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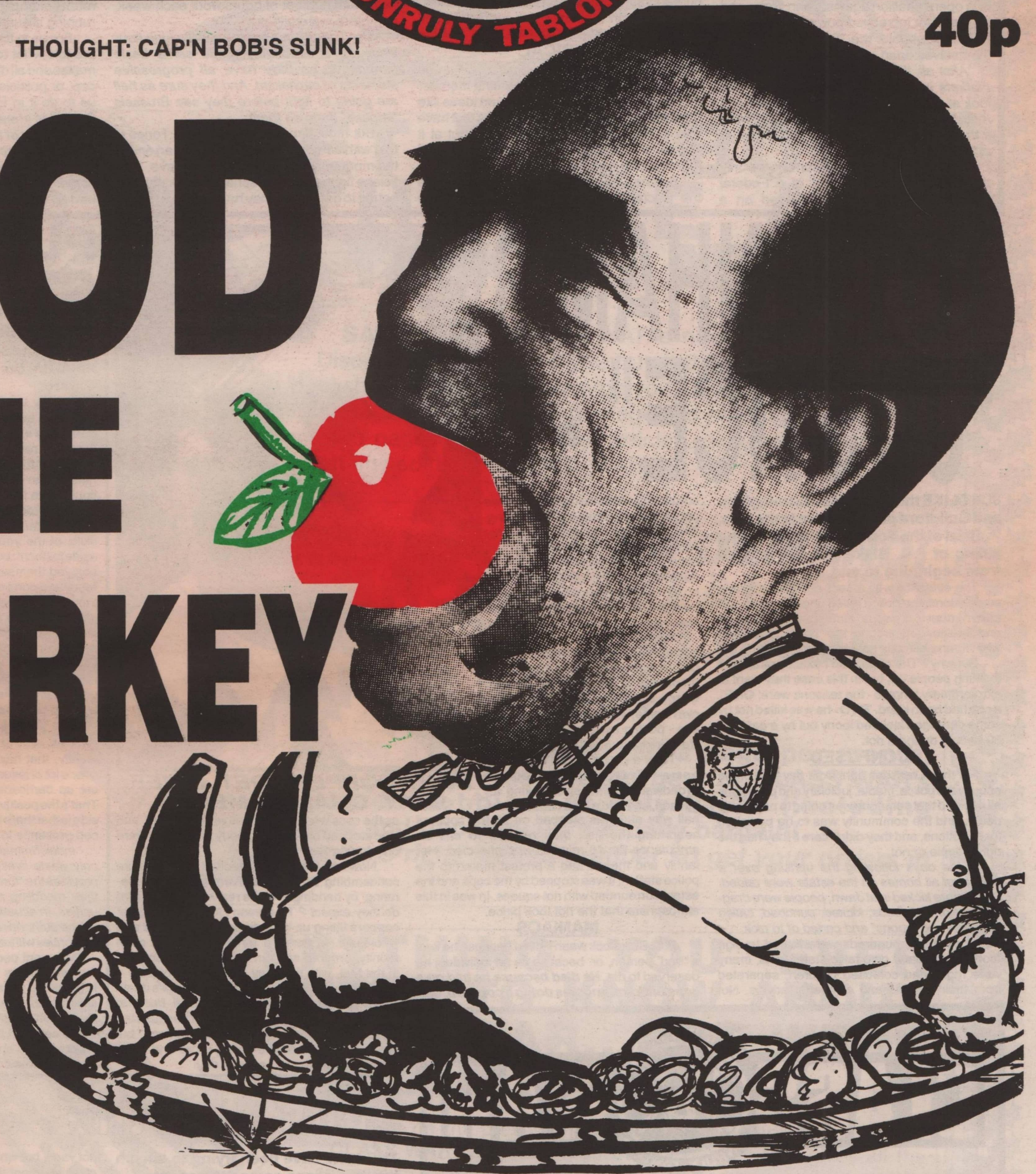
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# WAR

## WHAT WE SAY

## HEADLESS CHICKENS!

**THE MAASTRICHT summit has raised the whole issue of European unity to fever pitch.**

The "Thatcherite" wing of the Tory party is in open rebellion against John Major and his plans for increased power for Brussels. But why should the Tories be tearing themselves apart over this?

*After all, they were all for having bigger markets in which to flog their goods, just look at all the crap the Dept. of Trade and Industry pumped out about "1992" and what it meant for the capitalists out to screw us out of a few more quid.*

But increased trade wouldn't be the only thing that would come out of a Federal Europe. Thatcherism was based on a

renewal of nationalism, "flying the flag" was fundamental to the Tories in the 1980's. Now all of a sudden that would be taken away from them, the new bosses would be faceless bureaucrats in Brussels, instead of faceless bureaucrats in Whitehall, this scares the shit out of the Tories.

### RADICAL

The same Tories are now looking at Europe like it was some sort Frankenstein's monster that must be destroyed. They loved ideas like "fortress Europe", member countries that have little in the way of internal barriers, but at it edges a "wall" that would keep out all "immigrants" and "spongers."

But the flip side of the coin were things like the Social Charter, this would guarantee

certain basic social conditions that all member countries must apply to their workers. It contained such radical revolutionary things as a minimum wage, sick pay for all, a maximum number of hours work each week, and more maternity pay!

*The Tories have spent every waking hour since 1979 destroying these same basic conditions, as they have all progressive elements of capitalism. And they sure as hell are going to fight before they see Brussels "impose" them on them.*

But most important of all to the Tories is that with a Federal Europe they see an end to the monopoly on power they now have. Politicians fight, lie, cheat, scheme, backstab and betray to get power, they have set up a "parlia-

mentary democracy" that although could mean them temporary losing control of the steering wheel, it guarantee them positions of power and influence within the Establishment who exercise the ultimate control.

### IRRELEVANT

The thought of all this power and their vested interests suddenly being worthless, with Parliament becoming little more than a rubber stamp to Brussels bosses, has them running around like headless chickens!

For us in the working class whether we are told what to do by London or Brussels makes sod all difference. Whether the boss, cop, or politician that orders us about tells us to do it in English, French, German or Swahili is irrelevant and meaningless.

*The fact of the matter is that we will still be "down here" and they will still be "up there." The capitalist bosses have come together to unite Europe, we must also unite with all our fellow workers to fight back.*

# TOTTENHAM-3 "JUSTICE" - 0

**JUST LIKE the trails of the Birmingham and Guildford pub bombers in the 70's, the trial of the Tottenham Three for the killing of P.C. Blakelock was a farce from beginning to end.**

The evidence was a pack of lies and forced confessions, the police relied upon hearsay and false rumour to create an atmosphere of violence and intimidation around the Three to explain why no one actually said they saw them do it.

But why? The cops aren't exactly strangers to fitting people up, but in this case they went to extraordinary lengths - the reasons were; **ONE** - a cop had been killed. **TWO** - he was killed not by some deranged isolated loony but by a group of 30 people during a riot.

### CONFUSED

For these reasons right from day-one of the enquiry the police, media, judiciary and politicians all decided that someone was going to pay for his death, and the community was to be punished for its actions, and they didn't care if they had the right people or not.

*In the days following the uprising over a quarter of all homes on the estate were raided. Doors were kicked in at dawn, people were dragged out of their beds, kicked, punched, called "niggers" and "coons" and carted off to nick.*

Once there, hundreds were forced to sign "confessions" and give false statements, many were frightened confused children, separated from their parents and any legal advice. Not

surprisingly after being held for days people were "confessing" to anything. The press fed the public with gory tales about "lakes of petrol to burn cops" and about plans "to cut off a cops head and put it on a pole" - all police lies that the media eagerly lapped up and dished out with a generous side portion of racism and bigotry.

But lets remember the circumstances that caused the riot. One week before, in Brixton, police "marksman" Inspector Lovelock shot **Cherie Groce** a black mother of six, in her own home, while searching for her son - putting her in a wheelchair for life - Brixton burned in response.

Then a police squad raided the home of **Cynthia Jarrett** on Broadwater Farm, also looking for her son, she had a heart attack in the hall way and was stepped on by the coppers searching the flat, *they refused to call an ambulance for 45 minutes and she died.* Her family and friends had a protest march to the police station, it was stopped by the cops and the estate surrounded with riot squads. In was in this atmosphere that the riot took place.

### MANIACS

P.C. Blakelock wasn't killed because he was a "bad" person, or because as an individual he deserved to die. **He died because he had on a cops uniform, and was doing a cops job.** Just



**BENT COPPER - DET. CHIEF SUPT. GRAHAM MELVIN**

as the cops who raided Cynthia Jarrett's flat, and who stepped on her dying body to search it were only "doing their job."

Now with the trial discredited the media are condemning Broadwater Farm for not "cooperating" by handing over the real killers. *Well what do they expect?* This wasn't just a few "rogue" coppers fitting up the odd bankrobber, this was wholesale, systematic terrorisation of a community, ordered and run by one of the top cops in the Met, with the okay of the home office.

The surprising thing about Blakelock's death isn't that it happened in the first place, **but that it doesn't happen more often** - not because the cities are now full of homicidal maniacs, but because the police are acting more and more like an occupying force every day.

## PUTTING IT STRAIGHT

**THE CHANNEL 4 programme, "Free For All", had excellent coverage of the riots on the Blackbird Leys estate, Oxford.**

It blew the arse right out of the media lies about the estate being taken over by mindless thugs, and exposed the role of the police in these events - namely, as the mindless uniformed thugs that they are: more interested in cracking heads than in catching the "hotters" who they could have lifted at any time.

The programme also pointed out that local people actually turned out to watch the driving skills of the young "hotters". An area was set aside for them: both the drivers and the spectators enjoyed themselves and nobody was hurt as a result: we don't recall THAT being mentioned by the media at the time.

*BUT, there's another car-related pastime that it's impossible for anyone to defend:*

Recently, in the Granby St. area of Toxteth, Liverpool, two young children were tragically killed when a couple of dickheads pinched a fast car and drove it at high speed through what they knew to be a main street.

### ANTI-SOCIAL CRIME

The result of this idiocy is that the local community, that had been dormant for some time over a lot of issues, turned out on the streets and set up barricades to keep the "joyriders" out. That's the positive side to the issue. The negative side is that there have been calls for an increased cop presence in the area.

*Indiscriminate, unthinking joyriding doesn't only waste lives, which is tragic enough, but it provides the "forces of law and order" to increase their meddling and their profile in our communities. In situations like this, many people look to "the authorities" to do things for them - and the authorities will take full advantage of the invitation.*

We want people to take **MORE** control over their own affairs - NOT less. While what went on in Blackbird Leys was, for the hotters and locals, a bit of harmless fun, interrupted by the cops; there is **NO** justification for the anti-social crime we've seen in Liverpool, cutting the lives of two children short and strengthening the hand of our enemies - the cops.

## Just for the record..

**THE LAW have been trying to smash the rave scene across the country.**

In Oxford when 200 cars gathered at a rave meeting point a few weeks ago, they were surrounded by 16 riot vans, swiftly followed by "back-up", they nicked 60 ravers, but not taking it lying down some ravers decided to introduce a copper to their car bonnet (at high speed!)

In early December the law surrounded a rave on the Snowhill Estate in Bath. They refused to let people in, and those who couldn't get in gathered at a nearby service station, where a bit of shop-lifting took place.

*When the law turned up they were greeted by a 50 strong mob who pelted them with stones, bricks and bottles. The law responded by bringing out 70 riot cops and raiding the rave, arrested people walking down the street, and even turning over houses in the area.*

Anyone black was given a good kicking in the

riot vans, but what can you expect from a bunch of racist violent thugs. Final score; 2 hospitalised cops and 22 arrests.

## BASTARDS!

**A HOMELESS** Birmingham man was killed when the skip he was sleeping in was emptied into a dust-cart, he was caught in the crusher jaws.

The cops said *"he was in the wrong place, at the wrong time"* - yeah, but who made sure of that.

The list of all the culprits is endless. From the police and business owners who move on the homeless from their plush entrances of their posh venues (*we must hide the down-and-outs from those up top*); to the property developers who create such a homeless crisis, to the State which is quite happy to see people living in cardboard boxes, and which is now about to make the squatting of empty houses illegal. *Next time we know who's next in the crusher!*

# CLASS WAR



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# GOTCHA!

## Scum

A MAN claimed to be a cop, got into the house of a 97 year old woman, started ransacking it, and dragged her about while he did it, injuring her.

The woman from Dover, Kent, was left badly shocked. Robbing off the rich, Banks, or the State is one thing. But people who pray on the old, or who rob off their own are the lowest sort of scum.

This type of activity is not only totally out of order, it allows that State and the media to portray all working class people as being unprincipled, violent thugs and allows them to play the "law and order" card.

## A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE

WHEN KHIEU Samphan a boss in the hated Khmer Rouge was allowed back home to Cambodia a mob of thousands followed him from the Airport, stormed his villa, beat him senseless, and were about to string him up from the ceiling when he was rescued by soldiers.

Samphan was one of the "brains" behind the "killing fields", and was directly responsible for the slaughter of tens of thousands of innocent people.

*He deserves everything he gets.*

# CAPT BOB'S LAST FLOTATION!

CHRISTMAS CAME early this year with the welcome news that Robert Maxwell had taken an early bath, and was being fished out the Atlantic stone dead!

To the media, his Establishment friends, and his fawning courtiers, all still licking the Maxwell arse, he was a "truly great man", a simple peasant made good. *Crap!*

Maxwell was a bloated, self-centred fraud, a tyrant, bully, cheat and spiv who thought nothing of sacking workers in the name of profit, sucking up to dictators and despots, and lived an illusionary life in which he imagined himself to be a figure of global importance.

And just when you thought you'd heard all you ever wanted to hear about the him here's 10 things the press didn't tell you.

1. He claimed he started in business with just £300 pay, but the truth was that the rich family of his French wife gave him £100,000 - a hell of a lot of money in 1949!

2. He threw thousands of workers on the scrap-heap so he could make more money, or because they stood up to him. "I take delight and pride in having got rid of the militants out of the labour movement," he once said.

3. He thought he sun shined out of Thatcher's arsehole and said of her; "Margaret Thatcher is very, very brilliant, she destroyed the overriding power of the trade unions and taught them some economics."

4. His obsession with power led him to fawn and scrape to any tin-pot dictator who'd listen. In the 80's he paid for Pergamon Press to bring out a series of books called "World Leaders" which lavished praise on the brutal despots of the Eastern Block. It included such gems as "Ceausescu: Builder of Modern Romania and International Statesman" !!!

5. He didn't exactly underpay himself,

he was Britains best paid boss giving himself over £500,000 A WEEK in dividend payments alone!

6. His personal extravagance was legendary, he spent £1,000 a week on caviar, lost £250,000 a night gambling, and flew about in a £1 million jet.

7. He ran a now discredited witchhunt against Arthur Scargill asking "Where's the money Arthur?" But was a little shy about his own fortune which was hidden in a maze of off-shore bank accounts.



8. He couldn't understand why people didn't recognize him for the mega-important super being he was. "Regrettably the media suffers from the desire to attack people of standing," he moaned.

9. His idea of saving a company was to buy it cheap, then flog off the profitable bits and sack the workers, as practiced at BPCC, Scottish Daily News, New York Daily News etc etc.

10. He was a megalomaniac who once said "There can only be one boss, and that is me." One newspaper article about him called "The ego has landed," reportedly drove him barmy with anger.

# HEROES

THE HEROES of the whole Maxwell story are all those workers who didn't give in to his power and influence and instead of going sheep-like onto the dole queue fought the rich bastard.

They include; French workers at Agence Centrale de Press who wouldn't accept an imposed Maxwell "rescue package", the printers who defiantly occupied the Park Royal plant in London, SOGAT workers at the Mirror who fought for jobs and

conditions, skirmishes at the Manch-ester Mirror and at the Odhams printworks in Watford, and the long running guerilla warfare at Purnells near Bristol.

But most respect is due to the Pergamon 23 who have been fighting for two-and-a-half years against Maxwells bullying and for standing up for basic union rights,

*He went to his watery grave not having beat them!*

## A TIME FOR SHARING...

WE HAVE put our heads together to come up with gifts to send our enemies. Well you know us, Christmas is a time for giving....

IAIN VALLANCE, boss of British Tele-con; He gets our version of Blondie's 'hanging on the telephone.' Complete with telephone cable noose and instructions for how to terminally disconnect himself!

THE ROYAL CHILDREN; while consumer agencies test toys for safety this Christmas, we'll be collecting all the rejected really dangerous ones to send to the pampered Royal brats.

BOB MAXWELL'S FAMILY; we suggest they take a cruise with as many rich friends as possible, at our expense (on condition ALL of the parasitic bastards fall overboard and drown).

ALLAN CLARK, ex law chief who resigned over his kerb-crawling exploits. He gets a free Class War sterilization kit (contents; a thick elastic band and two half bricks).

THE FERGIE MONSTER AND PRINCE ANDREW; due to their passion for holidays we've got them a one way ticket to Beruit, staying in the Hotel Hisbolah!

RUPERT MURDOCH; a nice big yacht.....

## STUFF LUFF

WORCESTER TORY hopeful Peter Luff aims to give his career a boost by hitting Britain's travelling community with hard new laws.

Caravan sites are covered by law, which gives them some protection, but now, Luff is urging the Tories to include unofficial sites in the Government's proposed anti-squatting laws.

This would give authorities the power to force travelling families back on the road. Luff's plans come in the wake of a bizarre publicity stunt by the residents of upper crust, Cleave Prior, Worcestershire. Offended by the presence of

travellers' caravans, the villagers protested by declaring the village an independent state, and spent the day handing out Passports, and Visas. They topped the event off with a slap-up banquet.

*But why are the rich waving the stick at Britain's travellers?*

Could it be that rural yuppies, having successfully invaded, and wrecked many village communities, now want to protect their investment by forcing "undesirables" out of the countryside, and onto the estates with the rest of the working class "riff-raff"?

## THE ELVES ARE ON HOLIDAY THIS XMAS BECAUSE...



## SANTAS GOING RAM RAIDING!



# FRANKENSTEIN WAR!

**THE BLOODY CIVIL WAR** in Yugoslavia has been raging for some time now. It is a dirty, war in which Serbs are being used to spearhead the campaign by nationalist leaders for a "Greater Serbia."

But Croatia's leaders are also to blame for failing to protect the rights of the Serbian minority when they declared independence. This gave the Serbian nationalists the excuse they needed to go on the attack.

*Serbs are discriminated against in Croatia, though certainly not on the scale described by the Serbian leaders. Many Serbs have bitter memories of the massacre of 500,000 Serbs during World War Two by Croatia's puppet fascist regime.*

Croatia's leaders also failed to foresee the Serbian attacks, and the war this would lead to. This failure has led to a rapid rise in the fortunes of the neo-nazi HOS, and other such groups among Croatian people, they now have over 5,000 fighters in the field, and "run"

the war in many parts of Croatia.

As the war goes on the Federal army is gradually falling apart, first reduced to only Serbs, now many of them are deserting and ignoring call up instructions as the dream of a Greater Serbia remains nothing but a dream. It looks like the Federal army will try frantically to push forward where it can, in the hope of winning as much territory as possible before a cease-fire.

## A BIG BLIND EYE

Western leaders have turned a blind eye to the problem. What else would we expect? THEY'RE shit scared of Yugoslavia falling apart and the effect this would have on the surrounding states. But Yugoslavia was always a "Frankenstein" country, artificially created, and kept together by force. Now it's days are numbered as it slips further into civil conflict.

So what does *Class War* think of all this? Well, when we see Serbian aggression it's

easy to side with Croatia. But when the likes of Thatcher stand up and say that Croatia is a democracy fighting against Serbian communist aggression, (a pile of crap of course) and when fascists from all over Europe flock to Croatia's side, it's tempting to support Serbia. Especially when you remember the important role Serbia played in smashing fascism in World War Two.

The answer is that we support neither set of opposed leaders, they are the ones who started and created this war. Croatia's people have every right to be free from the old Yugoslavian State, as do the Serbian people, but both their leaders are using them as pawns in a game of "grab as much land as possible" - the real answer lies not in replacing a Yugoslavian boss with a Croatian or Serbian boss - but get rid of the bosses altogether.



protesting about what the ruling class does to us: **we have to take matters into our own hands and to manage our lives.**

*This means setting up meetings and groups to share skills and knowledge: to organise in solidarity. Some homeless people have taken their own home before, the majority haven't. It's vital that people work together and support each other.*

If that Bastard Baker's Bill on squatting becomes an Act of Parliament, we'll be defending ourselves and each other against more cops and bailiffs. This must be understood from the very beginning - so that young families, older people, disabled people, no one who needs a home, is excluded.

## OUR LIVES.. OUR HOMES

We need to create our own self managed homes and communities - the rise in the housing crisis can be turned back on itself to do just that.

***They're our lives, and they're our homes.. whatever it takes.***

## HOMING IN

**After the Second World War, the Labour Party, set about making the Welfare State**

- dangling carrots in front of the working class to quell rebellion: a very real possibility after so many had suffered, fighting a war on behalf of the European ruling class, and returning to low standards of living, and the destruction of communities.

## DOUBLY FUCKED

Money was put into housing, but bosses and politicians pulled the strings, breeding middle class planners and architects, who replaced the terraces that used to be the heart of communities, with the insult of impersonal and ugly tower blocks, now the crumbling estates many of us live on.

From then to the present day, neither capitalism nor the housing crisis have gone away - there have merely been booms and slumps.

The tossing of small portions of their profit

into housing, only occurs when either profit can be made (in time of 'boom') or when central government and local councils build or renovate as a token during crisis. Now, both government and capitalism are doubly fucked - we are in a world recession.

## INCOMPETENT TOSSERS

Little building or renovation is going on; more people are unable to pay increasingly extortionate rents or absurdly high mortgages. The result is that there is more poverty, worse housing and increased homelessness.



Both government and bosses are incompetent at dealing with this problem - it's just not in their interests to do so: they don't give a toss!

*Homelessness is not confined to what the*

*media likes us to believe: young, single men or older people with psychiatric problems. These people do suffer the housing crisis, but there are families cooped up in unfit beds and breakfasts, people of all ages living in their friends' and families' spare rooms or kipping on their floors.*

Thousands have been fooled into believing that they can afford their own home. The lie is that the estate agents and councils who put across this Thatcherite con-trick have been carrying out house repossession of up to 300,000 yearly since 1985.

Surely the best answer, if you're evicted from a home that was yours, is to walk back in, change the lock, and keep on living in it.

## SO WHAT OF SQUATTING?

This is not just a European means of us taking things into our own hands: it happens internationally - where buildings and lands are seized back from the 'owners' so we can provide for ourselves, and manage our own lives, and at times, communities.

Now, when organised squatting is becoming a necessity for more and more people, and not some game played by "drop-outs" or "anti-social druggies", Kenneth Baker, the Tory Home Secretary, is trying to have squatting criminalised, rather than a civil offence.

In a barbaric political climate, with a growing rich and poor divide, it's no good just

# OPPORTUNITY? NOT!

**THE WOMENS' CHARTER** with its "Opportunity 2000" campaign, according to John Major is a social revolution for women at work. Is it fuck. It's not worth the paper it's written on, it is no more than a vote winning ploy, benefitting no-one but high-flying middle class careerist women.

What a cheek, rich cow Lady Howe, (chair of the Women's Economic Development Target Team, of Business in the Community!) calls women "a pool of under exploited talent". We won't deny we've got talent, but working class women are definitely not under exploited. More over exploited! We not only bring up kids and look after relatives, but also have to hold down various jobs as well. She talks of women being highly motivated - this is only because we have to work to pay bills/debts and buy food.

*Opportunity 2000 has the support of 60 large organisations who claim they are going to improve the position of women in the workforce over the next ten years.*

Big deal! So what if Nat West and British Airways have promised to increase women in management by the year 2000? Most working class women will still be compelled to take part time work in supermarkets, and evening work when they can find someone else to watch the kids or weekend jobs in bars and restaurants.



So as women should we be happy with this offer of more women bosses, more top women civil servants and even more women in the cabinet? You've gotta be joking - what did Thatcher and the like ever do for us!! A boss is a boss, whatever gender, at the end of the day they are the bastards who cut your wages and give you the sack.

## COMPLETE CHANGE!

What working class women do need is nurseries, before and after school care, better pay and conditions at work and that's just for starters. We will not get this under John "all cock no balls" Major's "caring" government and nor will we get this from Neil down and pray for leadership Kinnock.

What we're fighting for is total change - not a change in government, but a change in the whole ROTTEN, class system: now that's an opportunity we can't afford to miss!

# HA, BLOODY HA!

## TALES FROM SALFORD..

**VARIOUS POLICE FORCES** are pleading for millions of pounds extra funding so that they can buy expensive new radio equipment, complete with built in scramblers, so that their messages can't be listened to by people who have "scanners" (available from all good Tandy shops!).

But why bother wasting the money when it seems that the stupid bastards are having difficulty in keeping hold of the radios they've got at the moment!

## BLOCK OUT

The latest craze in the Salford area of Manchester is to nick cop radios from their cars, then connect them up at home, listen in to the Police channels and wait for them to start an "operation". It's then possible to warn the target, or if not, wait until it's at a crucial stage and "key-out" the radio.

*This happens when you press the button to transmit a message, only you don't transmit a message, and it has the result of blacking out the whole network of police radios in the area, for as long as you keep the button pressed down!*

Rendering all their radios completely useless. It's grown to be such a problem for the Salford filth, that "high tech communications" for the G.M.P., in the not to distant future, could mean a return to blowing a whistle!!!

Further Salford cop cock-ups include their attempts to have a local man silenced in his condemnation of them...

Not one to hide his light under a bushel, the man merely decorated his van with: "When I see the under class in conflict with their natural enemy, the police, I know which side I'm on."

*In large dayglo letters too!*

And to complete the respray, the sides of the van bore the message "PC Neil Livsey, - the liar, - stays silent". The PC in question, is a certain hated local cop, in the habit of making false statements accusing people of possessing drugs.

When the cops turned up, a bit peeved at the goings on, the local hero refused to paint over the artwork, and when nicked, told the bill if they wanted the van, they'd have to drive it to the station themselves.

*So they did.*

## EMBARRASSMENT TO THE FORCE

We'd like to award the cop who drove the van that day with the special **Class War** prize for the reddest face in Salford!

And his prize..? A dozen **Class War** window stickers to put in the backs of all their cop cars!

**After all who needs to pay for advertising space when the cops will do it for you!**



# Battling the Bailiffs

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## No Poll Tax Jailings

## FIGHTING BACK IN AVON

When a member of the SWP in Bristol was jailed for non payment, Class War went on the march that was supposed to go to the home of the councillor in charge of finance.

But when the march gathered some poncey SWPer stood on a chair and said that "as the police might not like us going to his house we are all going to walk around town instead." When they were heckled for this they replied "we're trying to build the party!"

We thought "fuck that" and together with 20-30 others had a demo outside his house as planned. Meanwhile the SWP marched round town three times being laughed at by the shoppers!

Anti - poll tax activists have been pressuring

the council to sort out rebate problems for the last year and this appears to have paid off, even though the Labour leader of the council has been known to tell people to 'bugger off' when they complain about the council's mistakes!

Bristol plans to commit 1000 more people by Christmas, but as in other parts of the country people mostly don't turn up for their first hearing and many are aware that the bailiffs must deliver bail warrants by hand and may not lawfully break into anyone's house.

Thanks to continued protest against the jailings by activists, petitioning, picketing and demonstrations, Bristol magistrates are now dishing out 30 day suspended sentences to some people as an alternative to 60 days to everyone - a small victory but a step in the right direction.

TORY EALING council, who last year forced the highest rent increases in the country on their tenants in an attempt to keep their poll tax down (hitting the poor to help the rich), have now jailed four non-payers.

On November 14th defiant grandparents Sylvie and Frank Mathews, who live on the South Action estate, were sent down for the maximum three months. Despite facing a Christmas apart from each other and their grandchildren, these two fighters refuse to pay on principle.

Local campaigners have hit back with marches, pickets, leaflets and flyposting.

One leaflet, headed 'WANTED - FOR JAILING THE POOR' gave the names and addresses of three leading Tory scum, including Graham 'Braindead' Bull. Another one listed the phone numbers of EVERY Ealing councillor. Campaigners are also raising money to cover the Mathew's council flat rent - that's what we call solidarity!

## NOT A PENNY MORE!

76 year old pensioner, William Saunders of Newton Abbot, Devon, is another one amongst millions prepared to make a stand against the poll tax. Having paid his old rates of £300, he's refused the extra £450 they've demanded from him and his wife.

Bill who is a retired building worker put the press right on the poll tax; "I haven't paid the poll tax because it is an unfair tax. It lets the poor get poorer and the rich get richer. I'm expecting the bailiffs to come any time now. I'll be ready for them."

And Bill means business, barricading the house, placing heavy duty locks on windows and doors, and attaching a hose pipe to a tap to douse the bastard bailiffs if they enter his house.

## HEROES

Wales' first poll tax prisoners, 79 year old examiner Tom Hopkins and 61 year old Labour councillor Ray Davies got a hero's welcome on their release from Gloucester nick. They were jailed by Rhymney Labour council for 14 days.

On their return from Gloucester they were met by supporters at Cardiff station, and then returned home in style in a motorcade up the Rhymney Valley, cheered on by bystanders.

Ray was transferred from Stroud cop shop to Gloucester nick after he used the cops own phone to organise a picket outside the station, the dozy coppers didn't suss him out because he did it all in Welsh! Nice one.

Q. Who said: "I was brought up with; an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Live within your means. Put a nest egg by for a rainy day. Pay your bills on time. Support the police."  
A. Maggie Thatcher.

## MAD AT 'EM!

A PLYMOUTH bailiff, employed by Madagans to harass and threaten non payers, has had a taste of his own medicine.

The hated firm has been subjected to a campaign of direct action for many months, and now one of the bailiffs has had to move house because he "no longer feels safe."

Amongst other things Madagans, who act throughout the South West, have had -

- Bricks thrown at their offices.
- Rubbish dumped in their doorway.
- Locks superglued up.
- The wires to the office intercom cut.

But the most daring attack was in late July when, in broad daylight, two people smashed the windscreen of a bailiffs car, poured in petrol, and then set light to it. All while the car was parked outside their offices!

Madagans have been badly affected by all the attention they've been getting. The staff have to take different routes to work each day, they avoid the town centre in case they're recognised, and the bailiffs who are based in the heavily fortified building now have to be meet at different locations to avoid action being taken against them.

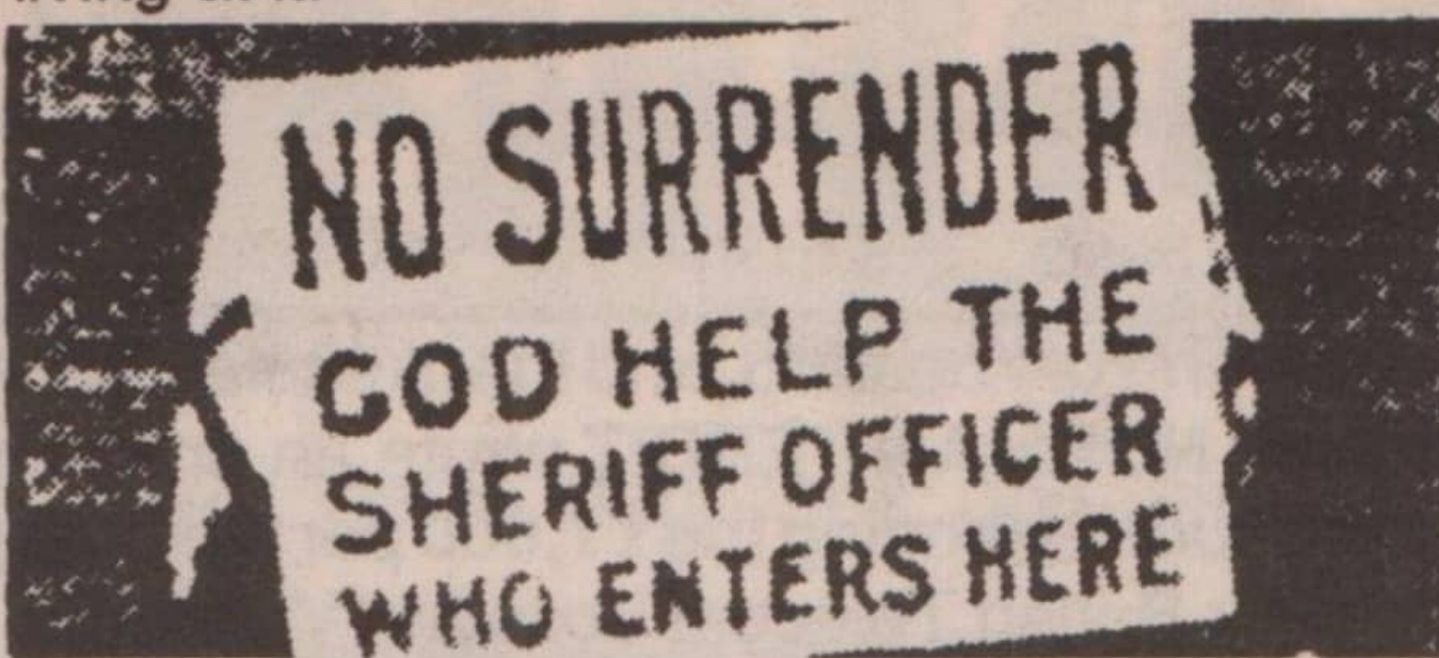
## PAID THUGS

But don't bother having any sympathies for bailiff scum, these people aren't some sort of friendly neighbourhood figures who go around helping people out with their debts, and offering useful advice to the poor.

They are well-paid thugs who's job it is to intimidate people into parting with their money. The very nature of their trade means they usually go into action against the most vulnerable sections of our class: the elderly, poverty stricken, and those least able to cope.

Not only that, most bailiffs are also money-lenders, taking advantage of peoples' circumstances to lend money at extortionate rates of interest.

Nobody holds a gun to the head of a bailiff and says "go and scare the crap out of that family." They do it for the money, and as they get paid by the job, only the "nasty" ones can earn a living at it.



Q. When asked what her mother would say when she was summonsed to court for not paying her poll tax, who's daughter said: "My mother wouldn't give a shit, my dear. As a matter of fact neither do I."  
A. Maggie Thatcher's.

# LEARNING OUR LESSONS

Lets start by getting things into perspective.

Organised racists and fascists in Britain are in a piss poor state, the BNP (Bullshitters Nonces and Perverts, as the famous East End graffiti goes) are the largest bunch and they can only mobilise an absolute maximum of 250-300 boneheads in one go.

But like all diseases fascism can spread, if it's allowed to. Class War usually doesn't bother to mention these scum, but with the rise of fascism in Europe in the last 18 months, the nazis will be desperately trying to get things moving over here. This is the point when they should be smashed, not when they get big enough to pose any real threat.

## HARMLESS

Of course to the victims of racist violence they are a threat NOW, and they should be dealt with immediately - quite rightly so. But how this is done is important. The middle class left usually pretend that there are no nazis, this gives them a handy cop-out of getting their hands dirty.

Either that, or they organise token marches and pickets that don't confront the fascists, but instead stand a safe distance away, protected by the filth, and shout harmless slogans at them whilst trying like mad to recruit everyone in sight to their poxy organisations.

To the fascists this makes everyone on the left seem like they are scared of them, which in



**SHEEP IN WOLVES CLOTHING: Fascist boneheads (In every sense of the word!)**

turn gives them the confidence to attack more people.

Only when they are confronted every time they crawl out of their stinking lairs, whether it's to try to flog their propaganda (they couldn't give it away) or to march about with flags looking like a load of Boy Scouts whose hormones have gone mad, will they be defeated.

Of course physical confrontation isn't

everyone's cup of tea, and only a fool would think that to be an active anti-fascist you must go about constantly cracking heads.

One of the reasons that fascism grew in the 70's was that the Left let the NF carry on its work of converting young working class people. Instead of going onto the estates and football grounds where the NF were, and winning them back. A lot of this is to do with the fact that the left were

mainly middle class and didn't feel confident about doing so, this also meant that when they did they usually got it wrong.

Although the climate is very different now, with many White kids identifying with parts of Black culture to such an extent that there isn't the same potential support for organised racists, we can't afford to be complacent.

After letting the nazis set the agenda for so long in Germany, with a massive rise in racist attacks, the German anarchists and autonomists are at last starting to fight back.

● November 9th saw a wave of huge anti-nazi demo's right across Germany, with hundreds of thousands of people taking part.

● In Halle, East Germany, Nazis were beaten and attacked by gangs as they made their way to a rally.

● Masked comrades also attacked the home of the leader of the nazi Free German Workers Party, the fifteen people inside were injured by petrol bombs, bricks and bottles.

● Gangs of masked youths, armed with paving slabs and baseball bats, hospitalised nine nazis in KonigsWusterhausen near Berlin.

Although the filthy tide of racist violence is growing in Germany these counter attacks show that things are starting to be done about it.

People must start to fight back if fascism is to be driven back to the sewer of history where it belongs.



SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH...

# SALLY



# SKULL

## TOO MUCH TO SWALLOW

THIS PICTURE, of mega-rich Hollywood movie star Cybill Shepherd, eating rice from a paper plate, and paying £80 for the privilege, is supposed to be "a graphic demonstration of what the real world is like".

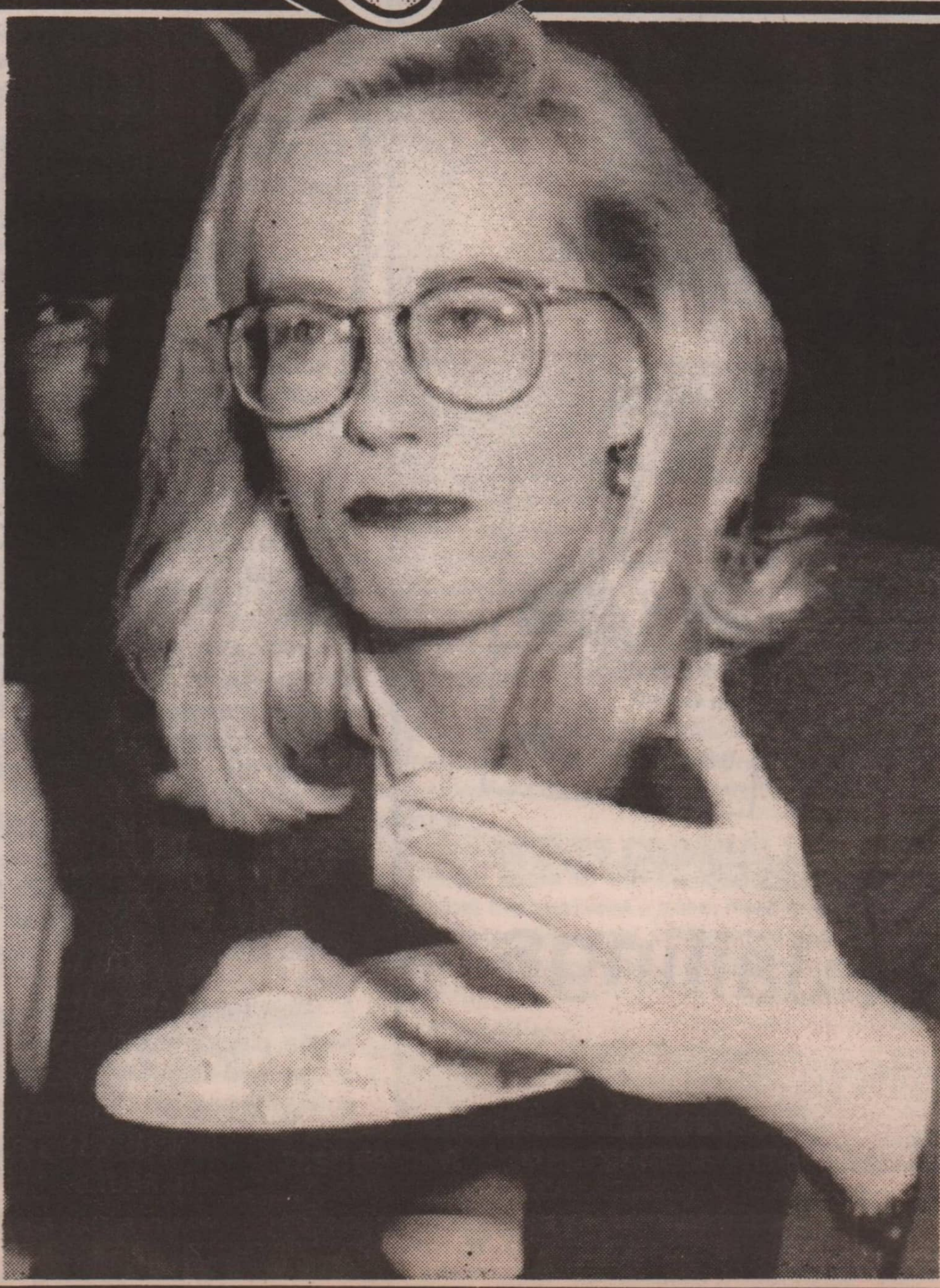
What real world? Having some rag-bag collection of guilt-ridden rich bastards scoff rice, whilst sat on bales of artificial hay, to "dramatize the global problem of food distribution" is nothing more than a publicity stunt to pander to the inflated egos of the rich and famous who want us all to think that they "care".

### THE PROBLEM NOT THE SOLUTION

American Oxfam organised this exercise in hypocrisy, and afterwards Cybill said: "I haven't eaten much today. It's helped to enlighten me." Is she for real? Her day is usually spent swanning around buying expensive clothes and worrying about what plush party she's going to that night.

Star studded stunts like this one do sod all to help a situation where tens of thousands starve to death every day in one part of the world, at the same time as thousands more eat themselves to death in another.

The answer to this isn't having a few well heeled celebrities trotted out for the cameras to eat rice, scum like this are the problem, not the solution.



## Quotes

**"People are not willing to be governed by those who do not speak their language."**

NORMAN TEBBIT - (I wonder if that includes the Welsh, Scots and Irish???)

**"We're spending more on bailiffs than we're getting back."**

DAVE NICHOLLS - Manchester council's deputy treasurer.

**"It was like a room full of imbeciles."**

Tory MP Geoffrey Dickens describing the ballot for head of the Tories' European Affairs Committee.

**"They keep killing themselves."**

Dept of Health spokesperson on imprisoning juveniles.

**"Optimism is at its highest level since 1988 after the biggest quarterly rise, adjusted for seasonal factors, for 17 years."**

NORMAN LAMONT.

**"A luxury we cannot afford."**

BORIS YELTSIN on elections.

**"They are all descended from cattle thieves and bastards."**

JACK JONES - ex union boss on the House of Lords.

**"Privatisation? It's a bit like rape. If rape is inevitable then you might as well lie back and enjoy it."**

ROY LINK - leader of the scab Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

**"I am mystified and heartbroken. I am only too painfully aware that I was responsible for the legislation."**

MAGGIE THATCHER to TV-AM boss Bruce Gynge after he lost his franchise for morning telly.

**"The average British manufacturing worker produces goods worth £71,000 per year, for their bosses."**

Oxford Economic Forecasting.

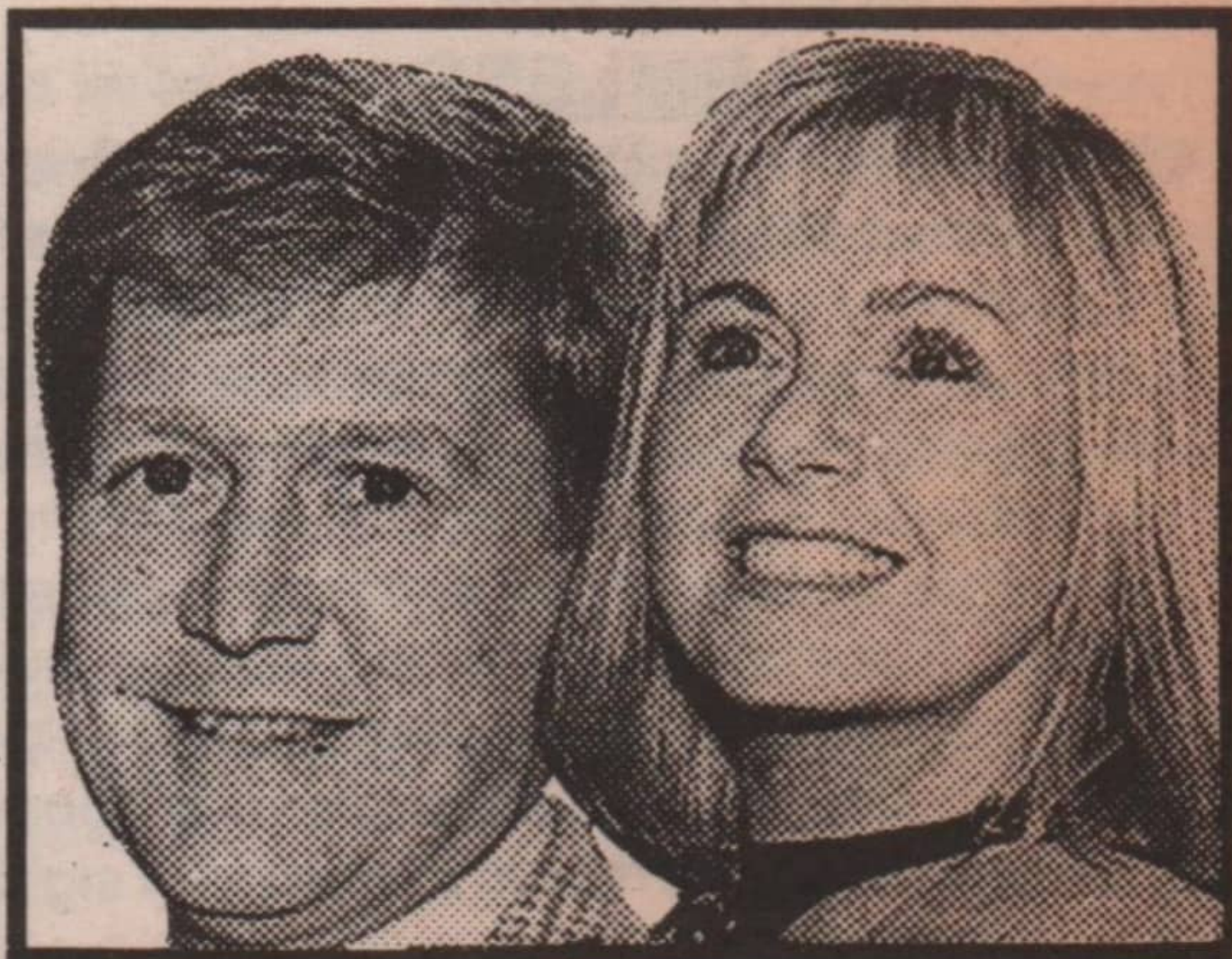
## T.V PILLOCKS

HUSBAND AND WIFE telly stars Mike Smith and Sarah Greene, who between them earn £150,000 per year, have had the cheek to complain that they don't earn enough to "afford" to have kids!

"We couldn't clothe them properly" they moaned - for fuck's sake what were they going to clothe them in? The Turin Shroud?

Most mums and dads have to struggle hard to make ends meet when they have kids. I bet the only struggling this pair of prats have to do is to decide how many foreign holidays they are going on this year, five or ten?

Pass me the sick bucket...



THE GRUESOME TWOSOME

## BITS AND PIECES...

Arch Tory bastard, and Frankenstein look-a-like, NORMAN TEBBIT wrote an article in the *Scum* defending the £1,000 per week pay rise for British Telecom boss Ian Vallance.

Oddly enough he forgot to mention that HE was the chairman of the committee who awarded the huge pay increase..... DAME SHIRLEY PORTER, the Tesco hairress, and ex-leader of the Tory run Westminster City Council, who's hobbies include selling cemeteries for 15p each to property speculator friends, and flogging off council houses to Tory voters has come under fire from the Charity Commission for channelling huge sums of money through a charity to fund a political campaign.

The Commission is looking at illegal deals that also involve the boss of the right-wing pressure group Aims of Industry, and jailed tycoon Gerald Ronson..... Disgraced toffee nosed ex-Law chief SIR ALLAN GREEN,

who resigned after being caught with a prostitute by the cops, has had a £20,000 "golden handshake."

Sir Allan, who isn't exactly short of a bob or two, won't even have to pay tax on it as it's supposedly compensation for losing his job. Well with £20,000 in his pocket it looks like he'll be keeping the Kings Cross vice squad busy for some time to come.... EDDIE 'the Eagle' EDWARDS, the crappiest ski-jumper in the world, and great admirer of Maggie Thatcher, has shown that his ski skills are only matched by his skill at handling money, for not only has Eddie blown £350,000 in four years he's also £119,000 in debt and to top it all it's not him that spent the dosh!

It seems that he lent a lot of the money to his mum and dad and brother, and when he asked for it back they refused saying: "We're entitled to it after all the money we spent bringing you up."

Now Eddie is taking them to court to recover what little is left of his fortune. But is Eddie sad or bitter about his own family ripping him off? Not at all, he says: "I admire them for their cheek" Now what's that saying about a fool and his money easily parting company?



ALLAN GREEN - "HANDSHAKE"!

## GOOD RIDDANCE

I'VE BEEN casting my eyes over the obituary columns recently and have been chuffed to find some "old friends" have gone for good. Here's a few;

**WILLIAM GALBRAITH** - the Cheltenham Tory who greeted the selection of a black candidate by calling him a "bloody nigger", and was taken to court, and barred from most local pubs as a result has finally fucked off to where ever bigoted, racist, Tory bastards go when they die (probably a sewage bin).

I only hope his brother, a Tory trade minister, follows his lead soon.

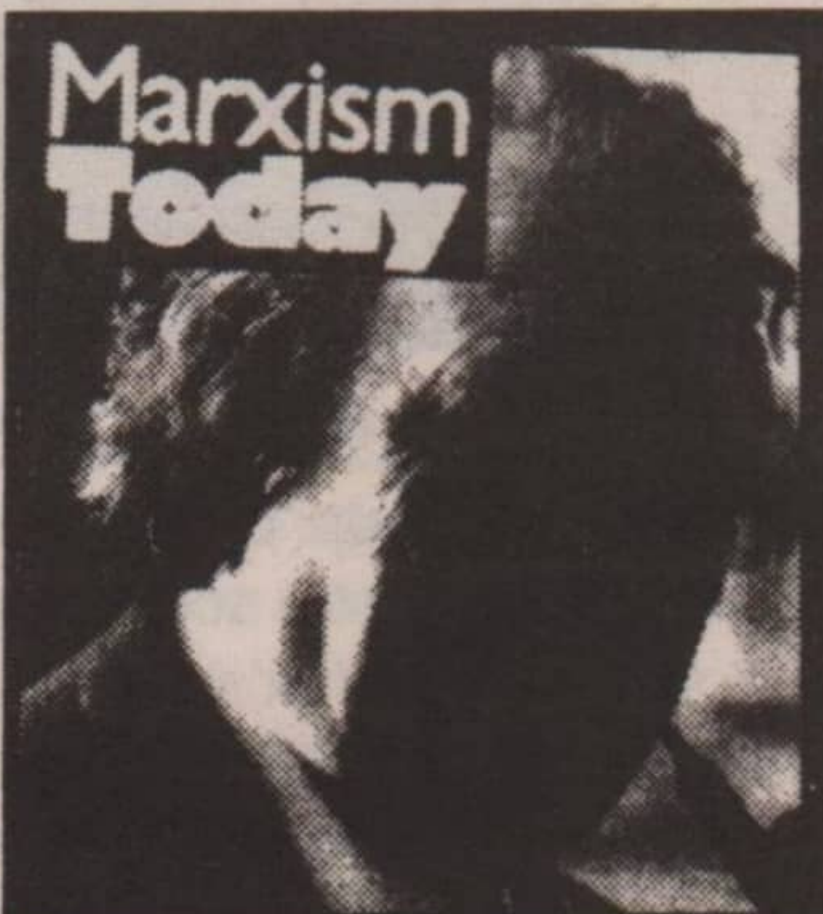
**BOB MAXWELL** - the welcome death of this rich, bloated, arrogant, Zionist bastard could well go to prove that there is a God after all.

The only puzzle about his death must be why they left him in the water for so long?

After all, having something that size floating about (and I don't just mean his ego) must have been a severe danger to shipping.

**MARXISM TODAY** - the trendy lefty Communist Party monthly magazine, once described by W.H. Smith's as having the most boring title of any publication they stock, has breathed its last.

Infamous for its "working class, I see no working class" politics, right next to adverts



for designer boxer shorts and expensive champagne tasting holidays in France. I have this funny feeling it won't be missed.

**COMMUNIST PARTY of GREAT BRITAIN** - this once proud, and influential party has at last kicked the bucket. Once the natural choice for militant workers, it has dwindled and decayed in the face of the evidence that life in the Eastern Block wasn't exactly a bed of roses, and the realisation by workers that swopping one lot of bosses for another, no matter how "socialist" they appear, changes nothing.

It is survived by various children who still think that calling themselves the "Communist Party" is a smart move, and that the world is flat!



# SHUTTING THE DOOR

THE GOVERNMENT IS really sceptical about the moves to a united Europe - the dreaded F-word, federalism, has been scaring them shitless.

But one European policy they've taken on with open arms is the idea of 'Fortress Europe'. Across the Continent, racism is on the rise and those at the brunt have been refugees.

Britain has been a pioneer in closing its doors to Black people - 'Fortress Britain' has been developed since the late '60s with stringent controls over Commonwealth citizens ie those ones that have a different skin colour! **Black immigrants were targetted years ago - now it's refugees.**

## THE BILL'S MENTAL!

The new Asylum Bill will be a direct, biased threat to the lives and welfare of refugees. It'll only allow one attempt, with no hearing after, to decide how "genuine" a refugee is by one 'independent' (we bet!) adjudicator; airlines will be acting as unofficial cops: deciding who's 'bogus', as they'll be fined for carrying passengers without 'proper' documentation; families won't have a right to emergency housing: so where the fuck will they live, Detention centres?! If refugees don't apply at once for status, they'll be immediately deported.

Of course, those nice immigration officers will only try to help these people - WE THINK NOT!

## NO BLAME!

Who can blame refugees from escaping death spots around the globe? It's often a case of fight (probably ending in death) or flight.

Leaving your country like this is not an easy thing to do - it often means more hardship, degradation and often death - but this is outweighed when death and torture are just around the corner.

Some people, have argued that these people should stay and fight or die in their own countries and that there's no logical reason to give them 'sanctuary' in Europe. To say this ignoring the fact that people must look out for their families and their own survival, is patronising shit.

Many refugees are natives of countries that have direct links with Britain's colonial history of divide and rule - British capitalists and politicians still have direct economic and exploitative links with so-called 'Third World' countries' ruling classes. Oppression and fear are not isolated - they are world problems generally caused by governments, capitalism and power-seekers.

## HISTORY

The Indian Sub continent was left in chaos with ethnic civil war, so was Sri Lanka - both British colonies that had been milked of resources and left to suffer under falsely-created divisions amongst their native peoples. These divisions meant, and still mean torture and death for many.

We challenge the ridiculous idea that people who come as refugees have no right here - our

class is global and so are our demands and needs.

The wankers who're playing the race card are arguing that 'bogus' refugees are pushing our tolerance to the limit.

This is the line of Kenneth 'Send 'em Packing' Baker, the Home Secretary. If you're going to tell lies, make 'em whoppers, eh, Kenny? Even according to Home Office figures, 90% of refugees are "genuine" - whatever that means. Government is hardly known for its humanitarian leanings after all.

And as for the 10% "bogus" contingent, what this really means is only that they're officially illegal - we all know that whatever has been deemed legal has rarely ever coincided with what's just. Many can't afford the luxury of time or money to obtain legal status - and even if they don't it doesn't mean you have ANY less right to protection and a life in this country.



**In spite of extreme poverty and starvation, the movement of peoples to different countries is a feature of all societies at all times - it certainly doesn't equal a mass exodus! People are constantly moving in and out of countries - as a whole, more people emigrated from Britain than have immigrate here.**

If some refugees aren't strictly political in their status, and are seen only as refugees for economic reasons, it's largely because of racist immigration controls which have barred Black couples and families from being together in the same country. That just shows the stinking hypocrisy of States that defend the 'free market' and try to say they fight for the freedom to settle with your family wherever they are - as long as they're white!

No doubt the Tories and bosses will try to scapegoat such refugees for the many shortcomings in their own 'free' market/capitalism - and try to blame them for "unnecessary expenditure, job cuts, strains on the economy" - or any bollocks they can come up with to confuse the issue and divide our class, as they always try to. **THEY TRY TO USE RACIST SCAPEGOATS IN THE SAME WAY,** regardless of the truth. And the truth is that whatever social or political crisis you care to

mention, it's been brought about by the ruling class, regardless of refugees or any other non-White inhabitants of this country.

BUT the right-wingers, in and out of Parliament, the fascists and reactionary scum, have already begun to blame immigrants for these problems, notably in France and the new, 'united' Germany.

## NAZIS?

We can't let that happen here, because the bastards'll try if they think they can get some mileage out of it, in building their neo-nazi parties. Lessons from Germany show us that Chancellor Kohl and his cronies are introducing more anti-immigrant policies to try and gain a monopoly on racism, just like Thatcher in '79, when she took the National Front's voters away from them.

As for this proposed Asylum Bill: yes, it's authoritarian, right wing, racist shit - but it might

get through - if it does, refugees won't be able to get involved in any political activity that would "offend" the authorities of their home country - keeping the international ruling class happy or what?!

It's obvious that the intention is to degrade, scapegoat and tie the hands of people who are fleeing persecution, torture and death - they are generally working class people - NOT allies or friends of any ruling class.

## COMMON GROUND

As the international working class, we do have our social and cultural differences, BUT we share much more in common than we will ever do with our middle and ruling classes: we've all been oppressed, exploited or shat on by them - and we share common interests in GETTING RID OF THEM AND THEIR LAWS AND POLICIES, that are designed for them and to divide us.

WE have to do what we can to support refugees, and to better understand their cultures and political backgrounds: this involves sharing ideas with them, breaking down racist and half-cocked ideas that the media and politicians have put in to some people's heads, and doing what's necessary: **Class War - Not Race War**

# BEAT THE BIGOTS!

**DURING THE LAST 9 MONTHS** there have been about 15 assaults on single men around a local gay cruising (pick-up) area, in Luton, Bedfordshire.

There is believed to be a gang of about three who have been mugging and assaulting gay men in this area, even though victims have voluntarily given up their wallets to these anti-social scumbags have laid into them.

Local gay men are in no doubt that these attacks are from bigoted homophobics (anti-gays).

## LOW!

It's bad enough that people are mugging each other instead of hitting the rich and other parasites, but attacking people because of their sexual preferences is LOW.

**And it doesn't just effect homosexuals, it is an affront to all our sexual freedoms.**

It just goes on to reproduce the narrow and bigoted ideas that the church/ state/ media promotes as 'proper' or 'natural' sexuality.

We should fight against anything which harms people for the sexual choices they make in their lives. Sex is natural whether it is homosexual or heterosexual.

## COPS COP OUT

And as for the the old bill, will they protect gay men against such attacks - don't hold your breath waiting: in fact, why bother, we know their game: and it's to keep us divided or banged up.

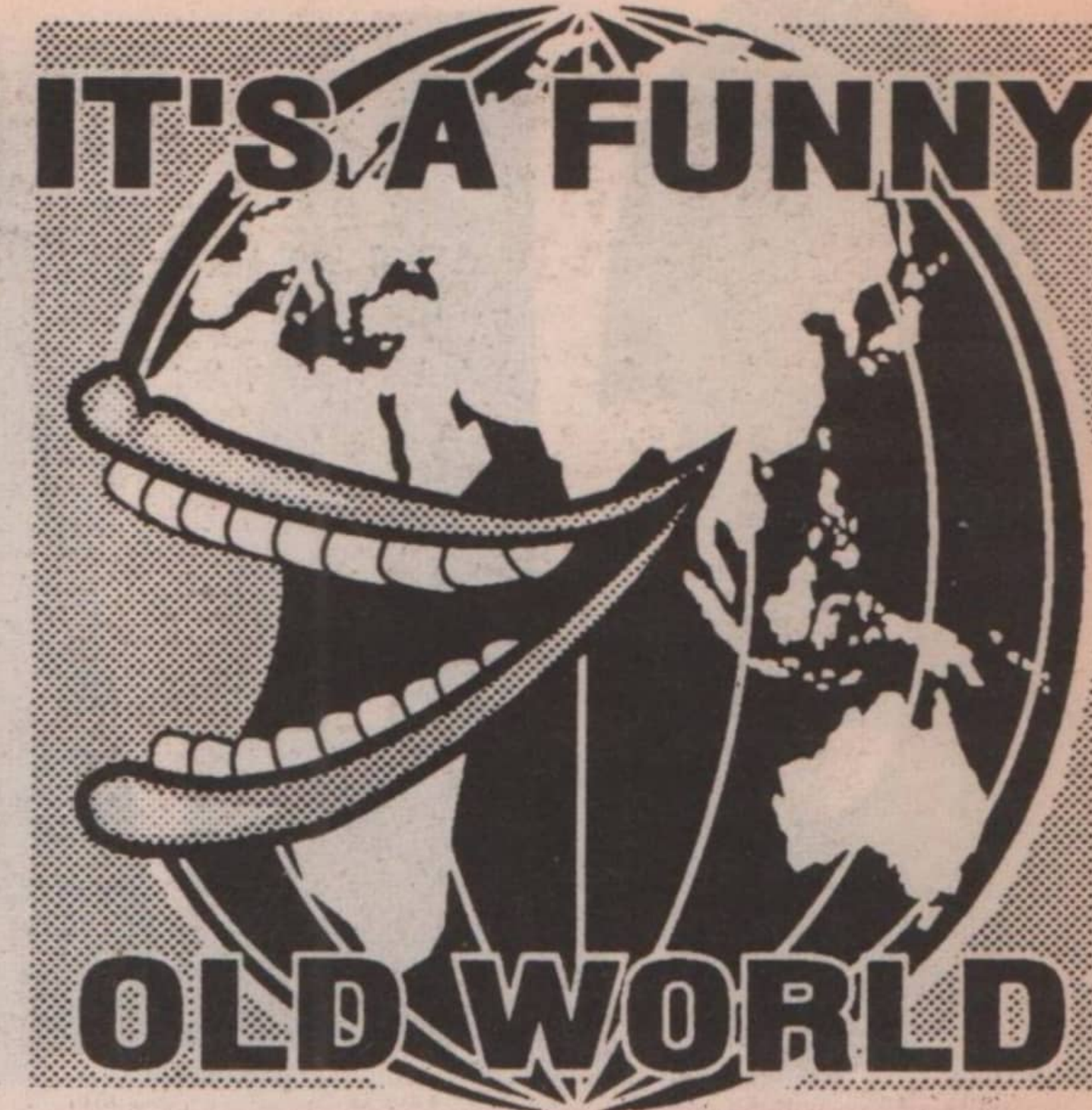
The cops spend most the time disputing the fact that attacks on gays are happening, maybe because a number of attacks are done by themselves.

**If and when they do face up to the facts, they do sod all about it. This is much the same with their treatment of racial and sexual assaults - all the victims are crying wolf, as far as they are concerned. Naive they are not. Bigoted they are!**

## DEFENCE!

A number of gay men are thinking of forming a self-defence group to patrol the cruising area.

When there are anti-gay attacks this is the sort of solution which is necessary to guarantee free expression of sexuality. Our communities need to support, if not get actively involved in such initiatives when they are necessary - **for the good of us all.**



## THEM BONES, THEM BONES...

An anonymous phone caller demanded £500,000 (in Lira) to return the sacred bones of St. Anthony which were stolen from Padua cathedral in Italy last September.

We at Class War recognise class criminal enterprise in squeezing as much as you can out of the parasitical churches.

Such a crime could be instigated upon our religious nuts - like that purist saint Cliff 'Jesus is my friend' Richard. But he's not dead, yet, you cry!

That can be sorted, no problem.

## KICKS?!

Ever wondered what those bastions of democracy, and representatives of you and I - yes, M.P.'s -

get up to when they are not dozing off in debates or making strange naying noises while on T.V.?

Well, courtesy of the public, those naughty M.P.'s have been phoning 'Dial-A-Mistress' lines amongst other 0898 numbers.

The House of Commons so embarrassed by these revelations has had them banned, but will not disclose how many times they had been used and what the cost was.

**Now if the moronic M.P.s get a kick out of being thoroughly humiliated and insulted, why don't they pick up the phone and dial the Class War Hate Hotline!**

## MPs banned from dialling sex chatlines

## PLAYING HARDBALL

Now who would have thought that a quiet game of golf whilst making his all important deals would be the death of one German millionaire, Ernst Wollschlaeger?

But yes, the rich scumbag copped it when a stray golf ball struck him in the main artery in his neck, leaving him dead on a Barcelona golf course.

CLASS WAR has a special trophy waiting for the mystery hero who duffed this dastardly enemy during his leisure time - perhaps a rival businessman (let them kill each other); or maybe it was one of those thousands of CLASS CONSCIOUS CADDIES IN THE AREA!

## NO JOY FOR MOUNTJOY

Do you ever get furious when a government minister comes out with something more despicable than usual?

Prisoners at Dublin's Mountjoy Prison certainly did. They had been on rooftop protest for a week in September, against crap conditions in the gaol. Then, in a Sunday paper, the Minister or 'Justice' described these men as "scum" and dismissed their demands for better conditions, calling them "hardened criminals".

Upon reading this, Mountjoy prisoners were none-too-pleased and did the right thing, rampaging through the prison, and taking to the roof. In the initial fighting, 20 screws were injured and riot cops were held off for over 24 hours.

At one point, the army was mobilised because it looked like the cops couldn't cope on their own, poor lambs! Maybe next time, that stupid bastard will keep his mouth shut?!

## CAERAU ON RIOTING..

IT'S HEART WARMING to see the summer heat hasn't quite faded on the estates of Ely, Cardiff, as the sport of cop bashing continues to entertain the riotous youth of South Wales.

Not to be outdone by the fun of last month's trouble on Wilson road, the youth of Bishopston Road, Caerau, got a bit of their own back on those who try to keep us in our place.

## GOOD GAME, GOOD GAME!

Final score at the end of the night was 3 coppers down, and one hospitalised with a broken jaw - not at all bad for a first innings.

We look forward to the whole community getting involved.

After all - WHY SHOULD THE KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN, WE ALL WANT TO SEE THOSE COPPERS RUN!

## Joke Splash

Q: What's the difference between a politician and a bucket of shit?

A: The bucket.

Q: How many coppers does it take to tile a bathroom?

A: Well, it all depends on how finely you slice 'em!



# CLASS WAR N

## INTRODUCTION

**RACISM IS A RULING CLASS IDEOLOGY**, which plays a crucial role in dividing up the working class into racial and national groups.

This enables different ways of exploiting and dividing our class. It justifies imperialism, wars and racial division of labour.

It also promotes ruling class allegiance (nationalism) on the basis of skin colour or ethnic origin.

Those in power have found racism an invaluable tool to control us.

*Those who hold racist views in our class play right into the hands of the ruling class.*



**THE RACISM in the middle and ruling classes is where the real power to divide and exploit us lies;**

*Discrimination in provision of welfare, housing and policies of policing, education, immigration and exploitative work conditions.*

A crucial part the middle class play is creating and maintaining a mass culture - full of ruling class ideology, it becomes their 'official' way of seeing the world. *Within this national/capitalist culture, there are more specific racist and nationalist ideas; promoted through schools, mass media and religion etc.*

There is a constant flow of racist and nationalist ideas. Some of this is aimed

nationalism and racism played important, key parts.

### **GAINING CONTROL**

Nationalism was developed during the last period of feudalism, by the emerging capitalist class.

This was a way of uniting the population under the banner of a new nation, against the aristocracy. It worked, and the capitalist class gained control of society (in Britain through civil war and control of Parliament), and strengthened its position through the nation state.

As the newly-developed working class saw the 'liberating' process of getting rid of the aristocracy only as a coup by the capitalists, nationalism ceased to become a revolutionary or progressive force.

*Instead it became a way to maintain the allegiance of the peasant and urban working class whilst strengthening capitalist rule. Despite class conflict, the capitalists fostered an illusion that people were united in a common destiny as a nation.*

**This is, and always has been, a load of fictitious bollocks.**

As capitalism developed, and nation states began competing with each other, imperialism and colonialism came into full effect, nationalism developed a distinct anti-foreign stance to justify long drawn-out wars, suppression and exploitation of colonial peoples.

### **DOING THE DAMAGE!**

The movement or migration of labour has also had its influence on nationalist and racist conflicts. Due to labour shortages in certain countries, capitalists have needed workers from other countries. *When immigration occurs, our class will have different ethnic origins and cultures.*

This is not naturally conflicting or contradictory, unless it's promoted as such. The ruling class has a lot to gain by exploiting these differences - the results being a justification of a racial division of labour, and a fundamental division in our class.

What is further damaging to unity within the working class follows on from these divisions.

When workers actually take on board racist ideology, what tends to happen is that such falsely created divisions have grown into passive and active allegiance to the ruling class. When sections of the working class see themselves as having

more in common with the ruling class and sections of the middle class, than with each other, their class identity becomes distorted or fades, only to be replaced by a false racial or national consciousness.

*Some of the most politicised working class youths, are racists/fascists; but as well as being white they are also disaffected.*

They have materially and socially more in common with the Asians and Afro-Caribbeans within or near their communities, which they despise so much. Their symbols are the British bulldog and the Union Jack - they are indulging themselves in a heavy dose of super-patriotism: by its very nature, this patriotism benefits and legitimises the

### **IDENTITY**

At the heart of racism and nationalism is the idea that certain ethnic/national groups have a common unity and destiny. *This is despite obvious class tension and conflict within these ethnic groups.* Working, middle and ruling classes achieve a **false** unity amongst themselves, based on skin colour and ethnic and national origins.

### **PRIDE**

There is a pride in this identity and its 'achievements' and sense of history. The English identity was tied to a pride of empire and commercial dominance of the World.

Hitler used a wider identity and pride of the Aryan race, whilst maintaining a sense of German nationalism (the first to exclude the 'internal enemy' of the Jew, and the second to justify the war with other nations).

In this country, a pride of empire would be hard for Afro-Caribbeans and Asians to accept. It is not **meant** for them and excludes them from this sense of 'Englishness'. Margaret Thatcher (**WHO?**) re-interpreted this pride of empire, in her famous 'swamping' speech:

**"...The British character has done**

**so much for democracy, for law, and has done so much throughout the world..."**

[Daily Mail, January 31, 1978]

...Not to mention for racism, colonialism and exploitation as well as many wars.

It's singularly designed to manipulate the working class, whether this be a community, nation or culture.

### **SOLIDARITY**

This can be exercised through the practise of racial discrimination which excludes and isolates Black people from certain areas of society;

Like specific jobs, housing in certain areas, and forcing ethnic groups into certain avenues in life, like crime and prisons, low-paid jobs or unemployment, where the only escape is by self-employment or through 'stardom' in music



ruling class.

### **ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS**

*But why is racism so strong in sections of our class?*

The answer lies in the fact that the ruling class need it there. Racism distorts and counteracts a unified class consciousness. **Class War** has always seen the essential 'ingredients' of **IDENTITY, PRIDE** and **SOLIDARITY** as being crucial to class consciousness and struggle. It has also been in the interest of the ruling class to distort and neutralize such a development.

It tries to replace class identity, pride and solidarity with its own racial and national identity, pride and solidarity.



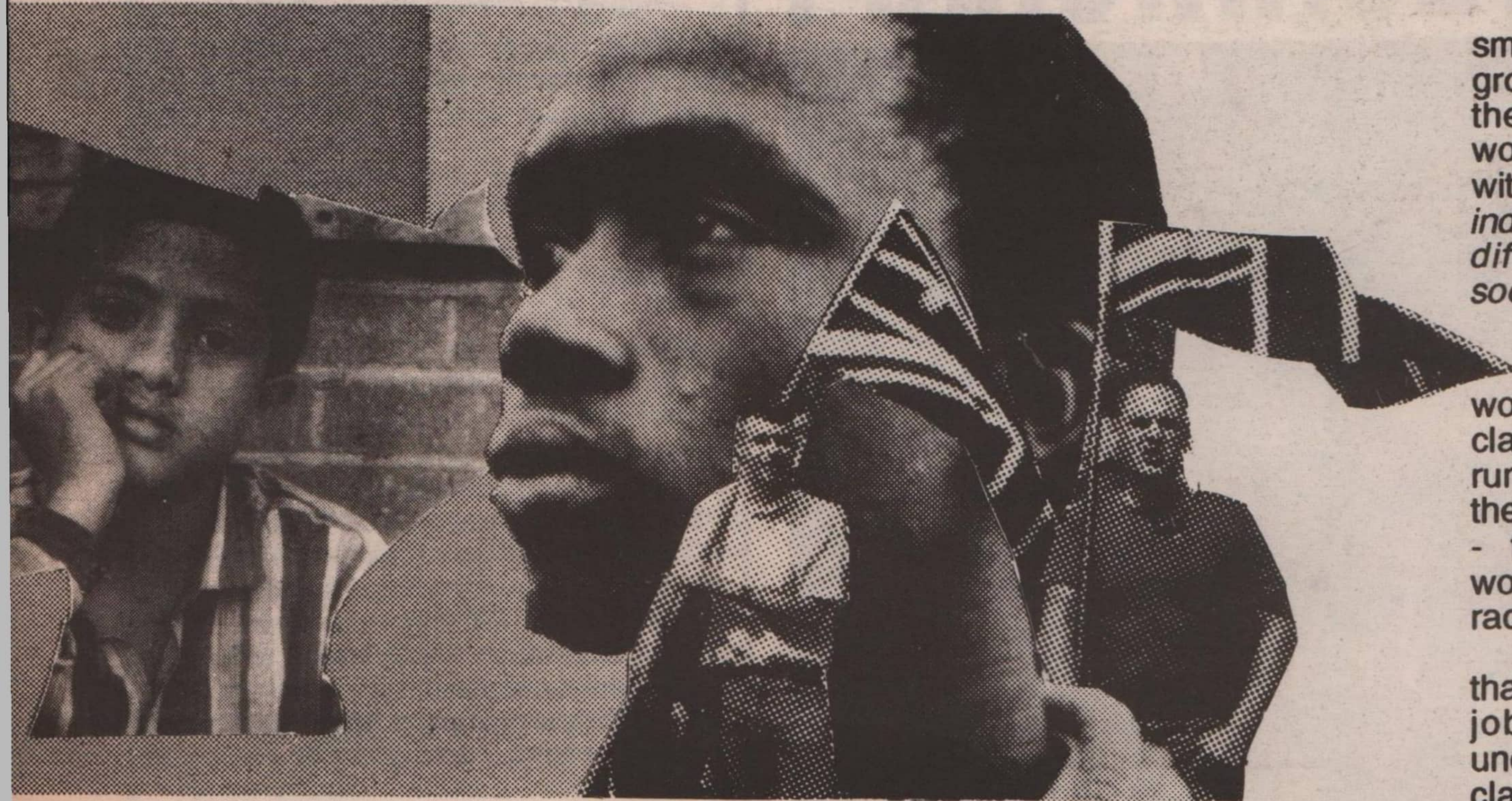
at the ruling and middle classes themselves (to justify their role in society), but **most is aimed at the majority of the population - the working class.**

The ruling and middle classes actively promote nationalism and racism, and have always done so.

Looking back at history, in the development of capitalist society,



# NOT RACE WAR



or sport.

## **POWER.. AND MORE POWER**

*The power to discriminate lies mainly in the hands of the State and the economic ruling elite.*

Whilst the white working class hasn't got this sort of power, to discriminate, some play a part in justifying (by demanding) such discrimination and by excluding different ethnic groups from their workplace activities and intimidating them in the community.

Racial violence and exclusion are really the only effective power working class racists have. Though it pales in comparison to ruling class racist power, it can be a matter of life and death for black working class people.

Racist ideology tries to gain mass appeal by pretending to be **COMMON SENSE**. When racist garbage achieves the status of common sense it becomes 'taken-for-granted', unquestioned knowledge, or 'truth'.

The problem for the ruling class is that common sense is contrasted by the reality of class society. Racism needs to be continually updated, put forward and reinforced at every 'appropriate' moment - the reasoning behind racism has progressed from the crude way of describing blacks and other foreigners as merely inferior.

## **COMMON SENSE ..IT AINT!**

These are still implied today, but are not voiced - racist jargon tries to cover its tracks, and even goes on to say that this is not racism, but common sense.

This 'common sense' racism is a philosophy that relies heavily on its emotional impact.

Like pride, identity and solidarity (features of racism), actual justification of racist beliefs rely heavily on **FEAR** - whether this is a fear of the Black population itself or the social consequences of having a Black, immigrant population.

**The use of fear as a basis of racism highlights the very nature of the problem.**

**Fear makes people feel vulnerable, and people will react negatively to a negative emotion.**

The resulting insecurity almost ensures an immediate reaction - a kneejerk, gut reaction. This reaction does not have to be rational or based on personal experience; and so playing on fears also means playing around with the truth and reinterpreting events and situations, from a racist point of view.

Fear of the actual black population has long been used to justify racism. The

mythology surrounding different ethnic groups can be seen as modern folklore. Some bordering on the ridiculous, but nevertheless believed.

*It concentrates on differences of culture, highlighting so-called 'alien' practises which are compared and judged by 'a British way of doing things' as being the measure of 'civilisation.'*

The promotion of this basic chauvinism, coupled with a deliberate misrepresentation of black culture, in an alarmist way, creates a negative feeling of difference between immigrant and indigenous communities.

## **THREATS**

**This is just one aspect for racism to become a reality within working class culture: the Black population need to be seen as a direct threat.** There are many stereotypes of Black people, each useful in sustaining various myths about them.

Stereotypes at the foreground of Black identity are the ones that show a direct threat; like being ultra-violent - in the early 1970s mugging became synonymous with Black youth in the inner cities. This myth is still ingrained in some

Another (more rational) way of smashing the unity between the ethnic groups of the working class, is by pushing the idea that 'native' and immigrant workers are in direct economic conflict with each other. *This assumes that indigenous and immigrant workers have different economic positions within society.*

## **LIES!**

In a way, this is true: immigrant workers are doubly exploited; as working class and black they are on the bottom rung of the employment ladder, and have the highest percentage of unemployment - they are in fact a sub-section of the working class, because of an informal racial division of labour.

Racism reverses this idea and argues that immigrant workers are taking 'white jobs'. It is in fact saying that unemployment within the white working class is caused by competition with immigrant workers within the labour market.

This **SCAPEGOATING** takes the capitalists off the hook for the failure of their market system to provide employment (a livelihood) for white workers. *It puts the blame on those who are least to blame, the most acute victims of this market system.*

## **CLASS ANGER**

This is the extent to which reality is distorted by racists. By scapegoating the black population for the crisis that capitalism creates, it turns class anger at what are class issues, into racism and race issues.

The confusion continues with the racism dished out to the black business community. Shopkeepers and small business people are seen as the middle class proper, and as being privileged from 'white poverty'. There is no doubt that there is class and class conflict within black communities; and that the black business community is guilty of some exploitation of Black and White working class people.

But the black business community has a seriously deflated status as business

with class issues.

We need to put things in context; Asian shopkeepers are not the **cause** of poverty, they are just as much victims, if not more so, being isolated from the mass of people in this country.

**Racism should be fought at all levels whether it is directed at an Asian shop-keeper or Saddam Hussein. Where there are class conflicts across ethnic boundaries, they should be seen and tackled for what they are, as class issues.** Anything less would be legitimising racism and would be a step backwards for our class.

## **OUR COMMUNITIES**

So, what of our communities?

A commonly promoted fear is that immigrant communities are taking over older, established communities. This accusation is made due to the fact that immigrant communities are concentrated in small geographical areas, on the whole. *What racism ignores is the context and logical reason for this.*

First, with mass migration after World War II, there was a colour bar that operated against black workers in rented accommodation.

Blacks had the worst slum housing, due to an informal apartheid in housing. Black communities pooling their money together to buy homes was the only way to house themselves (when they could afford to). It was no surprise that these were the worst houses available in these areas.

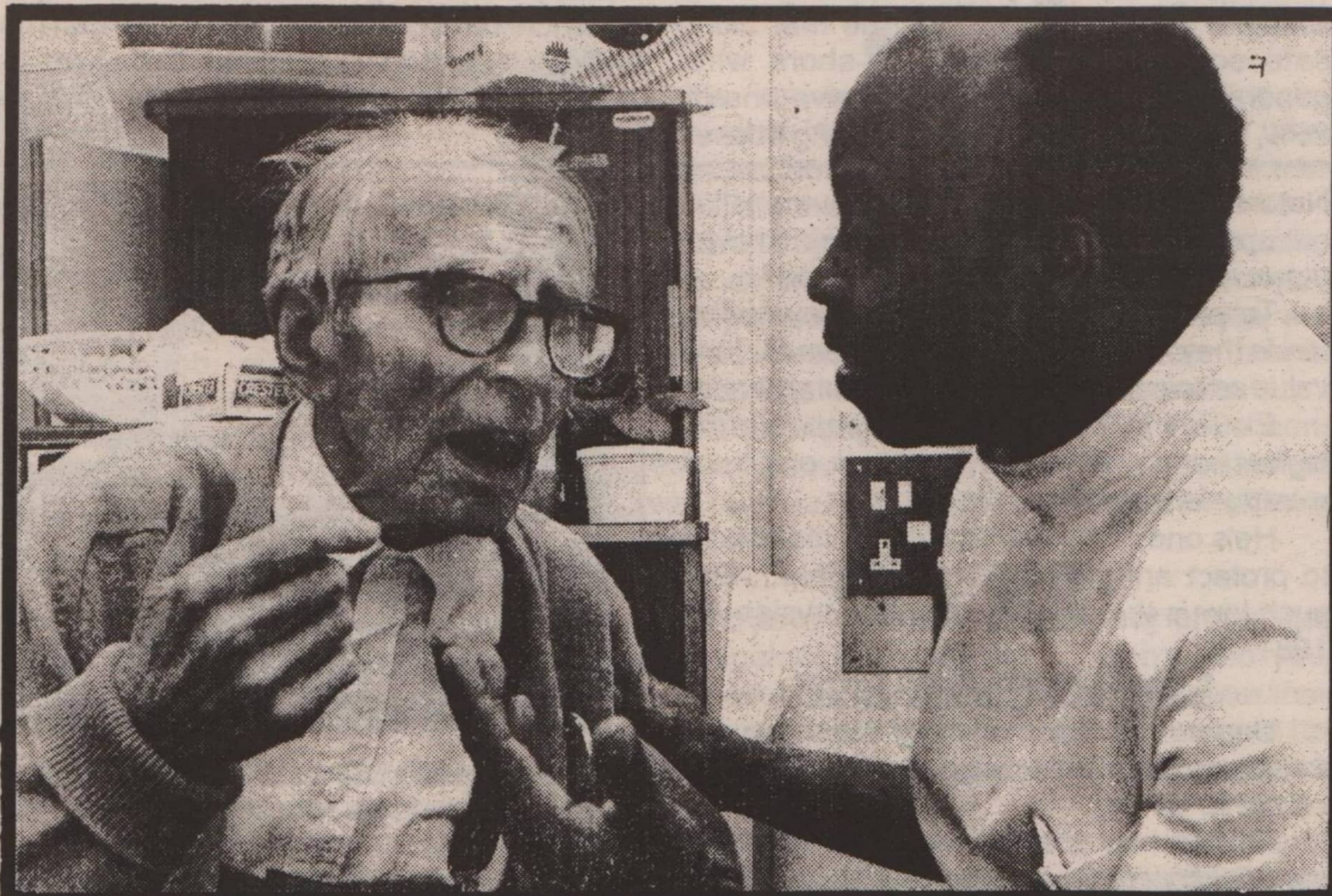
Racist reasoning takes one aspect of what happened (immigrant movement into an area) and gives it a sinister meaning - that of an informal colonising of 'British communities' - **this is ironic when we think of the colonialism of the British Empire.**

## **SUSPICION**

Capitalism again produces the material reasons for why there are concentrated immigrant communities, and then produces hostility and suspicion of this within the working class.

Racism is yet another vile product of capitalism. It exists alongside nationalism as a way to divide us from other workers and members of our class across the world, in our countries and our communities.

It justifies world poverty and wars. It creates false unity between class enemies at the expense of unity and solidarity amongst the only economic group capable of changing this world - **the international working class.**



people's minds, and people are always reminded of it through the media. This is one of the many ways that the ruling class use to promote actual fear of the black population - hostility is bound to come out of this.

owners, because racism effects Black people (and other ethnic minorities like Irish people) across the board, whether they are working, middle, or even on occasions, ruling class black people.

Racism deliberately confuses race

**What the ruling class has created in our class to control us can be likened to a civil war at times.**

**Effective anti-racism has to be anti-capitalist by its very nature - because that is the source of racism.**

**It's not a question of guilt-ridden moralism or single issue politics - BUT A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF CLASS STRUGGLE.**

**FIGHT THE CLASS WAR BY DESTROYING THE RACE WAR!**





# MUCK SPREADER

spreading the dirt on the green front

## VORSPRUNG DURCH TECHNICRAP!

IN THE 1920S, HENRY FORD paid a team of investigators to find out the most common fault in his Model T Ford car.

After visiting countless scrapyards in North America, they were able to tell their boss that virtually nothing in his car worked for any length of time. The only sound component was the crank shaft - so Ford, being a prize capitalist bastard, ordered future crank shafts to be made of weaker metal:

### THAT'S HOW CAPITALISM WORKS!

*The big, glittering lie in capitalist society is that we have choice, when we just don't. Whatever dreams that the bosses and their advertisers try to sell us on the back of cereal packets, the reality is that capitalism in order to keep itself going, has to sell us products that have one guarantee - to fall apart.*

Capitalism works 'best' when it produces the most waste, and therefore the most pollution and environmental damage. The more often we're forced to replace any commodity, from a pop-up toaster to a hi-fi, the more profit the ruling class makes.

### WHO'S TO BLAME?

Middle Class Greens witter on about the greenhouse effect and nuclear waste, saying that our economy can't keep on expanding forever. Time after time, they refuse to attack their masters, the ruling class, and blame workers for using too many resources and try to bully the poor into buying green consumer products - neatly shifting the whole argument away from the real cause - **capitalism and the people who run it: the bosses and politicians.**

*It is true that under capitalism, our economy will not expand much further without destroying the whole fucking planet into the bargain. We know about the ozone layer and that resources like oil and coal will eventually be in short supply.*

BUT what is ignored is the reality that's most crucial - the class nature of what is happening to the Earth. It's obvious that capitalism has to keep exploiting the planet and the world's working class in order to survive, and has to do so with increased intensity.

### DUSTBIN CAPITALISM, NOT OUR RESOURCES!

The truth is that the capitalists know full well that we could produce fridges and videos that last 5 or 10 times as long as they do now;



that it's no problem to make cheap, standardised spare parts for most all items of technology so we could repair rather than have to throw away.

*We could easily have all that we demand and need without either destroying our environment or wasting energy.*

BUT this would mean a non-capitalist economy and would seriously limit profits, so the scum at the top of the capitalist shit-heap never consider it as an option.

### NO DREAMING

Instead, we, the direct victims of this economic system, are blamed for what THEY do wrong - to us and to our world, and teased into spending what little money we have on crap. And no amount of phosphate-free washing up liquid will put that right!

*Technically, it's no dream - We ARE able to recycle 98% of domestic rubbish, while at present only 5% is recycled.*

As early as 1982, an official government document, the 'Strategic Review of Renewable Energy', concluded that all of Britain's energy needs could be met using safe sources of power. Off-shore wind generators could supply 50%; wave energy 25%, with passive solar (ie designing houses

## TOXIC TOWN HALL TRAITORS!

IN Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Scotland, idiots at the Town Hall built football pitches and kids' playgrounds right on top of sites where businesses, such as Whites Chemicals Ltd., had dumped chromium dust toxic waste! This has been shown to be realted not only to lung cancer but other forms of cancer too.

This dumping was 40 years ago - so why is it now local public knowldege? Why is compensation for the folk who live in the area only now being considered?

The answer is that Labour MP, Tommy

McAvoy lost his Dad to cancer. The man worked for Whites.

The scum like Tommy and his Council mates must have known that families, teenagers and kids were at risk for the last 40 years - but because one politician decides to kick up a fuss, it all comes to light, he gets a meal ticket through the next election, and MILLIONS have to be spent to rectify a problem that locals are **rightly angry** about, and should NEVER, EVER have occurred.

## RECIPE FOR DISASTER

The Green Con Award feature in Muckspreader this issue goes to all the companies that are making a big fat lump out of the vegetarian market.

Vegetarians might recognise such brands as *Granose, Bambu, Vegetable Feasts, Direct Foods, Sosmix, Protoveg*, amongst others. They're owned by ARCHER-DANIELS-MIDLAND, a massive American multinational company.

They have a piss poor environmental record, and ironically have an animal testing subsidiary of their own. They own a large chunk of the vegetarian/ health-food market

Another big con artist is HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS PLC, who own food labels like *Melroses, Ridgeways, County House*, and are one of the U.K.'s main factory farming companies, as well as being Europe's largest animal slaughterer. **A far cry from the healthy vegetarian image that they like to promote to cynically increase sales.**

Nestles, the multinational who market their baby milk to Third world countries in order to wean them off their mother's own milk, also have their fingers in animal testing. *They do this while putting out well known vegetarian brands like Tortex, Vessen, Maggi and Caro.*

### JUST BEWARE!

With the growth of vegetarianism in recent years, large companies have diversified their interests into this market. They profit out of consumption based on principled vegetarian beliefs whilst also making profits out of meat production. **Product hypocrisy in their book is called diversification!**

*This is the nature of capitalist companies, who in an endless quest for making a quid or two million, rip off both consumers, workers and Third world countries.*

This is what happens with so-called 'green' products, and highlights the cynical but normal ways companies operate.

Now the question is not that it is wrong/ right to eat meat or be a vegetarian but because of the nature of our society you get conned all the way. What you eat or don't eat is a personal choice (protest), which has been incorporated into the market.

**But our everyday existence is dominated by capitalism, you cannot escape it unless you overthrow it - THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION IS REVOLUTION.**

## THIS IS OUR LAND!

We've heard a lot recently about how the rich who 'own' land have put up 'Private' signs, barbed wire and employed meathead security firms to stop us enjoying our own countryside.

They've been aided and abetted by both the National Trust and the government, who're all too happy to sell what's OURS to these parasites, for their own private gain and pleasure.

Now, its becoming public knowledge that this ruling class filthy system of allocating lands (just like the Kings of feudal England did centuries ago) extends further and deeper:

In the last 10 years, the limp dimwits of the

Nature Conservancy Council have shelled out up to £60 MILLION to make the rich even richer with OUR money - the reason?

To prevent these scum from developing lands they 'own' and to 'protect' them for their value as scientific or as areas of natural beauty.

*Ex-Tory MP, capitalist and arsehole of the highest order, Marcus Kimball, is one such wealthy landowner.*

He's one of the politicians that make laws to protect and serve the ruling class. One such law is the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

### LAWS FOR THE RICH

Under this Act, any rich tossbag who threatens "natural heritage sites" can be paid off not to do so.

*This is how the bosses, politicians and their lickspittles in the middles class protect themselves - by conjuring up laws to benefit each other, and then conveniently discovering loopholes that mean they can leech out more privileges, money and profit, in the name of 'democracy', or whatever phrase happens to take their fancy.*

Kimball's "family estate" covers 6 peat

bogs in Altnaharra, Sutherland, Scotland.

### THE LAND'S UNIQUE. THE OWNER'S NOT!

He doesn't even live in Scotland, but he's put in probably bogus development applications, therefore threatening the preservation of these sites of "specific scientific interest" - the bastard knows full well that he can then press for compensation ...and he is doing: he's demanding £3.2 MILLION just for doing NOTHING to the land:

*"Altnaharra is unique, it is the last great wilderness. But if the Nature Conservancy Council wants to protect it...they have got to pay for it!"*

We suggest a way to avoid giving the Lord a penny and doin g a spot of preservation into the bargain:

*Pickle the fucker in his own vats of whiskey and bury him right down low in the middle of his own bog.*

We might be accused of polluting our own environment with toxic waste or parasitical life forms, but the only way to stop the rot is to make the scum rot!



**KIMBALL: NASTY, BLOATED EYESORE**



# FEDERATION NEWS

In this issue of *Class War*, rather than giving you 'stop press' news on what we've been up to around the country, we're printing a report on one specific direct action carried out by members of Class War, supporters and Bristol Housing Action Movement. It's an example of what we're advocating in our article on page 4 of this paper.

**ON SATURDAY** November 9th, three houses owned by Prince Charles and mismanaged by the Duchy of Cornwall, were entered and occupied near Yeovil, Somerset.

*These houses are decent and well habitable - left empty for TWO YEARS while the Duchy waits for house prices to rise so they can sell 'em off.*

All this in spite of the fact that local people have been crying out to use the homes for young local families.

## LUST FOR MONEY

Prince Charles loves to play the role of 'concerned Royalty'. He harps on about the environment, while he drives a Bentley that does 8mpg. He prattles on about homelessness and the death of rural communities while he owns hundreds of empty houses. He's a stinking, hypocrite of the worst kind.

*His estate managers didn't take long to instructed the cops to storm the house:*

When the 12 people occupying the houses and the 30 or so protestors outside, together with locals who came along in support, weren't intimidated by 20 unfit police, huffing and puffing across the

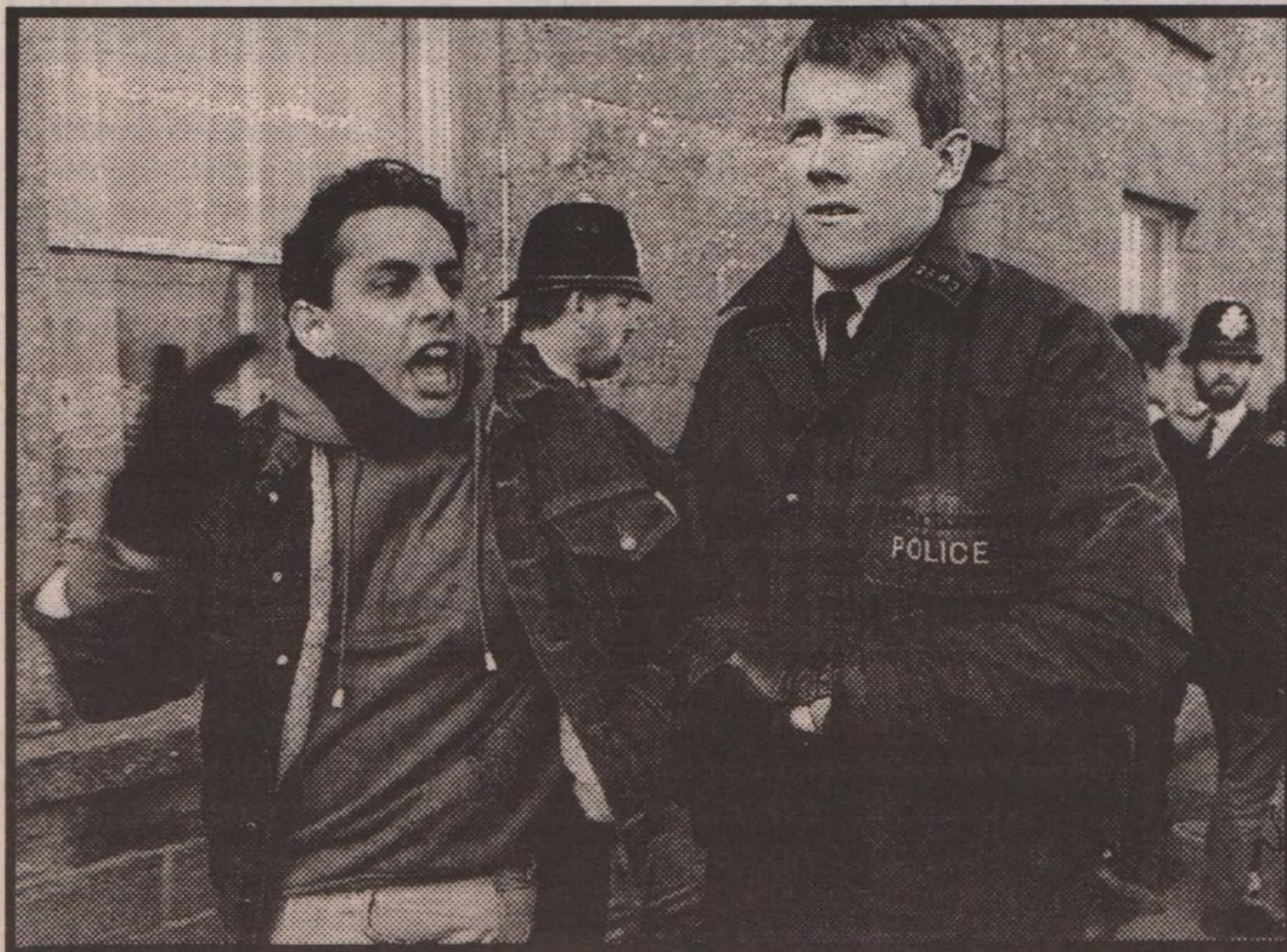
back gardens, five riot vans appeared and it took 50 police to smash downstairs windows and arrested the occupants - how's that for a State-organised illegal eviction?!

Local support was excellent, with neighbours bringing out bags of clothes, tea and blankets for the long stay they hoped we'd have. Other villagers used the opportunity to slag off Prince Charles in the local media.

*Even the local church minister came out publicly in support!*

We'll be keeping up the pressure until all the Duchy's empty properties are open to people who need a home. A home is a human requirement, not a privilege, dished out to those who can afford the capitalists' game.

**There are plenty of empties out there for the taking!**



DISCUSSING HOMELESSNESS WITH YEOVIL CONSTABULARY.

## US AND THEM

**CLASS WAR AND THE MEDIA**

**THE FEDERATION has been having loads of media attention of the last few weeks, mainly to do with the publishing of our book "A Decade of Disorder".**

The book had all but sold out its first print run even before a Federation spokesperson appeared live on the *Jonathon Ross Show* to plug it, and also took the opportunity to slag off Ross's brother for hosting a *Crime Monthly* TV programme which asked for people to grass on the Trafalgar Sq. poll tax rioters, which resulted in the audience booing Ross!

A source in Channel 4 has told us that some people rang up after the show to complain about the swearing used, *but more people rang in asking how to get in touch with the Federation!*

The next morning *Breakfast Time* ran another interview with Federation members, and had someone from the Police Federation asking "what sort of people buy this book." Well the bookshop

(Waterstones) they showed selling it sold out later that day!

Many other interviews and programmes were done with the national radio and press, and in the regions, TV, radio and the press were all running articles about the Fed.

● The media focused its attention on our attitudes to the Police, and the fact that we believe that a revolution won't come about by people holding hands and singing "We Shall Overcome."

It shows the dismal state of the Left in this country - that the media should be surprised that a revolutionary organisation treats the Police as the enemy!

It also shows that the State is concerned when its press tries to portray us as being nothing but a bunch of cop killing blood crazed lunatics, out to butcher every 'decent' person and then bathe in their blood!

**We're not surprised by media lies, nor should any person with their own brain believe them!**

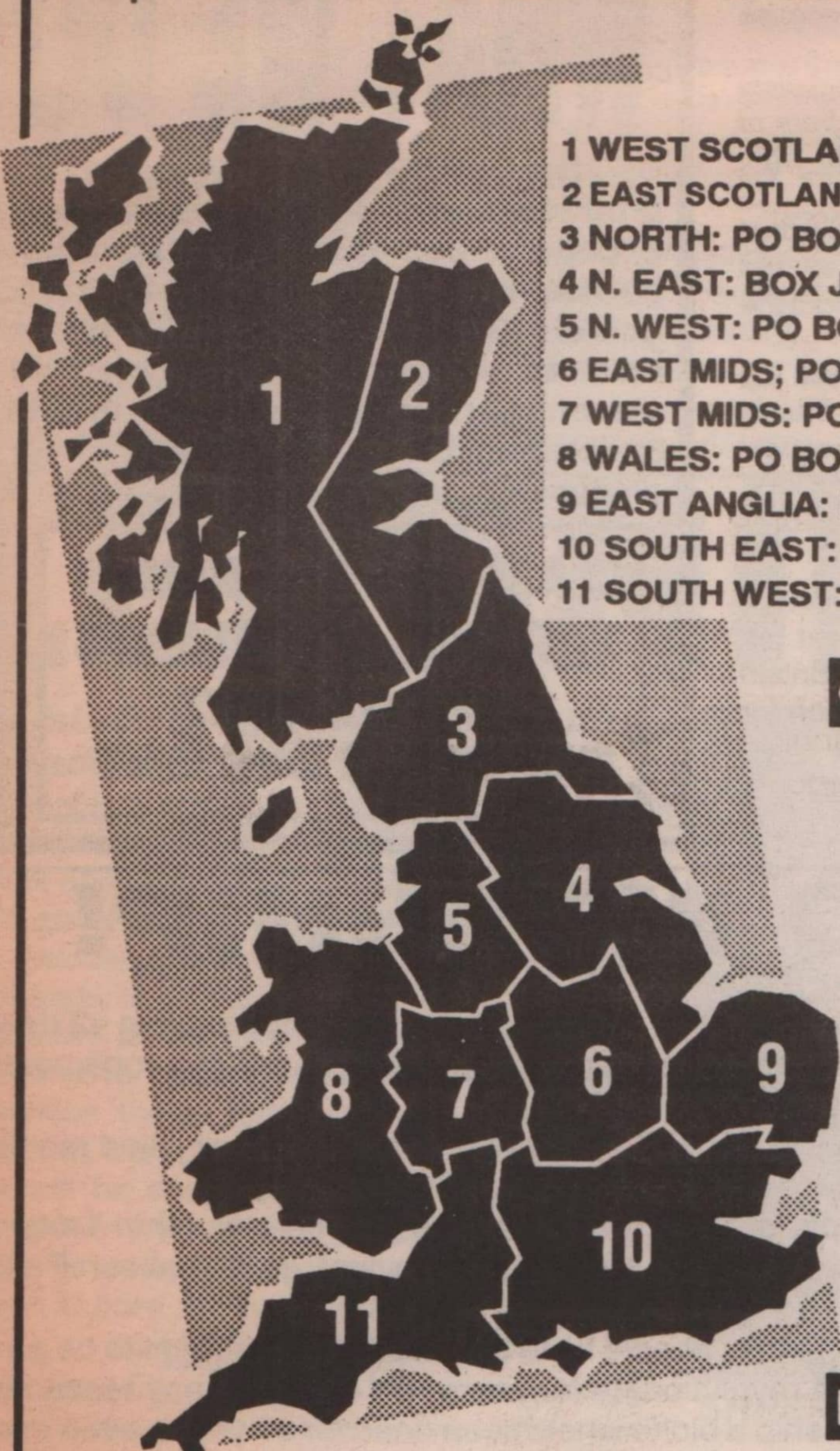
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# LETTERS

## HOME TRUTHS!

Dear Class War

In C.W 50, the article "Doing the Riot Thing" contained the lines: "Now, we're not going to make moral judgements about whether it's cool to nick working class people's motors. For one thing it happens and what we think and say isn't going to change it one bit". Is this sitting on the fence or what?!

This could be easily applied to anything you write about, so why bother? If there's an ambiguous issue, wouldn't it be better to say so rather than make a cop-out excuse?

### SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY DEFENCE

On the next page, an article on community defence, covers the Concerned Parents Against Drugs. This group represents one of the most successful forms of community defence I've ever seen. One of their strongest areas is in the St. Theresa's Gardens area of South Dublin.

This year the community was involved in another campaign - against joyriding, after a teenage joyrider ran over and killed a young child, out playing. In almost 10 years of widespread joyriding in Dublin, countless pedestrians, motorists and joyriders have died - but not a single cop.

### A BIT OF HISTORY

The current hysteria about joyriding in Britain occurred in Ireland in the mid-'80s. The initial reaction to the high speed, cop-injuring antics was of enjoyment and support (Just as they are in England and Wales - Ed.).

Things turned sour and the media, cops and joyriders all share responsibility: the media hype caused joyriding to increase wildly and so joyriders were younger and less skillful than before. The cops, aware of this, were wise to the previous 'riders' traps and tricks, so they manipulated riders off the main roads and into side roads and estates where high speed chases are lunacy.

### KILLING THEMSELVES

Soon, joyriders were killing themselves and members of the public all over the place, while rarely even scratching the paintwork on a cop car any more. People with posh cars can usually afford better security, so the majority of stolen cars were of working class poor people who certainly didn't deserve the hassle.

Admittedly, a lot of this was manipulated by the cops, but it doesn't make it any easier for hard-pressed working class communities.

The elements of 'law and order' certainly won: the government used the 'joyrider menace' as an excuse to open Ireland's first island prison, Spike Island. This is totally unacceptable and so is saying that this could, and is, happening in Britain, and that nothing we can say will change it - I don't think so!

### A POSITIVE NOTE

Maybe I can finish on a more positive note: the Spike Island Prison turned into a bit of a joke: the prisoners did their own things quite a bit (even brewed their own alcohol), and in a brilliant riot, they bulldozed their way through the enclosure walls where one group sailed to freedom on hastily prepared rafts, while the others chased screws all over the island for hours until reinforcements had to be brought in from the mainland.

Anyway - Onwards to the next 50!  
Joe, ex-Dublin.

### REPLY

You're right! And yours isn't the first letter we have on the point. Due to an editorial oversight, the piece you quote should have read: "Now we're not going to make moral judgements, but it's up to the community to sort out anti-social elements who rob working class people's motors. What we say can't do this, only the community can, without calling in the cops". Because we're a Libertarian Federation, and not a Lefty central committee, we don't always project the 'perfect line', as

**WE WELCOME LETTERS ON ALL SUBJECTS PLEASE SEND TO:**

was the case with the author of the piece. It's useful to know what's happened in Ireland, and specifically Dublin - you have first hand experience.

But we have to point out that currently, England, Scotland and Wales are seeing the 'honeymoon' period, with a lot of support for joyriders/hotters. That's what we're reporting and supporting - AND we're grateful for your insight into the way things have gone in Ireland: and could go here if we're not clever.

No way would we EVER support anti-social crimes ie the deaths of children, as a result of the "lunacy" of young and inexperienced joyriders falling for the cops' bait.

As joyriding becomes more established and more police tactics emerge we won't remain silent or closed-minded as to the real issues! WATCH THIS SPACE...

## WELCOME THEIR DEFEAT!

Dear Class War, A Chairde,

Just a few points on the disappointing and misleading letter from our comrades in the 'North of Ireland Anarchist Network'.

If our anarchist comrades look at the background of Republican prisoners they will see that the majority have menial or no jobs at all.

### REAL REASONS

The fact that the Republican movement has been unsuccessful in attracting the Protestant working class in its struggle against right-wing/colonial rule, isn't due to it being anti-Protestant, but to Protestants being led down a sectarian cul-de-sac by the fascist leadership of the Orange Order as well as Britain's 'divide the working class and rule' policy.

The letter also refers to the IRA as not being "...as blatantly fascist or right-wing as Loyalist groups". What a load of crap to suggest that the IRA, fighting the British state at great cost to its members can be appended with the label of right-wing or fascist.

A defeat for the British ruling class in Ireland should only be welcomed by the British working class, and be given unqualified support by all anarchists.

To wrap things up, I'd just like to say I was disappointed that in Class War's review of resistance to the state over the past ten years, there was a glaring omission: mass community uprisings against the Tory state, in the 6 occupied counties of Ireland.

Keep up the wonderful work, but don't follow the path of many British trendy leftist groups, shying away from the Irish Question!

**JUST DO IT!**  
Foxy, Dublin.

## A STATELY DEATH?

Dear Class War,

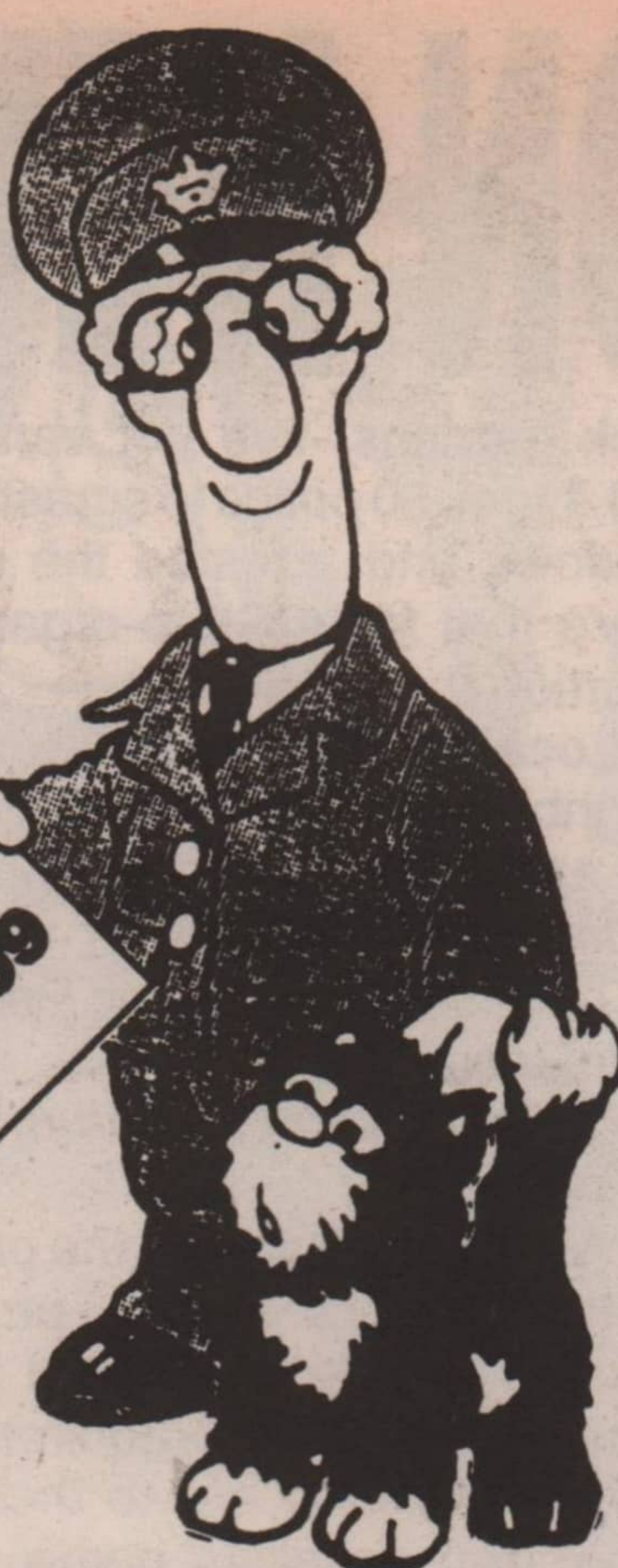
I was watching T.V. Imagine my shock at seeing an upper class bastard showing us around her stately home. This 'country house' is lived in at the weekends only. Big enough to house Stoke, it houses one family.

The roof was being re-leaded at the cost of millions. Insulting enough to the homeless, victims of council estates falling down, and mortgage repossession, this 'Lady' actually said "None of this (re-leading) would be possible without a Government grant."

GRANT!! What else do we hear by accident? Ever wondered where YOUR poll tax is going?

Yours sincerely,  
Sushi Levi.

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## CAPITAL PUNISHES!

Dear Class War,

The media have given a great deal of attention to the huge increase of crime in Britain. Someone said it was on a par with American crime. I can easily agree with that! Because, since the 2nd world war, Britain has been controlled by the US. Eleven years of Thatcher as P.M. completed the job.

Both in America and Britain, and the whole capitalist world, crime is increasing rapidly. Jails are becoming overcrowded. Even the warders are on strike.

### WHAT'S CRIMINAL?

I have come to the conclusion, after much study, that the capitalist system itself is criminal!

Consequently, most of the laws passed by capitalist governments are the REAL CAUSES OF CRIME ALL OVER THE WORLD. Most of the laws that exploit and rob the working class are hidden laws. The main one is the 'appropriation' of the SURPLUS VALUE created by the LABOUR POWER of the working class, which is purchased by the capitalist and put to work for 8 hours a day making commodities etc. 4 of those hours will be sufficient to cover the wages for the day. The other 4 hours of labour is what Marx called a 'surplus value'.

This is what the capitalist steals! This is what eventually makes the capitalist a millionaire. This theft is the hidden crime of capitalism.

This appropriation creates chaos in production, crisis that gets deeper and deeper, it creates cut throat competition, mass unemployment, misery, bankruptcies, and wars all over the world. This crisis has reached the stage of no-return, that's why it has created authoritarian fascist policies - because it can only be sustained by force.

I say a few words about the Bourgeois Socialists who write to the press against those members of the working class who have the 'guts' to fight against capitalist exploitation.

These 'socialists', are lackeys, who throw dust in the eyes of the people. They want all the advantages of modern social conditions without the struggles and dangers that result!

They want this capitalist society, minus the revolutionary and disintegrating elements. That is why the whole world is suffering from the deepest economic and political crisis ever in history. Capitalist production creates its own destruction.

### THANKS!

I would like to thank all those wonderful, thoughtful and appreciative people who sent me letters and newspaper cuttings from all over Britain when I was in jail doing my 14 days in prison for refusing to pay the VICIOUS POLL TAX.

Yours, Tom Hopkins (retired miner),  
Caerphilly, Wales.

## NO HERO WORSHIP!

Dear Class War

I'm the chair of Birmingham Poll Tax Prisoners' Support Group, currently serving 42 days for non-payment! I must confess to being an ex-Labour Party member, fooled by propaganda that it was the party of the working class.

I wonder if the people who believe this can tell me why a Labour Council jailed me for fighting an unjust law that sends our class deeper into poverty?!

I've also been a member of a couple of Lefty organisations that hero-worship Trotsky beyond all recognition (yet when asked, they'd say they were just good Labour Party members!)

How can a Revolution be built, when these people lie to the class they're meant to be part of? I have for years considered myself a revolutionary for years and don't see any reason to keep that hidden, or for that matter, worship a bloke who's been dead for 50 years, even if he did have a few good ideas.

For these reasons, Class War has been a real breath of fresh air to me. You actually seem to go out and get things done, instead of sitting around a table for hours, passing motions and doing fuck all to act upon them!

I'd like to thank Chris, Craig and all of Birmingham Class War for their support. I'd appreciate any letters, as I'm banged up for 23 hours a day.

Yours in Struggle, Damian Finnegan, HPO 762, Winson Green Prison, Winson Green Rd., Birmingham B18

## THIS IS CLASS WAR!

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is an organisation of 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 power and wealth. 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 that they experience; using direct action against the institutions and individuals that cause them. There is NO alternative. Violence is a necessary part of the class war - but as mass class violence, out in the open. Not elitist terrorist actions.

Class society creates other oppressions based on sex, ethnic origin, disability, sexuality etc. To the ruling class, this 'justifies' extreme exploitation of people placed in such groups, and divides our class.

The class war must fight all these divisive oppressions, on all fronts.

Above all, the CLASS WAR FEDERATION believes that 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 everyday life and must be able to take the piss out of itself.

## OUR AIM

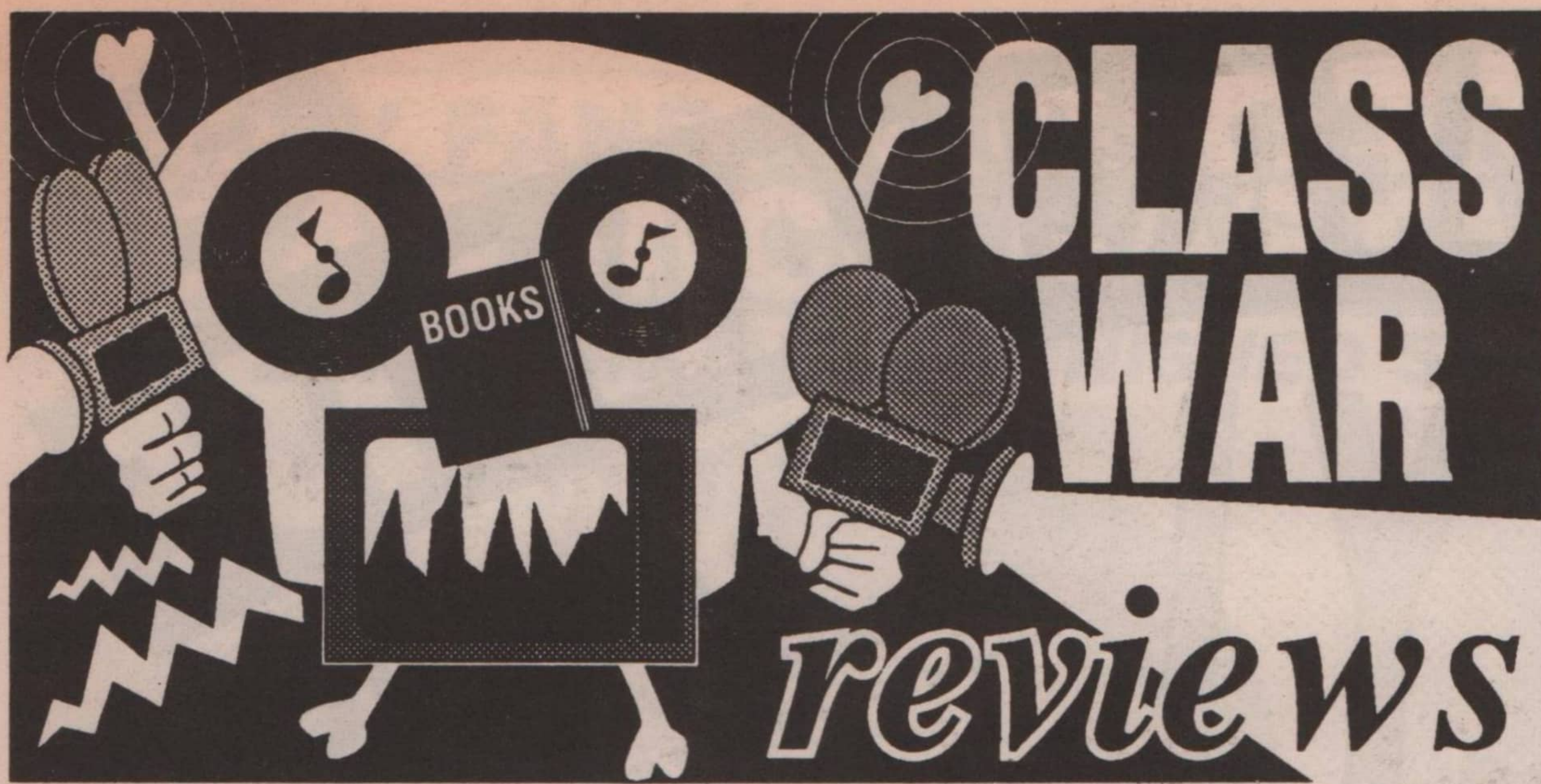
The aim of the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class peoples' attempts to solve their problems; through propaganda, active participation, and debate as equals.

## WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produces and distributes propaganda: a paper, theoretical journal, other books, local and national leaflets, newsletters and posters. We're involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the Federation to do the above - for discussion, and for a laugh!

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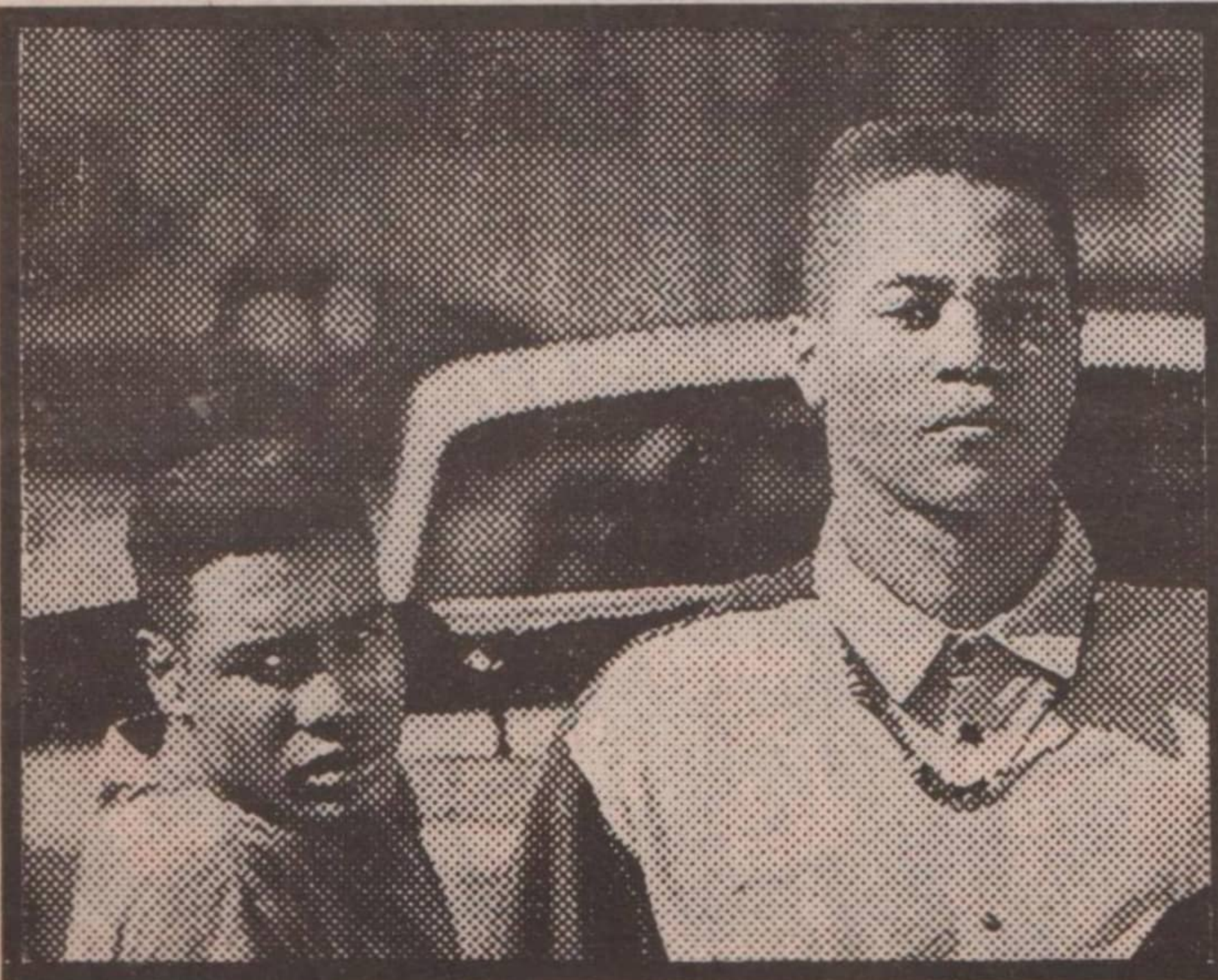


# SCREEN

## BOYZ 'N THE HOOD (15)

This is just one film in a batch of Black films, to come out of Hollywood - possibly a dose of anti racism from the film establishment. *We doubt it very much;* it's just a case of catering for, and making a profit out of a more diverse Black audience.

Despite cliches and limitations, with a predictable ending (the way to get out of the ghetto and avoid getting shot is to get into the education system not to change the neighbourhood as members of it), John Singleton's film is a *good and entertaining* account of growing up in a Black neighbourhood.



It tackles the trouble and strife experienced by young blacks living in a community torn apart by internal divisions. *It's also been slagged by some black communities for washing its dirty linen in public, which can then be used by cops to come down heavier still on black areas.*

Maybe this is true...the establishment's media certainly gave it rave reviews. But then this is inevitable while the racist powers-that-be remain in power.

**Drugs and gang warfare** are problems that Black, Hispanic and poor White communities will have to deal with - literally because it's killing the community.

Film is an effective, though limited way of communicating such a message - this particular movie just doesn't try to hard enough.

If you check it out, don't expect action, guns and blood all the way - this is no "Colors" copy. This is a life film, a partial documentary, about growing up in the 'hood where the American dream hardly reaches most of its inhabitants. *It's definitely no New Kids on the Block, for sure!*

## THE COMMITMENTS (15)

THIS MOVIE'S BEEN billed as a bit of a 'blockbuster' - which does it no real favours, other than to attract an audience. It's no star-studded, treacley "Blues Brothers" remake, even if it does feature some of the best R'n B and Soul dance tunes ever: it's one fuck of a sight better!

Without giving too much of the story away, it's set in modern-day, working class Dublin, and, although it's heavily romanticised in places, Alan Parker (Dir.) and his crew manage to create what is part *class consciousness, mainly through the lead actor; part 'slice of life' in the style of the '60s realist films; and part 'let's form a shit-hot Soul band and play to people'.*

It's a non-stop film, that keeps you gripped from start to finish, without resorting to car chases, massive shoot-ups, gratuitous sex, or any other Hollywood bullshit. The dialogue's sharp, fast and witty and the characters are believable people (a rare commodity in cinema nowadays). *Go see it before they put "Rocky 12" on at your local flea pit.*

# VINYL

## PUBLIC ENEMY: "APOCALYPSE '91 - THE ENEMY STRIKES BLACK". LP

"The future hold nothing else but confrontation" - Public Enemy.



The sound is **hardline**, the beat's def, the attitude is **hostile**: Public enemy are hitting it home on their latest bit of vinyl. This new LP delivers hard. *Their logo of a cop looked at through telescopic sights gives you an idea of who's side they're on.*

P.E. come out strong against pacifism and ignorance; the politics are impossible to miss, and it seems that none of their records is complete without a sample of one of **Malcolm X's** speeches.

This LP deals with many issues in the heavily socially manipulated States of Amerikkka - especially the 'Uncle Tom' attitude of subservience to problems such as drugs and alcohol, which help the racists to keep Blacks down, divided and oppressed.

*Both this LP and their new "In Fear of a Black Planet" set a new level of intensity for Rap, which makes white middle class brats like Vanilla Ice, look plain stupid.*

Only one criticism at present: when will P.E., NWA and the other 'radical' Black bands deal with **Black macho sexism**? You can't liberate one without liberating all, y' hear?!

## MARXMAN: "Sad Affair" (take the floor). 12" single

**Strong is what this rap is**, combining traditional folk, ambient rap and class conscious politics. This crew originating from Dublin and Bristol, present a damning indictment on the way Irish folks are treated in this racist society.

Check the lyric sheet - *"But my people suffer injustice daily/ The Guildford Four, Macguires and the Six/ Innocent! But guilty of being Micks"* - STRONG!..

...Though, not quite sure of the name, they are self-confessed Marxists - now Marx can be interpreted in all sorts of way - there's good and bad in the old bearded codger's politics. Here's hoping that they are about the sound parts and have dropped the junk. *Please, more of the same Mr. D.J.*

## BLAGGERS I.T.A.: "BLAGGERMUFFIN" LP (W.O.W Records)

An awesome, hard-hitting 6-track LP, that mixes musical styles: varying from Ska to Punk, through Rap and sampling. It includes an excellent version of "Guns of Brixton" that encompasses a rap about the poll tax and samples repeating **"By all means necessary!"**

Blaggers hit out hard against fascist scum with powerful honesty - they've recently returned from a highly successful anti-fascist tour of Germany.

They don't sit on the fence with their views on Ireland either. For a band who already have an amazing reputation for their live gigs, this is certainly going to go down as a hot bit of vinyl. All respect to **Blaggers...In the Areal**



# IN PRINT

## OUT OF THE GHETTO by JOE JACOBS PHOENIX PRESS

After thirteen years **OUT OF THE GHETTO** has just been reprinted.

Its not some boring, long winded book, full of self-importance, and doesn't go into agonizingly minute detail about the trivial unimportant things that you usually find in "political" autobiographies.

It's a well told, well written account of the early years of a **East End Communist Party** militant, **Joe Jacobs**. In it he gives us his view on one of the most turbulent periods of modern British political history, from the General Strike, the Great Depression, the rise of Mosley's Fascists up until the start of World War Two.

When it was first published, **OUT OF THE GHETTO** must have seemed controversial to come up with the criticisms of the Communist party that it did.

What it says is that far from being the shining light, the "vanguard" to lead all working class people to a communist society, the C.P. had thousands of excellent, hard working members, but was ultimately corrupted by its all-powerful ruling elite. An elite that seemed more interested in making sure everybody **"towed the Party line"** than in building a dynamic force capable of changing society for the better.

The C.P.'s idea seemed to be *"better a workers struggle fails than it's outside the control of the Party"*. This was really hammered home to Joe during the **Spanish Civil War** when the C.P. *treachery* caused untold problems.

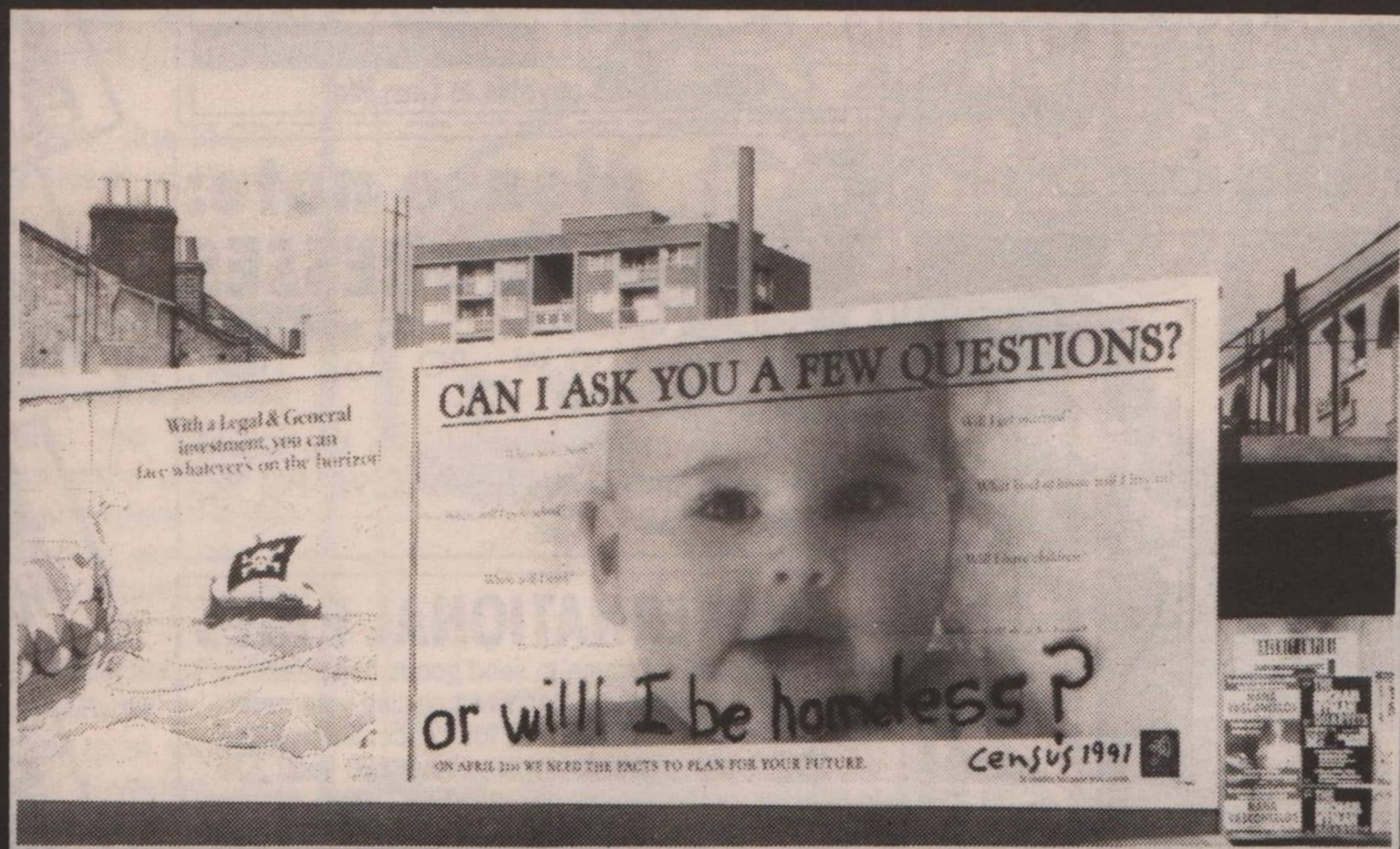
**OUT OF THE GHETTO** is where this excellent book deserves to belong. *Out of the ghetto of dusty "lefty" bookshops or hidden away on the endless bookshelves of some under used Polytechnic library.*

**OUT OF THE GHETTO;** from  
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## GRAFITTI COMPETITION

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CHEERS FOR THE 'PHOTO,  
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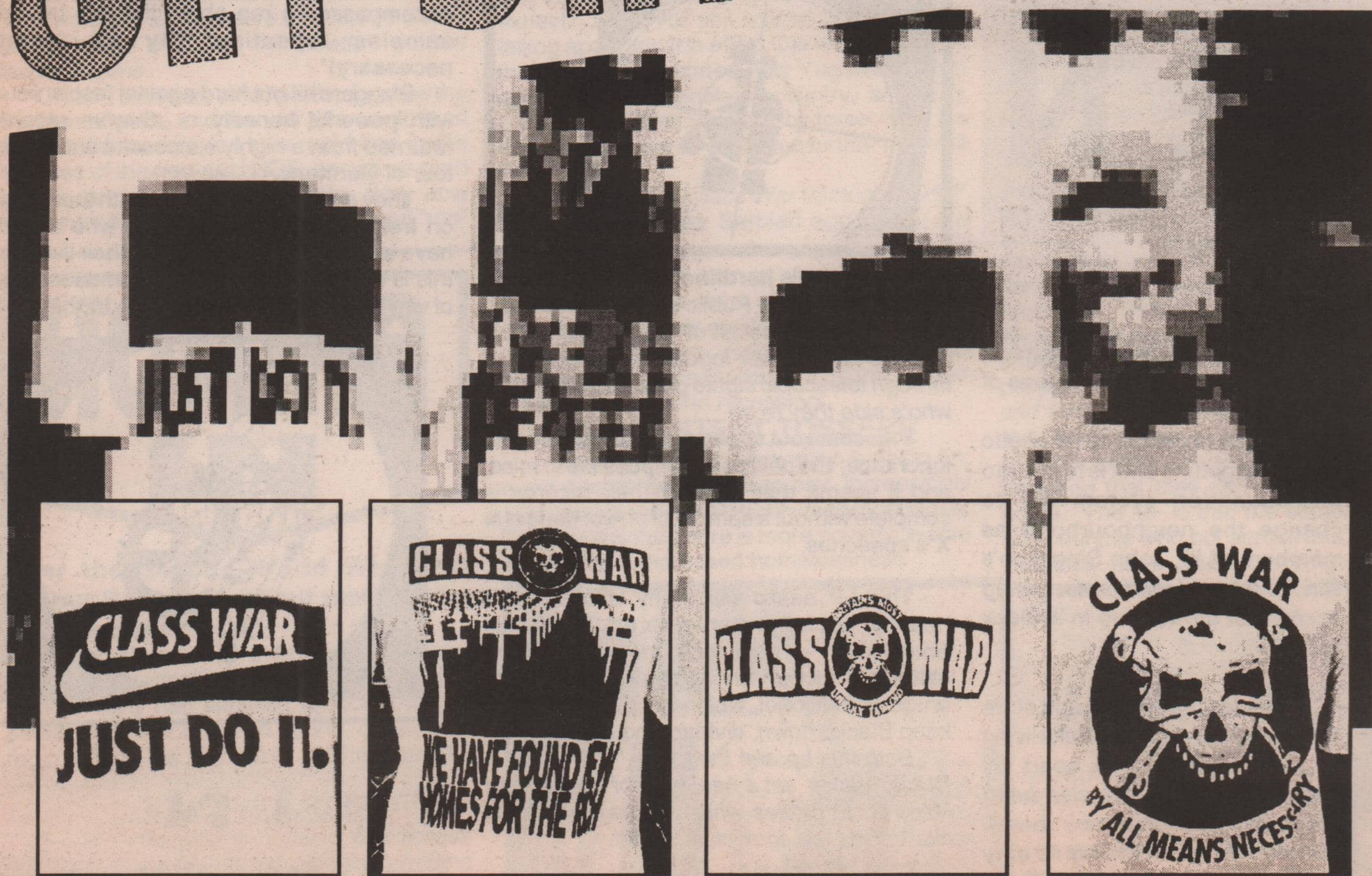


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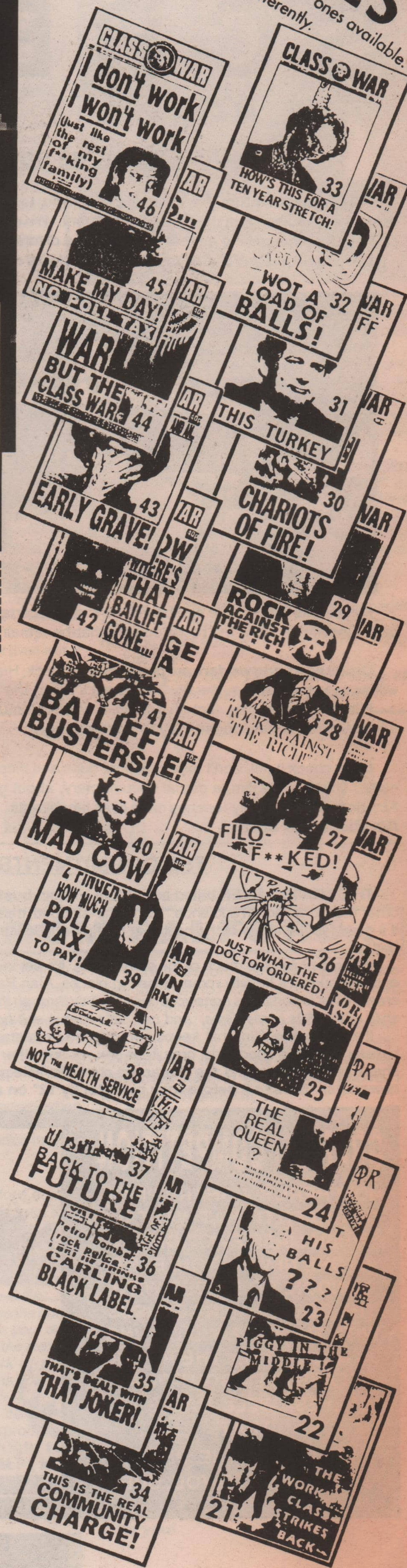
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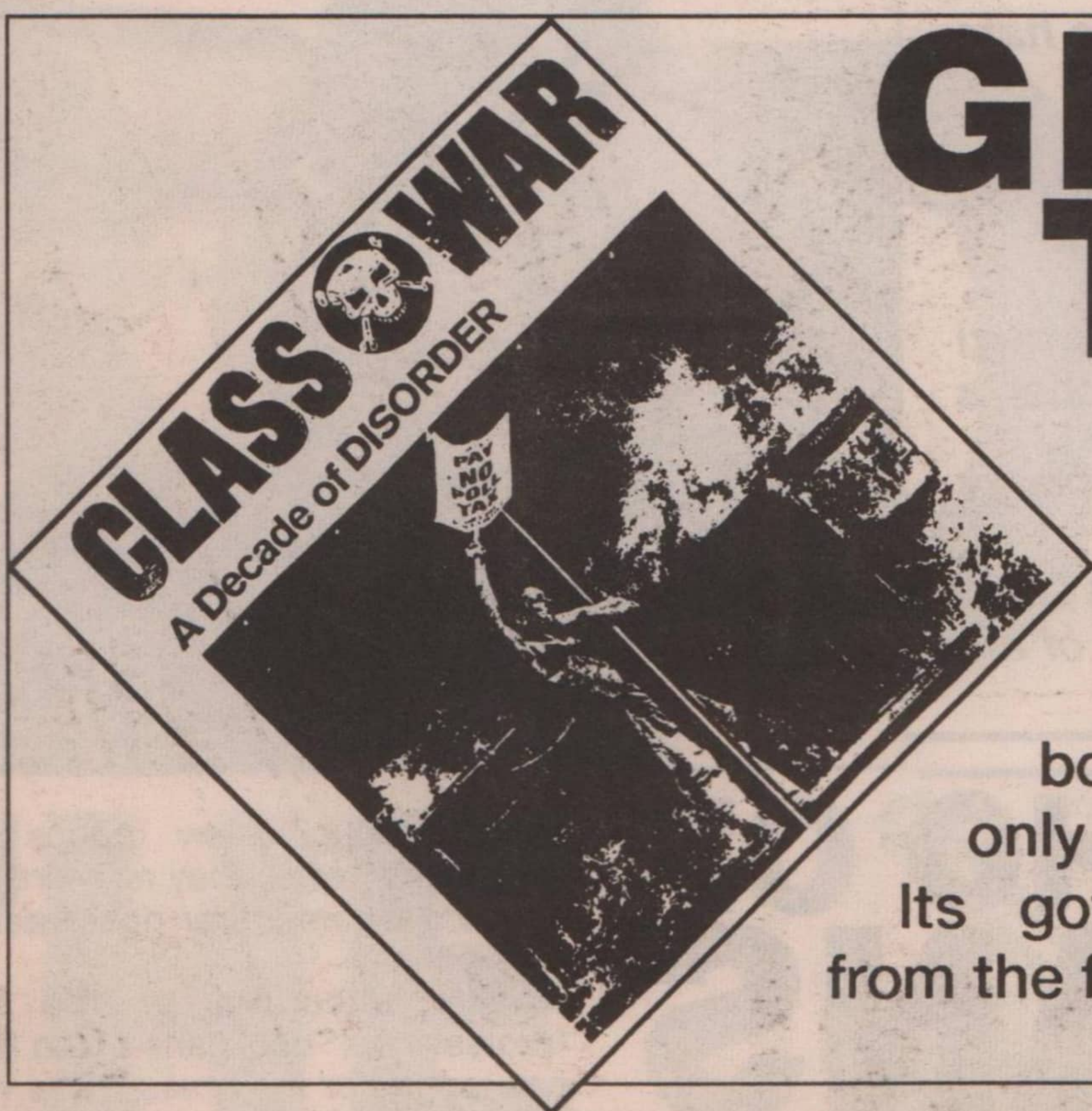
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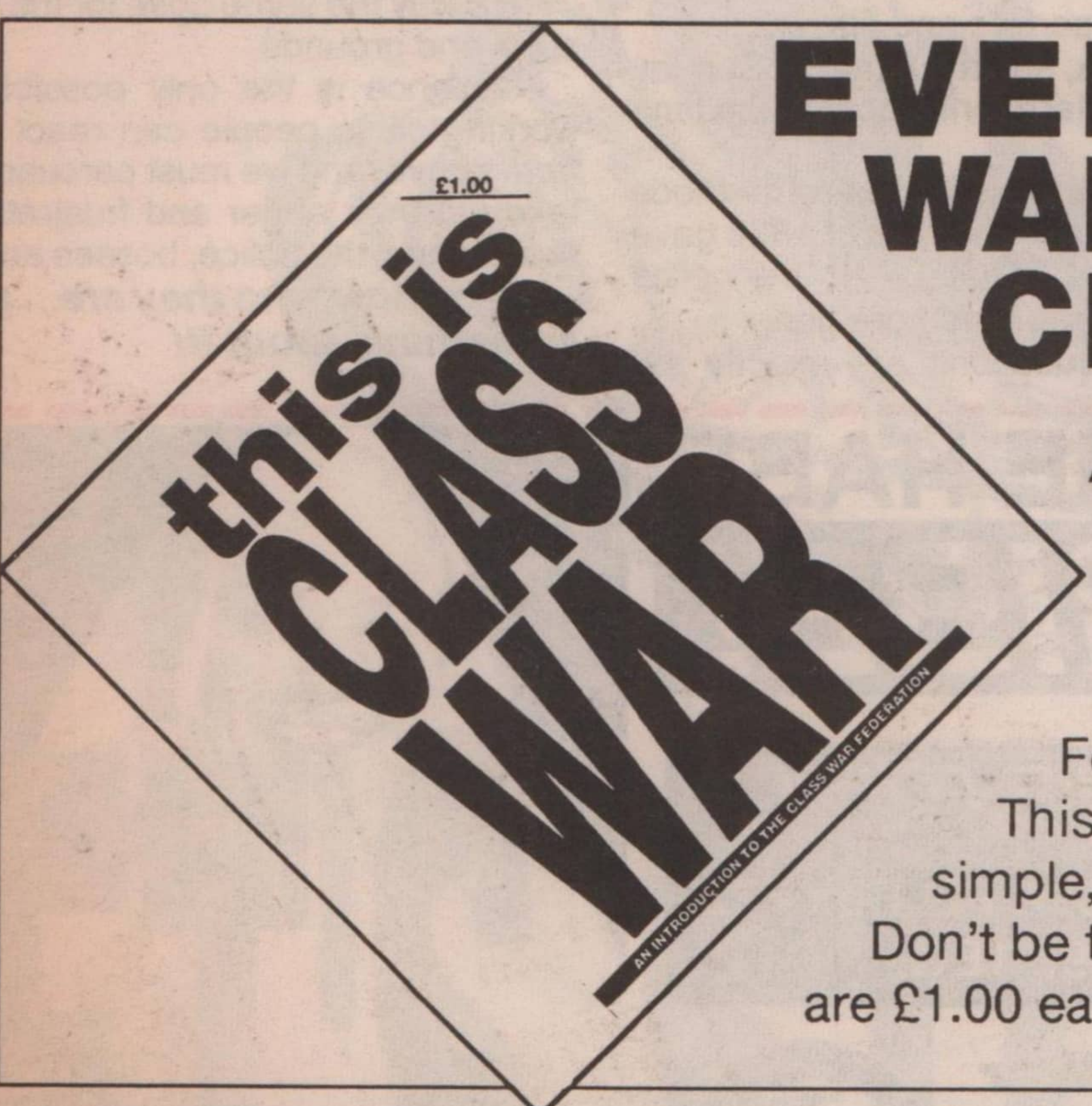
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# TOPS

## OFF THE TERRACES!

Football supporters in Scotland have had enough!

Around a year ago, an organisation dedicated to stopping the racist filth being peddled outside football grounds was formed.

This group are called S.C.A.R.F. (Supporters Campaign Against Racism in Football), and were originally formed by disillusioned Hearts supporters in Edinburgh disgusted by the tide of abuse that was heaped on black players such as Mark Walters, and Paul Elliot, who have, not surprisingly, moved on.

### DOING IT!

After its' first year, S.C.A.R.F. members can be proud of what they have done so far.

Among other fascist stopping activities, they have taken part in anti-racist rallies, mass leafletted football supporters on the futility of the British National Party, and generally have made supporters, (and the B.N.P.) sit up and take notice of what they are trying to achieve.

The main aim of the campaign itself is to overturn, and change racist attitudes from supporters, and society alike. They are not being helped by the local Edinburgh clubs, who merely say there are no sectarian, or racist problems within their grounds!

**THIS IS BULLSHIT! - It has been going on for years.**

It seems the chairmen that run Hearts, and Hibs - Wallace Mercer, and Dougie Croumb, would be equally at home at a Nazi rally as they are in their luxury executive boxes.

S.C.A.R.F. Isn't just confined to Edinburgh, however. Contacts have been made all over Scotland with people who are more than interested in dealing with the B.N.P., and their like. Membership itself has been thrown open to all supporters who want to hit back, AND HARD!

### AND DOING SOME MORE

Links are to be forged with other S.C.A.R.F. groups, especially in England where great work like 'Leeds United Against Racism' can be followed on from. We have a massive potential, in that thousands of supporters must be interested in putting another wall between the B.N.P., and the power they are trying to gain.

S.C.A.R.F. shall draw from this, and become more confident by the day.

It's time to turn back their Aryan shit. IT'S TIME TO SQUEEZE SOME NAZI BALLS!

# HE'S FAT, HE'S ROUND HE'S SIX FOOT UNDERGROUND!

THE DAY THE MAXWELL'S GOT THAT SINKING FEELING

DESPITE TANNOY ANNOUNCEMENTS appealing to Derby fans to respect a minutes silence at a recent match, as a tribute to the death of ex-chairman Blob Maxwell -...

.. thousands booed, whistled and chanted 'we hate Maxwell'!"

### WRONG!

And if you think that the sinking of the rotund rubber dinghy of a Chairman has got the Derby fans down in any way, you couldn't be more wrong!

This cannot be the end of it. There is no end of fun and sparkle been put into the chants at the Popside - chants like

"HE'S FAT, HE'S ROUND, HE'S SIX FOOT UNDERGROUND";

and classics like "HE WAS BOBBIN' ALONG ON A CREST OF A WAVE" - are proving to be TOP of the POPSIDE material.



# THE WHO'S WHO OF HOOLIGANS

WITH THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS looming in Sweden next year, discussion is rife with claims and counter claims of how our hooligans might or might not disgrace our proud nation.

To believe the press, would be to believe that the game of football is now dead, - gone to the dogs. That is unless the game can be "uplifted", and "saved".

And the only way they'll try to do this is to make the game more and more like American football, with massive amounts of sponsorship, and TV companies meaning more than the fans.

### UPROAR IN THE CITY

But the shallow morbid attitude of the press is nothing new. For years they have



been claiming the death of football, saying that "decent people no longer attend matches".

Well, for as long as there has been a football league, there has been violence and rowdiness. That is even as far back as 1341, when the Mayor of London complained that "there is uproar in the city.. arising from the striking of footballs". He then banned

the game!

So where did all the "violence" come in?

The early, early form of soccer, where whole villages would cavort through a game lasting days over miles of fields, died an unfortunate death at the hands of industry.

Not only was a fuck of a lot of common land enclosed (stolen!), but employers made an all out assault on the working class, slashing bank holidays from 40 to a mere 4 days a year.

Inevitably, while the workers were sweating away, the only place organised sport could be found was in public schools. It was seen by the upper classes as "character building". These games, rugby, cricket and football were by now, tied up with complex rules and regulations.

Hanging onto what they could of the game, the working class continued to play in the towns and cities. The reason the game became "king" was that it didn't need anything but a bit of wasteland, and a ball.

The coming of rail and roads meant teams and fixtures multiplied to give rise to the football league, - one in which the public school teams were soon eclipsed by the need to attract working class supporters and players.

A working week, and a puritanical Sunday meant Saturday afternoons became the time to escape.

By 1890 all sorts of crowd control methods were introduced, and the riots of 1898 gave rise to the label of "HOOLIGAN", the police laying the blame on a hard core gang.

Today the accusations are exactly the

same. Although a few groups of organised "hooligans" exist, they no more account for violence at games than does freemasonry for corruption!

The accounts of the latter day "professional" hooligans of the 80's added a new angle for the press. Here were people with highly paid jobs getting involved in football violence. If you believed this then you would probably believe the Sun when it said the leader of the Chelsea Headhunters was a bank-manager!

The lives of us all are in some way brutalised by the system and society we live under. It's no surprise that some young people with "empty" lives should choose misplaced and misguided beliefs like nationalism to help to fulfill themselves.

### STEAMING

They are enthusiastically aided by the media who encourage nationalism and patriotism and the beliefs that "Brits are great" and that everyone else is a "frog", "kraut", "paddy" or "spagetti eater".

But its the very same media who are the first to jump when some young fans, wound up like steam engines by the jingoistic crap pumped out, run amok in a foreign city.

Then the "patriot" becomes a "thug" or "scum", and serves a useful purpose to the same press and TV who then try to present working class people as stupid and mindlessly violent.

Exactly the same goes for the fights in the pubs and grounds.

Violence is the only possible way that working class people can react to violence from above, and we must persuade people to take out their anger and frustrations on the real enemy; the police, bosses and politicians

**We know who they are... so let's do something about it!**

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