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# CLASS WAR

No 61 *KEEP WARM THIS WINTER...*

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# TURN UP THE HEAT!



**ON THE BOSSES  
AND POLITICIANS**

# NO FUEL TAX!



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Bad government, unemployment and social deprivation lead to riots.. and watching *Going For Gold* is duller than waiting for the kettle to boil. It's obvious and common sense.

But academics and government officials are notoriously short of the stuff that tells us not to stand in the middle of the M1 if we want to collect our pension.

A truth isn't a truth to them until it's published in the form of a long, laborious study. Finally, a report has surfaced which shows that poverty and rioting are inextricably linked. At last!

The Centre for the Study of Public Order are the ones who have compiled this report. Among the small print is the 'revelation' that police harassment leads to increased tension and general distrust of the boys in blue. You don't have to be Clive Anderson, or have a

string of letters after your name and a brain the size of a planet to figure that one out.

But these academics and public officials have been trapped inside their Volvos and French holiday homes for the last ten years, their only contact with the outside world is when they tune into *Desert Island Discs*. So they can be forgiven for being at least a decade behind us ordinary mortals.

Given that their report repeats what *Class War*, amongst others, has been saying for years, the Cabinet is unlikely to take it too seriously. Especially since the conclusion is that the last 13 years have been a period of "alarmingly bad government".

No doubt the Centre for the Study of Public Order will find itself without funding next year. They predict more riots and unrest..

...bring a bottle!

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# WHO'S TO JUDGE?

"Let us take the handcuffs off the police and put them on the real criminals". - Home Secretary Michael Howard at the end of the 1993 Tory party conference.

If you thought, for one happy moment, that this meant the bosses were going to come clean, and be banged up for the exploitation they subject us to, you were going to be disappointed.

## BLUE RINSE BRIGADE

But the boss' party was never going to lock up the bosses, so it's no shock really. What Micheal Howard told the blue rinse brigade was that in response to the Tory media's hysteria about rising crime, the Tory party was going to 'get tough'.

Getting tough with crime was the excuse used to bring in a range of new measures which include: *the ending of*

*the 'right' to silence, a DNA (genetic print) register of criminals, increased cop powers, longer sentences and more prisons.*

So does all this mean that working class communities, many facing a rising tide of anti-social crime, will be protected against those who prey on their own? No.

What this is all about is control. To be exact, their control of us. The rich and powerful, and those who protect them - the police, don't give a toss about working class people. Except in some high-profile cases, like the James Bulger murder, we are left to fend for ourselves, whilst the cops patrol in riot vans, stopping only to harass people and dish out the odd ticket for traffic offences.

## REAL REASONS

They, in fact, love the rise in crime in the inner cities and estates because it breaks down communities and gives them an excuse to exist. "Look" they say, as some person is battered senseless for £2, "people are scum and you need a strong government and police force to protect you".

But what they don't like, and what scares them to death, is when crime leaves the inner cities and travels to the rich areas or to the countryside. Hence the rapid rise in private security patrols (although a lot of these are in ordinary suburbs) and even the re-introduction of Parish Wardens, who date back to the middle ages.

## BACKDATED

What also dates back to the middle ages, and is at the root of all crime, is economic exploitation. Capitalism is the system whereby we, the majority, produce wealth for them, the minority.

It's as simple as that. Capitalism breeds inequality, abuse, hatred (racism, sexism etc) frustration and anger. And if you don't want to play the game, the bosses have built lots of prisons to put us in. The problem now is that things are so bad there is a 'crimewave' and they are running out of prisons, and need more cops.

Why a crimewave? Well, poverty and inequality is now at it's worse since the 1920's, but coupled with that is the Tory promoted get-rich-quick society where government

minsters privatise companies and then become directors of the same companies, where City share dealers steal millions and get community service, and where BMW run an advertising campaign with a picture of a £40,000 motor and the slogan "Why Wait". Why wait indeed... they take the money and run.

But when we take the

social crime.

## OUR OWN SOLUTIONS

These community based actions, that deal with anti-social criminals, and protect the vulnerable are an acid test of our politics. We don't say "sit back and wait for the party to do it for you", we say **take control of your life now,**



JUDGE TUMIM: INSPECTOR OF PRISONS

money and run, especially when it's their money, they get excited and want to build more prisons. They harp on about 'dole fraud' costing the country millions, whilst they give tax cuts to the very rich, that since 1979 have cost five BILLION!

*The richest scum have got an extra five billion to spend on the highlife, whilst in the 'lowlife' pensioners die because they can't afford heating. This is real crime, on a scale the mafia could only dream of.*

The bosses, and everyone else, know that more cops and jails won't stop crime, at best it's just a knee jerk reaction. Jail just brutalises people, and destroys families, which makes them far more likely to go back in, once they get out.

These are fine words, but no help, if your community is plagued with anti-social crime. You can't sit back and tell people to wait for the coming revolution whilst those who are the most vulnerable have their lives made a living hell by the actions of a few scum who rob off their own, batter their wives, attack their neighbours or who think that anyone else but themselves is a legitimate target for attack.

On page 5, we detail the **Concerned Parents Against Drugs** initiative in Dublin, and in recent editions we have highlighted what we see as positive fightback against anti-

and start rolling back the power of the state.

Who needs to call the cops when we can ALL police our communities. Who needs a gin-soaked 70 year old toffee-nosed judge when we can ALL decide what action to take. Building a better, equal world is for all of us to do. We don't need, or want, a ruling elite to order us around, whether that elite is called Labour, Tory, SWP or the BNP.

## BANGED UP

PC Fred White and WPC Helen Butler showed just how handy the plod are with a set of keys recently, when the halfwits locked themselves into their own nick in Clevedon, Avon.

The brainless prats were banged up in their own cop shop for nearly half an hour, while they 'waved frantically for help' at a man outside.

"It certainly shows our security is working properly" - Sgt. Rick Palmer

Unfortunately, in the end, the bloke came to their rescue. He hadn't helped earlier because he thought they were practising aerobics!

**Who said you need to pass an exam to join the plod?**

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS THE POLITICS OF CLASS WAR

As the left in Britain and elsewhere cry into their beer over the failure of their plans, we in *Class War* think it's about time to throw their methods into the dustbin of history and return to the basics. We argue here for the recreation of an independent revolutionary movement within the working class inspired by the best traditions of unity and solidarity. This is our unfinished business.

## WHAT THEY SAID...

"Statement of political intent from Britain's only credible revolutionaries... relevant, thought-provoking, often amusing.. " THE FACE.

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# FUELLING OUR ANGER

## ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Unrest is growing amongst working class people, and the ghost of the poll tax haunts MPs. The government's plan to put VAT on domestic heating fuel (FUEL TAX) looks set to hit up against the same sort of resistance that Thatcher got with the poll tax.

The FUEL TAX will be phased in by putting bills up by 8% from April '94 and then 17.5% from April '95. In the recent Budget, a totally inadequate compensation scheme was announced. But we weren't born yesterday, and we all know that every budget means that we are expected to pay more to maintain the tax cuts for the filthy rich.

An estimated two thousand working class people die each year because they can't afford to keep warm. Most are OAP's. Many more develop chronic health problems.

The FUEL TAX is an attack on our standard of living. Like the poll tax it relies on our co-operation. There are already calls for a campaign of civil disobedience involving non-payment, or paying late; fiddles and physical opposition to cut-offs; total non-co-operation with the electricity and gas boards.

Local groups formed the backbone of the anti poll tax struggle, and they will play an essential part in our battle against the FUEL TAX.

**Despite the never ending cycle of recessions, the rich are getting richer at our expense. The FUEL TAX is yet another way to redistribute wealth - from us to them.'**

**WE SHOULDN'T BE SHOCKED or surprised by the government's plan to introduce VAT on fuel.**

This is yet another in a series of direct attacks on our class, where, as usual it is the young, old and sick who are going to be hardest hit.

Working class people already spend a higher proportion of their income on fuel bills than the rich due to the fact that the majority of our class live in sub-standard housing with inefficient and expensive heating systems.

### APRIL FOOL

Thousands die each year because they can't afford to keep warm, and it is estimated that an extra TEN THOUSAND deaths will occur once the fuel tax is introduced.

This government is killing our class and we are letting them do it. So what

can we do? Sit back and keep our fingers crossed that we are eligible for extra money from the DSS. Norman Lamont did promise that the poor would not suffer from the Fuel Tax - however he did say this on April 1st!

**Or should we console ourselves that we shall be doing our bit to help cut down global warming because we actually can't afford to put the bloody fire on! No way.**

We must be on the attack. It's no good belly-aching to a load of lying politicians, hoping they will give us a few measly quid extra.

### LIGHTING FIRES

We must fight back in the only effective way we know how - mass civil disobedience, which should involve as many forms of resistance as possible, designed and put into practice by our own communities.

We shouldn't run away with the idea that this is going to be the same type of fight that we had with the Poll Tax. The battleground is different: in this case it is not as simple as a mass non-payment campaign. You can live without paying your poll tax, but it is not easy, or desirable, to live without heating or light.

Many people do not have the option of refusing to pay their bills because they either have meters, buy tokens or charge

cards, or have the money stopped out of their already pitiful benefits or grants.

*However, we can make life very 'uncomfortable' for the fuel companies by adopting a policy of non-*

demand arrives, even then you still have a week to pay up. This is enough to start the ball rolling and cause some minor damage to profits; share prices and profits could drop due to

are already starting to form across the UK. It will be local community action that will play an essential part in our attack against this tax. We must work together to form a network of groups to pass on information and to support each other.

### SOLIDARITY

With little sign of us benefitting from the 'recovery' from this deep recession. Coupled with the attacks the State has made in the Budget against the old, those in need of housing and health care, people studying who can't live off handouts from rich Mummies and Daddies, single mothers.. it's time for a bit of solidarity and imagination. When we realise that our collective strength is huge and that we are more than capable of ruining our world for ourselves, without ANY taxes, then the State will really panic.

**If you want information or help with setting up a meeting to form a group in your area get in touch with:**

**NO FUEL TAX  
c/o PO BOX 85  
Balsall  
Birmingham  
B12 9RL**

**If you have any information or useful scams write to us and we'll publish them.**



**KEN CLARKE: may he die on the flames of a thousand fuel bills lit by his own cigar**

*co-operation when it comes to dealing with them. We can make a start by not letting the gas or electricity board read our meters (if they are inside your home).*

When we get our bills we should pay them as late as possible. Amazingly, 75% of electricity bills are paid either on the day they are received or on the day after.

Wait until the final

the loss of interest they would earn. If anyone does get threatened with being cut off, then friends and neighbours should support them and physically stop anyone from entering their home.

April 1994 may seem a long way off at the moment but it is crucial that we start our attack now - it's no good waiting for the first bill to hit our door mat.

**NO FUEL TAX groups**

## USEFUL HINTS AND METER BEATERS

This list of possible dodges and courses of action isn't the be-all and end-all - we're sure people all over Britain have got plans and scams going., and we'll print any useful ones you send to us. What we've listed here is based on current knowledge, and what we think are the best and most productive things to do.

- PAY AS LATE AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN - ALWAYS WAIT FOR A RED BILL
- ABSOLUTELY REFUSE KEY OR CARD METERS - YOU'RE NOT OBLIGED TO HAVE ONE (UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT ROBBING ELECTRICITY OR GAS BEFORE)
- GET AS MANY ESTIMATED BILLS AS YOU CAN, RATHER THAN REAL ONES, AND ALWAYS ESTIMATE LESS THAN YOU'VE USED
- IF YOU'RE DUE A VISIT FROM THEM, MAKE SURE YOU'VE GOT A GOOD MORTICE LOCK ON YOUR FRONT AND BACK DOORS, AND SECURE WINDOWS BEFORE GOING OUT - THE GAS AND 'LECCY BOARDS WILL TRY TO ENTER YOUR HOME IF THEY CAN GET IN EASILY.
- IF YOUR METER IS VISIBLE FROM THE STREET, AND IT'S INSIDE YOUR HOME, COVER IT OR PUT A CURTAIN UP SO IT CAN'T BE READ BY SNOOPERS.
- EACH FUEL BOARD ONLY HAS A FEW METER READERS: MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR THEM TO COME AND THEN MISS THE VISIT.
- ONLY FEW STAFF WORK ON ACTUAL CUT-OFFS: SO THERE AREN'T MANY OF THEM TO PHYSICALLY PREVENT FROM CUTTING YOUR SUPPLY.
- IF YOU CAN, CHANGE YOUR BILL TO A FALSE NAME: YOU CAN'T THEN BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR A WHOPPING GREAT FUEL BILL - THE PERSON MOVED AWAY AND YOU'VE JUST TAKEN THE HOUSE/FLAT OVER.
- GOOD LUCK TO ANYONE WHO'S SUCCESSFULLY FIDDLING THEIR SUPPLY OR METER - BUT DON'T TRY FIDDLING A LIVE GAS OR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY UNLESS YOU'RE SURE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING: ASK SOMEONE WHO KNOWS, LIKE A FRIENDLY ELECTRICIAN OR GAS FITTER (THEY DO EXIST)
- DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ON ILL AND ELDERLY NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS: A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL BE GETTING COLD THIS WINTER.
- GOOD LUCK AND KEEP CLASS WAR IN TOUCH!

**SELL CLASS WAR TO YOUR MATES - SEE PAGE 14.**

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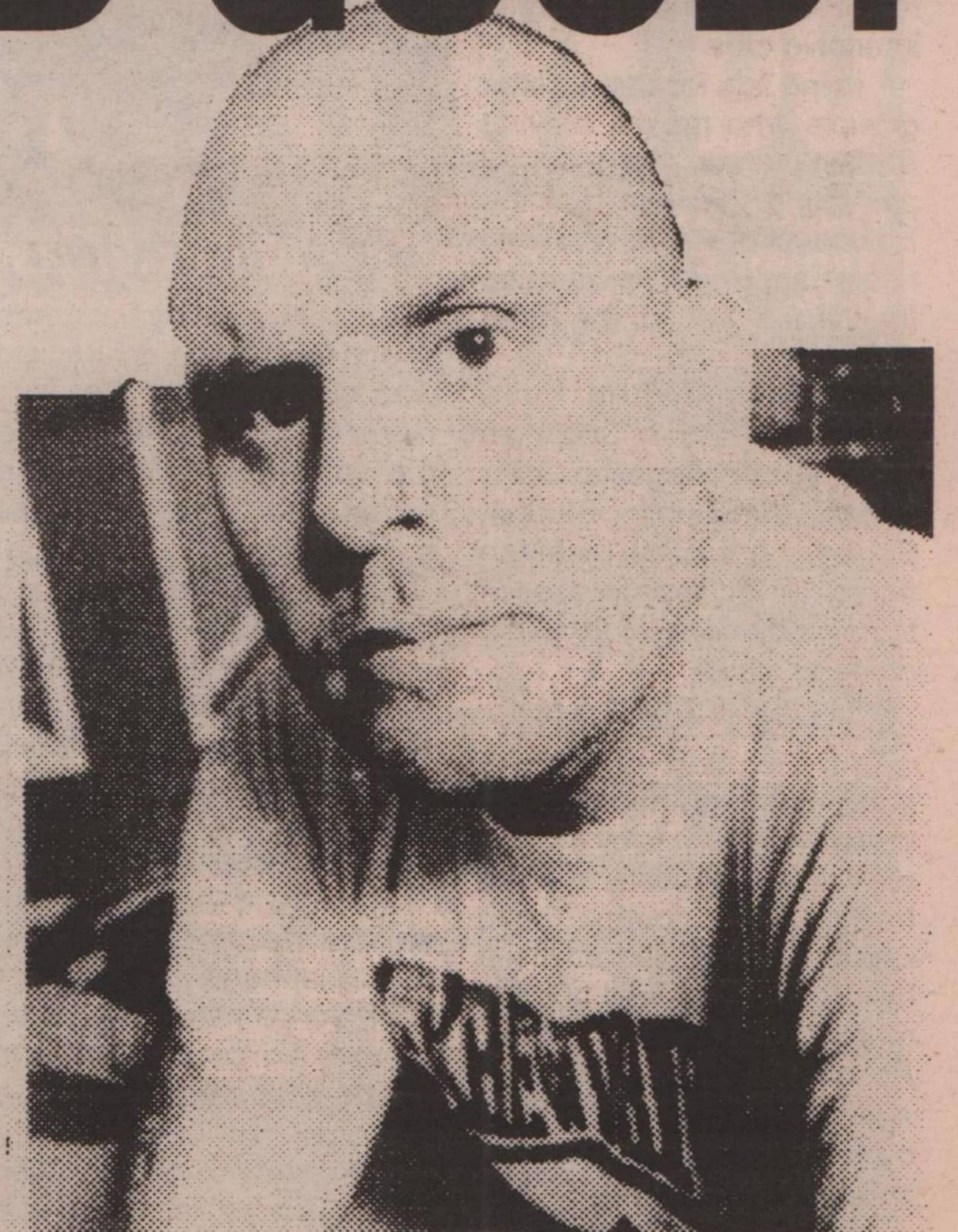
## DEAD GOOD!

**ON THE RIGHT**, so to speak, is one nazi scum that won't be missed: *Class War* are more than proud to announce the death of Ian Stuart Donaldson.

Before his more than timely car crash, the ageing bonehead was the singer of crap nazi band, Skrewdriver, and founded Blood and Honour, the music organisation for intellectually challenged Hitler worshippers.

In September, Skrewdriver's singer became a screwed up driver, following in the footsteps of nazi band Violent Storm, who managed to wipe themselves out on the M4 last year.

We wish all fascists well in their driving tests, and suggest they travel by mini-bus in the future.





# A DISMISSIVE ATTITUDE

*(Or how to sack your staff confidently and painlessly)*

**DURING SEPTEMBER and October a series of seminars took place in England and Ireland called 'How to Legally Dismiss Staff with Behavioural Problems - A Step by Step Guide'.**

The seminars were described in the advertising brochure as;

*'A comprehensive course that gives managers and supervisors the powerful skills they need to confidently weed out employees with unsatisfactory attitudes, side-step dismissal problems, and avoid claims.'*

## IDIOT

So what's an 'unsatisfactory attitude'. Most people hate their jobs and could think of better things to be doing with their time. Who'd be satisfied with low pay, crap conditions, long hours and especially some idiot standing over them trying to sniff out a 'behavioural problem.'

At a time when the bosses are really turning the screws on us this offers all the advice needed to 'dismiss employees confidently and painlessly, legally and safely', and just in case there are any softies out there, there are also tips on 'How to handle the self doubt, stress, anxiety and aggravation caused by dismissing personnel'.

The seminars were organised by a company called 'Padgett and Thompson', which claims to train more than 550,000 business people in over 500 cities worldwide each year.

They boast of being 'The leading International business trainer', a position they achieved by 'tuning into the needs of business'.

We all know what the needs of business are. Top of the list is a weak, subservient workforce that can be exploited to the maximum degree.

The seminars were held in various high class hotels,

including the London Hilton, which comes as no surprise considering they are one of Padgett and Thompson's customers.

Class War members attended and organised protests at a number of the venues, including Dublin and Leeds.

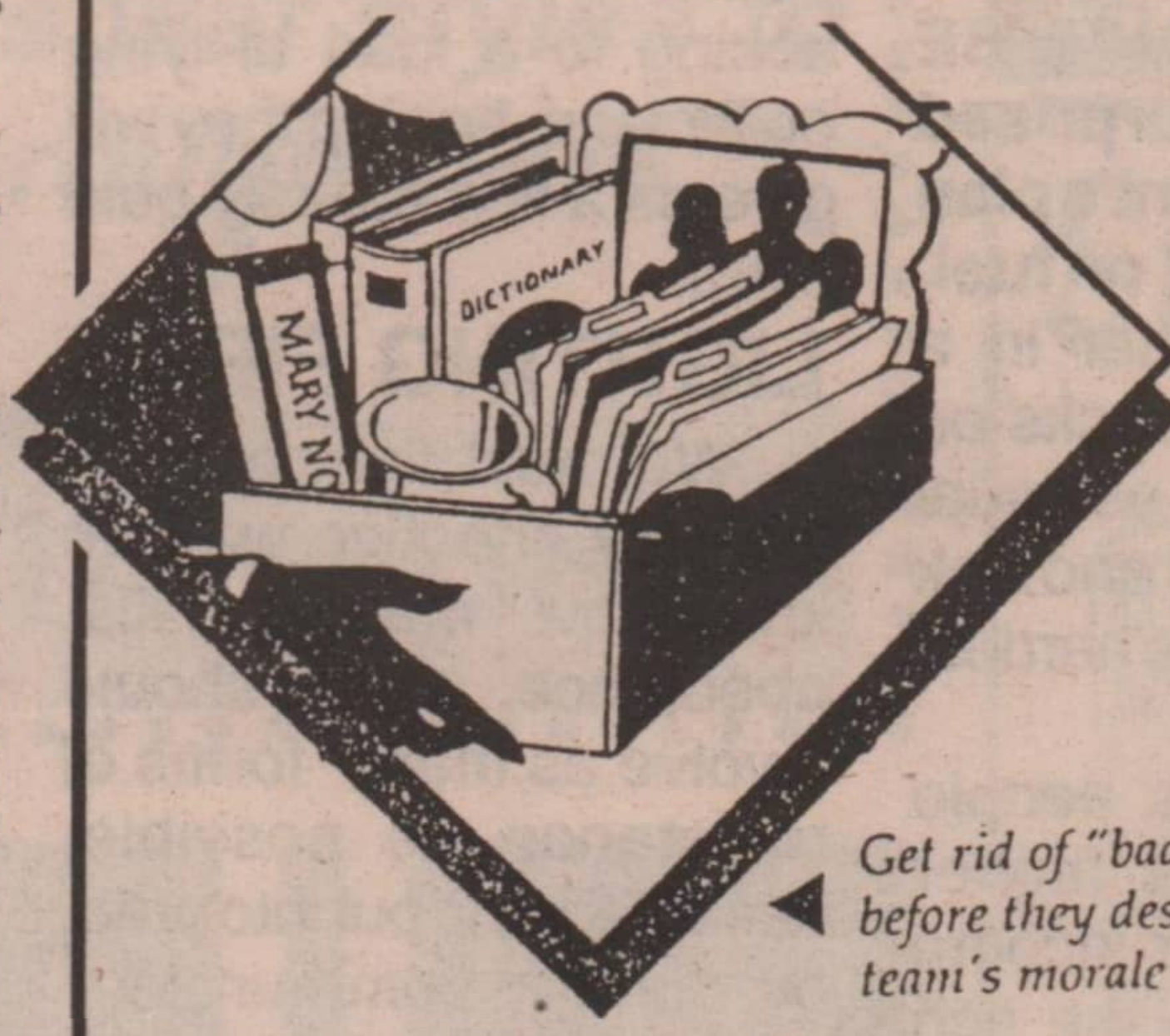
A description from one manager sums it up; 'Dynamic stuff and well presented. By the end of it I felt like a new manager.' We've felt like new managers for years - the sort that lie stiff in long boxes, six foot under the ground.

## GET IN TOUCH

If you have anything to say to Padgett and Thompson why not get in touch with them at PO Box 109, Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks. Or give them a ring on 0494 817111. Remember, tell them we sent you.

If anyone has any further details of their operations or future seminars let us know. Any information will be gratefully received and acted upon.

HOW TO LEGALLY DISMISS STAFF WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



Get rid of "bad apples" before they destroy your team's morale

- Has your manager been on this course - yes, if you work for any of the following; Shell, Esso, 3M, Bayer, Xerox, BT, British Coal, Safeway, Kellogg, Kraft, British Aerospace, Uniroyal, Lego, BBC, British Airways, Budget car hire, Colgate, Ford, Avon products and Barclays bank. To name but a few...

## KILL THE BILL!

**IF ANYONE in Ireland still has any confidence in the Labour Party they should just look at their conduct during recent 'law and order' debates.**

As a partner in the coalition government they have been part of putting a bill through the Dail (Irish Parliament) which means the criminalisation of the working class.

In Ireland, just as in Britain recently, the actual level of crime has been blown out of all proportion, with particular aspects being hyped up, especially violence on or near O'Connell Street (the main street in Dublin) and the mugging of tourists. Irelands law and order brigade are having a field day, despite the fact that the Ireland has the second lowest crime rate in the E.C.

The first hint at what was to come was earlier this year when the cops got a new high tech van to patrol Dublin city centre, equipped with closed circuit T.V. cameras and recording equipment. (Used to harass street traders, and in particular filming political events and paper sales). In order to tackle the 'crime wave' a new Criminal Justice Bill was introduced. At least, that's the reason the politicians gave.

In actual fact, apart from the section on public drunkenness, the Bill has little to say about any anti-social activity. Instead, it concentrates on providing for a crackdown on every form of demonstration or picket imaginable. Any protest action which could be taken by working class people could now be declared illegal if only one cop says so.

Deliberately vague phrases are used, such as 'likely to cause annoyance' and 'failure to comply with Gardai instructions'. This is so that they can be interpreted in different ways to best suit the cops.

### 'SHUT UP OR PAY UP'

The penalties for breaches of the Act are outrageous. For example, using a megaphone at a demo could mean a £500 fine, obstructing a cop could mean five years in jail and pointing out to scabs that they are scabs could lead to six months in jail. What we're being told is 'shut up or pay up'. Combining this with the 1990 Industrial Relations Act, picketing or any effective strike action is now impossible within the law.

The worst thing is that many people are willing to accept the rationale behind the bill. A common attitude is, 'It's a bit harsh but sure something has to be done'. Even when the mask slipped nobody seemed to notice. One politician, Mary Harney, stated in support of the bill:

*'In recent years there were serious riots throughout Britain. There was also serious public disorder during the miners strike and strikes in the printing industry as well as public demonstrations and unrest on a large scale against the Poll Tax. We do not have problems of that kind in Ireland, however legislation should be put in place in advance of such problems.'*

It can't be put much clearer than that, (but what about the muggers Mary?). This bill is obviously aimed at any, and all, working class fight back.

The real message of this is quite clear - working class people are criminals just waiting to get caught. If you want to avoid trouble just take these simple precautions: stay indoors and accept that society is the way it is. And don't forget to get your T.V. licence.

# A Warm welcome - Not!

**IRELAND is often called 'The Land of 100,000 Welcomes'.**

When it was announced that David Irving was paying a visit in October he was promised 100,000 welcomes - each one the sort that requires a long term stay in intensive care.

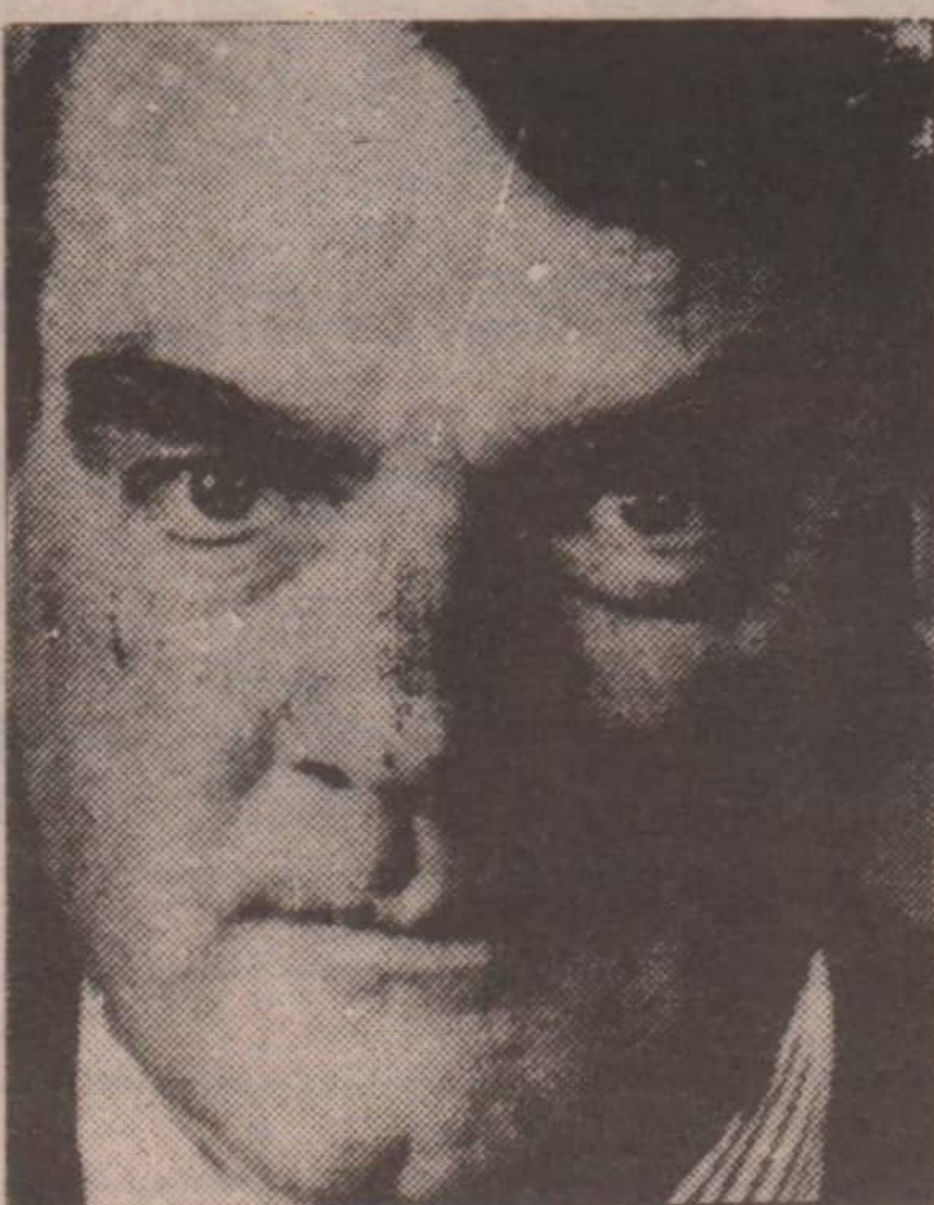
Irving is a fascist, a Hitler groupie who makes a living (£100,000 per year) out of promoting the idea that the Holocaust of World War Two never happened. He was also the 'genius' behind the Hitler diary farce.

He was invited by a number of Student Societies to speak at colleges in Cork, Galway and Dublin. Student Societies are made up of the future ruling class and bosses to be, and childishly try to out do each other.

## STUDENT PRANK

At the start of a term publicity is very important and one way to get it is by inviting controversial guests, such as Irving. In this context these idiots giving a platform to a hard line fascist was nothing more than a student prank. An acceptance of Irvings agenda would have little or no consequences for these people.

As it turned out, the threat



● DAVID IRVING

of a mobilisation by hundreds of anti fascist and anti racists was so great that the visit never occurred. In one venue the security staff refused to provide extra cover in protest against Irving.

College authorities feared serious opposition to the presence of this piece of scum. They demanded security for the events, which they in turn could not afford (The police estimate in Cork for their services was £8000). Tragic isn't it - the poverty of student life. Poor David had to stay at home.

If things had gone ahead there is no doubt that Irving would never have gotten a chance to speak. The universities would have faced an anti fascist presence that

would have been determined to see to it.

Class War literature stressed that our intention was not to protest at Irvings presence but to stop him making an appearance. We were willing to take and support whatever action was necessary.

Irving obviously has a short memory. When he came to Dublin in 1988 the building he was in was surrounded by protesters and he had to scuttle out at two in the morning. Some people never learn!

## STRATEGY

Just in case there is doubt in anyones mind - Irving is not just a nutcase or fool as some have suggested. He has links with the extreme right across the world, and his personal security in Britain is provided by hardcore nazis.

He believes that the Holocaust is 'the single main obstacle to the progress of national socialist ideas'. Basically, if people didn't believe the truth of history they would be more open to fascist ideology! When Irving and his sort talk of 'six million lies' it's not because they're stupid,

it's because they have a clear strategy for promoting their political ideas.

Irving may not seem as threatening as some bonehead boot boys but he has the clear political insight for a harder task than street violence - recruiting the 'intellectual' wing of fascist terror. This makes him a very dangerous individual.

Earlier this year French fascist Le Pen backed down from a trip to Dublin. Now Irving has been sent packing. However, the British National Party (B.N.P.) are planning to hold a meeting in Coleraine, County Derry early in 1994.

Obviously the B.N.P. also have a short memory. When their fellow Nazis, the National Front marched there in the 80's they were outnumbered two to one by anti fascists.

If the B.N.P. are stupid enough to go ahead 100,000 special welcomes can be guaranteed, and we don't mean from their loyalist playmates.

As we have said before, Class War believes that the only suitable platform for any fascist is one which comes complete with a trap door and noose.



# Enough is enough

**IN THE 1980's the Concerned Parents Against Drugs groups were single handedly responsible for seriously tackling the problem of hard drug dealing in Dublin.**

Working class communities were being ravaged by heroin. The addiction rate was higher than that of New York!

With each addict needing hundreds of pounds per week to support their habit, anti social crime had greatly increased in some of the poorest and most deprived areas of the city.

In flat complexes addicts were congregating, passing out and leaving dirty needles lying around. Kids had to be kept indoors for their own safety. People were often afraid to go to the local shops for fear of being robbed.

State agencies and our 'protectors', the cops, offered no assistance. People were living in fear and misery with the prospect of their children facing worse in the future.

Eventually, enough was enough. Working class

communities pulled together and decided to tackle the problem themselves.

Considering the scale of the problem and the sensitivity of the issue the response of these communities could have been completely reactionary and rightwing. But the movement that emerged was open, democratic and disciplined.

Public meetings would be held in an area, open to everyone who lived there, including addicts and those accused of being hard drug pushers. At these meetings dealers would be named, evidence given and those accused would be given a chance to defend themselves.

## JUSTICE

Those proven to be dealing would then be ordered to cease their activities or leave the area. If they refused to comply the community would march upon their house and forcibly evict them. This was working class justice in action.

Concerned Parents Against Drugs drew a clear distinction between addicts and those selling hard drugs.

In addition to confronting dealers they also lobbied the health services to provide treatment for addicts and offered and organised whatever assistance they could for addicts.

Also those selling hash were clearly distinguished from those selling hard drugs.

The C.P.A.D. movement was very successful, with active groups throughout Dublin. Some of the big drug dealing networks were effectively smashed. At one stage there was no heroin available in Dublin at all.

## ASSAULT

Such an achievement of working class self management and initiative does not go ignored by the powers that be. Working class people realising their own strength and ability is their greatest fear.

A clear political decision was taken to destroy the C.P.A.D. Many in C.P.A.D. were not prepared for an all out assault by politicians, the media, the Gardai and the judiciary. This severe unexpected assault did the movement serious damage.

Despite the successes in the mid to late 80's there is now once again a serious hard drug problem in Dublin. There are now more addicts than ever before, and there is a growing 'drug culture' that did not exist in the 80's, so that drugs now seem more attractive to many people.

The conditions of working class life that encourages drug abuse are now more extreme. In some inner city areas unemployment has run as high as 80%. Housing estates are as run down as ever. There are no adequate facilities for those who have no choice but to hang around all day.

A new 'Public Order Act' offers the cops the opportunity to engage in any and all harassment they wish to with full legal sanction. It's little wonder that many (especially teenagers) turn to the quick fix 'solutions' offered by drugs.

## MARCHED

The re-emergence of the C.P.A.D. in recent months has been a welcome development. Hundreds of residents in the South Inner City marched on Dublin Corporation (the Council) demanding that tenants be consulted about who moves into their areas, to ensure that known pushers can be kept out.

They also demanded that a serious attempt was made to provide suitable community and recreational facilities. It was also made clear that the C.P.A.D. position was that the presence of known hard drug pushers would not be tolerated.

This stance has been put into practice - in one particular flats complex a number of dealers homes were marched upon and they were given twenty four hours to get out.

Residents of a nearby estate approached the people in the flats for assistance and two drug dealers on one street were confronted.

Around the same time a twenty four hour vigil was mounted at the entrance of another flats complex after a woman was intimidated by a dealer. 'Anti Pusher Patrols' have now taken to the streets again.

The strong feeling of anger against the pushers is clearly evident. Recently a large scale heroin dealer, Frank Roberts, known to use children as couriers, was shot dead (most likely by a rival gang) at a bonfire in Newmarket St, South Inner City. News spread quickly around the area and a crowd that had gathered cheered as his body was removed.

Celebrations took place in local pubs, and known associates of the dead man were made most unwelcome and the cops found people less than heartbroken over his death.

Also, Christopher Wright, who was known to be involved in heroin pushing in Ballymun, was shot in the legs. He had previously been used by the cops to give evidence in court against C.P.A.D. people.

## SERIOUS

An escalating drug problem in our areas serves a purpose for the ruling class. With serious attacks on our living standards now the norm we should be pulling together to fight back against the system that dominates our lives.

Instead communities are turning in on themselves. In trying to escape isolation and despair people are destroying their lives with drugs, they are attacking their own communities, and in turn the community sees them as their worst enemy.

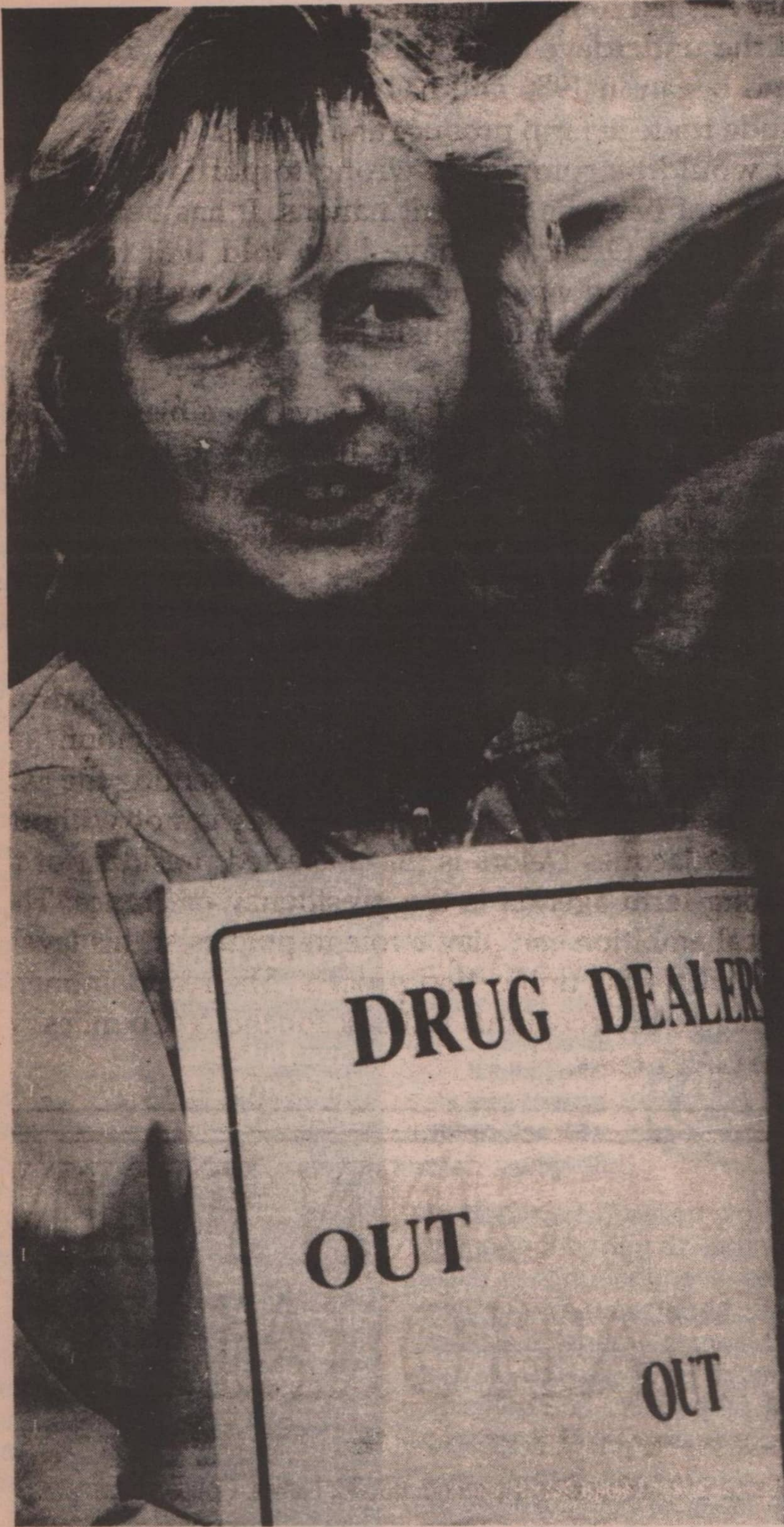
**"This was working class justice in action"**

Anti social activities are then used as a smoke screen to introducing draconian anti working class laws, which long suffering people will readily accept as necessary.

The police and judiciary will never tackle the problem - it's not their job to. Put simply, it's just not in their interest.

**But it is in our interest!** The challenge of hard drug abuse and anti social activity must be met head on by the working class. Taking control of our own streets, of our own communities and taking responsibility for our own security is a necessity and an essential step in progressing towards revolution.

Class War fully supports Concerned Parents Against Drugs and all working class groups that come together and stand up to take back possession of what is rightfully ours - the ability to shape our world as we see fit, and to make the decisions that affect our lives.



**HARD DRUGS OUT - C.A.P.D. member**

# ONE ROAD TO PEACE - CLASS WAR

**IT SEEMS that every two bit politician in Ireland has found what had previously eluded them for years - a peace plan.**

John Hume (SDLP leader) and Gerry Adams (President of Sinn Fein) were first off the mark with a plan which Hume said could bring peace in a week.

Dick Spring, (there's joke in that name somewhere) the Irish foreign affairs minister, was next with his six point plan for peace. However poor old Dicky got his points a bit mixed up.

## FUTURE

One point said that the entire people of Ireland (North and South) were the ones who should decide the future of the North, while another stated that only the people of Northern Ireland had a right to determine how they were to be governed and by whom.

John Major and the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds, said they were engaged in discussions which they said could also bring about peace.

The original talks between Hume and Adams which began all the discussion were generally seen by many as

something which did contain a glimmer of hope for peace.

The British government had said they would not talk to Sinn Fein while the Republican movement is still engaged in the armed struggle, words that came back to haunt them after it was disclosed that the government and Sinn Fein had been talking for years.

Hume and Adams insist that a simple declaration by the government, that it has no interest in remaining in the six counties and that it favours a United Ireland as a long term goal, will be enough to end the violence.

However the government seems both unable and unwilling to make this move. The Tories needs the votes of the Ulster Unionists in parliament and is being very careful not to upset them. So it looks as if all these so called peace plans will come to nothing.

But what does the Hume/Adams peace plan offer and could it deliver peace? We believe it could not. The main object of their talks is to bring about a nationalist agreement on a joint strategy. They want Sinn Fein, the SDLP and the Dublin government to get

together and collectively put pressure on Britain.

The Republican movement is admitting that their present tactics of armed struggle and electioneering are not enough to remove Britain from Ireland. They want to enlist the help of other nationalists and are prepared to water down their republicanism to bring this about.

Obviously any deal which is negotiated by John Hume and Albert Reynolds will not address the real problems in the North. For example there is no way that they would agree to a total disbandment of the Northern security forces and the judiciary.

**'Only revolutionary politics can offer our class a solution to the problems we face..'**

There is nothing in the Hume/Adams talks which would benefit the working class of Ireland. They both believe that they need to strengthen the nationalist cause by unity. But nationalist politics cannot by its very nature, and doesn't even try to, offer anything to Protestant workers.

Nationalists cannot create the conditions where all working class people can live in peace and freedom and where all our social and economic problems have been sorted out.

**CLASS WAR in IRELAND**

**Class War - PO Box 5, Derry, BT48 6PD.**

Class War now has members in Derry, Coleraine, Armagh, Wexford, Galway, Cork and Dublin. *Get involved, write to address below.*

Could anyone who has written to the box in the last few months and hasn't had a reply please write again, as there was a slight admin' problem.

Also, Class War will be attending the Bloody Sunday March in Derry - be there.



crafty, cutting comment from...

# SALLY SKULL



## MUM'S A DIRTY WORD

Everybody knows, including Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley, that no-one's ever got pregnant to get her hands on state benefit. Benefits just aren't high enough to compensate for 16 years of wet nappies, tantrums and adolescent trauma. Still, the name-calling that proceeds every new round of benefit cuts has to be seen to be done. If single mothers are painted as Babylon's babes, then slicing benefit can be filed under 'punishment' rather than callousness.

The vision of 'family life' that the Tories are pushing to save money—one employed father, one valium-laden Stepford wife and 2.2 kids—is a rarity. Fewer than 5 per cent of households consist of a working husband with a wife at home looking after pre school-age children. Ten million Britons now live on income support and 60 per cent of new claimants are unemployed rather than pregnant. Low wages and sickness account for a sizeable proportion of the rest.

Politicians and reality aren't usually well-acquainted. It's not their job to deal with the issues as they stand; their role is to disguise economic cruelty with spiel about returning to family values. When stuck for words, all they have to do is repeat what the Victorians said to justify mass squalor and poverty.

The Victorians were keen on splitting up the 'deserving' and the 'undeserving' poor. As 'The Clarion' put it in 1892: "Paupers are divided into two classes: the undeserving wasters who have only themselves to blame for their misfortunes, on whom kindness is wasted, and the industrious poor."

It seems that the government are heading towards basing who gets benefit not on circumstances but on character and sexual habits. That's rich coming from a Cabinet that has the character of a spoilt, greedy child and a reputation for sexual hypocrisy that outflanks even the Maharishi.

It'll be interesting to discover how they'll phrase the proposal to make elderly people sell their homes instead of collecting a state pension. Accusing the elderly of promiscuity won't be easy: the over-sixties don't attend many orgies. A pity, sex would be an excellent way to keep warm when VAT on fuel bills comes in.



## BULLSHIT PREACHERS

There's nothing like a slice of unpleasant reality for separating the slogan pitchers from the real rebels. When the BNP candidate was elected in Tower Hamlets, most anti-racists slammed on the mental brakes and decided that the only way to stop racist violence escalating was to strike out at fascists while they were still relatively weak. But most of us aren't in the Manic Street Preachers.

Richy Manic squinted at the by-election through a haze of dry ice and mumbled: "As James Baldwin said: 'Don't fear them, pity them.'" Fascism is by its nature ruthless: while the fascists are out ruthlessly murdering black people, pity appears to be a particularly inappropriate response.

The Manic Street Preachers have a reputation as rebel rockers. What they are is rebel readers. One of them has obviously swallowed a situationist pamphlet without digesting any of it. The result: a few crap, overly wordy songs and a tendency to fire off what they think are contentious political statements. Every quote has a guaranteed cringe factor. Best to sew boots into mouths and be done with it. Richy Manic adopts the 'two-feet-nailed-to-the-floor-sway' when gigging—losing the use of one leg might just liven up his dancing.

Bodged eyeliner doesn't mean you're a revolutionary gender-bender—every cock-rock-heavy-metal band in the world slaps the make-up on—and clever concerned-sounding statements aren't the same thing as having real political concerns. The Manic Street Preachers have a slogan for every occasion and nothing to say when real life demands a revolutionary answer.

## LET THEM EAT MICKEY

In a month where the media have been losing their hair over the whereabouts of Michael Jackson, this column has surefire information on where Jackson definitely isn't. He's not at Euro Disney. Nobody is. The company lost £610 million last year because they over-estimated the prices we were prepared to pay for a penis lookalike surrounded by Walt Disney's fantasies.

Four hot dogs, two large and two small cokes cost £32 at Euro Disney. Mickey Mouse prices. The public were supposed to have no choice about whether or not they paid: Snow White and the seven dwarves searched bags at the entrance to make sure families weren't smuggling in illicit packed lunches. I kid you not.

Using cartoon cops backfired. Those who had their crab sandwiches confiscated decided not to visit the theme park again. Euro Disney was left clutching egg mayonnaise baps with egg on its face.



**Euro Miserie**  
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## DODGY JUDGEMENT



Dream on... The judicial system gets a new anti-racist image

British prisons hold more black people per head of population than South Africa. Around 18 per cent of prison inmates are from ethnic minorities, even though they make up only five per cent of the total population. The judicial system is as racist as Bernard Manning's gags. But black communities aren't laughing: they're far more likely to get tougher sentences in court. Now judges and court officials have been told they must spend one and a half days on a racial awareness course.

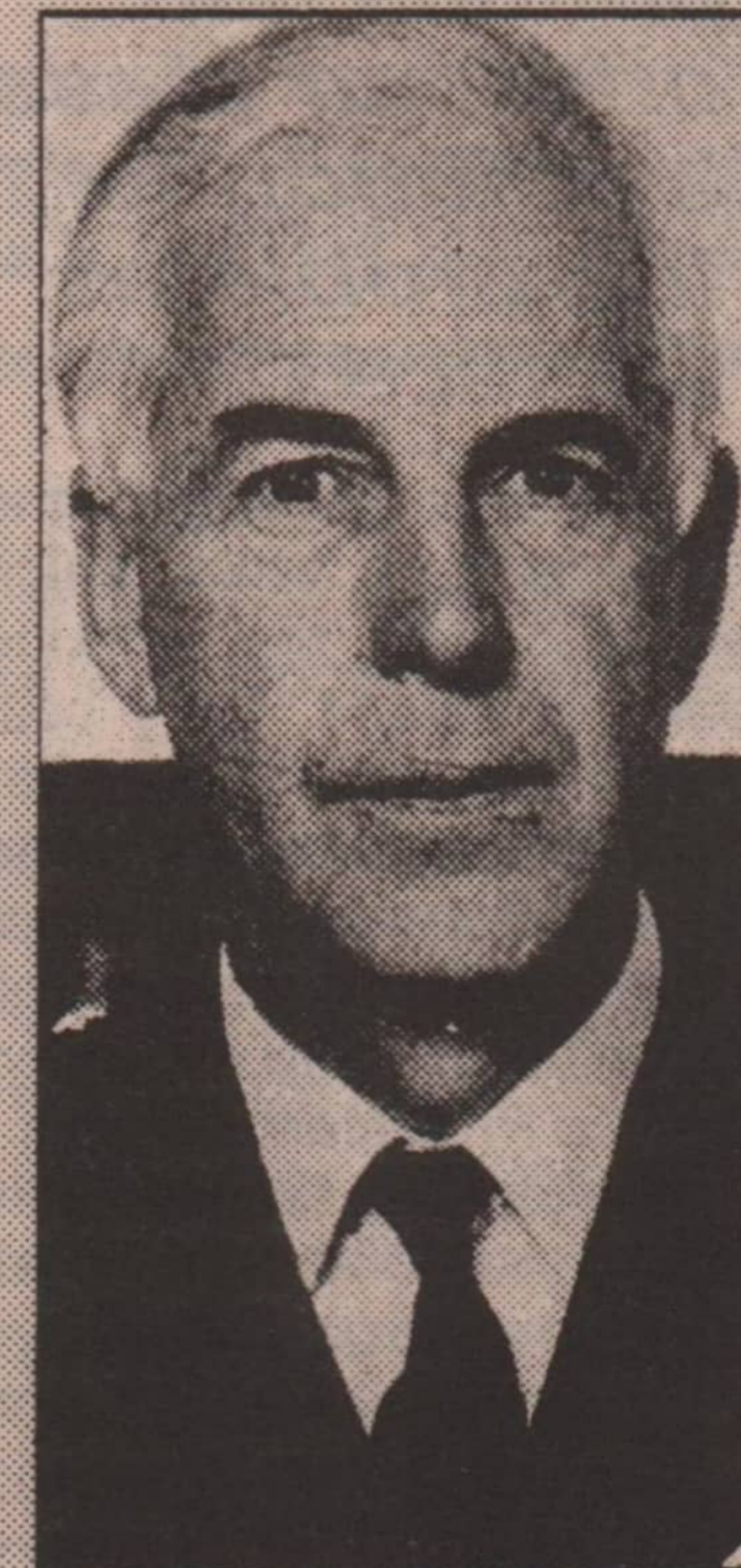
One and a half days. At the most 12 hours, and more likely to be nine, not counting lunch. Judges are supposedly going to get rid of a lifetime of prejudices in less time than it takes to smoke kippers. Part of the course entails judges asking themselves: "How would I feel if I walked into a sea of black faces, would I get justice?" It may prove a sobering thought, but it's just that: a thought.

And in those nine hours Graham Taylor will get re-appointed, Holland's 3-1 win will be declared null and void, San Marino's goal will be retrospectively disallowed and England will go on to win the World Cup... No they won't. British judges will still be the same white upper class fools with racist colonial backgrounds that they were when they entered the classroom nine hours earlier. Pigs don't fly, they just act like they can, especially when they're around black people.

The legal system needs more than a nine hour minor adjustment. Inmates were greeted at Holme House prison in Cleveland with a cap bearing a swastika, a skull and crossbones and an SS flash. When a black prisoner complained, the two prison officers responsible were ordered to remove the cap and given a verbal warning. That's how hard the Home Office comes down on racists. (Not surprising for a department whose motto is "Deport now. Ask questions later.") The state isn't going to tackle its own racism. Cabinet ministers aren't going to run round Parliament bashing themselves over the head.

Racism is way past the point where it can be dissolved by debate. It's a sad fact that people often behave no better than they have to. I'm not the toughest woman in the North, I'm scared of fascists but what frightens me more is the prospect of not using force against them now. Giving racists enough rope only leads them to hanging other people.

## OLD BOYS JOB CLUB



It's a cushy job, but someone's gotta do it...

First in a series of jobs you're unlikely to be offered

### AIR CHIEF MARSHAL

Experience required in long lunches and taking orders from the Americans.

**Skills:** need a strong bladder to house large quantities of alcohol during long lunches. Must be able to hold a telephone and take orders from the White House. Ability to delegate difficult tasks such as dropping bombs on Arab nations.

**Salary:** £90,148

**Perks:** free RAF 'accommodation' in central London. Car, chauffeur and use of a British Aerospace HS125 jet. A Gazelle helicopter is provided for nipping out on business.

Post presently filled by Sir Michael Graydon.

"With regard to the treatment of the deserving poor, it has been felt that persons who have habitually led decent and deserving lives should, if they require relief, receive treatment different from those whose previous habits and character have been unsatisfactory, and who have failed to exercise thrift in the bringing up of their families."

Local Government Board, 30th annual report, 1889

"Social security benefits all too often appear as an entitlement rather than something which should be earned."

Michael Howard, Home Secretary, Conservative Conference, 1993

"What's the point of going from Lancashire to somewhere else damp and dreary?"

Ursula Greenaway, travel consultant, on why she won't be selling Euro Disney holidays. She's obviously never sampled the delights of Blackpool

"It hurt a lot."

John Wayne Bobbit on what it felt like to have his penis cut off by his wife. Wife-batters beware

"I've got a little list of young ladies who get pregnant just to jump the housing list."

Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, Conservative Conference, October 1993

"I've already got too much money."

Phil Collins, singer and actor, on why the public should boycott his new single

"I concentrate on men and what horrible bastards they are. I don't suppose I'll ever run out of material..."

Jo Brand, stand-up comedian on what makes women cry till they laugh

"We never wanted injuries on either side. We wanted both the police and ourselves to leave having enjoyed the day and united against the Nazis. If a policeman's head hurts half as much as mine, I feel really sorry for him."

Miss Waterson, Anti-Nazi League organiser, gives the police sympathy after the march on the BNP headquarters, and fails to see that for the police to unite against nazis they would have to burn their own stations down



# CLASS, RACE & FASCISM



## A GOOD DAY OUT

Well, it was going to be one of those days. You could feel it in the air. And the sun was shining - that always helps! The park was full of people, there must have been thousands upon thousands. The usual tedious speeches telling us how nasty the nazis were.

When the march moved off, it was complete mayhem.

"The next day, they call us cowards, cowardly attacks, on poor little defenceless police, what a load of rubbish. Yes we're happy to fight the state, the cops and the fascists. Maybe next time we'll pick the battleground, we'll be on horses, with our helmets, protective clothing, no ID, shields and truncheons. We'll have cameras, and all the press will be on our side, and if we need it we'll have the prisons and courts too. So don't you dare call us cowards, when all you risk is a few bruises, you've upped the stakes..."



all these people trying to get onto some small suburban street. Hardly any stewards to be seen - nor any cops. So much for the 'organising' of the left.

### TENSION

As we went down the road, you could feel the tension increasing. The only cops to be seen were the robocop variety, stationed at the

bottom of each road, stationary. No cops actually on the march - new police tactic of straightforward containment?

We got up to the top, the bit where we wanted to go onto the book-shop and examine its architecture - and where line after line after line of cops stood.

No way past - but that

didn't stop people from getting on with the task in hand. Soon the pavement was being pulled up and broken into manageable lumps. The air was full of concrete rain as missiles hailed down onto the police lines. The cemetery wall came down and more missiles were hurled at the cops.

### MISTAKES

But still the same stupid mistakes. What's the point of throwing something if you're not sure you will hit the class enemy? We have got to be more organised and disciplined. There are no excuses for bad throwing. It's just plain stupid.

There were frequent police charges - but people stood their ground against the armoured might of the cops. The courage and ferocity of a number of people was exceptional. Hand to hand fighting took place, but still people refused to retreat.

In one of the police charges, a copper over extended himself in his



attempt to be a hero - and went down. People were joyously on him in a flash, kicking and punching as he lay there helpless. Sadly he was soon rescued.

A lot of combatants were masked up but still too many were in plain view of police/media surveillance. However, several photographers got their just reward. Threats were issued (along the lines of "if you don't put that fucking camera away, it's going down your throat") and when necessary implemented.

### CLEAR

The point is clear - no-one should be allowed to take any photographs in this situation. There's no time for media bullshit: too many people have gone to prison thanks to photographers.

### LIBERALS

Of course the liberals and their fellow travellers got frightfully upset - "stop throwing bricks" they cried. When will these people learn? It's the state that is the real

problem, not some small, poxy fascist grouping. The cops have killed far more black people in the last few years than the BNP ever have!

And then there's the "police protect the nazis"



crowd, waving their yellow lollipops. Wise up kids - what do you think the role of the police actually is?

After a while, the fighting died down. It's hard work taking on the cops! But as we slowly left the area, there were some excellent chances for revenge along the road: unprotected police standing

there like Aunt Sallies! "Come on then, throw some bricks at us" they seemed to be saying. So some people did!

### REALISTIC

But it's also important for us to be realistic about our aims and our achievements. Though it was great seeing the return of anti-police violence to the streets of London, it was very much on the terms dictated to us by the police.

The battle was a set piece with the police calling the tune, by and large. At no time were they seriously shaken (unlike Trafalgar Square in 1990 for example). They had surrounded the area with surveillance - though a well aimed catapult or something else would have quickly taken care of most of that. Hit Sky between the eyes should be our slogan for next time!

It could be said that the whole confrontation was a set-up by the police - with the aim of identifying active combatants on the march and giving the media an excuse to criticise the marchers. Certainly, before the march the police had been talking very much of it turning into a riot. It was also an opportunity for them to have some 'real life' riot training!

But the same could be said for our side: it was an opportunity for riot training. Lessons were learnt and will be implemented next time - for one thing is certain, as the sun rises in the day: there will be a next time. And that next time we should be tighter, more organised, more ruthless in getting what we want.

## IF YOU KNOW EM SHOP EM

One thing that has always characterised the British ruling class is its ability to learn from its mistakes. The miners may have given Ted Heath a bloody nose in the seventies but come the great miners strike of 1984-85 the Tories had masses of coal stockpiled and won the day.

Knowing this one depressing outcome of the Welling riot was the inability of many to learn from our previous insurrections. After the poll tax riot in Trafalgar Square in 1990 the British media - from 'Militant' to the 'Sunday People' - launched a vicious campaign to identify the working class heroes who trashed the West End on the day.

Yet just 3 years later at Welling hundreds of people bravely got stuck into the old bill without taking even the basic step of covering their faces.

### INEVITABLE

The outcome was all too

inevitable. The police - who had located the majority of their surveillance equipment at the junction of Upper Wickham Lane - had hours of film from which to identify rioters and The Sun (surprise, surprise) offered £100 to anyone willing to identify rioters.

If we do not learn from history we are condemned to repeat it. Sitting in a prison cell is a very harsh way to learn a lesson, so let's get it right next time!

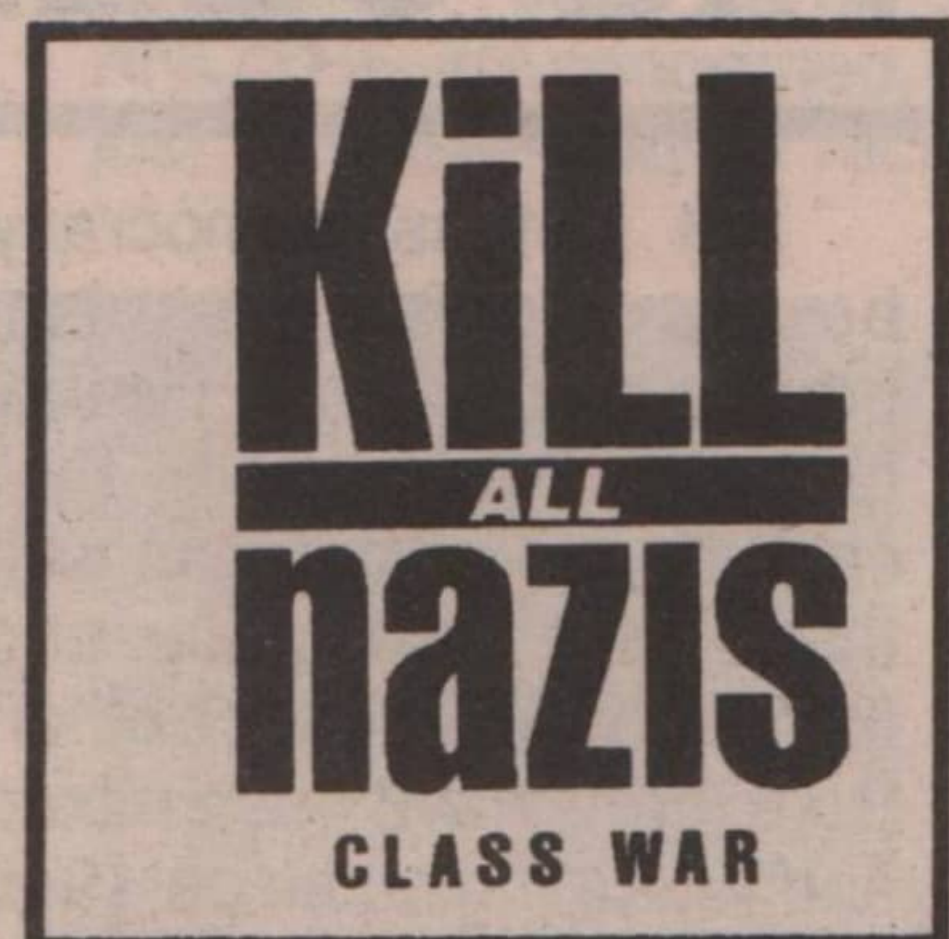
When rioting, basic disguise is essential. Scarves, hats and hooded tops all help and a number of well dressed rioters are even sporting ski masks or motorcycle helmets - why not follow the trend?

At events such as Welling journalists, photographers and cameramen become little more than plain clothes police officers. As well as providing physical evidence, they also provide ideological back up in the form of twisted, biased reporting.

At Trafalgar Square the media circus concentrated on WPC Fiona Roberts who cried

at a press conference when asked about attacks on police officers. At Welling black policeman Leslie Turner became the centre of this circus.

As neither Fleet Street nor the Metropolitan police have ever been too concerned at attacks on black civilians, the



crocodile tears shed on this occasion has to be the cheekiest move of the year.

When Leslie Turner joined the police he ceased to be a member of the community and became a member of the police force, an organisation that exists to act against the interests of the working class.

Black policemen in particular are required to give

a cosmetic glint to the hated activities of the police in our inner-cities, they must be hit just as hard as white policemen and just as often.

### LEGITIMATE TARGETS

After the Trafalgar Square prosecutions Class War warned that all journalists and photographers were now legitimate targets. After Welling a police source commented "Thanks to The Sun we have receive a great deal of information".

### SHOP 'EM

It is time to turn our talk into reality. The bulk of The Sun's reporting into Welling was done by Neil Syson and Damian Lazarus, with editor Kelvin McKenzie signing the £1000 cheques for those who informed on the Welling warriors. Our message to all Class War readers is simple - if you know 'em, shop 'em.

Any information you can give us on these three wretches will be acted upon...

Our switch board operators are waiting for your call!

## RACISM

Racism is a major problem within our class. Such ideas and practices have to be attacked and driven out at every possible opportunity.

For a start, that means pushing our ideas across: that's ideas of class struggle, class solidarity and class revolution. It's this that cuts the ground away from the ideas of racism and fascism.

### NOT ENOUGH

But sometimes this is not enough. Sometimes people refuse to see sense. That is when we have to use different tactics. Individuals should first be argued with and then, if this fails, isolated.

Where organised groups exist they should be initially monitored for information. What is vital is that they are not allowed to play the role of the ruling class' lapdog. If this means physically taking them out, so be it. It's a tactic that has worked successfully in the past and will work successfully in the future.

### CAUTION

Such operations need to be undertaken very carefully and cautiously. People need to stick together, do what is necessary and keep their mouths shut. It's not

something to be glorified, merely some work that has to be done.

### LOCAL GROUPS

This is already happening - there are many community groups/self-defence groups that are organised to take on racists and fascists. Such local based groups are one of the most effective and efficient forms of activity for they have the local knowledge, the local connections and the local strength.

And it is from initiatives like this that solidarity can replace fragmentation within our class. Racism and fascism are part of this fragmentation - and one thing is for sure: they aren't going to get us anywhere but further in the grip of the ruling class.





# PUTTING TI

We are in the middle of a mass hysteria: an anti-fascist hysteria. It's time for a spot of honesty. We need to cut through the crap spouted by everyone from the Anti-Nazi League to the 'Daily Mail' via John Major. What is the true meaning of fascism. Is there a fascist threat in this country. what about the state, what about racism, are the BNP a bunch of complete birdbrains or the future ruling class? It is the aim of this special spread to answer some of these questions and to point out a few ways forward.

Fascism is not some recent political idea and practice that has emerged out of nothing. Its roots go back 100 years odd more - it is based on nation, race and leadership. The fascists have no concept of class (except the British ones!), they think only in terms of one nation, one race'.

### SCUM

Putting it mildly, fascists are power crazed scum who want to destroy working class solidarity so that their friends the bosses, big business, landowners and rich bastards in general can screw even greater profits out of us.

They try to fool the working class into supporting them by pretending that their race, country, religion or family values are under threat from "foreigners", "godless communists", "homosexuals", "men from Mars" or whatever. Essentially, they try to blame the existing social system's many failings on minorities - as a way of upholding that system.

### DIVIDE AND RULE

This, of course, means that they are very popular with the ruling class! In fact, the fascists have been used time and time again by the ruling class against the working class. Its that old stunt: divide and rule, unify sections of the working class behind the ruling class.

What is important - and what is ignored by much of the left such as the Anti-Nazi League (ANL) and Youth against Racism in Europe (YRE) - is that fascism is not separate from capitalism. It is not some "evil menace" that takes over society. It is an integral part of capitalist society and is used by the ruling class when necessary.

The fascist success in countries such as Germany, Spain and Italy during the 1930's were actively encouraged by most sections of the respective ruling class. These were not seizures of power or revolutions. They were attempts by the ruling class to impose more effective and efficient control over the working class.

### PROFIT

Democracy was no longer making a profit for capital - and profit is the name of the game of course! So the ruling classes bought in Hitler, Franco and Mussolini. Fascism was successful in these countries because the ruling class was in crisis, threatened both by economic collapse and class struggle:

So the ruling class used fascism to mobilise the middle classes plus others in support

squads. It is democratic capitalism that has looted and exploited the so-called 'underdeveloped world', controlling it now through debt and dictatorships. It is democratic capitalism that forces us into work, risking our physical and mental health.

Fascist capitalism must certainly be vigorously opposed and attacked at

fascism? Come on - compared to the state, they are a gram in a grain of sand on the biggest beach in the world!

Of course, this does not mean that we are against attacking the fascists. Far from it - they can be a problem (particularly in certain areas) and as such have to be dealt with.

It just means that we are in favour of taking a realistic and rational view of what is facing us. And that means not getting hysterical about the so-called 'fascist threat' in this country.

Though we should not be hysterical about this 'fascist threat', neither should we just simplify it down to kicking in a few heads. It is important that the fascists are confronted and are not allowed to spread their ideas - but ideas cannot be destroyed merely through violence. It is also a matter of putting over practical alternatives to fascism - ideas such as united against the ruling class, fighting together for what we need.

### IDIOTS

The largest fascist group, the BNP (British National Party) can barely mobilise more than a few hundred of its own supporters at any one time. It has no influence in the workplace. The only areas where it does have any influence are relatively segregated and isolated working class communities - like Millwall where braindead Derek Beackon was elected as councillor recently (and so prompting an enormous outpouring of anti-fascist hysteria).

For all the talk about the BNP, 'The Daily Express', 'The Sun', 'The Star', 'The Daily Mail' etc. get across racist ideas to far more people than the BNP's own newspaper (imaginatively called 'British Nationalist'). Yet there are no demonstrations organised that call for the media headquarters to be closed down! Now there's an idea...

### RACISM

And it is this 'mainstream'



It's the state that's the real problem: robocops get ready to ruck!!!

of its own rule.

Incidentally, a classic sign of the drive for profit was shown in 1936 when the Bank of England lent Nazi Germany £6,000,000. So much for the British state's tradition of "anti-fascism" (not that it was anything more than a sick joke anyway or a cover for being anti-German)

### DEMOCRACY

The funny thing about the Bank of England lending £6,000,000 in 1936 to Germany is that it is so similar to all the arms exports to Iraq before the Gulf War. Again, it is clear - profit is the key. And this also shows why democracy is nothing to make a song and dance about.

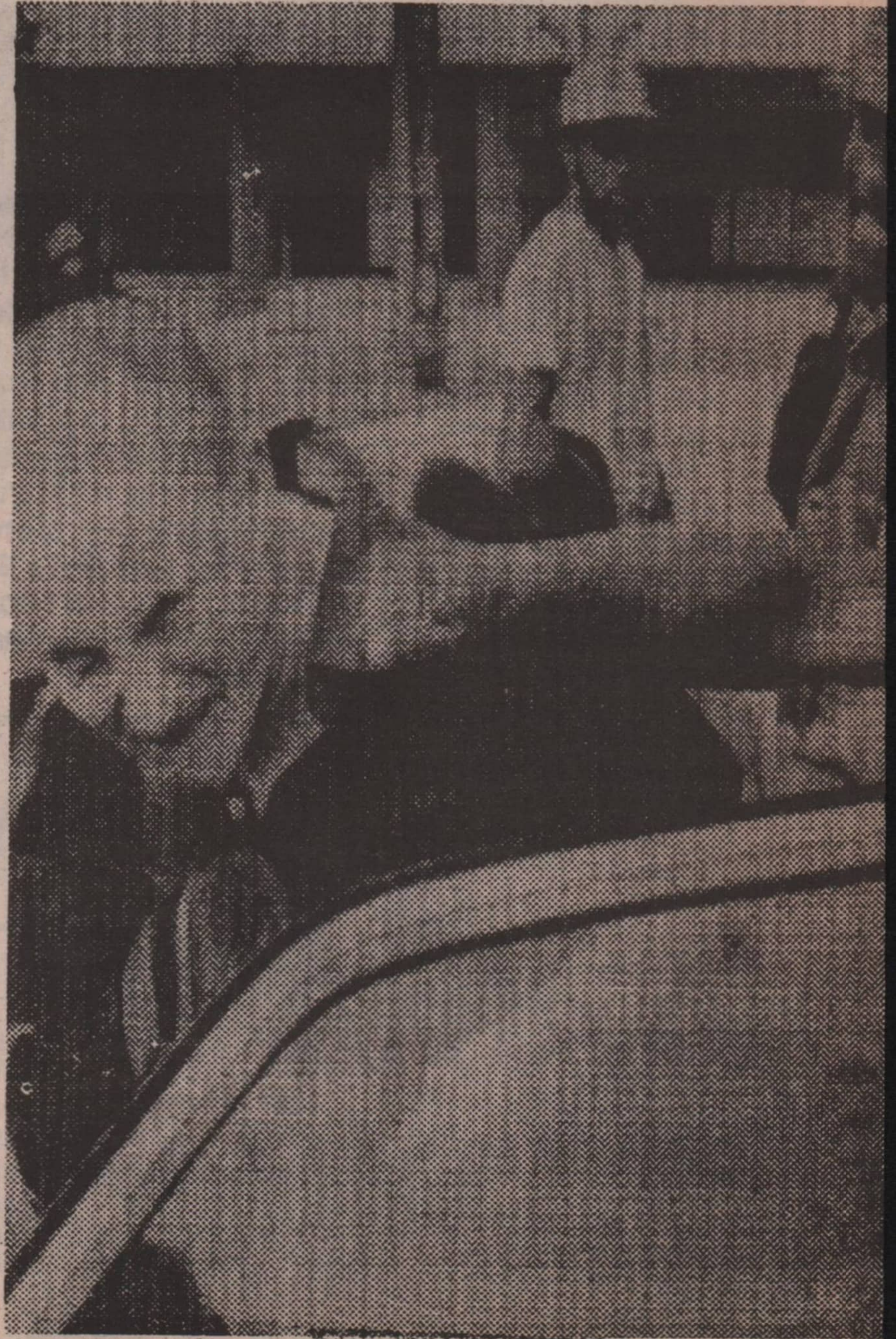
It was democratic capitalism that bombed Iraq back to the Stone Age. It is democratic capitalism that organises the SAS/Loyalist murder gangs in the North of Ireland. It is democratic capitalism that has financed and controlled fascist death

every possible opportunity. But that doesn't mean that we end up defending democratic capitalism. Neither are anything to write home about. Neither are what we really want. Both are our enemies.

### HYSTERIA

But back to the hysteria. According to the ANL, YRE and various others, the fascist menace is exploding onto the streets, that soon we will be taken over by these evil, nasty, wicked, big fascists unless we go on this demonstration or that, unless we wave our lollipops and obey our stewards. Well, sorry to burst the bubble but that's all recruiting sergeant hype and you know what they say about hype - don't believe it!

To put it simply, fascism is not a threat in Britain at this time. Racism, racist violence, government legislation, state attacks - yes, they are definitely a problem (if not the problem!). But organised



racism (as compared to fascist racism) that is much more of a problem. One example of this was the 1964 Parliamentary election in Smethwick: the Tory candidate, Peter Griffiths, used the slogan "If you want a nigger neighbour, vote Labour".

The Labour Party's response was to say that the Conservatives were to blame for immigration in this country! Peter Griffiths is now the Tory MP for Portsmouth North - no doubt one of the MPs so energetically lobbied by the Anti-Racist Alliance.

It has been said that John Tyndall (the intellectually challenged leader of the BNP) would now be a Tory MP if he hadn't shown such a fetish for wearing shiny black jackboots back in the 1950's and 1960's

- and not keeping quiet about it. But he blew his chances through his stupidity and so has ended up as Fuhrer of the BNP: a sad end for another ruling class scumbag.

### FRANCE

But the Anti-Nazi League/

### CLASS WAR SPOT

We are pleased to report a recent incident involving BNP councillor Derek 'Birdbrain' Beackon. A few weeks after his election Derek went for a walk in a local park. Three masked men met Derek and engaged in a lengthy discussion about nationalism. Derek was later taken to hospital where his condition was unfortunately not fatal. Better luck next time!



Youth against Racism in Europe will go on endlessly about France where the National Front have gained upto 15% of the vote. "That goes to show what will happen if we don't stop the fascist now" they wail - conveniently forgetting, of course, that they only realised fascists existed in this country about 18 months ago!

The point is that there are few political parallels between

## LET'S' GET THIS CLEAR!!

**Fascism is just another form of bourgeois rule, like democracy. We cannot choose between them.**

It is not true that fascism is worse than democracy, nor that democracy creates better conditions for the class struggle. Even if democracy were to be considered a lesser evil than fascism, it would be stupid and useless to support democracy in order to avoid fascism.

The Italian and later, German experience showed that democracy had not only been

powerless in the face of fascism, but had called fascism to its rescue. Afraid of the working class, democracy actually bred fascism. The only alternative to fascism was therefore and still is an insurgent and revolutionary working class.

An argument often made by the left is that Capitalism needs fascism, when it can no longer be democratic. So if we fight for democracy, we are in fact fighting for socialism. Of course the fight against fascism through support of democracy was how most left wing people ideologically justified their participation in the second world war

But just as democracy breeds fascism, fascism breeds democracy. History has demonstrated that capitalism replaces one with the other; democracy and fascism succeed each other. Both forms have been mixed and intermingled since 1945 in various parts of the world..

"Democracy is a contradiction in terms, a lie and indeed sheer hypocrisy... In my opinion, this applies to all forms of government. Political freedom is a farce and the worst possible slavery; such a fictitious freedom is the worst enslavement. So is political equality: this is why

democracy must be torn to pieces as well as any other form of government. Such a hypocritical form cannot go on. Its inherent contradiction must be exposed in broad daylight: either it means true slavery, which implies open despotism; or it means real freedom and real equality, which implies communism."

Engels: 'Progress of Social Reform on the Continent,'





# THE BOOT IN



## GOING NOWHERE

In January 1992 the Anti-Nazi League (ANL) was set up. It was supposed to be a 'united front' against the fascists but in reality it is completely controlled by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The sole reason behind the reformation of the ANL was so that the SWP could recruit a few more members. The SWP had declared in December 1991 that there was no threat from fascists. Suddenly, a month later, they had decided that there was a threat. It was more that there was a chance to recruit people!

The ANL has no local branches, no internal democracy. It is run by an unelected committee. It claims to have 60,000 members - but where are they? The ANL reinforces passivity by creating the illusion of 'doing something' by just being a

member. Being "nice" (by being against the nasty nazi) never got us anywhere in the

security at their activities.

It was after one of the Brick Lane demonstrations (when the fascists had been arrested by the police) that an ANL leader stated: "We welcomed the police action, but it should really have come sooner". The ANL do not seem to have any idea about the role of the state - or, if they do, it is completely buried by their desire to be loved by all the liberals. After all, it is a lot easier to be loved by the liberals than to have an analysis of the state!

past...and it won't get us anywhere in the future either.

Recently the ANL have organised demonstrations in Brick Lane (East London) against the fascists. They have waved their lollipops and chanted "police protect the nazis" but the truth is more than that, the police protect the ANL. They have no idea of physically confronting the fascists nor any idea of proper

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## WHO'S ANTI-FASCIST WHO?

### Anti-Fascist Action (AFA):

the only group that has actually been going for more than a few years. Originally set up in the mid-1980s, AFA has always aimed to physically confront the fascists whenever they appear. There have been problems within AFA - but a lot of their ideas and practices are good. *Class War's verdict:* not too bad.

### Anti-Racist Alliance (ARA):

set up about 2 years ago. They want the state to bring in legislation that gives the police greater powers! Mad or what? They are composed of black middle class careerists whose dreams are of either safe Labour seats or nice jobs in the media. In fact, their leader, Marc Wadsworth, might be lined up for a safe South London seat. ARA reached new depths when they deliberately sabotaged the 16th October march in Welling by organising their own demonstration in central London on the same day. Of course they were loved by the media and the police for doing this! At least they do talk about racism - but their talk is just with the Labour party, the trade union bureaucracy and the government. *Class Wars verdict:* complete waste of time.

### Anti-Nazi League (ANL):

see article elsewhere.

### Searchlight:

a magazine that supposedly 'investigates' fascists. Apart from the fact that their politics are complete crap (again, calling upon the state to ban the fascists, Zionism, etc.) there are long-standing allegations that Searchlight are linked to the police and have actually swapped information with them! *Class War's verdict:* don't touch them with a bargepole.

### Youth against Racism in Europe (YRE):

their politics are quite similar to the ANL and, like the ANL, their basic function is to recruit people into their party-Militant. YRE does not have an independent life outside Militant and as soon as Militant have decided that they can no longer recruit people through it, YRE will be folded up. At least they are willing to physically confront the fascists, unlike the ANL. *Class War's verdict:* only join if you want to join Militant!

There are also local anti-fascist collectives in some areas (e.g. Leicester, Hackney, etc..) - contact Class War for more details.

this country and France (apart from being capitalist!). The ANL/YRE are talking nonsense when they attempt to equate Britain's BNP with France's National Front.

For a start, there is not a stable, strong right wing party in France - like the Conservative Party in this country. And the National Front draw upon a tradition of petit-bourgeois authoritarianism, as represented by such groups as the Poujadists in the 1950's

factor in the decline of the fascists at that time was the election of a right-wing government, led by Margaret Thatcher.

Why bother supporting the marginalised racists when you could support the respectable racists? Of course all racists are scum whether they are respectable or marginalised.

However (and this is a big however): it is true that the influence and the numbers of fascists in this country are currently growing. In a sense, this is a sign of the times. And the times are of high unemployment, recession, poverty, poor housing, collapsing local services, widespread disillusionment and disenchantment with mainstream politics.

As one of Derek Beackon's voters in Millwall said after the election: "The three parties have all got their ways of saying they'll do this and do that. But in the long run they're all the same - they don't deliver. If we want something and go up to the

council, it is never listened to...they think they're above you". The success of Beackon and the growth of the BNP are also the failure of the left.

### NO SURPRISE

As life gets harder and times are tougher, where is the left? Where is the revolutionary alternative to this society that is failing to offer real solutions to the many problems that we are facing?

But is it any real surprise that the left have failed? What can they offer apart from calling upon this trade union leader or that Labour Party bureaucrat? If they're not crawling up the arse of the labour movement, then they're full of completely irrelevant and abstract theory that means nothing in reality.

But the talk is mainly of "shutting down the BNP". Obviously, it would be great if the BNP headquarters were shut down - by us though, not the state. Yet as far as the ANL/YRE are concerned, it's just an easier way to recruit

students to the party! After all, that is the main aim of so much of this anti-fascist activity.

### CLASS WAR SPOT

The leader of the Anti-Nazi League, Paul Holborrow, has a brother (and he aint heavy) - in fact Jonathon Holborrow is editor of the 'Mail On Sunday'. Now what does that say about Paul? Maybe something about keeping it in the family?



### WILDEST DREAMS

So the individual fascists are verbally targeted, rather than the police and the state who inflict far more attacks on black people than the BNP ever had in their wildest dreams. And we are all told to unite with various bishops and do-gooders against the fascist menace, not to rock the boat in case these upstanding people take offence.

And then they tell us to call upon the council, the government, the police to arrest the fascists, shut down their headquarters, lock them up and throw away the key. What these idiots don't realise is that this will encourage sympathy for the fascists in working class areas because of the popular hatred towards the police and the government.

The Anti-Nazi League even had a postcard campaign to John Major which stated: "The BNP continues to have its HQ in Welling. You should demand its immediate closure".

For XXXX's sake! These people are our class enemies: calling upon them to help us is like a man about to be hanged asking his executioner to slightly shorten the rope! What next? The ANL demand that the police are issued with anti-fascist truncheons?

The state is far more likely to use its powers against the working class than against the fascists - so what on earth is the point of calling upon it to do this or to do that?

### WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Amongst all this talk about the BNP and the fascist threat, it is worth remembering who actually is running this society, who is responsible for all the shit in our lives. It's not the British National Party or Derek Beackon - it's the British state and the capitalist ruling class. It's these people who are our real enemies, it's these people who really need to get a good kicking.

That doesn't mean that we are going to bury our heads in the sand and ignore the BNP. What it means is that we believe in getting back to basics: in our communities and in our workplaces, fighting together for what we need and for what we want. The real way to smash fascism is to intensify the class war.

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and Action Francaise in the 1920's.

But such nonsense is typical of much anti-fascism in this country. Fascism is seen as a 'foreign' practice - hence the talk about the German Nazis, the holocaust and France's National Front. It's almost as though it's 'unBritish' to be a fascist. A commonly forgotten fact because they don't teach it! is that it was the British ruling class that invented concentration camps in 1899 in South Africa.

### ARSE

The ANL/YRE are talking out of their arse - again. It's like how the ANL claim that they "defeated" the fascists in the late 1970's. They certainly did do a lot of work against them but the prime



Spot the sad bastards: Tyndall (BNP leader) plus other social inadequates..

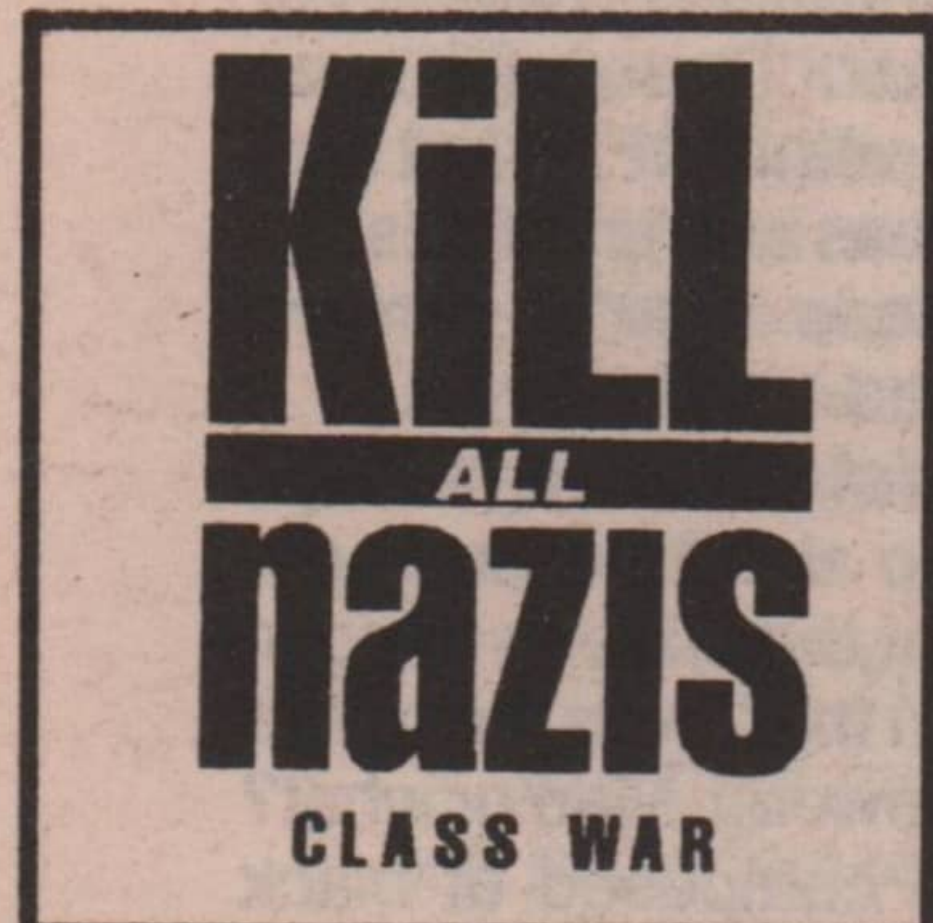


# RACE AND CLASS



In order to understand racism we have to look at what it really is and be clear about what it is not. When a lot of people talk about racism what they're really on about is personal prejudice, which we think is something different and separate from racism,

In our daily lives we all develop ideas about what we like and what we don't like, because of what we experience and what we learn from people around us. All sorts of people have all sorts of strange ideas about the world, and we all like to live



power and gassed or deported all the black people, because let's face it that's what they want to do. Would the white working class be any better off? Would they fuck! If the fascists got in power their main job would be to control the working class with a rod of iron. Imagine a British version of the Gestapo and the SS running about, whose side are they going to be on? The governments' of course.

Fascism is no more than a stricter form of capitalist government, which would beat the shit out of anyone who stands up to the government and the bosses.

## IN THE ARMY

Groups like the BNP tell white workers they will give them back their pride and their rights, but what fascism means is making society just like the army - wear this uniform and do what you're told.

The main point we're trying to make is that racism is a total red herring for the working class. It has got nothing to do with whether or not blacks, whites and Asians love one another, that's a separate issue. The political point is do working class people fight each other or do we fight the common enemy.

The reason we live like second class citizens is because we are second class under this capitalist system. The bosses have everything they want because they exploit us and live off our backs, off our labour. If we want better housing and jobs we have to see who is taking that wealth from us - and that is the ruling class.

our lives in our own way.

It's just a fact of life, for example that some people like country and western music, some like heavy metal and some like rap; there's no accounting for taste! There will always be differences between people that will make some of us not like each other, that is personal prejudice.

Maybe in an ideal world we would all sit about and love one another, but in the real world today it's a waste of time to worry too much about people's personal prejudices.

## NATIONALISM

What we do need to look at is how racism works as a political force, and who it really benefits. What we mean by racism is not people disliking each other because of their colour. Political racism comes from nationalism, which is a weapon the ruling class uses to get the working class to support them.

When the bosses wave the Union Jack they are trying to tell us we're all on the same side against the 'foreigners' or whoever they are having a go at this month.

We say the real division in the world is the working class

against the ruling class, not Britain against some other country, and not black against white.

## SLAVERY

The British ruling class has shifted groups of people around the world for years to suit the needs of its Empire. In the 1700's they shifted Africans as slaves to America, in the 1900's they shifted Irish workers to Britain and Indians to South Africa and East Africa.

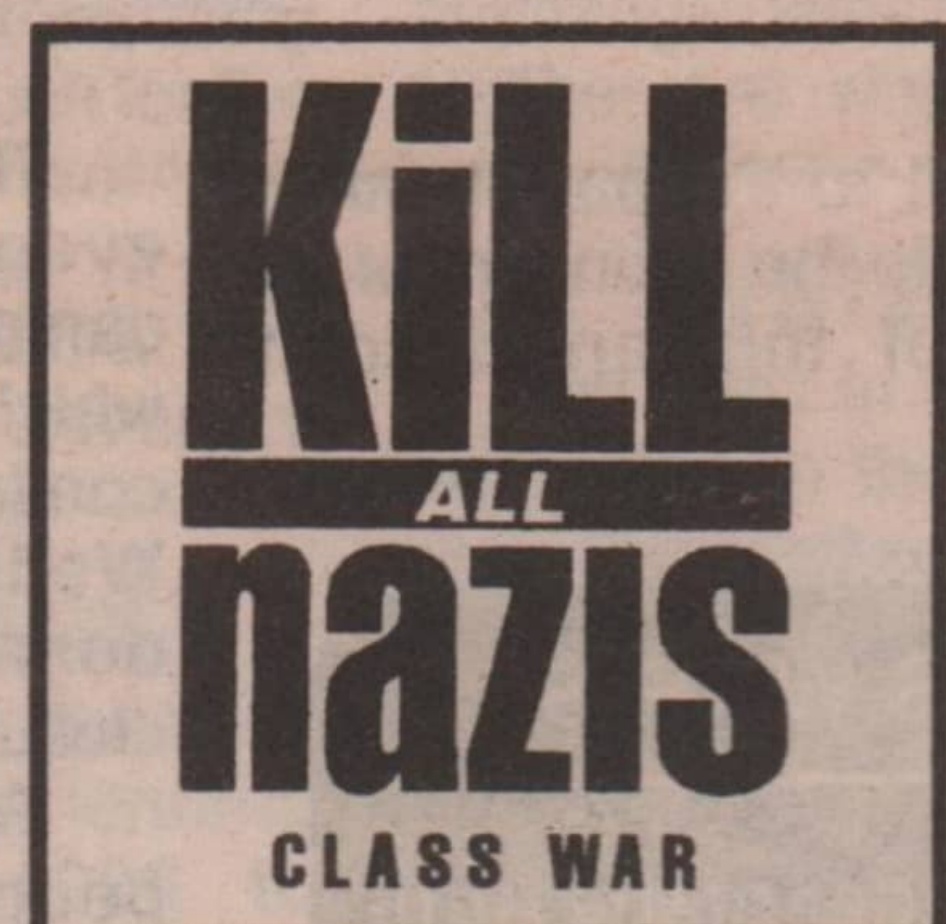
In the 1950's and 1960's the great Tory racist Enoch Powell brought black workers from the West Indies to Britain when it suited him. In Germany the bosses brought millions of Turkish workers in, and in France the boss class recruited millions from North Africa.

## RICH SCUM

Now the ruling class which makes up 5% of our population always needs a way to control the working class which makes up 70%. To them racism and nationalism is a gift which keeps the working class

fighting amongst itself whilst the bosses sit back laughing and counting their profits.

The truth is that a white worker in east London has more in common with his black neighbours than he does with the white bosses



living in the rich areas. If you don't believe this, go and look at the millionaires in their country mansions and their posh restaurants. These rich bastards will just as soon spit on you as they would spit on the black people who live in your area.

## PROBLEMS

A lot of white working class people feel like second

class citizens in their own country. They have to put up with rotten housing, unemployment and poverty. What we are saying is those problems are not caused by black people taking prosperity away from white people. The problems of the working class are the same in towns where there are no black people.

The British economy belongs to the boss class and all they care about are their profits. When their profits are down they throw us on the dole whether we are black or white. Never forget the richest 10% own 80% of all the wealth and it is this ruling class which is our enemy.

The economy is owned by the bosses, run by the bosses and all the profits go to the bosses. The working class, black or white only gets the crumbs, the minimum the bosses can get away with.

## NONSENSE

Now, when times are hard we have to fight twice as hard to compete for the jobs that are left, and don't the bosses just love that! They love to see us fighting amongst

ourselves rather than having a go at them. The boss's mouthpieces in the media feed us all kinds of nonsense to put north against south, women against men or black against white.

Into this nice little mess step the fascist groups like the British National Party. Their job is to tell the white working class that all its problems are caused by black people. Now ask yourself who gains from these racist policies?

Let's say the BNP got into

## BLOODY SUNDAY DEMO.

Last year the fascists mobilised more than 600 people to attack the annual Bloody Sunday commemoration march. As usual, the fascists bottled it when they were faced by the police - but that doesn't mean that we should be complacent. It is vital that this march goes ahead, come hell or high water. We cannot allow our marches to be driven off the streets by the fascists. We urge everyone to attend this march. It is on Saturday 29th January 1994, meet 1pm at Hyde Park.

## FROM RACIALISM TO RACISM

It was after the second world war and the subsequent economic growth that large numbers of black people started to come to Britain. What must be made clear is that black people were coming to this country because they were needed for work in the factories and service industries.

Initially, what black people faced was racialism, a racial prejudice that was carried over from slavery and colonialism. But because the British ruling class needed all

the cheap labour it could get, this racial prejudice was not institutionalised - yet.

## LEGISLATION

As economic growth slowed, racialism then did become written into legislation: this was the 1962 Immigration Act. From racialism to racism - from individual attitudes to institutional structures - from prejudice to power. Things started to tighten up in the 1970's. with another Immigration Act (1971), greater police powers (e.g.. 'sus' laws) and so on.

It is wrong to see black people as passive victims in this process. Black people

fought and struggled through a rich infrastructure of organisations and self-help projects. Black was a political colour.

## CONSCIOUSNESS

It was this consciousness that was targeted by the state - the state's aim was to break black struggles into ethnic struggles and so remove their class nature.

Out of this emerged the black middle class, moving up the capitalist ladder. Multiracism and multiculturalism became the buzzwords as anti-racism was buried - just to learn about other people's cultures is not

to learn about the racism of one's own.

## RECESSION

It was during this time that Thatcher declared "this country might be rather swamped by people with a different culture". And it was during this time that the recession started to grip, leading the ruling class to openly encourage racism as a way of dividing the working class.

One result of this was the riotous explosions on 1981 as Brixton, Toxteth and elsewhere burnt. This was resistance to the recession, resistance to racism, resistance to reformism. The

state responded by further developing middle class ethnicity with ethnic media, ethnic police consultancy, ethnic race relations industry.

## RESISTANCE

The British ruling class has used, abused and exploited the working class (whether it be black, white, pink or grey) throughout the centuries. It is still doing it. It is still on top - and one of its tools for being on top is racism.

All struggles to better our lives must be anti-racist struggles because racism is nothing more than a ruling class weapon against working class struggle. The sooner that is realised, the better.





# STOPPING THE ROT

On Tuesday 27th July workers in Hackney's Housing Benefits office walked out. This was in response to management's imposition of extra duties (and no extra pay!), Plus their victimisation of selected workers who had refused to do the extra work.

A week before this, upto 900 council workers walked out in Manchester's Tameside council. This walk out was prompted by the Labour council issuing 98 redundancy notices. In Islington, two council nurseries were occupied by workers and users after the council tried to close them down.

## SLASHED

The story is the same across the country: public spending is being slashed. Services are being further rundown and wages and conditions of council workers reduced.

This is because the government is faced by a massive financial crisis: a huge budget deficit and few signs (despite all the talk) of an ending to the current recession.

And the result of this



mess...? We have to pay; pay for their problems. Nothing unusual in that, it's just that the price is getting steeper and steeper all the time. There have been deep cuts to many essential services, and for those who work there, life is getting harder day by day.

## RESISTANCE

That's what was encouraging about the struggles in Hackney, Tameside and Islington - that people aren't taking this shit lying down, that there is resistance to the governments' austerity drive. They might want to make us

pay for their problems, but they don't always get everything their way.

There have also been recent strikes amongst civil servants in the DSS and the Home Office in response to the government's plans for market testing. Market testing is preparation for privatisation of government services and means an attack on the wages and conditions of the workers.

This, under the name of 'compulsory competitive tendering' (CCT), has already affected many council workers and resulted in undermining wages. The government is planning to push CCT further so that

ultimately all council services will be put out to tender.

## POORER SERVICES

Although the immediate impact of this is on the actual workers, it also means much poorer level of services as the key motivation will be short-term profits. There certainly does need to be much greater unity between council workers and people who use council services (which is the whole of the working class). This is definitely a direction that future struggles should go in as isolated disputes are all too easily picked off and crushed.

There also needs to be much greater communication between workers involved in struggle. This undoubtedly will not come through the union who will do their utmost to crush such links. It can only come through workers themselves making the contacts.

One such attempt to develop communication is the Public Service Workers' Network group (PSWN, PO Box 1681, London, N8 7LE; or PO Box 29, SWPDO, Manchester, M15 5HW). It's aiming to bring together militants who work in public services and is certainly something worth contacting.

# OCCUPY THE WARDS.

On 19th October a closed ward at University College Hospital (UCH) in London was occupied. The occupiers issued the following statement:

"We have reoccupied a ward at UCH as part of the fight to stop the rundown of health care and against the hospital closures. This has been organised by the UCH Community Action Committee which came out of the previous occupation of ward 1/3, during the strike at UCH.

## PLUG HOLE

"What we want is anyone not resigned to everything going down the plug hole to come along and join in, to strengthen and spread the occupation and contribute to other activities. Our biggest enemy is our own apathy and defeatism. It's all very well going on a demo but experience shows that we can't leave it at that.

## DECISIVE ACTION

"Decisive action is necessary. The occupation is not some useless publicity stunt. We don't cross our fingers that some professional leaders will sort things out for us. Remember the demos against the pit closures, the hundreds of thousands who marched around Hyde Park...and what happened?

"The pits have closed, like the hospitals. If we're going to save our hospitals and our health service we can't rely on marches or anything else controlled by the unions or political hacks. As one of the Burnsalls strikers, sold out by the GMB, put it:

"We need unconventional action, we need community and supporters from the outside involved. We need people ready to confront not only the real boss (the company owner) but the small boss who sets himself up (the union official)".

"We're fighting for our health service, our health, our lives and we're not going to be led up the garden path".

## BEST WISHES

Class war sends best wishes to the occupiers - it's certainly one way of taking the struggle forwards. Go down to the occupation (at UCH, Gower Street) or contact them c/o BM CRL, WC1N 3XX.

# WORKERS IN UNIFORM?

Drugs were hard to come by for a few hours in Stoke Newington this July, as thousands of police officers attended a rally at Wembley to oppose the Sheehy report.

Concerned at having so many troublemakers on their premises the management of Wembley Conference Centre were apparently desperately searching for extra security staff - unfortunately they did not approach Class War for our services.

## RCP

This was a great disappointment to everyone in Class War - it must have been the only demonstration in years where people haven't been pestered by RCP androids asking tricky questions about Yugoslavia.



However, as Militant regard the police as "workers in uniform" there must have been the odd Trot amongst the pigs. Speeches at the demo were apparently disappointing - the speakers kept tampering with each

others notes and moving each other on if someone spoke for too long.

## BITTERNESS

Much bitterness centred on how the police had apparently been stabbed in

the back (unfortunately not literally) despite the loyalty they had shown the government, particularly during the miners strike. One sergeant said to the Observer "We defeated the miners to keep them in power and now they're destroying our infrastructure, everything that made Britain great."

Just remember that the next time you hear the refrain "we're not political, we're only doing our jobs"

## NOT LIKELY

It would be a sweet irony if the Thatcherite pay and conditions the police helped enforce on other workers was pushed onto them (I shouldn't think many Timex workers would feel sorry for them) but it isn't very likely. The first thing Thatcher did when she became PM was to give the police a whopping pay rise - if the state has needed their loyalty in the past it will need it in the future.

Incidentally, Class War are perfectly willing to organise the next mass gathering of police officers - any decent sized cliff should do.

# IT'S A JOKE

It has been recently revealed that men in Britain work longer hours than anywhere else in the EEC. The average here is 44 hours of work every week - and 10% of the workforce work more than 48 hours a week.

## TOO BAD

It wouldn't be too bad if we were getting decent money for all our labour but of course that's why we have to work such long hours - because the pay is so crap! Government minister and well known genius, David Hunt, stated that long working days are an "individual choice". Like poverty is an individual choice David, or the recession.

## REALITY

The reality is that this country is fast becoming a low waged economy and so to make ends meet we have got to work longer and longer hours.

Though this may be reality, it is a reality that is being resisted - whether by striking from Timex in Dundee to Middlebrook Mushrooms in Selby and elsewhere, or going slower and slower (if the bastards are going to screw us, we might as well take it easy), or skiving off sick, or stealing what we can.

The point is that there is a resistance to the discipline of work. It's a class war: they're trying to make us pay for their crisis, we're trying to live as best we can.

See next issue for a special report on moves towards a four day week in Europe.

# HEALTHY, WEALTHY BUT NOT VERY WISE.

The August announcement that over a million people are currently waiting for hospital surgery is a timely reminder (as if we needed one) that even our health suffers under capitalism.

## WAITING

Those waiting for surgery

may be interested in an article that appeared recently in the Nursing Times. This revealed that the number of nurses and midwives employed in the NHS fell by 1.4 percent between 1987 and 1991. Yet in the same period the number of health service managers increased from 700 to 12,640 when the Tories said the health service was safe in

their hands, some people were clearly safer than others!

## DEATH

Management at Hammersmith Hospital in West London have certainly been busy this year - press publicity over a patient's death that coincided with a power failure, saw to that.

Replying to a North London man who suggested

all hospital machines should be run on a non-interrupted power source, the General Manager of operations at Hammersmith replied "It is question of to what extent do you build in fail safes to protect fail safes and so on."

## RUN DOWN

Surely it's a question of ensuring adequate power is maintained at all times? Or does the rise of private medicine in this country mean any old rubbish will do in the state sector? Its time to run down Virginia Bottomley, not the health service!





# CLASS WAR LETTERS

—we print 'em 'cos you write 'em—

Letters may be edited for reasons of space and to sort out your spelling and your English, we won't change their meaning, honest. If you want us to reply to any of the points you make, remember to add your address — it makes it much easier to write back to you!

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## MISPLACED POLICE

Dear sir/madam

Once again there is a huge public outcry when one of the pigs is bumped off, this time chasing a citizen no doubt performing a more useful task than himself—one providing drugs to bring relief from mental or physical suffering. This can only strengthen the case for legalisation of drugs not proven to be positively harmful.

It helps to maintain our sense of proportion to remind ourselves that before the callous, shortsighted Tory run down of the mines, a man was killed about every ten days at his work, and scores were injured. Excepting for unusual occurrences, little was heard in the press.

As for the customary

police thuggery at Welling on 16 October, few thinking people at either end of the political spectrum will extend much sympathy for those police injured. For legal 'justice' against the police is extremely hard fought and difficult to obtain—witness Wapping and the Birmingham 6.

What is badly needed is a government [surely some mistake!—Ed.] which will regulate the obscenely privileged, sinister, supra-lawful police force to the category of insurance brokers and estate agents, one of a necessary social evil in a modern society, but restricted to specific tasks.

Yours truly,

## Class unity needed to beat the racists

Dear Class War warriors.

Racist attacks on our class war-brothers and sisters are increasing. Therefore, we must increase our counter attacks against the racists!

Fighting racism, however, depends on understanding its causes. This is essential if the hold of racism on white workers is to be broken. Racism, as we have seen, appeals to white workers because it offers an imaginary solution to the real problems—poverty, unemployment, exploitation—they confront. Therefore, the direct struggle against racism must be linked to agitation around social and economic issues which shows that racism isn't the solution, that the class struggle, uniting workers of all colours and ethnic backgrounds, offers the only effective way of improving their lives.

Racism, and all the poverty, wretchedness and violence with which it is linked, flow from the nature of capitalist society. We have to remove the cause, as well as its symptoms!

DH, W. Sussex

## Deeper and deeper

Dear Class War

The paper's looking great and we're looking forward to the glorious day when things have really heated up and Class War becomes a daily!! I've heard a rumour that the federation have split up, hopefully this is bullshit. [Well spotted! We're still here as the paper testifies! —letters ed.]

A suggestion for the paper: It would be nice to see some more in depth articles towards the end of the paper, along the lines of

what's in Unfinished Business', like what's capitalism etc. Just so that they were there for whoever wanted to read them. I get a lot of feedback from friends who like the paper, but believe that this is what it's lacking.

Obviously if anybody's really interested they can send off for the Heavy Stuff or Unfinished Business, I just think it would make the ideas more accessible to perhaps someone who buys CW for the first time.

**Keep up the good work**

**Highfields  
Popular Front,  
Leicester.**

## We are the union

Comrades,

Once more on 'The unions'. Unions are a platform upon which the class war is fought, more often than not it is the rank and file in their union fighting the entrenched union bureaucracy as well as the bosses. But this doesn't make us against 'the unions' as such because 'the unions' include us the workers at work. Often union leaders will betray strikes and stitch up the union members, sometimes the workers will carry the union, and the reluctant 'leader' into struggle at times of immense proportions. At other times workers will abandon the constraints and set up unofficial assemblies of trade unionists and rank and file committees; most workers would claim these bodies were 'the union' rather than being bodies 'against the union'. It is vital Class War keeps its feet on the ground, and in the camp of mass workers struggles rather than drifting off down the obscure ACF [Anarchist Communist Federation] road of middle class utopianist—individualism.

The class struggle takes place through unions, but also within unions.

**Revolutionary greetings**

**DD, Hatfield Main  
Branch NUM**

P.S.

The week after the big round of pit closures were announced as a result of National Power refusing to buy more British coal and spreading out into gas stations, they sponsored The Royal Shakespeare Company's performance at the Doncaster Dome.

Intellectuals and middle class fellow travellers gave their tickets back in protest at the planned death of the pit communities.

One ardent Shakespeare groupie couldn't resist, and with bad conscience went to the show, whereupon she found sitting in the hospitality suite, supping free champagne and eating cheese, was **sponsored miners MP Kevin Hughes!** 'Is this a dagger I see before me?' Maybe it ought to be!

## killing time

Dear CW

Thanks for your card [from a CW member] — the Haymarket Martyrs. I think some of our bloody Labour councillors would like to apply this treatment to the poll tax non-payers. At least they are trying it on with some of us oldies. Remember **Hammersmith?** Old Tudor John, 93 years old, stone deaf, 3 parts blind already; they would have sent him down if some-one hadn't bought him out. Can they sink any lower? And they expect our **vote!**

Here's the big joke of the year (a sick joke). Two weeks after I arrived here, our council sent a **demand** to my home address:

*'Our records show that you have an outstanding debt of £652 in respect of Poll Tax.'*

*'Our policy is to ensure that all outstanding debt are paid promptly and we would advise you that this be paid within the next 7 days, in full.'*

*'Meanwhile, further action may already have been taken, involving further costs. If not paid within this date, further action will be taken through the court for a Committal Order to Prison...'*

*'This council has one of the best collection rates in the country (yeah and one of the worst imprisonment rates too) ... benefit of all citizens.'*

Honestly, can their records be in such a shambles as this, or do they expect me to go to jail and pay the money as well? Where the hell do they think I am **now** anyway?

This 'further action' bit—are they saying bailiffs will be coming. My invalid house bound wife is on her own in the house (and well looked after by good friends—and the council knows this. They do **sod all** to assist). She pays to avoid disturbance, as she is in constant pain—osteoporosis—spinal collapse.

If they have tried to harass her in my absence I'll sue the bastards.

**Keep up the battle,  
Cheers, Norman**

Norman was in prison for poll tax non-payment for the umpteenth time, he is now back home and still fighting on.

## PROUD TO POACH

Dear Class War

I liked the article about the Salmon poachers giving the pensioners parcels of fish, nice one.

We've been doing the same sort of thing in our village since last Christmas, with local working class pensioners enjoying rabbit, hare, pheasant partridge and even a bit of venison from time to time.

Poaching is one of the oldest ways of getting back at rich landowners, my dad was a poacher and I'm proud to be ripping off the rich scum. It's better than sitting in front of the telly whining like these 'radical liberals'; the only time I ever see those ridiculous middle-class 'rebels' is when I get harangued for 'killing the little bunnies with the nasty dog'.

The truth of the matter is that I don't even get dole as my wife earns £2 a week too much cleaning and I have to rely on my 'nasty' lurcher to feed my kids. The whole thing is made even sicker when you consider that rich fuckwads pay up to £200 a DAY to shoot on the estates where I get my 'complimentary hand out'.

I've been poaching since I was 11, I'm 26 now and

they still haven't caught me, even if they do I'll be straight back out there.

Just goes to show, even out in the sticks, we can all hit these rich vermin where it hurts: in their pocket.

**All the best,  
Mick, the Class  
War poacher.**

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*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.*

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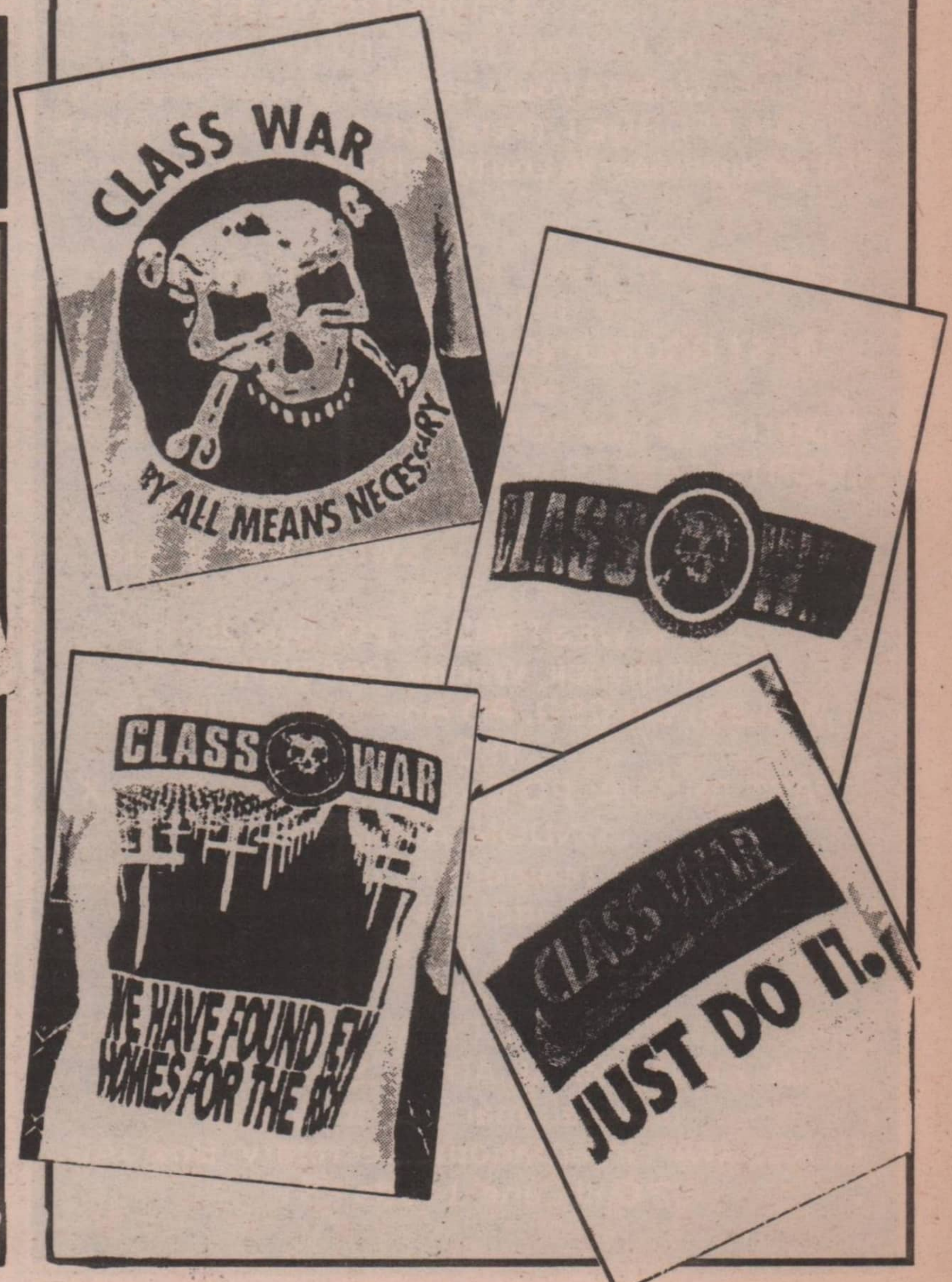
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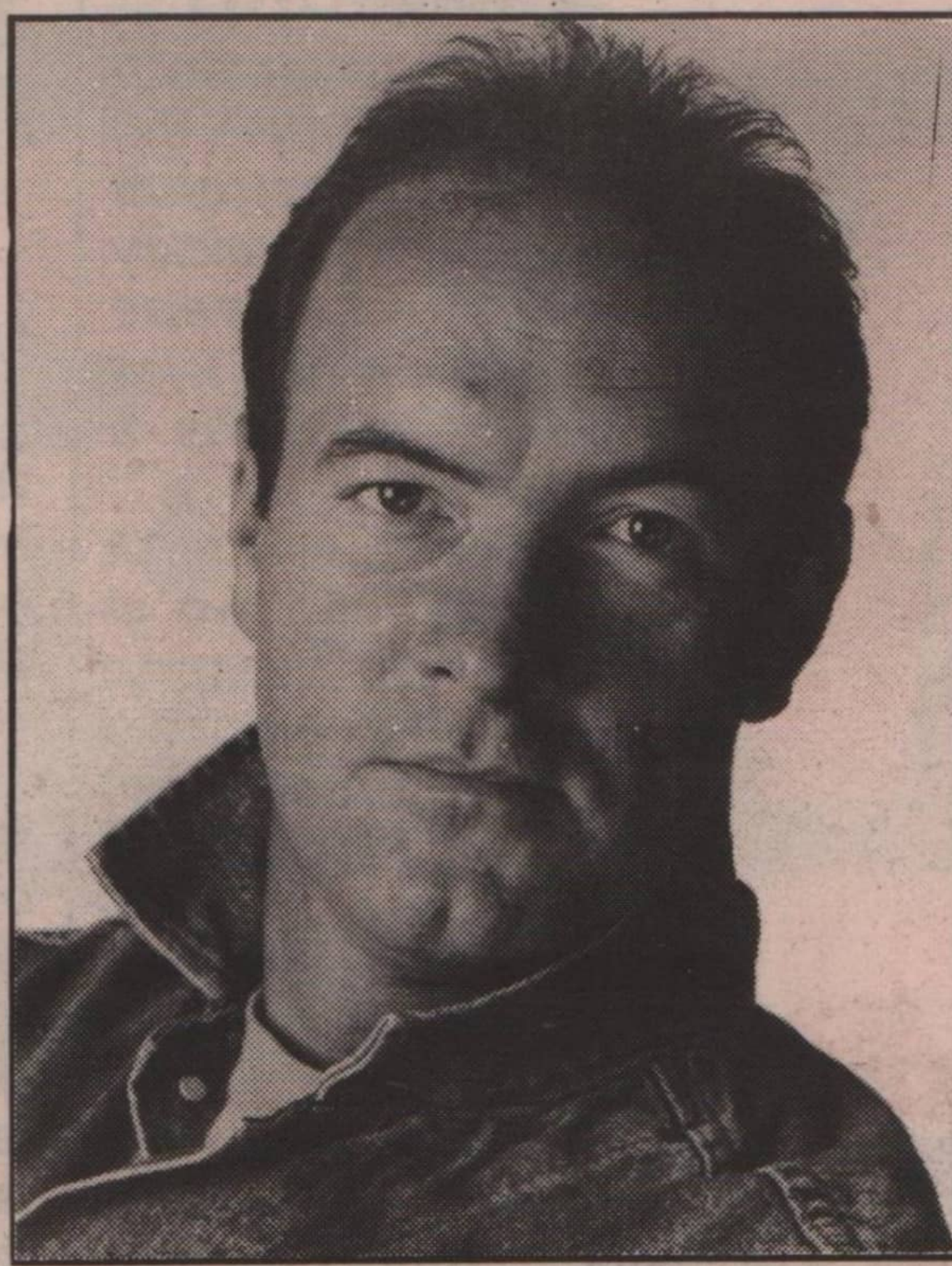
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Jimmy was so convinced of his guilt that he carried on a one-man hate campaign against him for months.

Jimmy is always a figure of fun in *Brookside*. To the middle class scriptwriters, this whole episode was meant to show us that only stupid, uneducated scallies behave like this. But during the rape trial Jimmy made some of the clearest political statements ever seen on TV when he ranted about how the middle class have nothing to fear from the judicial system because they run it and they look after themselves. Meanwhile everyone else on the *Close* ignored the situation, making Jimmy look even more stupid and obsessive.

In fact, Jimmy acted in a perfectly reasonable way. Rapists *should* be hounded out of our communities, along with all other anti-social criminals. Peter Harrison, the accused, was meant to attract our sympathy. Not surprisingly he reflects the class background of the scriptwriters: university-educated, well-spoken, middle class, suburban, 'progressive' (the little rebel was in the Labour Party at Oxford). What are they trying to tell us? That these kinds of people don't rape? Or that if they do, it's a minor indiscretion?

Soap operas are trapped between reflecting the real boredom of everyday life and adding a bit of excitement. Often this means working class characters like Jimmy can get up to illegal acts like drug-dealing or insurance frauds. But when push comes to shove, they're never allowed to get away with it. The whole thing's a middle class wet dream where the system works and middle class lifestyles are safe in the end. Yes, soaps are entertaining, but they're also powerful ways of pushing middle class morals and ideas.

## BROOKSIDE

*Channel 4: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays*  
**Among the usual cycle of couples getting together and splitting up, Brookside has recently tried to tackle several 'issues'. As well as the predictable stuff on racism and sexism (Brookside writers like to think they're the voice of liberal moderation), one storyline involved responses to rape.**

But the trouble with soaps is that because they are compulsive viewing for millions of people, the scriptwriters can't help trying to moralise. With the rape story, it was the reaction of Jimmy Corkhill that mattered. Jimmy's the local rough diamond and the uncle-in-law of the woman raped. The rapist was found innocent in court but

# IN PRINT

## SABOTAGE: THE CONSCIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF THE WORKER'S EFFICIENCY

**Elizabeth Gurley Flynn**  
*(First published by Cleveland IWW 1915, reprinted 1993 by Pentagon Press, 86 Charles Rowan House, Margery Street, London WC1X)*

**Cliche No.1:** This is a pamphlet that should be more widely available. It argues quite clearly not only the need for sabotage as a weapon in industrial disputes but that sabotage is going on every minute of the day.

In the introduction, David Lamb explains who Elizabeth Gurley Flynn was ("one of the great labour activists of the twentieth century") and makes a few points about what sabotage actually is. Sabotage is any act which deliberately cuts company profits, for example slowing down a machine. Since the time of Engels, according to Lamb, the prevailing left-wing view of sabotage has been to dismiss it as 'disorganised' and unproductive. Not surprising really since the very act of sabotage is beyond the control and dictation of a left-wing party.

In the main body of the pamphlet, the idea that sabotage is a necessary and ongoing part of the class war is put forward along with various examples of the different kinds of sabotage available (and

actually used, with concrete examples) to various workers: churning out crap work for crap pay; machine breaking; producing expensive good quality goods instead of crap designed to wear out or break quickly; telling customers *exactly* what they are getting; working to rule; refusing to rush work etc etc. Above all the text spells out that sabotage isn't necessarily about dynamite and underground organisation, but about the day to day struggle of workers against our bosses.

**Cliche No.2:** It's as relevant today as when it was first published. Or even more so now that the state and the bosses have a massively increased armoury against industrial struggle.

## BENT COPPERS

**James Morton**  
*(Little Brown £16.99)*

If you've just beamed down from planet Mars, then this book is as good a place to start as any. It's a fairly comprehensive history of police corruption from the early 19th century right up to the present day, and it shows that the 'Dixon of Dock Green' image of policing is a myth designed to hide the fact that cops have always been hated and despised.

On the very first night of the modern police's existence in 1829, five coppers were sacked for being pissed on the job. And when they weren't boozing it up at our

expense, they were trying to beat us senseless or rob us blind. That's where the expression "if you want to know the time, ask a policeman" comes from: it's got nothing to do with cops being 'helpful', it's just that everyone knew that cops used to nick watches from any drunks they arrested.

Mind you, they've never had it all their own way. In 1833 the first copper to be killed on duty died while trying to break up a workers' demonstration. The filth were so universally hated that when the case came to trial, the jury insisted on returning a verdict of 'justifiable homicide'.

If on the other hand, you're not an alien from outer space then this book will probably tell you nothing about the police that you don't already know. Let's face it, if they're not bastards, then they're in the wrong job.

## THE DOWNING STREET YEARS

**Margaret Thatcher**  
*(HarperCollins £25)*

It's certainly a major weight and if thrown from a distance would probably do some serious damage. But on the whole it's a waste of natural resources which should be recycled as soon as possible: its many pages could be much more effectively used as wicks for petrol bombs. Light up the world tonight...



# CINEMA



Up to his neck in shit: Bob Williams in 'Raining Stones'

## RAINING STONES (15)

**Right from the first scene, when Bob and Tommy desperately try to nick a sheep from the moors to flog to their local butcher, you know this is a great film. It's funny, tragic and powerful, and it's got more than a touch of class...**

Filmed on an estate in Middleton, with tenants playing themselves, 'Raining Stones' is a slice of modern life—not the glossy crap they sell us on TV where Gold Blend couples smile with perfect teeth, but the real thing. It's the kind of film that probably gives Tory MPs nightmares—and if that's not a recommendation we don't know what is.

The plot follows a few weeks in the life of Bob Williams as he struggles to make ends meet on the dole. The phone's been cut off, the gas and lecky bills are due and he's trying to scrape up enough money to buy his daughter a communion dress. Along the way there's a few dodgy scams—the best is nicking the turf off the Conservative Club bowling green—but things get heavy when Bob gets involved with a scumbag loanshark.

The film doesn't try to cover up real life with a series of gags so at times it makes pretty grim viewing. One of the most depressing ideas in it is that the Catholic

church is the only thing left on the estate that resembles a 'community': the rest has been ripped apart by poverty, hard drugs, anti-social crime. As Jimmy, Bob's father-in-law, tells him, "religion's just another con".

The only real criticism is that with so many female characters, 'Raining Stones' seems hell-bent on showing everything through a man's eyes: their ways of doing things, their opinions, their humour, their desperation. If director Ken Loach is trying to show things the way they are (rather than the way we'd like them to be), he's actually ended up selling women short—showing them as less thoughtful, less powerful and less capable of sorting out their basic problems.

That aside, this is shit-hot cinema, covering almost everything about religion, pride, politics, unemployment, love and survival. And every time you start to get overwhelmed by the bleakness, someone turns round and sticks two fingers up to it all. In one of the sharpest scenes Bob's mate Tommy (Bobby Grant out of *Brookside*) gets followed home from the pub by the police helicopter—yelling out "what we need is a fucking revolution" he bares his arse to the cops.

All in all, a brilliant film—and not one shot of Jean Claude Van Damme or Emma Thompson...

## TRUE ROMANCE (18)

**Quentin Tarantino takes a break from directing and has now turned his hand to writing, creating yet another movie full of good, honest, down-to-earth quality violence...**

This film is like a chocolate hazelnut, soft on the outside with a hard centre. It sets off sweetly with a couple falling in love, and soon develops into a tough, violent picture of two people battling for life, love and riches.

Anti-hero Christian Slater is given a night with a prostitute (Patricia Arquette) as a birthday present. The two fall in love and get married the next day (this is



a film). After taking advice from the ghost of Elvis, Slater decides to kill his wife's ex-pimp, which he does with maximum

violence only to find that he's now the proud owner of \$1 million worth of coke. Unfortunately for the two lovebirds, the Sicilian gangster who owns the coke wants it back at any cost... Slater gives a surprisingly good performance, and along the way there's some brilliant cameo appearances by Dennis Hopper, Brad Pitt, Val Kilmer, Gary Oldman and Christopher Walken.

If you've a romantic heart or enjoy seeing someone else's heart being blown out by a pump-action shotgun, 'True Romance' is yours for the taking. And in true Tarantino fashion, lots of pigs get wasted...



# Footies

## SELL-OUT ROOM ONLY

**STANDING ROOM ONLY.** This BBC TV programme has been around for three or four years now, and according to the 'quality' press is the best thing since sliced bread. But they make this assumption because it's youth based, trendy and about football - so it's therefore above criticism... oh is it?

### BANDWAGON?

Standing Room Only started off as pretty good: a breath of fresh air in a world full of ex-pro football hacks and know-it-alls. But it rapidly went down the pan.

Depending on your point of view SRO was either the first TV programme to not only publicise women's football,

come out in support of the anti-ID card campaign and football fanzines, and talk about solving the 'serious issue affecting football, or it jumped on the bandwagon and used them to give itself a radical edge.

After the fantastic success footie fans had in breaking the Tories ID card scheme, we got complacent and waited for somebody else to come around and pick up the anti-seater banner and lead us to victory again.

Only this time the likes of SRO and *When Saturday Comes* (a leading fanzine) were much quieter. No longer were they the radical forces they had been during the ID card campaign. They now started looking at the other side, and SRO came

out in favour of all-seaters.

### GIMMICKS

Now, with all pretence of radicalism gone, the slide into mainstream mediocrity and gimmickry began in earnest. How else can you explain the choice of Shelley Webb as a presenter?

One recent edition of SRO jumped into two of the prejudices made popular by the likes of the *Sun*, amongst other dross.

### MAINSTREAM MEDIA CRAP

First was a ten minute slot on a young female singer, in compulsory short dress, who does pre-match entertainment at Premier League games. She talked about her ambitions as a singer, and how she was off to Las Vegas next week. There were lots of shots of her legs as she danced around the centre spot at Hillsborough with a seven foot owl. You don't need to be a genius to work out who this was aimed at!

Next was Shelley Webb talking about how gorgeous she thinks McCoist is. Well done Shelley, very bright of you, the 'proof' every sexist git has been waiting for - that women only go to football matches because they fancy the players.

### STEREOTYPES

That's about as clever as the crap joke about only going to a women's football match to watch them exchange shirts at the end of the game.

Instead of having a piece about a female singer, why not have an interview with a female player - being a football programme it would make a bit of sense. And women presenters really don't need to make a point of who's the most dishy player, it's so predictable.

There seems little hope for SRO now, having plummeted to such depths.. maybe there's some truth in the rumour that the next series will be presented by those exciting radicals of football, Jimmy Hill and Trevor Brooking after all.

# UNITED COLOURS OF GREED

You may remember that two years ago Manchester Utd put itself on the stock market in an attempt to raise £16.5 million.

This was greeted by some as an excellent opportunity to buy some shares. But it turned out to be nothing more than a good example of United's fat cat directors looking after each other, and lining their own pockets.

What happened was that only £6.7 million was going to go to the club, the rest was going to go to the directors! Yes, the same people who decided to put the club on the market were the ones who would be profiteering the most. Chief Executive, **Martin Edwards**, received £6.4 million, and you can be sure that instead of using it to do something good (like



bringing down prices) this already stinking rich git pocketed the lot.

## MOTORVATIN'!

It's not often that we report motor sport in *Class War*, but we thought that this was too good to miss. No it's not Nigel Mansell - it's a kind of motor sport that we can all relate to.

First, in Perth, Australia, Gary Hayes put the pedal to the metal, having commandeered an eleven tonne armoured personnel carrier. His chosen rally course? Around the local police station and law courts! After ramming the cop shop (and remember this is an eleven tonne

armoured vehicle), Gary drove it at the law courts. Apart from all the damage to buildings, Gary did in two cop vans, five cop cars and a motorbike owned by a copper! Nice one Gary.

### COP HUNTING

And it's with pleasure that we announce that this particular motor sport has caught on, big time, over here.

In early November in High Wycombe three youths in a nicked Range Rover went out hunting down cop cars,

ramming any they found. So many cop cars were damaged that they were all told to withdraw and observe the vehicle from house driveways. But our resourceful ram raiders had an on-board scanner, using it to track down the plod and ram them.

Our young heroes then escaped while the police helicopter that was shadowing them ran out of fuel!

Final score: nine cop cars damaged.

## tackle the nazis



In the past fascists have been active at some football grounds. Often they meet with opposition, but at a few they have gained a foothold. It is important we don't allow these scum a chance to spread their poison ideas. They should be opposed wherever possible, at every ground. As part of this process, there have been some excellent stickers produced by Anti-Fascist Action football fans.

It's certainly one way of opposing the nazis and also shows other fans there is opposition to them. If you want some, write to:

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