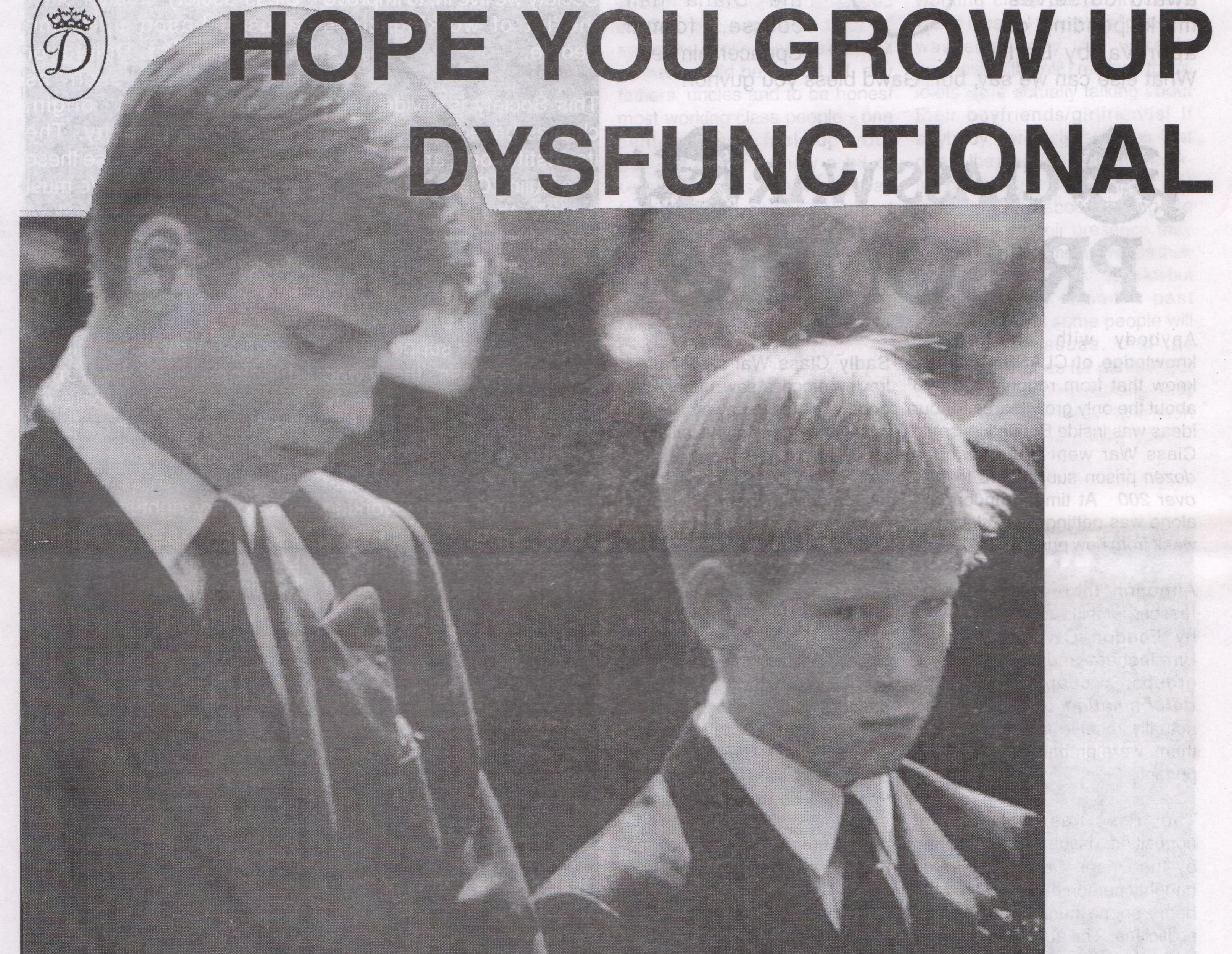
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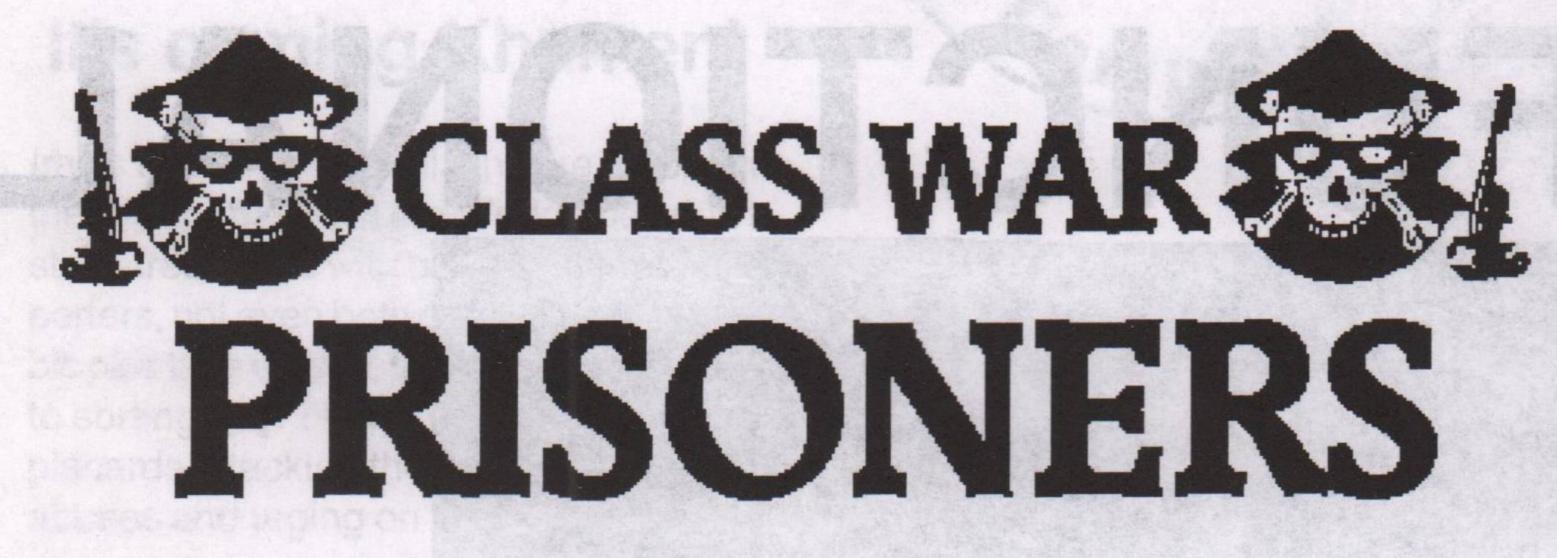
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mark, pending of course, formal Spencer himself. approval by Earl What else can we say, but "Gawd bless you guvnor!"



Anybody with an in-depth knowledge of CLASS WAR will know that from roughly 1995-96 about the only growth area for our ideas was inside Britain's prisons. Class War went from having a dozen prison subscribers to well over 200. At times London CW alone was getting 5 or 6 letters a week from new prisoners.

Sadly Class War's so-called 'review process' saw much of the good work tossed away. Its fair to say that many of the initiators of the process were either ambivalent towards, or actually disagreed with the work we had been doing. After all it was a central principle of their review that Class War had failed, so why should they be distracted by evidence to the contrary?

the lot of working class abuses based upon the people.

This Society is divided into classes based on control of its institutions and wealth. The Ruling Class - those who "own" the factories or unite on the basis of what we natural resources - whether have in common - Our it's through shares or being Working Class backgrounds chairman of the board etc., and needs. who are under normal the Middle Class - those who gain their position in society by patronage of the Ruling most of the problems every day lives. experienced by Working has every intention of keepmust destroyed -This is Class War. has existed.

prejudices of Ruling or Middle Class such as gender, ethnic origin, sexuality, disability. The Ruling Class often use these to divide our class. We must

circumstances supported by The Class must fight these divisions, on all fronts. Above all the CWF believes that politics cannot be sepa-Class - who carry out their rated from life - and life from dirty work of controlling and politics. We reject the (dis) organising the working missionary righteousness of class who do all the the so called "revolutionary" necessary work. Such a Left. Our politics must be society is the root cause of fulfilling and relevant to our Class people the World Working Class people must over. As the Ruling Class take responsibility for their progressive revolutionary ing its privileged position it politics - fly by night middle be class radicals have been the bane of our movement for as long as the Working Class

Although there were several reasons for this success, hard work by London CW and the old Birmingham and east Scotland groups, coupled with the determination of prisoners to actually receive the mail sent to them, were probably the most important.

was not without The rise opposition. Issue 67 was banned by the Prison Service as some naughty person had published the home phone numbers of several politicians. The authorities actually believing that prisoners would prefer to waste their phone cards harrasing the likes of Jeffrey Archer rather than phoning their loved ones.

Unbalanced by this nonsense, and with no actual paper to get into the prisons, we began to lose touch with many of the people who had shown us that Class War was worth doing in the first place. The Prison Service must be laughing their socks off at a time when prison numbers reach beyond 65,000.

Class War is still free to prisoners, and we intend to work hard to make up the ground we have lost. We will co-operate fully with groups such as the Anarchist Black Cross and those who have left **Class War but** believe in the ideals we shared on prison support work. We invite all class war prisoners, those who are interested in crime or those breaking the law to get in touch! They are not going to give us our freedom, we are going to have to take it.

Real change can only come about by working class OUR AIM organising people

Several stroppy screws attempted to stop certain inmates receiving their subscriptions, although this was nearly always resolved by taking the matter the whole way up the appropriate channels. With a final threat to take the prison to the European Court of Human Rights sometimes doing the trick!

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themselves to deal with the problems that they experience and to provide for ourselves.

It is not about becoming better treated slaves but masters of our destiny. Direct action is necessary against the individuals and institutions who stand in the way of this. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of the Class War - not as elitist terrorists

Therefore the aim of the CWF is to increase the militancy and self awareness of the Working Class in defending their interests and solving their problems. We do this through propaganda, active participation and debate as equals.

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Charles I Was A Big Girl's Blouse - Official.

The Death Of The Pressure Group?

One of the few good bits about doing history at school was reading about the execution of Charles the first. You can't get much cooler than chopping off the kings head can you? So as to make Charles a more sympathetic character, the history books love to tell us how he wore two shirts at the scaffold as he was determined not to shiver, in case his not so loyal subjects thought he was shivering with fear.

The 18 years of Conservative rule up to 1997 were boom years for Britain's pressure groups. They scurried around every Labour and Liberal Democrat conference, whingeing that everything would be just perfect only we had if proportional representation or if only we had a Labour government. Those nasty Tories just won't listen they cried. Lapping it all up, Labour spent most of the 18 years making promises to these people.

and broken promises and they always will.

A government will never act against the wishes of the ruling class. Animal exploitation exists to maximise profits - you don't see any skint scientists or starving farmers do you? Not surprisingly (to us) the fox hunting bill was talked out, whilst time has not even been found for the alleged bills on animal test-



church worldwide) in absolute crisis over homosexuality, Labour will no doubt cease to embarrass this section of the establishment and quietly withdraw its bill.

There are lessons here for all the middle class pressure groups. The parliamentary process does not liberate people (or animals for that matter) instead it serves to suck people in and strengthen the state's grip on our lives. As some of the people these in organisations have now been distributing petitions, waving placards and writing to politicians on these subjects for 20 years isn't it about time they recognised all they are doing is facilitating anger and taking pressure off the state. They are wasting their time and - worse- other people's.

Now however, the Victorian and Albert museum have admitted that the scaffold shirt they have been displaying for years is in fact a woman's nightie. Equally they are admitting that this has been known for 8 years - they been have too embarrassed to tell the Queen about her cross dressing ancestor!

The Movement Against the Monarchy are organising a celebration party on Saturday 30th January 1999 as it marks the 350th anniversary of Charlie's execution. Whilst a Civil War dress code of Diggers, Levellers or New Model Army fighters is encouraged, we have been assured by the organisers that women's nighties will not be frowned upon!

Two of the best organised of these groups were the animal rights lobby and the gay pressure groups. Stickers went up prior to the last election saying "I'm voting to ban fox hunting" the details of anti-hunting candidates were widely circulated and gay groups made equally sure candidates views on equalising the age of consent at 16 for all were well publicised.

Prior to the election Labour made several promises to the electorate on fox hunting, animal testing and mink farms. Equally new Labour has always been associated with gay equality. Blair himself clearly stated wanted to ban fox he hunting and equalise the age of consent.

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cosmetics and on mink farming. If they can't do it with the biggest Labour majority in history when exactly can they?

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What is our alternative? Simple. Hunt Saboteurs do not wait for Tony Blair's permission to disrupt a hunt, they go out and do it. Equally the thousands of young people in gay pubs and clubs every night of the week do not ask the Archbishop of Canterbury permission before going out, they go out and act as they please. Liberate yourselves - by any means necessary.

To find out more please contact the Movement **Against the Monarchy PO Box** 14672, London E9 5UQ. Pager 01523 160145.

Unfortunately the pressure groups that highlighted phony Tony's views these matters, and on encouraged others to vote Labour by doing so - forgot one simple fact of life - that politicians have always lied

Equally when the new establishment of new Labour came face to face with the old establishment of the House of Lords it was no contest - the Commons voted for an equal age of consent, the Lords voted against, and Labour instantly capitulated. With the Church of England (and the entire Anglican

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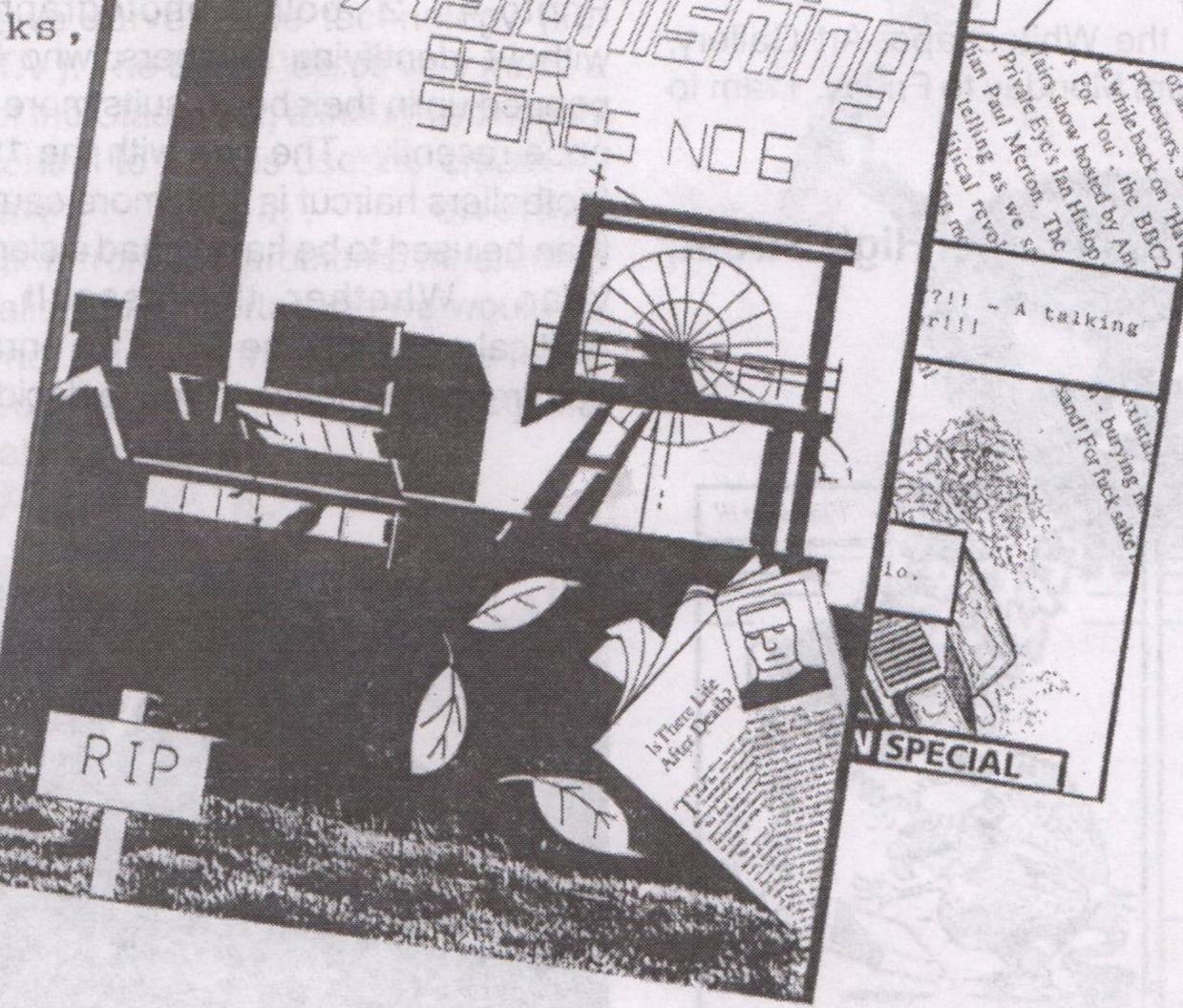
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French Lessons From

Whilst the right wing English press always complain about French workers blocking roads, railways etc, workers in this country could learn a few lessons from their Gallic brothers and sisters in how to take on the bosses.

In May this year the French Socialist\communist government trying to break the strength of the unions in the naval shipyard of Toulon decided to send a damaged warship for repair at a private contractor. The unions went on strike to defend their rights. After 2 months on strike they went for talks at the local government offices. The 600 strikers who went to give support to their delegates, decided, as French trade unionists do, to block the entrance with a 'wall of shame' to show their disgust at the deadlocked negotiations.

From Small Acorns

Now that the days of Soviet occupation are rapidly becoming a bad memory, we tend to hear relatively little in the Western media about the former Warsaw pact countries. Yet the class struggle is often extremely sharp in this part of the world, and made harder by the rapid return of reactionary religious organisations, or the growth of the neo-nazi right.

In recent months, *London CW* have been in regular contact with a group from Bialystok in eastern Poland, who are mostly young people (under 25) who have been unfortunate enough to live under both Soviet communism and western capital-

If You Know 'Em, Shop 'Em - Crimewatch UK with Nick Carpenter and Sue Ross.

Each issue of the paper we intend to seek the public's help in exposing a nuisance to the wider community. We all value our privacy but nowadays Joe Public cannot go about his/her daily business without being monitored, filmed and generally spied upon.

The compulsory introduction of photographs onto all new and replacement driving licences is an ID card scheme through the back door. Equally, as the Home Office's DNA database currently only holds 250,000 DNA profiles, the Police Superintendents Association are now calling for the creation of a national DNA particular those committed, like Class War, to direct action. For example those expressing solidarity with the defeated Liverpool dockers in London last May saw the police film every single person on the march. As well as this rather obvious tactic, the state is increasingly using proxy's to do their dirty work for them, such as private security firms. A further development has been the rise of paramilitary clothed photographers (see below) who dress similarly to riot cops, and appear to be police officers, but wear no identifying numbers.

Una of the few good bits about

We believe that the first step in dealing with a nuisance is to identify it and expose it to public scrutiny. In each issue of Class War Nick Carpenter and Sue Ross will be presenting a series of photographs of people who have committed the most dastardly crimes against our class, as well as those who simply cannot mind their own business, and other anti-social elements. However we need your help. Our trained phone operators await your call.

As they were laying the bricks and mortar, the local police felt they should intervene. The workers weren't going to stand for this attack so the bricks the strikers were using to build the wall, and the bottles of beer they were drinking were all suddenly flying towards the filth at great speed.

End result: 30 injured police, one overturned and burnt out cop car and only 3 hurt strikers!! Although we are waiting for the next move from the government, expect a quick climbdown. ism - one's bad enough!

They are involved in anti-military activities (Poland conscripts many young people) ecological protests and fighting fascists in conditions that are not always favourable. You can read about this and more in their brief English language newsheet, *Warhead*, that gives a good over view of their struggle in Poland.

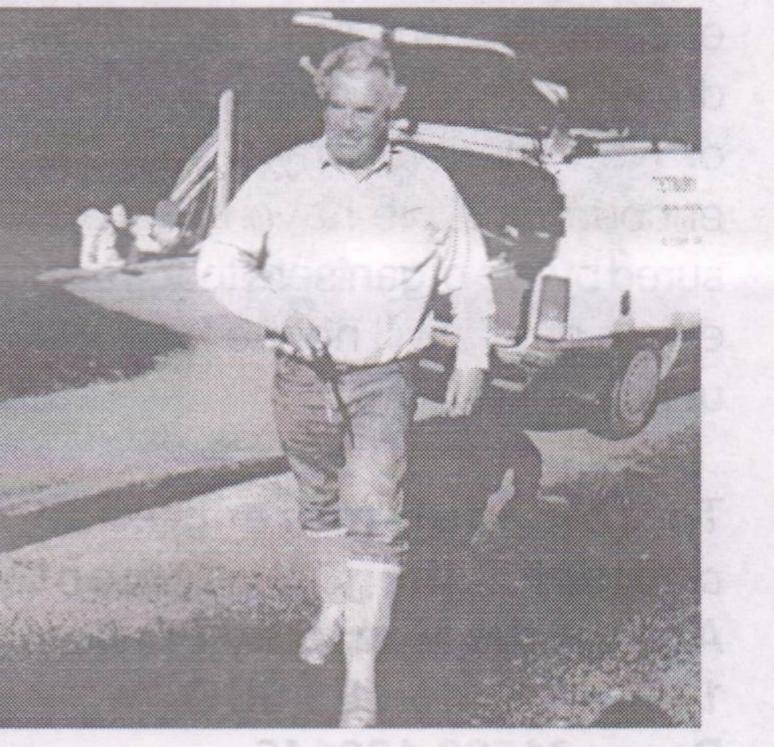
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Warhead P.O. Box 129 15-662 Bialystok 26 Poland database of the entire population. If recent years have taught us anything it is that what the police ask for, the police get.

All this has to be seen as part of a wider picture. The 1990s have seen a significant increase in the monitoring by the state of political activists and in



Photo 1 - Is that a camera in your hand or are you just pleased to see me? This gentleman was pictured in Whitehall observing the Anti-Hunting march in August and was later seen behind police lines at the Countryside Alliance HQ in Kennington. Judging from the expression of the officer on the left, we suspect he may also have a severe personal hygiene problem.



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Photo 3 - Nosey Parkers, probably from the hunting world, photographing the same demonstration. Somebody must recognise that body warmer!

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Freedom Press (CW), in Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX, telephone 0171-247 9249.

From Freedom's regular "Wildcat" strip.

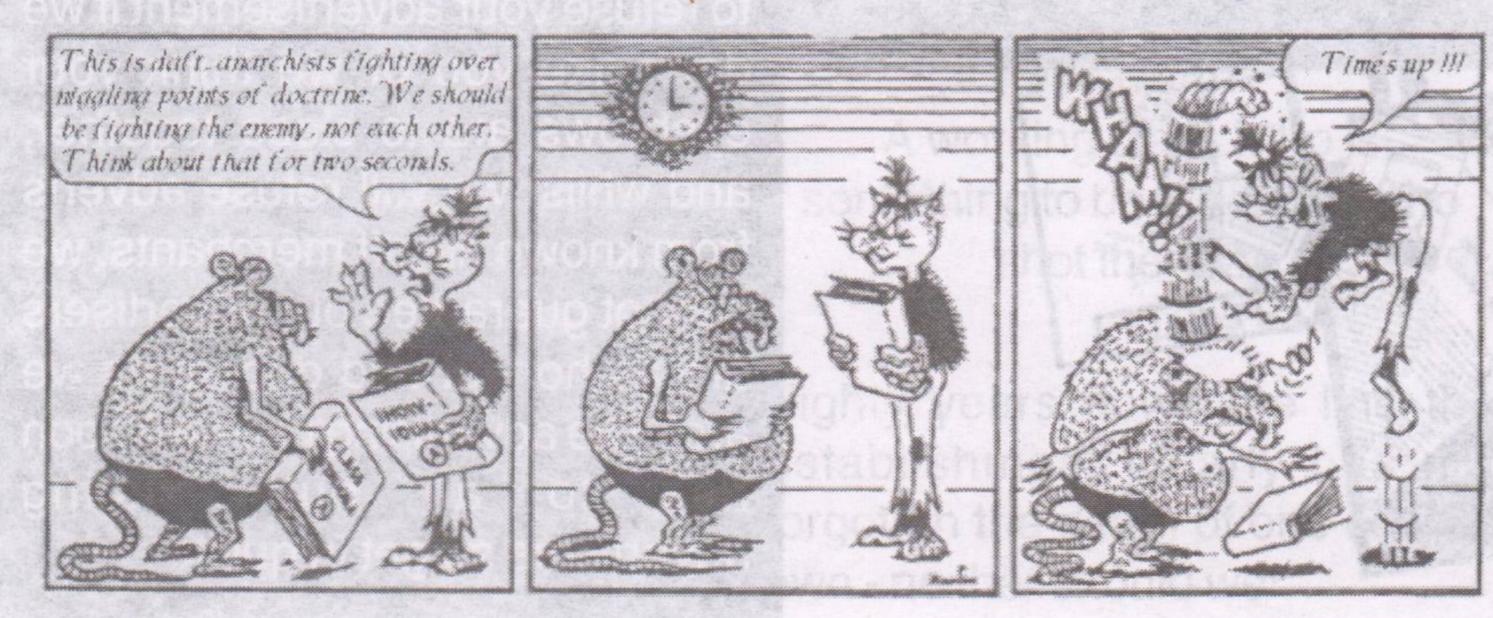


Photo 4 - 2 police photographers, without identifying numbers, who have popped up in their boiler suits more than once recently. The one with the 1980s footballers haircut is a bit more cautious than he used to be having had a slap last year. Whether the assault was political or simply the act of an enraged hairdresser we leave to you to decide!





Photo 5 - The gentleman in the centre of the picture has a particularly unfortunate handicap, being a dead ringer for the BNP's new führer Nick Griffin. Whilst it is not goose stepping Griffin, who is this outside element? Our switchboard operators await your call!

Gandalf Update

Last time around we looked at the jailing of 3 members of *Green Anarchist* for merely reporting direct action carried out by other people. The news since then has been largely good with the 3 winning their appeal and returning from prison unbowed.

The Crown Prosecution Service had intimated that if the appeals were successful there was little point in continuing with the two outstanding prosecutions of a Green Anarchist editor and the Animal Liberation Front's press spokesman. Hampshire police spent over £2 million simply bringing the first case to court (well it wasn't actually their money it was the local council tax payers, but you know what we mean) and there is little point throwing good money after bad.

We first became aware of Decadent Action when we were shown a copy of "The Idler" by a friend. It is a loafers' style magazine in which they regularly feature. The fact that they were calling themselves anarchists yet celebrated, indeed actively encouraged consumerism, and what lefties call 'hedonistic self contemplation' interested us immediately. Then, their TV programme shown as part of C4's "Gluttony" series raised certain questions.

They encouraged the viewer to buy designer clothes, hang out in expensive cafe bars, be extravagant, self-indulgent. I'd love to. But where do we get the money from? According to their newsletter, "The Decadent", it costs £125 every year to be a DA member - exactly how serious are they? And, without wishing to sound irritatingly Politically Correct, what about people who make those designer clothes for a living - who will make those in the decadent anarchist society? Those were some of the immediate questions which spring to mind having watched, enjoyed, and agreed with much of the content of their Gluttony film.

The Decadent Action Interview

petual Indulgence, The Idler, etc. Do you feel that what is happening culturally is more important than what's happening on the so-called 'factory floor'?

DA: Yes, again we have things in common - we advocate having a good time, and we realise that this often means having money to spend, sometimes a lot of it. Popular culture is far more important to the lives of most than the daily drudge. Sure they have to work, but in many cases the last thing they want to do is become involved in the union of workplace politics because they don't want to think about the place more than they have to. Also their power to act in the form of strikes etc has been whittled away and the unions are so weak. Things like the 'World phone in sick Day' are a form of popular protest. So just like you may try to give up smoking on No Smoking Day, or at least think about it - the 'Phone In Sick Day' acts as just a protest, or it can be a catalyst.

DA: Whilst we would like all the usual freedoms, justice etc that any anarcho or left-winger would blather on about, we realise that these are hard fought and unlikely to happen overnight. We are unashamedly populist and hope that our actions can give a new slant to how anarchists and the public at large look at capitalism.

While many Class War supporters may not agree with all of the above, the fact is that Decadent Action are different. Their views are innovative, refreshing and appealing because they actively encourage enjoyment and discard the humourless intensity and puritanical self-denial of so many holier-than-thou bores in lefty/anarchist circles. Their opposition to capital, to the work ethic, and to the traditional labour movement, is typical of anarchism in general, yet their style is extremely atypical. As someone whose politics are hugely inspired by Oscar Wildes' "The Soul of Man under Socialism", I welcome the aesthetics and attitude of DA, yet cannot fully support sheer individualism.

Hampshire police, in their wisdom, have insisted the trial goes ahead, and the Crown Prosecution Service have obliged. The Gandalf Defendants Campaign is encouraging people to write to Hampshire's legal services (particularly Hampshire residents) asking for an explanation. Letters should be addressed to

The following exchange was a quick e-mail interview designed to give a fuller idea of where Decadent Action are coming from, both to satisfy our curiosity and to give Class War readers who have not heard of them an introduction. CW: Your newsletter enthuses about prison warders and Irish police going on strike. Is it consistent with anarchism to support such agents of social control?

DA: Yes and no. Whilst we don't strive to be consistent with any given set of values, we don't actually support these groups - merely applaud the fact that they are taking action in a way we advocate and this could lead to copycat action by other groups of workers. Often these actions are organised by many small groups of 'mates' rather than a concerted union campaign. There is much that others could learn from DA. Such as having a sense of humour, the fact that being poor isn't more ideologically sound than not being poor, that we can DO THINGS and set agendas, that we needn't worry about time wasters who criticize from their safe houses, that we can try to develop revolutionary situations. Though we are sure there will be plenty of criticisms levelled at them all the same.

The Courts Administrator, South Side Offices, The Law Courts, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 9DL. Tel: 01962 876004.

Barring anymore legal shenanigans the trial starts November 2nd in Portsmouth, with the jury likely to be sworn in on Guy Fawkes day. For details of planned events and demonstrations in the town, especially in the event of conviction contact

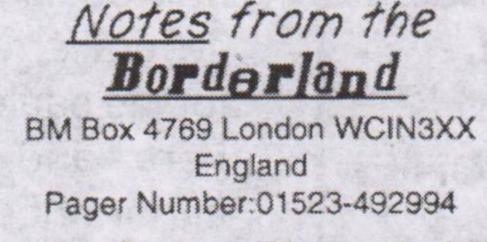
The Gandalf Defendants Campaign,

CLASS WAR: Your form of anarchism appears to be descended from Max Stirners' Egoism, Wildes' Individualism, and 'anarchocapitalism'. How accurate is that impression?

DECADENT ACTION: Having not read the first and not being particular fans of capitalism, I would have to say that the relationship to Wilde is the closest. We recognise the power of the individual in relationship to change. Group action of the correct was of taking action in leftist/anarchist circles, but we tend to shun the traditional as, on the whole, traditional politics alienate CW: What kind of society would Decadent Action actually like to see in an ideal future?

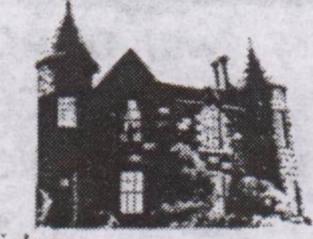
This article was not designed as a free plug for Decadent Action, but to show that there are other things happening away from the usual political areas/faces. Any comments would be appreciated c/o Glasgow Class War.

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Issue Two out early October will feature the following articles

In August 1998 David Shayler renegade ex-MI5 operative, was arrested in Paris. At the same time, MI5 produced the third edition of a propaganda booklet 'MI5: The Security Service'. In *MI5 & Domestic Subversion After Shayler*, Larry O'Hara subjects both this document and the claims by Shayler/his partner Annie Machon to critical scrutiny. The conclusion will be an awful shock to liberals. For whoever Shayler is in conflict with, he is no friend of the Left, and anybody who accepts his/MI5 claims that subversives are no longer targeted is deluding themselves.



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Concrete Shoes Required

Filipino Communists have threatened to kidnap Imelda Marcos and her children for " crimes against the people", in which we wish them every success. Mr Estreda, a long term flunky for the Marcos mob said it was time to "forgive and bury the past" - We recommend that the Communists do indeed bury the past. rather than unite the working class.

CW: How much common ground do you feel you share with the politics of Class War?

DA: There is some common ground - we despise a lot of the same people and both know how the media works and how to deal with them. We do not, however, have much faith in an unprompted civil uprising. The basis of capitalism is capital itself and it is this which we target.

CW: Your celebration of deviance and hedonism brings to mind the likes of Chumbawamba, the Sisters of Per-

A keynote piece by David Pegg rescues a forgotten masterpiece by the old man himself, Karl Marx, entitled 'Herr Vogt, a Spy in the Workers Movement. Pegg definitively proves that not only was Marx an energetic opponent of the 'secret state' in his day, his research has continuing contemporary relevance. The message to the Guardian-reading fools posturing as Marxists today who studiously ignore both this work and the ongoing antics of the secret state is get real!

Turning away from a focus on grand strategy, a controversial article looks at Methods of Inducing Mind Disturbance in Targets practised by the British Permanent Government. Robin Whittaker outlines a variety of these techniques in a thought-provoking article that raises as many questions as it answers.

The Party that ended early 7:a look at the strange and sinister coterie grouped around LM magazine, and a request for information from readers concerning this cult.

Spooking about MI5 and the Irish Peace Process, with particular reference to events after the Omagh bombing.

Again Plucking the White Rose: Yorkshire Revisited a review of recent events leading to the dissolution of Leeds Anti-Fascist Action by AFA nationally following on from revelations first made by Larry O'Hara in 1994. Events in Bradford subsequently, similar yet subtly different, will also be analysed. These include investigation of a bizarre claim that the firebombing of a Leeds fascist was connected in some way to the campaign by the late James Earl Ray to get his conviction for killing Martin Luther King overturned. Just who is behind the Paramilitary Red Commando?

Did They Not Like That! reactions to the first issue from those exposed in it & their allies (included if space)

If you liked issue 1, you'll love issue 2, and if you disliked our first production, you'll loathe this second one!

Either way, it will create waves, hopefully tidal. Can you afford to miss this Tsunami of a magazine?

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Reclaim The Streets

London - Tottenham and Brixton.

These 2 successful street parties drew over 8000 people between them, with space being set aside for dance, kids play areas and general socialising.

The police were generally "softly, softly" although riot police were brought out at the end of both, at Brixton this occurred when increasingly irate demonstrators, annoyed by the incredibly high level of police surveillance, started taking pot shots at the video teams with bits of refuse. This is fine by us, as we have noticed some coppers have become increasingly cocky in their behaviour , seemingly believing that with "fluffy" protestors they can get away with Big Brother tactics.

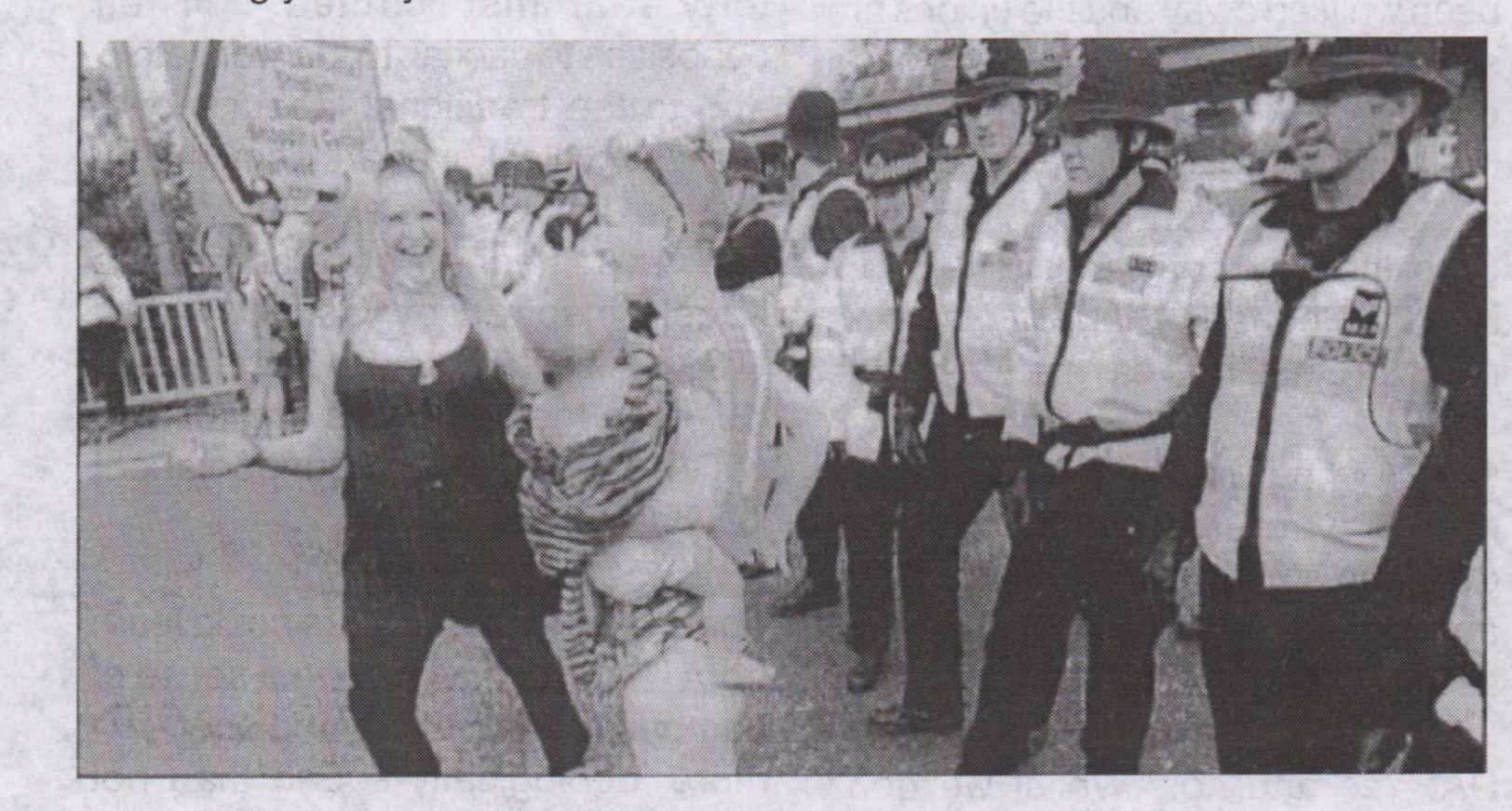
Cardiff

A bit quiet this one, with the weather looking likely to piss down at any minute, but a small, determined group ensured it went ahead against the odds. Interestingly uniformed Met police officers were spotted by Cardiff Castle telling their Welsh colleagues what to do when the event started - we are sure South Wales this police took as a constructive vote of confidence in their ability to police public order events!

Interestingly we have heard from some of their activists that certain cliques within them are just turning their meetings and organisation away from doing actions and into a chattering class talking shop. It would be a shame if RTS were swamped by such time wasters who pontificate political ideology that always ends up at the same place: "do nothing." Some of these types seem to think that if only they sat around talking more and came up with some ultra pure blueprint for changbut unfortunately there wasn't quite the direction that was needed and the police pulled back to reform.

The music got set up which while not to my taste generated quite a good atmosphere, except for hippy face painters who did not seem to respect the idea that it may not be your sort of thing but an offer of a punch in the face is enough to deal with them .





Be cheeky to the police!

ing society than everything would somehow change.

We have had our fill of such people in Class War before the 1997 split and it would be sad to see grassroots activists in RTS being sold down the river.

Birmingham A Personal Account

16th May 1998 the G8 the leading World capitalist Heads of State including Bill Clinton and phony Tony decided to have a get together and not wanting to be left out of the fun Reclaim the Streets organised a party for the assembled dignitaries, unfortunately there were no state sponsored Geisha girls and the plan was to make do with a sound system. We had a smoke and various chants and a nice relaxing time, we then realised we needed more beer, so to the shopping centre, the security guard told us it was closing early so we ignored him and went and got our beer anyway. After a while when we got back some foolish pair of police officers decided they were going to walk through the crowd and arrest the sound system etc., at first people just got out of their way!



Cambridge

Talk about after the Lord Mayor's show! With 2 plain clothes cops kicked around Parkers Piece before hand for interfering with an anti-vivisection demo, the RTS had a tough act to follow. Good weather, a good mix of people (if the hippy quota of 10% is exceeded at these events they can get a bit sad) and enough people to keep the cops in line until late in the day, this has to go down as a bit of a cracker.

As numbers dwindled the police started to get a bit fruity, making several arrests, probably in revenge for the earlier incident. Lessons from here, and other events show the importance of parties ending and EVERYBODY leaving together, at a set time so the police cannot pick on small groups. The mass exodus tactic worked particularly well at Tottenham, much to the chagrin of the boys in blue. Unfortunately my chauffeur driven Jaguar didn't arrive on time and I had to run round town organising my own drugs and fellow travellers that I was giving lifts. The State may stereo type us as a bunch of lie in the bed work shy scum bags (fat chance unfortunately). We got to Birmingham train station and to be honest were almost as confused as the coppers as to what was going on at first.

After a little while we went off down the street, the police blocked our path but they had to get out of the way to let the sound system through (or what I think was that's happening,) it was a thin blue line and they weren't tooled up in fact they must have been taken by surprise as they were a bunch of little runts (you can't get the staff these days). Their line held at first and there was a bit of shoving, it looked like we were going to end in posturing but some faint hearts wavered on their side but we charged through scattering the enemy in rout, the look of sheer terror in the policemen's eyes is such a happy memory, its easy to be brave when you know you've the full power of the State behind you, and it doesn't look like you'll get hurt as long as you keep your formation together, but the moment it's just you they're the bigshitting their pants gest cowards.

More militant people started to block their advance, some peacenik women tried to prevent us from expelling the police, telling us that it was impossible to fight the police as the police were tooled up and we weren't.

It's rather hard to know how to take the people who organise Reclaim the Streets. I used to think it was some inspired set up to deliberately get into conflict with the police and all the hippy peace shit was just a cunning ruse to suck up to liberals and make it hard for them to be prosecuted. It is so obvious without the threat of violence that their parties wouldn't happen and everybody would just get nicked, but these people were trying hard to protect the police but once we got them out of the way we proved what bollocks they had been taking and sent the macho pigs off with their tails between their legs.- ha, ha, ha.

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After this there was a heavy atmosphere on for a couple of hours that things could really get out of hand Although the police had the situation stabilised there was much sport to be had if you were looking it although a few hot heads got themselves arrested. For those who just like good old fashioned entertainment, there was a good viewing point 50 yards away where shouts of encouragement could be given to those struggling with the police, and scorn added to the bottles coming the police's way. All in all, a very pleasant day out.



The first picnic, in 1994, was one of a series of actions in Portsmouth in defiance of the Criminal (In)Justice Act and obviously supported the campaign to legalise cannabis. It attracted more than a thousand people -negligible policing - no trouble - no arrests. The second year there were sound-systems and live bands -again, negligible policing - again, no trouble - again, no arrests.

The Portsmouth Smokey Bear's Picnic

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crowd assembled around the minor confrontation. This created a focus for the crowd and caused the police to become extremely nervous (one was seen to tremble). The anarchist insisted that he wouldn't erect the table and told the police that, even if he did, breaking a coun-

Updates

In the last issue of Class War we took a serious look at drugs. Further to our useful addresses published in the last paper, the following additions have been brought to our attention (in case you broad based democratic movement is required that can produce its own literature and can function as both a coherent national and international movement, as well as

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Drugs War

In the third year the picnic was swamped by the police. A 'hands-off policy turned into a 'zero-tolerance' policy. Council byelaws were zealously enforced. Erections (ooh-er missus!) on the common are not permitted according to council bye-laws. A paste-up table used as a stall constitutes an erection. So, attempts were made by the police to prevent anarchists, socialists and hunt sabs from putting up stalls. The stalls went up anyway when there were sufficient numbers of protesters. Entertainment and amplified music fall foul of the council bye-laws. So, the police prevented sound-systems from coming onto the common. Even ghetto-blasters and car stereos were taken from people approaching the common. A handful of arrests were made for 'possession'. The fourth picnic met with a similar response. Nevertheless, even though the third and fourth picnics faced intimidation from the police, they still managed to attract a large number of supporters.

cil bye-law was a non-arrestable offence. Even though they took his details, the coppers backed off. The crowd cheered and anarchist leaflets were distributed to people eager to see what all the fuss was about.

Soon after this the police retreated further because the number of protesters swelled to at least 600 - a hundred or so more than last year - with another couple of hundred coming and going throughout the day. Despite the numbers there was no sound-system. However, drums, guitars and even one or two ghetto-blasters found their way onto the common. Some fly-pitching took place which would have been impossible at the last two picnics. Bongs were lit, and a two-foot joint (I kid you not) was smuggled on to the common to be smoked by a long and eager queue - I pity the last person who toked on that soggy roach! Six arrests were made, mostly on the outskirts of the common, for possession.

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National Criminal Intelligence Service - their Drugs Unit autonomous local groups - thus rendering police action against it less effective.

Currently Dopey Straw is considering banning 36 new drugs, those listed in Alexander Shulgin's book "Pehtial", buy this book before the state sends in the book burners!

In Colombia, Peru and Bolivia the United States is waging a war against the peasant farmers who have grown coca bushes for millennia, forcing them from their land which on occasion has then been bought by American mining companies.

Over there the drugs war is a sham, for mere cover a anti-working class murders and oppression. The best way we can show solidarity with the working class in these countries is to step up and win the drugs war in our own country, by a campaign of civil disobedience and direct action that is aimed at costing the establishment a prohibitive amount of money and resources. The drugs struggle has been held back by people for years muttering into their spliffs and doing nothing lets hit the bastards where it hurts!

Rather than be put off by the police intimidation the organizers of this years picnic appeared to have made sure that there was more publicity in the 'alternative' press than in previous years. The fifth picnic was to take place on Sunday 16th August 1998. The local paper, 'The News' carried a 3/4 page story the day before about posters promoting the event being pasted on a church notice board! The church minister complained to the police and local paper, thereby ensuring more publicity than a dozen fly-posting teams could ever hope for! Also, as the picnic followed the huge legalise cannabis demo and rally in London in March, hopes were high that it would attract a large number of anti-prohibitionists.

With the police keeping their distance PAN members erected their stall. An anarchist flag flew above the stall, and crowd, and was the only flag visible from a distance. Indeed, the anarchist presence was crucial in giving a revolutionary angle to the event, and hopefully some of the protesters will now see cannabis prohibition in the wider context of social control as a result.

This is an issue that people should get involved in. Obviously the drugs barons and gangsters (at the top of the production and distribution pyramid) will never win our support. However, the victims of cannabis prohibition are predominantly working class people, many of whom languish in prison on drugs related charges. Also, the issue is used to justify draconian laws and ever more intrusive surveillance technology (i.e. C.C.T.V.). The Drugs War is very much a part of the Class War, although obviously not central to it. It is used to create an 'enemy within', diverting attention from the problems inherent in capitalism. As libertarians we would be wise not to ignore the gains to be made by involving ourselves in the fight against cannabis prohibition.

spokesman is Les Fionder on 0171 238 8305.

Secondly - The Independent on Sunday has now been taken over by new owners who are both anti-drug and anti-gay. Their with drawl of their promised funding for the 17,000 strong Cannabis march meant organisers ended up falling back on their private savings to ensure the march happened at all. This only reinforces the need for recreational drug users to recognise that nobody is going to advance their struggle for them. A



* Class War are soon to bring out some new stickers featuring the design opposite and the slogan "Blow Away the Cops". Send £1 for 25 stickers, cheques payable to "London Class War" only.

The recently launched Portsmouth Anarchist Network (PAN) agreed to support the event and produced a leaflet entitled, "Why Anarchists Oppose Cannabis Prohibition". The aim of PAN's leaflet was to inject some class struggle revolutionary anarchism into me event.

On arrival at the common, one member of PAN carrying a paste up table (a potential erection!) was immediately spotted by two coppers who walked straight up to him. One copper pointed a video camera at him while the other informed him that he had reason to believe that the paste up table was going to be erected, thus breaking council bye-laws. The anarchist called to the disparate crowd to gather round. A

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signity years down the line in sectablishment clearly has a sorgotten the death of one of the work wither should we! * On May 1st 1999 international "Million Marijuana" marches are planned for New York, London and Los Angeles. Further details from ourselves or Cures Not Wars on (212) 677 7180. Web page: *www.cures-not-wars.org*

Intellectuals Are The Shoeshine Boys Of The Ruling Elite

Dictionaries generally speaking are useful things, intellectuals generally speaking are a bunch of parasites, but when they are actually making a contribution they should be doing things like updating dictionaries.

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Intellectuals though can never just get on with an honest job without trying to patronise and whinge to us. The job of a dictionary is to tell you how particular words are commonly spelt and pronounced and what is meant by the word - not to give you value judgements on those words based on the author's prejudices. "BLENDED FAMILY" - it probably took a team of social workers 6 months to think this one up .

"CHRISTIAN NAMES" "obsolete" - only in P.C. land. These people invent new words that are never used (i.e. blended family) for their liberal cause celebre, but say there is no satisfactory alternative to "man the barricades" - occupy the b arricades is an alternative if anyone is looking for an alternative, but being patronising liberals they are probably trying to condition us (the Working Class) into thinking such behaviour is only for nasty boys.

One of the great things about the

English Language is no matter how

authorities i.e. schools and government try

to control it they can't, hundreds of years

ago they were trying to make

everyone speak Latin or French, now we

have liberals with their P.C. crap or

reactionaries whinging about split

infinitives and trying to make children use

rules for the English language. The great

thing about language is it's completely an-

archistic, its about how we choose to use

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Lord Anoty

Dear Unwashed,

Now pay attention because your favourite Aristocrat Snooty is not very chuffed at a bunch of oiks defacing the Countryside Alliance building on two separate occasions. Now apparently they're called Continuity Class War so obviously its up to you urchins to sort them out - read them a prepared statement then blow their legs off or something.

Those awful Brussels bureaucrats have banned corporal punishment which frankly is the thin end of the wedge - after all if you can't abuse your children who can you abuse? My chum Barty Bartstanworth-Pukes is checking with his solicitor to see if this affects his weekly appointments with Miss Whiplash (correction of naughty boys a speciality) in Soho.

The new Oxford University Press dictionary's middle class PC pronouncements are nothing but an abuse of power and a waste of money and paper, i.e. "PHWOAH" is described as "appreciation of the opposite sex by the inarticulate" phwoah is often a perfect articulation - just because the OUP is too emotionally shallow to understand this is their problem.

"SPINSTER" - Now always a derogatory term"

What a load of old cobblers. I know many people who would use this term non-derisively - but none of them live in Oxford or hang out in trendy Islington bars.

The One That Got Away

use it.

One of the farces of the summer was the funeral of a collection of boxes and bits of dust, that passed as the state funeral of Tsar Nicholas II and (most) of his family. The last Tsar, in keeping with his predecessors, was a tyrant in the style of all absolutist

later sent HMS Marlborough to the Crimea in a vain attempt to save Nick's miserable neck. All of the above of course made the sight of Yeltsin, crying at the funeral, an even more despicable sight. Sadly there were further British conthis nections to sorry spectacle, with Princess Olga Romanoff, the great niece of the Tsar, flying off from her home in Banchory, Aberdeenshire to St. Petersburg. The Bolsheviks missed at least one of the bastards then! Worse, a contingent from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, were flown to Russia, at our expense, to play the last lament for the man who had apparently been their Colonel in Chief.





Nicholas II : The last Tsar



An early picture of our correspondant, Lord Snooty, accompanying Pippa Kidson-Trigg and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson

Some dreadful detritus called Reclaim the Streets succeeded in ruining several days out during the summer, playing abominable music. I was stuck for hours with revolting punk types defecating on my vintage Bentley so could you all make sure that this stops?

Anyway, competition time. Can you match the Royal family member to the hushed up scandal?

a.) Princess Margaret
b.) Phil the Greek
c.) Prince Andrew
d.) Princess Michael of Kent
e.) The Queen

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Put penis in jar of bees in brothel.
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Cocaine habit.
Pretended her father was in the SS to cover up he was merely a baker.

Please phone your answers as usual to Majesty Magazine on 0171 436 4006.

monarchs and his death, at the time, caused not a Russian tear to be shed.

What made Old Nick particularly nasty however was his attachment to anti-Semitism, a tool he used on several occasions to try to create some sort of national unity behind him and against the Jews who numerically were a significant section of his empire. It was at this time that the word *pogrom*, a Russian word, entered our language for ever.

Needless to say his friends and relatives in this country, including his aunt, Queen Victoria, had little to say on this, although George V A working class hero is something to be - the men who shot the Tsar

Eighty years down the line the establishment clearly has not forgotten the death of one of their own - neither should we!

Last issues answer was Prince Andrew so congratulations to Ernie Dogsarse of Burnley - a signed photo of the Queen Mum is on its way to you.

It's back to school again and our special thoughts are with dear Prince Harry who despite having his families usual quota of intelligence has passed the tough Eton entrance test so well done there!

Lastly its hunting time again and all sorts of vile creatures will be trying to stop us from carrying out our noble traditions, but I ask you all to remember two things:

1. Foxes must be exterminated because they are a great danger to farmers livelihoods.

2. We are conserving habitats for foxes to breed in and we don't kill many of them. If you can work out how these two statements work together please tell me as I'm having trouble with it too.

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Dear Class War,

I read the article "The War of Clinton's Penis" (Class War, issue 75) which brought to mind the so-called War of Jenkin's Ear. The difference is Jenkin's ear was cut off. Perhaps Hilary Clinton could learn from this.

Trev, Newcastle.

CW reply: Perhaps union leaders should be forced to declare whether or not they play golf when they stand for re-election each year!

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I have to criticise your article on Louise Woodward. By saying you wished her luck if she had done it you have attempted to justify child murder. I can take hospitalised copper but you lose a lot of sympathy printing shit like that. All women would be turned off, any fathers, uncles and to be honest most working class people - one sentence can fuck up your populist paper - show a bit of sensitivity to kids. Also keep away from the odd sexist comment (what's the male equivalent of slag or slut?) And Class War can live and breathe and grow again.

people who's contribution to the struggle was to monitor other people's language at all times, rather than go out and interest working class people in Class War's ideas. I thought a "partner" was somebody you were in business with until I realised these idiots were actually talking about their boyfriends/girlfriends! If anybody seriously believes that one of the main issues facing working class women (or men for that matter) is somebody saying the word cunt in their presence they are wasting our time as well as their own. Sorry to sound sharp Mick but from know past we experience that some people will use these issues, not as constructive ones for debate, but as ways to discipline working class people, and many of us have seen enough of that in our lives as it is.

Yours,

Larry Stephens, Highgate, London.

Dear CW,

Firstly top marks for the piece on the Countryside bumpkins hilarious captions, humiliating photos and the best thing I've seen in CW since the "Another Fucking Royal Parasite" days! Up here there's a newspaper called The Journal which should be called Farmers World - these "overworked" farmers obviously find time to write huge letters every day and should they be to busy (on coaches to London or chasing foxes) the editor does it for them. Impartiality? Can't beat it! Incidentally how's this for a T shirt idea their use

Dear Editor,

Who should pay for the BSE disaster? Surely those who caused it. "The polluter pays" is now genaccepted as a erally principle - those responsible for secretly feeding herbivores with meat must pay.

The cost of the necessary correction and compensation must come from the feed companies insurers, and when they are bankrupt from the feed companies until they too are bankrupt. We can then consider the personal wealth of those companies directors, then at least reclaim the dividends the paid to shareholders.

Mick,

Liverpool.

CW reply: Fair enough on Louise Woodward but we can't let the second part of your letter go without comment. One of the things that nearly killed Class War was the gradual infiltration of

neverior: however

"Countryside Counts - Listen to us" logo, cross out the "o" in counts, and after "Listen to us" add "whinge like a two year old baby! Perhaps with a picture of Farmer Palmer from Viz in the middle!

Good to see unions getting a bashing. They remind me of a parachute with holes in it. You wouldn't jump from a plane if you knew that (GMB unions vet especially) give workers the feeling that they have got some back up, when in reality the reps get bought of by the managers, the head office receptionists sound as if they have just joined from Marks Spencers and "workers rights? Er haven't got a clue, I'll see if I can put you in touch with someone .. " - and the top men are all moderate control freaks who are best mates with the bosses would you know anything about workers if you were paid £50,000 sit in an to office, play golf eat at restaurants etc?

Ilyan, Dyfed, Wales.

CW reply: The feed companies made it, the farmers willingly gave it to their animals and the Ministry of Agriculture sanctioned it. Yet who pays for the mess? Not one of the three guilty parties, instead muggins the tax payer is expected to, yet again. And people say groups like Class War are mad!

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London Class Warriors,

Please explain Class War and the need for such to me because I honestly do not understand and need (apparently) to be enlightened. Thanks.

CW reply: We could not be bothered sending this individual a reply, we quite simply have better things to do. If any of our readers can be bothered on our behalf the sender was : Laura Flores- Rivera, 1536 Williams # 303, Denver, Co 80218, USA.

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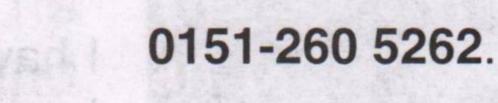
Hillsborough **Justice Campaign**

Following on from the article in the last Sports Page about how South Yorkshire police have wriggled out of getting the blame for the 1989 Hillsborough disaster, it has been pointed out to us that there is a vibrant campaign based on Merseyside, attempting to right this wrong.

The Survivors, Relatives & Supporters Justice for Campaign is based at:

134 Oakfield Road Liverpool Merseyside

and can be contacted on :



We urge all our readers to put their weight behind this campaign. Anybody with any doubts should see one of the pictures the campaign has released which shows fans struggling to take a wounded spectator to safety, whilst police officers stand idle in the background. And then The Sun blamed the fans!

Plastic Gangsters

Sadly it seems Vinny Jones may well make a decent fist of acting if the reviews of "Lock, Stock and Both Barrels" are anything to go by.

Off screen, Jones likes to live a very different life as a "Countryman" somebody who spends their spare time creeping around rural Britain shooting animals for fun, Very hard.

Recently, Vinny has moved from Hertfordshire after he narrowly escaped being jailed for beating up his neighbour in a row over the garden fence (move over the Kray twins!). Bizarrely, he avoided a jail sentence after the magistrate accepted that a prison term would have "devastated" his career. Perhaps the 60 000+ people in Britain's jails would like to start appeals on similar grounds - We wonder how far it would get them!

It's coming Khameni

Was some

Iran's travelling football fans are amongst the best behaved in the World, they don't start street fights with other countries supporters, not even bothering with xenophobic piss take chants, they limit themselves to sorting their own house out by having placards attacking the Iran governments abuses and urging on their own team..

The French police consider such wild behaviour worthy of assault and battery fortunately the ref wasn't quite so over the top when the players in the USA vs Iran match, exchanged presents and handshakes reminiscent of when British and German soldiers played football between trenches at Christmas the during World War 1. Sadly, such subversive behaviour was blacked out from Iran T.V. so as not to scare the horses.



Victory to Kingstonian!

It's not often you will read an article supporting the bosses against a worker in the pages of Class War. In fact we cannot imagine that it has happened. However we feel we must offer our support to Kingstonian FC, of the Conference league, for sacking a secretary who "cried for a week" when Princess Diana died.

Clearly Ms. Cummins has never read Class War, where she will certainly read some proper insults about herself and that empty empty vessel Diana, although neurotic and embarrasment will certainly do for starters.

If it was nothing to do with the money, can we assume Cummins gave the £10 000 she received to a charity for landmine victims? Somehow we doubt it. Diana was not a heroine, but a wealthy, spoilt woman who gave a minority of the considerable amount of time she had on her hands to charity. The real heroines - the millions of working class women who bring up keep children, families together, and work all their lives, mean far more to us than the parasites like Diana or fawning lickspittles like Jeanne Cummins ever will.

Speaking to the BBC's John Inverdale earlier this year, Vinny of the described opponents Countryside Alliance as "drug smoking hippies" who should keep their mouths shut. No they are not Vinny - They are ordinary working class people (like you used to be) who know bullshit when they hear it. If you want to be convincing as a gangster Vinny, we suggest you make a start by trying to stop kissing the arses of the wax jacket brigade...

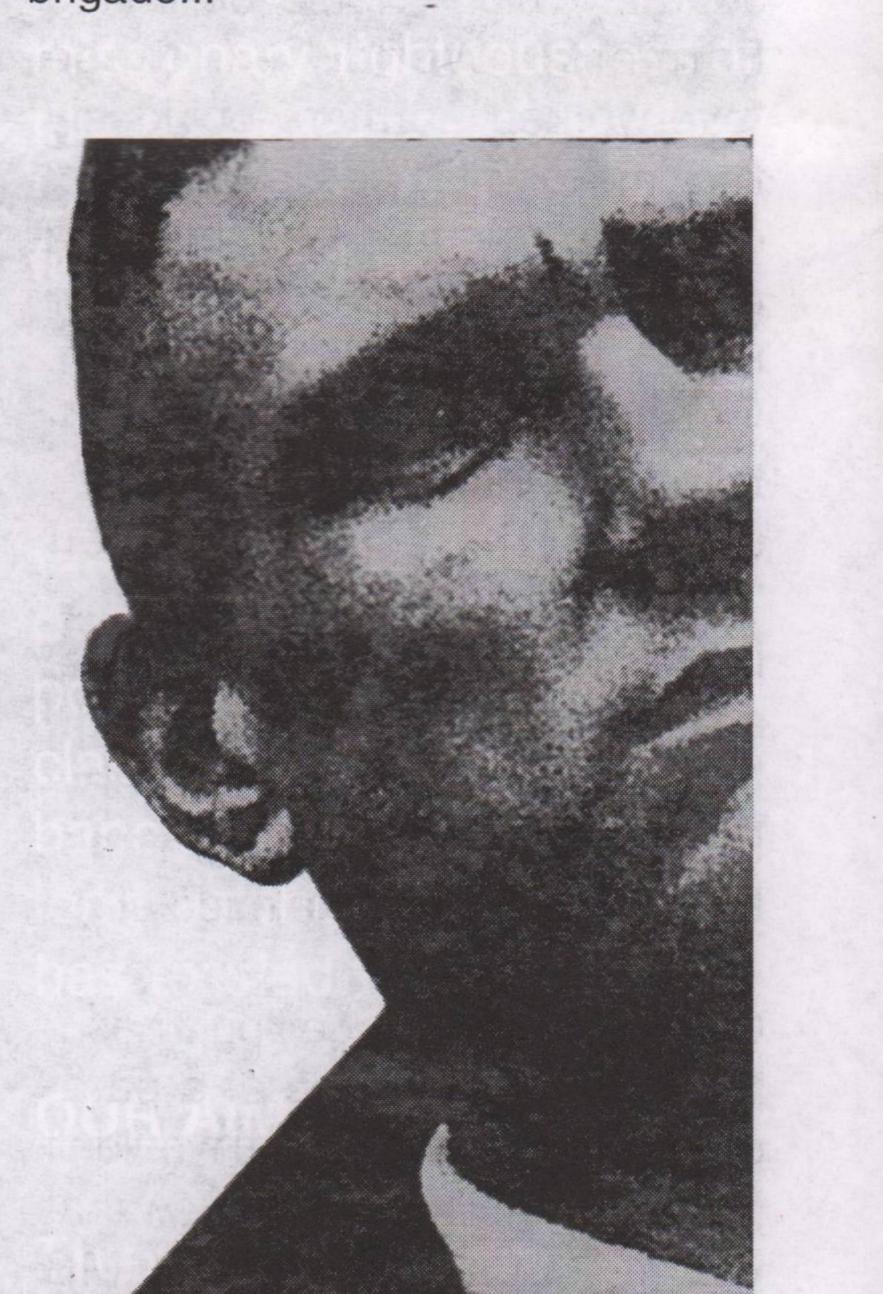
The Iranian Government unfortunately is not very well behaved, President Khatami said "our victory is a symbol of national unity and we should respect it." The French President talked much the same rubbish after France had won the World Cup. The Iran supporters showed there isn't much unity between the oppressed and their oppressors. Ayatollah Khameni's statement was "it was this unprecedented struggle which bestowed vichonour on and our tory nation during the revolution and in all the conflicts between the Iranian nation and the great Satan. . Tonight once again the strong and arrogant opponent felt the bitter taste of defeat at your hands (the Iranian people) - not much sporting attitude there.

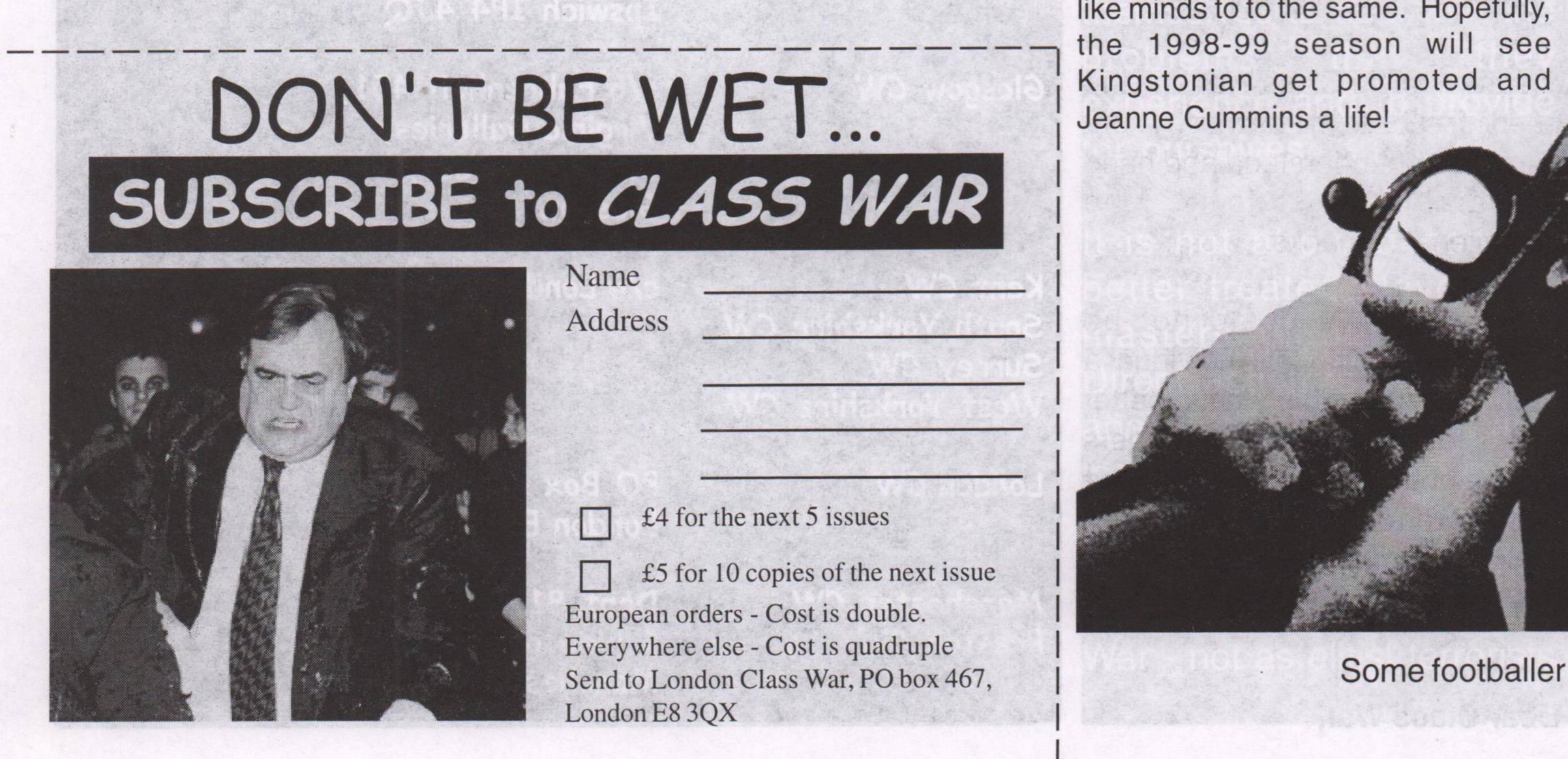


Disgracefully, Jeanne Cummins, 38, received £10 000 after an industrial tribunal at Croyden heard Kingstonian sacked her because she was an "embarrasment" and "neurotic". Cummins stated:

"This is not about money, this is a moral victory. By criticising me for grieving Kingstonian FC have insulted me and the name of Princess Diana"

Since this court case several Class War members have been down Kingstonian, and as at many non-league clubs, have found a pleasant atmosphere, a friendly bar and joy of joys, the chance to watch a game standing up. We urge other like minds to to the same. Hopefully, the 1998-99 season will see Kingstonian get promoted and Jeanne Cummins a life!





Some footballer bloke with a gun