

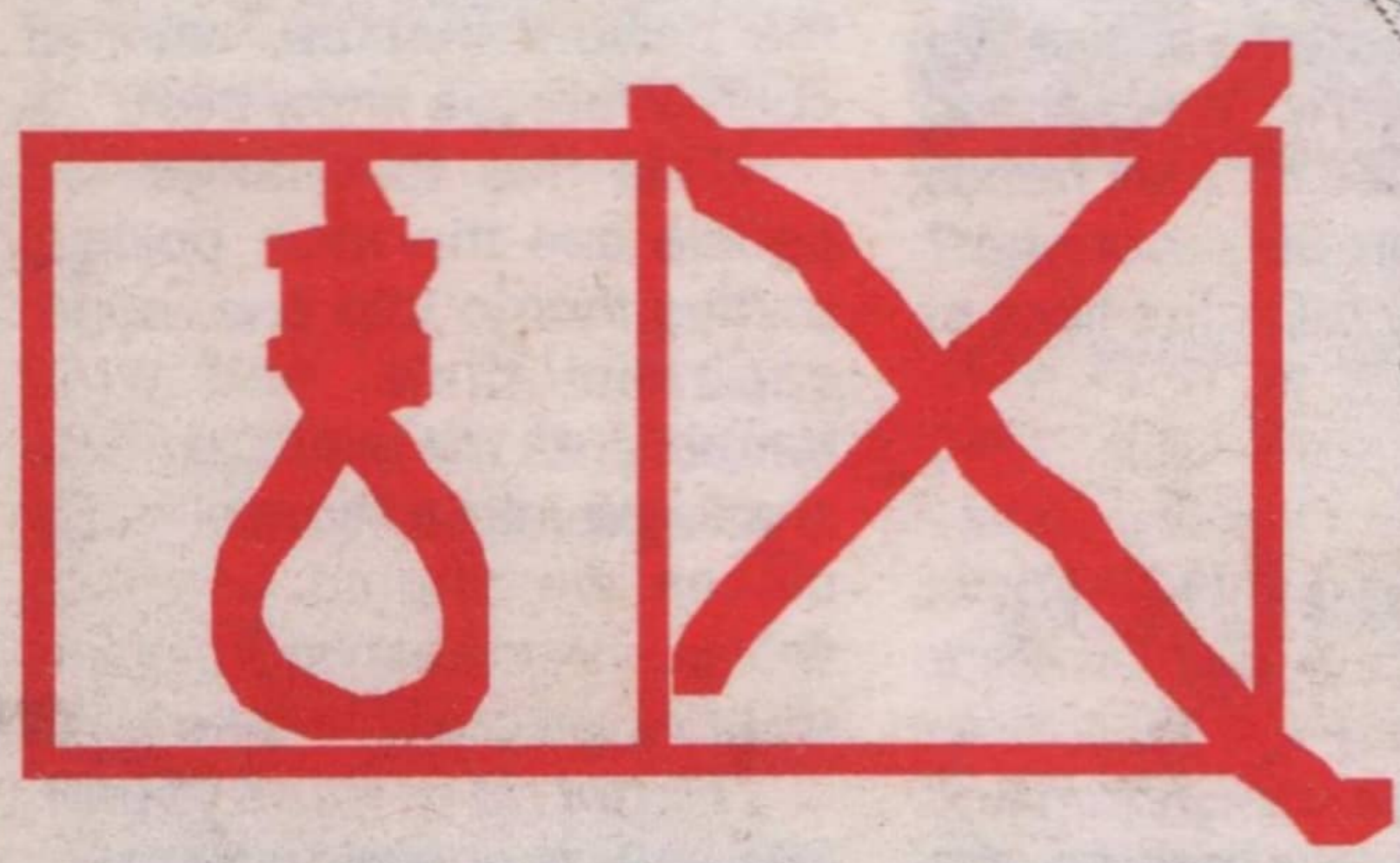
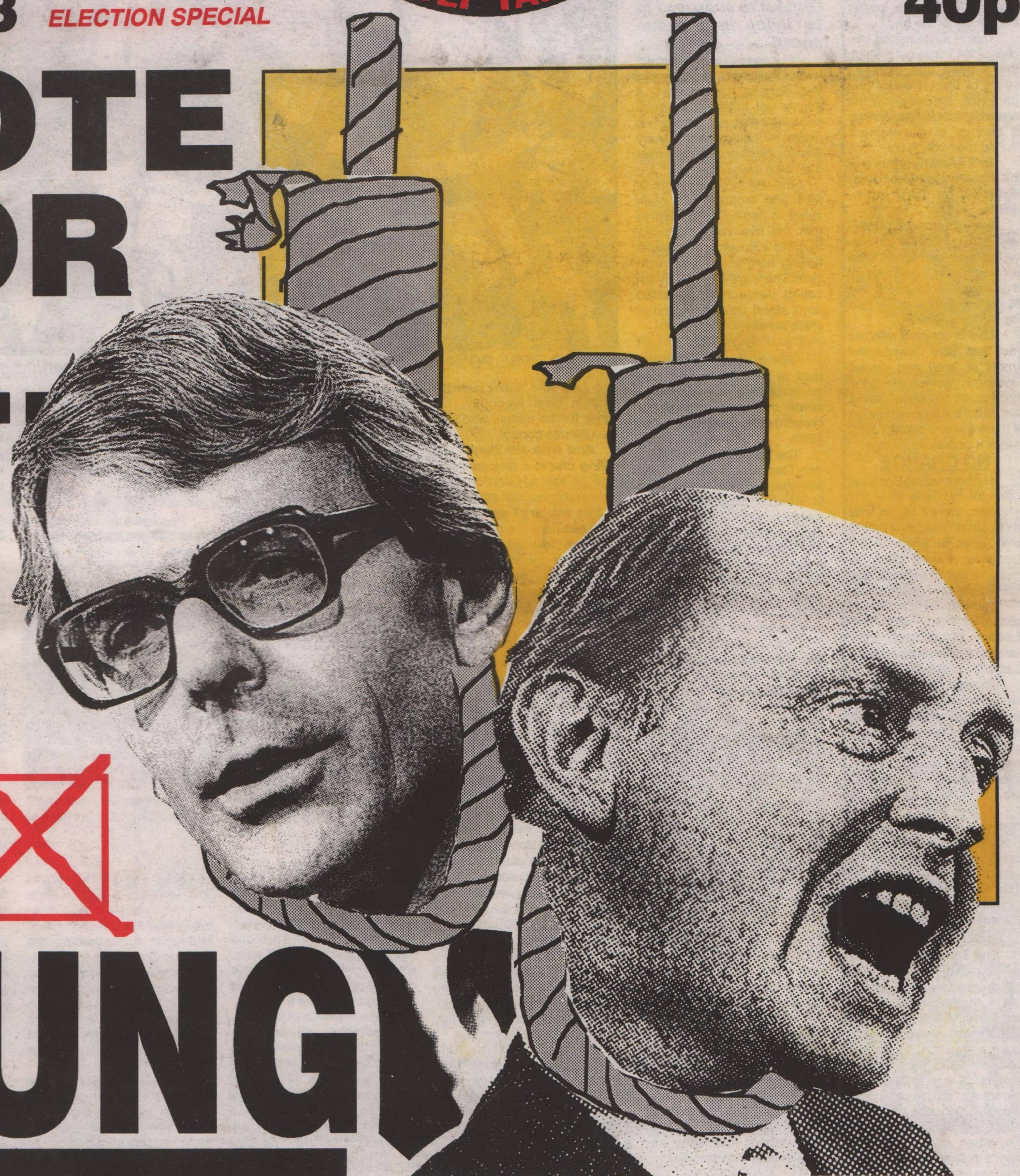
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CLASS WAR

"On the morning of a fourth successive Tory victory, we would have to recognise that we are living in a different country; a place not so very far off a one-party state, in which only the party of the wealthy and powerful is ever likely to rule".
Robert Harris, *Sunday Times*.

HASN'T THIS clever boy let the cat out of the bag?

This is a watershed election: If the Tories get in again they'll have had eighteen years of uninterrupted one party rule. No one under the age of 36 will have ever seen a change of government during their voting life.

Talk of democracy will be a hollow joke not even believed by Tory journalists.

A weighted electoral system, with hundreds of thousands not even on the electoral role - deprived of the choice to vote for two identikit leaders of two identikit parties.

This is coupled with the fact that Tory newspapers (most of 'em!) and vested economic interests will do the hatchet job on Labour during the pitiful election campaign if there are any blips in John Major's popularity ratings.

NO CHANGE

If Labour-voting Scotland goes its own way after the election, there'll be no way that Labour could ever defeat the Tories in England: it'd become crystal clear to millions that the ballot box can't really change anything.

The answer ISN'T to sit along with the rest of the Lefties, crying into their beer and dreaming about a Labour victory in 1997!

The fact is that with the electoral system offering no prospect of change, mass civil disobedience and direct action campaigns, like the anti-poll tax movement, will be seen as the only way that we can change things

If the one-party dictators of Eastern Europe can be overrun by mass people power, so can their opposite numbers here. The opportunities will be immense for our brand of fighting: no-nonsense class politics.

INSURRECTION

This summer, months of burying our heads up our bums or whining about the state of things would be madness. Let's get out on the streets and estates to build a vigorous movement of direct action and community resistance, to the government and all the politicians and civil servants who piss about with our lives.

Within a year of Thatcher's first election victory, working class communities rose up with the Summer Insurrection of 1981. Our lives are no different from then: we still have a ruling class, we still have politicians and we still get shafted because they're scared to let us run our own lives.

We can make the democracy of the streets reveal the 'democracy' of the ballot box as the complete impotent sham that it is.

It's time to make our voices heard; during the election campaigning of the political parties, at the anti-election rally in Trafalgar Sq, and at the town halls on election night... and way, way after.

THE FIVE YEARLY FARCE

WHENEVER THE government, State or bosses start putting the boot into the working class, one of the stock responses you get from people is: "But we're supposed to be living in a democracy".

"Supposed" is the correct word. You don't have to live very long in this society - if you've got anything between your ears that is - before you realise how little control ordinary working class people have over their own lives.

And yet huge amounts of time and money have been spent in getting us to believe that the five yearly farce of electing a government means having control over our own lives. The ways in which our so-called democracy operates don't stand up to any kind of close scrutiny.

SCAM

For a start, look at the way in which the last two governments have carried on since the re-jigging of the constituency boundaries in 1983.

The Tories used the Boundary Commission to drastically alter the old parliamentary seats to cobble together constituencies which they thought they could win with no bother.

They changed the electoral map to ensure that they would be in with a good chance of winning every General Election, with Labour relegated to permanent opposition.

The Labour Party realised this and went to High Court to challenge it, the 'impartial' and 'non-political' judge promptly told them to sod off and the scam went ahead.



UNELECTED: the Queen, richest woman in the world

The result is that both the 1983 and '87 elections were won with a 'landslide' majority, enough to out vote any opposition, on any issue. They did this with the votes of 42% of those who could be bothered to vote (never mind those millions who aren't entitled to, or who didn't vote) which means 58% voted against them.

So this 42%, or just over eight million people, vote in a government that rules over fifty-five million people!

LACKEYS

Some people think that if we had a different system of voting - based on proportional representation or whatever - that a better, more representative form of government would result.

But the sad fact is that even with the 'fairest' system of voting in the world, we would be still no nearer having control over our lives than we are at the moment.

The reason for this is obvious, you are not, and never will be, allowed to vote for the replacement of the people who hold the real power in our society. We are allowed to vote for the lackeys, the office boys



WHERE REAL POWER LIES: With the Establishment and their breeding grounds, public school.

and girls who make sure the system runs smoothly, but never for the people who hold the ultimate control.

And who are they? The ruling class, a tiny percentage of the population who own and control the vast bulk of this country's wealth.

These are the people who organise 'investment strikes', runs on the pound - anything to sabotage a 'democratically elected' government that they don't like. Their power is backed up by the civil service, the police and the armed forces and is even given the moral blessing of the church.

REFORM

The whole parliamentary set-up, has never existed for any other purpose than to serve their interests, while they themselves have been, except for the prospect of revolution, immovable.

When you point this out people say, "Yes, but the ruling class fought against us getting the vote for years. So it must mean something?"

For centuries, until the 1832 Reform Act, this country was governed by 600 families through parliament. Only the rich were allowed any say.

They fought tooth and nail against giving the vote to more people because, then, parliament was a powerful institution representing their interests.

As more Reform Acts brought more of the population into the voting process the ruling class realised that if they were to preserve their power, another

form of government had to be created that they could depend on.

It's no coincidence that the origins of the modern civil service can be traced back to this period. A whole new power structure was created which, while it was supposed to 'assist' governments, in fact acquired enormous power on its own account.

They provide the government of the day with the back-up and resources to implement whatever schemes they want to force onto us.

More sinister than the Whitehall pen-pushers are the so-called "Secret Service" and the upper reaches of the armed forces. Without exception they are the product of an upper class background and a select few public schools.

In his book "Spycatcher" Peter Wright tells of their attempts to bring down the

go out the window, and we'll all be looking down the barrel of a gun. As a famous Tory politician said at the turn of the century "There are more important things than parliamentary majorities".

ENEMY

Parliament was never meant to preside over radical change. The nationalisations and the welfare state that came after World War Two only came about because millions of people weren't going to go back to the same shit as before the war.

As one Tory MP said at the time; "If we don't give them reform, they'll give us revolution".

One of the dumbest things people ever have to listen to is when some prat says; "We live in a free country". Were these people dropped on their heads when they were babies or what? What do they think the likes of

us by faceless civil servants, lied to and misled by power hungry politicians, harassed and beaten up on picket lines etc., if we resist we are fitted up, if we are a threat we are banged up.

All we can say, is if that's democracy, they can shove it!

But one last thought; this pox ridden system doesn't just carry on because the State and ruling class can rely on their brain-dead uniformed thugs to keep us under control.

LIES AND MYTHS

It carries on because there are many people who have swallowed the lies and myths of the system, who are willing to give up control over their own lives and leave everything to the powers that be, who, of course "always know best."

This has to change. As people see the main political parties merge into one, huge, capitalist blob. And what remains of the welfare state shattered into a thousand tiny pieces we should ask ourselves; how much more of this shit are we going to take?

To get rid of this system, and all the parasitic filth clinging to it, we should be coming together now to find out ways of finishing it off once and for all.



House of Conmen

Labour government of Harold Wilson after 1974. The idea that the ruling class would never stoop to use force, or that "it can't happen here" must be shattered once and for all.

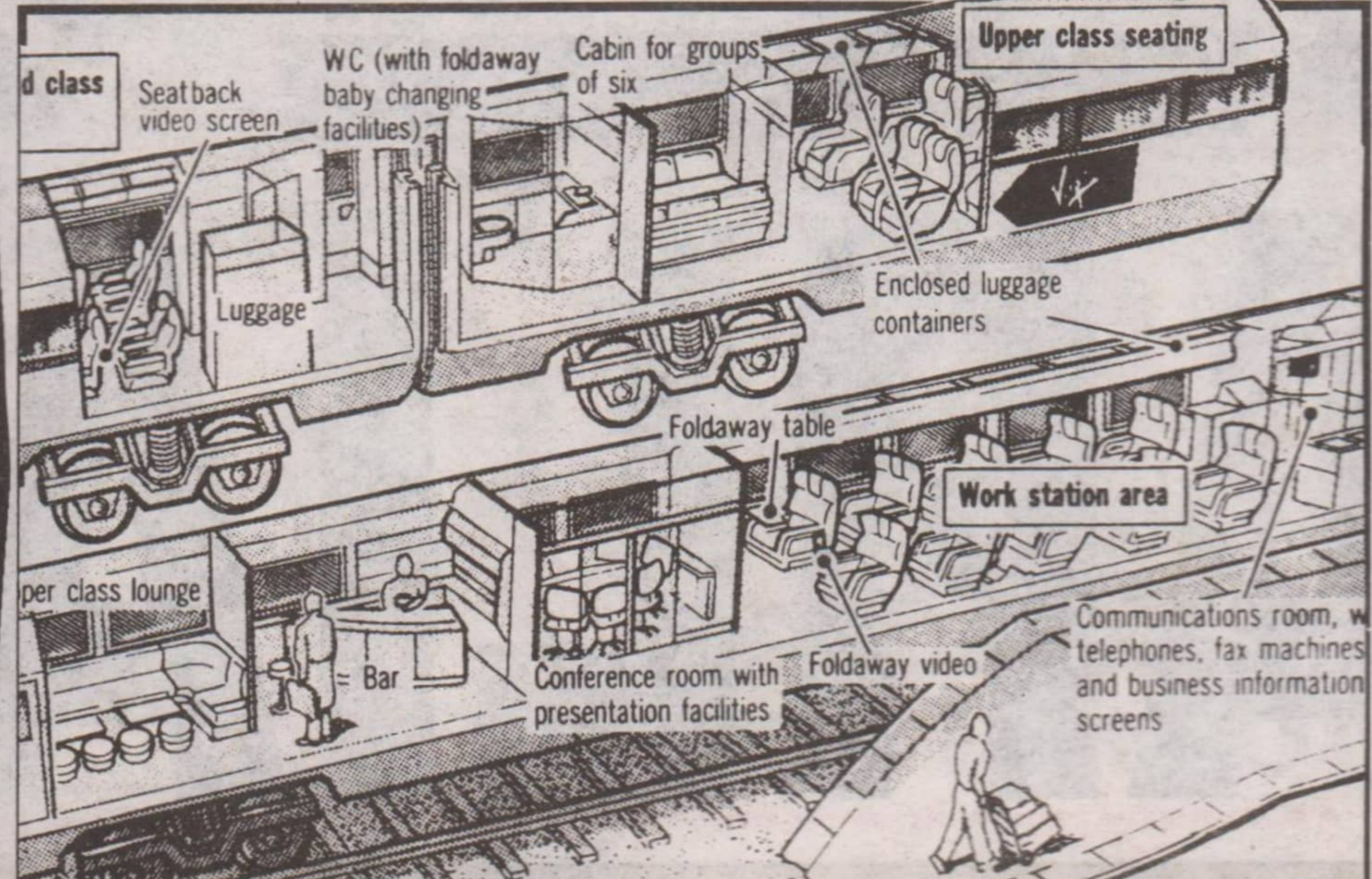
Make no mistake about it, "democracy" will only be allowed to go its way for as long as it delivers the results the ruling class wants. The minute it presents even the tiniest threat to their power the ballot box will

the Police, Special Branch and MI5 exist for, guarding the Queens Corgi's?

They are there to try to keep us in our place, the bottom, and them in theirs, the top. When Thatcher called the miners "The enemy within" she spoke for all her class, that's how they look at us.

So, here we are, in our great parliamentary democracy - spied on, told what is good for

● **MILLIONAIRE** ex-happy Richard Branson, boss of the Virgin empire is all set to make megabucks out of the plans to privatise the railways. Branson's idea is to re-introduce Upper Class seating, complete with video's, fax's and a private bar. Branson loves to play the 'right-on' business man, but when it comes down to it, all he's interested in is the cash. **But then again what can you expect from an upper class rich bastard playing at being 'alternative'?**



BRANSON'S new "super-train" - the only working class people on this will be behind the bar!

ROTTEN FRUIT MEETS 'CREAM' OF SOCIETY! HUNDREDS OF Czechoslovakian anarchists greeted the return of the plush Opera Ball in Prague with a hail of abuse and rotten fruit.

The anarchists blocked the main entrance door to the toff-only do and scared off many of the new nobility.

A spokesman said "We do not want them flaunting their wealth when ordinary people go hungry".

HOSPITALISED COP CAR!

● IN FEBRUARY, four gun cop cowboys wrote-off their Rover fast-back in a dazzling display of dud driving.

While some joyriders have at least passed their cycling proficiency test, it seems cops, before being allowed behind the wheel have to have their brains removed.

To get rid of this motoring menace we recommend testing - we'll put the lot through our own M.O.T. (Mindless Officer Test) and fail the lot of 'em!



A TAXING TIME

MARK "MORON" Thatcher, son of the hated ex-Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher has fled to Switzerland to avoid paying tax!

Mark, whose hobbies include getting lost while competing in car rallies and taking backhanders to sweeten up business deals, seems to be a bit reluctant



to cough up his income tax.

So he has moved to Switzerland where the rich are left almost unmolested by the tax man.

But to qualify he must live there for ten months a year, and globe-trotting Mark hasn't been. So the Swiss tax authorities have summoned him!

It's unlikely that rich, spoilt brat Mark will get banged up - but there's no harm in hoping!

WHAT'S YOUR POISON - A RUN DOWN OF THE FOUR MAIN PARTIES

THE TORY BASTARDS

THEY ARE the natural party of government, or so they keep telling us.

The reality is that they are a bunch of upper class chinless wonders; 'Empire Loyalist' types who still think Britain has an Empire, and a collection of get-rich-quick spivs, connen and 'entrepreneurs'.

Since its founding in 1832 it has shown itself to be obsessed with upholding of 'traditional', outdated values.

After World War Two the Tories contented themselves with parliamentary social democracy until the miners strike of 1974.

FORCE

After the humiliation of Ted Heath by the miners, the Tories returned to the class war on the working class. They were led by Thatcher, and backed by an ideology that blamed the poor for poverty, the homeless for homelessness and the workers for low wages

and unemployment.

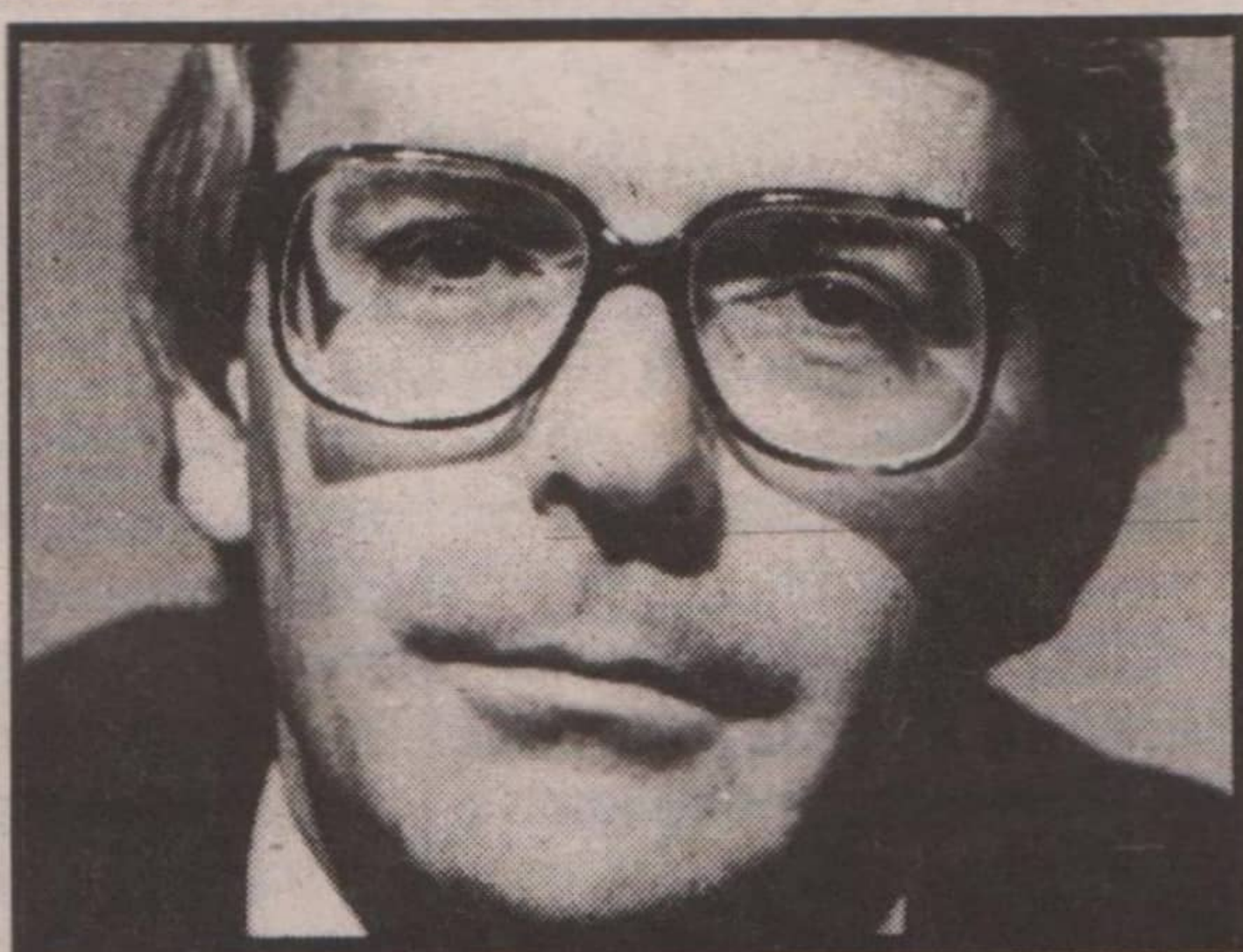
Their much said opposition to State control made them seem an attractive alternative to the faceless bureaucracy of the welfare state. They seemed to promise a new age of wealth and freedom, but the truth, as we all found out, was a more centralised State, with a greater use of force against anyone who opposed it.

The so-called economic miracle of the 1980's turned out to be more a question of how

North Sea oil cash, and the flogging off of State industries could be wasted. Leaving us slap bang in the middle of the longest and deepest slump since the War. Apart from the millions constantly on the dole, some of

those in work could afford a new car, video and a foreign holiday. But it was all on the never-never, and when work dried up the bailiffs soon took it all back.

While all this went on the Tories friends and backers; the rich and powerful did get richer and more powerful. Whilst wealth did not filter down to working class people, poverty, crime, homelessness, bankruptcy, unemployment and ill health did.



● JOHN MAJOR: Tory twat.

THE LABOUR PARTY

THE PARTY of the working class, we are told. It was formed in 1900 from the Independent Labour Party that was in turn founded in 1893 by Keir Hardie.

Labour's idea was for a working class party which would 'reform' capitalism to socialism and avoid the bloody conflict of a class war.

Labour

It had many people in it, then and now, who believe in the idea of a classless society where power is in the hands of everyone, not in the hands of a tiny few. They were influenced by Marx and believed that a "working class government" would bring the revolution closer.

Alongside them Labour has



● KINNOCK: Fool and idiot!

many people who believe in social democracy. They want a society which cares for all but without challenging the basic economic system and its inequalities.

Labour had its day after World War Two. Their welfare state seemed to offer a future of increased wealth for all. The fact that capitalism goes through booms and slumps brought that idea crashing around their heads in the 1970's.

During the 70's Labour

paved the way for the Thatcherism of the 80's. It was Labour who allowed unemployment to double during 1977 to '79. It was Labour who started the cuts in the health and education services.

The new image of Neil Kinnock is a victory for the social democratic tradition over the more radical Marxist tradition in the Labour party. But both have been shown, over time, to be equally wrong.

Labour

Kinnock's drift from the left to the right of the Labour party happened because he realised that to gain political power you have to be acceptable to the ruling class.

You have to convince them that you do not threaten their power, or they will do everything in their power to destroy you. *Just look at the way the Establishment and media layed into the ex-Labour leader Micheal Foot and eventually destroyed him.*

While there are many in the Labour party who still want revolutionary change they will never see it from a Labour government, especially now since Labour is so like the Tories in its policies.

SLICING THE GREENS

Founded out of the 1970's Ecology Party. The Greens hoped to follow the success of the Greens in Germany.

They are a strange mixture of libertarian idealists, back-to-the-land hippies and right wing protect-green-England types!

They have a good understanding of capitalisms assault

on the environment and what it means for us. But their ideas on the way forward are confused and disturbing. At times they have argued for racist anti-immigration laws, and limits on how many kids we can have! As well as other oppressive laws.

IDEALISTS

In an attempt to tame

capitalism parts of the Green party seem to see state control as the way forward. But, totally opposite to this they also argue for greater local democracy.

All this is typical of a party that is controlled by middle class idealists and misfits who, like the state communists of Eastern Europe, think they know best when it comes to building a new society.

After a recent party conference many of the best Greens left, disillusioned and pissed off with the way the party was being controlled by the middle class careerists.

Despite all the hype the Greens can only offer, at best, to reform capitalism. The are no threat to the ruling class and never will be.

The long arm of the law

THIS FINE example of the lean, mean British bobby is displaying the new, American, two foot long baton that will be issued to six police forces this year for testing.

The coppers have been crying out for them for years now, but the Home Office only gave in when figures showing record attacks on coppers were released over Xmas.

Will this move stop Britains hated filth being attacked? *We don't think so!*



THE SIT-ON-THE-FENCE PARTY

FORMALLY KNOWN as the Whigs, the Liberal Party was the main opposition to the Tories in the last century.

For most of that time it was the party of progression and change, against the traditionalists of the Tory Party. It took its support from the newly growing middle-class of that time.

The radical vision of the working class after World War Two saw the loss of support to the Labour Party. Since then it has spent its time arguing for a

compromise between what it says is the class conflict base of the other two parties. Its activists used to be seen as a joke, with many of them typical middle class, bearded, sandal wearing vegetarians.

STUPID

These days, as the differences between Tory and Labour have all but disappeared, its call for a middle way seems more and more stupid.

With the founding of the short lived SDP, and its eventual merger with the Liberals, the

Liberal Democrats finally entered the 20th Century at last. But the romantic vision of 'caring capitalism', a society without class conflict where everyone is middle class, works hard, and gets a fair wage has not been lost.

The blinding fact that capitalism cannot work like that seems to have missed them.

They offer no challenge to the basic inequalities of this sick system.

ROYALS TO LIVE LONGER SHOCK!

Dr. David Weeks from Edinburgh has studied eccentric behaviour for the past ten years, and has concluded that eccentrics live longer because they suffer less from stress.

Oh bloody hell, if this is true out and out nutters like Prince 'speaks to the plants' Charles could live forever!



And now that Fergie has taken to sitting under blue plastic pyramids we're faced with the prospect of a whole legion of Royal weirdoes living long and healthy lives.

HELP 'EM OUT...

There's only one solution for it then, we'll just have to ensure their lives are made more stressful.

Something that we could manage quite easily we think.

After all, if the rich and idle Royals really are set to spend years becoming more and more eccentric, confused and useless, surely it's our duty as caring citizens to liven things up for them...

A WOMAN'S CHOICE!



● ANGRY: Irish women demonstrate

A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL who was raped was denied the right to an abortion in the UK under the Irish constitution's "Right to Life" clause.

She only got permission from the Supreme Court when the uproar the decision provoked threatened the standing of the new Irish Prime Minister.

But where's the consideration for the victim? There isn't any!

Despite the horrifying circumstances behind this case, again a woman's right to make up her own mind over her own body and future has been taken from her.

CONTROLLING WOMEN

Much Irish legislation is backward and bigoted, as one would expect in a catholic-

dominated country.

Divorce doesn't legally exist, the sale and distribution of contraceptives is regulated and abortion is illegal.

Not only is it illegal, but it is also against the law to provide information on abortion facilities abroad, or aid a woman in any way to have an abortion.

CONFUSING

Basically, the Irish government has laid down the law regulating Irish citizens' activities abroad.

Recently, Dublin's largest public library withdrew from its shelves a book which contained an abortion clinic phone number in Australia! As if everybody who wanted an abortion could fly to Australia to have it.

Most working class women find it difficult enough to get the money together to come to England.

The actual legislation is vague and confusing, but right wing bigots zealously chase up anything they think may be an infringement of the law. Groups such as SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) and Family Solidarity are so powerful that they even set up their own parliamentary party.

But this comes as no surprise to us. The pathetic attempts of reasoning behind these groups is just another example of how those people who sit in comfortable, privileged positions, distant from the day to day realities of life force their backward moral values down on people, regardless of the implications to those involved.

Whatever the circumstances it's a woman's right to choose and fuck the religious and moral ideologies that maintain this oppression of a woman's life.

ON JANUARY 14 this year, the trial of the nine men being framed for the so-called murder of Derek White, during the Strangeways Uprising, 1990, got underway.

The trial's a farce - designed to make scapegoats for a subhuman prison system, and to show what will happen to people who challenge it. These particular scapegoats are ALL pleading not guilty, though.

GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT

Derek White did not die in Strangeways, but walked out. He died a couple of weeks later. He wasn't murdered inside, obviously, but he may well have been attacked, by prisoners OR screws - BUT, the real issue is not over alleged murder: that's just the excuse to fit-up the men who took on the prison system and got national coverage while they were doing it!

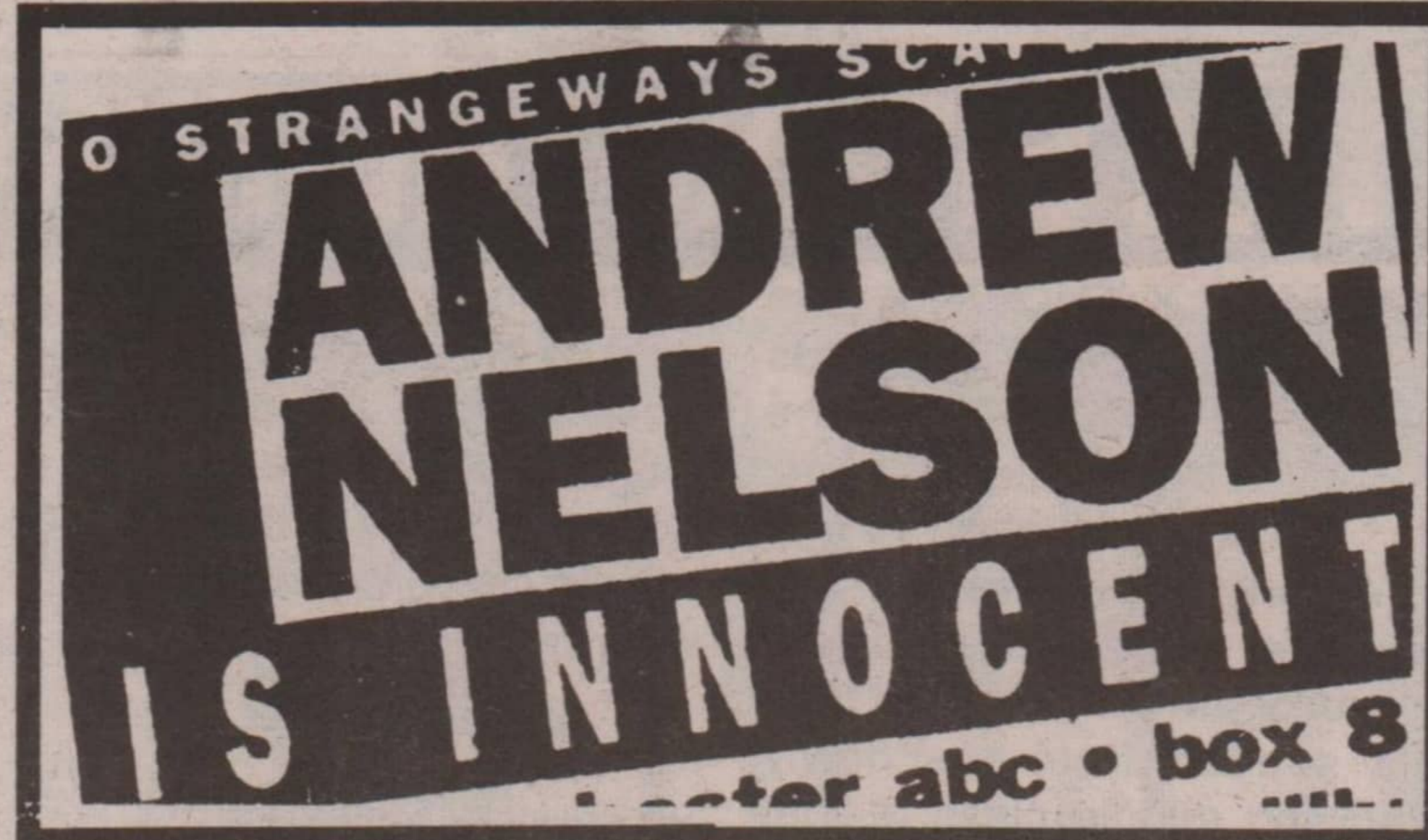
On the subject of violence, John Spencer, one of the Strangeways prisoners, was viciously attacked by EIGHT cops during a prison visit, in full view of other inmates and visitors. This took place DURING the trial because he wouldn't turn Queen's Evidence.

He suffered serious head injuries, a broken nose and a

before you're allowed a special trial pass; the public gallery is encased in glass; and there's a dock made of toughened safety glass, with an opaque top. **This is where the prisoners are kept.**

PROTECTION

It serves to isolate them from their family and friends in the court and to create



broken arm - all for sticking to his guns and refusing to grass up fellow inmates.

The court is something else: to get in you have to undergo a strict body search

the impression that they're vicious animals from whom 'decent' people need protection.

Cops and Screws make no attempts to hide their

NO NEVER AGAIN!

You might have noticed Anti-Nazi League posters, popping up all over - put up by the Socialist Workers Party.

They're also putting out adverts for support, in that wimpy liberal paper: *The Guardian!* The poster and advert highlight the wishy-washy politics behind the organisation: *one, readers would be interested to know, that has no local branches, and no hope of any democracy.* It panders more to the established left and other bleeding-heart liberals, rather than fighting fascism.

IRRELEVANT!

The poster campaign is a waste of money, and is irrelevant to fighting fascism. Pictures of Holocaust victims in WWII, and mugshots of French fascist leader, Le Pen, have little to offer anti-fascism in this country:

Neo-fascism has more to do with anti-immigrant racism than anti-semitism (though there are elements of anti-

like ANL, scared that fascists will bring about the Fourth Reich and destroy their precious 'democracy'.

1992...

Fascists might be stronger on the continent, but this is not the case here. Along with liberal politics, will come liberal helpings of middle class money (the real reason?).

It also provides an opportunity for the SWP to get a toe-hold into the European political scene. Hence the pictures of Le Pen and three coaches of ANLers at a recent demo in Paris. Europe = bigger markets for Trotskyite politics, no doubt!

But like their outdated propaganda campaigns, and futile attempts to push their politics on the continent, their actions over here speak for themselves:

On 2nd February, the ANL called a rally and 'expedition' in Bethnal Green, East London. Fifty or so ANLers turned up to listen to speeches, and wandered around an



● THE MASTER RACE???

semitism in the fascist movement); and will most people recognise Le Pen, or acknowledge him as a threat? In France, maybe, but in the U.K.?

For lifelong opportunists like the SWP leadership, crap politics have never stood in the way. So what will the SWP gain by setting up this front organisation?

Without doubt there will be Labour Party members etc, who rush into campaigns

estate giving out leaflets. The fascists turned up armed with more than a few leaflets. Up to ten ANLers were attacked with at least one being hospitalised.

What are they up to? No security, no precautions. The fascists might be stupid, but compared to these wallies, they seem gifted.

MIDDLE CLASS WHINGERS

No doubt they'll whinge about it in their reports back to central command.

Their complete lack of understanding of the enemy (fascists in this case), goes hand in hand with lack of understanding of working class people who will not be convinced to join in the fight against fascism when they think that that the ANL is what anti-fascism is about.

Their attitude to fighting fascism is best summed up by a quote (off the record, off course) from one ANL leader, SWP hack Paul Holborow: "I write books - I don't fight fascists".

NAFF

If that's the case, just stick to continental weekend trips, duff posters, selling naff badges and easing the consciences of liberals, and leave the fightback to the genuine anti-fascists.

For readers who want to get involved in a viable alternative to the SWP wallydom, they should get in touch with Anti-Fascist Action, BM 1734, LONDON, WC1 3XX.

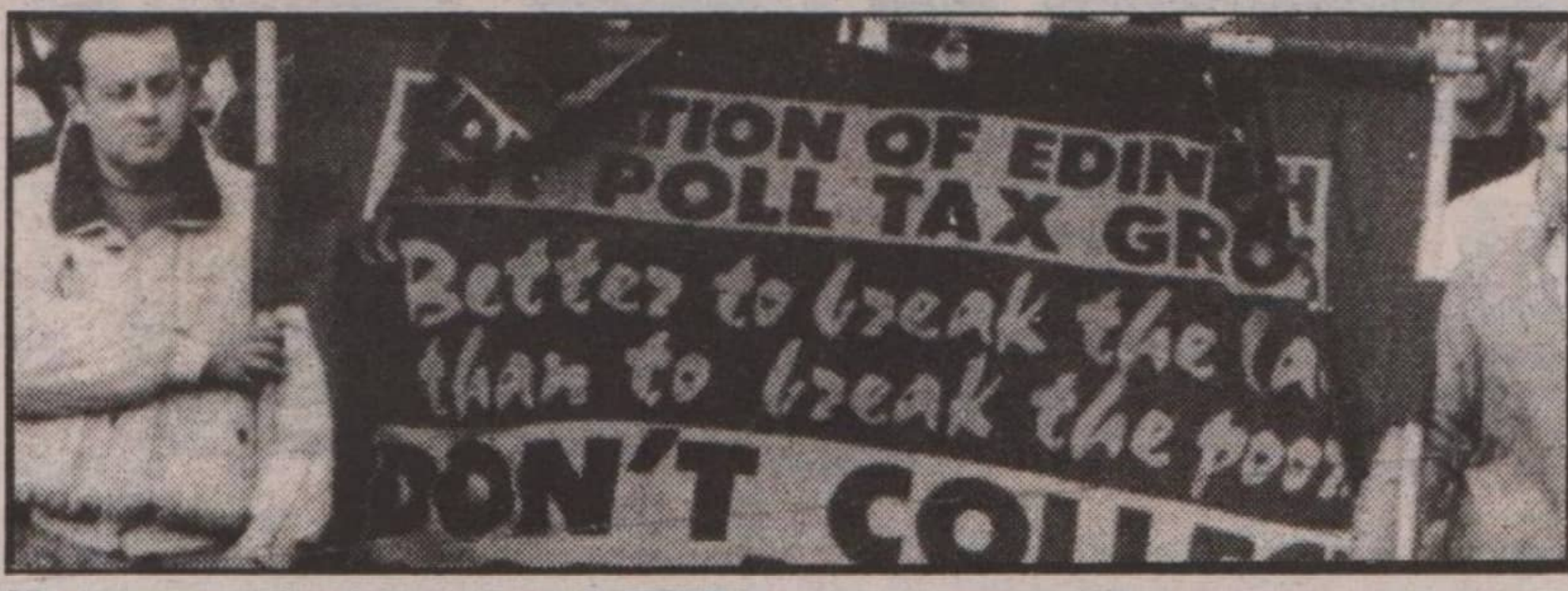
NO TIME FOR THE NINE!

LABOUR HELPS TORY TAX

ANYBODY WHO still has illusions about the Labour Party being the Party of the working class would've been knocked for six if they had listened to Parliament on Friday 21st Feb.

Labour's Bryan Gould released a set of official figures that proved that Labour Councils have been chasing non-payers harder than Tory ones! And not only that, Labour was also boasting about how the "poll tax would of collapsed without the efforts of Labour councils!"

It seems that in Labour areas non-payers were dragged through the courts quicker, and in far greater numbers than



Tory ones. And that was AFTER taking into account that Labour hold most of the large cities where there are highest rates of non-payment.

OFFER TO HELP

Labour's claim that it's forced into poll tax collection also got a hammering when Gould revealed that when the High Court ruled that computer evidence is inadmissible in poll tax cases, (see other story) Labour offered help to the

Tories to get the law changed quickly. Labour's excuse was that otherwise poll tax collection would fall into "chaos".

Well, as the latest figures show that over 11,500,000 summonses have been issued in Britain it looks like chaos is what we've got at the moment anyway!

These figures show that an average of 26% of people had been threatened with court action in England and Wales. But in Scotland the figure rose to a whopping 77%!

Bailiff Scum!

BAILIFFS ARE the scum of the earth, and there's none worse than Nick "I've got an iron bar, and I'm going to use it" Stokes.

This git, who works for Redditch council's bailiff firm, Bristow and Sutor, takes their policy of 'debt counselling' one step further. There have been a number of complaints about Stoke's threatening old ladies with iron bars and even posing as a copper to try and gain entry into peoples homes.

Bailiffs are well paid thugs whose job it is to intimidate people into parting with their belongings and hard earned money. The very nature of their trade means that their prey is people who are the most vulnerable.

**NO SURRENDER
GOD HELP THE
SHERIFF OFFICER
WHO ENTERS HERE**

The type of people who do this job are class traitors who will do anything for money. Nobody holds a gun to the head of a bailiff to make him go and

scare the shit out of a pensioner. So let's hope the next time Stokes and his kind pay a visit, there is a red hot iron bar awaiting them.

VICTORY

BEESTON & Stapleford APTU have won a major victory against the bailiffs M.A. Julious. Broxtowe Council, who've been using them to try to recover unpaid poll tax for 16 months have given them the boot and given the work to Gaults of Manchester instead.

Stuart Cress, of Beeston APTU said, "This shows how unsuccessful they've been at getting poll tax money. We have made sure that people are aware of what exactly bailiffs can and can't do."

The simple fact is that if you don't let them in, and ignore their letters there's nothing they can do. They do not have the right to break into your home.

This also of course applies to Gaults, and is a sign of Broxtowe's desperation that they think another firm may have more success - they won't."

EDUCATION - DON'T LEAVE IT FOR THE RICH

GRANT CUTS, student 'loans', chronic debt and taking away Housing Benefit and Income Support has left students with the shit end of the stick when it comes to cash.

The Government is claiming the 'student loans' scheme as a big success - but the reason for this is that we can't afford to live without one!

Of course there are at lot of rich middle class students at Polytechnics and Universities who have mummy and daddy paying their rent and helping them out with large cash hand-outs.

POVERTY

But there are many more who once the rent is paid have a pittance left. This means turning to the banks, which leads to massive debt by the time our courses are through.

The situation now is that

POLL TAX CHAOS

POLL TAX collection ground to a halt on the 20th Feb. when the High Court ruled that councils computer printouts of non-payers were inadmissible in court.

This means that not only will local councils be unable to

take non-payers to court until late March (when a change in the law takes place) put that almost 150,000 people can appeal against their liability orders that were issued in the last three months.

Also, the 170 people jailed for non-payment have got good grounds to appeal for damages.

Jeremy Beecham, chair of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities leaves us in no doubt about serious the councils are seeing this;

"Magistrates are likely to throw out all applications for liability orders, and councils will be forced to stop issuing summonses."

To the manor burn!

LORD HENRY Mountcharles is one of the last English Lords still living in Ireland.

He is a classic example of someone living "out of time, out of place", who constantly tried to present a trendy face, holding an annual Rock pilgrimage to his Slane Castle estate, and hob nobbing with the stars.

But, as the saying goes, into every life a little rain must fall, and this toff was about to get a downpour.

It all started when the local council banned his rock festival. It seems they weren't to keen on the annual disruption, and were definitely not too impressed when hundreds of rock fans surrounded the towns cop shop and laid siege for hours (who says Bob Dylan fans are boring??)

BRIGHT SPARK

But for poor Henry the worst was yet to come. Last November his plush Slane Castle home went up in flames, with about a third of it destroyed

and damage costs running into the millions.

However, the icing on the cake came in January when forensic experts finally revealed that the fire was started maliciously, the local cops said they have no idea who would want to do this.

Well - we've a few ideas ourselves as to why, but if anyone knows the bright spark responsible, drop us a line, as the "Arsonists Against the Rich" award is waiting to be engraved and posted.



ON THE MARCH: Students pissed off about living in poverty.

further education is only open to those who either have the money, or those willing to take on huge debts and live in poverty for years and years - not exactly an attractive offer.

Where all this leads to is obvious: further education is fast becoming a privilege of the rich. The poor turnout at protests against student poverty shows how far this has worked already.

Education should be a right, not decided by wealth or how posh mummy and daddy speak.

Just because further education is riddled with the rich and privileged doesn't mean we should reject it, the opposite, we should get in and reclaim our right to education and rediscover our voices.

If this means going to evening-classes, retaking their

stupid exams, or entering as a 'mature' student then fine.

Fighting back and gaining control of our lives is not only for the workplace and on the streets of our communities, but within education as well.



ANTI-ELECTION ALLIANCE

ANTI-ELECTION RALLY

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LONDON 1PM

● THE ANTI-ELECTION ALLIANCE, WHICH THE CLASS WAR FEDERATION IS A PART OF, HAS CALLED A MASS NATIONAL ANTI-ELECTION RALLY AND PROTEST RIGHT IN THE HEART OF CENTRAL LONDON. WHILE THE LYING POLITICIANS SCUTTLE ROUND THE COUNTRY SPOUTING ANY OLD CRAP TO GET PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR THEM, THIS WILL BE A RALLYING POINT FOR ALL THOSE ANGRY WITH THE WAY THESE SCUM CONTROL OUR LIVES. SO GET ANGRY, AND GET EVEN AND MAKE SURE YOU'RE THERE ON THE DAY. START ORGANISING NOW!

NEVER MIND THE BALLOTS!



COPS KILL JOYRIDER

IN MOST cities in Britain and Ireland joyriding goes on, it's the by product of a sick society that has nothing to offer working class youths except the dole, a crap government scheme, or a boring low paid job.

Cork, in Ireland, is no exception to this. What's different is the Gardai (police) have a novel way of try to stop joyriders. Because Cork cops don't seem to bother with the conventional ways, like chasing them for instance. They have more direct ways, and this led to the murder of a local youth, 21 year old William O'Hara.

William was the passenger in a stolen car, which didn't stop at a cop checkpoint, so a cop threw a brick at the windscreen, which smashed and hit William in the head. He died later after 15 days in a coma.

ANGER

This provoked an uprising amongst the local youths who put up graffiti: "Guards are murdering bastards", started fires and attacked first the fire brigade, and later the real targets - the Gardai. In an attempt to stop trouble, the night after William died the cops cruised the area arresting anybody out on the streets.

Predictably the media, cops and politicians all played down the trouble, and when they did report it was "crazed joyriders in fire brigade death ambush" type headlines. The truth was that the fire brigade were not the main targets, (good), and that there is a lot of real anger amongst people at the cops for murdering William. So it was hardly surprising when a newspaper reporter and photographer were attacked by the crowd at his funeral.

Watch out for an update in the next Class War.

SALLY



SKILL

Bastard Cheats

ECONOMICAL with the truth and unrestrained when it comes to laying off workers, British Coal has ran a series of full page ads in the national papers.

It described miners as "Britain's most successful businessmen", then announced a fortnight later that 1,705 of these underground entrepreneurs were to be made redundant.

The ads (which are part of a pre-privatisation campaign) starred miner Arnie Makinson from Stillingfleet Colliery in Yorkshire.

MAIMED

"Meet Arnie Makinson." The caption went. "He's a member of a workforce that's more than doubled productivity in just five years. He may not be Sir John Harvey Jones (former ICI Boss) but, as far as we're concerned, he's got as much to offer".

What Arnie hasn't got is a little and index finger on his right hand because they were crushed by coal cutting machinery. A maimed miner probably wouldn't do much good for the industry's image, so a British Coal photographer took a snap of Arnie with his hands tucked out of sight.

Arnie is still having surgery for the injuries and has lodged a hefty claim for compensation with British Coal.

AXED

Meanwhile British Coal Chairman Neil Clarke is planning to play Paul Daniels and make another 33 pits 'disappear' - because a 'streamlined' coal industry would be more attractive to investors.

Clarke learnt all about profitable mines during his time in South Africa, and the man who still says 'blick pipple' when he means 'black people' - should be extremely cautious the next time he goes below ground to inspect a pit.

After all, the coal cutting machinery is liable to go haywire at any point, and Clarke might just find that jobs aren't the only things that can be axed.

What's new?

PROVING THAT there's very little difference between bosses and coppers, the Home Office has come up with a scheme to give top police jobs to industrialists and retired military officers.

These people never seem to know when to retire, so the jobs will no doubt be filled by a

bunch of senile and malicious old fools (still, that's nothing new).

And since the average age of Air Marshals currently serving is 73, the police might end up being governed by a load of blokes who still think we're at war with Japan!

CRIME DOES PAY! (if you're rich)



PETER CLOWES:
Jailed rich bastard.

THERE'S ONE set of morals for the poor and another for the rich.

If you're working class and you get caught shoplifting you're supposed to hang your head in shame - then spend the rest of your life hiding behind the curtains hoping the neighbours don't find out you're a thief.

When the rich steal it's called 'enterprise' and the national papers pay them thousands for their story.

Take the case of Peter Clowes who managed to persuade thousands of pensioners to part with £113m worth of savings which then vanished.

BORROWED

In an 'exclusive' interview with *Today* his wife, Pamela explained that Peter wasn't actually lying when he took the cash on the grounds that he was going to invest it; he did invest it - in himself.

As Peter put it, he didn't steal the money, he "borrowed it" and then put it somewhere safe. And you can't get any safer than houses, which explains why Peter bought a

French Chateau, two pent-houses and a £250,000 converted farmhouse in Cheshire.

And since sitting on, or rather in, people's money is stressful work, Peter had to buy a £2.5m yacht, a private jet and a fleet of cars to help him relax.

Pamela Clowes is finding it hard to understand why the thousands of small investors who Peter 'borrowed' from wanted to press charges. As far as she's concerned Peter's got butter in his mouth and it's still not melting. "I'm proud of Peter. He has done nothing wrong," she said.

In fact Pamela would probably say that Peter did the country a favour and eased the burden on the welfare state by helping six hundred penniless pensioners climb into an early grave.

Some of those who died after the fraud were to have discovered committed suicide. Pamela believes Peter's ten year sentence is a bit harsh considering that all he did was steal £113m and help rid the world of a few decrepit old crannies.

Maybe it is a touch unfair considering that in the same month that Clowes started his ten year stretch, Lorna Emmerson, a working class woman from Harrogate, was given 15 months for stealing £360 from her employers.

If Clowes had been given 15 months for every £360 he'd stolen he'd have been sent down for precisely 392,381 years and 1 month.



LUXURY: Clowes's £2.5m yacht.

RAVING MAD?

ONE OF the best arguments for euthanasia has got to be the continued existence of 68 year old Lord White.

He's a Tory peer and boss of the multinational Hanson company - tax evaders extraordinaire. The multi-millionaire peer is classed as 'eccentric', when he's really just plain evil. Bearing a close resemblance to Himmler, Lord White surfaces every now and

then to give the masses the benefit of his wisdom.

His thought for this month is that although Hitler had one or two small faults he was actually a man to be admired. According to Lord White: "Hitler was a great provider of work and a developer of self-respect who revitalised a destroyed nation".

RAVED

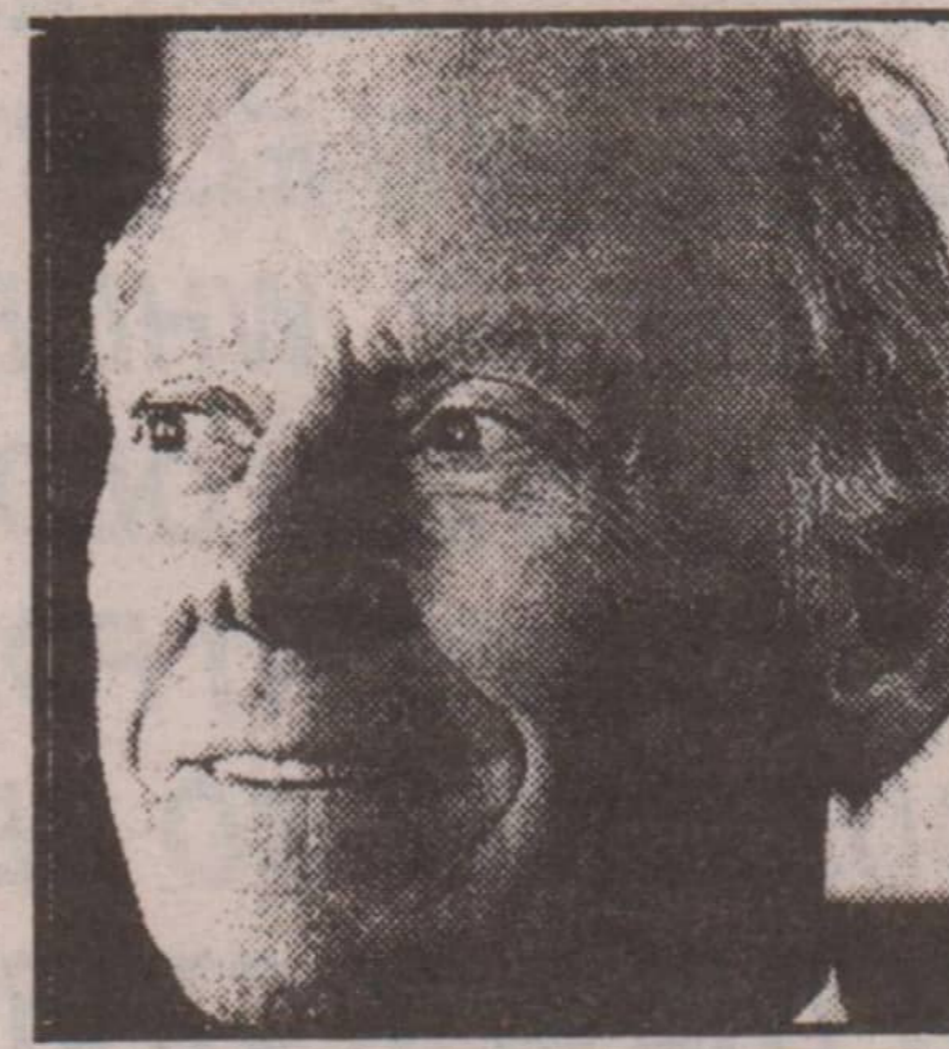
Forgetting to mention the fact that an awful lot of the work that Hitler provided consisted mainly of murdering anybody who he took a dislike to, and that turned out to be millions of people.

Lord White raved about Hitler's 'great achievement': the autobahns. I expect the thousands of slave-labourers who died building these roads were somehow less enthu-

siastic about Hitler's 'great achievement'.

Lord White, who considers himself to be something of a philosopher, should think on this famous saying: that those who forget the past are condemned to relive it.

I say that those who glorify a fascist past shouldn't be allowed to live long enough to see it repeated!



LORD WHITE: Evil.

Get Dialing (part two)

WHILST TERRY Waite pisses about in his little red sports car, fellow man of the cloth Father James Morrow is zooming up and down the country attacking women.

Morrow is the loony at the head of the direct action anti-abortionist group 'Operation Rescue'. US trained in paramilitary techniques, Morrow and a group of rabid nuns race around the country attacking abortion clinics.

ASSAULT

Christian brotherly love isn't extended to the sisters that Morrow tries to prevent from entering clinics - as shown by the string of assault charges against women he has.

The church tells us that we should call on the sick and the needy; and there are few men sicker than the Roman Catholic Father Morrow. Why not call him at his bizarrely named Humain Vitae home: 0339 741380

Quotes

"If we have high standards of education and idle people we may anticipate much more social unrest. We must once again educate people to know their place."

It may sound like a speech given by a jailer in a Victorian workhouse, but it was actually said by an official in the Government's Department Of Science and Education.

"I'm not having cripples in my paper!"

Rod Gilchrist, Deputy Editor of the *Daily Mail* when shown a proof of a page that had a photograph of a bloke in a wheelchair.

"From a Trust point of view, being underbedded may be better because you can be sure all the beds will be full... it is unfortunate but commercially sound."

Eric Rhoades, acting head of Medway health authority.



"Yes, I've got jewels and furs but I've never worn them together. I dislike people who flaunt their wealth."

Pamela Clowes supplying fashion tips and hints on how to wear other peoples' money.

"We want the minimum beds necessary, we still have got more than we need. We can't afford to have people lingering around for a recuperative holiday."

Virginia Bottomley, Tory health minister when asked what she thought of the chronic shortage of hospital beds.

"As for the lumpen, coloured people and Irish, the only way to hold them in check is to have enough well armed police."

Alfred Sherman, head of the Thatcherite Centre for Policy Studies.

ROTTEN FARE

WITH A general election looming, Neil Kinnochio and his pals will be on the streets over

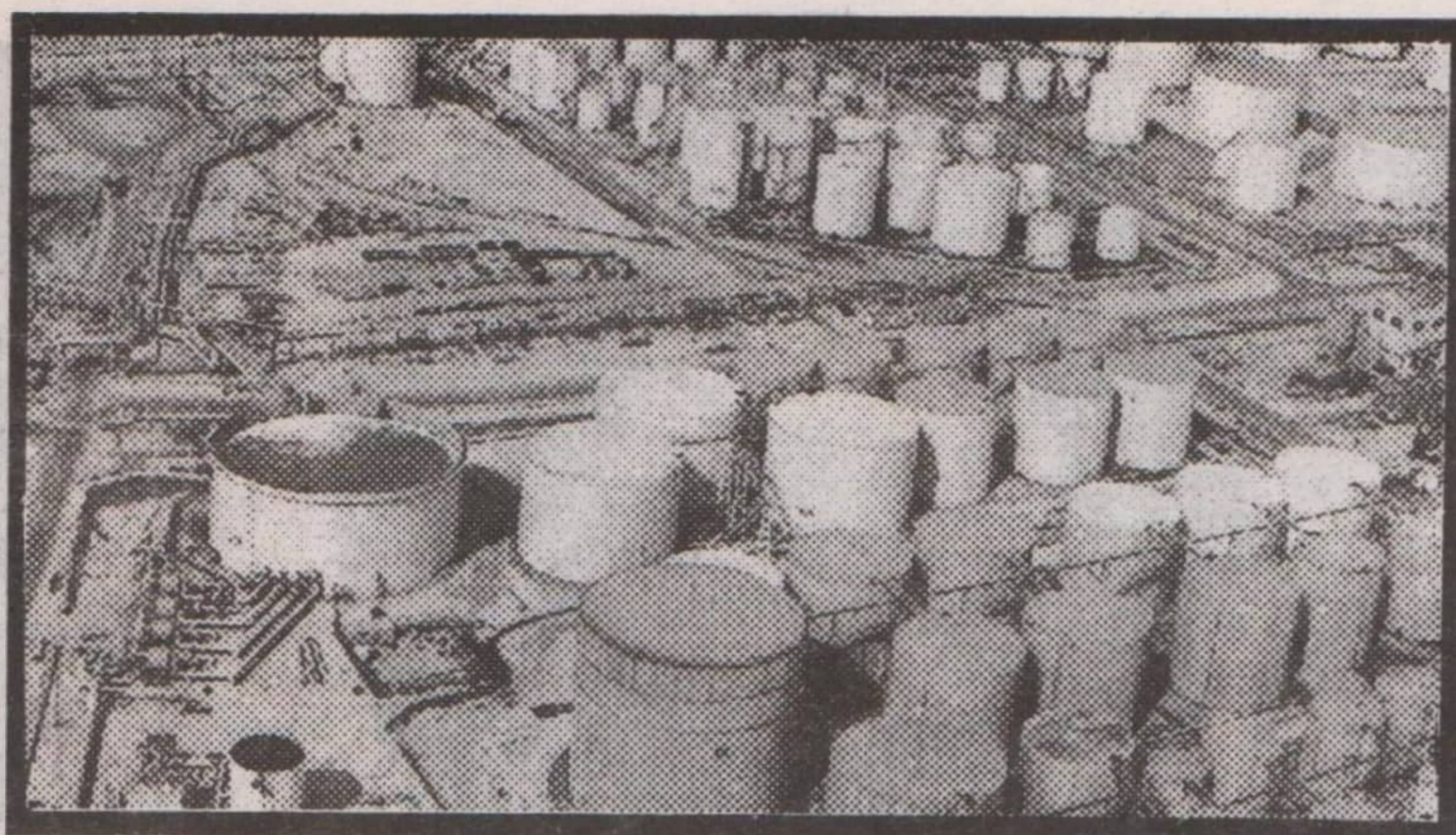


the next eight weeks trying to win votes by posing for photos with small children and cute puppies.

Speaking at a £500 a head Labour party bash at the Hyde Park Hotel on February 13th, Kinnochio said that the Labour Party's task in the coming months was to convince working class people that the party understood the problems caused by poverty and genuinely planned to do something about them.

Calling Kinnochio a hypocrite is a bit like saying shit stinks; it's stating the obvious. The only thing that isn't obvious is: exactly how many vol au vons would £39 a week dole money buy if we wanted to eat at a Labour party do?

Pre election promises are like vol au vons; they have little nutritional value, and they don't keep!



GULF OF LIES

Remember last years Gulfwar? The one which was going to herald a new era of peace and freedom in the Middle East.

Well, the Palestinians are still being shelled by the Israelis, the majority of people in Kuwait still have no rights under the Al Sabah dictatorship, oil wells are still burning, and several hundred thousand Iraqis are dead - most of them civilians.

But the point was made: no one fucks with America's oil profits. Even the Kurdish and Shia uprisings in Iraq were allowed to perish - America wanted a Pro-western military coup and dictatorship, not an anti-Hussain, anti-west revolution.

OUTRAGE

And remember those Iraqi atrocities in Kuwait? A report from the organisation "Middle East Watch" found that there was "no basis" to

reports that Iraqi soldiers killed babies by taking away their incubators.

Sadly, there is no good news for the thousands of children killed by the Western saturation bombing of Iraq, nor of the thousands of children who have suffered death and malnutrition as a result of the United Nations blockade of food and medicines.

MORE LIES

The truth is also emerging that a number of the "gulf heroes" to receive top bravery awards were actually rescuing troops being shelled by their own side. In one such incident, a soldier from Bathgate in West Lothian, was awarded the Military Medal, it said it was for rescuing soldiers under Iraqi fire. The truth is that he was being attacked by another British regiment! Meanwhile, the army still refuses to change their story.

No doubt many more troops were killed from their own shells. It will be no surprise that there will be few public school educated, upper class, idiot officers among those killed by "friendly fire".

FRAUD

Finally, remember the Gulf families Association? Thousands of pounds were collected for "our boys" and their families. Its founder, Barry Lloyd, was on trial for theft - thousands of pounds are still missing from the Associations accounts.

But our Barry was as slippery as he is slimy, the case was dropped through "insufficient evidence". No doubt the Whitehall and Downing Street officials who backed the Association are breathing a sigh of relief at this cover-up as well.

No war but the class war was our slogan a year ago, nothing has changed.

FUNNY OLD WORLD!

LOBBY (1)

Guinea's military dictator, General Lansana Conte, narrowly escaped death following a lobby by students.

The students were concerned at their university being cleared by troops. In fact it wasn't so much a lobby really, more of a straightforward lob - they ambushed the general with fire bombs!

Maybe the British National Union of Students will take on board this lesson in negotiation techniques?

LOBBY (2)

Protesting French farmers destroyed several tax offices, toll barriers, and police vans, as well as blockading railways and motorways last October.

Tens of thousands of people took part in the actions which were in opposition to new EC plans, which French farmers say will adversely affect them.

EC Scummit

Already the costs are starting to mount for the EC council of ministers summit in Edinburgh this December.

Labour controlled Lothian Regional Council have set aside a whopping £1.2m, just to cover a few days policing costs.

1500 journalists from across Europe are expected to arrive in Edinburgh for the scummit. *Class War* expects double that number of people from across Europe to protest against

against the meeting.

INSULT

At the same council meeting they agreed to set aside a pathetic £900,000 for the governments horrific "care in the community" scheme. This scheme is designed to dump elderly, mentally ill, and disabled people into "the community", with little or no back up or support to their carers.

You don't have to be Einstein to see where Lothian has its priorities.

Gimmie yer vote

Smarmy Scottish Secretary Ian Lang, did a U-Turn, and has given some money to the Sick Children's Hospital Appeal in Edinburgh.

The hospital is currently holding out the charity begging bowl to finance a new £11.2 million wing. In the "caring '90s" children's health seems to depend on charity and fund-raising stunts.

Most of the £9m raised so far has come from the public, much of it from people who can least afford it.

SICK

The Tories have given £25 million bribes to help hospitals in Aberdeen and Ayrshire become semi-private, but they couldn't manage a single penny towards the Sick Kids appeal, even although they should have paid for it in the first place.

Only two months ago, Lang had said "not a penny more.. it makes bad

economic sense to throw money at hospitals, new wings or not".

Perhaps he saw the Tories opinion polls, and the bookies offering only 16/1 against ALL Scottish Tory M.P.'s being wiped out in the general election - with a machine gun? Lang and his accomplices have now announced an immediate £2m towards the fund, plus running costs.

TWISTED

But even this paltry sum comes with price tag. Four beds in the hospital will have to be turned over, to private use.

Isn't it amazing the money you can find down the back of a chair when your political life is threatened?



The kids from Børnemøkt

Pull 'em down!

The high rise blocks that were put up cheaply and quickly all over Britain, are now being pulled down by the same councils who built them in the first place.

POVERTY TRAPS

With few exceptions, these houses were a nightmare for anyone to live in. Lack of amenities, bad design and construction, little building security, with the surrounding high unemployment and general poverty they led to misery and anti-social crime.

Many residents were spent their days and nights behind locked doors and windows. This housing "solution" was a living nightmare for those who actually had to live there.

So is everyone in agreement when it comes to demolishing these monstrosities? Unfortunately not. Especially one of these disasters - Leith Fort in Edinburgh.

"BRUTALISM"

The brain dead Scottish Society Of Architectural Heritage said that the condemned flats at "the fort", should be allowed to stand! A spokesperson for the society said, "the flats are superb examples of 60's brutalism, they are historical monuments and should be considered as such, people should be made to stay in them longer, they would soon appreciate their strange beauty". **Bollocks!**

Boomtimes

RAM-RAIDING SPREADS NORTH!

Drumchapel youths have been beating the boredom blues by taking cars from posh Bearsden, and forgetting to tell the owners! After giving the police the slip, they then delight in ram-raiding shops in Bearsden Cross. Thousands of pounds worth of goodies have been nicked over the past few weeks.

CONSUMER DRIVEN

As expected the local media have been keeping this information well hushed up. But as the recession bites deeper, hitting working class people hardest, how much longer they can keep the lid on this "consumer driven boom"!

Ram-raiding may not be the most class conscious act around. But if this "Buy! Buy! Buy!" consumer society continues to be "rammed" down our throats, people will increasingly turn to the "shopping without money" principal, and who can blame them!

BAD APPLES

We were deeply moved to hear of the untimely demise of Sergeant Geoff Carroll.

A keen officer, Geoff was very busy with drug dealing, theft, tampering with evidence and assaulting prisoners at the Stoke Newington nick.

Geoff blew himself away. However, rumours has it that his short but decisive headache was brought about by other cops frightened that he was about to blow the whistle on their little rackets.

Watch this space for a *Class War* special on corruption at the Stoke Newington pig sty.

NO KIDDING

In October a youth group called Børnemøkt occupied an empty house in Copenhagen.

They wanted a place free from the intimidation of adults and teachers. A place where young people could live in and develop as a social centre.

They decided this was a place well worth defending. So they laid in a good stock of ammo - water balloons and foam rubber bricks!

COPPERS

BRICKED!

The cops soon turned up, but retreated rather wetter and more embarrassed than before! Soon afterwards over a dozen riot cops violently evicted the squatters, arresting 27 people all under the age of 18.

Børnemøkt have carried out other actions as well. They once went to a gymnasium (a school for 16-19 year olds), locked the teachers in the staff room, then leafleted the students canteen.

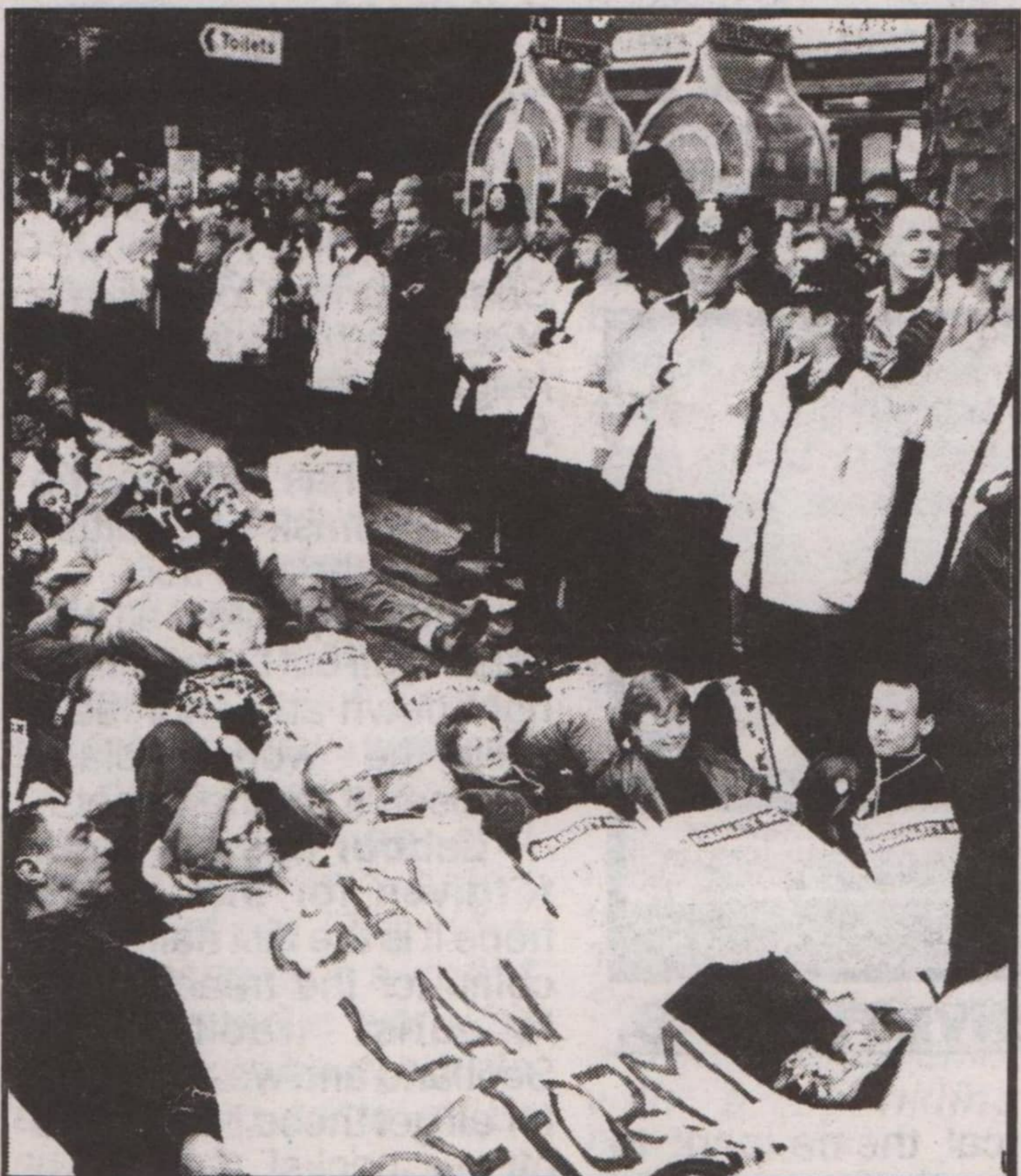
Their leaflets demands included more power for students to decide on their education.

POETRY

Leading German Nazi, Michael Kuhnen, kicked the bucket last April. Some may call it poetic justice that the bigot died of AIDS.

But the real justice was that no cemetery would take his body because of his Nazi ridden history.

A cemetery was finally found for him. *But it was also found by German anti-Nazis.* When they had his funeral the Nazis were given a good kicking, though sadly not serious enough to enable any of them to stay permanently! *Still, it was a good send off for Kuhnen!*



A sit down protest organised by the OutRage group at their recent London demonstration. The march was against anti gay and lesbian legislation and discrimination.

THE STATE OF THE UNION

Recently, there's been a lot of interest and speculation about Scotland becoming independent. This article fills in the important gaps that the media and politicians have chosen to leave out...

SCOT

RIGHT AT THE START we're making it clear that we think that the end of the union between Scotland and England is a good thing.

This brief article explains why. Where we differ with the nationalists is over what should come after the Union is broken.

For a few years sections of the Scottish media and establishment have been becoming more excited about the idea of independence. The 'quality' press like "The Glasgow Herald" and "The Scotsman" are at times almost mouthpieces for the Scottish National Party, SNP.

Most recently the Scottish edition of "The Sun", has been running front page headlines saying: "RISE NOW AND BE A NATION ONCE AGAIN!"

So, are the streets full of nationalist demonstrations? Are strikes being called to break the link with England? Is there a mass campaign to stop paying taxes to London. Well no - not yet, despite the best efforts of parts of the media and some politicians.

CAPITALIST REASONS

What's happening is that some sections of the middle and ruling classes can see the possibilities of rich pickings for themselves in an independent Scotland as 'Great Britain' declines in economic and political power within Europe.

Capitalism is going through a massive reorganisation: right now the trend is towards bigger economic and social units that combine many nation states.



The EEC is one of these. If these super trade blocks are to work, the individual states within them are going to have to lose much of their independence and even become broken down into smaller units. This capitalist experiment is what the SNP's hopes are riding on.

BRITAIN - HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Despite all the efforts of the nationalists, the London establishment does not take their demands for independence seriously.

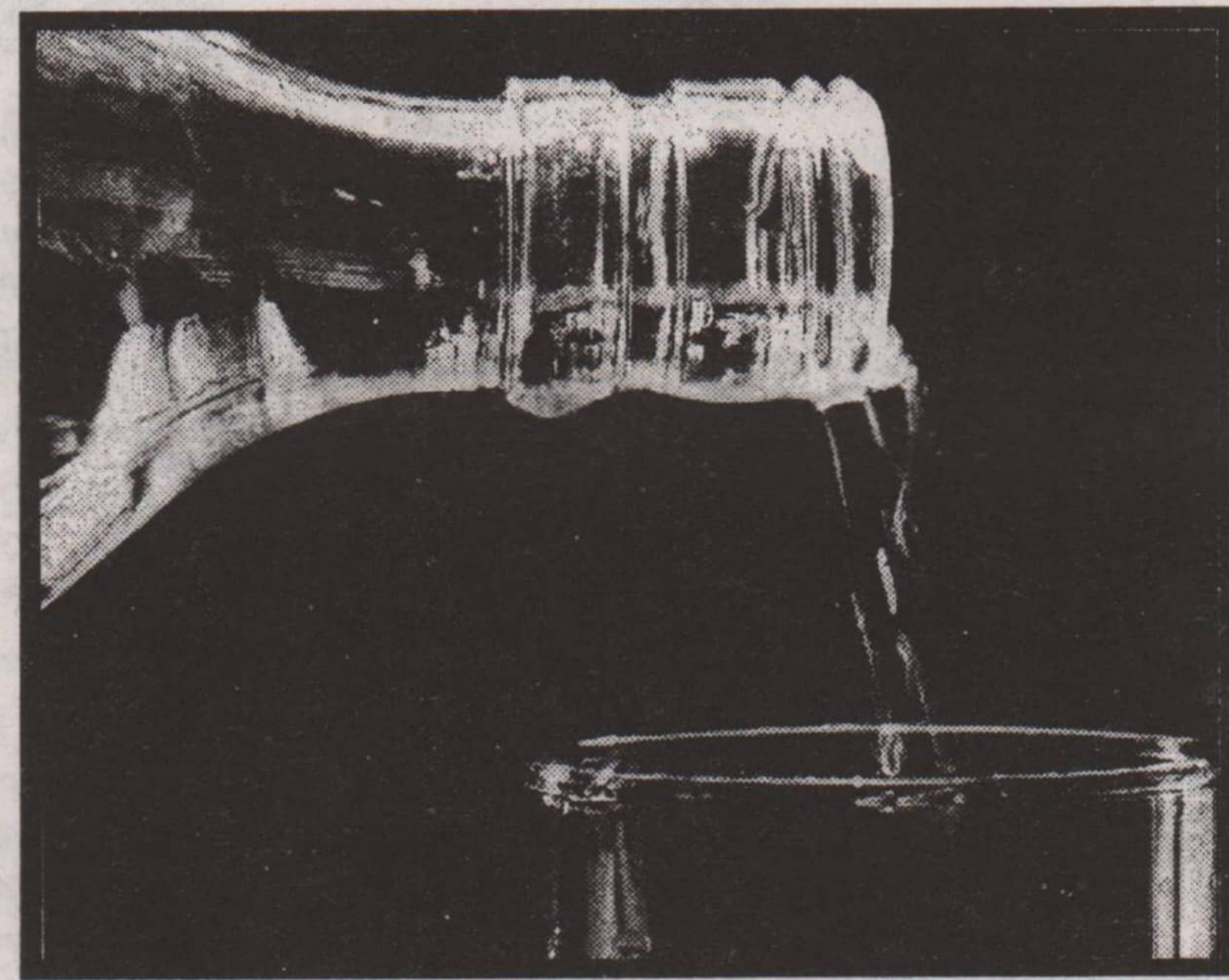
As usual colonial arrogance is preventing them from seeing the situation clearly: it's only

recently that the government seems to have realised that there is a campaign for independence at all!

Yet the history of the British Empire shows that once the nationalist bandwagon starts rolling, it can be hard to stop. Scotland could soon be at just such a point.

The United Kingdom of Britain is beginning to fall apart into its component parts. All nation states are artificial creations, a line on a map can only signify a piece of property it does not define what sort of people live there or their culture, language or histories. Nowhere is this more true than in the UK.

The British state was created by violence, treachery and bribery with



BIG BUCKS FROM WHISKY SALES.

the English ruling class taking the leading roles because they were the most powerful. And let's not forget that this also included crushing opposition in England.

There's nothing unique in this - it's the way most of the modern day nation states have been created.

BRITAIN IS THE PROBLEM

The Scottish upper classes mostly copied the manners of their English masters and gave rise to a class of people known as the Anglo's - for their lickspittle, fawning attitudes: In Scotland the posh Scots of Glasgow and Edinburgh speak in strange strangled accents and send their kids south to English boarding schools!

In the 19th century the Celtic areas of Britain were the source of immense wealth to the ruling class, the economies of Ireland, Wales and Scotland were some of the jewels in the crown of the Empire.

Those days are gone now and the heavy industries and agriculture that dominated these areas have drastically shrunk.

As the sun is at last setting on the bloody British

Empire, its first victims are again questioning the right of continued colonial domination, Scotland is one of them.



"There's always a warm welcome for the English. We love the English. We worship the Welsh and we get on very well with the Irish always. It might be the British we've got a bit of a problem with but that's more of a political thing..."

Scottish Republican, Glasgow

THE UK TODAY Before we look at

westwards!

The whole of Britain, but especially the 'edge', is increasingly suffering from being held hostage to the needs of the City of London. The financiers need a high interest rate and artificially high sterling exchange rate to do their business with the rest of the world.

Present day Scotland is a good example of the stagnation of those areas on the edge of the British State. Its heavy industries went into decline in the 60's with mass unemployment and a sharp rise in emigration. It never really had a boom like the south, its economy is still largely dependent on manufacturing.

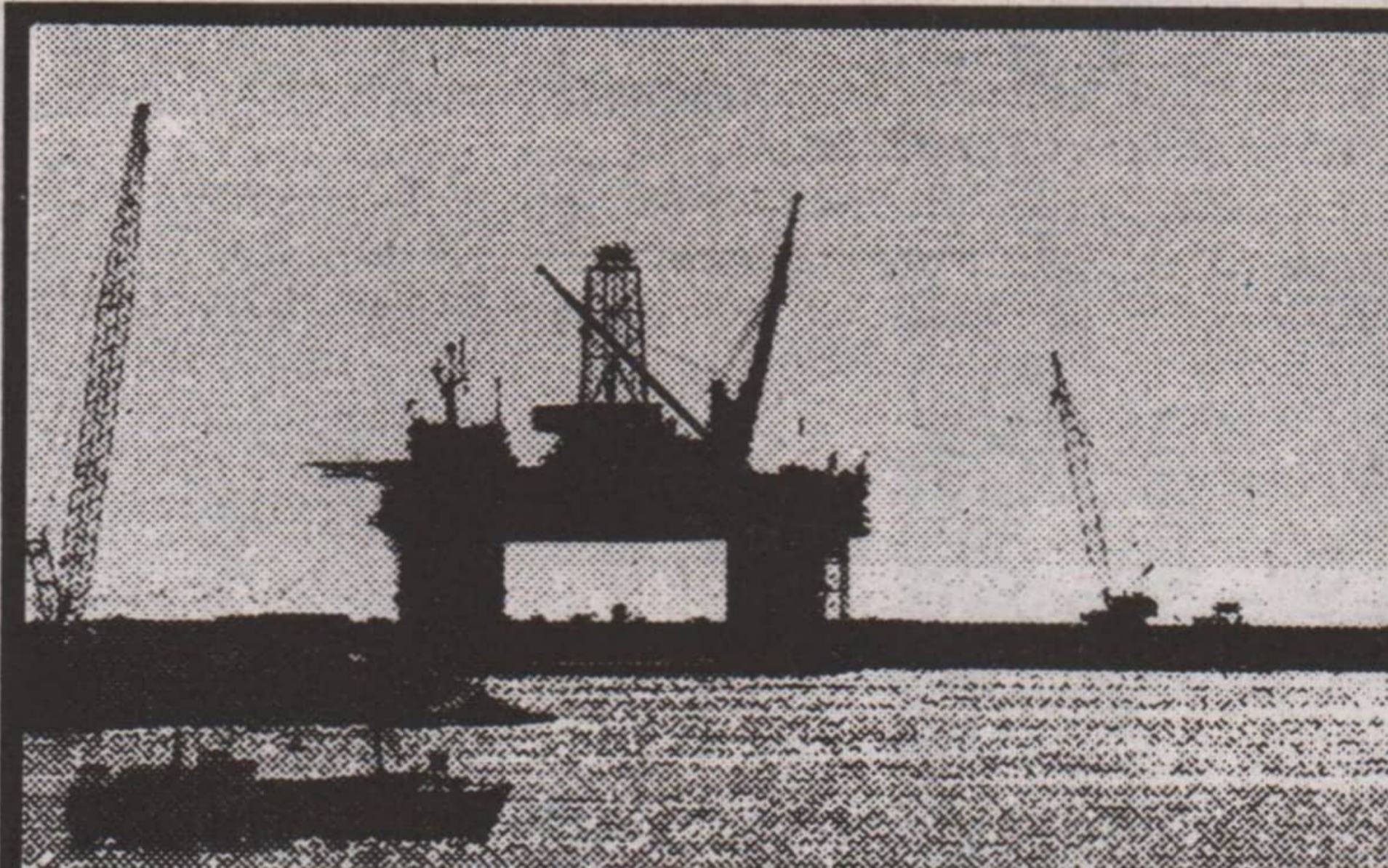
Whereas the south of England had a much more diverse industrial base that protected it from much of the worst of the last 20 year long recession that the rest of the UK experienced - until now that is.

Much of Scotland outside the cities continues to be owned by absentee landlords and used as giant tax havens and leisure parks by the upper classes.

In common with scenic areas of Wales and England rural Scotland is being invaded by the wealthy who are using it for retirement homes, second homes and holiday homes.

The effect of this invasion is to price local people out of the housing market completely this together with the government ban on council house building has been a complete disaster for working class people in these areas.

In the North and the Islands, there are people with children living in mobile homes and in some cases even tents.



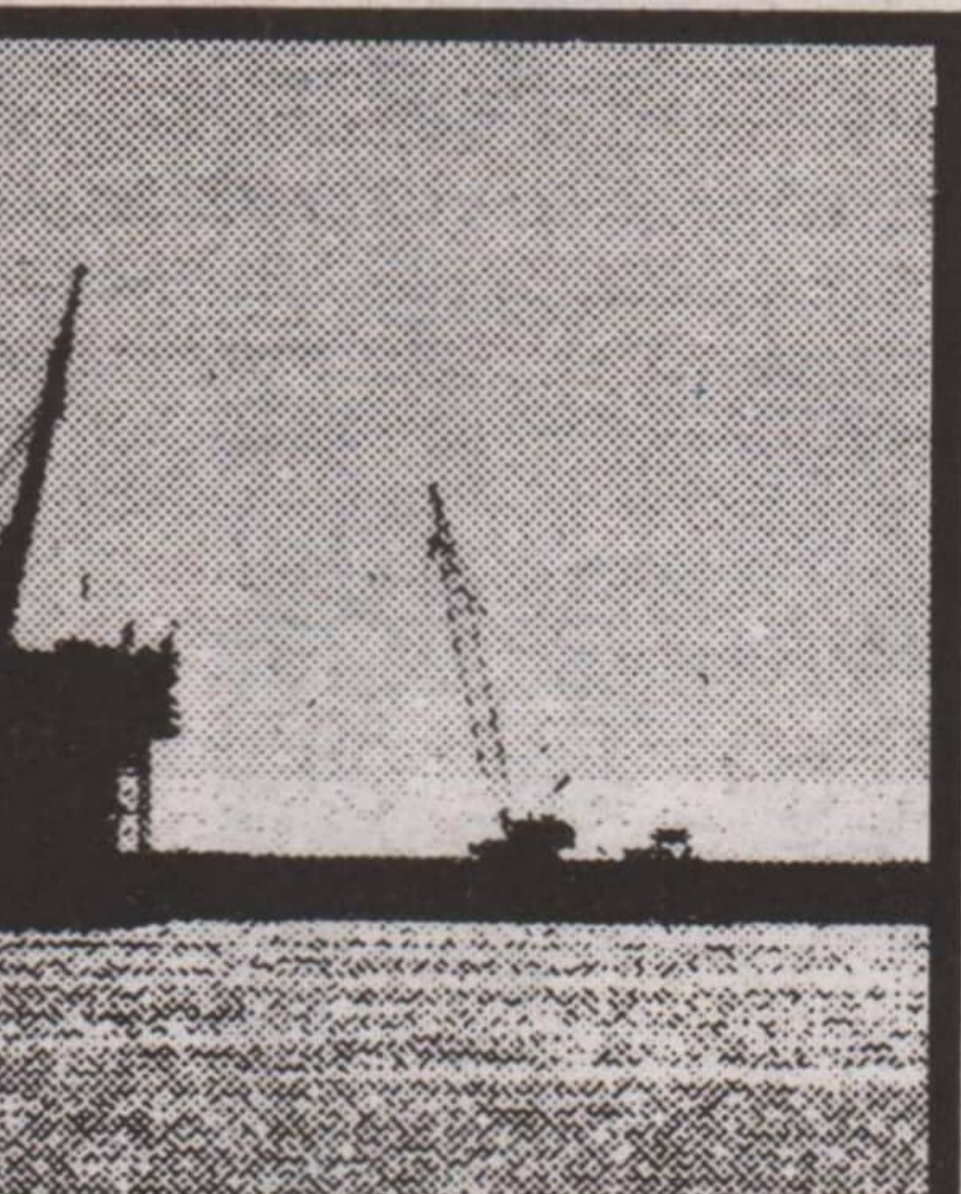
SCOTLANDS OFFSHORE INVESTMENTS.

The Anglo-Scottish ruling class have decided to market Scotland as a good place to do business

and to this end they have set about trying to change the image of cities like Glasgow.



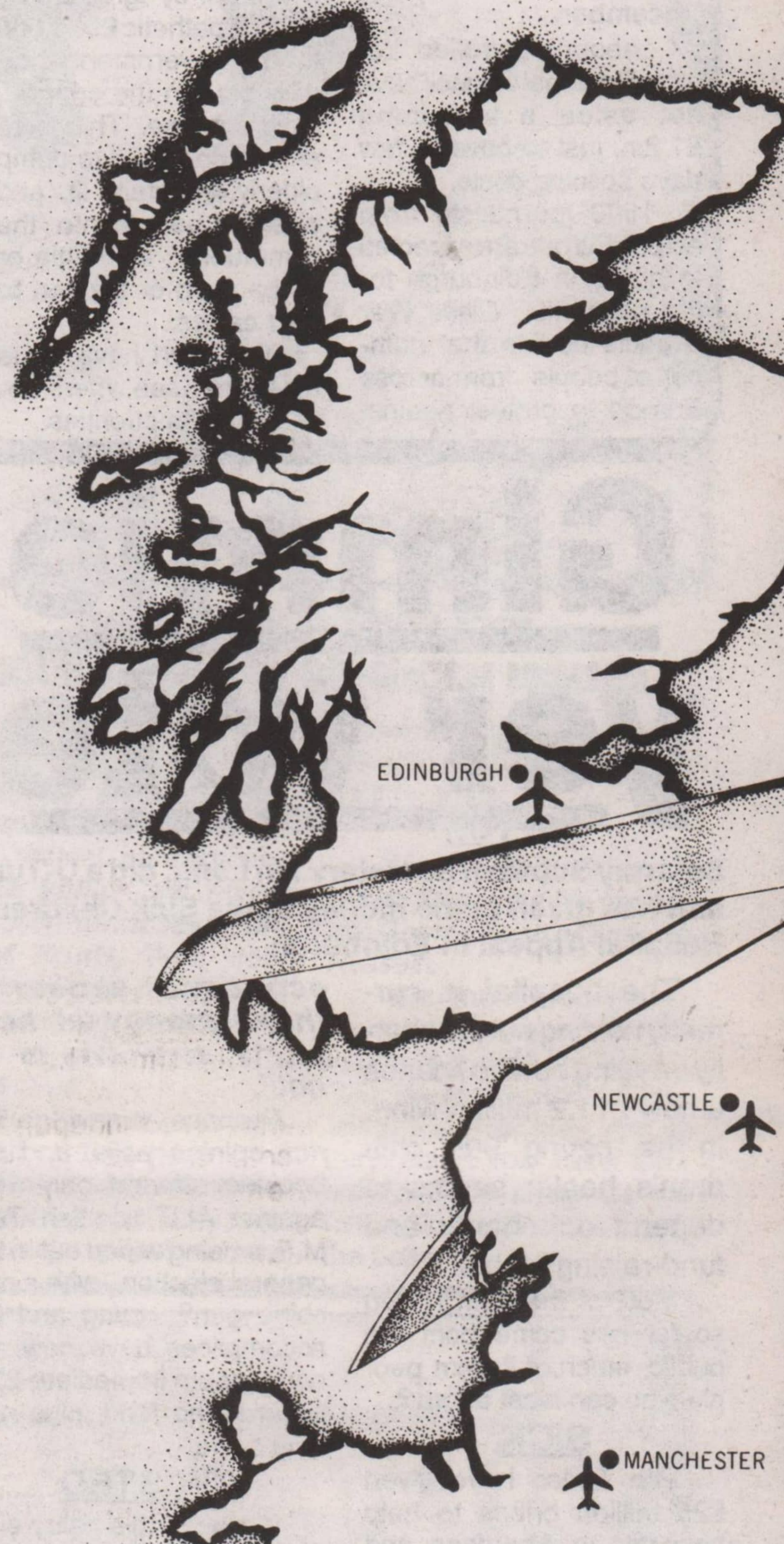
To attract the new industries of finance and international companies, and their staff, places like Glasgow are being marketed like a sort of



SCOTLANDS OFFSHORE INVESTMENTS.

historical theme park to attract the new yuppie businesses.

While outside the big cities the whole country really is being turned into a giant Disneyland to



encourage tourists to part with their money.

LABOUR CRAP!

Until recently the Scottish Labour party tried to claim all the radical working class traditions for themselves, to help control the working class.

Of course this was crap. The Labour party has nothing in common with the likes of John Maclean, Harry McShane, James Connolly, the Nineteenth century land leagues, the 1820 rising or Red Clydeside.

What has broken the 'radical' mask of Scottish labour is the poll tax.

They spouted all the usual stuff but then backed right down and enforced it while the working class opposed it on the streets.

Labour has not been forgiven for that. Let's hope it is the last nail in the coffin for the treacherous labourist tradition in Scotland and we once and for all get these lickspittles off our backs!

In the face of the stagnation of the last 20 or so years and the cultural offensive of the Anglo-Scottish ruling class, many people have begun to

FREE?

occupation of land and industry by the English and Anglo-Scottish upper classes.

A PARCEL OF ROGUES!

In 1792 Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns (the Immortal Bard!) wrote a bitter and angry poem called "A parcel of rogues" about how in 1707 the gentry of Scotland agreed to the union with England (in return for money, land privileges from the English upper class:

"What force or guile could not subdue, Thro' many warlike ages, is wrought now by a coward few, for hiring traitors' wages"

Today in Scotland the same kind of rogues are lining up to sell their own people again to the highest bidders.

CHANGE OF BOSSES

This time they are scheming under the banner of an 'independent' Scotland - which of course means a Scotland dominated by European instead of English capitalism.

The only change in their new Scotland will be at the top. We will have a change of Boss with Scots filling the posts in the new Scottish state and negotiating the best prices they can get for our labour power and our country's natural resources on the international market.

And what an ugly bunch they are! Alex Salmond the sleekit wee man who leads the Scottish National Party, SNP, could be the first Scottish prime minister.

Even worse, the Scottish Constitutional Convention that has been meeting, consists of the 'great and the good', their self appointed task has been to determine what shape the future government should take even down to details like what electoral system to use and taxes to levy.



The rogues who make up this convention include The Church of Scotland, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats with a sprinkling of landowners and aristocrats, the natural enemies of the working class.

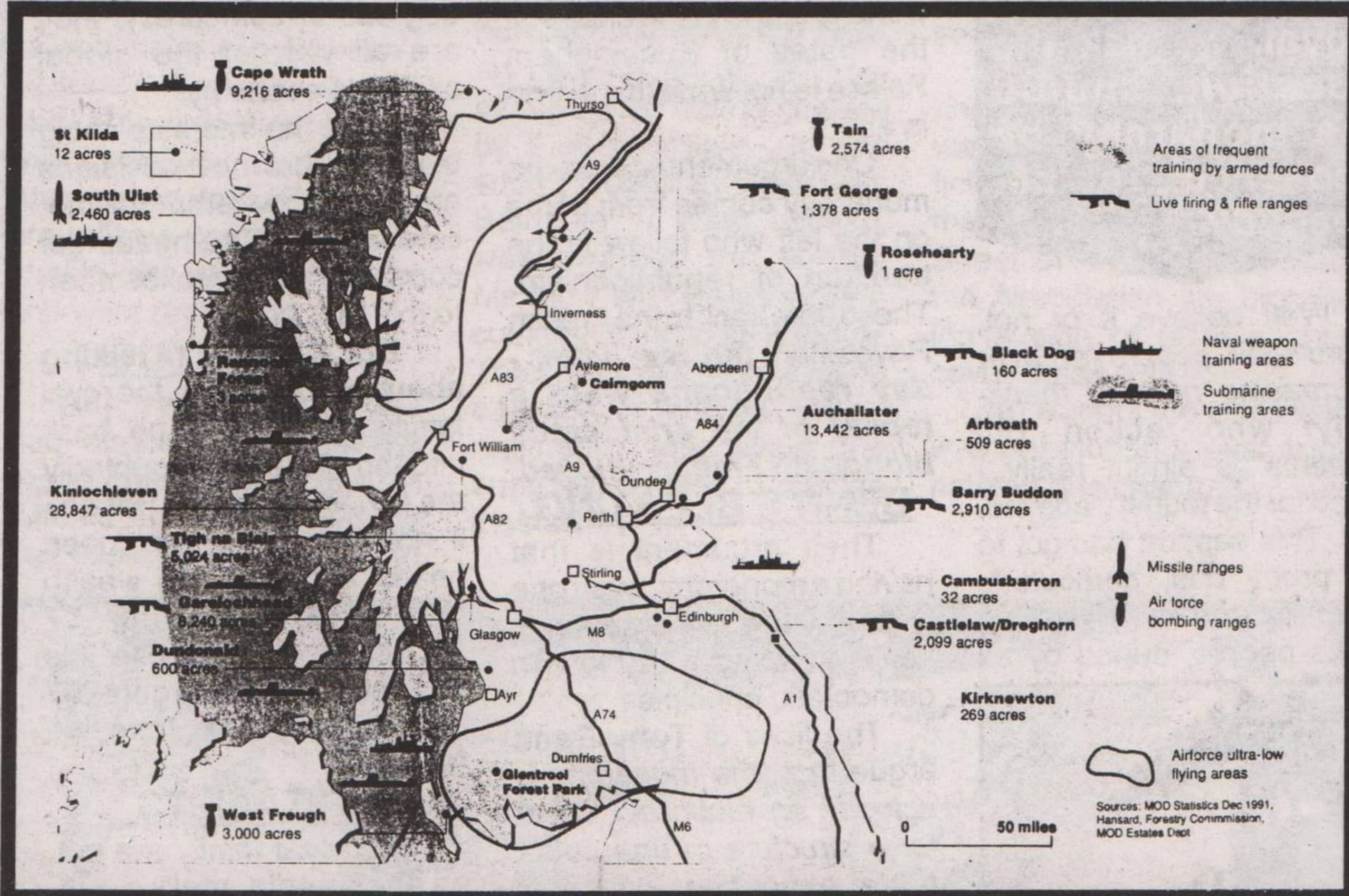
An independent Scotland is certainly a feasible proposition from a

business point of view. Politically there are plenty of precedents in Europe of small states - Luxembourg, Monaco, the

oil in the North sea the SNP claims it as Scotland's and says it will use the tax revenues from this to fund social improvements. It is

extremists! What this shows is a great deal of naivety and lack of understanding of the 'beast' they are up against-

We say the ending of the Union has got to be a good thing. Only an idiot or the British left, would think that the forced union of separate countries under a medieval monarchy was good.



PRE-OCCUPIED; BRITISH BASES NORTH OF THE BORDER.

Baltic states and the recent emergence of Slovenia and Croatia from Yugoslavia.

But the big question is would the British ruling class allow Scotland to get to the stage of gaining EEC recognition?

See how they are hanging on to the northern part of Ireland and look at their track record around the world. If Scotland was to gain independence then the whole structure of government of the UK would be thrown into doubt, like what about Wales and Northern Ireland for starters?

LABOUR LOSERS

And without the 50 or so Scottish Labour MP's at Westminster there would never be another Labour government in London.

This is precisely why Labour are proposing their half-arsed plan for devolution.

Losing Scotland would mean losing 10% of the UK population and about a quarter of its land area, not to mention the huge tracts of land and sea that the British armed forces use there.

Another military consideration is the fact that Scotland commands a strategic position for air and sea communications between America, Scandinavia and northern Europe.

To date British big business is not favourable to ending the union but it is the smaller business people and the middle classes who are in favour of independence.

When it comes to the

hard to see the British establishment swallowing the loss of a few £ billion a year!

Also the oil in the North sea "belongs" to the multinational oil companies and nobody fucks with them! Look what happened to Saddam Hussein and Iraq!



Recently the SNP housing spokesman, Jim Sillars, pointed out correctly that about 75% of all monies collected in council rents went straight to the city of London to pay for the exorbitant loans that were taken out in the 50's and 60's to build some of the worst housing schemes in Britain.

His solution to this state of affairs is to write off these loans completely: at the moment they stand at around £2-3 billion (The Scotsman, 27/6/91).

And this is the party that is trying to portray itself as respectable and statesmanlike? They are proposing to chuck out the British state, mess about with the oil companies and rip-off the City of London for a few £ billion, and they have the nerve to call us

capitalism.

To succeed they will have to do better than this and that is probably where they will need the Scottish Labour party, if part of it decides to ditch the union and join the independence movement they will bring the skills to sell Scotland to International capital - after all they have been selling the Scottish working class down the river for years!

The scene seems to be set for a classic colonial clash although we hope that Scotland is spared the experience of Ireland.

THE FUTURE - "BOTH SIDES THE TWEED"

Here's some lines from a Scottish songwriter that many feel would make a fitting socialist anthem for Scotland.

*"Let friendship and honour unite,
And flourish on both sides the Tweed,
Think them poorest who can be a slave,
And richest who dares to be free"*

"Both sides the Tweed" - Dick Gaughan. (the river Tweed is the border between Scotland and England).



Scotland leaving the UK would be a serious blow to the British ruling class. It would also make the rest of the 'British' think about who they are.

It is about time we all reclaimed our history and culture from the 'heritage' industry. In this respect a revival of Scottish, English and Welsh republicanism is long overdue!

An independent Scotland of course is not the answer to the problems of our class, it could just be the start of a different set of problems as we have suggested above.

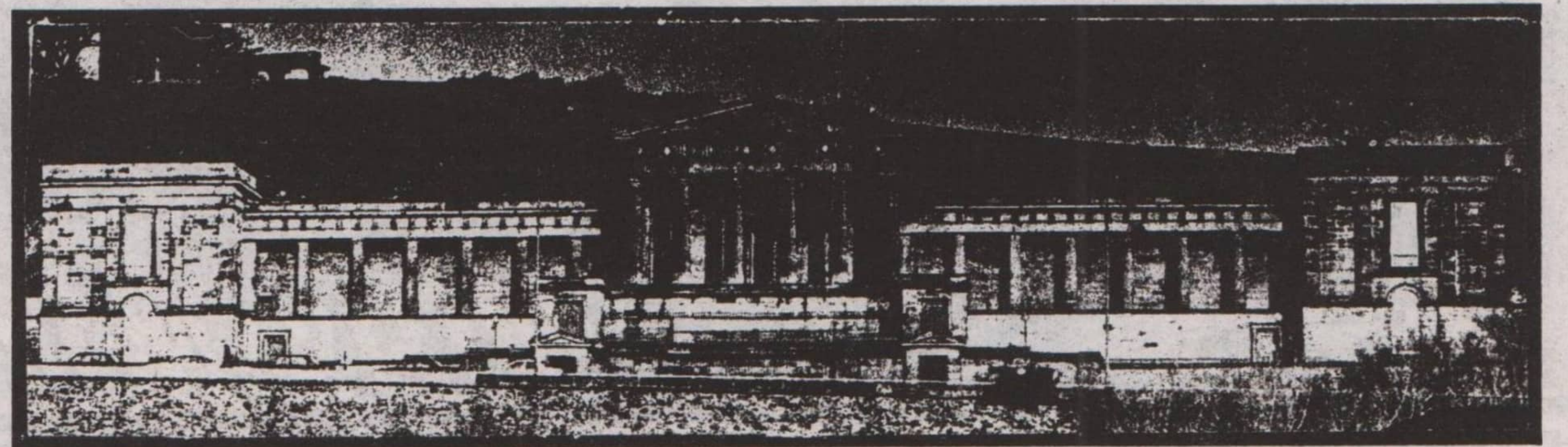
IDEAS OF OUR OWN

We have a few ideas of our own that are inspired by the Scottish radical working class tradition and that of our class around the world... A free Scottish republic controlled by the working class, that co-operates with the English republic and all other areas of the world that have come under the control of our class!

A dream you say? Maybe not as much as you think! The British ruling class are split down the middle over Europe, they have been humiliated by the poll tax revolt and they are losing the war in Ireland. International Capitalism is reeling around like a drunk from crisis to crisis, and the old 'communist' world is breaking up into chaos.

Capitalism and the State have not looked so weak for a long time. This could be just the right moment to turn dreams into reality!

We could see a future where the people of Scotland and England benefit from the wealth of their own efforts and where petty Chauvinism and miserable jealousies are replaced with trust and friendship.



THE NEW MASTERS HOUSE; the planned assembly building

JOB SECURITY?

JOHN MAJORS classless society is a joy to behold.

Take for the example the contrasting cases of Sir Ian McLaurin, and sixty-five year old Jack Millwood.

One is the Tesco chairman, the other is an ex-security guard at Tesco. On January 26th the good Sir Ian received a pay rise of £174,000, up from £390,000 to a staggering £564,000.

'SECURITY'

Jack Millwood last year signed a pledge to continue working until he was seventy.

Thanks to his supposed new found financial 'security' he moved house and brought some new furniture.

But on January 31st he was made redundant, and now has debts he has no hope of paying.

Living in a classless society as we do it's often hard to tell who's who, so just in case there's any confusion we must point out that Sir Ian is the chairman and Jack Millwood is the ex-security guard (as if we needed to).

CHRONIC MONARCH

After the spectacle last month of the queen celebrating 40 year as top Royal, we ask the question, should the monarchy be abolished... or be-headed?

Well believe it or not, there's still people (an ever decreasing number thankfully) who reckon 'old queenie' is alright really - good for the tourist trade etc.

This support has got to be pretty bad, particularly when it comes from working class people, duped by all



CHIEF GOON, CHARLIE

the crap about her being an 'asset to the nation'. But how many people have false pride in the royals or who travel the world to stand in the drizzle at the gates of Buckingham Palace is not what this article is about

One argument against the monarchy comes from some on the left who follow in the tradition of republicanism. These date back to the French Revolution, but few latter-day republicans want a repeat of the aristocratic bloodbath France enjoyed.

BENN'S BLEATING

Their argument is that having a monarchy, even one with very few real powers, is not in keeping with modern democratic principles.

The likes of Tony Benn argue that "the monarchy is actually an elaborate cover for a structure of unaccountable executive, which is absolutely contrary to all the principles of democracy" (he then pauses for a swig of tea and a puff on his pipe) he goes on ...

"the 'royal prerogative' enables prime ministers to go to war, make treaties, appoint peers, bishops and judges, without even pretending to consult parliament"

These arguments are weak. Most countries in the world are republics and though they have varying degrees of democracy, they are all part of the global capitalist economy.

It is in the interests of big business that most decisions are made, whether or not ceremonial figure-heads get consulted is a smokescreen to this fact.

But, while we're talking about big business, the royal family suddenly come back into the picture, undoubtedly the richest woman in Britain - if not the world, the queen heads a family with wealth and assets totalling £7 BILLION. And despite this huge sum the queen gets £57 million every year from the tax payer!

CAPITALISTS -

The royal family are not, as the media makes out, quaint, inoffensive, corgi/horse/plant lovers. They are ultra-rich capitalists presiding over massive amounts of shares and land, dealing in business, industry and property the world over.

Well, where do you start? It's not just their insulting antics (Fergie), their hypocritical prattle about charity



THE QUEEN SHOWS HER UNDERSTANDING OF GREEN ISSUES

(princess Anne), or the poxy remarks about schooling and architecture (Prince Charles), nor the double standards about animal conservation (Prince Phillip), the fascist connection (princess Michael of Kent), their constitutional power (the queen) or the abundant wealth all the pampered rich bastards flaunt in front of us.

For generations and generations they have lived in idle luxury while the rest of us have struggled. They then try and make us feel we have

something in common with them and use this to get us to fight for them.

ROTTEN

We have no more reason to like them than we have to like George Bush or Saddam Hussein.

But their propaganda produces an irrational love for them which called patriotism. This, like royalty itself, stinks, and the sooner they, and all they stand for, take their rightful place alongside the rotting Maxwells of the world, the better for us all.

more
DIY
than
B&Q!

IN BRISTOL, squatting groups and others including Class War have set out to take squatting out of its 'alternative' ghetto.

Bristol has the worse record of homelessness outside London. Everybody including the bleeding hearted liberals have noticed the increase in people dossing out on the streets or in derelict buildings.

Though this is the visible side of the homelessness, there are thousands more living in Bed & Breakfasts, Hostels, friends floors, shacking up with relatives or renting sub-standard accommodation.

HARD WORK

Squatting has been going on in Bristol for a long time; Bristol Housing Action Movement has been doing a lot of hard work housing people

through squatting. But up to now squatting has been confined to the inner-city and has been largely part of an "alternative" scene activity.

BLITZ

The SQUATTING ACTION CAMPAIGN was set up to push forward the idea of squatting being used as an option by the ever-increasing numbers of the homeless.

The campaign has carried out a poster blitz on as many of the 4,000 empty houses as possible, highlighting the problem. Also a demo in front of the poshest hotel in Bristol was organised and a SQUAT ACTION CENTRE was opened in order to give advice and to help the home-less into vacant houses.

The Action Centre, was previously an estate agents before being left dormant for five years. But this didn't stop

owners Swinton Insurance taking out an injunction pronto, to be heard in Manchester (where their headquarters are) Justice went it's perverse way, with the help of an old codger, the judge.

The centre had a lot of support and was well used by people wanting legal advice or help in opening up a squat.

And despite Swinton's attempts, the centre has not shut but simply moved down the road a little!

If you are interested in the campaign, get in touch with Bristol Class War's P.O Box (see map on page 13).



LABOUR PAGEANTRY

- Fed up of languishing on that council housing list?
- Need a point booster to get you to the top of that list?
- Can't quite afford that mortgage?

Why not take a leaf out of Labour councillor Neil Pagett's book? and...



STRING PULLING PAGETT

- 1 Get elected, then
- 2 Do sod all, and finally...
- 3 Get in with the local Mafia ie, the Labour party.

Is it this easy? Well it was for Redditch's golden boy who did exactly this. Not only did he implement the Poll tax, but he got his mates at the top to allocate him a council house when he was unable to pay his mortgage!

AND IT DON'T END THERE!

This was not a one off neither; when he was unemployed, Redditch's version of the Kray Twins - Ron and Betty Passingham (both Labour councillors) arranged a job for him with their son's computer business, run from an empty council house!

Like so many people who were duped into buying their council house under the Tories "right to buy" scheme, Neil was unable to keep up his payments and like 80,000 others, he had his house repossessed. But unlike these people he was immediately re-housed by his corrupt friends on the council.

Perhaps this is why Labour is adamant about building more council houses if they get elected - so they can house their own?



PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!



MUCK SPREADER

spreading the dirt on the green front

TICKELL'S IN A PICKLE

Things must be pretty bad for the ruling class if a former adviser to Margaret Thatcher warns of ecological disaster.

And this is exactly what Sir Crispin Tickell (guess which class he comes from) recently did.

Tickell, a right-wing think tank all on his own,

who now hangs out at Oxford University, definitely wasn't beating round the bush. He stated:

It is certainly too late to avert or prevent over-population, resource depletion, environmental degradation, industrial pollution, ozone depletion, global warming and the rest.

In other words - things look

pretty grim.

Perhaps this quote explains why he is no longer ecological advisor to the Tory party.

The last thing Major wants at election time is global doom and gloom, if he wanted that he'd have given the job to David Icke!

BURNING ISSUE

NORMAN WOODHOUSE IS AN OBNOXIOUS, TOXIC TOE-RAG...AND HERE'S WHY...

During the Miners' Strike of 1984/5, our Norm was the Public Relations boss of British Coal - right-hand to that evil double-dealer and government lackey, Ian McGregor.

During this time, Norman was responsible for enthusiastically peddling the merits of coal to the power generators, while British Coal was at war with its own workforce.

Woodhouse took early retirement from BC and is currently drawing what is estimated at no less than £30,000 a year as pension!

With this not-exactly-hard-earned loot, he runs Direct Communications, a Public Relations outfit.

THIS IS WHAT THEY DO

Direct Communications are the company that's trying very hard to sell a product called Orimulsion to the British power generators, hoping to stop them using coal as fuel, putting direct economic pressure on the Coal Board and therefore our few remaining miners, at a time when the bosses want to reduce British pits to a total of 12!

Orimulsion is one hell of a filthy substance:

It has to be imported from oil shales in Venezuela and when burnt gives out foul and toxic sulphur as well as many other pollutants, especially the dangerous heavy metal, vanadium.

ALL FIRED UP

The whole deal would fuck up our environment even more and put more miners out of work.

Let's have done and use this particular OILY specimen as a biodegradable fuel

BLOWPIPING HOT!



PHASERS ON STUN! THE PENAN WELCOMING PARTY FOR THE RICH LOGGING COMPANIES

For the last 10 months, native villagers in Penan, Central Borneo, Malaysia, have been beating the bosses, cops and the army...

Malaysian authorities are so worried and caught unawares, that they've tried to stop the story of struggle getting out.

In the Penan's native homeland, in Central Borneo, thousands of trees are bulldozed into valleys to make temporary roads; small trees are burnt; there is the huge waste of 40 foot high piles of felled trees rotting by the river: the logging company scum only use 30% of all felled trees!

In fighting back against the pirate logging companies who want to butcher their native homeland for a few quick bucks, the Penan people tried passive resistance... but that only resulted in arrests, and didn't stop the slow genocide of the villagers.

BEING PASSIVE DIDN'T WORK

So now, fighting firmly for their self-determination, for their own lands, they set up a blockade beside the British-built bridge that brings in the loggers and their equipment.

The blockade was set up at night, in pitch dark, by several hundred determined

Penan.

The ridiculous mess that capitalism and greed has made of the situation is best outlined by the workers from the big corporations, who freely admit:

"We know what we're doing is wrong...we can see there's no fertile land left after logging. All that grows is a type of creeper covering dead trees. We don't know why they want to go on and on into new areas".

Well, we do: the answer is out-and-out capitalism at the expense of people and their homeland. The Penan know too.

In a desperate measure, the logging company threat-

ened to charge the blockade with bulldozers.

DARTING FOR COVER!

The Penan responded by saying that if this happened, they'd use their poisoned blowpipes - both the army and the company shat and ran, and the blockade still remains, despite as yet empty threats that the logging companies will burn the blockade down.

If they try it, we're sure the Penan, having prior warning, will be ready to score 180 - by all accounts their darts are something else!

SEND YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS ON THE GREEN SCENE TO:
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YOU DON'T SPRAY!

The United States' Drug Enforcement Agency seem to be using chemical warfare by the back door against freedom fighting guerrillas in Guatemala, Central America:

Beekkeepers, in the Peten Province of Guatemala are suing the US for damage to their production, as their bees drop like flies!

DRUGS OR REBELS?

The DEA had been using the filmsy excuse that they're spraying POISONOUS herbicides from the air to destroy poppy and marijuana crops: a quick way to farm your way out of poverty and extreme hardship for many peasant families, but always controlled by big business drug cartels.

It just so happens that the areas sprayed are zones where guerrillas are fighting hardest against the US puppet government of the country...SURELY NO COINCIDENCE

...Looks like they're set to stir up a hornet's nest.

PLYMOUTH KILLERS

PLYMOUTH COPS HAVE been accused of killing a homeless local man after they took him from a car park in Plymouth city centre and dumped him well away on the street - temperatures were near freezing, and the local man, Chick, died of hypothermia.

Chick, aged 51, was well-known and had used the car park for several years as his sleeping place.

Reg Scott, one of many idiotic members of the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, tried to trivialise the allegations against his

sadistic boys in blue:

"I do not believe this; it's a scurrilous allegation; the police have a fine record for caring".

Well, we're aware of how the cops like to 'take care', in much the same way as the Mafia have a fine way of taking care of their enemies. That is, of course, when we're old, disabled, disadvantaged - an easy target.

It'd be a terrible shame for the lovable Reg Scott to be caught napping down a dark all dark night...

SICK AS A PIG

The fact that police officers can't be made redundant is causing some problems for the plod.

The cops even admit that there's an increasing number of 'uniform carriers' - lazy cops who know they have to do something especially out of order to lose their jobs, and choose take life easy by avoiding work and doing sod all.

This is, of course, if they bother to turn up at all - for

example, the average police constable in Merseyside takes four weeks sick leave every year.

Though they tend to be very healthy on Bank Holidays and at Special Events when their pay is doubled!

It's all causing some embarrassment to their ten management levels.

Desperate excuses are being churned out like "they suffer a lot of stress".

In that case we should only hope that they suffer from it more often, with as much assistance from us as possible, so we don't have to put up with seeing them loitering around in riot vans.



Chick: Easy victim for sadistic cops

LETTERS

500 years of resistance

Dear all at CW

1992 represents 500 years since Europeans landed in the Americas. We are planning to organise events which represent an alternative to the official celebrations in the UK. These include major events in: Birmingham (May), Liverpool (August), and London (October).

Similar alternative events were staged in Australia during the 200th anniversary "celebrations" of the Europeans landing in Australia.

The idea behind the events is to challenge the uncritical Eurocentrism which reinforces cultural and political repression, and obscures the sufferings of indigenous people in many parts of the world.

Perhaps Class War will carry our alternative message during the course of the year. Especially when the tall ships come to Liverpool, with Juan Carlos of Spain and George Bush there to meet them.

Manchester 500 Years of Resistance Campaign, c/o Box 13, 1 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1HW.



POSITIVE ACTION NEEDED

Dear CW,

I have suffered severe poverty for more than eight years as a result of Thatcher and her henchmen.

In pre-Tory days I had a job and money in my pocket. But now I have sweet F.A. No telephone, no video, no central heating, no kids (thank god, they would starve to death), no carpets, and no holiday since 1983.

My wife and I have to survive on £90 per week, of which £45 goes to keep the roof over our heads. We cannot afford to go out for a drink, and survive on beans on toast.

It makes me very, very, very, angry that there are those who have unlimited cash: royalty, film and TV stars, businessmen (who got their cash through slave labour), and the aristocracy (coke snorting piss artists I prefer to call them).

Yet we have to struggle along just to survive. I want to see some positive action.

P.M, Pershore, Worc.

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GLOATING?

Dear Class War,

The face of a police officer with facial wounds does not, and never will destroy what I hope you are fighting. I reckon you are against oppression, domination, abuse, cruelty, ignorance, and against those who use people for their own gains. So what has a person's wounded face got to do with it?

Your paper's pictures of hospitalised coppers does show that police are capable of being hurt, it does show that the police are not invincible - BUT, who ever thought that this was not so anyway?

RESPECT

I don't want to make this very painful world any more so and laughing at injuries to people is daft to say the least. Laughing at injuries to people is never going to scare any form of government, especially one that knows how to deal out violence and fear a lot better than you lot.

If you want Class War to have respect then gain it through showing your ability to organise mass defiance, not by making threats like some sort of mafia!

Class War does, despite what you say to the contrary, stink of an element of terrorism. The faces of your victims stuck on "Page Three" smacks of gloating over individual acts against individuals, not a Class War.

Can't you see that the hospitalised copper Page Three atmosphere that continues in Class War alienates large amounts of people, including, (dare you admit it) many people involved in Class War?

Again I say, the class war will never be won with the attitude of picking on isolated individuals, even if the represent an overall evil in society. Such people are obstacles to be removed along the way to a greater goal.

Richard, Birmingham.

On the fiddle

Dear Class War,

In the north London borough of Hackney corruption is alive and well courtesy of the Labore party.

The Chair of the Housing Committee, Linda Hibberd, managed to fiddle her son into a council flat.

But ather than deny the allegations, the Labour controlled council have taken steps to suppress their source - a brilliant local free news-sheet called the "Hackney Heckler".

Not only that, but Hibberd's own council flat is in a block specially set aside for the elderly - and Hibberd is well under 60. No doubt pressure was exerted in the right place to get that cushy little number for herself. I wonder what the real Hackney pensioners think of that?

I've also heard that 'Old mother Hibberd is no stanger to other two faced deals; she once voted twice in the same election! Perhaps one was for her own Labour party, and the other to the Tories, maybe even she couldn't tell the difference!

DM, London

CRIME & CLASS WAR

Hi CW,

Liverpool 8, although almost devoid of cops, is suffering an equally gruesome fate, that of the local mobsters.

How are we to deal with these scum?

Obviously get the community together and kick some ass.

But unfortunately these gangsters and their lackeys, like heroin pushers, aren't as easy to identify as the pigs. A lot of people might not spot them so easily, and are scared of the mobsters being armed and the like.

Hope this question doesn't sound silly, but could anyone out there elaborate on what to do?

Neil, Liverpool,

CW: A very good question Neil. Giving someone a kicking may not be the best way to deal with anti social crime. Mass community action is the answer. What do other readers think?

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 propoganda, active participation, and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produces and distributes propoganda: 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!

**CLASS WAR FEDERATION
NATIONAL SECRETARIES
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Say it loud

Dear Class War,

People on the dole, or who've been made redundant, are made to feel like they have the problem, not the system.

It's time the Agony Aunts ended the agony and told the truth:

GET OUT ON THE STREETS AND MAKE A REVOLUTION!!

Get rid of the rich Tory bastards.

- Sushi, Stoke on Trent.

FEDERATION NEWS

IT SEEMS just the name Class War can send coppers and politicians into fits these days!

When a student at Shrewsbury College of Art and Technology started selling *Class War* near people selling *Socialist Worker*, the Principle threatened to have him thrown out!

The Principle only backed down after a mob of students had a protest outside his office.

UNITED FRONT

Later, at the same college, a political debate was arranged between the Tories, Labour, Liberal Democrats, SWP and Class War. So it was very odd when a 'united front' of all the other parties said that if Class War came they'd all drop out! *What are they scared of???*

Overreaction was also the order of the day when twenty Fed members went to Gravesend, Kent, for a big paper sale and to meet the local activists.

The cops had been going



'IF YOU WANT A COPY YOU'LL HAVE PAY FOR IT LIKE EVERYONE ELSE': Kent cop tries to scrouge a free paper!

around for days saying "*Class War has a reputation for violence*" to justify having what must of been half of Kent's cops in Gravesend for the day!

Their decision to swamp the shopping centre with cops and their vehicles backfired badly as more and more people

gathered to see what was happening.

Never ones to miss an opportunity, an impromptu public meetings was held with the Fed speaker going down really well and Class War having a big impact.

One - Nil to us!

ANTI-ELECTION ALLIANCE

THE ANTI-Election Alliance has been formed to fight the coming general election.

Not with some pathetic, predictable "Don't Vote" campaign, but with an ambitious series of demonstrations, public meetings and rallies to show how the whole thing is a con from beginning to end.

The Alliance is made up of of Left, libertarian, and community groups, including the Anarchist Communist Federation, the Class War Federation, and the Direct Action Movement, to name but a few.

MASS RALLY

Local Alliance groups are being set up all over Britain to co-ordinate activity in their areas, and as the Election Campaign heats up, so will ours, which will climax with a mass rally in Trafalgar Sq. on Sat. 4th April.

It's important to get as many people as possible to this rally, to show our would-be bosses we aren't taken in with their lies and distortions. And to let them know we aren't willing to go on sitting idly by whilst they run about grubbing for votes to rule us for another five years.

It is also planned to have a

series of demonstrations, all over the country, outside the buildings where the counting of ballot papers, and declaring of results, are held, keep your ears to the ground for your local one.

● Would Stan from N. London, who sent us a cheque for back issues and stickers please get in touch again because you forgot to put your address on your letter!

Please confirm cheque/bank details so we know your the one - cheers.

On the up

THE MIDLANDS is the Federations 'boom' region at the moment with, in the last few months, new groups starting in Wolverhampton, Nottingham and Leicester. *If you wish to contact any of them please go through the Regional Secretary's on the map shown.*

The South East region has been reorganising itself recently, with a new group for the Herts/Beds area, who can

be contacted at PO Box 245, St Albans, Herts. And London now being organised into four separate areas, North, East, South and West. With the aim of increasing activity and support locally. *If you want to get more involved in your area, please get in touch through the London PO Box.*



PUBLIC MEETINGS

ANTI-ELECTION ALLIANCE/EAST LONDON CLASS WAR PUBLIC MEETINGS;

Thursday 19th March. The Unity Club, Dalston Lane, Hackney, E8. 7.30pm.

Thursday 26th March. The Tom Allen Centre, Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford, E15. 7.30pm.

Wednesday 1st April. Waltham Forest Trade Union Resource Centre, Mark House Rd, E17. 7.30pm.

There are also Anti-Election Alliance/Class War public meetings in other areas of London soon.

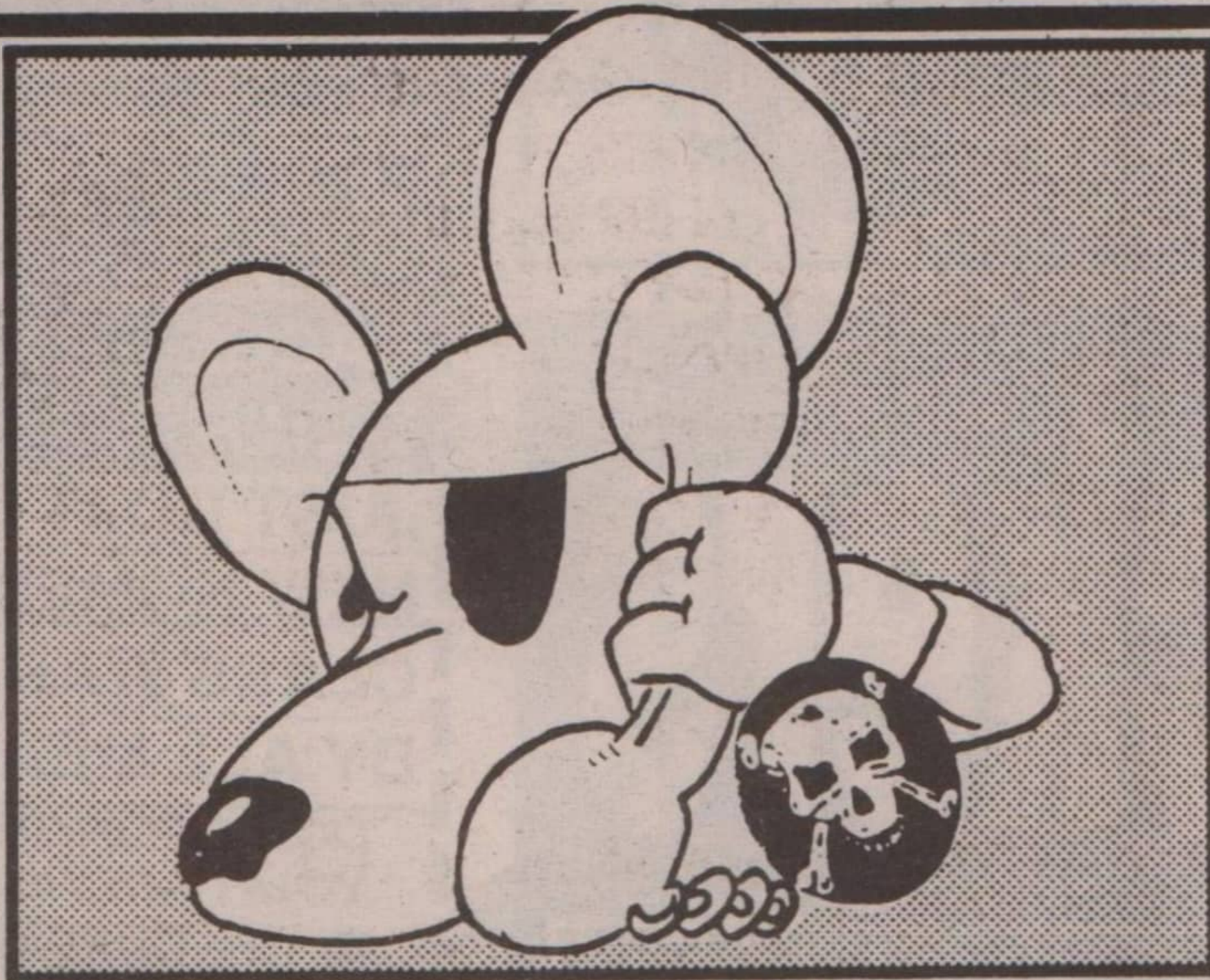
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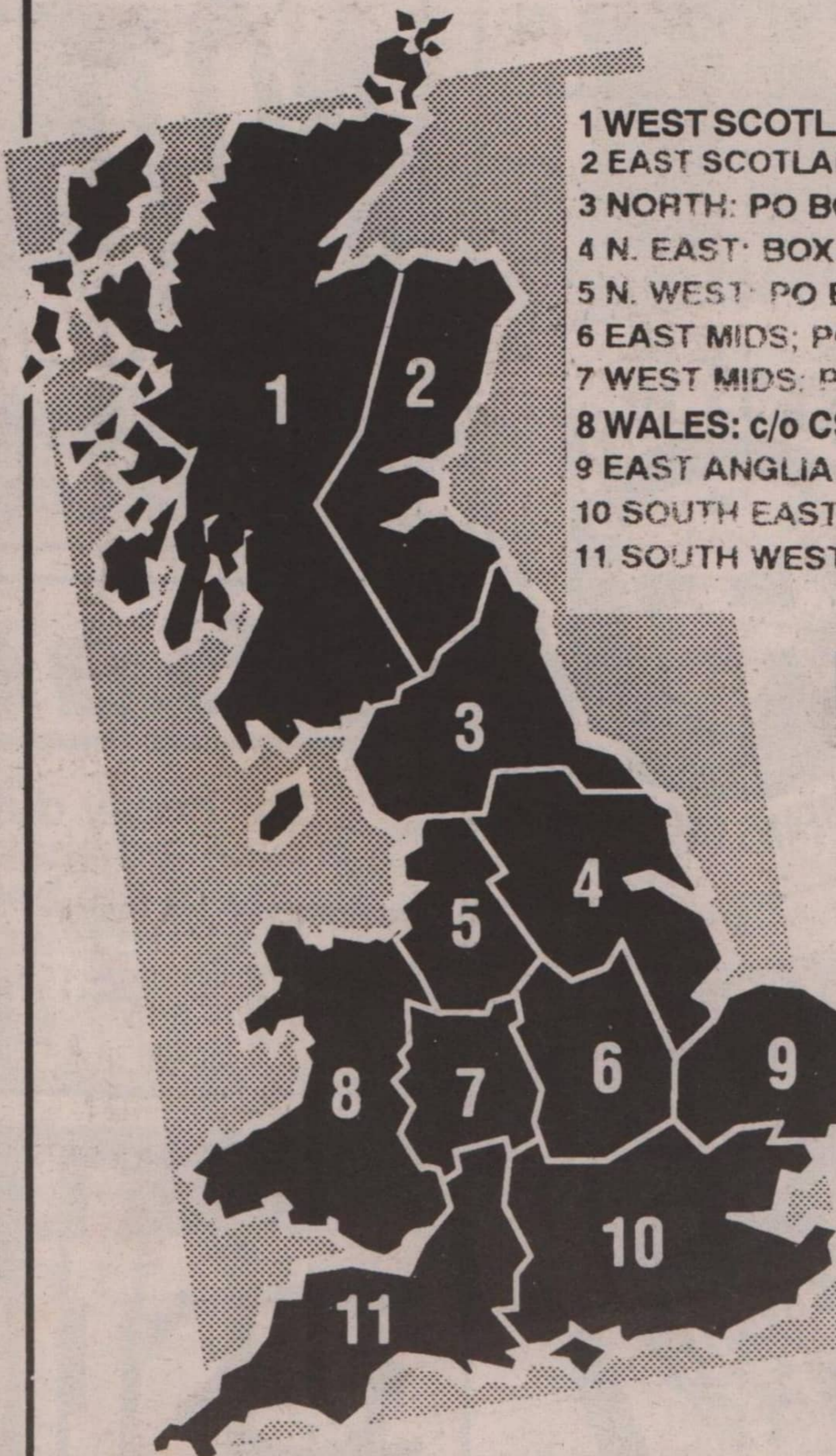


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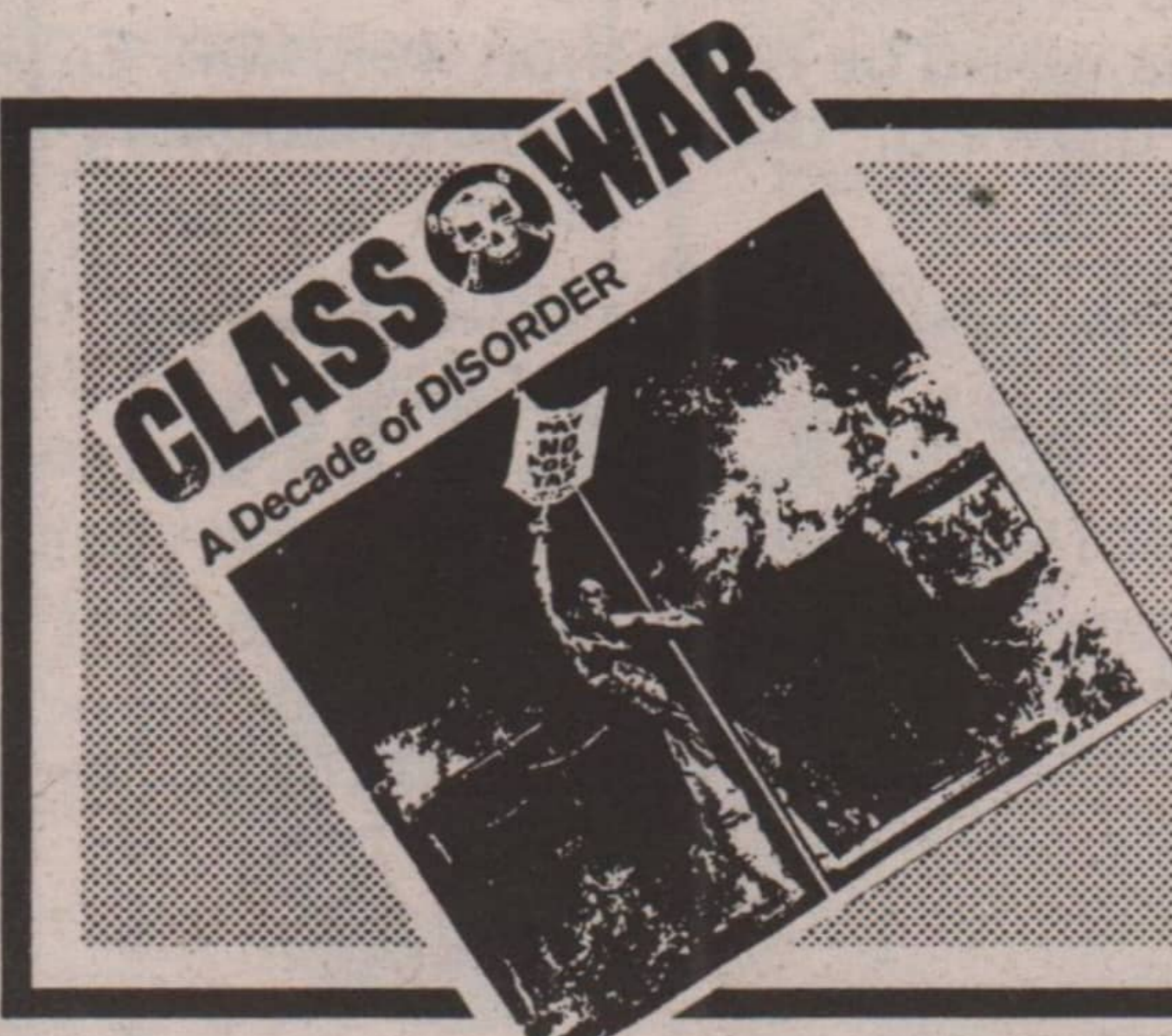
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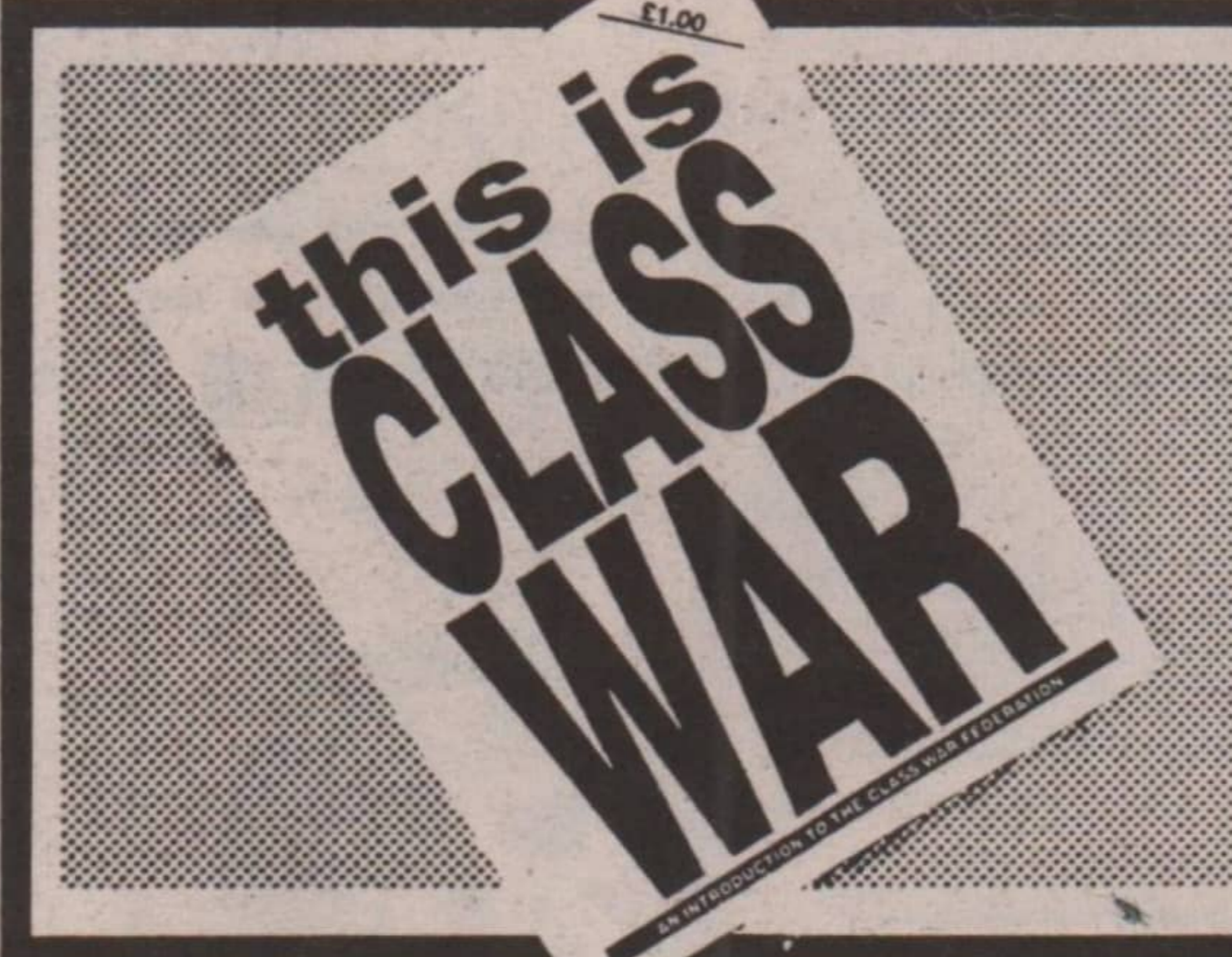
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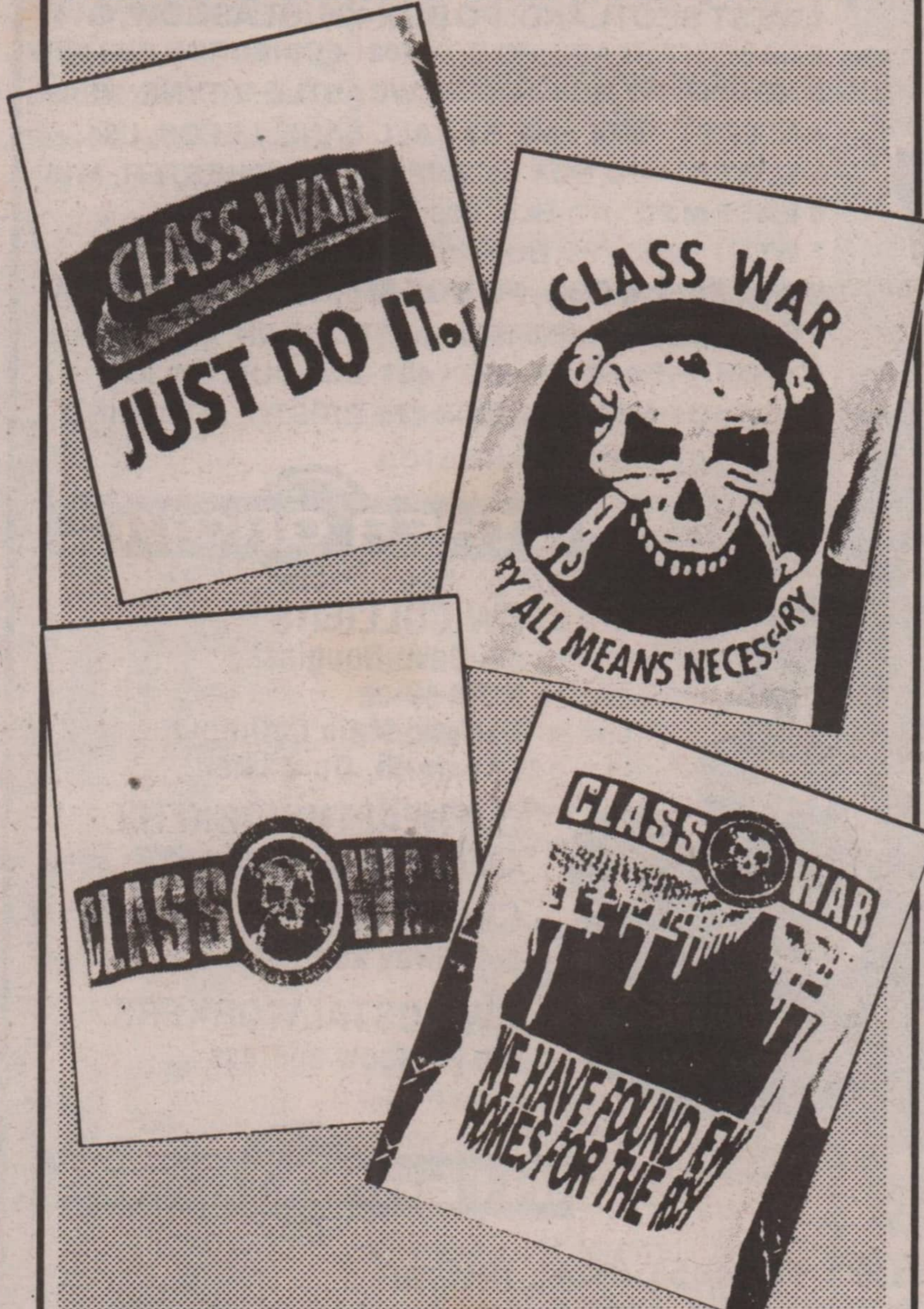
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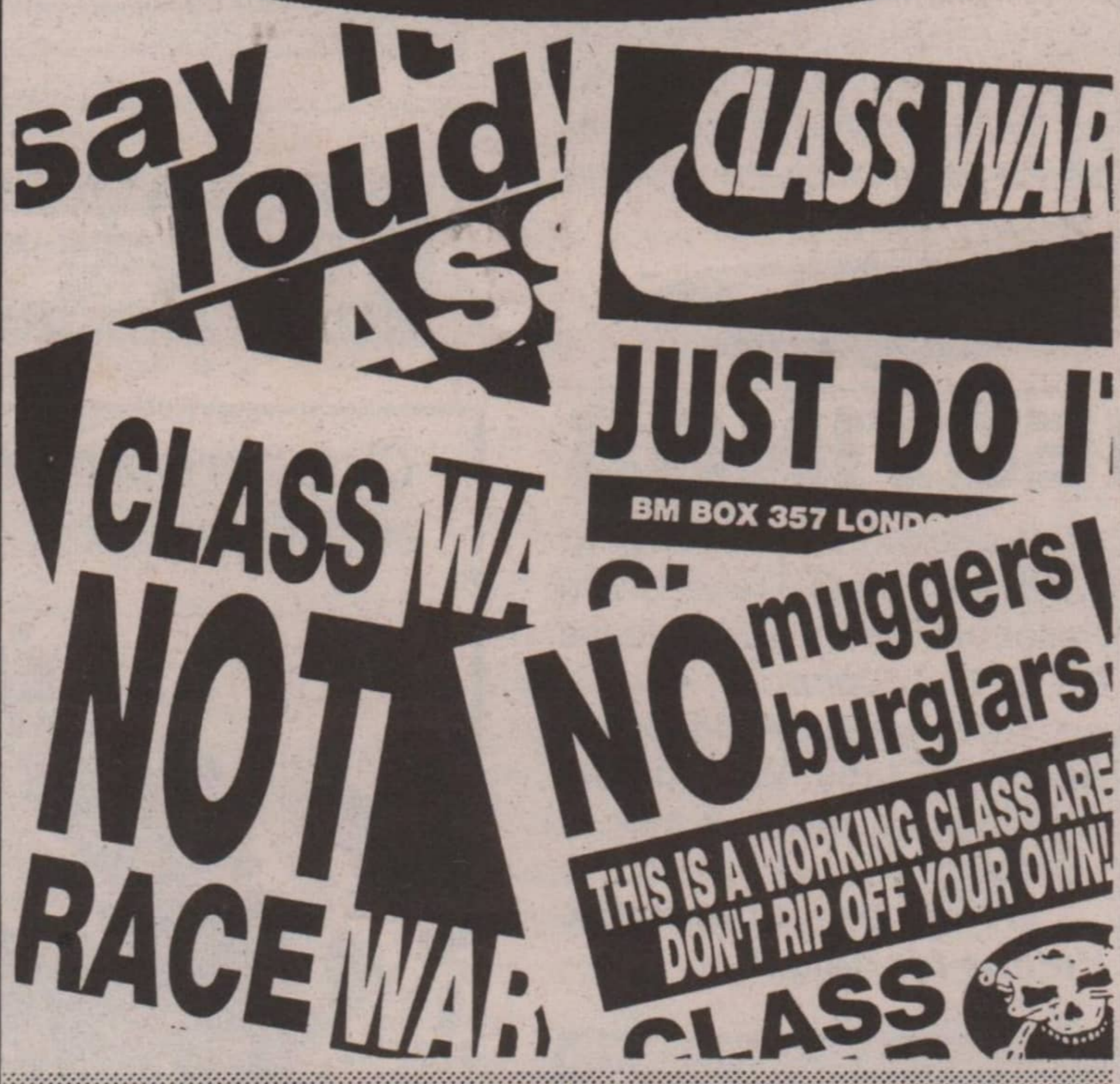
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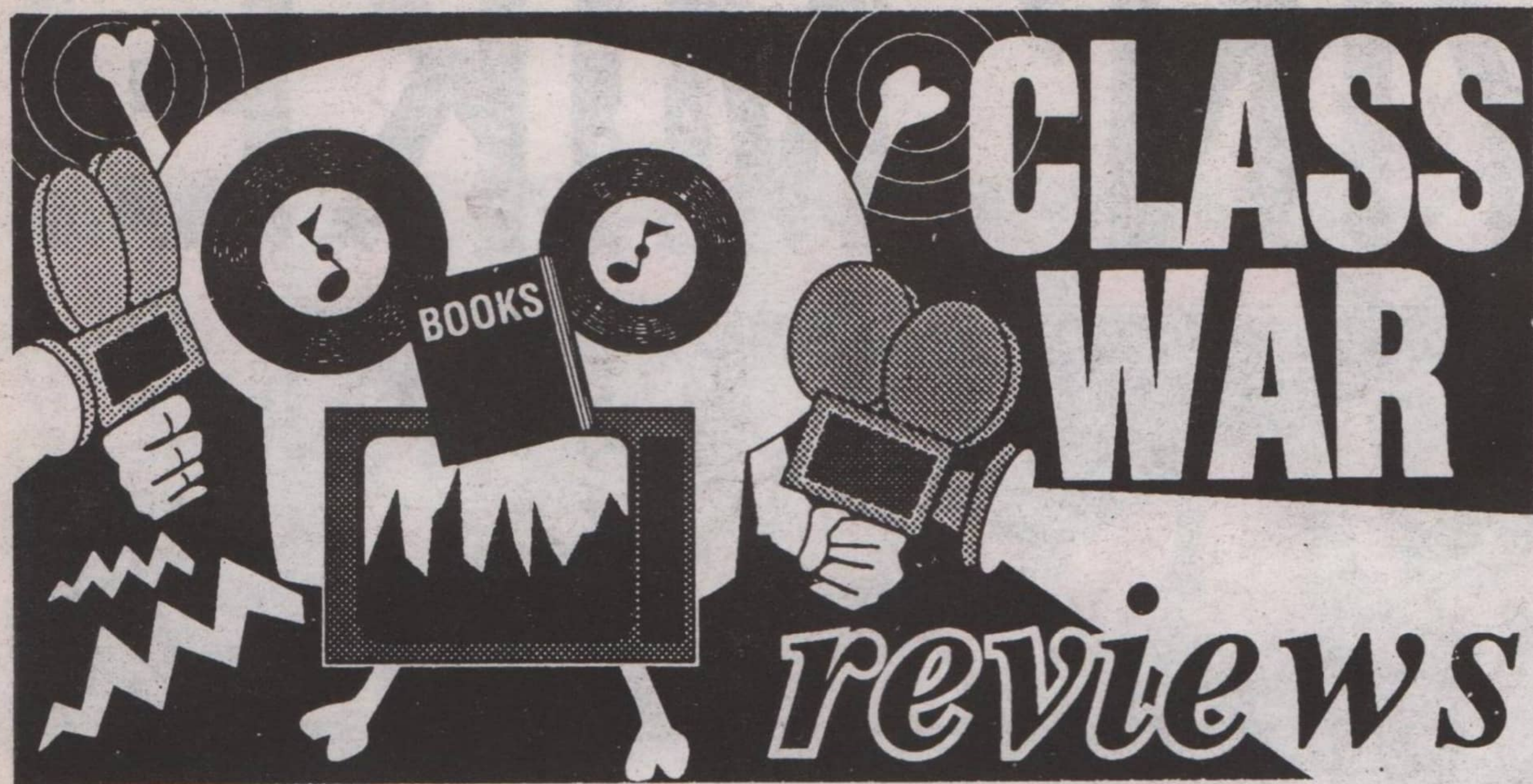
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SCREEN

'DREAM ON' 120 mins (15 cert)

In September 1991 the world became aware of the Meadowell Estate, North Shields.

But for five years before the riots, Kitty Fitzgerald, a member of *Amber collective* had been working on the estate, forming a writing group for women and writing *'Dream On'*. In painting a realistic picture of daily life on the Meadowell estate, *'Dream on'* is no tourist information film.

It follows the lives of three women and the way they deal with domestic violence, drink problems, debt and so on.

The film doesn't fall into the trap of sentimentality or of portraying the women as victims. In fact there is an overwhelming sense of pride in this film. It shows the way that working class people overcome difficulties with honour and anger. The three central characters are all

played by local actresses, with Anna-Maria Gascoigne making a considerably better performance than her more famous brother Gazza!

The strength of the film lies in the fact that Amber is a well established, local film co-op, who have a twenty three year history of making working class films on Tyneside. What is amazing is that this, their latest feature, ever got made. It's also heartening that it's on at the Odeon instead of some obscure arty cinema. We're sick of watching shite films that have nothing to do with our lives (this is definitely not one of them).

'Dream On' also has a great soundtrack with Dusty Springfield, The Fortunes and The Shadows to name a few. What more do you want! If you only go to see one film this year, make it this one.

'MISSISSIPPI MASALA' 112 mins (cert. 15)

This film, by the progressive Asian woman director, Mira Nair, charts the story of a Ugandan Asian family: through exile from Idi Amin's regime, to life, work and cultural differences with a whole mix of social unity and disunity in modern-day Mississippi.

It's made with politics, humour, a lot of power and an obviously deep understanding of the day-to-day struggles facing young people growing up within two very different cultures - Don't miss it!



'JFK' 200 mins (cert. 15)

Despite this film being nearly three hours long it's a cracker!

It's about the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas in 1963.

The film starts with a run-down of the political situation at that time.

It comes to the conclusion that the CIA, the Military and a bunch of loony right-wing Cuban exiles were behind the assassination of the President because he was unlikely to back them in a war against both Castro and Vietnam.

It does this by showing Kevin Costner as a district attorney, struggling to bring one of the conspirators to trial four years after the event.

Throughout most of the film you are allowed to make up your mind as more and more proof of the conspiracy shows up, and this is what is good about it.

It is only ruined when at the end Costner gives a ten minute speech on truth, justice etc.

It's not so much what he says that's wrong, it's the preaching, I-know-whats-best-

for-you type attitude that's wrong.

But the film is a good populist way of getting over the fact that the Establishment is voted for by no one, and that they'll do what ever they have to too keep in power and riches.

As one young American said on TV after seeing the film:

"It makes you think what our government is really like."

IN PRINT

"RESTRICTED SUBJECTS" FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE UK (The Helsinki Human Rights Watch 1991)

A good book, well worth a read, covering, unfortunately not in great depth, a broad range of Government censorship on this green and pleasant isle.

With subjects such as official secrecy, libel, public order, broadcasting and Northern Ireland.

Some of the reports would be funny if they weren't true, eg. the cancellation of a production of Ian McEwan's play *'Solid Geometry'*. Producer David Hare was told that Maggie Thatcher would be embarrassed by the recording of the play 'which featured a twelve - inch penis in a bottle (funny, she never got embarrassed when appointing Colin Moynahan).

David Hare was told that his contract with the BBC would be revoked if he discussed the controversy with the press.

The book generally shows how things banned in this country are freely available elsewhere. *'Born On The Fourth Of July'*, was given an 18 cert in Chile, South Africa and here, but available to a much lower age group across the rest of the world.

The list of such pathetic bans is endless, some going into the realms of Alice in Wonderland logic. It lists human rights organisations working to protect (or claw back) freedom of expression in the UK, and lays out basic recommendations for a bill of human rights.

Available from: Human Rights Watch, 90 Borough High Street, London SE1 1LL
Tel: 071 378 8008
(£2.50, price may have changed)

"COMMUNITY BRIGADE"

Milton Smalling (First Class Publications, PO Box 1799, London W9 2BZ - £6.95)

This is Jamaican-born Milton Smalling's first published play, but his fourth book.

Without giving too much away, it's the story of a Black South London community, and how, over a couple of days, it deals with the police organised murder of one of its people.

It's not exactly what you'd expect, and doesn't spend any time whinging over how nasty, corrupt and racist the cops are - that's just taken as read.

'Community Brigade' is based around the murder, how it happened, what the cops will do to cover their tracks and who gets used and abused in the process.

The play is more descriptive of the London streets and the characters' appearance than anything else. The scenes cut and change quickly and dialogue is kept down to a minimum - what is said is said because it's necessary -

At nearly £7 *'Community Brigade's'* a bit pricey - but a small price to pay if you're looking for a good read, that could be turned into an excellent play.

Available from the First Class publications address.



"POLL TAX REBELLION" Danny Burns

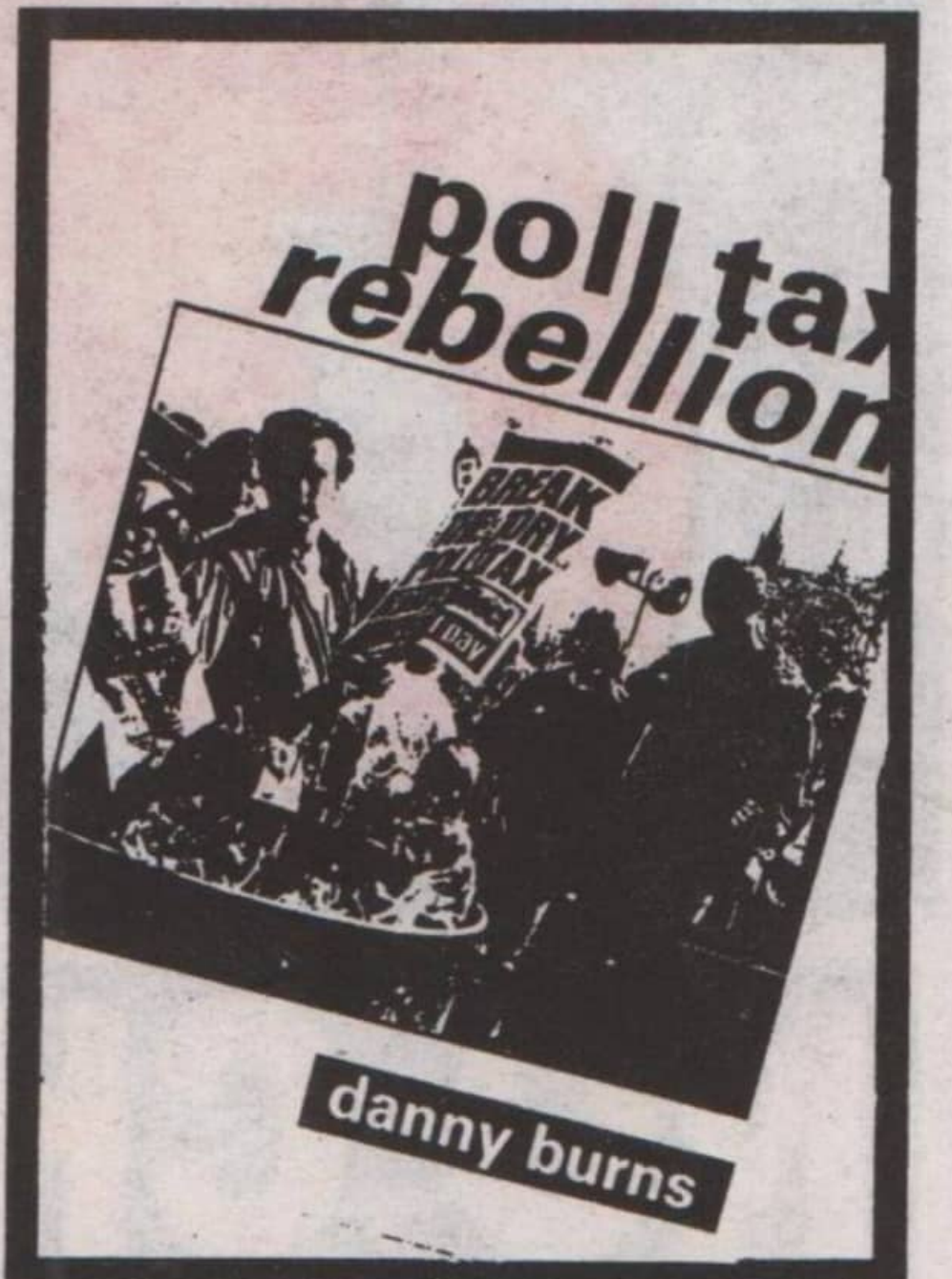
(AK Press, 3 Balmoral Place, Stirling, Scotland, FK8 2RD / Attack International, BM 6577, London, WC1 3XX - £4.95)

THIS BOOK COMES to you literally hot off the press.

Written by a Bristol anti-poll tax activist, it charts the history of "the biggest mass movement in history".

The book uses great detail in order to describe everyday organisations such as local APTUs, local battles etc.

As such it does a really informative job, but does at times overdo it on specific instances, and narrowly



avoids being stuffy.

There are, however, some excellent political points made, not least of all the last chapter's testament to the idea that society can only really be changed from below ie by us!

All that having been said, it's well worth a read, and cheap with it too.

The graphics and pictures are brilliantly produced, and are not the hackneyed old pictures that most of us are by now bored rigid with - most of them are on-the-spot photos taken by Mark Simmons, obviously a good mate of the author!

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VINYL

'PAY THE PRICE'

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AT LAST somebody putting onto single what millions have thought about America's biggest rap ego (yes, bigger than M.C. 'Hot Pants' Hammer) - you've got it. M.C. Vanilla 'Flat top' Ice.

He's not being slagged off because he's white, but because he's portrayed as a street-cred acceptable rapper by the white music establishment, who wish they could take the black out of rap.

The B sides' first track, is

not as hard hitting as 'PAY THE PRICE': 'Stop Fooling' is not totally bad: it's the best use for a crap Stone Roses tune anyone could think of. That band were lacking in talent stakes for sure.

But the B-Side is redeemed by a kicking second track that nearly matches the excellence of 'Pay the Price'.

Wicked... VANILLA ICE, MELT AWAY YOU POSING IMPOSTOR!

GRAFITTI COMPETITION

This issue's slick piece of canny street art hails from South Wales' sharpest spray can, in Cardiff. So here's your tenner Steve. And don't forget, all grafitti comp' entries to: The winner gets a tenner!

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CLASS WAR

"On the morning of a fourth successive Tory victory, we would have to recognise that we are living in a different country; a place not so very far off a one-party state, in which only the party of the wealthy and powerful is ever likely to rule". Robert Harris, *Sunday Times*.

HASN'T THIS clever boy let the cat out of the bag?

This is a watershed election: If the Tories get in again they'll have had eighteen years of uninterrupted one party rule. No one under the age of 36 will have ever seen a change of government during their voting life.

Talk of democracy will be a hollow joke not even believed by Tory journalists.

A weighted electoral system, with hundreds of thousands not even on the electoral role - deprived of the choice to vote for two identikit leaders of two identikit parties.

This is coupled with the fact that Tory newspapers (most of 'em!) and vested economic interests will do the hatchet job on Labour during the pitiful election campaign if there are any blips in John Major's popularity ratings.

NO CHANGE

If Labour-voting Scotland goes its own way after the election, there'll be no way that Labour could ever defeat the Tories in England: it'd become crystal clear to millions that the ballot box can't really change anything.

The answer ISN'T to sit along with the rest of the Lefties, crying into their beer and dreaming about a Labour victory in 1997!

The fact is that with the electoral system offering no prospect of change, mass civil disobedience and direct action campaigns, like the anti-poll tax movement, will be seen as the only way that we can change things

If the one-party dictators of Eastern Europe can be overrun by mass people power, so can their opposite numbers here. The opportunities will be immense for our brand of fighting: no-nonsense class politics.

INSURRECTION

This summer, months of burying our heads up our bums or whining about the state of things would be madness. Let's get out on the streets and estates to build a vigorous movement of direct action and community resistance, to the government and all the politicians and civil servants who piss about with our lives.

Within a year of Thatcher's first election victory, working class communities rose up with the Summer Insurrection of 1981. Our lives are no different from then: we still have a ruling class, we still have politicians and we still get shafted because they're scared to let us run our own lives.

We can make the democracy of the streets reveal the 'democracy' of the ballot box as the complete impotent sham that it is.

It's time to make our voices heard: during the election campaigning of the political parties, at the anti-election rally in Trafalgar Sq, and at the town halls on election night... and way, way after.

THE FIVE YEARLY FARCE

WHENEVER THE government, State or bosses start putting the boot into the working class, one of the stock responses you get from people is: "But we're supposed to be living in a democracy".

"Supposed" is the correct word. You don't have to live very long in this society - if you've got anything between your ears that is - before you realise how little control ordinary working class people have over their own lives.

And yet huge amounts of time and money have been spent in getting us to believe that the five yearly farce of electing a government means having control over our own lives. The ways in which our so-called democracy operates don't stand up to any kind of close scrutiny.

SCAM

For a start, look at the way in which the last two governments have carried on since the re-jigging of the constituency boundaries in 1983.

The Tories used the Boundary Commission to drastically alter the old parliamentary seats to cobble together constituencies which they thought they could win with no bother.

They changed the electoral map to ensure that they would be in with a good chance of winning every General Election, with Labour relegated to permanent opposition.

The Labour Party realised this and went to High Court to challenge it, the 'impartial' and 'non-political' judge promptly told them to sod off and the scam went ahead.



UNELECTED: the Queen, richest woman in the world

The result is that both the 1983 and '87 elections were won with a 'landslide' majority, enough to out vote any opposition, on any issue. They did this with the votes of 42% of those who could be bothered to vote (never mind those millions who aren't entitled to, or who didn't vote) which means 58% voted against them.

So this 42%, or just over eight million people, vote in a government that rules over fifty-five million people!

LACKEYS

Some people think that if we had a different system of voting - based on proportional representation or whatever - that a better, more representative form of government would result.

But the sad fact is that even with the 'fairest' system of voting in the world, we would be still no nearer having control over our lives than we are at the moment.

The reason for this is obvious, you are not, and never will be, allowed to vote for the replacement of the people who hold the real power in our society. We are allowed to vote for the lackeys, the office boys



WHERE REAL POWER LIES: With the Establishment and their breeding grounds, public school.

and girls who make sure the system runs smoothly, but never for the people who hold the ultimate control.

And who are they? The ruling class, a tiny percentage of the population who own and control the vast bulk of this country's wealth.

These are the people who organise 'investment strikes', runs on the pound - anything to sabotage a 'democratically elected' government that they don't like. Their power is backed up by the civil service, the police and the armed forces and is even given the moral blessing of the church.

REFORM

The whole parliamentary set-up, has never existed for any other purpose than to serve their interests, while they themselves have been, except for the prospect of revolution, immovable.

When you point this out people say, "Yes, but the ruling class fought against us getting the vote for years. So it must mean something?"

For centuries, until the 1832 Reform Act, this country was governed by 600 families through parliament. Only the rich were allowed any say.

They fought tooth and nail against giving the vote to more people because, then, parliament was a powerful institution representing their interests.

As more Reform Acts brought more of the population into the voting process the ruling class realised that if they were to preserve their power, another

form of government had to be created that they could depend on.

It's no coincidence that the origins of the modern civil service can be traced back to this period. A whole new power structure was created which, while it was supposed to 'assist' governments, in fact acquired enormous power on its own account.

They provide the government of the day with the backup and resources to implement whatever schemes they want to force onto us.

More sinister than the Whitehall pen-pushers are the so-called 'Secret Service' and the upper reaches of the armed forces. Without exception they are the product of an upper class background and a select few public schools.

In his book "Spycatcher" Peter Wright tells of their attempts to bring down the

go out the window, and we'll all be looking down the barrel of a gun. As a famous Tory politician said at the turn of the century "There are more important things than parliamentary majorities".

ENEMY

Parliament was never meant to preside over radical change. The nationalisations and the welfare state that came after World War Two only came about because millions of people weren't going to go back to the same shit as before the war.

As one Tory MP said at the time; "If we don't give them reform, they'll give us revolution".

One of the dumbest things people ever have to listen to is when some prat says: "We live in a free country". Were these people dropped on their heads when they were babies or what? What do they think the likes of

us by faceless civil servants, lied to and misled by power hungry politicians, harassed and beaten up on picket lines etc., if we resist we are fitted up, if we are a threat we are banged up.

All we can say, is if that's democracy, they can shove it!

But one last thought; this pox ridden system doesn't just carry on because the State and ruling class can rely on their brain-dead uniformed thugs to keep us under control.

LIES AND MYTHS

It carries on because there are many people who have swallowed the lies and myths of the system, who are willing to give up control over their own lives and leave everything to the powers that be, who, of course "always know best."

This has to change. As people see the main political parties merge into one, huge, capitalist blob. And what remains of the welfare state shattered into a thousand tiny pieces we should ask ourselves; how much more of this shit are we going to take?

To get rid of this system, and all the parasitic filth clinging to it, we should be coming together now to find out ways of finishing it off once and for all.



House of Conmen

Labour government of Harold Wilson after 1974. The idea that the ruling class would never stoop to use force, or that "it can't happen here" must be shattered once and for all.

Make no mistake about it, "democracy" will only be allowed to go its way for as long as it delivers the results the ruling class wants. The minute it presents even the tiniest threat to their power the ballot box will

the Police, Special Branch and MI5 exist for, guarding the Queens Corgi's?

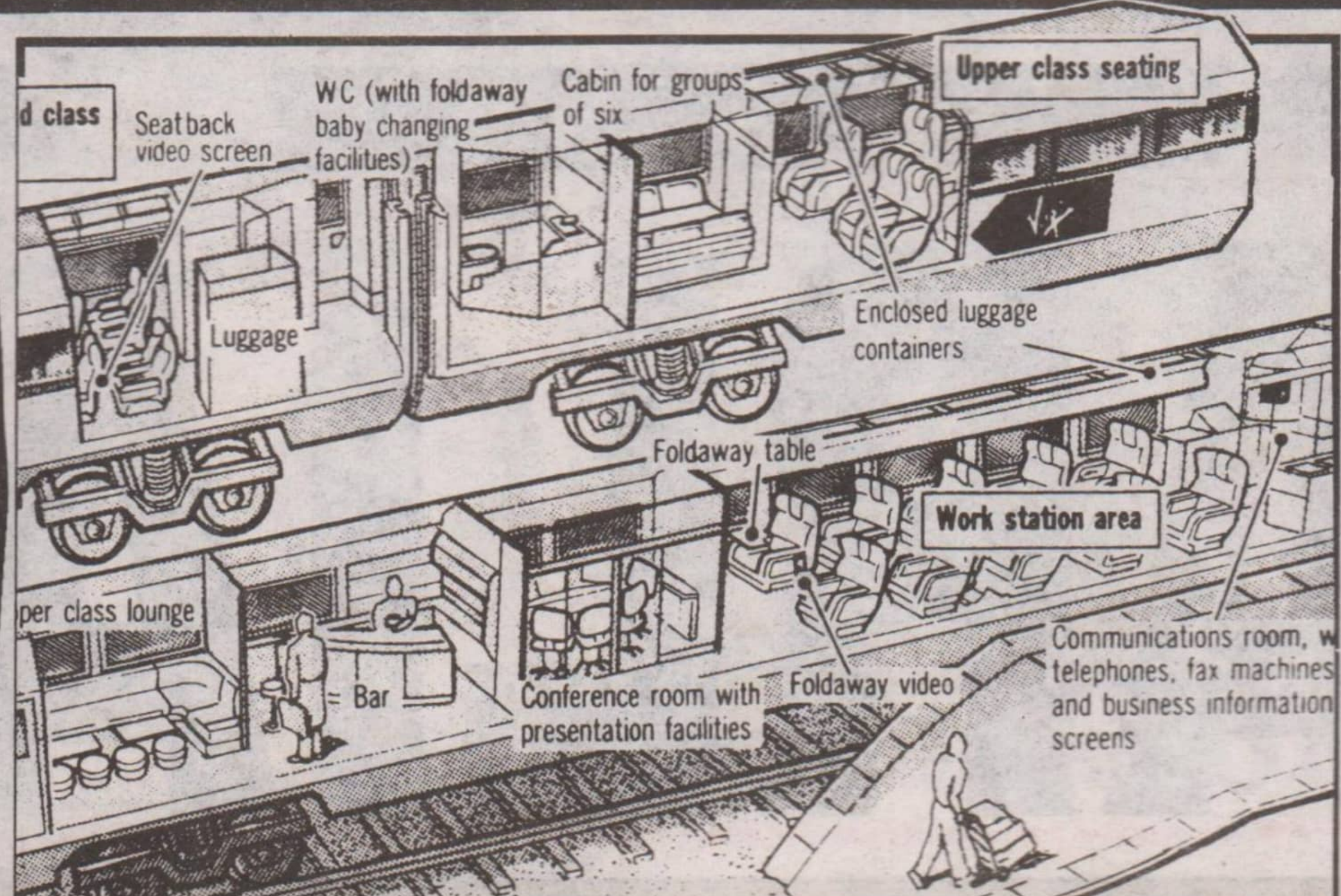
They are there to try to keep us in our place, the bottom, and them in theirs, the top. When Thatcher called the miners "The enemy within" she spoke for all her class, that's how they look at us.

So, here we are, in our great parliamentary democracy - spied on, told what is good for

● **MILLIONAIRE** ex-hippy Richard Branson, boss of the Virgin empire is all set to make megabucks out of the plans to privatise the railways.

Branson's idea is to re-introduce Upper Class seating, complete with video's, fax's and a private bar.

Branson loves to play the 'right-on' business man, but when it comes down to it, all he's interested in is the cash. **But then again what can you expect from a upper class rich bastard playing at being 'alternative'?**



BRANSON'S new "super-train" - the only working class people on this will be behind the bar!

ROTTEN FRUIT MEETS 'CREAM' OF SOCIETY!

HUNDREDS OF Czechoslovakian anarchists greeted the return of the plush Opera Ball in Prague with a hail of abuse and rotten fruit.

The anarchists blocked the main entrance door to the toff-only do and scared off many of the new nobility.

A spokesman said "We do not want them flaunting their wealth when ordinary people go hungry".