

CLASS



WAR

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THOUGHT: If voting changed anything they'd abolish it!

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COMING GENERAL ELECTION..



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INSIDE: NEWS, GOSSIP, SPORT, SLANDER,.. AND MORE

BRITAINS MOST UNRULY TABLOID
CLASS WAR
what we say...

THE COMING general election is set to be a farce to end all farces.

Choose between ever so moderate Major, ever so moderate Kinnock or ever so moderate Ashdown. *The same policies and the same politics, just different privileged puppets clamouring for power.*

Whatever box we cross on the ballot paper every five years, it'll make no difference to our lives. Already there are millions upon millions who have seen through the con and don't bother voting, then there's millions more not on the electoral register due to being homeless or poll tax dodging - people denied the 'privilege' of voting for one of the identikit puppets.

CRIPPLING

The Tories have ruled us for almost thirteen years, through two wars, and never has unemployment been below two million. Even during the so-called 'boom years' of the 1980's the unemployed remained unemployed, and everyone else (*except the rich*) got further and further into debt as easy credit chained us to crippling interest and mortgage rates.

Labour is desperately grabbing at any policy that will give it an image of respectability - dumping over the side any last lingering traces of being the party of the working class as it does.

It's got to the state that it's no longer the case of whoever you vote for the government gets in. But more like whoever you vote for is the same anyway!

After all these years of Tory rule people want a change - but a real change - not the pathetic reworkings of old Tory election manifesto's written by a load of Labour bureaucrats who'll do anything for a taste of power.

Election '92 - seen it all before...

GET IT RIGHT!

SURPRISE, SURPRISE the liberal Left have relaunched the Anti-Nazi League (ANL), some ten years after it's demise.

The ANL, set up in 1977 to combat the growing influence of the National Front, mobilised thousands against the fascists and was a very dynamic movement.

Though it was really positive in this, it suffered from contradictions and misunderstandings. This was caused by the ANL being a broad 'united' front, made up of MP's, church-leaders, left-wingers and ordinary people set out to destroy the fascist scum.

The politics of the League were a bit of a mish-mash for that reason; some seeing the fascist threat in terms of votes; some left-wingers (mainly the Socialist Worker's Party - who actually helped set it up) seeing it as major recruiting ground for their 'vanguard' organisation; and those who were genuinely committed to fighting fascists, by any means necessary.

MOBILISATION

The current situation in this country is that the nazi British National Party are much less of a threat than the National Front in the '70's. They are, however, putting up quite a few candidates in the coming general election (more lost deposits) but more importantly is the level of racial attacks, which has always been a feature of the ethnic communities in this country.

Along with the growing Nazi threat on the continent, an ANL spokesperson said that this was the main reason for relaunching the League. This time round will the ANL have such a short view of anti-fascism, which was just seeing them as an electoral threat? Or could there be a mass mobilisation to consign the fascists to the dustbin of history in this country? Will it be capable of destroying racism in our class, and fighting state racism, the most organised of all racism?

To do this we must not stop at just mobilising people to go on marches, rallies, and pickets. We have to fight the fascists and smash their



activity. But this is just the tip of the iceberg; we need to bring the fightback into our communities, where racism in our culture meets the poverty of the system, and creates a race war, with or without the organised racists like the BNP.

This situation is widespread in our class, and has become part of our culture, unfortunate as that is. This is a reality that anti-fascists need to wake up to.

DIVIDE AND RULE

What is needed is grass-roots organisation within our communities. Mass marches and rallies, are just the icing on the cake. We need practical defence against racist attacks, support of people who have been attacked, and making our communities No-go Zones for racist scum.

But the nazi's are only a small part of the problem. The police need to be tackled, they are the most racist organised force in the land. Ask any black person, and they'll tell the police are more a problem than the fascists.

Like the law, the political parties play their part in encouraging racism. Even the so-called 'people's choice', the Labour Party are as racist as the Tories; supporting immigration controls, the police, and the whole set-up which comes with governing in 'Britain's interest'.

In short we won't defeat racism without destroying capitalism, it's one of it's lifebloods, setting white against black is the way they keep on top. It's called 'divide and rule' and is the oldest trick in the book.

The fight is now in our own communities; a fight not to keep the status quo, or to protect the so-called democracy we 'enjoy' from the fascist threat; but to smash fascism and destroy racism which cripples our communities and prevents us ever changing our situation. It's as simple as that - **CLASS WAR NOT RACE WAR.**

ALLEN PULLIN, EX-SECRETARY OF BRISTOL ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE.

MOOR ON ITS WAY?

WHEN MORE than a hundred prisoners went on the rampage at Moorlands Young Offenders Prison they smashed the idea that working class people would sit quietly in locked cells, as long as the State was generous enough to provide concessions like a private bog for every prisoner.

It's too dangerous for the State to actually come out and admit that they can't control people by locking them up, or defuse the anger of those who've mostly been sentenced for being poor, by serving them such luxuries as lump-free mashed potatoes.

So the government are claiming that the lads wrecked Moorlands because it was too "nice". Under that theory, the Strangeways riots must have been a result of prisoners wanting more beatings from sadistic screws. During the 5 days

of rioting at the £56 MILLION prison, the lads' slogan was "Moorland - opened '91, closed '92".

They rioted to close the jail, not because it was too 'nice', but because a locked door is a locked door, even if it is painted a pleasant shade of institutional green.

WASTED

Moorland's Governor, John Forster, said that the prisoners had rioted in an attempt to get transferred back to jails in Leeds and Hull: "If you've served time in Leeds and Hull you can swagger around saying 'I've been there'," said Forster.

For a bloke who's spent all his life being a screw, he doesn't know very much about what happens in Britain's jails: In the last three years, 8 young remand prisoners have killed themselves in Armley jail, Leeds. So it doesn't make much

sense to say that the Moorland riot was because they wanted to get back to the prison that so many were actually dying to get out of!

The Moorland uprising showed that the blokes inside know that prison reform programmes are the State's way of sprinkling sugar on a crap-coated dinner. **And most working class people have been exposed to too much crap in their lives not to recognise the smell when its wafted under their noses.**

SCUM

THE TWO teenage scumbags who sprayed an old woman in the face with acid, then ransacked her house, at Christmas are the lowest of the low. Those who rob off their own whilst the rich should be the real targets deserve everything they get.

SICK AS A PARROT!

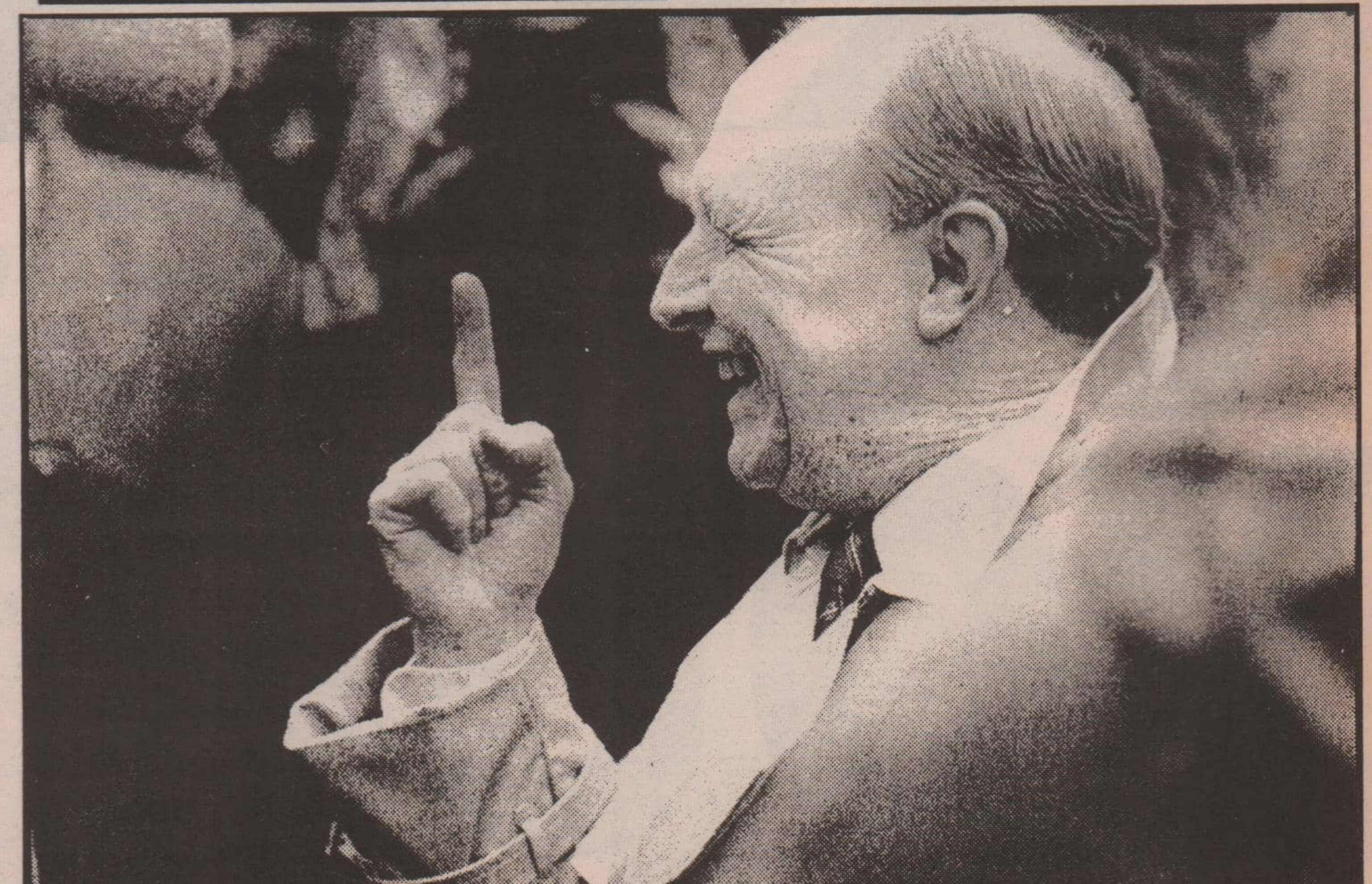
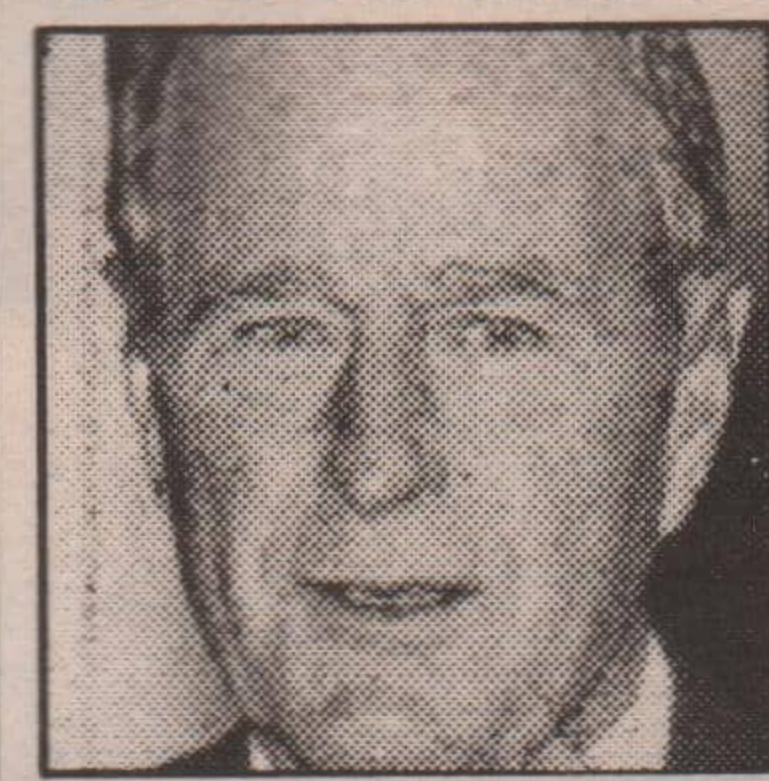
PRESIDENT Bush's recent collapse in Japan was censored for the TV.

What viewers in Britain didn't see was him crashing into Japanese Premier Miyazawa, and then being sick over him!

Boris the bread-snatcher

BORIS YELTSIN, Russia's new boss has had to appeal to the army not to 'betray' him as food riots broke out, leaving two shot dead in Tashkent.

He has increased food prices by as much as 500%, but not offered a single penny in wage increases, except to the army that is. **A wave of strikes and riots are predicted.**



KNEEL KINNOCK SHOWS US HOW MANY SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES HE'S GOT LEFT.

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JANUARY SPECIAL.

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

OUR FIRST CLOUTED COPPER THIS WEEK WAS CLOBBERED WITH A CAR JACK BY COURAGEOUS CITIZENS CRUISING A CAR PARK. WHAT A CORKER OF A CARRY ON!



YOU GET THE BEST BATTERED BASTARDS IN CLASS WAR.

THE OTHER OF OUR DEFTLY DEALT WITH DUO IS WPC SARAH "COPPED IT" COURT, 29, NOBBLED IN NAILSEA .. WHILE STILL INSIDE THE STATION. NICE ONE!



XMAS CRACKERS

Princess "my dad was a nazi" Michael of Kent came a well deserved cropper over Christmas.

She was out fox hunting with the blood thirsty Beaufort Hunt when her horse very wisely threw her into a ditch, leaving the Royal prat with a broken nose!

Meanwhile, her toffee nosed daughter Lady Gabriella, was also the victim of a fortunate accident when she was knocked over skiing, and broke her leg, in the plush Swiss resort of Davos. *Buy the culprit a schnapps!*

CAR ALARMED

Imagine the embarrassment of having your car nicked twice, under your very nose.

Imagine the humiliation when the owner was none other than *Mike 'lost my wheels' Hedges, the acting Chief constable of Avon.* For the second time in six months, raiders pinched his F-reg Ford RS Turbo. *This time from his very own drive - what a prat!*

JESUS SAVES

Who says crime doesn't pay, it pays very well if your a boss.

A senior personnel manager was sentenced to two years recently for nicking £455,000 from his companies pension scheme.

The reason for the slim sentence? Well, he was a "committed Christian" and the judge said "I was satisfied the money was not spent on wild living, drinking, gambling and excessive luxuries, but that you were trying to keep your family in the standard you didn't have the income to maintain."

That works out at £227,500 a year! Not bad work if you can get it.

Latest Match Results

One up and coming sport that Channel 4 haven't yet got around to covering is copper stabbing.

As David Coleman once said of football: "It's a game of two halves", which means that the bobby starts off in one piece, and is then transformed into at least two.

In 1991, 60 coppers participated in the sport and if the cop casualty figures for Xmas and New Year's Eve are anything to go by, then 1992 looks like being a bumper year for copper carving.

Match results for this highly popular sport are as follows:

Christmas Eve: Leeds Public 1; Force 0: PC went down within 3 minutes of being stabbed thereby showing that he didn't have much staying power.

New Year's Eve: Gloucestershire Public 2; Force 0: Three coppers had to be carried off the field when as David Coleman would put it, "The crowd went wild!"

Tewkesbury Public 2 - Force 0: Employing the bottle and brick tactic, the public brought down 2 bobbies with consummate skill.

Ruthin Public 1 - Force 0: Special constable needed 80 stitches after being hurled through a plate glass window in a tackle that deserves at least one replay.

Tunbridge Wells Public 2 - Force 0: One bobby sported a broken nose and another was said to be "poorly" after a match that proved that not everyone in Tunnie is a Yuppie.

So there you go! Upto the minute results that show the real match results happen well away from the stadium!

MORE SPORT ON BACK PAGE

CON-ARTISTS

It's official folks (according to government figures)... the rich scum are getting even more stinking rich, and we ain't getting better of for sure.

Shock (well not to most of us) government figures reveal that the rich parasites (that's 10% of the population) are tapping into some £2,600 Billion in total personal wealth - that'll keep them in lobster and bubbly for the rest of their natural, no doubt.

And it's been getting worse over the years, as the survey revealed, that in 1976, quarter of the population owned 71% of the wealth, now it's up to 75%.

The 'other half' in society ie. the rich and

much of the middle class, own 92% of the wealth. *It doesn't take a genius to work out we only get 8% spread out over 50% of the population, now let's see that's about 0.16% of the wealth for each 1% (on average) - charming!*

BULGING!

Under their mattresses they've got enough dosh to feather a flock of birds' nests; the top 7% have savings of more than a £100,000 each.

Thatcher's slogan for the rich was 'we'll take more care of you' will be carried on by the Major regime whilst he's in office, and that's a fact.

Those caring Labour folks have conducted a survey to tell us quarter of all babies born, will be born into poverty. Well, thankyou for telling us!

And thankyou again for promising us increases in our Child Benefits and Pensions, and taxing those naughty wealthy Tory voters. *Yes the Labour Party put the caring back into capitalism.*

Like fuck! Their biggest care is power.

Now increases in our benefits would be better

than none at all, but do they expect us to thank them for it? They'll not fool people into believing they'll solve the immense poverty being built up over years. They know that taxing the rich will be popular, and increases in benefits will be even more popular.

But reforms like this are minor and may look good on paper but when it comes to changing our lives, it's just a mere piss in the ocean.

There'll be loopholes for the rich bastards, to get back their money through devious tax ploys; and as for the benefit increases it's a case of too little, too late. It'll still not mean that child and old-age poverty will be eradicated if even touched.

SAME OLD STORY

That so-called marvellous 'socialist' invention the Welfare State, brought in by the 1945 Labour government, deliberately underpaid people in order to maintain a 'minimum' level of poverty for capitalist labour market to work effectively.

We will not be grateful for a little more crumbs, when we can see the rich parasites devouring whole bakeries. We will not thank them for playing with our lives as pawns in their electoral game.

Reforms are just cosmetic dressing over of the fundamental inequality that is the basis of capitalism.

However there is a solution to the problem of the inequality - THAT SOLUTION IS REVOLUTION.



OUT OF ORDER!



PICKLE-O-METER

LIKE JUDGE PICKLES NAME.. UTTER WANKERS BY FAME.

This issues Pickleometer Award - for gross sexism and racism - goes to **Barry 'shite-gob' Fryer**, landlord of the DOLPHIN INN, at KINGSTON, DEVON.

This scumbag proved that he hasn't only got an ugly mug, but he's got a gob too match, when he insulted and racially and sexually harassed two kitchen-staff at his

pub.

One of the barmaids, Joanna Higham, took him to an industrial tribunal, for being on the receiving of such shite, as, being called a 'fat black bitch', 'kaffir'; and by being sexually humiliated when the warped wanker pulled down her dress stared at her breasts, saying, "Look at those - they're like devil's dumplings."

Kitchen worker, Tina Jensen, who stuck up for Joanna, was told "You're a Danish tart".

Joanna won compensation (unlike alot of women), but she didn't do it for the money, but the self-respect.

Might we suggest that all self-respecting 'fat black bitches' and 'Danish tarts', visit this bigoted chauvinist bastard, and call last orders on him, PERMANENTLY!

POLL TAX NEWS... 40% AND RISING

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

THE TORIES have said that this years poll tax bills, set to drop on doormats in April, will average 'just' £257 per person.

Not only is this a huge amount for most people to try to find, but it's also a lie! A recent survey of councils have shown that the real figure will average out at £279 per person, and in most cities it will be massively more than this.

Strathclyde council, buckling under the weight of mass non-payment, will be increasing it's poll tax by 35%, which in turn will guarantee that non payment is set to soar. And as 1991 saw non payment levels at 40% in England and Wales (up from 30% in 1990) most councils will be having to increase their poll tax even higher to make up for non payment, which in turn will mean more non payment!

POXY

The only people doing alright out of all this are businesses, cushioned by the government their increase will be set at 4.1% nationwide.

As well as cutting local services the poll tax is also having a dramatic effect on the amount of people who still believe in the false choice of Labour/Tory when it comes to election time. According to the electoral registrars a whopping 1,000,000 people have 'disappeared' from the voters roll to avoid having to pay poll tax.

This massive figure is despite the millions spent by Town Halls up and down the country on their poxy "No Vote, No Voice" campaign.



Biggest hit is inner London, with Hackney North and South each showing a drop of almost 20,000 voters!

Newcastle and Burnley, Labour councils' who are very enthusiastic when it comes to jailing non payers are also high on the league table of 'disappearing' voters. *Poetic justice perhaps?* Especially since most of the 'missing' voters were those who used to put their faith in Labour.

The poll tax has been a complete disaster for politicians of all persuasions. The Tories have been showed up for the rob-from-the-poor-and-give-to-the-rich power hungry bastards that they are like never before.

Labour has been exposed for the weak-kneed sickly child that it is. Run by a mob of careerist bureaucrats who couldn't give a toss for working class people, except when it comes to jailing them, which is something they do

with an energy which would put 'Hanging' Judge Jefferies to shame! They have shown themselves to be incapable and unwilling to fight for us. And have made people start to think about the sham of so-called parliamentary democracy (in which the Establishment can NEVER loose) in a way that is very encouraging to all those who want a truly free and equal libertarian society.

SCOTLAND WAS used as a 'guinea pig' for the poll tax, where it was introduced a year ahead of England and Wales, and it's here where the poll tax is being hammered the most.

There are now over 3,000,000 warrants outstanding for non payment here, and there's a huge backlog which the 192 sheriff officers (bailiffs) in Scotland don't stand a chance of ever collecting.

Strathclyde council, which covers Glasgow, is the hardest hit and as their cash crisis reaches a critical level they went on a pre-Christmas blitz against non payers - but even this last ditch effort was doomed to failure.

The sheriff officers had planned to enter 300 peoples homes to poind (value) goods for public auction, in the end they only got into one! Over 1000 people went on the streets in Springburn to prevent the poindings, and the filth took revenge for the sheriff officers dismal failure by nicking 29 demonstrators in the Barmulloch, Springburn and Germiston districts of Glasgow.

But never beaten, over 300 people surrounded a police station and demanded their release.

What a shame that Charles Gray, the leader of this Labour council, didn't choke on his Christmas turkey.

What a Disc-overly!

IN A judgement that could effect millions of people facing poll tax courts, a court has ruled that poll tax records that are held on computer are not acceptable as evidence.

In early January Don Pollard from Suffolk successfully argued that computer information (your councils poll tax records) can not be used in magistrates courts because they forgot to include them when they allowed computer information to be used in civil court cases.

His case means that anyone who does decide to attend their hearings should use this case to demand that all evidence based on computer records is not allowed.

RUNNING SCARED

"ANARCHISTS' CAMPAIGN is turning city into down town New York" was the headline of an article in the Salford Advertiser just before Christmas.

Salford in Manchester is an inner city area that has suffered under decades of corruption and mismanagement by Labour Party councillors and MP's who treat the area like its their own private fiefdom.

They do sod all about the dire housing, poverty, and unemployment the area suffers, while they spend millions on expensive yuppie housing and office developments like the Salford Quays. *The community is treated like cattle by the council; milking them for rent and poll tax and coming out with all the usual crap at election time to get the people to vote for them.*

NO-GO ZONES

But for a few years now the residents, particularly the youth, have been fighting back (see *Class War 37 & 38*) and have turned the tables on the authorities. The people have done their best to stamp out anti-social crime, with a reward offered for information about those who break into peoples flats, and other schemes include cheap video's for pensioners and the sharing out of expensive stolen goods.

It's the filth who are getting the brunt of peoples fightback and many estates are now no-go zones for the cops who suffer nightly attacks from the youths. The cops are also having their radios and paperwork stolen from their cars etc.

Most people in the area have no faith in the

lying politicians who seek to rule us and don't bother voting, and recently a Labour councillor who said that a poll tax non payer should have been "left to rot in Strangeways" rather than be let out early, was attacked in the betting shop! All this has worried the council and the cops sick.

So it was not surprising when Cllr Peter Grimshaw, at a pre-Christmas Civil Defence Authority meeting said; *"Class War are behind the recent attacks on firefighters, as they have linked the fire service with the Establishment ever since their involvement in the Strangeways riot. We really need to approach the Home Office to tell them the seriousness of the situation and to get extra resources to solve it."*

PACK OF LIES

What this pack of lies is about is that during the Strangeways prison uprising, for the first few days, the fire brigade were used by the authorities to hose down the prisoners. After appeals from the crowd for them to stop, together with threats made to them if they didn't, they pulled out. But as a result they sometimes get attacked.

Because of Cllr Grimshaw's attempt to slur Class War a supporter in Salford wrote to the paper answering his lies and said; *"the firefighters are the salt of the earth and are doing a difficult and dangerous job for the people of Salford, but their job becomes more dangerous when they allow themselves to be used by the police to put down rioters.."* and went on to call for the attacks to stop.

Cllr Grimshaw's comments also had the effect of provoking the Fire Brigade Union representative,

PAMPERED PRAT!

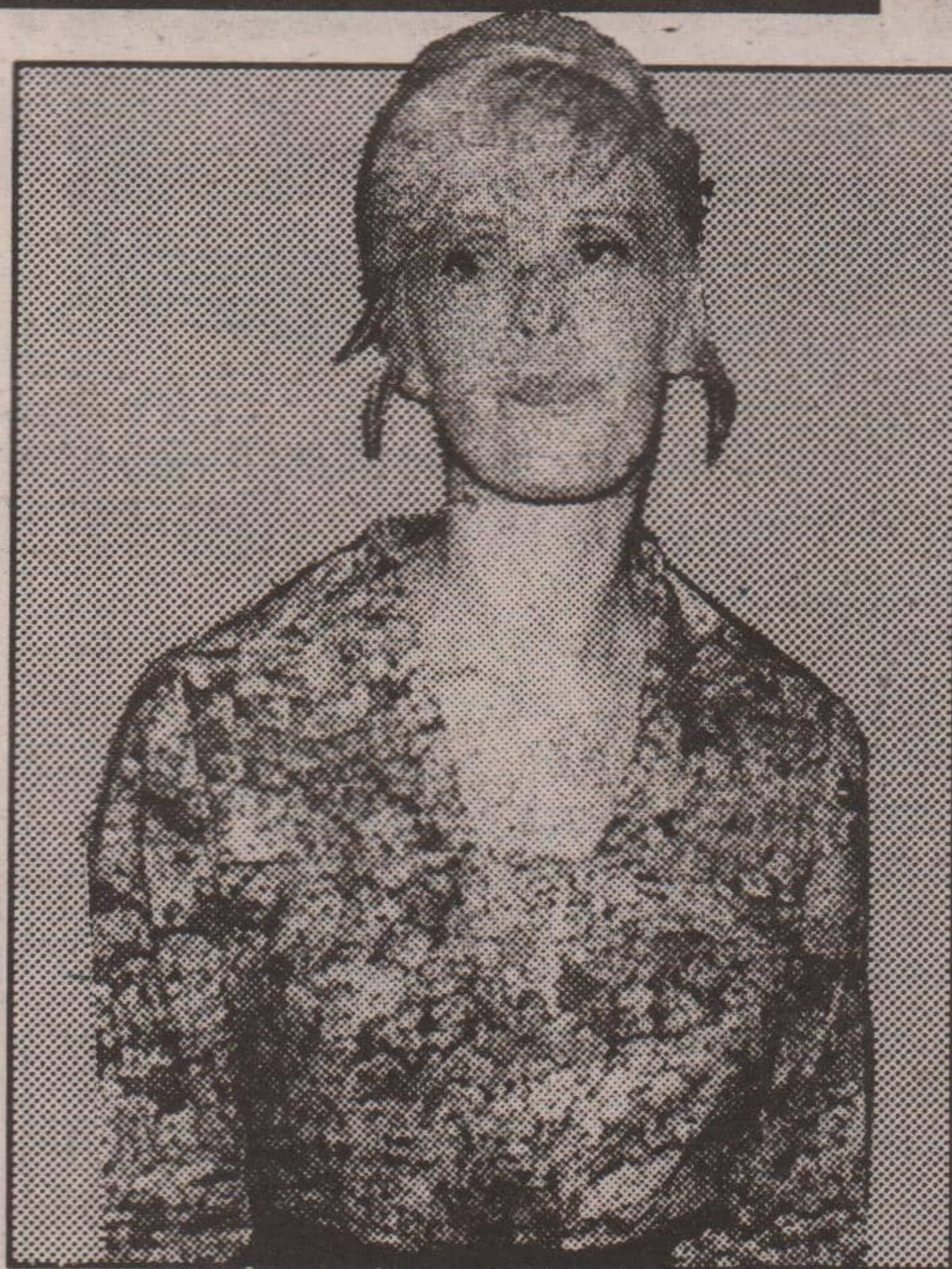
PAULA YATES (or Lady Geldof as she prefers to be known) has had the nerve to say that working mothers are "selfish and irresponsible"!

Well, what else would you expect from a smug, pampered, rich parasite who was slaved over by nannies as a child. But it may come as a shock to Paula that most of us can't actually afford NOT to go to work.

After all, we don't all come from one of the richest families in Britain, and very few of us happen to be married to mega-rich rock millionaires.

So work isn't really a case of "imagined self-fulfilment of a woman" as she puts it. But more of a matter of having to do so, or going without. But then, going without is something she knows bugger all about.

Rich, self indulgent, self opinionated, wankers who preach their twisted morality to us should keep their mouths shut, and be kept away from children, preferably with the aid of a rope!



'Lady' Geldof: pampered parasite

Steve Ball, to publicly say that they are NOT on the side of the police, and don't wish to be considered so. He also said to a Class War supporter that he wants any fire fighters seen supporting the police to be reported to him.

Salford council and the police are scared. Scared because whole sections of the community are fightingback against them and are learning that they are better off without these parasites on our backs. They attack Class War with lies and distortions to try to make people think that it's some shadowy band of "terrorists" or "subversives" who are responsible for driving out the police.

But it isn't, it's the ordinary people who have suffered years of harassment, poverty and neglect who are realising who the real enemy is, and are doing something it.

As the class war hots up in this country, as more and more people start to fightback don't be surprised to read or hear similar lies about Class War.

YOU DON'T SAY

A RECENT opinion poll in the Irish Republic showed that over two-thirds of voters have a very healthy contempt for their rulers and believe that all politicians are corrupt!

CHISTS are recruiting the city's to make war on the emergency es. deeply worried who last week that vicious attacks on fire are turning Sal- to a replica of wn New York. War - anar- work in Salford tagged attacks on trying to put out in the city, says y representative, r Grimshaw. they're actively g teenagers to them, he

Anarchists' campaign is turning city into down town New York

- Crews being ambushed and attacked with stones and bottles from upstairs flats.
- Youths pelting firemen with fireworks, including sky rockets.
- Setting trip wires and cutting lift cables.
- Firing rifles in tower blocks and placing hypodermic needles behind lift buttons.
- Pouring buckets of urine over fire crews.



GM County Fire Officer Peter Gribbin

The Advertiser: pathetic slur.

DON'T PUT US DOWN!

Some time ago police violently arrested eight people at a demonstration at BBC TV in Leeds. About 150 people attended the demonstration protesting about the patronising Children in Need appeal.

This protest was organised by the Leeds based Rights Not Charity group, set up in In May 1990 as a direct action group for disabled people.

It meets weekly and organises actions like the demo mentioned above, as well as actions like 'Train hold-ups', to protest at the total disregard for disabled people by public transport bosses.

EXCITING TIMES

Now is an exciting and important time for disabled peoples' organisations, as members of these groups are beginning to take back control of their own lives.

The disabled rights movement is a growing movement which accepts support but not control from non-disabled people.

A spokesperson from Right Not Charity explained why they held the demonstration.

"Events like Children in Need makes people look on us as victims. This works against us every day - when we try to get jobs, find accessible transport, get a decent education and have choices in our social life and relationships."

EVERYDAY LIVES

"We spend most of our lives being told what to do and how and when we can do it. Children in Need may send us on a trip to Blackpool but it won't enable us to find accessible transport to lead our lives, and it certainly won't stop us from being discriminated against in our everyday lives."

Children in Need reduces disabled people to mere objects, to manipulate the onlookers'

feelings of guilt and pity, in a hope that consciences will be stirred and then eased by making a donation.

This image denies the fact that disabled people are perfectly normal people, with their own ideas and ambitions, politics and sexuality.

Like everybody else, disabled people want the opportunity to take control of their own lives, the major obstacle to this being other peoples' attitudes.

Instead of throwing a few quid into a hat once a year, we should be asking why are these people in need? Why does capitalism need to create images of powerless people?

As Stephen Bradshaw of the Spinal Injuries Association said, "Even if the short term interest is loot, the long term interest has to be the image of disabled people in society."

Leeds Class War were invited to the demo by the Rights not Charity group and have since offered support to them in any further actions.

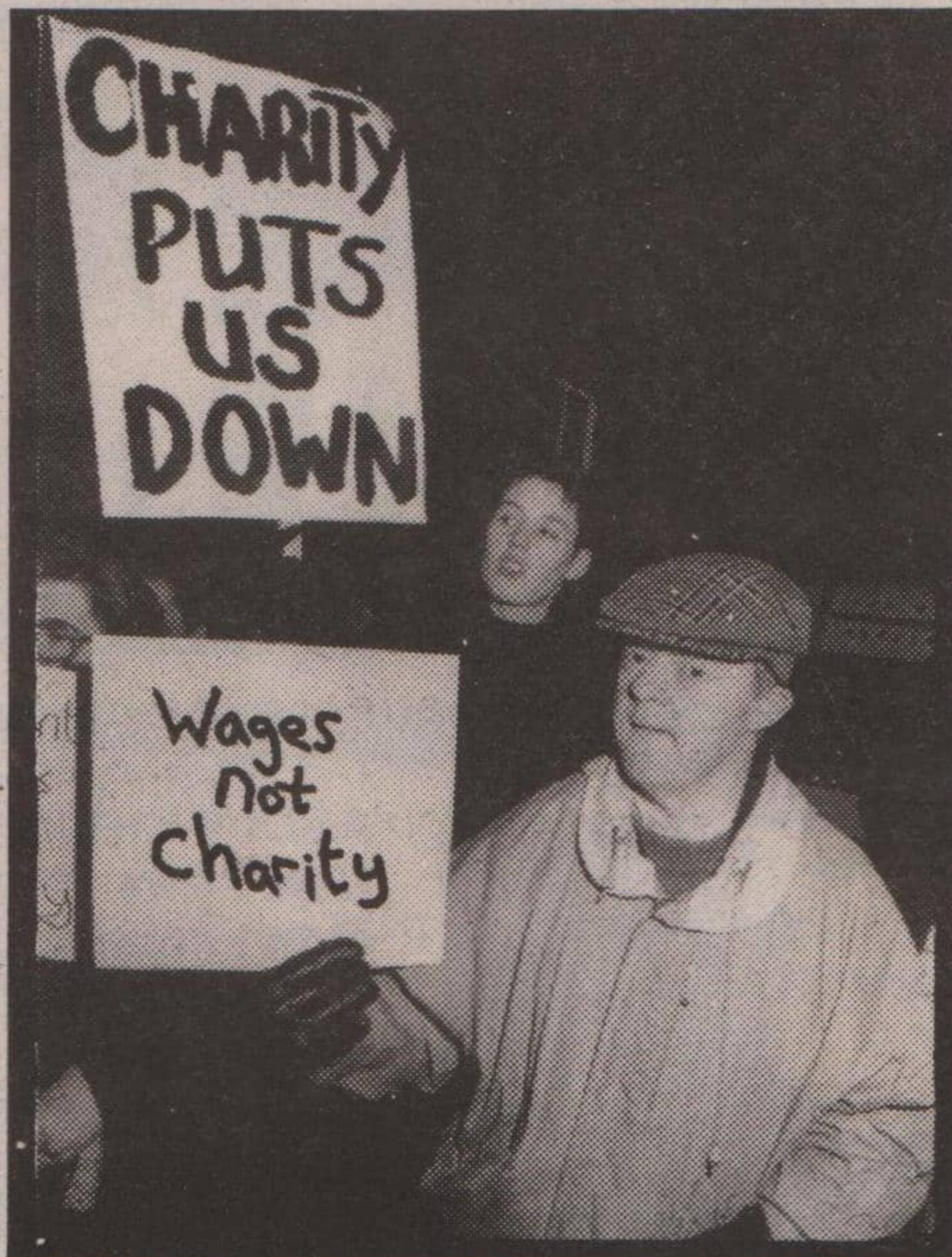
Groups like Rights Not Charity should be supported in their struggle for self-determination.

THE FUTURE...

The class struggle should encompass all fightback against oppressions occurring within our society. We need to educate ourselves, changing attitudes to disabled people.

As Ellen Stohl (disabled model) said, "We need to widen our minds as well as our doorways!"

Future events include: - in May, an anti-Telethon demo outside LWT in London. Organised by disability rights groups nationally. For further information, why don't readers contact their local disability rights group.



CANVASSERS?



JUST SAY NO!

TIME TO RETALIATE

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE sleeping rough on the streets in the freezing cold winter. Frozen stiff corpses picked up on Lincoln's Inn Fields in London, and other open spaces, by soup kitchen workers.

Tens of thousands of families living in one room bed and breakfasts holes. Thousands more kipping down with their kids on relations' sofas. 80,000 mortgage repossessions alone last year, as families see their hard-earned deposits vanish and their own front doors closed against them.

Housing Minister, George Young describes homeless people as "The things you trip over when you come out of the opera".

In London's Strand, wealthy restaurant owners plan to hose down the homeless with cold water to get them out of shop doorways.

Now, Kenneth Baker plans to bring in his anti-squatting Bill to make people who combat their homelessness criminal and to throw thousands more out onto the streets as hundreds of thousands of houses will be deliberately kept empty!

The problem is not simply London. In the West, Bristol has 600 people sleeping rough each night. One whole family sleeps in a car! At the same time, nearby office blocks and yuppie waterfront apartments lie empty. The new Unicorn hotel has plenty of empty rooms - why on earth could this be, they only cost £200 a night!

WHAT DO THE SCUM THINK THEY'RE UP TO?

It's not enough for housing pressure groups to lodge complaints or for squatting groups to try to discover legal loopholes in Baker's Bill - the whole Bill has to be stopped before it even starts, before the scum even have the chance to make it 'law'.

The point is to retaliate first, by taking the notion and preconceptions about squatting out of the little ghettos and putting mass squatting slap bang in the middle of the political agenda, just as it was in Britain after the Second World War.

Occupying unused, dormant houses and offices - squatting - has to be the best practical, self-managed solution for the hundreds of thousands of working class people who have no home to call their own. The State certainly has no intention to provide us all with that basic human necessity - a home. So we better do it for ourselves.

Surely the answer if your home is repossessed, isn't to wait for the wheels of bureaucracy to grind on offering you the chance to rent a shit hole, but to walk straight back in the day after the bailiff thinks he's got rid of you. Repossessed homes tend to lie empty and useless for months after repossession anyway!

DIRECT ACTION, THEN?

Decent homes, flats and houses lie empty on thousands of our streets and estates. It seems only common sense to form groups along the same lines as the APTUs - advising and helping people and each other to squat, as part of the community, not as some red herring or eyesore. Plenty of council tenants welcome friendly, sociable squatters.

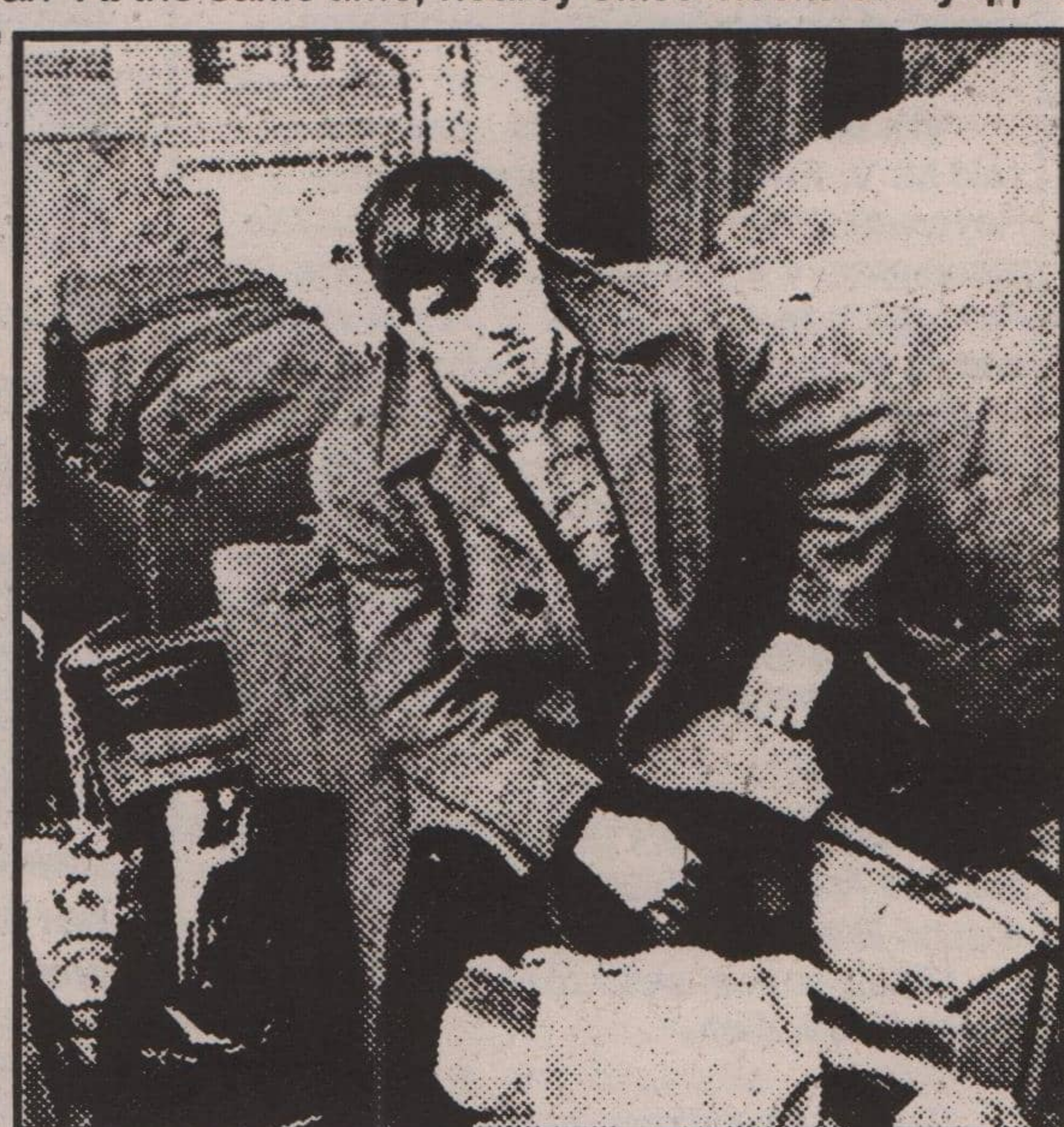
The struggle around homelessness and the squatting Bill will be a major area of class struggle in 1992.

We can't allow homeless people to be shut away on the fringes and twilight margins of our cities - we can bring the struggle into city centres, encouraging the taking of 'property' and resistance of evictions; on the estates, to support local people taking control of empty houses and flats away from councils and using them for homes.

We should want nothing from and expect no help from the State.

We want to report all local activities and actions that YOU know of, OR ARE involved in - whether you're a Class War supporter, member, or you're just sick of the ruling class and the homeless crisis they've heaped on the working class.

By election night, we'd like to see homeless people, bed and breakfast families, every one 'repossessed', outside their Town Halls showing that the battle is on the streets, in the estates, NOT around the ballot box.



HOUSE ABOUT THIS...?

At best Labour says "build another extra 50,000 houses a year" but this is way short of the 1 million new houses that Shelter says are needed by 1999. Most of the way to be released by Labour, for councils will be spent on urgent repair on the rundown estates: how much will just be cosmetic? This is no surprise: they bleat 'it's better under Labour, and the working class are so ungrateful for 'socialism'. Real socialism would house the lot of us, sod the cost to the bosses, because it would stuff the the bosses, PERMANENTLY.

RESPECT

But, shock, horror! Some Labour MPs have opposed Baker's anti-squatting Bill: Maybe we should look forward to Neil Pillock standing up and sanctioning squatting of vacant buildings? No! Neil would bend over backwards to uphold the politicians' principles of greed and private property, for his morsel of power. He has about as much respect for any slightly-half-decent thing Labour policy groups come up with, as we have for the Queen!

RAIDERS OF THE CAR PARK

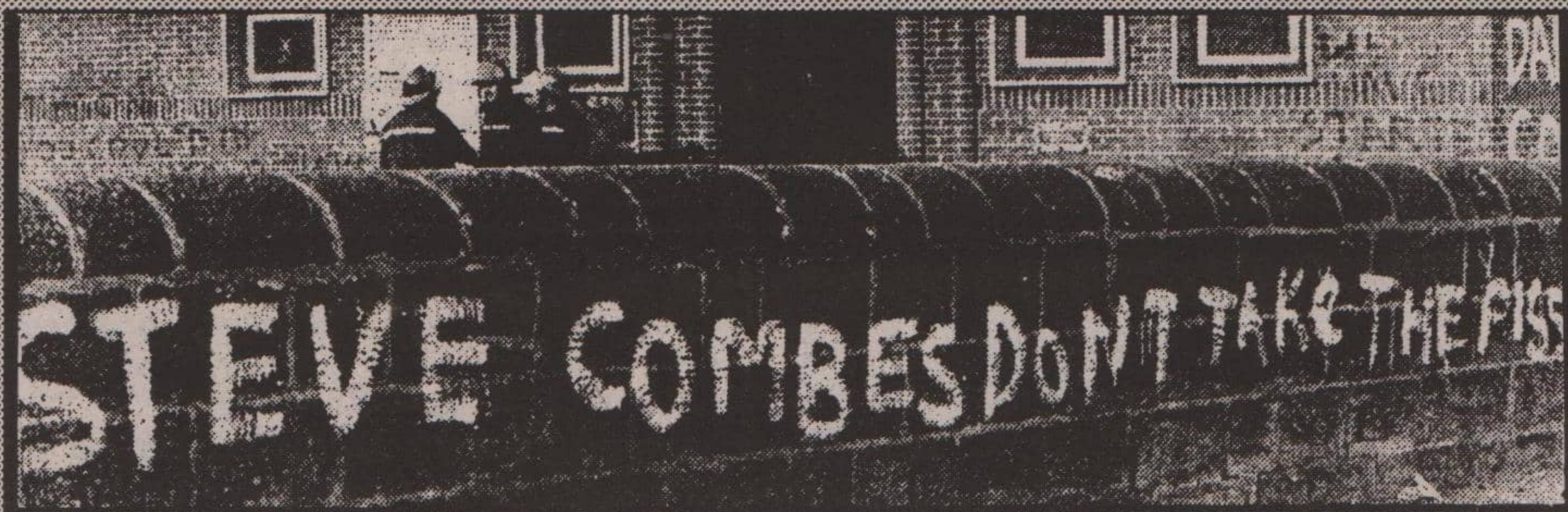
IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE RIOTS IN NEWCASTLE, THE WAR STILL GOES ON BETWEEN THE RAMRAIDERS AND THE POLICE.

It's not a case of people fighting of the cops on their own turf, they're going to the homes of their local constabulary - the class war is well and truly being taken back home. And don't they deserve it!

driver. Well ain't life tough for those who are on the thin blue line!

Ram raiding has become an established part of the survival economy for some communities in the North-East. It's a shame that they might lose some public sympathy from working class people who've had their cars pinched.

Surely they could increase their popularity in the region if they pinched



There have been numerous incidents, like bricks mysteriously flying through a cops' front window, followed by open tins of paint, whilst their car self-destructed, and acquired a new coat of gloss paint.

MYSTERIOUS

The message has been spelled out (literally the writing is on the wall) - People's hostility to the police is such that no public relations dept. could dream of tackling it.

Coppers have been forced off the road, even when off-duty. They are getting to be well known, and so are some of their addresses, courtesy of the hi-tech scanners ramraider gangs are using to drop-in on cop radio conversations. As a result folks get to know the identity of the local fifth, and can pay them a (un)social call, day or night.

Some coppers have been forced to move, others take a different route home every night, case they meet a 'reckless'

cars from the more wealthier neighbourhoods in the region. It might mean more of a challenge (middle class and rich scum can afford better car alarms), but the increased support within the working class communities will mean they will close ranks when the filth crawl out from under their stories to make a few arrests. Where there's a will, there's a way!

Ram raiding looks to be a permanent feature in 1992, in the North-East.

So is cop-hunting of the likes of Pc Steve 'taking the piss' Combes (see picture); an officer sure to win in the stakes, of 'copper most Meadow Well residents would like to meet down a dark alley'!

SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH...

SALLY SKULL



Quotes

"It was the kind of generosity that Maxwell often showed. It's also why many of us in the Mirror building despise those who are seeking, within hours of his death, to smear him further... They will get their comeuppance one day."

Mirror columnist Joe Haines saluting his dead boss on the 7th November.



"The idea that Maxwell had any sinister secrets is tosh and falsehood." Joe Haines, 11th November.

"It's been an awful week, the worst I can remember and I need someone to talk to."

HAINES: prat

Joe Haines, 5th December as the truth finally dawns on him that Cap'n Bob might have been a touch dishonest.

"He was difficult to live with and a super-egoist,"

U.S. hostage Tom Sutherland who spent a year shackled to Terry Waite.

"Bastard Kurdistan,"

Jeffrey Archer's opening speech on his visit to the Kurds where he tried to say "Long live Kurdistan" in the proper dialect!

"As a child I remember being on the bus looking at all those amazingly old, dull ordinary people staring into space. Were they as dull inside as they looked outside? I think that was the reaction of a very clever child."

Mary Archer, wife of Jeffrey Archer, and sharer of his modesty and humbleness.

"We are disgusted - yes - disgusted," said Mr V. Kay a staff organiser at the Reynolds Chain factory in Stockport. "The management asked the workforce for a £1m Production Month. All 300 of us got stuck in, and as a 'recognition of our effort' we were all given a bar of Kit-Kat. To add insult to injury, the bars had penny-off wrappers."

Speaking for Reynolds Chain, Mr A. Ward said: "This is a sick world. I paid over £40 for the Kit-Kats. There is no gratitude. The same sort of thing happened last year when they got an Eccles Cake each. Never again."

"We have officers going into the witness box and not being believed. We are running around like headless chickens."

Mike Bennett, chair of Metropolitan Police Federation.

"Too many children at home are not being taught little things like how to run a mortgage."

Tory MP Jonathan Sayeed.

"I think hospitals offer an interesting opportunity,"

Paul Preston, boss of McDonald's UK.

TASTELESS?

ANYONE WITH a stuffed pet for a husband and hairstyle like a German helmet has got to have about as much taste as Bernard Manning's girlfriend!

So it's quite understandable that the IRA chose the week that the National Gallery were exhibiting the Queen's painting to try and blow the place up. Unfortunately, the attempt failed and both the Queen and several million pounds worth of paintings of horses are still intact.

And since she's over 60 and her Christmas day speech was strong on caring for the elderly, social services bosses should take note and put her in a home. Preferably one where they steal the old folks teeth and make them wear acrylic cardigans.

With friends like him...



● JEFFREY ARCHER with the loot. Perhaps the Kurds would be better off looking for the missing dosh in Kings Cross???

ABOUT THE only good thing about the New Years Honours List was that it didn't contain Jeffrey Archer.

The deposed Tory had been hoping for a peerage, but the New Year came and went and Jeffrey was still plain old Mr Archer. It wasn't the memory of him getting caught paying for a spank and a wank with Monica Coghlan that robbed him of his title.

Everybody knows that this is compulsory amongst Lords. It was the 'good deeds' that Jeffrey got himself involved in during 1991 that messed up his chances of joining the aristocracy.

The ex Tory MP chose last year to follow the lead set by ailing old 'stars' and tried to revive his career on a charity ticket. The aftermath of the Gulf War presented Jeffrey with the perfect opportunity to make up for his past sins by jumping on the backs of the Kurds.

MOTHER THERESA

Not even the Kurds were as concerned at their plight as Jeffrey was. The man who graduated from the same school of sincerity as gameshow hosts, wept on cue as he asked grannies everywhere to knit jumpers and delve into their pensions "for the sake of the Kurdish people".

Jeffrey did everything but don a frock and beads to convince the public that he was the capitalist version of Mother Theresa, and it worked because gullible suckers donated £57m. The public relations exercise would've been perfect if the Kurds had kept their mouths shut about the fact that they never actually got the money.

As we go to press Jeffrey has been forced to go to Iraq to "investigate" the mystery of the disappearing £57m. Lets hope that the US troops still in the Gulf take a liking to Jeffrey and drench him in "friendly fire." It'd be a pleasure to shout "have a nice day!" before separating Jeffrey's body from his head.

THE MAX FACTOR

BETTY MAXWELL is having to get used to the fact that from now on her finances aren't going to float as well as hubby did.

When Cap'n Bob's petty crime of nicking £526m from old age pensioners was discovered, Betty was on the phone demanding all her pension payments before you could say; "you don't always need a cosh to mug a codger."



BETTY: broke?

Betty was due to receive a £750,000 lump sum and then £310,000 each year from the Mirror pension fund. Unfortunately for Betty, hubby had inserted a clause in the pension deeds which said that anybody involved in "fraudulent behaviour" wasn't entitled to a brass farthing. So it seems that Betty is going to have to scrape by on whatever is tucked away in the secret Swiss bank accounts. Her son Kevin is

already struggling to manage on a meagre £1,600 per week - which is what the court is allowing him to draw from his frozen bank accounts for living expenses.

Rich unemployed crooks get a good deal in John Major "classless" society; if Kevin was merely working class and unemployed he'd draw £39 a week. And he wouldn't even get that unless he told the dole office that he was willing to do any job from scrubbing out bogs to swallowing live babies.

Meanwhile an average of 543 people end up in court each day because they won't and can't pay their poll tax. Great British democracy send poll tax rebels to prison and gives a professional mugger of the elderly an allowance.

We all know crime pays, but for the Maxwells it continues to pay even after they've been caught. With any luck this time next year Kevin will probably be eating porridge; hopefully the others prisoners will make it stick in his throat.

A Policeman's lot...

COPPERS INJURED "in the line duty" face redundancy as part of a cost cutting programme.

From May all 'poorly' Metropolitan police officers judged unable to return to full duties will be given three months pay and asked to leave the force. In London alone 1,346 previously hospitalised coppers stand to lose their jobs. So do a cop a favour: belt him with a brick and get him early retirement!

And while I am on the subject...

GET DIALING

PEERS OF the realm don't improve with age; like rotting meat, the longer they hang around the more rancid they become. Lady Jane Birdwood is a prime example of poison with a walking frame.

She might look like a frail old lady but the 81 year-old is about as sweet as cat vomit. An active fascist all her life, she's done everything from spearheading compulsory deportation campaigns to funding the National Front.

She's been up in court several times on charges of spreading "race hatred" and was recently found guilty of producing and distributing anti-semitic booklets.

Protected by her wealth, her title and too many old boy connections the old bat always escapes with a caution. Now that the cold weather is upon us maybe it's time to check up on the elderly.

The woman who claims the holocaust never happened can be contacted on: 081 749 0629. As British Tele-con say: "Let them know how you feel. Go on make that call!"

The release of the Guildford Four, Birmingham Six and Tottenham Three showed that the only coppers that aren't bent as boomerangs are the ones with rigor mortis.

After the release of the Tottenham Three, Metropolitan police officers were said to be "depressed" about the fact that the public had lost confidence in them.

At present there are an estimated 700 prisoners whose cases are waiting to be opened because of some highly dubious convictions. When their details finally surface the Metropolitan cops might be melancholy enough to weep themselves to a well deserved death!

EUROSCUM

International gangsters, terrorists and similar scum are coming to Edinburgh this December. The mafia? Columbian drug barons? The Police Federation? No, it's worse! It's the Economic Community (EC) annual carve up (or as they call it, a summit conference).

Government ministers, police chiefs, presidents and similar low life from the 12 member states will be meeting to work out the finer points of their plans for European political and economic union.

Their plans for a United Europe are designed to make the European ruling class stronger against their Japanese and North American competitors. For the European working class this is generally bad news. It will mean wages and services will be reduced to the lowest common denominator, increased repression and social control, and a massive increase in institutionalised racism.

REPRESSION

There is a growing mood within the EC that many social services offered by member states work as an "unfair subsidy" to industry. They want social services like subsidised transport, housing or food to be reduced to a uniform level across the EC. This, along with moves towards economic union, will result in

member states agreeing to cut and reduce their public services to the lowest possible level. Repressive laws like Britain's anti gay clause 25 and clause 28, Germany's "anti terrorist" article 129 (which makes it illegal even to report events the Government decides are "terrorist") and France's infamous "law of return", will be implemented across the EC.

FORTRESS EUROPE

The United Europe will also be a Fortress Europe. It will exclude people seeking asylum, those wishing to join family members already living in the EC, and people trying to escape poverty, persecution, disease and hunger. In short, it will exclude people because of their skin colour and ethnic origin - a racist Fortress Europe. Whilst nazis and fascists can only shout about a "Europe for the Europeans", the EC are busy creating it.

The "law of return" in France is already used to deport black people to countries they barely know at all, as punishment for committing only minor crimes. Laws like this will lie at the heart of the United Europe.

A United Europe will also mean heavier policing, the possibility of a new Europe-wide police force, compulsory ID cards, and increased controls on the movements of the people the state considers "disruptive to economic or social life". This could mean anything from strikers to political activists,

people involved in anti racist or anti nazi struggles, and generally anyone unlucky enough to get up the nose of their local plod.

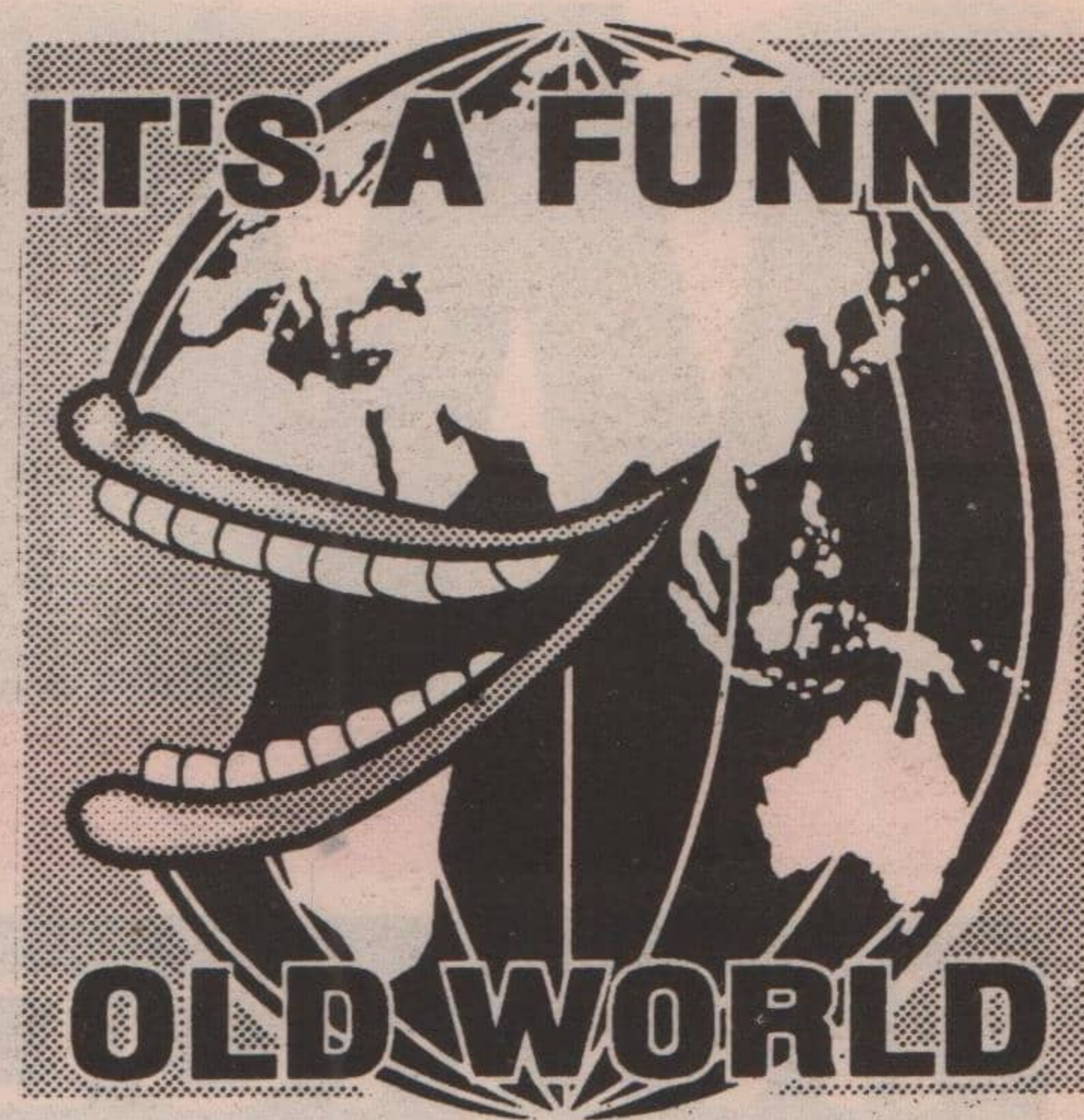
The so called Social Charter was no more than a cheap attempt to buy off liberal and social democratic support for the Europe for the bosses. It certainly had little to offer the working class. Its effectiveness at buying this support was demonstrated when the British liberal establishment, like the Labour Party and the unions, cried their eyes out at the loss of the Social Charter, and told us this was also a great loss for the working class. Bollocks!

OCCUPIED EDINBURGH

It is reported that the summit venue, Holyrood Palace, will be closed to the public for TWO months before the conference. This is to allow time to install "communications and security equipment". Even when parasites like the Royals stay there, the Palace is only closed for a week before they arrive.

The EC summit will attract thousands of anti social elements, like the filth, secret services, and the military; you'll hardly be able to fart in the street, never mind protest against these scumbags.

Mind you, there are still ten months to go to the conference. We're sure people from across Britain (and our European comrades), will manage to plan some timely events to make their visit as unpleasant as possible.



Socialist Shetland?

Was the end of year piss up for Shetland Island Councillors the shape of things to come? Are oil multinationals like BP and Shell shaking in their shoes?

Having one leftie Director of Housing singing a song containing the words "Vive Communiste, Vive Libertar...", is maybe tolerable. But when she is joined in rousing chorus by both an Independent, AND a Tory councillor, maybe things are hotting up!

Red rover

Security guard Robert Christie was bored at his work. So he took a brand new £20,000 Rover "for a spin" from the showroom he was guarding.

Unfortunately the Aberdeen security guard, who was still only a learner driver, soon ran into some difficulties; like parked cars, a crash barrier, and a garden fence!

Although Robert was unfortunately caught, he did manage to get away with only a suspended sentence!

Considering that some "security" firms pay as little as £1.70 an hour, it's amazing security guards don't make more use of the stuff they are guarding. We're sure they could always find a use for stuff like videos, tellys, computers, watches...

Steal Back!

Work is where a boss steals your time, and makes a profit from the stuff you produce. Work is mundane, boring, alienating and unfulfilling. The majority of the things we produce are both useless and wasteful. We, the workers, show our resentment in lots of different ways:

In Canada the average worker "steals back" nearly four hours from the boss every week in days off, long breaks, reading on the job, and other unofficial paid leisure time.

In Australia at least 1 in 5 days of sick have no identifiable cause.

A US survey of 10,000 workers found that 25% of them had nicked stuff from their employer.

The chief medical officer at Rockwells' Space Shuttle Division said that up to a quarter of the assembly line workers were either pissed, stoned, or both!

Dickheads!

The NUJ, (the Union of the media, Guardians of Independence, Observers of the Times, Mirrors of the News of the World) really look like a right bunch of arseholes this time.

After eight months of discussions between the union and other "industry groups" (the bosses?), they all "facilitated" - stitched-up by the Metropolitan cops - the NUJ will soon have a new press card.

It will only be issued to those considered "news gatherers", and will have a PIN number only known to the user AND the MET! Brilliant! The pigs will have a complete list of all official UK news gatherers. With the aid of computer technology, they will be able to pick and choose who they allow through police lines, quickly find out who was there at the time, and generally make life difficult for awkward reporters.

Next time you hear of some shitty new police demand, remember how the great NUJ stood up to the Mets' ID card scheme, and don't hold your breath waiting for the "liberal" press to cause an uproar. 'Cos they won't...



"general git", Jimmy Burnett.

Game over

The BNP in their latest effort to "send them home" recently tried to hand out leaflets at a Hearts v Celtic football match at Parkhead, Glasgow.

● But both Hearts and Celtic supporters took great exception to the BNP's "Repatriation now" and "hang the IRA" rubbish. So they knocked red white and blue out of the boneheads outside the turnstiles.

● There on the day was SCARF member Mark Buchan. "It was great! The nazis didn't have an earthy. We attacked them from the wings, and they left before half time!"

● Despite the filth saving the nazis from serious damage, the BNP aren't expected outside Parkhead for a very long time.

● SCARF are based in Edinburgh, but are keen to get in touch with other anti fascist supporters groups (or those thinking of starting one). SCARF; PO Box 474, Edinburgh, EH11 2TQ.

Health cuts

According to a leaked union circular only available to top leaders within NUPE, COHSE and NALGO, class concious workers are well pissed off about hospitals opting out of the NHS in Scotland.

Three hospitals in Larbert, Ayrshire and Aberdeen have decided to opt out so far, and have made all the cuts and redundancies associated with opt out. The report notes "increasing rifts between management and workers, resulting in damage to management property, plus bodily damage to people directly involved in [opt out] business planning in certain hospitals". The report also mentions slogans against opt out daubed on hospital walls, and the cutting of a consultant's car breaks at the opt out Forrethill hospital in Aberdeen. Although this particular action was rather dangerous to ordinary members of the public, it does show just how angry health workers are.

Task force bastards want £7m

A task force recently formed in Edinburgh to combat homelessness, has asked for an "injection" of £7m - over the next three years!

Talk about thinking big! This hefty sum wouldn't even cover the councils current repairs bill, and would work out at £84.81 per person a month for the city's homeless. Two weeks rent, or a week in some grotty B&B, what a boost! No wonder one of the members of this task force, Labour Councillor Jimmy Burnett, has in the past been variously described as a "bastard, slimebag, hypocrite, smug shite, attention grabber, parasite, and general git". As Chair of Edinburgh District Council's Housing Committee, he knows all about homelessness. Or at least how to create it.

Last year he personally authorised the eviction of a number of people. Among them was the Hume family from the Moredun area of Edinburgh. Davie and Phyllis Hume, who were both seriously ill at the time, were evicted along with their two under-8 children, one of whom had pneumonia. The council claimed they owed £1600 back rent.

Scum like Cllr. Jimmy Burnett are part of the housing crisis, not its solution.

Who cares?

Labour don't give a toss!

Labour controlled Lothian Region recently held their Christmas bash against a backdrop of massive cuts and closures across the Region.

You may think that politicians as hapless as Edinburgh's deserve a small get-together at Crimbo? But they should now be told to fuck off and die. Their little get together cost a whopping £10,000!

FREE BEVVY!

The assorted 150 lickspittles who attended enjoyed free drinks all night, and tucked into a

buffet which included salmon, lobster mousse and roast duck! No doubt they thought they needed it more than the pensioners' free bus pass they recently cut, or the meals on wheels services they have cut, or advice and unemployed centres they have closed.

GUTLESS

Even an amazing half of the Labour group couldn't handle this level of greed and hypocrisy, so didn't bother turning up to the beanfeast. But only one of them would publicly speak out against the "celebration", the rest refused.

What's the difference?



Jean-Marie Le Pen, Leader of the French National Front, and EC parliament member.



Boris Yeltsin, President AND Prime Minister of the Russian Republic, and self appointed chief of the "Russian Federation".

ANSWER - one is a fascist who wants to stand for presidential elections. The other is a fascist president who can't stand elections.

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INTRODUCTION

Whenever the capitalist news media turn their attention to the Class War Federation, they inevitably work their way round to the issue of violence. To hear and read some of their outpourings - particularly the lying, hysterical shit that flowed from the "Daily Star" during Class Wars International Conference in September - anyone would think that Class War members and supporters ate their own children and drank blood from human skulls by the light of the full moon. But, whenever you pick up a copy of Class War, the issue of violence in the class struggle is never dodged. This might be off-putting to some people (as far as I'm concerned, only nutters ENJOY violence), but by the time you've read the article, it will become clear that any change in society to get rid of capitalism will be strongly resisted by the ruling class, who will fight to the last drop of our blood to maintain the status quo, their right to exploit us and blight our lives.

BATTERED BOBBIES

Before the main part of the article, a few words about the presence of "Hospitalised Copper" feature in the paper might not come amiss. Why do we carry pictures of battered, riot-damaged coppers on page 3 of every issue of the paper? (Class War have even produced a Hospitalised Copper calendar the last couple of years!) The simple answer is not that we are all psychos in Class War, who revel in violence for its own sake. We carry that feature to show that *we are not helpless victims of whatever crap the state and the bosses want to dish out.*

It shows that ordinary people can fight back, as they did on the picket lines during the '84-'85 miners strike and at Wapping, where the myth of the "impartial" police force was destroyed forever and the role of the police as the States' and the bosses uniformed thugs was fully exposed. The left papers, for the most part, portray the working class in struggle as the victims of police brutality - the picture of the picket at Orgreave colliery being charged at by mounted police comes to mind. This is hardly calculated to boost the morale of working class people (*you'd wonder if the left actually print this stuff to prove that we CAN'T have a go ourselves!*)



We see nothing wrong with giving evidence that our class can fight back when it has to, and that we don't have to accept THEIR violence - hence the presence of the Hospitalised Copper feature in the paper.

To those who say people who want an anarchist or libertarian society have a monopoly on violence, we can only point out that the most Conservative, "democratic" systems, the most "respectable" parliamentary institutions, are all supported by a base of coercion, so-called "law", and the ultimate sanction of the use of force. It is not anarchists or libertarians, but governments and capitalism, which are the source of

coercion and violence in our daily lives. **Behind every employer - private or public sector - is a whole armoury of so-called "legal" powers, to ensure that we "know our place" and accept lives which for many of us are mere drudgery in the bosses' routine of work - produce - consume. That is, of course, if you happen to have a job.**

If you're unfortunate enough to be unemployed, then you feel the full force of the viciousness of their worthless, system. If you don't accept a job, that doesn't pay enough to support you and your family, then your dole is stopped. If you don't accept a place in some mickey-mouse "training" set up, then life can be made very difficult for you. Young people leaving school have to either accept a place on a YT scheme (if they can get one) or stay on at school or continue in higher education, otherwise they can expect no help from the state.

Many of these young people - through no fault of their own - finish up living on the streets, begging, living in Dickensian poverty and even starvation in some cases. This has happened as the result of the "reforms" in the social security system brought about by the 1986 Social Security Act, which according to the twisted mentality of Margaret Thatcher, was meant to ensure that young people didn't "choose idleness"! *You would wonder about the sanity of the venomous, power-mad filth who could possibly inflict such suffering on other human beings.* The same scum can be thoroughly depended on, whenever the working class fights back, to strike dignified poses and say how much they "abhor violence"!

Just before Christmas, a young girl was released from Risley remand centre in Warrington. She came home to Liverpool, and, being flat broke, went to her local DSS office to get a severe hardship payment. She was refused any help at all, and later on the same day, she O.D'd on heroin rather than spend another day in John Major's "classless society".

Is that the result of violence or what?

After the 1990 Trafalgar Square anti-poll tax riot, establishment figures (and the establishment in-waiting of the Militant - led all Britain Anti Poll Tax Federation) were queuing up in front of the T.V. cameras to splutter with phony indignation and condemn all these dirty, unwashed bastards who suddenly decided they'd

had enough of the shit they

were being forced to live in and decided to not just fight back against a police attack on the anti-poll tax demo, but to help themselves to some of the goodies that this wonderful system

had placed out of their reach - not to mention putting the fear of Christ up the complacent rich scum who regard the West End of London as their playground. Our "superiors" and leaders waffled about the violence that occurred on the streets of London.

There was, of course, never a word of condemnation about the violence inflicted on us by their system, every day of our lives - all backed up by the so-called "rule of law" with its judiciary, magistrates, police, and - should we forget our place sufficiently - the armed forces to make sure that a few dead bodies lie in the streets if we look like being anywhere near effective.

If you are forced to take a job that doesn't pay sufficiently to support you, that's violence.

If you finish up homeless and malnourished as a result of government policy, that's violence.

If you're an old person, and have to do without heat in the depths of winter because this poxy system denies you a decent old age pension, that's violence.

LESSONS

There is nothing inevitable in having to accept any of this shit. History is littered with examples of people deciding that enough is enough, and defying the ruling class and its forces to do their worst. If it were not for the class resistance of people like the Spithead mutineers, the Luddites,



or the Chartists, the history of our class would have been even more dismal than it was in the last century. If enough people decide that things have to change, then there is no force on earth that can stop them. It can even reach the point where some of the forces hired to keep us in our place - i.e. soldiers, etc. - become sickened with the "job" of shooting members of their own class, and side with the people against the ruling class.

The necessity of striking fear into the ruling class can never be overstated. In America, there was a massive union called the International Workers of the World (IWW, or the Wobblies as they were known). Their tactics consisted almost entirely of direct action, and they were not above dynamiting the homes and the property of the class enemy. In the 1920's and 30's, the mere mention of the involvement of the Wobblies in an anti workers' dispute in Detroit was enough to get Henry Ford to concede the demands of the workers.



George Bush keeping the American tradition going with his own brand of mass genocide

In our time, and a bit closer to home than Detroit, there has been the example of the resistance of the nationalist community to the British direct rule imposed on the occupied Six Counties of Ireland. This conflict - the result of Britain's insane policy of not conceding freedom to the whole of Ireland since 1921 - can be traced back to the founding of the Orange mini-state after partition. The nationalist community, mainly Catholic, were discriminated against in practically every sphere of life by the bigoted elements among the Protestant, loyalist population. Education, housing, employment, how many votes you got at

OLENCE?



election time it all depended on which religion you followed, or "which foot you kicked off with". By the late 60's, it had reached the stage where the nationalist community - and particularly the youth - were no longer prepared to put up with what their parents and grandparents had suffered.

They made the most reasonable - even timid demands, that the discrimination against them should cease. The Civil Rights movement was founded, and marches and demos were seen in Belfast and Derry. A march from Derry to Belfast was ambushed by Loyalist thugs wielding nail-studded clubs, while the Royal Ulster Constabulary looked on and did nothing (so much for "Law and order"!)

A few days later, the nationalist community in Derry was subjected to a pogrom by loyalist mobs backed up by the notorious "B-specials" uniformed sectarian thugs whose sole aim was to guard Protestant supremacy "Legally" of course!

While all this was going on, the IRA languished in Dublin, splitting theoretical hairs while the nationalist community was under attack from the forces of reaction.

A well-remembered piece of graffiti from that time was the one that read "IRA = I ran away". A faction of the IRA, later to become the Provisional IRA, was founded with the intention of ending British rule in the six counties and forcing Britain to withdraw from Ireland.

The rest is history. The Provos, according to British military intelligence, are one of the most competent guerrilla forces in the world, and are firmly rooted in the communities that they defend. We are not saying that we should sympathise with Irish nationalism, or anybody else's nationalism for that matter.

The Republican movement may well be a "state in waiting", and may do things we disagree with and not be everything we would like it to be. But it is an example of the use of violence that is necessary when you face an enemy who is determined that military force is the only way a conflict can be settled.

While not giving unqualified support to the IRA, you don't have to be a Einstein to realise that a victory for the armed struggle in Ireland would be a crushing blow to the ruling class and to the authority of the British state.

MIDDLE CLASS PRIVILEGE

The choice of violence or non-violence in the class struggle has been taken out of our hands, by the very nature of the

ruthless bastards who run this cess-pit system. Yet, despite the evidence of their eyes and ears, there are still people who think in terms of pacifist solutions to society's problems.

Whatever you want to say about pacifism as an ideal, it doesn't have any survival value when you are up against people who don't interpret words like "peace" and "harmony" in the same way that you do. The advocates of this approach tend to be comfortably off, middle-class drop-outs who don't want the even tenor of their lives disturbed, or who will never have to make that choice.



Another obvious danger to this approach is that the ruling class will always regard a willingness to "be reasonable" and "non-violent" as a sign of weakness. It is certainly a luxury that the working class cannot afford. Of course, our self-appointed "superiors" never miss an opportunity to portray themselves as civilised ladies and gentlemen in their dealings with us.

If you see representatives of the ruling class - employers, senior policemen, etc. - in any negotiations, or public meetings, or whatever, they will always listen politely to your carefully rehearsed arguments. They will sit looking at you, nodding away like a Garfield in the back window of a Datsun, all the while figuring out ways of how they can nail you to the shithouse door. The ruling class are never more dangerous than when they are doing their impersonations of human beings.

Behind the polished facade lies the mentality which regards the destruction of the planet, the enslavement, impoverishment and murder of millions of people as part of "business as usual". We can NEVER have anything in common with these people.

You can win all the arguments you like with them. If you even look like any kind

of a threat to their position, they will make your life, and your family's, a misery. Should they become desperate enough, they will kill you. That's what their upbringing has prepared them for, or their training if you bear in mind that some of them originated in the working class.

Whatever we think of violence - and there are a good many people who don't like it - we would be deceiving ourselves if we thought we could change society while avoiding it altogether.

Surely nobody with two functioning brain-cells to rub together actually enjoys violence, but when you see the rise of extreme right-wing ideologies, dickhead nationalism (*Yugoslavia, the former Soviet Union, etc*) and the rise of neo-nazism on the continent, you realise that sometimes you won't be able to avoid doing things you don't like.

I once read a little piece about the nature of the class enemy and the kind of scumbags we are up against. I don't know where it came from, but it goes:

*"Know thy enemy.
He does not care how much you earn, provided you earn more for him;
He does not care who lives in the room at the top, provided he owns the building;
He will let you say whatever you like against him provided you do not act against him;
He sings the praises of humanity, but knows machines cost more than people;
Bargain with him, he laughs and beats you at it,
"Challenge him and he kills;
Sooner than lose the things he owns, he will destroy the world".
Kinda says it all, doesn't it.*



WOMEN = PASSIVITY?

Some people have accused Class War of being macho because of its unashamed support of working class fight-back, even at its most violent. What a load of crap.

As women we are throughout our lives continuously brain-washed into thinking and acting like "Proper ladies", ie passive. We are even expected to believe that this so-called feminine passivity is natural, mainly because we are child bearers and carers!

It is not unnatural for women to get angry and want to lash out at the system that wants to totally dominate us and our class and to keep us in a continuous war of the sexes and races etc.

Our class is being bombarded all the time by the violent acts of the state; the government may not actually smack us in the face themselves - they've got the police force to do that - but they are the ones who cut our wages, social, child benefit, education and so on.

Women are no way so passive that we cannot feel violent towards government for what it is doing everyday to our class and so it is not only men who cheer when the working class gets its own back by refusing to pay the Poll Tax and hospitalising a few bailiffs (or sheriffs in Scotland) in the process!

So if you think that it is macho and male to support the working class in its fight-back then you must either be a pacifist(yawn!) totally naive or your name is Neil Pillock!

As working class women we do not possess the guilt and moralism of the middle class feminists who have done quite nicely in their careers since the days of the so-called women's liberation movement.

We are not liberated and never will be until we fight for our own equality as women and as part of our class for control of its own society

No amount of hospitalised coppers could equal the violence the ruling class commit on our class here and throughout the world every day. The homeless, the elderly, the starving, the millions of victims in their wars, for their interests. They have no hesitation in supporting and supplying death squads throughout the world, to crush any resistance in our class. The class war, and the way to fight it must be decided on our terms, in our way. That's the only way to put the shits up them. Pacifism as a form of resistance is the privilege of the middle classes.

NEVER MIND THE BALLOTS

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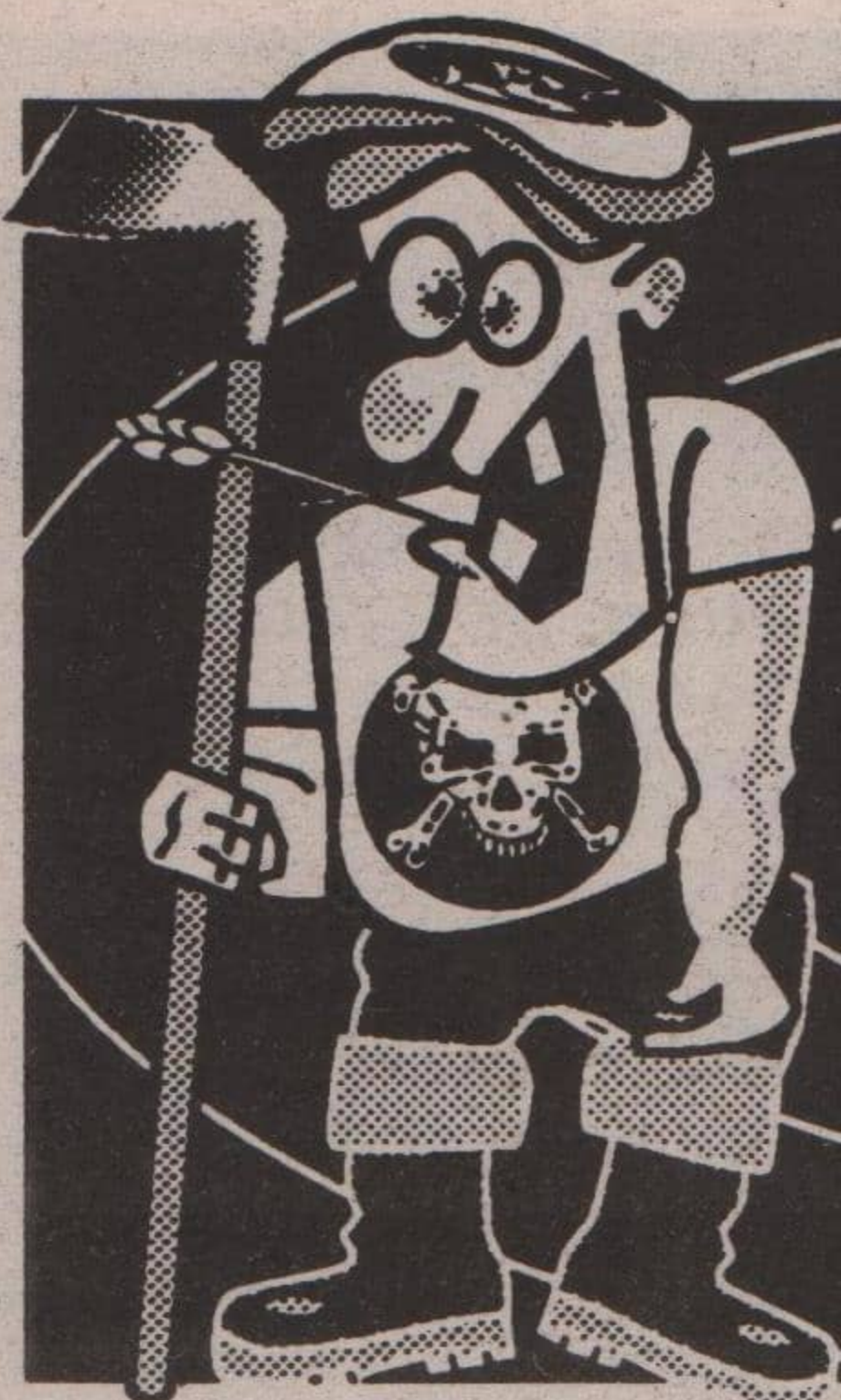
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MUCK SPREADER

spreading the dirt on the green front

HALF BAKED

Dear Muckspreader,
Your cross-eyed half-wit cartoon character heading is about the mark for the level of crap you spread about on the green front. However, it must be said that your propaganda is no worse than that which seeps from the mainstream green movement.

Your rhetoric, "We'll take over the whole bakery" is no answer to the problem of capitalism destroying the Earth in its exploitation of the vegetarian/wholemeal market.

Brown bread baked under the control of the workers may look good on paper, but in reality it's a naff idea. Overthrowing the system to take over a great big capitalist-built bakery will necessitate division of labour.

EXPLOITATION?!

Whenever there is division of labour ("You do this job, I do that job") there is exploitation. To supply flour for a large-scale bread baking operation would mean having a transport infrastructure. That leads to more truck making factories and more exploitation. Horse-drawn transport, no matter how ecologically advantageous, would be inefficient at such a level of bread production.

Who would own or control the land upon which the wheat is grown? You would have to stop small-scale land squatters like me from using the land self-sufficiently so that your large block monoculture wheat production could be collected more efficiently to be collected and transported to the highly intensive and exploitative flour mills.

The amount of energy required to keep all the wheels turning would mean oil, gas, coal and nuclear power would be required.

WHO'S THE BOSS?

You talk of "surplus value" when you really mean surplus technicrap pollution. Nobody wants a bigger cut of that, whether they've got a capitalist or a Class War boss.

Yes, we do need a class war revolution to take over the factories - if only to smash them up. Take my advice: don't just say "this is our land", go out and squat it. Grow your own food, and in time, you won't know the price of shop bread.

I got my little piece of England by being prepared to fight the system to the death - something I would not consider if the result were a job in a communally run bakery where some smart-arse intellectual daily lectures everyone about efficiency like Lenin did to his "industrialites".

Bob, Oxford Green Anarchist Collective.

Class War has spent the last 2 years trying to improve and develop its ideas and actions around green politics. The letter 'Half Baked' has inspired Muckspreader to answer the gross misinterpretations that some people may have, as well as expanding on our politics in print...

Class War actively encourages input from all interested groups, to achieve more informed, coherent politics on all relevant issues.

However, the individualistic piece, "Half Baked", offers more unfounded criticisms of Class War's green politics than anything else.

This is no attempt to appear to be 'greener than thou' - Class War works closely with ecologists far more informed on specific green issues than most members of the Class War Federation. However, we do have class struggle green politics, and the writer does not.

A SLOGAN'S A SLOGAN

The slogan "taking over the whole bakery" is a widely-recognised Libertarian slogan, and was not intended to imply the huge misinterpretations that have been made. However, there are some very relevant issues that arise: in order to produce enough for everyone's needs, entertainment and comfort, it is an undoubted fact that any future society will have to incorporate something similar to large centres of production (what the letter calls factories). BUT run collectively and non-exploitatively, for the benefit of all - anything else amounts to capitalism.

Class War will never become Leninist, industrialist bosses - we constantly expose and criticise such would-be dictators and party bosses for what they are - anti-working class scum.

THE ECONOMY'S FAR BIGGER THAN A BAKERY!

The writer implies that to take over the means of production means that you all suddenly become exploitative or exploited and capitalistic.

This huge assumption contains no reference to the possibility that we can collectively, equally produce for the benefit of

TOXIC TOMMY

In Class War 51, we unveiled the total madness at Cambuslang, near Glasgow, where the Town Hall dummies failed to do anything about the 40 year old dumps of toxic waste (such as cancer related chromium dust), apart from building football pitches and kids' playgrounds right on top of them!

Local MP, Tommy McAvoy tried to steal the limelight: his Dad worked for the main chemical firm in the area, Whites. He died of cancer. So our Tommy thought he could be seen to get something done about the disaster, and get himself chummy with locals

before the general election. Two things have proved to be the parasitical politician's undoing: First - the plan to cover the waste with plastic sheeting followed by 8 inches of soil may possibly have worked in stopping rain and wind bringing the chemicals to the surface, IF the idiots actually used the plastic sheeting and not just a layer of soil! The second is that cheap cons at 'caring for the community' don't wash - very few people in Cambuslang seem to want Tommy, or any other politician come to that.

GREEN AND PLEASANT

ourselves and each other without ripping each other off or damaging our World or our environment. After all, that's what we're in struggle for.

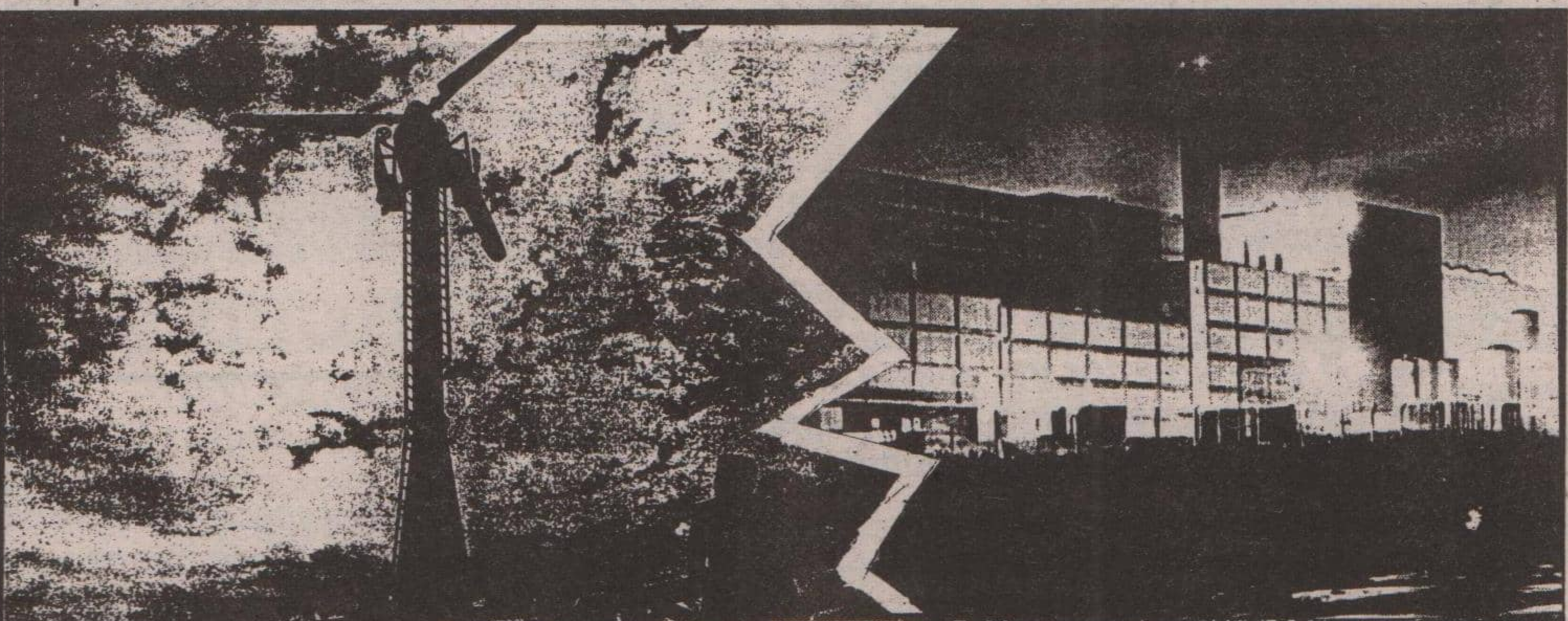
HIPPY DREAMING

As far as "division of labour" goes - of course we can't all do each other's jobs ad infinitum: that's just hippy dreaming.

We can however, work as little as possible, perhaps job-sharing, in order to make AND DO all the things we all need - both in Britain, Europe and the rest of the World. We need

possible, need little maintenance, are cheap to run and repair. How can any sane person suggest using and exploiting large animals such as horses to do such work in the 1990s?!

Surely it's a joke to be accused of plotting to do that which we're totally opposed to: it is economically and ecologically totally unsustainable to indulge in "large block monoculture" and since Class War 41 we've constantly argued against this capitalistic model. But, we're scornful of those who believe that they can individually achieve self-



collectivism and unity for this, NOT feeling extremely proud to be growing wheat on a piece of land that may well be able to be efficiently worked for the benefit of 10 mouths and not just one who's proudly announcing his own "little bit of England" - that's the language of the arrogant individualist and the small business capitalist.

EFFICIENCY

If anyone thinks efficiency in resources and production is some boss-in-waiting's plot, they can't be thinking along ecological lines: ie not to waste time, labour or the planet's resources - when we could be out enjoying ourselves, each other and what we've produced, using 'free' time valuably.

Transport? Of course we need it! The point is not to harp on about how bad a necessity is, but to engineer vehicles, with our shared knowledge, that pollute as little as

sufficiency. Even if it were possible, it would hardly be economical in terms of resources, time, land or human effort. Those who work the land may just not have the time to make the clothing they'll need to do it in! We need each other's solidarity and skills, not some lone pioneer wet dream.

In Class War 51 we outlined the government's figures on how we could use natural sources of energy to obtain the power to run our homes, entertainment and workplaces - it's madness for the writer to state that relatively large scale production (ie economical production) needs oil or coal, let alone nuclear power - the answer is we have a limited supply of these fuels, and nuclear power is so dangerous, uncontrollable and uneconomical that no one in their right mind would favour it other than the capitalist scum who get paid to build, run and promote this energy source).

WEALTH = HEALTH

CLASS WAR HAS A GOOD LOOK AT WHAT EDWINA CURRIE DIDN'T TELL YOU...

NOW, FOR ALL OUR READERS still living on left-over chocs from Christmas - here's the good news!

Coronary heart disease (C.H.D.) is the biggest single killer in Britain.

Even more alarming is that the rates of C.H.D. in the UK and Northern Ireland are declining very slowly.

All this is since the mass hype that began about "looking after your heart."

Is this because in this part of the world we are ignorant, unhealthy gits who unlike the Americans and Scandinavians can't listen to good advice?

THEY OVERLOOKED CLASS!

No, we do listen to advice, and we have changed our life-styles. Recent Health and Lifestyle Surveys have shown that people are more aware of healthy foods and that smoking and heavy drinking is bad for you. Yet the rate of C.H.D. has hardly changed in the last 20 years. WHY?

Because there is one major and crucial fact that has been left out of the Health Education leaflets and TV programmes and for a good reason - Class!

The worse thing about the campaigns launched by the health authorities is the patronising way they assume we are so stupid, and that we have to be told how to run our lives.

They say we die of heart attacks because it's all our own fault: we eat the wrong foods,



we smoke and drink too much and above all we are lazy. Pull the other one.

This then throws the real blame from the Government and the inadequate Health Service on to us.

When have you ever heard the likes of Edwina Currie or William Waldergrave (Minister of Health) say that the biggest contributor of C.H.D. is class? Never, and they will never say it because it then puts the problem back in their hands, in their terms, to provide better living conditions and to improve OUR standard of living.

In 1986 an article in the Health Education Journal said that "The most important thing about health is a person's social and economic factors, and the least important

is an individual's behaviour".

It goes on to say that health education has not had any major success in bringing about changes in public health, and worse, that the victims are now blamed for their condition.

OUT OF THEIR MOUTHS...

Even more recently a study of Whitehall civil servants, which compared C.H.D. rates and employment grades found that, over 10 years, men in the lowest grade (messengers) had three times the C.H.D. rate than the highest grade (administrators).

There wasn't a similar study for women, probably because government is naturally sexist, and there are not enough of us employed in Whitehall!

The medical surveys cannot be denied.

One after the other they have found a direct link between poverty and C.H.D.

So the belief that heart disease is the killer of executives in high powered jobs is unfortunately wrong: the bastards are not collapsing over their golf clubs at the rate we would like them to. The opposite is true, C.H.D. is killing off more women and men in our class.

EXECUTIVE STRESS?

When you look at it the reasons are obvious: those smug MIDDLE AND RULING CLASS vermin have a pretty cushy life, being able to afford a very high standard of living at our expense, and not having any of the stresses that are immediately imposed upon you by them when you have no real control over your life.



We are saying that you should look after your health, it's a human responsibility, BUT the bottom line is that a major cause of heart disease is capitalism - until we get rid of it we are bound to suffer.

Stupid patronising campaigns that put the blame on ourselves are the medical equivalent of treating an amputated leg with a Band-Aid!

LETTERS



WORKING FOR THE ENEMY

Dear Class War,
Robert Maxwell's widely applauded suicide produced further cheery news in mid-December when dozens of journalists working on the pathetic *European* newspaper were sacked.

Well tough shit, comrades! For the past twelve years, we've seen thousands of such people distort every strike; print every police lie; belittle and ignore every working class and left wing protest.

LIARS!

They lied about the miners' strike, from *The Guardian* to *The Sun*. The BBC's journalists have been the official outlet for the Home Office, MI5 and Scotland Yard - and have we seen the jailing of masses of journalists for resisting this process? NO!

They've gone along with the idea that mass unemployment and poverty for the working class are unavoidable or even desirable - while they cry crocodile tears and pose about, being overpaid.

Well, if you work for the enemy when they've got the upper hand, don't expect us to rally round when you get dumped by them.

Will Brown
Knowle, Bristol.

FOUR SORE POINTS

Dear Class War,
Just a few comments on Issue 50:

First of all, you seem to imply that joyriding is some sort of revolutionary act. No it isn't! I live in a fairly 'rough' part of Salford, Manchester, and I'm certainly no yuppie. My car (a battered Metro) has been broken into no fewer than eight times in the past year. Each time, attempts were made to drive the car away; I've had to replace the ignition 5 times because of this, incurring great expense, along with vandalised locks and smashed windows.

JOYRIDERS

To say that joyriding is an expression of class struggle is, in my view, pure garbage. I'm sure that the families of the two kids killed by joyriders in *Toxteth* would testify to that. That's not to say that I don't have a good snigger when some yuppie's Porsche gets nicked. But much car theft is a much a pain in the arse to the working class as burglary, vandalism etc. are.

CALL FOR UNITY

On problem that I feel *Class War* should address is that the working class needs to become more united and to become more aware of itself as a class. While much resistance to the State is positive, a lot of momentum is lost due to disunity in many areas. *Class War* could start promoting practical ways in which people could start to rebuild communities (which certainly needs to be done in high-rise blocks), and fighting the whole "dog-eat-dog...everyone-for-themselves" attitude perpetrated by the system. *With greater unity, the working class would be more inclined to act collectively.*

ANTI-SOCIAL LOCALS

We should all be aware of how consumerism, unemployment and rehousing has helped to destroy people's trust in each other. Where I live, a lot of the problems we face are caused by locals eg car theft, burglary, theft, rape, etc. etc. Such problems do need to be recognised and sorted out before any uprising will take effect.

WE WELCOME LETTERS ON ALL SUBJECTS PLEASE SEND TO;

To move on, I also thought that your piece: "50 Vs To the Ruling Class" smacked of self-congratulation.

THE ANIMALS DEBATE CONTINUES..

I reckon that your reply to Donald Cameron's letter was a bit strong. Maybe your approach to animal rights would be a bit different if they could contribute to the overthrowing of the ruling class?

The fact is that animals are exploited and have no voice.

There is also considerable evidence that meat-eating results in higher incidences of bowel cancer and heart disease. Meat-eating is part of Western culture, but is not by any means universal.

Next time you tuck into a nice chop, why not go down to the local factory farm to see how the animals that feed you get treated before they end up on your plate.

I feel that *Class War* has improved greatly, but you should be prepared to recognise that differences of opinion exist within your organisation and its supporters.

Yours,
George, Salford.

REPLY

Due to the limited space available on this page, and the variety of relevant comments and criticisms that you've made, we can only answer briefly, so please bear with us.

● On the subject of joyriding, *Class War 51* had a lot of content both on the Letters page and on page 2, the article "Putting It Straight". We do not think that joyriding is in itself a revolutionary activity at all. But it's exponents are largely working class people who have a definite anti-establishment, anti-police, collective attitude. It's this that we support, NOT kami kaze idiots who couldn't give a toss about their community or their class, like the murderers in *Toxteth*. We are currently increasing our coverage of anti-social crime and our comments.

● We'd also ask you to read the large piece on **Community Defence** in *Class War 50* for some of our ideas on how we think we can police ourselves and stop anti-social crimes, whether they be you getting your car damaged repeatedly; racism and racist attacks, the mugging and ripping off of our old folk and our own in general, sexual/sexist crimes etc. etc.

We totally agree that this needs to work in complete tandem with the rebuilding, strengthening and autonomy of our communities - whereby our class becomes more aware of itself, the need for solidarity, self-management and the ultimate downfall of capitalism and all its devices and agents! Phew, that's a big one! Incidentally, we see *Class War* as an agitational paper that constantly attempts to reinforce these ideas.

● On the subject of animal rights/vegetarianism...We can only add to our reply to the letter you mention: No one in the *Class War* Federation could politically justify factory farming, monoculture, any form of economic exploitation. Again, many members of the *Class War* Federation (probably the majority) are either vegetarian or vegan. The point is that while the issue is undoubtedly important, it is not currently of prime importance to the class struggle, and it is this struggle that we see as central to the creation of a World without exploitation and the caring production for the need of all not for the profit and disgusting self-interest of the few.

● On your last point: *Class War* Federation is a dynamic organisation that depends on regional and national conferences as well as bi-monthly delegate conferences. ALL members and supporters have an equal voice at these events. Attendance at most *Class War* meetings and conference is not at all for the 'hardliners' but for those interested - those who have something to say. Political debate, argument and differences are held openly so that all can make their own informed political decisions. It is this that enables us to come to political agreement (or disagreement) and to continue as a democratic, non-centralised Libertarian organisation.

Thanks for your letter, and we hope we've answered your criticisms.

COUNCIL CAPERS

Dear Class War,

Thankyou for many an entertaining read! I thought that *Class War* readers may be as intrigued as I was by Labour Lewisham Council in South London. Over the Xmas period, a Council sign appeared at a main junction, reading: SQUATTERS DON'T PAY - HOMELESS FAMILIES DO! It then went on to try to con people into grassing up local squatters on "the confidential hotline...081 695 0654", claiming thousands of homeless families would be housed if it wasn't for squatters! Yours, J. Fricker, New Cross, London.

As more people squat as the only self-managed viable alternative to the State-created housing crisis, both local and national government will use bizarre untruths to scapegoat those who solve their problems without government or State interference: in this case, the thousands of squatters.

NOBBLE THE NAZIS NOW!

Dear Class War,

I was encouraged to read your 2 articles about fascism (*Class War 51*). However, to begin an anti-fascist article with the assertion that the BNP are no threat to our communities because they only organise 250-300 nazi skinheads is a stupid and ignorant assumption. Anyone who doubts the potential of fascist groups to become a dangerous anti-working class force need look no further than the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. There, the BNP secured 12% of the white vote for one ward, during the bye-election of August 1990.

So, obviously there are more than the 300 boneheads that *Class War* are aware of. Here's the danger: *if the hardcore fascists of the BNP are left unchallenged, an impression of strength and power manifests about them, and they become an attractive radical alternative for the disillusioned white working class.*

So it's essential to combat the few committed fascists of the BNP and other nazi groups and to report regularly on the fight against them, where they so often lose to anti-fascists. This shows people there is a fighting alternative to fascism and prevents the fascists from looking strong, isolating the hardcore nazis.

There's a quote from Hitler that shows how important it is to fight fascism from the beginning: "Only one thing could have stopped our movement - if our adversaries had understood its principle and from the first day had smashed, with utmost brutality, the nucleus of our new movement". Perhaps you should publish the address of Anti-Fascist Action, a non-sectarian organisation with a large anarchist presence, who've used the above quote to guide their strategy and tactics for fighting fascism: AFA, BM 1734, LONDON WC1 3XX. I look forward to more anti-fascist articles in *Class War* - An excellent paper. No War But the *Class War*. Duncan, Norwich.

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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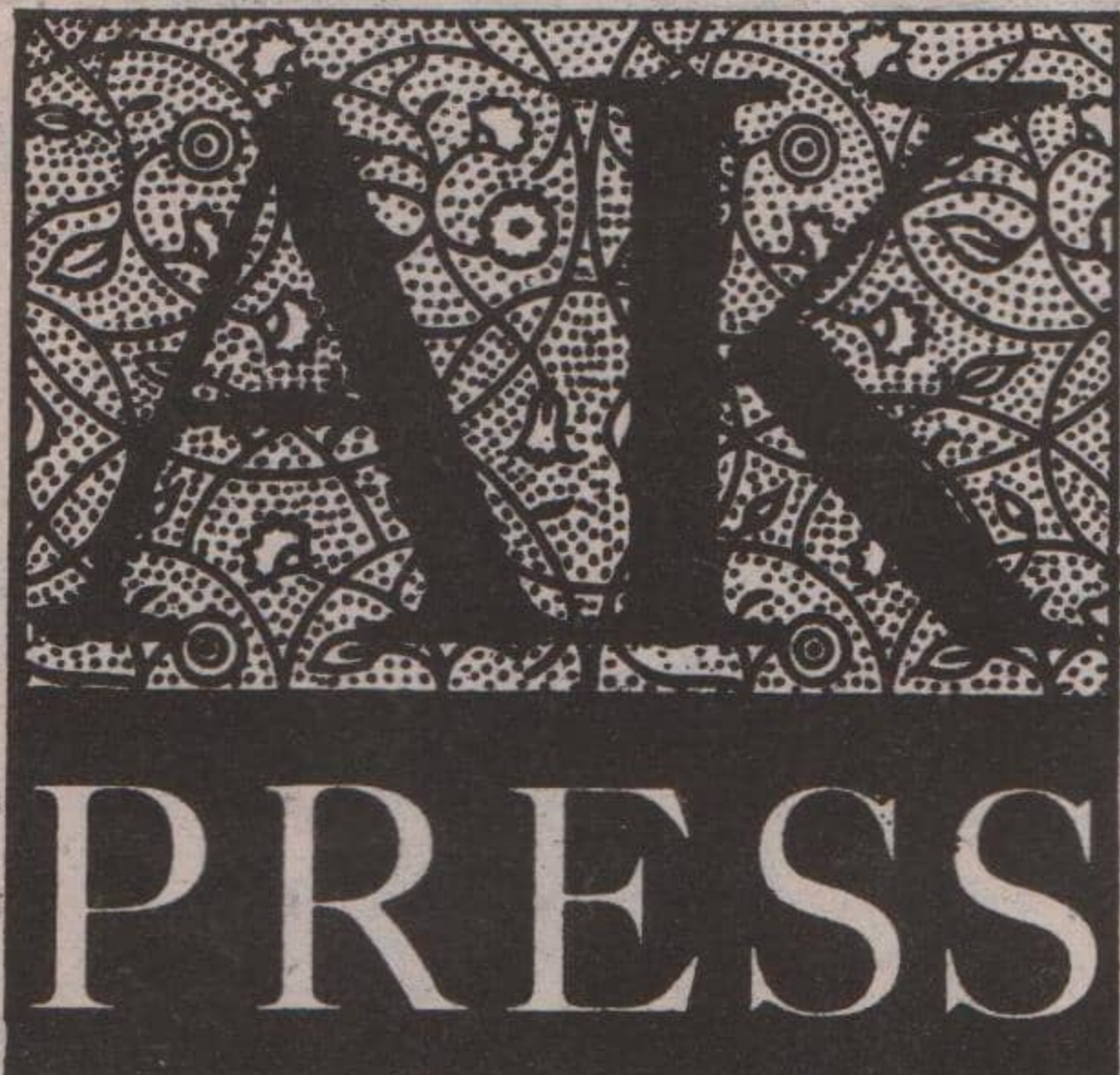
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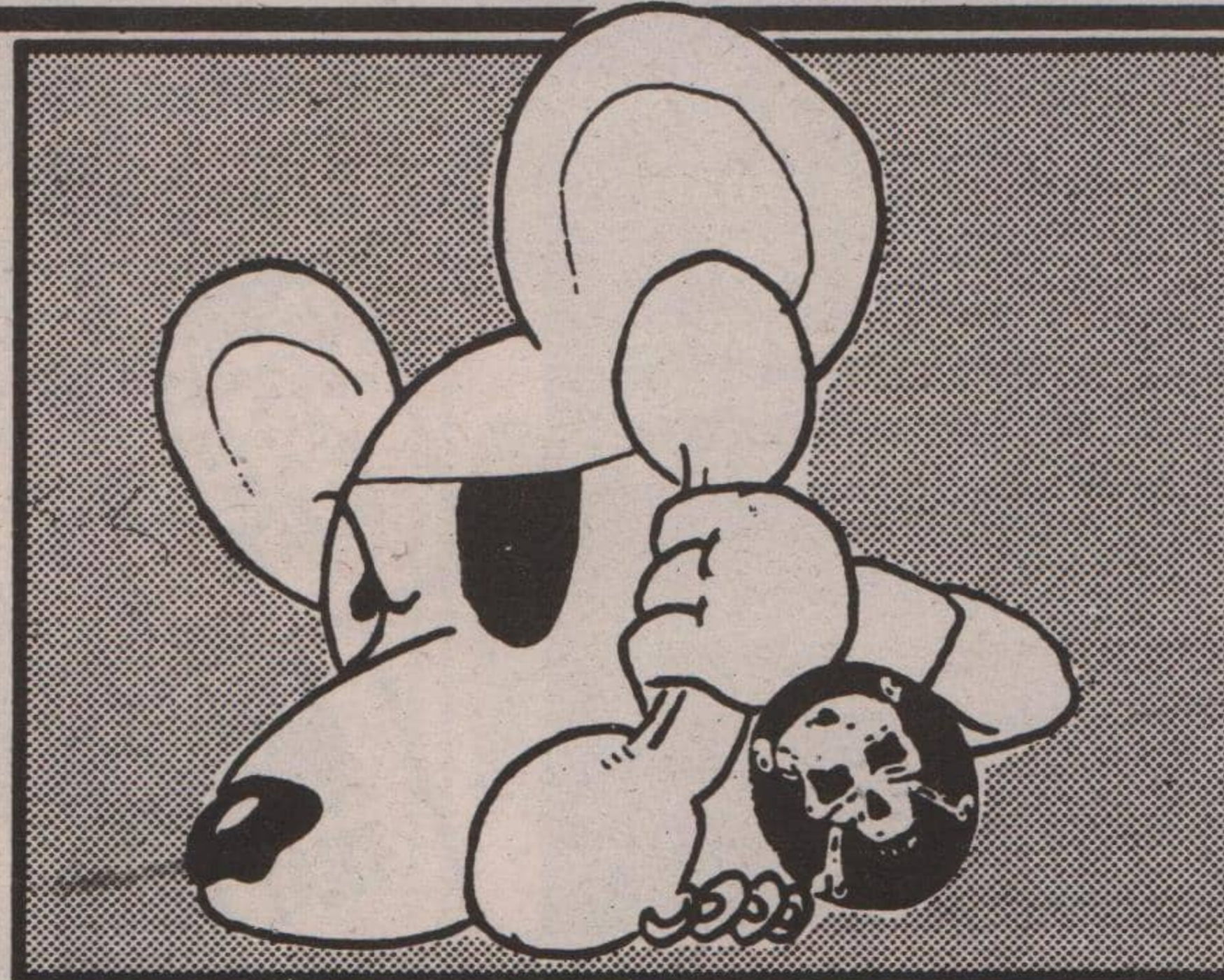
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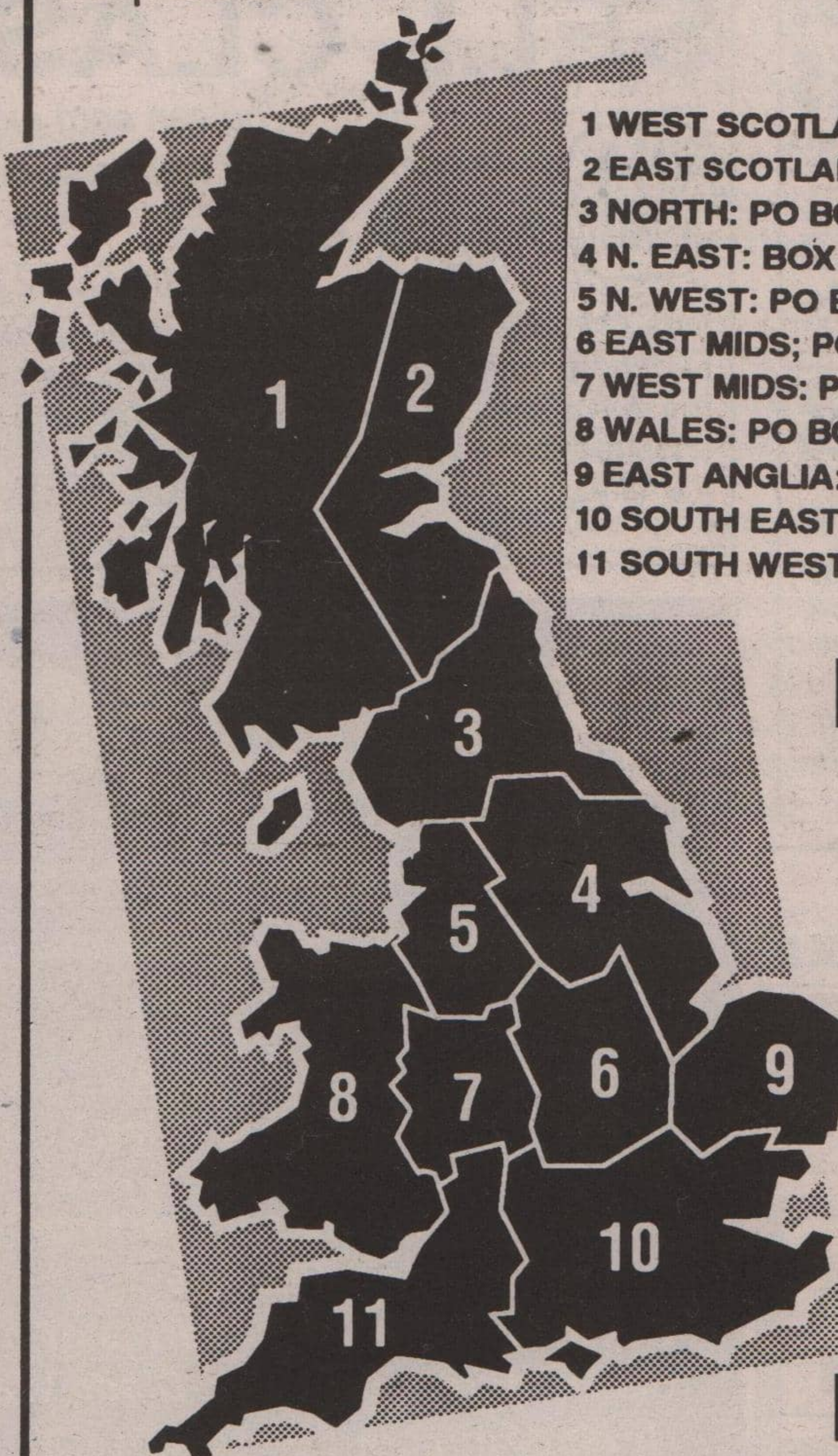


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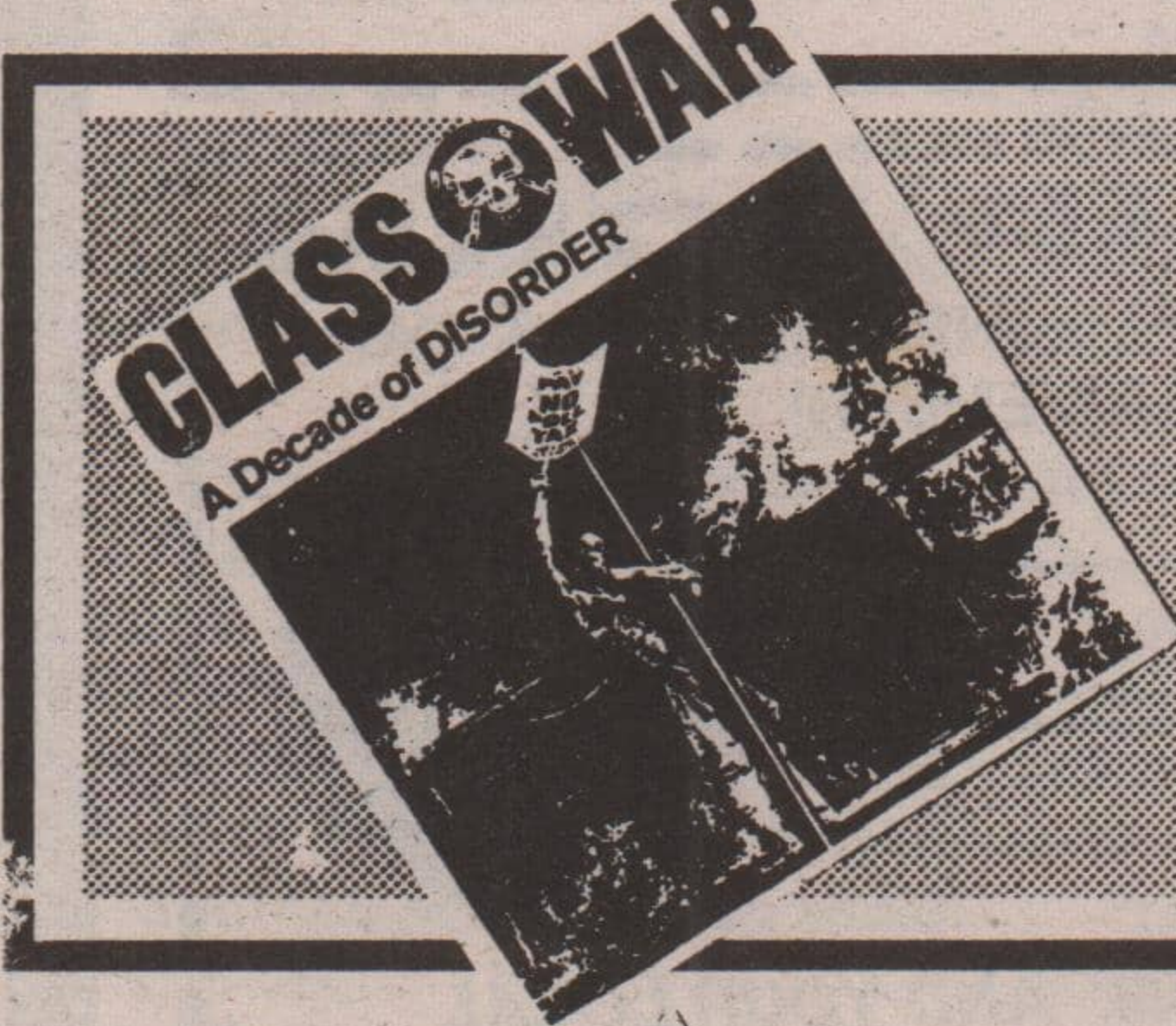
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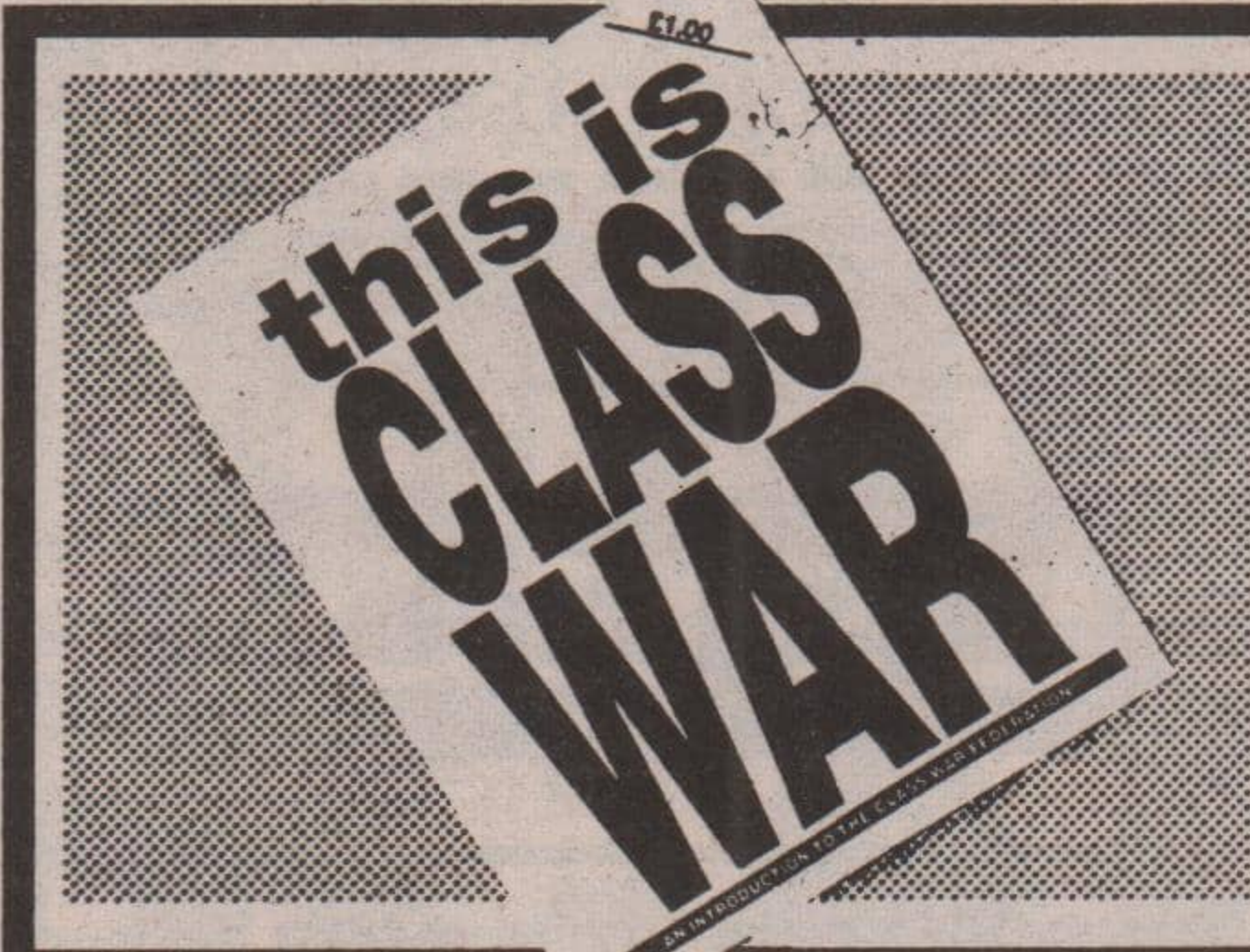
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CLASS WAR

reviews

SCREEN

YEAR OF THE GUN.(15)

To say this film was a disappointment is understatement. Set in 1977, in Italy, when the Red Brigades were waging war on Italy's social inadequates, ie. the rich scum and their lackeys. You'd think you'd get some insight into the political background of the Red Brigades, and the class war going on at the time - **no such chance.**

The film came out with all the cliches in the book - cold calculating terrorists, American liberal journalists, with 'suss', and lovers and best friends who turn out to be in the pay of the 'evil' Red Brigades.



The plot is totally implausible; Young American journalist decides to go back to Italy and write a best-seller on a fictional account of a Red Brigades' kidnapping. But, wait for it folks, unwittingly he stumbles across the true plot to kidnap ex-prime minister, Aldo Moro (which happened in real life). Ain't life just like that?!

This film (and other films which attempt to depict radical movements) distorts and shrouds in mystery the origins and background of the Red Brigades. There was little space given to the whys of class struggle; just babbling on about the corruption of the system and the Communist

party, and most of the film portrayed the rich as a 'jolly reasonable lot', being persecuted by the Reds!

As for the film's portrayal of the autonomous movement (from which the Red Brigades came), this also takes the piss. Showing a few campus demos and the street fights, between students, fascists and cops. Though the students at that time were radical; the autonomous mass movement was mainly based in the factories and on the streets, not the campuses; workers and the unemployed youth being the main social groups of the militant movement.

In this film you'll find a critique of the Red Brigades, but from a liberal 'democratic' perspective. What our politics demand is a critique from a libertarian class perspective - criticising their obvious vanguardism and enforced leadership.

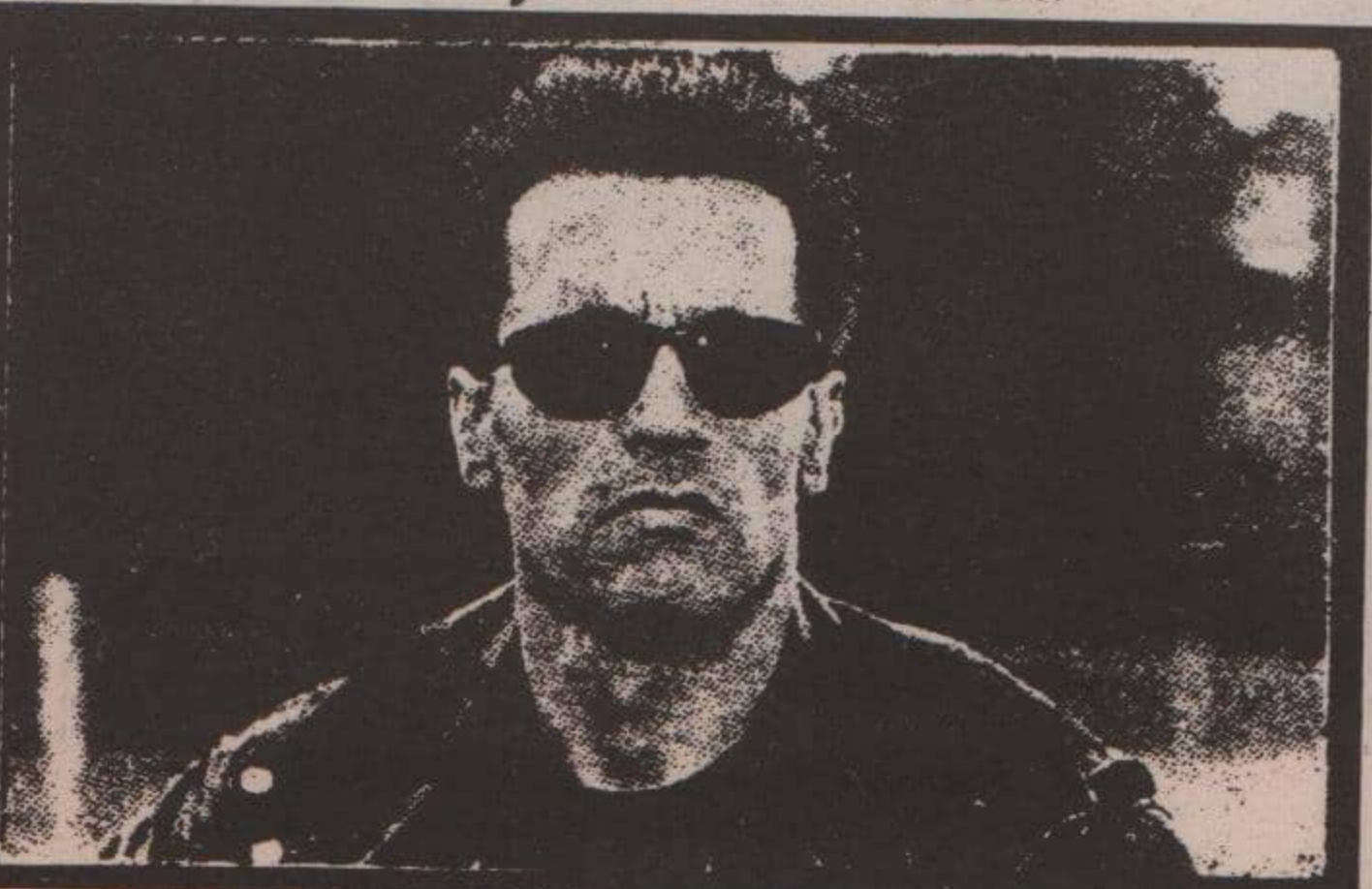
VIDEO

Among the mass of films released on video each month there are a few real gems. January see's **NAKED GUN 2**, well worth the price of the rental, and **ROBIN HOOD: PRINCE OF THIEVES** which is a reasonable Hollywood swashbuckling remake of the rob-from-the-rich-and-give-to-the-poor classic. Also worth a trek up the video shop is the excellent **THELMA & LOUISE**, one of the best 'road movies' ever made and coming from a definite women's perspective as well.

Definitely not worth getting is the stupid, boring "I'm Bruce Willis and I'm the boss" drivel **HUDSON HAWK**, this pile of crap cost £50m and is little more than an overlong excuse for him to exercise his ego.

TERMINATOR 2: JUDGEMENT DAY is released in February and if you didn't get a chance to see this at your local flicks don't miss it now. The hero is Arnie Schwarzenegger, and he spends most of his time shooting the 'bad guys'; cops and war-mongers. Also worth seeing is **A RAGE IN HARLEM**, one of the new wave of 'Black pack' films, started by Spike Lee, which has seen Hollywood begin to cater to the Black audience more. One film to avoid like the plague is the re-make of the **BLUE LAGOON**, a more boring, dreary, "what the hell did we get that crap out for" film would be hard to imagine.

In March comes the release of two of the best films of last year, John Singleton's **BOYZ 'N' THE HOOD** and Alan Parker's **THE COMMITMENTS**, both are well worth a second visit if you've seen them already, and if you haven't... you're in for treat!



SCHWARZIE: posed for Class War cover

IN PRINT

PRISONERS, PATIENTS, OR PEOPLE?

Rik Henderson and Mark Wallis
(Freedom Into Action).

Freedom Into Action is an independent publishing collective, set up to publish facts not "to flood the public with fantasy and gloss over real life".

Over 100 publishers refused to put out this book - because it deals firmly and factually with one of the greatest 'secret' ways the State has in locking up the bodies and minds of people who are different - **people with mental problems, illnesses or handicaps**

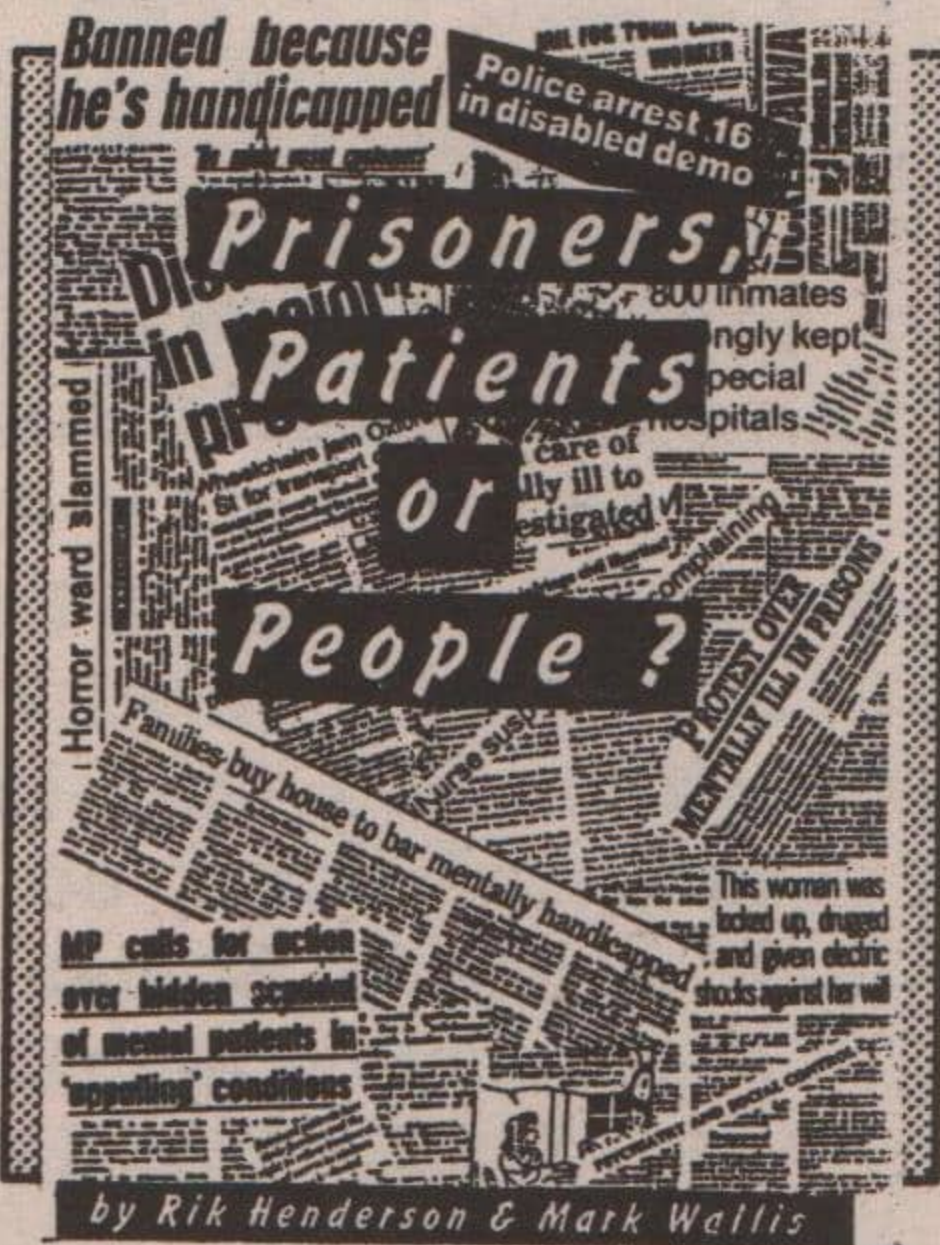
This book is no cheap shock, horror expose - the authors are both ex-psychiatric nurses. In their work they clearly detail how people have been locked up in Asylums and hospitals as the middle and ruling classes undesirables, along with thieves, unmarried mothers, prostitutes, the physically disabled - people that the State won't help and would rather keep away from contact with a 'normal' society. People who's 'problem' is often just being different.

Undoubtedly, this book's an eye-opener - the facts, history from 1800 on, the brutality, lack of care and supervision all speak for themselves.

The authors have researched tirelessly, and have presented a book that should be on every school reading list. It details more than suffering - with articulate interviews with ex-patients, a wealth of first-hand knowledge, a political angle firmly stating "mental health is generally a working class problem", 'Prisoners, Patients or People?' is not just a hard-hitting critique of mental health care through the centuries until the present day, it's a condemnation of government, class society and concludes with its own programme of how we and people with various disabilities must actively change our society, stating our needs so we can fulfil them, for ourselves and for each other.

Read this book - it's stirring stuff - not fiction - you won't be unmoved, you will be angry.

Available from: Freedom Into Action, BM Box 37, London WC1 3XX. £5 + £1 P+P. cheques and postal orders to 'Freedom Into Action'.



PROVEN INNOCENT

Gerry Conlon
(Penguin Books)

"I've spent fifteen years in prison for something I haven't done, for something I knew nothing about. I watched my father die in prison for something he didn't do. He's innocent, the Maguires are innocent, the Birmingham Six are innocent. Let's hope they're next."

These were the first words of Gerry Conlon, a man who would've been hung if capital punishment was still about in October 1975 when he, along with the others who made up the Guildford Four, were found guilty of bombing two pubs for the IRA.

'Proven Innocent' is a well written, very interesting story of how a lad from a working class background in Belfast came to spend fifteen years in nick for something that not only he didn't do, but ended up with his father being fitted up for as well.

The story starts with pub bombings in Birmingham and Guildford. The Birmingham police had made arrests within 36 hours, (and a few days later had beaten false confessions out of those men). Two months had gone by without an arrest for the Guildford police, so when Paul Hill was arrested as a suspect he was beaten and abused until he named a whole series of friends, family and associates as being fellow bombers.

He deliberately told a fairy tale story that was so contradictory, confused and unbelievable that it wouldn't stand up in court. How wrong he was.

The filth nicked everyone in his statement. They were all beaten, abused, drugged, denied medicine, and threatened until some of them made statements agreeing to the bombing. Those who didn't were either quietly released or fitted up on other charges on the basis of false explosives tests (the Maguire Seven).

The prisons are full of people who've been fitted up, and that's not the remarkable thing about this story. What is, is that the State knew that the Guildford Four weren't the bombers in the first place. The real bombers were caught and admitted it later.

Also the Guildford police interviewed people who gave the Four alibis for when the bombs were planted, but they didn't even tell the defence these interviews took place, and in one case said they couldn't trace an important witness when in fact they had a statement from him giving Gerry Conlon an alibi!

CROOKED

Those who put them away weren't faceless public servants "just doing their job" they are people who are now top judges, civil servants and coppers, leading lights of the Establishment like Sir Michael Havers (now Attorney General), Peter Imbert (now head of the Metropolitan police and Sir John Donaldson (now Master of the Rolls).

They all knew the Guildford Four were innocent, (and had the evidence to prove it) but somebody had to be punished, and once it was done they couldn't let them out because that would "prove disastrous for the police". It was only through the hard work of their friends and family that the Four were ever let out, a judgement that opened the way for the Birmingham Six, the Tottenham Three and many others.

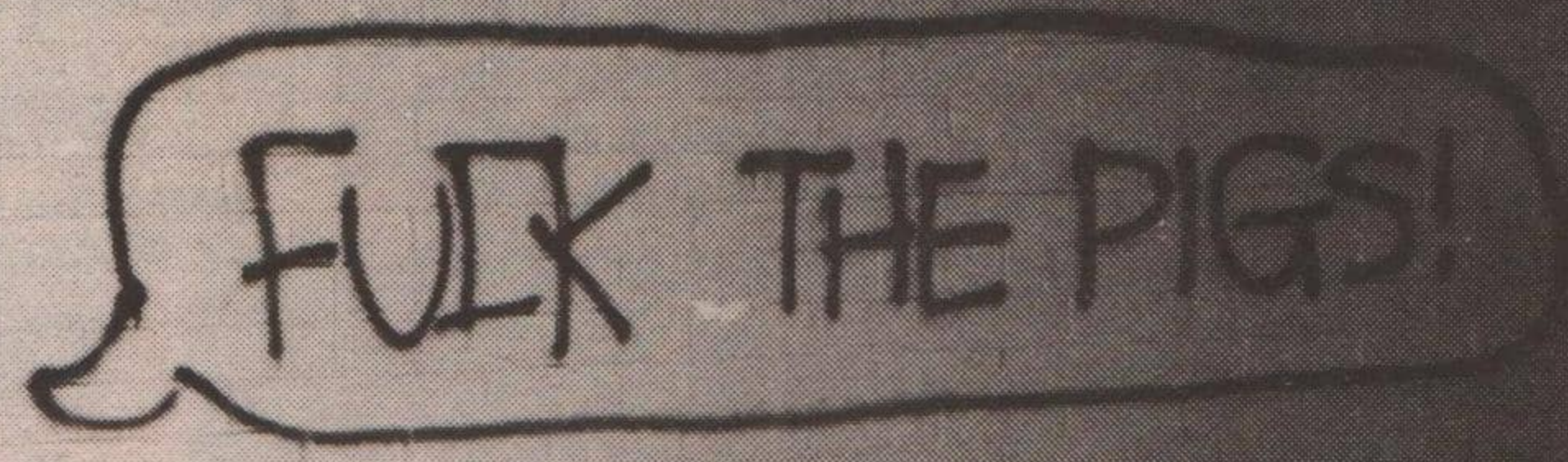
The State is there to keep us in our place, at the bottom, and this is an excellent book for those who want to find out what it's like to be on the receiving end of 'justice', and how that so-called 'justice' is used to terrorise people who don't agree with those who rule over us.

"Proven Innocent" by Gerry Conlon. £5.99, Penguin Books.

GRAFITTI COMPETITION

This edition's masterpiece and £10 winner comes from BRISTOL.. and what handy work! Certainly nothing sub standard about this sub-way's decor!

So, cheers again Neil, there's a tenner in the post as we write. And don't forget the rest of you, keep those photos coming! All entries to CW, PO Box 772, BRISTOL, BS99 1EG.



THE BOSS



HOOLIGANS AGAINST THE RIGHT!

For a couple of years already there've been anti-fascist/anti-racist initiatives from fans of various football clubs in Germany; the best known example being Hamburg's F.C. St. Pauli.

The hooligan firms from West German clubs used to stick to the hooligans' "code of honour", fighting it out against other hooligans, and of course the cops if they got in the way, but not normally attacking anyone else.

But since the time leading up to the disintegration of East Germany and "Re-Unification" neo-nazis have been able to gain increasing influence in the hooligan scene, especially in the former East German clubs. Attacks on refugee 'hostels' and foreigners have very often taken place after football matches, for example.

"Re-Unification", together with the World Cup victory, were used by the (West) German media to foster a rising atmosphere of Nationalism, and the hooligans began attacking people they saw as "non-German" - foreigners, gays, Lefties, squatters, etc.

STIR UP

Now, as the dream of "One Germany" and "Germany for the Germans" is revealing itself to be a nightmare, with rocketing unemployment, homelessness and so on, more and more hooligans are seeing that they've been taken for a ride by the fascists and the capitalists alike. While they still don't want Lefties from outside of the game pushing politics, they're speaking out against the right-wingers too.

They want the nazis out of the stadiums, and an end to the racist attacks and abuse that have become all too commonplace.

This is obviously an improvement, hopefully the idea of "Hooligans Against The Right" will continue to catch on, and they'll be putting the boot in where it counts - the cops, the rich and the right.

Only when "Hooligans" see how pointless and divisive it is to kick each others heads in because they support a different team, will a real threat be presented.

The ruling class loves to stir up divisions in our class, whether its between black and white or petty things like football teams.

HAMMER TIME



AS YOU MAY BE PAINFULLY aware, West Ham FC have launched a £1.3 Million publicity campaign to convince their fans to buy the new "Hammers" bond, so that they can build a new All-Seater stadium.

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The whole scheme is an elaborate, expensive and sick joke. West Ham have made a lot of money in the last three seasons but they still ask their supporters for the cash. They are in for a nasty shock, we're not going to be blackmailed into paying for an All-Seater Stadium that we don't even want! So far only 150 people have paid any money towards the scheme.

The amount they are asking for is totally unrealistic anyway, especially in the middle of a recession! How do they expect young fans or pensioners to find that sort of money for example?

But if you don't cough up the cash you won't be able to go and see West Ham after 1993/4 at all! West Ham have got some of the most loyal fans in the country but this time they've gone too far. West ham fans are saying "LET'S SMASH THIS SCHEME AND THE BOARD TOGETHER. LET'S RECLAIM THE GAME!"

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LATEST NEWS!

On Saturday 11th after the West Ham v. Wimbledon game 5,000 West ham fans stormed the pitch and laid siege to the Board Room, demanding that the scum who are trying to rip us off with the hammers bond be sacked.

Three times the cops were pushed back, thousands held up red cards with "Resign!" printed on the back. Thousands of supporters were chanting "Sack The Board!" and "Stick All-Seaters Up Your Arsel!" for over two hours and this is just the beginning.

If they think we are going to give up they are sadly mistaken, the time has come to rid our grounds of the rich scum only interested in making profit out of the game.



SURPRISE, SURPRISE

In a move that comes as no real surprise, the police have decided that the last cop to face action over the Hillsborough tragedy will now NOT face any action.

And the blinding reason given for this farce? "Because it wouldn't be fair" as a more senior officer has retired! Oh, well that makes it alright then. This means that not one copper has been disciplined, taken to court, or even lost a single days pay after their cock-up led to

the deaths of 92 Liverpool fans.

So, do you think the same would of happened if 92 fans died at Henley regatta, or Royal Ascot then? No, neither do we.

RACIST SCUMBAG

Sheffield Utd manager Dave Bassett has shown himself up to be a racist bastard, unworthy of polishing boots, let alone running a First Division team after he used the phrase "niggers in the woodpile" on live TV.

SOLIDARITY

Peter Elliott has always been a good runner, but the bloke has gone right up in Class Wars' book ever since he told a scab working on the Rotherham Advertiser that he couldn't take his snap as the journalists were on strike.

Not only that but he also helped out with raffle prizes for the strikers. Good on you Pete.



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