

# CLASS WA



**MINERS SPECIAL!**

# BRING BACK THE



# HIT SQUADS!

***"Major, Heseltine, Lamont....They ought to be shot, that lot... Bastards!" - Miner, Markham Main.***

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IT  
have  
the biggest,  
most  
spontaneous outbreak  
of public anger since the  
anti-Poll Tax campaign.

Remember what Neil Kinnock, leader of Her Majesty's arselicking loyal opposition, said about that?

"Demonstrations and rioting on the streets, storming Town Halls and civil disobedience won't get rid of the tax".

He went on to add: "Only the return of another Labour government can do that". Well, it's just as well we didn't fucking wait, wasn't it, Neill! We didn't take your feeble advice and twiddle our thumbs for 2 years, nicely lobbying our MPs or petitioning parliament, waiting for a non-existent Labour government of identikit Tories to legislate the Poll Tax away.

We did storm the town halls; we refused to pay our bills; we physically resisted the bailiffs and we rioted in Trafalgar Square and all stations between: from Glasgow to Grimethorpe. **And we bloody won!**

We got rid of the tax and Mad Cow Thatcher, while Neil Kinnock's moderate, responsible "Look, I'm the same as the Tories" act got him sweet fuck all. Ha! Bloody Ha!

## DIRECT ACTION

Now, faced with the most vicious and arrogant Tory attack ever, the same sober-suited, respectable, bland Blairs, Becketts and Browns offer only the same tired old 'leave it to us in Parliament' crap. They don't support or want strikes, demonstrations, or direct action on the streets

- just more Westminster hot air - about as effective as a chocolate fireguard!

For such a bloated, porky bastard, John Smith has been doing the invisible man act: saying sod all that might undermine his pinstriped statesman image. If it had been left to this shower of well-paid, well-scrubbed middle class socialists, the miners' fight would have been dead in the water before it even began.

The only advice or support Labour HQ at Walworth Rd. could offer callers on the day the closures were announced was: "write to your MP"! The whole of our coalfields would have been closed down before these champagne socialists returned from the Tuscan vineyards to slowly open their mail.

Having no time for the Labour stuffed suits and 'do nothing' advice, people all over the country have swept to the streets in support of the miners - just

as in the wildfire spread of the anti-poll tax movement.

**The power of our class, united on the streets and in our communities is irresistible.**

We can sweep away not only their pit closure plans but the whole Tory government - Major, Lamont, Heseltine: the 3 crows stirring the witches' brew of mass unemployment. They're sitting targets, mesmerised by the class anger they'll unleash but don't understand and can't control - they are fast becoming like rabbits, helpless in a car's headlights.

## NO MERCY

Now is NOT the time to hold back or stop just because of few scared Tories are rebelling, or because a High Court ruling class judge issues a delaying injunction on the closures - we can't be satisfied to delay their plans just a few months. We've got the bastards groggy, down on their knees, wondering which way to turn - **now is the time to stick the boot in hard, with full effect.**

## STRUNG UP

Remember the Rumanian dictator, Ceacescu, standing confidently on his balcony, as he felt the first flittings of fear cross his face. 24 hours later he was strung up. Remember the cops racing to protect Downing Street during the Battle of Trafalgar Square.

On OUR demonstration, if the cops try stopping us getting to those bastards in Parliament, we can't afford

to pack up and go home to be fobbed off with some paper-thin promise about their poxy, loaded inquiries into the pit closures. If a few Tory MPs rebel to save their skins, then it won't be some victory as that yellow-bellied Norman Willis would like us to believe - it'll be them biding their time and waving a white flag so

national government. There's no point in us marching the troops up the hill only to march them down again. The unleashing of class anger and combativity can go way beyond pit closures and the toppling of one particular government, in exchange for an equally rotten one with the same

lives, where no one faces discrimination because they're poor, gay, Black, Asian, a woman or old. Where we all look after each other and protect ourselves from the scum that'd exploit us and lie to us through their TV stations, their papers and their schools. Where we keep out cops, bailiffs and DSS snoopers.

## UNITY

Class War has always believed these things and that it is only working class people, united against our common enemies, who can really change our world for the better.

Class War supports all working class people who are fighting for these things: from the Great Coal Strike of '84-'85, through the Wapping disputes to the inner-city uprisings from the early '80s to the present day - we don't wallow in violence, neither are we the macho stormtroopers of the revolution - that's media bullshit.

We do however believe that if we're going to build a



## A BOSS IS A BOSS IS A BOSS

Neil Clarke, the boss of British Coal, blames the closures on the "dash for gas". He reckons there's no market for British coal. Bollocks! Anglo United, BC's second largest customer, now says they're going to have to import a million tonnes of coal - compared to 100,000 tonnes last year.

Even British Coal is saying that the government has got its figures wrong. So it's no wonder that a former boss of BC, Malcolm Edwards, is heading a consortium of businessmen trying to takeover 4 of the 5 threatened South Yorks pits. These people know that there are still massive coal reserves in Britain. More importantly, they know that there's still millions of pounds to be made.

Over the next few weeks we're going to see a lot more bosses trying to get in on the act, buying up pits at knock-down prices. Of course they'll have the blessing of the bishops, the Labour Party and the TUC. And what difference will it make? Sweet FA. Sure, some pits will stay open a bit longer but in the end any new bosses will be no different from British Coal: screw profits out of the workers and chuck 'em when they're no longer needed. In a world run for profit, what else do we expect?

they can fight another day - we can't let 'em do that!

As someone once said: "We only have to be lucky once" - never give a sucker an even break. When we leave our national demonstrations, let's go back to our pit villages, to our communities, our council estates and streets and continue organising resistance. We can turn our neighbourhoods into Tory Free Zones where, for once, WE are in control, where our communities run the show and tell the boss and the politicians where to get off, ignoring the rules and regulations of local and

basic policies of divide us, rule us and shaft us rotten into the bargain.

This whole filthy parliamentary system is run by the rich, for the rich, at our expense. We don't need a 'better' government, we need none at all - a society where the working class is firmly in the saddle, and the bosses, the politicians, the Royals and the rich have been given the heave-ho. The stakes are that high.

Through our own organisations we can create a place where we're all equal, we all have good opportunities and better

better, brighter world for ourselves, then we have to employ all means necessary, and one of those is class violence against the enemies of our class. Their cops and troops are drafted in to beat us down - we should not hesitate to act in all necessary solidarity with our class to fight back and win. We will stand side by side, as equals, not trendy Leftie paper sellers, with our class in struggle.

**AN ATTACK ON ONE IS AN ATTACK ON ALL. SUPPORT THE MINERS - FUCK THE TORIES!**

# MAJOR



## ALL AROUND THE WORLD

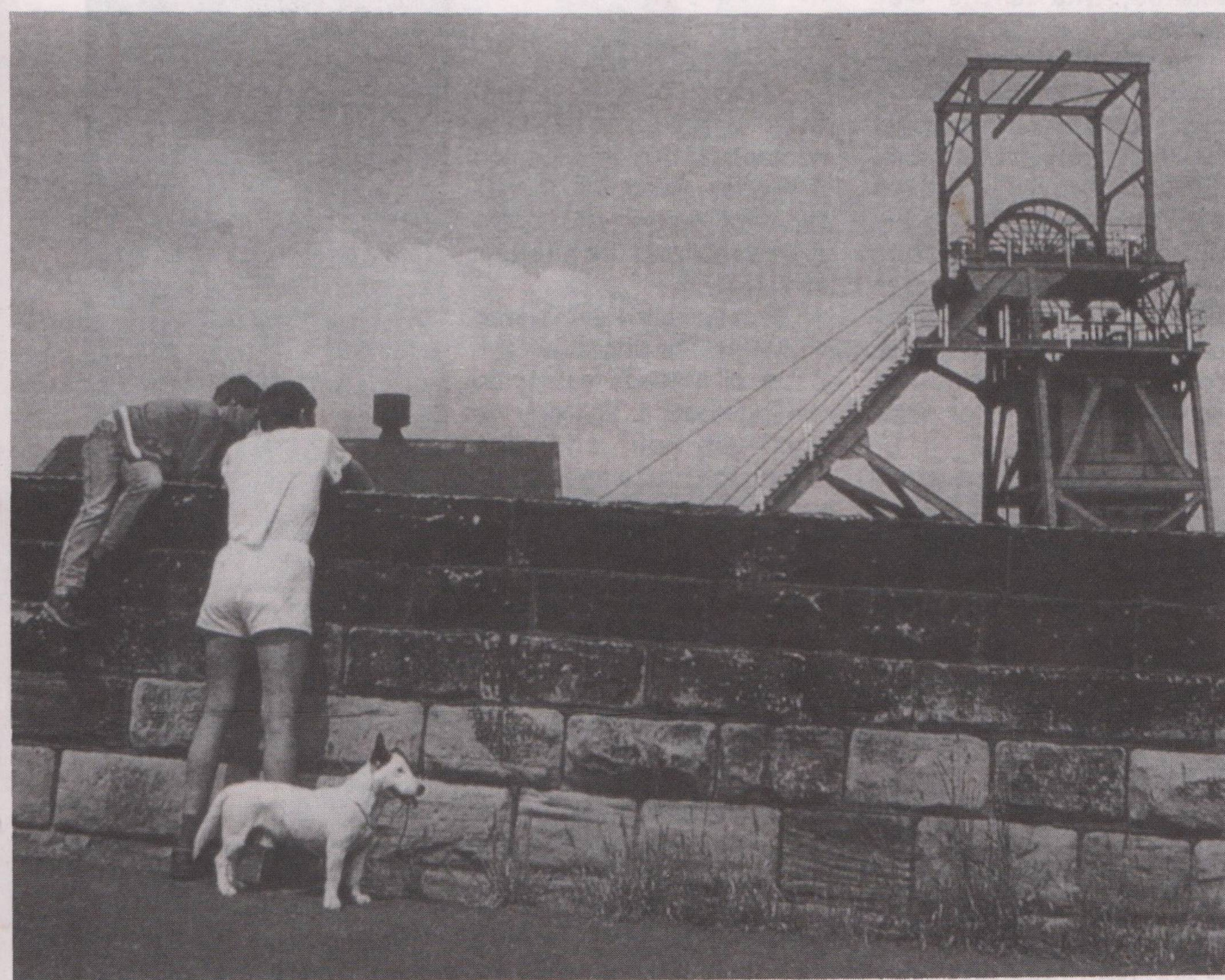
It's crucial to remember that the shit is hitting the fan all over the world. Everywhere the bosses are attacking our class in a desperate bid to maintain their profits. But they're not getting away with it.

A few months ago there was a massive wave of riots across the United States, triggered off by the enormous rebellion in Los Angeles. And in Europe there was the French truck drivers strike which paralysed the country

(anyone got a spare truck?) and a wave of anti-police riots that's still continuing, a massive strike in Germany against pay restrictions and now there's a whole series of strikes, demonstrations and riots in Italy as the government tries to impose vicious austerity measures.

It's always us who have to pay for their problems. They never have to give up the wealth. It's the same old story all over. This is an international struggle against an international system that can only think in

terms of profit and power for the few. And the only way that we can win it is if we all fight together, across the world - that's why arguments about coal imports are irrelevant. Those who appeal to "patriotism" and dickhead Nationalism just want to keep us divided and ineffective, because they fear the consequences of an international working class fightback. It's just playing into the bosses' hands, dividing workers by country. We all stand together - or we all fall together.



## SCAB SPOT

From start to finish, there's one message that's loud and clear: scabbing doesn't pay. In 1984 thousands of Notts miners didn't waste any time in stabbing their fellow miners in the back. Roy Lynk, boss of

the UDM, crawled so far up MacGregor's arse he disappeared from sight. And now the chickens have come home to roost. The bosses have shown no mercy to any coalfield. The scabs of 1984/

85 have been ditched just like we knew they would. It's bloody obvious: as far as the bosses are concerned, we're all expendable.

## TIME TO STOP BEGGING...

**DEMONSTRATE!  
MARCH! LOBBY!**

Most of us will have been handed a leaflet urging us to do any of the above for some or other good cause. Nowadays these events are only intended to show to the powers that be how many people are opposed to whatever their latest plans for us are - whether it's a lobby of our local council urging them not to make cuts or whatever. This is what the Daily Mirror calls "people power" - if we have enough people in one place at one time then the government or whoever will change their minds and do the decent thing. The problem is of course, that they don't even know

what the decent thing is! Behind locked doors the powers that be still sign pieces of paper to implement cuts, evict homeowners and sack people. We only have to look at the recent actions of local councils to see this is true. If we really mean business, then we have to take action to stop their decisions being implemented or make them unworkable. Perhaps the most famous recent example of this is the ongoing non-payment campaign against the Poll Tax. If we let our imaginations wander for a moment, then we would see that repossessions happen - not just because of a county court order - but

because we let them. Imagine if every repossession were resisted.

The problem is of course, when we try to think of realistic, workable actions to take when faced with the closure of a library, hospital, school or workplace, the running of which we usually have little or no control over.

In this situation, we must remember several things. At the moment they may make all the decisions but we implement them and do all the work. Without us, the workers, the world would come to a grinding halt. This of course, is the usual argument behind strikes.

## AND START TAKING!

This is all very well, while your employer wants you, but what do we do when they don't - when they want us to stop working, when they're going to lock us out of our workplaces?

Then we have to look at things not as a section of workers but as a class, the working class - without which the world would come to a grinding halt. Then we can begin to imagine some of the possibilities - if we wanted to we could bring the whole economy to a standstill, until we got what we wanted. **THIS IS REAL PEOPLE POWER.**

But why stop there? If we do all the work, then why not control it as well and get rid of the bosses and governments and councils who are making these decisions about our jobs and services which we don't like.

We don't delude ourselves in Class War. We know it's easier to talk about this process, Revolution, than to actually make it happen. But if we are ever to live in a world without the fear of joblessness, poverty and alienation then at some stage (and there's no time like the present) we're going to

have to make it happen. Because if we don't we all know that any gains we achieve will only be temporary. If one worker wins a reprieve then another will be made to pay. It's the old "Rob Peter to pay Pauline" scenario.

So, how do we make this happen? Anyone with two braincells to rub together knows it's not a case of setting a day when we all storm Parliament, seize power and live happy ever after. Revolution as we in Class War see it, is not about replacing the old bosses with some new "better" ones...it's about getting rid of ALL bosses. If we as workers make the world tick, then we should decide at what speed and in what direction it ticks.

Any such society, which would be based upon the interests and wellbeing of all its people, would be fundamentally different to this one. The present society is not meant to work in the interests of us all but only the select few. So for a society like that to be possible, it will have to have completely different priorities and ways of working to this

one. One where cooperation and the common good replaces competition and need replaces profit.

We're not talking about pie in the sky idealism. You only have to look around to see the roots of how such a society could operate or even how it could come about. Just look at the Anti-Poll Tax movement where millions of people, who didn't even know each other, stood together in their common interest and refused to pay (and many of us still are). It just goes to show that if we stand together we can act against the powers-that-be and in our own interest. It doesn't take an Einstein to imagine what could be if the same amount of effort were put into opposing electric disconnections or bailiffs.

The same is true over any issue. All we need is an awareness of the potential strength of our class when we all act together with a common aim, the will to make it happen and imagination. We have to look at what could be possible and how we could make it possible. And do it!

# BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY!

Here we go again. The Miners, the cream of the working class versus the Tory ruling class - ageing parasites not fit to lick the boots of any Miner.

Eight years ago the Miners strike brought class war onto the streets of Britain. Against a paramilitary Police force and Nazi laws they fought daily to save their communities.

## TORY SCUM

Despite every weapon thrown at them by the State: Lies on the T.V., bullshit in the press, police beatings, the D.S.S. stopping payments, scabs waving their pay packets. Despite having a war waged on them by Thatcher and her fellow Tory scum the Miners bravely held out.

Ultimately though, they had to go back to work. Not because the rank and file had no stomach for carrying on the fight, a life of camaraderie and sticking with your community and your class is better than a life grovelling on your knees for some in-bred, toffee nosed parasite.

## BASTARD

The reason they went back was the sabotage and 100% lack of support from the T.U.C., the Labour Party and the Left. That lazy, do-nothing bastard Norman Willis spent most of his time cuddling up to top Tories and Police chiefs at meetings and conferences and guzzling down yet more

ten course diners at some flash hotel - paid for by us through union funds.

Meanwhile the Miners and their families were trying to live on a tanner a week because their benefits were stopped and the electricity had been cut off....

While Kinnock lived on £50 grand a year and never missed an opportunity to condemn the Miners for using violence against the Police. The Miners had just their fists. The Police had truncheons, riot battens, riot shields, body armour, helmets, horses, vans, helicopters and the full weight of the law and courts on their side. And waiting on the side lines was C.S. gas, water cannon and rubber bullets, in case things got out of control.

## REAL POWER

But did Kinnock criticise the Police? Did he fuck! The Labour Party's first and only loyalty is to the State. Don't get us wrong, there are many decent individuals within the Labour Party, but when it comes down to real working class power on the streets, like the Miners strike or the poll tax battles, the Labour party will be more than happy to order in the Police and Army.

And what about the various leftie groups? Their main concern during the strike was to criticise those Miners and their families at the sharp end "for not doing things right".

In other words for not doing what the likes of the S.W.P., R.C.P. and Militant wanted them to do.

## BOSSSES & TOSSERS

The incredible arrogance of these self-appointed saviours, these groups of highly educated 'alternative' leaders who tell us to kick out one lot of bosses (the Tories), so that they can replace them is sickening.

Already history is set to repeat itself with the S.W.P. demanding the T.U.C. call a general strike! What planet are they on? There's more chance of seeing Maggie Thatcher doing a walk about down the Falls Road!

The only people who helped the Miners then, and who will help them now are the millions of ordinary working class people up and down the country who hate the guts of the the Tory bastards, and who see through the so-called opposition Labour Party.

It was working class people who supported the picket lines, gave money and food and helped out. This time round things could be harder, but only if we play by the book. Only if we obey their laws and play by the rules. The defeat in 1985 meant the defeat of legal union activity. If the Miners can't beat the ruling class nobody can - on their own. A miners strike on its own will be crushed.

## FOOLED..?

What many people don't realise is how close the Miners came to winning in 84/85. Coal board boss Ian Macgregor admits this in his autobiography. So don't be fooled when the pessimists, cynics and nohopers say that nothing can be done and that you should keep quiet, obey the law and vote Labour in four year time. As Macgregor

**LET 'IM HAVE IT! HAIR BRAINED ENERGY MINISTER EGGAR, FLEES 300 EGG-HURLING PROTESTERS AROUND THE COAL BOARD HQ... NEXT TIME MAKE 'EM BRICKS!**



said himself: if NACODS, or the dockers, or any other major union had come out at the same time the Miners would have won.

Three times Thatcher was about to throw in the towel and admit defeat, that's how close things were. That's why the Tories paid them off until after the Miners were beaten.

But the day of the unions calling the tune, and governments toppling is over. Beer and sandwiches at No 10 is a thing very much of the past.

## OUR WAY

Now the future belongs to those who are willing to stand up and fight back. Whether it's smashing the poll tax and bringing down Thatcher, or fighting back against the Police and those in authority in our communities and estates, this is the way forward.

In 1984/85 Class Wars said "open up the second front!". It may sound like a film script but if Brixton, Tottenham, Hartcliffe, Tyneside, Salford etc had gone up during the Miners strike the cops wouldn't have known what hit them. They couldn't have fought as they did in South Yorkshire if whilst their backs were turned the inner cities and estates went up.

The government would have lost control and the Army would have had to be mobilised on the streets of

YOUR town. Not being as reliable as the Police, many a soldier would have joined the class war on our side. Does this sound like an episode of Quatermass to you? Don't you believe it, it's already happened in the Six Counties.

And after the uprisings this summer one very senior top cop admitted that in June and July this year there were over fifty instances nationwide when they were just a step away from full scale rioting and mass disorder.

The Tories are past masters at picking off different sections of the working class at different times, yesterday the inner cities, today the unemployed, tomorrow the miners, but things have got so bad for their crippled capitalist parasite economy that they simply don't have the money to buy us off anymore.

## POTENTIAL

There is a very real revolutionary potential at the moment, not one of one bunch of bosses swapping places with another, but of us rising up and realizing the strength we have.

This society doesn't need working class approval for it to run, all it needs is us to do nothing about it. The day we say "fuck you" and stop playing the game and rise up is the day a revolution is born. Far fetched? Then you must have forgotten what

happened to Ceacescu, and how quick.

Now is the time to choose your side. The Police have chosen theirs. Which side are you on?

**Don't join parties, smash parties, don't lobby the T.U.C., smash the T.U.C.**

Working class power will be found out on the streets. Get organised, get talking and building links. Boots, bottles, bricks and bullets: these are the true workers friends.

**Out on the streets now!!**

Q. How many Heseltines does it take to tile a bathroom?  
A. It depends how finely you slice them!

**+STOP PRESS+**  
AS WE GO TO PRESS, THE TIGHT TORY BASTARDS ARE RUNNING SCARED, BACKTRACKING TO SAY THAT 21 OF THE 31 PITS WON'T SHUT UNTIL AFTER A 'REVIEW' NEXT YEAR. THIS CHANGES NOTHING EXCEPT TO MAKE US MORE CONFIDENT OF GIVING THE TORIES A GOOD HIDING IN THE BATTLE TO COME!



## THIS IS CLASS WAR!

**The Class War Federation** is a collection of individuals and groups who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

**What we believe:** Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems that they experience, using direct action - including mass class violence - against the institutions that cause them. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary left".

**Our aim:** We do not intend to lead, but to increase the militancy of the working class.

**What we do:** We produce and distribute propaganda; a paper, a theoretical magazine, books, leaflets and more. We're involved in working class struggles and encourage involvement in the federation to do the above.

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