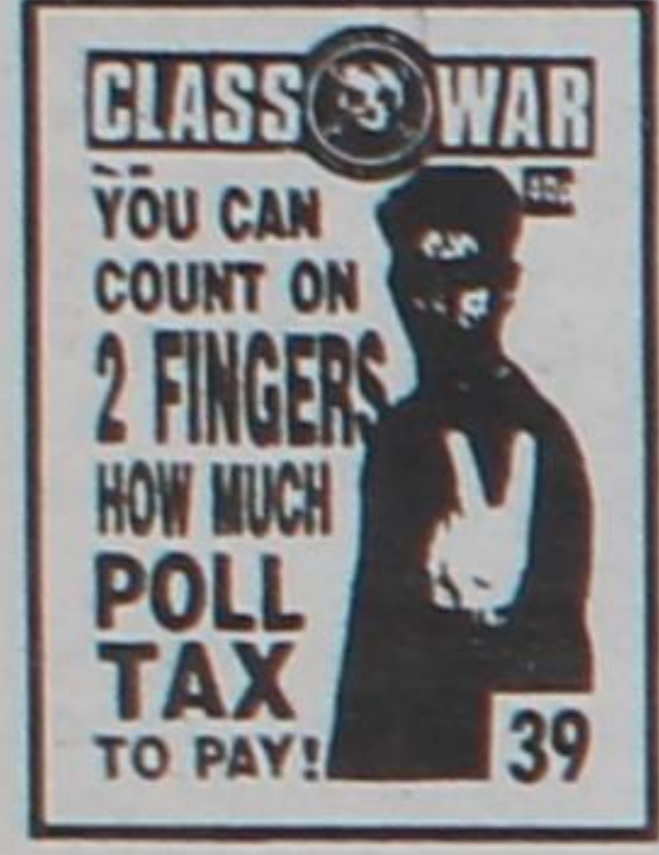
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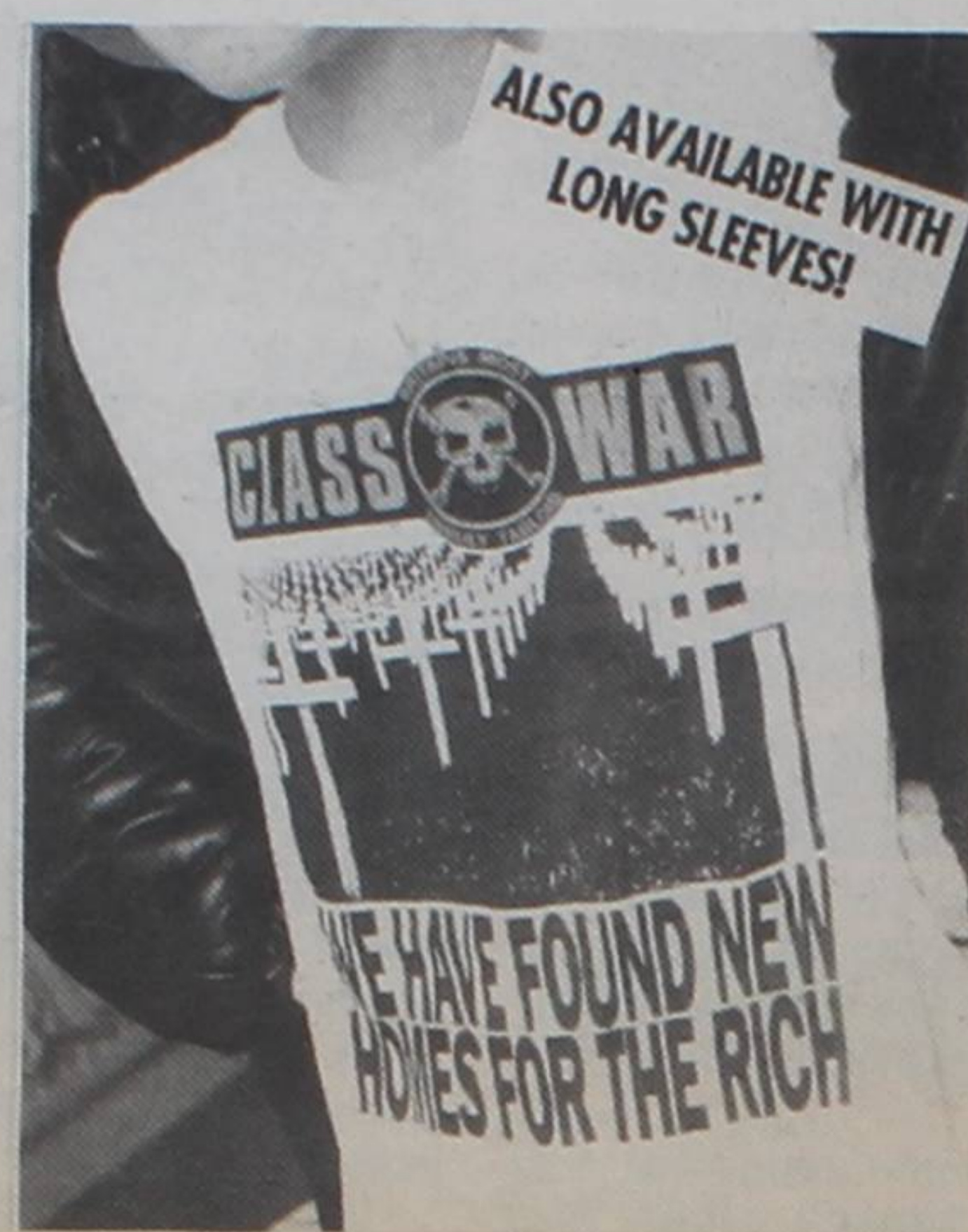
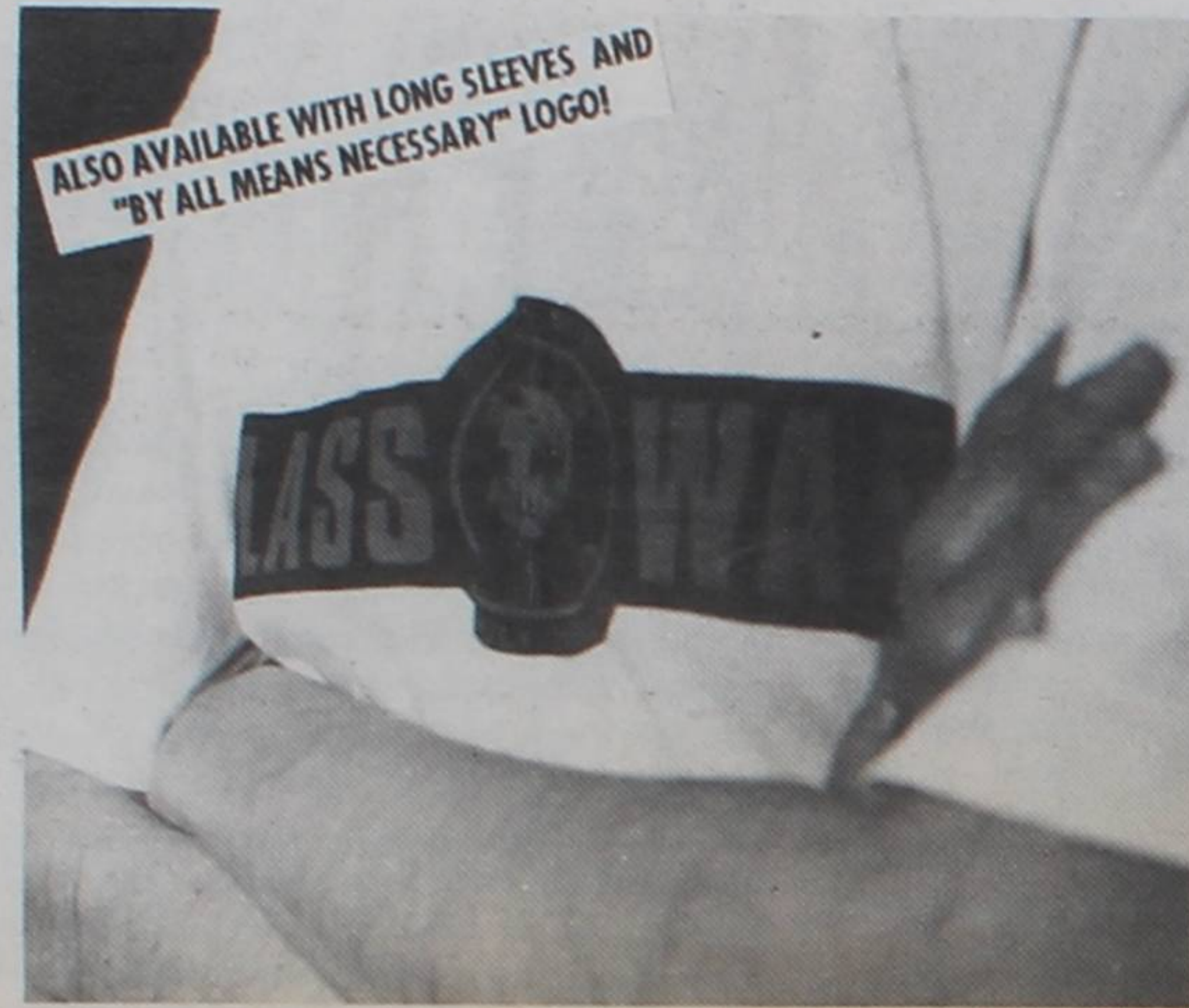
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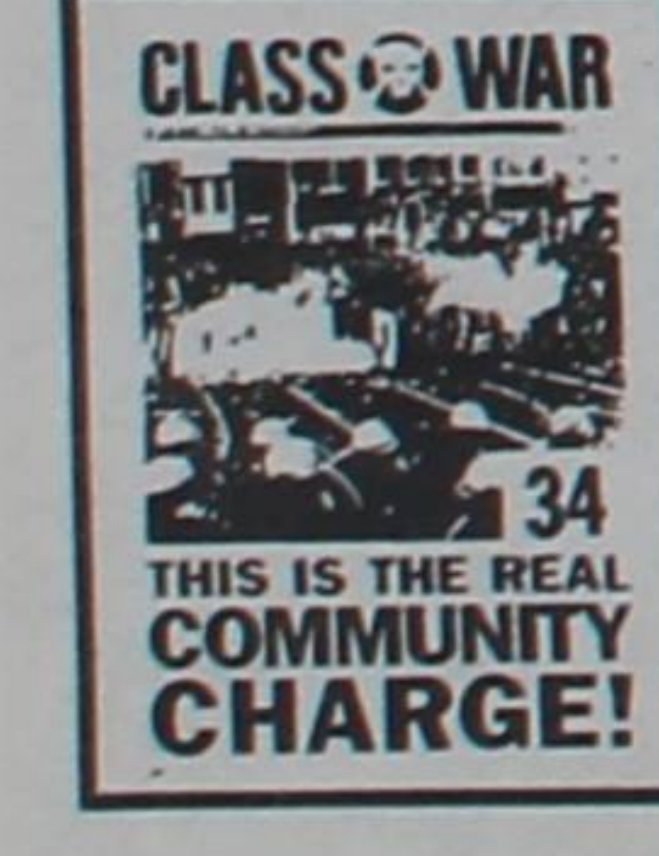
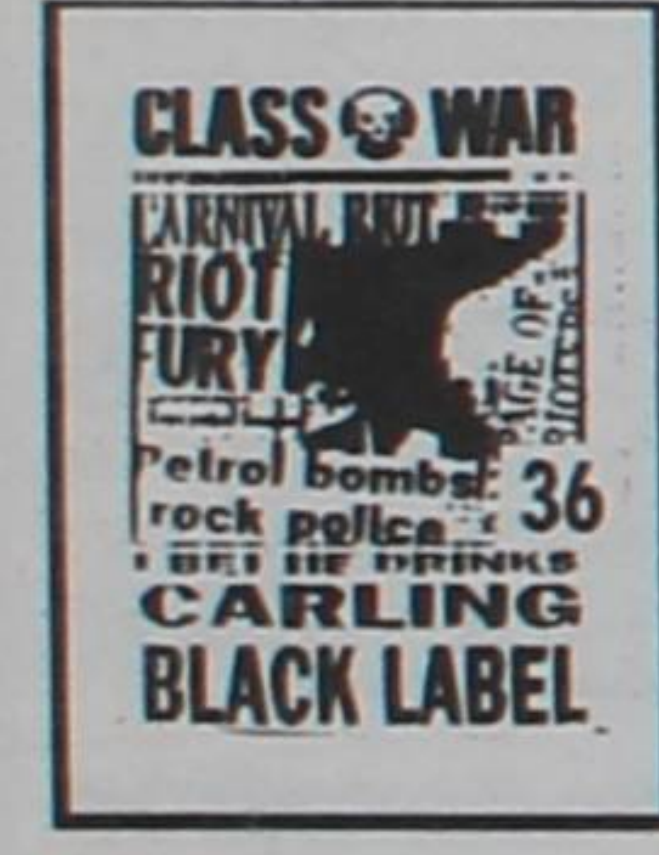
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OUR TIME HAS COME '91



CLASS WAR

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST LONDON 23RD TO 28TH SEPTEMBER

CLASS WAR

YOU MAY have been wondering, why 'Britain's Most Unruly Tabloid' is organising an International/European conference in September...

Well, we're more than just a paper: we are a growing political organisation which is getting bigger than ever before, and has come on leaps and bounds nationally. Internationally we have parallel Class War groups in a number of different countries.

But this is not nearly enough. We decided the time had come to go beyond our boundaries of our borders and collaborate with activists like ourselves, who are 'Doing the Business' all over Europe.

Our type of politics had come of age. When socialist parties all over the shop were debating whether 'socialism was dead', our style of politics was alive and kicking back with vengeance - the Euro-Mob the authorities fear is gaining momentum.

The fightback on the streets of Europe has brought the new hope and vision of a political force in Europe, which makes it's own agenda; which has its own style of politics which is so repugnant to our ruling classes and their lackeys, because IT IS SO THREATENING!



LONDON



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In Britain we saw European allies come all the way from their countries to go on our anti-poll tax demos. Demos were also organised in their countries, in solidarity. Such is the commitment of people on the Continent. British people have traditionally been more isolated from their counterparts on the continent - WE MUST RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF 1992, as more and more our enemies become the same; so must OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST THEM.

What we hope to come out of this conference, is a more direct and dynamic organisation of our struggle, so we can crush the obstacles placed in front of us by our rulers.

For this we need constant communication, the ability to co-ordinate campaigns throughout our continent and beyond.

We can learn from our experiences, our weaknesses and strengths, even our

differences. We have so much potential, we can leave the lefty parties standing.

Class War wants to be part of this new dynamic movement - WE ARE NOT ALONE, EUROPEAN COMRADES WANT IT TOO.



LESS OF A CONFERENCE MORE OF A THREAT TO THE NEW WORLD ORDER

* We'll be discussing at both large meetings and small workshops, in various venues, topics that include:

The poll tax struggle in Britain; the rise of racism and fascism in Europe; Class War - who we are; housing; football; music and counter-culture; religion; industrial struggles in Europe after 1992; Class struggle or single issue campaigns?; green politics; the environment and the working class; nationalism and armed struggle; propaganda; towards an international movement; sex and sexuality; the European car industry; working class culture; the death of communism?; Arab nationalism and Moslem fundamentalism; what should revolutionaries be doing?; the working class - alive and kicking?; riot and revolution; culture and nation states; learning from history.

This week-long conference will not be a talking shop (that's not our style) - we see this as being very important and urgently needed after the events in Europe over the last few years, and during a period of austerity facing the working class. This conference is an excellent opportunity for a new, international working class movement: a chance to recapture class war from the rotting, festering corpse of Marxist-Leninism!

You can help us make this ambitious event run smoothly by sending us a £10 deposit for the week of discussions/meetings. Because of the high cost of something this size, we're asking for a total of £12.50 (that's £2.50 on top of the deposit) if you're unwaged, and £25.00 for those 'lucky' enough to be working.

If you want to attend one or two discussions, or can only make a day or two, that can be easily arranged. If you've got inquiries, or want to make any contribution, contact:

I.C, LONDON C.W, PO BOX 467, LONDON E8 3QX, ENGLAND

WILD NIGHTS!

After each day's meetings, debates, rallies and workshops, during the week, we've arranged a big variety of socials, gigs, raves, comedy evenings and, no doubt, pub crawls.

There'll be a wide range of music - to keep you all happy (well, hopefully you're not into watching a symphony orchestra): Ska, Dub, House, punk,

funk, folk etc. -get your dancing boots on!

All the entertainments will be as cheap as possible to all of you who've forked out for the conference.

Full details of all social events and riotousevenings, stay tuned to your most unruly tabloid - see y'all in September.

WE ALREADY HAVE A GROWING LIST OF BANDS, ENTERTAINERS, COMEDIANS ETC., WHO'LL BE PLAYING OVER THE WEEK. IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MORE WHO'D LIKE TO DO THEIR RADICAL THING, THEN CONTACT, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BRISTOL C.W, PO BOX 772, BRISTOL BS99 1EL, ENGLAND.

SOBER DEBATE!

O.K., This is what we've got planned:

Some lively, and no doubt, titillating debates on and around topics, including:

- Why anti-Capitalism? Why the working class? Why Revolution?
- Critiques of anti-fascism, anti-Imperialism, lifestylism, liberalism, and reformism..
- World capitalism today; its direction, its plans for a 'United Europe' and the effects to be had on the ruling class, workers and revolutionaries.
- The meaning of "Revolution", and the role of revolutionaries then and now.
- Intenationalism, the need to go beyond "international solidarity", and the development of international class solidarity.

WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE TRANSLATORS, IN AS MANY DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AS WE CAN, AND WRITTEN TRANSLATIONS OF EACH MEETING AS SOON AS WE CAN: ANY BUDDING TRANSLATORS SHOULD CONTACT THE BRISTOL ADDRESS...SOON!

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W.F.L: WANKERS FEELING LUCKY

So, The London Monarchs are reigning supreme champions in the World Football League...big deal!

In the USA, 'football' (as opposed to soccer) is a real game with grassroots support from fans, at the local level. The Superbowl, however, is more about big bucks, as big business creates a razzamataz spectacle and enormous profits from the fans.

SICKLY

The WFL takes this philosophy to the limit. It is about money not sport...it's about Coca-Cola, Big-Macs, lucrative television shows. All this is part of the sickly consumer-style culture these rich bastards want to turn our sports into. And over here they would love to see it replace the community and mass strength of the terraces - our tradition - THE REAL FOOTBALL TRADITION OF THIS COUNTRY.

STUMP 'EM OUT!

THOSE BORING old farts at the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), who won Lords cricket ground, have started this years cricket season in true form.

Firstly, they let John "Classless Society" Major jump a seventeen year queue for membership. Then they voted to continue their ban on letting women join their club!

WALLIES!

Readers may well wonder why on earth any woman would want anything to do with these wallies, but it seems that in John Major's "classless society" they won't even get the chance - they will still be 'second-class citizens'.

Chief Prat and MCC member, Martin Wood, said "I don't want to see knitting needles in the pavilion". Well Martin, we know for sure where female cricket fans will be sticking their knitting needles this summer, you gin-soaked, sexist old bastard.

GUNNED DOWN



JUST when you think the world is hunky dory...

.. they go and mess it all up! The **Gunners** celebrated the second championship win in 3 years in subdued fashion... no riotous scenes at Highbury this time, though a massive 200,000 partied in Islington for the presentation.

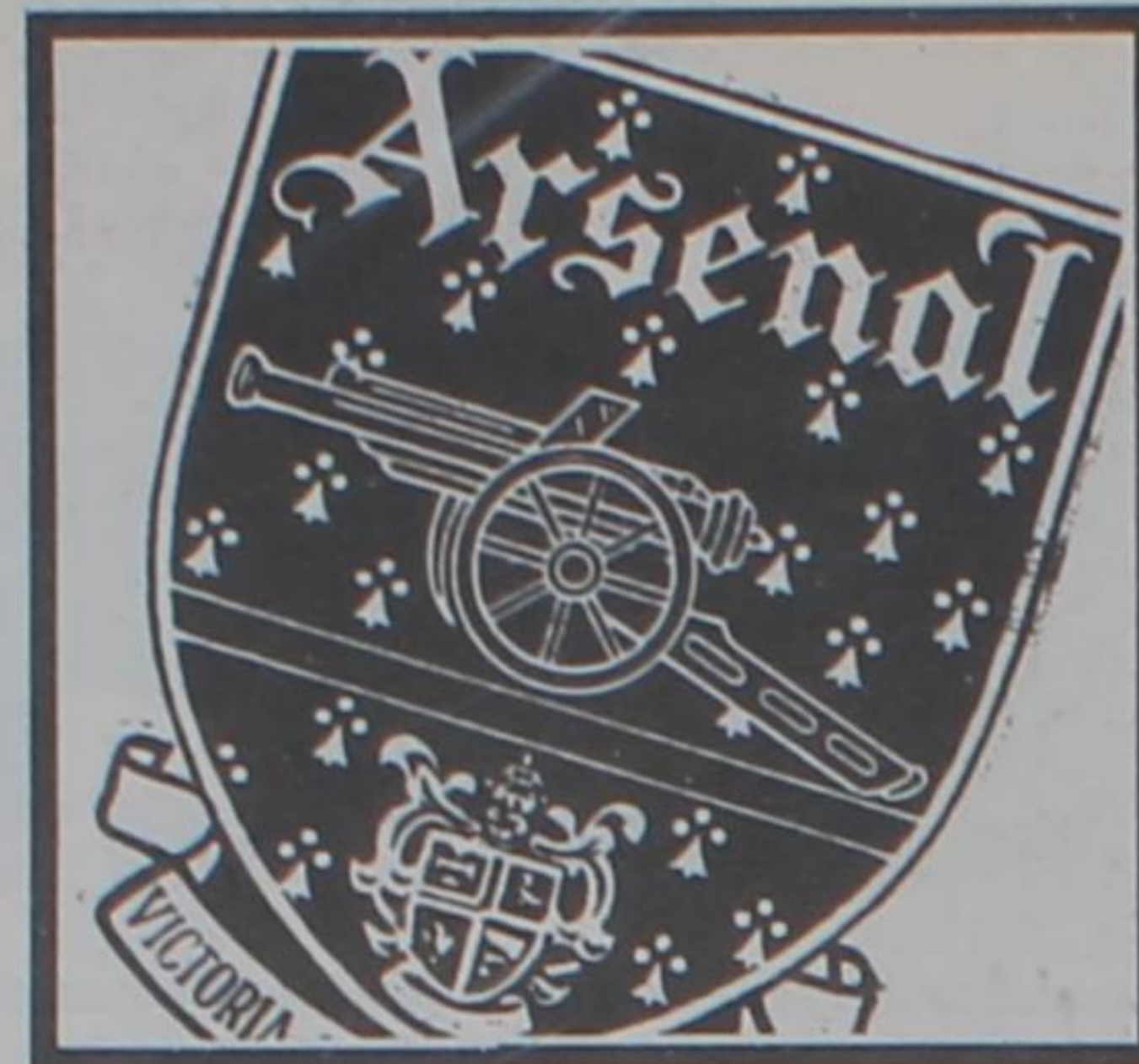
Maybe they knew the bombshell about to land... and what a bombshell....From 1993 Highbury will be a 37,000 capacity all-seater....very nice...so what's the problem with that?

1] How will 160,000 (Arsenal and Spurs fans who applied for F.A. Cup semi-final tickets) fit into 37,000 seats? They wont!!!

2] It will no longer be possible to turn up on the day - new seats will be

named!...all will be covered by season tickets.

3] You've got to shell out at least £1,100 plus a season ticket for the new seat...the well off need only apply!



But wait you'll get pizza, fried chicken and salad bars in a shopping mall. Great don't you think? All this is caused, so George Graham writes, by "The Taylor Report, that dictates that all 1st and 2nd division clubs...must go all-seater by 1994." This is not true.

PROFITEERING

Clubs are using Taylor's recommendations and the death of 95 fans(Hillsborough) to boost their incomes by putting in seats. We mustn't let them get away with it.

Football clubs were built, funded and supported by working class people - all that money, love, enthusiasm and labour for our game is being stolen away - **UNLESS WE STOP THE ROT.**

ROUTING THE RACISTS

Good news from Germany ..with the setting up of the A.F.F.I - Anti-Fascist Football Fans Initiative -based in Berlin. In their own words, "...we want to work against police terror...cages for fans...video surveillance...I.D. cards, all-seater stadiums, against commercialisation and the changing of football clubs into economic companies...against the influence of the far right..."

..as anti-racists we want to get back our fun in the stadiums and leave them no longer to the racists and nazi groups".

They've got a lot of plans including a tournament for football fanzine teams in Berlin in July. They want contacts in the U.K. **SO GET IN TOUCH** - their address is - **AFFI, INFOLDEN DANEBAN, RIGAER STR. 84, 1035 OST BERLIN.**



CLOBBER 'CASUAL' MILLIONAIRES BEFORE THEY CARVE UP THE GAME

The "hooliganism" in Scottish Football is getting worse.

Attendance is down, prices are up and many clubs are close to the brink. But, this isn't the result of fans battling each other in the streets, but is down to the bosses of Scottish soccer continually fucking about with the game to suit their own interests and those of big-business and TV.

NEAR EXTINCTION!

Dubbed by many fans, "Millionaire Soccer Casuals", the money-grabbing bastards who run (ruin!) the game have raised terrace prices in the premier league next season by 20%, to £6 per game. This comes at a time when once again the country is in the grips of a huge recession and hit by huge unemployment.

In Edinburgh, Hibernian FC are close to extinction. After fans of both Hibs and Hearts united last year to defeat Hearts' chairman, Wallace "Whalearse" Mercer's takeover bid of Hibs, the Hibernian chairman and directors have continued their lives of luxury at the expense of the club

and fans.

Fans have shown their anger at home games with chants of "Get to Fuck" being aimed at the toff scum in the director's box.

Wallace Mercer has now turned his money-crazed mind to destroying Hearts. He plans to move them out of their traditional Geordie part of the city to a green-belt site which will include, surprise-surprise, a plush new recreation complex and shopping centre.

This is despite the majority of Hearts fans being against his proposals.

ATTACKED

This isn't being taken lying down though. In Edinburgh, Mercer has had his businesses and home attacked on several occasions and local fanzines have turned their anger towards all the directors of the clubs.

The fans are getting angry and the sooner our anger is turned on those who run the game for profit, the better.

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