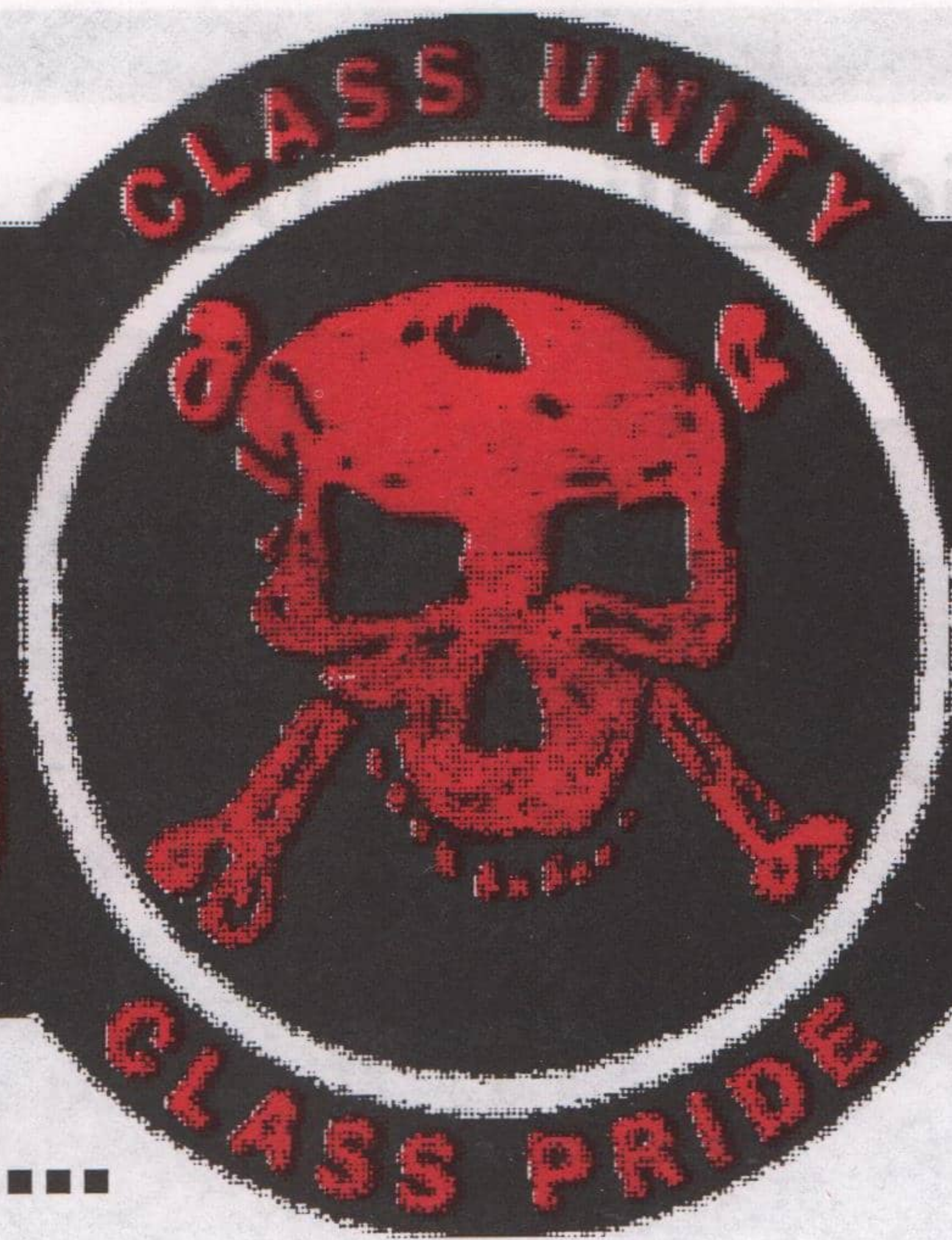


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AND BOLLOCKS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE!**

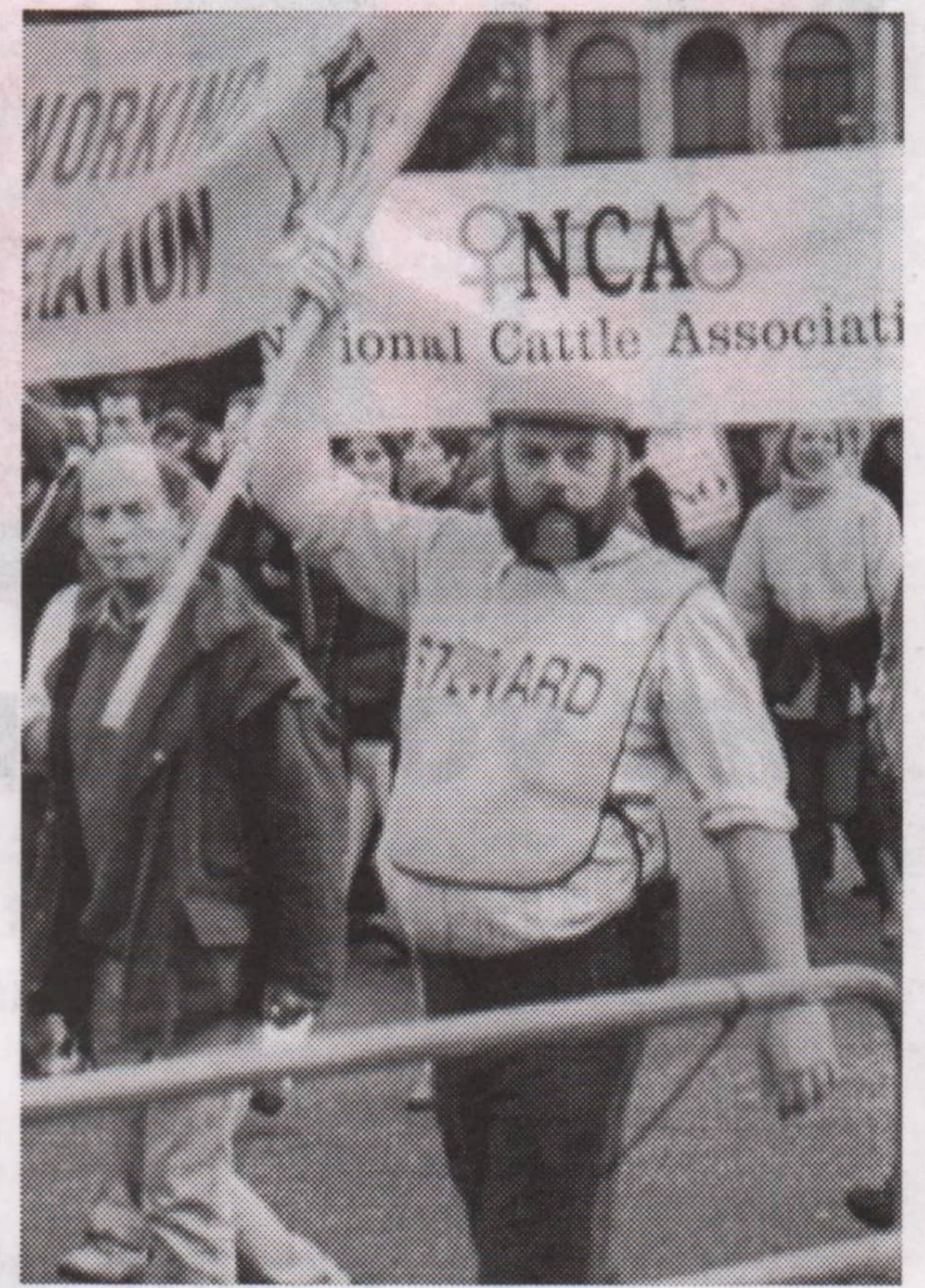
Countryside Alliance Demo on March 1st 1998



Scum from the ITP (top) and BNP (bottom) pedalling their wares at the march. Major gains are to be made in the countryside, according to Nick Griffin, stalking horse for the BNP leadership.



It took generations of interbreeding to get this



Now we know where our taxes go...



Yet more impoverished farmers

At Speakers corner where several Class War people went to the meeting spot arranged by the Movement Against the Monarchy, there was a lot of filth and their new "all important squad" who are tracking our movement.

There were loads of riot pigs, cameramen and plain clothes porkers. The new "Forward Intelligence Team", wander around in paramilitary clothing, not like a normal pig. They are dressed in black and do not carry any numbers on them, and carry a camera each. They were also protected by lots of riot police, if we could get them on their own we'd soon see how brave they are; they're very good at acting tough when they're in uniform but we know they're only doing it for the money and are well paid cowards.

They were photographing everybody and writing down descriptions, clothing, tatoos, scars, you name it these boring plods were writing it down.

A Class War correspondent wrote down a few descriptions later as well.

Forward (un)Intelligence team member

Number 1: Black wavy hair, gormless face, no brain, too well paid to think, about 6 foot 4. All in all, what a twat, and he got a smack at the anti hunting demo on August second cos he was caught on his own. What a shame.

Number 2: Five foot 10, brown mousy hair, cameraman, thinks he's clever but how you can think that with one braincell we don't know, dressed in black with no number on, well protected, should get an honest job rather than sponging off taxpayers money, absolute sad arse. Would be better put to use as fertiliser.

Any other information on these class enemies is gratefully received.

The left's response to the Countryside Alliance has been completely pathetic. The ruling class stomp through our front gardens and they merely draw their curtains. The day before, as many people confronted the NF in Dover, even though they were a handful of old men and barely pre-pubescent boys (Wayne Ashcroft), while the Countryside Alliance are the massed ranks of the ruling class that the left are pledged to overthrowing.

The progressive movements and the left, if combined, are perfectly capable of matching the reactionaries' numbers - The people who marched for anti-apartheid, CND and the ANL are still there, it's just a case of moving together. Class War are prepared to work with any left wing group to form a left alliance against fox hunting. If the enemy have the good manners to show up on our streets, the least we should do is kick their arses - The sentimentalists have had their day, it's time to show that this is a class issue.

Congratulations go to the hunt sabs who managed to take over March FM, the bumpkin's radio station, and who told them the message from the working class - "Fuck off our land!"



Roger Daltrey of the Who - Hope I die before I get old...



Pull the sheet off the Countryside Alliance and you find the red huntsman's coat of the British Field Sports Society



Some of the countryside marchers were so impoverished, they could only afford half a pair of trousers.



Any suggestions on what to do with his stick?



If They Had Brains They Would Be Dangerous

Welcome to **Class War's** regular column on the **thick blue line!** We want to make this a permanent feature, and if any of our readers think there local bobbies are dafter than the one's listed below, please send in the details. Remember the police want us to be scared of them, to believe that they, and their legal system, are unbeatable. We challenge anybody to read the following examples and still believe that!

Metropolitan Police - One man who must be forever looking over his shoulder is firearms expert PC Kevin Spencer, who has now been shot not once but twice by fellow officers at Bishopsgate police station. Back in issue 71 of Class War we revealed how Spencer and two of his mates managed to shoot each other whilst cleaning their guns. Bishopsgate officers then managed to go a full 20 months without shooting PC Spencer until hostilities resumed and he was accidentally shot in the stomach whilst training a colleague. Here's to third time lucky!

Metropolitan Police (again!)- What is it with the Met? A big hello to all our Special Branch readers and congratulations on smashing up the Range Rover of the Chief Commissioner of the Met, Sir Paul Condon, in the underground car park at New Scotland Yard.

For some reason Special Branch were given a £25,000 volvo at the tax payers expense, but a computer gremlin caused it to hit a Rover, demolish 3 BMW motorcycles used for royal protection work, and then the encore, smashing into Sir Paul's posh motor. Perhaps it would be safer (and cheaper) to give them a bus pass!

Devon and Cornwall - The Crown Prosecution Service have blamed outside agitators for the violence that disrupted their annual Xmas Party. Two police officers decided to ignore the mistletoe and exchange Xmas gifts of right hooks! Lets hope its ticket only next year and undesireables are kept away.

Greater Manchester - stay clear of soon to be married pigs Tony Fletcher and Sharon Buckle, who recently holidayed together at the Police Convalescent home in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Fuckwit Fletcher managed to fall 40 feet whilst chasing a suspect in Didsbury, whilst his beloved fell down a manhole cover. She nearly went one better a few weeks later, almost drowning in a local river whilst walking her dog - any kids these two produce should be guaranteed a long career in the police service.

Hampshire - Oh dear. Who let Hampshire police loose with a metal detector whilst looking for stolen coins. They dug up most of a suspects garden before realising all they had been detecting was the steel toe caps in their own boots.

Indiana, USA. - Many of us have enjoyed the recipes of Ken Hom and his wok, but the American version of his cook book seems to have some unusual recipes. A waitress in the town of Crown Point has been charged with "felony product tampering" after spitting in the stir-fry chicken salad of a police officer who had once arrested her. How's that for a wok on the wild side!

Our champion chumps award this issue however has to go - where else - but to our friends in the Met. In recent years the police have made strenuous efforts to play down their image as racists, and every year Notting Hill Carnival goers are put in mortal danger by gangs of police officers looking for black women to dance with and photographers to picture them doing it. Our minds truly boggled however at the following ad, which we spotted in the London free ads paper Loot; "Policeman, 6 ft 2 in, slim build, 33, looking



Eyes peeled - As usual for black females, 20-40 for friendship and possible relationship" Can anybody match that?

Cuffed In Cuffley!

Back by popular demand Its your page 3 Hospitalised Copper!

Nobody likes a nosey parker. PC Barry Benjamin found this out to his cost as he worked as a plain clothes "spotter" for police at Cuffley train station in Hertfordshire.



CHASING THE FAT CATS.

Last year Manchester Class War were involved in a succesful campaign against the fattest cat of them all, Sir Desmond Pitcher.

The ugly bastards bloated face was splattered all around Manchester giving details of what his crimes were. As boss of United Utilities (Water and electricity in the North West) he was getting £8,900 per week, AND a 21% pay rise whilst 2,500 jobs were lost in the merger.

A 2 page newsletter describing Sir Desmond as a "greasy fat bastard" ensured a media storm, with radio and TV reports also covering an attack on his Cheshire Mansion. Somebody decided to take the peoples' revenge by the look of it.

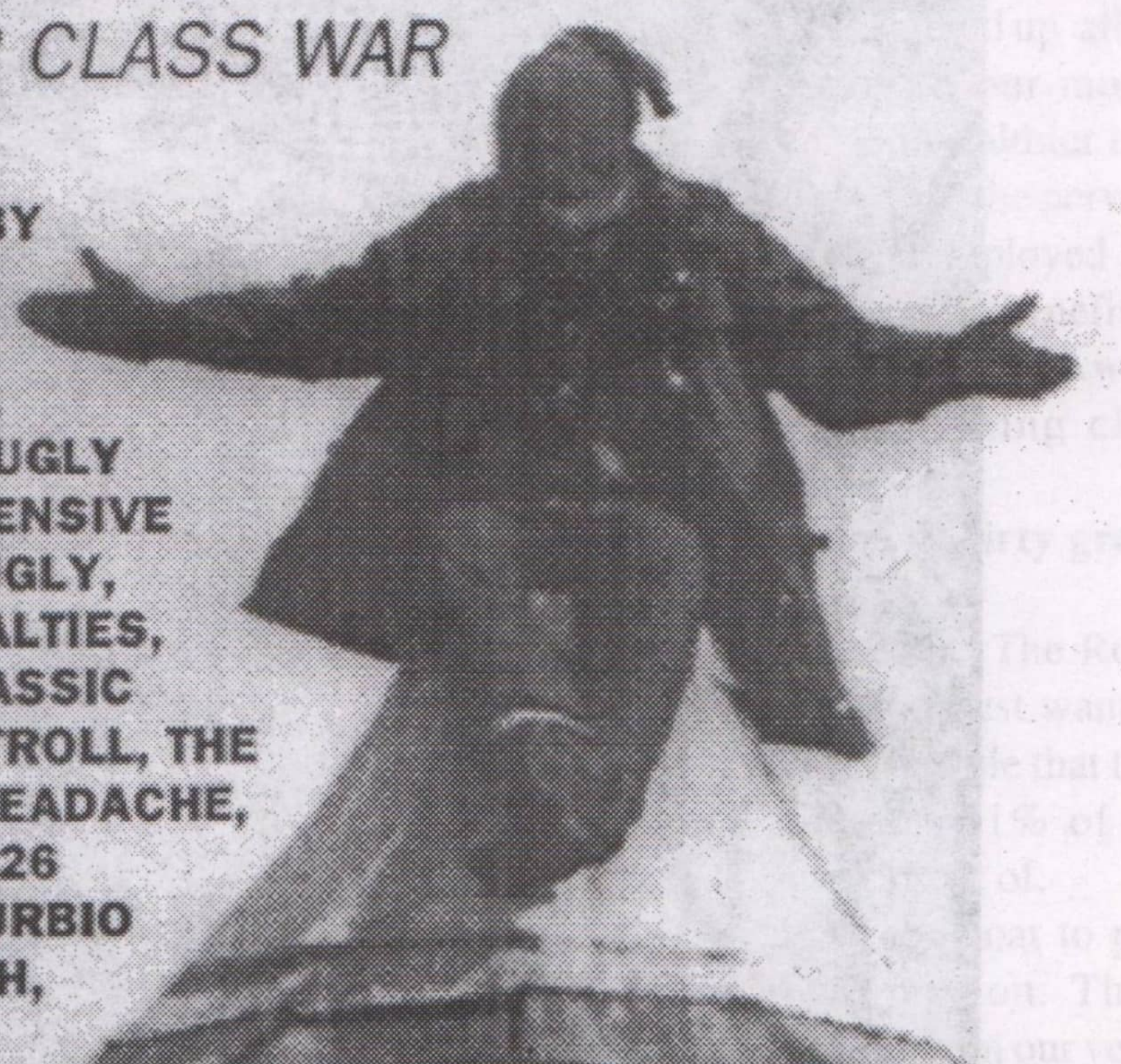

Sir Desmond apparently described his fat cat title as "rude, offensive and cheap". **Class War** can certainly agree with Sir Desmond there - at £8,900 per week one thing is that he isn't cheap. Other rich bastards should take note, we know who you are and we know where you live. The *peoples will* is going to return and haunt you to your graves.

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The War of Clinton's Penis or Clinton Pulls Out Again.

In the 1750s a war between France and Britain was known as Jenkin's Ear, whatever the excuse was for that war I don't know, but according to every history book covering the subject the real reason was the Imperial rivalry of France and Britain, in these days war was known as the sport of Kings, Clinton and Blair fancy it now as the sport of premiers.

The argument for military action against Iraq goes that it might be developing chemical weapons, that it might be successful, that they might be able to have weapon systems to deliver it and they might use it and Saddam Hussain isn't a very nice guy and Iraq might try invading it's neighbours, unlike America (i.e. not of course Granada, Panama, Nicaragua, Cuba and if you go back further Canada and Mexico)

And what is the objective of these bombing missions? According to Clinton it is to smash the capability of Iraq to produce the weapons of mass destruction, so while not planning to bomb Iraq back to the Stone Age he must be planning to bomb Iraq at least back to the Middle Ages as any half developed economy can produce chemical weapons if he really wants to.

The best answer to get rid of the menace of Iraq chemical weapons (although Israel who would certainly use weapons of mass destruction seems to be a menace we can live with) would be a change of regime, but as John Major said in the House of Commons (17/2/98) we don't want to dismember Iraq, but unless it's just another dictator (with less ambition, that is what the solution is, the Kurds, Marsh Arabs, Sunni Minority do not want to be a subjugated part of Iraq but then again Tony Blair and John Major would rather suck up to a reactionary Turkish Government than do what the people of Iraq really need.

TIME TO SWITCH HIM OFF

Most frightening foreign news of the year so far has come from Moscow. You may remember British scientists managed to successfully clone a sheep, Dolly, an issue which raised important ethical questions.

Russian scientists have announced that it would be theoretically possible to clone Lenin, as the chemicals used to mummify his body prevented his cells from degenerating.

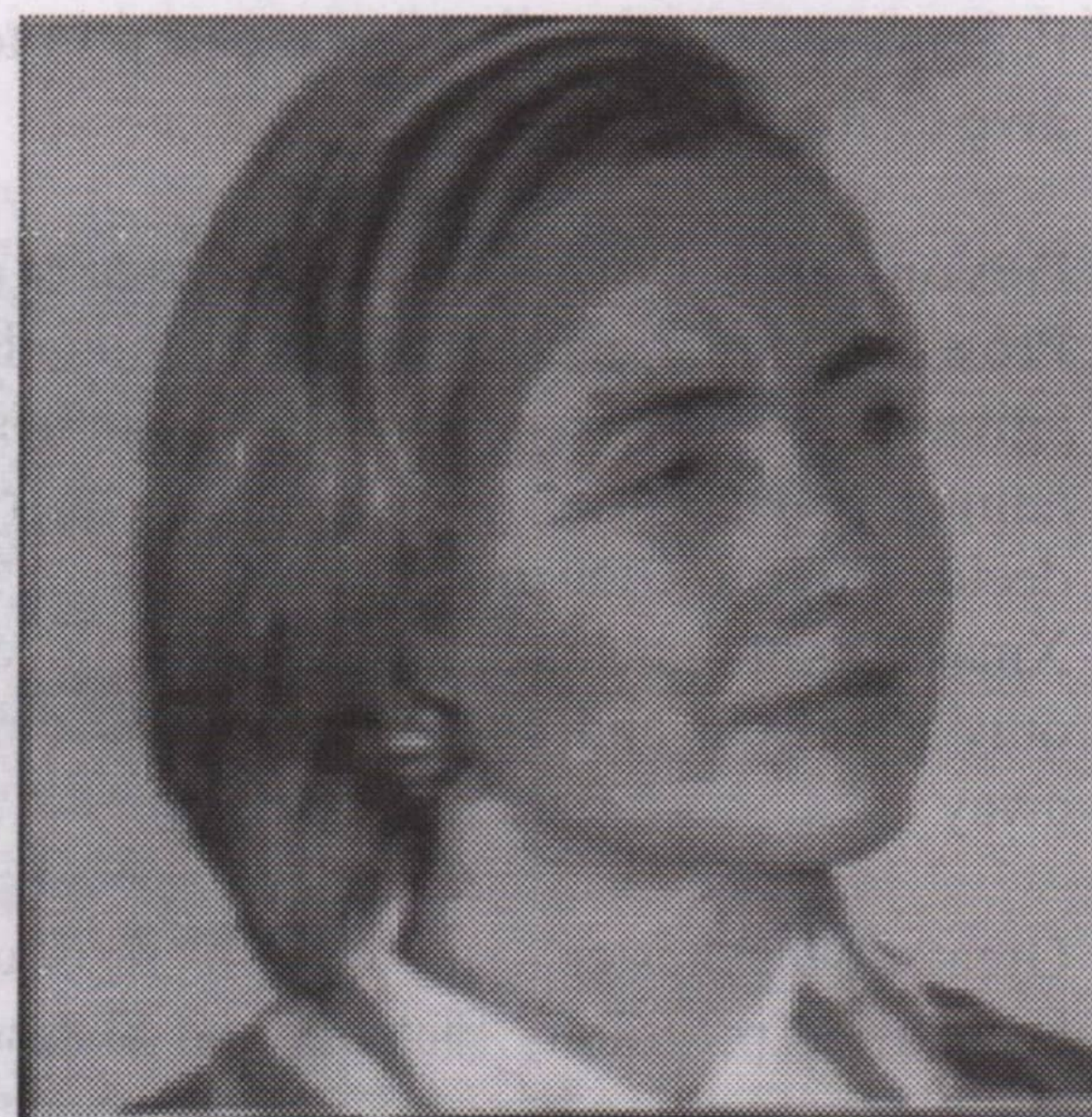
Now we would have stuck a stake through the heart of the old tyrant to make sure he did not come back, but it appears that even though the dictatorship of the Bolsheviks in the old Soviet Union has now thankfully ended, Yeltsin and co still kept the freezers switched on.

On second thoughts however, a Lenin clone would be nothing to worry about. Thousands of them wandered the streets of Britain this century, shoving unwanted newspapers into your face and ranting about the need for a revolution under their command. With the odd exception these newspapers have ended up the way their leader should go- lying in a puddle ignored by anyone with any sense.



Saddam Hussein - Not the only one Bill Clinton has tried to fuck...

Is bombing a good way to get rid of Hussain or even cost effective? When 2 fighter planes ran into each other over the Gulf it was at least £44 million down the drain and who is going to be grateful for "Hands up you're free", the Soviet Union got little thanks for invading Afghanistan to prop up a Governor who was generally progressive (by the standard of the region).



A very tolerant woman - Hilary Clinton

The CIA in USA managed to get the Russians kicked out by supplying weapons etc. to the rebels, which is what the west should do in Iraq (and Indonesia, Israel, Nigeria etc.) if it is really concerned with Iraq. It is up to the people of the country to free themselves and we should not be so arrogant to think we can do it for them. The other argument that warmongers use is that the Middle east is of vital importance to our economy. What they mean is they rather we kissed the swords of every other half deranged despot (such as Saudi Arabia which has two British nurses in prison on trumped up charges unlike Iraq, which hasn't done this to any British Citizen since the Gulf War of 91). Just because the Ruling Class can see a quicker buck in it for themselves instead of

coming up with a decent energy and public transport policy the world would be a better place if our towns were covered with tram lines and every miner was given back his old job.

There will be Muslims (mainly from Pakistan) in this country cheering on Saddam, what a bunch of idiots you are, the Baiathist regime of Iraq is pan Arab nationalist and does not give shit for you and your silly religion. There will be lefty groups who suck up to these people pretending their against Capitalist Imperialism but their only complaint is that American Imperialism is stronger than Muslim Imperialism.

Mr Blair, Ashdown, the Tories, Clinton or Bush before him are only interested it seems in showing the World how mighty their armies are, instead of solving the problems of the Middle East they make them worse, in our names with our money and our and the Iraqi's blood.

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The Tories tried to strip May Day of any meaning as it became a bank holiday, shuffled off to the nearest Monday. While the Labour party are busy trying to out-Tory the Tories, here in Portsmouth we are reclaiming May Day as our own.

**All proceeds from this event will go to
workers in dispute.**

DEATH OF A TYRANT

Mobutu Bange (formerly Mobutu Joseph Desire) or full name Mobutu Sese Seko Koko Guendu Wa Za Benge meaning the all powerful warrior who because of his endurance and inflexible will to win , will go from conquest to conquest leaving fire in his wake. Pompous wanker for short - is looking for his retirement home. we can recommend any nearby graveyard.

This fallen dictator has plenty of spare holiday homes and a few savings (\$3.6 Billion)kept back for a rainy day kept in Swiss banks - used to dealing in blood money - these savings happen to be approx. equal to the national debt of Congo Zaire.

As dictators go Mobutu was a complete bastard. One of the few things the Belgians had managed to develop during their rule was a reasonable road network which Mobutu's dictatorship deliberately ran down - to make it harder for potential rebels to move around., corruption being a way of life for state officials and members of Mobutu's clan.

Unfortunately there have been plenty more dictators about such as Bo Kasse of the Central African Republic who spent \$20 million on his coronation as emperor or Macnas Ngueme of Equatorial Guinea which in 1976 Amnesty International called the most brutal regime in the world - Macias being compared with Idi Amin.

Bleeding heart liberals like to think that none of the evil people would have come to power without the wicked West - Mobutu being supported by CIA and the USA, Belgium , France, China , Israel and Germany have all sent military assistance to the regime and that the reason the continent is under developed is because of international imperialism - the reality in many ways being the complete opposite. International capitalists would love to set up in countries like Zaire/Congo but with egomaniacal dictators and bandits it is too risky.



The original empire in the Congo (founded in the 13th century) was selling slaves (usually POWs and criminals) to the Portuguese from 1487 - the Portuguese overthrowing the Empire in 1660 when it could not keep up with its demands.

The majority of Africa (such as the Congo) was cut up in to nominal countries in the 1880s to act as captive markets for the manufactured products from the various European countries - King Leopold tried to develop the country and in the process almost went broke - which lead him instituting the most brutal slavery - an international scandal developed when the majority of Europe found out - nevertheless the Belgian Government bailed out the King (a debt of nearly 20% of the Country's reserves)

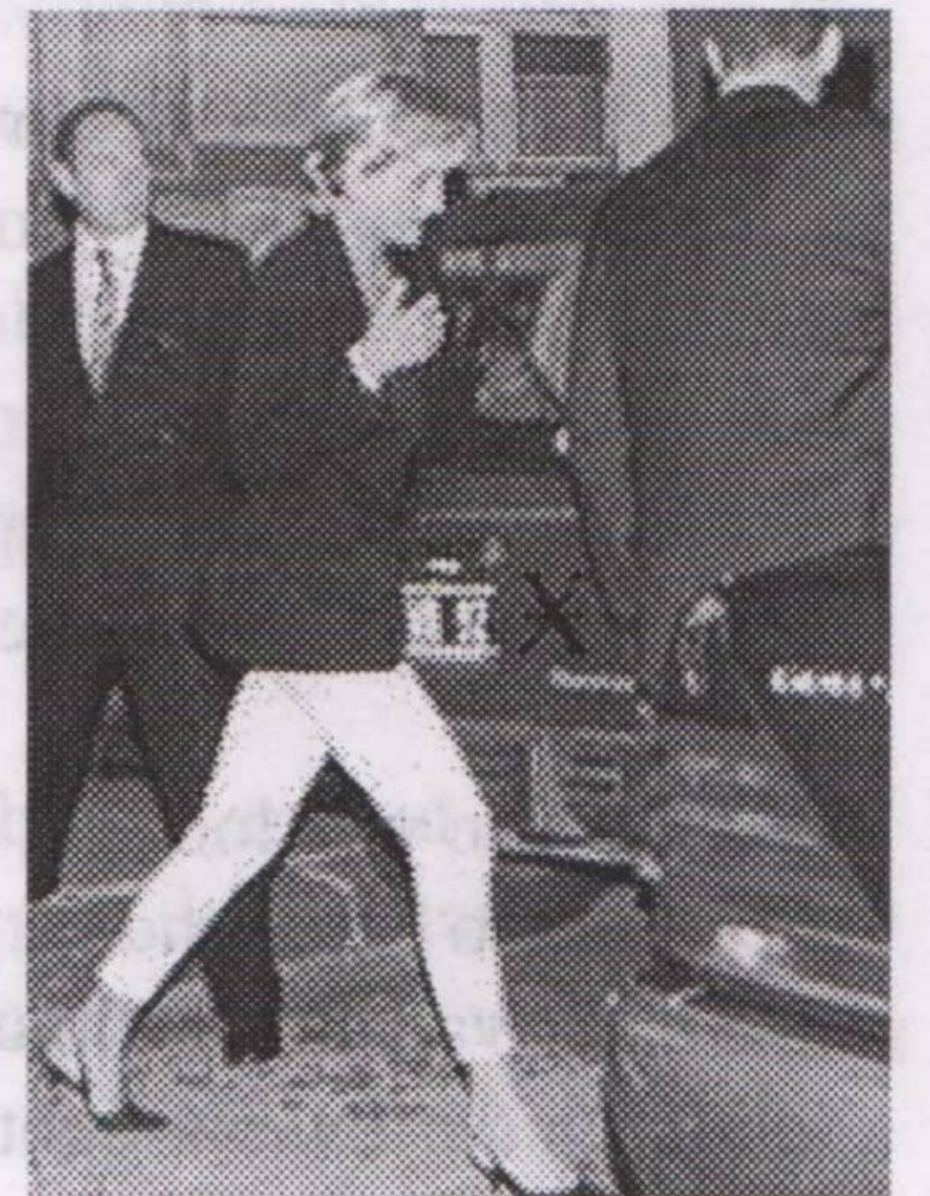
Mobutu has been anti European introducing the Authenticity campaign in the early 1970s - changing the name of the country to Zaire (the African name for the Congo), forbidding bureaucrats to wear western attire - expropriating 500 million U.S. Dollars of foreign enterprises and throwing out the important Asian community. The average Congolese is not too interested in living out some stereo typical nationalist identity if it means living in poverty - having a dictator walk round in a silly native hat does not give pride - while having the most popular music in Africa may well do so .

Zaire/Congo is not a nation - there are many tribes with their own languages such as Kongo, Kuba, Pygmy, Hutu, Tutsi and unfortunately these tribes fight one another just as the tribes here have done since Biblical times, everybody's ancestors did this and its up to those involved to find a way out of the mess, Africa is awash with vast amounts of weapons "generously" donated from World powers , China and Russia did Ethiopia/Erthria no favours, Western liberals and Russia supported or such lesser evil dictators if they called themselves Marxists and on average its done more harm than good.

MOBUTU has unfortunately died since the writing of this so will not face the justice he deserved, but at least he died in pain surrounded by money and no friends, and finally found a new home.

Newsflash - Lady Di's Still Dead and We Don't Give A Fuck

We are proud to present "Door Handle in The Wind" Elton John's tribute to Diana. We believe it is a re-written version of an earlier John title "I am a Rich Dickhead in a Bad Wig - Please Shoot Me"



Goodbye English rose
Although we never liked you at all
You had the grace to kill yourself
In a lovely fireball

Goodbye wealthy sponger
That really was - a smashing skid
No wonder they call you Lady Di
Did we laugh? Yes we did.



Chorus:
And it seems to me
That a wage slave's life
Is worth ten of you
And we should get some attention
But we never do
And we'd put you in a coffin, but your driver did
Now we can drive a stake through you
And then nail down the lid

Goodbye snobby scum
We heard you were on the radio
And also the windscreen and the road.
Do we give a shit? No.
Goodbye Princess Bulemia
Although you had no real problems
Who could be rich and live with themselves?
Why we'd be puking too.



Goodbye caring Di
Although you never really loved your kid
Did you ever use your chauffeur's name?
No one on TV did

From James, Angry People, Australia.

Angry People are an Australian organisation with remarkably similiar politics to Class War. They can be contacted at Angry People, PO Box 108, St Peters, NSW 2044, Australia. They produce a regular magazine price 1 Australian dollar, as well as stickers and erchandise.

Second chorus:
And it seems to me
You lived your life
Like a cold sore on a bum
And most working folks still like you
But our day will come
And we would have liked to kill you
At least you're safe in hell
Prince Charles and Tony Blair
Will do every bit as well.

Don't be a cog in the machine



be a spanner in the works!

Rich Scum Behold Your Future Executioners

Louise Woodward went to work in America as a nanny because she loved children and thought it would be exciting to live in the United States. Louise was complacent in thinking America had abolished slavery 133 years ago.

Debbie and Sunil Eappen treated Louise Woodward like a slave making her do hours of work for a paltry wage. They imposed a rigid set of rules that covered almost every aspect of Louise's life.

She had to wait on the Eappen's two boys hand and foot and the couple banned her from pursuing hobbies even when the brats were asleep.

While Louise was looking after them she was not allowed to spend more than 5 minutes on the phone, do her laundry, use the computer or have a shower. She also had to tidy up toys, make beds, vacuum the house and keep the boys' room and family rooms tidy. She was given a midnight curfew on nights before working and "starting times" for the week.



Louise was paid £70 per week for all this £20 below Massachusetts's minimum wage.

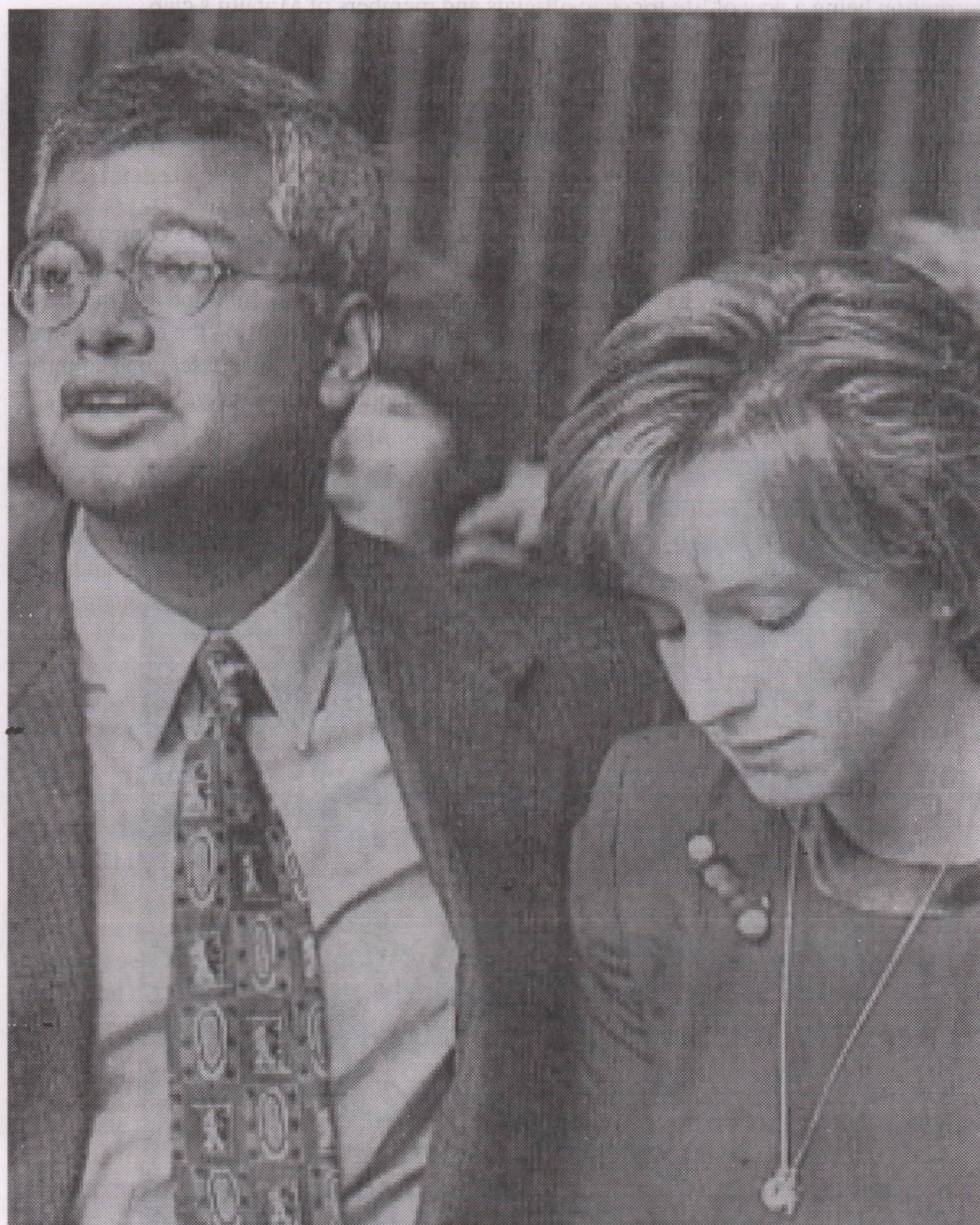
Britain's Longest Strike Ends

On January 26, the Liverpool Dockers decided at a mass meeting to call a halt to their 28 month dispute with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Co. Each of the 329 men will receive a settlement of £28,000 from the MDHC, a total cost to the company of about ten million pounds. The dispute began when the dockers were locked out of work by their employers after they took "unofficial" strike action to protest the job losses of 80 workers from a separate company. Throughout the strike, the aim of the dockers had been to win their jobs back. They were determined that there should be no return to casual labour and that their elected shop stewards should be recognised. Abandoned by their alleged union, the Transport and General Workers Union, as no official ballot was taken over the original strike, the dockers fought bravely on for over two years, while the MDHC employed casual scab labour to continue operations. Support for the strikers was enormous, with dock workers in Australia, Amsterdam, Brazil, India, Sri Lanka and South Africa. Portugal and Sweden holding solidarity demonstrations, and in many cases, refusing to work with ships that had originated or were travelling to Liverpool. However, after such a long struggle, the dockers have decided that enough is enough, and have finally accepted the offer made to them over a year ago. While we cannot say we are pleased with the end result of this situation, we realise the intense pressure such a long strike can put onto the strikers and their families, and wish to express our solidarity with the ex-dockers. Once more, the pressures exerted by the system grind down the will of the workers, through police harassment, a media blackout on their plight, and the combined efforts of the TGWU and the MDHC in conspiring to persuade the workers to accept a package that offers no solutions to the employment problems in the area. TGWU don't seem interested in representing their member's interests, just their own so if you are a member of the so-called "union", we advise you to let the organisers know your feelings on the way they conduct themselves. Even without the TGWU, the dockers still managed with the solidarity shown to them by the international working class to put one in the eye of the employers and although the strike was not an outright victory, it still proved it's worth.

The Eappens are rich yuppie scum, who think when they have children it is the job of the working class to run around for them, taking care of their responsibilities, when the tragic accident occurred of the death of Matthew Eappen the parents went into denial blaming everything onto Louise. Oxford Massachusetts is a very rich area with loads of yuppies who have nannies and their fear of the hand that rocks the cradle was all too evident. The jury was made up of these people, the peers of the prosecutors not the of the defendant.

The case of the prosecution was very weak:

1. Fresh injuries produce blood, while older ones are cushioned by "serum" as they heal. Prosecution witness Dr. Joseph Midsen, who operated on Matthew's skull said "a clear liquid spurted out and covered his gown, followed by red blood". This clear liquid could only have been serum - proving that the injury was at least 3 weeks old.



2. Matthew suffered retinal haemorrhage to his eyes which had become blood shot. The prosecution claimed that this was caused by Louise shaking him but that would have also led to neck injuries and he had none.

3. A post mortem revealed Matthew had been suffering from a broken wrist for several weeks. In all probability this occurred at the same time as the skull fracture long before the fateful day on which Louise was alleged to have injured him and why didn't the boy's mother Debbie Eappen notice this being a trained doctor.

4. The prosecutors tried to smear Louise going on about going to night clubs, boozing etc. which sounds like normal behaviour for a young woman and Debbie Eappen saying she never trusted Louise - then why continue to employ her.

Such cases should not come before criminal courts anyhow but the judge and jury did not behave in a way that is conducive to a fair trial - it was a case of the rich beating up a working class girl far from home, and it is lucky she was working for an agency the good lawyers.

The British Government just washed its hands of the case, what is the point of us paying for all these Embassies and diplomats if when we need them they are only interested in sucking up to the local fat cats. If you are in trouble abroad you are better off writing to a tabloid than your M.P.

These rich upper class Americans are so neurotic that they expect nannies to make themselves fat so as not to be a temptation to their husbands in a country so fanatically health conscious, and expect people to make themselves unhealthy just to get work. The Eappens seem to be more concerned with suing the Nanny Agency than real justice, the rich are more concerned with money than people.

While there is very little evidence against Louise Woodward, if she did do it good on her because people like the Eappens aren't fit to breed, it is just more parasites on our backs, we don't have nannies to treat like slaves and we don't want them. The Eappens had the choice to have the time to bring up their children and also have a career but they were only concerned with their own engrossment. They are sick and warped, the decadence of the ruling class they represent.

Edinburgh Claimants Defy Court Sentence And Carry Out New 3rd Strike Action

On the morning of 11 February 1998 Edinburgh Sheriff Court sentenced a claimant to 150 hours community service for delivering an Edinburgh Claimants "3 Strikes" warning letter to a Benefits Office official at High Riggs Unemployment benefit office. Four hours later 20 claimants and supporters carried out a 3rd Strike action against Marianne MacDonald, a Project Work interviewer at High Riggs, and her manager Mr Laird.

Demonstrators - all wearing masks consisting of Marianne MacDonald's face! - stormed into the benefit office in central Edinburgh. They carried posters of MacDonald with the words NO ONE LIKES A BULLY. Protesters gave out leaflets bearing MacDonald's photo and detailing how she had consistently harassed claimants and tried to cut their benefits on 8 documented occasions. The leaflets denounced Labour's New Deal as 'compulsory slave labour' and condemned the cuts in single parent's benefits.

Police arrived but too late to stop the action. There were no arrests. Edinburgh Claimants declare "We won't be intimidated by the police and courts. The 3 Strikes resistance continues."

In the court case the Sheriff stated that the 3 Strikes campaign was "a pre-meditated and clearly illegal attempt to undermine the operation of the welfare benefits system". Earlier, on 21 January, the claimant had been found guilty of Breach of the Peace at Edinburgh Sheriff Court for delivering the "3 Strikes" letter. In court the Procurator Fiscal described the whole 3 Strikes campaign in Edinburgh, including the flyposting of a photo of a dole official round the city and the placing of the photo on the internet. The Sheriff (the judge) said this was a "sinister offence" and he was "considering a prison sentence".

The 3 Strikes campaign is a collective response by claimants to harassment and benefit cuts - dole officials and their managers responsible for particularly bad treatment of claimants are given warning letters asking them to treat claimants fairly : if they ignore 2 warnings and commit a 3rd "offence" then their photo is taken and put on posters with details of their actions, and a demo is held at their benefit office.

The exact charge was "That on 12 June 1997 in the Job Centre at the Dept of Social Security, 20 High Riggs, Edinburgh you did conduct yourself in a disorderly manner, pass offensive abusive and threatening writings to Marianne MacDonald, employee there, and place her in a state of fear and alarm and committ a breach of the peace."

The letter passed to the official read : "Dear Marianne MacDonald You have already received a written warning explaining our 3 STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT campaign. Yet you have persisted in harassing claimants to the point where we have received another complaint against you. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WRITTEN WARNING. One more complaint against you and we will take your photograph and transform it into a giant poster with details of your offences highlighted. There will also be an angry demonstration held at your place of work and the Edinburgh media will be alerted. We are sure that you, like us, hope there will be no need for a STRIKE 3 measure and that you will temper your over-zealous behaviour accordingly. Sincerely, Edinburgh Claimants"

The delivery of the final written warning was due to no fewer than 3 separate complaints being made against the official in May 1997, as a result of her activities as a Project Work interviewer.

We would like to thank everyone who gave their solidarity to the defendant and Edinburgh Claimants over the past few weeks. Thanks to everyone who came to the 3 Strikes action. And thanks for all the letters, phone calls and e mails of support , received from all over Britain and even from Ontario, Canada!

Above all we hope everyone will step up their own activities. Don't let them intimidate us. Resistance to attacks on claimants must continue, and link with the wider struggle.

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anarchy@cableinet.co.uk pager 01426 128984. (v.short message only)
Open: Tuesdays 12-4pm, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays 2-6pm.
Meetings Mondays 7.30pm.

* Please get in touch if you'd like copies of our 3 Strikes posters or other leaflets or posters on opposition to workfare, dole snoopers, etc..

LEGAL NOTE In court the claimant pled guilty to the charge as above; the prosecution dropped the part of the original charge that he made "abusive, offensive and threatening remarks". He stated that although he had delivered the letter, he was not a member of Edinburgh Claimants nor had he been involved in any other 3 Strikes-related activity. Please bear this in mind in anything written.

Text of leaflet given out at demo:

THE POLICE AND COURTS CAN'T STOP CLAIMANTS DIRECT ACTION

Today claimants and supporters are taking action..

We say

* We won't stand for our benefits being cut. The government is cutting single parents benefits and threatening to cut disabled benefits.

* We won't put up with compulsory slave labour. From April, unemployed under 25's are being forced to work for benefits plus £15.

* We won't be intimidated by the police and courts. Today, 11th February 1998, a claimant was sentenced at Edinburgh Sheriff Court for delivering a "3 Strikes" letter warning a benefits official to stop harassing claimants.

* Edinburgh Claimants "3 Strikes" resistance continues. Today we are carrying out a "3rd

Strike" demonstration against notorious benefit bully Marianne MacDonald, an official at High Riggs Benefit Office, and her manager Mr Laird, who we hold responsible for her bullying behaviour.

WHAT IS THE 3 STRIKES RESISTANCE?

This was the letter passed to the official, for which a claimant was charged: "You have already received a written warning explaining our 3 STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT campaign. Yet you have persisted in harassing claimants to the point where we have received another complaint against you. THIS IS YOUR FINAL WRITTEN WARNING. One more complaint against you and we will take your photograph and transform it into a giant poster with details of your offences highlighted. There will also be an angry demonstration held at your place of work and the Edinburgh media will be alerted. We are sure that you, like us, hope there will be no need for a STRIKE 3 measure and that you will temper your over-zealous behaviour accordingly.

Sincerely, Edinburgh Claimants"

WHY MACDONALD AND LAIRD?

Today's demo is being held because we have received 8 complaints against MacDonald, and despite 2 letters to her and manager Laird, she still abuses claimants.

Mac Donald's actions include - Cutting a claimant's benefits by lying that the claimant had refused to apply for a job - Forcing a claimant with a science degree to apply for bar and restaurant jobs - Ordering a claimant to attend repeated restart interviews - Enthusiastically forcing claimants onto the compulsory cheap labour scheme Project Work.- Harassing claimants : claimants describe her as "obnoxious", "nasty" and "extremely officious"



THE NEW DEAL IS A DIRTY DEAL

The "New Deal" is initially targetted at 18-24 year olds unemployed over 6 months. Around 40% (govt. estimate) will get a low paid temporary six month job. Some will be allowed to do certain courses - but will only get £38.90 benefits per week. And around 40% will be forced to work for their benefits plus £15 per week (only £53.90). Anyone refusing these crap choices will have their benefit cut, initially for 2 weeks.

The New Deal is an attack on everyone in a job too. More low paid temporary jobs and more compulsory work for benefits undermines everyone's wages and conditions.

This applies to benefit offices too - how long before unemployed on schemes do some benefit office jobs? We support benefit office workers struggles against cuts and privatisation, and urge them to refuse to be used to attack claimants.

The employed and the unemployed need to get together to take real action against the attacks New Labour is making on us all. It's useless relying on leaders like the trade union bosses. We need to organise ourselves, linking up all the different battles for social justice.

RESIST REBEL REVOLT

In France unemployed people demanding benefit increases have occupied benefit offices, entered supermarkets in big groups and removed trolley loads of food, and demonstrated in their thousands. Could a similar revolt happen here?

SINGLE PARENTS

How dare the government say that single parents should work - they are already doing invaluable work bringing up their children. Single parents need good child care facilities, public services, public recognition, and a decent income for all the work they do. Every mother is a working mother.

WAGE SLAVERY

Labour make out a job is the way to salvation. In most jobs you are poorly paid, bored, get ordered about, and slave away to make some fat cat rich or to prop up the government. Only if people rebel and take the world's resources into all our hands will we be able to decide what to make and how to make it, only then will work be enjoyable and satisfying.

Edinburgh Claimants c/o Peace & Justice Centre, St Johns, Princes St.,
Edinburgh (mail only) 0131 557 6242 Get in touch!

NO WAGE SLAVERY NO DOLE SLAVERY

LAW'S

THEY MAKE 'EM WE BREAK 'EM!



LAWS - THEY MAKE 'EM, OLYMPIANS BREAK 'EM

Everyone is *talking* about it and, bar a minority of ignorant bigots, social fascists and religious fundamentalists, everyone wants cannabis (and other recreational drugs) legalised...but what is anyone *doing* about it?

The *Independent On Sunday* has started up a weekly section on their push for legalising cannabis. Respect is due to them for being the first national newspaper since *The Times* in 1968 to be bold enough to do this, but where has it got us so far?

The government is quite happy to let the ghetto talk and talk about legalising drugs until the cows come home, but we've heard calls to "legalise it" since we were knee-high and think it is high time that recreational drug users stopped letting the police walk all over us and started getting organised for effective action.

A Class War activist attended the conference organised by the IoS last year, and found it wanting. Nothing new was said, and a platform was given for two Christian evangelist wankers to spout anti-marijuana lies to an audience that had heard years of this crap from the establishment propaganda machine, funded by you and me, the taxpayers.

It was a missed opportunity. What should have occurred would be a meeting of libertarian activists, grass roots drug workers, etc., to discuss how to form a new efficient national federation, with local branches, that would then go on to produce it's own newsletter, etc., and co-ordinate a campaign of public education, civil disobedience and direct action.

Anyone naïve enough to believe that born-again-Christian Tony Blair, or his side-kick Jack "turn-in-your-own-son" Straw, will legalise drugs out of the goodness of their hearts is living in cloud cuckoo land. The government will have to be dragged kicking and screaming.

Whilst on the subject of William Stra, any young kid with any nouse knows knows where to procure dope from, especially when flattering older women - Thank God he's not as dull as his father.

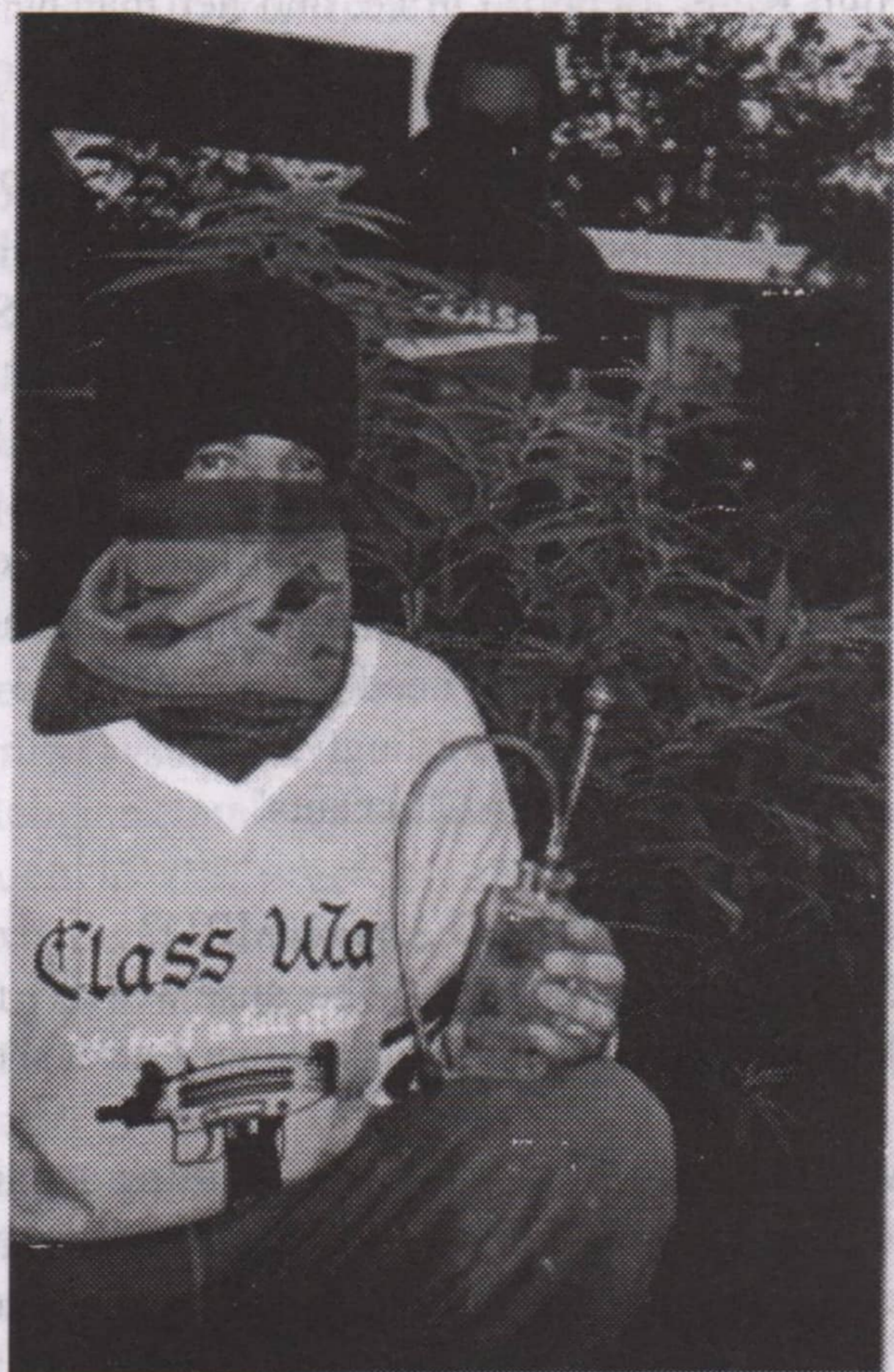
The drug laws hit the working class hardest, working class events such as raves and jungle events are watched more closely by the filth than middle class events, thus resulting in a higher risk of arrest. This, coupled with the working class not being able to afford good lawyers and the exorbitant price of illegal drugs, means that working class communities are hit the hardest.

A lot of wet liberals are arguing for the decriminalisation of cannabis. This is not a solution. The most dangerous effect of drugs is the often dodgy types you have to deal with when buying or selling drugs, and also decriminalisation will not effect any sort of quality control. We would prefer it if you could go to the local Boots or Tescos and get good quality gear.

Attack is the best form of defence.

If you are not content with the campaign becoming the hobby horse of the chattering classes then, in addition to the formation of broad-based, democratic national and local organisations, we need to start a campaign that hits the government where it hurts - In the wallet - Similar to the anti-poll tax campaign.

As it is, vast amounts are spent on policing and imprisoning consenting adults for their drug use. An estimated 60% of offences and prisoners are drug-related. We need to increase the cost to the government and here



Class War gardeners...

are some suggestions for starters :

- Phone up your local "grass-up your neighbour" police and MI5 lines with false information about spurious drug dealers, i.e., drop your local racist or fascist in it.
- Harass informants out of our communities.
- Those creepy police notices that give "grass up" numbers on buses and tubes should be obliterated with libertarian slogans - Ensure that the phone numbers are covered up. London CW bring out an eminently suitable "fuck the police" sticker @ £1.50 for 50.
- Magistrates courts, police buildings and cars, probation offices, prisons and other repressive and intrusive institutions and companies, are all fair game for graffiti spraying, lock gluing, etc., which costs them money to remedy and pushes up their insurance premiums.
- If you are sitting on a jury in a drugs case, find the accused not guilty. Eventually, if there are enough acquittals, the cops won't bring cases to court.
- There should be a mass campaign of non-payment of fines. They are very reluctant to imprison people for non-payment these days. If they do finally manage to catch up with you, you can pay at the prison gates and they have to let you go. Meanwhile, you have cost them resources in the process. If you actually go to prison, you will be costing them £500 a week (£1000 for escape-risk prisoners) and don't forget to form networks with other prisoners and make life awkward for the prison authorities. If we are more trouble to them in prison than out, they'll be more reluctant to jail us in the first place.
- Keep stash boxes of fake drugs such as oxo cubes and wraps of talcum powder in an obvious place. If you are raided, it will throw the police off the scent and cost them expensive lab analysis fees.
- If you are growing your own marijuana, buy any grow lights, seed, etc. using cash and false names and addresses in case the police seize mailing lists. Also use public transport in case they take your car registration. If you grow in your loft, make sure it is well insulated as, in some areas, police use helicopters with infra-red equipment to detect heat from roofs.
- Intimidate bosses who bring in drug tests for employees.
- Clue up on how to behave under interrogation, i.e. "no comment", increase your knowledge of the drug laws, drug tests, etc.

Legally speaking, you should be able to travel to EEC countries without a passport. However, the UK customs are still demanding it. What we need is a campaign whereby everybody refuses to show their passport, thus enabling smugglers and political activists to travel around more easily. This is one that any radical lawyers might like to get their teeth into, to fight test cases.

One of the success stories of British Industry is that Britain is now a big exporter of cannabis and British varieties are now often stronger than Dutch ones. Of course, come the revolution, all of Kent will be put aside for hemp production, driving out any criminal capitalist elements of this thriving cottage industry.

Smugglers and connoisseurs take note! The active ingredient in marijuana that provides the active high is THC, a clear, colourless oil. The rest of the bulk of the grass/resin is comprised of stem, tar and other gunk, including the sedative cannabidiol. The hash oil can be extracted by a simple process, thus reducing the bulk. Then the cannabidiol can be separated from the THC, producing pure high! You get twice the high out of the weight, and it's more efficient to smuggle. There's no use for that crap Moroccan soap after all. See *cannabis Alchemy* for more details.

Campaign Groups

Alliance for Cannabis Therapeutics, PO box CR14, Leeds, LS7 4XF.

Change The Drug Laws Campaign, Kevin Williamson with Irvine Welsh and Howard Marks. 0131 557 5111.

CHIC, the Cannabis Hemp Information Club, PO box 2223, Glastonbury, BA6 9YU. 01458 835 769.

CLCIA (The Campaign to Legalise Cannabis International Association), 54c Peacock Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1TB. 01603 441178/625780.

Crime, Drugs and Criminal Justice is a report by the Penal Affairs Consortium which calls for a wider use of treatment programs. Free from 169 Clapham Road, London, SW9 0PU.

Lifeline produces very accessible pamphlets on harm minimisation and drug laws. Contact them at 101-103 Oldham Street, Manchester, M4 1LW, 0161 839 205.

Release. National legal and advice agency. They can also point you to local help. 338 Old Street, London, EC1B 9LT. 0171 603 86547 (24 hour emergency helpline), fax 0171 729 2599. Advice line: 0171 729 9904.



...or Class War Hippies?

Respect Users Union. c/o Barkentine Clinic, 121 West Ferry Road, London E14 8JH. Scots Against Hypocrisy. PO Box 491, Edinburgh, EH12 9DY.

Transform. The campaign to transform drug policy and legislation. Box 59, 82 Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5BB. 0117 972 7428. Scottish Drug Users Forum. 0131 220 2584.

Companies making drug testing kits and performing drug tests for bosses.

In case you want to have your urine tested:

JPS Pathology Services. Bewlay House, Jamestown Road, London NW1 7PT and at JSPS House, 115 Harley Street, London WIN 1DG. Tel: 0171 267 2672.

Biocell Diagnostics Ltd, 4 Castings Road, Sir Frances Ley Industrial Park, Derby DE23 8YL. Tel: 01223 365 318. Registered Office: 81 Burton Road, Derby DE1 1TJ. Company reg no: 3235601.

Boehringer Mannheim, Bell Lane, Lewes, E Sussex BN17 1LG. Tel: 01273 480 444. Registered Office: 14 New Street, London EC2M 4TR. Company reg no: 253665.

Medscreen, 1a harbour Quay, 100 Prestons Road, London E14 9QZ. Tel: 0171 712 8000. Company reg no: 2055216.

Biogenerics, 20-7 Pottery Street, Greenock PA15 2UH. Tel: 01475 744000.

Drug Alert Ltd, Simon Carr, PO Box 2021, Woodford Green, Essex IG7 5QQ. Tel: 0181 502 6744.

JS Northern Laboratory Services, Castle Courts, Christopher Street, Salford M5 4PT. Tel: 0161 876 4221.

Forensic Access, 24 Newtown Road, Newbury, Berks RG14 7BN.

Euromed, 31 Lancaster Mews, Bayswater, London W2 3QE. Tel: 0171 706 7132. (International Product Development Officer: Christopher Collins)

D Tech International Ltd. Manufacturers of the drug wipes now being trialled in roadside drug tests. PO Box 13, Lythan-St-Annes, Lancs FY8 1GE. Freephone/fax: 0800 371 898, Mobile:0408 252 197.

If they give us grief, then we'll give them grief.

"Some of them think they are outside the law, they have their own agenda, and they resent officers. I go into these areas and I see sullen-looking youngsters who despise the police, yet we've never done anything wrong to them other than control crime."

Keith Hallawell, then Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, now Drugs Tsar, speaking after a wave of rioting in Leeds over police harassment of drug dealers and users. The filth were apparently lured into the area by three hooded men in a car and then pelted with bricks and molotov cocktails. Let's hope we see some more of that when the state sticks it's nose into our private lives, and here's to our Drugs Tsar meeting a similar fate to his Russian namesake.

There is a new libertarian mood in this country - People feel that state interference in the private lives of consenting adults, whether in the field of drugs, sexuality or whatever, is unwelcome. As activists, we have to turn this dissatisfaction with the system into viable, coherent action that will actually rid us of the state's totalitarian laws.

Go for it!

MANDATORY DRUG TESTING IN PRISONS

Written by a serving prisoner who wishes to remain anonymous in case it damages his parole chances.

The most common test in prisons is to send a urine sample away for an immuno-assay test, which is the cheapest type. However, this test is not fail-safe, and the prisoner may plead not guilty on adjudication. The case should then be adjourned and the sample sent away for the far more expensive gas chromatography mass spectrometry test.

If this comes back as positive, it is written in the Prison Discipline Manual that you can ask for the lab scientist who performed the test to be called for cross questioning by the prisoner at adjudication - As this costs a few hundred quid, the prisoner will probably be denied this right and be sentenced. You should then appeal against this on a request complaint form and seek legal advice.

In 1996/97, there were 57,700 urine samples tested as part of mandatory drug testing in prisons. Of these, 24% tested positive. We now have a situation whereby prisoners with drug problems are refused help due to a lack of resources. The prisoner is then subjected to a damaging and unjust cycle of stupidity where, because he has been marked as a drug user, he will be targeted for more frequent drug tests and punished while his pleas for help are ignored.

500 years have been added on to prisoner sentences every year as a consequence of mandatory drug testing at an average cost of £24000 per prisoner. This does not include the additional cost of prisoners losing parole or costs to the DSS of keeping the prisoner's families, or for that matter, prisoners unable to get work on release due to drug related convictions.

In addition, prisoners have switched from cannabis to heroin as it stays in the system for a shorter period of time, thus prisoners are going back into their communities with an expensive smack habit to be funded by more crime. Moreover, in prison there is no access to clean needles and syringes, or bleach for cleaning works, thus putting prisoners at risk of contracting hepatitis or HIV with still further appalling human and financial costs. In 1996, 1312 prison visitors, on being searched, were found to be in possession of illegal drugs, and were subsequently charged.

Mandatory drug testing (MDT) is just one element of the prison service drugs strategy. The strategy document Drug Misuse in Prisons published early in 1995 sets the focus on three areas.

1. Reducing the supply of drugs

This has led to more rigorous searching procedures, and liaison with local police forces. Many prisons now display clear notices to visitors about the possible consequences of bringing drugs into prisons. There has been an increase in the use of sniffer dogs and CCTV in the visiting areas. Prisoners are more likely now to be subjected to a strip search at the end of their visit to ensure that they have not secreted any drugs.

2. Reducing the demand for drugs and rehabilitating drug misusers.

A wider range of treatment options are now available to prisoners who want to address their drug use. Although some might argue that the services provided are woefully inadequate.

3. Reducing the potential for damage to the health of the prisoners, staff and the wider community.

Initially, only eight prisons were used in a pilot scheme but by March 1996, MDT was expanded to all prisons in England and Wales. The criminal justice and public order act provided amendments to the prison act which conferred power to prison officers or prison custody officers to require a prisoner to produce a urine sample for the purpose of testing for the presence of a controlled drug in their body. Other samples of a non-intimate nature such as non-pubic hair, saliva, sweat but *not* intimate samples such as blood and semen may be requested instead of, or as well as, a urine sample.

At the same time, prison rules were amended to introduce a new disciplinary offence; Rule 47(8A) "Administers a controlled drug to himself or fails to prevent the administration of a controlled drug to him by another person." This made prisoners who tested positive or refused to provide a sample liable to a range of disciplinary measures including additional days on their sentence (between September - December 1996, 56,205 days were lost on 3,738 adjudications) this total does not include prisoners who may have been refused their parole resulting in an additional year in prison.

Prisoners may also be fined, suffer a loss of privileges and be made to have closed visits (non-contact visits) to name but a few.

Mandatory drug tests can be undertaken for the following reasons:

1. A random test, usually 10% of the prison population per month.
2. On reasonable suspicion of having used a controlled drug.
3. As part of a frequent test programme, ordered after the prisoner has been found guilty at adjudication of a drug related offence.
4. As part of the risk assessment process, for example in considering granting temporary release or transfer to a lower security prison.
5. On first reception or transfer from another establishment.

The prison service routinely test for cannabis, opiates, methadone, cocaine, amphetamines (including ecstasy), benzodiazepines and barbiturates. Prisons also have an option that a sample be tested for LSD.

For a large number of prisoners, MDT is a degrading experience. Usually two officers will go to the prisoner's cell or work place and inform the prisoner that they are required to give a urine sample for a MDT. The prisoner is then taken to the MDT suite and asked a range of questions whilst the chain of custody records are being filled in. They are then subjected to a strip search to confirm that they have nothing hidden that may affect the testing procedure. The prisoner is then asked to produce a urine sample for the purposes of testing, with at least one officer watching to make sure that the sample is not deliberately contaminated or that a substitute sample is used. The sample is then split into two containers and sealed, the chain of custody records will be completed and the samples sent to the testing laboratory for analysis.

If the prisoner cannot produce a sample on request they are held in isolation in secure conditions for a maximum period of 5 hours.

If at the end of this period of time, the prisoner can still not provide a sample, they will be charged with the disciplinary offence of "refusing to provide a sample".

When the samples arrive at the testing laboratory, one is stored for the prisoner in case they contest the result and would like an independent analysis, from the other sample a small amount of urine is taken and tested. The initial screening method is carried out by Enzyme Multiplied Immunoassay Technique. If the sample indicates a positive result, the prison is informed and the prisoner is charged under rule 47(8A). If the prisoner pleads guilty on adjudication, they will usually be dealt with there and then. However, if the prisoner challenges the result, the laboratory is notified and a second test which is different from the first test is carried out. This confirmation test is carried out by using Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry, a completely different and far more accurate test.

Since mandatory drug testing was introduced in prisons, there has been growing concerns over the testing methods used.

The fact that a prisoner is charged with a disciplinary offence after a positive test result by immunoassay alone should perhaps be called into question. An immunoassay test is a highly sensitive technique used to minimise the possibility of false negative results. However, absolute specificity is lessened such that some false positive results may be produced from cross-reacting substances having a similar chemical structure present in the specimen.

Nowhere on the chain of custody form does it inform the prisoner of their right to a second more accurate confirmation test. If this is overlooked or ignored on adjudication, then an injustice might occur.

A prisoner who has recently given up taking drugs might just accept the result of the first test where as if they asked for confirmation, it may well come back negative.

Problems may also arise for an ex-drug user who receives a false positive test result on the initial screening. Explaining to friends and loved ones that the result is wrong and that you really are clean may fall on deaf ears,

after all, most families of drugs users have heard it all before. This might well lead to marital arguments and family disputes. It can take up to two weeks to receive the result of a confirmation test.

There are also a large number of foreign nationals in our prisons whose first language is not English. As the chain of custody forms are only printed in English, one has to wonder just how much of what is said to them, or for that matter, what they are required to sign is actually understood.

There are also other factors that may contribute to drug use in prison.

In recent years, the Home Office has constantly changed prisons regime's in their drive to make prison life more austere, there has been no stability, the constant changes leave prisoners trying to guess what is going to happen next leading to a more stressful existence.

Overcrowding - There are more people imprisoned now than at any other time in our history.

The closing down of workshops - Those workshops that are left open offer such menial jobs which numb the brain that they are far more likely to drive people to drugs not away from them.

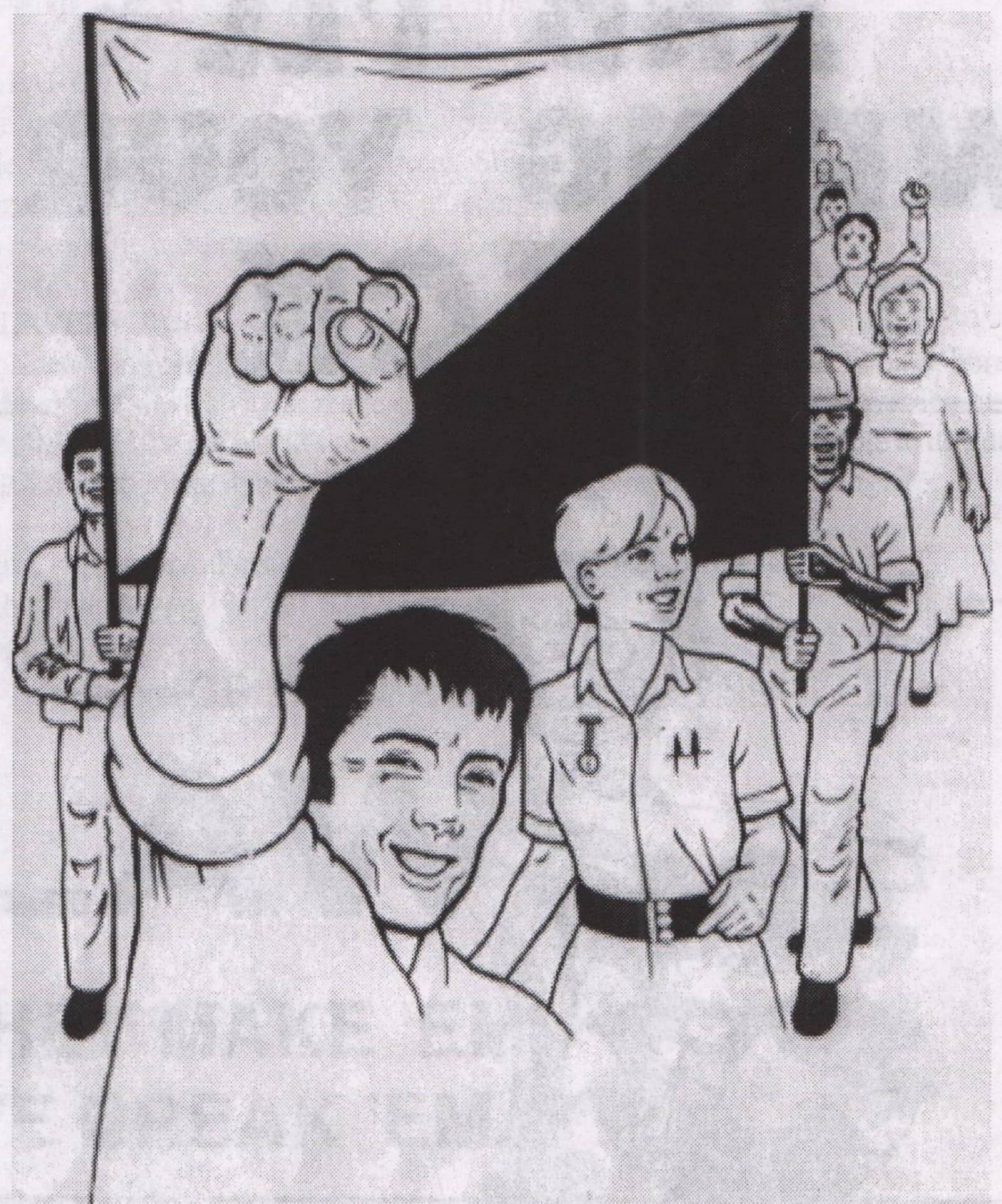
There have been drastic cuts in education, when education is widely recognised as one of the key elements in rehabilitation.

Prisoners are having to spend more time in their cells, which perhaps makes them more likely to seek alternative ways of escaping the monotony of confinement.

There has been restrictions on the amount of phone cards a prisoner can buy leading to a reduction in family contact.

These are just a few of the changes in recent years that, in my opinion, have contributed to the increase of drug use in prison.

It seems paradoxical that the prison service is spending millions of pounds on trying to eradicate drug use in prison while at the same time creating an ideal environment for it's use.



RELIGION - THE ULTIMATE CON TRICK

Religion, and more sinisterly, its morality and control methods unfortunately still survive in modern society. This article aims to examine why and how this is still the case, and to encourage debate and questioning of religiosity in society.

It is patently obvious that historically and presently religion has proved to be bad news for the working class. Anyone with a bit of suss can see the blatant hypocrisy of the clergy and their scams that they use to retain control, whether this be the oxymoron of "liberation theology" or more mundane fiddles; for instance the Newham Community Renewal Programme, a Church Of England scam, received £477,345 of grants in the year ending 31/3/95. In other words, taxpayers money is being used to maintain the infrastructure and influence of the church. Likewise, £9000 was recently spent on a bell for St Luke's church on the Isle Of Dogs, as if this neglected working class area could not have put the money to better use.

Class War activists in London have noticed the one characteristic of the new Evangelical and Pentecostal churches in London is that they seem to have copied the "greed is good" concept from the US Evangelical right. More seriously, the massive increase in these churches in London has seen an increase in reactionary ideas in the workplace - Many formerly highly unionised offices in local government and the civil service (and to some extent, public transport) have seen the decrease in union membership as the percentage of Christians in the workplace increases. Many of these people are potential or actual scabs; after all, why put your faith in the collective struggle of all your fellow workers if you believe you have a direct hotline to the Big Boss upstairs? The church owns loads of wealth and property and they still have the audacity to

preach to us from their book-lined studies are to how we should all give more money to charity. We think it is high time we started expropriating church wealth for the community - so, if you are hard up, don't nick off your own, go for the church, and any class conscious computer hackers might like to target the Vatican! As for all the properties owned by the church - Squat the lot!

In our capitalist society, based as it is on shallow, selfish consumerism, religion can seem to the desperate like a haven from a brutal system.

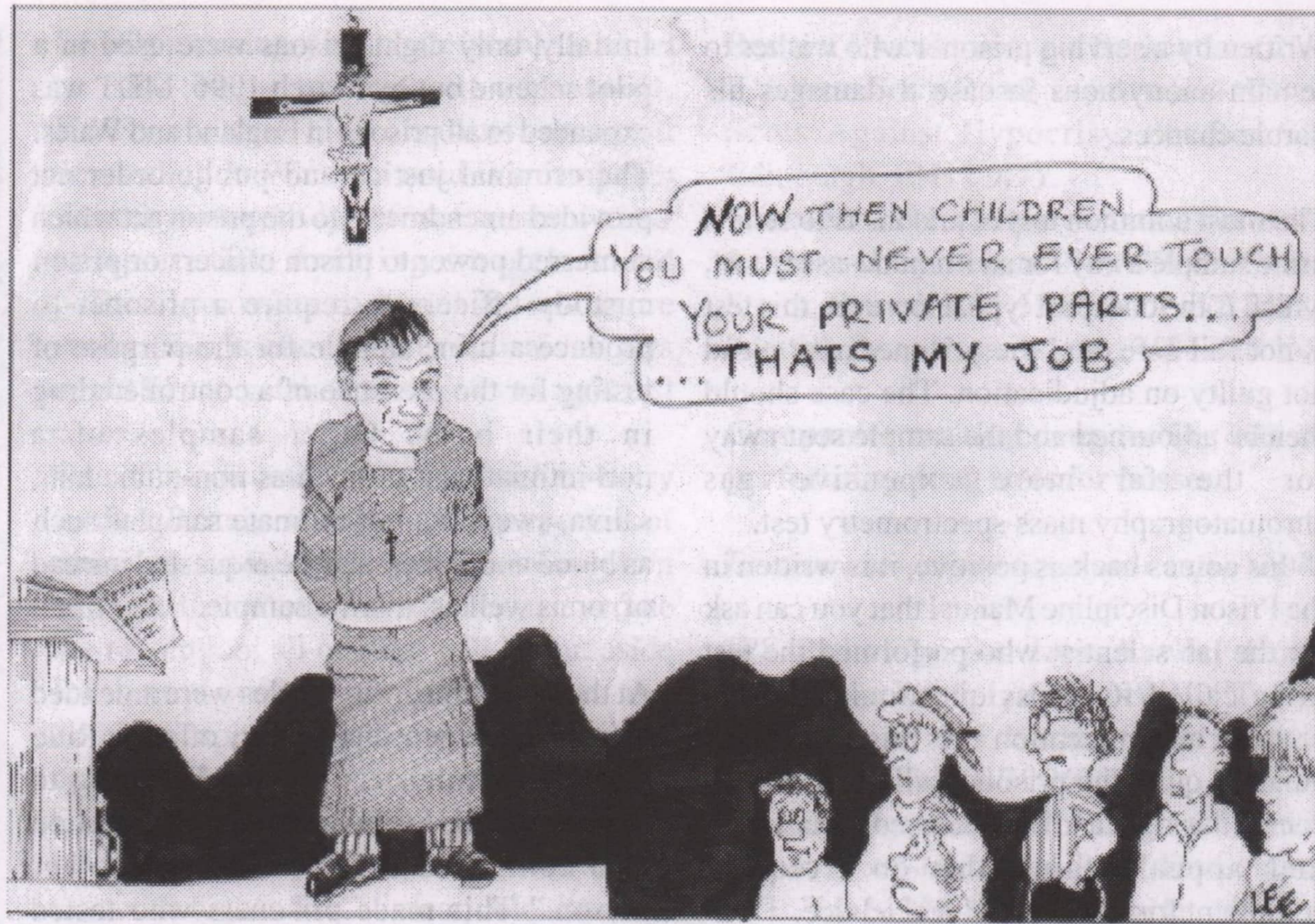
Religion cunningly co-opts real human needs such as the urge for shared collective experience and perverts it for its own ends. For instance, the early church used stained glass windows together with singing and dancing etc. to attract people (a bit like a prototype "rave"!).

Singing, dancing and music are necessary for people's mental and physical well-being, but not when channelled by the church for control purposes.

Likewise, religion purports to be socially concerned about things like recreational drug use - We all know, however, that the only reason religion is anti-drug is because they subvert religion's monopoly on altered states of perception. In other societies, however, religion has attempted to co-opt this; for instance, the Hindu religion co-opted the Shivaite sect and their practice of marijuana smoking. This poses an interesting question for the future society; will the old order of Christian priests be supplanted by a new order of New Age charlatans, attempting to programme or deny people's experiences for the new bourgeoisie?

People who have a bad social outlook and are thus lonely and unwanted will often turn to religion as a refuge.

Religious people hate the planet and it's



people, they regard life as sinful and full of suffering and thus seek salvation in Heaven - Basically a "hurrah for me and fuck you" attitude. Modern Christians try to cover up for their selfishness by adding a veneer of charity - But basically religion is still the same - The last refuge of an arsehole.

Religion tries to suppress the pleasure principle as pleasure entails being in the here and now for it's maximum enjoyment. This is a threat to the overlying web of deceit that religion imposes upon society.

The church teaches us from an early age that our bodies are "sinful" and that we should not masturbate or have sexual/sensual pleasure and that we should feel guilty about sex. Taboos are based upon repressed sexuality; if you are told not to do things when young and then do something pleasurable, the memory of this is repressed and it is difficult to discuss properly as it becomes a repressed "sin".

If people are taught that they are too "sinful" and "dirty" to run their own lives, then they will look up to those who are supposed to be our moral guardians, such as the clergy and politicians for guidance and leadership. The church thus justifies an authoritarian system run by the "great and good".

Not only does religion tell us that our current desires are sinful, but to complete their failed job also teach us that we are possessed by "original sin", that we are all evil from the day we are born - Thus, we can be controlled from day one!

What should replace religion in a liberated society? The simple, basic answer to this is "human creativity". Humanity has always sought to surpass their ordinary conditions and transcend the mundanity of society. This is part of the human ethos, and it is desirable that people should get the best out of themselves. Throughout history they have devised techniques to do this such as meditation, yoga, sexual practices, science, martial arts, che-kung, music, drugs, arts, love of nature, philosophy, etc.

Religion tries to recuperate this for its own power structure. What we seek is a society where people, both collectively and as individuals, are free to explore their emotional, cultural and spiritual attributes without the overlying crap that religion dumps upon us.

We need ideas that help people lead their lives so that they don't need to impinge upon their fellow man's liberty by wielding power over those whose ideas and values they don't agree with - Basically having a generous spirit, which in turn comes from feeling good in yourself - As distinct from the guilt and inferiority complexes fostered by religion.

People can recognise and communicate more openly the insights gained from ecstatic

experiences gained in everyday life, i.e. sex, nature, etc. "Right" and "wrong" should be discussed in schools, as to how it "protects" or inhibits society and individuals.

In a libertarian society, where people did not have to do futile, boring work and had more free time to explore their creativity, this would be possible.

The discarding of silly repressive social conformity should be replaced by society having an eager freshness in looking at themselves and others in a liberated light, with the absence of any hierarchical dogma.

Religion is basically egomania, it offers a fixed manner of looking at the world in black and white terms which as easy for simpletons to grasp. Everything is seen as fixed and concrete, whereas modern subatomic physicists have shown that this is spurious logic - Matter being protons and neutrons, i.e. energy.

This does not mean to say that we want a scientific technocracy taking over from religion, nor do we want "goddess worship", etc. We have no intention of the same old tyranny from new age characters. Neither do we want the capitalist programme of replacement of religion in the modern industrialised world with new mind-mesmerising spectacles such as TV, computer games, consumerism, virtual reality and the gladiatorial spectacles of high-tech warfare.

NO GODS - NO MASTERS

Liberate Your Mind



Fuck Religion

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

RING MY BELL AND I'LL WRING YOUR NECK



SCAMMERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!!!

There are entrepreneurs, and there are entrepreneurs. Some own strings of businesses, paying their workers fuck all, breaking the law on holidays, tea breaks etc. Others, and this means me and you, rip off unscrupulous bastards who wouldn't think twice about fleecing us, and who can well afford to be gypped. This art-form, from now on, shall be known as SCAMMING!

My scamming days began when I was only 16. We were looking for a disco (this was the late 70's, when such places actually played music) and we went into a printshop to ask directions. The owner said "I printed the tickets for the disco, but the bastards haven't paid me". He then proceeded to give us a pile of them! So when we found the venue we went round selling them at half price! It wasn't the best of dodges though, because upon getting to the doors we were met by an angry mob demanding their money back - The disco had got tickets - completely different ones - printed elsewhere!

Nevertheless, it was a start! And here I will tell you about some good fiddles mates have pulled off over the years...Often without technically breaking the law!

CHEAP RECORDS- Some crusty types used to nick covers from the unsupervised part of the local shop. Then they would wait until the actual records made it into the sale and match them up!

Sunderland "Volume" had a downstairs sale section. The owner marked the records up and left his (clueless) assistant to take punters cash. Naturally sticker-swopping was commonplace and if you fancied an import (still pricey at £4.99) you'd just remove the price sticker and the import sticker, take it to the counter and say "this one hasn't got a price on" - the guy, assuming it was a UK release would say "£2.99"! A DJ I know used to get cash off the pub landlord to buy new releases - then he wrote to the record companies to blag the freebies, living him free to piss the landlord's money up the wall! If you are friendly with a pub landlord with an entertainment licence (but no resident DJ) you could scam freebies by writing to big record companies/agencies and pretending to be a DJ working at the pub in question!

ON THE BUSES - Last buses are good because inspectors hardly ever get on, the only thing stopping you is the possibility of a jobsworth driver. If it's busy, walking on is easy, what me and the missus used to do was she got on first, I waited at the back of the queue then said to the driver "Wherever please". If he did not remember or care that one of us had not paid he'd just say the price of one fare. There was also a good fiddle with "Easy Rider" cards which you bought for a tenner then stuck in the machine next to the driver which took your fare each time you travelled. However, if the machine was fucked the driver had to let you on for nothing. We would simply crease the cards and wet them so the machines rejected them. Explorer cards (there are other regional variations) get the scratch cards from the bus depot

Hands That Don't Have To Do The Dishes

One horrible little prick that may have come to the attention of Class War readers is a Mr Guy Hands. Now this greedy turd has obviously never done a day's work with his hands in his life, however this fine example of our classless society has recently been announced as Britain's highest paid employee.

This bastard and his ilk earn more in a day than many of us will in our lives. "Not so nice" Guy earned over £40 million in salary and bonus last year, that's £110,000 a day or £75 a minute. No doubt his employers, Nomura International will claim he's worked hard for it, however the truth is that these financial whizz kids are little more than glorified gamblers. Our hope is that scum like Hands kill themselves when they fuck up and lose billions at the press of a button. However the truth of the matter is that as always, it is us working class who have to tighten our belts and make concessions, and when Labour's caring capitalism allows employers to advertise jobs for as little as £70 per week, the truth is that the fat stomach of Guy Hands will never go hungry.

Forget about a social democracy and caring capitalism - a happier life for all will only occur when we take control over our lives and show the rich scum just how necessary they are.

QUOTES

"50 experts in Yogic flying should be sent to the Gulf immediately to calm the situation down."

Defence spokesman the Natural Law Party on Radio 5 18/2/98

"The last thing I want is to be an R.A. It's ridiculous I'm more interested in art, plus, if there's a revolution they come and kill you Royal Academicians) don't they?"

Damien Hirst on being asked to join the R.A.

"... the Class War anarchists who probably think Kropotkin is a class A drug."

John Sweeney in The Observer on the counter demo which stopped the NF in Dover last year. Try as we can we can't seem to get a gram of Kropotkin anywhere - perhaps William Straw, the Home Secretary's son, could get us some?

"The Prodigy look radical but their songs aren't. They should go away and read some books about feminism."

Boff of Chumbawamba. Calling your record "Smack my Bitch Up" is sick, but is Boff suggesting cruel and unusual punishment here?

office before the day you travel, then scratch off the day, month, year and date. I used to scratch the first 3 off but forget to scratch off the date - so long as the driver didn't notice, I could travel every Sunday in the month with one ticket! However bus bosses found out and trained all drivers to check the date was scratched out. So now I scratch a small nick out of each of the 4 boxes, and then the next week scratch the full 4 boxes out and claim the nick from last week is just a scratch.

The above tickets can be used on the Metro (our version of the tube) where we also have a £10 fine for non-payment. It pays to buy an explorer, sit away from the carriage doors and hurriedly scratch off the correct boxes if - and only if - an inspector gets on. If not you have unlimited travel until then!

Postage Scams - Most are common knowledge (soaped stamps) but if you put your return address on the back of the envelope they will note it down if they spot a dodgy stamp and you will get a written warning - next time it could even be jail! (They have, believe it or not, powers that stretch up to 14 years imprisonment, though its very unlikely). One thing that does tend to happen is that a stamp half way down the envelope often misses the automatic franking machine, and small surcharges on packets are often not collected - is it worth the bother?

Supermarkets - Unknown to most people Asda and probably most supermarkets take coupons off anything (unless they have a store name on) so if you have one that says "£1 off Persil" you can get £1 off beer or food or whatever.

Prescriptions - for a limited period only. Darlington dickhead Alan Milburn (Health Secretary) says fraud is costing the NHS millions. Bollocks! Apart from the fact that any money saved is more likely to subsidise greedy MPs wage demands, we have paid for prescriptions already in national insurance contributions, so fuck you Milburn, here are the facts about prescription fraud but be quick 'cos the bastards are going to bring in laws forcing you to carry ID in chemists.

1. Only about 1 in a 1000 prescriptions are checked.(this comes from a solid internal source)
2. If you are caught at the moment it is only a civil offence so they can only make you pay for prescriptions (but fines will be introduced - watch the news)

So long as you are sensible you can take what is rightfully yours. If you are in a frontline job (in view of the public) don't go personally to the chemists because somebody will always recognise you from work - get somebody to put in the prescription for you.

Remember National Insurance is higher than ever yet the things it covers - health, benefits etc are worse than ever! We must not let them guilt trip us into paying.

That's all the scams and scamming issues I've got time for this issue. Readers can I'm sure do better so write in, Mr Fiddler

Phantom Flan Flinger Strikes Back Against Evil Empire

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates was hit in the face with a cream cake in Brussels. Bill was entering a building to meet with Belgian government officials. One person distracted Gates attention while another threw the cream tart, hitting Gates right in the face. Four to five were involved in the attack, two were arrested but Flan Flinger got away. Microsoft are not pressing charges.

As monopoly capitalists go Microsoft ain't especially bad but all members of the international ruling class need reminding however rich and powerful they are they can always be got too.



"This land has been in our family for the last 900 years and it will, hopefully, continue to be in the family for the next 900 years. It would be inconceivable for me to dispose of it."

Bankroller of the Countryside Alliance, the Duke of Westminster, opposing the right to roam - apart from fox hunters of course!

"Only cowards attack someone with women around"

John Prescott, after having some water thrown over him (by Dan NoBacon) - A man who was on the verge of bombing women and children all over Iraq.

"I was one of the anarchists on the Aldermaston march and used to get very tired of mindless and ill-informed remarks by Polly Toynbee's little friends about "anarchist bombs". When it came to throwing bombs, we could hardly compete with governments, could we?"

John Pilgrim, in a letter to the Guardian

"Class War has disbanded and is now the Movement Against The Monarchy"

Ian Bone, speaking on Channel 4's Smash It Up. We would like to point out that the above is a figment of Ian's egomaniac imagination and Munchausen's syndrome. This newspaper quite obviously does not exist.

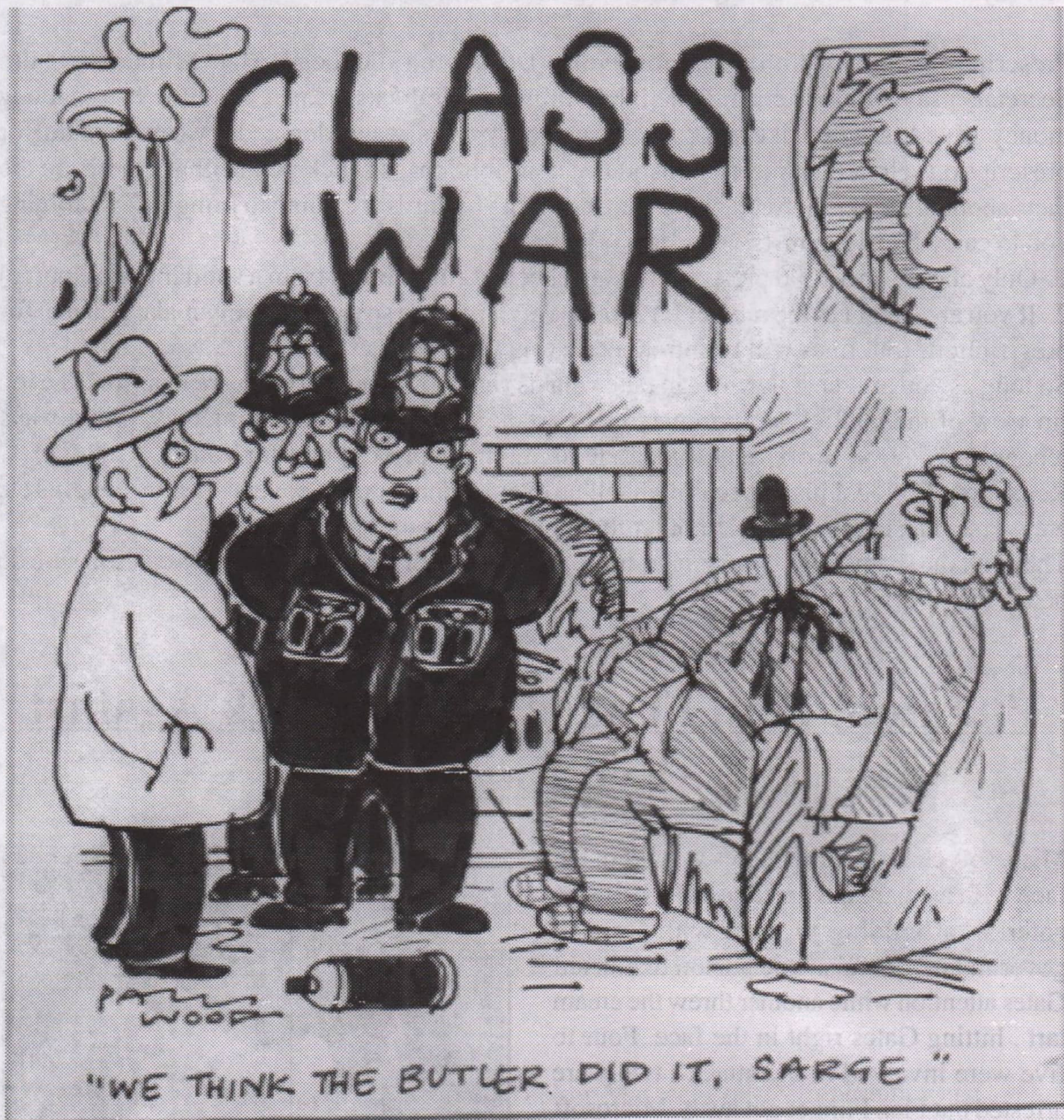
WORKER OF THE YEAR??

Everybody involved with Class War is currently green with envy about the activities of an unnamed employee at Prince Andrews' palatial home in Sunninghill, Berkshire. After a hard day "representing" the British people by shooting village wildlife in parts of the Berkshire countryside we will never be allowed access to. Randy Andy was entertaining his guests (at our expense of course) when he requested that the wine be served.

At the age of 37 Andrew should really have learned how to pour his own drinks by now, but the red wine was certainly flowing as our hero managed to drop the bottle, slashing the royal wrist into the bargain!! As if that was not good enough, he then followed up with an encore of walking into the Prince after cleaning up the glass. After all, Prince Andrew couldn't be expected to clean his own home like the rest of us.

Sadly before the old cliché of third time lucky could be tested Andrew was taken to hospital where he had 5 stiches in a hand wound. All this meant that the pheasants, grouse and ducks of southern England were left in peace for a few days. The local golf courses had one less parasite on them, as the media was informed that Andrew would now be unable to brush up on his golf over Christmas. Poor love.

A free subscription to Class War is waiting for the heroic butler along with some useful advice - next time aim for the throat!



No Front From The National Front!

Saturday 24th January saw the Bloody Sunday Commemoration march and rally in London. Using the usual level of intelligence we have come to expect from the Met, some bright spark decided to allow the National Front permission to stage a counter demonstration along the route - Will they ever learn? As soon as the news of this came out, AFA sent out a national callout for the demonstration. As the day dawned bright and chilly, the area was soon swamped with well over a hundred anti-fascists, determined to enter into a meaningful dialogue with the fash about the error of their ways. Despite determined efforts from the Old Bill, including searching everyone present in one of the pubs along the route, nothing was going to stop the assembled anti-fascists from confronting the NF - Once the march arrived and the NF demo was in full swing, the pubs emptied and the massed ranks descended on the site of the NF demo to find ... the NF had decided not to hang around. Not to be deterred, the group made a quick sweep of the area, despite some top-notch policing from our boys in blue (including ordering a small group with arrest for breach of the peace - for trying to get on a tube train, and totally losing it during a commando-style assault on the local Sainsburys!) but the fash

had obviously lost their bottle. With the trail still not cold, a small group of intrepid Class Warriors descended on Camden, where the fash have been seen on recent occasions, and ran into a bunch of boneheads in one of the local pubs.

Despite outnumbering the AFA crowd by two to one, the proud White Power Rangers decided to make a rush for it...out the back door. Still determined to 'discuss the issues' with the nazi scumbags, the group reassembled and cornered the NF scum at a pub by the Kings Cross area. Once they noticed the large crowd of AFA activists descending on them at speed, they once again showed us the only thing they managed to show us all day - Their backs as they fled in panic.

Perhaps it was the lack of experience of the new wave of NF recruits which prompted their several rapid exits - By the look of some of them, primary schools are now prime recruiting areas - But then again, the lack of front from the National Front is something we have come to expect. The Class War Federation would like to remind the Aryan losers that if at any stage they should unexpectedly find their bottle again, we'll be around to continue where we left off.

A Conspiracy To Prevent Direct Action

November 13th 1997 saw 3 editors of the Green Anarchist newspaper sentenced to 3 years imprisonment at Portsmouth Crown Court. Their conviction for "Conspiracy to incite persons unknown to commit criminal damage" raises important questions for the entire revolutionary movement, not least Class War.

The trial of what was initially the Gandalf 6 came after a lengthy police campaign, Operation Washington. This was designed to put 6 writers from Green Anarchist and the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group Newsletter in the dock and to ensure sentences that would justify the police's expenditure. 55 police raids took place and at one stage the operation was manned by 60 police officers at a cost of £2 million. In this the cops were not totally successful - one defendant was found not guilty, one never reached the dock and another was severed from the trial, but the lengthy sentences handed down have set a dangerous precedent.

What GA were actually jailed for was incitement. Their method - simply reporting direct action. This is an outrage. There is no doubt that the shadow of Britain's secret police hangs over this trial. The trials first day saw the court closed to everyone except the judge and prosecution so possible public immunity certificates could be granted. These protect the security services and their agents from public exposure and scrutiny.

Part of the defendants preferred strategy was to expose the incitement carried out by MI5 asset Tim Hepple whilst infiltrating Green Anarchist. It was equally crucial for the legal system that Hepple's role was not exposed - so crucial in fact that defence QC Ken McDonald resigned rather than represent Paul Rogers who was insistent that Hepple be put in the witness box. Consequently Rogers was dropped from the trial, although it seems likely he will be prosecuted at a later date - possibly as early as April.

Hepple is of particular interest to Class War, having once attempted to join Manchester CW, and at one stage wishing to set up a Class War group in Lancaster. One organisation who did allow Hepple to join, the British National Party, saw 2 of their members jailed in 1989 for assaulting a police officer in Sheffield. Hepple was with them at the time and was seen by a witness kicking the officer - yet the charges against Hepple were dropped. We have no sympathy for assaulted policemen or jailed nazis, but we can only speculate the trouble our members/supporters could now be in had we allowed Hepple to join.

Hepple worked for the discredited "anti-fascist magazine" Searchlight, which has mixed bullshit about the British far-right with smears against the British left for a generation to whoever is daft enough to be taken in by them. Suspiciously, given their long term hostility to Anarchists, two of the Searchlight team, Ray Hill and Tim Hepple joined Green Anarchist. Here Hepple called for Greens to duplicate the methods of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) many of which as we know are illegal. Yet as in the BNP Hepple has evaded prosecution, whilst those who merely listed ALF and other direct actions have been jailed. This is not just fishy it is a clear example of the most low of creatures - the agent provocateur.

Tim Hepple is now calling himself Tim Matthews and living in Southport, Merseyside. Recently he has been heard threatening to sue his nemesis, the researcher Larry O'Hara, who exposed his shenanigans in the green movement. We'll believe it when we see it Tim.

Should the convictions of GA be taken to their logical conclusion, we should see national newspapers who report cases of direct action facing prosecution. This of course will not happen even when they publish (for example) highly excitable reports about asylum seekers and racial tensions subsequently increase. Establishment publications however should note the precedent that has been set, when they investigate certain sections of the establishment could they be suppressed?

The trial of the Gandalf 6, and the 3 jail sentences, was an attempt to intimidate the radical press, of which Class War is a part. We do not intend to be reckless in response to this, but we will certainly not be intimidated. We are a class struggle organisation that believes in the working class taking power - direct action is an essential component in this. If the state does not like that it will have to lump it.

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Hertfordshire.
SG1 2TR

On Tim Hepple:
Contact the Anti-Deception Committee,
BM Box 4769,
London WC1N 3XX.

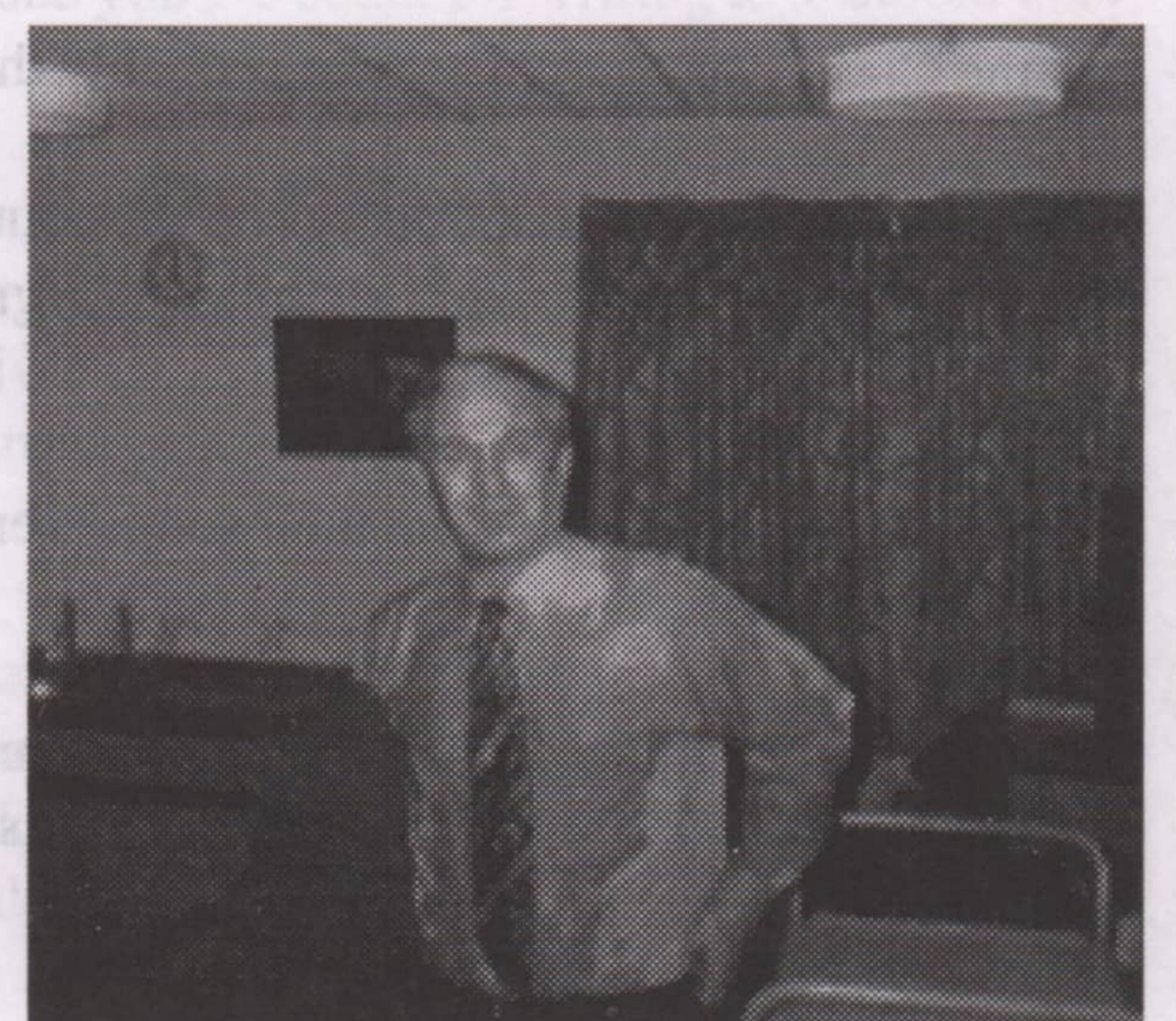
London Gandalf Support Campaign: c/o London Greenpeace,
Panther House,
38 Mount Pleasant,
London WC1X 0AP

A good Dousing for Derek

On the evening of Friday the 20th of Feb. Local Anti-War activists from Leeds visited the surgery of MP Derek Fatchett who is also Minister of State for the foreign office. After all the war mongering that Fatchett and his cronies had been doing abroad he thought he could come back to Leeds and carry on business as usual, and so the local activists under the banner of A.W.O.L. (Anti War Offensive in Leeds) set out to teach Fatchett that if anything it was no business as usual.

Questions were put to him on the proposed mass murder of children in Iraq. Soon it became clear that getting the truth out of a politician was asking the impossible, and that he needed a good cooling down. So he was introduced to a nice bucket of cold water, a la Chumbawamba.

Exit AWOL leaving the scumbag stunned and embarrassed. NICE ONE. More of the same please, maybe next time Fatchett and his like should be made to walk the plank.



Jeffrey Archer - What a Punt!!

What do the following have in common? The millenium dome, automatic ticket machines on the tube, those tardis shaped public toilets and the campaign for an elected London wide mayor? All are examples of changes that nobody other than a so-called enlightened minority ever wanted, but that we seemed to get anyway. Huge PR (public relations) machines have getting into gear to push the candidates of the individuals who want to run our lives here in London. How generous of failed politicians like Jeffrey Archer and Steven Norris to step forward for public duty once more!!

Class War would like nothing better than to stand Monica Coughlan against Archer if he does get the Tory candidacy (for overseas readers Ms. Coughlan was a prostitute Archer gave lots of money to but it was absolutely nothing to do with sex, oh no). But like most people she has better things to do than worry about a non-issue as the mayors job.

Will an elected Lord Mayor of London rebuild council estates, provide efficient and cheap transport service and house the homeless? None of the 32 local authorities in London currently manage to do so, the late and



unlamented Greater London Council largely failed to do so, so why should one man? The creation of an elected Mayor will create jobs - in the way that the constant creation of government quango's created jobs for the rich middle class pen pushers - jobs for people like Jeffrey Archer, Steven Norris and Labours' likely candidate Trevor Philips. We won't be proved wrong.

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Getting Results

One of the leading figures in new Labour is Margaret Hodge, MP for Barking and former leader of Islington council. Like many who have made the transition from local to national government Hodge proved her worth to the establishment by her commitment to ringing as much poll tax out of the working class as possible. Indeed, she once commented that Islington council would pursue poll tax debtors "to the end of the earth and the end of time". Whilst Hodge enjoys the plush parliamentary benches at Westminster, those left behind have found living up to her rhetoric difficult. In the words of the Islington Gazette "hundreds of poll tax rebels who vowed they would never pay a penny have won total victory".

Basically Islington's version of "to the end of time" proved to be... 5 years. As to pursuing rebels "to the end of the earth" Islington finance chief Steve Hughes commented "We've attempted to trace people who have absconded but we've been unable to find them."

We would be interested to know how many other councils' have now thrown in the towel on this issue, as those still being pursued over poll tax debts may be advised to keep stalking. In particular Islington council seem to have been very concerned that efforts to chase dodgers be "cost effective". In plain English this means that if we cost them more to chase then they can get out of us if they catch us, they will give up. On this issue at least, it seems that the working class of Islington had a bit more fight in them than Islington council.

You do not have to be mad to work in local government in London, but it clearly helps. The same issue of the Hackney Gazette covered these two controversies. The first revealed that no school in Hackney have paid their gas bill since October 1995 and to pay their bills many would have to sack staff. The other story revealed that in 9 months 21,000 court orders had been made against Hackney residents for non-payment of council tax. Revenue chief Ian Baker commented: "We will have no hesitation in sending in the bailiffs"

As Hackney councils' schools seem incapable of paying their bills out of the revenue they already receive, perhaps the bailiffs should start by taking Mr Bakers' desk and chair from the town hall rather than harassing Hackneys' resident's over sums that in many cases they cannot afford to pay. Where has the £650,000 set aside for the gas bills gone by the way???

"CHAOS" - class war on the planes.

An increasing trend that is worthy of note is that of sabotage. Sabotage is written off by the left as they can't recruit people in the open who do it, and they see it as a backward method of resistance. At **Class War** we recognise that sabotage is actually an advanced form of action that arises from class conflict and we fully support actions taken against bosses. Whether they are managers who try to screw more work out of us for less money, or just a nasty tight fisted boss. Actions we take in an everyday manner in our daily lives strengthen working class resolve to fight bigger battles, and we can be and are successful in our daily resistance at work. Now the habit of striking has left the British working class for a while, the old weapons of theft and sabotage are making a reappearance. They might not 'be sophisticated enough' but they are part and parcel of the working class way of life.

Just before Christmas a magazine called "**Chaos**" was circulated to many of British airways 12,000 cabin crew, and it gave many a helping hand on how you can get extra pay by forcing planes to remain abroad for longer than planned. Many tactics were suggested and BA crew can make a tidy sum in overtime. We all need a bonus in our pay packets!!

On British airways apart from the unofficial strike that was taken by hundreds of workers - on the sick - last summer - this magazine shows people haven't lost the spirit of fight back. Some of the tips included:

"Take a handful of feathers from the duvet and toss them in the engine [In Spain or Greece]... the engineer will immediately assume a bird strike and the specialist inspection required can take hours."

"A full cup of coffee over the flight deck controls can take weeks to sort out."

"SuperGlue the toilet seat - the removal of a gold card holder from the toilet is a time consuming affair and in most cases good for lunch and dinner"

Apart from criticizing the Transport and General Workers Union for signing a deal that lost ground for workers, the leaflet also contained threats to the airlines' Chief Executive Robert Ayling.

You Know It Makes Sense

At **Class War** like most people we are sick and tired of these useless scumbags who think that they have the right to live the life of Riley sponging off the state. Which means sponging off the sweat of honest taxpayers. When we work we have to pay income tax and national insurance. Just to live in the worst housing we have to pay council tax. When we go into a shop to buy something we have to pay VAT, beer, and fag duty.

There are a million different ways that we are taxed in this society, many of them hidden, and a certain section of this society think that it's their god given right to take this tax money for their own selfish advantage. Well we've had enough, and it's time to name names. These are the three man culprits: **BIG BUSINESS**, **THE STATE** (Tony Blair's not worth 100 pounds a year let alone 100,000), and the **MONARCHY**.

As if these bastards hadn't enough money already, then they rob us of the pittance we get to live on. This is **taking the piss**.

Those of us (un)lucky enough to have a job shed blood, sweat and tears working in dull meaningless offices and factories to provide **BIG BUSINESS** with their huge profits and their fat cat obese bellies.

To put the icing on the cake our taxes pay for their subsidies, tax dodges and scams, and incentives just for putting a factory in a deprived area like South Wales or Sunderland rather than Taiwan, and generously paying piss poor wages. In the pubs around the city of London they "entertain clients" by putting the business American Express gold card behind the bar and drink and eat off it all night, there are special jars for these credit cards and the beer is regularly over 2 pound fifty a pint!! Who is scrounging off who???

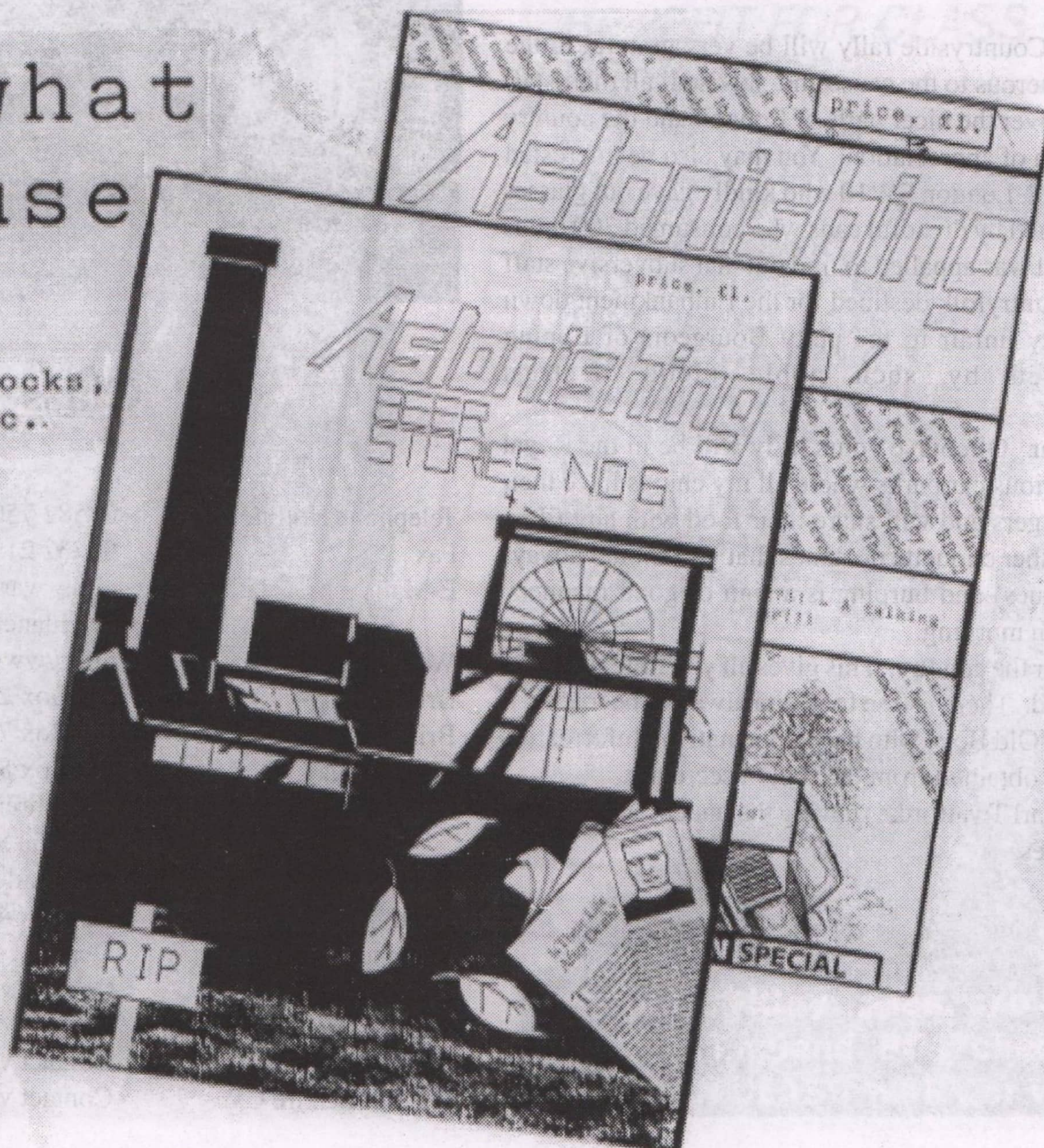
Then there's the state. These bastards are the tax collectors, but for the moment there's no Robin Hood. You know we wouldn't mind paying tax if it was spent properly. These bastards are pissing away one million a day just on Trident alone. A quarter of a billion every year on technology designed to wipe us all out.

But that's "nothing". How many millions were spent on keeping us in the European Exchange Mechanism (ERM)? Only to drop out of it after spending most of the National Health Service budget on trying to save the bacon of Tory bastard chancellor Norman Lamont. These greedy twats have bugged up all the essential services, have spent our money making and keeping the rich wealthier than they've ever been and then have the nerve to blame single mothers, the unemployed and anyone else struggling to live off "benefits". Yeah, we really love to make forty quid a week financing our decadent working class lifestyles. Bollocks. Meanwhile **Tory Blair** throws **thirty grand** celebrity parties.

And what about the monarchy? The Royal family, "god bless 'em". They just want 30 million to rebuild some poxy castle that they had burned down, less than .1% of the population will ever see all inside of.

Oh yes, and one needs a new boat to play around in, a snip at 50 million. These parasites leech the very blood from our veins. And some whinging arse licker tells us that they bring us millions in tourism. Well, let's cut their fucking heads off, stick the remains in a Damien Hirst style tank and show 'em off in the Tower of London. Watch the tourists come running!! Imagine a televised public execution, pay per view. They're more valuable dead than alive.

Well, we know who the real spongers are and we know what to do with them. They need us a hell of a lot more than we need them. Just do it....



Book Reviews

"The Riot Act" by John Stock (Serpents' tail, £8.99)

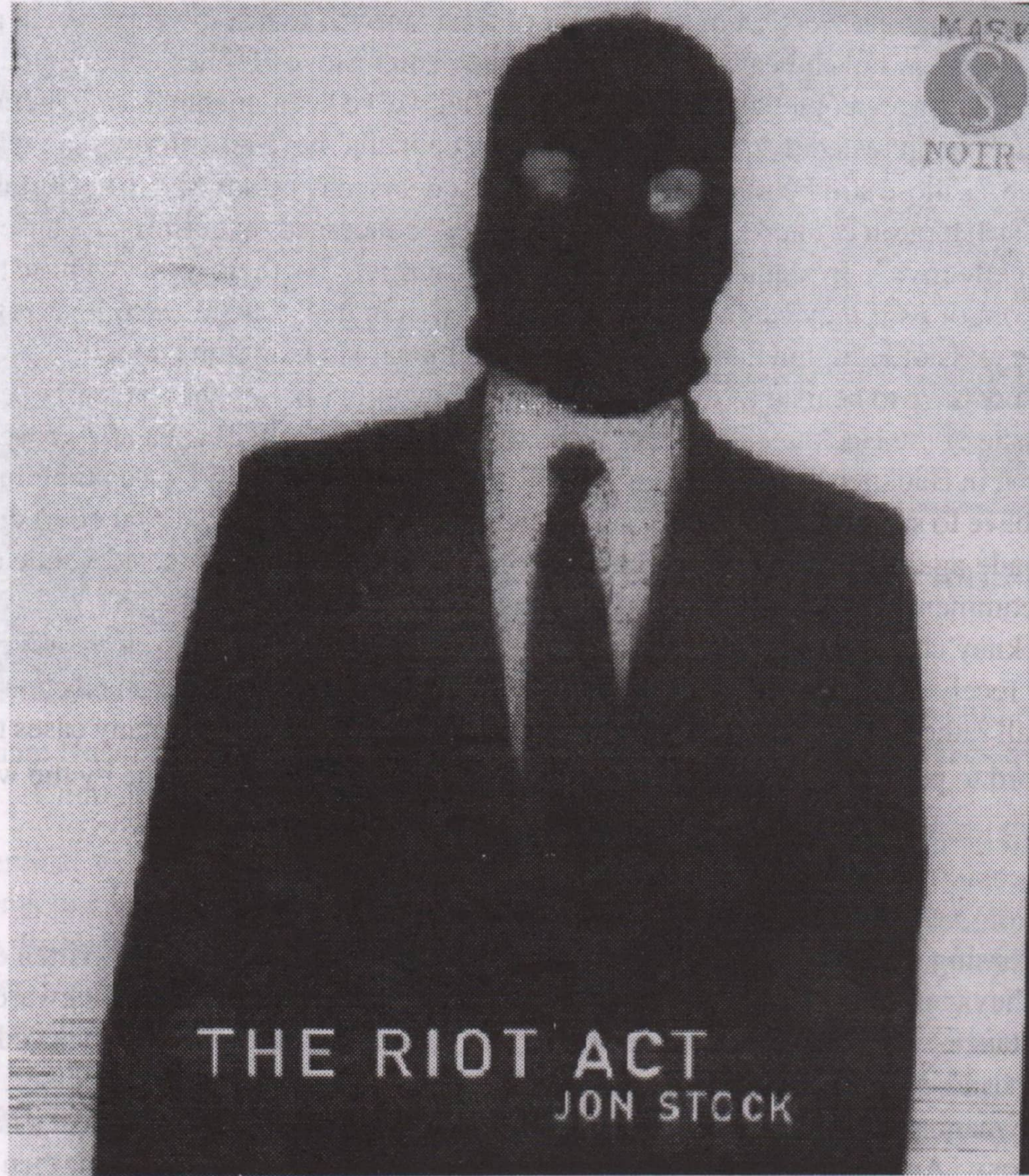
According to the cover "*Class War* meets Le Carre in John Stock's ferocious debut, a millennial thriller set in a terror struck London on the edge of collapse". Having read this book, the only thing likely to collapse is the readers patience.

The plot is that an ex-public schoolboy come crusty *Class War* member sees his new age girlfriend blown up by terrorists. He takes his revenge by visiting his uncle who just happens to work for MI5, and he gets him a job in the city watching the suspected killers... people looking for a rival faction of MI5.

The only slightly sympathetic character, Leggit (Martin Wright? Tim Scargill?) Lasts about 8 pages before being dragged off on murder charges and the authors knowledge of *Class War* and the wider anarchist movement, seems to be based on little more than a collection of press cuttings from the Daily Mail.

Predictable love interest, predictable death for the baddies, all build up to a weak final twist. The hero has done so well he is handed back his MI5 file(!)... and discovers his beloved girlfriend had been spying for the state.

All in all - total bollocks. It will probably be on telly by the end of the year.



"Acid - The secret history of LSD" By David Black

This book makes an entertaining read for anyone interested in the history of government involvement in the illegal drugs trade, and those who like this sort of thing should definitely

check out "Acid Dreams - the CIA, LSD and the 60's" by Martin A. Lee and Bruce Shlain.

BUT, the book does have an overall taint of conspiracy theory about it, at least the author is honest enough to admit his own personal experience with LSD was uncomfortable, but then again, if you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen.

The drugs trade is necessarily secretive and conspiratorial by the nature of it's illegality and will inevitably involve clandestineness, opportunism and cover up. The fact is that millions of people the world over have taken LSD for the past few decades for their enjoyment and experimentations (and have taken natural psychedelics for millenia) with no prompting from the secret state. Organisations such as the CIA and MI5 are only as good as the people in them, i.e. public schoolboys who do, from time to time, screw up, and for that matter, act as renegades against their bosses. They are not invested with mystical powers, and do not always need to practice elaborate means of social control when drugs such as prozac, alcohol and TV already do a very nice job of keeping the population in a state of merry inanity.

Lord Snooty

Dear peasants,

It's your old chum snooty here sparing time out of my busy social life to bring you unwashed masses a taste of good breeding and culture to your downtrodden proletarian excuses for living.

I've been having a chinwag with one of my mumsie's oldest and bestest friends recently who has a history of being more than chummy with a senior member of the Royal Family. Any way it seems that our saintly Diana was indiscreet within weeks of marriage with an officer in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders latterly she also demanded servicing by a succession of chauffeurs in the back of the car. More tales next issue. Can you spot the odd one out amongst the Queens children? They are all skinny and balding with the exception of one who looks surprisingly like the Queen's master of horse the Marquis of Ailsford. A dozen Loch Fine oysters to this week royal bastard competition winner. All entries should be sent to 'I Know Who The Royal Bastard Is' Competition, Majesty Magazine, Kings Reach Tower, Stamford Street, London SE1.

Anyway, all those of you who supported the Countryside rally will be very grateful to the estate agents Savilles who were extremely generous to the cause and 'advised' all their staff to turn up or else! Savilles have branches all over the nicer parts of London and the country so maybe you could give them your own token of appreciation. You may also be interested that the restaurant Glaisters in Hollywood Road, London SW10 who kindly gave out glasses of champers to pro Hunters has since been visited by dreadful cads who consumed 300 quids worth of booze and pissed off without paying. I was appalled to find out that subversive staff on the London Underground were sending countryfolk destined for the Embankment down the central line to Ongar. This was grossly unfair to the petty Bourgeois of Epping Forest who felt completely upstaged by such noble blood. I trust management will deal appropriately.

Royal Ascot is as usual in early June this year. Of course yours truly will be in the Royal Enclosure this year but entry is free to the various car parks where all my chums have their picnics. They are always welcoming to strangers and will share their food with any filthy lumpen scum who cares to join them. Remember etiquette demands that you should always give a full on snog to the hostess (with tongues) and burping is a sign of good manners. Special trains leave from Waterloo station each morning.

May brings open days to Public schools all over the country. This gives all you illiterate scum the chance to see how your betters are educated. There is free food and always a beer tent. If you turn up you will probably be mistaken for Old Boys who have gone native. Information on these days, also called speech days, can be obtained from the school secretary.

Anyway must dash as my mucker Barty, The Earl Twatford, is having the under scullery maid whipped for insolence and I'm counting strokes.

Your socially superior chum,

Snooty

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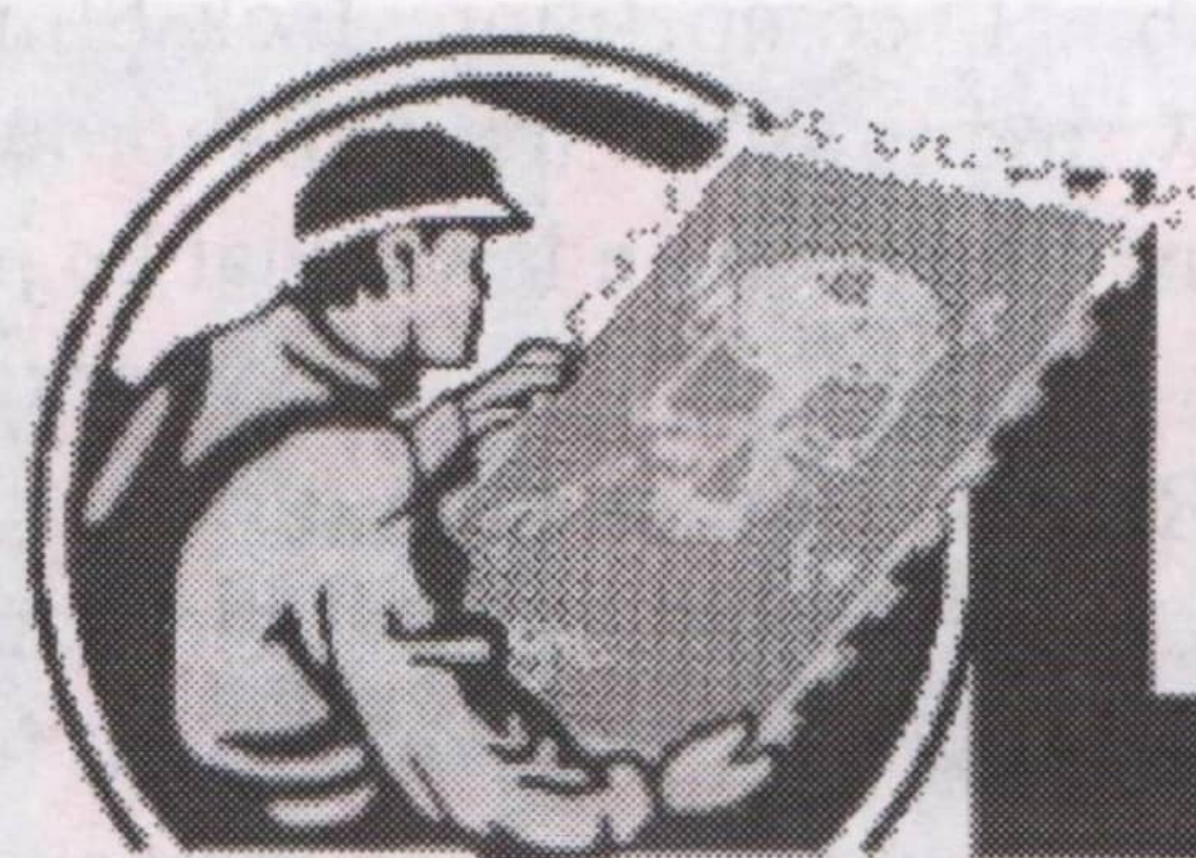
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Dear Class War,

It really fucking irritates me the way in which people outside of Brighton see it as some political 'Holy Land' that is full of anarcho's continually engaged in struggle versus the establishment. Whilst there is an abnormally large 'alternative' community and there are many good activists within it, most are life stylist wankers who talk the talk but when it comes to doing anything of meaning seem to mysteriously disappear!

Perhaps I'm just in the wrong place at the wrong time, but it seems to me that most are just a bunch of middle class trendies who hide within their ghetto, safely slagging off everything that goes on around them. When real WORKING CLASS people show up they can't handle it because they know nothing about our day-to-day realities and experiences.

Brighton Class War would like to change this. Not by integrating ourselves into the shit, but by getting other like minded individuals involved. Not necessarily members of Class War, but as part of a wider movement that is not elitist, is comprised of working class people and you don't have to have dreads to apply. Anyone reading this letter who thinks they'd like to contribute should contact us at the following address:

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Dear Class War,

You could go into the roughest pub in any town, with a baby in a pushchair, and not get into any bother. But should you encounter a gang of drunken university students things might very well be different. This was the situation I found myself in 3½ years ago when, together with my friend Jane Leathborough, and my youngest daughter, then just aged 6 weeks, I stopped for a quiet drink at a pub in Sheffield called 'The Pomona'.

While Jane sat alone with the baby in the pub beer garden she was insulted and abused by a gang of middle-class louts, numbering about 15 in total. I myself was then in turn insulted and abused. One of the scumbags, (who it turns out has a record for making obscene phone calls), even told me "I'd like to fuck your baby". If this was not enough I was then physically attacked; punched, kicked, hit over the head with a bottle or heavy glass, and cut with a knife. Over the course of the next 5 minutes or so, and while being chased 150 yards, I sustained multiple injuries, including a broken nose, broken and damaged teeth, one or more broken ribs, a knife wound to my hand, a 3cm cut over my right eye, and a 3cm long head wound. If I had not managed to wrestle a knife from one of my attackers I believe I would have been stabbed and killed, such was the ferocity of the onslaught. However, though I never intentionally wounded anybody, in the course of beating me up, 5 of the students were injured with the knife I had taken from them.

A number of independent witnesses who saw the incident made statements to the police that I was attacked and badly beaten, and not one of the 60 witnesses present saw me stab anyone. Yet, amid a hysterical local press campaign I was charged with 5 counts of section 18 wounding (GBH). The social standing of the students, and my own 20 year history of class struggle anarchism, were undoubtedly major factors in my subsequent fitting up.

After spending a year locked up on remand, and following a trial characterised by lies, perjury, the withholding and planting of evidence, and every dirty trick possible by the police and prosecution, I was convicted on 2 of the section 18 counts, and also on 3 lesser alternative copunts, (unlawful wounding), with which I had not even been charged.

Even after conviction I had been told to expect a prison sentence of no more than 5 years. But I got 12. Compare this to the sentences imposed last year on 3 Welsh students convicted of 2 section 18's, and other serious offences after a drunken rampage in which they seriously injured one man and beat and kicked an old crippled man so badly he died a week later. These thugs, who like the students in my own case were "Celebrating their exams", received sentences of between 18 months and two years.

From within prison, where I have now spent 3½ years, I am actively fighting for justice. I have rejected the parole procedure, and if necessary will spend every day of my sentence in a high security prison.

What has happened to me is a naked example of class warfare at its most vicious. I am in prison simply because I was not prepared to allow myself to be kicked to death by a gang of *pissed up Hooray Henrys*.

Please take the trouble to find out the facts about my case, which are outlined in a leaflet obtained from my support group in Sheffield. What has happened to me could happen to any working class person, and in particular to any revolutionary. I am tooth and nail with the State everyday, fighting to overcome a judicial nightmare. Please give me whatever support and solidarity you can.

Yours In Solidarity and for Justice,

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Dear Class War,

There are attempts in Parliament, via Michael Foster's bill, to ban hunting with dogs, supported by hunt sabs etc. This conjures up images of rich people in red coats on horses being banned from engaging in fox hunting.

What's this got to do with us? Well, something that the "animal rights" brigade are omitting to tell people is that ALL hunting with dogs will be banned, including working class poachers, gypsies, miners etc. who go out with their lurchers, whippets and greyhounds to catch something for the pot. The bill enables the filth to seize and destroy any such dogs caught poaching - So much for "animal liberation" - Sanctimonious hunt sabs had better chew on that one long and hard.

While I'm on the subject of hunting, it's come to my attention that creeps from those usually anti-hunting fascist groups, the British National Party and the International Third Position have been turning up at Countryside Alliance events up and down the country to poison the atmosphere with their lies. I'd like to take the opportunity to call on fellow poachers to get together with their friends and keep an eye out for these scum at future events, and give them a right pasting if they turn up.

Anthony the anarchist poacher

Dear Class War

What's with the sexism in your new paper? I've just finished reading your first edition and the article on Liz Pinn could have been written by a Sun journalist.

So women who have sex are 'bikes' are they? What exactly does this have to do with advancing the Class struggle? Half the working class are in fact women.

I thought when you apologised for your last display in 'London Calling' that you were taking sexism seriously - Seems I was a bit over-optimistic.

An ex-Class War reader

Class War says "You have completely missed the point. We attack wealthy women and women who are the working classes political enemies. We do this in a way to appeal to ordinary working class men and women who can relate to this down to earth approach. Normally it is working class women who are the subject of the Suns' rantings (as you rightly say) and we target the wealthy for abuse using any working class means necessary turning sexism around. This is powerful because it says that the wealthy (women in this case) do not deserve their immense privilege. We do not believe there is a 'womanhood' that straddles classes and do not elevate 'womens issues' above *class* analysis because if you do you end up with liberal politics. If this is interpreted as 'sexism' by the middle class then we are guilty. In our day to day activities we relate to working class women in an honest way and are not 'sexist' towards them.

GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER

It was no surprise when the favourite in the 'most repugnant member of the cabinet' competition, Jack Straw, finished off the whitewash began by his predecessor, and closed the door on a new inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster. Tosser Straw is so busy handing out new powers to the filth, and drafting new Draconian laws, that he just hasn't the time to slap a couple of copper's wrists when their incompetence costs the lives of ninety-six working class people. You can bet that if there had been a similar disaster at the Henley Regatta (please God, flood, fire, earthquake, anything), then some fucker would have been hung, drawn and quartered by now. As it is, the senior copper responsible on the day, Chief Supt David Duckenfield was pensioned off back in '92, and has now got his feet up in Devon, the lies and concealed evidence now just a dim memory. This was the wanker who blamed rampaging Liverpool fans for forcing the gate open, but later admitted that the police had in fact opened the gate. He, and other coppers leaked a series of lies about fans behaviour to the press, in order to cover their own backs.

But surprise, surprise, fuck all's going to be done about it. It's just left to the families to pursue private prosecutions and manslaughter convictions. In fact South Yorks Chief Constable, Richard Wells has nothing but sympathy for poor old Duckenfield. "The quality of his life must be next to nothing - and who knows what goes through his mind at three in the morning? He has had to shoulder a great responsibility for what happened."

If he felt so fucking guilty why didn't he come clean at the time? The families and friends of the deceased, who are the only ones who have really had to struggle to sleep at night, have had to find out the hard way that the State protects the Police, just as the Police protect the State. As one father who lost his son said, "This is not New Labour - it's old Conservatives all over again, and the same old cover-up."

Fans 0 Profit 1

Years back, football was definately a working class game. Now things are a bit more complicated. It was a way to release all your passions, joy to despair, laughing to disbelief. The game now is sterile, all because of money. Its pathetic managers have to ask fans to shout for the team. In the past people would do this automatically, not so now. The reason is £. Simple as that. Grounds are quiet because the clubs are only interested in middle class wankers who like sitting down, who like politely applauding, who like Sky TV and their fucking cheerleaders!

If we want to take our game back then we have to take steps against their profits.

The price rises at grounds are totally disgusting, especially the bigger clubs. They talk about increased quality as justification - this is bullshit. If none of us went then the clubs would soon get the message. We are not stupid though - we though - we know this is not going to happen. That's why our clubs can so easily screw us - we love our clubs and will follow them through thick and thin. Its not like doing your shopping where you can choose where you buy your stuff, we are loyal to our teams.

What we would encourage is trying to fight back- if you can get in for half do it, if you have a choice go in the cheapest end. All away fans should always try to pay to get in at the usually cheaper home end. I use to do this all the time - if you have a word with the stewards you will usually get escorted round the other end. This is an especially good idea if you have kids and there is no juvenile rate for the away supporters end.

Leaflet your club, try to organise silences or enter after kick off or leave en mass 5 minutes early. These are drastic measures but have all either worked or have the potential to do so. Big clubs make most of their money from merchandising. Football fans aren't thick but I'm amazed that we fall so often for buying the shirts. We all want to wear the colours but do you really need moneybags United's third goalie shirt? Can you imagine how much money they would lose if we only bought new shirts when the old one's wore out? I still wear Preston's 1991-92 top. I know somebody who still wears the 1983-84 top. Only kids need the new shirts not adults.

Sadly it seems a lot of the fanzines and Independent Supporters Associations have sold out. Preston's certainly have. How can an ISA or fanzine be impartial when they get on the board or in the programme. Its all well and good being able to influence the club but if you suspect the mouthpeice of the fans is getting a bit too comfy in the board room set up your own zine or supporters group.

Finally its particulary sad to see people cheering millionaire football directors and forgetting how these bastards made their money - by exploiting others. An example is at Preston, when a local company put £10 million into the club, two weeks later they sacked a couple of hundred workers.

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Noses In The Trough

As we all know, Tony Blair got elected on a platform containing a strong anti-sleaze message. Since then, Mr Blair has made it very plain that no Labour MPs will be allowed to go junketing at the World Cup in France, for fear of allegations of corruption.

Unfortunately, all this means is that the pigs have got their noses in the trough early, so as to compensate for missing out in June. Class War has obtained a full list of the diners in the guest suite at the Chelsea v Middlesborough League Cup Final this March - There were loads of them!

These bastards received free nosh and free tickets whilst thousands of football fans got only restricted views, over priced burgers and an empty wallet. No fewer than four cabinet ministers attended the match, although room was still found for a further 8 MPs and 2 MEPs.

Also enjoying the hospitality were Lady Sheila Attenborough, Jack's son William Straw - who presumably nipped off every 10 minutes for a spliff in the toilets - and the wife of a convicted rapist (Mrs Vicky Oyston, wife of rapist Owen and chairwoman of Blackpool FC). So the next time your team gets to Wembley and you cannot get a ticket, spare a thought for our gallant MPs who are there at the game, being wine and dined for us and by us. Check the list below to see if your MP supped for you at the Coca-Cola Cup Final.

Cabinet Ministers present: Chris Smith, Ann Taylor, Jack Straw and Tony Banks.
MPs present: Joe Ashton, Stuart Bell, Paul Boateng, Roger Godsiff, Peter Hain, Alan Meale, Tom Pendry and Peter Pike.
MEPs present: Glyn Ford and Mark Hendrick.

Fans of football's most irritating man, David Mellor, will be interested to know that not only was he present as head of the Government's football task force, but he was still listed in the luncheon table plan as an MP. Is there anybody in Britain who does not hate David Mellor?

Table Plan

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Entrance to Restaurant

Chelsea FC v Middlesbrough FC
Sunday 29th March 1998

- 32 Mrs. P Leaver
- 31 Mr. P Leaver QC
- 30 Mrs. G Cooke
- 29 Mr. G Cooke
- 28 Mrs. M Hultman
- 27 Mr. C Hultman
- 26 Mr. J Eccles
- 25 Rt. Hon. Chris Smith MP
- 24 Mrs. R Armstrong
- 23 Mr. R H G Kelly
- 22 Mr. C Banks' Guest
- 21 Mr. C Banks (Region Manager, Coca-Cola, Great Britain)
- 20 Mrs. S Gibson
- 19 Mr. S Gibson (Chairman, Middlesbrough FC)
- 18 Mrs. D R Sheepshanks
- 17 Mr. D R Sheepshanks (Chairman, The Football League)
- 16 Rt Hon Jack Straw MP (Chief Guest)
- 15 Mr. W Straw
- 14 Mr. K W Bates (Chairman, Chelsea FC)
- 13 Ms. S Dwyer
- 12 Mr. K St J Wiseman (Chairman, The Football Association)
- 11 Mrs. A Wiseman
- 10 Mr. G Darby (President, Coca-Cola North West Europe)
- 9 Mr. G Darby's Guest
- 8 Mr. C Hutchinson
- 7 Mrs. L Hutchinson
- 6 Mr. J Astaire
- 5 Mrs. S Hockley
- 4 Mrs. M Studer (Deputy General Secretary, UEFA)
- 3 Mrs. M Studer
- 2 Mr. D Weatherall
- 1 Mr. J D Debt