

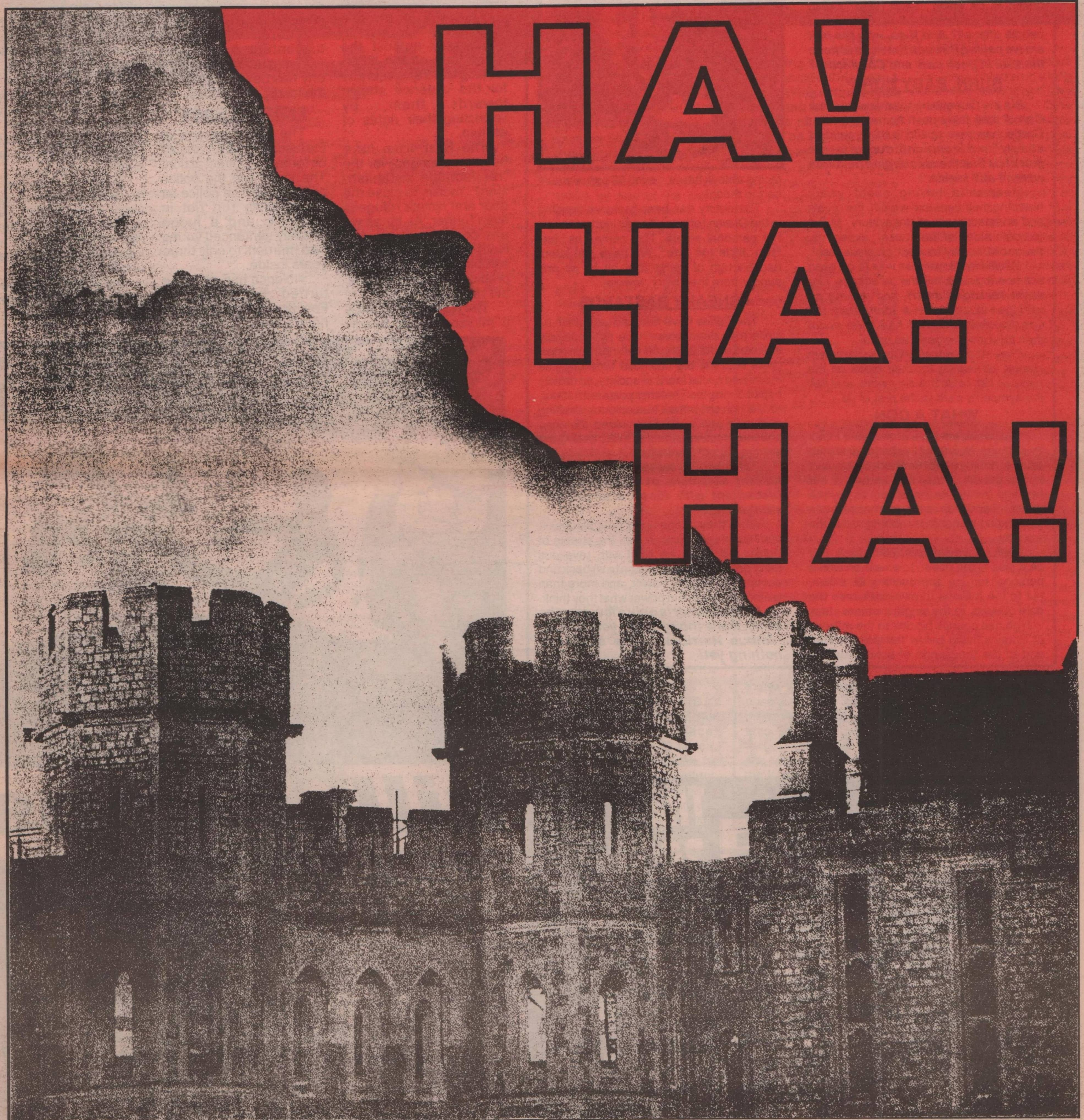
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# CLASS WAR

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# CLASS WAR



## ONE DOWN, THIRTY TO GO!

"ANNUS HORRIBLUS", which to the rest of us who never learnt latin means 'horrible year'. That's how the Queen described her last 12 months as "head of state" of England. Well, tough shit on her!

So, her loony family have spent the last year and more tearing at each others throats (*we wish them every success!*), quarrelling and bickering like school kids, while the Windsors press henchmen tried to dispel the rumours and hide the truth.

After all, how could the Royal family, a shining example of honesty and British decency, be going to the dogs? Could they really just be ordinary and decadent people after all? **And if so, why the hell are we paying through the nose to keep them all in posh cars and Corgi food?**

### BURN, BABY BURN

But the Queens headache worsened. One of their thirty posh homes, Windsor Castle, has been raised to the ground by a timely fire. **It is only unfortunate for the rest of us that the scrounging bastards weren't still inside.**

Meanwhile having spent years hoarding their personal wealth, the royals and an assortment of unsavoury M.P.s (on both sides of the house), expect us, the public, to pay for their carelessness!

While Her Royalness was to be seen scampering around the wreckage like some **deranged dwarf**, and making off with the valuables like a looter from the Los Angeles riots, that has been about their total involvement, as usual.

They left the House of Commons brown nosers, all fearing for their place on the honours list, to do the dirty work, and sell the sympathy card to the rest of us.

### WHAT A CON

But, while the Castle remained intact it was theirs. Now that it lies half demolished it has suddenly been returned to joe public to foot the bill. It may well be part of our heritage (more like theirs), but to pay the repair bill and then see it returned to those scrounging bastards is rubbing salt in the wounds.

**Well, no way Ma'am!** £60 million may be a piss in the ocean to a woman with a personal fortune approaching £6 billion, but to the millions thrown back onto the dole queues, to the single mothers stuck in high rise council blocks, to the millions of Britains living below the poverty line, and to the thousands of school leavers



facing a bleak future... even 60 pence would be too much!

The outcry has been massive, leading to the Queen "offering" to pay income tax on her personal estate. This comes as just **"too little too late"**. We have just about had enough of being shat on by all and sundry from their ivory towers.

### SNEAKY BASTARDS

The Tories have dumped us right in it, while they themselves have hypocritically sneaked about pulling off 'behind the scenes' deals with the big business fraternity. The moral and social fabric of society, so rabidly hyped during the Thatcher years is in tatters, as the rich show their true colours, shafting everyone and each other along the way, and they scuttling about like rats fleeing the sinking ship of Capitalism.

**Meanwhile, we've had one of the hottest summers of recent history. Discontent with those who pull the strings is rife.**

While they all line up for their places on the New Years Honours list, the streets of Britain will again be filled with revellous party goers, no longer willing to sit back and accept "no" for an answer, and more than willing to tell those in power what they think.

**Next summer is only a few months away. If she thought this year was an "Annus Horribilus", she aint seen nothing yet!**

# SCUM!

IT TOOK THE DEATH of a Turkish woman, her ten year old grand-daughter and her twenty year old nieces to prompt the German government to ban the violent neo-nazi Nationalist Front.

The German government has shown its outright hyphocrisy over the issue of refugees, racism, and the growing Neo-nazi movement.

### THE REAL PROBLEM

They talk on the one hand of defending democracy against the nazis, then on the other, making the refugees pay for the violence shown towards them, by restricting their rights of asylum.

The Nazi scum have been a scapegoat for the "respectable establishment" racists to close the door and isolate refugees even further. As far as we are concerned, it's the Nazis and the racist establishment that is the problem, not their victims, the refugees.

The Nationalist Front is a miniscule, but rabidly

violent organisation, and one that is easy to ban to quell public outrage. But they are just the tip of the iceberg, what about the bigger fascist parties, like the republican party that are now trying to appeal to the German middle class?

There are an estimated 40,000 neo-nazis in the whole of "united" Germany. Many have come from the former East, which has been ravaged by authoritarian communism and poverty tainted capitalism.

There, widespread discontent over mass unemployment and poverty has been hijacked by the nazis.

### FIGHTING BACK

The public outrage at the fascist activities, should be turned into direct action. The state and the police are neutral. The police let the fascists run riot in Rostock, and a judge recently sentenced young nazi murders to only three years inside.

Violence has got to be turned back on the Fascists. Turkish youths have justifiably taken up

arms in some communities to defend their lives and their homes.

### TIME FOR BATTLE

Anarchists in Germany have taken up the challenge to battle the Fascists on the streets, and support the refugees struggle against the injustice and violence.

**But violence is only a part of the fightback needed to stem the rise of fascism.**

The support that Fascists receive from the mainly alienated working class youth must be undermined, without this support they are nothing.

Militant anti-fascist action is no longer an option in Germany (or this country), as Hitler once said;

*"the only way that we could have been stopped was if we had been attacked and smashed at the beginning, by our enemies, with the utmost ferocity".*

**So there we have it, straight from the scum's mouth.**



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## killer cops

THE ABDULKADIR family fled to Britain from Somalia to escape from civil war and famine.

They must of thought they were safe living in Manchester. However three months later twelve year old Maalim was murdered by the police when they ran him over on a pedestrian crossing.

The cops immediately said that he vaulted over a railing into their path, eyewitnesses, including his brother who was with him, say otherwise. And given the cops history we have a good idea about who is lying.

Yet again the cops have killed an innocent person. Yet again fuck all will be done about it.

The police's function is to keep the rich in their place, the top, and us in ours, the bottom. If this involves killing a few of us now and then, either by running us over, shooting us, or beating us to death in a cell, then so be it. They couldn't give a toss.

It's a surprise that given the highly excitable state of the Greater Manchester Police at the moment they didn't go back and run the brother over, and claim they were both crack dealers!



● MURDERED; TWELVE YEAR OLD MAALIM.



# WHAT A CRACKER!



**"JUST CUT HERE...!"**

**RICH BASTARD, THE DUKE OF KENT, DRAWS THE LINE AND SHOWS US MORTALS HOW TO CARVE THE TURKEY AT CHRISTMAS!**

# CHITTY, CHITTY, BANGED UP

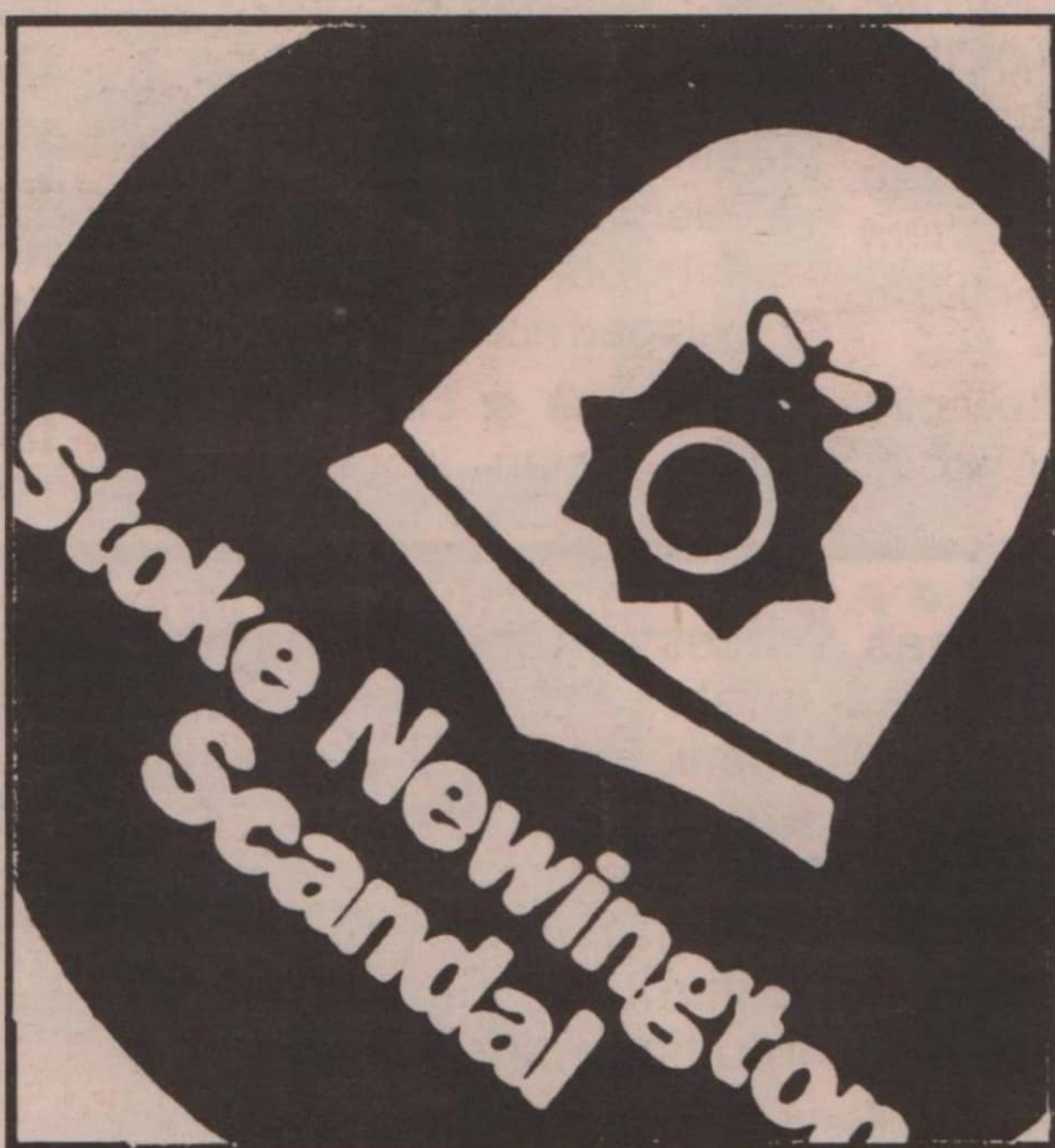
In Class War 56's Stokey Cokey article we put the finger on PCs Carroll and Lewandowski who were involved with "organised crime".

These bastards were planting the coke drug, crack, on people, selling loads of cash, and the results? Filthy rich filth, and more misery for the working class of London's Stoke Newington.

Luckily, Carroll topped himself, ridden with guilt for his sick crimes.

## ROUND TWO

The second stage in the Stoke scandal has come to light with Judge Francis Aglionby, at the centre of drugs trials at Snaresbrook crown court, dropping a £5,000 crack trial against Ray Simpson, due to totally misleading and falsified evidence from none other than Stoke Newington



cops. Looks like the cops in question have been raiding peoples' houses, planting drugs, fitting them up and totally cocking up their 'evidence'.

And who's the chief witness against Simpson? PC Terence Chitty. Now Terry just happens to be right up to his neck in finest police horse manure with the top brass at Scotland Yard. He's being investigated for: "trying to

organise a police drugs ring, planting drugs on a suspect, fabricating evidence and lying on oath".

Terry's not alone: there's another 50 cops, past and present from the same Stoke Newington nick, under investigation for the same profiteering, nasty anti-social crimes.

## COVER UP

At the time of writing, only a poxy 3 cops have been found guilty, with the police internal enquiry doing its best, as usual to protect its own, even when they bring shit and danger onto our streets, and making their filthy profit in the bargain.

The evidence speaks for itself, m'lud - string the bastards up.

# THE PICKLE-O-METER AWARD

**WANKERS BY FAME, PLAYING THE JUDGE PICKLES GAME.**

This issues Pickle-o-meter award for the most out of touch judge goes to Judge John Lee.

This despicable member of the establishment has received our dubious honour for being a right dickhead.

During a recent Hereford case of an armed raider, Robert Ward, the dipstick judge told the defendant that "a lot of the excuse for your behaviour is that you had problems with a woman. Who do you think hasn't?"

He went on to say that it was a womans "function in life" to upset men.

To top it all he doesn't even understand why people are shocked and angry at his comments!

## HANGINGS TOO GOOD

When a woman reporter questioned him about the "incident" he replied "Which lesbian group are you from?"

What a total waste of space this man is. Meanwhile his just as dotty wife, Beryl, defends him. Do us all a favour Beryl, and end his misery, preferably with a bullet to the balls!



# A SHINING EXAMPLE

Whatever anyone thinks about Xmas and all the big business hype that tries to get us to spend, spend, spend, there's a tale from Frome, Somerset, to bring a grin to even the gloomiest old Scrooge:

Ronnie Garth, a local carpenter, was busy putting up the town's 200 yards of Xmas lights recently, when some git drove over them, crushing the bulbs.

## DAFT

"Any fool could see them" said Ronnie, and while the lights were only on the ground for a moment before being hoisted up, the daft driver just reversed back over them to do more damage.

It's not surprising though, to hear that the driver was the town's Mayor, Liberal Democrat and VIP wally, Brian Potter, who was due to be switching the lights on a week later.

## GOBSMACKED

Ronnie, predictably a little pissed off, warned Potter not to wind his window down or he'd get a clout in the chops for his daftness. Being particularly dim, the Mayor did and got a wallop in the gob.



**WALLOP! THE FROME PEOPLES CHAMP!**

While the former road safety campaigning Mayor is not pressing charges, Ronnie's comment wins the day:

"I don't care if he is the Mayor, he still deserved his lights punched out".

Now there's a lesson in public relations with the politicians that we could all learn from.

## The Best Obituary

IT GIVES us great pleasure to announce the death of one Bill Owen.

Owen was the Tyneside organiser for the British National Party, or "Bullshitters, Nonces and Perverts" as they're known.

Owen had been a racist, sexist, bigoted anti-working class nazi activist since the early '70s. At one time this raving looney campaigned to have lists of names of immigrants put in the South Shields library, and went on to push for legislation to make it illegal for more than three people to walk the streets together at night!

## NAZI SCUM

One of his master strokes was to try to ban sex education and to have pubs and clubs shut at 10.30!

We can happily report that a few weeks before the South Tyneside by-election, where the hateful little shit was going to stand as the BNP candidate, he died of a heart attack.

Our only regret is that this piece of nazi scum didn't die sooner, like at birth perhaps.



## HOUNDED AND GROUNDED!

The pricey police helicopter in Liverpool (yes! Pigs can fly!) has proved less than popular with local people.

Shortly after it was first used, some cunning individual firebombed it while it was parked up at the airport.

## AND AGAIN

Recently a saboteur struck again, by filling the cop chopper with the wrong kind of fuel - if it had taken off the engine would have exploded!

Unfortunately the cops spotted the 'mistake' and got the fuel swapped for the right kind.

What a shame...but to any future saboteurs: **BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!**

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# ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

**CLASS WAR REVEALS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE REACTIONARIES...**

● **EARLY THIS year, a new anti-abortion group, 'Youth Defence' emerged in Ireland. This was a nasty reaction to the widespread public support for the right of a 14-year old woman who had been raped to travel to Britain to have an abortion:**

OVER 10,000 took to the streets of Dublin, demanding her right to go and the courts backed down. This anger led to calls for a referendum to deal with all issues involved.

If this was lost to the "pro-lifers", women in Ireland would be denied all info on abortion; could be prevented from travelling abroad for an abortion.

A new legal clause would mean that abortion would only be allowed if there was immediate risk to a woman's life, *BUT with sod all consideration for her health, physical or mental, or how the hell she became pregnant - it's vital for Irish women that the bigots don't get their way.*

## THUGS

Youth Defence's (YD) first actions were in Dublin: they launched attacks on members of the **Dublin Abortion Information Campaign (DAIC)**.

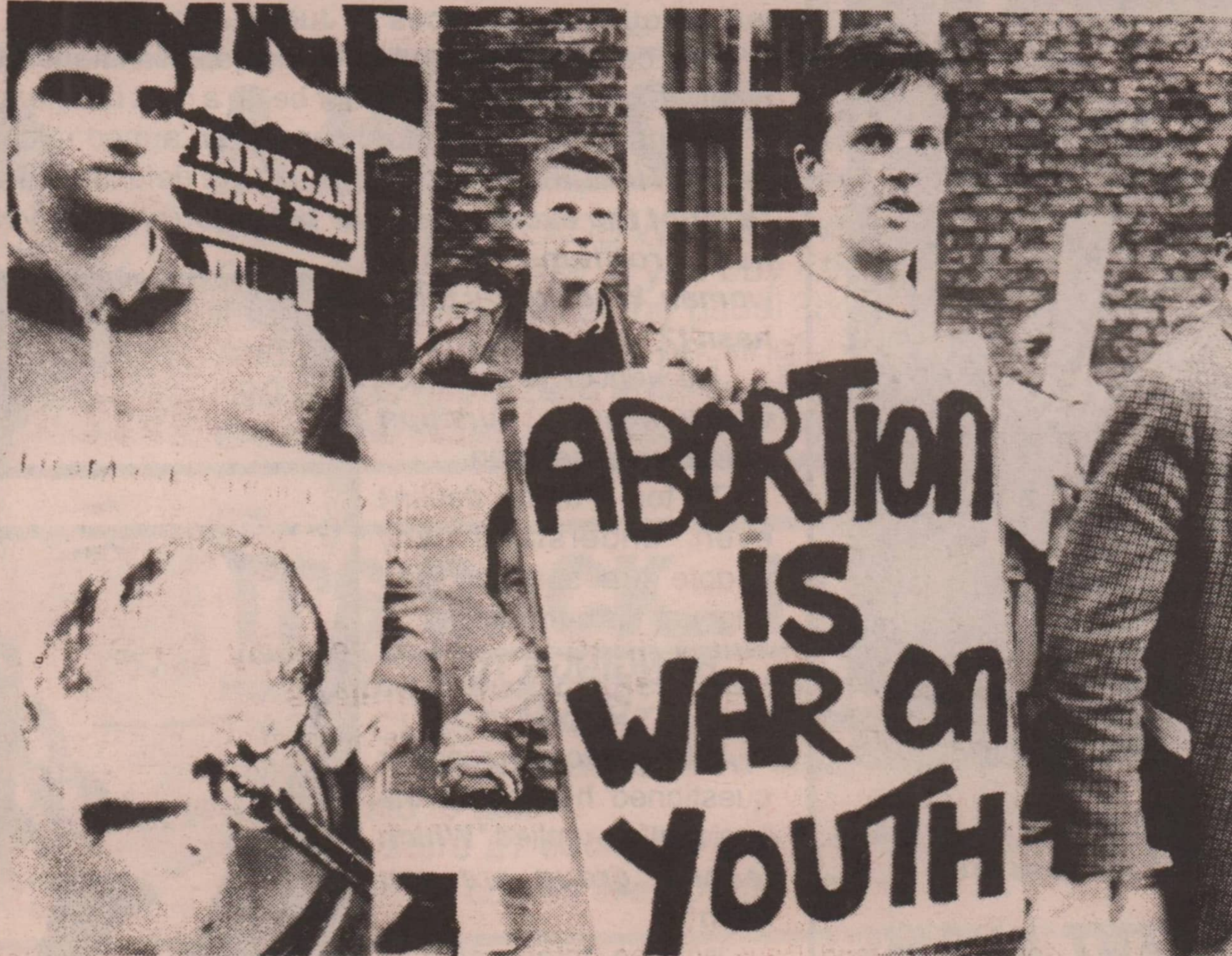
An info stand in the city centre was set upon by a gang of men, leaping out of their van. Ten thugs attacked speakers at a public meeting at Tallaght Community School, and waved anti-abortion posters about before trashing the school library.

People leaving meetings in the city centre were attacked - these attacks by the YD have continued.

## NASTY

YD's 'leader' is 21-year old, Niamh Mac Mathuna, with her family as henchmen. Her parents are veteran 'moral' campaigners, opposed to abortion and divorce. It's no surprise that they have links with right-wing nationalist groups.

The hardcore YD membership numbers about 30, aged between 15 and early '20s, mostly based in Dublin. YD was supposed to be



nationwide but groups outside Dublin folded within weeks or were total non-runners.

## IGNORANT

There's also quite a lot of supporters on the outskirts of YD - the one thing they have in common is an attitude to sex and morality that should have been left back in the 1800's. To call 'em ignorant would be too great a compliment:

*Their only real policy is anti-abortion, but they're also anti-contraception (it generates "an anti-child mentality"), anti-gay ("all queers should be pushed off a cliff"), anti-feminist, anti-sex (except within marriage and for procreation, not pleasure). In short, they're dangerous, right-wing, reactionary sexist nutters.*

Apart from unofficial thuggery they are based on equally mad American groups: pickets of pro-choice supporters' homes, displaying and distributing gory pictures they claim to be of aborted fetuses (many have been proven to be fakes), and terrorising pregnant women outside abortion clinics.

## DEATH SQUADS

YD has an unhappy relationship with other 'pro-life' groups: they think Irish SPUC (Society for the protection of the unborn child) is too wet, and sat back on its laurels after the last referendum in '83 when the bigots won. But they've accepted 'training' from British SPUC officials.

*A lot of their poisonous propaganda is from the US, and they have links with Opus Dei (a sort of Catholic Freemasons) and Clann na Bfinini: a group linked to the right-wing World anti-Communist League.*

The WACL counts among its members neo-nazis, extreme right-wing terrorists, and S.American death squad leaders - the nutters and nazis are all in very good company it seems.

YD propaganda/stickers has a nasty habit of turning up in the close vicinity of 'White Irish Resistance' stickers. WIR is a small, insane neo-nazi group that's just appeared in Dublin and claims "the Holocaust is a Jewish lie" and "White abortion is murder". Although they deny it, it's a well-known fact that they and YD operate together - after all, shit sticks to itself.

## ANTI SOCIALS

YD operate out of "The Pipers Bar" in Dublin's south inner city. The pub is a well-known hangout for the worst anti-socials in the area: protection rackets and drug dealers are believed to use the pub as a base.

No surprise then that it's owner, **Willie Ryan**, who gives YD an office rent-free, has a long dirty history, with strong links, like the Mac Mathuna family, to right-wing nationalists.

Local republicans have disassociated themselves from him and moves have been made to have his pub shut: recently, a picket of the YD offices was met by a group of men from the pub, who

attacked it with bars and snooker cues. This group of macho loonies was led by **John Kenny**, a known alcoholic psycho with a history of violent attacks going back 30 years. *The good news is that he has a heart condition so don't say "boo!" at him or it could prove fatal!*

As well as arseholes like Willie and John, YD has a lot of thugs, known for anti-social crimes, who 'police' their events. One of 'em is **Johnny Wilson**; looking like an ugly version of Billy Connolly, he was kicked off a Tallaght housing estate for such niceties as dealing heroin - obviously helping to kill young people is O.K. with the pro-lifers.

## SCUM

*YD must be a bit hard up for 'muscle' if it has to rely on complete scum like him; and in early November, in the run-up to the last referendum, they were in North Dublin's Coolock estate, offering money to folk to bribe them into "dealing with" pro-choice activists.*

From 'The Sun' to politicians, they've all got it wrong

and called YD a fascist group. They're not, but they could become one if ever they get their politics sorted out. They plan to with a 'conference' in early '93. Their PRman, Peter "Virgin Mary" Scully said on a recent radio show that he defends Hitler and his rise to power.

## SHOT

Another YD spokesman, **Jim Reynolds**, after a picket of a pro-choicers house said: *"She should consider herself lucky...in Spain before 1975, she would have been put against a wall and shot".*

While fascist groups like Britain's BNP concentrate on single issues (like race) to try to win support, given the small racial mix of Ireland, YD are using anti-abortion as a tool for their poisonous anti-working class, anti-women shit.

*These scum must be smashed by all means necessary.* They must be challenged ideologically and physically - working class people have far more in common with the ideas of Class War than these bigotted losers. They are anti-our class and want power to peddle more crap, attempting to divide us.

## US AND THEM

The working class people who do support idiots like YD or the BNP or whoever tries to divide us along sexual or racial grounds have to be challenged when ever possible. They must see that they're supporting their own enemies - people who'd have them doing their dirty work for no benefit, just for the misery of other members of our class - our real allies.

We must make them question why they are slugging it out with people who live in the same shit as them, while their well-off leaders and politicians keep safely out of sight in their privileged homes and offices.

We as a class: White, Black, Asian, woman, man

and child, have common enemies. Sadly, we have to get real and realise that we won't persuade 100% of our class. So we must always be ready for the challenge and stand our ground - there's no point in having all the right ideas and getting a fist in the mouth every time you promote them.

**This isn't Class War being macho, we're not; but we are advocating defending ourselves against attacks by whatever means we need.**

Equally, we can't afford to forget that each issue or campaign is just one battle in the ongoing class war and we need, not just want, to win as many battles as we can.

## EACH OTHER

Even if the middle or ruling classes seem to have the right idea once in a while (more by accident than design), we can never forget that we have loads more in common with each other than with them, and should be working towards our class fighting them alongside each other.

**The class struggle goes on, incessantly, whatever political groups or middle class 'radicals' come along - WE are always under attack and should fight back whenever we can - Our enemies started this war, it's up to us to finish it.**

● **Following the November referendum, Irish women are now "permitted" to receive advice and information on abortion, and travel abroad to get one performed.**

**They still, however, cannot receive an abortion in Ireland, no matter how they feel or what the circumstances. The vote showed that attitudes are changing, but not nearly enough. The struggle for equality will continue at an ever faster pace.**



**YOUTH DEFENCE: BLINKERED FROM REALITY**

**ALL FOR ONE...**

**The West Country has recently seen an upsurge in joyriding... and we've also seen cops forcing bored kids in very fast motors down side streets and into walls resulting in death and injury as well as totally knackered expensive cars.**

After the Hartcliffe rioting in Bristol this Summer, anyone with an ounce of sense will have realised that Avon and Somerset cops will stop at nothing, even murder, to get the car thief.

Ram-raiding, an enterprising way of beating the

recession and treating your mates, community and family to a few cheap luxury items, is also on the increase and is a less dangerous, far more community minded way of beating boredom and the winter blues.

## BATH TIME...

In late October, in the posh city of Bath, a nicked Vauxhall Carlton found its way into Jollys department store, in wealthy Milsom St. When cops arrived to spoil the fun, the Vauxhall rammed the cop car, preventing chase, and four of the five raiders escaped on foot.

Refusing the cops pleas to help out, the crowd of about twenty that had

gathered laughed and made off with the expensive clothes that the raiders had left behind, having cheered the ram raiders on.

## ...FOR BONZO

The joyous escapade is best explained by snivelling Supt. Paul Howell of Bath cops:

*"When the officers asked for assistance, it was refused. To make it worse, the crowd was actually encouraging the thieves. We are bitterly disappointed".*

Our hearts bleed!





# big brother BIG TROUBLE

Europe is about to open for business. The borders are coming down - unless you are black, from the former Yugoslavia, a Gypsy, a refugee fleeing torture or terror, a suspected subversive or a run of the mill social undesirable. The new Europe is a bosses Europe. Far from bringing ordinary people together, it will do even more to keep them apart.

The hype over 'drug dealers and terrorists overrunning Europe' is a convenient smokescreen for the new internal checks and restrictions on the free movement of people. The technology already exists to do much of the work that used to be done at border spot checks - automatically.

The EC Council of Ministers Summit in Edinburgh is a vision in miniature of the new Europe. More police powers, more restrictions on the movement of people, everything to bow down to the interest of the greater good (of the bosses and ruling classes) are the order of the day.

The summit gives Edinburgh and the rest of the world a glimpse of the all powerful new State: identity checks in the street, local residents with security passes to get to their own homes, in the words of the Lothian and Borders Police, parts of the city 'to be sealed off on a day to day and unspecified basis'

## PAID-OFF

Labour, Tory, SNP, Liberal and independent councillors all heartily agreed this is a great honour for the city. But with another £15 million cuts on the way it's amazing no one at all objects to the £6.4

million cost of the three day conference.

No doubt these same people will deny all responsibility when the bills are due for all the money wasted on junkets, fancy lights, hype, banquets, and meaningless conferences.

£6.4 million is a lot of dosh for a couple of days, but this money **excludes** the cost of security. Nor presumably does it include the money stolen from other budgets and diverted to Summit activities. Like Glasgow's 'City of culture', and Sheffield's World Student Games and countless other worthless junkets, the real cost in hard cash and public service cuts will be miles higher than originally forecast.

And as ever, Meanwhile the circus will role on to some other hoodwinked city.

## IDLE TALK

If talk of a Super State sounds a bit extreme, just who decided on that starry blue flag which now flies across the EC? And presumably the plans for a special European police force, and the EC military conference at Gleneagles in October to discuss 'common defence initiatives' were all just idle chit chat. And what of plans for a European police

force. Two years ago cabinet ministers **denied** there was to ever be a single currency.

All the EC governments agree that a single market will happen, regardless of the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty. All governments agree that the single market will need immigration and refugee procedures need to be 'streamlined and tightened'.

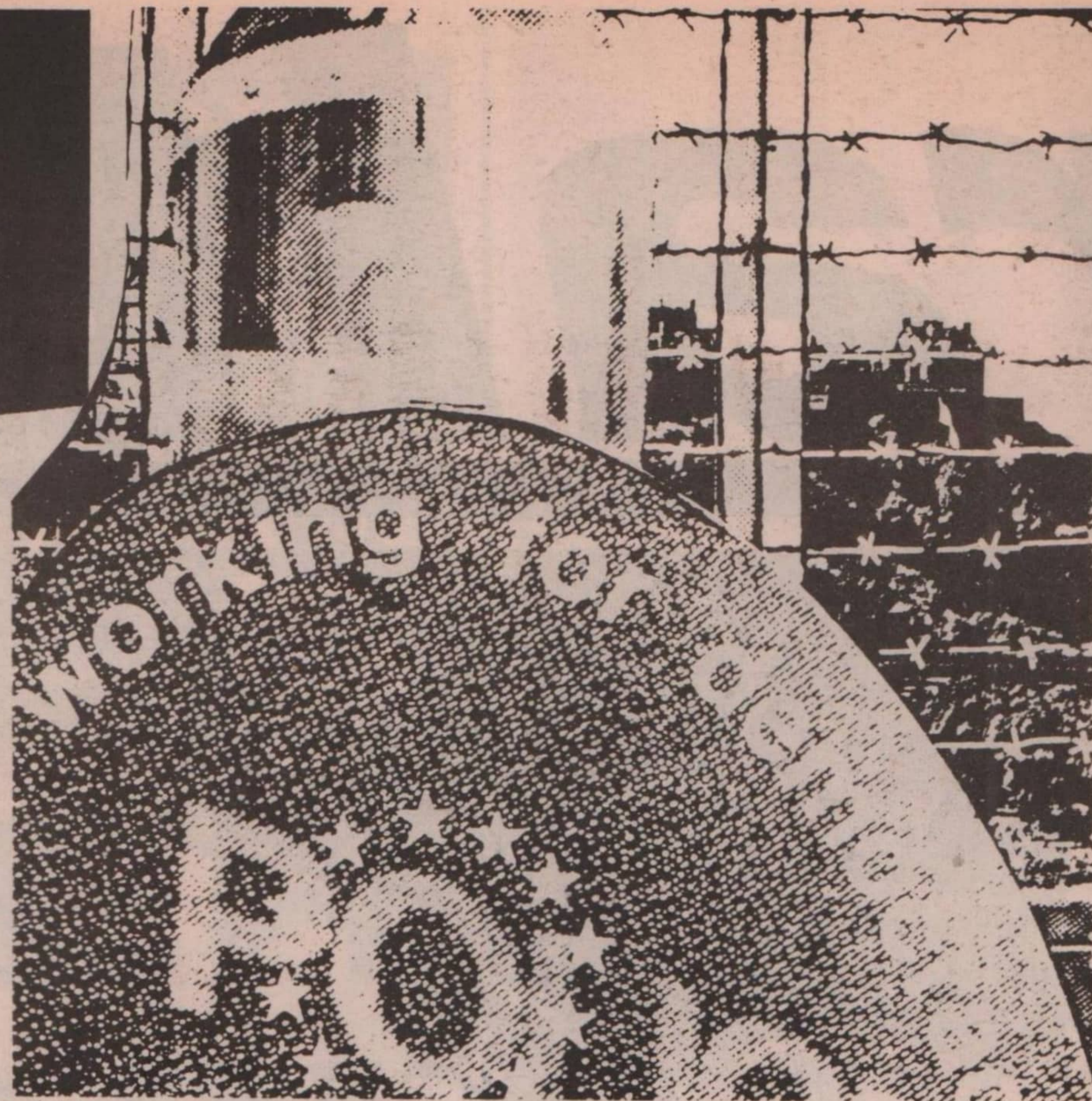
## DIVIDING

This is nothing short of heavy duty institutionalised racism. The Nazis of France and Germany only dream of this kind of 'Fenced in Europe'. The respectable racists like Major, Kohl and Mitterand actually create it.

Far from bringing people together, the United Europe is about dividing people. The bosses idea of a 1993 United Europe is not our kind of Unity.

We are internationalists. The basis of our unity is class. The bosses, no matter what their nationality, sex, race or sexuality, are still bosses. The ruling class is still the enemy.

Whatever weapons the bosses use in the class war against us, the working class of Europe and the world will be there, ready to fight back - as ever, by all means necessary.



## Majors Britain - sick society

**A homeless man with a nervous disorder is being fined £17.80 a week by the Government - for being homeless.**

The unnamed man from the Brighton area had received a £17.80 disability premium for five months because of his medical condition. The money was then **withdrawn** because he was 'without accommodation'. This left him with only his £42.80 a week Income Support.

Overcrowded temporary Bed and Breakfast was out of the question because of his condition, so sleeping rough was the only alternative.

The man appealed against the Social Security decision. Official indifference, callousness, and a deliberately long and drawn out appeals process meant it took a disgusting **four years** before a final decision was actually made.

A Social Security appeals commissioner, **Michael Johnson** (a name worth remembering), decided he was **not** entitled to the disability premium of £17.80 a week. He made this decision despite basically saying the law was wrong.

When questioned about the case, **Alistair Burt** (another name well worth remembering), the Tory junior Social Security minister said '**people who sleep in the open generally incur lower living expenses**'.

You smug, rich, arrogant bastard. This is his part of the class war - the war waged by the rich and their lackeys against us, the working class, and especially those least able to defend themselves. And they call **us** violent and vindictive!

The ruling class and those who support them are real people, they have names, they have addresses, they can be held responsible for their actions.

**Bullets for the rich, guns for the poor**

**PLASTIC BULLETS** are infamous weapons responsible for dozens of deaths and serious injuries of children in the North of Ireland.

The army has now redesigned and replaced **all** their plastic bullets.

Do Her Majesties Crown Forces now admit that plastic bullets are lethal? Are they tired of killing children as part of keeping law and order. Sadly not.

## TWISTED

Unbelievable as it may seem to civilised people, the bullets are to be replaced because **seven soldiers suffered minor injuries over the past four years**. All the injuries took place during **training** when the bullets jammed and exploded inside the gun.

With all their crocodile tears over the rights of abused and battered children, it is still painfully clear where the priorities of the British government lie.

**Just did it**

**PRINCESS DIANA** visited the North of Ireland during revelations about the state of her health, and her inability to even top herself properly.

Everything was going to plan, waving the Union Flag, orchestrating 'happy' school kids and generally pretending everything is hunky dory in 'The Province'.

A band had even been laid on to cheer up their little gathering. There is some controversy over what happened next. Some suspect infiltration by **Class War Musicians**, other sources suggest it was **Beadle** himself having a bit of a laugh, but whoever they really were, we can all enjoy the bands cunning plan: the theme from **MASH** - otherwise known as 'Suicide is painless'.

Aah, it really warms the cockles of your heart.

## Ding-dong

Staff at a well known family owned Edinburgh bookshop, infamous for its stingey and Victorian attitudes, couldn't believe their ears at the bosses latest loony scheme.

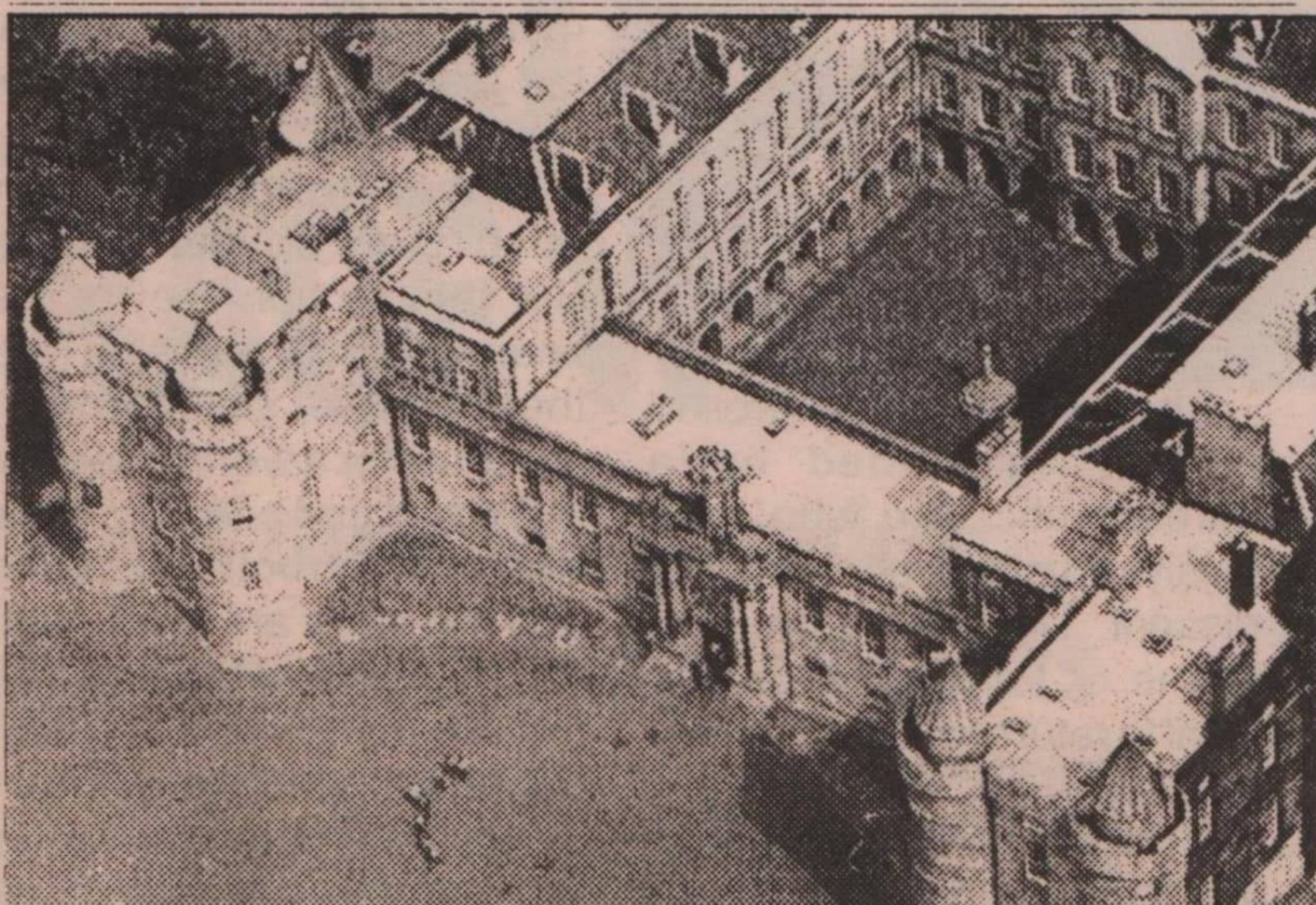
Not content with crap wages, very long hours, and mucked about shifts, they now wanted the workers to make

cash donations - to the owner's daughter's wedding.

Did she work there? Was she well known at the George Street shop? Was she hell! In fact the staff had never set eyes on her in their life!

Being stupid as well as brazen old man Thin said he would leave a collection box in the staff room.

Nobody but the boss was surprised when several days later, the box was still empty.



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## IT'S OFFICIAL

**TWO RECENT Scottish surveys only confirmed what we in Class War have been saying for yonks.**

These indicators of opinion recently proved without any possible doubt that workers are sick of their work and are 100% suspicious of their boss!

This tasty titbit was revealed to one and all after a wide ranging questionnaire about

working habits and practices was returned by thousands of traditionally low-paid workers in various industries.

This uncovered (if we needed to be told!) massive discontent and anger directed towards such luminaries such as Thatcher-lover Iain Vallance, chairman of British Telecom, who one worker, soon to be made redundant said, '**the guy's not fit to run**

**a piss-up, never mind a major industry**'.

The Tories are cutting their own throat when they attack whole job markets like communications and coal. Workers also reported feelings of boredom and insecurity as the recession threatens to get even worse.

## IT'S UP TO YOU

When is the day going to come when surveys such as these are forgotten in the rush towards a society without bosses and everyday harassment from your work? Think about it, it's up to you!



# Traitors!

**"ONCE THE trade union defended workers' rights. Now it needs to defend itself from the workers" - Italian worker.**

In July this year, the backstabbing Italian trade unions, signed an agreement with Prime Minister Amato's sickeningly reactionary coalition government.

The deal, without support from the Italian working class is an end to the 'scala mobile' (the protected pay scale linked to inflation).

## TEAR APART

As a direct result of pressure from the Maastricht bigwigs and the boss class that are carving up Europe in their interests and at our expense, protecting themselves against the world recession of their own incompetent making, they brought in a new 'financial law', totalling a cut in public spending of 93,000 MILLION lira (that weighs in at £44,000 MILLION!).

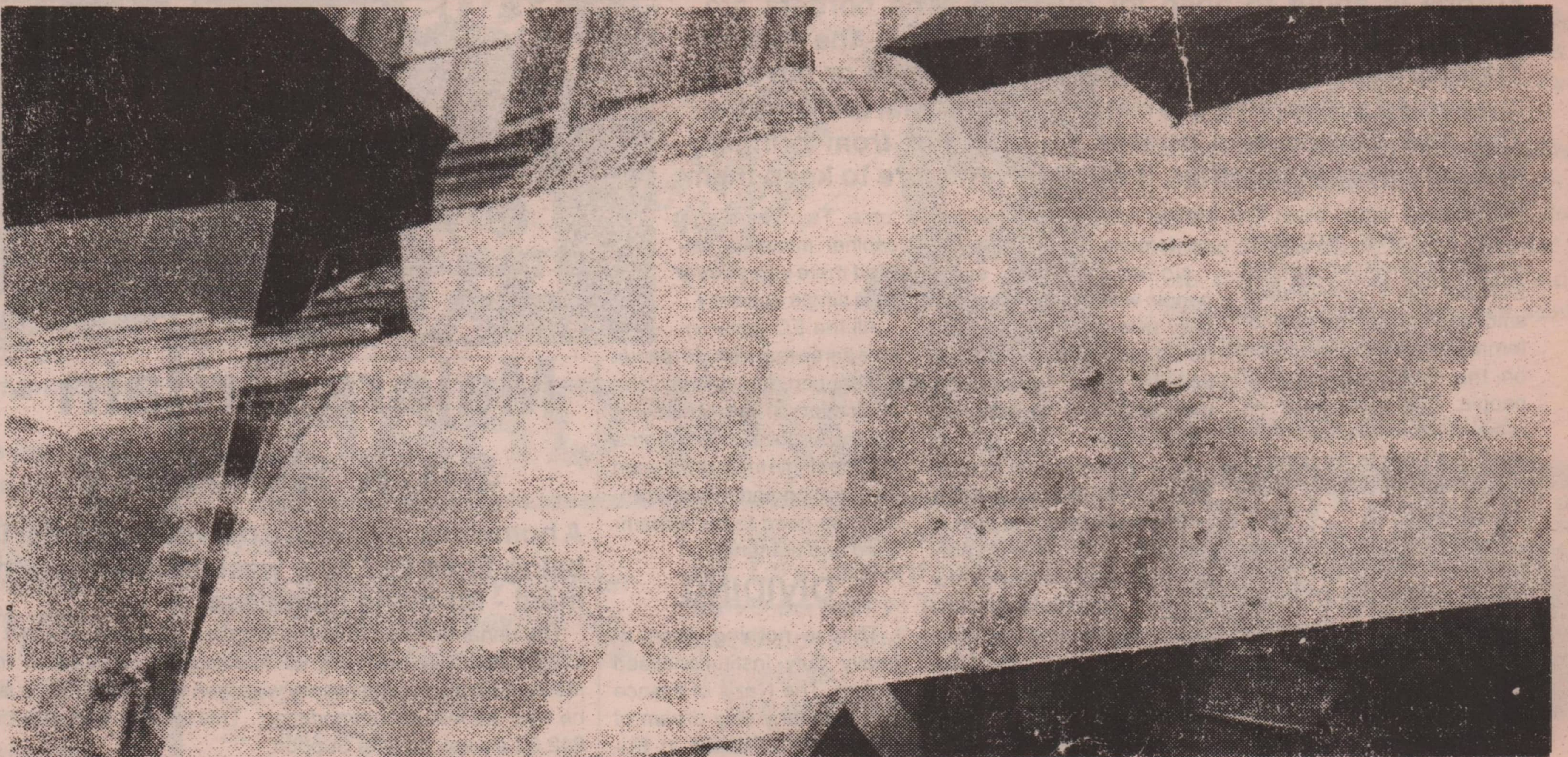
The government scum want to cut pensions, seriously tear apart the Italian NHS, and introduce a new tax on property.

Their plan is that from January '93, twenty MILLION people, will be without free health care. In spite of this perversity, the average Italian household pays £2000 a year for health care and will be still expected to.

It's not as though Italy or any other country in the world has anything but a feeble attempt at a real 'welfare state' anyway!

## ACTION

Old age pensions were attacked making it harder for women and casual workers, and those workers without a



● **SELL-OUT UNION BOSSES ARE PROTECTED FROM WORKERS ANGER WITH PLASTIC SHIELDS**

full twenty years national insurance contributions, to get their rightful pensions, after a working life of making cash for the boss bastards.

After the introduction of the financial law, designed to shaft the working class to save the capitalists' necks, Italy has been "in ferment".

## PELTED

From September, there has been unceasing, independent and autonomous working class action and agitation against government, boss and trade unions alike: grassroots spontaneous strikes broke out in many factories, without support from the unions' leadership (no surprise there!).

The unions hoped to

sabotage the anger and militancy but it backfired: on September 22nd 100,000 people took to the streets - Trentin, secretary of the CGIL union was pelted with eggs, bolts and rotten veg.

No one in the crowd tried to stop it, and the chant of "General Strike!" was loud and clear. From then on, the hypocritical union bosses have had to be protected with plastic shields, that's when they've had a chance to speak!

In Turin 80,000 were on the streets. The FIAT workers, beaten badly in their strike in the early '80s came out and work at Fiat-Mirafiori stopped, with even the foremen trying to strike.

The unions even tried to

begin rallies before the workers could enter the main square - this fell flat on its flabby face when those present launched more bolts and vegetables at them. Union leaders have had to flee demos as a matter of course.

Solidarity amongst youth, militant students and workers is uplifting to say the least and the struggle hasn't been dented by police attacks on people from squatted social centres and rap bands taking over empty stages, left by union bosses bottling out.

By October, three MILLION people took part in the national public sector strike, with 200,000 people going to Rome in the central Lazio region to demonstrate; need-

less to say Gaza didn't make an appearance!

The union stewards, a declining breed of traitors who seem to be paid for their services, fed information to the 10,000 riot cops.

## GRASSROOTS

The cops tried to isolate and attack workers. Militants and students rallied behind anti-union and anti-government banners. To protect themselves, union bosses had to speak 200 yards away from workers, with cop protection - no need to point out where the lines are drawn.

On the same day a very successful rally of 40,000 people also took place in Rome - organised by the COBAS - these began over

twenty years ago as self-organised, grassroots workers committees, rejecting the moderate policies of the unions.

They are run from below, and are spreading from their base in the public sector into the private sector.

As things hot up even further, it looks like the solidarity and anger shared by workers, their families, students and anti-government/anti-union militants won't slow down:

"Imagine if there wasn't a trade union in Italy... who would be able to channel and moderate the workers' anger?"

**Simple: only the workers themselves.**

# market farces

**IN THE LAST few years there have been many, many stories in the media about the collapse of the old state regimes in Eastern Europe.**

They fell down like a pack of cards' blown over by popular hatred and economic crisis. The papers and politicians here were full of themselves, it was the death of communism and triumph of capitalism.

## HEROIC

Let's ignore the fact that the Eastern European regimes had nothing to do with communism and had never presented a real alternative to this society. In fact their existence helped to cover up genuine alternatives, real oppositions.

However more recently the papers are no longer full of stories about the heroic struggles for freedom by the oppressed people of Poland,

Russia, Hungary, Estonia, wherever.

Maybe when some politician pops over, begging bowl in hand, there will be a brief report, but that will be that. No analysis, little statement of what is actually going on now, or what the so-called 'fruits of freedom' really are.

One place where these fruits are lacking is Estonia. This small Baltic country threw off the chains of oppression just over a year ago.

The streets were filled with joyous crowds celebrating the arrival of freedom. But a year is a long time in politics and things are now very different.

There is rocketing inflation and unemployment with many people forced to live in abject poverty. There are soup kitchens on the streets and a widespread mood of cynicism and disillusionment. Sounds a lot like here!

This is shown by what Estonians themselves say;



"As far as I'm concerned, life has not got any better and many things are worse" said one recently. Another summed up the widespread discontent:

"I feel almost ill seeing all those things but not being able to buy them. We have been turned into beggars in our own country. It is deeply humili-

ating and it is almost enough to make you think that maybe socialism was not so bad."

## ELITE

Of course 'socialism' never existed in Estonia. What did exist was a society that went under the name of "socialism" but had much more in common with capitalism than

any form of socialism.

It was a tightly controlled society, governed by a bureaucratic elite who ruthlessly crushed all forms of dissent. Despite all the problems of today, few people want to return to such a society - no surprise!

Tragically the Estonians like the other Eastern Europeans, have just jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. They thought that they had

achieved freedom but soon realised it was a freedom to be hungry, to be homeless and to be thrown onto the scrapheap of society.

That's the reality now across eastern Europe. The brutal power of the state has now been replaced by the brutal power of the market-backed up by the state whenever necessary.

But there are more ways of living than just under the state or under the market. Of course the media and the politicians never tell us about that because then they'd be out of a job! They try to pretend that there are no other choices but capitalism or so-called 'communism'.

If they are right, then we're up shit creek without a paddle. But they're not, they're just scared of us realising that there's more, that there's a potential for a world based on individual and collective freedom in which both the market and the state are abolished.

The reality of this world is that we don't have to sit back and take this crap. That we can create something better, and that it's up to us all to get out there and organise to do it. **Bollocks to the bosses and the rich!**





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The Penan in Sarawak, Malaysia (featured in CW 53) are still fighting the logging companies that are carving up their forests and destroying their way of life.

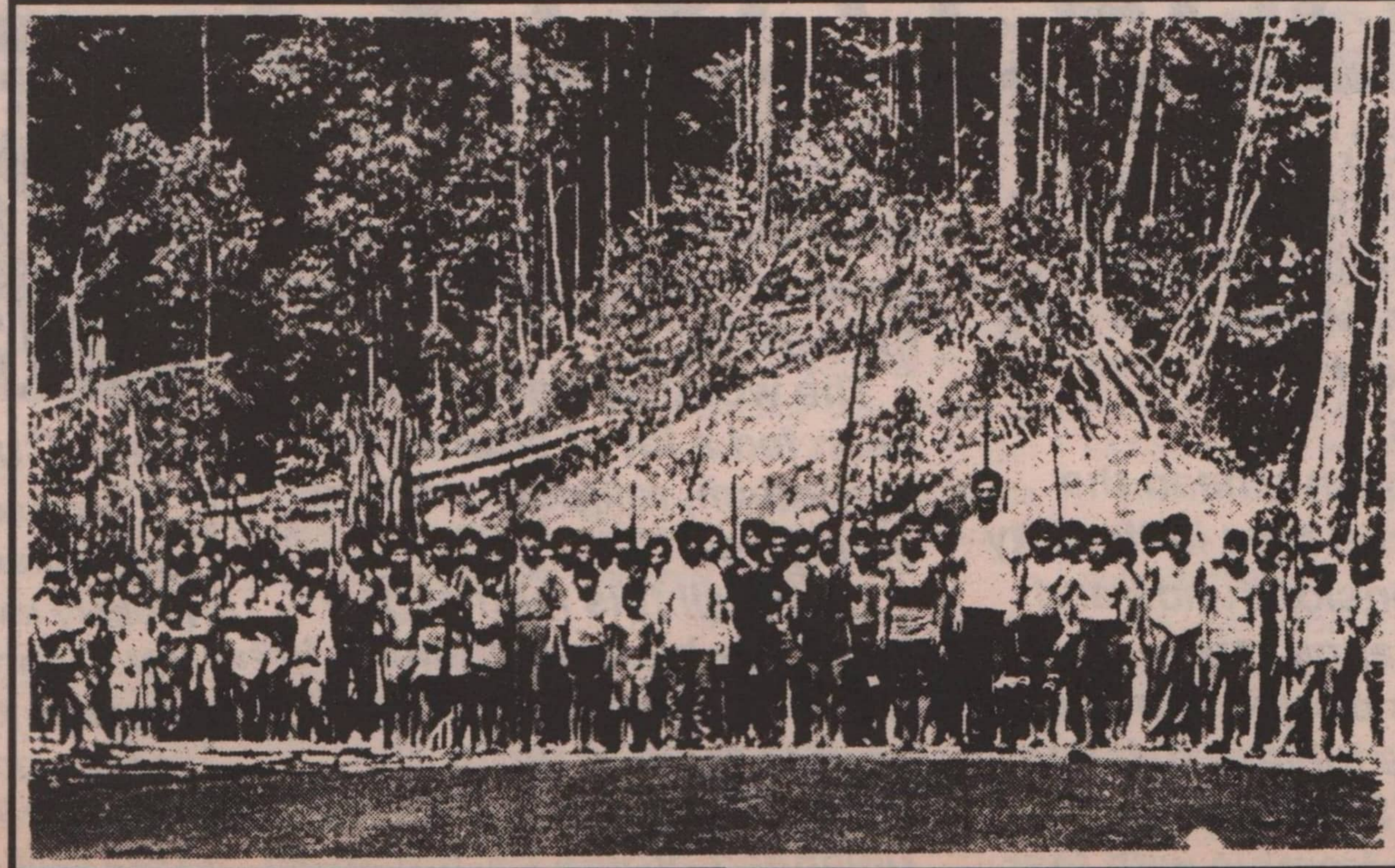
The Malaysian Government failed to stop the story of the Penan struggle getting out, and are now trying to make out that foreign green campaigners have got it all wrong.

### POLITICAL PROFIT

The officials are claiming the Penan need the "benefits" of development, and that foreign greens are selfish to stop them from getting it. Oh yeah? Is it just coincidence that the Malaysian politicians are gaining from this development?

Take Taib Mahmud, for instance. Chief Minister of the Sarawak Government. He and his relatives own one third of Sarawaks timber concessions and are responsible themselves for logging much of the forests, moving the Penan people off their land and into Government owned shanty towns. Taib travels round in a cream coloured Rolls, bought with the dosh he's made on this

# LOGGER HEADS!



● BLOWPIPES: THE PENAN'S ANSWER TO A GOVERNMENT PROBLEM

"development". Another politician, Tong Hiew king, owns logging concessions that bring him a tidy £100 million a year! Loudest critic of foreign greens is the minister for Tourism, James Wong Kim. According to him, environmentalists are "inciting the Penan to rebellion", and they should "keep their hands off Sarawak". No wonder he's

so vocal on the subject... he's got his hands on one of the biggest logging projects in the state! **DOING IT FOR THEMSELVES** So just how have the Penan benefitted from all this Development? Well, according to a report by the International Tropical Timber Organisation, they're still at the same standard of living as

they were some twenty years ago. With "benefits like these, they don't need any "incitement to rebellion" from anybody, they're doing it for themselves. As for the attitude of the Malaysian politicians, it proves what we already know... **politicians everywhere are liars and hypocrites and we can bloody well do without them!**

# DIRTY LITTLE SUDS

It's been a while since Liverpool 8 (Toxteth) hit the headlines and fought back in the riots of 1981, but at the moment the residents of an area of Liverpool just across the Mersey from Toxteth are getting hot under the collar.

Over the last couple of decades we've seen inner city areas and their residents getting either ignored totally, or shafted by politicians, business and developers alike. In most of these areas there have been times when the residents have said "enough is enough" and gone out and fought for some respect.

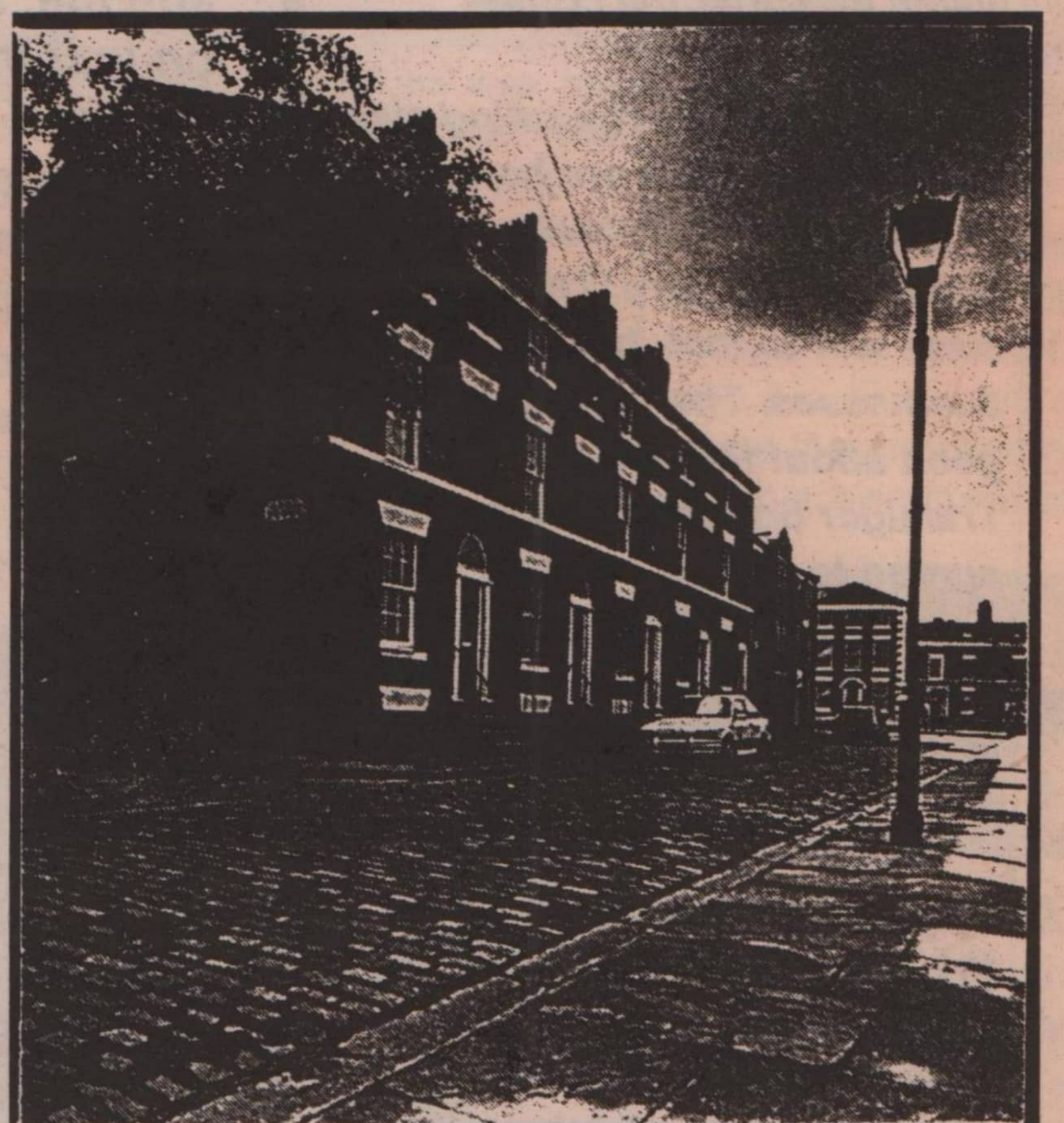
Yet while Toxteth has been "rewarded" with an Urban Renewal Award, converting it into an area of listed buildings and green spaces (atleast now safe from the developers greedy hands), other areas of Liverpool are not as safe.

### THE SUNLIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET

Port Sunlight, on the other side of the Mersey, is presently under threat of destruction from Unilever, the landowners of the area.

While most of the actual buildings in Port Sunlight are protected as Grade II listed buildings, the precious only green space in the area is not. Unilever have unveiled their sordid plans to sell off atleast 10% of this space to developers.

Unilever "built" the estate to house its workers at the turn of the century and still owns many of the houses. While residents are not allowed to paint their front doors a different colour, Unilever is prepared to destroy the character of the estate in one foul move.



One rule for us and another for them. While Port Sunlight may not be the "best" place to live, it is realistically the only place where many working class people, many of whom are employed at the Unilever works, can afford to live.

While some residents are worried that once development starts on the green space other building will follow, many don't want to lose any of their open area, especially not to money-grabbing boardroom developers who certainly wont have improving the "quality of life" of the residents at heart.

All we can say is "Unilever, be prepared". If it goes ahead, we're sure the residents of Port Sunlight will have a few ways of making their feelings known... As the miners would have said: "VICTORY TO THE HIT SQUADS!"

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## PASTE 'EM UP!

As we've seen in Germany recently, idiots who'd like us to blame and attack other working class people who only have a different nationality, for the ruling class's enormous mistakes (ie existing in the first place), are crawling out of the woodwork and must be dealt with. Such is the nature of their poxy 'divide and rule' tactics. So Glasgow Class War have a few thousand of these hard-hitting, brilliantly-produced posters that say it like it should be said. To order the posters at 75p for 10, incl postage, write to:

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## BURNING AMBITONS

The Fire of Windsor may have blackened the eye of the British aristocracy, but as the argument over who should pay for the damage smoulders on, another seat of the aristocracy bites the dust.

While the British public were being told to foot the bill for the Windsors' holiday home, the Hofburg, home of the Austrian bourgeoisie, went up in smoke, only shortly after its use for a conference

of the European Council for Security.

The similarities with the Windsor hot-spot are many: an antique building held by an outdated, aristocratic bunch of rich scroungers, who it turns out never insured the place. The insult is that like the whingeing Windsors, the

Austrian politicians expect the public to pay the £62 MILLION repairs.

The Austrian working class won't be too pleased to bear the cost. A better investment might be to splash out on a box of matches.

Y'know...these things happen in threes!



# LETTERS



## results time

Dear Class War,

I've been reading your paper for a while and am very interested in your articles promoting retribution, violence against the rich, racists, neo-nazis, pigs, politicians and the general parasitical scum fucks that pervade our society. Where are the results? When was the last time a pig, screw or politician was wasted in the UK? Before every issue of Class War I hold my breath hoping and wishing that your front headlines will read 'pigs executed', 'rich scum house burnt to the ground' etc etc. Come on Class War, there's no time like the present, lets see some results and less rhetoric.

Yours Sincerely,  
FP, Darwin, Australia.

## FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

Dear Class War,

I'm presently doing a four and a half year sentence (for attempted robbery and reckless driving) at H.M.P. Dartmoor. I've just arrived from a soft nick (The Verne) full of nonces, grasses and people who are generally less willing to fight back. They sent me here for trying to 'incite a riot', official language - 'unsuitable for the prison regime'!! My main purpose for writing this letter is to expose the total bullshit that Dartmoor is changing. It might be changing structurally, but the basic idea is still the same (I was here in '86) i.e. Dartmoor is the jackboot of capitalism, people are sent here for punishment.

In fact, it is correct to point out that the food is worse, there's less association, and the punishment block is basically still the same i.e. exercise in a cage etc. By the way, they now call the block the 'intensive therapy unit'!

Not all the blame can be attached to the screws (although it must be stated that they wouldn't be out of place in Nazi Germany!)

The first root of the problem lies in a government who's only answer to what they term as 'crime' is to build more prisons, spend less on probation and alternatives to custody.

Rioting has proved (look at Strangeways) that it is a fully correct method of achieving change, albeit small change.

Until we lock away the controllers of this society, and create our own society, we are merely 'pissing in the wind'.

Fuck the system, Class War not Race War,  
-Jim Robins,  
WD 2170, H.M.P.  
Dartmoor, Princetown,  
Yelverton, Devon, PL20  
6RR.

## Wrong end of the stick

Dear Class War,

I read in the local paper, a story that Class War were going to stir up riots in a 'long hot summer' in areas such as, Toxteth, Brixton, and Broadwater Farm to name a few.

If someone comes into the area I live in, and tries to get people to vent their anger by smashing and burning the place; and risk arrest, imprisonment and beatings from the police. If all this is intended to further a political organisation's status and credibility then I have to seriously consider who my enemies are.

The last thing we need is another bunch of leaders who tell us how and when to fight back - whilst they sit back and watch us suffer the consequences.

Why not attack the ruling class direct? The police are here just to protect them. Smash up rich areas, not our own. Take the class war to their homes and big businesses. That's what was so good about the poll tax riot in Trafalger Square. The LA riots spread to the mainly rich, mainly white suburbs. That got the ruling class of America runing scared - until they brought in the army.

What worries the ruling/middle class more: thousands rioting on the street with little support and no strategy, or hundreds of thousands of people striking, blocking roads, fighting off the police; with millions of people supporting them and involved in mass defiance and non-cooperation with the authorities.

In solidarity, and don't believe your own hype!

Gary, Haringey.

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## HARD FACTS

Dear Editor,

Rich bastard Tory minister Lilly is planing a savage cut on the poor. Moneybags Lilly wants to 'deal with scroungers'.

No, he doesn't mean the spivs and con men in the City who rob pension funds and fiddle exchange rates.

He wants people like you and me, the jobless existing on Income Support, the low paid etc. to tremble with fear of having our pittance of a dole payment or single parent money stopped.

He wants to drive us into shit jobs for rock bottom wages.

### An editors note,

The dole is hard, but ET or EA are not compulsory. Take someone along to your restart interview, don't let them intimidate you into signing anything you don't want to. It is a fact that slave labour schemes like ET and EA do undermine real jobs and wages. If you know your rights, scamming the dole is a lot easier, and a lot safer. A couple of hours reading, or a visit to a sympathetic advice shop can at least make life on the dole bearable. It certainly beats working full time for a tenner a week. Think about it.

bags until there is a public outcry and they are forced to fill them but by then they will have bought enough time. Dirty sneaky bastards.

What we need now is for a few young class warriors to build some sealed crisp bags the size of hot air balloons, sneak them into the bedrooms of the bosses of the crisp factories then burst them in their ears when they are fast asleep. I bet that would make the bastards jump.

Yours sincerely,  
D.Duke, Herts.

If we sit still this bully and his Tory bastard palls will not leave us alone. They are after good boys and girls as well as the rebels.

The working class have been fed a lot of crap about patriotism, religion and free enterprise.

Dump all this mental garbage. We have no country, the rich own them all, god is a bosses fable to terrify the proles. Free enterprise means unlimited profits for the super rich.

We are forced to fight back; well let it be on our terms and in our time.

Sincerely,  
Rob, Newcastle

## Scabs

Dear Class War,

In the last edition, Trev from Newcastle complains his bosses are using Employment Action 'scabs'. Scabs?. I've been an active Class War supporter for 3 years. I am on Employment training. Why? This summer the dole started cutting benefit for squatters, travellers, and the homeless. Being homeless, several of us were told - 'sign up or starve', some choice!

Anyone who gets ripped off like Trev has support from me, but if we want decent pay, we've got to fight for it together and not let them use us against each other or label EA's as scabs or strike breakers.

Tom, Leeds.

P.S. - The paper's looking fucking good these days.

UNITED WE STAND

## BIG BANG

Dear Class War,

Potato crisp makers have stopped putting crisps in see through bags. The reason is that you can't see how much is in them.

You know what this is don't you? I reckon I've stumbled over a secret government ploy to collaborate with the crisp makers to create a deliberate potato shortage so as to force prices up. The crisp makers, knowing about this, will stockpile to overcome this shortfall and in the meantime will sell empty sealed



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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.

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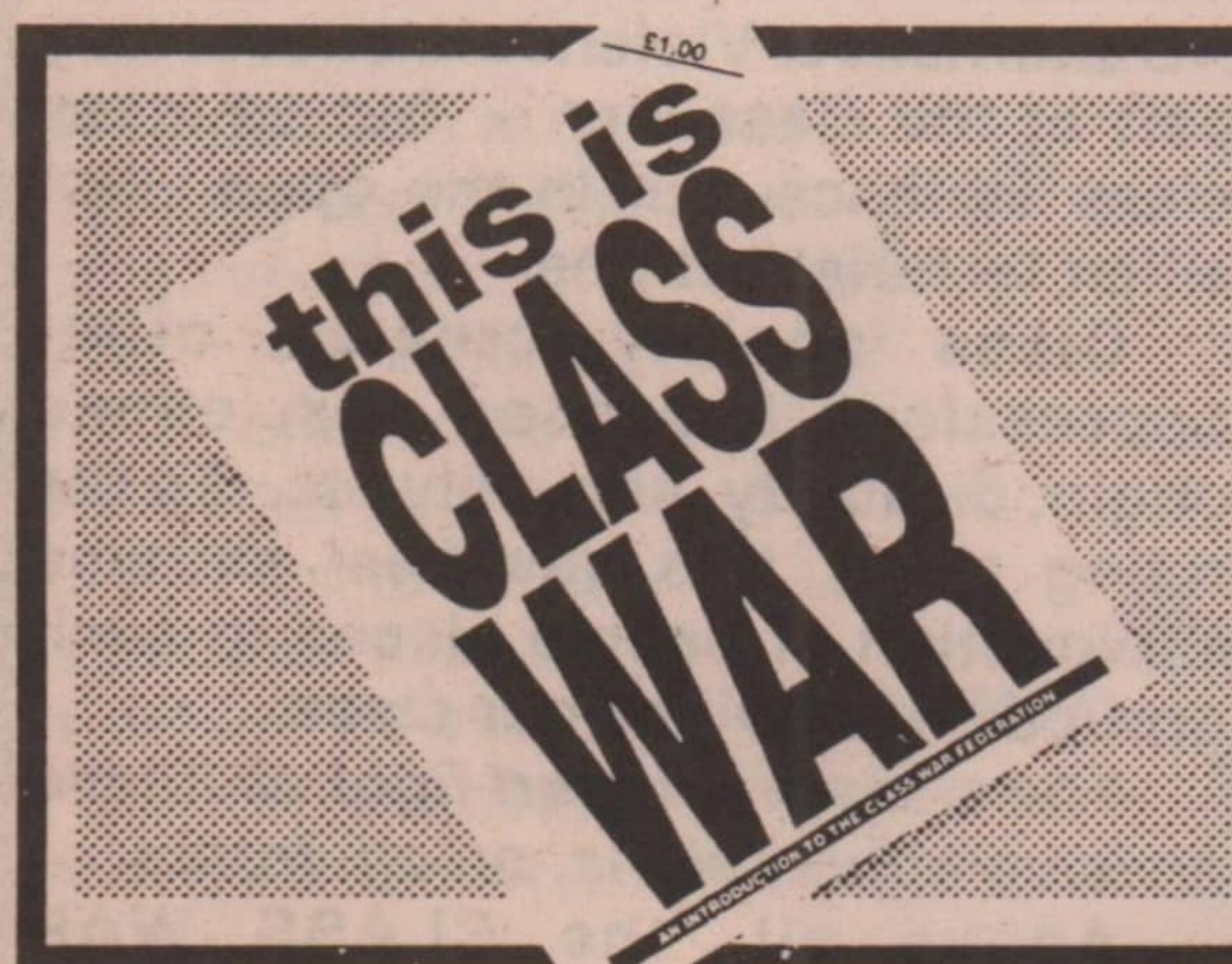


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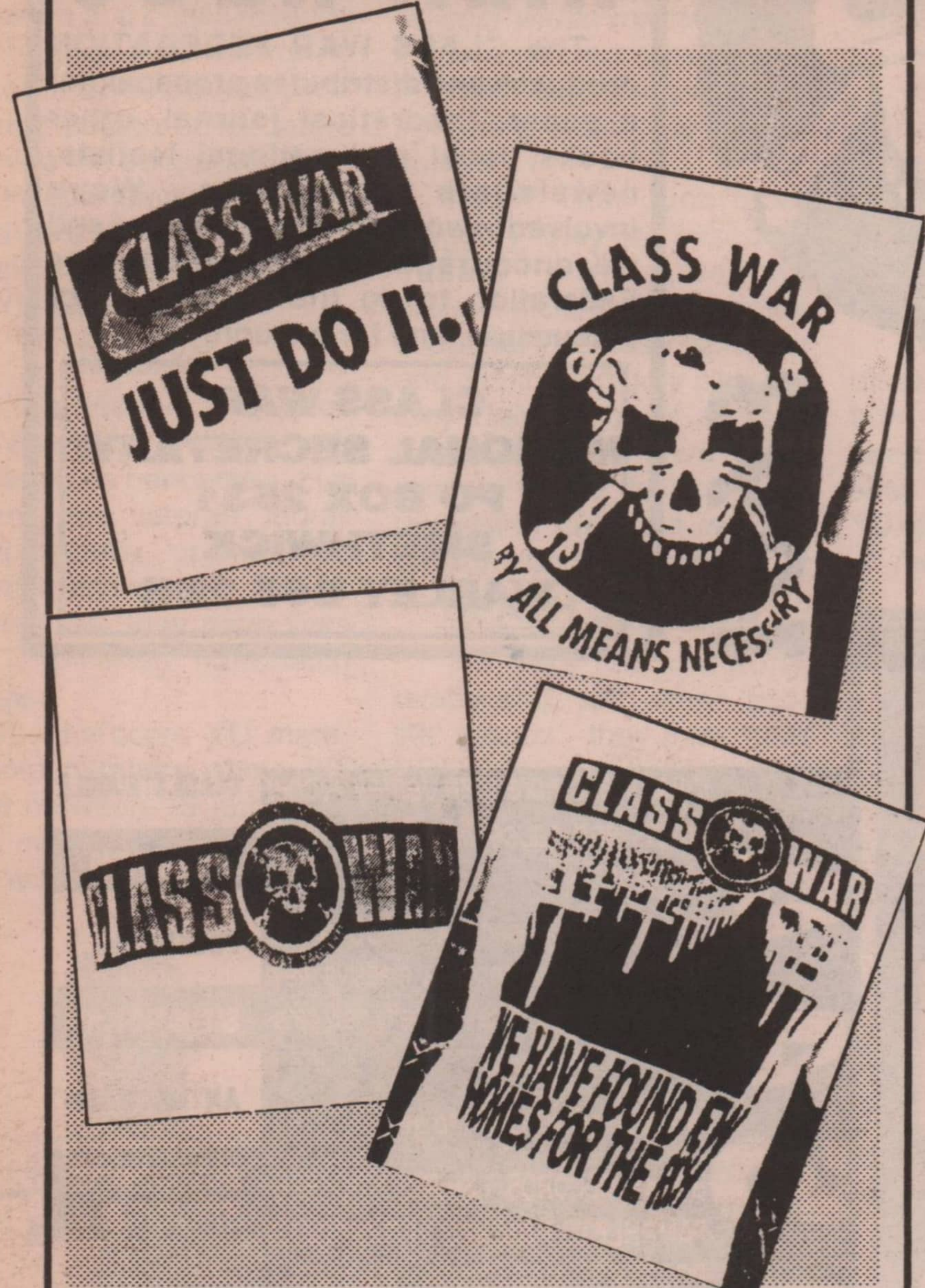
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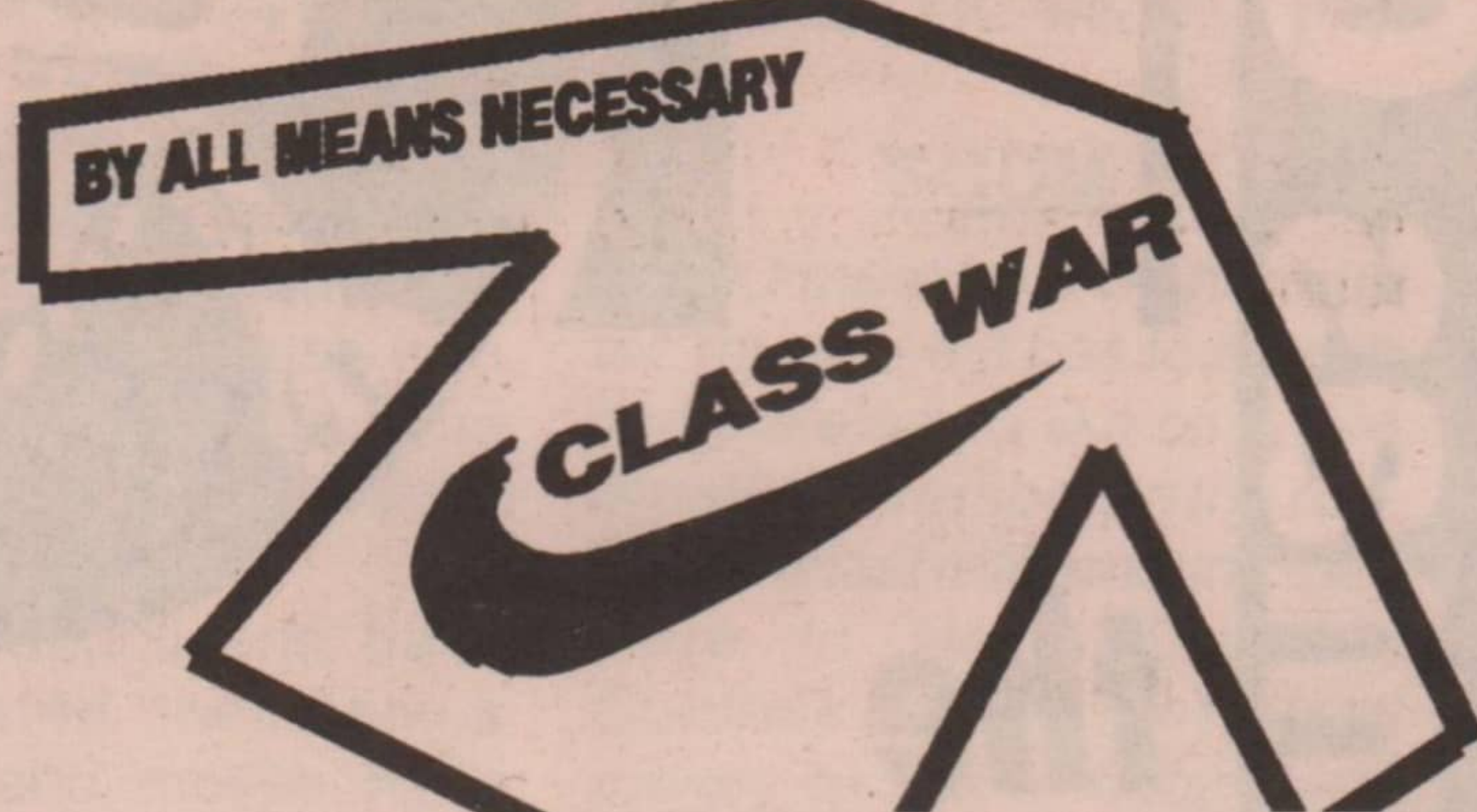
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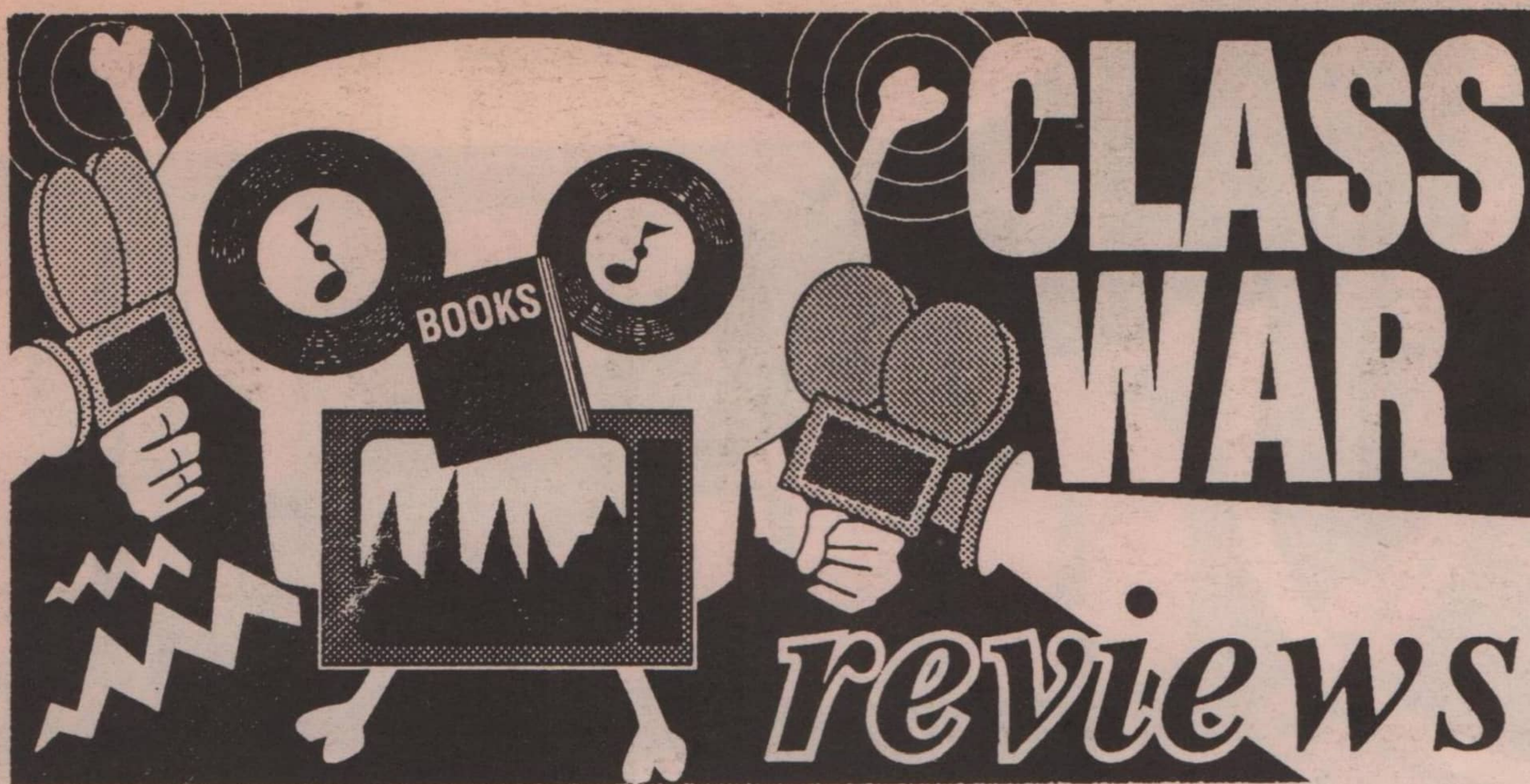
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**'AUF WHAT? AUFHEBEN.'**

Crap name, totally uninviting cover & extreme lack of graphics BUT this magazine is well worth reading. Mind you, you'll probably need a dead quiet room & cotton wool in your ears because it's heavy going & you'll need all the concentration powers you can muster.

Theoretical criticism is where it's at for 'Aufheben'. Which is no bad thing, as the editorial points out 'the success of the proletariat in abolishing itself & capital requires theory.'

So onto content; The first article looks at the L.A. riots 'This wasn't a race riot. It was a class riot.' There's lots of information, which references & quotes - a good analysis, not just looking at obvious race & class issues, but architecture & gang activities.

The Europe article is impressive too 'Indeed as we shall see, however indirectly, the potential class confrontation of the Poll Tax issue & the question of Europe are linked as part of the same problem of class rule.'

There's an article on the Gulf War. It's basically looking at what went wrong with 'No War But The Class War' angle.. 'NWBCW' ended up defending the class position against the Trots at the expense of a practical challenge to the peaceful protests as imposed by Benn/CND.

Throughout, there is a well healthy criticism of the RCP & SWP, mainly along the lines of they did 'not attempt to learn from the actions of the class. Rather just... an excuse to trot out the previously developed line.'

If I was to sum up AUFHEBEN, then 'interesting because all the articles are well looked into, & interesting because there are lots of odd bits of information thrown in.

interesting but not ecstatically mind blowing.

AUFHEBEN is 44 pages of thought-provoking stuff, costs £2 (or £5 for 3) & can be got from

**AUFHEBEN; C/O Unemployed Centre; Prior House; Tilbury Place; Brighton; East Sussex.** They're also after articles for the 'intake' page, & letters. And if you can't be bothered to write them anything you could at least send them some art work - they need it

**TROTWATCH**

(£1.00 from TW c/o Box NDF, 72 Radford Road, Hyson Gren, Nottingham NG7)

On the other hand, if light entertainment is what you want, track down 'Trotwatch: an Anarchist commentary on the life of the left. 'This is a brilliant one - off magazine that gives you the low-down on all those sad and pathetic left-wing groups that hang around the shopping centres on wet Saturday afternoons. These are the kind of people who make David Mellor look well-adjusted. Totally hilarious and well-recommended!



**in print**

**SOME RECENT ATTACKS**

James Kelman (AK Press £4.50)

Or 'everything you wanted to know about culture but were too bored to ask'.

At a time when it's trendy to write arty-farty books about writing books about books, this collection is a breath of fresh air. Kelman is better known for his brilliant, gritty short stories and novels. He brings the same kind of no-bullshit approach to his non-fiction.

This short book brings together essays and talks he has given over the last couple

of years. The only fault with it is that some of the talks are a bit repetitive, and chunks from one speech reappear in the next one. Apart from that, the writing is spot on: sharp, vicious and funny. One minute Kelman's discussing what it means to him to be Glaswegian, the next he's talking about Clydeside Action on Asbestos, who fight to defend victims of industrial disease. Here's a writer proud of his roots, who can find things worth writing about every day struggles.

If you get pissed off with the Jeffrey Archers, the Catherine Cooksons or the Tom Clancys, you can rely on Kelman to spit out the truth. In 1991 the Labour council in Edinburgh decided to close down the Citizens Rights Office. Kelman says it all: "Nothing was ever given freely by the ruling class. Not in this country, not in any country. When left with no alternative, they concede. If given the chance, what they concede they retrieve." If we remember that we won't go far wrong.

**THE COMPLETE RICHARD ALLEN**

Volume One

Richard Allen (Skinhead Times Publishing)

If you lived through the 1970s, the name Richard Allen should ring a few bells with you. He was the author of a whole series of trash novels of skinhead aggro, teenage sex and general anti-social mayhem. Now his 3 most famous works ('Skinhead', 'Suedehead' and 'Skinhead Escapes') have just been reissued in one volume.

The central character is Joe Hawkins the thuggish son of an East End docker. These three stories take him through football violence, fumbling sex, attacks on Asians, rape, gay-bashing, armed robbery, cop-bashing and murder... You get the picture? There's no real plots and all the characters are like cardboard cut-outs. The whole thing is almost a joke.

Almost. When I was at school, well thumbed copies of 'Skinhead' were the hip things to be reading. It's easy now to sit-back and see how right-wing the books are. Allen puts across virtually every

prejudice you can think of (anti-gay, anti-Irish, anti-Jewish, anti-women, anti-black etc). Of course Allen claims he was just representing the views of the time but even today he is still using his column in 'Skinhead Times' to spread racist rubbish about preserving British culture'.

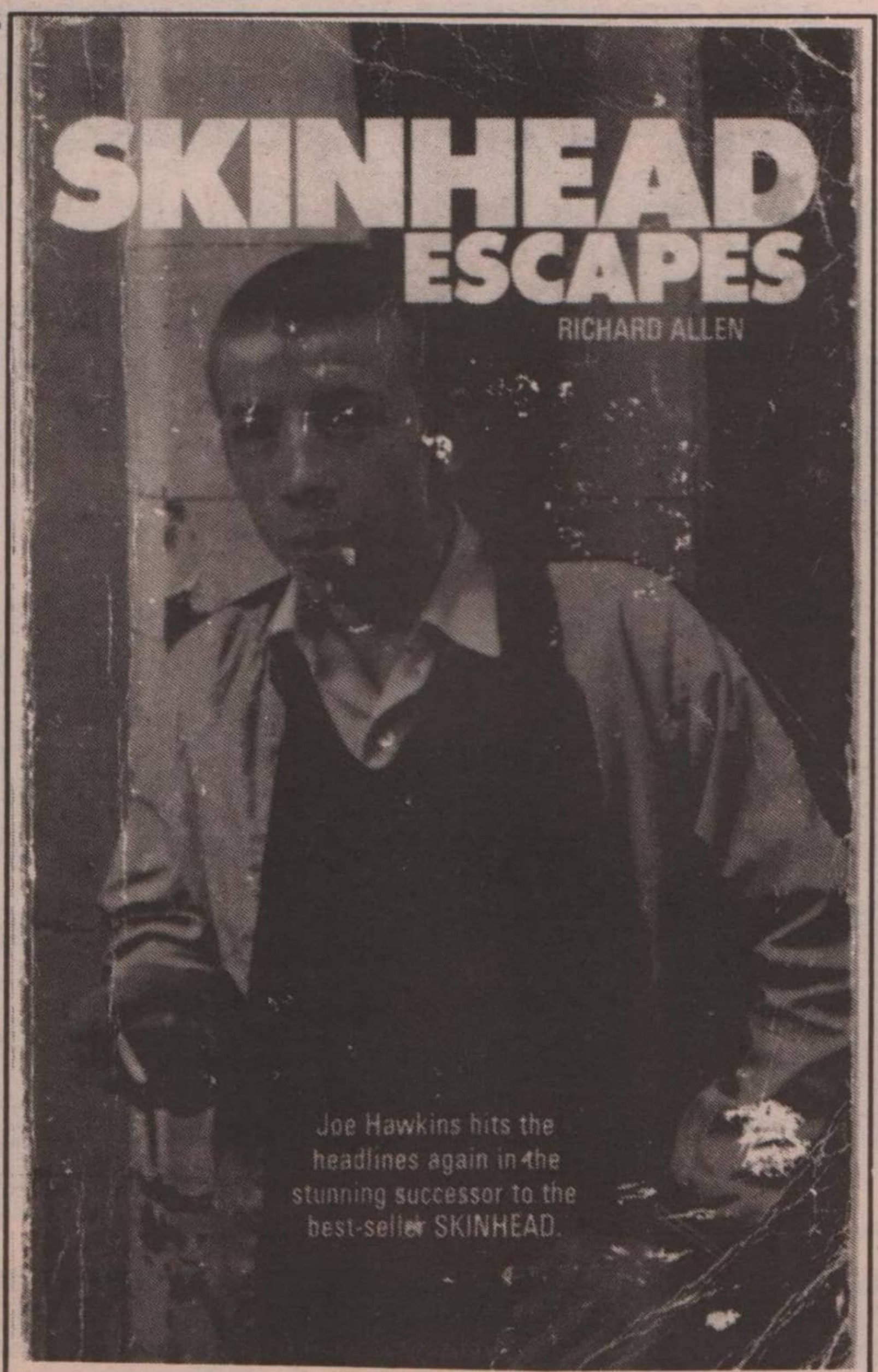
But when I was young, none of that mattered. We thought Joe Hawkins was exciting and radical. He says 'shit' and even 'fuck', he hates the middle-class, he even kills a cop at the end of 'Skinhead Escapes'. On the back of this new volume, the publishers

same old fascist rubbish.

What's frightening about this book is that there is a definite Richard Allen revival. For a long time the original paperbacks were just collectors' items like a lot of 1970s trash. Now 'Skinhead Times' have got plans to re-issue all of Allen's 18 novels. There's a danger that young working class lads will pick up on just as we did when we came across them first time round.

The dead-end politics of this sort of fascism are a danger we have to confront head-on.

And if after all that you're still into pulp writing about sex'n'violence, skip Richard Allen and check out Stewart Home's 'Pure Mania' (Polygon) and 'Defiant Pose' (Peter Owen).



Joe Hawkins hits the headlines again in the stunning successor to the best-seller SKINHEAD.

have printed 'NOT FOR SALE TO YUPPIES'. But beneath the 'radical' surface it's the

**screen**

**CROSS MY HEART**

Doing a tour of the Independent Cinemas. A French Film with subtitles (But don't let that put you off, its much easier to follow on the big screen and it's well worth it.)

The story is based around a young schoolboy who's mother dies (he has no father) too afraid to let the authorities know because they will only put him into "care". Together with his friends he plots to keep it a secret from his school teachers and any other adult. He buries his mother (in a old Grandfather clock, stolen by the daughter of a social worker) and keeps the information away from the authorities as long as possible. I wont

tell you any more. Brilliant film, best I've seen in a long time, very moving and very funny in parts. The representation of a "More than my jobs worth" social worker, who betrays the kids trust and the slimy police inspector are spot on. His friends who grow in numbers as the film continues show great solidarity. An example to us all. A must for everyone. Even cynical Barry Norman said it was one of the best films he'd seen all year.

Beware! There has just been a toned down, tinsel, glossy American re-make of this film, so don't get confused. Typical America, trying to cash in on a lovely film.

**CARRY ON COLUMBUS**

Good politics, imaginative plot, and very funny. NOT. This film is crap. The idea might have been a good one: Columbus was not a "hero" he has been made out to be; the "discovery" of America is nothing to celebrate. So we can instead celebrate the 500 years of resistance, or we can send up Columbus. This film attempts the latter and fails.

The story/plot: Columbus sets off for the East Indies with a crew of ex-prisoners, their camp ex-governor (Julian Clary) and a couple in the pay of the Sultan of Istanbul (a new sea route from the East to the West would cut off his income from the trade tariffs). After some predictable mishaps they

arrive in South America. The "American Indians" are quite sussed (certainly smarter than Columbus), suprisingly funny, but very 20th Century North American. They send Columbus back to Spain with some gold-coloured metal.

Despite a cast full of "comedians" few of them had many funny lines. Instead there were lots of poor puns and "having it off" type jokes. A world away from Sid James and his mates. The London premiere of "1492: Discovery of Paradise" (or some wanky title like that), was picketed and someone let off a stinkbomb in the cinema. Many of the select few left early. No need for that here: it's just plain boring.

**NOT WORTH SEEING**

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# MINERS' SPECIAL

# THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Don't let anyone tell you that revolutionary ideas and actions were imported from 'commie' Russia.

They have developed alongside the working class and its struggle to survive. This, the history of the working class, the history of the miners, is a history of subversion and fight back against the bosses and the state.

The subversive and revolutionary principles of revolutionary unions, or "Syndicalists", came not from intellectuals but from the daily experience of radical workers like the miners.

Now the miners face the biggest challenge of their existence, they could face total annihilation. This article is an edited version of one appearing in a special edition of Class War's theoretical mag, "the Heavy Stuff"...

After the strike of 84-85, 120,000 jobs have gone; 122 pit communities turned into ghost towns and no future in sight for the youngsters now looking for work.

Despite these massive losses it is quite clear the government still thinks we are too dangerous a force.

All evidence points to another imminent massacre of the industry. This will be achieved through the Power Generators stranglehold on the energy market.

The size of the coal contract between British Coal and generators will determine the size of the coal industry. So how will they replace displaced coal? What is the competition.

**20% of the energy market is RESERVED REGARDLESS OF PRICE for the nuclear industry, it represents 11% on every persons electricity bill.**

The most efficient nuclear power station is Hinkley Point C. This generates electricity at a cost of between 7.6p and 9.33p per kilowatt hour, compared with a cost of 3p per kilowatt hour for coal. On average nuclear power is FOUR TIMES as costly than coal!

### RIP OFF

Power Generators have agreed to take 15% gas generated electricity, regardless of the fact that it is dearer than coal power. Gas which is relatively scarce and should be kept solely for domestic use, is destined to get dearer as the quantity goes down.

Coal prices on the other hand have fallen in real terms over the last seven years. This means the profits made by the generators were taken off the backs of the miners and the mining industry, but were never passed onto the customers.

What of the growing threat of so called cheap imports? So called because with the exception of South

African coal, British coal is the cheapest deep-mined coal in the world.

### THE CON

Meanwhile, Polish coal is brought to British ports at under £40 per tonne, though it costs £78 per tonne to produce: it is being given away to earn 'hard currency' to feed the debt to the West.

South African coal can never be called cheap coal it is the dearest coal in the world with miners working for £25

per week and paying with their lives to the tune of 500 a year with many thousands injured - a subsidy of bones, flesh and blood.

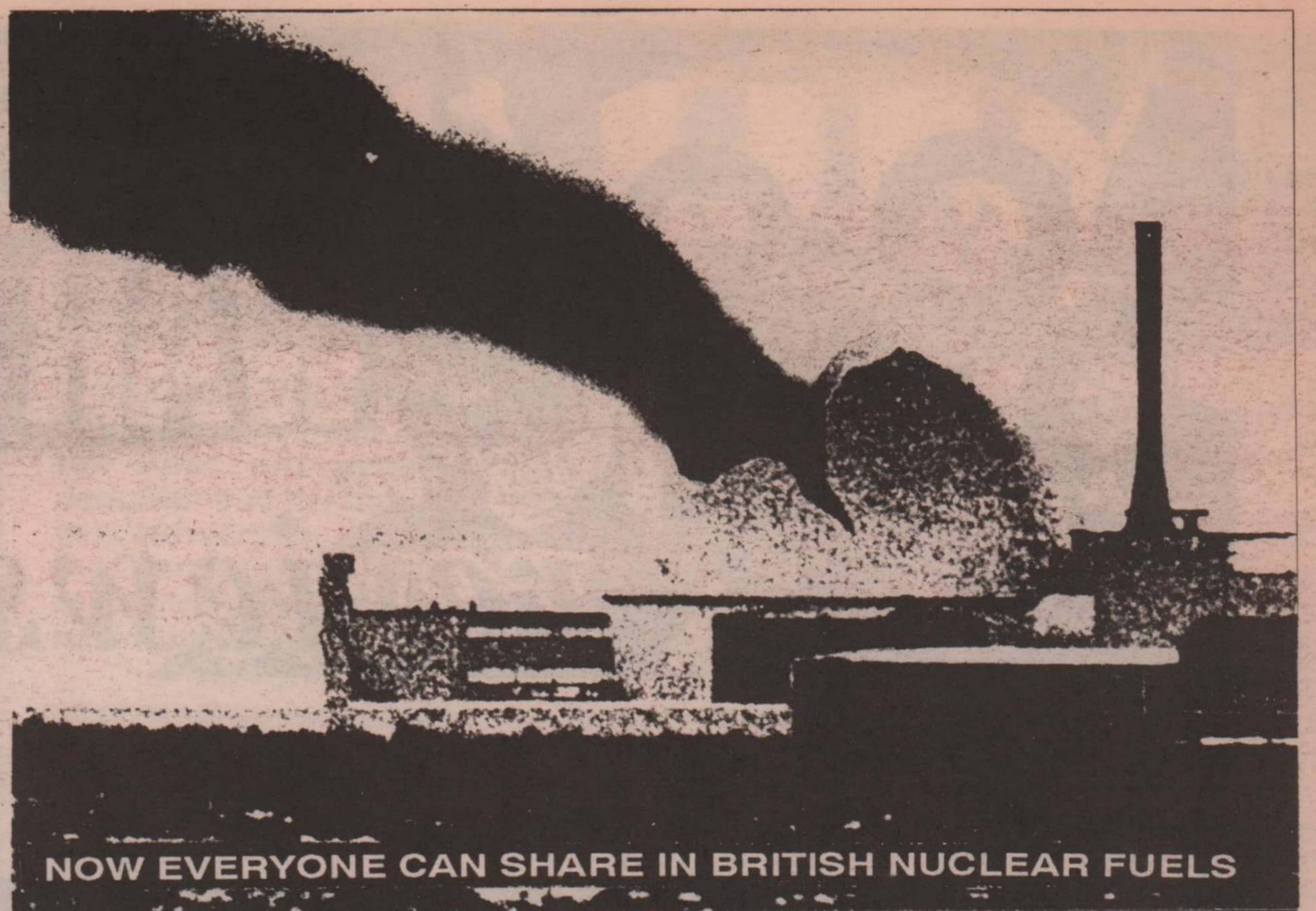
So with the prospect of the ultimate decimation, with no view of a future revival how do we meet the current situation.

### BACK TO THE FUTURE

In 1984/85 the miners and their wives and children threw everything bones, flesh and blood could muster. 11,000 were arrested, 1,000's jailed, four killed, 1,000's injured, marriages broken, many lost their houses, and 100's haven't worked since.

And when we went back to work, the bosses pulled the jackboots on and in the process, 122 pits have closed with the loss of 120,000 jobs.

Agreements have been torn up, union recognition at all levels abolished. Branch officials served with writs, injunctions as well as being suspended.



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To each of these, over the last seven years, we have responded with wildcat strikes, coalfield stoppages, unofficial pickets, overtime bans and all forms of guerilla actions. The war has been continuous and exhausting.

### ONWARDS

Against the same backdrop how do we mobilise against privatisation? Our perspective is to enthusiastically support the unions efforts to obstruct the privatisation plan.

That effort is woefully inadequate up to time of printing; we should have the dynamism of the French lorry drivers, we should be braying on the doors of Brussels. We should be calling on the International Miners Organisation to block every road through Europe.

We should be stopping the business of the House of Commons and the European Parliament in protest of what is happening.

**We demand they explain the logic, the justice, of their plans for the industry.**

British taxes are the second biggest contributor to ECC funds. That fund goes to a joint energy source to subsidise European coal; all of the countries of the EEC take from this fund, with the exception of the British government.

### CLOSING PRICES

So while the Germans, for example, get to produce everything under the price of £60 per tonne, the dearest British coal is £44 per tonne, and all the pits which produce at this price will close, up to the level of pits producing coal

at £34 per tonne because the Government refuses to take from the fund or subsidise to the agreed level, in Britain, but pays to the subsidy for the French, Spanish or Germans.

This is not a moan at 'foreign coal', they are right to take the subsidy, it is the British government's strategy to destroy the mine industry which is wrong. If Britain was to take the subsidy on offer, or even 33% of the sum on offer its coal would be cheaper than any other coal in Europe.

But Britain will not export coal even though it is allowed to, and it is the cheapest by far of any other coal in Europe. So don't let anyone lecture miners on economics, the market or balancing the books, none of these forces are operating here.

### DESTROY

The big picture is to defeat and destroy British Coal production, burn off the scarce supply of gas in the power stations; allow foreign coal producers to up the price because their is no native coal production on offer.. So the story will resolve back to a massive expansion of nuclear energy.

The long term plan finally unfolds, British energy at present is 70-75% produced by coal will be replaced by nuclear energy. No nasty commie miners, no discontentment spreading from their ranks, but a big macho nuclear production line turning out atom bombs and playing in the big league of world power structures.

The call for industrial action cannot be made on an abstract basis, ie. NO JOB LOSSES, NO PIT CLOSURES.

**The call has to be for NO COMPULSORY REDUNDANCIES.**

If it's not compulsory they'll have to put more money on the table for them who want out with a golden handshake. Maybe the threat of action weighed against the added cost of redundancy terms will make the whole thing look even more unattractive to the government, already up to its bollocks in shark-infested waters

### A DETERMINED PUSH

The government isn't that strong. A determined push, a strong industrial action, a set of massive labour movement demonstrations to London against unemployment and recession and we can start the fight back.

**No the government aren't so strong, their shit scared of rave parties never mind national strike action. RAVE AGAINST THE TORIES!**

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