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# CLASS WAR

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INSIDE: RIP ROARING RIOT ACTION, HOSPITALISED COPPER, SPORT, SCANDAL... & MUCH MORE!



# WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE KIDDING?

This Summer our class has shown itself ready and willing to confront the forces of the state and give it a good hiding!

However, the way the press have been portraying the riots, anyone who was not there to see what actually happened will have got a very different picture of what went on.

## O.T.T

The press tell of blood thirsty yobs who had turned "on their own" and wrecked "what little" they have got. They go right over the top on the gory details of every PC injured and how they were shocked at the rioter tactics.

Above all the papers were full of how it was really outside infiltrators or political agitators who were really behind the riots.

So if there is a riot in your town/city but you don't come from the part that is rioting then you should keep out! What bullshit. It's alright for the cops to call for reinforcements from other areas but not for us. Why should we play fair when the cops don't?

## FLAMES OF HATE

Some of the press actually named Class War as the organisation behind the riots. Or if we couldn't quite make it there to start a riot, we were soon there "fuelling the flames of hate"!

Of course after our success at Trafalgar Square we wanted to organise a country wide insurrection. If only.....!

What fucking crap, we don't hold any control over anyone anywhere. What we do admit to is supporting our class in fighting against the authorities, whether it is via the paper 'Class War' or physically on the streets.

**These idiots must think we stand there with loud-hallers shouting orders to our 'troops'!**

The police and the press can't accept that people can organise without leaders. They don't need Class War to tell them what to do, they are already doing it.

## ENOUGH

The reason why people rioted in Hartcliffe, Bristol, was because the police murdered two women who stole a motorbike. Enough is enough and for the community of Hartcliffe it was the final straw.

What else could they have done? Drawn up a petition, written to their MP or stood in a circle holding hands!

People don't riot because they are bored, they do it because often it is the only voice they have.

**And when it comes down to it, down to such basics, Class War is right behind 'em.**



# THE REAL ENEMY

The continuing slaughter in what used to be Yugoslavia is still on our television screens and in our papers virtually every day.

Brutal images from babies hit by shrapnel to grandmothers devastated by the destruction of their homes.

Every few weeks a ceasefire is announced, signed.. and then ignored by the guns. This is a pattern that first started in Croatia, is now happening in Bosnia and no doubt will continue elsewhere.

But there have been recent changes in this pattern. The war in Croatia did not attract much outside active involvement. Our beloved world leaders cried out their condemnation (while selling arms to anyone who would buy them) but they did little else. But the current war in Bosnia has led to UN intervention with calls for further action.

*It's not surprising if people support this idea. Confronted by all the imagery of death and destruction eagerly provided to us by the media, the United Nations would seemingly have a role as a "peacekeeping" force.*

## MISSING

Of course, this is what the ruling class want us to think. Flooding us with horrifying images, we willingly agree with their plans, thinking that this will stop the slaughter.

But there is one thing missing: the causes of the war, the reasons behind it are never explained.

No-one can pretend that there are not age-old

antagonisms between the people. Antagonisms fuelled by religious, racial and cultural differences, and then deepened by oppression and massacres.

But these differences did not emerge out of thin air. They have been encouraged by those in power in the areas, because divide and rule is one surefire way of hanging onto power.

Separated, they also foster a sense of identity, an identity that binds rulers and ruled together. And guess who's laughing all the way to the bank.

It's the "don't hit your boss, hit a Croat/Bosnian/Serb" syndrome.

## STRIKE

Before the war there was wide-spread poverty and high unemployment. The Yugoslavian economy was very weak, its workers leaving to Germany., and strikes swept the country in 1987 leading the government to threaten the use of tanks to break them.

This resistance was a direct challenge to the power of the ruling class. So out come the cheer-leaders of nationalism, the lies, myths and illusions peddled by a desperate ruling class.

One of the triggers to the serbian attack on Croatia last year was a series of massive demonstrations against the Serb state. The state covered its own failings by pulling out the Croatian bogeyman.

This strategy worked. Discontent was contained by the bloodbath of rival nationalisms.

It is the Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian ruling classes who are responsible for causing this war and all its devastation.

And then in steps the U.N. A mere 18 months ago it was orchestrating the slaughter in the Gulfwar which as we all know had sod all to do with "democracy" or "freedom" and had everything to do with oil and power.

**The UN can never be a neutral peace-keeping force - it is quite plainly and clearly an instrument of international ruling class power.**

So why is the UN intervening in this war? It's partly so that it can uphold its image of a wonderful force that keeps the peace throughout the world.

## GOOD AND BAD

It is also to push back Serbian forces. At the moment the Serbian state is viewed by the western world as "bad" and "unreliable" while the Croatian state is "good" and "reliable".

So the UN must go in to help the "goodies" against the "baddies".

As far as we're



concerned, they're all a pile of shit!

## CLINGING ON

The real enemies are all the ruling class around the world:

The current situation in what was Yugoslavia is a classic example of this with millions of refugees and tens of thousands of ordinary people killed. But of course the rulers don't care- as long as they cling onto power.

**Tragically this will be the case until our class take control and refuse to believe the bigoted lies, and get on with fighting the real enemy - the ruling class.**



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# COP SPEAK

New revelations come this summer, from the Top-cop conference in Eastbourne.

Apparently, following speeches at the conference, when you get stitched up or get the shit kicked out of you in the cells; get harassment for being an asian or black, you are suffering from, what is now commonly known in the police force, as a "negative personal experience"!!

Cases like the Tottenham Three, Birmingham Six, are not known as 'Great stitch-ups of our time', but as "high profile reversals".

The police seriously want to change the image of the force, with an atmosphere of 'declining public confidence, they are determined to give us an improved "quality of service delivery" to be measured by "performance indicators", whatever that means.

## DONUTS?

But what will this new bobby friendly service be like for, us, the punters? Will they give donuts with your tea in the cells, and jump to administer First Aid when you "fall down the stairs"; and when they fit you up, will they sort you out with a good lawyer...?

**It just goes to show, it ain't what you do that counts, it's how you cover it up.**

# HOORAY FOR THE HENRY'S AT LAST, THE IDLE RICH SCUM OF HENLEY HAVE LEARNT TO DO SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES, (NOT A CLASS WAR TRIP WIRE IN SIGHT). BUT THERE AGAIN, THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING STUPID FOR YEARS.



# HOT STUFF

In Class War 55 we reported the stealing, joyriding, and torching of a cop top car.

Seems like the habit's catching: Northumbria cops' 'clampdown' on carthefts in the area took a bit of a u-turn when some enterprising people cut their way into a police pound, and removed a £21,000 Cosworth, before the Plod even had time to paint their logo on it.

## SHUNTED

Just for good measure, EIGHT other cop vehicles were shunted around the yard and damaged before fun was had out on the streets with the 150MPH piece of police mis-spending.

And what did Assistant Chief Constable, Dave Mellish offer as an excuse for this act of bravery, right under his staff's noses: "They were momentarily distracted". How distracted can you be when thousands of pounds worth of cars are being driven around and crunched up in your own back yard?!



# YOUR PAGE 3 HOSPITALISED COPPER!

another  
fine toe  
job!

YES, BACK WITH A SMILE AND A SONG, COMES ANOTHER SIZZLINGLY HOT HOSPITALISED COPPER. IN TRUE CHARACTER OUR CLUMSY COP CAUGHT CAT-NAPPING ON THE JOB, WAS WOKEN BY A PASSING WORKING CLASS HERO WHO ASTONISHED AT HIS FIND, SAW FIT TO FORK OUT A FINE DISPLAY OF CLASS JUSTICE... IT JUST GOES TO SHOW, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT... AND POLISH YOUR BOOTS AT THE SAME TIME!



## HOLY SHIT!

RECENTLY, THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, a very wealthy land and property owning body, and best mate of government, held a Synod (large conference) in the city of York.

Ironically it was a vicar's wife, from South Yorkshire, who pointed out the priests' obscene gluttony and hypocrisy - she told the press that they "pigged on cooked breakfasts, 3-course

lunches, and 4-course dinners". The enormous food bill, running into **£THOUSANDS**, was subsidised by money collected from people's collections at church.

Britain's foolish church-goers should put two and two together: we're told that money collected goes to 'worthy causes', like "the inner city poor", "needy children" etc.. *Pull the other one it's got bells on!* More like to widen the bellies of god botherers and sky pilots.

## their time has come

At the beginning of August, in Thorton Heath, Croydon (nr. London) a gang of fifteen white youths murdered an Afghani refugee, **Ruhullah Aramesh**.

These evil scum clubbed Ruhullah to an inch of his life, outside his own home. He died later in hospital.

This racist gang have been 'operating' in the area, for some time, and it was time they were "taken out"...

**..BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.**

Such attacks and murders happen up and down the country, they bring fear and isolation to minority ethnic and refugee communities.

### ON THE RUN

**RADICAL COMMUNITY ACTION** is needed to reverse this, to put the fascists and racists on the run.

Given the cops racist nature and track record, minority communities do not rely on them to solve their problems, they just add to them.

**RADICAL SELF DEFENCE** has been a healthy development in these communities over the years.

Groups like the **BENGALI YOUTH FRONT** and the **SOUTHAL YOUTH MOVEMENT** have provided their communities with an invaluable service, seeing off the racist bastards who make our lives a misery. People who take these initiatives to defend themselves against attacks are often criminalised;

they need our support.

Around Croydon, there is a definite fascist presence. Whether the gang was specifically fascist (ie. members of a fascist party) or hardcore racists is irrelevant *we need to stop all racist attacks.*

### PROPAGANDA

Fascists are organised (and political) racists, they actively play a role in trying to divide our communities on racial grounds, breaking down our solidarity and creating strife. They actively engage in and encourage racial attacks and spread their race-hate propaganda in our communities.

**ANTI-FASCIST ACTION**, is a movement making

headway. They operate on a policy of **"NO PLATFORM FOR THE FASCISTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES"** - no public meetings, paper sales, not an inch.

It pulls no punches and calls for physical and ideological confrontation with the bastards. And it is working, with the fascists facing many defeats. *With wider support it can become a policy of no platform for any Racists*

No amount of changes in the law or 'official' anti-racism can achieve this.

### KICKIN' EM OUT

**DIRECT ACTION FOR SELF-DEFENCE AND THE DESTRUCTION OF RACISM AND FASCISM.** There's no alternative.



**PROTECTION RACKET...  
COPS BARR ANTI-FASCISTS FROM MEETING**

## star letter...

Dear C.W,

Conservative housing committee chairman of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, a certain Mr David Betterley, had his motor car stolen recently.

Unbeknown to him, and the local police force, the afore mentioned vehicle is at this moment being converted into a 'stock car',

Also, papers found in the glove compartment (along with a picture of John Major) included letters from the Inland revenue, concerning Mr Betterley's debt to them of over £40,000, plus a letter from his banker, closing his account.

Yours, The Caped Crusader, Leicester.

# Communities of Resistance rally

speakers  
include:

speaker from Los Angeles.

speakers from the communities of:

**Blackbird Leys, Oxford.**

**Ordsall Estate, Salford.**

**Hartcliffe, Bristol.**

**Blackburn, Huddersfield.**

**George Silcott,  
Silcott Defence Campaign.**

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**Spare Rib.**

**Class War Federation.**

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# top of the class

**POWER MAD** Karen Carrick has at last been found out! Carrick, the leader of Labour controlled Kirkcaldy council was exposed as having said she possessed two degrees. *In fact the universities concerned said they had no record of her attendance at all!*

Carrick, who over the past few years has delighted herself in trying to collect the poll tax and sacking local workers by the hundreds recently stated that non-payers in that town were "nothing more than parasites and cheats".

How we cackled with joy as the under-qualified Carrick was hauled up before an emergency group meeting to explain



**Ex-council leader Carrick**

Usually it is quite difficult to decide which judge is so gross that they deserve the pickleometer award, as there is very little difference between the decrepit lot of them. But Judge Geoffrey Jones is a clear winner.

In July this slime bag was presiding over a sex attack case in Grimsby Crown Court. The accused, Ian Stevenson, had sexually assaulted two boys and a girl of nine. In his defence he claimed he did it to discover "whether he was homosexual or heterosexual".

Was Judge Geoffery Jones outraged at Stevenson's sickening attempt of defending such a horrifying crime? Of course not. His reply was that it was a "sort of breath of fresh air" when he heard that Stevenson was obviously "a normal young man".

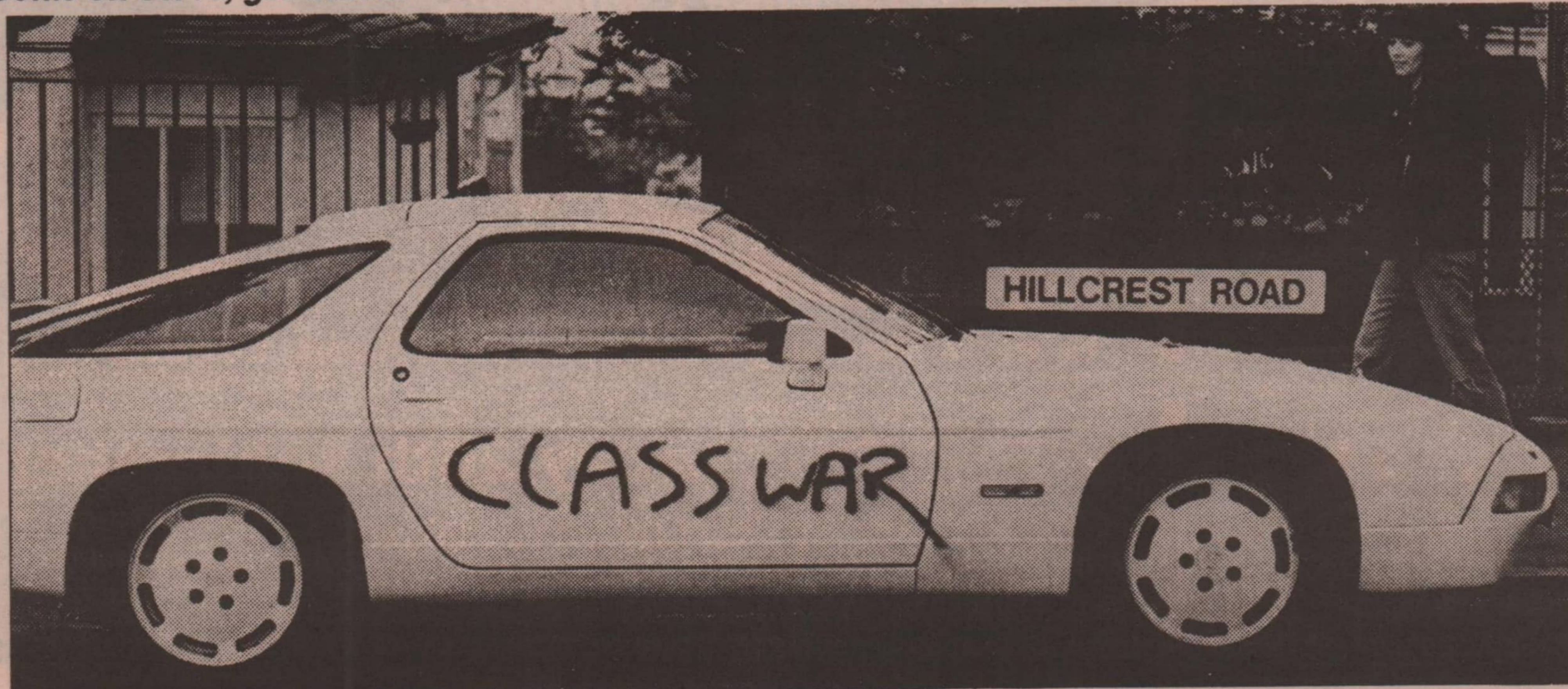
If he thinks it is OK for someone to sexually attack anyone, let alone children in order to discover whether you're Gay or straight, then the evil bastard needs as much help as the sick attacker.

## HANGINS'S TOO GOOD FOR THE BASTARDS

But then what else could we expect from a pillock who belongs to a privileged class, that are probably the most sexist, racist, homophobic gits ever.

Bring back hanging.....For judges !

**A £40,000 Porsche in Dundee after an unexpected paint job. It's owner, Steve Martin, a self styled "managing director", said "I am sickened by this attack and can't understand why it has happened". Come on Steve, get with it!**



Keep those LUXURY CAR pictures flooding in!  
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herself. Amazingly, Labour again showed they do nothing but look after their own when councillors voted 13-12 in her favour to stay on "for the time being". The "time being" happened to last five days later when the Labour Party turned full circle (not for the first time) and booted her out!

For now, Queen Karen of Kirkcaldy DC has kept her face and her expansive mouth out of sight for once. She obviously thought that someone without qualifications wouldn't be wanted in the new-look Labour Party, so she erm, made some up.

And tough shit for Carrick, YOU were found out. But how many more are stalking the corridors of power having lied about their exams because they hadn't the brains to pass them?

*Telling a few fibs here and there to get a job is fair enough. Karen Carrick just happened to get caught, and it serves her right for being such a thorough going bastard in the first place.*

And look at our very own Johnny Major, isn't it amazing how he keeps forgetting those 'O' grade results, but tells us it's our own fault were poor, 'cos we don't have the right qualifications...



## for the record

Going to university or having a degree doesn't automatically mean you're clever - just look at parliament and any university!

Most people in universities are there because they are privileged and middle class. Working class people are effectively excluded from any higher education through lack of money. This is not to say it is impossible to be working class and a student in higher education, but they are pretty few and far between.

Local people living near universities are actively prevented from using any of the resources and facilities inside nearby universities.

Underworking class control universities and colleges could become real centres of learning, not an elitist training camp for the next generation of the ruling class. Roll on that day.

**Kiranjit Ahluwalia (centre) photographed at home on her wedding day. Her marriage was the start of ten years of systematic violence and abuse.**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: COMMUNITY PROBLEM

**LAST YEAR Rajinder Singh Bisla and Joseph Mc Grail walked away with suspended sentences after killing their wives. In both cases these murdering bastards successfully pleaded that they were provoked by "nagging wives".**

Provocation in the eyes of the law is a "sudden and temporary loss of self control" but whether an attack was provoked or not is usually left for the judge to decide. This is probably the reason why in most womens' pleas of provocation, the outcomes are the opposite of the above two cases. What else would we expect from reactionary old bastards.

## SELF DEFENCE

In the case of Kiranjit Ahluwalia, who in 1989 was jailed for life for murdering her husband, the judges interpretation of the law led him to misdirect the jury, no surprise there. Kiranjit pleaded guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of provocation but her case was never really represented.

*She did not go into the witness box because she was too ashamed to admit that she had been drinking and ashamed to talk about the sexual abuse in front of her family.*

Kiranjit suffered 10 years of violence at the hands of her husband, yet the judge never told the jury of this or about her mental state of health. Minor details to this protector of wife batterers. Kiranjit's case was taken up by Crawley Womens' Aid who referred her to Southall Black Sisters. They advised her to seek an appeal and in July the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor ordered a retrial but refused her bail.

## PROTECTION?

*Yes this is a tragic case, but the greatest tragedy of all is that unlike Kiranjit many women suffer from physical and sexual abuse from their partners but are too terrified to do something about it. What other choice did she have?*

When it comes to protecting women from violence the law is pathetic especially with the sexist attitudes of the judges and the police. There are very few refuges for women, they are usually the first thing to go in council budgets. There are even fewer militant, autonomous groups like the Southall Black Sisters to help and protect battered women within the community.

## OUR PROBLEM.. OUR SOLUTIONS

But it is not just the law that is wrong. Peoples' attitudes in all cultures and classes towards violence in a relationship seems to be that it is something between the couple and most people are reluctant to get involved.

Even when a woman does turn to her family and friends for help she is often given confusing advice and faced with peoples' embarrassment.

**Don't look to the law to change things, violence and sexual abuse is not the problem of battered women, it is OUR problem. Only we can deal with it effectively by bringing out the skeleton in the closet and facing up to our responsibilities. This is an essential part of our community fightback. Without it women will be drowning in our communities.**

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# YOU DON'T SCARE US WE'RE STILL NOT PAYING!

**Birmingham City Council, are stumped in their burning quest to collect the redundant tax.** Crillie the bailiffs have proved to hopelessly useless, finding very few places where they could gain entry, and when they did gain entry it resulted in hospitalisation (what a shame), from injuries incurred from being punched over a balcony of a second floor flat.

Sir Dick (head of the council) Knowles, and the rest of his cronies in the council have made loads of budget cuts, to prove how 'cost-effective' they are to the Tory government; whilst splashing out on ego-wank projects such as the Indoor Arena and the International Convention Centre. Very useful, we don't think. **BIRMINGHAM COUNCIL - SERVING THE BOSSES NOT THE PEOPLE.**

Of course these projects are lose-makers (more hand-outs to the rich), so the council has increased the threats to non-payers by jailing a few people. But B'ham non-payers have got more bottle and sense than the council gives them credit for. The jailing tactic is

failing because people are simply not turning up to court. The council issues three hundred warrants a week but no one responds.

So the council has started sending round warrant officers, who are getting the same treatment as the bailiffs - **A BIG SOD OFF!**

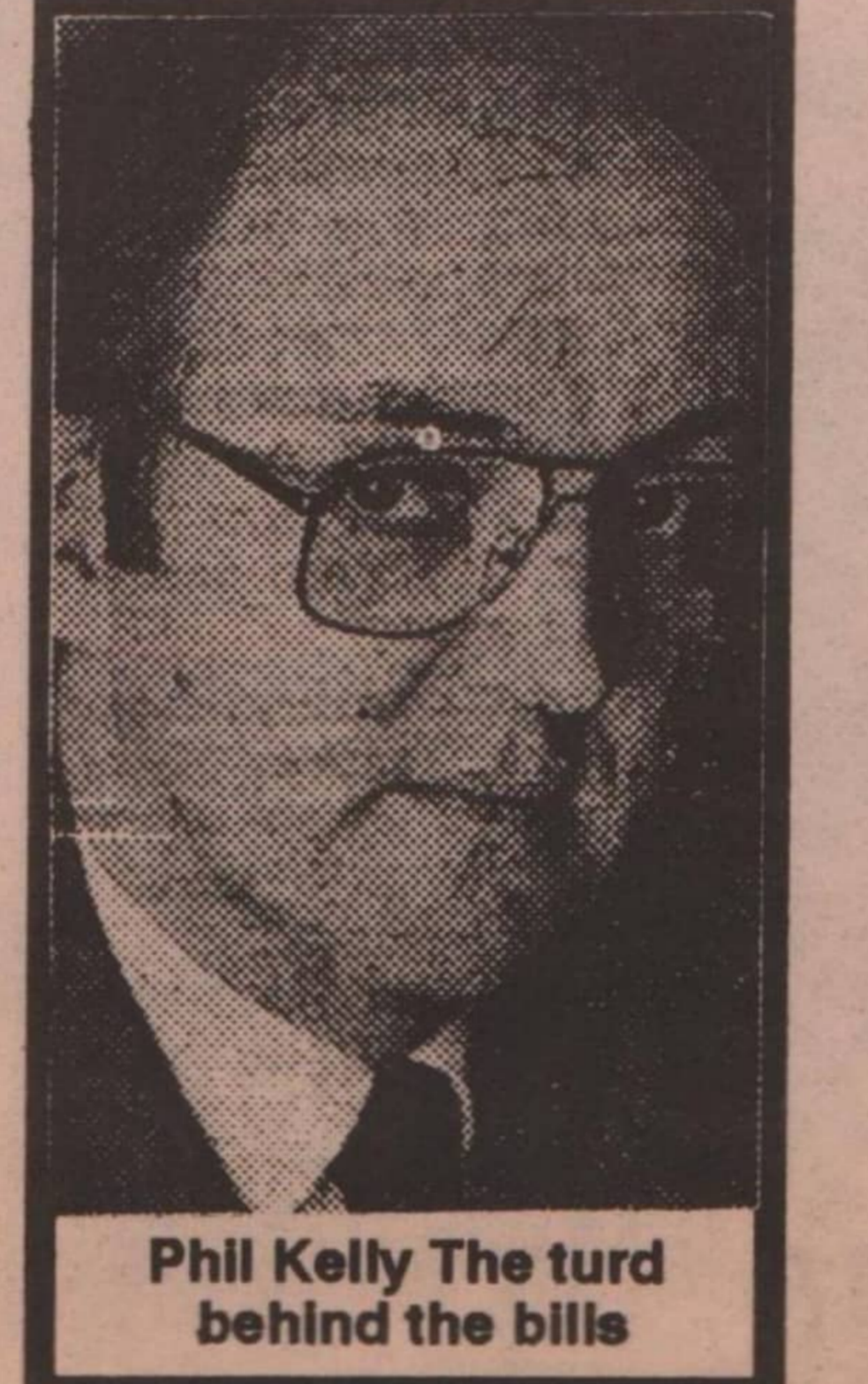
- REMEMBER**
- \* **There is no justice in their courts**
  - \* **Ignore all court summonses**
  - \* **Don't allow bailiffs or warrant officers into your home**
  - \* **A warrant officer is NOT a copper even though they operate from police stations.**
  - \* **Don't be fooled into attending court**
  - \* **The more resistance you show the less bother you tend to get**

**IF YOU DON'T GO TO COURT.....THEY CAN'T JAIL YOU !**

For all those in the Birmingham area who want to discuss, with Sir Dick (head) Knowles, future council strategies to collect the uncollectable tax, just give the man a ring on 021 422 8061.

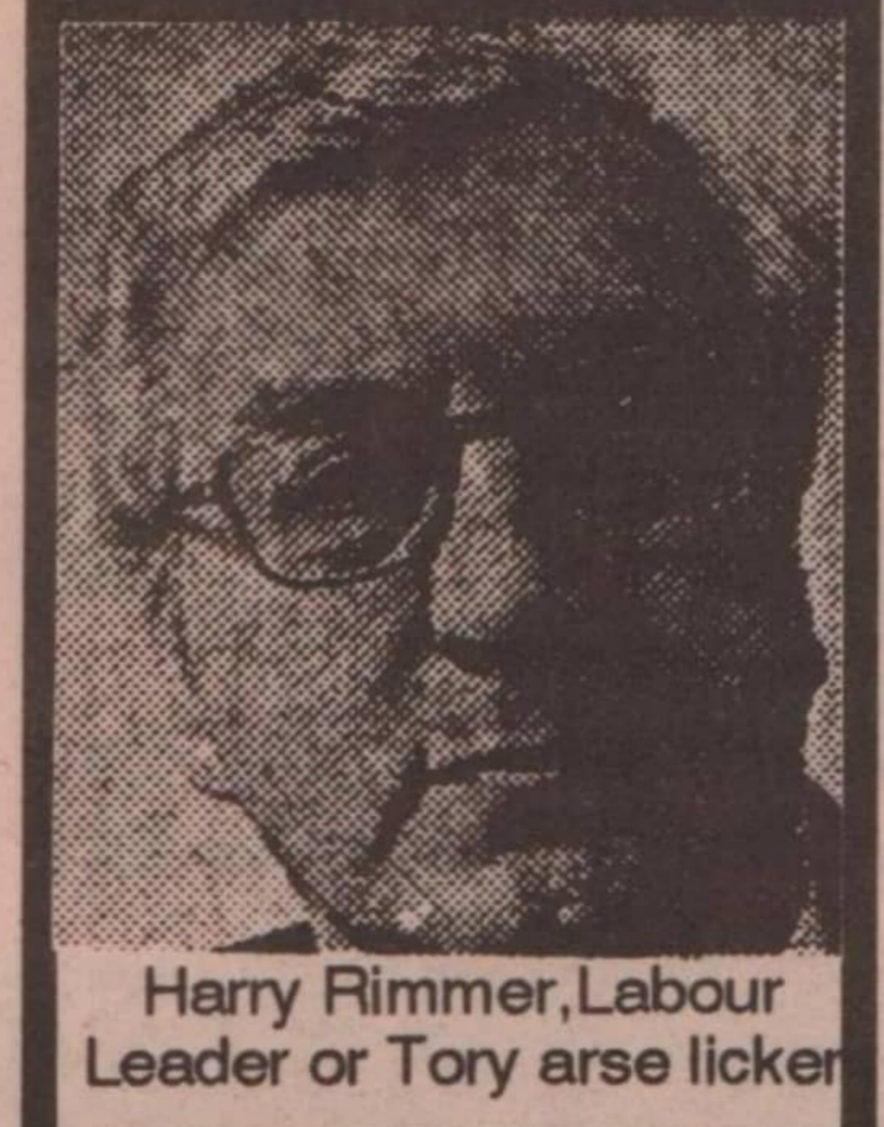
**Liverpool council has been doing its best to marginalise non-payers by giving lots of publicity to the extra surcharge 'honest citizens' have to pay to make up for non-payment.**

This has backfired on them, because many of the 'honest citizens' who paid their poll tax are now refusing to pay the surcharge. What the council don't publicise is that you paid a surcharge under the old rates system too.



**Phil Kelly The turd behind the bills**  
Liberal 'Demo-crap' councillor **PETER MILLEA** - with the interests of his

middle class voters at heart - has got up a petition demanding that the council sends non-payers to jail. He claims it's "monstrous" that "honest citizens" should be asked to pay for non-payers.



We say it's 'monstrous' that working class people are taxed so that rich bastards can save money on their expensive, high rated houses. Councillor Millea's petition got 300 signatures, a piss in the ocean compared to the thousands of non-payers in the city.

**If you'd like to discuss your concern about the poll tax, with moron Millea, he can be reached at 17 Earl St., L19 1RT. Tel. - 051 - 427 0669.**

## CRIME WATCH - BAILIFFS IN THE AREA

Vermin always keep on cropping up, that is unless you deal with them. Such hated vermin (bailiffs) are knocking around in the Stratford area, and have visited the Temple Mills estate, towards the end of July.

The two dickheads in question are described as, one being 5' 8", 50 (time for retirement), with grey wavy hair and glasses (ie. can hardly see those bricks flying at him); and the other divvy is 6', 30+, dark curly hair - looks like a pig (has a liking for blue shirts and black trousers).

They move around in a vehicle which is possibly a

blue Ford Sierra, REG. No.E395 HLK.

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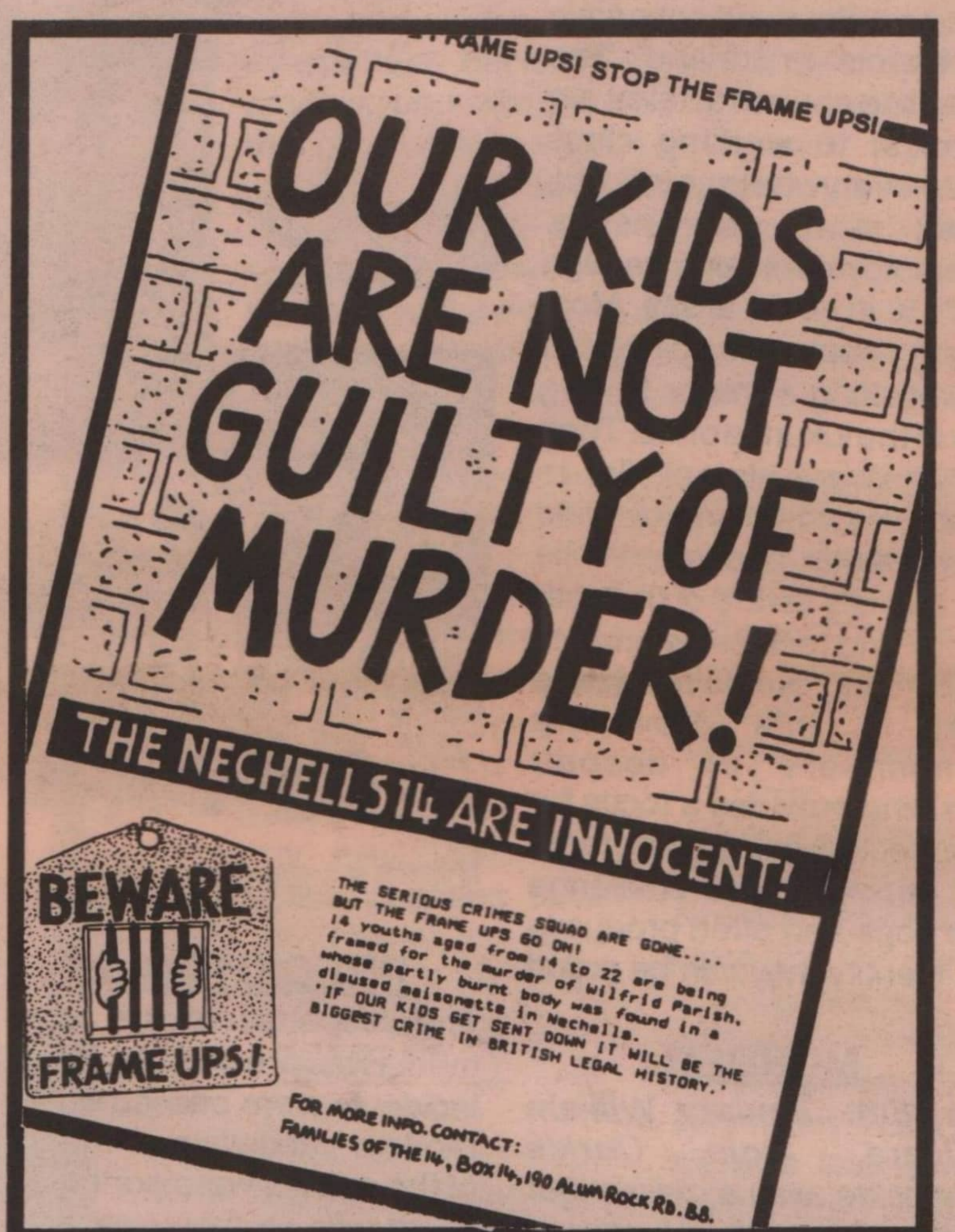
# YOU'VE ALMOST BEEN FRAMED!

## NECHELLS 14 FAILED FRAME-UP

**The lovely lads in blue from West Midlands force have been foiled in their ambitious frame-up of 14 youths. Wishing to out do the Birmingham Six case, and to make the message loud and clear - the Serious Crime Squad may be gone but the frame-ups go on.**

They've tried to stitch up 14 youths for the murder, in Jan. '91, of

cops that they didn't think they had done it, but were being charged because they they were not giving the cops the information they wanted. They were eventually released on bail and the police waited for them to come and make statements against each other in order to get off the charge. It didn't work, but how many times has this tactic worked on other 'suspects', the cops have wanted to frame?



Wilfrid Parrish, a 66 year old managing director of an insurance firm.

*Parrish's battered body was found in a disused flat in Nechells, Birmingham, a flat used by local youths to keep warm in. The police soon decided who they wanted to do for murder and set about fabricating the evidence.*

The youths they picked out could loosely be described as the Kellet Road gang. They were aged between 14 and 22 and most of them hung around together and played football in the subways, much like any other bored youths on an estate, with nothing to do, no work or money. Some have resorted to petty crime for kicks and for money. As parents have said "Our kids are no angels, but they are not murders". They are (in the polices' eyes) ideal scape-goats to blame, so that some prick of a P.C. can get more Brownie points for his/her promotion. Most of them, when arrested were told by the

The police played many divide and rule tactics and took every opportunity to put the pressure on the Nechells 14. But in the end they went to court with a very weak case, no forensic evidence, and two bribed and very unbelievable witnesses who gave conflicting accounts of events at two different times.

When the two witnesses that the prosecution tried to hide, were brought forward to testify that they knew Parrish, and talked to him several hours after he was murdered, even the judge got cold feet and threw the case out of court.

The families with the help of B'ham Anarchist Black Cross (prisoner support group) have been fighting these bastards all the way. Now the charges have been dropped, they are determined to sue the police and expose the whole frame-up which has made their life hell for 18 months.

**THE ONLY LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTAND!**



## SMART COPS ?

### PISSED

There wasn't a dry eye in the house, recently, when a Birmingham cop shop had a little accident. In fact, there wasn't a dry anything. **Nine** police cars were written off completely after suddenly being submerged up to their steering wheels when the car park, at Chelmsley Wood station, suddenly flooded. *The official explanation was that a water mains pipe burst.*

But as rumour has it, this is not the case (telling 'porkies' again - Ed.); it seems that when those fearless, courageous constables of Chelmsley Wood, heard about the riots up and down the country their bladders could not take it.

*The excitement of some action or fear of an imminent beating, who knows?*

### UZI DOES IT

When they're not murdering or harassing people or getting knocked about the streets, the Irish cops are also quite good at being laughably incompetent.

Recently, in Castlebar (County Mayo, Eire), when a cop looked in on a cell containing two men arrested earlier that night for minor offences, he was shocked to see one of them armed with an Uzi submachine gun.

*No, the cop in question was not on any 'reality-distorting' drug; rather the dosy coppers on the night shift forgot to tell him that the cell was a temporary weapon's storeroom for several Uzi's, revolvers and 20,000 bullets. Plonkers, or what.*



**Remember! Noddy we're here for your Protection.**





# WHAT A CORKER!

In Issues 53 and 55 we reported on incidents surrounding the murder of a young joyrider by Irish cops (Gardai). Last issue we stated that anti-cop feelings were running high in the area where he had lived - and we predicted that the local youth would soon be dealing out further punishment to the cops. No sooner said than done. In recent weeks, there has been an escalation of events and a prediction of "war on the streets", so we've decided to feature the full facts behind the case.

Cork City is one of the largest and most deprived economic blackspots in Ireland. The sprawling council estates are identical to working class areas everywhere: rundown, bleak and depressing. Unemployment runs as high as 75% in some areas. Most young people see no hope of ever getting a job or having any of the luxuries of life. Their activities are also similar to youth elsewhere and joyriding is a popular pastime. While we are fully aware of the anti-social and reckless elements of joyriding, we do recognise that in this prevailing atmosphere of despair joyriding provides a focus for disaffected youth, gives them an opportunity to challenge the cops and often produces an identity they can be proud of.

## MURDER

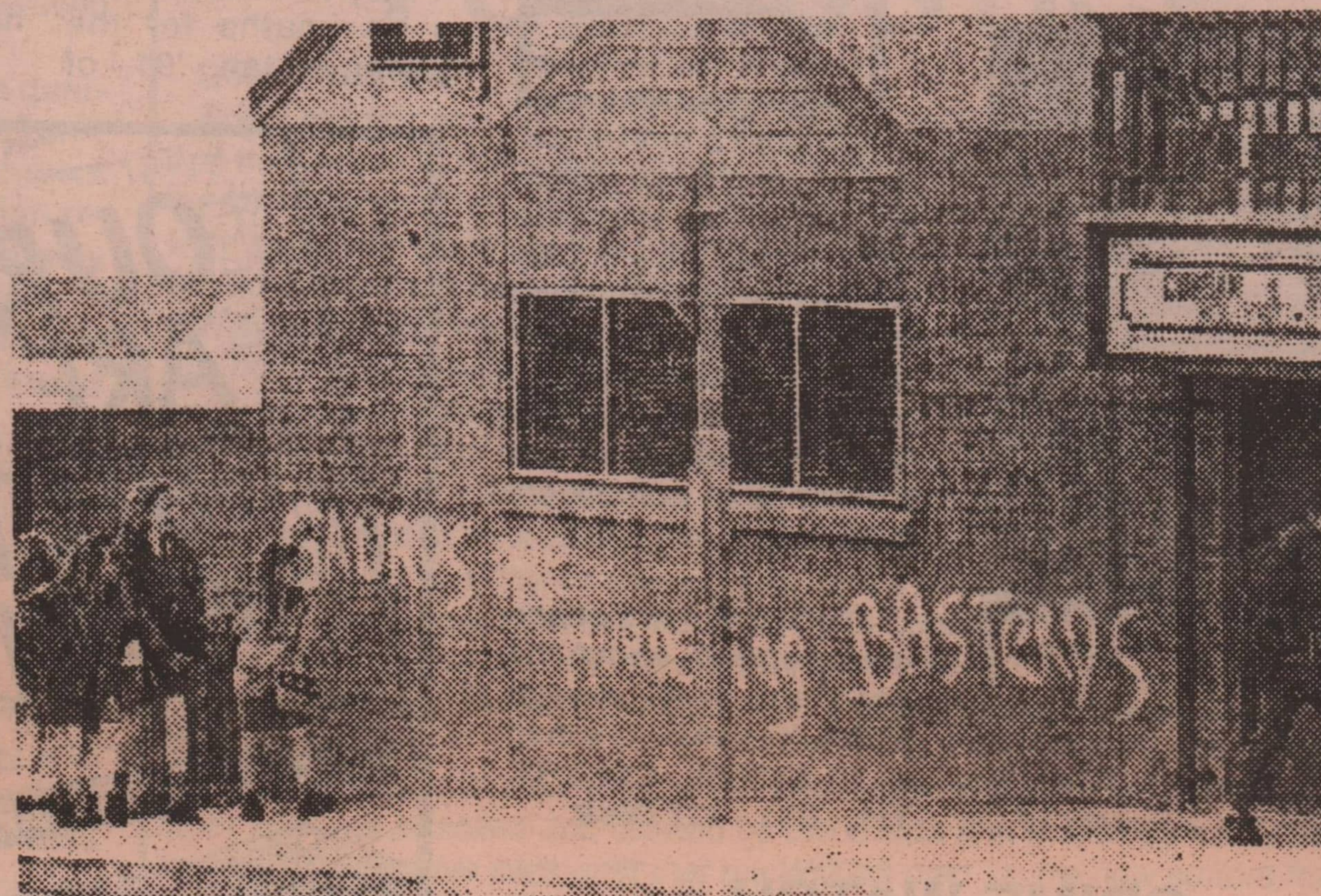
On 20th January William O'Hara, from Cork's Northside, was a passenger in a stolen car being chased by Gardai through the city centre. During the chase a cop decided to try out a new anti-joyriding tactic - he threw a brick through the window, hitting William. When the driver abandoned the car soon after, outside the city, William was unconscious and had received serious head injuries. He died 11 days later.



## THE REAL ENEMY

As soon as news of his death spread, unrest broke out in the area where he had lived and angry graffiti - "Guards are murdering bastards" and "Kill the cops" - appeared all over. In the weeks that followed, there were

numerous disturbances. The pattern of the disturbances were very similar to the many throughout Britain. Vehicles and other property were set alight, and firecrews arriving to deal with them were subjected to a hail of bottles and stones. When police support arrived, the serious attacks began. Firecrews were never the intended targets, but, as is unfortunately a regular occurrence, they were used as bait to lure the cops (the real enemy) into the area. The cops received some serious hammerings at this time, the extent of which they have never publicly admitted.



## PREDICTABLE

The response of the local media was predictable. Many incidents were passed off as random vandalism and a lot of the attacks were portrayed as attacks on firecrews, with little mention of the hiding the cops were getting. There was even less mention of the fact that a cop had been responsible for William's death. Apparently all the trouble was caused by "drunken youths" and "a lawless element". Newspapers constantly contradicted themselves, one

popular and unsurprisingly members of the local press were set upon at William's funeral. The national media, however, decided to ignore the whole thing, just in case anyone else got any ideas.

## TROUBLE

As the unrest scaled down, Cork's top cop, Chief Supt. Joseph Long, claimed that he was satisfied with how the investigation into William's death was going - he was making it clear that no cops would be getting into any trouble over this little matter of a murder. Even though the disturbances eventually ceased, tension in the area never really relaxed and many

was abandoned nearby, its occupants splitting up and running into the estate in order to separate the pursuing cops. One cop was led into an ambush of up to 12 youths and was seriously beaten, almost to death. Despite a large number of arrests and constant appeals for information, no-one has yet been charged. The cop still remains in the intensive care unit of Cork regional hospital, which is, ironically, where William died.

## SINGLED OUT

After this ambush the Lord Mayor stated that it was "a sad situation if individual Gardai needed protection

were just itching to have another go. Afterwards the cops seemed to have got their confidence back and, in an act of petty revenge, a group of them (one armed with a hammer) beat up William's brother. Carry on like this is commonly known as looking for trouble.

## HOORAY FOR HENRYS

On 14th June they were to find it. As a police van passed Sir Henrys, a popular city centre nightclub, it was subjected to a sudden hail of bottles. It quickly left the area, only to return soon with another van and 3 cars. A crowd of over 100 laid on a constant barrage of bricks, bottles and anything else that was handy. Within half an hour the cops had done a runner, with them and their vehicles looking the worse for wear. Despite having baton charged the crowd, the cops only managed to nick one unlucky lad. 1-0 to the working class and the summer season had just begun.

## AMBUSH COUNTRY

On 8th July a sharp witted cop, Inspector Seamus Quinlan from Togher, publicly stated that the Gardai had the area's problems under control. If he actually believed his own statements he was soon due quite a shock. The next night a group of about 50 youths gathered in the area, armed themselves with bricks and spread throughout the Maylin Grove/Deanrock estates to wait for the cops. After midnight a stolen car

against attacks during the course of their duty". He must have thought that it was a very sad situation when less than a week later a second cop was seriously assaulted. Gardai John O'Sullivan was drinking in the Brook Inn just before closing when two men set upon him, punching and stabbing him. He was left with a punctured lung and stab wounds to the neck and face. There were attempts to portray this as a random attack - but this is not the case. The cop's uniform was quite visible under his "street clothes" and the attackers clearly singled him out. This particular attack may not be considered direct retaliation for William's death but is a reflection of the anti-cop hatred in the city.

## WAR ON THE STREETS

Commenting on the attacks, church and community leaders have stressed that they could have happened anywhere in the city. The atmosphere at the moment is very tense and there is a great deal of antagonism between the cops and the local communities. A lot of young people are looking forward to having another go at the cops and there have been predictions of a "war on the streets". If this war does erupt, we're 100% behind the working class youth of Cork.

## A DAY OF FUN

This summer of attacks on cops hasn't been confined to Cork. In mid-July cops came under attack in the Finglas



# STOKEYCOKEY!

Regular readers of this paper might remember our mention of Sergeant Geoff Carroll from Stoke Newington nick in north London. Geoff had proved himself to be a top marksman when he put his pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Amazingly enough he didn't miss his tiny brain and he killed himself! At the time we said that Geoff had done the sensible thing because the shit was just about to hit the fan concerning extremely dodgy dealings at Stokey nick. Well, guess what - we were right! The shit has hit the fan. Even toady local MP, Brian "Gobshite" Sedgemore has jumped on the bandwagon, stating in parliament that: "Carroll was involved in organised crime". Remember where you read it first...and there's more!

The latest revelations concerned a mysterious "Officer X" who was apparently raking in up to £2000 a week through dealing crack. "Officer X" had a nice little scam going: he'd nick people for drugs, keep most of the drugs and then resell them through his contacts! On top of this, he was planting drugs on people he wanted to nick (so he could have a good arrest record and cut down on any competition) and using drugs to get information. This bastard started bringing crack into Hackney in 1989, which means he was one of the first to bring this drug and its associated crime and misery into the area. Once again the cops were the ones who

## NAMING NAMES

All the papers refused to name him... apart from us! This so-called "Officer X" is none other than Roy Lewandowski, formerly of the Drugs Squad and now charged with theft and VAT fraud amounting to a mere £5,000,000 as well. Back in April last year Lewandowski was doing well - he had just received a bravery award for some "heroic" policing act. How the mighty are fallen! It's almost enough to make us cry if we weren't laughing so much!

## ROTTEN BARREL

But now that Lewandowski is down in the dirt and looking at a serious stretch, his cop mates have tried to totally disown him and are hoping that he'll carry the can. Unfortunately for them at least another 27 of his colleagues have been suspended for their part in similar activities! The corruption at Stoke Newington nick is notorious: from drug dealing to killing people. Stokey cops are widely known to be complete bastards. Now that this has come out into the open with all these revelations, they are hoping that they can blame Lewandowski and a few other fall guys for being very bad apples in the barrel - they think we're stupid enough to believe the rest of the barrel is just fine!

## BASTARDS

The cops might try a cover-up but it's obvious that the whole barrel is completely rotten through and through. Even if these cops weren't crooked they'd still be bastards, because that's the role of a copper - that's what they're paid to do, to shit on us and keep us down. All we can suggest to them is to do the right thing... do the Carroll thing... and we'll do the riot thing

area of North Dublin after a street festival. The local plod radioed for help and 22 patrol cars from all over the city rushed in. A group of about 300 kept up the bombardment for over 30 minutes, injuring several cops. What a nice way to end a day of fun! Working class estates throughout Ireland: North, South, East and West, certainly have one thing in common - their willingness to get onto the streets and kick the cops out.

## THE BEGINNING

However, it must be said that creating No Go zones is not enough if the only effect is in keeping cops out of an area. Simple "mob rule" has little to offer most people. If no go zones are to be worthwhile,

they have to areas where all the community - young, old, disabled, everybody - can feel safe and have their needs catered for. Kicking the cops out is only the beginning.

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# SUCKING US DRY

Plans are afoot to privatise Scottish water. And turn it into a profit making scheme for the rich, and a polluters and dumpers free for all.



At the moment water is the responsibility of Regional Councils. But the government has commissioned a report into the future of the water "industry".

All the talk about "efficiency" and "quality control" is utter crap and that too may be floating in your bath soon! This privatisation, like any other, allows private companies to profit from a public resource.

Complaints against private water and electricity have more than doubled this year in England and Wales. Instances of water being CUT OFF have soared an amazing 177%! **Meanwhile the bosses award themselves 49,000% pay rises.**

So how can we resist? Well, Scottish people are 'lucky' in the respect that their water charge is still included as a flat rate within their poll tax!

We reckon that this is one more valid reason for not paying. As yet there is no widespread water metering in Scotland, so a campaign against the installation of water meters will be our first line of defence. *In Lothian the council seems to have started a survey to see where they can put the meters.*

## PISSED OFF

These surveys can be disrupted and harassed in much the same way as we organised against the poll tax - by organising in our own areas to stop the meters going in the first place. Stage two in

the campaign is to support anybody threatened with legal action or disconnection for non payment.

## SECOND NATURE

The poll tax was wrecked through non-payment. A vital part of this campaign was to give people as much information and solidarity as possible so that they felt that non-payment of the poll tax was the best thing to do.

It's been done before, we can do it again.

**NOW is the time to take up another struggle, use the skills and knowledge we got in beating the poll tax, this time to save our water.**

**The message is simple, no meters and no payment, equals no privatisation.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Indonesia

Although the Indonesian governments genocide in Occupied East Timor continues, relations at home between workers and bosses in Indonesia continue to deteriorate. Resistance broke out amongst 2,000 workers at a major steel plant in Surabaya after being told their long-awaited bonus was no more. After a while, 65 vehicles, trucks, and vans (including three Mercedes) and an office block were soon no more as the workers sorted things out. The bosses soon caved in, paying the bonus all the while promising not to sue for damages!

### Japan

*Pupils at a school just outside Hong Kong were in for a shock when they all forgot their text books for an important lesson. Their fascist teacher decided to improve their memories by giving them all 100 volt electric shocks! Now, if we could only do the same to Garry Bushell.*

### Animal riots

A local election had to be postponed in Nigeria recently when a returning officer was attacked whilst carrying the ballot box between villages. However, angry peasants weren't responsible for the good deed, it was all the handiwork of twelve class-conscious chimpanzees who made off with the votes never to return!

### MacShite, MacGreedy, MacDeath

Staff at Edinburgh's Princess Margaret Rose (PMR) hospital were relieved to find out that the bosses plans to have the hospital opt out were rejected (ie. opt out of properly looking after people). Good news for patients and staff alike.

Whilst talking (slaving) to a catering worker, a boss let slip that the catering was about to go out to "competitive" tendering. Hospital food can be unhealthy enough before abandoning all pretence towards nutrition in favour of fat profits. The worker in question almost gagged when told that the **MacShite** burger empire, **MacDonalds**, were one of the companies invited to bid for the contract!

**What next, Argos taking over hospital supplies and B&Q supplied "technicians" doing the operations?**

## crazy coppers

The biggest embarrassment for years to hit Lothian and Borders police force has to be the successful break-in carried out on 19 July at their Fettes headquarters in Edinburgh.

Hundreds of files were taken from a CID office which housed information on police surveillance operations, political activists, animal rights supporters, suspected drug dealers and supposed "terrorists" and their supporters!

Latest reports say that the raid was carried out by: **the ALF, a mysterious Edinburgh gay group, a single person with a grudge against the police, people involved in "a massive telephone fraud", drug dealers, coppers narks** and so on, so take your pick.

So if it was indeed an outside job, and not the result of police/security services playing funny buggers with each other, who did it, what did they take, and why?

The person "with a grudge against the police" who contacted the "Daily Record" on 7 August claimed to have been put behind bars by the Crime Squad who were embar-

assed because of his name being linked to a "sensitive security operation being investigated by Special branch in London". The paper said he had been jailed for "gay sexual offences" i.e. having consensual sex.

## SPYING

The police continued to fuck up when they arrested two journalists for merely running stories about the fiasco. Both journalists, one from The Scum, the other from The Journalist from Scotland on Sunday was charged with receiving stolen goods! He is currently out on bail. A reporter from the Scum was also arrested, but later released without charge. The newspapers are outraged that criminal law is being used to silence journalists.

Also worrying is that some of the missing files had details that the police were tapping the phones' of Lothian Regional Council chambers. Lothian and Borders Chief,

Sir William Sutherland, is right in the shit over this part of the affair as well. But strangely prominent Labour councillors' are trying to play down the whole affair as if it were a minor unimportant detail.

Labour councillor **Kelth Geddes** even went so far as to say an emergency debate on the break in, and the phone tapping was unnecessary. "No purpose would be served by hauling the chief constable in front of the full council". Just what exactly is going on here?

*Latest reports say that the police have found two police issue holdalls containing "most" of the missing documents.* During a police raid on the home of a city property factor on 3 August, guess what the postie dropped through the

letter box - **SOME OF THE MISSING DOCUMENTS!** Bizarre or what! So far no one has been charged with actually doing the break in itself.

## SUMMIT

At the forefront of all their minds will be the **EC Council of Ministers summit** to take place on **11th and 12th December in Edinburgh.** It is possible that the whole tangle of lies, deceit and denials ties up with the event itself

By way of coincidence, and as a possible taste of things to come, harassment of individuals has followed in the shape at least one raid on activists homes, with cover-all search warrants for "subversive material". One person in particular was taken to

the police station, hit about the ribs with a heavy rubber cosh, asked questions about everything under the sun - including what they knew about plans to oppose the Euro summit, then released without any charge.

This may be unconnected with the break-in, and the summit, and "just" general harassment and brutality. *Still though, it doesn't half make you wonder.*

*As every day passes, more and more juicy (dis) information about "Fettesgate" is coming to light, no doubt Santa and some elves will finally be brought to trial, and the police can retreat to their murky world of lying and spying.*



Sir William Sutherland asking some hard questions "Where's my 'phone taps laddie"

## WELL LICKED!

The Edinburgh branch of **Bioscot, a transatlantic scientific firm, who deal in various tests on human tissues, have a real sweet spot for their workers.**

Richard Thompson, the manager, decided that the lab technicians and assistants deserved a special reward for all their hard work. Toiling away to the needs of highly strung scientists and weasel faced management could prove too much for them he thought, so a

special summer bonus was the least he could do.

One of the workers take up the story.

"...we were led into the manager's office where we were told we would receive our regular summer bonus. This is a regular occurrence and it's usually in the form of a small cash payment, we didn't even get that this time". The workers' nearly choked on their tea as Mr Thompson proudly walked into the room bearing his gifts - ten cream cakes! The worker went on,

"we all sat in silence for a few seconds, then somebody laughed out loud, this seemed to bother him and he started accusing us of not being grateful, so we told him to fuck off, which he promptly did".

*The very next day it was leaked to the real workers that the management and scientists had received a £2,000 bonus each for their "exemplary hard work". The hard up workers have now refused to cooperate with management orders and are on 'go-slow' tactics. Thompson's jacket is now reported to be on 'a shoogly peg'.*



"Ah yes, just the thing for Charles and Di's wedding anniversary"



# RIGHT TO

## DISORDER IS OUR

Up and down the country, this summer, there have been outbreaks of violent disorder in our communities. This article below, is an attempt to explain why these riots can be progressive for our class and the class struggle movement. Class War, (amongst others) stands out from most of the Left, in our view of riots. Readers, in the past, might have been mistaken in seeing our view of riots as little more than cheerleading. Though we do champion riots, we are however critical of them, and we do believe that analysis is necessary for our politics.

### Riots are part of our history.

History in the books is made up of dates, monarchies, leaders, etc.; that is their history (the history of the establishment), our history is of struggle and resistance. We have a long history of rioting and public disorder.

One of the central reasons for the creation of a police force, was not to protect the 'public' from the 'criminals', but to protect the **ESTABLISHMENT** and the ruling class from the **PUBLIC.**

### RIOTS, RIOTS, RIOTS..

There have been riots against laws, corruption, rip-off work practices, unemployment, the police and the courts, and during strikes and demonstrations. Riots have ALWAYS played a role in the way our class fights back.



It's only in the relatively peaceful 'consensus' years after World War Two (though how peaceful it really was is

debatable), that the idea that violence and direct action in the form of riots was uncommon in working class culture.

This idea was crucial to the ideology of reformism, which was part of the Labour Party and the official labour movement, coming to power, through government.

Whilst the economy was in its boom years, the workers had an ample tool to further the interests of the class by **strike action**. When the boom fizzled out (late 60's to the 80's), the bosses made it clear that they would fight tooth-and-nail to oppose the demands workers would make.

*As they changed the laws, toughened up the police, on the picket lines and in our communities, effective action became accompanied by direct action and violence. There was no other way.*

### VIOLENCE EQUALS POWER

Let's make no bones about it, class conflict is about power; and in the end power rests on violence, when all else fails. The State knows this only too well, that is why they want a monopoly on violence. Only they can wage

wars and use force to impose their will through laws and government. Our violence of resistance is a direct threat to their right to rule us.

**If we want to change things for good we must realise that violence is power, and to fight the powers we must build a counter-power.**

Violence is not an option, but a necessity. To hold back because it is taboo, is like trying to fight with both hands behind our backs.



Violence in the form of riots has made positive as well as negative contributions to our fightback. We believe that public disorder is one avenue of working class power. There are others like strike action and mass civil disobedience (ie.. non-payment of the poll tax).

It is unlikely that riots in the immediate future will lead to insurrection and revolution. We need to ask the question, **WHAT DO RIOTS DO TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, AND WHAT DO THEY DO FOR US?**

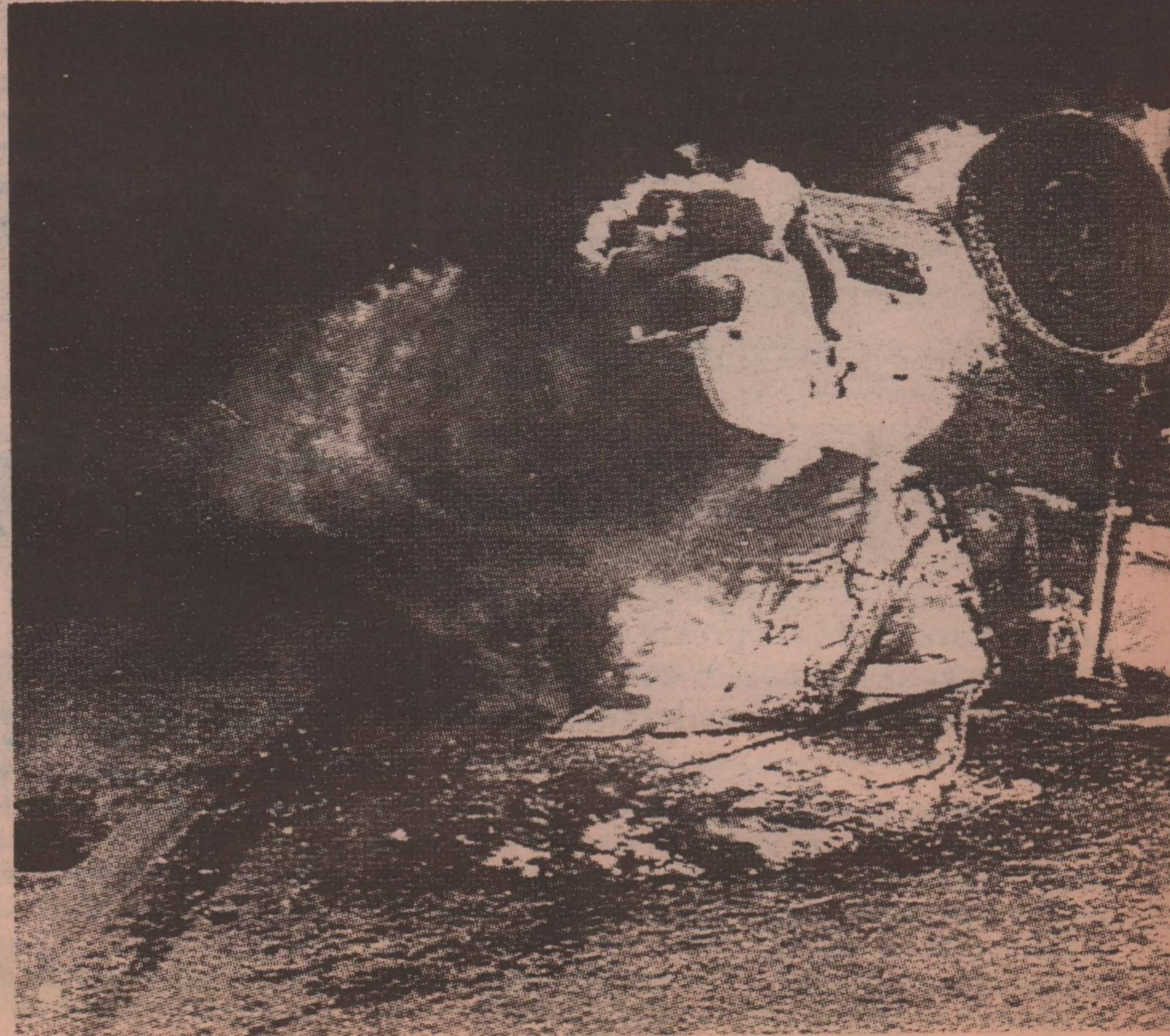
### INSURRECTION?

The majority of riots are not overtly revolutionary, ie.. their aim is not to start an insurrection. Most of the time they are a reaction to some crap aspect of our lives, eg. police ruling our communities.

They are, however **SUBVERSIVE** because they challenge the State's right to rule over aspects of our lives. They can lead to wider awareness of our class society and are a step towards making our class the ungovernable class.

**For the state it is an extreme problem; the amount of anxiety from public disorder is shown in the resources they throw at the 'problem'.**

Both, physically - in better equipped riot forces and more sophisticated riot/crowd control techniques; and ideologically, in the form of press/media campaigns, which aim to contain and fragment the subversive elements brought to the fore during riots.



### PUMPING UP THE HYPE

The media tries to criminalise and isolate the street fighters from both their own communities and the rest of our class outside that community. Basically marginalising them as hooligans, criminals or extremists.

*Even better for them if rioters belong to the poorer sections of the working class, or belong to an ethnic minority within our class. All the more reason to fuel the snobbery, bigotry and racism that exists in our society.*

Though they go over the top for most people, they do lodge their shite ideas into people's minds. This needs to be opposed by creating our own subversive propaganda, to put forward an alternative point of view.

### INVASION OF THE YUPPIES

Other far reaching tactics employed by the State has been the breaking up of communities, from where the riots came from. Either by yuppification or further impoverishment leading many to resort to desperate crimes, often anti-social and detrimental to community solidarity, or both.

These developments happened in the USA after the ghetto riots in the '60's,

and was in process after our own wave of rioting in the '80's.

*Riots are taken seriously by the establishment. If we are to take riots seriously, we need to think about how it relates to revolutionary politics.*

There are three key concepts in **CLASS WAR'S** politics, which directly relate to riots -

- **RADICALIZED COMMUNITIES;**
- **A CULTURE OF RESISTANCE** and
- **AN AUTONOMOUS REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.**

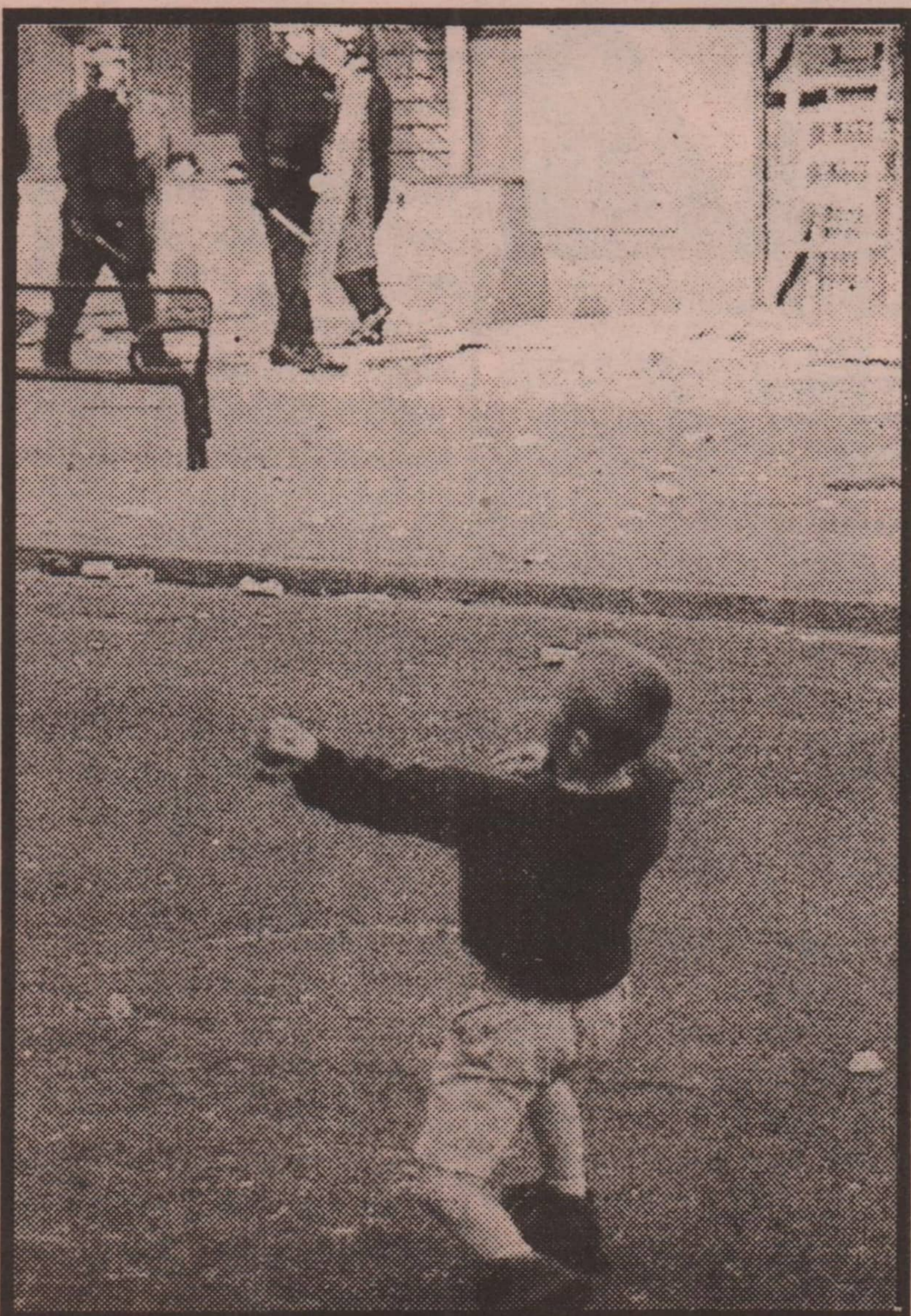
communities as much as the cops, politicians and the bosses.



For a community to become genuinely radicalised it needs to sort this out; the internal and external divisions of working class communities can doom it to isolation, frustration and failure.

### SOLID

Whilst there are these contradictions within our communities, the community identity is a solid basis to build a wider class fightback.



LEARNIN' YOUNG!



The idea of radicalised communities has been a central theme of Class War's politics; *despite endless amounts of attacks on our communities, they have still remained one of our strongest points of resistance.*

With a strong sense of **IDENTITY** and **PRIDE**. We must be aware of the fact that a strong sense of loyalty, identity and pride in our communities can be at the cost of a wider sense of class conscious solidarity, ie.. many working class communities hate other working class

**SOLIDARITY** between communities, and attempting to bridge the internal divisions (based of sex, race and age, etc.) is fundamental to our politics.

The **PRIDE**, **SOLIDARITY** and **IDENTITY**, strong within working class communities can become part of a wider radical class consciousness.

Central to this aim, is what we see as the **culture of resistance**. It's aim is to consolidate and extend the fightback that goes on sporadically in our class (in



# RIOT

POWER.



**"It was beyond anything I have seen for a long time".**  
**Chief Supt. Shattock, Avon & Somerset Constabulary.**

**"It was bloody brilliant. They deserved everything they got and there's more to come".**  
**Hartcliffe rioter, Bristol.**

the workplace, community or in our leisure) all over the world.

When subversive politics becomes part of working class culture, is when autonomous (non-party) working class politics has come of age. There needs to be a common thread running through our resistance, almost like a second nature to fightback.

### NO VANGUARD

For this to be a genuine fightback and not some front for a power-hungry minority (ie. the vanguard party), we need to make it for the class, by the class.

If we are to rid ourselves of political parasites (both right and left wing) we need to take the struggle into our own hands. This will mean acquiring skills and our own ideas needed to carry out our resistance.

### SELF-EDUCATION

not of the academic kind, but practical education and debate within our communities; not competing for exam results but helping each other in educating ourselves.



The only way we can control our struggles is to think and act by ourselves - making the intellectual lefties and party hacks redundant.

Sound ideas come from our communities, but they need to be spread through our own communications; we need papers, leaflets, fanzines, pirate radio, etc. to carry a radical message throughout our class.

There is a definite need for radical media, based in our communities, to counteract the reactionary media.

### A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT

This culture of resistance can be the basis for a genuinely autonomous revolutionary movement, **OF OUR CLASS, BY OUR CLASS, and FOR OUR CLASS.** Free from vanguard would-be rulers who want to lead us into their new regimes.

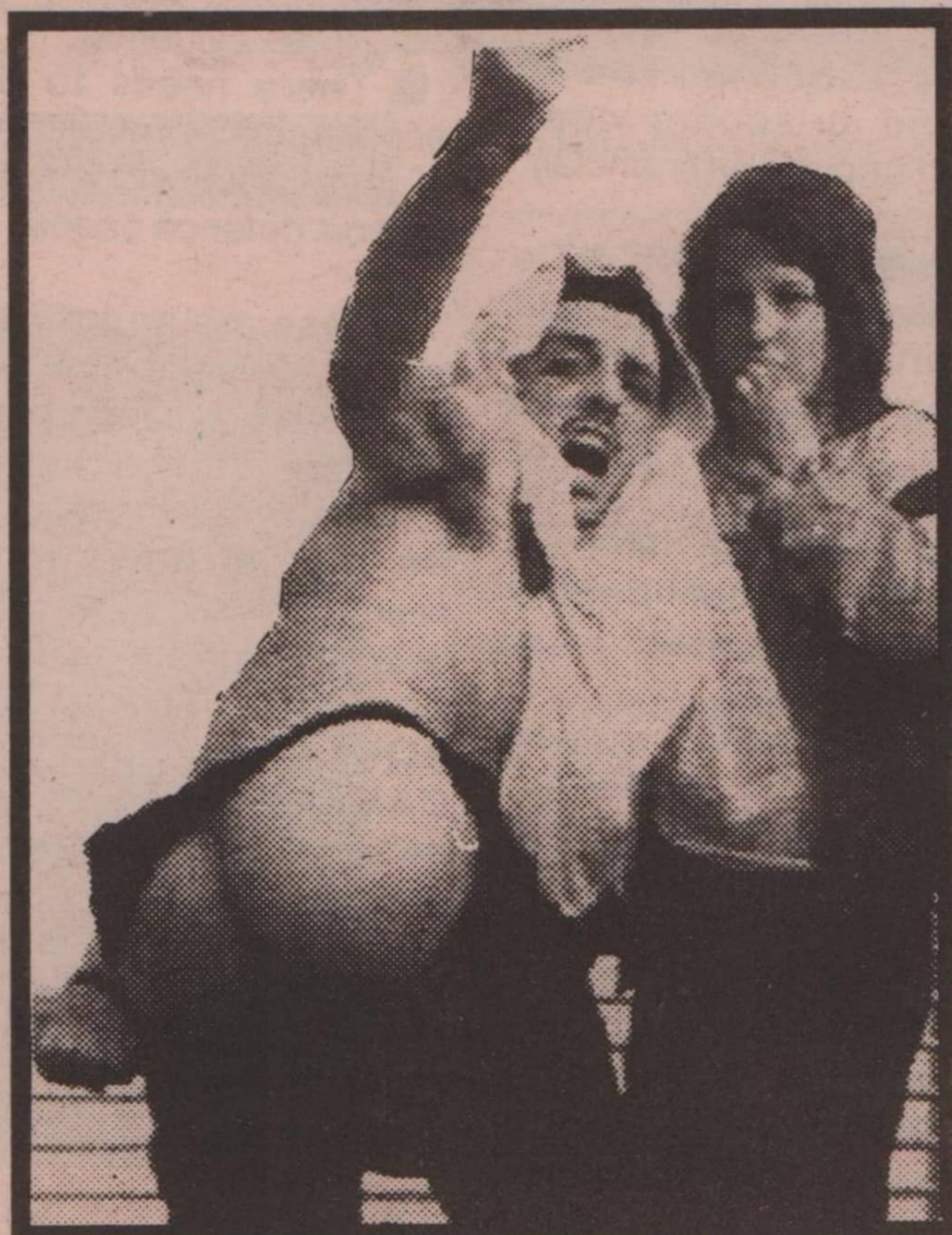
### OPTIMISM?

This may sound optimistic and a long way from the riots happening up and down the country. We don't see these developments happening

overnight, but we do believe that these developments are possible.

**THIS IS WHY WE BELIEVE IN WORKING CLASS REVOLUTION. THIS IS WHY WE CRITICALLY SUPPORT RIOTS.**

**In the set-up of this class-divided society, we have to fightback to survive. It is a step forward if we fightback to win. When we riot or strike, we can go round in circles, never changing our basic position, or we can go FORWARD.**



**BRISTOL HERO TELLS THE PRESS TO LEAVE, IN THE ONLY WAY SUITABLE FOR THEM.**

# pump up the volume...

**John Major's government is in a bigger fucking mess than most people realise.**

The recession deepens, jobs are lost, repossessions multiply, consumer spending remains stalled. Norman Lamont's economic strategy is rubbish by the Tory press and sections of his own party.

Major's plans for zero inflation are being achieved by squeezing the pips out of Mr and Mrs Tory-Voter. The CBI, small businesses, Building Societies, banks implore the government to change course and boost the housing market.

### YUPPIES R.I.P.

The glossy election victory ?? has evaporated within four months as Tory voters see their dreams of climbing up the housing ladder and making social progress barred by the policies of their own government.

Millions who are not fending off repossessions, find their homes worth less than their mortgages. The swaggering middle class confidence of yuppie days has long gone. Many are being forced by redundancy back into the class from which they thought they'd escaped. All are perplexed that it is their government that is doing this to them.

All this might be tolerable if the fabric of society around them remained stable and secure - but it seems to Mr and Mrs Daily Mail that this fabric is disintegrating.

### SCARED

Fear of crime now rules the timetables of these people's lives. They are horrified by Cider drinkers and homeless beggars who turn shopping trips into major headaches. These are the same people clamouring for the forthcoming dole cuts for the "workshy" but they will be scared shitless when it results in more burglars and street harassment.

Tory voters world is populated by unmarried mums with rude uncontrolled children and a daily tut-tutting of the "we wuz poor but never rioted" bus queue anecdote.

They want these people kept away from contact with their lives. They want more prisons, larger sentences and madmen back in the lunatic

asylums. Yet they don't want to pay a penny on the tax for it.

### FEROCIOUS

Thatcher gave these people confidence as a class. At the same time our own class was subject to a ferocious assault resulting in working class confidence being continually undermined.

But the times they are a-changing. The confidence of Tory voters is plummeting like a stone. Never have the venerable institutions that bind their loyalty to the state

guns to all politicians, justifying it's right to investigate their private lives.

All this further undermines the confidence of the middle class, who have based their lives around these pillars of the establishment. We rarely talk of the morale of our class enemy and in Class War we prefer to emphasise the resistance around our class.

Revolutionary moments often come in haphazard fashion, at the most unlikely and unexpected times. Too often revolutionaries fail to recognise this 'till they have become history failing to fit them into any pre-ordained theoretical framework.

### FULL STEAM AHEAD.

Is an insurrectionary opportunity so far distant as we suppose? Large sections of our class enemy are demoralised and the left is lost in history.

By contrast, our own class, this summer, in a series of riots from Southford to Hartcliffe has shown itself ready and willing to confront the forces of the state and give it a hiding!

The cops proved incapable of all their high-tech hot gear of taking on a few hundred kids in Barnley for five fucking days.

### OUR TERRITORY

They are scared of being lured into traps but whole estates the base of our class territory and power are becoming traps and no-g areas for them. Street style justice has been dispensed by grannies, grandchildren, kids and parents to anti-social elements driven from the homes in South Wales valleys and Bristol this summer.

The cops bottled when they turned up to protect the child molesters and pensioner batterers.

Our class is daily grabbing power on the estates. Let it continue through the autumn!

But what if all the estates and areas went up at the same time? The cops would not stand a chance. Now is no time to get disillusioned and sink into a state of apathy and helplessness.

We must put our class power to full effect in the areas we live in, declare our efforts independent of Tory rule. Revolution in the streets

**SO PUMP UP THE VOLUME !**



been under such attack or held in such low esteem - the judiciary, police, the monarchy and the marriage vows.

Worse still the Tory cabinet now undermines the sanctity of family life! David Mellor has an affair with an actress, brazened it out, and even gets the support of nice Mr Major.

And where is the example from the top? Not from the Royal family! Fergie is already shackled up with her new boyfriend, her dad is still getting quick knee-trembles in massage parlours. Our future king bonking away with Camilla Parker-Bowes while his anorexic wife tries to top herself.

All these goings on produce despair upon gloom for royalists who have kept the faith all their knee bending lives.

### THE BATTLE CONTINUES

How has this come about? The Sun, The Mirror and the other tabloids have done more to undermine the aristocracy and royal family than the left has ever done.

The Mirror produced a stunning 20 pages of cavorting scantily clad Fergie and not to be outdone, the Sun gave us the opportunity to listen to the sexily sqidgy Di's chatline tapes!

Now after the battle with the government over the Mellor affair, the Sun turns it's



# Out Of Order



The end of August saw in Rostock (formerly in East Germany), there was a pre-planned Neo-Nazi riot at a refugee centre.

The German state knew about it at least five days in advance, according to an immigrant officer in Rostock. They let it happen; the police

riot force, notorious for their efficiency in riot control against demos and riots, seemed powerless, a deliberate policy.

### KOHL CONTROL

Neo-Nazis have been used as a convenient excuse to bring in more draconian immigration controls, from the Kohl government. Mind you they're not the only ones, most

mainstream parties.

*They'll do anything to save themselves from blame, to pass the buck, for the shafting of the East German economy.*

East Germany is fucked! There's no doubt about that with unemployment at 50% in some areas, with inflation at 13%, massive rent rises, and mass de-industrialisation of the economy.

There is anger at the way the capitalist system has shafted them. The only way out for the system is to find scapegoat to turn their anger on. That's the so-called outsiders; not the bosses from the West who ripped them off, or the Neo-Nazis who want to use them to get some power, but the refugees, the least to blame.

Let us get one thing clear our class has many cultures, colours and ethnic origins. In Germany it is made up immigrant labour as well as those born there.

### CAPITALIST BASTARDS

We have a common identity because we have a common oppression from a common enemy - the capitalist system. If we don't have this common identity we'll be fucked as all our class militancy will be used on each other. The rioters were joined by locals, and locals welcomed the idea of 'ethnic cleansing' from their city. Class anger will not be a

progressive force in Germany if this racism is not destroyed.

### TRAITORS

As for the fascists, they are nothing but class traitors. The ruling class use all sorts of weapons to divide and rule us. Creating and supporting fascists within our class has always been an effective way of fucking up the class war.

We don't care whether they hospitalised coppers and rioted, these are scummy scabs who'll attack ANY section of our class. It'd been good if the cops and the Nazis had killed each other. They're both power-mad bastards who want to shaft the working class.

*It's clear in Germany, like it's clear the world over. Either they go or we go. We'll need a CLASS WAR TO DEFEAT THEIR RACE WAR.*



# SELF DEFENCE

## THE DO'S AND DON'TS... A D.I.Y. GUIDE.

No amount of reform will attempt to change the essential tactic of the 'frame-up' in policing our society. All forms of criminal convictions from drunken disorderly to murder to drugs possession, have been results of frame-ups.

The police look at themselves as some kind of street-cleaner; cleaning the streets of the undesirables - that means the likes of you and me.

Until we get rid of the police and the class system which needs them to protect itself, we will have to defend ourselves against frame-ups; and when we fightback for real change, we'll break their laws which are meant to curtail our anger and divert it into pointless reforms.

### TIPS; WHEN BEING FRAMED

● DON'T make any statements to the police without a 'good' solicitor (there aren't many);

Legally all you have to do is give your name and address (you can't be charged for giving a false name and address), and say **NO COMMENT** to their questions.

● Make sure your solicitor gets all your defence together; have the case run the way YOU want it - don't plead guilty against your will;

and if your solicitor is not prepared to accuse the police of lying and fabricating evidence, then sack him/her, and find someone who will.

### WHEN FIGHTING BACK:

Up and down the country the filth is being fought in our own territory; they are anxious to regain this territory and make people pay for the fightback through imprisonment and impoverishment through fines; **WE NEED TO ORGANISE OUR DEFENCE IN THE STREETS AND IN THE COURTS:**

**DEFENCE CAMPAIGNS TO DEFEND THOSE UNFORTUNATE TO BE NICKED.**

Such campaigns need to be controlled by and for defendants, and those who want to help, from their communities. These campaigns have a goal; getting people off completely or with lighter sentences/fines. They should not be allowed to degenerate into a front for some lefty group.

### FIRST STEPS:

Arrange a **DEFENDENT'S MEETING**, to suss out the way people want to run the campaign; details of defendants, etc. On most estates, people tend to know who got arrested, but always make sure that the community knows about the meeting and every body knows everyone else in the meeting (beware of plain clothes cops).

Set up a **WORKING GROUP** of volunteers and defendants willing to take on the bulk of the work. A base is needed with a telephone and a contact address (or P.O. Box), such as a local community centre, etc.

Defendants need reliable and capable **SOLICITORS**, which need to be checked for reliability and have a good record. Incompetence could

mean years inside. If solicitors are unsatisfactory (duty solicitors should be changed), they need to be changed.

The working group will need to make up **DEFENDENT FILES** (containing details of defendants like witness statements to support the case, solicitors names, bail and remand conditions, court dates, etc.);

**WITNESS FILES** are vital to build strong defences; leaflets and door-to-door contact is needed to find out witnesses prepared to make statements and appear in court for the defence; witnesses names and addresses, defendants it relates to and statements, should be filed. This is very important, especially if there loads of witnesses and defendants.

**PRISONERS ON REMAND;** Whilst others may get bail, many are likely to on remand; a defence campaign needs to challenge the decisions in the court to refuse bail, if possible - get the solicitors to work on it. Remand prisoners need support (moral and financial).

**PRISONER SUPPORT** is vital whether it is for remand or convicted prisoners; practical, moral and financial support is a vital form of solidarity. Being locked up affects people in different ways, but most people appreciate support.

All this practical support needs money. **FUNDRAISING** could decide the fate of a campaign. Money raised could be diverted into the following:

Help paying fines.  
Paying **SURETIES (BAIL)**.  
**FAMILY SUPPORT** (many families will need



financial support to support their relatives, etc.).

**PRISONER SUPPORT:** help financing visits, stamps, books, newspapers for prisoners.

### BUILDING A DEFENCE CASE

- **EVIDENCE** in the following forms;

- Witnesses from the estate.
- Written statements.
- Film and photographic evidence (solicitors can liaise with the enemy (the cops) to legally obtain what they've got on film.
- Press evidence.
- There needs to be a reconstruction of events, from all available evidence to support defence cases.

These are no total blueprints for campaigns, many would vary according to the different situations, circumstances and resources we would have in our communities. These have been learnt in struggles such as the **TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENCE CAMPAIGN**, and various defence campaigns and prisoner support projects which communities have initiatives. **WE NEED TO ORGANISE AGAINST AN ORGANISED STATE.**

Contact:

**A.B.C.,  
121 RAILTON RD,  
BRIXTON,  
LONDON.**

### 10 TOP RIOTING TIPS

Hide your identity, don't wear anything too "loud".

Dark, inconspicuous clothing makes sense, especially if it's going on at night.

Hats, scarfs or t-shirts pulled over your head. Hide your face.

Leave anything with your I.D or address at home.

Shoes you can run in might be a life saver.

Know the area as best you can, or stay with people who do.

Beware of anyone taking photos. The cops have been known to pose as media and nick people after from photo evidence.

Split and regroup as necessary. Keep one step ahead of the bastards!

Watch out for your mates, and they'll watch out for you.

Enjoy yourself!



The aerodynamics lesson: bricking the cops.





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## DIG THIS!

Dear Class War,

The recession is so bad that rich southerners have had to come to a shit-hole like **Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent**, to proclaim its garden to the nation. But what the National Trust has failed to say on TV programmes covering The Grange Garden, (originally a rich man's property), is that it was a National Health Service hospital until last year.

### RIPPED OFF

Despite local protests, the hospital was shut in 1991...but its garden was 'reopened' to the public at a mere £3.50 a go!

The injustices of the class system, careers for the rich at the expense of the poor, the oppressed, the sick and their nurses and doctors, can be seen in Stoke today.

You can feel the rat of capitalism scratching and biting at your back.

The government message is clear: getting paid to open a garden is more important than working class people's health. Worse still, if you speak out locally, they scream at you to shut up, and tell you to 'appreciate the garden'.

A revolution would be easy at present. All we need is a leader. We don't need any more reasons.

Yours in revolution  
Sushi Levi

*O.K., you don't have to look very hard to find examples of Capitalists screwing it all up for us. Get out of the Cities and the bastards have poisoned the land and stuck up "No Trespassing" signs everywhere. Back in the towns, they're tearing down anything unprofitable to replace them with something that is, even token patches of green.*

*Sure, there are plenty enough reasons for revolution, but the last thing we need is a "leader" to show us the "chosen way", to lead us up the path. 'Cos we know at the end of it, they'll be ripping us off, the same as the others have, to get back whats ours already. We don't need that, and we can do it without them*

## RIOT AT ROYATE

In the last issue (No 55) we reported about the local fightback in Bristol's Royate Hill.

So great was the fuss being made by residents over the prospect of a local nature spot being "developed", that it appears that the local Council had to get off their arses and do something for once. They are backing the local residents to get the embankment designated as a wildlife reserve.

### TOUGH

Beechgold, the developers, lost their bid to the Environment Secretary to obtain planning permission and if all goes well in court in

a few months they will have to sell the land to the council. Beechgold paid £375000 for the land in 1989 but they will get only £20 000 if they're lucky, which is what it is worth without planning permission.

### QUESTIONS

The question we ask is "Would the council have been so 'green' if it wasn't for the residents fighting back against the contractors?"

Or would they have happily let it go ahead, hoping no one would notice?

As for Beechgold Developments the directors have been unavailable for comment as they are on holiday! Let's hope it becomes permanent.



## CLIFF HANGER

You've heard of people organising a mass trespass to enforce their rights to walk in the countryside - how about a mass rock climb?

Rock climbers organised a direct action campaign recently to get access to four

miles of cliffs at Castle Martin in Pembrokeshire, on land owned by the Ministry of Defence.

### BANNED

The climbers are angry that the MOD has allowed ramblers and bird-watchers to walk on the land next to the

cliffs but has selectively banned rock-climbing.

### TWO FINGERS

The climbers gave two fingers to the ban by simply walking across a firing range to get to the cliff tops, and last October, 50 of them held a mass protest climb.

Their direct action has made the ban pointless and the MOD is now talking about allowing rock-climbing officially.

### OWN RULES

Meanwhile, the rock-climbers are still ignoring the ban and are using the cliffs according to their own environmentally friendly rules (for example - a voluntary ban on climbing while sea-birds are nesting) so that local wildlife isn't harmed.

### TELLING 'EM

More and more people are getting tired of the money grubbers and those in power fucking it up for the rest of us, be it making the sea too filthy to swim in, or just telling us where we can't go.

And more people from groups like **Surfers Against Sewage**, to climbers and cyclists and people wanting to get out of the smog filled cities, are rightly telling the power holders where to stick it.

Onward and upward, comrades!



## TAKING A LEAK

The dry summer is causing problems for water companies all over, but in the South in particular.

Some of them have recently had their river abstraction licences taken away for taking too much water and causing stretches of river to run dry.

### SAVE IT...?

While the water companies continue to up their rates, increase their profits, and tell us all not to water the gardens (if we've got 'em), they could solve their problems by saving water.

They could start by fixing all the broken pipes that leak away 25% of the water supplied nationally. A nice, sensible idea - but it wouldn't improve their profits would it?

The water companies would rather force us to save water, and add to their profits at the same time, by installing water meters.

What this means for working class families was demonstrated when all homes in Jersey were fitted with water meters as an

"experiment". Sure, water consumption dropped; but for many families taking a bath regularly or washing their clothes, became unaffordable "luxuries".

At a penny a litre, going to the bog can no longer just be called spending a penny. More like 16p per flush!

Of course, the water company didn't give a toss - it's profits were keeping up very nicely thank you. When he was interviewed on the telly, the Jersey water company's boss as good as said it didn't matter that working-class families had to suffer!

### NO GOING BACK

It's a sound idea to save water because it protects the environment - but not at the cost of sending working-class people back to the standards of the 19th century.

We're already forced to cut back on using gas and electricity because we can't afford it - we're not having the indignity of doing without water as well.

If anyone's fiddled or sabotaged water meters successfully, write in to **Class War** and tell us how you did it - we could all use the information.

### HOT WATER

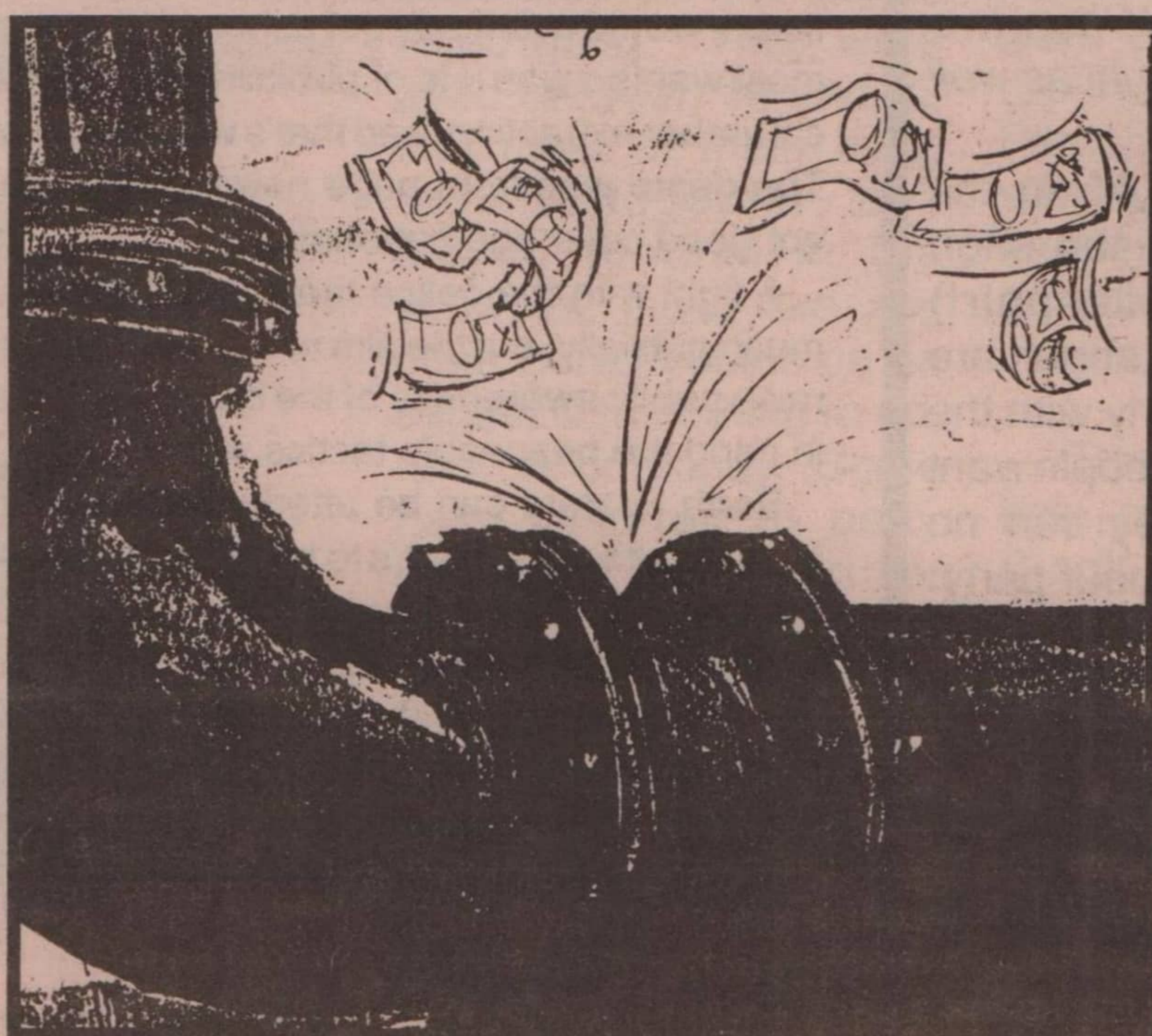
By privatisation in 1989, leakage in the U.K. reached 3027 million litres a day...

more than the daily total supplied by the whole of Thames Water!

Between 20 and 39% of water in the national supply is "lost".

This costs some £7360 million per year nationally.

Recently, the water bosses awarded themselves upto 300% pay rises .. money down the drain.





# LETTERS



## when THEY break the law

Dear Class War,

Although the paper is very informative, one thing I've noticed to be missing is an in-depth article on workers' rights regarding the law. I'll start by telling you about my work, and bear in mind, this is not a back-street factory - this is one of the most well known high street stores!

In the past and present they have used measures such as:

- letting workers' work up to a quarter hour unpaid,
- approving wage freezes which went through after the local GMB union refused to resist (the "freeze actually worked out as an £8 a week CUT).
- employing scabs from Employment Action and similar slave labour schemes.

Any offence to CW reading EA'ers is entirely intended - you are playing their game and putting other workers out of jobs.

It's surely time for Class War to do a big feature on THE LAW, and what to do about it when THEY break it. So why not start dedicating space in each issue to various cases where the likes of us think we're on a losing battle, and how we went about getting justice?

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## FOR WILLIAM FOR JUSTICE

Dear Class War,

Some months ago I received a copy of your paper. I was overwhelmed to see that the people in Class War joined me in my anger over the vicious murder of my son William O'Hara. Enclosed with the paper was a letter from a person with "good intentions", to this person I send my love and thanks and the go-ahead to find the murdering pig who took away my son's life.

Willy was a boy who loved life, he got on with anyone, never meant anyone any harm and carried no malice. The police scum here think they have got away with the murder of Willy. The streets have gone too quiet, I want them to suffer the same way I am suffering night and day. During the night if a noise awakes me I pray it is my William. Then the reality hits me that some State rich murdering bastard took Willy's life, and this thing that wears a uniform and becomes a god is probably asleep in it's furnished, bought pig sty.

Willy is gone, I can't get him back but I can hopefully get justice. To date the Garda still have the clothes that my son was murdered in. Why I ask myself are these being held? Perhaps the pigs have a museum to show off their handy work.

*Following William's death my house was constantly watched by the scum. My other son was attacked and coshed by the Garda and ended up in the very same ICU [intensive care unit] that my William died in. He now suffers from deep depression and like his sisters' and older brother, he wants someone to pay.*

William was in a stolen car. They passed a law car which didn't stop them but radioed ahead to another car, a pig lay in wait and deliberately threw a concrete slab at the car. William took the full force of the slab. He passed away after nine days in a coma on the 29th January. He had severe head injuries. The slab had shattered my boy's skull and fragments scattered into his brain. No-one has been caught for this murder. Instead of headlines of murder in our local paper, the headlines read "Joyrider Killed".

I will never rest until something is done, hopefully the readers of this letter will lend their support. Once again I thank the publishers of Class War and the person with "best intentions".

I can't have my William back but please god can I have some pay-back. In memory of my beloved son, **William O'Hara, 9th August 1970 - 29th January 1992, Age 21.** My anger will never rest.

**Yours Sincerely, Mrs Norreen O'Hara, Ireland.**

## seeing the light

Dear Class War,

Like a lot of people I know, I was completely gutted by the election result. I understand all the arguments about Labour and the Tories being the same, but I still feel that emotional attachment to Labour. At least by voting Labour, people are not voting Tory - and are showing some sign of dissatisfaction with the way things are.

*But now a few weeks after the election, I am thinking a lot more rationally! Labour never presented any real alternative to the Tories so what's the point in voting for them? When two things are the same you might as well choose the devil you know.*

The election result should, in the long term (as opposed to the short term depression and despair!) strengthen our position. Labour are now unelectable, particularly with the new boundary changes. If people want to change something, they can no longer do it through the Labour party. The parliamentary road to change is now completely blocked - not that it was ever really open in the first place. That old argument of "if we want to change things we can only rely on ourselves" is now truer than ever. Lets go for it!

**In Solidarity, NB,  
London**

## there is hope

The article on the Earth First! (EF!) demo in Liverpool, and the letter that followed, were both distortions of what happened.

The local EF! group knew bloody well the timber would eventually get ashore. What they most wanted was lots of publicity about tropical timber extraction, and that's what they got. The demo was front page news locally, and got good coverage nationally.

A fight with the police may have gotten as much publicity, but the aim of the demo was to raise public awareness of the issue. With that in mind the peaceable tactics were right.

Earth Firsters can be utterly naive in their political attitudes. That's to be expected given their middle class backgrounds.

Earth Firsters have a lot of shortcomings, but who knows? With the right amount of experience, and enough confrontations with the law, a few of them might drop the pacifism and start getting into really effective political action.

**Carol, Liverpool**

## it's a stick-up

Dear Class War,

Standing at a bus stop in St. Albans the other day, I couldn't help but notice your sticker - "*if we live in a classless society, how come were waiting for a bus*" etc etc. I like it!! As a pensioner, I'm always waiting for buses, so if you've any stickers to spare - a 100 or a 1,000, it doesn't matter, I'll stick them at every bus stop I'm waiting at.

This Tory government are not only wankers but a rotten shower of arrogant bastards as well, with greed their only incentive. Send on the stickers and any others you may have and yours truly will do the rest.

**Yours Sincerely,  
A.Pensioner**

## THIS IS CLASS WAR!

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is an organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on power and wealth. The ruling class, who are supported by the middle class, and the working class. Such a society is the cause of all the problems experienced by working class people the whole world over.

*This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class: This is class war.*

Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems that they experience; using direct action against the institutions and individuals that cause them. There is NO alternative. Violence is a necessary part of the class war - but as mass class violence, out in the open. Not elitist terrorist actions.

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

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

Above all, the CLASS WAR FEDERATION believes that politics is life, and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called 'revolutionary left'. Politics must be fun; it's a part of everyday life and must be able to take the piss out of itself.

## OUR AIM

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

## WHAT WE DO

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

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## BOTTOMS UP

Dear Class War,

Upon reading the 'Only One "F" In Oxfam' letter in CW 55 I noticed the term P.R. being used as the only way to get socialism into this country. As a nurse I know that this means - Per Rectum. Does this mean the Liberals are talking through their arses?

**Bill, Derby.**



# ON THE STREETS, IN THE AREA.



The last Class War Federation conference saw the decision taken to organise a summer speaking tour, with a guest speaker from the recent Los Angeles riots, (author of last issues much acclaimed centre spread).

The interest generated amongst revolutionaries and militant working class by the riots, was good enough incentive to organise such a tour. An opportunity for people to hear the real facts, to relate them to their own situation and have their say.



This was central to the tour. The tour would visit inner city communities and estates, where there had been riots in the past, or areas where there was likely to be in the future.

Kicking off, the tour

stopped at the Mount Rise Estate, Devonport in Plymouth. Meeting in the Guildhall, it was a great success that attracted a wide range of people from the community, with people from outside the "political" scene.

The meeting came complete with a police riot 'battalion' (we kid you not) which surrounded the hall, plus the usual media hacks who blame Class War for anything and everything slightly dodgy or subversive in the U.K. today!

Moving North, the tour stopped at Sheffield and Liverpool and the Miners Gala at Durham.

A Leeds meeting planned, had to be cancelled because the guest speaker was unable to attend - SORRY.

But the prospect of the meeting alone generated a lot of interest within Chapeltown; something to be

built upon at a further date? (Get in touch!)

There was also a meeting planned at the Odsall Estate, Salford, Manchester. The estate has been a battleground between residents and cops for years; we have a number of long-term supporters there.



The community battled with them only weeks before the meeting, so Salford District Council, getting a little edgy about the whole affair, took out an injunction keeping CLASS WAR or any named organisation off any of its property. The letter was delivered by the cops themselves.

This was a minor blow to the tour, but an even bigger blow to those interested on the estate. An opportunity to

discuss their own fightback, was gagged by the law.

People from the estate, pissed off with the move, decided to organise a demo and marched on the police station.

Moving down south, to Bristol, the Hartcliffe Estate, on the edge of the city, had

Links with interested supporters on the estate had been developed well before any of the "trouble".

While the press played down any link between Class War and rioters in Bristol, in the London area the press was going mental.

First the 'up-market' rag

The London Standard, then that bastion of objective journalism, the Hackney Gazette got in on the act (see inset); whilst the Daily Star ran the headline "YANK YOBBS, TRAIN OUR RIOT MOBS".

This sort of hysterical journalism prompted the likes of Brian Sedgemoore MP to call for the round up of all our so-called "YANKEE MOBS", to be

with Special Branch, trying to inquire about prosecuting Class War under the Public Order Act!

Around the meetings of London, the powers that be, were obviously still so nervous about the spectre of the P.C Blakelock killing, it was as if we were selling engraved machetes. Mind you it's an idea for the merchandise page!

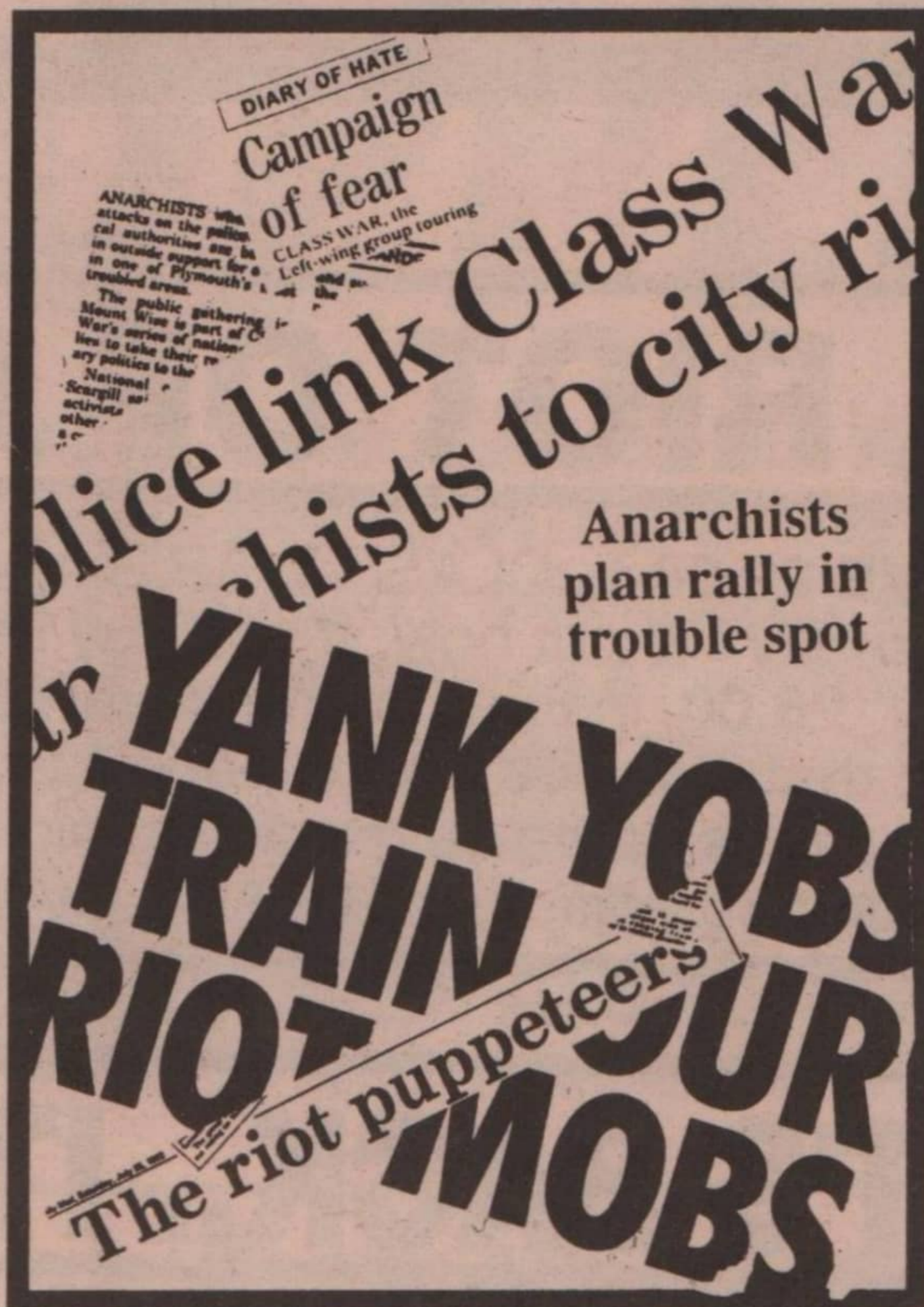


Tottenham, Brixton, Hackney and the Blackbird Leys Estate will have marked the final leg of the tour, rounded off with a rally in London, drawing on all the new contacts developed out of the tour.

The aim now is to bring together our collective ideas on how we can become more organised and sussed in our daily resistance.

This tour has been a success which can be built upon.

THERE IS POTENTIAL IN OUR RESISTANCE - WE FEEL IT CAN GET BIGGER AND BETTER.



also rioted some weeks before the planned rally.

Class war didn't start the riots, and didn't choose Hartcliffe as a result of the riots.

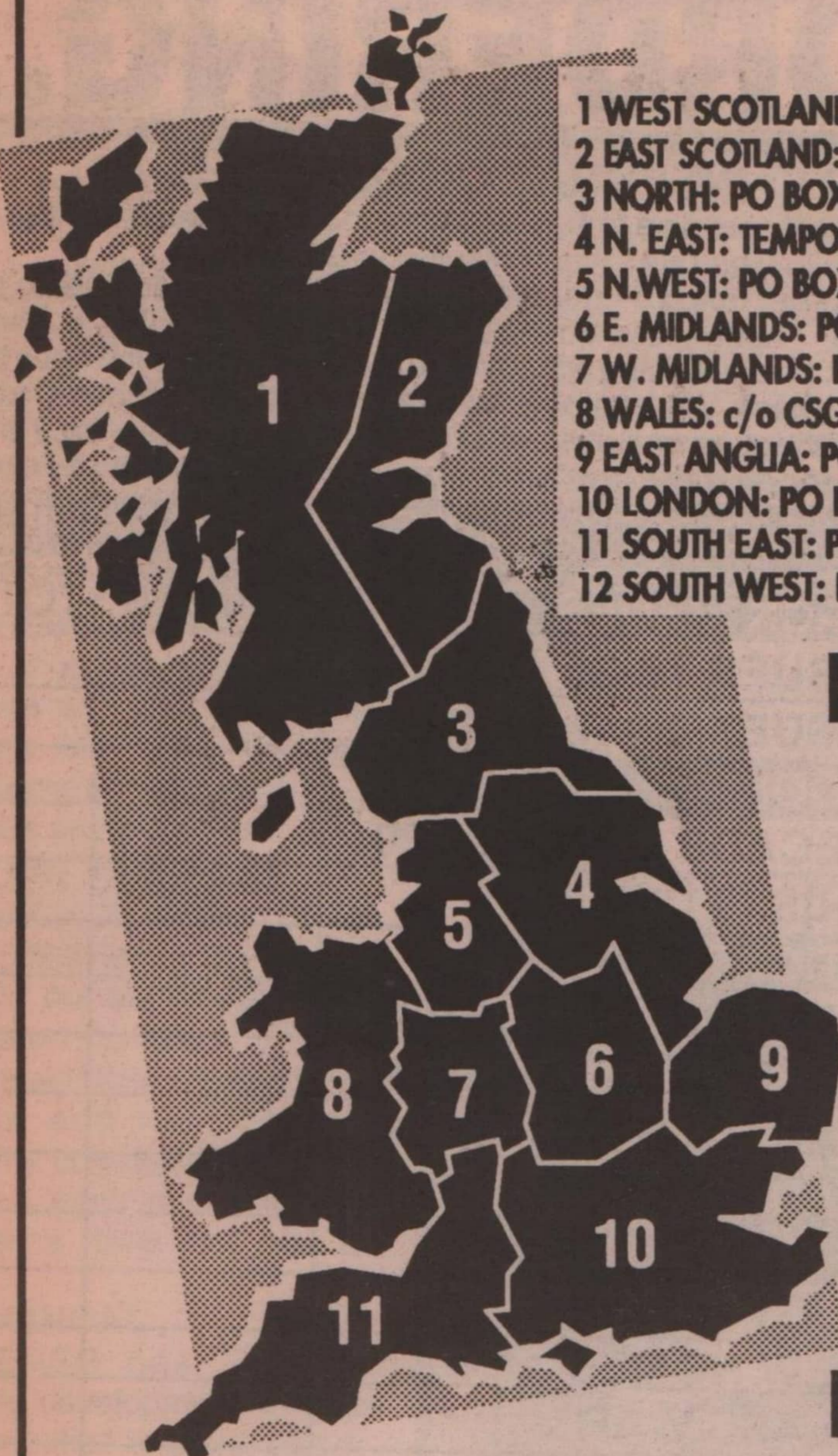
deported!

Meanwhile, Hackney top cop, Chief Inspector Ken 'none of my boys are corrupt' Day, got in touch

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**"CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS..."**

The Class War Federation believes in working class, anti-capitalist education, agitation and organisation. Not lead by big mouths or intellectuals speaking down to us from on high. But from a politically aware and active class struggle movement.

It's easy to become cynical. Following the massive firepower unleashed in the Gulf to the rising tide of fascism of Europe is revolution just toy-town politics as Kinnock said?

WE THINK NOT. While the superpowers leading the new world order are rocked by class violence unleashed in it's own urban areas, in Germany massive strikes succeeded in paralysing the country.

These are just two of numerous recent examples of the will to fight back from our class.

Capitalism is truly global and (with the odd notable exception) has been on the roll for the past 200 years. But, as has been shown, it is also fragile. It is entering deeper into crisis.

But it's not about to self destruct - which is why we're asking YOU to join the movement to topple all those who now do (and those who if given the chance would) try to lead us from above.

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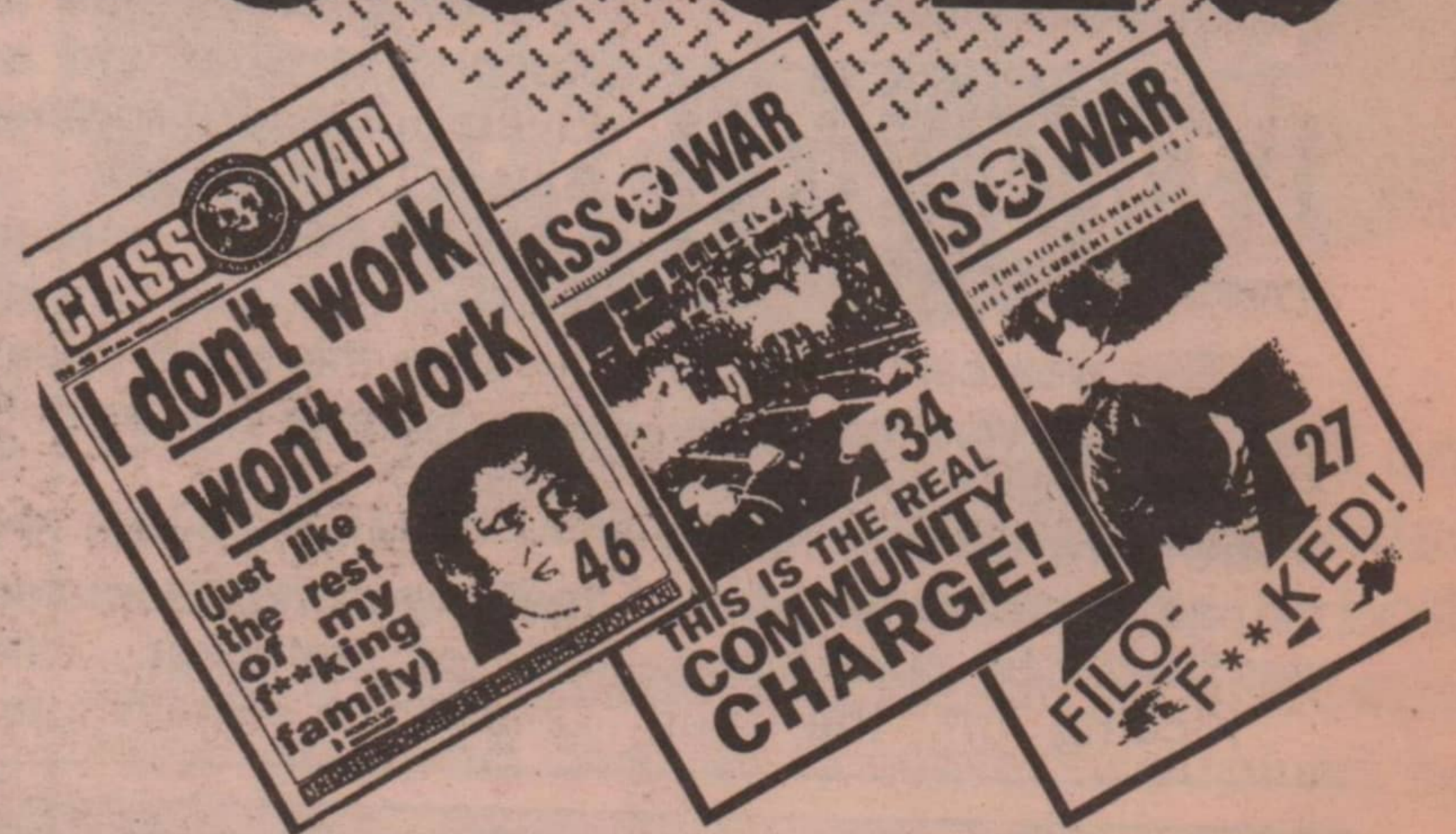
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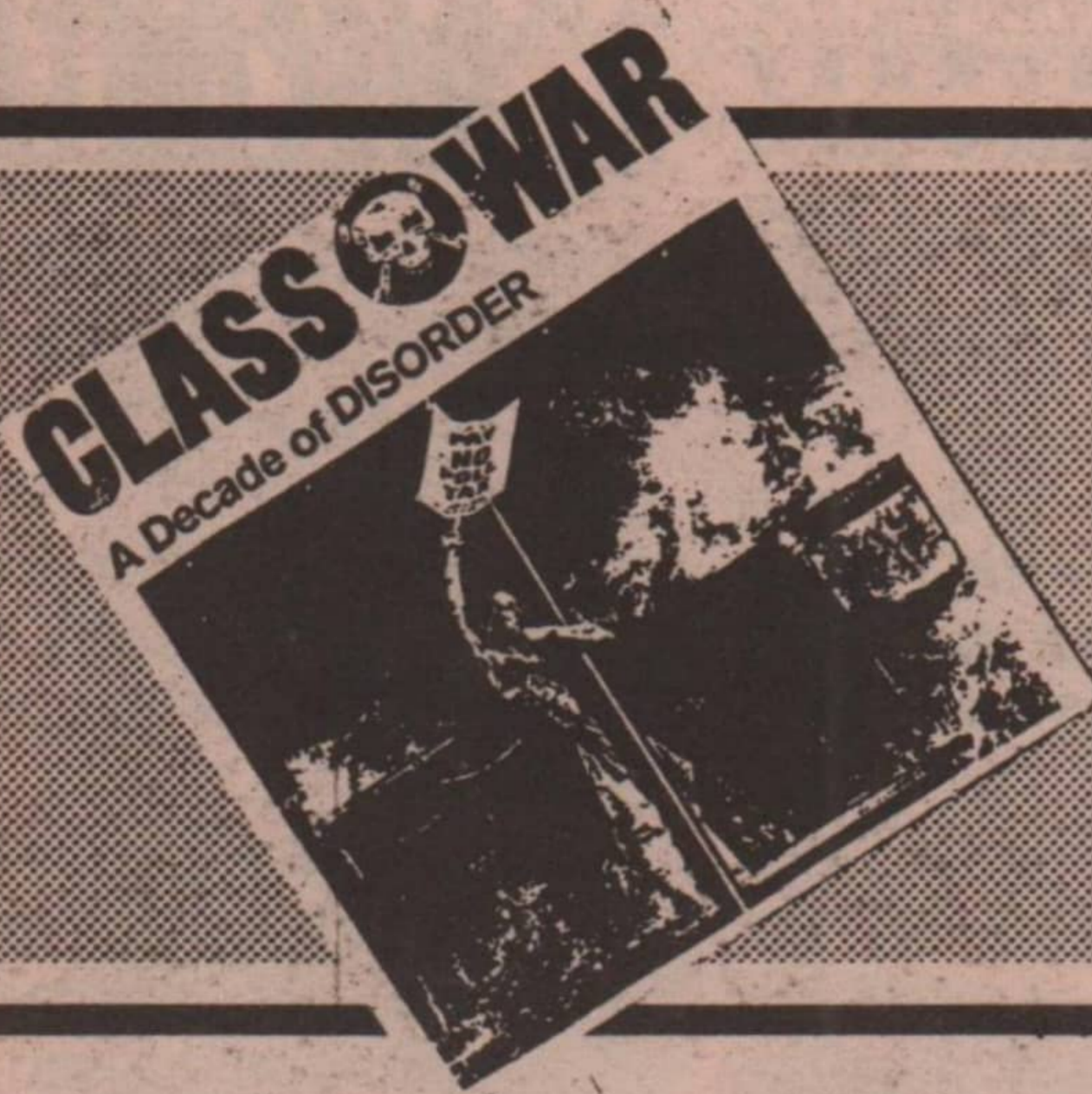
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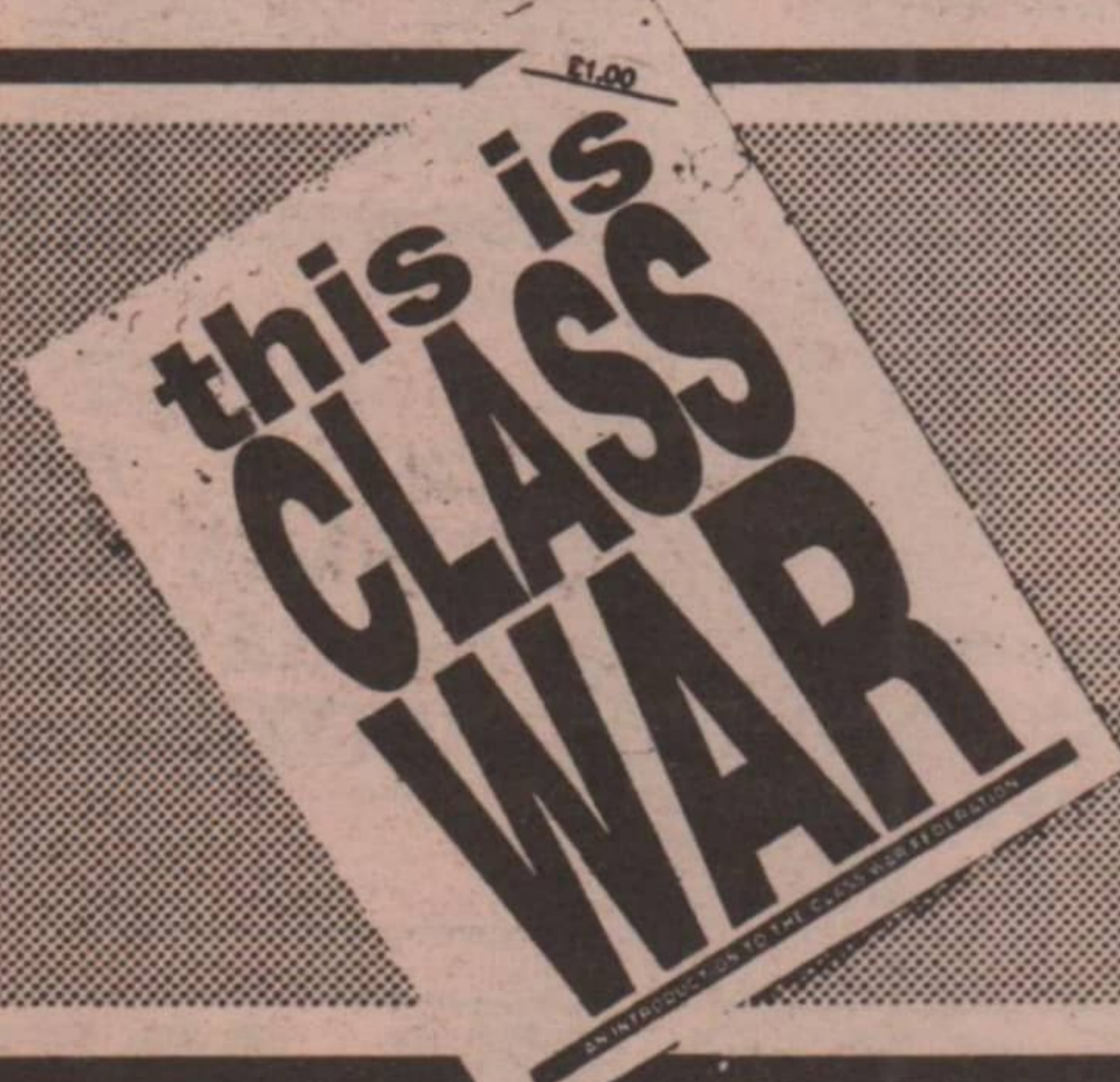


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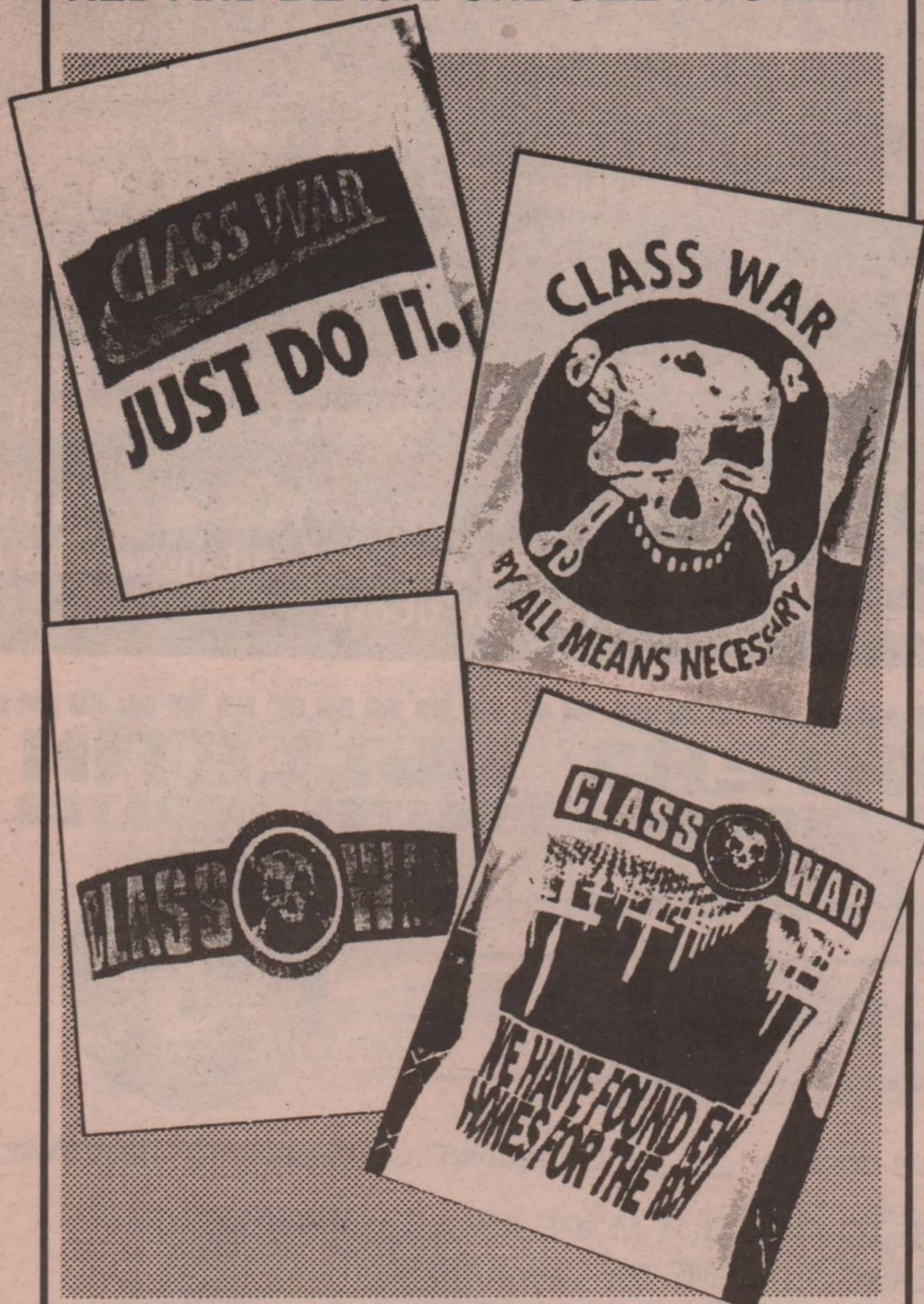


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# VINYL

## THE 25th OF MAY Lenin & McCarthy (Arista 12" LP)

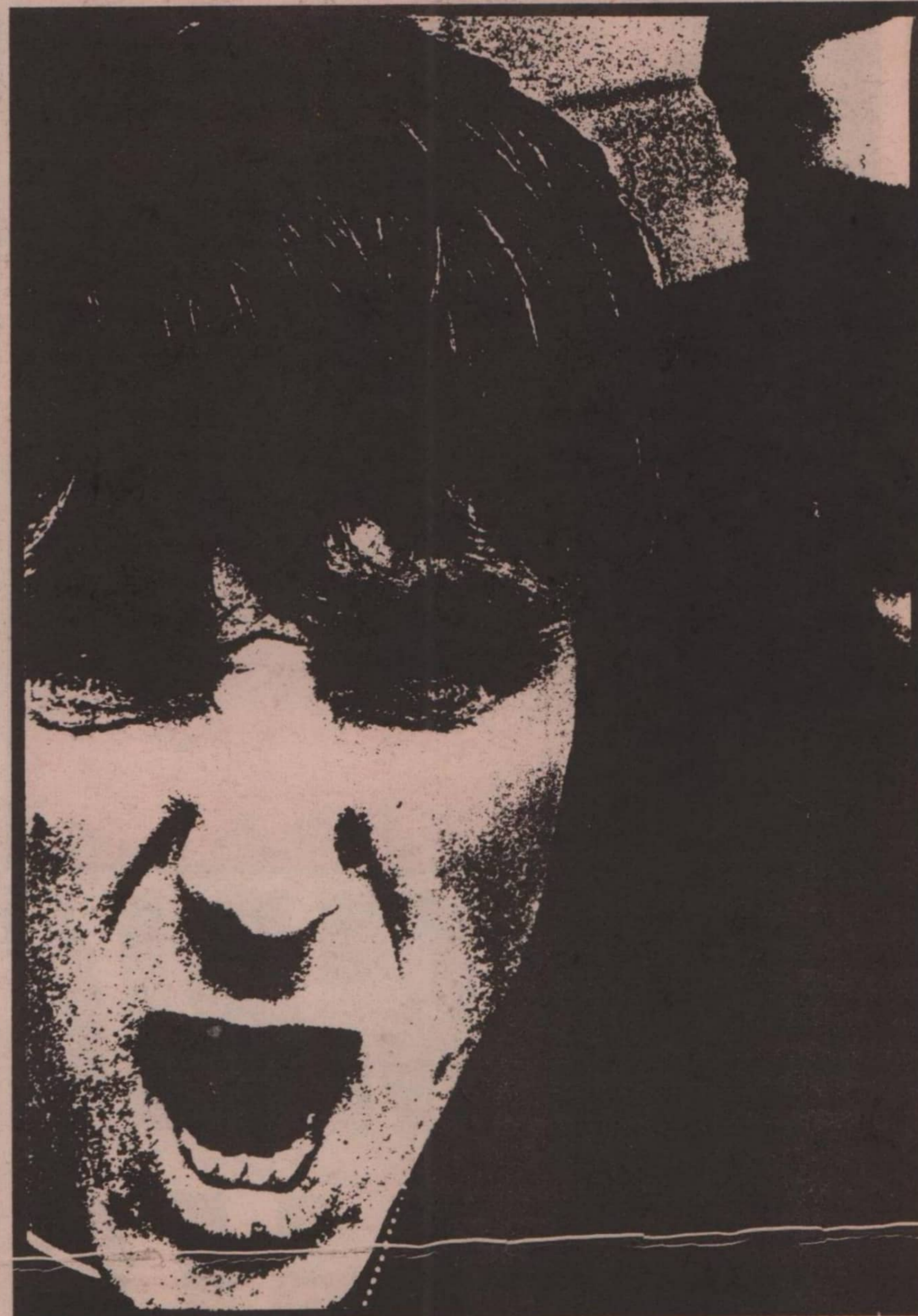
As expected, 25 of May have come up with a powerful, gut wrenching LP full of class anger, intelligent lyrics and great dance music.

Sampling from everyone, from The Who to Jello Biafra and cutting in sections of television news, Swindell's words weave in and out of the rock/house/hip-hop breaks suggesting they've cribbed not from white rock'n'roll's indie guitar throwbacks but from black American rap.

The attitude, context and lyrics are spot on. The mix is better than ever. The politics sound.

Hard-edged political dance music without the grey edges: no homophobic ego-boosting, just direct and classy pop, fuelled by hard-core dance.

From the emotional response to the Hillsborough disaster of "Why?" to the defiance of "Answer Back" and "Fuck The Right To Vote", this record captures what can be important and necessary



● The silver-tongued Steve Swindell about people creating entertainment which puts real politics into popular culture.

# SCREEN

## THE LAWNMOWER MAN

(Dir. BRETT LEONARD)

Glossy, well made Stephen King film which promises a fascinating romp through the future development of Virtual Reality and degenerates into a weedy (sic) and irrelevant bore.

Taking the central character (a muscle-bound bloke with "learning difficulties") and having him under the control of a god-fearing, whip-wielding priest, I'd hoped them film might create tension by expanding the relationship between them.

Unfortunately, the script goes for the lowest common denominator, cheesy computer graphics and a wholly unbelievable and uninteresting plot based on turning muscle-bound man into a genius.

The point being, of course, that everything goes terribly wrong and lots of people get

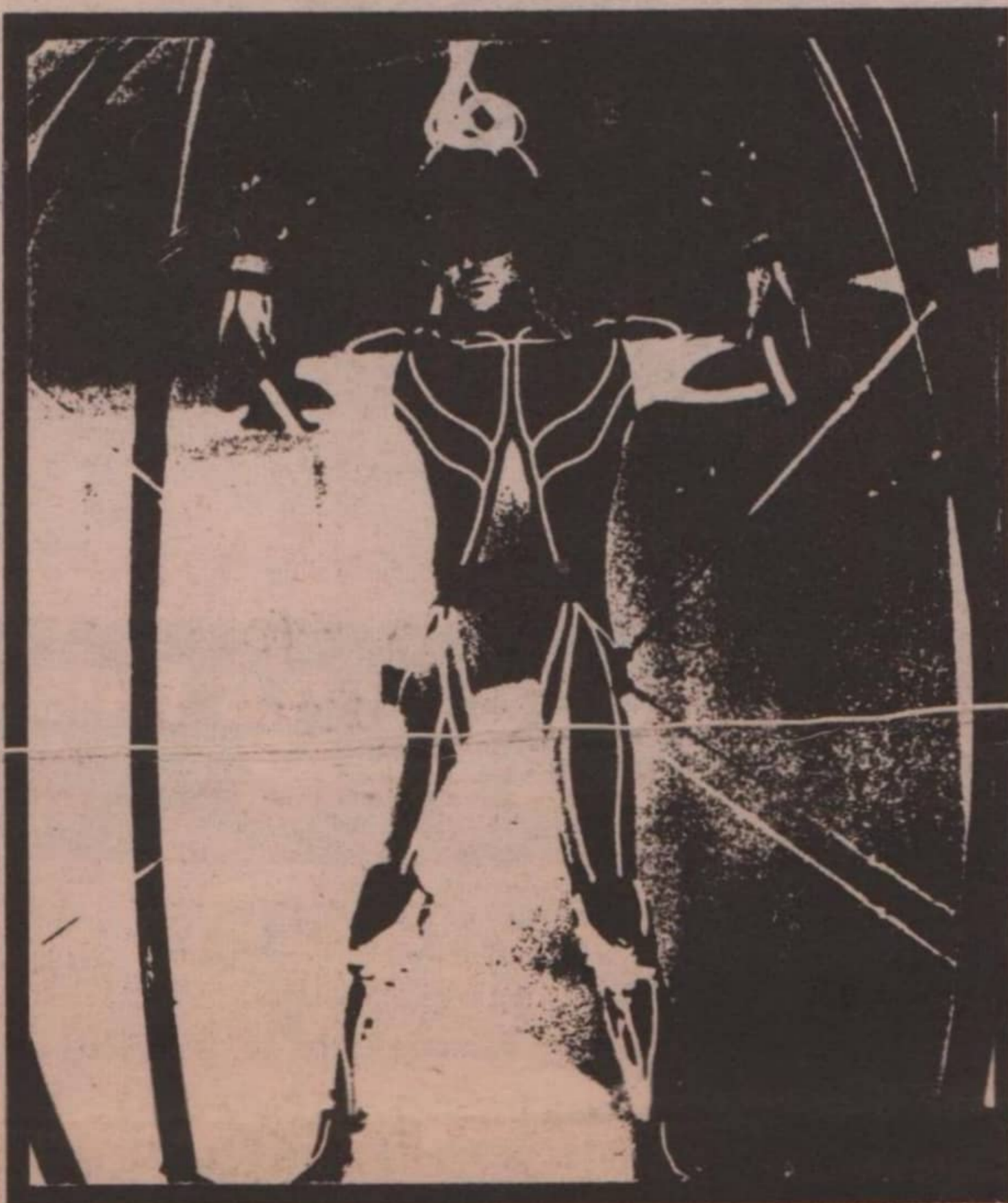
killed and you shouldn't tamper with god's creation. Blah, blah, pass me the sick

retribution on all those that preyed upon him before his "evolution", the condemnation rains down.

Certainly, the undercurrents of moralism are awash in this one.

Cliche heaped upon cliche, *Lawnmower Man* is an ignorant, insignificant and completely unmoving film.

*if the film's portrayal of virtual reality is anything to go by, I give it a miss... Reality is far more interesting.*



bag.

After leaving the portrayal of "cool scientist playing God with someone else's life" mentality unchallenged, the film rubs salt in the wound, when the unwitting guinea pig sharpens its teeth and seeks

Stephen King recently took the nitpickers of the film to court to have his name removed from any of it's publicity - he thought it was that bad.

culture on the world it's a part of, it's good to see someone writing sensibly about the rise and decline of punk not as a passionless diary but as a real analysis of the social and political ideas which gave birth to it.

And not another confused and ignorant sociology sleepwalking exercise either.... Excellent.

a glorious, uplifting, savage book which descends into crass, tasteless, sickening farce... but always pointed and direct.

"*Queer With Class*" is available for £5.00 plus 75p p&p from MS ED Promotions, PO Box 45, Manchester, M12 4EA.

## ENGLAND'S DREAMING - Sex Pistols and Punk Rock

(Jon Savage, Faber & Faber)

JUST RELEASED in paperback - a great book. Puts "punk" in it's right context, details the social collapse and the ego-wank music which prompted it, and tries to place Punk Rock and the Pistols in an on-going history of minor cultural revolutions.

Since we can't afford to ignore the impact of popular

## DEEE-LITE - Infinity Within

THERE'S A DISTURBING TREND within mainstream pop for musicians to turn, at some well chosen point, to the vagaries of liberal sentimental politics.

A self-inflating demonstration of the pop star's wish to have real value, to be IMPORTANT outside the sugary pap of the pop charts. Deee-Lite have entered the ranks with a vengeance.

Sure, this is an uplifting, soulful and optimistic record; that 70's funk brought to life and injected with spirit and buoyancy....

And then you hear the words. **Cringe factor 10:** "When you slurp your slurp in a dixie cup/always pick every piece of litter up/recycle cans, paper & plastic/call your politician, ask for it".

That's from a song called "I Had A Dream I Was Falling Through The Ozone Layer". There's a couple more "green" anthems with as much lyrical punch as a stuffed model of Sting, and even a short song exhorting us all to "Vote, Baby, Vote". Erm...don't think so. Sometimes people can make being a vacuous pop star quite entertaining, and it's a pity they have to spoil it by turning their half-baked, wishy washy consciences into songs.

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# IN PRINT

## QUEER WITH CLASS

The First Book of Homocult

(MS ED Promotions)

HOMOCULT, a class-based group of graphic terrorists, have packaged together their gutter-language statements, posters, leaflets and diatribes into one beautifully presented annual of queer outrage.

Coupling shock-tactic expletives with carefully chosen images, Homocult follow through their own "ultimate plan":

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# World of SPORT

## OLYMPIC i-DEALS

No sooner have the Barcelona Olympics finished before the Bosses in Atlanta, venue for the 1996 Games, have already started

raking in the cash! After managing to bribe and pay their way to hosting the so-called "amateur" games, Bill Payne (Chair of Atlanta's Organising Committee) has said that "the sponsorship of the 1996 Games will be the largest ever in the history of sport" and he's already got \$80 million from Sara Lee cakes and a national bank. Kodak have paid \$1,500,000 just to reserve 50 well-positioned billboards in Atlanta until 1996!

With more than \$488 million raised in sponsorship, \$516 million from marketing and \$416 from television rights the Barcelona Games have made colossal amounts of money for the rich, while the poorest parts of the city got bulldozed and their inhabitants were driven out of the city and harassed by the cops. You can count how much of Atlanta's 70% black population are going to get out of the Games on the fingers of one foot!

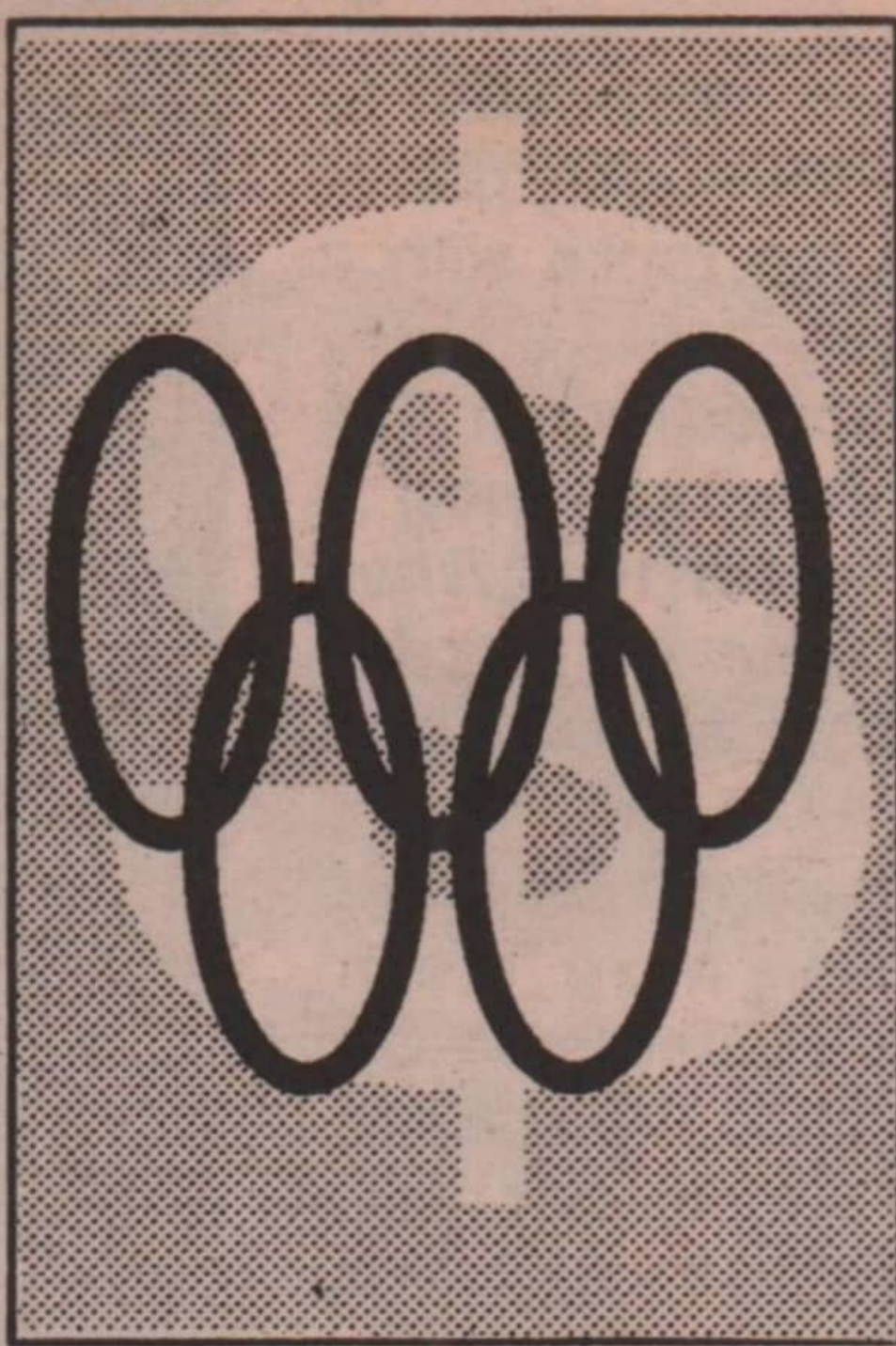
### MANIPULATION

The Games bear no relation to ideals and athletic ability any more, its a competition between rival trainer companies, Pepsi and Coca-Cola,

Mars bars and M&M's. Athletes are just there to parade their sponsor's logo to the 3.55 billion TV audience - a gold medallist is worth millions to the

company that provides all their kit. Individual competitors get manipulated and used, pushed into drug-taking in the pressure to perform, even the controversy over South Africa's

return was welcomed by Adidas, their sponsors, thanks to their extra exposure! The spectacle of the USA basketball "Dream Team" struggling



# CAN WE HAVE OUR GAME BACK PLEASE MISTER

This season should see more demonstrations by fans, as clubs mismanaged by overpaid chairmen and directors begin to feel the fans backlash. A good example was set by West Ham fans last season. People aren't happy with how clubs treat them, which was the general feeling at the end of last season, so its likely there will be more pitch invasions and occupations of Directors boxes. Last season a number of directors boxes were smashed up by angry supporters.

As a token appeasement some clubs are now talking with F.S.A (Football Supporters Association) representatives, but this is far from enough. They're obviously more interested in PR (stands for "Profits Rising!") than in consulting the fans. When were we ever asked us if we'd prefer to stand and cheer our team for three or four pounds, or pay double to freeze and get piles on plastic seats with the atmosphere of a dire straits concert.

### RIP-OFFS

They use the excuse of the Bradford and Hillsborough disasters (a direct result of their own failures of basic safety procedures) to act in their own interests and

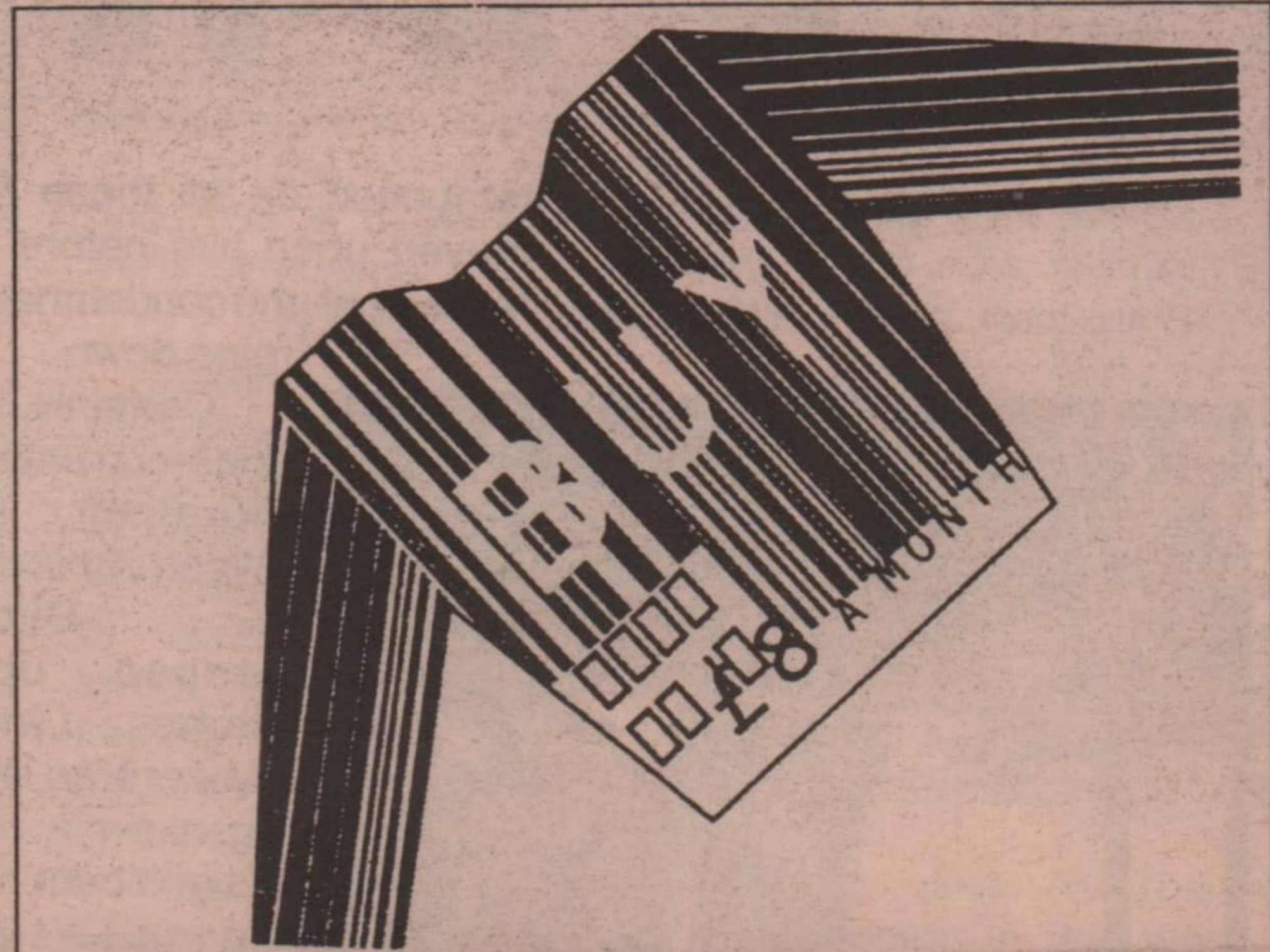
to cover up logo's on their tracksuits (Nike and Converse sponsor individuals like Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson, but the USA team is sponsored by Reebok) was just plain hilarious, and a sign of the way the Olympics have been heading.

### PROFITS

This is yet another example of the way

deliberately ignore the people who keep football alive. While the top clubs push up prices and con us with rip-off bond schemes pleading poverty, millions of pounds are blatantly thrown around on transfer fees as if we can't make the connection. Token changes are made to strips

sponsorship and satellite T.V. rights. This diversification of revenue sources enables them to make the Super League up-market, thus excluding many "troublesome" working class fans who can't afford the admission to games, but without denting their hefty profits.



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every season so they can make a killing on replica shirts and merchandising.

### ARROGANCE

Their complacency that people will dutifully turn up every Saturday to line their pockets has turned to arrogance, in as much as they don't care if people choose not to spend half their giros on admission to Old Trafford or Stamford Bridge. They can get their money to finance the Super League through

Capitalism takes over and exploits every aspect of our self-made culture: from football to fishing our sport has been taken out of our hands and turned into a profit-making scheme. The modern Olympics began as a hobby for the rich elite of Europe, with barely more than a few dozen competitors. Such was the enthusiasm of working class people across the

### POSITIVE

The positive side of this has been that real fans are realising they're getting ripped off, and are getting organised and angry. As a result there is less of the tribal supporter versus supporter violence, and much more anger directed towards footballs' so called "ruling bodies". This can only be healthy if we are ever going to get our game back.

world for sport at the turn of the century that the rich were swamped.

### FRANCHISES

At this point unscrupulous officials, Fascists and world leaders realised how much money, propaganda and prestige they could make from this international sporting spectacle. The international Olympic Committee is simply a

# COPS SHOPP

Now here's a quote: "Most hooligans at football matches seem to be in blue uniforms"...well we knew that, but this quote is from Inspector Richard Staniforth of the Wiltshire Constabulary! It seems that the cops are so obnoxious that they even piss each other off!

Being a bit of a football fan when he's not terrorising his local community, "honest" Dick has visited every League ground in the country, out of uniform. He got very upset when he was treated like scum by his chums policing the grounds. He complained that he was treated like an inferior being, looked down on and bullied by the cops. When he tried to take photos he was threatened with ejection at several grounds.

### BATTERED

Well now he knows what its like for the rest of us seven days a week, not just at football matches (although for some strange reason the scum in blue seem to be particularly miserable when faced with several thousand happy fans singing Kill the Bill!). What a shame Dick didn't follow the example of some his more class-conscious colleagues on the terraces and batter the offending bobbies. Go on Dick, make our day!

company that patented the Olympic Games, and has then proceeded to rake in the cash, selling franchises to cities round the world. The old story of sport being the way to riches for talented working class people has been turned on its head: sport is now the way the rich makes money out of working class talent.

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