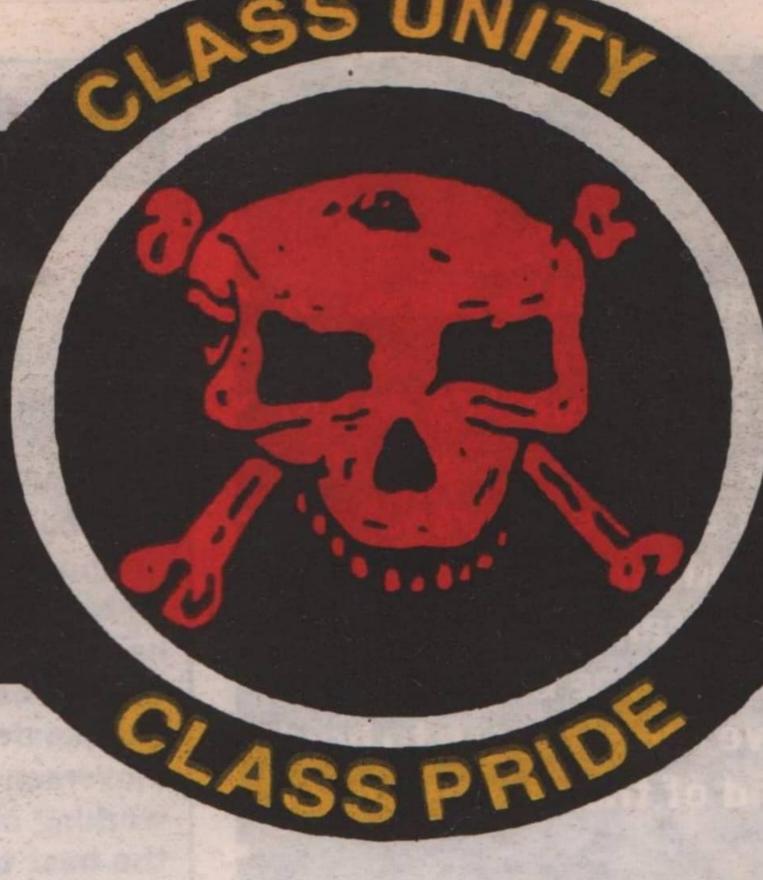
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IN THE CLASS WAR

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WHAT WE SAY

Class War has been accused, by the capitalist's press, of inciting the riot that followed the recent anti Criminal Justice Bill demo on the 9th of October, in London. This is not true. We do not have to incite people to hate the police. It comes naturally. Confrontation with the cops is taken as par for the course.

The police, making excuses for getting a kicking, say that we organised the riot. If only! 2000 organised to take on the police would deal out more than a kicking to Paul Condons boys in blue. No, even disorganised as we are, we still have the strength to hold the police at bay for hours in the playground of the worlds super rich.

That's why the police hate Class War so much. We are only a relatively small number of individuals, but they know the popularity of our ideas, and have been on the receiving end of the strength of our class when it recognises its interests and organises

collectively to defend those interests. Some liberal commentators have comthe pared demo to those of the 60's, saying demonstrations now are unrepresentative, dogmatic, and unlike the 'good old



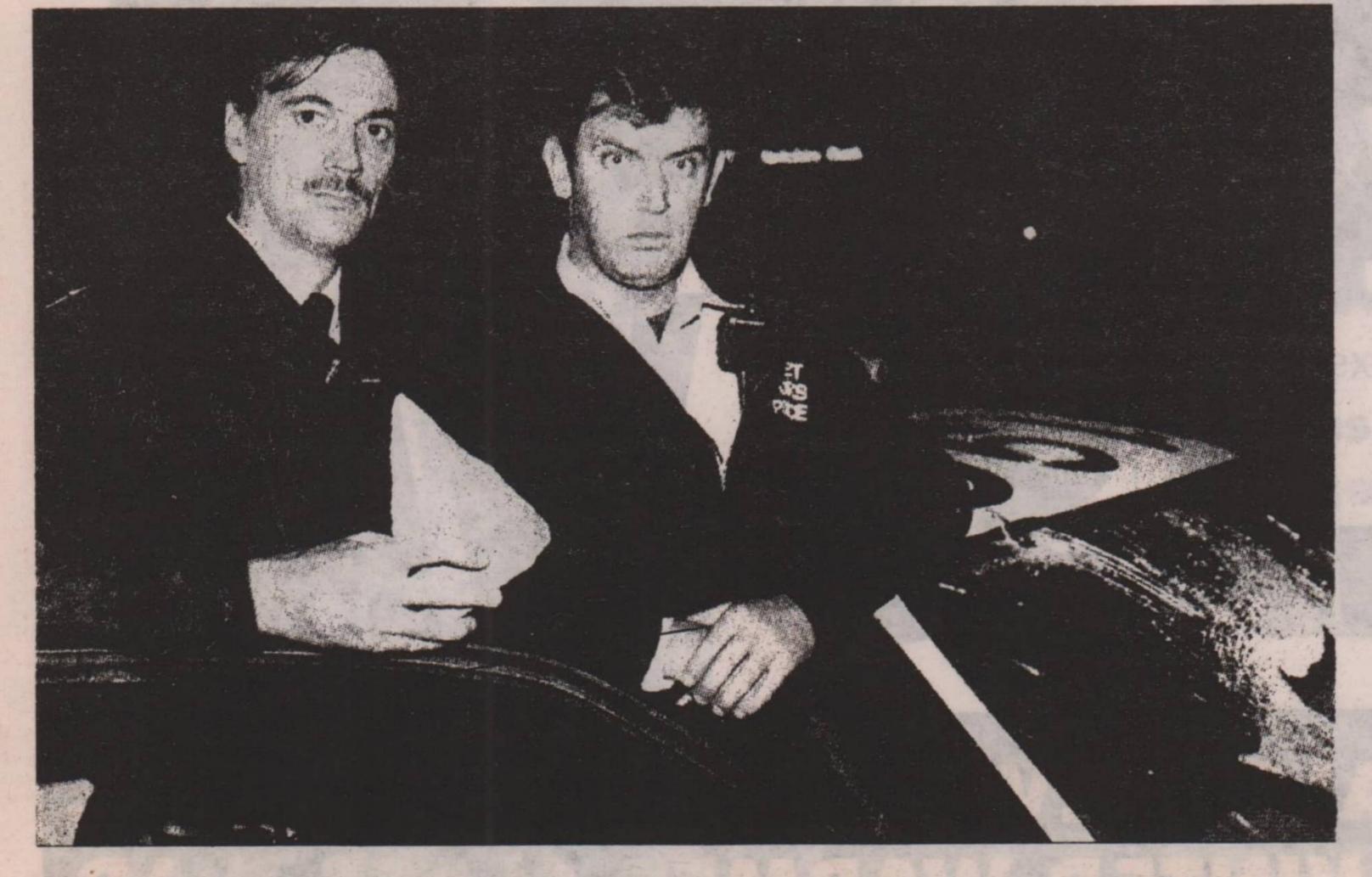
days' when it was all peace and love, we are merely abusing the little liberty we have left. This is a fictional rewrite of history.

If we think that a demo is threatening, or we disagree with it, we organise a counter demonstration. We do not call on the totalitarian powers that be to ban them; and if we disagree with the tactics, or emphasis of a demo or campaign, we distribute leaflets and argue our case with those involved. Our detractors should do the same, and put up or shut up.

Meanwhile, the best criticism the Sun could come up with, was the existence of spelling mistakes and bad grammer in our leaflet. It is laughable coming from a paper that is a n expert at factual errors. But we can't complain, as they managed a fine job of distributing our propaganda to a further three million people, by reproducing our leaflet.

The Criminal Justice Bill will bring us many opportunities amongst the risks to show the Conservatives and Labour that they have bitten off more than they can chew. At the end of the day, there is no one to say what is right and wrong, it's just our interests versus theirs.

They will fight to defend their priveleges over us, and we must fight for our interests, wherever, and whenever we have to, by any means necessary.



WAR DIARY SPECIAL: DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT ONE: Leeds plod model the latest in designer missile... the common, but always to hand, paving slab to you and me.

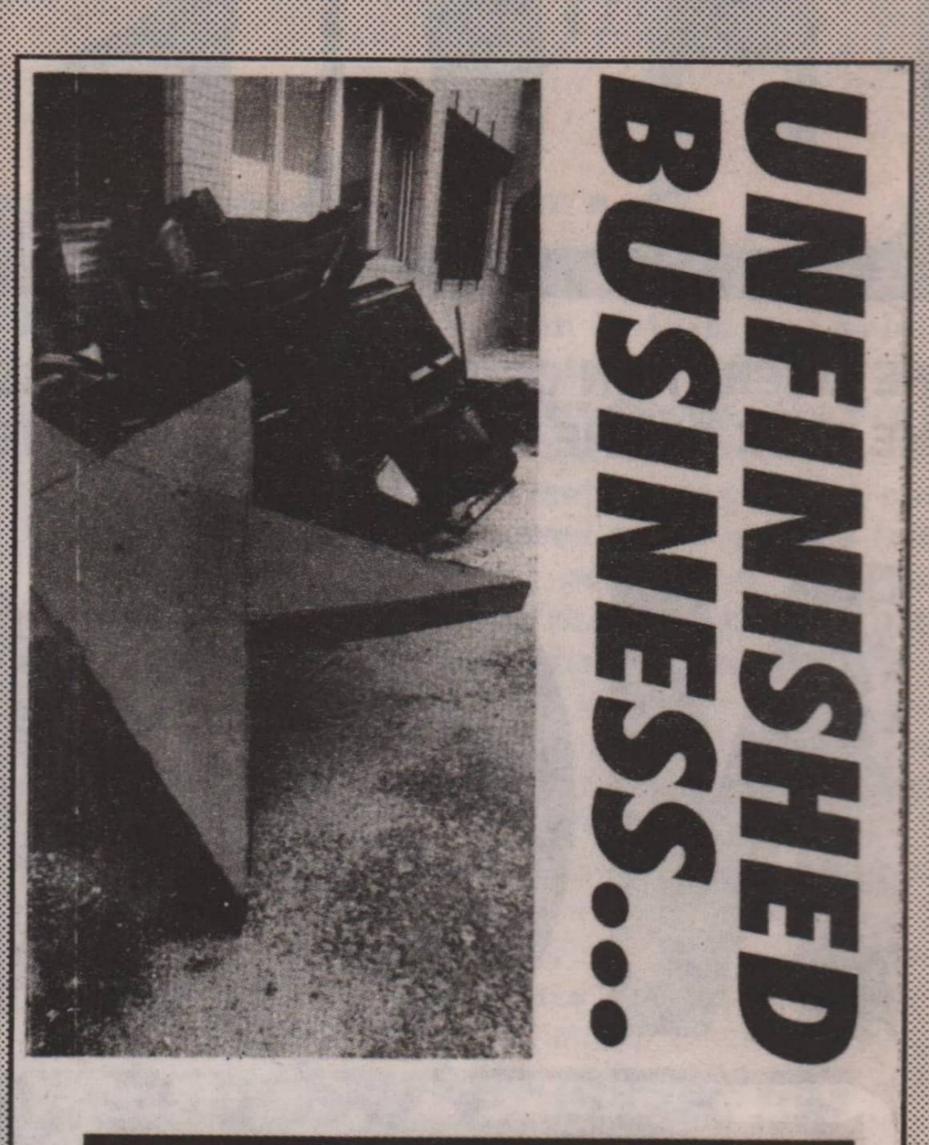
UNFINISHED BUSINESS the politics of class war

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 ...

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WAR DIARY

27th AUGUST: A police station in Totnes, Devon, was burgled. The cheeky thieves got away with more than £500 while officers were out on patrol. The station was due to have security tightened up a few days later.

27th AUGUST: Police station in Plymouth firebombed. A molotov cocktail was thrown

against the window. No casualties this time.

29th AUGUST: An off-duty polce constable in Halton, Leeds, took a battering after telling a group of youths he was a cop. "He can't take us all on, kill the bastard" was their sharp-witted

28th SEPTEMBER: Riot police had to be called in to Highpoint Prison, Suffolk, after priviliges were withdrawn, including not letting the prisoners watch European footie matches

on the telly.

9th OCTOBER: Some of the marchers on the Criminal Justice Bill demo faced with a choice of pacifism of fighting back against the cops, made the right choice: 19 cops injured.

WAR DIARY SPECIAL:

14th OCTOBER: Trouble on the streets of Chapeltown, Leeds, when police tried to arrest a youth who abused them. 22 police officers injured, 26 police cars damaged.

A quick response from the community in Chapeltown taught the West Yorkshire pollice a lesson. When 2 WPCs tried to arrest a youth who shouted at them, a three hour riot began, involving 200 people.

Within seconds about 20 youths were surrounding the cop car, trying to free the arrested youth. Within minutes, the crowd had grown to 50.

This was a no messing battle involving hand to hand fighting. Concrete rained down on the cops' vehicles from both sides of the street.

The WPCs invovled eventually admitted to being "terrified" and "fearing for their lives". The Chief Inspector for Chapeltown said:

"It is a miracle none of my officers were killed in this trouble". Some miracle!

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* 22 police officers were injured * 26 police vehicles were damaged * Once cop was slashed across the stomach, saved by his belt buckle * One clubsy WPC broke two fingers when she fell over, desperately tryijng to avoid getting involved.

It didn't stop there ither. Later on a crowd of about 40 tried to storm the Bridewell Police cells, in the centre of Leeds, to free the 15 locals arrested. Leeds cops have had a taste of what we can do when we decide not to let them arrest and lock up our matres.

In the aftermath, the cops have used 'extremists' as a scapegoat. The real villains are the 'professional troublemakers' in riot gear and their bosses in Parliament.

Not all was rosy during the night of Friday the 14th. Two private cars were torced, and a taxi was bricked, causing facial injuries to one woman passenger. Unlike Jeremy Hanley, Chairman of the Tory Party, we don't put anti social violence down to "exuberance". We condemn it.

If the press had reported events accurately, these were shit actions. On the other hand, the torched cars may have been used as defence barricades against the boys in blue - a pain in the bum for the owners but possibly vital on the night.

The taxi incident needs sorting: in Leeds, taxis are sometimes not easy tro distinguish form cop cars; and it's well known that taxis are often used by CID and Drugs Squad officers as camoflage.

Whether the anti social damage was a genuine mistake or not, the media loved it. But then they would..the media's owned by the friends of the people who send the cops into our areas.

RICH VEIN

Topping news, chums, and a right royal laugh!

Once engaged to Lady Di's 'pal', James 'Squidgy' Hewitt, Lady Alethea Savile, stopped exchanging aristocratic bodily fluids with him after his taped conversations with Di were made public in 1992.

FAILURE

Having tried to top herself, but failing to even get that one right, the tragedy-stricken nob turned to a wee bit of drug consumption.

Mummy and Daddy being a trifle displeased by their daughters antics, 'cut her off' from the family loot, in an attempt to get her to be a good little girl. They failed (must be a family trait). Four months later, her brother, Lord Pollington, found her stiff as a board in her luxury flat in Chelsea, full of heroin, cocaine and anti depressants.

Surely this is a far better sport than croquet and polo for the toffs to take up. Tally ho!

ARGHT ROYAL DISASTER

Hands up those of you who're completely sick of the media being flooded with the latest round of stomach-turning garbage about Chas and DI?

Hot on the heels of ol' Jug Ears announcing that his marriage was loveless, and that he did have a sordid affair with wrinkly aristocrat, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Jonathan 'Jolly Respected Establishment Interviewer' Dimbleby has published Chas' biography.

If that alone weren't bad enough, now we face the hideous prospect of weeks of TV shows, phone-in programmes, and the press going in and out of a maggot's eyeball about the marriage, divorce and god knows how much else, concerning Charles and Di.

The debate about whether they should divorce or not has been wanked on about endlessly, not least of all in Parliament. Would it be a threat to the position of the monarchy? If it would, then let them divorce. Is Di unstable? If she is, then push her over the edge? Oh Lord! What about their children? Why should anyone give a toss about the overprivileged brats when the State sends the Child Support agency in with its size 10 DMs, to wreck countless kids' lives when their parents have split up?

OBSCENE

The point is that the royal family, the government that swear allegience to them, and the media that support them, all look pretty bloody stupid. They are human beings and make human cock ups. The problem is that they live in such obscene and idle luxury that it's unusual for the rich or the royals to be exposed as quite such hypocritical, screwed up wastes of time.

As the gap between rich and poor gets wider and wider, our most important concern shouldn't be whether we mind Di getting a £15 MILLION divorce settlement, but how to do away with the whole grotesque family as quickly and cheaply as possible.

As Liberal Democrat bigwig, Menzie Campbell said when asked about the divorce: 'A clean break is much to be preferred'. We couldn't agree more. Bring forth the guillotine.

GLAUSE BORES

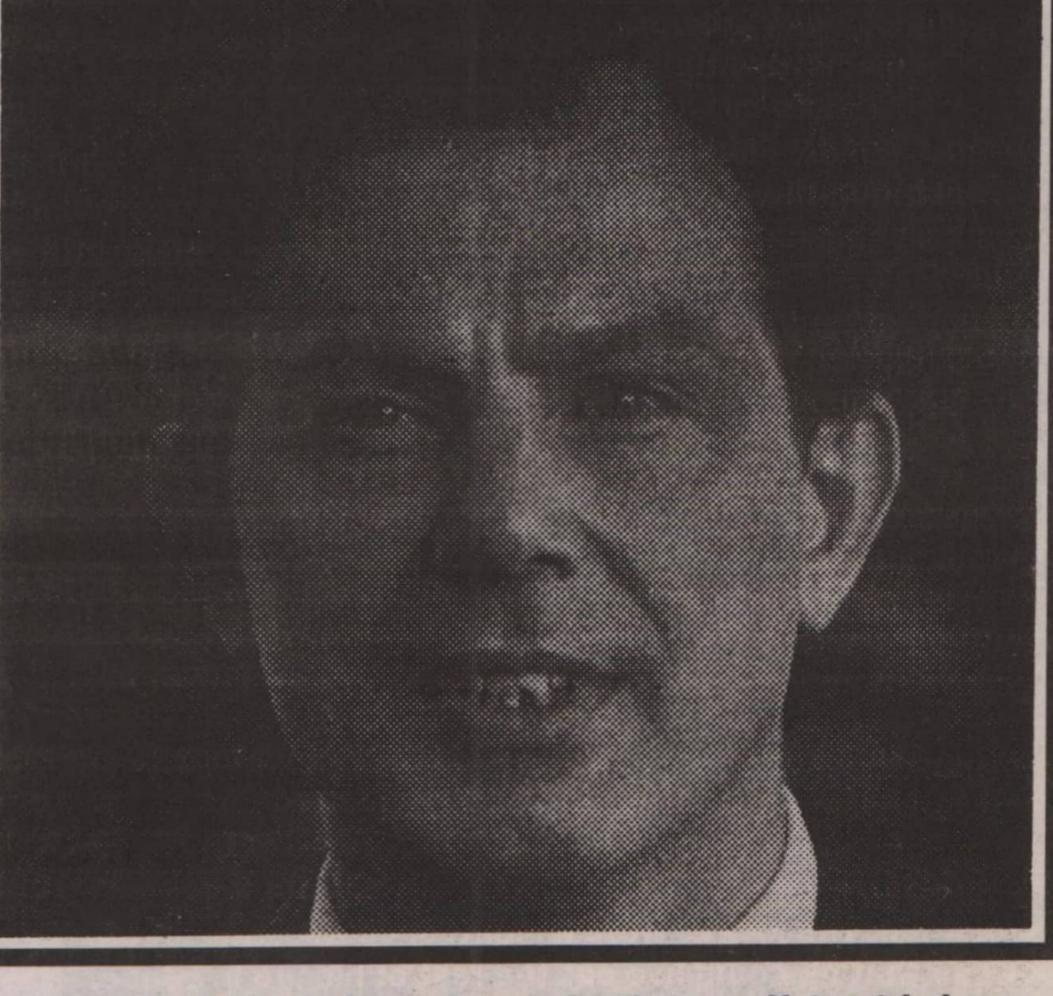
There was a great fuss amongst the pomp at the recent Labour Party conference when Tony "Bambl" Blair announced his intention to scrap Clause 4.

For those wise enough to have kept clear of the Labour Party, it's this clause that commits the Labour Party to 'secure for the workers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution thereof that maybe possible upon the basis of common ownership...." anything resembling 'socialism'.

The clause is printed on every Labour Party membership card, as commitment to the Party's 'socialist' roots. So what happens if it's scrapped?

On face value, there are good points in Clause Four (though badly expressed), but when has the Labour Party even remotely approached introducing anything like it? Answer: NEVER. It never has in the past and never will in the future.

Clause Four is nothing more than a selling pitch to



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the unions; a line of words totally ignored in practice, so we couldn't give a toss if the Labour Party ditched it.

SILENCE

In fact, it might make the few well-meaning party members reconsider their position and wonder what the fuck they are doing in a

completely pro-capitalist, probosses, pro-police, pro- rich organisation.

And it might help silence those high-up lefties like Benn and Skinner who have obviously never heard the story of the emperor's new clothes.

Wise up, lefties!



Anti drugs campaigner, **Chief Constable Kelth** Hellawell of west Yorkshire, points the finger.

We doubt very much whether Hellawell (above) will be sitting in on a frank family discussion with Lady Alethea's ma and pa, about the soaring crime that he says is committed by 'druggies' who need the cash for more drugs. Because, as usual 'Sqeaky Clean' Keith is into lecturing the working class NOT the ruling class.

OSSEK BAD DRIVERS

How many times have you cursed as some hot-rod cop has hurtled his car down the road, blue light flashing and siren going, thinking they're Nigel Mansell on speed.

And how many times have you prayed for their selfimportance to end up wrapped round a lamp-post?

In early October those prayers were answered, on the filth of Stoke Newington. One of their finest, ie one of them not suspended for drug dealing, perversion of the course of justice or whatever, "Evel Knieveled" in a local street, flipping the car a couple of times before crashlanding. Result? One dead cop (he'd only been on the beat for three days), one seriously injured (the driver- and she's going to have to live with it for the rest of her life - no more flashing blue lights for her) and three others temporarily hospitalised.

That'll teach the bastards a iesson. And it makes a change from killing us on the roads as they normally do - there's a steady slaughter every year of people being killed by racing police cars. One down - a lot more to go.

DON'T BUY DRUGS FROM THUGS

In October, two drug dealers were suspended from work and charged at Burnley magistrates court with the possession and supply of amphetamines and cannabls. On October 17th, a police inquiry into the two, Elizabeth Hartley and Liza Wilkinson, was set up.

The two anti social bad girls happen to be coppers, proving several theories that Class War has put forward for some while:

- 1. The police are corrupt hypocrites.
- 2. The police are criminals.
- 3. Police nick you for possession of drugs, take your drugs away and sell them for you: a theory fully supported by the activites of Stoke Newington, East London, cops.
- 4. Keith Hellawell, the cops' voice on drug laws, has his head stuck firmly where the sun don't shine, not entirely unsuprisingly.

GETTING OUT

Class War would like to send its congratulations to the six inmates of Whitemoor prison who decided that they had had enough of prison food in early September and

escaped. Unfortunately, they were all quickly recaptured (better luck next time!) and some of them were subsequently badly beaten by the enraged screws. Prisons are

just there to keep us in line and so any prison escape will be celebrated by us.

And don't forget; Class War is free to prisoners, just drop us a line.

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FOR EVERY COPPER ACTIVE IN BRITAIN TODAY, THERE ARE THIS MANY WORKING CLASS CITIZENS.

AGAINST

We all want justice and equality.

But it's only by working together in our different neighbourhoods, all across the country, **PARTNERS**

The people who run this country, the bosses and politicians, rely on the police to keep us in line.

that we can achieve that.

They don't want us to fight back. But, together with your neighbours, you can.

If you see coppers dishing it out, don't turn a blind eye, get your

mates and give the police a taste of their own medicine. By working together we

can reduce opportunities for these anti-social thugs. And if we all do some-

thing today, the criminals who hide behind the filth will stand a lot less chance of getting away

with it.

RICH

We at Class War have always pushed that idea that instead of robbing our own, we should be robbing the rich.

Crime is an understandable reaction to capitalism but ripping off each other isn't. So we are pleased to report on a recent initiative in London: certain resourceful individuals have taken to waiting outside the gates of posh private schools and doing over any rich bastard who comes along. One posh "victim' had her £7000 Cartier watch plus her £3000 diamond studded bracelet removed whilst she was outside The Hall, an exclusive private school in Belsize Park.

We can only congratulate the individual concerned the rich are always legitimate targets.

TOKYO

Meanwhile, while crime appears to be the dish of the day, bankrobbers in Tokyo have demonstrated their art in a show of true style. After robbing Fukutoku bank of £3.6 million, they sent a letter of thanks: "Thank you very much for the bonus, we can live on this loot for life".

Of course if they get caught they'd go down big time... unlike some others we could mention; for instance our old friend, Ernest Saunders (he of massive City swindle fame).

Ernest did get caught and got 5 years (nothing for the kind of money that was involved). But thenonly a few months into his sentance, he suddenly discovered that he was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, an incurable condition. The judges were lenient, of course, and let hm out so that he could live out the rest of his life in peace.

OUT AGAIN

And now the bastard is back in the news: a top marketing venture that he was helping to run (since his prison release) has collapsed (but hang on, we thought that he was on the point of death?) and then the doctor whose medical note got Ernest the walk declared "it does look as if the diagnosis was wrong". Well Dr. Gallway, we could have told you that for nothing!

The problem is that the rest of his life has almost overnight become a lot longer as Ernest achieves a medical first and recovers. And not only does the bastard recover, he's now a top marketing consultant raking in the money.

Did someone say "it's alright for some...."?

ROBBING THE TELL TO THE TOTAL TOTAL

For the last few years, we haven't been able to move without some pompous Tory oaf, top cop or the gutter press yelling that crime rates have risen because of bad families, parental irresponsibility, left wing teachers and god knows how much other blather.

They rant and rave about the need for floating prisons and detention centres for 12year olds, going over the top like this to create one big hysterical smokescreen to cover up reality. Crime rates always rise when there is poverty and when there is a huge gap between rich and poor.

So what do the ruling class suggest should be done when their own children, hardly stricken with the poverty of state benefits, do a bit more than rob the local post office, and commit an atrocity?

WEALTHY

At the end of October two privileged sons of the wealthy were up in court.

19-year old Jamie Petrolini went to Gordonstoun, the same school as Prince Charles and his dad's a rich restauranteur. His pal, Richard Elsey, is also a nobby ex-public schoolboy, and son of a wealthy electricity industry exectutive. The two of them were studying at Modes Study Centre in Oxford, retaking A levels after they cocked them up the first time.





STRING 'EM UP: Petrolini and Elsey, the faces of upper class murdering scum.

On a night out in London, they jumped out in front of Mohammed ElSayed's car, and for no apparent reason, held him down and cut his throat. They went back to Oxford, pleased with having committed 'the perfect crime', and rounded their antics off by playing various pranks on their chums, and wandering the streets of Ox-

ford at night, pretending to be plain clothes cops.

OBSESSED

There is no obvious motive for killing a man they never knew, leaving his wife and two young sons, apart from their obsession with joining the Parachute regiment or the SAS. This speaks volumes for their twisted mentality as well as that of

the 'crack' units of the British Army.

Perhaps we should follow recent examples and send them away on a Social Services holiday; somewhere really thrilling and for the chaps, like Bosnia or Rwanda. Or maybe we should save the pennies and adopt a 'do as you would be done by' justice and get out the sharp knives.

SPIKINGTHE HOMELESS

Remember George Younger's comment about the homeless being something you step over on your way to the opera?

Well, bosses in central London are trying to solve the problem of having to step over them - by driving homeless people out altogether. Their latest brainwave has been to fit short metal spikes to the front of their buildings so that no one can sit or sleep there. Obviously, private property must be protected at all costs, even it means making it look a like a set of a Mad Max film.

OBJECTS

But this doesn't just affect homeless people, it affects anyone wanting to sit down and have a rest. It's all part of the drive to make central London (and no doubt other city centres) a place



purely for business and consumption, a place where people are objects. But as usual what capital creates can in turn be used to destroy it: we at Class Warthink that these various spikes and studs would make excellent ammunition in the next central London riot.

From spiking the homeless to spiking the old bill you know it makes sense.

TAKINGMORE THANA

Not so long ago a hospital consultant was charged with carrying out an unlawful abortion, after taking out the womb of a woman who was 11 weeks pregnant.

She didn't know she was pregnant, but early in the operation, the consultant discovered this and could have stopped, waited and asked her what choice SHE wanted to make.

Instead, the fucker played 'god' and removed her chance to ever have kids. This man took it upon himself to decide that she was past it (at the age of 35!) and that she was mentally unstable (she was suffering depression since her Dad's death). So he made the decision about her motherhood for her.

DECISIONS

The thing is, it is not unusual for doctors to make massive decisions about people's lives, especially when it comes to working class women. There's case after case of doctors removing ovaries without consent.

When women have gone

into hospital for abortions, they've often come out sterilised - a 'speciality' used on black women - a little snip here, another there, thrown in as a 'bonus'.

Women going in for minor operations on the lining of their wombs have come out with no wombs at all; surgeons believing that they'd done them a favour.

OUR CONTROL

These examples just prove what total disregard many doctors have for women and a complete lack of respect and understanding: women should be able to control their own fertility, their own pregnancies, their own lives.

According to the values of the State, all women want kids, but single, lesbian, disabled or depressed women are expected NOT to, "in the interests of the child!' Wrong, this is in the interests of the State.

The manipulation and control is carried out by the medical profession; deciding whether a woman is worthy of being a mother

or whether she has the right not to be one. Decisons on reproductive treatment are left in ttheir hands. That's why there's so much inequality around abortions. In some areas of Britain, 14% of abortions are done by the NHS, in others, it's

Infertility treatment is another example of the class divide when it comes to treatment and care. Infertility is a big problem for women living in poverty, but the State puts its money into high status IVF (invitro fertilisation) programmes, where, unsuprisingly, priority goes to a few, 'worthy' heterosexual, middle class' white couples.

BOLLOCKS

Society defines a place for women and then develops ways to keep them there. Fuck that for a lark!

Doctors who abuse their positions, like the one who did the unwanted abortion, should be given plenty of time to think over their dangerous decisions, in the countryside, swinging by their bollocks.

YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST

From Monday 10th October, the second stage of privatisation of the DSS began. The first stage involved attacking the typing pool and messenger services, leading to staff cut backs, and the recruitment of untrained staff from agencies.

CHAOS

Next, the Social Fund comes up for tender. This holds information about the finances of everyone who has ever had any dealings with the DSS. The nightmare scenario of private debt collecting services taking over this Fund is about to come true. Bailiffs will have a field day.

But, from Tuesday 11th October, the staff at the opening Office in Wakefield went on strike. Very little mail is getting through, which is shite for those on benefits in the area, but as a result, the privatisation is already collapsing into chaos. DSS staff have been told to bullshit angry callers, and the reasons for the strike are being kept hushed by the management. It doesn't take much to work out that wages and conditions must be crap and worsening for those doing the opening. Let's hope for a swift victory and defeat of the privatisation sham.

ACCAME (C) F TWO FALS

often said that prostitution is dirty dangerous... and true. It's also true that most of us do dirty or dangerous work and get screwed by our bosses.

Growing numbers of women are using prostitution just to keep their heads above water, and some to keep paying for their drug habits.



Recent figures show that there has been a rise in single parents and students taking up 'the oldest profession', due to government cutbacks in benefits and grants.

ESCAPE

Prostitution can be good alternative to other jobs in the labour market. It can also be an escape from a violent boyfriend or husband, and into fiself suffinancial ciency.

Is their such a big difference between a prostitute the and gets thrown at us daily - a woman who on the one hand raises kids, keeps the home lovely,

> and looks stunning all the while time, man's her working money; for and on the other is Ms. Dynamite the Sex Goddess in bed?

the capitalists their have way, sex become just other commodity buy sell, whether it's porn

lines in the Daily Sport, massage parlours or having a shag because your partner bought you a new piece of jewelry, and he (or she) expects their 'reward'

While we're all prostitutes if work for a pittance to earn a living, Class

not believe War does that the exploitation, violence and anti sobehaviour that sometimes surrounds prostitution is a good acceptable thing. We should not tolerate

But if a woman or their body and sexual services, that is down to them and their "clients".

This state of afpropably fairs won't until capitalchange ism is destroyed and all respect can each other and each other's bodies, choosing to have sex when we want to and not for security or financial or social gain.

the In meantime, though, a lot of work putting needs in to make prostitution safe hassle free for prostitutes, their punters and the general public.

There is no benefit from leaving used syringes and condoms lying around the streets, as happens in London's Kings Cross.

This just pisses locals off, and makes the area and the community feel unsafe. The same goes for hookers working on the street in areas where locals plain don't like

ANTAGONISM

Recent antagonism between some of the the Asian community in Balsall Heath, Birmingham, and local prostitutes, reached fever pitch and hit the national headlines.

There is no point in 'working women' using an area that they may be attacked in. The reason they used it, image of women that man chooses to sell though, is up for speculation: maybe because there are a lot of regular punters in the

> JAMIE, 11: "I do tossing for ten... I them screw me between the legs for a hundred"

Another major problem has been the rise in child prostitution. While it's true that children have a sexuality and explore it themselves, between quite naturally, reality of child prostitution is very different to this.

and sick A prime example of how capitalism works: through abuse, poverty or pressure from 'adults', children, some not yet in their teens, are on the game.

RIGHTLAUGH

As mentioned in our 'What We Say' column of page 2, the media have had a fleld day, trying to get anyone who'll listen to believe that Class War, anarchists, left ridiculous wingers and anyone else they can tle in, are Evening baby-eating, people after shortly hating terrorists, Criminal Justice hell bent on the dedemo of

This is nonsense.

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struction of all you dear. SELL CLASS

What is equal nonsense is the garbage being offered by the gormless boys 'n' girls in blue at the Special Branch. These supposedly 'expert' cops fed disinformation to the London laughable Standard, the Bill Ocotber 9th. The paper claims that Special Branch are well aware that: "Class War

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your bit in the war, by flogging Class

War to your work/school mates,

have been infiltrated by members of the far right BNP to stir up violence and encourage draconian laws banning all public protest". !!!

is the most garbage we've heard since someone suggested VAT on fuel is fair.

The Class War Federation has a long history of fighting nazi scum, and of involvement in Anti-Fasactivities. cist

This is not new and first cropped up in the mid 80's when Class War was being blamed for the inner city riots of that time. PC Plod must be pretty desperate to come up with such a crap smear, what's a matter with them, can't they think of anything new? The truth is that we're being encouraged to look for extreme right wingers in the wrong place.

Jonathan Bowden, cofounder of the neo-nazi Revolutionary Conservative Caucus, and his pal, Mark

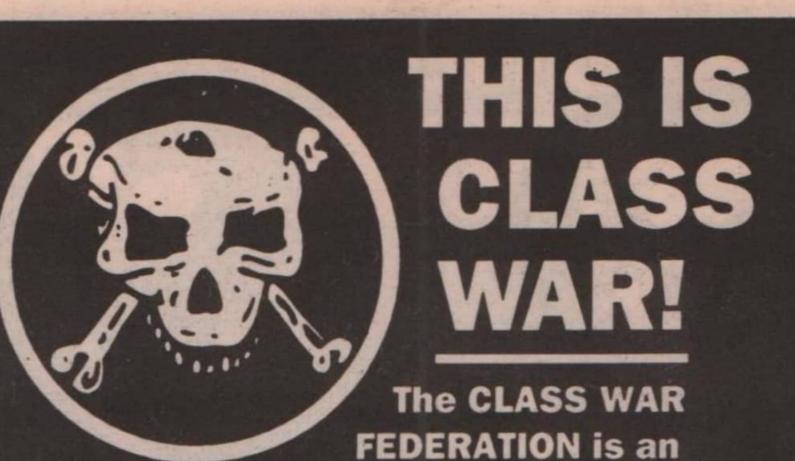
Cotterill, ex South West organiser for the National Front, were both happy punters at the recent Conservative Party Conference. Cotterill says of the Tory Party: "Ifeel at home. A lot of my views are hold by many other Conservatives".

Cotterill has a record of racist violence and inciting race hatred.

Cotterill, no stranger to making links between fascists and Tories, edited the NF's British Patriot rag. In it, he wrote: "Patriotic Britains can do far more good inside the Conservative Party...than by joining tiny right wing parties on the fringe".

So, PC Plod, if you want to play Hunt the Nazi, it would be an idea if you give Mr Major a bell. We're sure he'll be able to put you in touch with the far right.





organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

OUR AIM

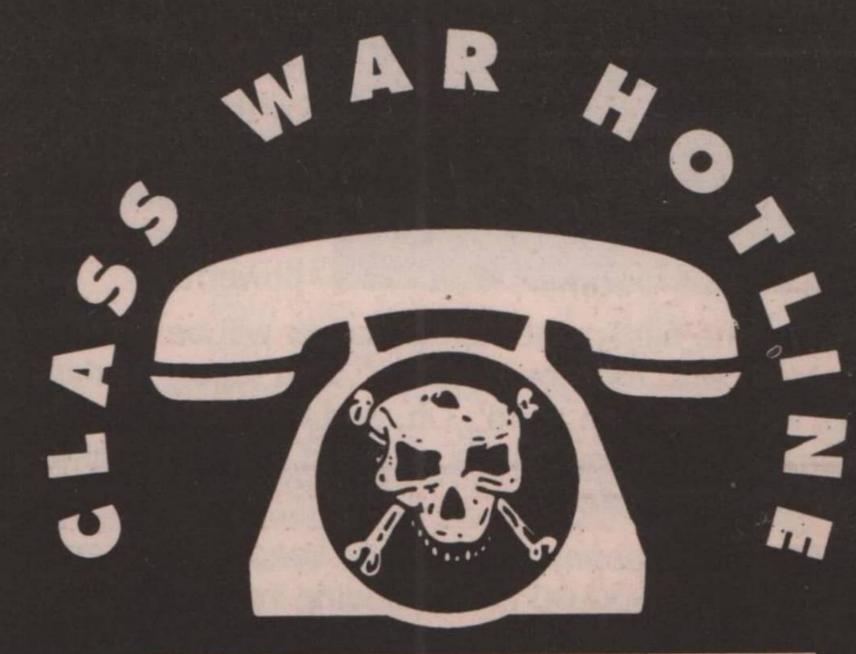
The aim of the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class people's attempts to solve their problems through propaganda, active participation and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produces and distributes propaganda: a paper, discussion and debating magazine, other books and pamphlets, as well as local and national leaflets, posters and newsletters.

We're involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the Federation, to do the above, for discussion and for a laugh!

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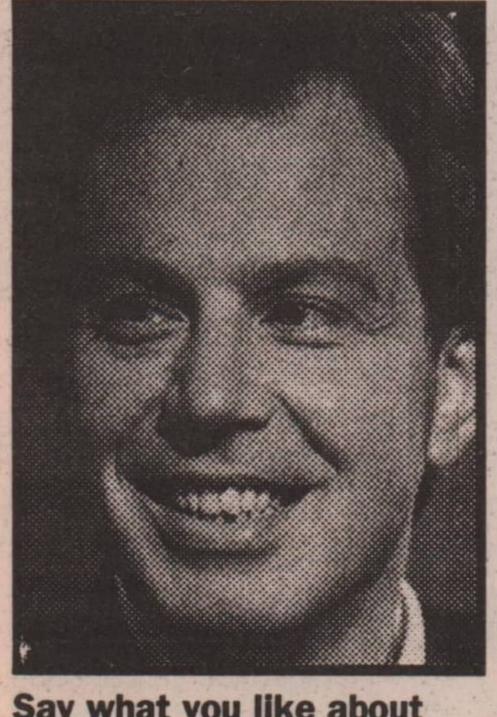


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here have been a record number of entries for this month's Young Warrior award, but in the end it's going to the two lads in Walton-on-Trent in Derbyshire who made a healthy over-the-counter 'withdrawal' from their local Post Office. One lad,

reckoned to be 13, pretended he had a stammer and asked the assistant to show him a selection of birthday cards. While she dealt with him, his mate—apparently just 10 years old—slipped into the back of the store and, cool as a cucumber, pocketed £5,000. No guns, no violence and the only loser is a massive institution. That's what I call a job well done!



Say what you like about Tony Blair, but at least he's honest. I mean, other Labour leaders have talked about 'redistributing wealth' but it's only our Tony who has really taken the idea to heart.

In the last three months, he has allowed his £250,000 mansion in the trendy borough of Islington in London to be burgled at least three times. That's after it was burgled four times in the previous 18 months.

Local police admit that they are "baffled" as to why the Blair house is being picked on. Could it be connected to the fact that he's a smarmy rich scumbag who deserves everything he gets?

BROWN TROUSERS

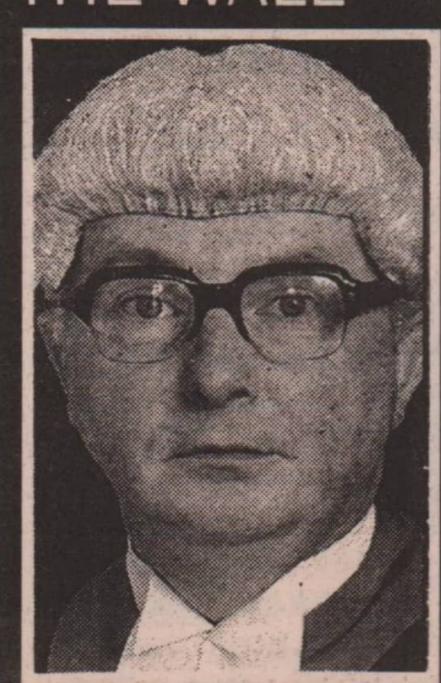
Tragic news from the frontline in Britain's prisons where a recent survey has revealed that two out three prison officers are scared at work. Poor lambs! As I was always told when I was a kid, 'treat people like shit and that's what you get.'

It's all part of an atmosphere of growing tension inside: last year Home Office records show there were more than 100,000 'offences' against prison discipline.

Mind you, it's no safer for screws in the outside world. Anthony Abbott, an officer at Leeds' notorious Armley prison, thought he was having a quiet pint and a game of dominos in a Bradford pub. A man (who I'll call Mr B) came over and whispered into his ear: "Are you a screw?" Abbott was then subjected to a "vicious and sustained" series of punches, receiving perforated eardrums as well as cuts and bruises to his face. He was off work for two-and-a-half months.

Nice one Mr B! Now that's exactly the sort of industrial injury I want to see more of!

UP AGAINST THE WALL



Tosspot Taylor

When it comes to pompous gits who deserve a kick in the knackers, you have to go a long way to beat those dickheads-inwigs, judges. They live on a different planet from the likes of you and me; hardly surprising when you think that 80% went to public schools and a staggering 87% went to Oxford or Cambridge...

But there's always one or two who want to be more brainless than the rest. This month it's **Judge William Taylor** who has booked himself first place in the queue for the guillotine. Tosspot Taylor recently told a convicted rapist that "good manners dictate that a man asks a woman if he can have sex with her." Good manners my arse! **Manners are little** things like being polite, not farting in a lift full of people, and saying 'ta!' to bus drivers. What Taylor's talking about is the difference between sex and violence. If he can't work out the distinction, then five minutes down a dark alley with me and a baseball bat will help him get things in perspective.

Second in line for a spot of class justice is Judge Brian Watling, who showed his true colours recently when a defendant failed to turn up in court. Well-known racist Watling burst out: "It's at times like these that I would like Adolf Hitler to be in power." The only place for scum like this is pushing up daisies...



Rot in hell: Lady Alethea Savile and John Blackburn MP

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR THE RICH

Swim, 2, 3... Drown, 2, 3... Catherine Marlow recently became the ex-wife of extreme right-wing Tory MP, Tony Marlow, when she gave a fine demonstration of how not to breathe underwater...indefinitely. Tony had to return from his Greek holiday alone. Sadly Catherine won't be missed, not even by her scumbag husband who shacked up with his secretary in the early 1980s and had four kids—to add to the five he had with his wife. Anyone for a swim?

With at least nine kids to his name Tony Marlow is obviously not a man worried about the population explosion. Luckily Tony's colleague, John Blackburn has done his best to make up for it. Blackburn, Tory MP for Dudley West, collapsed and died of a heart attack just outside the House of Commons. Why do so many politicians have dicky hearts? The answer lies in the rich lifestyle they enjoy at our expense. Personally I don't begrudge them those little luxuries—as long as they keep dropping like flies.

And while we're on the subject of body-bags, I was chuffed to bits to see another aristocratic parasite choke to death on a heroin overdose. When a working class kid gets stuck on drugs, it's a tragedy. When the rich take it upon themselves to dabble in smack and get it wrong, it's a cause to celebrate. So when I heard that Lady Alethea Savile, daughter of the Earl of Mexborough, had thrown her life away, I threw a party...

NAIL'EM UP

When over 50 members of a religious cult committed mass 'suicide' in the Swiss properties owned by the Order of the Solar Temple, everyone screamed "Murderous nutters!"

When the Pope spreads his twisted lies about abortion and homosexuality, everyone says, "Nice, well-meaning man

What a load of shite!
When it comes to poisonous propaganda and making a packet out of people who are confused and demoralised, the Catholic Church stands head and shoulders above two-bit outfits like the Swiss cult or David Koresh's Branch

struggling to come to terms

Take Mother Teresa, everyone's favourite saint. She's spent years in Calcutta fighting against women's right to contraception and abortion. Not content with screwing up people's lives in India, this sick ghoul has dedicated herself to supporting scumbag dictators like the Duvaliers in Haiti and the Hoxha regime in Albania.

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Twisted sister: Mother Teresa

have to look overseas to see how bitter and corrupt religion makes people. Stand up Father Patrick Hegarty. Hegarty is just starting a two-and-a-half year stretch for the persistent sexual abuse of young boys in Leeds and Bradford over a period of fourteen years. As if to prove how much religion scrambles your brains, Hegarty said in his defence that he had been a "good, caring parish priest" but had "developed a longing for love, company and affection". Who else but a dog-collared dickbrain could think up a 'defence' like that?

"The stewards worked really hard and a number of people have apologised to us for what has happened."

Chief Supt Richard Cullen reveals that there are still some sad bastards who want to say 'sorry' for the anti-police violence on the Criminal Justice Bill march. No apologies—ever!

"This is a placard not a pistol... and peaceful protest is a threat to no-one."

Placard last seen flying through the air towards lines of riot cops

"George is gutted. He spent a fortune on security for the house but it doesn't seem to have done him any good."

A close friend of singer George Michael after his £800,000 holiday mansion in St Tropez is

mansion in St Tropez is burgled. With a fortune of £35 million George is one of the 500 richest scumbags in the UK

"We are extremely close to the end of the House of Windsor."

Rich flunky Harold
Brooks-Baker, publishing
director of Burke's
Peerage, starts to weep:
we sharpen our knives
and start to get the
pints in...

"I'm actually someone who received the cane when I was in school. It did me no harm."

Tony Blair admits that the cane's too soft for pampered kids in private schools: they should all be belted with a nail-studded length of 4" by 2"

"Youth unemployment leads to boredom, alienation and lack of money."

Professor John 'Birdbrain'
Benyon announces the staggering findings of his survey on crime. Next month he'll be telling us that poverty is caused by lack of money

"The people of this country are not looking to us for a revolution."

Tony Blair wises up to something we've known for years. You won't get a shag off the Pope and you won't get real change from Labour windbags

OLD BOYS JOB CLUB

No 5 in a series of jobs you're unlikely to be offered

BLIND DATE PRESENTER

QUALIFICATIONS: At least once a week the postholder will be expected to patronise 'ordinary' people on prime-



time TV. Applicants from working class backgrounds may find it slightly easier to get away with this without being belted in the mouth, but you will be expected to totally forget your roots. Ideally you will be someone who had a few lucky breaks, became a millionaire by the age of 25 and never stopped kissing the arses of the rich and powerful.

PERKS: The high-point of your career will be "rubbing shoulders with the Royal Family" as a token 'working class woman made good'. Oh, and every time there's a general election you will be wheeled out like clockwork to urge people to vote Tory.

Television of £500,00 (not including Tory party backhanders). This will go some way to paying off your extravagant lifestyle: Buckinghamshire mansion with eight bathrooms, chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce, and an unhealthy addiction to champagne.

Post presently filled by Cilla Black

STANDING UP TO THE FAST FOOD BARONS

Do you work in fast food? Are you sick of low wages, poor working conditions and injurles? Sick of being bossed around? McDonalds spend well over \$1 billion worldwide every year on ads and promotions to boost their Image - yet they can't find a single penny to pay overtime. The alm is: get profits up and wage costs down. The time couldn't be better for workers not just in McDonalds, but in all fast food work places to organise

The service industries, such as fast food and tourism, are the few growth areas in the economy. Jobs in hotels and catering including fast food account for 5% of all employment. In London McDonalds is now one of the biggest employers.

BURGER ALL

More than ever we are being divided into a dwindling permanent work force and a growing reserve of part-time casual and temporary workers. Encouraged by continual attacks by government on workers employment rights and cheap labour policies, 'flexible working' is now the norm for many of us, not just in fast food, but increasingly in every other sector.

Benefiting from this are the multinational food chains who have been able to keep the wages and conditions of their workers amongst the worst in the country, enabling them to reap massive profits. The biggest of these is McDonalds - the largest fast food operator in the world, making well over \$1 million profit a day. The rise of 'Big

Mac' is one of the all time success stories of US corporate history - and a story of mass exploitation of workers. McDonalds profits depend on young workers keeping its labour costs down. Many workers are under 18 and still at school. In this way, they can pay poverty level wages. McDonalds deliberately recruits from groups who are already discriminated against in the labour market. It feeds on foreign visitors, women and black workers who, with few opportunities, are forced to accept the poor

wages and conditions.

TAKE 'EM OUT

But we don't have to accept this; McDonald's workers create the wealth of the company - they are therefore in a potentially strong position to use their labour power to start confronting this situation by organising. McDonald's know this all too well. They spend millions on trying to indoctrinate the workers with company propaganda: videos, lectures and even a 'McDonald's University". Workers are bullied and in-

SLAVE LABOUR

NOT THE FLAVOUR

OF THE MONTH!

timidated into showing company loyalty. Any workers who try to do anything against the conditions or pay, are harassed and eventually forced out or sacked.

But there is resistance starting to grow and build the confidence for not just workers in McDonald's, but for all workers to take on their boss. And there couldn't be a better time to do it.

ON TRIAL

The company's business practices are currently under the spotlight in a mammoth libel trial at the High Court in London (set to continue till April 95). Two supporters of London Greenpeace are defending leaflets criticising McDonalds, including awhole section criticising crew pay and conditions. Thirty five exworkers have come forward to help them by giving evidence of what really goes on inside the stores. This will benefit all McDonalds workers by forcing the company on to the defensive. So now is the time to organise!

A McDonalds Workers Support Group has recently been set up to provide advice and support for workers - legal rights, industrial tribunals, health and safety etc. The aim is also to build up a nationwide support network to promote solidarity for all workers wanting to fight back against shit wages and conditions.

For more Information contact McDonalds Workers
Support Group, Hackney
Trade Union Support Unit,
Colin Roach Centre, 10a
Bradbury St., London N16.

WHERE IS THOMAS BRENNAN?

Thomas, from Peterborough, is currently serving six months inside for stealing £8,800 from an amusement arcade where he worked. As you can imagine, his bosses at the multinational Rank company, weren't very amused.

Having hit the Jackpot Thomas had planned to go to America for a bit to recover from the strain of working for a pittance for ages. But after a holiday in Ireland with his wife Thomas returned to London.

Unfortunately he ended up handing himself into the pigs, but not before he had shared the remaining £5000 from his winnings with people living on the streets of London. A fine plece of class solldar-Ity that deserves a bit of support In return. So If anyone knows which nick Thomas Brennan Is In, let us here at Class War know 'cos we'd like to send him a token of our support.

PRISON

FILE

SCREWS BACK OFF

The screws in Full Sutton have been forced to back off from giving Satpai Ram a hard time following a couple of protests by his supporters. The governor obviously didn't like the publicity it attracted.

When Satpal's defence campaign turned up in a sea of reporters, they weren't content with holding a vigil at the car park entrance. Although only numbering a dozen people they noisily marched up to the prison gates brushing aside the pigs and screws with dogs that tried to stop them.

They demanded Satpal be released from segregation and to see the governor. Sure enough the prison obliged and by the time the protesters were back home Satpal had rung to say he was back on the wing and was ending his hunger strike.

This shows the results we can get when resistance inside is supported and made public by defiant protest on the outside.

The next step for Satpal Is a Judicial Review at the High Court, Strand, London on November 4th starting at 10:00. Join the picket. We wish him luck.

WORKFARE - JUST YOU DARE!

With Lilley and Portillo wearing the social services jackboots you can be sure it won't be long before they try to introduce workfare.

Workfare means work for benefits or lose them. If claimants are forced into jobs it will always be at the expense of other low pay workers, who will be undercut.

Beside cutting wage expectations the idea is to cut the social services budget. One way they hope to do this is to intimidate people into shitty paid jobs that at least offer a bit more than the threatened workfare. Job Centres are already instructed to bully the long term unem-

ployed into taking unfillable jobs with shit wages and unsociable hours or lose benefits. The young and long term unemployed will be targeted first but it is planned to extend the scheme to cover all claimants.

Tory ministers will easily ignore the winging Labour MP's and Trade Union leaders, who prefer the very similar Citizens Service which will be supposedly 'voluntary'. One thing that they can't ignore though are the potential problems from the claimants. With a lethal cocktail of non cooperation, sabotage and direct action against Jobcentres etc. available to them,

claimants could make this 'cost cutting exercise' very expensive indeed. These are the same tactics that are already proving to be well effective against jobplan workshops and other guilt ridden schemes.

The attacks on our benefits will come thick and fast whilst the knife is in the hands of Lilley and Portillo. We need to turn the knife on them and make two deep cuts very much to our benefit.

Further Info: Tottenham Claimants Union, 72 West Green Road London N15. Edinburgh Claimants Union, Tel. 031 332 7547 / 031 557 0718.

FLUFF OFF!

Amongst all the marching against the Criminal Justice Bill and all the blocking of road building has come a new development: the birth of fluffydom. In fact, this isn't a new birth after all - it's a rebirth of the pathetic form of pacifism.

The original pacifists had a lot going for them. They had no time for the state and weren't prepared to be used as cannon fodder for any of its wars. This lot are different though-their idea of pacifism keeping everything "nice and sweet" on the street.

They are more concerned with people having a go at the old bill than with what the old bill are doing! In fact, what they like best is arselicking the establishment by pretending to be cuddly - little realising that it is this fucking establishment that's building the roads and bringing in the Criminal Justice Bill (amongst a lot of other things).

DANGEROUS

But these fluffies aren't just harmless, slightly misguided but well-meaning individuals-they' re downright dangerous. At the July Criminal Justice Bill demo they attempted to

unmask people in the Whitehall ruck. They're quite prepared to send people to prison for fighting back, they're nothing more than cops in disguise.

And they see the cops as individuals with families and friends who should really be on our side instead of seeing them as scum who are nothing more than the brutal face of the state.

PASSIVE

But it's not just their practice which makes them dangerous - it's their ideas as well. They want everyone to view themselves as "just individuals", trying to request a

They educate people to be passive and weak, to be beggars rather than fighters, to request rather than demand, to be on bended knee in front of the high and mighty rather than sticking two fingers in their face.

Class War has no time for any of this bollocks - as it says in the Bible, the meek inherit fuck all. If we want anything, we're going to have to fight for it - and that's that!

FOR ROBBERY

Norman Manning, known as Bunson, doing five years for robbery was murdered in Long Lartin Prison on September 29th by a couple of inmates and screws.

Details are still patchy but it is suspected that the murder was part of a scheme by screws to whip up racism in the nick. Of course the prison is closing ranks and withholding all information from the family who rely on other inmates to come forward and tell them what happened.

When the family pushed for evidence from the wing cameras they were told that they don't pick anything up...unless of course you are attacking a screw!

The Bunson Memorial Campaign is determined to get to the bottom of this latest state orchestrated execution and a large protest at Long Lartin is being planned.

For more Information / letters of condolence / donations to the campaign at:
BUNSON MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN., C/O 102
HEATHFIELD RD.
HANDSWORTH, BIRMING-HAM B19

CLASS WAR NEEDS YOU!

..to let us know what is happening in your area. Everywhere people are fighting back through campaigns similar to those featured above or with friends and relatives in a less formal way. ie.

getting together to deal with antisocial elements. Such struggles can inspire others to get active. So, send us a report or press cuttings so that we can spread the word and the actions!

Below are the main clauses in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill 1994

Note how vague terms such as 'likely', 'suspicion', 'intent', 'may' and 'reasonably believe' are used so the law can be widely applied and difficult to defend against. There may also be some changes to these clauses before the Bill is passed, but it looks as if the bulk of it will remain untouched. The Bill itself is not one single piece of legislation but is full of amendments to existing legislation such as previous Criminal Justice Acts, Public Order Acts and Prevention of Terrorism Acts.

Right to Silence

Clause 32 allows courts to 'draw such inferences as appear proper' in cases where the accused remains silent about facts they could have reasonably been expected to mention.

Clause 34 allows the courts to do the same where a defendant fails to account for objects, substances or marks that a constable reasonably believes are attributable to the accused in the committal of an offence.

Clause 35 allows the courts to do the same if the accused refuses to account for their presence at a particular place.

Stop and Search

Clause 55 allows police of ranks superintendent or higher to authorise, within a certain area, the stopping and searching of any pedestrian, their belongings and vehicles for offensive weapons and 'dangerous articles' when they suspect that serious incidents of violence may occur.

Festivals and Raves

Clause 58 gives the police powers to stop outdoor festivals and raves, and makes it an offence to defy a police order to leave the area.

Clause 59 allows the police to enter land where such an event is being held and seize vehicles and sound equipment.

Clause 60 gives police powers to stop and redirect people they

reasonably believe to be proceeding to such an event.

Aggravated Trespass

Clause 63 criminalises trespass which occurs with the intention of disrupting or obstructing a lawful activity, or intimidating people so as to stop them engaging in that activity. Maximum penalty: 3 months in prison.

Clause 64 creates a new offence of 'disobeying the orders of a police officer who has directed a person to leave land' which can be exercised by any copper.

Trespassory Assemblies

Clause 65 provides that bans can be imposed on assemblies that are likely to be held without permission of the land owner, and which may result in 'serious disruption to the life of the community'.

Clause 66 gives the police powers to stop people whom they reasonably believe are travelling to an assembly banned under clause 65.

Occupation of property

Clause 67 enables anyone with an interest in property to gain violent entry to it whether or not it is occupied.

Clause 71 makes it a criminal offence not to leave property once the landlord has gained a court order.

• People on the move

Clause 56 makes it a criminal offence not to leave land if ordered to do so by a police officer where damage has been caused, or where there are more than 6 vehicles (formerly 12) are on the land.

Clause 72 makes it an offence to camp on land without permission once a local authority has directed a person to leave.

Clause 73 gives magistrates' courts the power to order the removal of vehicles and property from an area once an order to shift has been made.

Clause 75 removes the responsibility for local authorities to provide sites for travellers.

Prevention of Terrorism

Clause 76 gives an officer of rank commander or higher power to order the stopping and searching of pedestrians, vehicles, drivers and their possessions for articles which could be used in connection with the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. These powers will apply to a certain area, and can last for 28 days, extendable for another 28 days if necessary. Anyone who fails to stop, or wilfully obstructs an officer in the exercise of these powers will be guilty of an offence punishable by a maximum of 3 months in prison.

Clause 76 (4) allows police to carry out the powers enacted by clause 76 whether or not they have any grounds for suspecting that people or their vehicles are carrying articles for use in terrorist activities.

Clause 77 makes a person guilty of an offence if they are in possession of such articles, or are found collecting or carrying information that is likely to be of use to terrorists. Maximum punishment: ten years in prison.

With the government's popularity hits an all time low, they've been looking for ways to increase their support. What better way to do this than attacking their natural hate figures: pickets, squatters, ravers, rioters, hunt sabs, travellers and any other group of people who don't fit their society. This autumn will see the passing of the Criminal Justice Bill. The many "coalitions" that have sprung up recently say it's the most repressive bill ever, but this legislation is not exceptional. It's merely part the centuries old assualt by the ruling class

As things stand in the middle of October, there seems little that can stop the Bill becoming law. It's already passed the Commons stage where it received little opposition from the so-called opposition parties who are 'right' behind it, scrambling to be seen as the best at the law'n'order game, proving once again that Blair, Hashdown and their cronies will support anything if there's a vote in it. The Bill is expected to easily pass through the House of Lords who don't even know what day of the week it is, let alone what law they're passing. Let's make sure we know the score

The context in which the bill is set is one of increasing levels of crime and disorder and aims to further reinforce the police and court powers to deal with this situation. The state's role is to provide the right conditions and stability needed for capitalism to operate, and that's what it's doing. Major and his cronies blame it all on the leniency of the courts, oncetrendy liberal ideas, and the collapse of the family unit. The left wing of capitalism - the Labour Party and its hangers on - is in agreement with most of this and is itself carrying out attacks against the poor and homeless at local levels. The Labour Party was proud of having some of the highest Poll Tax collection rates.

HYPOCRISY

But the ruling class fail to mention it's their crisis ridden capitalist system, and the rotting society it creates, which is totally responsible for crime and disorder. Their strategy for economic and social renewal is based on mass redundancies, pay freezes, cuts in benefits, closing hospitals, VAT on fuel, more

police on the streets and tougher sentences - even the imprisonment of 12-14 year old offenders. And they blame it all on us! They are disturbed by the increase in violent crime, but want us to forget about the massive pay rises for the bosses, the endless exposure of corruption, gerrymandering and dirty-dealing at Westminster and in the City.

The police deny there is any link between poverty and crime but it's obvious to anyone who's been in that situation that crime is sometimes the only way to get money to

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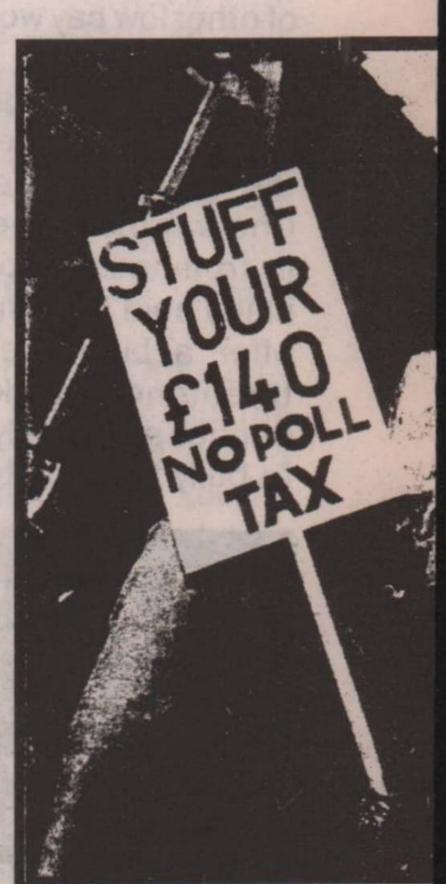
clothe and feed your kids and yourself. It's this poverty which has driven many people to become squatters because they can't wait for the council to house them, or the accommodation they can find, either private or public, is so appalling they'd rather find somewhere on their own. Many travellers are economic refugees, pissed off with merely surviving on some shitty council estate, desperate to escape from the boredom and alienation of urban life on the dole, trying to make a go of it on the road where at least they'll be freer to do what they want. The same can be said for ravers. The lack of any sense of real community in their everyday life drives them to find an

LAYING RESIST

The 'CANT PAY - WON'T PAY' movement of civil disobedience was essential to the Anti-Poll Tax campaign. Demonstrations, both organised and spontaneous, pickets of balliffs and being at the magistrates courts and council meetings for support, dissent and advice were also essential to the campaign because magistrates and councils were abusing proper legal procedures.

Protection was needed for the most vulnerable in our society to avoid them being trampled on by bureaucrats and magistrates who showed no mercy during the proceedings. They behaved like Nazi commandants who claimed they were "only obeying orders" but who were exceeding those orders by transcending the law in their desperate attempts to collect money while also displaying personal prejudice and political bias. As a result of the resistance many people were saved from imprisonment and further poverty. Being able to organise both independently and in collaboration with the legal profession was vital to this success.

Under the new restrictions little of this would be possible. Clauses 63-66, if passed, mean such protests and demonstrations could be banned, the organisers banged up for three months and protesters fined. Fellow protesters travelling to gatherings outside their areas could be stopped and ordered to return. Furthermore, under the bail conditions (clause 26) any of the activists could been prevented from



Demonstrations must co

alternative in the rave scene, where at least like-minded people gather together for pure enjoyment and self-expression.

LIES AND ILLUSIONS

But it is a lie that the bill is aimed at few parasites and nuisances, that if you've done nothing wrong, you've nothing to worry about. Aside from the fact that young working class people often attend raves, and that more workers and unemployed are becoming homeless, like all repressive measures the bill is aimed at the struggle of the working class because the real danger for the bosses comes not from vague categories like the young, or New Age Travellers but a working class that is now beginning to fight back in Britain as in the rest of Europe. New laws against gatherings and demonstrations will

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also be used against demonstrations and workers' assemblies.

The anti-CJB coalition organised by the SWP, Liberty, Charter 88 and various rave groupings claims to connect the working class struggle against repression with the rave, traveller and other movements. This is aimed at drowning the specific identity of the working class in an amorphous cross-class alliance fighting for 'democratic freedom'. This is part of the wider 'pro-capitalist democracy' on-slaught that has gathered pace since the collapse of the Berlin Wall. There are also strong pacifist currents in the anti-CJB movement which must be strongly resisted. On

demonstrations they've threatened to spray rioters with paint to identify them to the police. They are afraid of the massive power of the working class, and our fight against the system they think's alright really.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

The working class struggle against repression is the product of a wider struggle to defend its distinct, material class interests against those of capitalism and the State. Our focus should not be the legal terrain, we should not rely on a set of rights that allow us to do everything. We don't believe in all this 'bill of rights' crap touted by the likes of Liberty and Charter 88 because all bourgeois concepts of freedom rely on a social contract between masters and the oppressed that only covers the political field. This social contract basically says that if you behave and follow our rules then we won't hurt you.

Capitalism, and the economic violence it inflicts upon the exploited, is left untouched because it doesn't depend upon written laws. No state has total control over how much the bosses pay us, when they decide to sack us, or any other choices they want to make. Some countries have minimum wages and basic health and safety legislation, but all of this is under constant attack as the remnants of social democracy are destroyed.

NO! We've got to set our own agenda and do whatever we feel is necessary to safeguard our living standards and bring nearer the collapse of capitalism. We must defend our own meetings, marches, pickets and other forms of struggle not by appealing to some illusory democratic rights, but to the solidarity and organising capacities of our own working class sisters and brothers. We've done it before and will have to do it again. Resistance to the Bill must be based on the tried and tested methods of direct action and mass civil disobedience - but taken to a higher level as the stakes are raised.

The Class War newsdesk has received an eyewitness report on the Hyde Park riot

"Amazing! Got to the meeting point early, met old and new friends, and the atmosphere was brilliant. Everyone was united in wanting to get rid of the Bill and have a real good time.

"We began to march past lines of police making sure we kept to the route. As we finally reached the top of Cumberland Corner the mood switched to a brilliant feeling of anticipation. Two sound systems on trucks began to make their way into Hyde Park. The cops tried to turn them back but sheer weight of numbers, and a barrage of missiles, made it clear they had to let them through. Then the fun really began.

MISSILES

"The police were swamped and we gave them everything burning bins, sticks, bricks, paving slabs, park bench planks, cans filled with sand, bottles and scaffolding poles. But as ever, shortage of ammunition was a constant problem we have to find ways of keeping our front lines stocked up. Collecting ammo is just as important as throwing it, so cheers to those of you who kept us supplied on the day.

"By 3pm the cops had completely lost control of the park and made sporadic attempts to hurt people. Many of them had their identification numbers removed to avoid being caught over stepping the mark. Hundreds of riot police on foot and horseback steamed into the crowd but every time they were repelled. Their snatch squads were jumped on immediately and many people released. Some times we had them in full flight, the best riot police in the Met were chased away in all directions, following the orders of hundreds of people screaming "Fuck Off! Fuck Off!". We waved to other demonstrators in coaches who cheered us on and lobbed missiles onto the cops as they drove by.

INJURIES

"Of course we had injuries, which is why we need to organise our own medical teams when these things kick off. Many people had head injuries, even though the filth say they don't hit heads any more after previous fatalities. They call it the law but everyone knows they do what they want with the approval of senior officers.

"When we knew we'd secured Hyde Park and Park Lane we went on the offensive - a classic flanking movement up to Speakers Corner and along Oxford Street - trashing the posh stores and looting everything we could get our hands on. It was a crying shame there wasn't another 500 of us. we'd have created absolute mayhem and caused chaos in the capital. But as it was we done brilliant.

WE WON!

"For 7 hours the heart of London, and some of its poshest streets, felt the weight of working class power. The police, with all their equipment and reinforcements, simply lost control, Today will be repeated time and time again. We have to learn the lessons quickly and be better prepared for the next times. We also have to broaden our struggles at work and in our communities to enable us to move on from riots into revolution."

THE AFTERMATH

Those not on the demo have had to make do with the crap the press have dealt out. On the day, the BBC were very quite about the riot, probably because their camera team was trashed by rioters trying to snatch their cameras and tapes! This is exactly the sort of stuff we need to stop people being framed by these scum. Sky News reporters were also in the thick of it, and had to dodge a few well aimed missiles during their live reports. A camera man for the **Independent** was also done over - but by the police this time - who lamped him across the head, stomach and legs with their truncheons.

On Monday, the **Sun** did the Class War Federation a big favour by printing over 4,000,000 of our 'Keep it Spikey' leaflets on page 7. Under the headline "LET'S ALL HAVE A RIOT GOOD LAUGH" they said we organised the whole riot, and the Trafalgar Square riot in 1990. We can't admit to this, but we're glad so many people got stuck into the working class enemy.

RENT-A-MOB

One copper who missed the fun, Chief Superintendent Richard Cullen, said "If I had had a truncheon I would have waded in." Maybe next time, eh, Dickie? He also came out with the old chestnut, "The troublemakers were the same old faces who try to hijack all these events." If that were true then these 'trouble makers' would have zimmer frames 'cos there's been riots in London for donkey's years!

Estimates of the damage caused on the day ran into the hundreds of thousands. One shop owner said "The whole of the two front windows have been completely smashed. They have picked up bricks and metal bars from the road works outside and hurled them through." Nice one.

The heavies were as usual more composed. The **Guardian** actually got something right for once, warning in an editorial that, "Passing more restrictive laws is not the answer. It only makes the police task more difficult - and feeds dissent. Shutting off a safety valve guarantees just one result: *a damaging explosion.*" And that's exactly what will happen - you can bet your last 'sharpened stave' on it!

ANCE TO REST?



ntinue - illegal or not!

operating in the courts, at the bailiffs etc., because they could have been labelled as 'trouble makers' and 'ringleaders' by the police.

The bailiffs were a bunch of thugs who kept much of the cash they collected for themselves, and lied about their attempts to try and enter peoples houses. A successful campaign was launched against them, consisting of: picketing their offices, photographing them and taking down their vehicle registration numbers in order to expose them for the scum they are, glueing up their protective shutters and torching their buildings and property. Such actions would be further criminalised and even if the police suspected anyone of planning direct action against them, or found you carrying the necessary equipment, you'd get nicked.

As happened with the Poll Tax, the Criminal Justice Bill will be a huge increase in arrests and court proceedings. We don't want any martyrs, so a group of people from various campaigns and causes in London have come together to establish a defence and monitoring group along the lines of the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign to monitor and steward future demonstrations, hand out bust cards and inform people of their rights when arrested, if any remain. The London Defence and Monitoring Group can be contacted c/o BM Box Haven, London, WC1N 3XX and are holding a meeting at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square in London on Sunday 27th November, 1.30-4.30pm.



As the media fall over themselves to speculate on the likely outcome of the IRA and loyalist ceasefires, one group continues to wage a vicious and determined campaign - the Irish rich.

Workers in Irish Steel and TEAM Aer Lingus have been forced to accept management plans which will mean job losses. Almost 3,000 jobs are to go at the ESB, while craft workers in Guinness are facing a management attempt not to implement

NO CEASEFIRE IN THE BOSSES WAR

an agreed pay rise.

Union officials have put more effort into sabotaging workers efforts than they have into putting pressure on the bosses. We need to build up an organisation of rank and file trade unionists who can argue the need for militant action to save jobs and to show the bosses

that they're not the only ones who can go on the attack.

We must work to force the trade union movement to scrap all this 'social partnership' crap, break with the 'Programme for Competitiveness and Work' and start fighting to safeguard workers jobs.

- 2,900 jobs threatened at **ESB**
- Union sell-out at Irish Steel and TEAM Aer Lingus
- Strike action at Guinness

REPUBLICANS AND THE LEFT

Class War has always taken the position that the responsibility for the violence in the North rests with British capitalism and British policy in Ireland.

It was Britain who partitioned Ireland, creating the artificial unionist majority in the six counties. It was Britain which armed and financed a sectarian state, which proved incapable of granting even limited civil rights to the minority Catholic population. The IRA emerged as a direct result of this oppression of the nationalist community in the North.

For this reason Class War has never joined the chorus of reactionary

condemnation of the republican movement. Unlike others on the left, such as 'Militant', we recognised that the the IRA campaign was not the cause of sectarianism but merely a reaction to it.

However this does not mean that we agreed with the republican 'armed struggle.' We argued that the IRA campaign could not win and that the politics of republicanism were incapable of bringing about change.

There are others on the left, in both Britain and Ireland, who believed the armed struggle to be the only tactic which could get the Brits out, therefore they gave total support to

the republican campaign and called for a vote for Sinn Féin. In doing this they were forced to dismiss the entire Protestant working class.

Since the IRA ceasefire the response from these groups has ranged from supporting the new 'unarmed strategy' and insisting that Britain has been "bombed to the negotiating table," to accusing Sinn Féin of selling out.

Class War believes that it is time for socialists to take stock of the changing political landscape and begin discussing how the small left wing forces in Ireland can begin to build their influence, in order to provide an alternative to what we believe is the failure of republicanism.

SECTARIAN PEACE PROCESS

The so-called 'peace process' which is being halled as a great break through in the six countles is nothing but an attempt to manage the sectarian divisions of 'Northern Ireland' without tackling their cause. Any agreement reached as a result of this process will be one that is based on the idea that there is an inherent division between Catholics and Protestants.

We are constantly hearing phrases such as "learning to live with our differences", "respecting each others traditions" or "agreement between a divided people."

Whatever comes out of this process, whether its is some sort of power sharing set up or a form of joint authority, you can be sure that the sectarian divide will remain intact. This can already be seen as politicians argue over the investment, which it is claimed will come to the North as a result of the IRA and loyalist paramilitary ceasefires. Already there are rows over how the money should be spent and where any new jobs should go.

Gregory Campbell, the head of the DUP on Derry City Council, is claiming that Catholic areas have been getting more investment than Protestant areas over the past few years and that any new investment should go to Protestants to counter this. On the other side, nationalist politicians point to the legacy of discrimination against Catholics and insist that priority must be given to tackling this. Both sides hold their particular views because they have one thing in common - they are sectarians. It is their tendency to see every issue in terms of the interest of 'their community' which makes them sectarian.

FIGHTING OVER THE CRUMBS

Every time a new factory opens, offering a few low paid jobs, the communal politicians will argue why it should be situated in their community, instead of demanding jobs for all. Whenever there are health cuts they will fight to make sure that they only effect the other community, instead of campaigning against all health care cuts. When jobs are to be lost they will scramble to ensure that it is not their people who are laid off, instead of fighting all job losses.

What a miserable outlook this is for the future. The proposed \$200 million in aid from the US wouldn't even make at dent in Northern Ireland's unemployment figures. Northern Ireland has the highest level of long term unemployment in Europe. \$200 million is no more than Britain spends in the North every three weeks. Fighting over the pitiful resources that are available will do nothing for the working class. Any settlement which comes from Reynolds and Major will simply institutionalise the idea that Catholics and Protestants must automatically compete with each other. This type of 'peace' will suit the majority of politicians on both sides.

The type of peace process which we really need - one

which will build more houses, improve the health service, provide meaningful employment and a decent education system - is not even up for discussion.

UNITY

What is needed is a new movement within the Irish working class, north and south, which can show workers that their interests are best served by unity with their fellow workers, 'Catholic, Protestant or dissenter.' It must be a party which can show Protestant workers that they have nothing to gain from supporting the northern state and that they have nothing to fear from the type of Ireland which would come from the destruction of both partitionist states.

At the moment this may not seem possible but the alternative is for us to continue to live in a society which breeds hatred and violence. We cannot afford to leave it to right wing politicians to sort out a future which will condemn another generation to sectarian division and poverty. We must begin now to build the beginnings of a movement which can win the allegiance of all workers and can pave they way for a secular and socialist Workers Republic.

BEATING THE SERVICE CHARGES

People living on the Hillview Estate in Waterford scored an impressive victory against both the local corporation and the Garda in the battle over non-payment of service charges.

The corporation set a van load of outside contractors to cut off water supplies to non-payers on the estate.

However these scabs got more than they bargained for. After they cut off the supply to one house a crowd of local women surrounded the van and refused to allow them to continue. Soon around five hundred people had the scabs trapped in their van, which by now had the tyres let down.

When the Garda arrived they had to fight their way into the crowd to get the contractors van out of the estate. Three people were arrested, so the crowd set off to the Garda station where they demanded their release. The three were released without charge.

SOLIDARITY

This excellent piece of class solidarity shows just how the fight against service charges can be won. So far Waterford Corporation has been unable to collect £1.5 million in unpaid charges. During the

last major round of disconnections in 1989 67% of bills remained the unpaid and disconnections were successfully fought.

Service charges where introduced in Ireland, outside of Dublin, in 1984 and since then a constant

campaign has been waged against them, using nonpayment and resistance to disconnections. Water charges are now being introduced in Dublin Council areas and it looks like these are going to be fought with the same



Residents of Hillview Estate in Waterford prevent scabs from disconecting non-payers water supply

as the determination service charges.

Already the figures for non-payment are growing. 82% of people in the Fingal County Council area have paid nothing at aH. The Dublin Anti-Water Charges held Campaign

conference on September 24th which brought together the various groups and individuals who have been fighting the charges. As the fight heats up our side needs to be as organised as possible.

The bills for the second

half of the charges have just been sent out. Let's make sure that these remain unpaid and show the gombeen councillors that we can build a campaign which will make events on the Hillview Estate look like a tea party.

NORTHERN BANK STRIKE

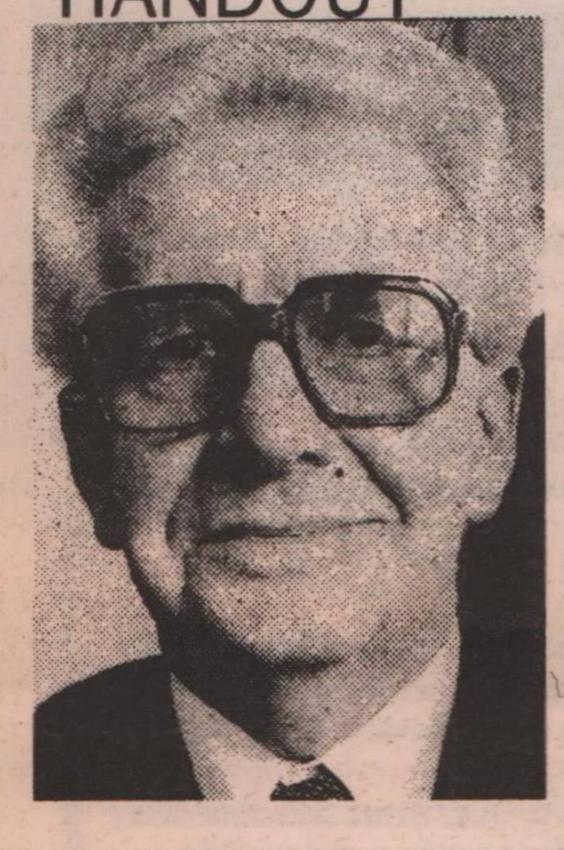
The recent take over of Northern Bank by the **National Australia Bank** has lead to a series of one day strikes to prevent management introducing changes which would lead to workers getting less money for longer hours.

Northern Bank, which made £51 million last year, wants increase the bank's opening hours and down grade workers.

Bank workers seem ready to put up a real fight and since the dispute began union membership at the Northern Bank has increased

NICE ONE.

BOSSES FRIEND HAMILTON GETS HANDOUT



The Irish government is famous for Its dodgy dealing and corruption. However, it is also quite apt at getting out of rather embarrassing situations as the report of the recent **'Beef Tribunal' shows. This** report cleared the **Taolseach Albert Reynolds** of using his position to reward his old friend Larry Goodman.

Whitewash was the order of the day and the reports author, Judge Llam Hamilton, had bucket loads of the stuff. In return for giving the government the report they wanted Hamilton was appointed Chief Justice, with a salary of over £95,000 per year.

Justice is a word that does not appear to be in Hamilton's vocabulary. It was this bastard who sent Irish Republican Socialist Party member Nicky Kelly to prison for the Sallins train robbery, which Kelly had nothing to do with. Kelly had been framed by what came to be known as the Garda 'Heavy Gang'. It took years of campaigning to get him out of prison.

Hamilton's other claim to fame is that he was the one who ruled in favour of SPUC, that it was illegal to give out information on abortion services. The appointment of this poisonous turd is living prove that the Irish political and judicial systems exist only to protect the privileged rich and their lackeys.

SINN FÉIN • NEW 'UNARMED STRATEGY' • SAME OLD POLITICS

The announcement of an IRA ceasefire was greeted in nationalist areas by relief and by a great deal of celebrating. People immediately took to the streets of Derry and Belfast to show their support for the decision. Many hoped that the ceasefire would lead to demilitarisation and an end to RUC and British army harassment, which is rife in working class, nationalist areas. After twenty five years of violence most people were just relieved that the fighting was over.

Gerry Adams assured everyone that the IRA initiative had given the republican movement "an opportunity to secure our political objectives."

In the weeks which followed the ceasefire announcement, Sinn Féin were to show just how they hoped to achieve those objectives. Having realised that the IRA campaign could not succeed, they were now hoping to enter into an alliance with the SDLP and the Southern government.

As socialists we have said all along that the IRA campaign could not deliver even the limited aims of republicanism, but we are equally opposed to the new 'unarmed strategy', which has nothing to offer the Irish working class.

It is not so long ago that republican leaders could be heard denouncing the Dublin government and the SDLP as traitors and accusing them of being apologists for Britain. Now Sinn Féin can be heard regularly praising Reynolds and John Hume. In several councils in the south Sinn Féin have even proposed that John Hume and Gerry Adams be jointly awarded "Man of the Year."

You could be forgiven for thinking that Sinn Féin has taken a massive political step to the right. However the truth is much more straight forward; Sinn Féin are simply taking their nationalist politics to their logical conclusion - they are trying to build agreement between themselves and other nationalists, regardless of the class interests involved.

The one main driving force of republicanism is the desire to get the British out of Ireland. It is belief in this goal which holds the movement together, therefore anyone who agrees with them on this point can Join and obviously any other organisation which holds a similar viewpoint is seen as a potential ally.

While Sinn Fein does have policies on a wide variety of issues, none of these are regarded as important enough to prevent the movement from seeking to form alliances with others who agree with them on the national question.

The twenty six counties government, which Sinn



GOING UP IN THE WORLD? Gerry Adams meeting John Hume and Albert Reynolds. According to recent newspaper reports a picture of these three shaking hands now adorns a wall in Flanna Fall's headquarters.

lational s road to nowhere

Féin seem to be placing so much faith in, has to be one of the most antiworking class governments that Ireland has seen.

This Fianna Fail and Labour coalition has been responsible for a vicious and concerted attack on working jobs and conditions. They have put thousands of workers on the dole and are currently engaged in an attempt to push through privatisation of semi-state industries.

which is up to it's neck in scandal and corruption. Reynolds was recently involved in a 'passports for sale' scam which involved foreign investors receiving Irish passports for return investments in Reynolds dog

food firm.

His partners in the coalition, Labour, came into office promising to end corrupt government. They now rank beside Fianna Fail as just another gang of greedy hypocrites. Labour leader Dick Spring recently got a 17.6% rise, which means that he now

gets a salary of over £82,000 per year, while millionaire Reynolds gets over £95,000. All this while they are telling workers to make sacrifices and take pay cuts.

The other partner in the unholy alliance of nationalists is the SDLP (Social Democratic and Labour Party). The SDLP were conceived in the aftermath of the civil rights movement and they came to represent the interests

"Has he learned nothing from Irish history which repeatedly teaches us that common fronts with middle class parties with different economic aims inevitably lead to sell-outs for the working class?"

> anything from that movement - the Catholic middle class. The SDLP are a bunch of 'green tories'. They are made up of small business men and Catholic bigots.

Why then does Sinn Fein seek agreement with

parasites like the SDLP and Flanna Fall? The answer to this lies in the politics of republicanism, because, no matter how radical they claim to be, republicans view their role as that of advancing conditions for the Catholic/nationalist section of the population. What better way to do this than to get the most powerful nationalist party, Flanna Fall, on your side.

Republicans have It is also a government of the only people to win always been inclined to

regard Fianna Fail as politically closer themselves that the main opposition party, Fine Gael. This is not a new development. the Since beginning of the present phase of republican struggle Sinn Féin has always had illusions in

the 'grassroots of Fianna Fail', believing them to be more 'republican' than any other southern party's membership and therefore more likely to support some sort of pannationalist development. The logical outcome of this viewpoint has already been

muted by one leading Sinn Féin member, quoted in the Sunday Tribune as saying that "the next Coalition will be between Fianna Fail and Sinn Féin". This statement may seem ridiculous, given Sinn Féins extremely low showing in elections in the twenty six counties, but it shows just where the organisation seems to be heading.

Sinn Féins faith in the grassroots of Fianna Fail is a false hope. It is akin to saying that you don't agree with everything that the **British Conservative party** stands for, but that you think the rank and file members are basically alright.

The Idea of any agreement being reached with the **Dublin government proves** that, in their search for respectability, Sinn Féin are willing to go into partnership with those people who are despised by an increasing number of Irish workers.

Far from 'broadening the battlefield' in the new unarmed strategy, Sinn Féin are going down an increasingly narrowing road which can lead only to an alliance with the very people who are the enemies of every working class person in this country.

There will be those within the republican ranks who realise the error of the new strategy. Hopefully instead of going back to the armed struggle these people will see that the choice is not one of violence verses nonviolence but a choice between nationalism, which offers nothing to our class, and a fighting socialist movement, which must be built if we are ever to see permanent peace and justice.

In January 1989 the Sinn Féin leader on Derry City council, Mitchell McLaughlin, issued one of his many calls for a 'united front' of Sinn Féin, the SDLP, Fianna Fail and "other parties" to work for a British withdrawal. Two weeks later a letter appeared in the Derry Journal from a recently released republican prisoner which said:

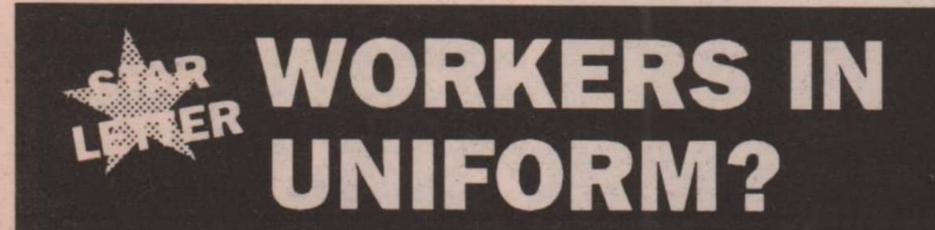
"Does he believe that our long-suffering people would be any better off in a united Ireland brought about in conjunction with these people? Has he learned nothing from Irish history which repeatedly teaches us that common fronts with middle class parties with different economic aims inevitably lead to sell-outs for the working class?"

The letter was signed "Worried Republican."

In the four and a half years since this letter was penned it is becoming clear that Sinn Féin have learned nothing from Irish history and also that more developments recent would seem to give "Worried Republican" much more to be worried about.



CW Letters Page
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Dear Class War

there's one type of scumbag that seems to escape your attention, the big store security guard.

These scum spend their whole lives licking boots. They never ask questions and they're quite content earning £1.85/hour so long as they've got the uniform.

These fucking wankers deserve a severe kicking at every opportunity. They're as bad as scabs. They ought to be shot.

Dino

Sunderland

BAD SUITS, EVEN WORSE POLITICS

Dear Class War
Saturday afternoon
shopping in Hackney has
always been fraught with
dangers - the place is
literally swamped with
student papersellers
lurking on street corners to
peddle their Trotskylst
wares.

Just recently the Trots have had to jostle for position with some equally unsavourary characters. The London Khilafah conference (a meeting at Wembley in August of intellectually challenged Ayatollah worshippers) seems to have encouraged London's religious zealots into a flurry of activity.

For several months
Hackney has been covered
In flyposting for Islamic
meetings and the suits and
dickie bow ties of the
Nation of Islam can be
seen earnestly pushing
their hate sheets on
Kingsland High Road in
Dalston.

The word bigot does not quite do the Nation of Islam Justice. These fanatics oppose mixed marriages, alcohol, drugs and even sex before marriage. If they had their way, having a good time would be illegal (punishable by stoning to death probably!).

Those bow ties must be cutting off the supply of blood to the brain - the only good things about living in Hackney are the mixed marriages, alcohol, drugs and sex before marriage!

Just as It's Important to belittle the Trots every time they obstruct our pavements, it doesn't do any harm to ask the NOI a few searching questions. Just stroll across and ask

them who killed Malcolm X

(their leader, Farrakhan,

was at the very least

implicated in his assassination).

Another good one is to ask why it appears that the NOI does not seem to have a single female member in this country. They will

change the subject quicker

than you can say fatwah.

Happy heckling, Tony Hackney

WAR ON WELFARE

As the NHS is so short of resources that there are waiting lists in very department, why are senior members of the medical profession allowed to hold the sick to ransom while they moonlight in private practice - after having been trained at vast public expense on NHS patients?

Like primadonna pop stars who flounce off after a fast buck, having had other people's money invested in their careers; these posh scroungers should be contractually obliged to work for those who trained them, or to refund, pro-rata, the unit training cost of their grade.

Private medicine not only relies on a second-rate NHS for referrals but actively causes this situation by depriving the NHS of staff we have paid to develop - and by providing senior doctors in positions of influence with a powerful financial disincentive to improve the NHS so that nobody would want private medicine.

Typically, the Tory party would rather kick the crutch from under the sick and disabled on the pretence of enabling them to stand on their own two feet, rather than clamp down on the posh scroungers welfare state.

PC Pymouth

ONE BIG UNION...

Comrades

What the fuck are you lot playing at? In the last issue of Class War there was an article on the Industrial Workers of the World which encouraged people to join that organisation.

Are you seriously saying that the most militant workers should leave their present unions and join this 'One Small Union'?

The very strength of trade unionism lies in the fact that all the workers in the workplace are organised together.

It seems to me that the only thing that will come from the IWW organising in Britain is that they will end up taking out of the present unions many of those militant workers who are willing to fight, thus driving those unions even further to the right.

Obviously none of us have any faith in the union officials but this does not mean that we should give up on the unions. The workplace is the only place where we are both indispensable to capitalism and at the same time a major threat to its very existence.

at work and right now the best way to do that is through the trade union movement. We should be constantly intervening at branch level to try and push the unions and our workmates further to the left and to undermine the influence of the officials. We should not be running away into some lefty club like the IWW.

Also on the subject of the unions, CWF seems to believe that the only reason that the unions are not fighting as they should is because of the leadership. While it is true that union officials have an interest in holding workers back from struggle, unfortunately in most of Europe at the moment they do not need to.

The sad truth is that most workers are either afraid to take action or they don't think that they can win. Our job as socialists should be to be active within the unions and to point out the small victories that do take place and to argue the need for action.

The rank and file membership is what trade unionism is all about. Right now there exists many different levels of class consciousness within the unions, if we are serious about changing this society we must get stuck in and win as many of our fellow workers to socialism as

CRAFFII COMPETITION



From some conscious individuals in Leeds comes this message - nice one, but it will take more than partying to get rid of the Criminal Justice Bill.

Don't forget to send all your entries to PO Box 467, London, E8 3QX - everyone that's printed gets a tenner!

BLOWING OUR TRUMPET

Dear Class War

I am writing to you in the aftermath of the anti-CJB demo. I just want to tell you what a smashing time I had after meeting up with a couple of your members.

I feel that at last I have found an organisation that I can relate to so please keep my name and address and inform me of anything happening in or around London which I could help out with. Once again, thanks to Class War for a thoroughly productive Sunday afternoon.

Andy Edgeware

Dear Class War About the anti Criminal Justice Bill march and all the bad press (we thought It was good press - CW) they're giving Class War etc. It's a load of slash, from what I saw the cops were already tooled up waiting for some action in the first place.

it seemed to only start because they wouldn't let the people continue the party. The press stated demonstrators were arriving to the march with bricks, CS gas and sharpened staves, my argument is that if the pigs were already armed why the hell shouldn't the demonstrators be.

No-one in their right mind is going to go into a fight against a tooled-up copper without protection. It just seems to me that the pigs don't like a taste of their own medicine. They'd rather beat up a couple of unarmed photographers and students (which they did). By any means.....

Grez Leicester

possible, while working within the present unions for whatever gains we can get. Unionise and fight! Liam Dublin

CW Reply:

Class War is politically opposed to unions because they seek to soften the edges of capitalism and not to do away with it; however, it is vital that people are active in their workplaces and in some workplaces (ie unionised ones) the most effective way of doing this might be to do so in the union. In unorganised workplaces, it probably wouldn't be. Your argument against the IWW seems to be that "big is better"; well, from small acorns and all that! Besides which, as we understand it, membership of the IWW doesn't exclude you from membership of other unions.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Dear Class War

Thanks for Issue 63 of the paper - here's an idea for any class war prisoners.

When you've read your copy of Class War try and get it photocopied so you can display it on your cell wall (the prison authorities aren't too keen on us getting it photocopied for some reason, but give it a try).

The reason being that when someone sees it and expresses an interest you can pass him/her a copy of the paper. You'd be surprised at how many prisoners are our way plus it's a way to get back at the system.

Paul

HMP Wayland

CW Reply:

extra posters of the front cover are available from your local Class War groups - free to prisoners. And if any prisoner wants to subscribe to the paper, then drop us a line and we'll do the rest for free.

Letters may be edited for reasons of space and to sort out your spelling and English - we won't their meaning though! If you want a reply, please remember to add your address

INTHEARMY

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the British media soon started talking of a "peace dividend". As there were no longer any nasty Commies planning to scale the white cliffs of Dover and overthrow the monarchy, then the billions spent each year on the armed forces could be cut and actually spent on something useful (though obviously 'The Sun' didn't word it quite like that).

Instead the peace dividend has brought the pitiful sight of the workers of Plymouth and Rosyth desperately scrambling for the chance to build nuclear submarines (who are the navy going to point them at: self-loading dolphins?). This scramble for work (and all the rows between the different sets of workers that happened as well) shows how much the so-called "economic recovery" really means.

SIGNED UP

But while defence industry workers argue amongst themselves over a rapidly diminishing cake - it's all systems go as far as the armed forces are concerned. Not many people know that in the last few years between 10,000 and 12,000 people each year have signed up to salute (for army, navy, airforce in total).

It's no wonder that in Crosmaglen there have been at times three British soldiers for every civilian: the top brass have got to give them something to do!

And from 1995 Her Majesty's Government actually plan to double forces recruitment to the 25,000 range. The reasoning behind this is that they all have to maintain a careful "balance" between age and rank. There have got to be

enough youngsters in there to do the dying for a start.

Many servicemen in their 30s and 40s have been made redundant, particularly since 1991. Whilst it is comforting to think of army top brass queuing up at their local dole office to make a fresh claim, the redundancies (as usual - what a surprise!) have been amongst long serving lower grades. Of course, it is far cheaper as well to recruit 25,000 teenagers at a significantly lower starting wage.

NOT MAKING IT

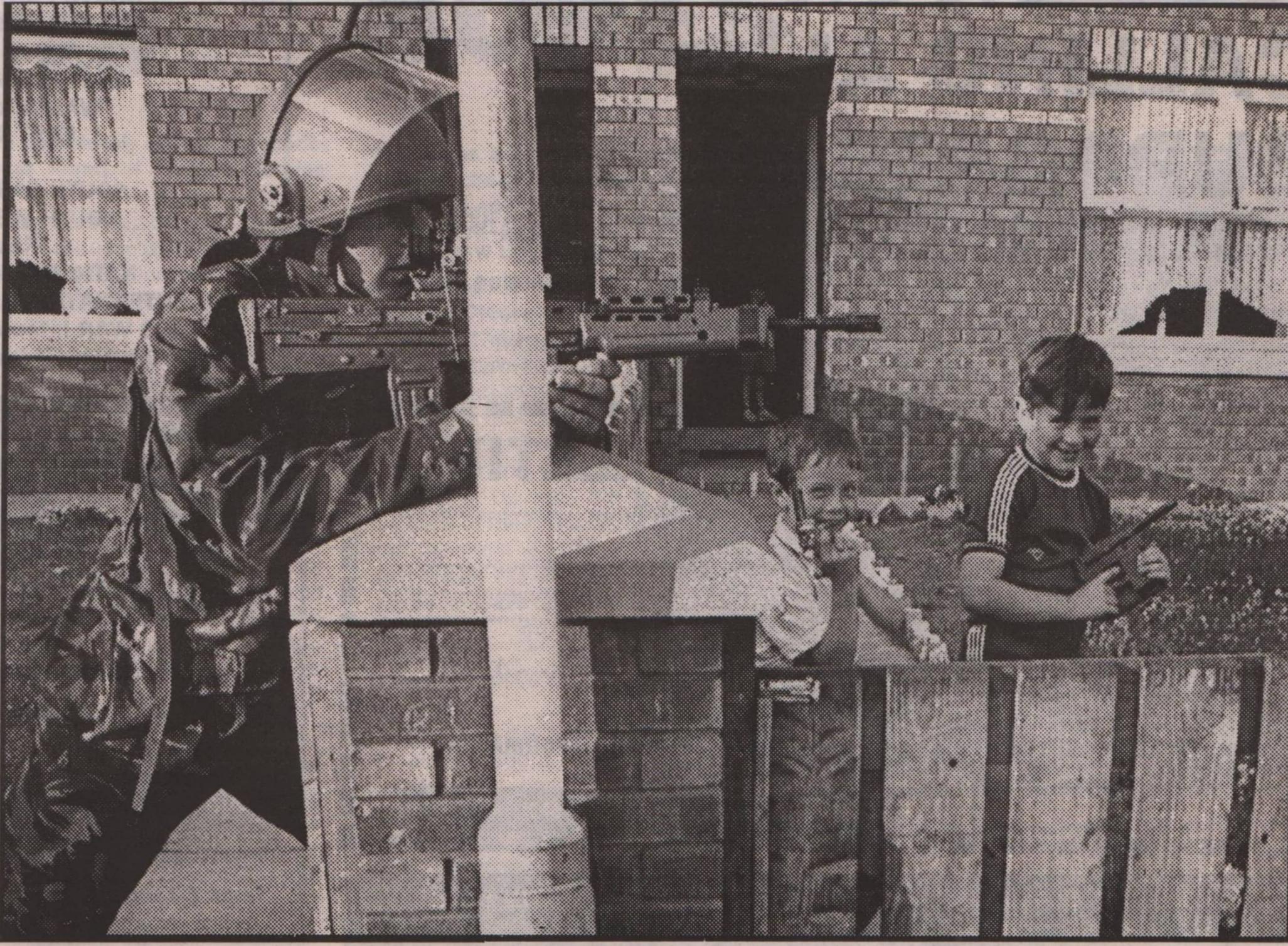
So it's not the top brass who are struggling to survive on some pathetic pension, it's the ones at the bottom - and a lot of them aren't making it. A very high proportion of homeless people and prisoners are ex-soldiers: men who are unable to readjust to the 'normality' of civilian life, men who have been thrown onto the scrapheap of society after years of service for the state - and then they end up in some cold cardboard box or longterm nick.

And what are their generals and political masters doing - dancing the nights away on a tide of champagne and good cheer no doubt. Just to take the piss even further, the army is actually too idle to do all this recruiting itself and so they're getting job centres in 6 target areas to do the work for them.

Army recruitment posters can now be ripped down at job centres in Edinburgh, Liverpool, Swansea, Norwich, Gloucester

and south-east London.

Class War recognises that with the pitiful employment prospects that exist in most areas of the country, many working class people are tempted by a career in



"Hey squaddle, in ten years time these guns won't be plastic"

the services. Our question to them is a simple one: you wouldn't dream of joining the police, so why the fuck consider the army?

USING FORCE

All governments will use the armed forces against the working class if their first line of defence - the police - are not up to the task. When the RUC got the beating they fully deserved in Derry in August 1969, the British government had troops in their place in double quick time.

The Labour government of 1945 (so loved by lefties such as Dennis Skinner and Tony Benn) had been in office only six days when it

used troops to break a London dock strike. This trend has continued to the present day, with troops disguised as police officers used during the miners' strike.

Not only would you be asked to shoot down your own class by some toffeenosed git - you've got to put up with all that bollocks parade bashing and other such nonsense. Can anyone imagine anything more boring than marching round and round some dreary shithole while a puffed-up arsehole screams abuse at you?

And if you're really lucky you could experience some top-grade military initiation

ceremonies: like having a rifle shoved up your bum or your head pushed down a toilet - not just once, again and again. All this - for what?

NICE UNIFORMS

The pleasure of wearing a uniform day in day out (if wearing a uniform really turns you on then you could always be a traffic warden), the joy of shining your boots so spotless that you can use them as a mirror for shaving. We can hardly wait....

It might look fun for Fred in those recruiting films with all that windsurfing and whatever - but there's no mention of being blown to

bits and put into body bags or shooting down your own brother and sister.

And when the bastard top brass finally decide that the time has come to boot you out onto civvy street, what then? No job, no future, no sense of selfworth.

After years of being told what a great soldier you are, suddenly you are nothing and, believe us, they couldn't give a toss for you. As far as the top dogs are concerned, you are jackshit.

The queens' shilling might look more attractive than a giro, but then first appearances often fool - for the reality is very different.

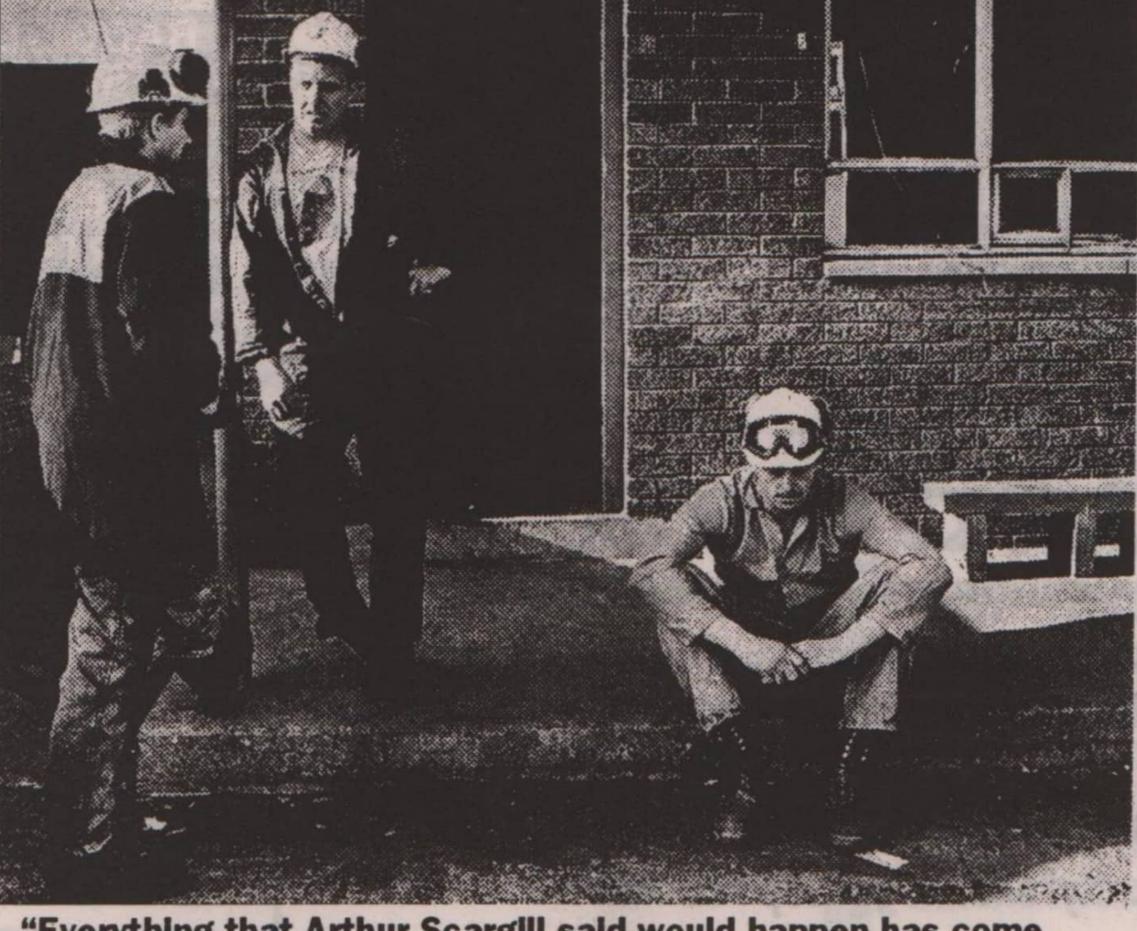
THEIR OWN WORDS

One of our favourite stories over the last few years has been the decline and disintegration of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) - better known as the scabby scum who can't see further than their weekly pay packet (and not even that at times). Well, this is probably our last story on these lowlife bastards as it looks as though the UDM has breathed its last.

But it's not just the UDM that has breathed its last either - so has the nationalised coal industry. What's left of it has been flogged off to a few private companies whose sole incentive will be to maximise profit. And that will mean the few jobs that are left in the industry will be lower paid, poorer conditions and insecure (not that life under the NCB was anything to write home about either!).

FROM 1972 TO 1984

It can be said that this is the end of a chapter that started in the early 1970s when the miners helped to bring down a Tory government. The ruling class never forgets nor forgives - detailed plans (such as the transportation of coal by road, the strengthening of national police powers, etc) were drawn up to smash the miners. These saw the light of day in 1984/85 when the state organised its full might to break the strike. This was no tea party, it was full-blooded class war. But their side



"Everything that Arthur Scargill said would happen has come true. I worked through the strike, but I realise now I was working for the government, not me" - Andy Pinnick, unemployed miner and ex-UDM member

had the advantage - partly thanks to the scum of the UDM who crossed those picket lines day after day and believed the lies.

They were congratulated by Thatcher, Tebbit and all the other Tories, glorified as heroes and promised the earth. In 1987

Cecil Parkinson, one of the high priests of Thatcherism, stood at the UDM conference and declared: "You are the true voice of the modern mineworker there are no plans to privatise the industry, no plans full stop". And the fools, blinded by the slick praise, the empty words, the adoration of the state, believed him.

But now the chickens have come home to roost: what's left of the industry (and there isn't much) has been privatised, sold off to the highest bidder (or the one who has made the most donations to Tory party funds). The UDM put in a bid to run 15 pits and got zero. Their leader, Neil Greatrex, cried into his

beer with these words (it's enough to make you want to weep): "We were seen at one time to support the industry. We brought about massive changes to make it profitable and we have ended up with absolutely nothing. I think that the whole situation stinks and the government should be ashamed of themselves".

SCABS ARE SCUM

Welcome to the real world Neil! And welcome to the world that you and your scabs helped to create back in 1984/85 - a world in which money is all powerful and the working class just disposable commodities to be used, abused then thrown away. It's just a shame that he learnt the lesson ten years too late.

Up the road from the UDM's stronghold, there are a growing number of pit villages without a pit - like Grimethorpe for example while unemployment is sky high. And at the local job centre, the vacancies (when there are any) are of the type "security work, Barnsley area, £1.50 an hour, bring your own dog".

Thanks to the UDM, this is the score now. At least they see the truth now - as one UDM member put it, "we were used, then shat on". But there's not much point in seeing the truth now after the deed has been done.

It's just up to all of us to ensure that it doesn't happen again, that those basic lessons of class solidarity aren't binned in search of a quick buck. If we don't stick together, we get hammered: that's life so lets make sure that the ruling class don't have a monopoly on unity.

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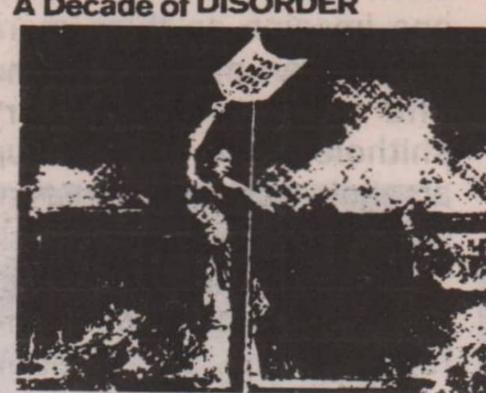




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Hanging on... Maggie in the brutally real Ladybird, Ladybird

LADYBIRD, LADYBIRD (18)

If you're looking for wank-a-minute 'social commentary' or Hollywood pap, you'll be better off watching Forrest Gump or The Lion King. This is a gloves-off bare-knuckles story of one working class woman's life and her fight to create a happy, loving family in the face of massive obstacles put in her way.

Ladybird, Ladybird charts the journey of Maggie, from her drunken father's violence and sexual abuse, through 'care' homes, to adulthood in West London. Along the way her every move is watched, monitored and judged by Social Services, the courts and the law.

This is no sentimental piece of celluloid about how one woman takes on the system and wins. Based on a true story, there are no spotless squeaky-clean heroes on show. Maggie herself has a wild temper that does her no favours. Her boyfriends are drunk, violent, sexist as fuck (or all three). But she is a loving, caring and devoted mother who does what she can for her kids in spite of miserable and crushing poverty. This is a film about what really happens.

There is poverty, violence and injustice by the lorry-load, but Maggie never gives up. She is beaten, fucked about, desperate and has six (six!) of her kids taken away "into care" by middle class, woolly social workers working hand in hand with numbskull cops.

Ladybird, Ladybird will make you feel furious and frustrated as the authorities run rings round Maggie, using bullshit words and the cold steel hammer of the law: all she can do is scream at them while her kids are calmly picked off and snatched away from her. Her boyfriend Jorge, a Paraguayan refugee, is her only effective support and the pair of them are an ideal team. All credit to him and his strength.

If you haven't got kids; if you have; if you never thought about what the State will do to you and what it won't do for you; if you ever thought there might be some fairness or justice in this society; if you imagine we can maybe change the world for

better in little steps—see this film!

When the credits roll, you may want to leave the pictures, locate the nearest social worker and string'em up. But as you do it, remember that social workers are nothing more than puppets and it is the bastards who pull the strings—the lawmakers and politicians—who deserve the snip. Pass the sharp scissors...

Ladybird, Ladybird has a kind of 'happy ending', a believable one. Without it, Maggie's fight would have been in vain and the cinema-going public would probably be on the rampage calling for the guts of the government. Hmmm... that's a thought.

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (12)

If you like the old movies, this is tailormade for you. A film set in 1958 but with a 30s feel: big sets, big buildings and a big proletariat.

The opening shot is brilliant, with the boss of a huge company leaping out of a skyscraper and splatting at the bottom. That was Mr Hudsucker—one less boss to string up. But he's quickly replaced by some working class bloke out of the mail room. The idea is that he'll make the company fail, but instead he invents the hula-hoop "for the kids" and makes the company a fortune.

The moral of the tale is clear: us poor ordinary folk have qualities that are 'useful' to the bastards in the boardroom. Fuck that for a lark. I'd rather go see...

SPEED (15)

One screwed up ex-copper goes out on the town threatening to blow up a bus-load of LA's working class. He gets his kicks out of seeing if anyone can stop him.

Enter the hero, LAPD copper Jack (pretty boy Keanu Reeves). We're never sure if the superhero has got any brains (he certainly can't act) but it doesn't matter because he's got a sharp woman by his side and a script that brings a new meaning to the word 'tension'. Brilliantly paced, fast moving and one decapitated ex-copper what are you waiting for?

PRINT

HOW LATE IT WAS, HOW LATE

James Kelman (Secker & Warburg £14.99)

Class War isn't in the habit of reviewing hardback books-especially ones that win the Booker Prize. But How Late It Was, How Late is just a little bit different.

This is the story of a few days in the life of Sammy, a middle-aged Glaswegian-ex-con who picks a fight with some coppers after several nights out on the town. He gets arrested, beaten to fuck and when he wakes up in the cells, he's blind...

Released on bail, Sammy struggles to

cope with the fact that simple things like shopping or counting out your giro are not so simple any more. And that's not including the hassle from the DSS, the fight against the doctor who won't accept that he's blind and the cops who are still snooping around, trying to pin a heavy political charge on him.

Written in the tough dialect of the Glaswegian working class, How Late It Was, How Late is a million miles away from the escapism of Jeffrey Archer and Jilly Cooper. It's bleak and uncompromising but well worth the effort. And as it's just won a prize, it'll be in your local library.

RED PEPPER

Monthly, £1.75

The front cover claims that this magazine is 'spicing up the left'. But it's definitely sweet rather than hot...

Red Pepper is a classic case of academic socialism, an attempt by 'heavyweights' like Stuart Hall, Bruce Kent and Sheila Rowbotham to produce an armchair. activist's guide to what's going on. It smacks of 'conditional support for the Labour Party' and Blair-bashing; while the alternative is summed up by what Red Pepper describes as 'economic subversion'-setting up food co-ops, community banking, 'fair trade' with the third world (I kid you not!).

You have to go a long way through this rubbish to find any reference to the one single issue of real importance,

> the working class. And while you're flicking through it, you'll find a sick plug for Tommy 'The Grass' Sheridan. Class War readers all know about Tommy's threat to grass up poll tax activists to the cops, and most of us know about Militant's record of manipulation. But it seems they're never more effective than when they're bullshitting to middle class lefties. Tommy is presented as 'man of the people' Sheridan, the last of the great socialists. Scottish Militant Labour is the party that stood for "nationalising banks..." etc. And Tommy even accuses

the Labour Party of "stifling debate in a way that Stalin would have been proud of." Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! And all of this is printed uncritically.

Rather than champagne socialists, Red Pepper is produced by white wine socialists who want to be nice and right-on to everybody. It claims to demonstrate that 'the left is alive' but all it proves is that arse-kissing single issue politics never got anyone anywhere. File under dead duck.

DEATH CAMP

A brilliant cover: a homeless HIV+ man sits and begs in the street beneath a headline that reads AIDS: Acquired Income **Deficiency Syndrome.**

Death Camp is a free magazine stuffed to the gills with anger about the HIV/ AIDS/AZT gravy train and the middle class wank that dominates the gay 'scene'. Like Homocult, it's bursting with class politics and is guaranteed to wind up every poncy liberal within a mile of its pages. Sadly there's no contact address on our copy but as Death Camp are a gay group who are out and proud about saying 'Kill rich gays', this won't be the last we'll hear of them...

TELEVISION

THE NICK

Channel 4 documentary The Nick was compulsory viewing in my household. But then that's because the east Leeds station of Gipton—where it was set—used to be our local nick. So for us and half of Leeds the main fun of watching the programme was to see how many known places (and faces)

we could spot. Like all 'fly on the wall' documentaries the main problem with The Nick was the quality of the acting—it was utter shite. This will come as no surprise to those Class

War readers who've been forced to sit through coppers giving evidence in court coppers can't act to save their lives. If the cops want propaganda programmes then they should really leave it to professional actors like those in The Bill.

On the other hand the acting up for the sake of the cameras provided some of the (unintentionally) funniest moments in the series. The best case had to be the station chief welcoming a new cop and giving him some background on the area. "The people round here have a lot of problems but the majority of them are good people, salt of the earth...," he intones, poker-faced, to the new cop who is desperately struggling not



to look at the camera. ... You shouldn't make the mistake of seeing these people as some kind of lower form of life," the chief goes on, trying hard not to let his tone of voice on the "lower form of life" bit give away his real view.

In the end this is the flaw of all such 'fly on the wall' programmes showing what heroes the coppers are—anybody who knows the score in real life won't be taken in for a second. And middle class idiots who would like to believe that 'the police really are tough people in a tough town doing a

tough job' will simply see these programmes as a means of reinforcing their own anti-working class prejudices. Either way, this sort of TV, like all crude propaganda, changes nobody's point of view.

That's because, despite the hopes of the programme-maker (the same cop-loving bastard who makes The Bill), people's views on the police are formed by their everyday experience of them. It's not that we mistakenly believe that all cops are bastards—we know they are. So when it took two twelve-stone coppers to hold down an 11 year old kid, cuff him and throw him into the back of a car, our house had no doubt about what side we were on.

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RIGHT TO PLAY

Bigoted former insurance salesman Arthur Turnstall (OBE), the Secretary of the Australian Commonwealth Games Association, made a show of himself following his remarks slagging athletes disabled competing in the games.

His "embarrassment" at their competing alongside able-bodied athletes was supposed to represent the sentiments of his fellow Australians, whom he seems to believe conform to their stereotypical image. But then a man of such obviously restricted thinking can hardly be expected to think otherwise.

CONDEMNED

His remarks against people whose lives are already made difficult enough by petty minded bureaucrats (just like him!) were condemned across Australia (though government officials make some weak excuses).

Class War salutes disabled people in their struggle to be recognised and accepted in this society and participating in sports is a part of that struggle. Disabled people will not let themselves be ghettoised and marginalised by this society - and as for Arthur Turnstall (OBE), we reckon that it's time that he should be "disabled"....terminally.

RUNNGON

In issue 63 we focused on the problem of steroids in bodybuilding - but recently the use of steroids in athletics has been in the news.

This year has been a bad one for British athletics: seven athletes have tested positive for drugs - the same number who tested positive in the previous six years. And then in October Neal Brunning, who had tested positive in 1992, came clean: "I dld It because I felt others in my event were doing it - it is hard to motivate yourself when you are being beaten by someone who you think is on the stuff"

He admitted to taking steroids and went on to say he thought its use was widespread in athletics. And he identified why - the enormous pressures to win. It's this pressure that is forcing athletes to turn to drugs regardless of the damage that is done to their bodies.

DAMAGE

There are plenty of documented examples of this damage - like Zoe Warwick, once an outstanding junior shotputter, now at 34 with the body of a 60 year old, she is suffering from what is termed 'total body breakdown' - and she only did steroids for 14 months.

Then they are others who have died (like bodybuilder Tom Hawk from Berkshire who had a heart attack when he was 21 and at the post mortem it was revealed that his heart was swollen to twice its normal

But there is such a desperation to win that it is difficult to avoid the temptation. And nowadays winning can also mean getting a large pay packet at the end of the night. Athletics is no



China's women distance runners count their appendixes as they prepare to break more records (for sterold use!)

longer just about medals and records, it is about money. This has led to some of its administrators complaining that athletes have become too greedy and money obsessed - but this is a bit rich coming from people who are virtually all set up for life!

We've got no quarrel with people getting paid for their performances, what we're against is the way that the sport has been distorted and to some extent destroyed by the impact of high pressure competition.

COVER UP

Recently Liz McColgan, a top British 10,000m runner, accused athletics administrators of covering up the degree of the problem and ignoring steroid use by top athletes - "there are a lot more that are doing it and

everybody just turns a blind

It is common knowledge that one top British sprinter has been artificially boosting his performance for the last few years - but to catch him would undermine the sports' market value and that is what really counts to the administrators. In the words of Neal Brunning, "the ones who put bums on the seats don't get caught". It's like the rest of society: the rich get richer...

GO FOR GOLD?

The cost of this can be seen with China's athletic team that has been accused of steroid use. In the last year they have broken numerous records and set performances that were previously considered unattainable.

But it has been reported that during the summer

upto a dozen of them had to have their appendixes removed - what price a gold medal now?

Some obviously still think that it is worth it but then that is because they have become so blinded by the desperation to win - and refuse to face the fact that steroid use will leave permanent long-term damage.

We don't blame the ordinary athletes for this: it's the people who run the sport and the society in which sport exists who are to blame. That's the cause of the intense drive to win at any cost, the cause of competition becoming a real matter of life and death. Millions of people enjoy athletics, both as participators and spectators - but the sport they love is becoming more and more a drug induced sham.

IFI CAN'T DANCE

Too much sport is just seen in terms of solely spectating - but sport also covers dancing. Now this is a chance to express ourselves and to let ourselves go, to escape from the confines of everyday life and actively participate

in what's happening.

It is not for nothing that the government is targeting raves in its Criminal Justice Bill: "sounds wholly or predominantly characterised by the emission of a succession of repetitive beats". They see large gatherings of young working class people as a real threat to their rule especially when everyone's having a good time outside their control!

The Bill (Clause 58) make it an offence to be at a rave with a 3 month sentence - while Clause 60 gives the filth powers to stop and turn back anyone within 5 miles of a rave, punishable by a fine.

Dance does give us an opportunity to express ourselves in a non-alienated way. At illegal raves there is a sense of community between dancers that is lacking in our sterile, conformist society - people are allowed to manifest their spirit and have a glimpse of what society could be like all the time. And ravers have been known to defend their raves from old bill attack through that other great participatory sport, rioting.

But when dancing, it's worth bearing in mind a few safer dance tips: like drinking lots of water (against body dehydration which can be a real problem in hot clubs), taking regular rest, ensuring that the body gets all the food that is needed and just generally chilling

There's no point in going home in an ambulance. Take it easy and have a good time!

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