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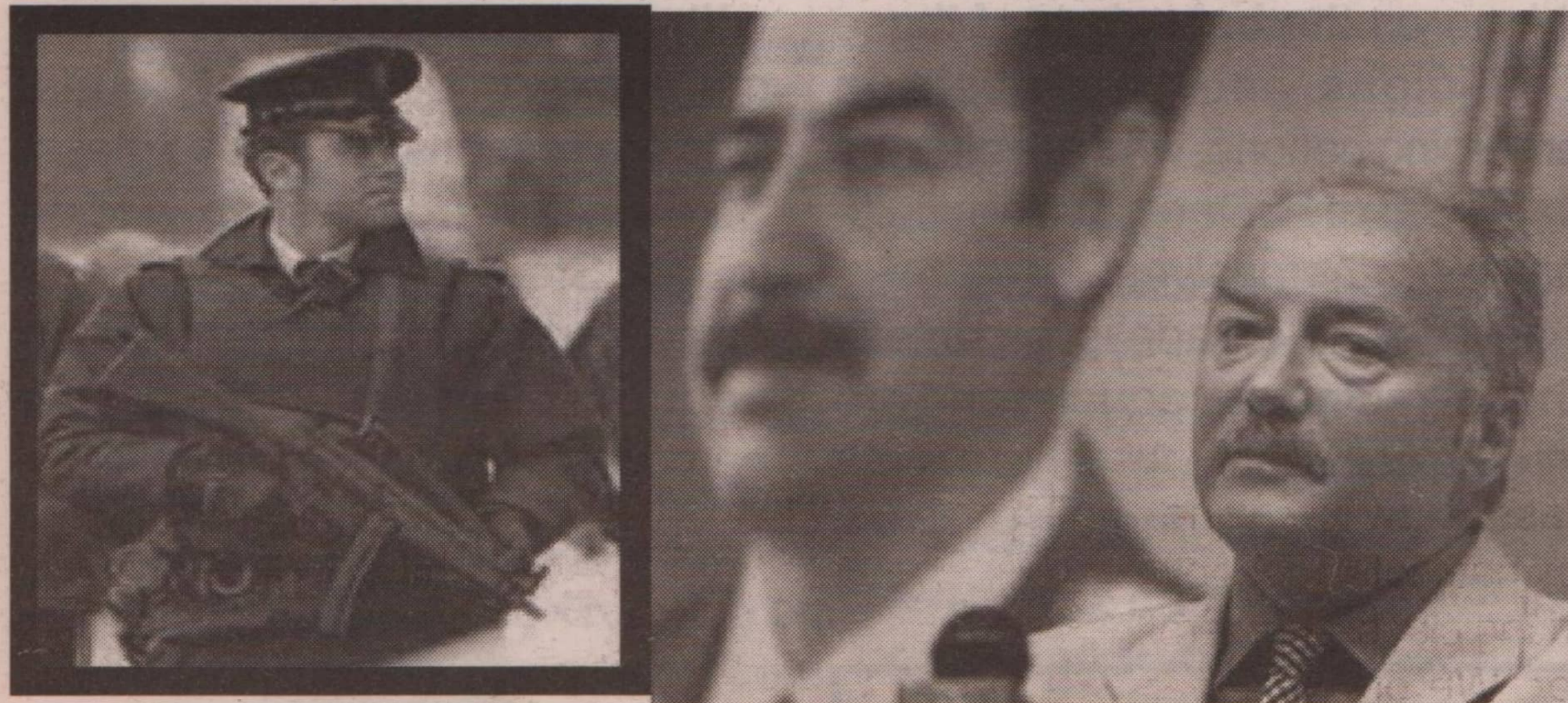


## Respect Has To be Earned

The unholy alliance of Muslims and the SWP, Respect – the Unity Coalition (RUC), have announced that their solitary MP, George Galloway, is to oppose Blair babe Oona King in Bethnal Green and Bow at the General Election. This should be one of the more interesting contests at the election, not least because Galloway's has just won a libel case against her! It seems she said that when he was with War on Want he spent some charity money on prostitutes. King's other pronouncements don't put her in too good a light. She said last year that if she loses her seat, her constituents would see a dramatic reduction in government money flowing to the area. Not that there appears to the uneducated eye that much does

of Glasgow Kelvin – aren't getting the 'working-class representation' which the RUC alleged was one of their reasons for being. He hasn't spoken once in the Commons in the past year – and he has the worst voting record in Parliament. One can see the Labour propaganda now – 'why vote for Galloway when he won't vote for you?'

Amusing as Galloway's antics are, the underlying causes of our concern about the RUC project remain. The SWP's alliance with Muslims and jihad's has seen them drop previous absolute principles like lesbian and gay rights – and, amazingly wobble on women's rights and their position on abortion. The involvement of former



Disbanded

Disband - Please!

anyway. Anyway, she insists she has excellent relations with Labour ministers. Perhaps – after the recent revelation that King turned down ten grand to shag a Labour MEP – someone else has paid her price.

George Galloway's made a curious announcement recently. It seems that the vast sums of money he's received in libel damages have gone to establishing a publishing house. The RUC must be very disappointed that they aren't going to be seeing much of the money from the Daily Telegraph. Perhaps Galloway realises that the RUC isn't going to be around that long and he wants to ensure he can keep himself in the style to which he's become accustomed. Yet his current constituents – the residents

Territorial Army captain and Stockholm syndrome sufferer Yvonne Ridley in the party suggests some possible security service involvement. Any scrutiny of her past, however cursory, raises questions about her connections with the secret state; and some of her newspaper articles seem hell-bent on spreading anti-Islamic sentiment. Which is strange for a Muslim convert. It is also of some concern that the RUC's practice will stir up fascist activity where they stand. Their promotion of Islamic rights, and relegation of the interests of the working class, seems designed to sow the seeds of racism. We realise the SWP don't know what they're doing, as if they did it would be a first. It's our firm hope that the foul RUC folds as soon as possible – until then our policy is to demand .... Disband the RUC!

## Give me Big Mac, Fries to Go!

Farewell to Charlie Bell, worldwide Chief Executive of McDonalds. Bell has swapped the golden arches for the pearly gates, having died of colon cancer in January aged just 44. Bell, who ate at a McDonalds on a daily basis once said "If I die in this job, I will be very happy". So are we Charlie, so are we!



Salad dodger Bell

## Creating Criminals

*"To be governed is to be watched over, inspected, spied on, directed, legislated, regimented, closed in, indoctrinated, preached at, controlled, assessed, evaluated, censored, commanded; all by creatures that have neither the right, nor wisdom, nor virtue..."*

*To be governed means that at every move, operation, or transaction one is noted, registered, entered in a census, taxed, stamped, priced, assessed, patented, licensed, authorised, recommended, admonished, prevented, reformed, set right, corrected. Government means to be subjected to tribute, trained, ransomed, exploited, monopolised, extorted, pressured, mystified, robbed; all in the name of public utility and the general good.*

*Then, at the first sign of resistance or word of complaint, one is repressed, fined, despised, vexed, pursued, hustled, beaten up, garroted, imprisoned, shot, machine-gunned, judged, sentenced, deported, sacrificed, sold, betrayed, and to cap all, ridiculed, mocked, outraged and dishonoured.*

*That is government, that is its justice and its morality!"*

The above quote is from the 19<sup>th</sup> century French Anarchist Pierre-Joseph Proudhon. He would certainly have recognised life under new Labour. Since 1997, 1018 new criminal offences have been created – it is no wonder the prisons are overflowing! New "offences" under Blair include meddling with a wheel clamp, evading payment of a dentists bill, providing the wrong plant breeding information and even holding a concert in a church without a licence. As there are now over 8000 "crimes" on the statute book, it is fair to say that, under Blair, we are all criminals now.

## Cancer – a class based killer?

Critics of Class War will tell you that class no longer exists in Britain, that we are all middle class now, and working class people just want to be middle class anyway. It is not hard to disprove such views, but it is rare that it stated so clearly from within the House of Commons. A recent Public Accounts Committee report showed that not only does the UK

## Multi millionaire and son of Margaret Thatcher gets off with bank rolling armed coup shocker!

Unfortunately this is a piece of news that will not shock any Class War readers in the slightest. Sir Mark Thatcher has been spared a prison sentence and will only have to pay a fine in a plea bargain which will now only cost him a fraction of his vast fortune (which he has made from selling arms).

This just happened on the day after (January 13) that Baroness (hurry up and die) Thatcher returned from visiting him at home where he has remained since his "arrest" earlier last year. What a coincidence. What really fucks us off is that these murdering rich scum get away with this sort of shit all the time and don't spend a single day in jail whereas thousands of working class people spend months or even years inside prisons on remand for crimes they have not done or are being framed for because the filth are too thick or corrupt to catch the real culprit's! Oh - did we mention that his next door neighbours and friends old Etonian's and ex SAS, have been implicated in the coup. Arms dealers, old mates, ex SAS, old Etonian's and millionaire's all living next door to each other now it wouldn't take Sherlock Holmes to investigate this would it !! FOR FUCKS SAKE!!



Thatcher - "A bigger boy made me do it..."

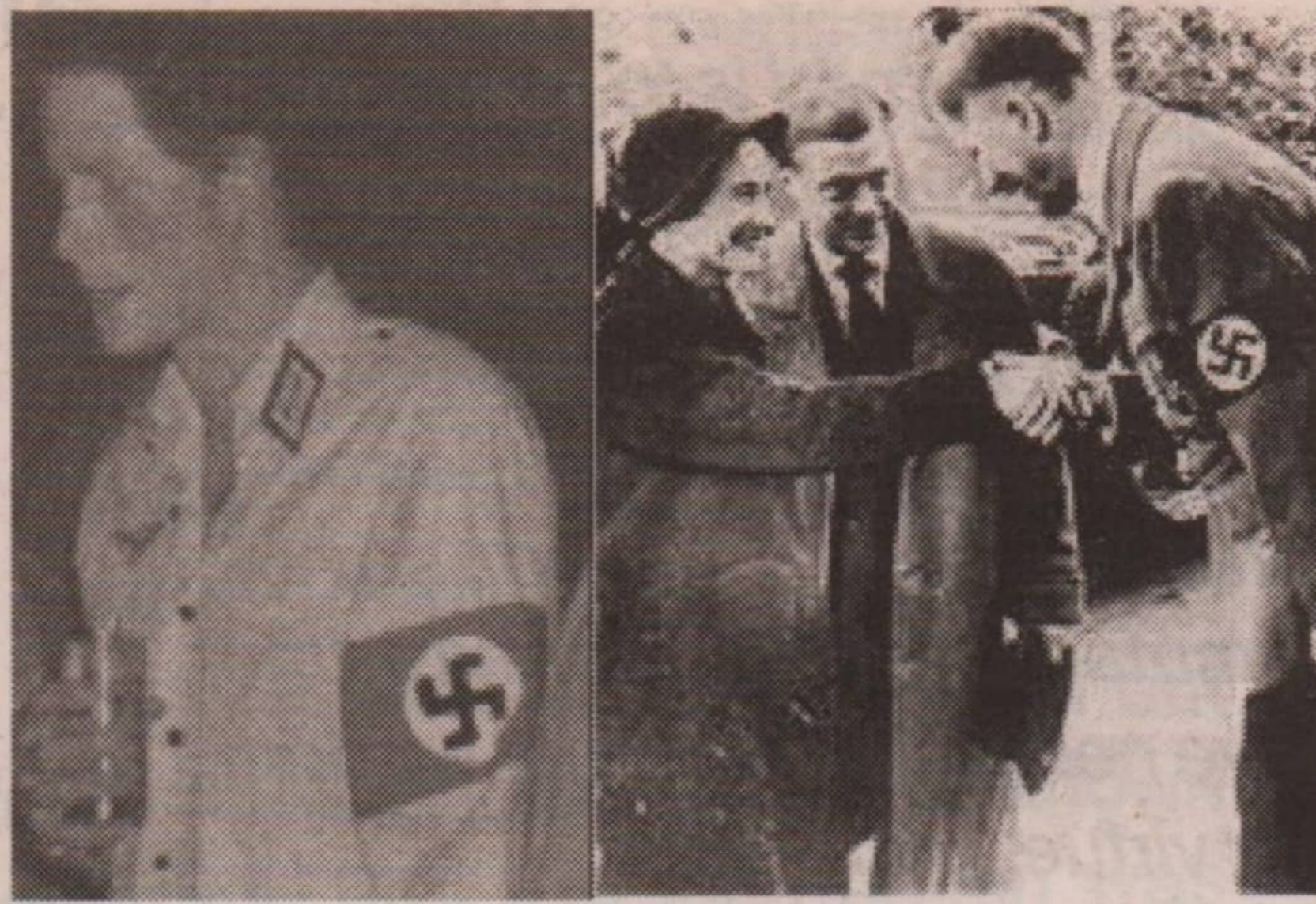
lag behind wealthier countries when it comes to rates for surviving cancer, but that survival gaps within Britain are widening. These survival rates are based around wealth. Tory MP, and Chairman of the Committee Edward Leigh commented "You are almost twice as likely to die of cancer if you live in a northern city as in an affluent area in the south of the country". Whatever new Labour is good for, it is certainly not good for our health.



## One More Nail in the Royal Coffin

If Prince Harry did not exist, republicans would have to invent him! He is rich, stupid, arrogant and vain. Rules are constantly bent for him, whether he is punching photographers, taking drugs without fear of arrest, or cheating his way into the Army. Harry's "jolly jape" of dressing up as a Nazi to a party with the theme of "native and colonials" is hardly surprising.

That a member of the royal family should be tolerant of fascism, as our picture shows, is hardly news. The only surprise is perhaps that his grandfather and Harry's mates in the Countryside Alliance were not dressed up in the same outfits. The British upper class has always had a contradictory approach to fascism. Suggestions that going to



A Great British Tradition

Sandhurst would "make a man" of Harry, and knock some of the nonsense out of him, were undermined by pictures that appeared, of all places in the Daily Mail. These showed Sandhurst recruits in the 1990s giving Nazi salutes and wearing swastika's at a fancy dress party. Hilarious. Harry should fit in well.

## Second Nail in the Royal Coffin!

King Charles and Queen Camilla. Do we need to say anything more?



Camilla



The Next Monarch

## Have you got the D Factor?

Files released under the Freedom of Information Act reveal that from 1957 onwards the British Army kept some very odd, and very secret records, called D Factor, about the ethnic origins of its recruits.

Following a medical examination, recruits personnel cards were punched in a different way if they ranged from looking "Asiatic or Negroid" to those resembling "swarthy Frenchmen".

Such information ensured that front line regiments had higher numbers of non-white recruits, whilst the Military Police and Intelligence Corps would be entirely white.

If this is the sort of games they got up to with a system of cards and a hole punch, what will they do with a biometrics identity card scheme?

## Guess The Royal Competition



Can you guess which member of the royal family is wittily dressed up as a Ku Klux Klan member in this picture? If so you can win a five issue subscription to Class War! Please send your answers to: Prince Harry Competition, Class War, PO Box 467, London E8 3QX.

## No Trade is Fair

One of the current trade union campaigns is to encourage union branches to join the Trade Justice Movement. This is an organisation of unions, aid agencies, religious and consumer groups campaigning for fair trade. They have a Global Week of Action on Trade Justice between 10-16 April, and are supported by celebrities like Bono.

Their campaign is an utter waste of time. It is based around the belief that capitalism can be fair, or nice. The idea that capitalism can turn the world upside down for over 200 years, divide the world into rich and poor, fat and starving, weak and strong, and that the strong will just roll over and let nice, Third World capitalists challenge those in the First World. Worse still, it ignores the behaviour of those politicians and capitalists in emerging nations, who are often as bad a set of bastards as the multi-nationals themselves.

Fair trade? No trade is fair unless those trading are equals, and are trading voluntarily. And there is not a lot equality around these days, is there?

## QUOTES

*"All four of Prince Philip's sisters married high-ranking Germans. The prospect of former Nazis and Nazi sympathisers attending his wedding to the Queen meant he could only invite two guests."*

Evening Standard, 13 January 2005, on "our" royal family.

## Thatcher - Get a fucking move on!

For the third time in 18 months Baroness Thatcher has attended the funeral of someone close to her. She attended the funeral of her sister Muriel Cullen in Harwich, Essex who died age 83. The other two reasons to be cheerful were her husband Denis Thatcher (did I get pissed that night!) and her close friend and ally that piece of shit Ronald Reagan.

We in Class War who are organising the gigantic party in Trafalgar Square the Saturday after the evil old bat dies wish she would stop prolonging our agony and just hurry up and die!!

(Promotional posters, stickers and badges are available for this event available from the London address)

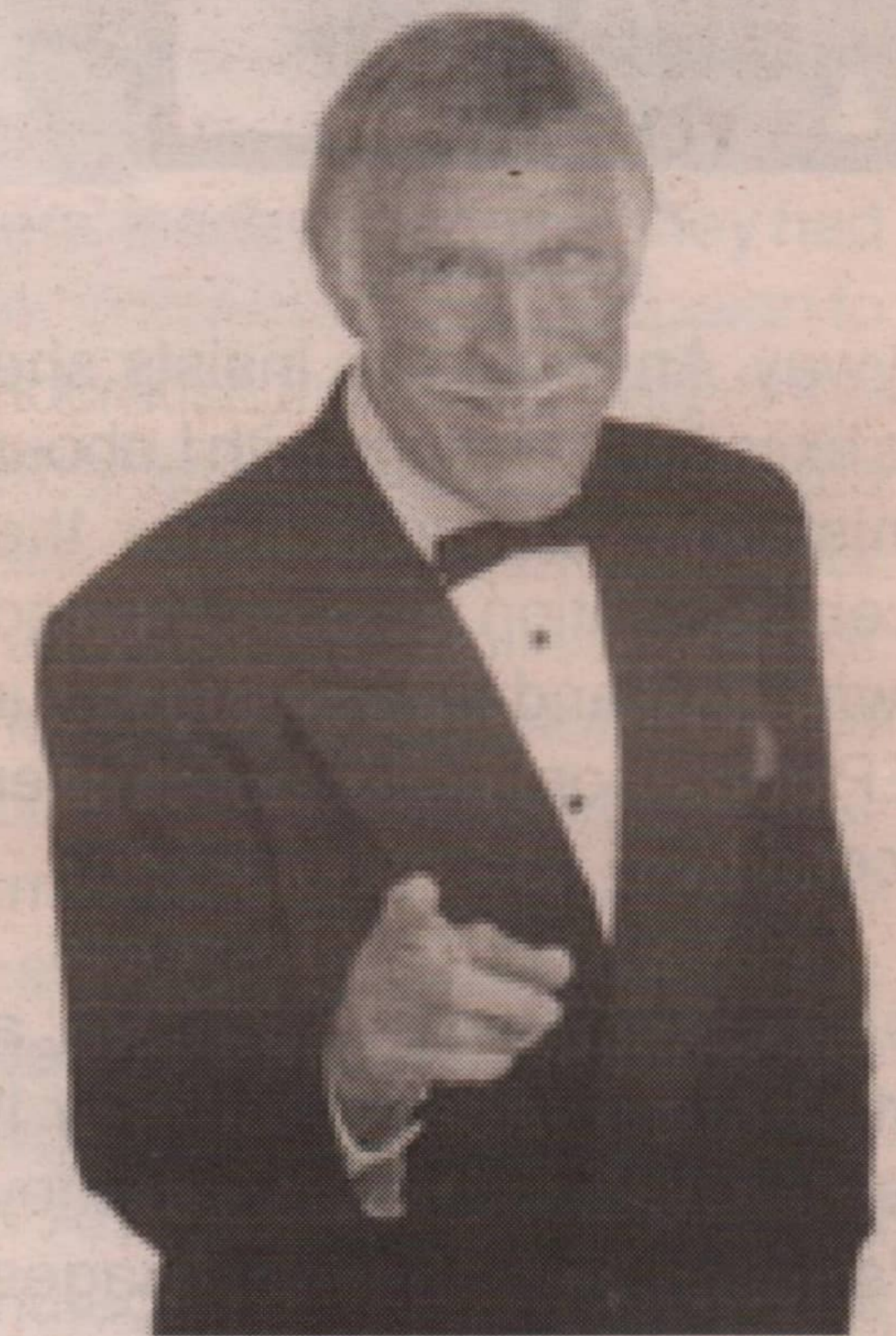
## Smashed up Courts!

Courts, the northern furniture company, went bankrupt just before Christmas.

Courts, who spent a fortune hiring Bruce Forsyth to promote their sales of sofas and chairs, have taken the money off thousands of customers who will now receive no goods, and under bankruptcy law are likely to only get between a third and half their money back.

There was no Forsyth style cry of "good game, good game" to this news. Ripped off punters who had lost their money took the law into their own hands, trying to snatch goods off displays in stores and smashing windows to get at others. Police were called to many stores to protect businesses before ordering their closure.

We doubt however that the cops will be arresting any of the managers, or directors of Courts, who are responsible for this mess. Steal an item from a shop, and go to jail. Steal the money of your customers, and you can set up another business, with a new name later on. That's capitalism.



"You get nothing for a chair - Not in this game..."



**Party, Trafalgar Square  
6pm the Saturday after  
Margaret Thatcher dies  
Bring a bottle  
and your friends!**





## What a Cropper for Chris Cropper the Copper!

Inspector Chris Cropper the daft copper, appeared in court at Stockport in January. Cropper who still styles a real twatish CID moustache that belongs to the 1970s, was arrested while on duty and was found to be well over the drink driving limit.

Cropper was found not guilty of drink-driving in December 2004, after he hired celebrity solicitor Nick Freeman. On that occasion he was also arrested at his desk shortly after driving to work from his home in Altrincham.

When he appears in court again Cropper will no doubt he will be waiting for all the evidence to disappear, or relying on Nick Freeman again ...watch this space.



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## Red Card the ID Card

The government's plans for a compulsory ID card continue, even though the government cannot make up its mind what this card is actually for. One minute it is to save us from terrorists, the next it is to prevent benefit fraud. The day after that, it is to prevent illegal immigration.

Although the card has not been agreed by parliament, some £9 million has been spent developing it so far. 42 civil servants are working full time on the project, along with PA Consulting, a private company working as the governments "partner" on the project.

The final cost of the scheme is likely to be over £5 billion.

Any ID card requires people to register for it, people to carry it, and people to comply with the officials and companies who are implementing it.

That is where the best chance exists of breaking this scheme. More details on the early stages of the fight back against ID cards can be found on DefyIDs website at:

<http://www.defy-id.org.uk/index.htm>

## One law for them

It is not long since Londoner Paul Kelleher was jailed for three months for decapitating a statue of Margaret Thatcher. There was no such punishment though for a born again Christian who smashed up a Madame Tussauds Nativity scene that portrayed David Beckham and Posh Spice as Joseph and Mary.

James Anstice, a law lecturer (!) received a 12 month discharge, despite causing criminal damage worth £2500.

The law really is an ass. And James, you have been born twice too often.

### Joe Gillespie

Class War members in Luton and London were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of supporter Joe Gillespie. From Corby in Northamptonshire, Joe will be missed.

## Do As I Say, Not Do as I Do

What is it with pigs and drink driving? South Wales Police's high profile campaign against drinking and driving was led by Chief Inspector Bruce Clarke. His job certainly seems to have given him a flair for coming up with excuses. In December Clarke left a Christmas piss up at South Wales Police's Bridgend HQ. He then claims to have crashed his car whilst swerving to avoid a fox. As he had lost his mobile phone he went to look for a phone box, before visiting two pubs, as he could not contact his wife. Only then did he decide to return to his car, where he decided to take a swig from a bottle of brandy he had been given as a present. At that very moment a passing police car just happened to see him, swigging from a bottle of brandy next to a crashed car in the middle of a traffic island.....



Clarke - Complete fuckwit

## Expert's guide: How to Throw a Foolproof Sickie

Class War readers rejoice! You will never have to worry about throwing a sickie again after reading our foolproof guide. Following on from our last issue's article on how bosses everywhere are trying to clamp down on their unruly worker's right to swing the lead here's a few tips from the Class War sickie handbook.

Put in a bit of ground work with a Oscar worthy performance, don't get anyone else phone in for you - do it yourself with some confidence, do a bit of research on the illness you've 'got' if for example you have 'got' food poisoning find out what sort of effects different bugs have on you e.g. salmonella. The internet is a good and easy way to do this. Other good ideas are sporting injuries that just keep on returning - brilliant! Off you go and have some fun!

## Mayor Shoots His Own Backside

Congratulations to Rafael Augusto Galan, Mayor Ramiquiri in Colombia. He was taking a group of pilgrims to a Church in his town, when he decided he needed to pay a quick visit to the loo in a local shop.

Whilst Mayor Galan settled down to read the paper, pilgrims were shocked to hear a gunshot, followed by shouting from the smallest room. Mayor Galan had failed to take his pistol out of his back pocket, and had shot himself in the arse.

Class War asks - Is it now time to arm all politicians?

### CRUCIAL TIPS

1. Always take two days off one is too suspicious
2. Never try it more than once every six weeks
3. Always call in yourself - Have some bottle
4. Don't offer too many details but be prepared for any questions
5. If you want to sound bunged up hang your head off the side of the bed: an oldy but a goody!!

## Get on, Get on My Groovy Train

Whilst the rail system struggles to do the basics like getting people to work, there are no such delays for the royal train. In the financial year 2003-4, the royal train was used just 18 times, at a cost to the taxpayer of £782,000. How much better would your local line be if that money was spent on local services?

One person who does not think much to the trains in Britain is Prince Andrew. In the past two years he has spent £325,000 on helicopter trips. Some of these trips involved important matters of state - they were to play golf.



Andrew - Addicted to choppers...

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# CLASS WAR PRISONERS

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## Support Thomas Meyer-Falk

Thomas is a German anarchist in prison that Class War has been in contact with for some time. He recently sent us the following article about his situation:

### Eight Years Isolation – An Interim Evaluation

In October 1996 following a bank robbery I was provisionally arrested by the police and placed in isolation in Stuttgart-Stammheim prison. On the basis of several judgements I should complete nearly 17 years of custodial sentences in 2013, and not be let out at all, but taken into protective custody. That means I can be incarcerated indefinitely according to the will of the Justice Department.

I am a so-called Redskin (RASH = Red and Anarchist Skinhead) and a person of plain words regarding the above mentioned further convictions. So, to a court, the description of a judge as a "picturebook example of a fascistic judge" was worth seven years imprisonment. Even asking about their physical health was punished, as a murder threat supposedly lay hidden in it.

Neither in court nor in prison have I recognised it as necessary to pretend false regrets, I represent my personal and political views unchanged and consistently. This also includes under no circumstances 'co-operating' with the Justice Department. A few years ago I was informed by the prison that a substantial relaxation of solitary confinement conditions would only come into question should I enter a trust establishing dialogue with the prison and "forswear violence" – in particular promise to neither incite fellow inmates nor to plan a rebellion or breakout.

In the meantime I have sat in jail under conditions of solitary confinement for almost eight years (my only respite was in 1998, when I was briefly deported to Bavaria, where conditions were briefly relaxed) That means 24 hours a

day alone, with the exception that I see prison officers when meals or mail are brought. In recent years the daily hour in the jail yard has been relaxed in that another inmate in solitary can come into the yard. Behind this however is not humanity – they are too many prisoners in isolation and were they all to get their yard-hour alone they jail would have to lay on individual yards to allow them exercise.

How is it for me, after almost eight years? I am most bothered by the inability to act, which is dictated by circumstances. Instead of being able to join the struggle out there, in these times of upheaval and increasing repression I sit behind bars. However, what I gather from outside from letters, radio and newspapers strengthens me in not giving up confronting the ruling system.

In that surely also lies a potential danger of eventual embitterment, or of losing touch with reality, the more thankful I am if I am brought back by criticism to the basis of facts. In the solidarity of friends and sympathisers, practices through letters I experience daily that I am not alone, not forgotten. As I am in correspondence with a few prisoners I can say that they see it also – these letters from outside are so important!

I attentively follow political developments at national and international level and it is continually frustrating not to be able to get involved, for example not to be able to go on a demonstration or to become engaged to some extent. Much of my everyday experience in prison (spying, searches, permanent observation) is being progressively introduced outside as well, and I ask myself whether when I return to freedom (when that will be is an open question) I won't have exchanged one prison for a much greater one. It seems to me all the more important to offer resistance, to defend autonomy, to uncover repressive structures in politics, the justice system and business, to call

them by their names – and to set our resistance against them, by fighting for a free and just world!

I am an early riser, mostly I am already awake at 4AM and pace in the half-dark of the cell, it is never quite dark due to the searchlights that illuminate the prison grounds, thus I wonder up and down in the twilight. Through the bars of the window I see here and there the moon or the twinkling venus, smell through the open window the cool of the night.

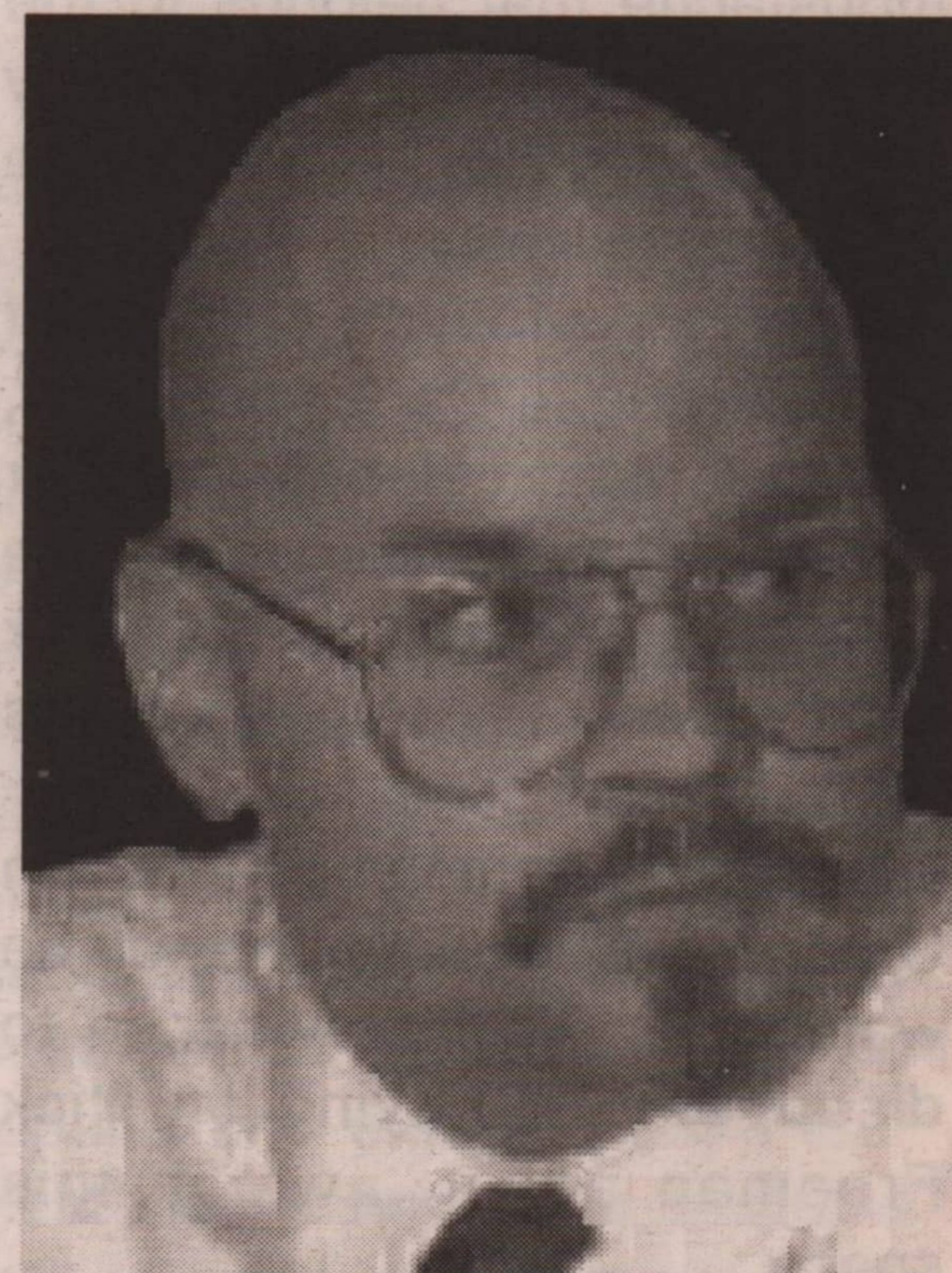
Freedom consists not only of the possibility of being able, at more or less any time, to freely and unhindered be somewhere else, but also in not allowing one's intellect and imagination to be locked away. This inner freedom not even the justice system can take from you!

Thomas Meyer-Falk, c/o JVA Z. 3117, Schonbornstrasse 32, 76646 Bruschal, Germany.

You can find out more about Thomas by visiting [www.freedom-for-thomas.de](http://www.freedom-for-thomas.de)

### QUOTES

"A nursery nurse was fined £60 yesterday for holding an apple in her hand while driving round a bend after police used a spotter plane, a helicopter and a patrol car to win the case" The Times, January 25 2005, on the case of Sarah McCafferty from Hebburn. Don't pay the fine Sarah.



### New ABC Group

Leeds now has its own Anarchist Black Cross group, committed to supporting political prisoners and opposing the prison state. It can be contacted at:

Leeds ABC, PO Box 53, Leeds, LS8 4WP.

### Police Prevent Class War Christmas party

Last December, Class War organised a Christmas social and party in Croydon. This was to be a joint event for members, supporters and friends from Class War, Antifa, Anarchist Federation and the Wombles. Sadly the Metropolitan police had other ideas, and threatened the venues owner. We therefore had no option but to cancel the event. We apologise to anyone who was inconvenienced, but these really were circumstances beyond our control.

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Answer: Everyone knows that the trains don't run on time.

Policeman: "We arrested this man beating the living daylight's out of some poor slob for no reason at all! What should we charge him with?"

Desk Sergeant: "Impersonating an Officer."

A pig pulls a guy over for speeding and has the following exchange:

Officer: May I see your driver's license?

Driver: I don't have one. I had it suspended when I got my 5th drinking ban.

Officer: May I see the owner's card for this vehicle?

Driver: It's not my car. I stole it.

Officer: The car is stolen?

Driver: That's right. But come to think of it, I think I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I was putting my gun in there.

Officer: There's a gun in the glove box?

Driver: Yes sir. That's where I put it after I shot and killed the woman who owns this car and stuffed her in the trunk.

Officer: There's a body in the boot?!?!?

Driver: Yes, sir.

Hearing this, the officer immediately called his captain. The car was quickly surrounded by PIGS, and the captain approached the driver to handle the tense situation:

Captain: Sir, can I see your license?

Driver: Sure. Here it is. (It was valid).

Captain: Who's car is this?

Driver: It's mine, officer. Here's the owner's card. (The driver owned the car).

Captain: Could you slowly open your glove box so I can see if there's a gun in it?

Driver: Yes, sir, but there's no gun in it. Sure enough, there was nothing in the glove box.

Captain: Would you mind opening your trunk? I was told you said there's a body in it.

Driver: No problem. (Trunk is opened; no body).

Captain: I don't understand it. The officer who stopped you said you told him you didn't have a license, stole the car, had a gun in the glove box, and that there was a dead body in the trunk.

Driver: Oh yeah, I'll bet he told you I was speeding, too!!!!

PC Ernie Thicket, not the brightest trotter at the police academy, was at the pistol range. He was given some instruction, a pistol, and bullets. He fired several shots at the target.

The report came from the target area that all attempts had completely missed the target.

Ernie looked at his weapon and then at the target again. He looked at the pistol again, and then at the target again. He put his finger over the end of the gun barrel and squeezed the trigger with his other hand.

The end of his finger was blown off, where upon he yelled toward the target area: "It's leaving here just fine. The trouble must be at your end!"



**TIME TO THROW OUT THE  
BEARDED  
FUNDAMENTALISTS!**

## QUOTES

*"I have a horrible feeling that we are sinking into a police state, and that's not good for anybody..... You cannot lock people up just because someone says they are terrorists. Internment didn't work in Northern Ireland, it won't work now"*  
George Churchill-Coleman, former head of the Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist Squad, quoted in The Guardian 28 January 2005. He had been asked to comment on the latest proposals by Home Secretary Charles Clarke to put suspected terrorists under house arrest.

*"How can Bono, having graced concert stages for over two decades, draped in the white flag of peace and screaming 'No More War' at the top of his lungs contemplate praising and back-slapping Tony Blair?"*

*I can't believe that anyone could fail to identify that no matter what gesture Blair may make towards African debt relief, his slippery hands are currently dripping in the fresh warm blood of Iraqi men, women and children"*

Rock singer Jim Kerr, from Simple Minds, discussing the simple minded Bono of U2. Ireland-Online, 3 February 2005.

*"SAS trained Colombian special forces are spending Christmas hunting for three IRA fugitives deep inside an Amazon rainforest. The trackers are desperate to capture the three before they link up with Al Qaeda cells operating in the dense jungle to plan attacks on British and US companies in South America"*

"Exclusive" by Gordon Thomas, Sunday Express 26 December 2004. No doubt Thomas will be telling us next that Bin Laden has been hiding in West Belfast all along!

*"The FA and the England team have always campaigned against racism very well, we have just got to be aware that it is not cheapened slightly by companies like Nike getting a lot of PR out of it for nothing"*

Manchester United and England full back Gary Neville tackles the wily corporate manoeuvres of Nike.

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# The Latest in the Paedophile Priest Scandals

## Ireland

Every once in a while a television programme gets the whole nation talking.

Back in the 1960s one tipsy bishop got himself into a lather because somebody's wife admitted on the Late Late Show that she did not wear a nightie on her wedding night. On another occasion a student from Trinity College provoked outrage by suggesting that the Bishop of Galway did not know the meaning of Christianity. Those programmes seem positively comical in comparison with Thursday night's devastating exposé on Prime Time.

It exposed what amounted to rampant clerical paedophilia within the Dublin archdiocese. Eight paedophile priests were named, and the pathetic handling of their cases by three archbishops exposed.

Cardinal Desmond Connell was invited on the programme to answer allegations, but sent two people to try to defend the indefensible. Colm O'Gorman, one of the paedophile victims, erupted in righteous indignation at their performance.

"I find it offensive in the extreme," he said, "to hear the same old excuses trotted out time and again 'we didn't know'; 'we didn't understand'; 'we did everything we could,' and the absolute cream on that one: 'we were trying to protect children'," "You weren't!" he told the diocesan spokespeople. "Your were protecting your institution; you were protecting your authority; you were protecting your power." They were still trying indeed, in the light of what had just been heard, they were very trying! The suggestion that they didn't understand paedophilia is as absurd as the utterly ludicrous idea that they



Cardinal Connell - Lying Bastard

were trying to protect children. Even a half-wit should realise that the sexual abuse of a child is wrong. Anyone in authority who pleads that he did not understand the dangers, is not fit to hold a position of authority.

Fr Tom Doyle, an American canon lawyer, was particularly critical of what has been happening in Dublin. "They did know about paedophilia," he declared. "They did know about sexual abuse. What they didn't know was that if they kept covering it up, they'd get caught."

"There is no excuse for this," Fr Doyle said at another point. "This is terrible, and then you tell me you have 400 and some lawsuits over here. This puts Dublin right at the top of the heap. There is something radically, radically wrong."

When Marie Collins, one of the victims of the clerical abuse, complained to Archbishop Connell, he pleaded that he was prevented from acting by Canon Law. But Fr

Doyle, a canon lawyer, demolished that defence.

"If you follow Canon Law," he explained, "it basically tells you that these bishops and archbishops are accomplices to the crime. They're as guilty as the perpetrators, because they're covering them up."

The cardinal is certainly culpable, because he acted in a totally irresponsible way, Fr Doyle added. "His own guidelines stated one thing and yet he did not follow those." Let's face it, the cardinal should now do the decent thing by resigning without further delay.

Eddie Shaw, the director of the Diocesan Communication Office, noted that he has already tendered his resignation and it is now up to the Pope. The Pope's own competence has been brought into question in elevating the Archbishop to the College of Cardinals.

If he was acting on advice, then he should get some new advisers, too.

Other than the actual victims, the people who have the right to feel most aggrieved are the great majority of priests, brothers and

nuns, who have become victims by association, through the crass ineptitude of the Church authorities. Those decent people who answered their vocations have been betrayed, not so much by sick paedophiles in their midst, as by the irresponsible behaviour of the authorities who were more concerned with covering up the child abuse than protecting other innocent children. The clerical culprits were quietly moved to other communities where they were free to practice their paedophile inclinations until they were caught again.

Although paedophile abuse by clerics is a global phenomenon, one finds close Irish links on a global scale. The Catholic Church in Boston, which has traditionally had the strongest Irish links, is currently reeling under a paedophile scandal, but it is just one of a whole series of such scandals.

In 1988 a major scandal involving the Irish Christian Brothers erupted

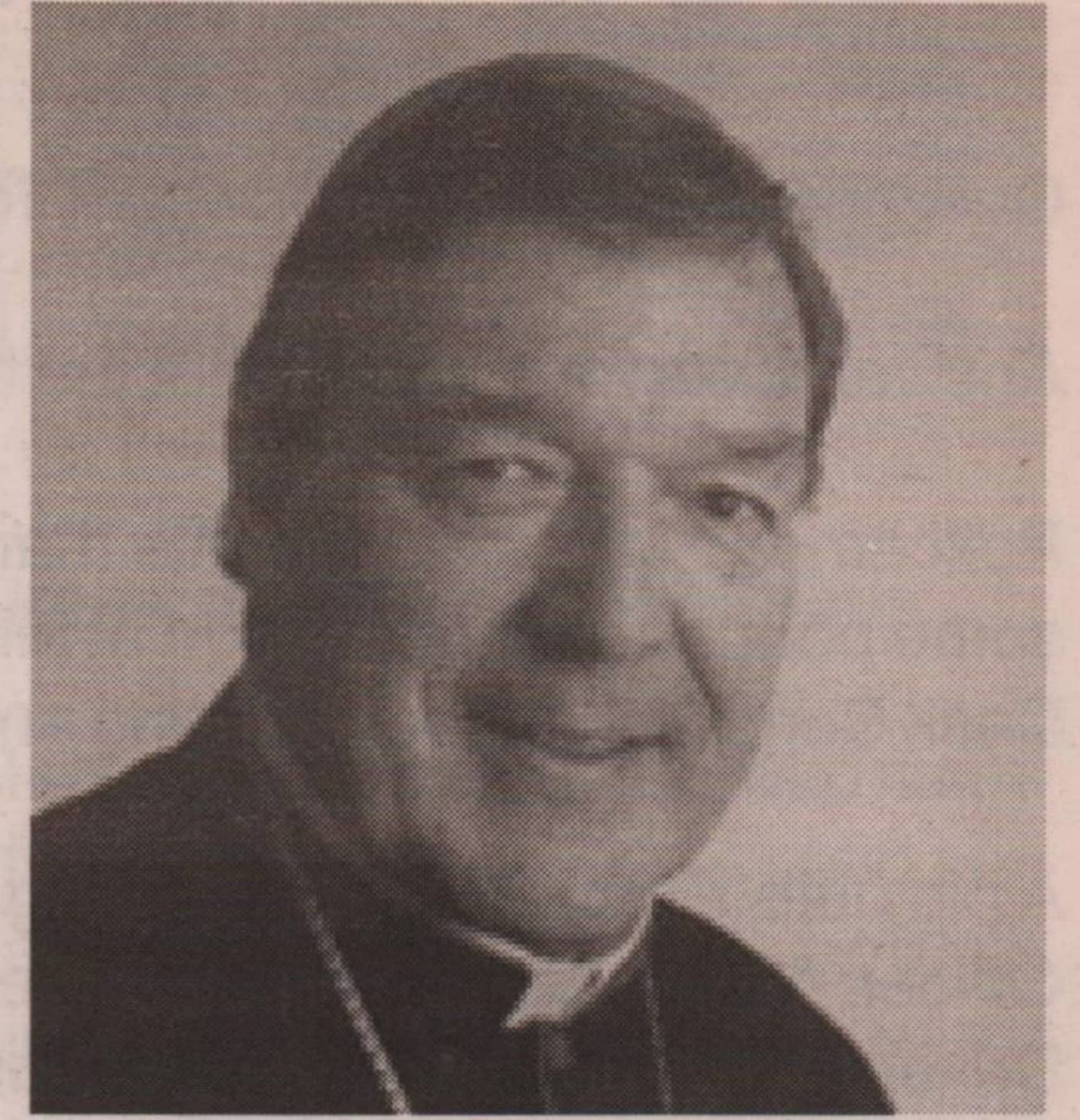
in Canada at an orphanage in St John's, Newfoundland. This resulted in highly publicised trials involving 16 brothers. An ensuing television series sparked the controversy over Fr Brendan Smyth's delayed extradition, which led to the fall of Albert Reynolds' government in 1994.

Meanwhile, another scandal developed involving the Irish Christian Brothers at four residential care institutions in Western Australia. There was evidence there that at least 15 of the 175 brothers had sexually abused boys in their care.

The publicity over that scandal led to further allegations of sexual abuse against other Christian Brothers and priests throughout much of Australia.

More Irish Christian Brothers got in trouble with the law than men of any comparable congregation in that country. Fewer than one in ten may have been involved in the abuse, but the silence of the others landed all of them with the derisive nickname of Irish Christian Buggers.

The Church authorities have, by their inactivity in relation to the



Archbishop Pell - Cleared

violation of children, not only exposed children to the horrors of paedophilia, but they have also exposed the innocent clergy to public hysteria.

Last August a website accused Archbishop George Pell of Sydney of having molested an 11-year-old boy in 1961. The alleged victim said that he only recognised the Archbishop earlier this year when he saw him on television in relation to a case in which he helped a paedophile priest to pay off some victims. Archbishop Pell strenuously denied the abuse accusation, which looked disturbingly like a relatively similar case involving the late Cardinal Joseph Bernadin of Chicago.

In November, 1993, Cardinal Bernadin was accused of sexually abusing a student some years earlier, but he vigorously denied the accusation. After four months, the cardinal was totally exonerated when his accuser admitted that he had no conscious memory of the alleged abuse and had only named Cardinal Bernadin after hypnotherapy.

Archbishop Pell stepped aside in August to facilitate an investigation into the accusation. This week a retired Supreme Court judge came out with a report exonerating the Archbishop on the grounds. "Fifteen years ago, if a priest or a religious brother was accused of this, people would be very very loath to believe that he had done it," Archbishop Pell said this week. "Now, I think, through the revelations of the crimes and sins which have been committed and also I think as a result of a lot of very heavy and repetitive, and, I am tempted to say, disproportionate media attention on the sins of the clergy many people now would be more inclined to say 'yes, well that's just another example of what they do.'"

That is the reality, and it will get worse until the Church authorities restore confidence with a thorough house cleaning, starting at the top.

## CWACKERS

### Class War Against Christian Wankers



# Billy James Hargis

Like country music, evangelism produces a lot of limited living legends. They can get rich, found dynasties, get whole towns named after them, but in New York they'd still wait an hour and a half for a table in a 3 star restaurant. They almost need a murder trial to get really famous, and even then I tend to get my Billy Rays mixed up with my Jimmy Bobs. Not only do all their names sound alike, they all preach the same Babylonian political agenda and they all talk like guys you'd meet in the army stockade. The FBI might even keep a "Holy Roller Profile", the same way they do with serial killers. And if they do, Billy James Hargis fits it like a designer condom.



Hargis - Neurotic neo-con nonce

Billy James Hargis, now in his 70's, built a career howling against the usual things that irritate the umbrageous right; sex, permissiveness, drugs, communism. A flat faced Oklahoman with the porcine eyes of a prison guard, he went from nowhere to top billing on 140 TV and 500 radio stations. He founded a Christian college and a newspaper which attained a circulation of 200,000. He got rich, of course, but as the Bible tells us, money is not everything. In the mid-seventies, two students from his Bible College testified that the Reverend had officiated at their wedding ceremony, gone along on the honeymoon, and took his turn with the bride. And then with the

## Jehovah's Witnesses Change Tactics

The sight of Jehovah's Witnesses going door to door has long been a familiar and lets face it an amusing sight, however, it is beginning to change - with the increase in high rise blocks and the decrease in the number of people who are home during the day is forcing the Jehovah's Witnesses to

groom. Then it came out that Hargis had been bringing college choir boys to his farm. Exhorting them with the biblical passage about David's friendship with Jonathan, and threatening them with blacklisting if they talked, Billy took them into his bed and did his devilish business with them. (The name of the choir was the "All American Kids.")

Confronted with these accusations, Hargis admitted it all, blaming it on "Genes and chromosomes." That confused his critics for a moment. Billy James had never been the kind of guy to trot in scientific arguments, so he stepped things up. He withdrew his confession and bounded back to the college. He claimed that the Lord had forgiven him, and, just in case He hadn't, held on to the mailing lists. He blamed his barnyard buggery on "Liberal subversion" and "The forces of Satan out to silence anti-communism." Before you laugh, bear in mind that this sort of Christian logic has elected more than a few American politicians. The youngsters that he'd coaxed into his bed weren't laughing. By the standards of urban America they didn't do anything wrong, but out there, in their barren little world, they are scarred for life. Unlike Billy James, who has been "Forgiven" by the legions of potato heads and dimwits he's been suckering for so long. He is currently sitting around his farm in the Ozarks, brooding, scheming, plotting his comeback. He is still raving against permissiveness, too.

In 1110, a mad mystic named Tanchelm, convinced that he was the Messenger Of The Lord, made his followers drink his bathwater. It was supposed to have holy properties and they lined up for it, paying for the privilege. As with Billy James and his moral righteousness, some people will swallow anything.

change there tactics - and the changes are even more annoying. People now are as likely to hear about the coming kingdom of God at a supermarket or laundrette. So, the next time you are out shopping or washing your pants or knickers, take care about those who are around you. Jehovah's Witnesses watch for the body language of a person who is alone in order to single them out for conversion.

## Bigots 1 The People 0

The decision to cancel the play Behzti (Dishonour) following rioting by Sikhs in Birmingham last December, was a victory for religious bigots everywhere. Kick up a big enough fuss, and the authorities will roll over.



Fun-Da-Mentalists...

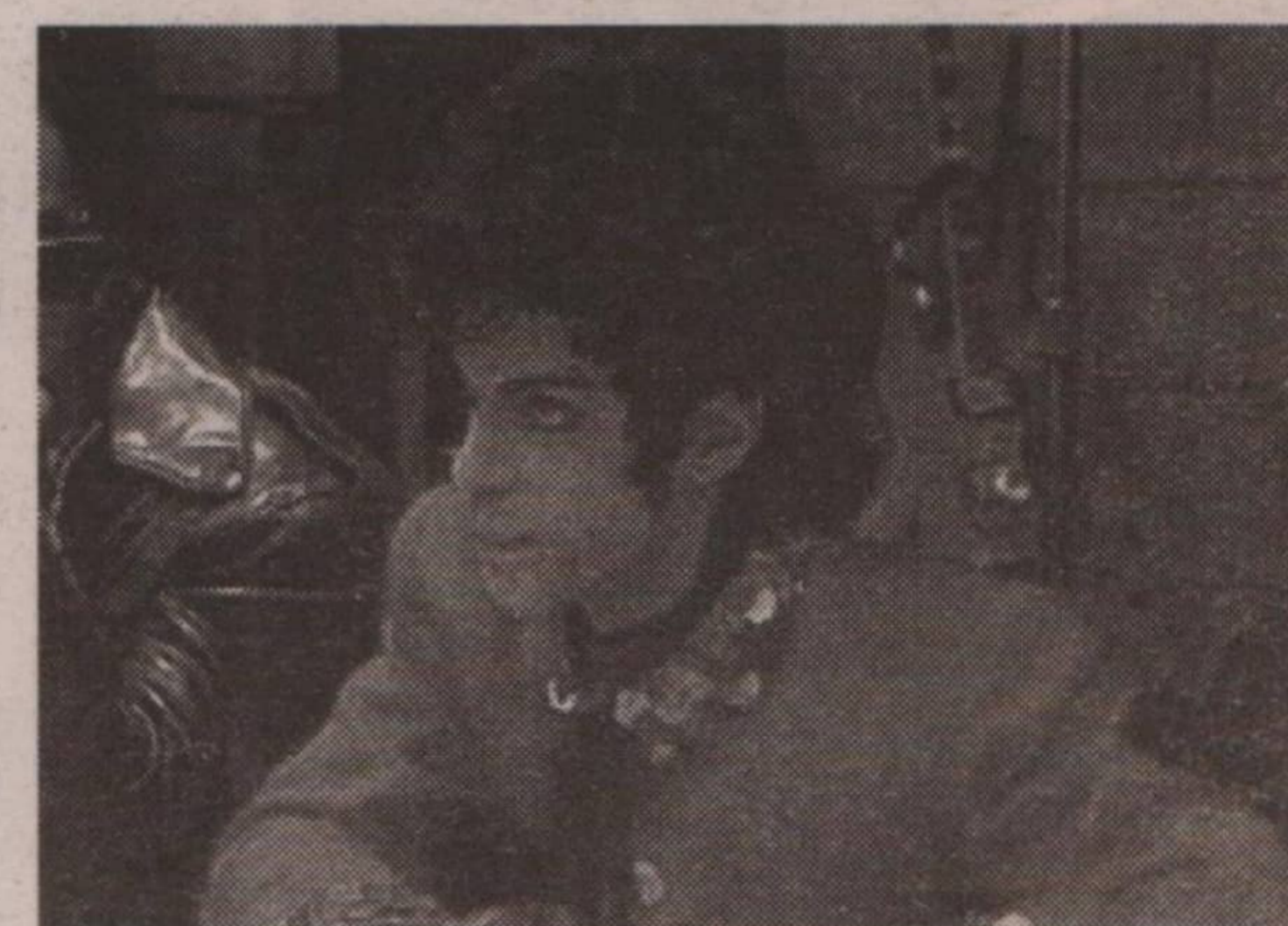
Not surprisingly Christian nutters soon followed the example of their Sikh cousins, threatening the BBC for showing an opera about the Jerry Springer Show. Within a few weeks of that, the Anarchist Ramparts centre in east London received threatening e mails from Hindus, for planning to show a video criticising the behaviour of Hindu fundamentalists in India. Give these bastards an inch, and they will take, take and take. We must never, ever surrender ground to them.



Down with this sort of thing

## Purple Biblical Rain

Ever wondered what happened to that smirky purple pop singer git Prince back in the 80s, if he wasn't weird then he certainly is now, CWAKERS has found out that he has recently converted to the Jehovah's Witnesses. Instead of banging on people's front doors Prince participates in this ancient religious practise in ways that would normally be shunned by most Jehovah.... when he does door to door he goes in a limo with four bodyguards and tailor-made suits. So next time they come knocking look twice before you tell them to fuck-off. It could be Prince.



"Can I interest you in a copy of the Watchtower?"

## Jehovahs Witnesses Latest

Jehovah's Witnesses don't believe in using blood products, including blood transfusions. This sometimes leads to a person dying who could have otherwise been saved and, in the case of the Bethany Hughes who was brain washed by the Jehovah witnesses, her father is suing the Jehovah's Witnesses for encouraging her to refuse needed medical treatment. Good luck to him!

### Anti-Fascist Merchandise

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

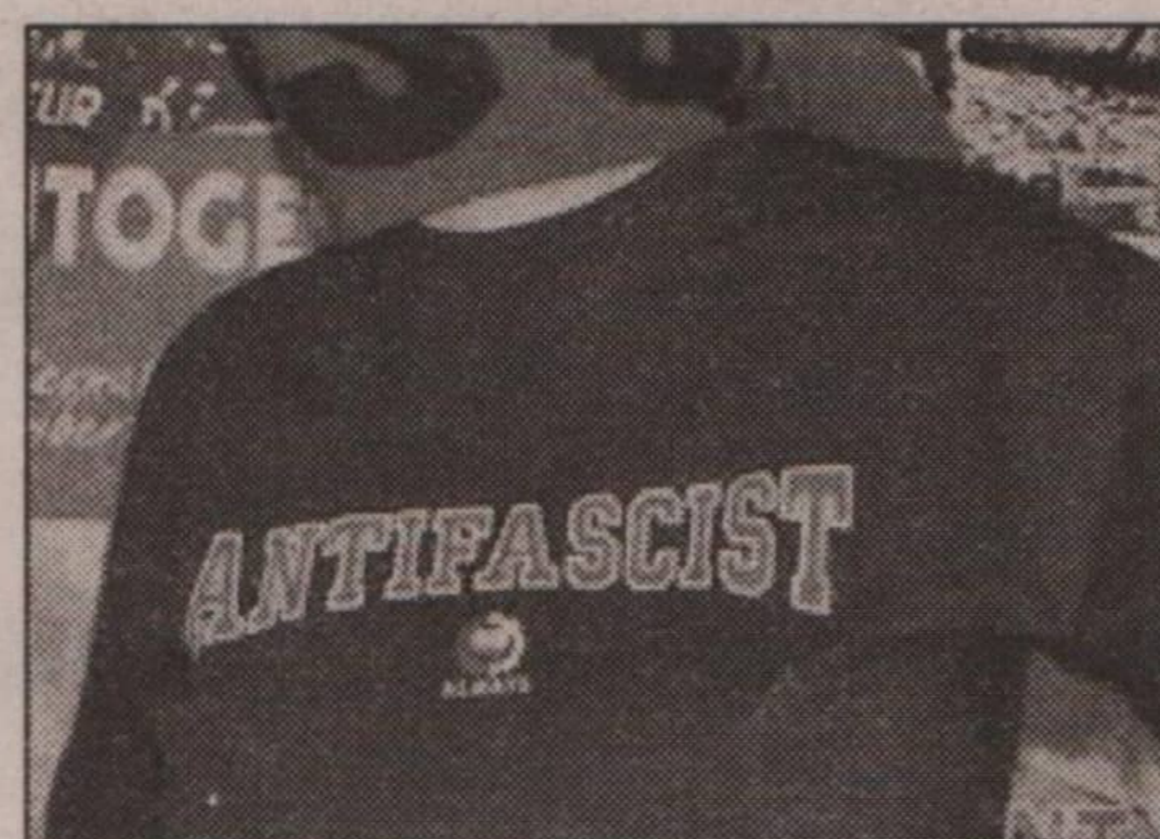
The first in a series of recollections from active anti-fascists.



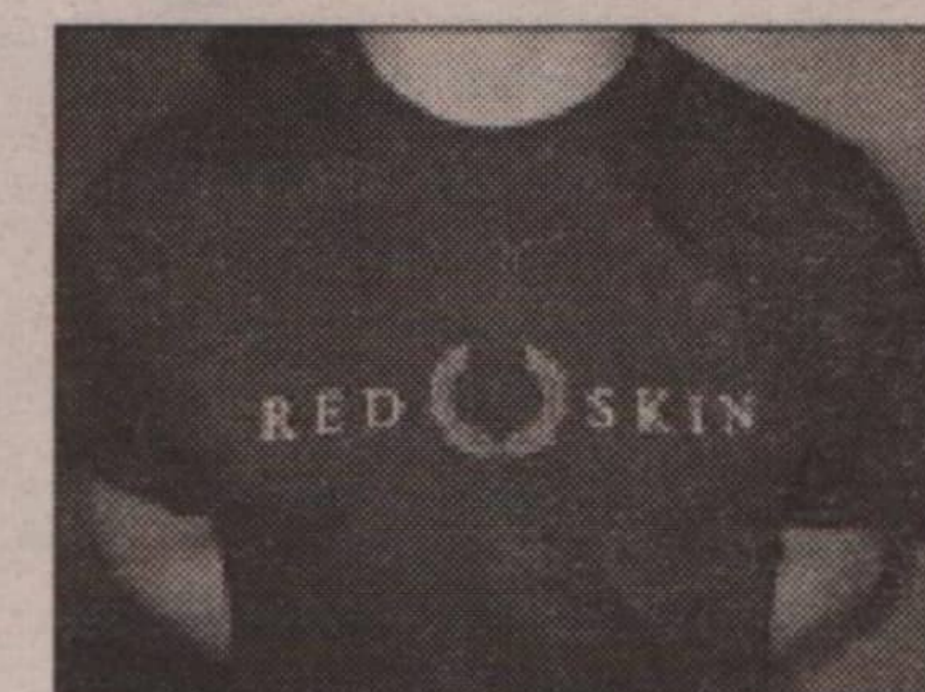
Badges - 40p each or any 6 for £2. More on the merchandise page.



Anti-Faschistische Aktion patch - £1



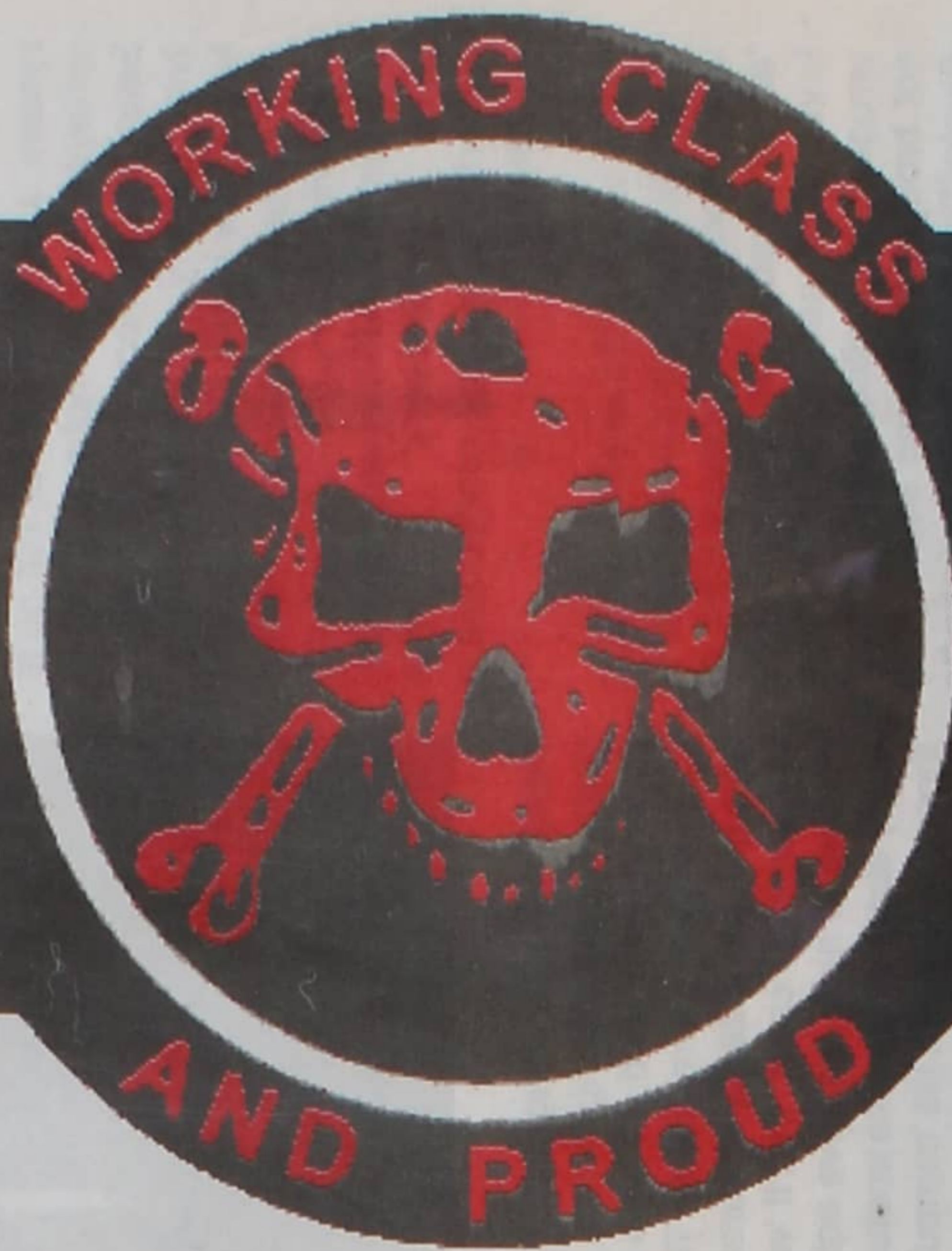
**Anti-Fascist Always T shirt - £8**  
Red and white lettering on black t shirt.  
Available in S, M, L, XL



**Red Skin - Fred Perry style shirt - £8**  
Red lettering on black t-shirt. Available in S, M, L, XL



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## Tears of a Clown

David Blunkett was probably the most right-wing Home Secretary Britain has ever seen. Having jumped before the findings of the inquiry into his conduct was completed, Blunkett clearly hopes to return to high office at a later stage. By insisting that he is a "working class victim of the rich" Blunkett is desperately trying to position himself as some sort of man of the people. Somebody who is a working class man from Sheffield, Mark Barnsley, looks at the reality behind Blunkett the man, and Blunkett the myth.

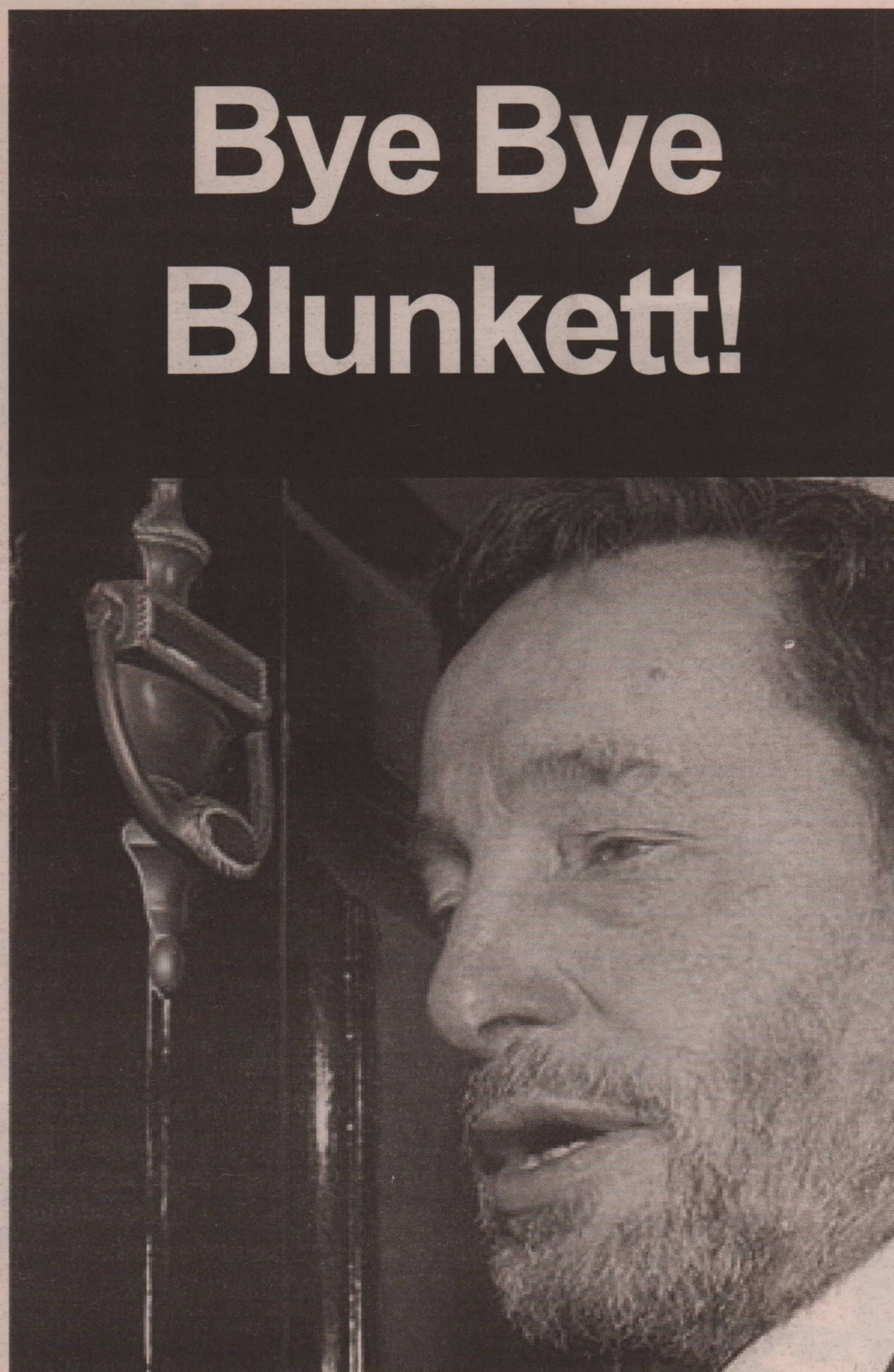
## SHED NO TEARS FOR BLUNKETT

When David Blunkett boasted, characteristically, that he would make his predecessor as Home Secretary, Jack Straw, "look like a woolly liberal", I doubt there were too many people who believed this was possible. Even Blunkett may not have been able to make 'Mad Jack', as he was known in the prison system, look like a liberal, but he is certainly the most right-wing Home Secretary this country has had in living memory, and he revelled in the fact. Straw may have been at least as Draconian as Michael Howard before him, but he didn't have 9-11, an event, which if one were needed, gave Blunkett's innate authoritarianism and xenophobia a free rein.

In the wake of Blunkett's overdue resignation a picture is being painted, with himself as the primary artist, of 'an honourable man brought low by love'. The career of this vain, arrogant, conceited individual was not brought to an end because of Blunkett's private life, something he has done his utmost to deny the rest of us, but because he is a liar and corrupt, neither of which are new.

I first met David Blunkett in 1974, and later suffered under him when he was leader of Sheffield City Council, and neither his dishonesty, nor his corruption, nor his right-wing views are recently acquired. He's simply been better in the past at hiding them. First and foremost though, David Blunkett has been a ruthless careerist, no wonder, like Margaret Thatcher before him, he's blubbing now.

Thatcher was a great political ally to Blunkett in his Sheffield Council days. He could cover up the corruption and incompetence of his administration working-class girls, who might need a helping hand, and perhaps a bit of advice on contraception. Not rich, already married, right-wingers who didn't need his sleazy favours (and who might also now be reconsidering the issue of birth-control.)



# Bye Bye Blunkett!

David Blunkett sought to hide his corruption by playing the 'my private life is my own' card yet he is always trying to deny the rest of us. The man who has consistently assured us, in relation to ID cards, that if 'we have nothing to hide, we have nothing to worry about' has come unstuck, and those familiar with his 'computer-like' mind are probably taking his recent bad memory with a pinch of salt.

Blunkett's assistance with passport and visa applications on behalf of his rich former mistress sits hypocritically with the hard-line stance he has taken with those fleeing war and torture abroad. This is the man who told Kosovan and Afghani refugees to "get back home". Perhaps they should have offered to work as a nanny for his mistress?

And without wanting to twist the knife too much, his current fixation with acquiring a family, even if it's somebody else's, sits uneasily with his past history. The day after his election as an MP, Blunkett announced he was leaving his wife and children in Sheffield and moving in with his 'research assistant' in London. His marriage may, as he has recently said, been "a loveless relationship", but he had found it politically expedient to hide that fact for a long time, and he's now finding out that middle-class women don't

disappear into the background quite so quickly or so conveniently.

Just like Thatcher before him, the only person David Blunkett is able to shed tears for is himself. Cnivelling that he doesn't feel sorry for himself and that he'll "try to have something of a Christmas", he sounds like Albert Steptoe. Whatever happens to Blunkett, and unfortunately we may not have seen the last of him, he's sure to have had a better festive season than the families of the record 93 British prisoners who have killed themselves so far this year, those locked up without trial in prisons or detention centres, or the vast number of other victims of his reign as Home Secretary. Shed no tears for Blunkett, he can shed them himself.

Mark Barnsley  
16th December 2004

## Four Homes Blunkett

The above article certainly provoked a storm when it was posted on the Sheffield Indymedia website. In particular some posters objected to criticism of David Blunkett's housing arrangements (the poor lamb only has four houses!) Mark Barnsley expands further:

Blunkett's pal, Peter Price, who recently accused me of being "middle-class" (see 'Shed No Tears For Blunkett' comments on Sheffield Indymedia) reckons that the prolier-than-thou ex-home secretary's Handsworth *pied a' terre* is worth £60,000. Now I don't know much about house prices, I've never owned one, and my parents paid £500 for the Sheffield terrace where I was brought up. I'm not a great mathematician either, having left school at 16 (to work in Sheffield Works Department's Manor Lane garage – So much for me being middle class.) But if Cry Baby Blunkett's place is only worth £60,000, isn't it a little 'strange' that in the past 3 years alone he's claimed £54,000 from the taxpayer in maintenance for it?

Blunkett's certainly been responsible for making more than a few people homeless in his time, but that's something unlikely to happen to himself – being as he has no less than four 'homes' to choose from! Even getting his corrupt snout stuck in the trough didn't lead to him losing the luxurious £3 million Belgravia mansion which comes as a public purse perk of the Home Secretary. His crony Blair, decreed that even though Blunkett was forced to resign he can still keep it – along with his official limousine, and all his 'security privileges'. And just to make sure that this so-called 'working-class lad' doesn't have to struggle on his £57,405 MP's salary (about 30 times what I have to live on Peter), Blair is giving him a third of his previous £130,347 home secretary's wage as a 'redundancy payment'. We can't have little David blubbing again can we?

In case Blunkett fancies slumming it a little, there's always his Wimbledon property. He currently rents it out (for around £15,000 a year), but David's no stranger to evicting people from their homes, or even chucking them out of the country for that matter. Which brings us to Blunkett's own little place in the country, the cottage he rents from the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire on their Chatsworth Estate. Almost a stone's throw from the streets of Brightside Peter? A little further than that I think. To claim that a man with 4 homes, a limousine, a vast income, and a wealth of middle-class cronies is 'working-class' is an insult not only to the people of Brightside, but to everyone having to read such rubbish. When it comes to investigating Blunkett's finances though, I doubt the Child Support Agency will let him off the hook as lightly as the Scott Inquiry.

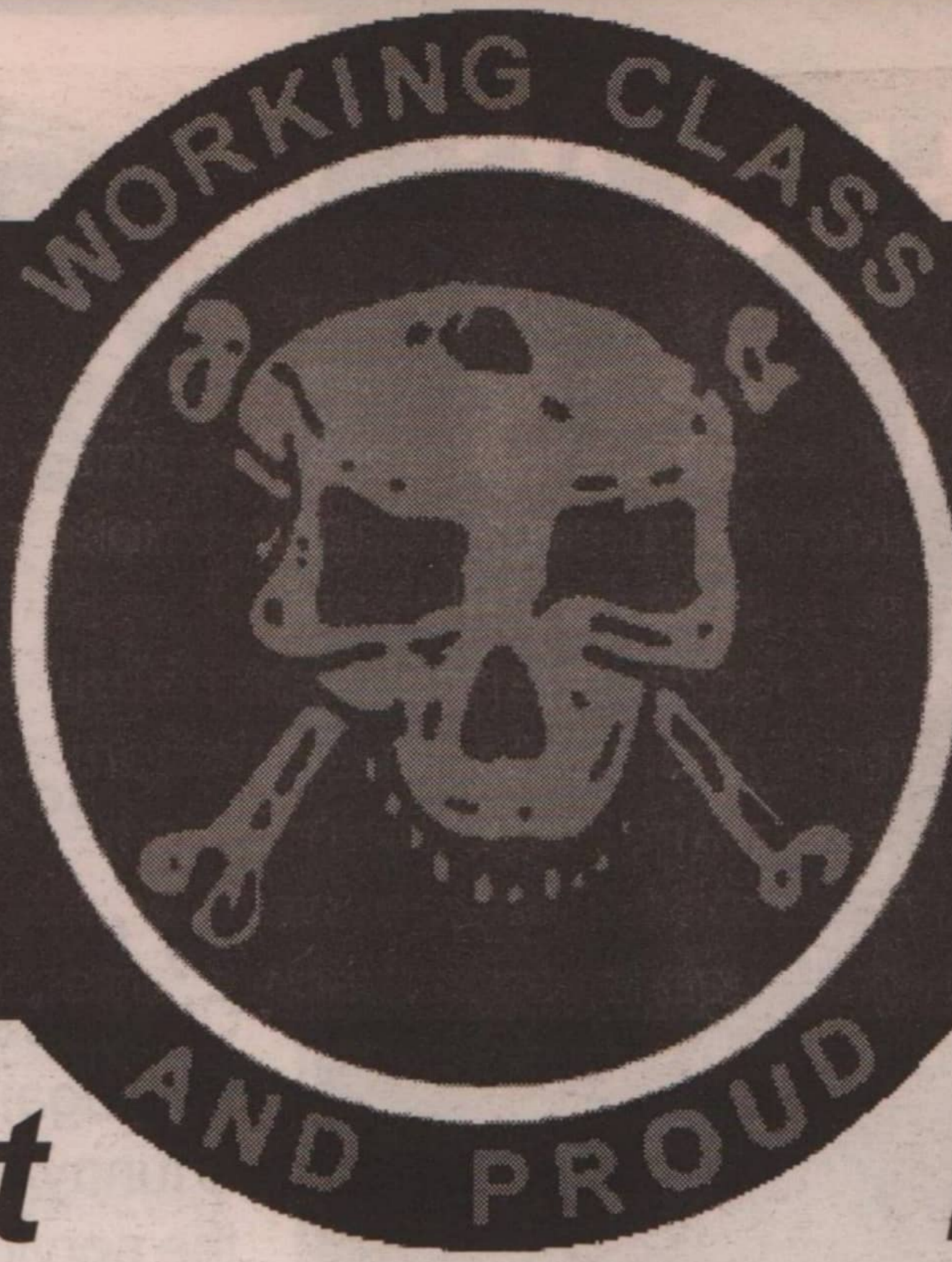
## Class War Meetings

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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**Anti Fascist****News**

## NATIONAL FRONT IN TRAIN ACCIDENT!

On 15th of January the NF had announced that they were to march in Woolwich to stir up racial hatred over the tragic death last January of Terry Gregory, aged 19. It is not clear whether this was a racist incident and the family of Terry Gregory have repeatedly asked the NF not to become involved. After lots of disinformation over the exact date of the march the NF finally announced the night before that it was to go ahead not to be put off with their fucking about a small but determined crew of ANTIFA turned up to have a pop at the 'master race'. Not long after meeting up two of the dumbest boneheads we've seen in a long time happened to come our way catching us a little off guard at first - we followed them and had a brief but meaningful discussion with the thick fucks resulting with one of them crashing his head off the train door and the other brave warrior clinging on to the train for dear life! It goes to show that even with massive police presence protecting the fascists these days the hard working boys and girls in ANTIFA can still grind out results. Here's to the next NF 'activity' Terry!

### Antifa – Fighting The Fascists

Class War fully supports Antifa. We urge all our members, supporters and readers to contribute to the anti-fascist cause as much as they can. Lets do it to them, before they do it to us!

You can find out more about Antifa at [www.antifa.org.uk](http://www.antifa.org.uk) or contact 07952 759473

## A Black Christmas For the BNP

Class War was not the only group to have a problem with its Christmas party. What to make of London BNP, who managed to book a black DJ for their Christmas party. Apparently he "sounded white" on the phone...



Tony Lecomber with the DJ - "Do you come here often...?"

### Kilroy in the shit

Robert Kilroy-Silk is fast becoming a sort of poor man's Oswald Mosely. He left the Labour party, joined a right-wing party to "protect the national interest" and seems obsessed with the idea of being a leader. Having pissed off everyone in the UK Independence Party, his chances of becoming leader were somewhat derailed. Whilst his criticism of UKIP (that it is full of nutters) is one Class War certainly agrees with, a party run by Kilroy really would be a case of the lunatics taking over the asylum. Having taken his bat and ball home, Kilroy has now created his own party (can you guess who its leader is?) pompously called Veritas, the Latin word for truth. Class War was amused to see that at the end of January police arrested a man suspected of tipping a bucket of farm manure over Gilroy when he visited Manchester High School for Girls in December. Presumably it took them two months to go through the long list of suspects!

## NF Wanker Killed by Anti-Fascist Kettle

We have always said that the National Front are a bunch of wankers. Proof positive comes from Oldham, where ex-NF candidate Kristian Etchells hung himself last year.

Etchells naked body was found by police in a cupboard in his home in Shaw. He had a kettle flex round his neck and a picture of a naked woman dressed as a schoolgirl was beneath his body. Etchells, who had criminal convictions for threatening an Asian taxi driver with a knife, and shouting abuse at an anti-racist march in Burnley, had also been a member of the BNP before standing for the NF in Lees, Oldham.

Given Etchells was a tosser of the highest order, suicide would have been welcome. However Oldham coroner Simon Nelson said: "I think the more probable explanation is

that the deceased deliberately placed himself in a situation where he might achieve some sexual gratification, and that his actions took a turn for the worse. It highlights the risks when such actions are undertaken."

Amongst those who disagreed was The Oldham Evening Chronicle. Their website places the story about Etchells death in the sport section of the site. As Alan Partridge would say "Back of the net!"

### NATIONAL FRONT

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### KKK PC Robert Pulling is Trainee Manager at M&S!

Former PC Robert Pulling famed for his racist rant caught on film saying of a Asian colleague "I fucking hate him I'd fucking kill him I'd pull on my white hood and fucking chase him" is now working in Marks and Spencer's in Elgin near Inverness. Our Class War anti fascist spies can also reveal that the dozy ex-pig has changed his name to "Rob Jones" to try and forge himself a new "career" as a trainee manager. What an asshole. Further information through to us is that amazingly this racist wanker is engaged to be married. Class War HQ is wondering whether his not-so-lucky fiancée knows of his past or whether he has duped her as well as the Marks and Spencer management. Watch this space for further details. We at Class War would not advise any readers to slap this piece of shit

while he is at work because apparently M&S have an excellent policy of returning damaged goods !!!

### Red White and Blue Peter

Class War was shocked at the behaviour of Blue Peter presenter Zoe Salmon, who suggested the Red Hand of Ulster as a design in a competition for children. The BBC were forced to apologise for promoting a symbol of Ulster loyalism in a programme aimed at 8-16 year olds.

It really is time Zoe Salmon respected the decent traditions of Blue Peter – and if not perhaps Richard Bacon or John Leslie should be brought back, to ensure that our children get the sort of education they deserve.





## 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!



## LETTERS

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### Wot No Mullahs?

My favourite regular column in Class War is CWACKERS (Class War against Christian Wankers) It is funny, researched and scratches the service of an important issue - the way religious figures have used and abused others, often with impunity. Whatever we would like to think, religion has not gone away, just look at some of the people who voted for George W Bush.

Why is it though that you only attack the Christian religion? Unless you have been living on a desert island for the past 30 years, you must have noticed that some pretty nasty religious figures have risen up to the east, and I'm not talking about Southend. When I can read Class War Against Islamic Wankers? You are going to have to write it quick as well, before the new laws against religious hatred stop you from saying anything!

Islamaphobe, North London.

### Ireland's Shame Continues

I am one of many people who came forward as a survivor of child sex abuse in Catholic church institutions in Ireland.

Information which I gave to Gardai investigation in 2002 in confidence was leaked to Daughters of Charity, according to my solicitors this morning. 25/01/05.

The Daughters of Charity are denying that sexual and physical abuse against children took place in their institutions during the 1970s. I have copies of their statements which they made to the commission to enquire into child abuse in 2004.

I have also copies of my statements to Gardai which I am willing to release.

Not one politician met with me to listen to my complaints against the Irish State.

So much for trust guys.

A Correspondent, Dublin.

## QUOTES

*"Controls on the database must be tightened to prevent a big Brother state. Within living memory both fascist and communist governments in Europe have used personal records as a means of oppressing different populations. There are important changes that can be made to safeguard privacy and rights without compromising the use of DNA in fighting crime"*

Dr Helen Wallace, of the pressure group Genewatch UK, on the governments DNA database. BBC on-line 12 January 2005. Has it never occurred to you Helen, that such database's exist, not to fight crime, but to help the government monitor and control its subjects?

## It's Your Money I'm After Baby!

Unlike the political organisations running the working class into the ground, Class War has no full time, or even part-time staff. We do not have wealthy backers writing us cheques for tens of thousands of pounds. Basically what you see with Class War is what you get - a group of men and women working together to try to improve their laughs, and having a bit of a laugh into the bargain.

The more of us work together, the more we can change. The more people stand on the sidelines, the less we can all do. That is why we want you to get involved in Class War. If you cannot at this stage, we would be delighted if you could support us in some other way - taking out a subscription, or making a donation. This can be done to our PO boxes, or even on-line via Paypal. Donations of stamps are also particularly welcome.



# Class War Merchandise

## Books

- All Power To The Imagination by Dave Douglass** ..... £5  
Class struggle, trade unions, the miners strike, and all for a fiver!
- Anarchist by Ian Bone** ..... £3  
Hard hitting debut novel by "the most evil man in Britain", Ian Bone.
- The Rich at Play published by RPM** ..... £4  
As the battle over the recent ban on fox hunting continues, this book becomes more important than ever. If you want to know who is behind the Countryside Alliance, and want to know who owns this green and pleasant land – buy this book!
- Unfinished Business - The Politics of Class War** ..... £4.50  
The Class War Federation's most complete statement of its politics to date.
- Turning Up The Heat - MI5 After The Cold War - Larry O'Hara** ..... £5  
Yet more superb work by the overweight researcher in a suit

## Pamphlets and Magazines

- 21st Century Class War** ..... £1  
An introduction to the Federation.
- Bash The Fash: Anti-Fascist Recollections 1984-93 by K Bullstreet** ..... £1.50  
The classic memoirs of an active anti-fascist.
- Notes From The Borderland Issue 6** -- Available now! -- Articles include a dissection of the latest BBC "investigation" into the BNP, gangland Manchester and a look beyond the hero-worship of the late Paul Foot. .... £3.50
- Poll tax Riot - 10 hours that shook Trafalgar Square**  
Back in stock, the classic description of the riot that shook Mrs Thatcher's government to its core.

## Class War Clothing

- T-shirt: Class War - Probably The Best War In The World** ..... £7  
Bottle Green Carlsberg style shirts available in small, medium, large and fat bastard sizes.
- Anti-Fascist Always** ..... £8  
Red and black of course! Available in S, M, L and XL
- Red Skin** ..... £8  
Fred Perry style shirt in S, M, L and XL
- Baseball Caps** ..... £5  
Class War caps in red or yellow

## Videos

- Insurrection - Incitement to Riot 3** ..... £7  
(57 minutes) New Class War video featuring the best of street protest and action from around the world! Taking in Seattle, Prague, Genoa, Woodstock the second, London plus the odd sighting of Homer Simpson and Harold Bishop(!). Remember everybody's got to keep fucking everybody else until we are all the same colour!
- Hardcore Riot Porno - Volume 1** ..... £7  
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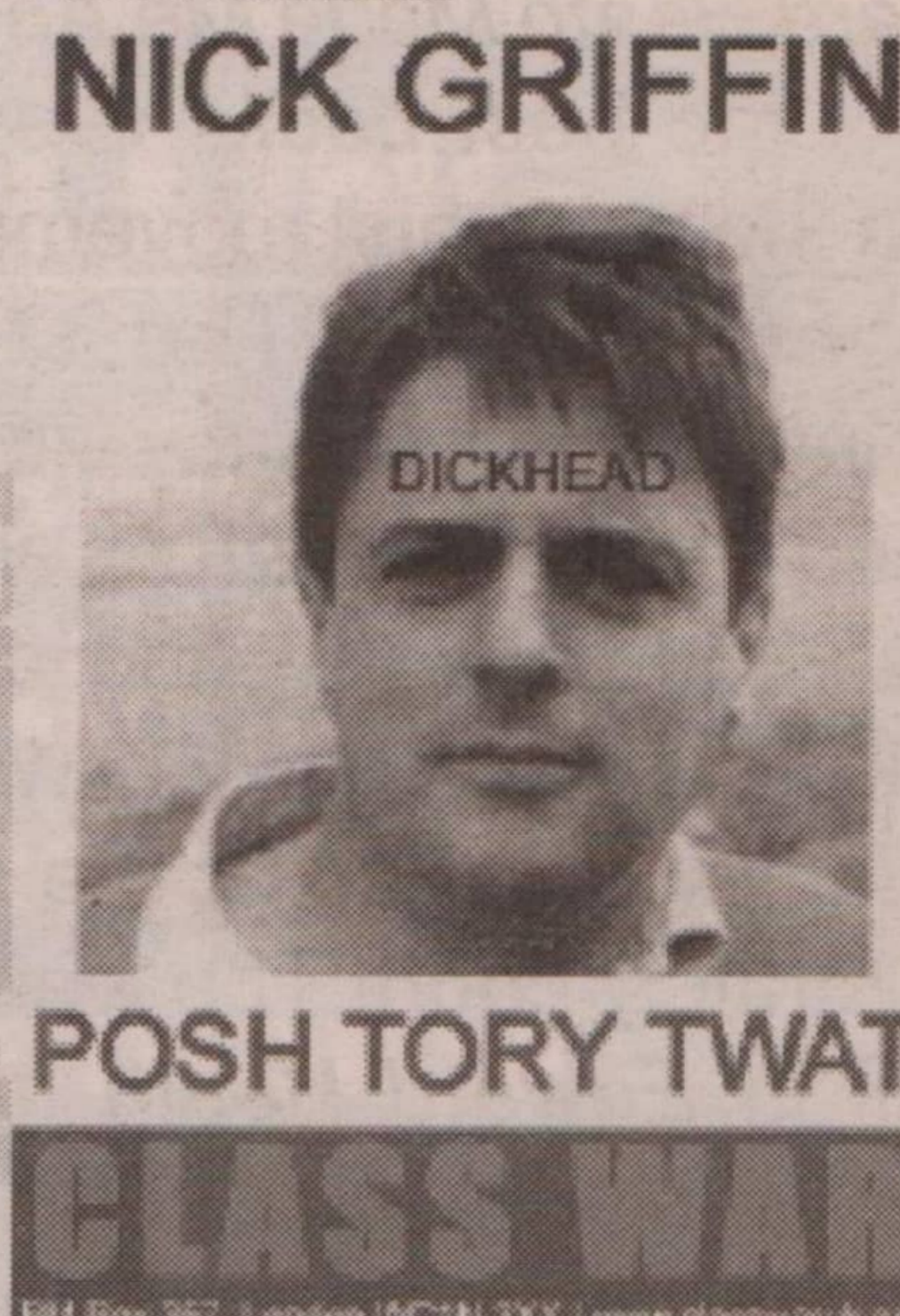
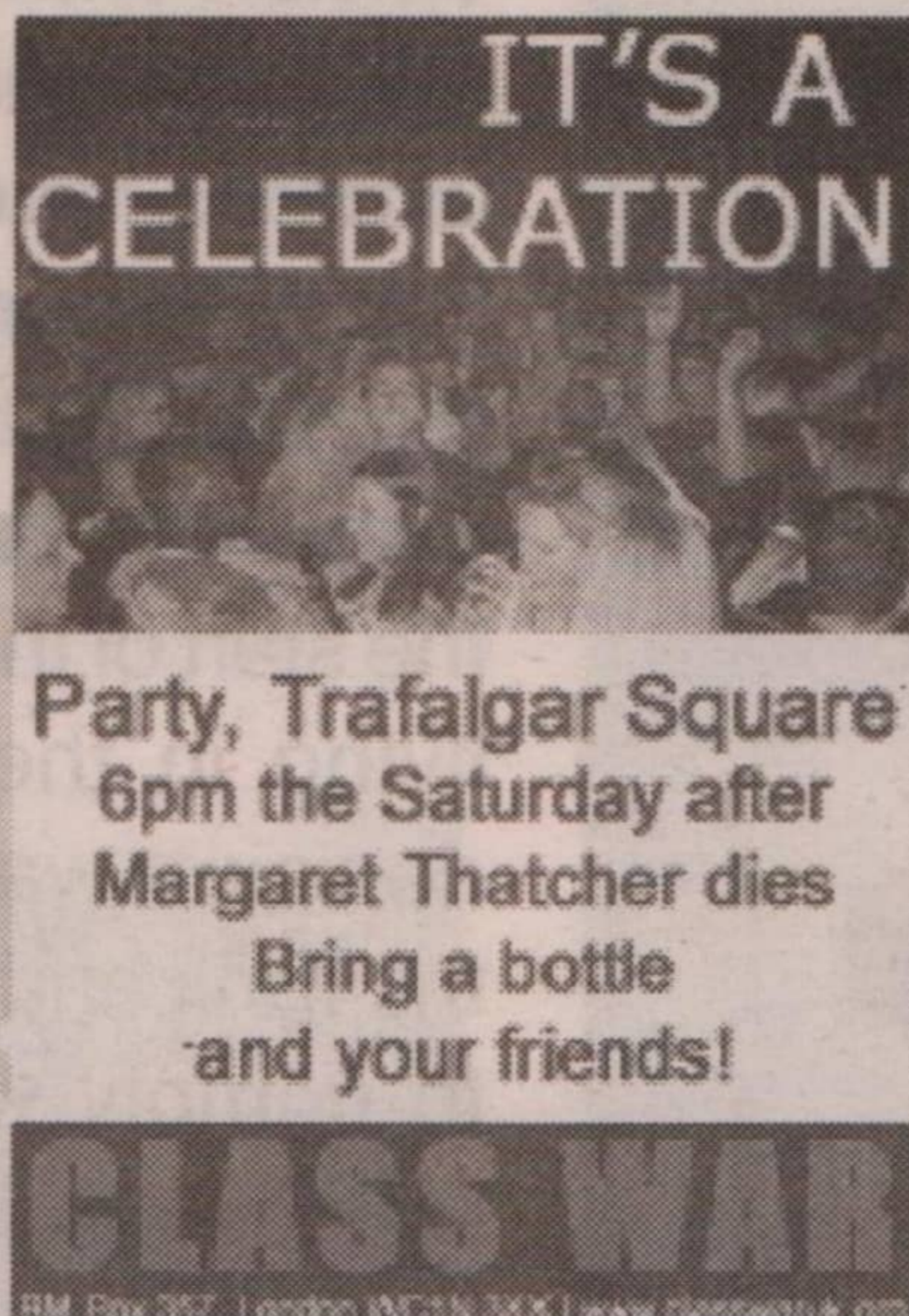
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# REVIEWS

## Edward Heath Made Me Angry

Stuart Christie  
Christie Books  
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*Edward Heath Made Me Angry* is the last in Stuart Christie's autobiographical trilogy. Many readers will have bought and devoured his one volume *Granny Made Me an Anarchist*, not realising that it was an abridgement of a longer work – a work which deserves to be read in its entirety. Sadly, the complete work was only issued in a very limited print-run: and the individual volumes were priced out of many anarchists' reach. This is disappointing, as Christie's story is the best anarchist work of biography to appear for a very long time.

As we reviewed *Granny Made Me an Anarchist* in the last issue of *Class War*, there's no need to remind readers of Christie's story. Everyone's likely to know that he's a Scottish anarchist who went to Spain in the 1960s as part of an abortive conspiracy to assassinate Franco, that – failing – he was convicted in a Spanish court-martial, and that he spent some years in a Spanish prison. This volume describes Christie's years in London on his return, the Angry Brigade, the Stoke Newington 8 trial and its aftermath.

*Edward Heath Made Me Angry* is one of the best books I've read about the anarchist movement in the early 1970s. The story's gripping, the action pacy – it's like reading a thriller, though it's all true. It was interesting to find out I'd drank in the same pub that was his regular, or been up at the same magistrates' court! The wealth of detail in *Edward Heath* makes Christie's story a more compelling read than many other attempts at autobiography one reads.

The central planks of the book are the Angry Brigade and the trial of eight people accused of being at the Brigade's heart. This should be

essential reading for anyone involved in anarchist politics today. There's a certain kangaroo court quality to the tale of the trial, as the state did its damndest to get its sacrificial lambs sent down. That not all the Eight were sent to prison is a testament to the jury system now under assault. Readers may recall political trials of recent years, like the Gandalf case. The daddy of them all – for the last forty years – was the Stoke Newington Eight trial, which Christie describes in gripping detail.

Christie's depiction of anarchist activity in other spheres, too, is well worth reading. His work with the Anarchist Black Cross alone makes this a very inspiring book to read. Having been a prisoner himself, Christie's prisoner support work – described here in some detail – is as relevant now as it was then. The prankster atmosphere of much anarchist activity in the late '60s and early '70s – like the King Mob actions, or the flour-bombing of the Miss World contest – is captured perfectly by Christie. *Edward Heath Made Me Angry* shows why *Granny Made Me an Anarchist* has been so popular – but those who want the unexpurgated story should do all they can to get the complete text. Stuart Christie's trilogy is comparatively hard to get hold of – and it's dear – but it repays the effort and cost in its illumination of anarchist politics and Christie's eventful life. Once you've read the complete version, you'll not be satisfied with the more popular – though abbreviated – book.



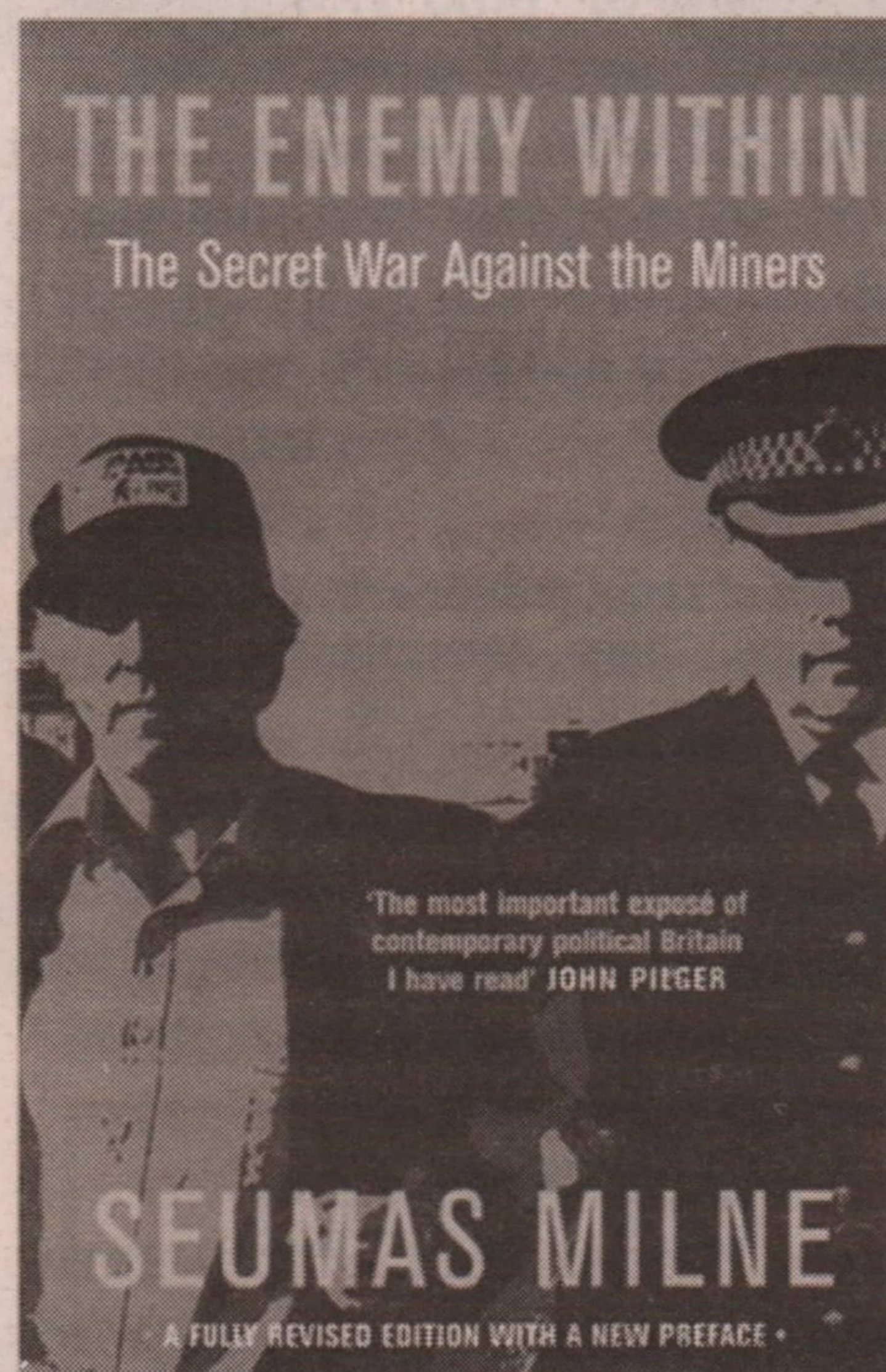
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## The Enemy Within: Thatcher's Secret War Against The Miners

Seumas Milne  
Verso Books

This is the third edition of the book, now brought up to date and recommissioned to mark the 20th anniversary of the start of the strike. It is a large, thoroughly researched book, *which unfortunately falls apart half way through.* (Not the logic or the story, the book itself, which is unfortunate and seems to be the product of cheap binding and getting it rushed out) As to the story itself, it is immensely complicated. Seumas, it seems, in among all the things he *has* done, has not attempted to lay bare what did happen and what didn't happen



in an easy to understand way, although all of that information is in there if you care to carefully extract it. For example apart from providing the NUM national officials with a massive salary, the rules also allowed for the provision of a free house in which to live. Both Arthur Scargill and Peter Heathfield had only just been elected to national office prior to the start of the strike. They were still living in their own houses. The decision was then made (not by the rank and file of course) in order to comply with past custom and practice to buy these houses off them, and effectively allow them to live rent free, in houses which would then belong to the union. The legendary stacks of money dished out in the presidential suite of the union offices, apparently did

take place. One stack was the remainder of money to buy Arthur's house, the other was to Peter to complete repairs to the building and add an extension, and the third was to Roger Windsor, a loan for him to buy his house, again within the rules of the NUM.

The point missed by the press or simply ignored was that the national officials houses actually belonged to the NUM then, the repairs and extension to Peter Heathfield's house for example was to improve a union asset not simply his living space. The imperative for all this was the threat of court action against the officials, it was widely presumed the courts would move against the personal assets of the leaders for contempt of court in not complying with anti-picketing orders etc. The scene of Arthur Scargill and Peter Heathfield being evicted from their homes by bailiffs was thought to be something which needed to be avoided not least for the propaganda value it would provide to the other side. That anyway is the way I have followed these strange events, I have heard at least three other interpretations of the house transactions and how the piles of money fair. Either I'm thick or that's how clear Milne makes this crucial set of events. Perhaps we might conclude that the NUM is top heavy with privilege for its national officials and all sorts of perks are sanctioned by the rule book and fiercely defended by its leaders. Wrong though that is, this was hardly the aim of the public allegations.

What seems irrefutable is that the state, using direct intervention through the media, and the secret forces of MI6 and MI5 with the personal sanction of the prime minister and an ad hoc 'counterinsurgency' team comprising semi-official and shadowy agents, *did* make serious efforts to defeat the strike. This they did by manipulation of events and by actually creating events which we as a union and our leadership would be bound to respond to. At first glance these allegations are enormous, they expose the naked partisan intervention of the state against



democratic forces of the people. The revelation is so enormous, academics writing of miners history and the tremendous events of 1984-85 will not touch it with a barge pole. Loath as they are to unravel the workings of the secret state, they are embarrassed by it, it is something they dare not repeat, even though they cannot refute it. No-one should ever accuse us of being conspiracy theorists and paranoid ever again, here it all is laid bare.



Windsor and Scargill leave the High Court

The most serious and it seems now proven scam was concerning the Libyan donations. I do not need to retell the serious financial and social hardship being suffered in the coalfields by the striking miners and their families, or the financial demands upon the structures of the union at all levels to keep the fabric of our operation running on all fronts? Money was needed from anywhere and everywhere for all purposes.

We, speaking for the rank and file, most of the branches, and the women's support groups, if not the apparatus officially at Area or National level, would have taken money from the Devil, with or without receipts in any currency he cared to offer. We were fighting, we believed, an evil more direct and threatening.

Assistance from Libyan unions, or the Libyan government posed no problem to us, many of the militants had no sympathy for the British state's animosity to them, and even the shooting of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan embassy did not ruffle many feathers in our camp. One of our pickets got the nickname 'Colonel Gaddafi' for his habit of winding the cops up, by air machine gunning them from the window of the picket transit making the noise of a machine gun by shouting *gada-afi ga-da-afi ga-da-afi*. We could see through all the crocodile tears, double standards and hypocrisy. I could well see Arthur Scargill dispatching Roger Windsor, his appointed Executive Officer off to Libya to raise funding for 'the fabric of the union' and Windsor himself not be bugged who knew it. Alternatively I could see Windsor going off on his own initiative on

Arthur's approval but with orders to keep the meeting quiet, because the state and the press would not take such fund raising as pragmatically as we did. Arthur insists he did not authorise or organise the visit and did not know about it until it was over. I true this seems remarkable adventurism on behalf of the mild mannered almost timid Windsor.

Why does it matter? Because the state's forces knew that a donation from Libya could be a propaganda coup if they disclosed it with enough shock horror sensation at the right moment. Milne is utterly convinced that Windsor was an MI5 plant, and this scheme was central to bashing a hole in public support for the strike, maybe even the miners own support for the strike. The fund raising trip was not supposed to include a meeting with Gaddafi, let alone a public, televised then worldwide broadcasted meeting with Gaddafi.

Nobody regardless of how fearless they were at accepting funds from anywhere would have signed up for that without thought for the PR consequences back home and nobody surely would suggest Arthur Scargill would have sanctioned that development? The meeting with Gaddafi and the TV broadcast was, the Libyans now say, at the request or at least with hearty approval from Windsor.

The impact of the publicity from that impacted greatly on our fund raising efforts among the public, at least for a time. "Get your fucking money from Gaddafi you bastards!" London taxi drivers would shout to fund raisers following the revelation. It took us a week or two to start combating the revelations in the press and exposing the truth about increased oil exports from Gaddafi which Thatcher had requested and received.

But there was more. The question whether we got money or not from Libya was a further part of the story, for the security forces, aimed at discrediting the strike and its leadership, this was to be perhaps even bigger than the Gaddafi embrace. The involvement of Mr. Abbasi, a Kashmiri political militant with international armed struggle connections, who swears he carried through case loads of money to support the strike. They link in with Windsor, who says he brought it up to Arthur Scargill's office who divvied it up for various projects regarding Peter Heathfield, Arthur Scargill and Windsor's living arrangements, as well as the Nottinghamshire NUM members legal defence fund – it

becomes a fascinating and confusing paper chase. The Lightman inquiry commissioned by the NUM, to investigate the allegations of corruption which had been ignited at the end of the strike, by the Daily Mirror and Channel 4's Cook Report, found no evidence that specifically money *had* come from Libya. The parcels of money arrived right enough, and it wasn't always with a *from me to you* gift tag on it. Lightman concluded that if Libyan money *had* been sent in among a consignment of cash dropped off at the office by Windsor, then it had all been accounted for. Arthur *had indeed* divided up parcels of money for the four respective purposes, but these purposes themselves were subject to bitter accusation and denial. This book does not to my satisfaction clear up those contentions, but perhaps much more importantly and startlingly it goes on to demonstrate that Windsor *did not* hand over tens of thousands of pounds from Libya and that Mr. Obbasi *had not*, as he had stated, walked through customs carrying it all in his brief case, which was then opened, inspected and sent on his way. The allegations launched by the Mirror and Roger Cook were a broad blunderbuss of allegations of corruption and theft, covering many areas of donations and funding. These were class motivated politically conceived smears.

What they did, and they perhaps did not understand it, was unearth an unexploded bomb which the state's security and counterinsurgency team had left in the field, un-detonated and perhaps abandoned. What had been disclosed could have been the biggest press expose of the state's dirty tricks departments, and the criminal lengths it would go to the defeat the miners. But so blinded by class hatred, and so determined to pull Arthur from his throne, the hacks missed the real meaning of the whole Libyan cash for the miners scam. I am not convinced Cook or Pattinson, the reporters central to the whole expose, were part of the plan (although Roger Cook has gone on to make similar smears, at other times, about other individuals and political organizations)

I think they set off with a simple piece of gutter journalism to show Arthur was a fat cat who bought a big ranch while the poor miners got fuck all. They then started to discover bits and pieces of a far more involved device which in fact had been set by the state itself to explode in the NUM's face and

defeat the strike. In my opinion they were not clever enough to understand what they had discovered and just swallowed whole the hook line and sinker that Arthur Scargill and the NUM leadership were creaming the funds off for themselves and accepting money from terrorist agents.

The book I think very convincingly makes out the case that the Libyan time bomb was *Plan B* for the Thatcher government if all else was failing. If NACODS had carried through the successful ballot result and struck with the NUM, the lights were going out and the miners were riding to another crushing victory against another Tory government.

The expose of boxes and brief cases of cash coming from Libya, with the good wishes of Colonel Gaddafi, carried into Britain by a convinced armed militant, presented on his desk by a chief executive officer who had been kissed by his Libyan paymaster before the eyes of the world. A government which had murdered a hapless British policewoman. The cash was from funding an antigovernment, antidemocratic, anti-British strike as part of a world wide terrorist conspiracy by Marxists and God knows what



Windsor, Scargill and Myers at the TUC

else, was also to keep the NUM leaders in the manner to which they had become accustomed. Whilst ordinary miners starved. All of that was meant to go boom! in the eleventh hour of the miners winning the strike. It was meant to pull the rug on the strike, demoralise the strikers, cut off our support, discredit any case we had. Key to it all happening of course was that money had to arrive from Libya. Truth was we can now prove it was sent, to assist the great struggle of the miners, without any strings or ulterior motives on behalf of the Gaddafi government. What catches the states special forces in a trap, is their own impatience and their own belief that the victory of the miners is imminent. The money gets held up, **it doesn't arrive**, in fact Libyan security forces now say it was ceased by criminal elements in a purely



internal scam. But money comes out the other side all the same! It is paid into Abbasi's bank account. Although it is the self same amount, paid into the account set up for the purpose, it *is not* Libya's money! But money put it by persons and parties unknown to bait the trap for the British media to spring in the event of the miners impending victory. The conclusion is the bloody Libyans made a bollocks of baiting our trap so we will do it for them and pretend it was their money all along.

The money was never drawn in fact and as far as we can tell is still sitting in that account, whilst the Libyans know exactly the source of their own money which never in fact arrived at this end. THAT regardless of any other feature of this story, is a remarkable revelation. That it has not blown the roof off Parliament and the British media goes to show how far they all piss in the same pot.

Incidentally, the book also for the first time in my knowledge lays clear the heavy involvement of millionaire David Hart (one of Thatcher's ad-hoc counter insurgents) and Thatcher in derailing the NACODS joint national action. Thatcher had always expressed the view that she was 'unclear' why the deputies had suddenly settled and saved her and her governments skin. The book discloses a plan splitting the NACODS Executive, and actually bribing some officials with back handers, jobs and special concessions on pensions. The pulling of the plug twice on joint NACODS action was absolutely crucial to the defeat of the miners, it is a little discussed and researched area of the whole dispute and one which still stands begging for answers.

The story of the missing Russian millions, which Arthur 'diverted and withheld from the striking miners' is an entirely *separate* event though not one which occurred without deliberate state interference. If this was another shot against the NUM leadership then it misfired. Misfired, because the press got the story *wrong* and cocked up its impact. The Russian miners did indeed get levied, from their wages, money to support their British comrades, who they had seen fighting it out with the cops and making a stand for the survival of their jobs. The donation was a magnificent act of international solidarity and was much needed by the striking miners and more importantly their families. They never received it. The story went that Arthur had nabbed it, and used it either for himself or for his own

political whims. Originally the whole central allegation was that he had paid off his mortgage with it, during the strike. The middle stump went when Arthur was able to demonstrate quite easily that he did not have a mortgage *during* the strike. The fact though that something to do with Soviet monies and his (as it turned out *subsequent*) mortgage was known about, and this information was privy to perhaps three people at most, shows that very secret communications had been intercepted and fed to the media. The fact that they were too stupid to build on the information they had been given and in effect 'dropped the ball' does not take away the lengths the states intelligence



You're nicked, my son...

services had gone to, to publicly crucify Arthur, and to a lesser extend Peter Heathfield on a similar charge.

Chasing these Russian millions and unearthing their fate has been a sound piece of detective work by Milne. Mrs Thatcher had sought and received assurances that no money would come from the USSR to assist the British miners, this would be unwarranted interference in an internal matter. The Soviet politico's agreed. As a consequence despite everyone's best efforts in the Soviet miners union to get the money (2.2. million roubles) moving, it got spiked. Eventually two years after the strike was over it landed, but redirected so as not to offend anyone and cause any international incidents as "aid for international purposes" and sent to the Miners Trade Union International which Arthur had set up some time before, one of the recipients of which could be the NUM.. The MTUI later becomes the

International Miners Organisation which Arthur is a joint leader of. Milne says that the MTUI "dissolved" along with its funds into the IMO.

Arthur has argued throughout that he was not party to the decision either to delay sending the money, or to redirect its purpose. He had made direct NUM fund account numbers and those of the women support groups available to the Soviet miners but they, not he, had chosen not to use them.

Likewise the money donations from the Eastern European miners unions, raised during the British miners strike had been designated 'for international purposes'. There are few of us in any doubt whatsoever that these moneys

would have been the miners' hardship fund or even the NUM. He also still insists that since that money was never ours, he never would have released information about it to the union, were it not for the revelations.

What give grist to the rumour mill and lays him wide open for accusations of corruption and double standards then is made worse by the fact that he borrows money from this (MTUI) fund, (£100,000) to buy his big ranch at Barnsley 'Treelands'. Treelands cost £125,000 at a time when miners were living in houses valued at £15,000 and less. This was not during the strike, but only six months after the end of the strike. Peter Heathfield, too, was allowed to borrow money from the fund to assist with his living arrangements, although that transaction is less explicit. Nobody can say either of these things were illegal, or given the self governing rules of the MTUI or IMO, unconstitutional. These were the type of privileges which had been enjoyed by miners' officials in the NUM and probably the MFGB almost since the Union started. The press and TV had never previously been outraged by privileges enjoyed by Joe Gormley or Sidney Ford or any other of the miners' leaders, certainly they had never conducted any campaign to democratise the functioning of the NUM or its international affiliates before. The concern for 'justice for miners and their families' was not something one would normally find tripping off the lips of the editorial rooms at Fleet Street, or in Broadcasting House before, indeed it was quite the opposite during that epoch struggle of 84/85. All of this 'fat cat' and manufactured outrage was aimed at discrediting Scargill and Heathfield because of the strike. It was an attempt to take away the legacy and dignity of that stand, and rubbish its standing in the eyes of the working class and future generations. That was its sole purpose.

Arthur paid the loan back at a high interest rate within three years of borrowing it, which benefited the fund, but it had been borrowed the year after the bitterest strike in union history when miners and their families had given their all. To be enjoying a privilege position like this, and to be engaging in lavish consumption like this on the back of that strike, was not only politically stupid, it was seen by many as grossly arrogant.

Certainly it laid the way open for him to be discredited and mud to stick which had had no actual basis in fact. Even today round and



about the bars in Barnsley or Doncaster former miners will repeat the allegation that Arthur Scargill bought the big house, while we were on strike. He did not, but he did buy a big house soon afterwards which to class fighters doesn't sound a whole lot better.



In part his arrogance is rooted in his Stalinist view of socialism as a top down action carried out by wise leaders on behalf of the workers. He will decide what is best for the money not the miners.

Although I have nothing but praise for the scholarly manner in which the facts of the whole situation were explored and exposed, they are not presented as plainly. The turn of phrase and the choice of presentation hides another agenda in my view. I would be very surprised if Arthur Scargill did not contribute to a couple of chapters of the book or greatly edit their content personally. There are tell tale phrases and descriptions of Arthur himself, and that egocentric knack he has of turning history around his personality and presence, rather than being simply a part of its process.

Phrases like 'the Troika' to describe Himself, Heathfield and McGahey, which he hoped would catch on, never did in fact only he calls them that. The descriptions of the picketing at Saltley in his own image and likeness reveal who wrote these passages; the book says he masterminded the whole operation.

'In 1974 Arthur and other left wing area leaders' 'pushed through a strike' which helped bring down the government of the day. There is the old favourite that Arthur 'invented' flying pickets and even mass picketing.

Jones was editing the Yorkshire Miner 'for Scargill' not for the miners or the Yorkshire Area of the NUM for Scargill. Describing the situation following the strike when there was a mass and often aimless scramble for survival

among the areas and real tactical and political divisions with Arthur Scargill, Milne says 'Traditional left wing areas like South Wales and Scotland made common cause with the right wing against Scargill'. He doesn't tell us how, or about what or why that should be? This is Arthur's view of perfectly valid disagreements about the way forward after the strike. In fact Arthur tended henceforth to see any disagreement and tactical dispute as a sign that his comrades were turning against him and being treacherous.

From this point on Arthur's political and tactical vision started to become very refracted, but this was not in fact what was really happening. Worse still in my view is the almost Jesuitical logic which leads through a defence of the miners and the NUM and their leaders in 1984/5 through to support for the IEMO. Defence of our stand in 1984 and 1985 is not in anyway linked to support for either the IMO or its successor the IEMO. Milne, echoing Arthur calls the IEMO the biggest most important union international in the world, which if it were true is crushingly sad for the others. In fact the IEMO even more so than IMO is simply a bureaucratic social gathering of union chiefs with no rank and file involvement or control. It is not a working class organisation at all.



Scargill, McGahey and Heffer march on parliament

Reading this book, the lengths to which the state and its intelligence services went in signing up spies, agents and the media, gives us some idea as to their determination not to let us win. There was more, David Peace's novel and drama GB84 is not a fiction at all. It's a set of facts we have been unable to pin down the evidence for, as the state has moved to bury witnesses. This involved setting up a plan to implicate striking miners with the murder of a police officer in Leeds. Indeed the death of the officer was reported on the news with the mining strike background denoting a feature involving the strike broadcast. We can't prove it, but I am told all the truth of the events are in the 'drama'. It maddens me

even further that we lost, had we been aware as to the extent of the state's involvement against us, I'm

The miners' communities stand in 1984/85 was more than a strike. There were elements of



certain we would have stood out more determinedly to win. As it turned out, although their efforts to discredit our strike by discrediting the leaders, was proved to be a set up in one case, and a mishmash of lies, fabrication and distorted fact in the other, the mud still sticks. In part because of the bureaucratic and entirely egocentric world Arthur inhabits, and his view of the world from the lofty heights of his own importance.

The two things together have damaged us, and the events are not easily explained, although in the heat of the slander and attack the vast bulk of the miners stood shoulder to shoulder with Arthur and Peter, and not simply because the accusations were in fact discovered to be fabrications and distortions. We knew the reason for the attacks, was to break all of us, and send a message of despair to the whole working class not just here but world wide. One wonders how much of the truth of the story followed the original exposé around the world. One wonders if your average Russian miner for example knows the truth behind the story or whether he thinks his magnificent gesture was futile and would be wary against doing such a selfless act again. This was the true purpose of the slanders and why we repulsed them so energetically.

insurrection in it, and certainly it was a civil war of ideologies and views of the future. Scargill and Heathfield were almost unique as trade union leaders in that they never attempted to sell us short and stood their corner alongside of us. The state pulled out every stop to wreck the strike and these revelations show how far they did go in setting up those two men for public political assassination.

There is no question that we defend them from these attacks, which in any case are vicarious attacks upon the miners and their families at large. Where we differ from Milne is we also reserve the right and duty to attack bureaucracy and privilege in the workers' movement and stand foursquare with the struggle of the rank and file miners for full workers' democracy and complete control over our own organisations, for complete accountability of all representatives, and all they do in our name.

The state is in final analysis a room of armed men, with a highly efficient propaganda vehicle in the shape of the press and TV, ready most of the time to print whatever scandal and anti working class propaganda they are asked to, regardless of its truth or lack or integrity. It is a team with its own agenda and its own programme. We are at war with them, as they are with us.



Ursula - Fuckwit

## WNP in Mum Of The Year shocker!

Pictured is Ursula Rodgers, WNP spokeswoman. After making speeches about how children are the future of the white race, she was recently convicted on four counts of cruelty to children. We at Class War would like to take this opportunity to remind Ursula of the 14 words - "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for White children...."



# J.D. Wetherspoons what the hell we like spoons

Wetherspoons have taken it upon themselves to ban smoking in all their main city pubs from May 2005 onwards, and they are serious. It is two years ahead of the government's official ban on smoking in pubs. In addition, 60 of the company's pubs will go completely non-smoking on Wednesday 4 May 2005. Among the pubs which will introduce the ban in May are those in Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, London, Newcastle and Nottingham.



Tim Martin - Hands off my fags!

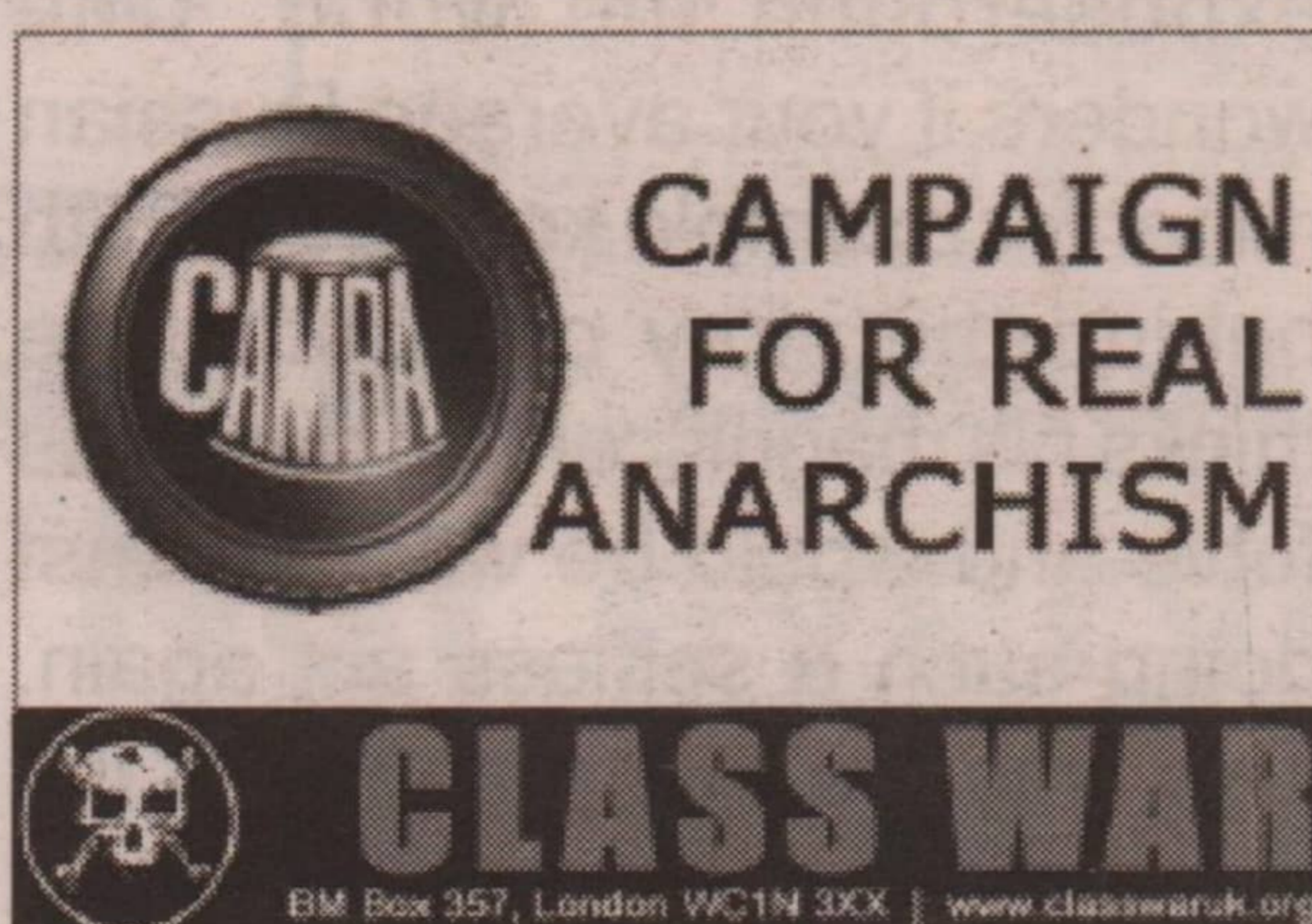
Why should we pick on Wetherspoons? They do sell cheap drink! I mean, where else can you get a double whiskey so cheap? Pop into a large Wetherspoons on pension day and you are guaranteed a laugh with pissed-up old people smelling of wee! So what are they up to? If we look into the history of Wetherspoons and their dodgy dealings we see a different picture. When Wetherspoons moved into our high streets in 1979 they made it a policy to undercut the local pubs, especially free houses who couldn't compete with such aggressive competition. There has been a big decline, and a lot of our locals have been closed down especially in cities and turned into yuppie flats. How can Wetherspoons sell cheap beer at the price they do? Well, apparently, they have unscrupulous salesmen who approach breweries and demand that they sell the beer in mass bulk, beer that is going out of date and would be useless in a few more months, so undercutting competitors.

JD Wetherspoons also claim that they are central part of local communities all over the UK, bringing benefits to millions of people in their daily life, through social enjoyment or direct/indirect

employment. They paint a picture of a caring company and hide the fact that they pay the minimum wage, no overtime or bonuses and 'advise' staff not to join any unions. They do their recruitment at universities, and the bulk of their staff are students who will work for a few months and leave when their course finishes.

Let's face it they have about as much enthusiasm as someone cleaning vomit from a carpet. Should we rant on about slave labour here? If truth be told, a lot of pubs use the same methods as Wetherspoons – so this is nothing new.

'Our role in society doesn't begin and end simply by serving quality food and drink' – Wetherspoons. This emphasis on creating a positive impact on society is called "corporate social responsibility" – a grand title, perhaps, but one which means that we care about and consider how we can interact positively with the environment around us.' This was stated by Wetherspoons recently on their web site. Quality food my arse! Yes, it's cheap as chips (especially the chips) but most of the time it always taste a bit ropey just like their stale beer. It's not all grim though! We at Class War didn't know that Wetherspoons has won for the third year in a row LOO OF THE YEAR award. Customers in the Wetherspoons near Highbury and Islington tube – the Swan – noted that when you were having a jimmy riddle some bloke in the toilet, employed by Wetherspoons, was there to provide a clean towel, fresh soap, and some shitty perfume for you when you went to wash your hands. Then you slip him a quid. What the fuck is that about?



Perhaps for a fiver he would wipe your arse, which probably impresses the toilet inspectors. Talking of arses, CAMRA (the Campaign for Real Ale) must be taking a backhand from Wetherspoons, probably to help them towards their printing costs, as in their newsletter CAMRA constantly praise the company. You would think CAMRA would knock their dodgy stale beer,

point out how they killed off the little pubs, and are ruining our way of socialising in pubs. Very embarrassing for CAMRA but hey that's survival in the big pub corporate business.

## THE GREAT SMOKING DEBATE

What's CAMRA'S stance on this one? And what are the big bosses at Wetherspoons up to?

Chairman of Wetherspoons Tim Martin said: 'An increasing percentage of the population is giving up smoking and a significant number of people are staying away from pubs and restaurants because they are too smoky. Wetherspoons pioneered non-smoking areas, but we now feel that it's the right time to go one step further. The government's approach to the issue of a smoking ban does not make sense, since pubs can get around it by giving up food sales. We believe that the Wetherspoon approach of a complete ban after a period of notice is the right one.'

Recently when visiting a Wetherspoons I noticed that at least 80% of the punters smoked; and that the no-smoking area was empty. I also have seen one or two people selling contraband baccy and cigs in a shady corner – usually pensioners after a quick buck. Has Tim Martin done his homework properly? I believe that people are not staying away from pubs because they are too smoky, they are staying away because they are skint, and are drinking at home. Tim Martin must know this.

If they are so concerned about people's health they should look at the damage drinking has on people's lives and especially in Wetherspoons with cheap doubles always available. Wetherspoons are doing the government's work for them, agreeing that you can go out and get totally pissed but having a fag is out of the question, especially with the 24 hour drinking law but that's another subject. Sadly Wetherspoons have taking the approach which they have done in the past, which is to dictate to the public what they can and can't do.

## WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

The customers in Wetherspoons are often OAPs, and a lot of other working class people use these pubs for a quick but shit pint before going on somewhere so when in

may the ban comes into effect Wetherspoons are going to lose a lot of trade with people staying away in the long term. We wonder how can they afford to lose these loyal customers.



High street pubs' competition to get customers has got worse since Wetherspoons first opened in 1979, with franchise bars opening up left right and centre. All Bar One, Pitcher & Piano, O'Neill's – obviously these bars are expensive and they aim at middle to upper class clientele with more money than sense. Well, someone has to pay to have bouncers on the doors telling you what to wear, no trainers and footy tops: you can see where we're going with this. So the big bosses at Wetherspoons are missing out on this passing trade and by being selective and introducing a smoking ban before anyone else will be hoping to catch these people and still keep their prices reasonable. Fair enough if they want to play politics but in the long term they will put up a big fuck off sign up to the people who have supported them in the passing years, the working class, the OAPs will be pushed out to the off license and drinking at home as we are not allowed to drink on the streets anymore. That's our conclusion but maybe Tim Martin has a dark and mysterious reason hiding away somewhere.

## WHAT WE CAN DO

Why not get together with the locals on the 4th of May and when they ban smoking the whole pub can light up at once in solidarity and tell the bosses to fuck off. What is there to lose? We are going to be banned anyway.

We will be sending Wetherspoons and CAMRA each a paper – and our letters page is there for them to defend themselves and give their reasons why they do what they do.