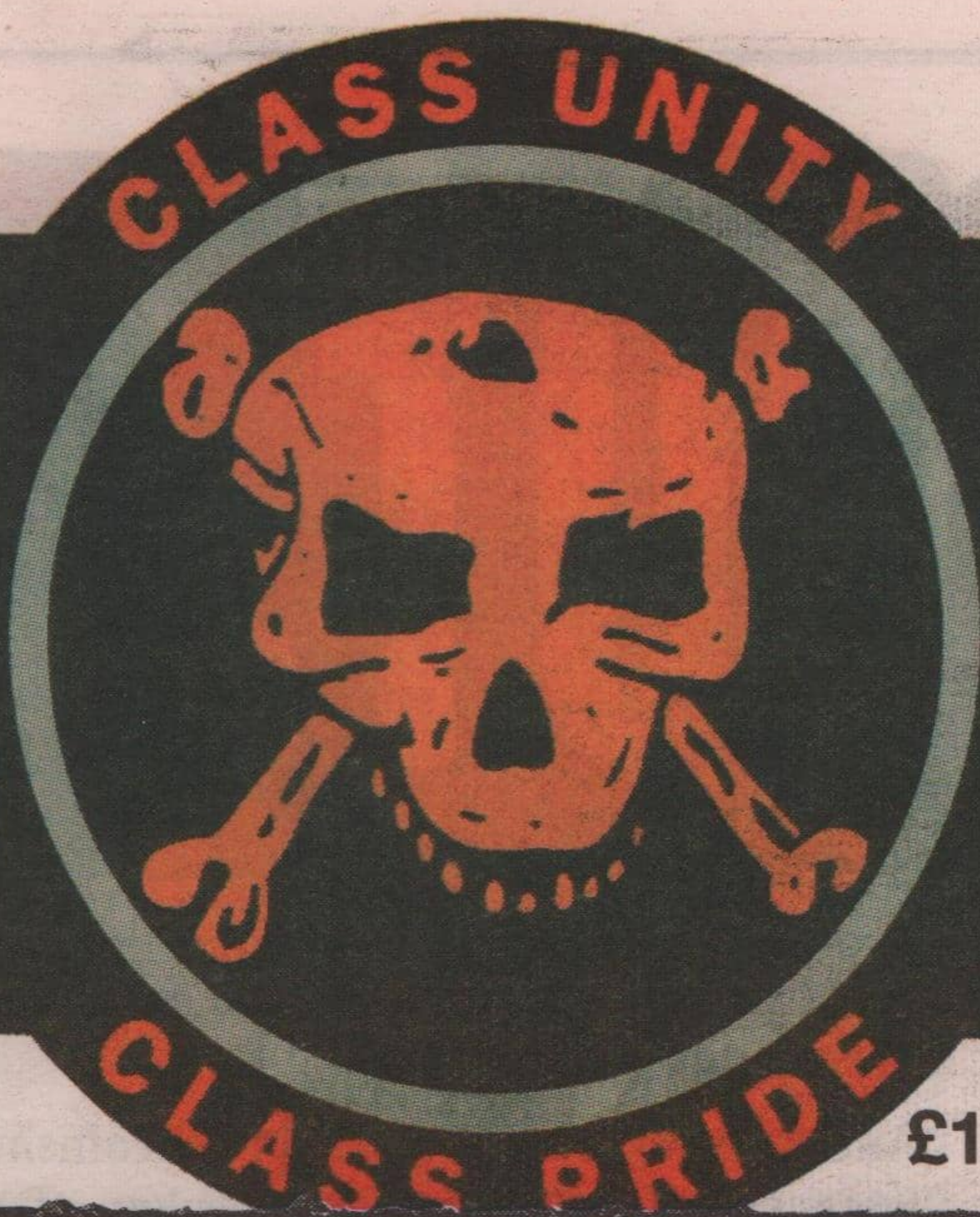


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TOFF WITH THEIR HEADS!

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BASH THE RICH



DAVID CAMERON EXPOSED, **SIR IAN BLAIR**
INTERVIEW, MULTI-CULTURAL MYTHS AND YOUR
OWN ROYAL WEDDING SICK BAG - IT'S ALL IN YOUR
SUMMER SIZZLER **CLASS WAR**. PHOOARGH!

TOFFS OUT.

WOULDN'T YOU FIND it a bit fucking odd if you were told 19 British Prime Ministers went to the same school? Well... they did... they all went to Eton the poshest public school in the country. It would have been 20 but Tony Blair went to Fettes public school - described as 'the Eton of the North'. But don't worry...there'll be another one along in a minute.

David Cameron went to Eton... then the well trod path to Oxbridge and government. 15 of his Tory front benchers also went to Eton including chums George Osborne and Boris Johnson... then on to Oxbridge. But apparently talk of an upper class elite running the country is out of date!

Under the last five years of New Labour Old Etonians using the old school tie to get into Oxford has increased by 70%!!

Recent surveys have shown that the privately educated dominate practically every aspect of our lives... government, civil service, education, television, newspapers, culture, finance, public services, private companies, corporations... even fucking comedy. Listen to Daniel Wright director of 'Hot Fuzz' talking about his days as a 'Bluecoat Boy'... or Tory Toffs like Guy Ritchie passing himself off as a "well'ard" type geezer... or David Baddiel and the rest of the class tourists eulogising over football like no one had heard about it before they got their class credentials by association.

There is no aspect of our lives they have not colonised from where we live to what we fucking eat. Even the alleged opposition to the government in the anti-war movement is led by Oxbridge toffs like Tony Benn, Tariq Ali and Ken Loach

The Class war is ongoing and we're fucking losing it. When Douglas Hurd lost the Tory party leadership to John Major he blamed his Old Etonian past saying the days were gone when an Old Etonian could be Prime Minister in a modern democracy. How wrong he was! The class divide is as strong as ever despite David Cameron's attempts to pass himself off as an ordinary decent bloke.

Well Cameron - YOU HAVE BEEN RUMBLED! In this issue of Class War we expose Cameron for the aristocratic lying toffee nosed inbred he is with a piece of investigative reporting that the tabloids couldn't match or dare not run. And we make a modest suggestion as to what to do about it...

DAVE CAMERON - THE ORDINARY BLOKE EXPOSED:

David Cameron is the cousin of the Conservative political journalist and editor Ferdinand Mount, third Baronet and the grandson of Sir William Mount the second Baronet. He is related to many British aristocratic families being descended from the seventh Earl of Denbigh, the first Earl of Ducie, the first Earl of Caernarfon, the second Earl of Egremont, the sixth Duke of Somerset and the second Earl of Shrewsbury.

He is also related to the British Royal family by descent of his paternal grandmother from King William IV and he is the fifth cousin twice removed of Queen Elizabeth II. He is also a descendant of the first Marquis of Montrose as well as Frederick the fifth of Germany and Queen Elizabeth of Bohemia the daughter of King James the first.

So just like you and me then...

Sarah Cameron - 'the ordinary girl from Scunthorpe'... that was how she portrayed herself at the Conservative party conference, but failed to state the fact that was actually on her father Sir Reginald Sheffield's 300

acre Normanby Hall estate near Scunthorpe which has been in the family since 1590.

Ancestors of the old Etonian Lincolnshire landowner were said to include the Speaker of the House of Commons during the reign of Henry VIII. Her mother is Annabel Jones who owned the Beauchamp place jewellery shop and now runs Oka the swanky interior design and lighting shops - she is now married to old Etonian Viscount Astor - a Minister in John Major's government. Sarah is a descendant of King Charles II and the first Duchess of Cleveland as well as King Charles II via his daughter by Moll Davies and is also a descendant of Francesco the first, the Medici Grand Duke of Tuscany.

Cameron... is a paid up member of the Countryside Alliance and regularly goes stag hunting on his father-in-law's 35,000 acre estate in Scotland where he boasts of his stag killing hotshot shooting abilities.

After prep school young Dave followed in the family tradition and went to Eton. In a strange twist of fate his headmaster Eric Anderson had been Tony Blair's housemaster at Fettes public school in Scotland, sometimes dubbed the Scottish Eton.

At Oxford Cameron joined the Bullingdon club a socially exclusive toff student dining Society famous for its well-off members and destructive binges. Membership is by invitation only and prohibitively expensive for most. The Bullingdon Club was founded over hundred 50 years ago originally as a hunting club and now is primarily a dining club supporting the local hunts. Members traditionally dress IN TAILCOATS - a specially made tail coat in royal blue with ivory silk lapels facing brass monogrammed buttons and mustard waistcoat... AT A COST OF OVER £2,000 each.

Cameron was a member of the wretched Bullingdon Club when they smashed up a pub outside Oxford but got away with it because their mummies and daddies paid for the damage and the cops refused to bring any charges despite the landlord demanding their prosecution. Another member accounts how they journeyed to London shooting out traffic lights on the way... again no charges despite any crashes they may have caused.

THAT BULLINGDON PHOTO:

'It's rare that I view the photo of a group of strapping young men and am filled with an overwhelming desire to strafe them with an Uzi. Or to drop them all in the middle of the Borneo rainforest with some dinner jacket and a bottle of Bolly and shout 'see how far that gets you mate'. Seething hostility verging on psychosis was my presiding emotional when seeing the 1987 picture of the Bullingdon Club published in a new biography of Cameron. Have you ever seen such bad job arrogant inbred sphincter faced tosspots?

The bully boys may I suppose claim something satirical in their toffee nosed swagger poised as they are as if about to thrash a brace of footmen for insubordination but nobody I know is laughing. Nor do they give a monkeys about whether Cameron smoked cannabis or not while he was a student I suspect most people wouldn't give a damn if he mainlined heroin and lived in a brothel.

But the shaming evidence that he once flaunted himself as the living embodiment of floppy hair Brideshead style privilege has the potential to decimate his credibility and I suspect it is women who will be the most repelled. I didn't meet a single female last week who hasn't expressed skin creeping revulsion in reaction to the picture. In fact the Bullingdon photo INDUCED unprecedented use of obscenity in even the mildest mannered females I met.

I am the first to admit I'd make a crappy class warrior but not now that I've seen the Bullingdon photo...'

- Rowan Pelling, in The Independent.

The Tories have now attempted damage limitation and got the photographers in Oxford who have copyright on the photo to withdraw it from publication. Well tough shit... sue us... its on the front page so we can all see what an inbred tosser toff Cameron really is.

And what are we going to do about it?

TOFFS OUT: BASH THE RICH: MARCH ON CAMERON'S HOUSE IN NOTTING HILL ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2007

DETOURING TO THE SWANKY HOMES OF THE REST OF THE NOTTING HILL SET - GEORGE OSBORNE/TOM PARKER BOWLES/ INSERT RICH PARASITE OF YOUR CHOICE.

OLD ETONIANS FUCK OFF!

CLASS WAR... NAKED... UNAPOLOGETIC... AND BACK ON THE FUCKING AGENDA!!

(BULLINGDON CLUB ATTIRE OPTIONAL)

QUOTES:

"They're all cut from the same cloth and it annoys me that the biggest political icon from the last 30 years has been Margaret Thatcher, someone who tried to destroy the working class... it freaks me out you know. So I don't really think there's anything left to vote for. That's why people don't vote... why people would rather vote for celebrity talent shows than would vote for politics."

- Noel Gallagher of Oasis, quoted on the BBC website 15/2/07. Clearly drinking champers with Mr Tony all those years ago was a mistake...

"For the hooligans of Catania, it was the police, and not the Palermo fans, who represented Enemy No.1"

- World Soccer magazine, discussing the Serie A match between Catania and Palermo on Sicily, which ended in one of the largest riots in football history, and the death of a riot policeman on 2/2/07.

"The Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) shouldn't try to force its religious agenda on children who may not want it. The government needs to send the MCB packing. Schools should be about teaching, not preaching."

- Terry Sanderson of the National Secular Society, after a Muslim Council of Britain report in February on how it expects Muslim children to be treated in state schools. This included restrictions on swimming lessons, sex education, games and making school trips single sex only.

"The link between the common man and the player has almost gone. It's almost become a them and us situation and I think that's sad. It's gone past passion - it's reached the point of hatred and it's sad, but that's the way football is going. A lot of people who support their team are jealous of the players."

- Wigan manager Paul Jewell states the bleeding obvious. Daily Mail 31/3/07.

"The average price of a London home is £287,176. This is more than 9 times the average London salary. There were 35,000 fewer council and housing association social homes in 2006 than in 2000"

- Green London Assembly member Jenny Jones on the housing crisis in London.

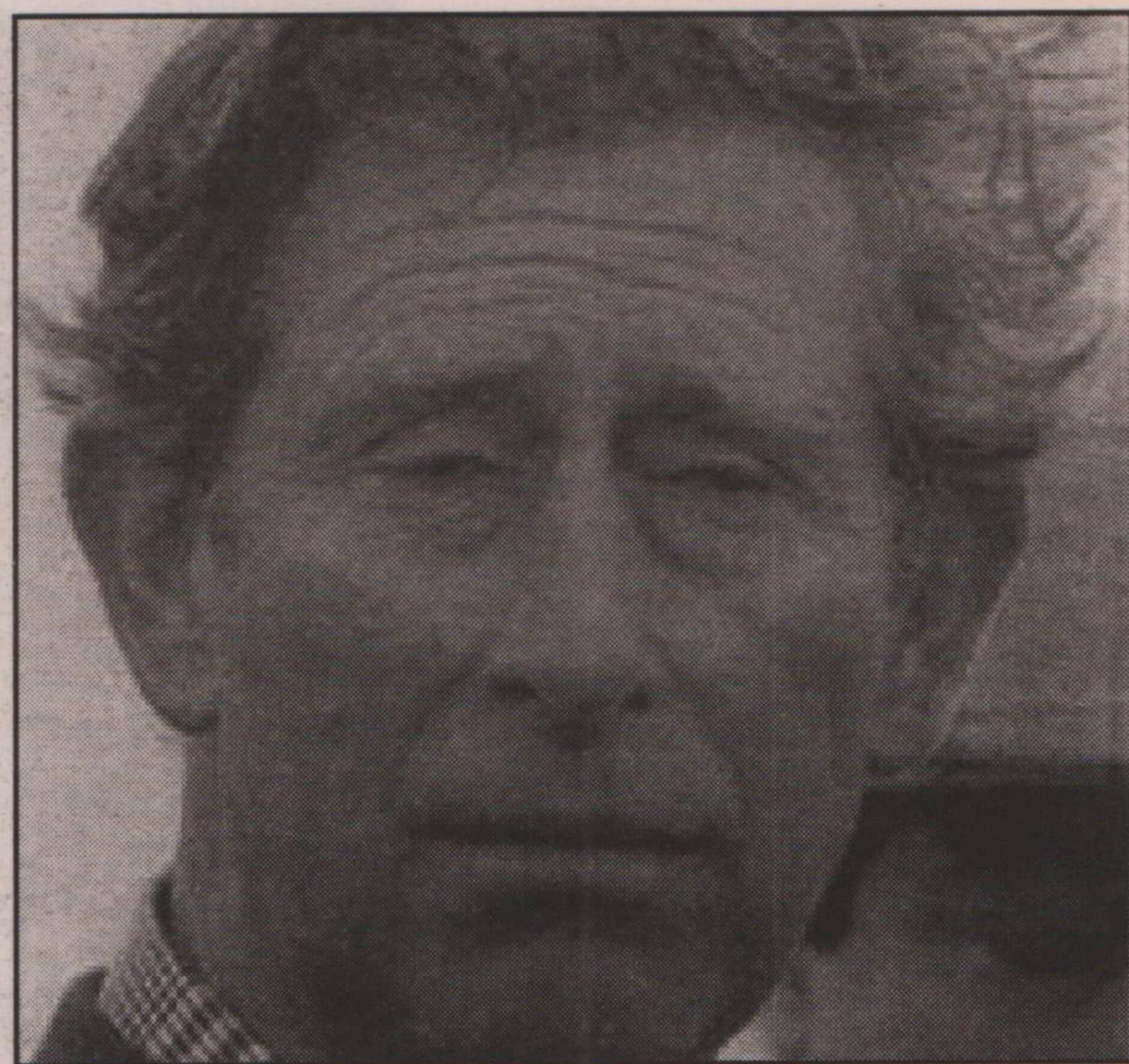
KING OF THE GREENS?

IN JANUARY PRINCE Charles and his other half Camilla flew out to New York to collect the Global Environmental Citizen prize from Harvard Medical School. Now, you as well as us here at the Class War news desk may be wondering what the fuck any Royal has ever done for the environment.

When they're not touring up and down the country in petrol guzzling cars they're charging around the countryside shooting the fuck out of anything that moves! But this really takes the biscuit; the dozy parasites took 14 staff with them on their two day jaunt to make sure they were pampered 24 hours a day!

The staff included two valets, a dresser, a hairdresser, a butler, a doctor, two private secretaries, assistants, a press secretary, senior press officer and the list goes on. A whole business class jumbo has been hired!

For fuck's sake! The sooner these scum are pushing up the daisies the better and greener the world will be.



ITS YOUR PAGE 3 ARYAN SUPERMAN!

COP A LOAD OF THESE MAN-BOOBS - GET YOUR TITS OUT FOR THE LADS!



IT'S A HARD life being Head of Security for the British National Party. Everyone wants to punch Nick Griffin's glass eye out, and you're the poor bastard paid to stop them! So after a hard day holding Nick's hand, Martin Reynolds likes nothing better than a few lines of Colombian marching powder (bought off white drug dealers only) and then swinging with overweight women.

Here are some exclusive pictures of rotund Reynolds in action - remember the future of the white race is in chubby hands like these!

FORENSIC FRAUDSTER SCUMBAG JAILED - POTENTIAL FOR 700 'MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE'?

IN A HIGHLY unusual case a forensic expert has been exposed as a liar and a conman; nothing that unusual there then, but in this case he was sent to prison for 5 years. Gene Morrison, 48, of Hyde, Cheshire, bluffed and lied his way through hundreds of trials, for almost three decades, fooling judges, barristers, solicitors and their clients into believing he was qualified.

Morrison school with no qualifications but gave evidence in cases involving armed robbery, rape, death by dangerous driving, unexplained deaths, drugs offences and questioned paternity. He had told one grieving couple that the unexplained death of their son was suicide and charged them £16,500 for work they had never commissioned. 700 cases in which Morrison gave evidence, are now being reinvestigated by the police. If he gave evidence against you, we strong suggest you see a solicitor as soon as possible.

CLASS WAR TOP TEN SILLY NAMES

Can you match this roll call of inbred parasites and idiots?

10. Brigadier Tweedie Brown OBE. Tweedie by name, weedy by nature?
9. Major General Michael Charlton-Weedy CBE. Chief Executive of the Emergency Planning College. That really fills us full of confidence!
8. Colonel Donn de Grand Pre. It's a racing certainty this former US army figure will get you giggling.
7. Michael Dafter. A BNP member (obviously!) in Gateshead.
6. Andrew Von Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluksburg. The next time Prince Phillip complains about "bloody foreigners" consider his fathers full name, plus the fact he was Prince of both Denmark and Greece!
5. Richard Stucley Formanteel Lytton-Cobbold. Try saying that without your dentures in!
4. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Known as Mr "Och Me Dinner Dad" to our readers north of the border. Crazy name, very crazy guy!
3. Allegra Mostyn-Owen. Artist, and the first wife of Boris Johnson, Ok so the Austin Allegro was popular, but would you really name your daughter after one?
2. Eliane de Cassagne de Beaufort. Mother of Sebastian Grigg, one of David Cameron's druggie chums at Eton. Pass the coke would you old chap?
1. Hon. Ædgyth Bertha Milburg Mary Antonia Frances Lyon-Dalberg-Acton. Although this old bat died in 1995, her lineage continues - her son is Alex Callinicos, one of the leaders of the "Socialist" Workers Party.

ANOTHER ROYAL CORRUPTION SCANDAL - THE SCANDAL OF THE COVER-UP OVER THE QUEEN MUM'S WILL.

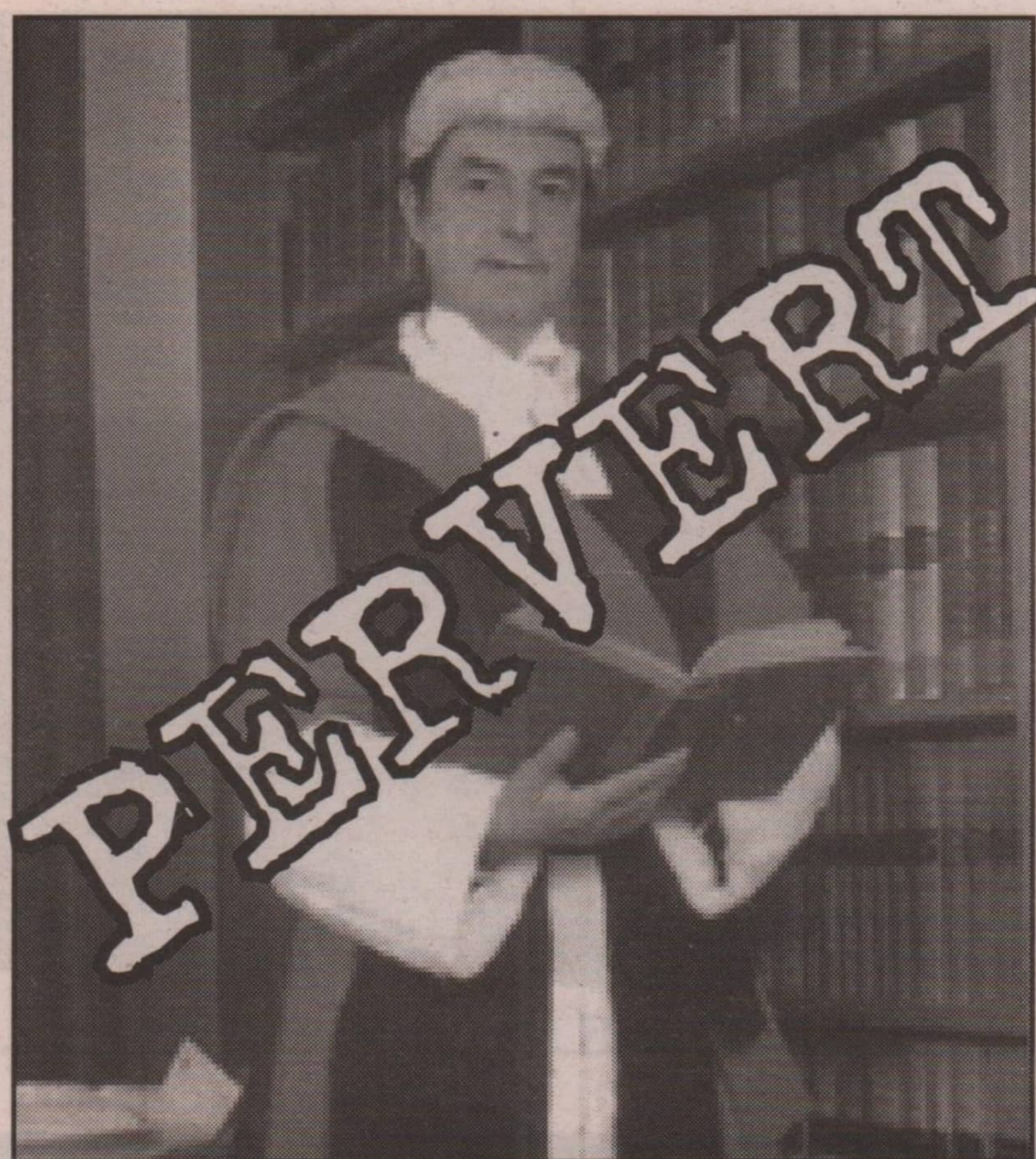
YOU HAVE PROBABLY never heard of Jersey accountant Robert Brown. If we told you he claims to be the illegitimate son of Princess Margaret, part of you would probably start to think "oh, not another nutter".

But it's thanks to his legal efforts to view the wills of Princess Margaret and the Queen Mother that yet another royal corruption scandal has come to light. By law all wills are open to inspection. There are no exceptions.

Despite this, the Attorney General, Lord Goldsmith agreed with a high court judge, Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, in 2002 that that the Queen Mum's will would be kept secret. What did they have to hide?

Worse still Tony Blair has lied to the Commons (nothing new there) by saying there is an ancient convention that royal wills are private. This again is nonsense. A legal challenge to all this is now underway from The Guardian newspaper - a rare public service from the usually supine new Labour in-house rag.

And Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss? She has been appointed to head the inquest into the death of Princess Diana. Do you get the feeling that nothing will emerge from that event that will upset the royal family?



BETTER OUT THAN IN?

LORD JUSTICE RICHARDS, one of Britain's most senior judges, was charged with two counts of indecent exposure in February.

A married man with two children, he has ruled on some of the country's most important cases - including that of the Brazilian electrician murdered by the police in July 2005. Jean Charles De Menezes was shot after an "undercover operation" - shame Justice Richards didn't keep himself undercover! Allegedly the dirty bastard exposed himself to female rail passengers, so much for letting the train take the strain!

BLIAR MARK 2!

BRITAIN'S TOP PIG, Sir Ian Blair has been caught telling porkies!

Sir Ian Blair claimed in an interview last year that he had been shot at by the IRA at the 1975 Balcombe Street siege in the West End. Blair commented "To actually hear the bullet going over your head - I loved it. I loved the job from the first minute".

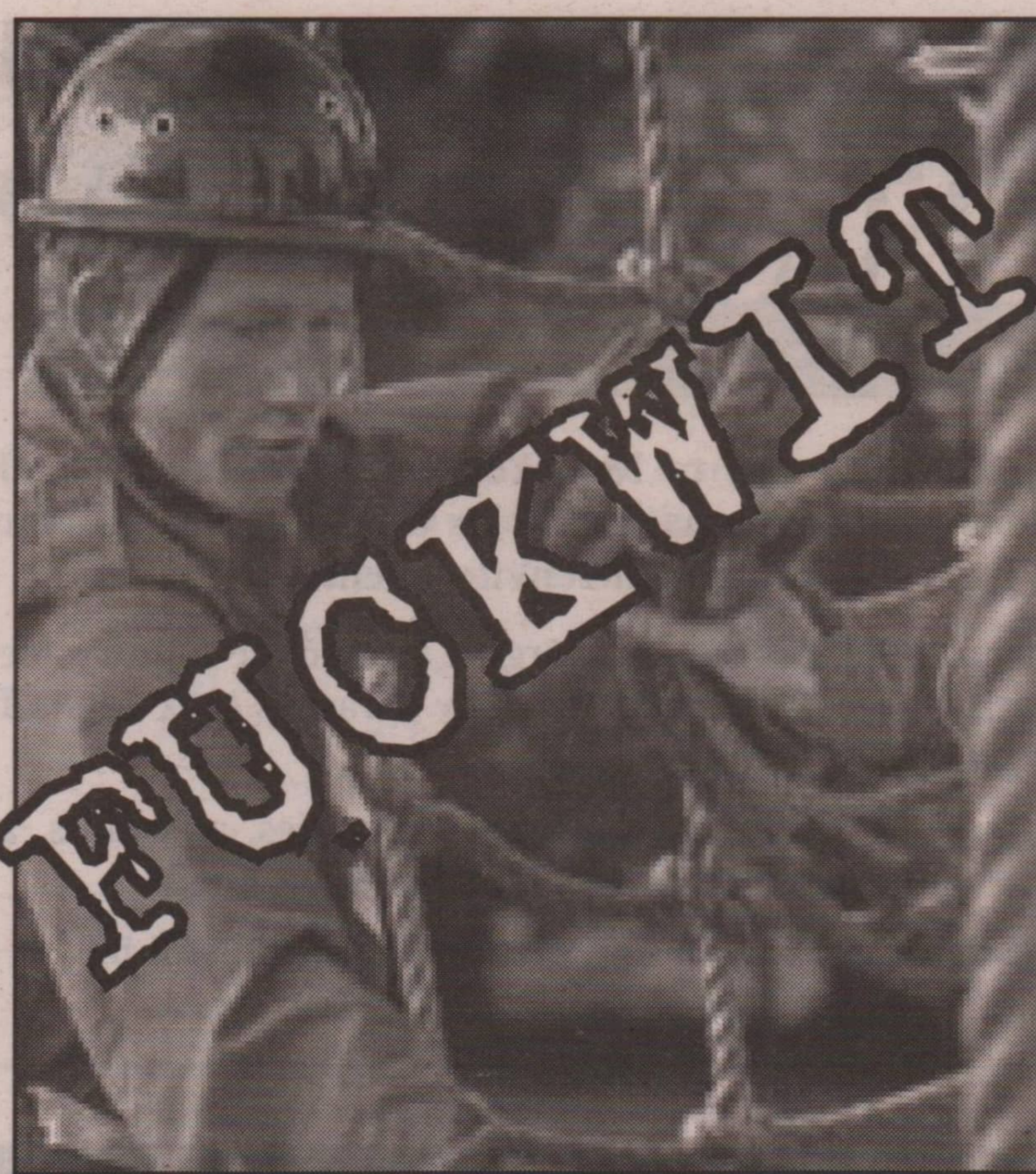
Not so, according to an academic who had studied the siege in some detail, and not so according to some of the police officers who were actually there, and were shot at!

This March saw Ian Blair make an embarrassing public climb-down, blaming inaccurate press reporting and his own desire to portray the excitement of his life as a young policeman. Scotland Yard conceded "These events took place 31 years ago. The Commissioner recounted his memory of the incident when he was a young PC in the form of an anecdote and far too much emphasis is being put on it".

Hmmm. If Blair can't tell the truth about basic details of events 30 years ago, why should we believe him on any issues now?

All is not lost though. In the spirit of fairness Class War approached Sir Ian's office for an interview to allow him to set the record straight, and the Commissioner has given us the following exclusives:

- ✘ "How I Caught The Great Train Robbers And Was Back At the Station In Time for Z Cars"
- ✘ "Dr Crippen Didn't Fool Me"
- ✘ "Ronnie and Reggie: My Part in Their Downfall"
- ✘ "DNA Testing - How I Invented It In My Lunch Hour"
- ✘ "Jack the Ripper: I Nearly Had The Bastard"



PRINCE HARRY POLL

NOW HE'S FINISHED his army training at Sandhurst, and is supposedly being sent to fight in Iraq, where else do you think Prince Harry should serve?

There are three options in this exclusive Class War poll:

- A.** I think we should keep Prince Harry in Iraq - it's barmy in Basra!
- B.** It's got to be Afghanistan - the Taliban would love to shoot him up the Khyber Pass
- C.** There's no rush. Lets wait until the Americans invade Iran, then send him there.

Please send your answers to:

The Where I Would Like Prince Harry To Be Killed Competition.
The Ministry of Defence, Main Building,
Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB.

ARISTOCRAT IN NOT USELESS SHOCK!

OVER THE YEARS Class War may have given the entirely false impression that the aristocracy was utterly useless and could serve no purpose whatsoever other than target practice for working class youths looking to take up shooting as a character building hobby.

However the case of a Yorkshire landowner and former MP, Sir Mark Sykes, has prompted us to have a radical rethink. The owner of the historic Sledmere House near Drifffield, died in the Spanish flu epidemic that spread across Europe after the First World War.

After a life-time of privilege and exploitation, idle Sykes was buried in a lead-lined coffin. As this has a preservative quality, virologists may be able to carry out unique research into Spanish flu by digging up the old parasite and cutting him up into little pieces. Professor John Oxford is just one expert waiting with his toolkit ready to start hacking away at this old parasite!

Who said the ruling class were useless?

EDITORIAL

THIS ISSUE WE take a long hard look at Tory party leader David Cameron. Despite one or two exceptions, do you never wonder why you read little similar analysis in the mainstream media?

It is not just because of who owns the media - quite frankly the likes of Rupert Murdoch would sell you anything if they thought it would make them money. Nor is it because Cameron has the media dazzled in much the same way that New Labour did a decade ago.

A big reason why the media is so comfortable with the class backgrounds of both Tony Blair and David Cameron is that most leading journalists are from very similar, often identical backgrounds. Research by the Sutton Trust into "Educational Backgrounds of Leading Journalists" in 2006 found 54% of the leading journalists and paper editors went to private schools. Of those who had been to University, over half went to Oxbridge. Far from getting better, these figures were actually getting worse - in 1986 "only" 49% of the big newspaper editors were public schoolboys.

To us, this is another reason why we need papers like this, and why it is so important the small press, blogs, Indymedia and political websites develop, out of the control of the ruling class. What are you doing to help make this happen?

As for opposing the likes of Cameron, we look forward to seeing you on the Bash the Rich march in November. But don't expect to read any positive coverage of it in The Sun!

Well, in the last issue we started to revamp the paper - we think we have completed that task with this issue. We hope you enjoy it, if you do - why not take out a subscription?

Class War the newspaper is only as good as the people who write for it, and the people who supply us with information from their communities, their workplaces and, in the worst-case scenarios, their prisons.

That means you - Let us know what you think!

BRENDAN BARBER - BASTARD, DEREK SIMPSON - BIGGER BASTARD.

A REPORT FROM THE NHS DAY OF ACTION RALLY, SHEFFIELD, 3RD MARCH.

THE HEADLINE SPEAKERS were Brendan Barber, TUC General Secretary, and Derek Simpson, Amicus General Secretary. Their offerings were totally misrepresentative of those attending the rally, who stood aghast listening to their sickening status quo, establishment crap. Barber is a typical union bureaucrat, a man in a suit, placating and dismissing the concerns of the workforce he is supposed to represent. And Simpson, apparently the pride of Sheffield, is New Labour up to his gills.

Brendan Barber said that the Government is in danger of squandering the political credit it has earned for its investment in the NHS and the better patient care that NHS staff are now delivering. Political credit? What planet is this man on? The only credit they get is from the PFI profiteers. The medical staff are utterly demoralised. The investment is not going to patient

care, but lining the pockets of the carpetbaggers.

He went on to say, 'This Government should be getting much of the credit for this better NHS. It is not too late to put the NHS back on track, and ministers are certainly much more willing to talk to us since we launched NHS Together - I welcome that. Our message here today - and across the country - is work with us.' Roughly translated this means, include us (the TUC hierarchy) in your discussions, and we will smooth the way.

Derek Simpson used his speech to promote New Labour and the necessity of keeping them in power. 'Tories in government, unimaginable,' was his message - apparently he could perceive a difference between those loathsome shites and his Labour Party colleagues. He even dismissed the mild notion of supporting the Labour left candidate, John McDonnell, in the

leadership contest. No, he wants Brown and Cruddas - more of the same, just different names.

If people are going to look to the likes of the TUC and Labour loving bureaucratic union bosses like this pair of twats, they are friggng doomed. All they want to do is further facilitate Labour's 'modernisation' plans, get their palms greased with honours, and get New Labour re-elected.

The NHS is being bled of its public funding by the privateers, and its workers have been offered a 'pay rise' that equates to a real terms pay cut. There should be some real impetus for militant action, but these establishment turds will do all in their power to quell the wrath.

There are many precedents for bureaucratic union intervention obstructing worker/community action (and you don't simply have to go back to the 1926 and 1984/5 miners strikes to find them). Look what happened with bloody Dave Prentis, the Unison General Secretary, and the public sector pensions dispute prior to the last general election. All geared for strike action then quashed - mustn't rock the boat for the Labour Party!

Who the fuck do they think they are supposed to be representing?

AAAAArrrrrrggggggghhhhhhhhhhh! BASTARDS!

9/11 CONSPIRALOONS OPPOSED

ONE OF THE daftest set of theories out there comes courtesy of the "9/11 Truth Movement". These are the jokers that try to convince the world and his wife that Osama Bin Laden was not responsible for the September 11 2001 terrorist attacks in New York.

In the UK a strange-mixture of conspiracy theorists, ex-spooks (including that old red baiter David Shayler) anti-semites, new age greens and Muslims unable to accept their co-religionists ever do anything wrong, have joined forces in the UK and Ireland 9/11 Truth Movement.

They want us to believe that anyone from Mossad through to George W Bush himself was responsible, and even that the Twin Towers were not hit by planes at all but by holograms, whilst explosives planted inside the towers brought them down.

This nonsense is easily laughed off by the establishment, and of course Bush and Blair are quite happy to see people discussing conspiracy theories rather than the political issues that led the 9/11 attacks. Such as?

Perhaps all those years supporting and funding Islamist bigots as a bulwark against Communism was a bad idea. Perhaps sucking up to Saudi Arabia all the time - home to 15 of the 19 hijackers - was not such a good idea either?

This year has seen the beginnings of a backlash against these clowns, whose cult-like behaviour and dismissal of anyone who disagrees with them as "gatekeepers" is as annoying as it is telling. Expect to see Class War dismissed as "fake anarchists" or "Anarchist gatekeepers" as a result of this article.

To view some of the counter arguments from people tired of such conspiracy nonsense visit <http://911cultwatch.org.uk/>

SECURITY, CRIME AND JUSTICE -THE NANNY STATE WITH HANDCUFFS ON

ACCORDING TO TONY Blair, September 11th 2001 and July 7th 2005 changed the security landscape forever. This has become the all-encompassing excuse for his various authoritarian dictats. The latest of which are included in his recently released 'justice plan.'

The most disturbing of these proposals are in the 'Prevention' section of Blair's crime plan, and are a

direct attack on the working class, and specifically the lowest paid working class. The stated intention is early intervention in a child's life to prevent their apparently inherent criminality from developing. He also claims that they will tackle the underlying causes of crime and address social exclusion, dysfunctional families, drugs and alcohol abuse.

As usual the method to be used is highly intrusive social control, where non-compliance to the government model of a citizen will result in punitive measures being taken. Effectively there is no choice for a family or person once they are ensnared within the system.

It all smacks of old time social engineering and a whole lot of coercion. Youth Inclusion and Support Panels already intervene with 'at risk' children in the 8-13 range, and Youth Inclusion Programmes provide distraction activities for the 13-16 year olds. The government however, favour much earlier intervention. They say, 'there is scope to go even further by intervening earlier in a child's life.' Parenting by government agencies, or to the blueprint designed by them is the preferred choice.

One of the main indicators to be used in determining which child is 'at risk' is highly offensive, i.e. children living in very low income families. There is no mention of closing the ever increasing wealth divide to remove the disaffection that children in these circumstances sometimes exhibit, just governmental control of behaviour.

The Welfare State's 'cradle to the grave' concept is now being replaced with something similar, but sinisterly different. It is an insidious expansion of governmental interference in working class life, and it's all sticks no carrots.

NEW LABOUR'S SHITTY BROWN BUDGET

IN THE LEAD up to his coronation, the lovely Mr Brown has increasingly attempted to distance himself from Blair and his own history as a fellow architect of New Labour. He has been espousing his affinity for 'old' Labour values, and the Labour Party's traditional voters. His media circus have tried to portray him as a warm cuddly family man, a man of the people and not the dour, saggy faced, frugal, Presbyterian control freak who has to hold the purse strings.

This re-scripting is of course utter shite, and has failed miserably. He is New Labour through and through - all blue with a transparent pink veneer. He has supported all the Blairite policies carried out by this government, in fact he is the instigator of many of

them. He supports all the public service reforms and the private sector's profiteering, he supported the war in Iraq, he supports the proposal to replace Trident. Do we need to say more?

His claims to be a standard bearer for the working class were further shown to be a sham when he announced his latest budget. A budget that gave handsomely to the wealthy at the expense of the least well off. Corporation tax was cut to 28 per cent, from 30 per cent. This applies to the rich commercial sector who need very little help in keeping money to themselves.

Already these companies use tax avoidance practices that result in a considerable reduction in expected taxation income. This reduction is, on average, nearly 6% less corporation tax paid by the UK's top 50 companies than is expected. For the year 2004/5 this amounted to £4.6 billion lost tax revenue, and £20 billion in the last 5 years. When added up for the rest of the UK's companies the tax loss could be as much as £9.2 billion per year.

Additionally they use deferred tax provisions, which have risen by £3 billion a year since 2002. This now stands at more than £36 billion for the top companies. The tax breaks which have allowed this tax subsidy to big business are the result of corporate tax allowances given to encourage capital investment. However, they are interest free, and have no specified repayment date. In fact deferred taxation can be used by companies whether or not there is any possibility of the amounts owed being repaid. The top-rate of income tax threshold is to rise from £38,000 to £43,000. A nice little boon to managers and city dealers.

The final kick in the teeth for the low paid came with the announcement that the existing 10% income tax rate is to be abolished. This will increase tax for those earning less than about £18,500. So thanks Gordy, you really are a man of the people, providing they are stinking rich.

If anyone still thinks anything will change for the better with Brown as leader of the Labour Party, please visit your local mental health unit. There should be a place reserved for you, next to the man who claims to be Napoleon.

POLICE DISH OUT TORY JUSTICE?

RYAN FLORENCE, THE 17 year old who made the gun gesture at David Cameron, very quickly had his home raided by police. Do you think the police would have acted so promptly if Florence had threatened you, or shouted abuse at you the way he

did at toffet nosed twat Cameron?

The filth found a tiny amount of spliff in Florence's house - and locked him up over the weekend! So much for the jails and police cells being full! When he appeared in magistrates court the following Monday, even the magistrate said 'There are concerns that this arrest is politically motivated.'

Ryan Florence may be a nasty piece of shit - he has since been jailed for burglaries committed against working class houses in the Benchill area of Manchester - but his treatment over the Cameron incident rather tells the lie to the claim that we are all treated equally before the law. This is still a class based society - and wankers like Cameron sit at the top of it.

TRIDENT REPLACEMENT - WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY; OR BLAIR'S FOLLY AT BUSH'S WHIM; OR BLAIR'S A DICK AND BUSH A CUNT

TRIDENT II D5 forms what is laughably known as the UK's independent nuclear deterrent. It is neither independent, nor useful for deterring any current threat. The idea that the US would allow the UK to act independently against their interests is risible, and the Cold War scenario is long gone.

Tony Blair states that firing Trident missiles does not require the permission, the use of satellites, or the codes, from the United States, and is therefore operationally independent. However, Britain is so technically dependent on them that in effect the UK's Trident force is merely a US client system. British Trident missiles have to be serviced in the US and are to have their lives extended by the US. Additionally the warhead design is American and their components come from the United States.

There are other issues to consider too, such as the undertakings of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NNPT) and the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CNTBT). Surely the process of replacement would be contrary to Article VI of the NNPT, and any testing of new nuclear warheads a direct contravention of the CNTBT. Trident is a submarine-launched ballistic missile system which originates from the US, and has been in service with the Royal Navy since 1994 when it replaced Polaris. 16 missiles are deployed on each of the four Vanguard-class submarines based at Faslane. Each missile can carry up to 12 warheads, although the Royal Navy's are armed with just three.

The 'need' to replace the system is due to its expected obsolescence in the 2020s. And the decision on its replacement has to be taken now because, according to the government, a replacement submarine would take about 17 years to develop. The government plans to join the US programme to extend the life of the missiles into the 2040s and build a new generation of submarines in the UK. If new nuclear warheads are required, they will be built at Aldermaston, like the last lot. The costs for the new submarines are estimated to be between £15bn and £20bn.

The issue of replacement did not legally require a vote in Parliament, the cabinet could've decided itself. But such was the dissent that a Parliamentary debate and vote took place. In it, Blair attempted to drum up support using uncertainty and fear, claiming that in an uncertain world, it would be unwise and dangerous for the UK to get rid of its weapons. He went onto say that it is not utterly fanciful to imagine states sponsoring nuclear terrorism from their soil. Although the Cold War was over, no-one could say whether any new threats would emerge.

Gordon Brown also gave full support. Last year he said Britain would show a national purpose in protecting its security, 'strong in defence in fighting terrorism, upholding NATO, supporting our armed forces at home and abroad, and retaining our independent nuclear deterrent.'

There was considerable opposition from Labour MPs

and three government ministers resigned their posts. However, the government were supported by the Tories, and won the vote to proceed with Trident's replacement.

The sort of bollocks spouted by Blair, Brown and their supporters, i.e. the Tories, may work well with those set to gain financially or politically from their actions, but we at Class War can smell shit when it's served up for pudding.

OYSTERS ARE GOOD FOR YOU, OYSTER CARDS ARE NOT

BWARE OF GEEKS bearing gifts! Ken Livingstone's tactic of forcing people to get Oyster cards by making cash fares prohibitively expensive should, by now, have raised Londoners' hackles. After all, no one running a railway really wants people to pay less for their tickets. There's more to the Oyster cards than meets the eye, and none of it palatable.

The Oyster card is a smart card, essentially a rechargeable plastic travel ticket. They can be a season ticket or you can 'pay as you go'. They are replacing paper tickets on London's travel network, and plans are afoot to roll them out over a larger area than the capital. However, as smart cards they also record the journey data of all users. It's this, and the greater surveillance which the cards offer in conjunction with other systems, which should concern people.

The millions of Oyster users in London and the south-east create a huge amount of data about themselves simply through their travel patterns. People's regular journeys are now, for the first time, easily analysed to find out where people work, who they know (by who regularly goes with whom through the gates), and mapping their social network through analysis of where, and when, they travel. More, through London Underground's extensive CCTV network, getting a picture of the user of any particular Oyster card's extremely easy.

Figures released last year show that the police are making increasing use of Oyster card records. The Metropolitan Police described Oyster records a 'a straightforward investigative tool', a tool which allows the filth to place someone (or their Oyster card) at a particular place at a certain time, and to ask people to account for their movements.

Oyster cards are so important to Livingstone, and to this government, that it's more than likely that the surveillance aspects of the cards are key to the whole project. The Train Operating Companies who run lines into London have had the installation of Oyster equipment made a requirement for the renewal of their franchises. By 2009 or 2010 the government aims to have eliminated paper travelcards, in London and increasingly outside.

The aim of this surveillance, and the surveillance which is also a core part of the Congestion Charge Zone in London, is combating not only terrorism but also dissent and subversion. The database which contains travel information will also allow shops and businesses to more accurately socially sort their customers, as companies start to accept money via Oyster. People who mainly travel within Hackney, for instance, are less attractive customers than people who travel between Mayfair and Chelsea.

However, for the next couple of years it will still be possible to travel in London fairly anonymously. BR stations still sell paper travelcards (though you'll need a photocard for tickets longer than a week). These have an added advantage that, unlike Oyster, you don't need to pay for every zone through which you pass. For example, a zones 2 and 3 travelcard will allow you to go from White City to Mile End through zone 1 with no problem. Oyster will not only record your journey but charge you the official rate!

Although rumours abound of people trying to crack Oyster, to defeat it technologically, this does not yet seem to have been achieved. As the number of services which can be accessed using Oyster grows, though, it can only be a matter of time.



"DILEMMAS" OF PRIVACY AND SURVEILLANCE?

ACCORDING TO A ROYAL Academy of Engineering report, "Dilemmas of Privacy and Surveillance, Challenges of Technological Change," it will be possible, in the not too distant future, to 'Google spacetime', and locate a specific person at any given date and time. Public surveillance is evident everywhere and it is still experiencing extensive growth. And now due to digital technology, data can be kept and accessed easily, and together with image searching techniques and face and gait recognition capabilities individual people can be sought and found.

This ability to track our whereabouts and actions is seriously intrusive and blows personal privacy out of the water. There are many 'legitimate' reasons to maintain privacy. We may wish to restrict access to personal information about ourselves, keep our actions and opinions untraceable, hide our identity, or generally just be left alone.

The state insists that this conflicts with governmental values, which include accountability for actions both public and private, crime prevention, detection and general security, information for public service delivery, infectious disease control, and 'acceptable standards of behaviour.'

However, for this to be acceptable in the slightest, the government would have to be trustworthy - and that is patently an absurd notion. Their use of surveillance and data collection technology, as well as the vast amounts of personal data already available to them, would have to be used only for the purposes agreed by the people to whom it pertained. Otherwise it has the potential to decrease the level of trust dramatically - and of course this is very much the case.

Much of the promotion of the surveillance society has come about due to scare mongering relating to such diverse issues as anti social behaviour and large scale terrorist attacks. The laughingly titled 'war on terror' is often used to justify the extensive monitoring of behaviour, and fear of terrorist attack engendered by media and politicians creates a climate of acceptance. The underlying idea being that people will put up with anything to feel safe and secure.

Terrorist attacks can and have been devastating, but how effective has this increased surveillance been? For the July 7th and 21st 2005 incidents, not at all in terms of prevention. And the greater the amounts of everyday data recorded, the greater the problem in retrieving evidence of suspicious behaviour. It may help after the event, but not prior to it and surely this cannot be the objective of the exercise.

One of the main concerns raised is that surveillance designed for one purpose is used for more intrusive purposes e.g. congestion charge cameras are used for more general surveillance of motorists, despite specific assurances to the country when they were set up.

There are also problems with the whole operation of surveillance systems, can operatives and their managers be trusted not to abuse their positions? Can operatives and their managers be trusted to carry out surveillance objectively, i.e. without resorting to bias or stereotyping?

ANTI-FASCIST & ANTI-RACIST NEWS

CZECH ANTIFA PRISONER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

AUGUSTIN KRAUS IS an antifascist from Czech city of Most, who had been recently sentenced to 14 months of prison for his participation in attacks against local nazis. His charge was "body harm". He speaks Czech, and can easily understand Slovak and Polish. You can also write him short postcards in English. Its important he receives some support.

Augustin Kraus, Vazebni veznice, PP-1, Litomerice, 41 201, Czech Republic.

Czech comrades sent us the following article on his case;

The Czech Republic is no exception and neo-fascism is a real problem for many people. In the cities in the north of the Czech Republic where 25% of people are unemployed the fascist movement is very big.

The older members of this movement are connected to the mafia who take a part in extortion of local clubs, trade with weapons and sell drugs. Many young members concentrate on racist attacks on the gypsy community and other people.

Last year in October Filip Popelka, an older member of the neo-Nazis was killed, who was for a long time part of this mafia. His body was found riddled with bullets in front of his house.

The growth of Antifa has seen big street fights between both sides. AFA was very effective and some of the main Nazi members have ended up in hospital, windows of their cars were broken and younger neo-fascists became afraid and stopped their attacks.

Unfortunately Augustin Kraus, member of AFA was jailed for 4 months after one of these actions. After this time he was released and until the end of September before being sentenced to 14 months of prison for harming fascists health.

Your support is very important - all people who fight against oppression need our help.



JOIN ANTIFA

THESE ARE NOT easy times for anti-fascists in the UK. The collapse of Anti-Fascist Action, the electoral success of the nazi-lite BNP, the rise of some deeply unpleasant brands of Islam within the

UK and constant scare story's in the press about immigration all combine to put anti-racists and anti-fascists across the UK on the back foot.

From a small base, ANTIFA is now beginning to build up contacts and groups across the country. January saw a successful national conference, March a major fund raising gig in Nottingham. Anti-fascist actions will follow in the months to come.

Class War urges all its members and readers to get involved with ANTIFA.

You can order ANTIFA stickers and posters from www.antifa.org.uk

SUPPORT TOMASZ WILKOSZEWSKI

TOMASZ IS AN anti-fascist prisoner, serving 15 years for killing a nazi skinhead during a street fight.

He recently had another parole board hearing. His parole was denied again. Judge asked him if he is going to maintain contact with his supporters when he goes outside. Tomasz said that "yes" although now he doesn't think anymore that violence is a solution to anything.

The Judge was also visibly annoyed at large amount of letters and petitions arriving in his case and said it works to Tomasz's disadvantage (very questionably- it is more likely its the way for the authorities to undermine Tomasz's support). His lawyer is filing an appeal and ABC groups have had a discussion about what to do next.

In the meantime Tomasz needs letters of support:

Tomasz Wilkoszewski, ZK, Orzechowa 5, 98-200 Sieradz, Poland

ROBIN STEELE - YORKSHIRE POLICE INFORMER UNMASKED

ROBIN STEELE, A young Leeds man from a Jewish background, has had a chequered political history.

Originally involved in animal rights, he joined the Socialist Party, and then later started sporting Anarchist symbols, and tried to join Antifa. After being rebuffed by them, Steele changed his politics completely, embracing fascism and joining the neo-Nazi 'British People's Party'.

While his conversion to fascism is apparently genuine, Steele was also working for the cops as an informer, something which came about as a result of his arrest on bomb-making charges. While Steele seems to have had little genuine information about Anarchists and anti-fascists, this did not stop him from making it up, or from attempting to act as an agent provocateur. While Steele's days as a useful state-asset may be at end, we should not forget the lengths that our enemies will go to in order to fit up activists.

Read the full extraordinary story on Indymedia at: <https://publish.indymedia.org.uk/en/2007/03/365587.html?c=all>

RESISTANCE TO NAZISM

THIS PAMPHLET, SUBTITLED "Shattered Armies: How The Working Class Fought Nazism and Fascism 1933-45", has been published by the Anarchist Federation. It covers resistance in Germany, Italy, France and Britain.

It correctly points out that the first victims of Nazism were not the Jews or civilians of neighbouring countries Hitler invaded. Before he could carry out such crimes, Hitler had to defeat his enemy within first - the organised working class - socialists, communists, anarchists and trades unionists all had to be crushed. And they were. Lacking the mass base of other groups, the Anarchists were particularly susceptible.

Between 1933-45, an estimated 30,000 Germans were executed for opposing the state. Some of the fiercest resistance came from young people, who were expected to be successfully indoctrinated by the Hitler Youth. As the war wore on, young people began to emerge who knew nothing of the pre-Hitler Labour movement, had lost family members in a war that could not be won, and knew that the Hitler youth, and Nazi system was something they hated.

Youth gangs with their own specific sub-culture began to emerge - those who think youth culture began with



James Dean some time in the 1950s in America are mistaken. Whereas the Nazi youth system segregated young people by gender, groups like the Edelweiss Pirates saw young men and women socialise together - Gestapo files in Cologne identified 3000 such dissidents. Soon clashes emerged with both the Hitler Youth and its Streifendienst section (a sort of Nazi version of the Police Cadets). The Nazis struck back - publicly hanging 16 anti-Nazi youths in Cologne in 1944.

History has arguably been just as cruel to such youth - largely forgotten until recently, with post-War German politicians happy to push the "collective guilt" that Germans had accepted Hitlerism. Many had not - but their politics and beliefs were not to the liking of the new bourgeois German order, and they were written out of history.

Other sections of the pamphlet are perhaps less dramatic, but tell a similar tale. The German syndicalist movement decimated by exile, then infiltration and arrest. The Zazou youth movement in France (the hoodies of their day?) that so annoyed the Vichy regime and the Nazis.

Some of the most sustained anti-fascist resistance came in Italy, with the Arditi del Popolo to the fore. They, in their time were sold out by the leaders of the Socialist party, who saw violence as self-defeating, and the Communists, to whom it was only acceptable under their specific leadership. As we rise to meet the challenges from fascists today, these lessons need to be learned.

Two faults can be seen with this pamphlet. Curiously the English 43 Group, which was active after 1945 is included, whilst those Britons who fought Mosley's Blackshirts in the 1930s and right up until many fascists were interned in 1940, do not get a mention. Secondly the central experience of how the majority of people fought fascism in much of this period - as either volunteers or conscripts in state armies - is purposely omitted.

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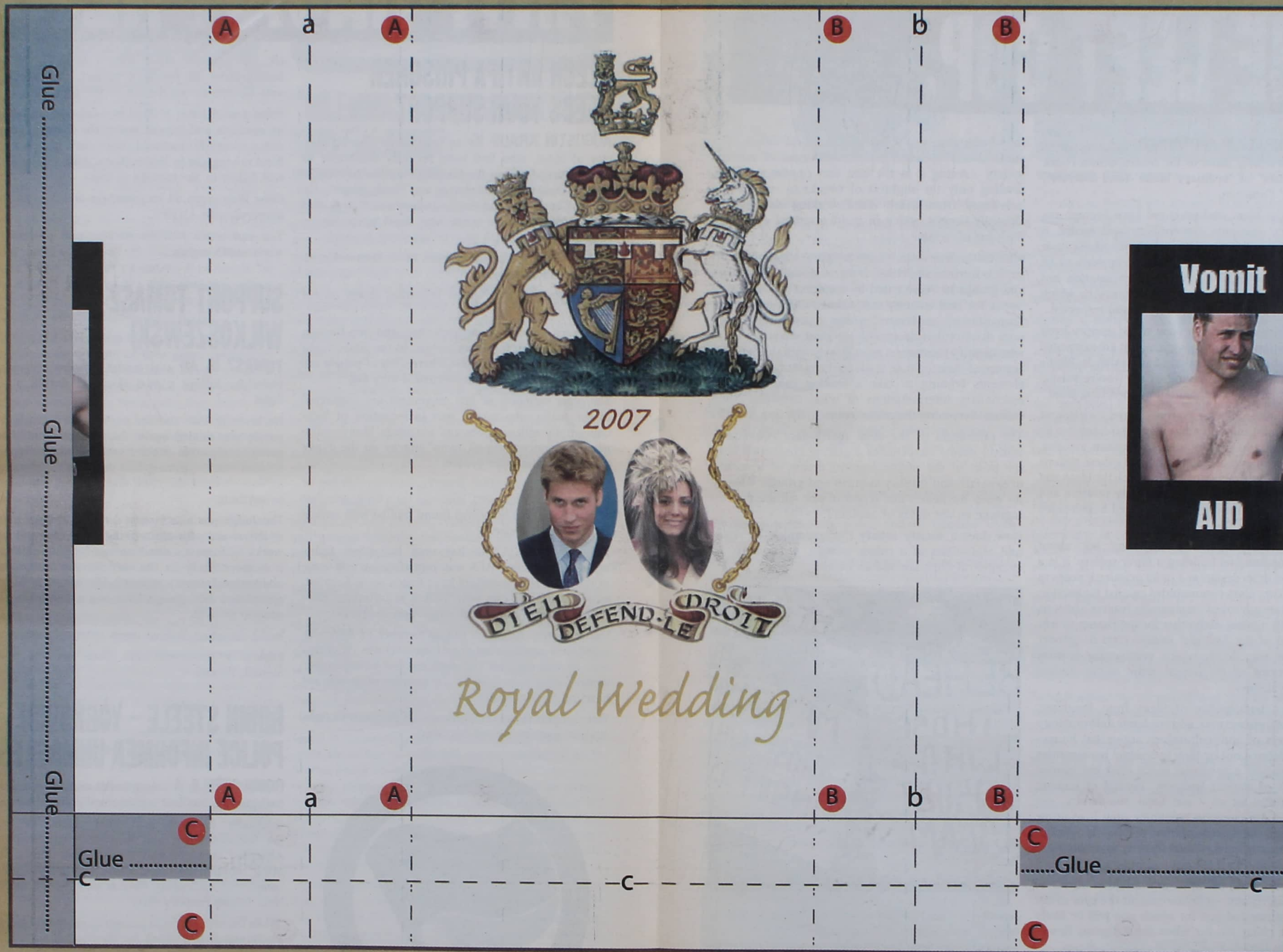
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Spread glue along the grey area on the bottom of the bag. Fold along the dashed line 'c' and ensure that the 'C' symbols meet.

6
Use the VOMIT AID to help you fill the bag.

7
Throw full bag at the royal parasites.



Vomit




AID

The Class War news desk has been informed that another royal wedding is to be announced - this time between the snivelling Prince William and Kate Middleton.

No surprises then that every time you pick up a tabloid the two love birds are slapped all over it. We are sick of watching these two rich scumbags stumble out of nightclubs at 4 o'clock in the morning, charging around the countryside on horseback and fucking sick of all the comparisons between her and Diana. Lets hope she goes the same way!

To counter all this sickening shite here's your cut out sick bag to chuck at the royal couple. Whether it is outside a posh night club, at their engagement or on the big day itself. The royal scum will never know when we will strike.

LET THEM HAVE IT!!!!

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But people do not stop being working class when they join an army, even less so when they are conscripted into one. Indeed many workers who had fought on the losing side in the Spanish Civil War, enlisted in their home armies as soon as possible. They knew what was coming.

That aside, this is a useful contribution to anti-fascist history from an orthodox anarchist perspective. You can order a copy for £1.50 from www.afed.org.uk

RUSSIAN ANTIFASCIST JAILED

IN MAY 2006, Vahtang Devitlidze, a member of the Russian Federation of Revolutionary Anarchists, was attacked by a gang of fascists in the centre of Krasnodar. In defending himself Vahtang stabbed one of the Nazis in the leg. Despite being hospitalized himself, Vahtang was charged with causing grievous bodily harm and sentenced to a two and a half year probation order.

As a result of this he went on the run, but was arrested while visiting his family and sentenced to prison. Vahtang escaped, but was caught and badly beaten up, before being sent to a more secure prison. Anarchists in Krasnodar are raising money to support Vahtang in prison, as in Russia relatives and friends of prisoners have to feed them.

If you are in a position to make a donation please contact Leeds ABC at leedsabc@riseup.net Vahtang welcomes correspondence, but please understand he only reads and writes Russian.

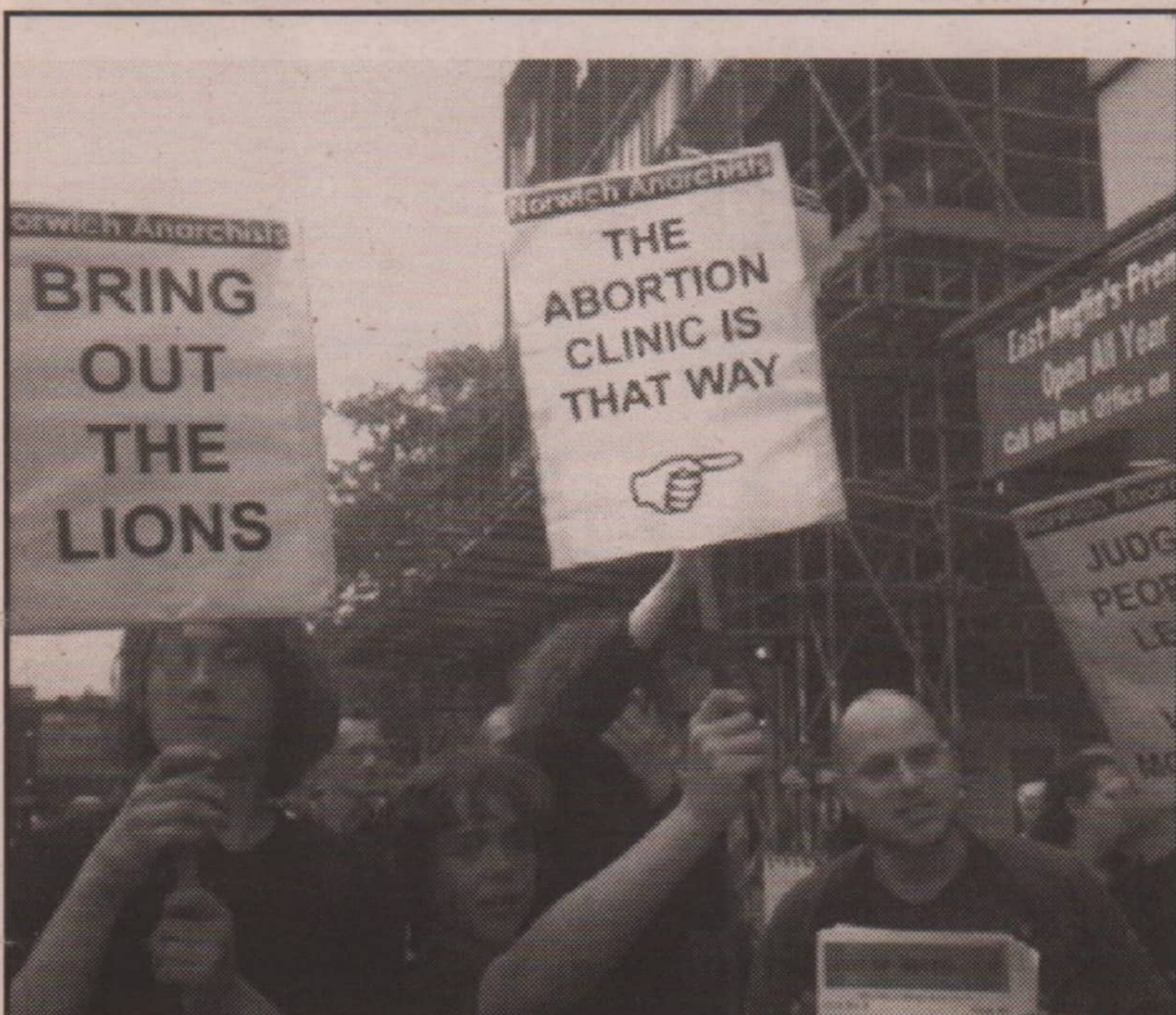
His address is: Vahtang Devitlidze, ul. Libbedova 42, UO 68/2, otryad 14, brigada 142, g. Hagyshensk, Krasnodarskiy Kray, 352680 Russia.

Or better still in cyrillic letters: 352680, Краснодарский край, г.Хадыженск, ул.Либбедова42, УО 68/2, отряд 14, бригада 142, Девитлидзе Вахтанг.

We know that over £250 has been sent already from the UK to Vahtang – we hope Class War readers can also make a contribution.



"HEY YOU IT'S THE SO SORRY CREW!"



"FIGHTING RELIGIOUS BIGOTS"

MULTICULTURALISM - THE NEWSPEAK OF THE LEFT COP.

MULTICULTURALISM APPEARS TO be everywhere – from the diversity units of the Metropolitan Police to the "A Lists" of 'ordinary bloke' (and Ubertoff) David 'Dave' Cameron.

Multiculturalist ideas and practices have become the official policy spanning Government and media. It has become one of the ideological planks of the Blair era. Suddenly the entire establishment appears to be casting off centuries of racism and discrimination and embracing a brave new world of tolerance in which the views and beliefs of all are valued and respected.

In the true spirit of this Brave New World, history itself is being rewritten as the crimes of the past are expunged through the copious application of apologies. In Blair's world politics is... only having to say you're sorry... but only for those acts committed by men long dead.

The lefty and liberal press have embraced multiculturalism and denounce any who question its tenets as racist and reactionaries lower than amoeba. Who then would argue against it? Surely these visions of a contented multiracial society in which the ideas and beliefs of all are respected are so clearly positive and good that no one but the reddest necked boneheaded tosser could object?

Actually, multiculturalism is anything but about ending oppression and building a fairer society. It is a cop ideology, in its design and in its practice it seeks to divide working class communities against themselves and foists state approved 'community leaders' upon us who scramble against each other for the chance to win the approval of the 'soft pig' middle class do-gooder professionals who decide which 'community' is most docily deserving of the largest share of the limited resources available.

Borrowing a hodgepodge of ideas from feminism, 1980s political correctness, and academic anthropology the supporters of multiculturalism argue that human beings are defined not by their individual personalities or membership of a particular social class but instead as members of distinct 'cultures'. Instead of looking for what unites us all – our local community, our class or even our common humanity what is of prime importance is the one thing that divides us whether that is our race, gender, sexual identity or whatever.

To criticise these 'values' from the vantage point of another 'cultural grouping' is to indulge in an act of 'cultural imperialism' – a definite sin in the eyes of the multiculturalists and one for which you will be likely to get your collar felt for when the Religious Hatred Act becomes law.

DESPITE the support multiculturalism gets from both lefties and liberals it is in fact a highly conservative ideology. By its insistence that all differing cultures are of equal value multiculturalism denies the most fundamental of liberal assumptions dating right back to the French and American Revolutions, the universality of human rights. To condemn the hanging of gays in Iran or the mutilation of the vagina's of young girls in sub-Saharan Africa is failing to account for "the legitimacy of their cultural experience and exposes our inherent racism" and is again culturally imperialist.

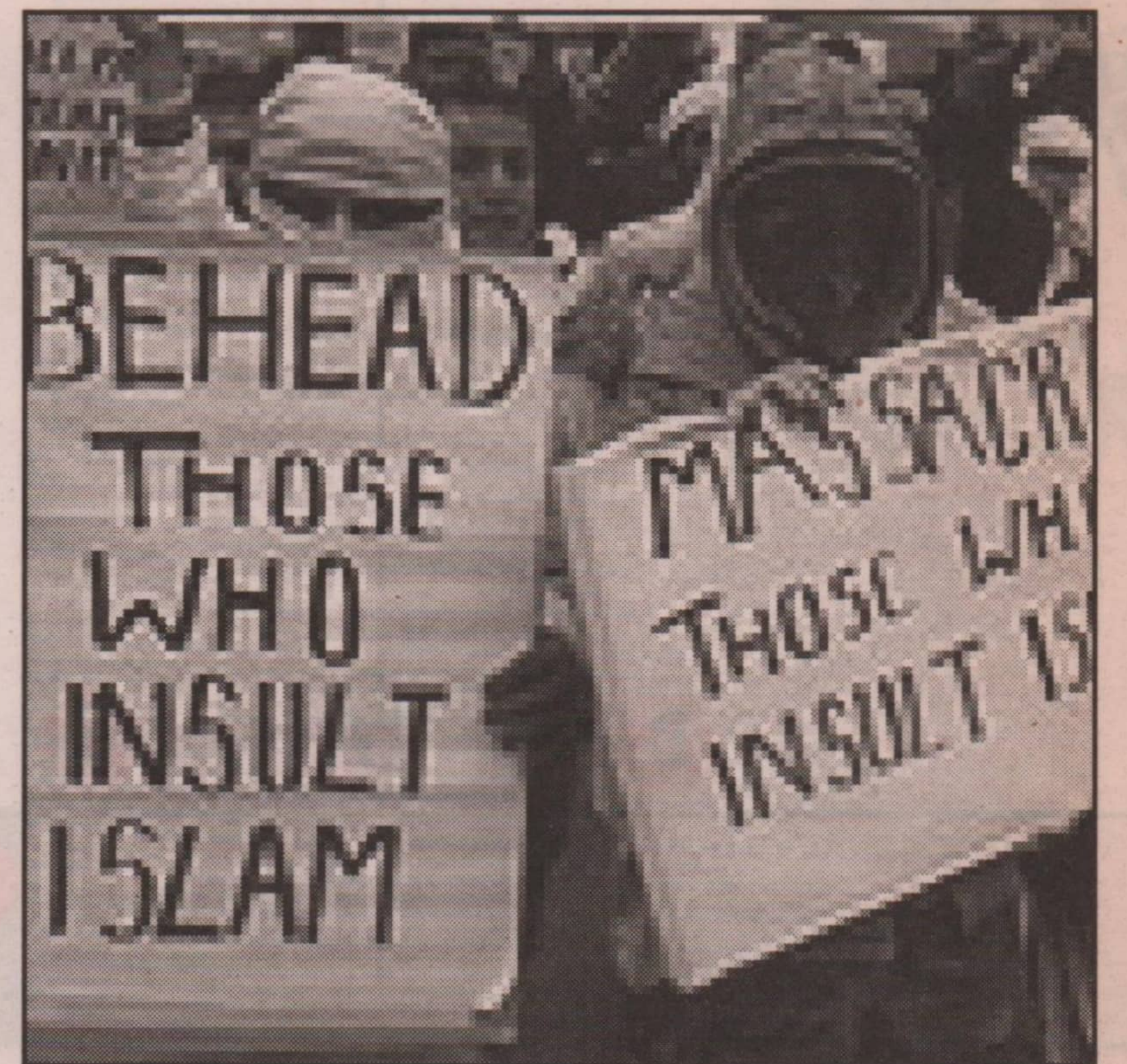
Not only does multiculturalism deny that class has any role but neither does it allow any room for progress or change in society as this would involve

the challenging or changing of cultural values. The multiculturalists have an idealised view of modern society – seeing it as the best that can be achieved, needing only the slightest of tweaks to remove the 'privileges' from which white working class people allegedly benefit, which in multiculturalist eyes form the basis of racism.

Multiculturalism claims that it is against hierarchies and yet it is intrinsically elitist, it demands that all cultures and groups be represented by 'community leaders' to 'speak for' and embody that community. Government promotion of 'moderates' within communities along with the fact that those who are most vocal are those who identify themselves most closely with the defining feature of their 'culture' leads to the most conservative elements tending to take a leading role and their reactionary interpretations of what embodies 'their culture' becoming the mainstream.

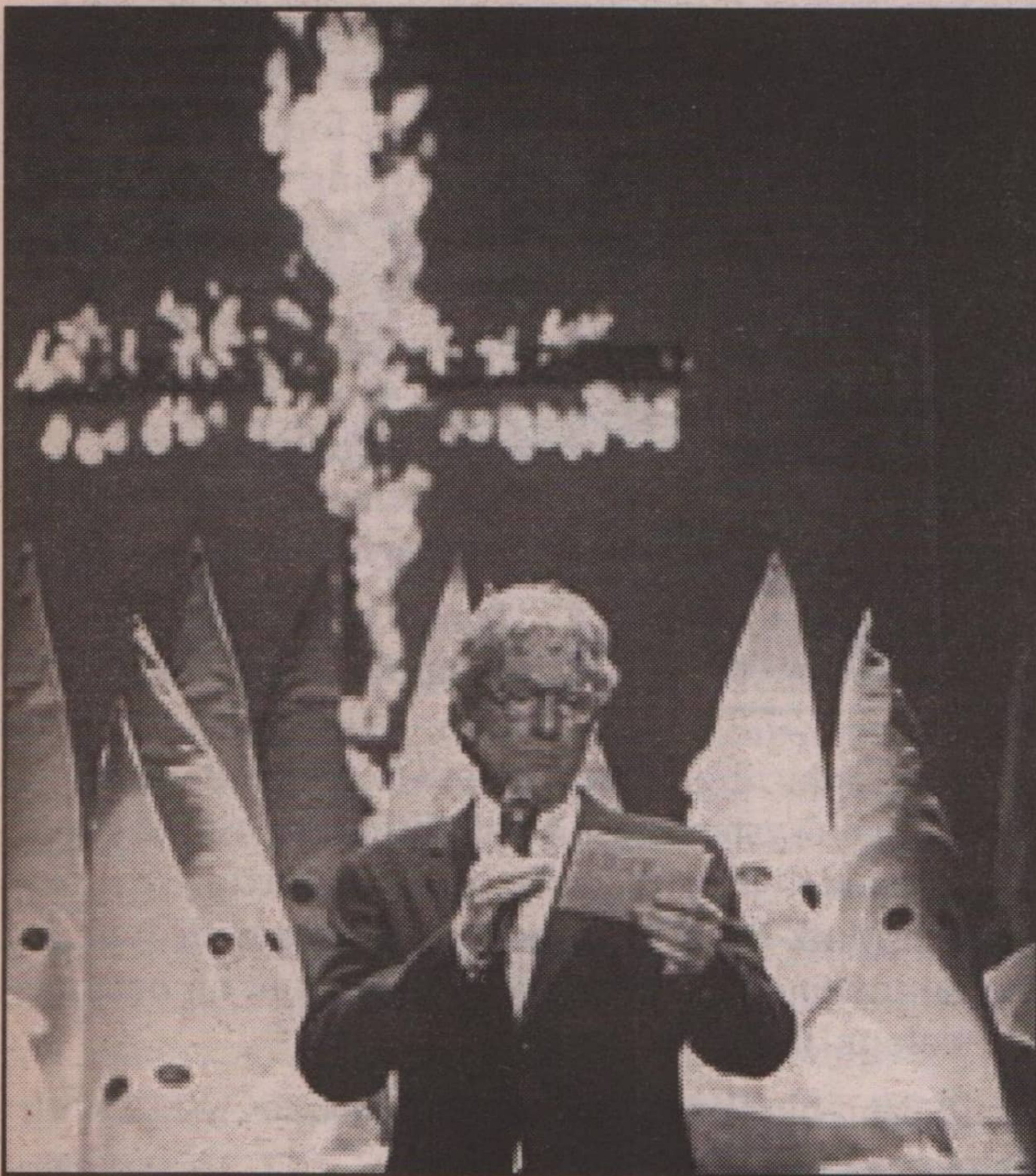
The promotion of the most reactionary community leaders simply exacerbates a glaring contradiction at the heart of the multiculturalist dream of a society of separate and distinct cultures and groups; what to do when the beliefs and tenets of one culture directly impinge on the rights of another?

How does a society satisfy (for example) the needs and aspirations of a career woman, a gay man, an evangelical Christian and an Imam?



But all is not lost! Into the breach boldly step the 'highly trained' professionals of the cultural diversity units and social services departments who can arbitrate between the competing claims and negotiate solutions and distribute funding and resources to those community leaders who can keep their respective communities quiet and suitably respectful.

WHILST the police have always been in the front line in the rich's class war against us, our rulers wouldn't survive long without the army of auxiliary cops dedicated to convincing us through persuasion and coercion that the system in which we live is the best possible and that our position within it is natural and unchangeable. These auxiliary cops are the teachers, social workers, probation officers, etc., who try to con us that whilst they have the power to punish us; fine us, take away our benefits, our homes, our kids, our



"JERRY, JERRY!"

liberty or our future, they are in reality on our side.

They are recruited from the university educated middle classes - the very people upon whom the Leninist vampire parties prey for their cannon fodder and they all share that same Guardianista 'concerned' radicalism that wishes to bring enlightenment to the poor misguided proles whether we want it or not.

Multiculturalism masquerades as being the means of putting an end to racism forever and yet it has provided new life and opportunities for the Fascists. No fascist party in Britain's history has been as strong as the BNP is today.

GRIFFIN and his cronies have pursued a successful twin pronged strategy; firstly, feeding upon the bitterness felt within white working class areas at the effects of both the real and imagined passing over of those communities in favour of other more 'deserving' more 'oppressed' cultural communities and, secondly, presenting themselves within 'the community of distinct cultures' as community leaders and the 'genuine' voice of the white community.

Criticism of multiculturalism is not received well and is usually dismissed as attacks upon minority groups and evidence of the critic's racism. The multiculturalists reserve their bile however for those who refuse to remain within the confines of their respective cultural groupings; the breakers of the rules.

Women, such as the Iranian communist Maryam Namazie, from muslim communities who refuse the veil and argue for secular concepts of women's equality are denounced as the tools of imperialism and peddlers of islamophobia.

TREVOR PHILIPS, who has made a good living as one of the prime architects of Multiculturalism, and is head of the newly unified The Commission for Equality and Human Rights made some minor criticisms of its effects and how it aided segregation in some northern cities and found himself condemned by London Mayor Ken Livingstone as "well on the way to joining the BNP"!! You could not make it up!



"NOT SO RED KEN"



"GAY PIGS, STILL PIGS"

If critics in Britain get abuse it is far more serious for those who deviate from community values abroad. However the multiculturalists commitment to 'diversity' never stretches to defend their rights; when gays were murdered in Jamaica, protests against the killings were attacked as racist and showing 'insufficient understanding of Jamaican culture'.

Similarly, protests against the state murder of young gays in Iran were condemned as pandering to American imperialism, just as opposing the killing of gays in palestine was supporting the zionist occupier.

Although multiculturalism is most associated with the 'soft pigs' it has also made its presence felt in the regular police - the Black Police Association and Gay Police Association's have both been given official recognition and have made high profile political statements and interventions in support of laws and initiatives of which they approve.

This has been part and parcel of a explicit politicisation of the police force as a whole over the last decade (previously in *Class War* we exposed the links between senior police officers and fundamentalist christian groups, see issue 91) Formerly police officers went on 24 hour news channels to talk about crime - in the last year in particular figures like Ali Dizaei of the National Black Police Association have been readily discussing Jack Straw's view on the veil, or Ken Livingstone's outburst about Jewish businessmen in Stratford. Dizaei may be a slick media operator, but these issues have got nothing to do with the police at all.

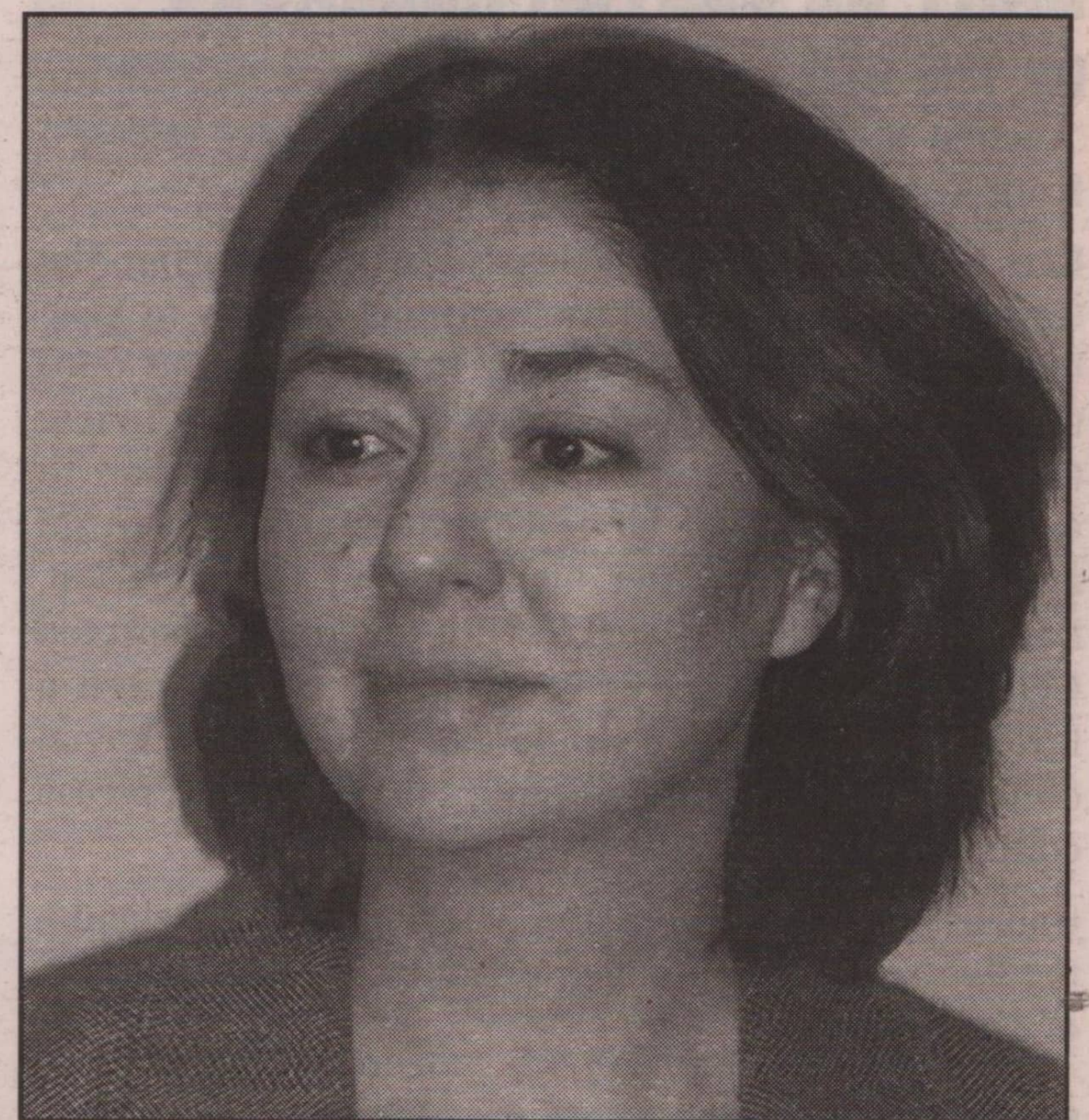
To understand the 'Promised land' that the adherents of multiculturalism are aiming toward it is only necessary to look at the situation in Northern Ireland. The Good Friday Agreement and the 'peace process' are a sort of year zero for the multi-culturalist project. Sectarian divisions have been institutionalised and become state policy with the two communities treated as 'equal and separate'.

OLD ATTEMPTS to break down 'community divisions are abandoned as grants and access to resources are allocated on a sectarian basis as a new middle class of 'community leaders' flourish often as barely concealed fronts for the old gun gangs. The recent 'historic

coming together of Paisley and Adams coincided with an tsunami of government grants flooding the coffers of the 'community' projects, including £400,000 going directly to the UDA!

The old joke about Jews in Northern Ireland being interrogated as whether they are Catholic or Protestant Jews has become state policy, in the Census, atheists are given the option of declaring themselves as Protestant or Catholic atheists!!! The elections for the NI assembly are designed to perpetuate this state of affairs - every candidate must declare themselves as either Republican or Unionist so that their preference votes can be counted toward the major sectarian parties.

MULTICULTURALISM claims to be the solution to the oppression and discrimination within capitalist society. In reality it is a deeply conservative, elitist ideology concerned above all with dividing our class against itself in order to best ensure the ruling classes continued domination. What is clear is that we will never be free until both the hard pigs and the soft pigs and the class they defend are smashed.



"MARYAM NAMAZIE - HATED BY LIBERAL LEFTIES"

... and that, essentially, is racism.



Any questions? No? In which case I'll leave you all to it.



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PRISONERS PAGE

THE LOOSE SCREW

IT IS NOT often you hear any prison officers, ex or serving mentioned positively in Class War. In fact, this is a first. We have to mention Jim Dawkins, an ex-squaddie and ex-Prison Officer from south London, who not only left the prison service in disgust at the routine violence and corruption he was expected to take part in, but had the balls to write a book about his experiences.

A review of "The Loose Screw - The Shocking Truth About Our Prison System" (Apex Publishing, £8.99) can be found on the Class War website. In the meantime, why not show the geezer a bit of support and buy his book yourself?

CRIMI-CON!

DID YOU KNOW that nutty religious cults like the Scientologists are given free reign in British jails? Hiding behind a Charity called Criminon, the Church of Scientology offers courses to prisoners in 76 jails - it's no wonder people keep trying to escape!

These "courses" offer the usual claptrap about L Ron Hubbard, dianetics and positive thinking. For some reason both the Prison Service and Charity Commission seem to have missed the fact that Hubbard was a science fiction writer, and that his "church" was more about making money than anything else. Even today rich whacko's like Tom Cruise are given prominence in direct proportion to the size of their bank balances.

We urge all prisoners to give this sort of psycho-babble a wide berth, but the issue of how religion is used to try to "reform" prisoners really needs looking at in the round. It is something Class War will be returning to - watch this space!

BART DE GEETER RELEASED

ON THE 9TH January, Bart De Geeter, one of the 'Aachen 4' was suddenly and unexpectedly released from Remscheid prison in Germany.

Bart had been due for release last October, but the German authorities had used various excuses to keep him behind bars before finally turning him out onto the street. His release was so sudden that he was unable to inform anyone until after he got out, and had to wait outside the jail while comrades arranged to go and pick him up. After his period of incarceration, Bart, who previously worked with the highly respected Gent Anarchist Black Cross group, is sure to need a little extra help. If you would like to make a financial donation to assist Bart in finding his feet again please contact Leeds ABC at leedsabc@riseup.net.

Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado, the two remaining 'Aachen prisoners' are also in need of our support.

IF YOU THOUGHT PRISON SHIPS WERE BAD...

OVERCROWDING IS SO chronic in British prisons that there are plans to house prisoners in converted sea-containers imported from China.

The Home Office plan to have the modules installed in five prisons by June, at a cost of £3.5m each. Prisons earmarked for the new units include Stoke Heath Young Offenders Institution in Shropshire and Wayland Prison in Norfolk.

According to Harry Fletcher of the probation officers union NAPO, "Using containers to house prisoners, even for short periods of time, is extraordinary. There are clearly health and safety and environmental issues which would have to be addressed. The units are likely to be cramped so there will not be much room for activities such as education. No decisions appear to

have been made on staffing and it is unclear where the money will be coming from."

The prison population in England and Wales is now over 80,000, and is expected to reach 'crisis point' in June. Odds on in it reaching 100,000 under New Labour must be strong.

DIDDLY SQUAT

HMP CANTERBURY IS installing several "hole in the ground" toilets, that you have to squat over rather than sit on to use.

Rather than portraying this as some sort of punishment or step backwards, Prison spindoctor David Lambourne is proudly proclaiming that this is a courtesy to foreign prisoners. How long until using such toilets is used as a punishment, with prisoners who have never seen a squat toilet before being forced to use them?

And if David Lambourne can't see how this sort of bullshit increases, rather than decreases racism in and out of prisons, then he really is as thick as pigshit.

BUT NO ONE FIGHTS BACK ANYMORE (1)

AT THE END of December, there was an uprising by prisoners at HMP Featherstone, a category 'C' prison near Birmingham.

One prisoner managed to get onto the roof of the jail, but after additional staff were brought in, the uprising was put down after 3 hours. The following day 18 prisoners were moved out of the prison.

BUT NO ONE FIGHTS BACK ANYMORE (2)

IN JANUARY THERE was an uprising by prisoners at Dovegate prison in Staffordshire. According to the Home Office (so take it with A BIG pinch of salt), around 30 prisoners were involved in smashing TVs and lighting fires after a refusal to bang-up at the end of evening association.

The "disturbance" is said to have lasted for 6 hours, and was only put down after 120 screws were brought in from other prisons in the area. In the wake of the uprising, a number of prisoners were moved out of the jail, and some cells were said to be unusable.

Dovegate, a category 'B' prison, is run by Premier, which is in turn owned by the American private prisons and strike-breaking company Wakenhut.

BUT NO ONE FIGHTS BACK ANYMORE (3)

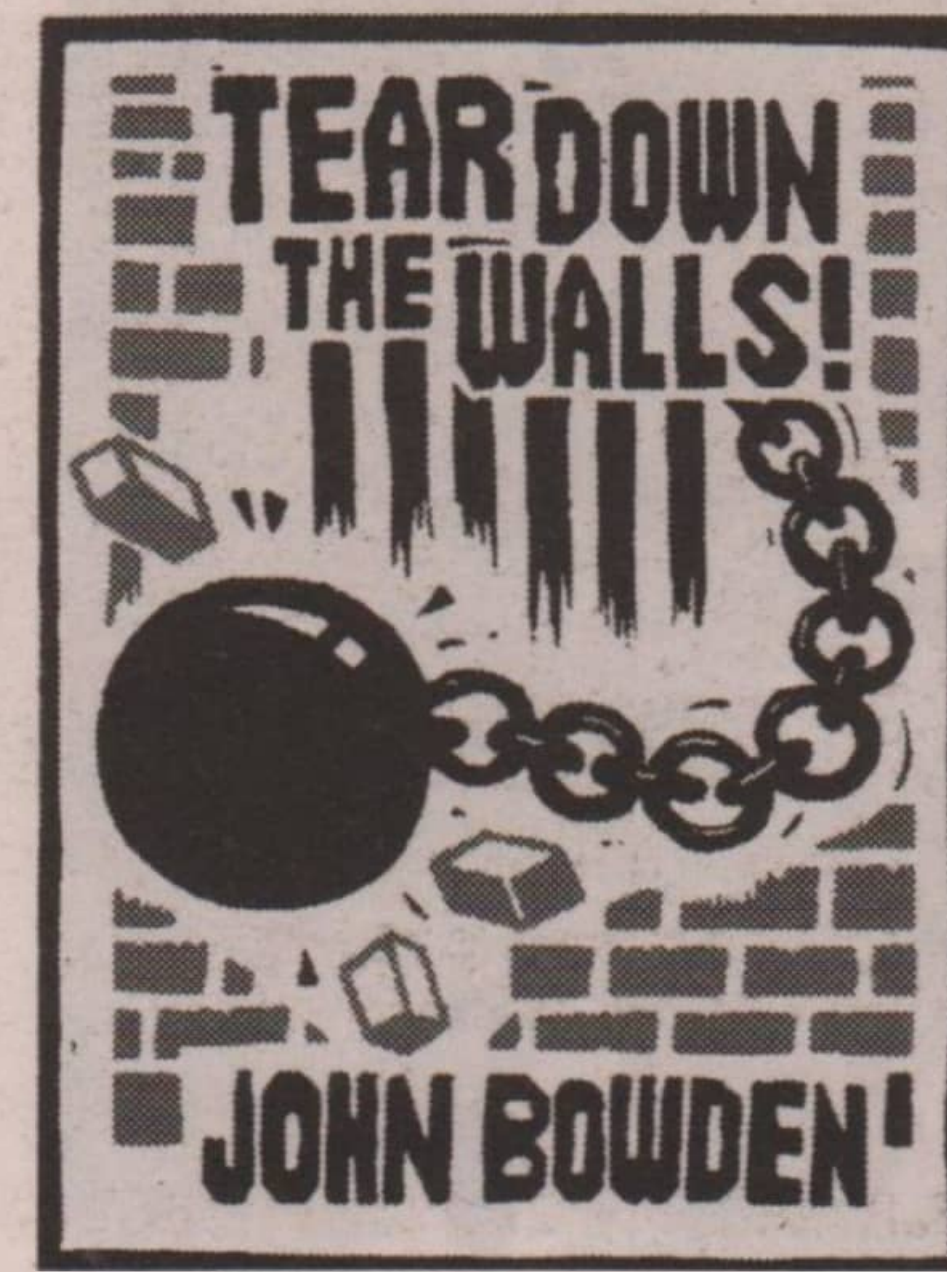
AT THE END of February young prisoners at Deerbolt YOI kicked off twice in the same week. Why stop at one riot!

In the first uprising an estimated 40 prisoners completely destroyed a wing at the jail. It took prison riot squads 8 hours to put down the mutiny, and a number of screws were injured, including one left with a fractured skull. The Home Office has made no mention of injuries caused to prisoners.

A few days later, Deerbolt kicked off again, with prisoners taking over one of the remaining wings and holding it until the following day.

TEAR DOWN THE WALLS

NEW PRISON PAMPHLET BY JOHN BOWDEN: APART FROM 2 years on the run after a spectacular escape, John has been in jail since 1980, and spent



most of his childhood in various forms of state institutions prior to that. He has been at the forefront of the British prison struggle for most of his time behind bars, and is able to describe his experiences articulately and powerfully.

'Tear Down The Walls!' includes two texts by John, the first being

autobiographical, and the second a fierce condemnation of the prison system from an abolitionist point of view. The pamphlet also features an introduction by ex-prisoner Mark Barnsley, who served time with John in several prisons and segregation units, and an original two-colour 'lino-print' cover.

Please send blank postal orders or cheques for £2 with the payee line left blank.

Trade enquiries welcome to: Leeds ABC, PO Box 53, Leeds, LS8 4WP.

FANCY REGULAR NEWS FROM BEHIND THE WIRE?

LEEDS ANARCHIST BLACK Cross now send out a regular e-bulletin containing news of the international prison struggle, updates on political prisoners, and information about forthcoming events. To receive it, please e-mail LeedsABC@riseup.net and ask to be put on their mailing list.

GARFIELD GABBARD RELEASED

BRITISH ANIMAL RIGHTS prisoner Garfield Gabbard was released from prison in the first week of March. He was sentenced to 21 months for allegedly assaulting a security guard during an animal rights demo and for threatening to kill a member of the British National Party.

Good to have you back Garfield!

WE HAVE NOT GONE AWAY YOU KNOW

AFTER A PROLONGED absence from the net, the Campaign Against Prison Slavery website is now up and running again, although parts of the site are still under construction. Check it out at www.againstprisonslavery.org

GUIDE FOR WRITING TO PRISONERS

SITTING DOWN AND writing to a political prisoner is perhaps not as easy as it sounds. Leeds ABC have produced a new 'Writing To Prisoners' leaflet, which answers many of the questions most frequently asked by those wanting to write to a prisoner for the first time.

It contains lots of sound practical advice, as well as a list of useful contacts. To obtain a copy send a SAE to Leeds ABC, PO Box 53, Leeds, LS8 4WP.

The text of the leaflet can also be read at www.myspace.com/leedsabc and it can be obtained in PDF form by e-mailing Leeds ABC at leedsabc@riseup.net

BENDING THE BARS - MARK 2

CHRISTIE BOOKS HAVE recently published a second version of the prison memoirs of long term UK anarchist John Barker, jailed in the 1970s for his involvement with the Angry Brigade.

For more details go to www.christiebooks.com A review should also appear soon on www.classwar.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



SIZZLING DANISH!

WE'VE SAID IT before and we're going to say it again, Christians are fucking dangerous wankers, and if you're living next door to them, watch you're backs.

Recent events in Copenhagen are a fine example of the putrid stench and hypocrisy of Christian morality and ethics at work.

Now a building's just a building in it? A few bricks and a touch of mortar?

But add one hundred and ten years of militant working class history, young anarchists with a sense of purpose and a vision for a better world, and it's like a red flag to a bull if you're a member of a nasty little sect of Danish Christian nut jobs known as the Faderhuset.

So much so that they buy the property from the local government with an eye for pulling it down rather than have it on their doorstep.

Only first the state has to do their dirty work for them. It was being used, and has been as a radical squat, gig venue and social centre by an ever growing section of Danish society, who were determined to be left alone.

So the outcome is that on the 1st March 2007 at 7pm anti-terrorist police abseil from a helicopter onto the roof of the premises known as the Ungdomshuset and proceed to throw gas grenades into the building and brutalise the 36 people inside.

Outside family members and locals quickly set up barricades to prevent the police from gaining access from below and many are mowed down by riot vans crashing through the barricades.

Well the Christians, with the support of the State got their building. They also got three days of full scale rioting, and 700 arrests, the biggest mass arrest since the Nazi occupation of Denmark. Danish people, generally known for their 'liberalism' were to watch live news footage of their 'protectors' battling their 'yoof' through the streets of Copenhagen and their Little Mermaid painted pink, what an outrage!

They watched as anti-terror police stormed buildings using concussion grenades as they rounded up anyone who they suspected of being subversive. They also had to deal with the powercuts caused by said 'subversives' who had cut the electricity supply into downtown Copenhagen!

As the riots subsided by March 4th, the bulldozers moved in on the 5th. Heavily protected by police the non-unionised workers (the unionised were having

none of it) wearing masks and driving unmarked demolition vehicles went to work.

A leading spokesperson for the Faderhuset, Ruth Evensen in an ecstatic statement stated " the young people at Norrebro are possessed with demons, but God was victorious over Satan!"

But where does this leave the people of Denmark with their grandiose illusions of self-liberalism and fair play? With such high ideals what do you say when anyone within reach of a policeman's truncheon is battered and arrested? Many activists and bystanders were beaten in full view of the media. Dogs and massive amounts of tear gas were used. A few people were run over by police vehicles. Quite 'coincidentally, no serious injuries occurred.

About 250 of those arrested have been remanded by judges, who rubber-stamped police requests to hold them in isolation without bail for two to four weeks, awaiting trials. They are charged with use of violence against policemen and vandalism. Liberal daily newspaper Politiken estimated that the police action and subsequent "clean-up" has cost the city 14 million kroner (£1.28m). Must be hard to come to terms with the fact that your state is just like all the rest, fucked up, corrupt and brutalising.

Even harder also to bear for many the massive support throughout Europe the activists of Ungdomshuset are receiving as we write.

Whilst we hate to quote anyone from the BBC, one statement sums it up beautifully: "Judging from the well-organised battle plans and the cases of prepared projectiles and petrol bombs found in Ungdomshuset, Europe would do well not to underestimate the anti-establishment resolve of some of its more politicised youths."

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS OFFICES RAIDED IN COPENHAGEN

WHILST COPENHAGEN ABC were busy helping to organise support for the hundreds of people arrested resisting the Ungdomshuset eviction, and in the subsequent police raids, their own offices were raided. Everyone present was arrested and taken away, preventing them from offering legal and prisoner support. More info: www.blackcross.dk

TRISTAN DA CUNHA NEEDS A GOVERNOR? - NO IT FUCKING DOESN'T!

THE FOREIGN OFFICE is presently advertising the position of 'Governor of St. Helena and its dependencies' - which includes Tristan da Cunha. Some 1750 miles from South Africa and 2088 miles from South America, Tristan da Cunha is the most remote inhabited group of islands in the world.

For over 120 years, since its first settlement in the early 19th century, Tristan managed without government, money, and police to maintain harmony among a multi-racial population made up mainly of people who'd been shipwrecked. Since World War Two the British government has thought it necessary to impose a governor based in St. Helena and a policeman - despite the fact there has never been a crime reported in Tristan's history!!!

The Tristanians were moved to live alongside the Fawley oil refineries in Hampshire in 1961 because a volcano had ruined their island. Their social organisation was basically 'anarchy' and is well described in Peter Munch's book 'Crisis in Utopia', covering not just their enforced evacuation to Britain but their shock decision in 1963 to return to Tristan and reject the benefits of 'civilisation'.

There are a lot of things we could learn from Tristan da Cunha. That there is still no government like no government is one!

BOMB THE BANKS!

ON FEBRUARY 12TH around 60 people were detained in Athens after a petrol-bomb attack on a bank.

Police responded by raiding cafes frequented by suspected Anarchists in the city centre, detaining around 60 people. Nobody was arrested or formally accused of involvement in the fire-bombing, which was the latest of a string of similar attacks.

A number of Anarchist groups have claimed responsibility for the attacks (everyone wants to get in on the act!) in which petrol bombs and homemade gas-canister bombs were used against banks and government buildings and vehicles in Athens and Greece's second city of Thessaloniki.



ALCATRAZ



UNCLE SAM'S DEVIL'S ISLAND

EXPERIENCES OF A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR
IN AMERICA DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

PHILIP GROSSER

NEW FROM THE KSL

Philip Grosser was sent to Alcatraz because he didn't want to murder anyone, even on government orders. He was a Boston anarchist and anti-militarist who refused to be drafted into the slaughter of World War One. He was, in his own words, 'not a very good example to other drafted men', and stayed a stubborn rebel who could not be turned into a soldier. As an anarchist he denied the government's right to run or throw away his life. For that reason he had to face the inhumanity of authority defied.

Grosser's account of his time inside is an early exposé of official brutality in America's most notorious prison. It's also a powerful account of resistance and endurance.

32 page pamphlet with portrait.
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legal aid bill came to £1,180,000, compared to one of Shipman's now brain damaged patients only receiving £225,000.

And what about the Home Office? They spent £74 million in 2004 on consultants, including interviewing 300 drug dealers and smugglers to "asses the business model of the average drug dealer". What's that all about?

Then there was £20 million spent half-building an asylum centre which was then shelved. £150,000 spent on art for the new Home Office building. £300,000 for Met Chief Sir Ian Blair to revamp his office (some fucking office), £500,000 overtime for coppers to come in on their day off to man speed cameras. £5000 for two Met officers to visit the San Francisco Gay Pride Festival to study community relations.

Unfortunately though once the authorities catch the criminal they are locked up, which is where the Prison Service comes in. I must congratulate the employment of two holistic therapists who receive £18,000 a year for providing inmates in Peterborough Prison with aromatherapy, reiki, reflexology, acupuncture, head massages and shiatsu treatments. And of course the screws know a con or two. 3000 man years were lost last year due to sickness in the prison service. Auditors found management indifferences allowed a culture of pulling sickies to develop - one screw called in sick for a year - from New Zealand. Another pretended to be run down by a car just before his month long holiday in Sri Lanka was over.

Added together the wasteful and useless spending from all government departments and it comes to £82 billion. That is more than £4000 per family in Britain, and the annual turnover of several European countries. If you wasted your family's cash on this scale, the missus would cut your balls off and send you packing. So why should the fucking class ridden establishment get away with it?

Yours, Stew, Northamptonshire.

CW Reply: Stew, we object strongly to your use of the term "Hazel Blears' fanny". Here at Class War HQ we try to think of Hazel Blears as little as possible, and her nether regions not at all!

US ON WAR FOOTING?

Dear Class War,

Just as the police are categorized by the amount of public order training they get, there is a move in hospitals in the US to increase the number of workers (first responders or not) to be trained for "emergency industrial/terrorist catastrophes".

They want to make as many hospital employees "first receivers". These are workers from all ranks trained to shift to a military mode of conduct and thinking. In short labour relations are the first casualty - everyone takes orders.

Cheers, Gary, Florida, USA.

CW Reply: Anyone hear of any similar moves in the UK?

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A full list of regional Class War contacts is available on our website: www.classwar.org

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For all membership and press enquiries. Students wanting us to do their dissertations for them can expect to be charged hard cash!

All telephone enquiries: 07986 041 207

THIRD ANNUAL PROJECTILE FESTIVAL OF FILM, CULTURE AND IDEAS

FOR THREE DAYS in May, Projectile will be exploring both contemporary and historical anarchism in its cultural, political and artistic forms.

Now we are three, and Projectile just keeps growing. This year's line-up of films, talks, discussions, spoken words and music runs the gamut, from historical to contemporary, from Hollywood-style to low-fi. We have films from the UK, the US, Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Korea. We have engaging speakers who will bring an anarchist perspective to topics ranging from love to class war. And on Saturday night, we have a great lineup of provocative sounds and words. Please join us, whether it's for the whole weekend, a day of films, or just the rocking Saturday event.

Projectile 2007 will take place May 18-20 at the Star and Shadow Cinema (www.starandshadow.org.uk) in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. This all-volunteer community

space has a fantastic cinema and friendly bar, and is fully wheelchair-accessible. Vegetarian food and snacks will be on offer. Weekend passes will go on sale soon at £25 for the full three days (£10 unwaged). Entrance to individual films is £4 (£3.50 unwaged) and it's £5 for just the Saturday night show.

The Projectile Collective

DANCING ON MAGGIES GRAVE ARE YOU COMING TO THE PARTY OF THE DECADE?

Class War has called for a mass celebration in Trafalgar Square at 6pm on the first Saturday after Margaret Thatcher dies. Remember - Trafalgar Square, I'll Be There!

The myspace site that promotes this event can be viewed at: <http://www.myspace.com/dancingonmaggiesgrave> why not add your site to its list of friends?

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS T-SHIRTS

LEEDS ABC HAVE produced some great T-shirts featuring a classy new rendition of the ABC logo. White design on a high quality heavyweight black cotton T-shirt. Only £8, and profits go directly to supporting Anarchist and class struggle prisoners.

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CLASS WAR MERCHANDISE

A full list of our merchandise is on our website. There is everything from books and back issues to fat bastard sized t shirts, cigarette lighters and stickers.

LETTERS

AN ADMIRER WRITES:

Fucking communistic cunts - you want our country to be overrun with pakis and wogs. You are the main reason for our downfall as a nation. You have pictures of dead politicians on your site you sick fucks - go choke on your own semen you monkey loving, paki praising scumbags.

"Joe Wilks" kangaroopooh@gmail.com

CW Reply: And good morning to you as well! We thought it a little bit excessive to say that Class War is the main reason for the downfall of the nation, but don't worry Joe, when your country finally dies, we'll be stood somewhere on the sidelines watching you cry!

CASH DOWN THE PLUGHOLE - OR UP HAZEL BLEARS' FANNY

Dear Class War,

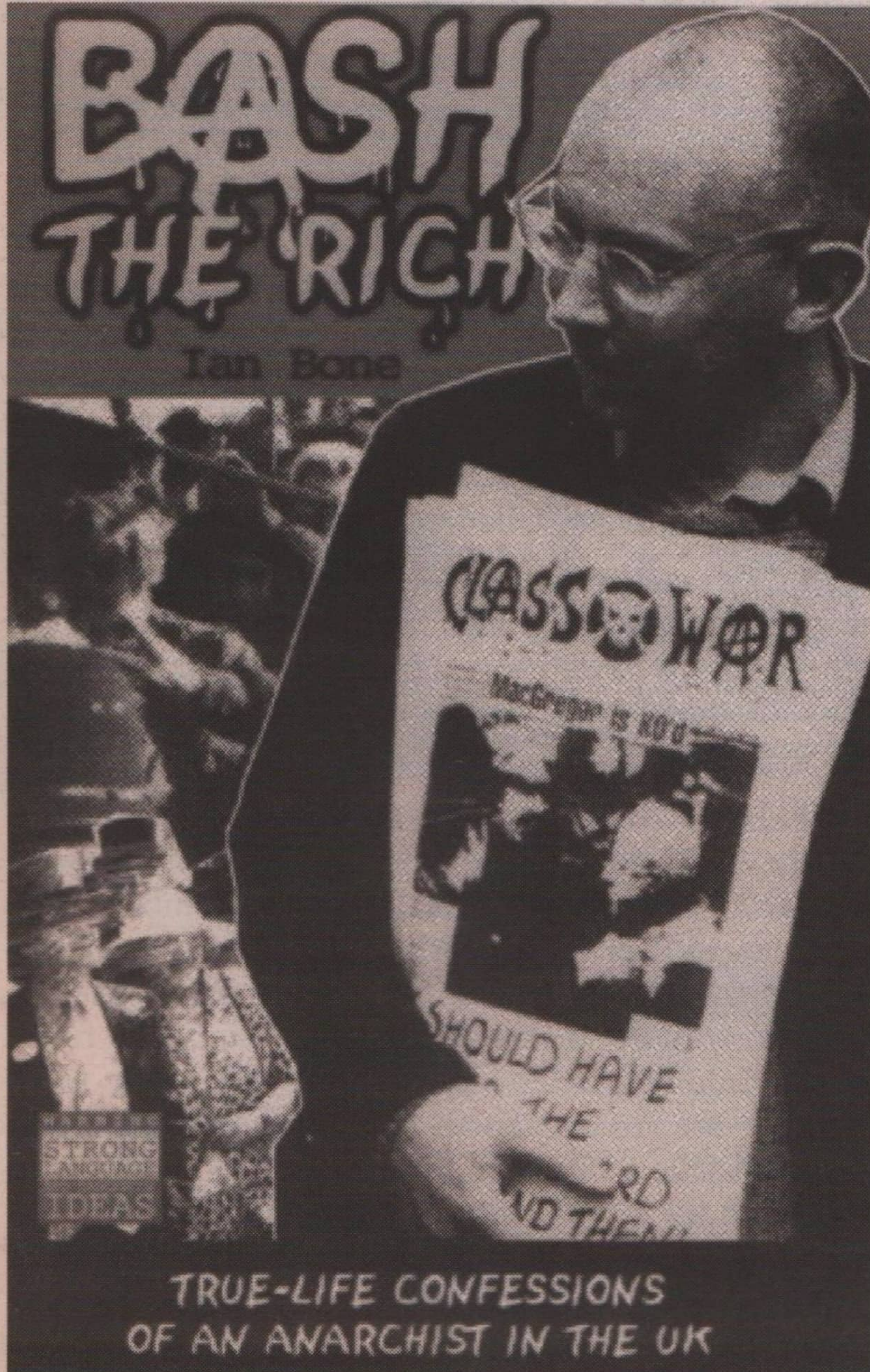
The bureaucrats within the Department for Constitutional Affairs, and the Home Office must be having a laugh when it comes to spending taxpayers hard-earned cash. Extravagance, waste and incompetence seem to be the norm, especially when the DCA's car pool is worth £5 million.

The police too are an institution that shows an alarming ability to fritter away our money. For example in one case a helicopter and a squad car was used to tail a woman who was eating an apple whilst driving. The total cost for the operation was £10,000. As for the apple eater, she was fined £60 plus £100 costs.

Then there is the Crown prosecution Service. The court injunction to provide anonymity for that bitch Maxine Carr cost £100,000 plus an estimate that goes into the millions for lifetime protection. Harold Shipman's

REVIEWS

BASH THE RICH – TRUE LIFE CONFESSIONS OF AN ANARCHIST IN THE UK BY IAN BONE (TANGENT BOOKS, £9.99)



Ian Bone's autobiography "Bash the Rich" is probably the most mainstream Anarchist book to be published in the UK since Stuart Christie's autobiography "Granny Made Me An Anarchist". That is not the reason why you should read it though - it should be read for its honesty, its humour and the manner in which the author places himself (and Class War) in a radical British political tradition that should be supported.

First things first - Tangent Books have done an excellent job in publishing what is an immaculately produced book. Whilst billed as Bone's autobiography, it in fact covers the period from childhood through to about 1986, abruptly stopping before one of the main industrial disputes of the modern era - Wapping. We are assuming a follow up is planned! So what do you get for your tenner?

Well first off is an interesting Anglo-Scottish childhood as a butler's son, and a first person insight into a class system that was once far more formal and rigid than it is now. People under 30 may struggle to come to terms with just how divided Britain used to be, in a really stuffy way. Ian was brought up below stairs, whilst his parents struggled to combine working subservience with their Labour party beliefs.

Jack Army

There are not many people for whom moving to Swansea it a liberating experience, but Bone skillfully describes student life in south Wales in the 1960s, after a hilarious first approach to the Anarchist movement via Freedom Press in London. Politically the scope of groups and struggles touched upon from the late 60s through to the 1970s is impressive. The casual reader can encounter the student "rebellion" of 1968, anti-apartheid campaigns, claimants unions, the Angry Brigade and most amusingly the sometimes violent, sometimes comical Welsh nationalist fringe, for whom Ian appears to have been a sort of honorary Welshman.

Most significant politically is arguably the two groups Ian helped launch that came to major prominence - Alarm in a Labour dominated, corrupt Swansea, and in the 1980s Class War. Whilst sticking to what could be termed standard class struggle anarchist principles and working firmly from the bottom up, Alarm in

particular looked to reach out to Joe Public in a simple, non-academic way that anyone could identify with. Having first looked to install some backbone into the early 1980s Anarchist movement, Class War was to repeat this trick. Spectacularly.

If Thatcherism had not existed, Class War would have had to invent it. Whilst most of the left cried foul at the attacks of Thatcherism, the aim of Class War was always to fight back - both in print and in person. The attempts to "open up a second front" during the Miners Strike are the clearest example of this. How could the Metropolitan Police have kept the coalfields down and policed inner-city riots at the same time? Whilst the 1980s may not seem that long ago, Bone also shows us how quickly things change. CND, animal rights and feminism barely rear their heads these days (especially in the anarchist movement) but all these currents had real influence - and perhaps needed to be overcome - by anyone looking to make political progress at that time.

IN IT TO WIN IT

Class War's honesty was its strongest foundation. Neil Kinnock, and much of the trades union movement (most accurately its leaders) were no match for Margaret Thatcher, who fought the class war to win it. Those who bought Class War - and to an extent still do - and who were not declared Anarchists, were often people who responded positively to the sight of the odd bucket of piss being hurled back in the direction of the ruling class. Many were life long Labourites. In the best section of the book Bone outlines just what Thatcherism wanted to do, and the effect that had on some traditional working class communities:

She didn't just want to smash the miners and displace the inner-city inhabitants. She wanted to destroy the idea there was any community of interest amongst ordinary people. My mum and dad's caring Alton social networks counted for nothing compared to the Thatcher-eulogised, hideous, braying yuppies in the city making themselves overnight fortunes in selling off our social assets. I might have stopped hating my country but I loathed its ruling class more than ever. But this time, common sense was on our side. Thatcher's "no such thing as society" was seen as bollocks by most people including mum and dad. We had some common ground again, we were no longer the loonies, the crazed Thatcher was the 'mad cow'. There were millions of people like my mum and dad all over the country. Class War needed to reach them. We needed to emphasise the positive self-organisation that had come out of the miners strike which was in direct contradiction of Thatcher's 'we're all selfish bastards' analysis.

SUMMING UP

Gripes? Well Ian briefly repeats the silly urban myth that boxer Freddie Mills murdered several prostitutes in the early 1960s (there is actually far more evidence that Mills was not interested in women at all!) and the book suffers from some bad spelling mistakes and minor errors that could have been removed with tighter editing. To claim the Poll Tax riot occurred in 1992 is a bit of a howler, especially for a man once confronted by a Brazilian film crew accusing him of organising it!

What effect will this book have? Well it has already given Ian the opportunity to raise the banner of class struggle anarchism in the media in his own style. It has also rejuvenated several other retired, or semi-retired class warriors. Ian also hardens attitudes.

Those who hate Class War will hate Class War even more because of this book. Bone skillfully places us in a British radical tradition that is certainly not strictly anarchist but is optimistic, insurrectionist and based on principles of solidarity - from the Luddites to the Chartists, through to those who fought the Poll Tax, or the inner-city rioters struggling to pay the police back in kind for every person they killed. Ultimately you know who he means.

Bash the Rich is a reminder that there is a big world out there. And it still needs changing.



You can order "Bash The Rich" from London Class War for £9.99.

ANTI-FASCIST - MARTIN LUX (PHOENIX PRESS, £5.95)

There are very few anti-fascist memoirs. Morris Beckman's *The 43 Group* tells the story of the fight against Mosley after the Second World War, and Dave Hann and Steve Tilzey's unreliable *No Retreat* claims to tell the tale of the AFA campaign of the 1980s and 1990s. But until now there hasn't been a decent book-length account of what it was like to confront the NF in the 1970s.

Sure, there are books about the Anti-Nazi League, like Steve Renton's *When We Touched the Sky*. But they're not written with the confidence or the honesty Martin Lux brings to this accomplished work. What makes this a specially good read is the atmosphere Lux conjures up. The narrative takes us from Lux's political awakening to the Tory victory in the 1979 election. Between these two events, Martin vividly describes the central political events of the decade - from Red Lion Square and the death of Kevin Gately in 1974 to a lesser-known battle of Red Lion Square at the end of the 1970s, via Lewisham, Neasen and the Grunwick strike, and Southall.

The book focuses on four main areas: the paucity of the fash's politics, their pitiful dress sense, the vigorous anti-fascist campaign and the pretentious hypocrisy of the so-called 'anti-sexist men'. The sheer inadequacy of the NF is something Martin describes very well. In the main they are shabby middle-aged men - who doubtless consider themselves smart - and 'child-molester types' in 'ill-fitting suits replete with the odour of faded mothballs'. As with their clothes, so with their politics: crap. The NF's politics seem simplistic and infantile, centred about racism and anti-Semitism with a putrid current of Hitler-worship flowing beneath.

The anti-fascists Lux fought beside were of the self-organised working class, including a number of anarchists and socialists. Unfortunately, amongst this number were some curious pacifist parasites - the 'anti-sexist men'. These creatures argued that 'the racists and fascists are human beings too', coming out with the old line that 'because you believe in violence, you're just as bad as they are'. What utter tosh!

Sadly, another obstacle Martin had to face were the SWP. If one were to believe the SWP, then you'd think that Tariq Ali and the original ANL single-handedly stopped the otherwise irresistible rise of the NF. This could hardly be further from the truth. The effective elements of the ANL were expelled from the SWP for being 'squaddist', many going on to form Red Action. As Martin details, the people who got together to stop the NF were not, in the main, members of this party or that party but independent working class men and women organising autonomously. No single party or alliance could have mounted the lengthy campaign against the NF which continued through the 1970s and into the 1980s. But that won't stop the likes of the SWP trying to claim credit - once again! - for something in which they actually played a minor role.

Lux has something to say, and he tells the story well. This is not a history book, but history told from the perspective of one of the people who made it. It is a thrilling riot through the 1970s, with heads bashed and boots flailing. As well as describing the action, *Anti-Fascist* also talks about the hows and whys of anti-fascism.

In conclusion, this book - as it says on the cover - is not for pacifists. It is a hard-hitting story, a story which still has relevance today. If you like a gripping read about working class politics, this is the book for you. If you don't, you're reading the wrong paper.



You can order "Anti-Fascist from London Class War for £5.95.

SPORT

TAL RETURNS

AFTER A TWO year "retirement" the Celtic fanzine Tiochaidh Ar La has returned. Always one of the best political football fanzines out there, TAL 's return is timely, with Glasgow Celtic PLC looking to reign in the behaviour of large numbers of Celtic supporters in what they claim is a campaign against "disruptive" and "sectarian" behaviour in the stands.

You can order TAL from: TAL Books, BM Box 266, London WC1N 3XX or www.talfanzine.com

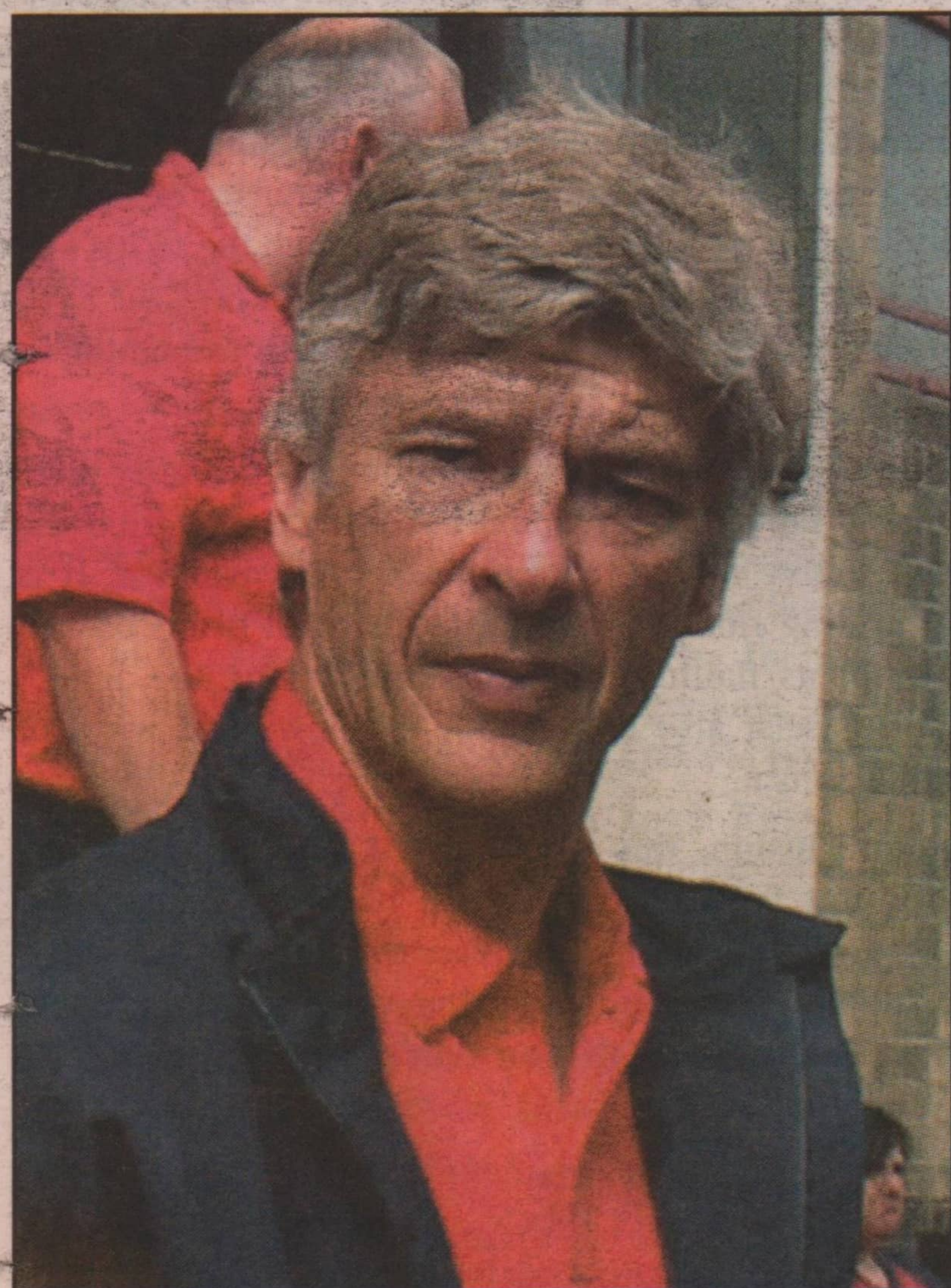
BRINGING RACISM INTO FOOTBALL

LOOK AT ARSENE Wenger during most Arsenal games and you will notice his "Kick Racism Out of Football" badge. Despite Wenger's habit of "not seeing" critical incidents involving his players, there is no reason to doubt that he is genuine in his beliefs in racial equality, and he has spoken out strongly about racism in football and in his native France.

Wenger however misses the bigger picture. Arsenal, just like football in general, have got themselves into a mess that centres around money, racism and anti-racism. To finance their move from Highbury, Arsenal got into bed with Emirates, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates.

The UAE is not a country where Arsene Wenger, or indeed anyone else could speak their mind. An oil rich dictatorship led by the Al Nayhan and Al Maktoum clans, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum has been accused of abducting and trafficking thousands of children for the UAE's national sport - camel racing.

The prejudices of the UAE have sadly begun to contaminate British football. When West Ham held a training camp in Dubai last year, the countries two Israeli players, Yossi Benayoun and Yaniv Katan were left behind - Israeli citizens are banned from UAE. So much for kicking racism out of football!



"UAE 1 ANTI-RACISTS 0"

Arsenal also faced criticism from supporters who could see the contradiction in presenting an anti-racist, community image in north London, but naming their new ground the Emirates Stadium. Ben Dimech, from the supporters group REDaction commented

"There's the fact that Arsenal agreed to sell the naming rights of the new stadium to the national airline of a country which has banned Jews. Sections of Arsenal's Jewish fans complained but their protests fell on deaf ears"

Arsenal, West Ham and indeed other Premiership clubs need to think long and hard about just who they are doing business with when they visit the UAE. Or is kicking racism out of football only important when it does not clash with hard cash?

MURDER, MATCH FIXING, - AND AL-QAEDA?



"DID HE JUMP OR..."

BIG BOB - is Dead. Who Done It? Oh yes, and the Cricket World Cup

The lead up to Cricket World Cup started all so very predictably. England stuffed Bermuda, then were annihilated by the Aussies in the warm ups - we should never have deported all those convicts, they were obviously the best sports people around.

The first surprise of the competition proper came when Ireland beat Pakistan and virtually knocked them out of the competition. This shock result was soon side lined by the shocking news of the Pakistan coach's death, Bob Woolmer. However, it soon took on greater significance when the cause of death was stated to be murder by manual strangulation. Rumours flew about, so much so that India's equally surprising elimination from the competition was almost lost in the intrigue.

Initial calls to cancel the tournament due to the tragic circumstances were soon quashed. Bob would have wanted the competition to continue, was the usual drivel trotted out, but money was the real key here. The Cricket World Cup is hardly the biggest occasion on the world's sporting stage, but there is still a lot of money to be made. The inter island rivalry carve up of rights and fixtures, sponsorship and TV rights all come into play. But perhaps the most astounding thing is the level of gambling on each match. There can be as much as £1 billion changing hands for each game.

Pakistan lost to Ireland, Woolmer emailed his resignation early the following day, and was later found unconscious in his room and pronounced dead some 90 minutes later. Initially it was thought to be heart attack or some other pre existing condition, after all there was no external evidence of violence to arouse suspicions. Following a post mortem the cause of death, manual strangulation, was announced.

Woolmer's coaching career seemed to have courted controversy. He was coach of South Africa prior to Hansie Cronje's match fixing admission, and some of his Pakistan team members had been accused of drug taking and ball tampering. This has led to speculation that his murder was linked with international gambling

cartels.

Illicit bookmakers in places like Mumbai and Karachi are alleged to be in the pockets of gangsters. One of these bookmakers was in Jamaica at the time of the murder and in the company of Anees Ibrahim, Dawood Ibrahim's brother. Dawood is alleged to be an al-Qaeda fund raiser, is accused of the 1993 Mumbai bombings, is linked to illegal bookmakers, and allegedly controls drugs and prostitution racketeering. Woolmer is said to have had a furious bust-up with this bookie and thrown him out of his room.

Jamaica's deputy police commissioner Mark Shields (an ex-Met Police pig), has confirmed this line of inquiry and also suggested the possibility of a professional hit man being involved. In fact he didn't rule anything out - he's obviously floundering.

However, it wouldn't be the first time illicit bookmaking has resulted in murder. The gangsters pulling the strings are keen to ensure their profits. A number of bookmakers are believed to have met violent ends, including South Africa-based Muhammad Hanif "Cadbury" Kodvavi, killed and cut up in May 1999.

The CCTV tapes from the hotel were supposed to reveal all the comings and goings from Woolmer's room, but little seems to have resulted from their examination. It begs the question as to whether there were any tapes in the cameras?

The Pakistan team have been allowed to leave, there is no sign of the bookie, and the three fanatical followers who acted as gofers for Pakistan team members have disappeared. The competence of the autopsy is also in question. And now British police have been called in to assist with the investigation, since Jamaica's finest appear totally clueless. Perhaps it's also time to re-examine the circumstances of Hansie Cronje's death. It should take a bit more than a little bad weather to make you fly into the side of a mountain.

BUMS ON SEATS?

ONE OF THE most noticeable things about the cricket World Cup was the amount of empty seats.

Some analysts put this down to changes in Caribbean culture over the last few decades. This is the belief that cricket has declined as a sport as the West Indian islands have become more Americanised, and West Indians look to US sports like baseball and basketball. West Indians looking to emigrate are apparently now more interested in the USA or Canada than the 'mother country'.

There is of course another reason. Greedy capitalist bastards have seriously damaged cricket in one of its heartlands, just as they have destroyed football in Europe. Tickets for the tournament were only available over the Internet at first (despite the fact that there is no tradition of buying tickets on-line in the West Indies) this meant that the plum tickets went to wealthy Western tourists, rather than pesky locals. Rather than matching prices to local levels, the organisers accepted ICC guidelines on pricing levels - meaning all but the cheapest seats are out of the pocket of locals. The idea any of this money making should stop, even when the coach of one of the teams was allegedly murdered, is impossible.

West Indians traditionally traditionally blow on conch shells during cricket matches, and bring in huge amounts of their own food and drink to consume. These practices have all been stopped, even to the level of people not being allowed to take water into the grounds.

All of this makes you think if this is what the cricket World Cup has been like, can you imagine how bad the 2010 football World Cup in South Africa is going to be?

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