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### Class War Internal Bulletin

All members should send group reports, comments and press cuttings etc to the Norwich group by 31 December, as they are spending New Years Eve compiling it!

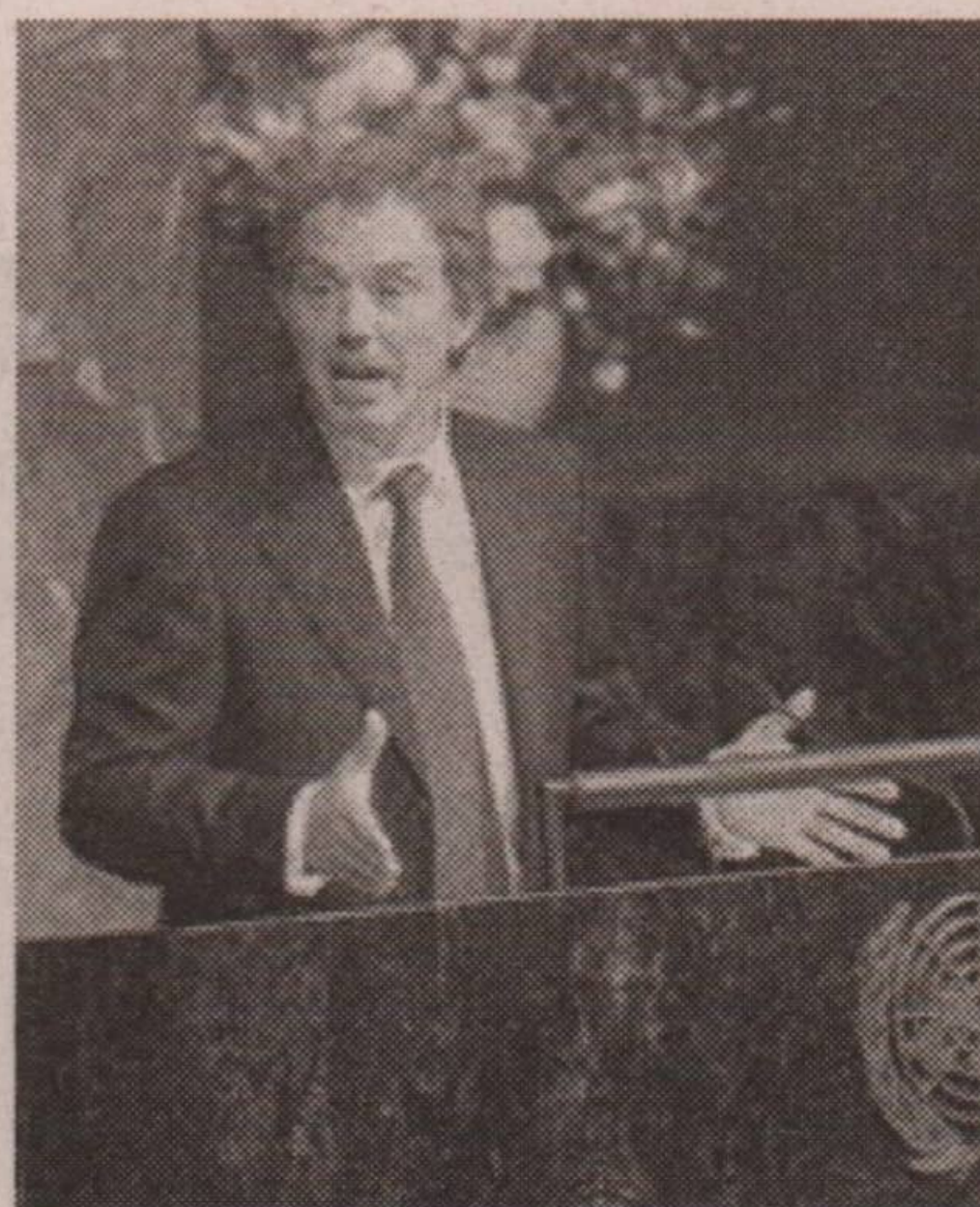
# Editorial

## Choice? What fucking choice!

We get a lot of false choices under capitalism. Coke or Pepsi, McDonalds or Burger King, KFC or Pizza Hut. All are bad for you, and all have the unhappy knack of making somebody else rich at our expense.

But the falsest choice of all is the much hyped "choice" between Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. The tedious dispute between the two men is about one thing only - who has absolute power as Prime Minister. There are no significant policy differences between the two, and those running round shouting "Kick Blair Out" as some panacea to our problems, really should know better. Would Brown have said no to war in Iraq? Of course not.

Whether we are "led" by Blair, Brown, Howard or Kennedy makes no real difference to the lives of most working class people in this country. We are still pushed around at school, at work, in our communities and even when we go to watch a football match. Changing from one ruling class politician to another is no change at all.



Blair prepares another whopper

## Sick of Work

No sickies? Who the fuck do Tesco's bosses think they are? These bosses have come up with a plan to stop their workers being ill. They plan not to pay their workers for the first three days they take off sick. What a set of complete wankers - sick day's are the get out of jail free card of the worker. When your job is so shit (like 90% of job's in Britain today) the sick day is the only option left to workers who are so miserable at work they would rather put there hand in the sausage grinder than do a Saturday afternoon shift when there team is in the FA Cup (or whatever). The best thing about sick days is that our fellow workers are happy to cover for us because everybody does them - it is a great example of socialism in action, having a day of at the expense of no one other than the company! Back of the net!!!

Change can occur in our lives. Twenty years ago thousands of miners and their families discovered that during the 1984-5 strike, when they stopped listening to their bosses, politicians and police officers, and followed their own class instincts. Each day we can score little victories against the false choices we are offered in life - we can dodge the fares on the tube, or fiddle our time sheets at work, slip a few bottles past the counter at Sainsbury's.

Small tokens are not enough though. Tony Blair, and Gordon Brown, ask us to believe that the class war is over. Take a look at around you. If the class war is over - who won? It certainly was not us! Its time to stop following the false choices of Blair versus Brown, Tory versus UKIP, Lib Dem versus Respect, BNP versus NF. We need to choose a world without politicians, without capitalism and without exploitation. That is class war!



## Shit - Or Get Off the Pot!

There's been a lot of rhetoric from the Countryside Alliance, Real Countryside Alliance and every fringe right-wing nutcase since parliament voted (yet again!) to ban fox hunting in England. The British National Party talked of the government having declared civil war, whilst various hunters stepped forward to prophesise death and destruction unless their "sport" was allowed to continue. Well guys, the ball is now in your court. You've talked the talk.....

Tesco's claim that they are not being tight fisted but are doing it for the sake of the customer - what a load of shit! Bearing in mind that most colds and flu last about three days all Tesco's workers should make sure they cough all over their managers and bosses. Let's get these bastards sneezing all over their productivity spread sheets and sweating like pigs when they are trying that all important putt at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Class War!!

## Enough to make you sick!

Its not just Tesco who are clamping down on "sick" leave. British Airways and the civil service have also launched reviews of their policies to clamp down on "abuse". Champions in this field appear to be staff in the civil service, who take an average of 11 days self-certificate sickness leave per year. The big question is - would anybody notice if they took 20!

## Second Class Passengers

One of the major causes of death in the 1999 Ladbroke Grove train crash was suffocation - many people could not escape from carriages where there was dense smoke. Others burnt to death for the same reasons. Given this a recommendation of the subsequent Cullen report was that "There should be a thorough review of the adequacy of the number of, and signage relating to, emergency hammers"

Class War can reveal that in the case of Turbo trains, operated by First Great Western, this review has now been carried out. Hammers for breaking windows are now placed in all first class carriages. For those in standard class, there is nothing.

What better comment could there be on our railway system?

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# If They Had Brains, They'd Be Dangerous



Welcome to Class War's regular round up of buffoonery from the boys in blue. As usual, this column of the paper was the easiest to fill!

## Diplomatic Protect Unit

Its nice to know that senior officers in this team are capable of taking the sort of hard decisions management is paid for. When PC Amoreena Adams was suffering from depression they temporarily suspended her firearms licence. However a stroke of genius from senior officers saw her later posted to the armoury at the Territorial Policing HQ on Victoria Embankment, where she shot herself. Bang on!



PC Adams - Markswoman of the year?

## Northumbria

Bungling cops who kicked down a door in a 3.30am raid found they were at the right address but the wrong town. Officers who went to Berwick Road, Gateshead about a disturbance should have been five miles away in Wallsend, Newcastle. Northumbria police blamed confusing reports for getting the wrong town but later denied they had left the first house

unsecured. Confused reports? Confused plod more like!

## Royal Protection Unit

It could happen to anyone. There you are, standing on a chair to close a window, and you overbalance and fall. What can we say to the unnamed officer, in the elite Royal Protection squad, who stumbled into a painting, gashing its canvas, and leaving the royal picture collection a million pounds worse off. Perhaps he could pay it back out of his overtime?

## Surrey Police

It was doubles all round at Guildford police station, when special constable Anthony McArdle reported for duty. You've got to be pretty desperate to be a special, but no one could accuse McArdle of letting the job get in the way of his social life. When breathalysed at the station he was found to be a whopping four times over the limit and sadly his career as a police officer is over. Never mind Anthony, you might find people start talking to you again now, and you will certainly have a lot more time to spend down the pub.

## Greater Manchester Police

Its farewell also to PC Gary Hart, who resigned from GMP after being convicted of picking up a prostitute whilst on duty in his police car. Hart, who took the women to the unmanned Castle

Street police station even failed to pay her the agreed £20, stating "trust me, I'm a policeman" and unzipping his trousers when she asked for the cash. In his defence he claimed that he was not kerb-crawling but "gathering intelligence on drink-drivers". A long career as a security guard beckons Gary!

## Avon and Somerset Special Branch

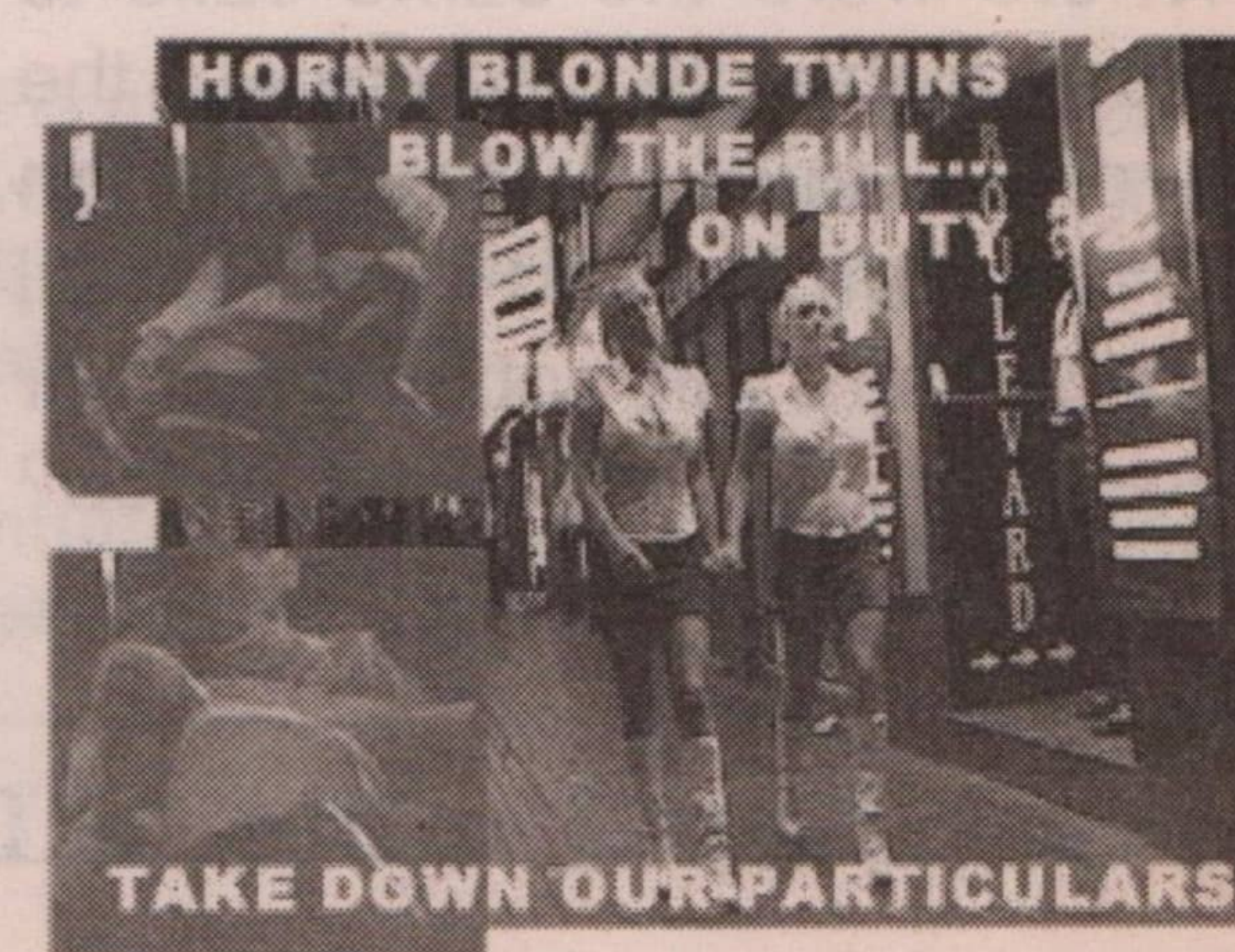
We know that Britain is safe from terrorist attack as long as we have men of this calibre to protect us. When the singer in Clash tribute band London Calling sent a text message suggesting some changes to the lyrics of "Tommy Gun" he did not expect to be pulled in by anti-terrorist police. After Mike Devine sent the message to the wrong number he was visited at work by police officers concerned that that he was plotting to hi-jack an airliner. The officers eventually left Mr Devine alone after he showed them the relevant lyrics on a Clash website. Al-Qaeda must be quaking in their boots!

## Cambridgeshire

Look out for PC Scott Haston, who tried to clear his slate in the station canteen using a forged £20 note he had seized from a supermarket. Witty Haston then tried to pass it off as a joke, until he found himself laughing all the way to Peterborough Crown Court. Can a career in the Fraud Squad be far away?

## The Met

Now this one impressed even hardened cop-watchers at Class War HQ. When a group of six officers from the Territorial Support Group were sent to calm crowds in Soho, they found themselves dealing with a mob leering and cheering in the direction of a large van, where a porn film was apparently being made.



"Horny Policemen" - Bang to rights!

Always willing to put themselves into the firing line, two hardy officers entered the van, truncheons at the ready. As concerned officers made frantic calls to enquire if they needed assistance, it soon became clear that something had indeed popped up. All was quickly revealed when the film "Horny Policeman" appeared on the internet, at:

<http://www.hornypoliceman.net/>. The two officers concerned now have a great deal more time to pursue their acting careers, as they are suspended on full pay. As Class War's always said - their brains really are in their trousers!

## Harry Roberts Is Our Friend

Well, it may be Class War's favourite chant, but it seems we are not alone in our admiration for Britain's greatest ever cop shooting armed robber. Tower Hamlets Council seem to have listened the cries of "There's only one Harry Roberts" and named a primary school after the great man!

Any Eastenders looking to ensure their kids are brought up the Class War way should enrol them as soon as possible. Web details - and pictures - from:

[www.harryroberts.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.harryroberts.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

## Thick Royal Twat is Exam Cheat

Prince Harry's military career at Sandhurst seems to have been blown out of the water before it even began. Harry needed just two A levels to make it, which considering he went to Eton, and is surrounded by some of the leading teachers and academics in the UK, should not have been too difficult.

Sadly for Harry though, he seems to have inherited his fathers looks and his mothers brains. Having got the worst Geography pass in his year, Harry gave up on his next, hardly exacting subject - the History of Art. That just left Art,



Real life prince is thicker!

which he had to pass to get into the supposedly exclusive military academy. Step forward Eton art teacher Sarah Forsyth, who says she was told to help Harry cheat to ensure he got the B he required. He did, and is now off to

Sandhurst. Will Harry be allowed to cheat there, or will this story end the same way as his Uncle Edward's career in the Royal Marines?

Either way we somehow doubt that Harry will be on the frontline anywhere, come the next war.

## I Say, I Say, I Say!

There were two kids on a council housing estate

One kid says: We've got cockroaches and rats in our council house.

The other kid replies: That's nothing we've got social workers coming into our house.



## Bang On! Bonkers Bumpkins Bashed by Bobbies!

Has there ever been a better demonstration to watch on the telly than the Countryside Alliance "riot" outside Parliament in September? The Countryside Alliance met the police for a right wingers 'handbags at dawn' competition – and it certainly brought tears to our eyes – of fucking laughter!

The aftermath was somewhat more serious however. Journalists often moan that they get targeted by angry mobs on demonstrations for taking peoples photos which then end up on the front pages of right-wing tabloids encouraging people to shop their mates. Serious jail time has been the result for many with others losing their jobs.

The double standards on this occasion were blatantly obvious. Where were the same calls to grass up the toffs? Where was the twenty minute feature on Crimewatch, and the tearful policeman's wife sobbing that her husband was only doing his job? There weren't any.

Just the 'poor old peaceful demonstrators were attacked by the police'. These same demonstrators who peacefully brought fireworks and smoke bombs along - no doubt to celebrate next years Chinese New Year with the Met.

The reaction of the tabloids was obviously based on class. Most of the editors of these shitty papers associate themselves closely with the toff scum who are to be found rampaging across the countryside most weekends or slapping each others backs at weekend shoots. They are the same threat to the working class as are the police. Maybe its time to target the right-wing media in a more direct and forceful manner. Rather than giving journalists a slap on demos we should start taking the demos to the papers themselves, and make them realise how much of a target they really are for our anger at their lies and hypocrisy. If they want a story....let's give them one!

As for the Countryside Alliance and the Met – here's to round two!

## Toff With Their Heads!

Well you can't say we didn't warn you. After years of warnings, Class War's predictions about the reactionary dangers of the Countryside Alliance, and the campaign for fox hunting are now obvious. The hunt scum now have to either deliver on their threats of civil war, brining down the government and poisoning the water supply (and that's some of their more moderate comments) or accept the end of fox hunting. Its their call.

The battle royal outside parliament in September has been compared to the Poll tax riot, but this is totally misleading for a number of reasons.

Firstly, working class people were then fighting a progressive cause

for everybody's good. Whereas, the foxhunters and their allies, are fighting to preserve the status quo. Secondly, the poll tax march was at the minimum 20 times bigger than the assorted toffs and their workers who were in Parliament Square, and the level of violence from the police was also far greater at the Poll tax. There was an element of stupidity about the foxhunters fighting the police in front of parliament - as if they would be let through. In reality, it was an old time protest where the aristocracy got their retainers – In the form of their employees - to do the fighting for them mostly.

Thirdly, it has been illegal for nearly 200 years for a demonstration to be within a mile or so of parliament while parliament is sitting.

In 1993 Class War organised a small demonstration against the Queens Speech at Parliament – we never got allowed anywhere near Parliament. One law for them?

## Ferry Stupid

There were a limited numbers of arrests at Parliament Square, and none of the right wing press have ran "Name These Thug" stories where the public are encouraged to grass up protesters – unlike all of the recent anti-capitalist and May Day protests.

That two women could get away with defending themselves in court,

## Urban Alliance Communiqué Number 1

In amongst all the fun and games inside and outside parliament, the Union of Country Sports Workers carelessly mislaid their banner. A few days later we received a copy of the following communiqué from the Urban Alliance:

*"On the afternoon of Wednesday, 15 September, elements of London Brigade Urban Alliance were on active service gathering intelligence on the countryside demonstration in Parliament Square.*

*In the course of the surveillance operation, the opportunity arose to capture the banner of the Union of Country Sports Workers. The volunteers seized their chance and successfully withdrew from the area with their prize.*

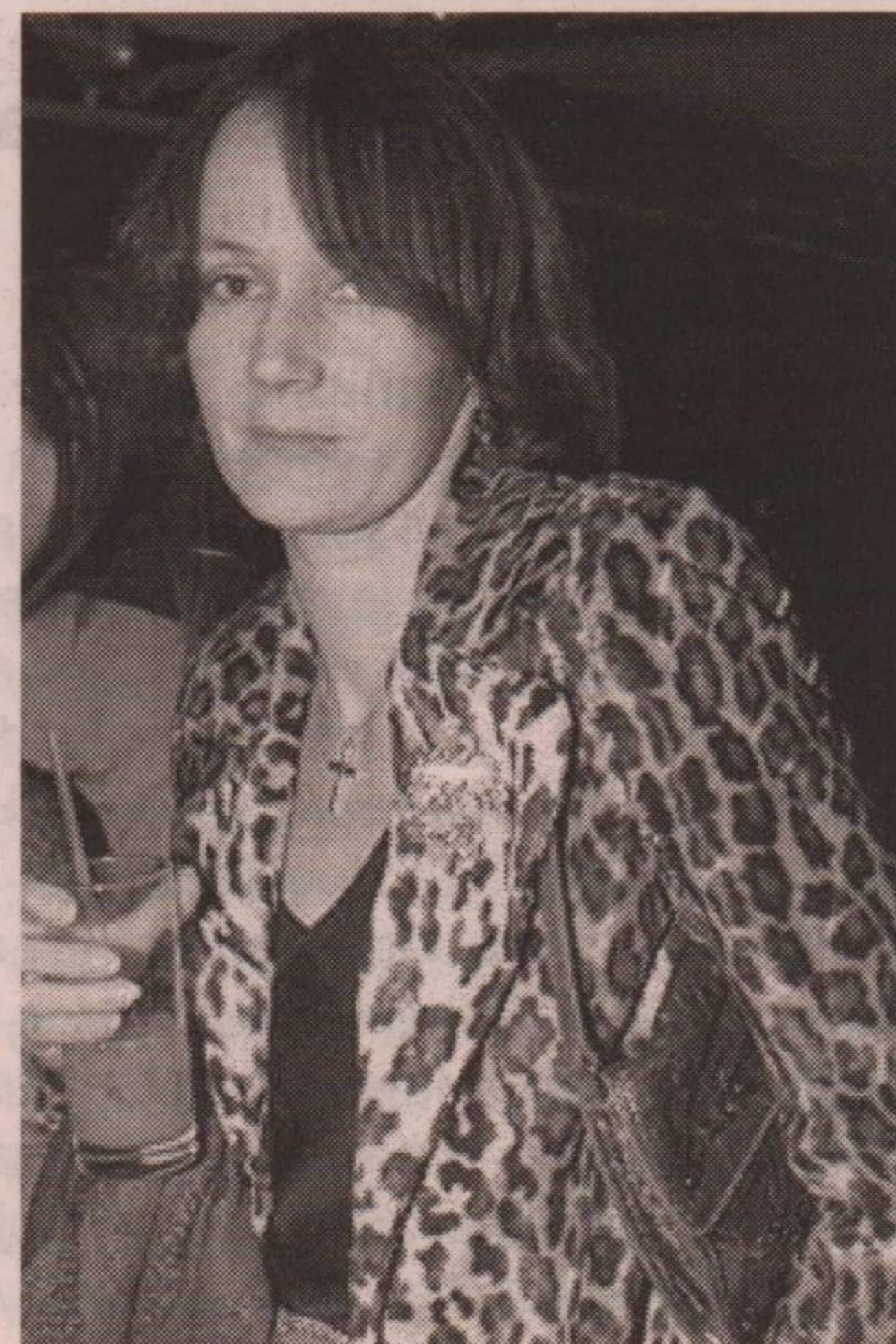
*No casualties were sustained.*

*Captain Swing"*

In response, the Urban Alliance received an e mail from leading hunter, and former Press Officer of

and only get a pittance of a fine for abandoning a vehicle in Parliament Square speaks volumes. Bryan Ferry's ex-wife is one of these fools, along with her stupidly named stupid son Otis Ferry, who is yet to be charged with anything following the invasion of Parliament. Mrs Ferry is threatening to bring down the government.

These are the same people who have had power in this country for a thousand years, and we should realise that as soon as the governmental process is not working in their favour (for the first time in a thousand years!) they threaten everyone else to defend their privilege while keeping their public support for those doing direct action to keep foxhunting



Lucy Ferry - Off with her head!



the Countryside Alliance, Janet George. We reprint it in full, without comment:

From: <janetgeorge@saddle-up.org.uk>

To: <londonurbanalliance  
Subject: Re: urban alliance  
communiqué

Sent: 17 September 2004  
20:31:22

Bless you Captain Swing for solving THAT mystery - in all the excitement no-one could remember where they saw it last. Nice bit of initiative from your volunteers - they were obviously well and truly awake.

Maybe we could enlist them to help with the next 'test' of Government security!

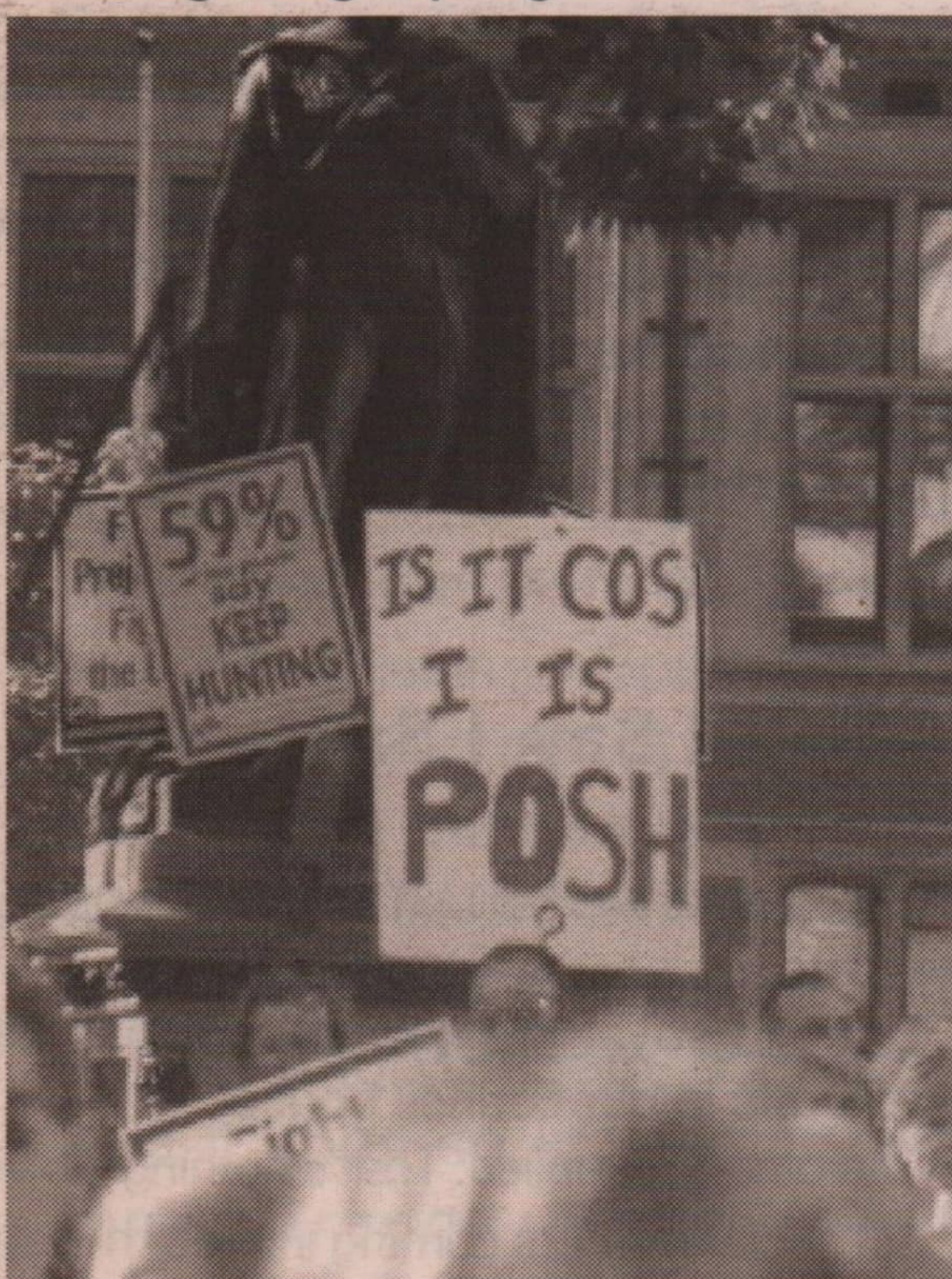
It's a nice banner and I'd understand you wanting to keep it as a trophy - but it DOES collect dust if not used regularly. If you find you want the space, we'd be happy to cover costs of its return (and perhaps a modest drink for the lads who liberated it.)

Regards,  
Janet G

quiet. In the traditional right wing way, all the pro hunt organisations such as the Countryside Action Network, the Real Countryside Alliance, Farmers For Action, Farmers Weekly, and the Countryside Alliance and magazines such as Horse and Hound, and Country Life give as much support as they can without being seen to encourage direct action.

Thus we get hypocrisy such as 'while we condemn the invasion of the commons it was a success and sheds glamour on our cause' (Country Life editorial, 23/9/04)

Mix this with other reactionary views such as the right wing criticisms of Blairite policy "because it's PC", and 'the natural order of things in gods creation' (both from the same Country Life editorial) and you have little England romantic bullshit, fighting because hunting is a 'belief system'. Given that cock fighting and bear baiting were belief systems too, they really are



YES!



hypocritical themselves. It was no surprise to us that the Countryside Alliance's rank and file have criticised the anti-hunt MP Gerald Kaufmann, not for his right wing Labour beliefs but because "he is a fucking Jew". So much for their banners that say fight prejudice. Can anyone think of a group of people more prejudiced than two thousand foxhunters?

As that noted anarchist Roy Hattersley said in the Guardian, the Countryside Alliance's 'keep it because it is traditional' arguments could have been applied to the miners 20 years ago with far more justification. This is not about jobs because they never gave a shit when the working class suffered under Thatcher, the printers, dockers, miners, steel workers all were abandoned by the toff class who didn't give two fucks about their traditions. The gas chambers in Nazi Germany created work too, but that is no reason to keep them. Hunts regularly kill hounds with years of life left in them, after they have gone past their sell by date for chasing Mr Fox (about 4 years of age) so they don't give a toss about animals either, yet preach to us about animal welfare.

The Countryside Alliance are scum.

## WE ALL HATE YOU

Darren Hughes, a spokesman on behalf of the Countryside Alliance was shocked and stunned when he was verbally abused at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton. Hughes who volunteered to do a Countryside Alliance stall at the event moaned that Labour delegates accused him of being a paedophile, a pervert, and a racist, (the latter we think) After his stall was vandalised, defaced and eventually wrecked he complained to the organisers who told him next time he won't be invited. Does this show how thick the CA are really like...maybe he should get a stall at the Anarchist bookfair where he will get much more than the above!

## QUOTES

*"He is what we call an amateur by which I mean that although he works pretty much seven days a week, he isn't paid. Instead, Otis manages to fund himself"*

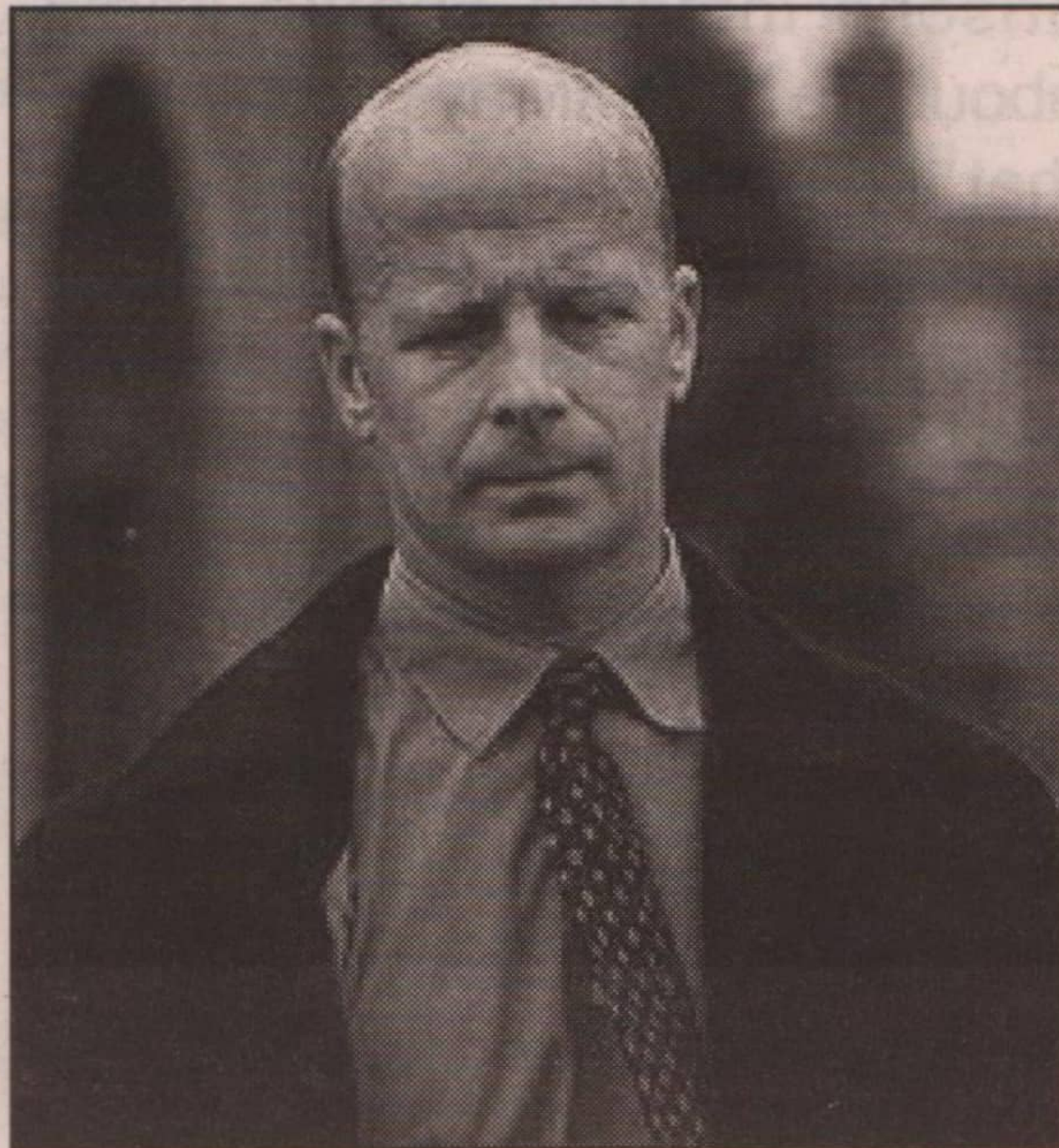
**Patricia Cornes**, Secretary of the South Shropshire Hunt, discussing Hunt Master Otis Ferry. Only the very rich, or very stupid, work for nothing. The remarkable thing about Otis Ferry is that he is both!

## Ruling Class Myths #235: Guardians of the Countryside

August saw the conviction of gamekeeper Stephen Muir, convicted of what the RSPB described as Scotland's "worst wildlife crime". Muir poisoned a minimum of 25 birds, including buzzards, a goshawk and a tawny owl.

His solicitor told the court "He felt he was doing his job, but in no way was he asked by the estate to do this. He is clearly someone who has respect and a love for the countryside. That is where he spends his life and work."

No further comment is required!



Muir - Baldy bird bashing bastard

## Royal Hunts

The peak of the hunting pyramid is the decadent inbred royal family – with the Queen lecturing Blair on 'how he doesn't understand the countryside', but he's got a countryside constituency in Sedgwick for fucks sake, and has had for 20 years or so.

The silence of the Princes - Charles, William, and Harry speaks volumes – they've been told to keep their gobs shut. Instead they have had to resort to mouthing support for the foxhunters rather like the old rat-bag herself, the Queen Mother, mouthed support behind closed doors for apartheid in South Africa. The biggest hypocrites are the unelected head of state in Britain and the rest of the Royal family, who have to respect the will of parliament under the act of settlement, or like Charles the first, they may find themselves levelled by commoners.

## Fitting Memorial

The Princess Diana Memorial Fountain has proved to be an entirely suitable tribute to her memory. It is slippery, very expensive, does not work and nobody seems to know quite what its purpose is. Does that remind you of anyone?

## Top Ten Silly Names

These rich bastards just can't seem to help themselves. Check these out!

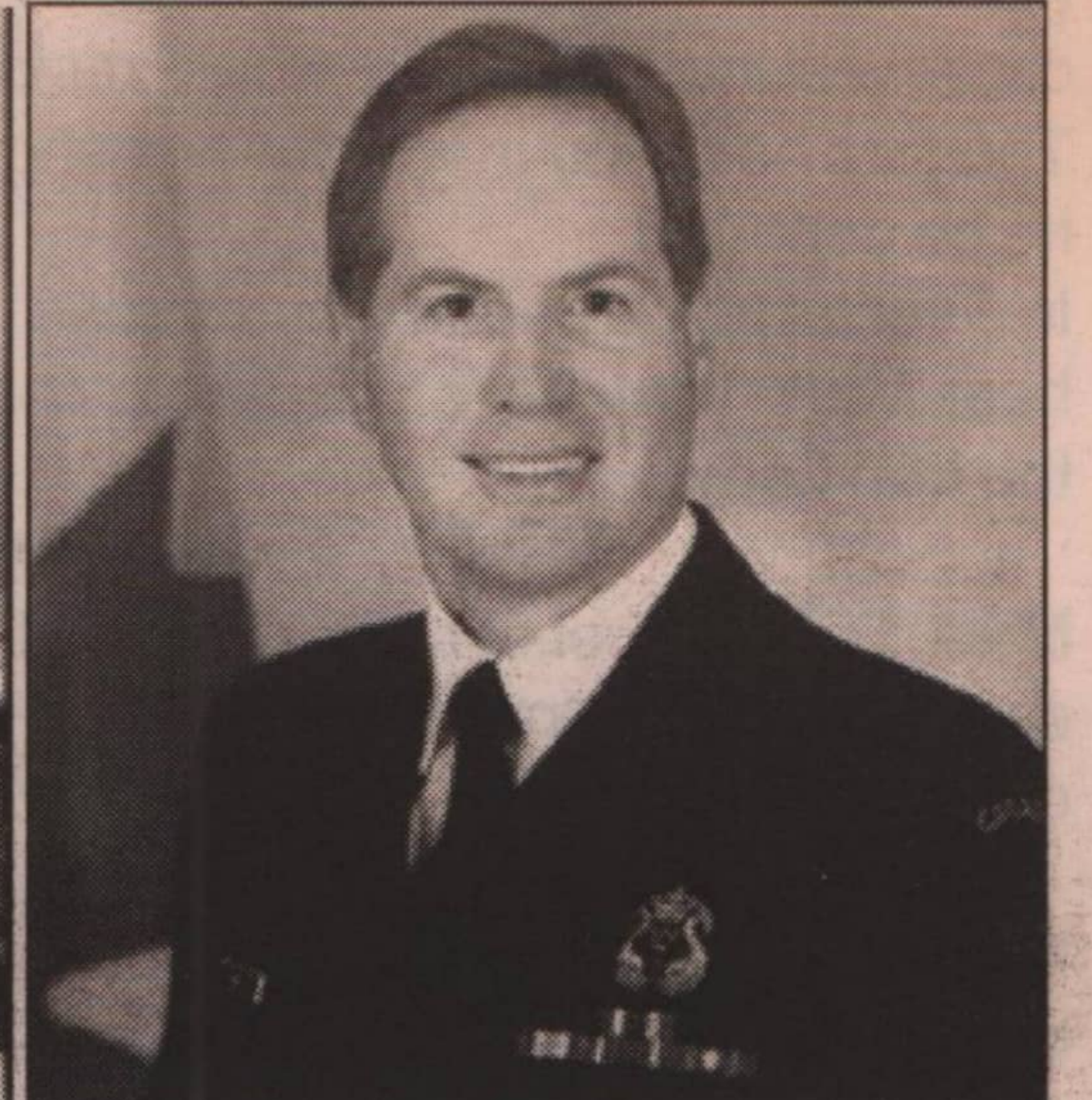
- 10 **Tamara Mellon** – Head of the 50 million dollar Jimmy Choo fashion(?) empire, Tamara is wet and yellow by name, wet and yellow by nature!
- 9 **Phillipa Shirley-Bevan** – Those who want to throw rocks at Pippa should go along to the Jed Forest Hunt in Roxburghshire.
- 8 **Isabella Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe** – Apparently this London heiress is Prince William's latest girlfriend. Silly name, silly cow.
- 7 **Mr Otis Ferry** – Brian Ferry named his son after the great black soul singer Otis Redding. How inappropriate for someone who has grown up to be a spoilt, whining, soulless foxhunter.
- 6 **Dr Peter Spillet**, the suitably named Head of Environment, Quality and Sustainability, at Thames Water.
- 5 **Julian de Vere Whiteway-Wilkinson** – Son a prominent Devon family, Whiteway-Wilkinson was recently convicted of supplying cocaine to city businessmen. Writing his name should fill up most of the cell door!
- 4 **Ms Phoebe Hobby**, Hunt Secretary, Berks and Bucks Draghounds. Feeble name, feeble hunt.
- 3 **The Hon Mrs M V Chaworth-Musters**. A trustee of the Grove and Rufford hunt in Nottinghamshire. No comment required.
- 2 **Commodore Tyrone H.G. Pile**. A senior figure in the Canadian navy, Commodore Pile appears destined to end up at the bottom of the sea.
- 1 **Janion Glasscock** - Board member, Atkins Rail. And people thought British Rail was a laughing stock!



Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe  
Hyphenated halfwit



Mellon  
"I may not have the head for business, but I have feet that were made for heels..."



Commodore Pile  
Nice but dim?

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## Premier League Scum

Kilmarnock Prison, run by Premier Prison Services Ltd, is Scotland's only private prison. Its officers though, are as big a set of bastards as any HMP in England or Scotland. In August David Allen, a 44 year old former supervisor at the jail was jailed for two years for planting heroin on an inmate during a cell search. A junior warder, John Robertson, who was with him during the search received 300 hours community service.

Lets hope that whichever jail Allen is doing his time in, every prisoner knows precisely who he is.

## No Comment

In the last issue of Class War we highlighted the very welcome pay out to demonstrators arrested for opposing the Queens Jubilee in 2002. Rather than simply spend all that money down the pub, we are pleased to report that part of the compensation went to fund an excellent pamphlet advising people on what to do if arrested. "No Comment – the defendants guide to arrest" is available for a SAE from No Comment, c/o BM Automatic, London, WC1N 3XX.

Copies are also available on-line at [www.ldmg.org.uk](http://www.ldmg.org.uk)

The Legal Defence Monitoring Group also intend to publish a defendants guide to the criminal justice system, soonish!

## Calling All Prisoners

Class War Prisoners needs your help, the paper is done for free, the group can't exist without the input from other prisoners, we need your sleaze, gossip, news and views to make Class War the best paper on your prison wing.

Each issue we do a prisoners page with news from around the world on prisons inmates should know about, we have always maintained that the paper is free to all class struggle prisoners. If you're in for shop lifting or trying to assassinate the queen get in touch, we have been trying to find news on privatisation in our crumbling gaols, over crowding, etc.

If you want Class War delivered to your cell door drop us a line with your address clearly written, recommend a friend in prison, we

CAPS now has an excellent website at:

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want the paper in your library. We will do our up most to make sure the paper gets to you and it doesn't go out to wrong' uns (paedophiles, nonces, rapists, corrupt judges and coppers, grasses, racists and the likes of Jeffrey Archer).



## Mumsey - Don't Let Them Eat Me

After Mark Thatcher was arrested for bank rolling a failed coup attempt to take over the oil-rich state of Equatorial Guinea (isn't that funding terrorism?) Class War can reveal that his fears of what President Teodoro has lying in wait for him should he be deported.

In a secret taped phone recording we can hear Mark Thatcher's desperate call to the Iron Lady.

Mark: I'm in a spot of bother mumsey they say I was trying to take over an oil rich country.

Mumsey: Well done Mark, I've tried that a couple of times myself it can be very rewarding – just ask Tony Blair.

Mark: No mumsey you don't understand it went wrong and they want to deport me. Could you see your way to sending me a sub?

Mumsey: Send a sub? Like I did to the Falklands?

Mark: No you daft old bat – money! I need money! They say that their President is a cannibal and he eats his enemies testicles to boost his sex drive. I need help!



Thatcher - You're nicked!

Mumsey: Mmmmmmm, why didn't I think of that.

Then the line crackles and the tape goes dead.

Class War has only one bit of advice for President Teodoro – don't eat him shoot the bastard, he is probably poisonous, just like his evil cow of a mother!

## Everybody out!

Congratulations to the Fire Brigades Union on their vote to leave the Labour Party. Such action is clearly the way forward for trades unions – since the RMT was expelled in February 2004, its membership has increased by over 3000.

## QUOTES

*"Keith was an outstanding trade union member. The union and I have lost a great comrade and friend"*

**Arthur Scargill** at the funeral of Nottinghamshire NUM activist Keith Frogson, who was murdered in July. Robert Boyer, a scab during the miners strike of 1984-5, has been charged with his murder.

*"What they are highlighting is how ordinary, decent fathers are made genuinely desperate and unhappy by a system that denies them the right to see their beloved child for months or years, if a scorned woman so decides"*

Daily Mirror columnist **Brian Reade** (16 September 2004) discussing the group Fathers for Justice.

*"We didn't do it with balloons, we didn't do it by being nicey-picey, hoping they feel sorry for us and take pity on us. We did it by threatening industrial action"*

RMT leader **Bob Crow** on why his union's membership has increased by over 14,000, and secured many above inflation pay increases.

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# CWACKERS

## Class War Against Christian Wankers

Welcome all you prayer dodgers out there to the latest hot off the press news once again attacking these sky pilots. To be honest it didn't really take much work to find out the latest paedophile scandal as there are so many stories out there, it seems each week there is a scandal or cover up by the church, In fact we could fill the paper up with news on priests sickening behaviour - there's an idea!!!

Lets face it we all hate seeing and reading about nonce's and perverts, it seems to us that they have all joined the church to cover up there depraved acts, so read on as I hope the story below will cheer us all up.

### DID HE GO TO HELL OR WHAT?

God's judgement, justice..... call it what you want. This fucker got what he deserved.

A former priest convicted of child sex abuse has been killed in prison in the United States. John Geoghan, a central figure in the Catholic Church's abuse scandal in Boston, was injured in an incident with another inmate at the Souza-Baranowski Correction Center, in Shirley, Massachusetts, according to jail officials.

He died shortly after being taken to Leominster Hospital. Authorities say Geoghan appeared to have been strangled and fellow prisoner Joseph Druce, serving a life sentence, will face murder charges in relation to the death. Department of Correction spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said Geoghan had been held in protective custody to shield him from the general prison population, but he still had some contact with other inmates. She said the incident was under investigation, but declined to give further details.

The former priest, 67, was given a six-year prison sentence last year for molesting a 10-year-old boy. The BBC's Jane Standley in New York said the accusations against Geoghan went back more than 30 years and documents which were revealed in court sparked the scandal which has shrouded the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

They showed that his superiors knew of the complaints against him, but they covered them up and moved him repeatedly to new parishes in the Boston area. He was believed to have attacked more than 130 children over the last three decades.

Churchgoers in Boston were shocked by the revelations about the extent of sexual abuse by priests. As the abuse came to light, more people came forward, alleging abuse by scores of other priests. More

than 300 priests resigned or were removed from their duties as a result - including the Boston Cardinal Bernard Law. Geoghan's case eventually resulted in a multi-million dollar settlement with 86 of his alleged victims.

Mitchell Garabedian, an attorney for many of Geoghan's alleged victims told Reuters news agency that he was "surprised and shocked" by the former priest's death.

"Many of my clients would have rather seen Father Geoghan serve out his time in jail and endure the rigours of further criminal trials, so that his paedophile acts could have been exposed further," he said. Mr Garabedian said that since 1994 he had been approached by 147 people claiming to have been sexually abused by Geoghan. He said there were outstanding cases against the former priest.

Get this if it isn't taking the piss. A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Boston, the Reverend Christopher Coyne, offered prayers for Geoghan's family, and for the repose of his sick fucking evil soul.



Geoghan - Dead, thank fuck

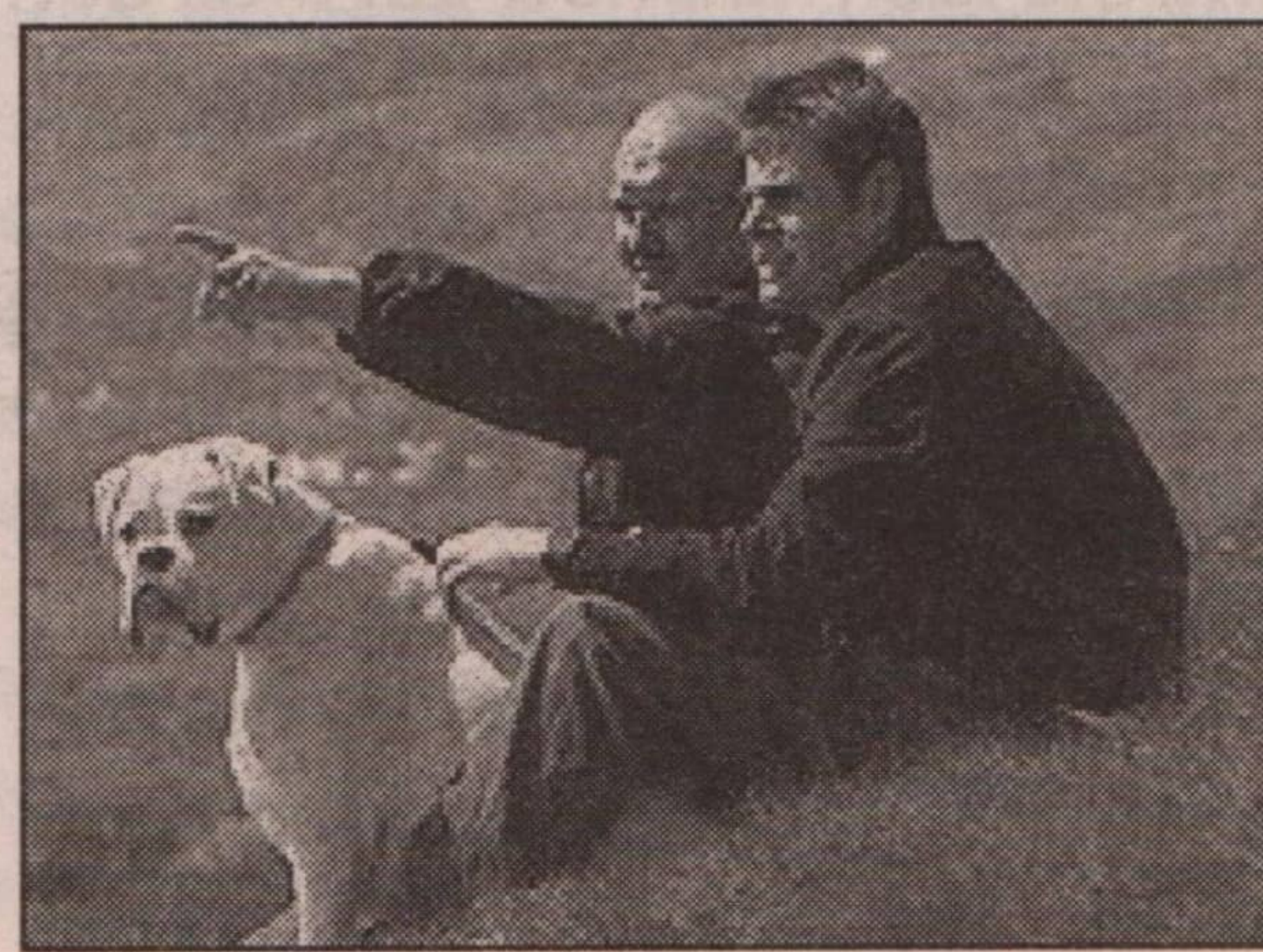
### COVERING YOUR OWN

Flying in the faces of mounting victims of paedophiles within the Catholic Church, three disgraced Melbourne Catholic priests — a paedophile, a fornicator and a third convicted of violence — have received a form of pardon from the Vatican in Rome.

## Bear Shits In Woods!

That should really have been the title of The Secret Agent, the BBC's latest expose of the British National Party, screened this summer. A BNP member from Bradford who had allegedly seen the light, Andy Sykes, worked with BBC journalist Jason Gwynne, to "bring the public the truth" about the BNP.

Since Nick Griffin joined the BNP, and particularly since he became its leader, there has been a succession of programmes "exposing" either the BNP, or Griffin himself. Virtually every programme has seen detailed follow up in the print media, a parade of failed politicians jostling one another to condemn the BNP the loudest, and a succession of new members and new branches for the fascists.



Two men and a dog

Virtually all of these programmes exist merely as statements of the bleeding obvious. Members of the BNP don't like black people. They don't like immigration. The BNP has tried to modernise itself, but still has a lot of people in the party who are racists who like to fight. All opinions that could be obtained from a sixth form politics student, yet instead justify months of infiltration, expensive surveillance equipment (and no doubt) the continued lubrication of fascists tongues with BBC bought lager.

Rumour has it that a follow up documentary is being made involving Andy Sykes' dog. This is expected to tackle the issue of whether or not his dog barks, and if it likes to chase cats. Nick Griffin will then be grilled about these issues in a 10 minute slot on Newsnight.

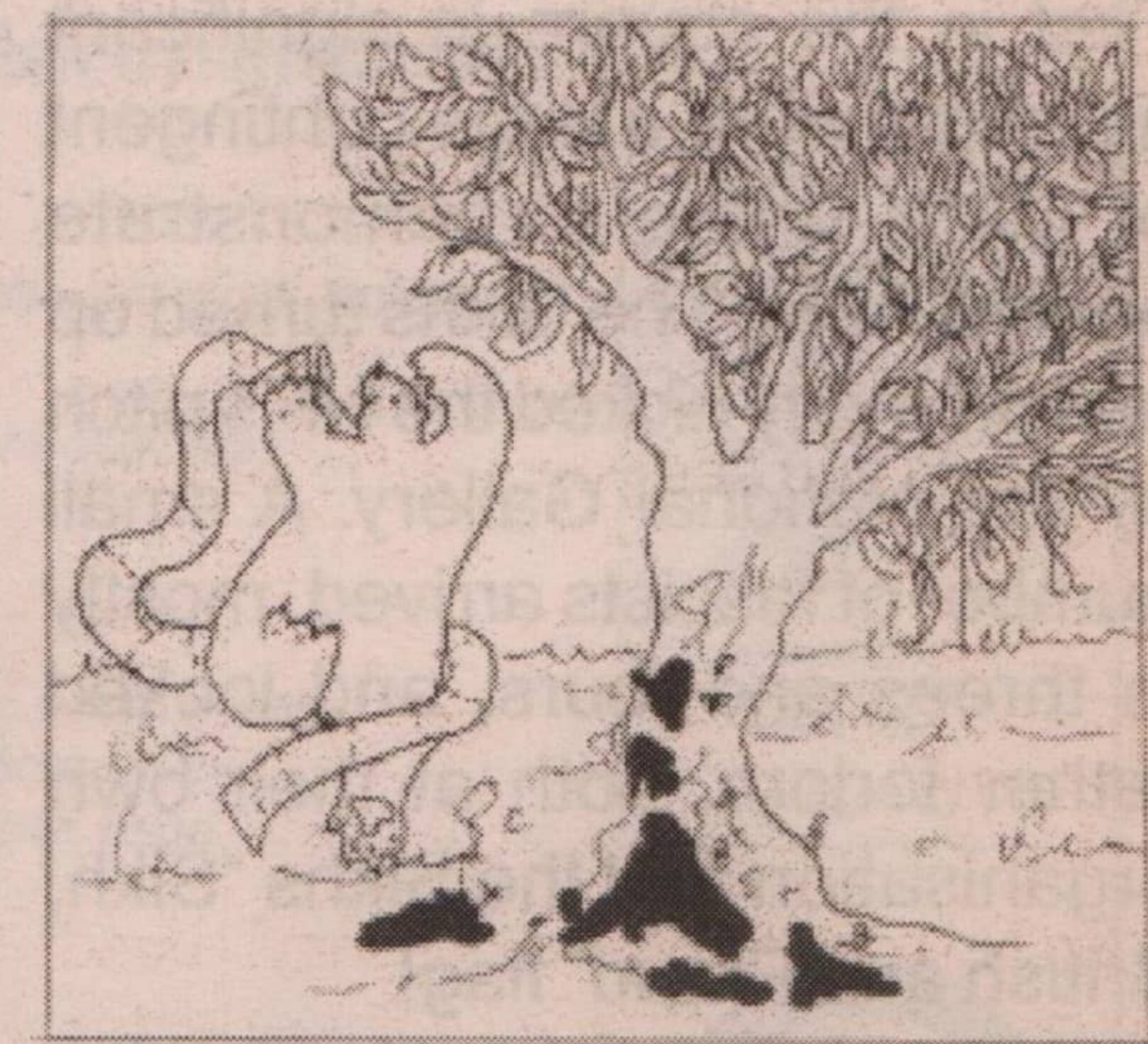
One thing the BBC will never do is ask why 800,000 people voted BNP in the last elections. They will

not produce sustained, hard-hitting programmes examining the corruption in Labour run councils, indeed with Blair having seen them off over the WMD row, the BBC is now scared to even continue criticising Blair over Iraq.

Nor are the BBC likely to look at the problem millions of working class people have with Islam as a religion, or whether or not public services, in working class areas are affected or not by issues like asylum seekers. For BBC executives, who are not reliant on inner city schools, hospitals and doctors surgeries, these are not issues. For many working class people they are.

It is noticeable how none of these exposes of Nick Griffin and his party have concentrated on Griffin's personal wealth, and contrasted the BNP's middle and upper class leadership with its working class base in places like Oldham and Bradford. Not very BBC to do that sort of thing though is it?

Fighting fascism effectively does not require constant exposes of men talking big in pubs. If it did, why hasn't the BNP vote collapsed? Opposing the BNP means pulling the rug from under their feet. This requires both the physical strength to actually yank the buggers off their feet, but it needs the political base, and political practice to keep them off their feet. It means hammering the established parties so fucking hard that no one notices — or cares — what the BNP says about them. It means working to rebuild working class communities that have been divided by religion, poverty and inter-gang violence. Television programmes are little or no use in doing that!



In other news - Pope found to be Catholic

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# CLASS WAR

## Anti Fascist AND PROUD News

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July Trafalgar Square

Now hopes were high for this one! When the Al-Qaeda loving Islamic nutters of Al-Mujihiroun called a rally in Trafalgar Square, the National Front quickly called a counter-demo. Equally quickly new anti-fascist group Antifa called a counter demonstration against both of them!



Chaos in Trafalgar Square!

On the day however the fearsome Islamic warriors of Al-Mujihiroun failed to show, as they did not have legal permission for their event. Indeed they appeared to lose their nerve after Ken Livingstone sent them "a strongly worded letter" Such much for not obeying man made laws!

First in the square in significant numbers were a large contingent of Sikhs (there to demonstrate against Al-M) The Sikhs turned up and promptly nicked the NF's pitch by the National Gallery. A small number of fascists arrived, mostly in threes and fours, and looked rather forlorn, both at their own organisation and the Sikhs "Sikh, British and Proud" flag!

Without clear leadership, the NF contingent remained disjointed, but the very large police presence in and around the square prevented any clashes. At this point the only danger was that some anti-fascists might die laughing at the particularly thick fascist who insisted on regaling us with information about the NF's plans, and even when told he was talking to anti-fascists refused to believe them. He will go far!

With police numbers increasing and the potential of being blocked in rising, it was time to shift. Having taken a short break for refreshments, about 35 anti-fascists returned to the Square to find the fash had now got their act together but were split into two separate groups.

This included a contingent from a group called the United British Alliance (mostly football hooligans) who claim to be non-racist. Indeed it has been suggested by the NF that their number includes non-whites. We did not see any on the day, and when we approached their picket of about 60 lads, amongst the loyalist chanting were several cries, in our direction of "race traitors". So much for them not being racists!

Having been shifted on by a large contingent of cops it was time to present our credentials to the NF, who mustered about 30-40 strong. Again they chose to stay behind the police barriers. By now the cops had more than lost their patience with us, and we were forced out of the Square to Charing Cross station, pausing only to swap rounds of applause with the Sikhs.

All in all the day went reasonably well, in what was one of Antifa's first outings Some lessons from the day:

☛ Turn up on time. More people arriving later in the day has less impact than large numbers being



present at the start. As Ron Atkinson would say, there is nothing wrong with a good hard challenge early doors!

☛ Be calm but purposeful - it was perfectly possible to get close to the opposition and look them in the whites of their eyes. If you want to stand behind barriers with the cops, go and join Unite Against Fascism.

☛ Bring a friend. We need more people at these events - they are regularly out numbering us. Fighting fascism involves more than sitting about talking.

☛ Expect to be stopped, searched and photographed by the police. Don't carry anything you would not want to be found with.

Finally a big thank you to the guys who came down from Leeds - it is nice to meet some anti-fascists from the city who aren't the usual Searchlight compromised clowns!

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Basildon

At the recent Laindon ward council election in Basildon David King, a former BNP treasurer was standing for a seat.

Unite Against Fascism held a meeting a week prior to the election, with fifty people present, but no picket of the election count was organised. On the night it was announced that King had come third, and the 20 BNP members and supporters left the town hall defeated, but unopposed. Two minutes down the road, were seven anti-fascists who just happened to be drinking in town. When the two groups met (despite being outnumbered three to one), a 'full and frank discussion' with King and other members ended with them on the floor, and later receiving treatment from an ambulance crew. One of the BNP 'security' entourage panicked and managed to spray two anti-fascists

with mace, as well as half his mates. No arrests were made.

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October Dagenham

WOT NO FASCISTS?

The call out was made and we headed to Dagenham, the cockney overspill where there has been a lot of activity by the BNP. After Daniel Kelly stood in Barking, another BNP candidate, Lawrence Rustem was standing for the town hall. I guess it was time to show the BNP that we are here to stop there cocky behaviour.

On arrival we found a Wetherspoons, meeting up with everyone else and getting organised, people turned up from Sussex, Kent, many London boroughs, even Barking. There was a good crowd of us, strength in numbers, a guy said to me "fuck me is there a rave on?", "nah we are here to fight the BNP" was my reply.

Leaving the pub In dribs and drabs we headed towards the town hall where we found you guessed it another pub, no sign of the BNP at all, a few meat wagons passing, strange stares, all was normal, a BNP spotter was seen, he had



Dave King, former BNP treasurer and councillor wannabe



**International News**

**Scary Fairies Rampage In Wellington!**

On October 23rd, the National Front staged a march through Wellington, New Zealand, supposedly to a rally for "free speech" and defending the current NZ flag. Fortunately, they weren't alone... one eye witness account of the day reads:

"We totally smashed them!

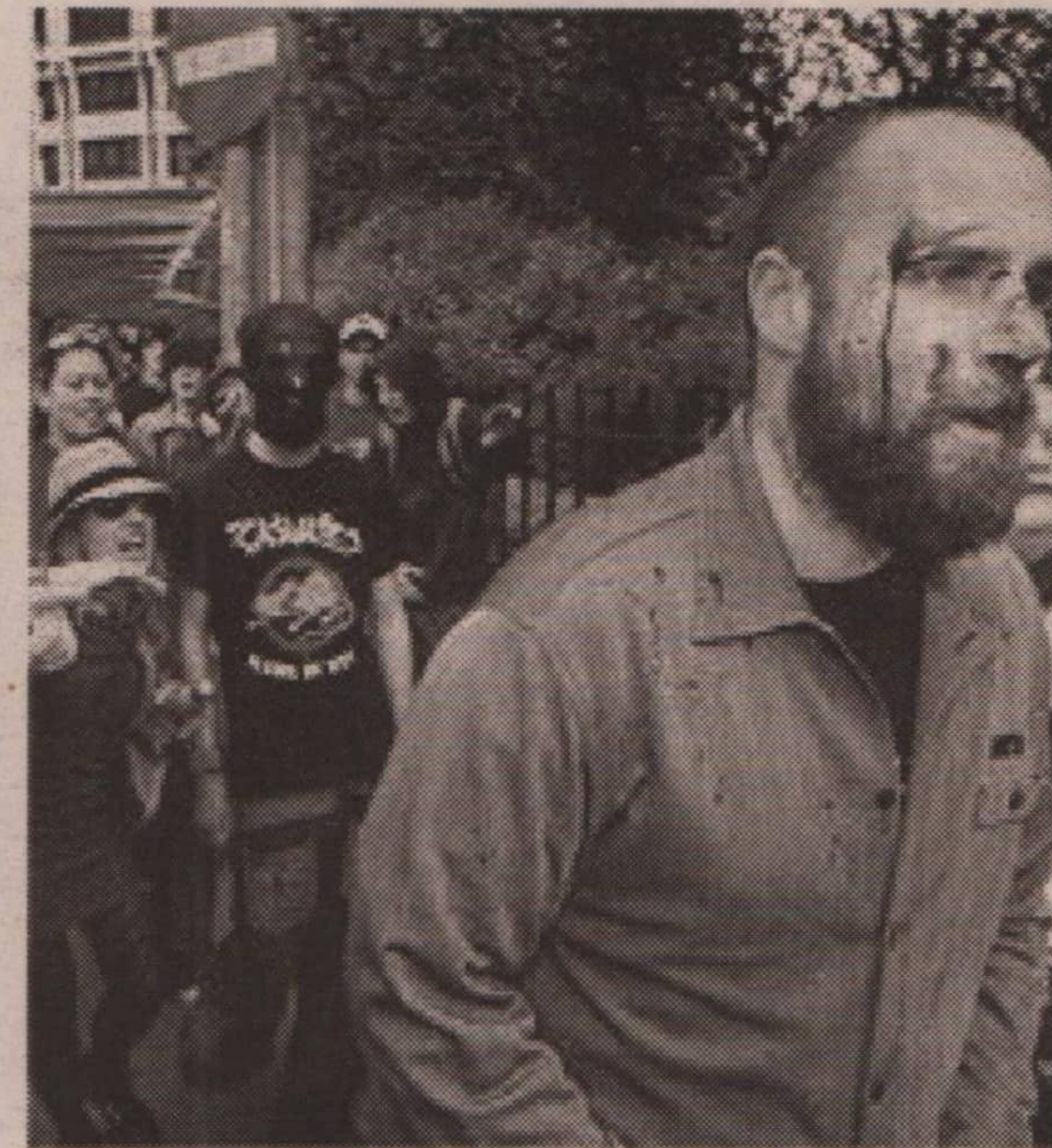
They got 30-40 dickheads, vs our 2000+ for an anti racism march.

The NF had been hyping the Wellington rally as 'the biggest event in NZ white nationalist history'. They had lots of media and other events this year and all were used to promote the big one in Wellington, a march against asian immigration. They had been working hard to portray themselves as proud NZers, not hitler worshiping scumbags, but someone got into their private web servers and leaked all their internal photos to the media (photos of boneheads doing hitler salutes

and waving crowbars and baseball bats etc). We also organised a big anti racism march. Two weeks ago they decided to change their rally theme from anti immigration to a pro NZ Flag demo, and then secretly changed the time of their rally so they could leave before we got to parliament grounds. (they forgot that we had got into their email system though!)

On the day we had 2000+ marching (all Wellington folks), and the master race attracted about 30 boneheads (from all over the country). While the main march was happening about 40-50 Scary fairies confronted the fascists and sprinkled glitter all over them which was very funny. Then the fascists tried to leave and went to the railway station where they ended up trapped by the fairies. They stupidly decided to ask for a police escort out of the station and back down the street to where they had parked their cars. By this time the march had reached parliament and the speeches were getting dull so people were drifting off down the street to where the fascists were.

Pretty soon there were about 300 anti racists, 40 cops and 25 boneheads all in a side street. Of



Beardy weirdy fascist bashed!

course the fascists couldnt count, so decided this was the time to start throwing punches . .

They lost, badly.

Car loads of fascists were surrounded and chased down the street. One of the main North Island NF leaders was abandoned by his heroic warrior brothers and ended up trapped inside a building surrounded by 100 protesters for over an hour, until the police rescued him. (hes the one bleeding in all the photo. Almost felt sorry for him, but not quite!). He was the one who threw the first punch of the day so it was quite nice that he ended up bleeding on the front page of every paper in the country this weekend!

MADE IN ENGLAND tattooed on his forehead, a give away sign I suppose!  
We lingered waiting, word went around that the BNP were leaving, we all legged it to the Town Hall as we arrived so did the dog handlers, someone had a go at four Tory boys, confrontation with the police truncheons raised, three arrests. We headed back towards the tube, me and two other comrades was walking along when a car pulled up, four men started mumbling something, I clocked a pin badge with the pound sign, I spat at them, they produced a cam recorder, one tried getting out more like pretended, they sped off. I legged it back on the last tube, looking back on it now there was a good turn out of anti fascists, everyone was up for a ruck and ready to kick some nazi arse, didn't really see the point in lingering fighting the old bill, I was there to show solidarity and to fight fascists...great to hear the BNP candidate lost the vote anyway.

For more information about fighting fascism, contact Antifa [www.antifa.org.uk](http://www.antifa.org.uk)



**The U.K. Independence Party**

**UKIP - The Party That Wants to Keep The Pound Because We've Got Plenty!**

The United Kingdom Independence Party is the only British political party dedicated to withdrawing from the European Union, apart from the other parties, with exactly the same position, whom we don't like to talk about.

A vote for UKIP is a vote to withdraw from the European Union. We have, however, when elected, taken our seats in Brussels, at the European Parliament. We go to Europe though, not to praise the European ideal, but to bury it in a sea of opposition, internal faction fights, criticism and expense claims! The taxpayers of Britain will certainly see a difference after four years of having a UKIP MEP!

The second plank of our programme is to keep the pound. As you might have noticed, most of our members are so good at this, they want to extend their personal practices to the entire country! Whilst keeping the pound is essential for our national independence, we should point out that the pound is so precious that its distribution must be limited to those who are capable of looking after it - i.e. people like us!

To summarise our positions:

Monetary Policy - Keep the pound! Why should we have unelected, distant bureaucrats and bankers in far-off Brussels dictating our economic policy, when we can continue to have an unelected bunch of bankers in London do exactly the same job?

Withdraw from the EU - We shall bring about a British withdrawal from Europe by taking our seats in the European parliament, and joining an electoral bloc with lots of like-minded politicians from other EU countries. Proof again that the ideal of European co-operation is a nonsense!

Race - We are not a racist party, indeed our policies on black people are quite clear. We think everybody should own one! Put that in your crack pipe and smoke it Mr BBC liberal!

Gays - What's wrong with being happy? That's what the word means, and that's what it will carry on meaning under a UKIP government!

Do you want to join the UK Independence Party? If so please contact Robert Kilroy-Silk MEP, The European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium. (Don't write to any of the others, please!). Or alternatively write to Mr Kilroy-Silk, British Patriot at: Suntan Villas, No Arabs Except The Gardener, Marbella, Spain.

This is an advertisement on behalf of the United Kingdom Independence party.

**Don't Dictate to me!**

All of the BNPs efforts to modernise, and to present themselves as a modern nationalist (not fascist!) party are seemingly wasted on Tony Martin. Norfolk's right-wing pin-up boy and burglar shooter recently told The Sunday Telegraph that he had become a BNP supporter, and that he felt Britain should be run by a dictator. Martin really does appear

to be living proof that prison does not work! One thing is for sure - wherever Tony Martin should be he certainly won't be out of place in the BNP.



Oddball

**Anti-Fascist Merchandise**

**Bash The Fash: Anti-Fascist Recollections 1984-93 by K Bullstreet (£1.50)**

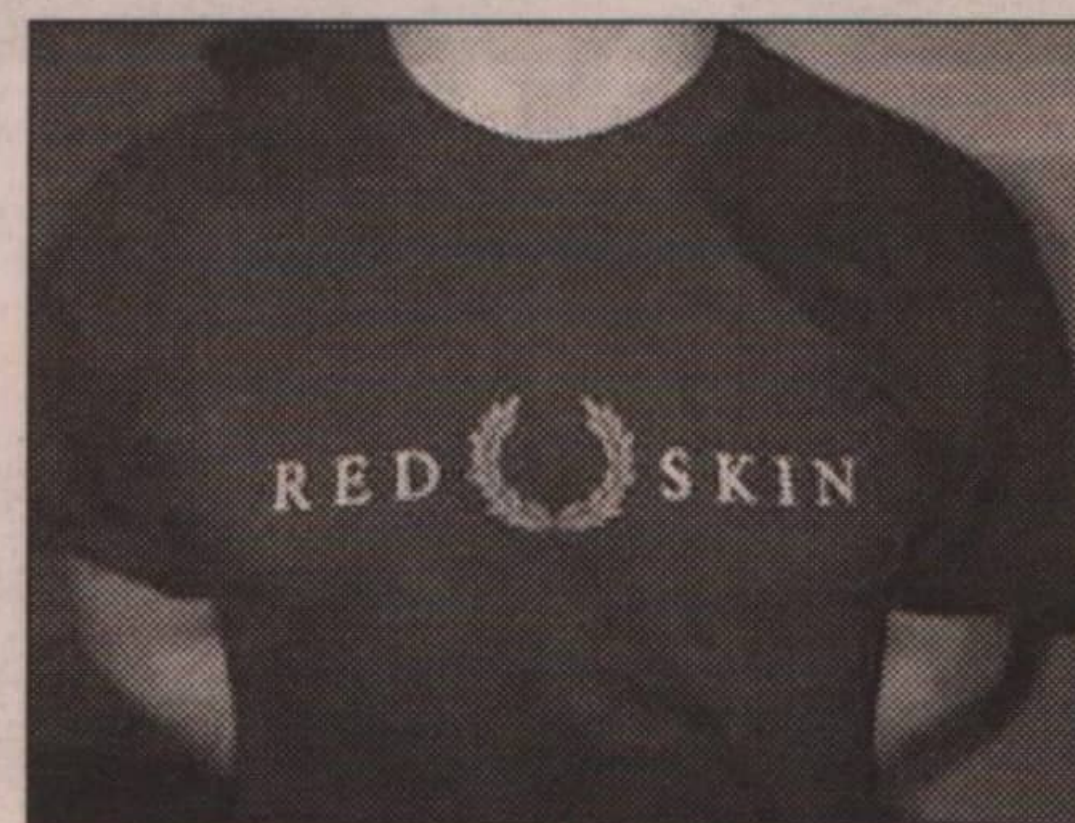
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# THIS IS CLASS WAR

The Class War Federation is an organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to change the Society we live in, to improve the lot of working class people.

This Society is divided into classes based on control of its institutions and wealth. The Ruling Class - those who "own" the factories or natural resources - whether it's through shares or being chairman of the board etc., who are under normal circumstances supported by the Middle Class - those who gain their position in society by patronage of the Ruling Class - who carry out their dirty work of controlling and (dis)organising the working class who do all the necessary work. Such a society is the root cause of most of the problems experienced by Working Class people the World over. as the Ruling Class has every intention of keeping its privileged position it must be destroyed - this is Class War.

Real change can only come about by working class people organising 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 but as an integrated part of the Class - they started it, we'll have to finish it!

Class society creates other abuses based upon the 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 unite on the basis of we have in common our Working Class backgrounds and needs.

The Class must fight these divisions, on all fronts. Above all the CWF believes that politics cannot be separated from life - and life from politics. We reject the missionary/ righteous so called "revolutionary" Left. Our politics must be fulfilling and relevant to our every day lives.

Working Class people must take responsibility for their progressive revolutionary politics - fly by night middle class radicals have been the bane of our movement for as long as the Working Class has existed.

## OUR AIM

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.

## Join Class War!

Class War membership costs £12 per calendar year (£6 unwaged) and is open to anybody who agrees with our politics and has been in touch with their local Class War group for 3 months. Drop us a line to get involved!

## Car Bombings War On Police

Senior (that's real pigs to you and me) police believe that they are being victimised by revenge attacks on their police stations. Three bombs at separate pig stations have been set off by local teenagers, one bomb blowing a hole in the wall at a station in Liverpool, the other two bombs were placed using industrial fireworks behind the petrol tanks of patrol cars. Officers believe that the campaign is being orchestrated by a north Liverpool gang based behind bars, as they can't believe that the locals hate them so much to blow them up.

Bizarrely the police are hoping witnesses will come forward but if any one has information do not to bother ringing the police station as its been blown up!

## They'll Confess To Anything

Three cheers to right wing film nut Mel Gibson, for giving the world his religious epic "The Passion of Christ" (for those excited by the use of the word passion, we're sorry to say but there is not much nookey in the film!)

As well as giving millions of born again nutters something to do in the evenings, "The Passion of Christ" has encouraged a succession of oddballs, overcome with religious conversion, to confess to various murders. Whilst most of these cases have been in the USA (naturally) Europe has kept its end up with the confession of Norwegian nazi Johnny Olsen.



Mugshot of a mug!

Back in 1994 and 1995 bomb attacks were launched on the Blitz Anarchist centre in Oslo. These attacks remained unsolved until Olsen saw Mel Gibson's "masterpiece". Overcome with the spirit of God, Olsen owned up to two bomb attacks, before, even more bizarrely, changing his mind and withdrawing his confession.

It remains to be seen whether he will change his mind for the second time - rumours that Oslo police are sitting him down to daily showings of "The Passion.." are unconfirmed!

Class War believes that anything that gets religious nutcases off our streets, and behind bars, is to be encouraged. Here's to the sequel!

## Overheard quote of the month

In London, a builders van was being stared at by a Police Community Support officer and there was some talk about a tax disc being out of date. The driver replied "Come back when you're a real copper now fuck off."

Back by popular demand it's the...

## Class War Good Pub Guide

### AMERICAN THEME PUBS

Nasty with a capital N, the lager will be guaranteed bottled nats-piss and will be the same price as a pint, there will be NO SMOKING signs plastered everywhere including the toilets. Your missus will want an overpriced Manhattan and will start nagging all night if you refuse...but worse of all you could be near a septic tank shouting their big oversized gobs off, unless of course you are actually in America where they don't have pubs anyway, they're called bars.

### GAY PUBS

Hard to spot at first, they usually have a rainbow flag somewhere. Worth having a quick scan for especially in London, as they tend to have a late licence and its fun seeing if you can spot anyone you know hiding at the back. Avoid if you don't like very, very bad dancing.

### PUBS WITH SETTEES IN THEM

To be avoided at all cost, middle classes flock to these establishments like flies to shit, to sit on there own near the window and wait for you to sit next to them so they can bore you shitless about how much there house is worth. There is constant annoyance by people talking on mobiles.... settees get a grip its like sitting at home.

### GASTRO PUBS

These are pubs that try to hard not to be pubs, I can't even bare talking about these.

You may find yourself away from Blackpool on your annual holidays ..... so here's some pubs to steer clear of in far away places

### PUBS IN BASRA

Could be cheap - bottled beer, but no doubt they will be full of squaddies ..URGH Say no more - and journalists sulking in the corner waiting to be kidnapped. The plus side is that people drink fast in these pubs as you never know how long you are going to last without being blown to bits.

### IRISH PUBS

Where ever you go in the world there will always be an Irish theme pub usually owned by the natives and are as about Irish as Tory Blair. The locals will stare at you and wonder in amazement that you are drinking from a pint glass, the Guinness will taste like flat lard and will be overpriced.

The plus side is there will be no old trout singing to the duke box. Unless of course you go to Ireland, where they all pretend to like Americans and pay people to sing.

## Class War Meetings

For details of group meetings and actions please contact the Class War group nearest to you. London Class War meets regularly in central London, usually on the first Sunday of the month.



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- Notes From The Borderland issue 5** ..... £3.50  
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## Papers

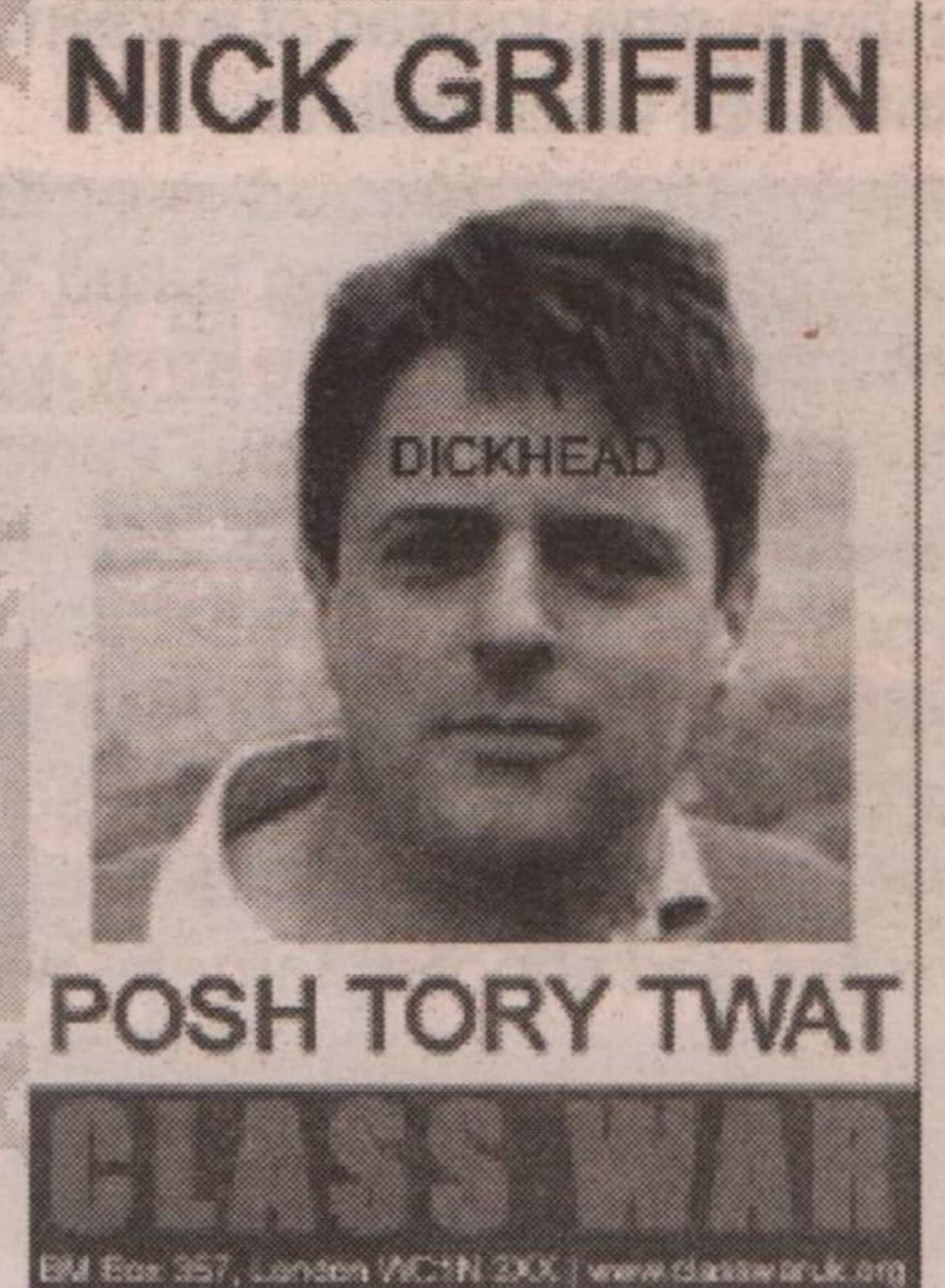
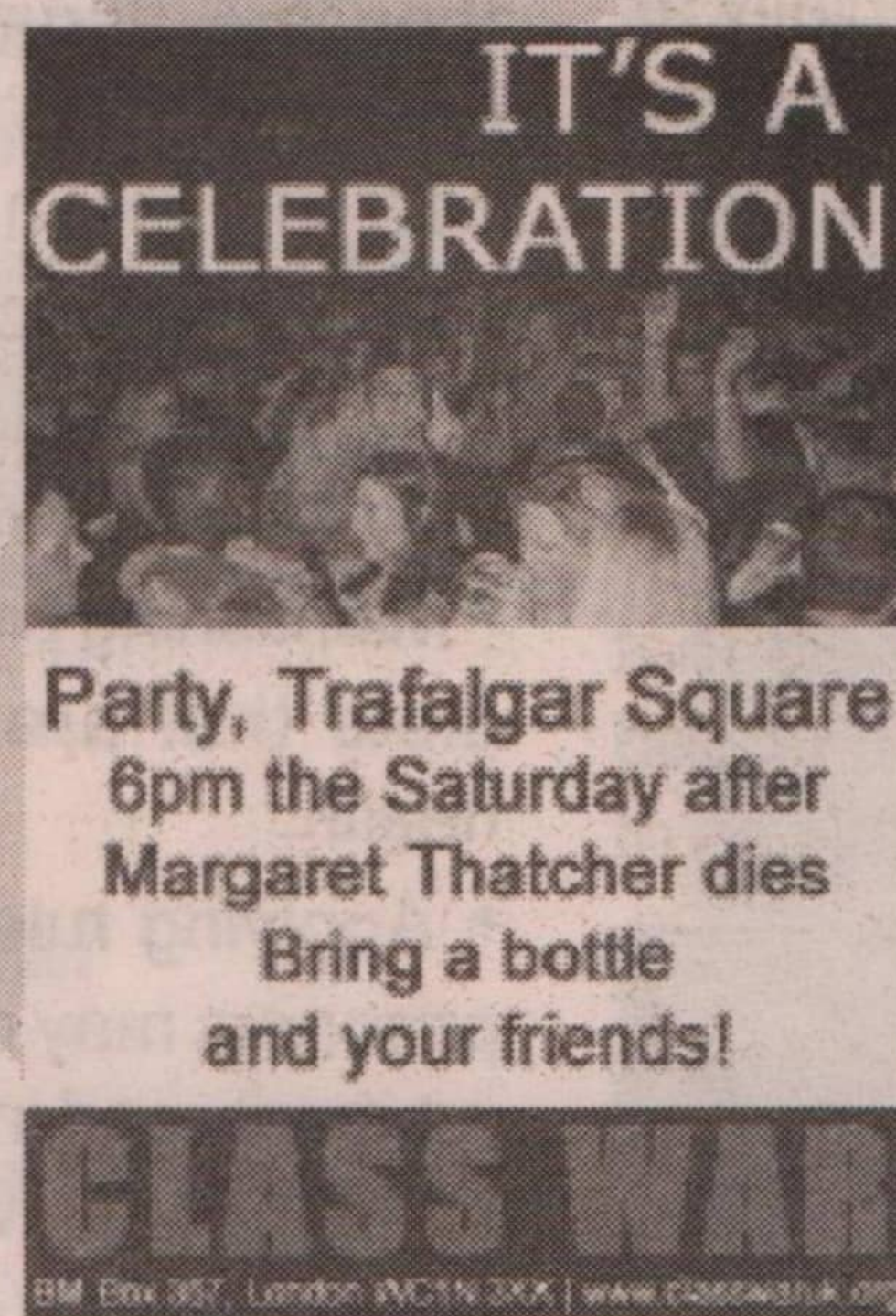
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- CAMRA - Campaign For Real Anarchism**
- The Special Relationship Continues - Bush shagging Blair**
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## THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Following on from the article in issue 86 "the military occupation of Palestine" Class War has received more news from the continuing conflict. Some of the news below is now slightly out of date but its news that you will never read about in the English press, a guide line to show what has been happening in Palestine and the attacks by the Israeli army on ordinary working class people. The articles have been donated and our thanks goes out to the International Solidarity Movement and Ted.

Any comments on the below will be appreciated - send them to London Class War.

## WOMEN OF AR-RAM TAKE TO THE STREETS

Ar-Ram, North Jerusalem - women of Ar-Ram held their first women-only demonstration against the wall and against the Israeli military occupation. The planned route of the Wall runs through the main road of the town, from Ar-Ram checkpoint to Qalandiya checkpoint cutting off thousands of residents from Jerusalem. Once the Wall is completed, the Israeli military will have total control over the access of Ar-Ram residents to health and school services, turning the whole area into an enclave. The residents of Ar-Ram have vowed to continue their protests until the construction of the wall is stopped.



Construction of the Wall in Ar-Ram

## Unmanned Weapons Technology for Gaza Border IMEMC Staff & Agencies

The Israeli Army is looking into using remote-controlled vehicles; drone planes the size of children's toys, and guard posts filled with high-tech sensors and weapons to monitor the Philadelphi corridor and the Israeli borders with the Palestinian strip, instead of soldiers, after the intended Gaza pullout.

Some of the proposed monitoring technologies are still being tested. Under the new proposed plan, the army will beef up the security fence that surrounds Gaza with special sensors that work in all types of weather and light conditions. The new observation system, which will be able to identify potential assailants, will let a soldier in a remote operations room aim and shoot at targets, with the system deciding which weapon is the most appropriate, the report said.

The military is also testing unmanned buggy-type patrol vehicles that can identify and defuse explosives by remote control. Such plans deepen Palestinian fears that Israel will block all movement in and out of Gaza.

"The Israeli government is planning to turn Gaza into a big prison, with 1.3 million people," said Palestinian Minister Saeb

Erekat. "I think it would be better to have... security cooperation. That's what people do when they have a shared border."

## Palestinian Political Prisoners Begin Hunger Strike

On 15 August 2004 thousands of Palestinian prisoners held in Israel jails started a hunger strike for improved prison conditions and for an end to torture and inhuman treatment. During the month of August 7,500 Palestinian political prisoners will take part in a massive series of hunger strikes hoping to draw international attention and support to a campaign against the gross violations of their rights and against the appalling conditions under which they are being detained.

This campaign is not political rather its aim is to stop the excessively harsh treatment of Palestinian political prisoners and to ensure that the conditions under which they are imprisoned are consistent with international norms of human rights and basic decency.

Palestinian detainees request that the international community exert pressure on Israel in order to meet its international obligations concerning the treatment of prisoners and respect for their basic human rights.



Prisoners from about 20 prisons are demanding an end to the inhuman and illegal conditions they are kept in inside Israeli jails. The prisoners are campaigning about torture and strip searches, the arrest of children and inhuman practices against them, no restricted or refused family visits, installation of thick glass barriers at visiting rooms, solitary confinement, overcrowded conditions and lack of adequate access to their lawyers. They also want access to adequate medical treatment. Recently about 100 relatives of prisoners marched through the West Bank city of Nablus in solidarity with their jailed relatives. They demanded improved conditions for family visits especially as prisoners from Nablus have not been allowed ANY family visits for nearly one year, an end to solitary confinement and better medical care. The prisoners are also demanding to be recognised as prisoners of war.

The prisoners' statement has said that they decided to go on an open-ended hunger strike in all occupation jails as of



Detention conditions are severe in the extreme

Sunday 15 August 2004 until their just and legitimate demands have been met in accordance with international laws and conventions.

The treatment of Palestinian prisoners in Israel violates both international and Israeli laws, as well as rules governing the administration of Israeli prisons. The prisoners are protesting against:

- Arbitrary and indiscriminate beating of prisoners in their cells, in prison courtyards and during transportation to and from prisons.
- Arbitrary and indiscriminate firing of tear gas into prisoners cells and prison courtyards and intimidation of prisoners by guards entering their cells with guns.
- Humiliating strip searches of prisoners in full view of other prisoners and guards each time they enter or exit their cells. Subjecting prisoners to solitary confinement for excessive periods of time, for months and even years.
- Arbitrary imposition of financial penalties on prisoners for minor infractions, arbitrary revocation of visitation rights and extended confinement to cells as punishment for minor infractions such as singing or speaking too loudly
- Confining children with adult prisoners and political prisoners with criminals
- Withholding or delaying medical treatment and the provision of medication to sick detainees

• Severely restricting the category of family members entitled to visit prisoners thus denying visitation rights to other close family members

• Arbitrary denial of travel permits to family members of prisoners living in the West Bank or Gaza so that they cannot travel to prisons to see their relatives, and especially for prisoners from Nablus for whom family visits are prohibited

• Imposing conditions on travel for family members and obstacles that result in travel of a few hours being prolonged to 16 or 17 hours for a 45-minute visit

• Conducting humiliating strip searches of visiting family members even though they are usually separated from the prisoners by a full glass barrier as well as a wire mesh barrier.

• Providing such poor visitation facilities that prisoners find it difficult to see or hear their loved ones

• Maintaining prisoners on near starvation diets that are insufficient to sustain health.

• Applying rules concerning items that prisoners may receive from their families arbitrarily and inconsistently, on the whim of the guards, with each visit.

• Withdrawing studying privileges that in the past allowed prisoners to continue their high school or university studies through correspondence courses

The Palestinian Prime Minister's office declared August 18th a National Day for

Prisoners for all Palestinians to show solidarity with the prisoners.

## SUPPORT THE PRISONERS

Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition is sponsoring a letter writing campaign of support to Palestinian prisoners, especially those who started a hunger strike on 15 August 2004.

Al Awda are asking organisations and individuals from all over the world to send their letters of support to our comrades in Israeli prisons to:

palprisoner@yahoo.com

or by fax to: 1-928-752-8355 .

They will then present these letters to the prisoners and their families.



Beating prisoners in a prison courtyard

Further Information on Palestinian Political Prisoners:

## Numbers Of Prisoners

As of the beginning of June 2004, there were over 7000 Palestinians from the Occupied Palestinian Territories being held as political prisoners by the Israeli army or police. This figure includes 370 Palestinian children (defined as those under the age of 18 in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) and 103 Palestinian women (including girls).

More than 1,000 Palestinians are being held in administrative detention without trial no charges have been brought, or proven, against them. Their conditions of detention are extremely poor, and in some cases, life-threatening. The majority of these detainees are being held in violation of the fourth Geneva Convention, in prisons outside of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In addition to the over 7000 political prisoners held by Israel, thousands of other Palestinians have been detained and released since the beginning of the current Intifada in September 2000.

Israel continues to practice torture and other forms of mistreatment against Palestinian detainees including severe beatings, being tied in painful and contorted positions for long periods of time, psychological abuse, long periods of solitary confinement, and pressure to collaborate with the occupying forces. These abuses are not restricted to Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip; two Palestinians with Israeli citizenship recently launched a hunger strike following 54 days of detention in inhuman conditions in an Israeli detention center.

For further information:

**Palestinian Prisoners' Society**  
[www.ppsmo.org/e-website/index.htm](http://www.ppsmo.org/e-website/index.htm)

**The Palestine Monitor**  
[www.palestinemonitor.org](http://www.palestinemonitor.org)



## Red Pepper Journalist Harassed

Typical of the Israeli Government is its treatment of journalist Ewa Jasiewicz.

Ms Jasiewicz a correspondent for the magazine Red Pepper landed at Tel Aviv airport and was detained by the authorities, who claim she is a political activist and that her reporting would not be objective.

She was interrogated by Defence Ministry Officials for seven hours. They told her she would be deported but she decided to appeal against this. In response, was detained in prison pending an appeal hearing.

NUJ freelance organiser John Toner said: "Ewa Jasiewicz is a bona fide journalist who has travelled to Israeli to research a story. She holds an NUJ Press Card and an IFJ International Press Card, and it is outrageous that she should be treated in this way. The question is, if that is what they will do to a British journalist, what are they doing to the Palestinians?"



Ewa Jasiewicz is detained at Tel Aviv airport

## Don't Believe The Hype

A new darling of the British left and liberals the world over is Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez. Class War is in regular contact with a class struggle Anarchist group in Venezuela, who produce the El Libertario magazine, and who tell a slightly more complicated story.

The August 2004 elections legitimised Hugo Chávez's presidency, approved by the multinational powers-that-be, despite the opposition's claims of electoral fraud. We, at El Libertario (issue 39, September/October 2004), presented an in-depth analysis of the consequences of the referendum, as well as proposals for action in the new circumstances. We shall now quote a couple of notes from that issue that express the essence of the Venezuelan anarchists' perspective. Social movements must tear down every wall blocking their autonomy. From the viewpoint of the leaders of the two opposing camps (the official, under Hugo Chávez, and the so-called Coordinadora Democrática), people's participation and bottom-up democracy are mere slogans without any basis in reality. These leaders prove once and again that, in order to remain in charge and accumulate more power, they are willing to do any kind of behind-closed-doors deal, as well as performing any political juggling necessary to channel the citizens' anger towards their own benefit.

Autonomy means everybody being capable of self-determination, able to establish their own dynamics and pursuing their own concrete goals. The self-proclaimed leaders know perfectly well that their living depends upon turning their own affairs into general interest issues. They present themselves before their constituencies as guarantors of their aspirations, which will be realised in an hypothetical future if, and only if, they are appointed as their bosses. But they never deliver, no matter their colours. For

these politicians, the only thing that really matters is to perpetuate their own positions of power.

The current levels of poverty, unemployment, street violence and general ills are not going away without a deep structural change. Anything less is mere crumbs falling from the table of those who talk about "revolution" while pocketing millions. One alternative: to break up completely with the pseudo-leaderships old and new, and for the excluded and oppressed of any colour to build our own paths. To create new organisations, horizontal and non-hierarchical spaces, where nobody speaks in the name of anyone else, as well as being the foundations for building a new kind of life and resistance to the old one. As free-thinking individuals, we go against the tide of the established ideas and practices born out of false consensus and blackmail, deepening our experiences through socialisation and self-teaching. These spaces shall recover our best traditions of citizenship, participation and solidarity, and build a really alternative culture, one which takes into account every side of the human being.

Let's turn a deaf ear to the sirens' wails; their power is built upon lies. When they talk about "civil society against dictatorship", they are planning to occupy future ministries and governorships. When they decry against "imperialism" and "oligarchy", they are giving away the country's wealth to the multinationals in the privacy of five star hotels. When they propose to create "emergency programs against poverty", it is because they will not change the social structure that creates it, since it brings huge profits to them. They only call to "participation" when they need our votes. When they call to "unity" and "reconciliation" it is because they want to shut us up and reduce us to passivity.

No politician does your work; let no one make your decisions. From the diversity of common practices shall be born the community of multiple, limitless forms of association with which we shall fight every form of domination. To weave a dense social fabric, is incompatible with warlords, politicians, militarists and demagogues of all colours. Shedding out every kind of dependency, we exercise our potential for autonomy. Anything less than that would mean to remain forever under the thumbs of those who profit upon our miseries.

## Revocatory Referendum: Power's "Reality Show"

The August 2004 electoral circus was intended to perpetuate the lies that the media, both state-owned and private, had presented to us, ratified by the officialists and the "opposition" before public opinion. All Venezuelan people were the spectators; they swindled us, making us choose between a "Yes" and "No" about an individual, as if this would solve our collective problems. That the event would end up in fraud was predictable. Not because the losers claim it, or because the process could be manipulated for one cause or another; but, because the real fraud are the so-called differences between the government and the opposition, just like the referendum itself is a swindle when it comes to solving poverty, the militarization of society, or the slow process of giving away the country to the multinationals. The high costs of this election circus, contrasted

with the realities of health, environment, education and well-being of the population confirms it.

Social problems cannot be solved from the heights of power, nor by the economically privileged, but by society itself. Power can only be used to regulate misery, and legalise inequality. It dominates, imposes a single criterion, while at the same time keeping an ambiguous and absolutist discourse, denying any glimmer of freedom. It doesn't know any other logic. It doesn't like plurality. The Coordinadora Democrática gave multiple proof of that in the past, and the unseen players who finance it are still doing it in the present. These beggars of power have lost every right to speak in the name of a people they don't represent. People have their own voice, and the responsibility to open up their own spaces, where they can exercise their autonomy through direct democracy, and in so doing to get their own voice and action. This means: to destroy authoritarianism everywhere it exists and to pursue their own well-being.



Chavez - "Darling" of the left?

Both the exaltation of the military persona of Chávez and its ahistorical linking to that of Bolívar, is intended to legitimise neo-liberal politics with demagogical words. They have also played up the "US Invasion" scare, an ironic prelude to this government's giving away of the country's oil to corporations like Chevron-Texaco or Repsol-YPF, champions of capitalist globalisation. This revolution is being financed with money from the multinationals, from the very same imperialism that is supposedly out to invade us. It has learned to coexist with global power, as long as it pays "our price". Those very same groups enrich themselves in Venezuela, start the Puebla-Panama Plan against the Central America peoples, pollute and loot Ecuador, and finance the troops invading Iraq or any other country they want to. All of it thanks to "our price", and the

Venezuelan reserves guaranteeing to the US a good 17% of its oil consumption. Latin America has to learn that language is not always what it seems; that "revolution" is an empty word in the mouth of people like Chávez, Lula or any other who speaks from the heights of power. In this continent, that word has been used only to describe who is better at managing Capitalism. It is of vital importance to understand that a better future won't be given to us by the State, only organised society can confront it and open the way towards real change. We need to widen the debate, to listen to one another beyond the useless squabbles about Chávez. The libertarian movement must support and join this transformation, along with that 'people' so many talk about but nobody listens to. Our battle is against Power, in any guise it adopts. Neither "humane" national capitalism nor multinational capitalism; self-management is still our theory, autonomy our practice. Going headlong against neo-liberalism, inequality and authoritarianism, with direct action and mutual aid as our tools to build the possible utopia of freedom, equality and solidarity.

For more and updated info & analysis on what is happening in Venezuela, see the English section in El Libertario's website at:

<http://www.nodo50.org/ellibertario/seccioningles.htm>

## The X-Files Comes True

In July Law Lords established that the police can keep ALL DNA samples that they take. This applies even to those found not guilty by the courts, or those never charged with any offence. Lord Brown argued that he could see no reason why anybody should object to their samples being kept by the police. Privacy? Fear of being fitted up? A desire not to have police officers poking through their personal data? Taking Lord Brown's argument to its logical conclusion, we can see no reason why he should object to being monitored by a camera crew 24 hours a day, just to make sure he is upholding the law properly. A camera could be positioned in his bedroom, in his legal chambers, in his toilet, above his Secretary's desk, in his car, at his club, in his holiday home, in his London flat, in his ancestral home – after all, if he has nothing to hide, as a public servant why should he possibly object?

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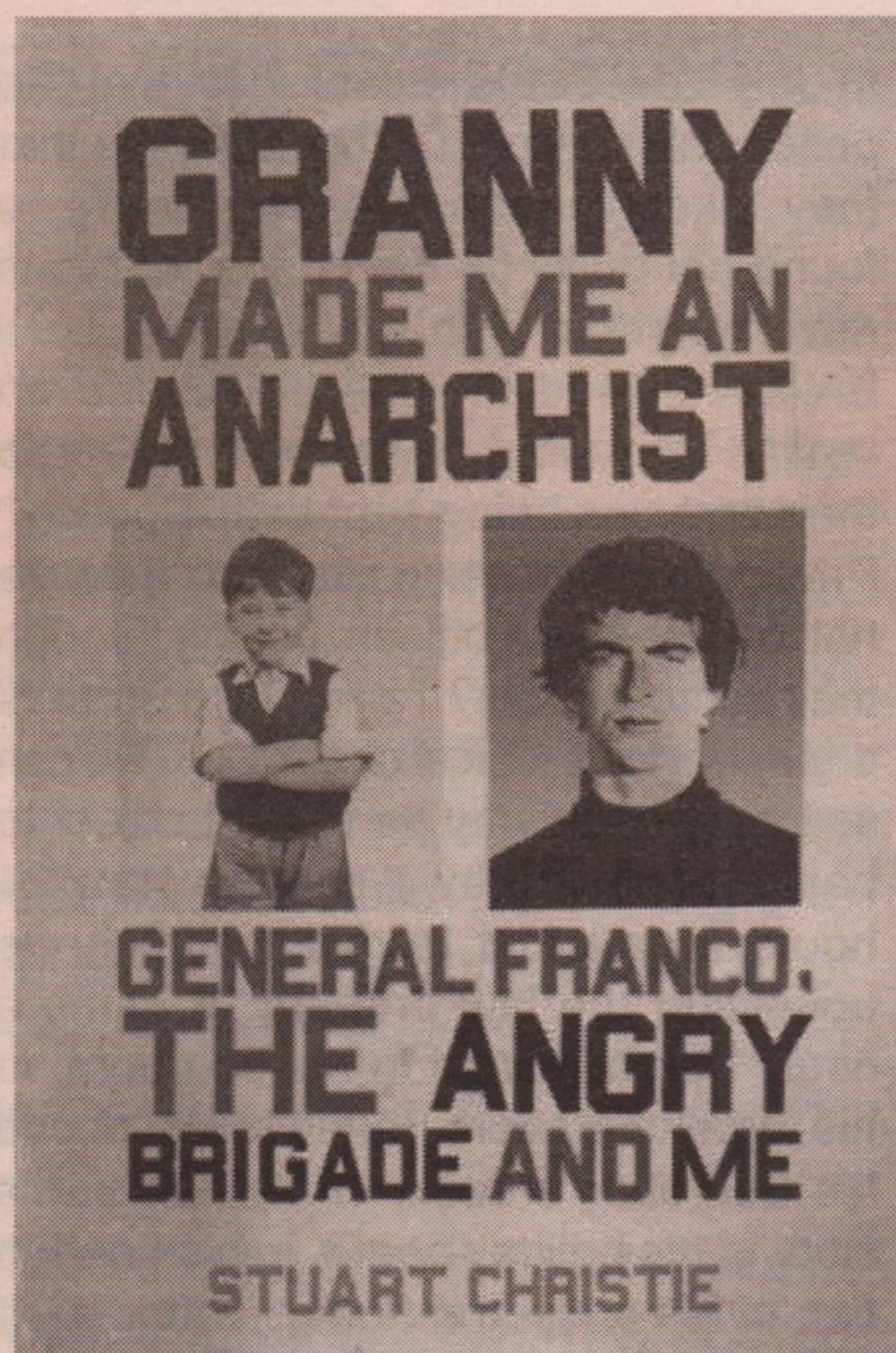


# REVIEWS

## GRANNY MADE ME AN ANARCHIST: General Franco, the Angry Brigade and Me

(£10.99, Simon & Schuster, 2004)

Few people today remember Stuart Christie's infamy. In the 1960s and early 1970s Stuart Christie was probably the most notorious anarchist in Britain, having served time in one of Franco's prisons for his part in a plot to assassinate the Spanish dictator and subsequently one of the accused in the Angry Brigade trial. *Granny Made Me An Anarchist* is his autobiography,



covering his life from his birth in 1946 to the death of Franco twenty-nine years later. It's a fascinating and little-known tale. But it's been told before! Twenty-four years ago, *The Christie File* came out, covering essentially the same ground as *Granny Made Me An Anarchist*, and telling the tale in a slightly different way. The main body of *The Christie File* recounted the story of Christie's years in prison in Spain and the Angry Brigade trial. It also told of the intense surveillance Christie was under between returning to Britain and being arrested for the alleged Angry Brigade conspiracy. And it does so in greater detail than *Granny Made Me An Anarchist*. Sadly it's very difficult to

obtain these days and you will be lucky if you come across a copy at the Anarchist Bookfair.

This isn't to say that *Granny...* is a bad book. Far from it! But it does have some problems. The first one is that there's no index. I found myself flicking back and forth trying to remind myself who some of the people were. It seems from reading *Granny...* that whilst not by any means leading a life of luxury that Christie had a fairly painless time of things, a view contradicted by *The Christie File*, but that may be due to the amount of time which has passed since the events he depicts in this later book. The way the story's told in the earlier one is more raw and real, in *Granny...* it all seems that time has removed some of the harshness of the experiences he recalls. It's like (and probably is) the second draft of his earlier book, with a smoother and more mature style.

The British anarchist movement in the early 1970s was very different from what we have today, and in both *The Christie File* and *Granny...* Christie brings the anarchist scene of those days to life successfully. It's fascinating to find out about the almost forgotten history of the time and to rediscover the optimism and struggles of that era, and Christie tells the story well. Although the book's a little pricey at £10.99, it's well worth it to find out the inside story of the Angry Brigade trial and to read about Christie's eventful life.

We hope that Stuart Christie will bring out a follow-up volume to tell the end of the tale. In time, he moved to the Orkneys and ran an anarchist printing press there – but we're sure there's more to it than that!



## "I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE"

By George Galloway

(£10, Penguin, 2004)

This is quite an interesting book: but sadly not for the reasons Galloway intended. It is as self-serving a piece of political autobiography as it's ever been my misfortune to read. If you've ever read *Socialist Worker*, you will recognise the style – typical socialist wankery. One quote will do to demonstrate this: "I have often watched a shiver run along parliament's green benches, looking for a spine to run up." It sounds good the first time you read it, but *I'm Not The Only One* is filled with things like that, the sort of thing you'd expect to find in a second-rate Trot article. Frankly, Galloway's style sucks.

There is also no index, which is annoying when you are trying to find out what he thinks on things. The only way to discover that is to read the whole thing through. And it is an easy read, though more revealing for what it doesn't say than what it does. For example, why has Galloway linked up with the SWP to form RESPECT – the Unity Coalition (RUC)? You won't find out in this book. Again, what was Galloway's relationship with Saddam Hussein? You will find out a bit about that! But it doesn't ring too true. Apparently when Galloway got all indefatigable with Saddam, he was praising the Iraqi people and not Saddam Hussein. Yeah. Yet it seems that Galloway liked Saddam's deputy, Tariq Aziz, so much that he spent a Christmas with him.

Was Aziz that separate from Saddam, that much less responsible for Saddam's repression, that keeping company with him at Yuletide indicates Galloway's distance from the Baathist regime? Make of it what you will.

One positive thing about the book are the anecdotes Galloway tells about New Labour ministers. He doesn't like them! That isn't a surprise, given his expulsion from the Labour Party, but it's still fun to read. Those who remember Galloway solely from the last couple of years when he's been in trouble with the Blair leadership of the Labour Party won't recall that in the mid-80s Galloway was quite a high-flier within the Labour Party, until he got on the wrong side of Robert Maxwell – the owner of the *Mirror* – and Neil Kinnock. And you won't find that out from Galloway's book, where he presents himself in the role of the rebel. But he's not, he's just a bitter old man with, reportedly, a taste for nubile young female researchers.

*I'm Not The Only One* is partly autobiography (the most interesting parts) and partly a justification of the path he's taken with the RUC. Although the parts about the RUC aren't as interesting, they are very revealing. Galloway says sometimes he can't tell if he's addressing an anti-war meeting or an RUC meeting. Apart from showing a certain confusion, this also indicates what we've long known – the people involved in the Stop the War Coalition and the RUC are largely the same, the SWP. The only people there who aren't paper sale regulars will be the Muslims whose votes he's after. But would we recommend you part with a tenner to read Galloway's grumbling? No. It has its moments, and it is informative about the RUC and New Labour. However, for ten pounds you could get yourself something else you'd read more profitably than this, the ramblings of a man on the way out.



## Obituary

### Mark Roarty 1971-2004

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Mark Roarty. He was part of the infamous 'gang of 4' Donny Mark's in Class War from the late 80s through to the 90s. Many of us in Doncaster Class War grew up with Mark and had known him since early childhood so our sorrow is compounded by the loss of a friend as well as a comrade.

He was active in the fight against both the poll tax and the first Iraq war, but his first love was for all things Irish and he campaigned long and hard for a United Ireland. Always willing to put his words into actions Mark was no armchair activist. He risked arrest many times fighting fascists, the police or middle class students! His pride in his class and his contempt for the middle classes meant he never lost faith in the inevitable success of the class struggle. So here's to you Mark. Raise a glass in memory of a great and loyal Irish republican class war socialist. There is and can never be, a better epitaph. Our thoughts are with his Mam, Dad and sisters. OUR DAY WILL COME.





# LETTERS

WE PRINT 'EM COS YOU WRITE 'EM

Dear Class War,

I'm not quite sure what's brought it on, but I've just been pointed to the 'Are You Subsidising Tony Blair?' page of your website three times in the last few days. And on each occasion I've had to point out how the page is WRONG in some crucial points.

Firstly, in at least one of the occasions I was pointed to the site because of Browns new attacks on the civil service. Now it's obviously not your fault that the person who did so didn't realise that the main civil service union, the PCS isn't affiliated to the Labour Party, but I do think it would be worth putting the list of affiliates on there- it isn't that big, and is getting thankfully shorter too.

My main problem though, is that the whole thrust of the page misses an absolutely essential point - that only a small portion of many unions Political Fund is actually used to subsidise Labour. In my union (TGWU) we donate £750,000pa, but the fund itself is worth well over £10million a year.

This money goes to supporting other political campaigns - some of which we may not agree with, but that's not the point is it, as we have some control over those funds. And some of the money goes towards campaigns we do wholeheartedly support (IWCA? Okay, wholeheartedly maybe going to far there, but I hope you take my point). Also the fund is used for supporting strikes in different unions, something I don't think any of us could have a problem with, and in leading campaigns against government attacks, and for better pensions etc..

There is a problem with our money going to Labour, of course, but I think that is best tackled head on, with calls for disaffiliation.

If we destroy the political fund, the unions will simply be self-interested bodies, unable to take up issues beyond the immediate material interests of our members.

Unison, incidentally, is slightly different, in that there you do make a donation directly to Labour (via the 'second political fund') and members can opt out of that. Though even then there is a problem with such a strategy, as it is solely in the hands of the contributors to the fund where it goes, so opting out leaves it entirely tied to Labour.

Yours,

RB.

**CW Reply:** The points in this letter are well made, and as we comment elsewhere in this paper, breaking with the Labour party has not done unions any harm. One concern we have, which possibly influenced the tone of our leaflet is that the positive gains of a break from the Labour party could be undermined if it was followed by the 57 varieties of leftism all trying to claim they are the heirs of Labour, and they should get the money. How irritating that would be for members.

For the record the 20 unions still affiliated to the Labour party that we are aware of

are: Amicus, Aslef, Bectu, BFAWU, CATU, CWU, GMB, GPMU, GULO, ISTC, KFAT, NACODS, NUDAGO, NUM, TGWU, TSSA, UCATT, UNISON, USDAW and GFTU. Readers in these unions need to be asking why they are subsidising one of the most right-wing governments the country has ever seen.

## A Level Arrogance

Dear Class War,

In an education system organised purely around exams, in which all schools are, unsurprisingly, getting better at exam results, private schools are now beginning to wish there was something to distinguish their students' grades from everyone else's. April 26th's Evening Standard reports that private sector schools and colleges are pushing for a greater distinction to be made between A grades, as too many people are achieving them these days. They would like to see the grade A\* introduced for AS and A2 levels, as it was for GCSEs. The introduction of A\* would, by definition, make hard-earned A grades worth less by comparison, and would push the merit of every other grade down one notch, too. What angers me is that those in private schools have the cheek to complain and want 'ordinary' A grades demoted because those in state education are doing almost as well as them. If you have the money you can buy your child a better grade. I don't like it, but you can pay to take yourself out of the system. Once you have done this, however, what right have you to complain when the system you have turned your back on is doing well? As the gap between rich and poor in education appears, slowly, to be closing, instead of sending their children back to the apparently successful state schools, those in the private sector want to maintain an elitism within the very top grade- an example of snobbery and arrogance surely worthy of an A\*.

Hinda Ozard, via e mail.

**CW Reply:** Thanks for your views Hinda. It also seems likely the government will simply abolish the whole lot, and bring in some system based around the Baccalaureate in France. Either way, you can bet it's the head teachers at the most expensive schools who the education Secretary will listen to.

## Normal Service Will Soon Be Resumed

Dear Class War,

### SERVICE

I thought I understood the meaning of the word "service." The act of doing things for other people. Then I heard the terms:

Social Service  
Health Service  
Children's Service  
Inland Revenue Service  
Postal Service  
Civil Service

Customer Service  
City/County/ Town Council Service

I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant.

Then one day, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them mentioned that he was having a bull service a few of his cows.

It all came into perspective! Now I understand what all those "service" agencies are doing to us.

Mike Newman, via e mail.

**CW Reply:** Can we add the police service, and Her Majesties Prison Service to your list?

## A View from Norwich

Dear Class War,

Recently I attended a benefit gig in Norwich to raise money for both Norwich Anarchists and Norwich Anti Blood Sports. As always this gig was very well attended by the local punk scene who had come along to watch TCR (Terminal City Ricochet), The Flicks, Semtex and others.

Now I know that as anarchists we are supposed to be more accessible to the working class in general rather than just the great unwashed, but here were at least a hundred people, most of whom I never see on actions and from what I can make out have no interest in politics save attending gigs by some of Norwich's finest, and paying generously towards any benefits there favourite bands take on.

I asked Widge, lead singer of Semtex who are in my opinion second only to TCR in the top Norwich bands league, what he thought of politics. To start with he said he was fed up with hearing about it and was pretty apolitical, but within minutes of him chatting to me it became apparent that this amiable working class lorry driver from a village in Norfolk had a hidden side just bursting to get out.

His anger towards the Countryside Alliance was fearsome. His experience of them was that they were calling themselves the 'voice of the countryside' when they were nothing of the kind and most country people hated them.

"A lot of the workers who are members of the Countryside Alliance are forced to do what the rich landowners want them to or they are threatened with eviction from their cottages. These idiots also believe they can hunt where ever they want. Most of us in the villages are sick of them!"

In terms of TWAT (The War Against Terrorism) he was equally scathing and believes that the majority of working class people can see through the lies.

"This war is purely about oil and Bush and Blair are war criminals. People are starving all over the world and having to drink dirty water, it sucks."

I asked Widge why he thought the people who attended the benefit were not out with the Anarchists trying to build a better world and he replied that he accepted there was a lot of apathy, but that bands like TCR were slowly putting politics back into the music and he would love to do gigs anywhere in the country for any cause from prison solidarity to hunt sabbing if it would help build the movement.

I told him that in Australia there was Class War Records and did he think if we replicated it over here that it would help.

His reply was that it would be a great step forward in re-politicising a section of the working class who are hidden away without much of a voice and feeling alienated from the politics around them. One thing it would seem prudent to do here is that anarchists, in our great surge forward to attract large sections of our class to anarcho politics, don't in our rush leave behind a group of people who in the main share our views and desires but somehow we are no longer attracting. Yes, the majority of the working class don't listen to bands like Semtex or dress like punks, but they do share the same anger at the stupid fucked up world around us all, and that we need to all unite together if we want to make a difference. At the end of the day, I don't care what someone looks like or their taste in music when I'm cornered by the police in the middle of a riot or trying to build anarchist politics in my local town. All I need to know is that we share the same dreams and aspirations, that's good enough for me.

Zonk (Norwich Class War)

**CW Reply:** Music matters when it has something to say to people. Its good to hear that bands like TCR and Semtex are out there - good luck to them!

## Mad Letter of the Month

An occasional column in which we reveal some of the more eccentric contributions received at Class War HQ.

Dear Class War,

Please can you send me some literature on your organisation as I've been informed my problems are to do with Class War! My late father was adopted as an experiment by two social reformers (Garden City Movement and British Sociological Movement) whose works still seem to cause an offence to the status quo. I would be interested to come to some meetings and become active. Please let me know of any.

Sarah Sabita Blanford-McGuinness  
Camden, London NW1.

PS. I need your help and support as I believe in the conspiracy about late fathers life being taken by wealthy cousins.

**CW Reply:** We do not accept membership applications from people with double barrelled names.

## Poetry Corner

To bring a bit of culture to the paper, we plan to have a section devoted to poetry each issue (honest!). Please send your poems to the London address.

WMD

There was once a PM, Tony Blair  
And it's obvious he did not care  
Because he bombed Iraq  
Yes, he gave them some flak  
Then said "Oops Never mind & there, there"

There was a group called Al-Qaeda  
And they got pissed off with this leader  
Because he bombed Iraq  
So they gave him flak back  
Then said "Oops, never mind but fair's fair"





### Giving them the education they deserve

Class War is pleased to reproduce the following press release from the Manchester Education Committee, on the possible take over of Manchester United by the American businessman Malcolm Glazer. Manchester United fans have seen Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch in the past – here's to Malcolm Glazer being their hat-trick!

interested in taking over Manchester United: they will not be allowed to succeed unless they take into account the wishes of Manchester United supporters.

For far too long the wishes of Manchester United fans, and football fans in general, have been ignored as clubs sacrifice everything at the altar of commercialism. The Manchester Education Committee would like to stress that in the event of the wishes of Manchester United supporters being ignored in any takeover situation, that we intend

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MANCHESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASE - Operation Havana, 07-10-2004  
The Manchester Education Committee was extremely disturbed to see the platform MUTV offered to a Malcolm Glazer stooge on Tuesday night and it was decided action was necessary to redress this propaganda imbalance. With that in mind on Thursday 7th October a collection of Manchester United fans and shareholders undertook an operation on behalf of the Manchester Education Committee to disrupt a reserve match, screened by MUTV, at Altrincham. This operation should also serve as a warning to any party

to initiate a civil war effectively setting the football club – the supporters – against the company. In such a situation it is our intention to render the club ungovernable and actively disrupt all manner of commercial activity associated with Manchester United. The club's sponsors and commercial partners should note that the Manchester Education Committee will view them as legitimate targets. For now, the Manchester Education Committee would like to encourage United fans to carry on with the targeting of Brunswick, Glazer's appointed PR company, which has been on-going in recent days.

### Greek Roulette

Congratulations to cadet policeman Christos Cloros, who was part of the huge Greek security operation during the Athens Olympics. So bored with their duties were he and his fellow uniforms that they decided a game of Russian roulette was in order. However, it seems the Greek version requires you to point your gun, not at your own head but at someone else's – Cloros managed to kill a Greek soldier. Whilst Class War would have nominated him for duties in the Presidential guard, it seems Cloros has instead been arrested. Some people just can't recognise talent!

### Cleveland Clowns

Middlesborough fan Adrian Carr is a pretty angry man, and he has every right to be. Cleveland police have recently written to him offering to return his season ticket for the Riverside Stadium – even though it expired in May 2004. Adrian was arrested after he fell asleep during Middlesborough's 4-0 home defeat by Arsenal last season. He was fined £150 for being drunk in a sporting arena. Even though he won his appeal and had the conviction overturned, Middlesborough refused to refund the price of his confiscated season ticket. Now Cleveland's pigs are returning him a ticket that he cannot use, for a ground he boycotts anyway. Is it any wonder so many football fans hate the police?

### That's Some Wedge

With apologies to our Scottish readers – but golf really is a wanky sport for wankers. Lots of wealthy business man tapping a small ball around in what used to be our countryside – bollocks. Its no surprise that in 2005, when Britain has Presidency of the G8 group of nations, the G8 summit will be at Gleneagles in Perthshire. The leaders of the USA, France, Russia, Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan will join Blair for a meeting to decide how best they can continue to destroy the world, and its peoples. The immediate cost of this event is an estimated £150 million security bill for the biggest policing task ever held in Scotland. And you can bet Tony Blair is not paying that – you and me are!  
Dissent is a network of resistance organising against this event. More information is available from

<http://www.dissent.org.uk/>

### Hot Shot!

Congratulations to US shooter Matthew Emmons, who provided one of the highlights of the Athens Olympics. With victory in his grasp, Emmons managed to fire at a rivals target in the men's 50m rifle finals.

Is the US rifle team trained by their wedding party shooting, amphetamine guzzling airforce?

### Picture This

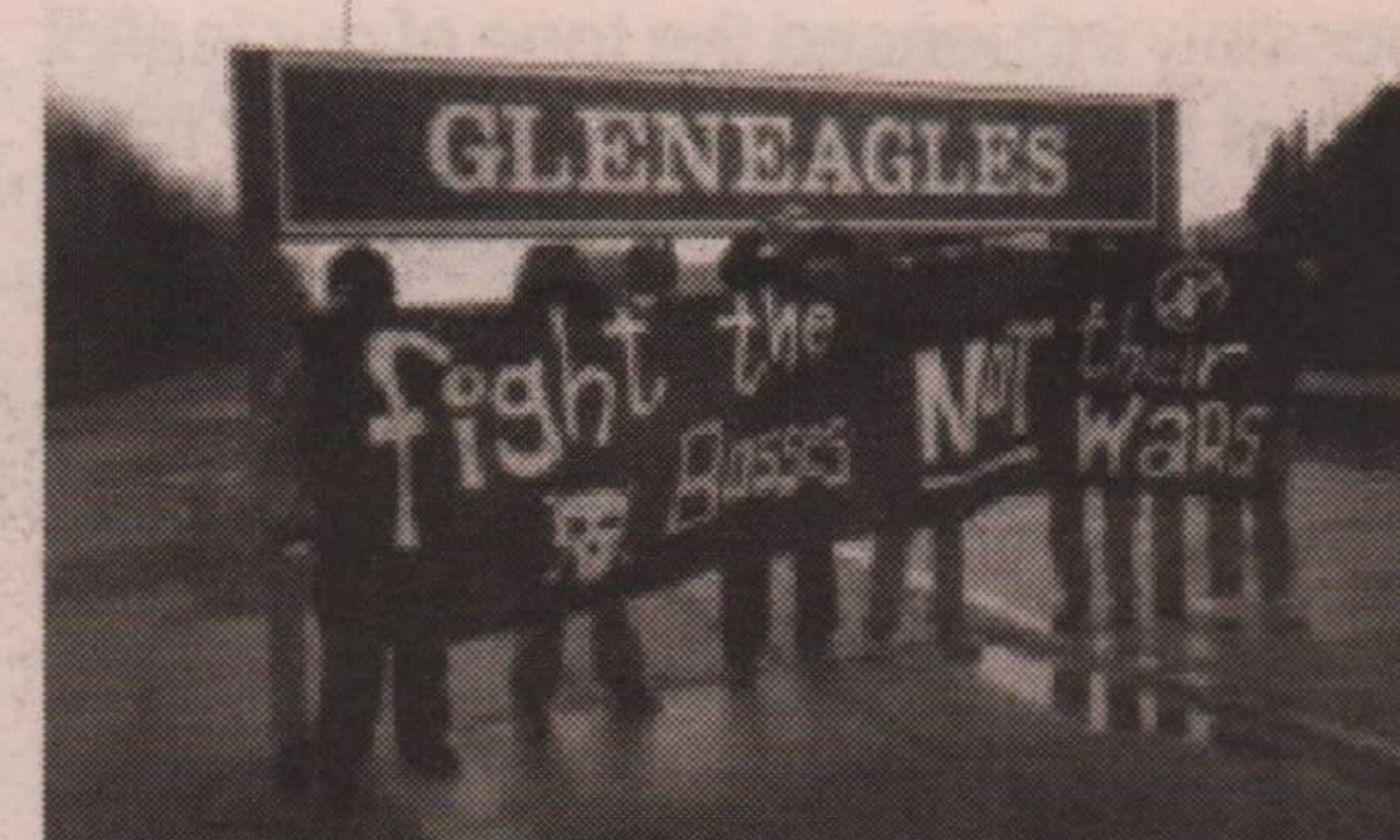
Class War's sports desk received an excellent report from the MK Dons versus Barnsley game earlier this season:

Some dude in front of us got well pissed off with the Old Bill taking photos of everybody - including him and his son. He went down and started giving 'em some shit, told 'em his son was under sixteen and he considered it no different to child porn etc etc. They threatened to nick him if he didn't go and sit back down. Of course the story goes round all the Reds fans who start giving the coppers some shit - the pig with the camera looked like Mr Mackay, the screw from Porridge so he got some specific shit. Until one genius whips out his phone and starts taking photos of the coppers and starts encouraging everyone else to do it! All this to the chant of "We've got a picture, we've got a picture!". The Plod looked a little embarrassed!!! Milton Keynes is one of the strangest places I've ever been - it's all fuckin' roundabouts and the stadium is a shithole with no facilities or atmosphere!

### Don't Bet on Johnson

Horse racing relies on the bets of millions of working class people for its survival. Odd then that several jockeys have been very vocal in their support for the Countryside Alliance, with Gold Cup winner Richard Johnson saying he would be prepared to go to prison to defy a hunt ban.

Off you go Richard is our advice, but don't think that an industry the size of horse racing will be waiting for you to get back. It won't.



Demonstrators get there early!