

# CLASS WAR



**JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!**

# WestMinsters

Oh brilliant!, we can't wait! It's hard to describe how overcome with excitement we all were when we heard that those useless, overpaid bastards down at Westminster had all decided they were going to be film stars. What possessed them to think that even a small majority of people would relish the thought of sitting down in front of the telly for the night to watch Thatcher, Kinnoch and assorted other cretins spouting shit for hours on end is totally beyond us... come back University Challenge all is forgiven!

On the bright side, it will be quite a laugh to see the likes of Edwina Currie, Tony Benn and Ken Livingstone showing themselves up for the pratts they really are, and in the comfort of our living rooms!

Walford square followed by parliament square... God help us!

## DOLE CUTS

From April, Unemployed under 25-year olds will have their dole cut by £7 a week!

There will also be wholesale "restructuring" (cuts!) of Housing Benefit and a freeze on child benefit.

The government have also announced that they intend to "clamp down" on nearly half a million people who they claim shouldn't be claiming benefit.

And there's worse to come!

The Tories look set to introduce American-style "workfare" schemes where the unemployed have to enrol on a "training" scheme to qualify for dole payments. This is already being done, in part, through the "Restart" scheme and the removal of benefit for all 16-18 year olds who refuse to enrol in job training schemes.

The reasons behind these new cuts and increased harrasment are not just to reduce the huge bill the government faces for unemployment benefit and social security. They are also trying to force people off the dole and into low paid jobs in order to undermine the wages and conditions of employed people. After all if someone gets, say £30 a week on a scheme, and sees a job for £50, then they'll take it even if normally you'd expect to get payed more for it.

Thatcher has seen that unemployment has not been that successful in keeping wages down and is resorting to more drastic action.

Surely it can't be long before people decide "enough's enough!"

Back in the 30's the unemployed were more organised. One jolly game they used to play was to go down to a posh restaurant like the Ritz or the Savoy and order the cheapest thing on the menu. After a while the manger would see his toff customers being driven away by the "rabble" and call in the Old Bill to remove them. A ruck would generally ensue, during which there was, inevitably, some 'accidental' damage to the premises and any toffs who hadn't already fled.

With the increasing number of expensive yuppie wine-bars springing up in working class areas, perhaps the same thing will start happening again!

## GIVE 'IM AN OSCAR

PRINCE EDWARD is not the only actor in the Royal Family. His big brither Charlie ought to get an Oscar for the act he's been putting on lately!

He makes a big show of speaking out about deprivation and poor housing. He pretends to be so worried about the conditions of his future subjects, but all he's really worried about his saving his own skin.

He can see how bad things are

getting for the working class and is ever-so-slightly scared that things might get "out of hand". Then he, and all the other rich toe-rags will be made to pay.

However, all his pleading to rich businessmen to put money into the inner cities won't alter a thing. They don't care about his future crown, all they're interested in is the profits they can make at our expense.

So here's a message to you, Charlie: Thanks for your confidence in the ability of the working class to destroy you and your kind, but trying to save your own skin won't work.

The sooner you're pushing up the daisies the better!



## RIDE A COP HORSE TO BANBURY CROSS!

Two cops were injured, one seriously, when rioting broke out in the Oxfordshire town of Banbury in early February. In an hour of disturbances 200 people fought a pitched battle with police from 3 counties, there were 16 arrests. Also in early February there was the latest in a long line of disturbances in Oxford. A police car was damaged and one cop injured in fighting in the town centre.

### GANG ATTACK POLICEMEN

Three policemen injured and patrol car damaged when gang ran riot through town centre at Gravesend, Kent. Gang, said by police to be building workers, smashed shop windows. When police arrived they were punched and kicked. Three men helping police.

A PETROL bomber who blitzed a police station was being hunted by detectives last night.

Two officers were overcome by fumes as they fought the blaze at South Norwood, South London.

### Cops hurt

TWO policemen and a rioter were injured when a 30-strong mob attacked police trying to arrest a drunk in Woodley, Berks.

### Radio stirs up the fury

A PIRATE Arab radio station is running a Top Ten list of RIOTS to guide Palestinians in anti-Israeli protests.

The station has developed a huge following in Gaza and the West Bank since it began operating in December.

The presenters urge Palestinians to attack Israeli soldiers, who are trying to trace the station to put it out of action.

## HOSPITALISED COPPER



**THIS IS POOR OLD PC NIGEL KNACKER, AT A RECENT ARSENAL V MILLWALL CUP TIE SOME OVER ZEALOUS SUPPORTERS MISTOOK FOR THE BALL AND STARTED KICKING HIM ROUND THE TERRACES.... TOUGH SHIT NIGEL!**

Whatever activities we decide to take part in, it's dead important that we get ourselves organised - and quick.

Leaving it all to the Labour Party or the TUC will achieve nothing except for a few union hacks and MPs forwarding their political careers on our backs.

**NOTE:** The government knows that a sudden cut in dole would cause trouble, so when "Income Support" (the new name for Social Security) comes in they're providing a "Temporary Payment" which actually INCREASES the dole for a week or two during April. **DONT BE FOOLED!**

'I discovered in my research that in places like High Wycombe or Portsmouth as well as in Birmingham on Saturday nights it's considered a perfectly good sport to summon the police in a false call for help and then ambush the police car. For kids this is actually considered sport, and this isn't just happening in London.. not just Brixton....'

Director of 'Closing Ranks' T.V. film about the police.

### Aims & Principles.

1. We want to destroy capitalism and its class system and replace them with a free and equal society where people have complete control over their own lives.

2. We believe that the most important division in this society is between the working class and the ruling class and its agents. We accept that it is sometimes difficult to see which side of this division people are, and to complicate things further, people may move from one side of it to the other, depending on changes in their personal situation or in society at large.

3. We are opposed to all forms of the state including so-called 'communist' states.

4. The struggle of the working class to seize control of the world from the ruling class and its agents will involve the use of violence. We support working class violence against the ruling class and its agents. We are opposed to elitist terrorist type actions as they are not an expression of ongoing class struggle.

5. We do not believe the working class needs leadership. We are totally hostile to the politicians, union bosses and 'Revolutionary Parties' who attempt to be working class 'leaders'. We are not trying to lead anybody anywhere. The purpose of CLASS WAR is to increase the revolutionary aspects of working class resistance by participation and communication as equals.

6. Dividing the working class by skin colour, sex or sexual preference, ect. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must fight and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.

7. The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is open to all groups and individuals who agree with these aims and principles. We accept that these groups and individuals may have disagreements on other things.

The CLASS WAR CONFERENCE, which meets twice a year, will decide the policy of the federation. It will exclude any groups or individuals found to be acting against the 'Aims and Principles'.

8. We accept that the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not the only valid way of opposing the system. Other ways of organising will be more appropriate to other people. We will work with other working class groups when our struggles coincide.

# ★ IS YOUR NEIGHBOUR A YUPPIE ?!★

All over Britain working class communities are being invaded by a plague of Yuppies. Now CLASS WAR introduces an exciting new quiz game to help you discover...

## ARE THERE YUPIES IN YOUR STREET?

All you have to do is pick one of the three answers for each of the eight questions (a, b or c). Keep a list of which answers you choose...

### 1. DO YOU LIVE NEAR...

- A disused dock or other expanse of water.
- A nice bit of open parkland or forest.
- A nuclear waste dump.

### 2. DO YOUR NEIGHBOURS OWN...

- A brand new Porsche.
- A Cortina.
- A Citroen 2CV with a "Nuclear Power No Thanks" sticker on the back.

### 3. IF YOU WERE KNOCKED DOWN OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE, WOULD YOUR NEIGHBOURS...

- Ring 999.
- Get the Brakes on their Citroen fixed.
- Negotiate with your kids to buy your house for £1/4 million.

### 4. WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOURS COME ROUND TO BORROW SOMETHING IS IT USUALLY...

- A cup of sugar.
- Nescafe 'Gold Blend' coffee.
- Your butler.

### 5. DOES YOUR NEIGHBOUR'S BACK GARDEN...

- Back on to a railway siding.
- Contain a ready made barbeque unit.
- My neighbours have no garden, they have a yacht mooring instead.

### 6. NEW NEIGHBOURS MOVE IN NEXT DOOR. DO THEY...

- Invite you around for a cup of tea.
- Invite you round for cocktails.
- Invite their friends round and show you to them as an example of local culture.

### 7. WHEN YOUR NEIGHBOURS GO ON HOLIDAY DO THEY ASK YOU TO...

- Look after their dog.
- Watch out for burglars.
- Check that the security guards they've hired are doing their jobs.

### 8. DO YOUR NEIGHBOURS READ...

- Financial Times, Telegraph, Investors Monthly.
- The Guardian, Independent, Socialist Worker.
- Daily Mirror, Class War.

	a	b	c
1	10	5	0
2	10	0	5
3	0	5	10
4	0	5	10
5	0	5	10
6	0	5	10
7	0	5	10
8	10	5	0

The points for each of the answers you've chosen are shown in the table opposite.

Now add up your score and see how well you did...

0-25: Doesn't look like there's any yuppies about at the moment. However, you probably fed up with other things like street crime or bad housing. **REMEDY** set up a CLASS WAR group and do something about it!

25-65: Not a full scale yuppie invasion... yet. But it looks like you've got a few of the 'advance guard'... the trendy lefties! They're probably taking over your local council so be prepared. **REMEDY** get your CLASS WAR group organised quickly. You haven't got much time left!

66-79: Look's like you've had it. The yuppies are well and truly here. Be prepared to get an eviction notice any day. You obviously left it to late to set up your CLASS WAR group! **REMEDY** Burn their filofaxes!

80 POINTS: To score this high you must be a bleedin' yuppie yourself, and if so what're doing reading this paper?! **REMEDY** Please send us your name and address and we'll make sure you get your next instalment of CLASS WAR delivered personally!

## CLASS WAR Groups & Contacts

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**WORKINGTON** Bristol group.

**DARTFORD & GRAVESEND**  
**DERBY** Contact these  
**SURREY** c/o  
**MEDWAY** London group.  
**SHETLAND**  
**LUTON**

There are also contacts in:  
**BIRMINGHAM, OXFORD, STOKE**  
Contact the LONDON group for details.

If YOUR area is not listed and you want to set up a local group, please write soon to the LONDON group.

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But you can make a bit of extra cash. Just send £1 for 10 copies, £2 for 20 etc (plus a little bit extra towards postage) to BRISTOL CW you can sell them for 20p each and pocket the difference or donate it to a good cause.



## NATIONAL ANTI-YUPPIE DAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Fed up with seeing your area taken over by Yuppies?  
Fed up with your local pub being turned into snotty wine bar?  
Fed up with the local grocers closing down and being replaced by a Picture Framers?  
Fed up with house prices rocketing for luxury flats as council estates go unrepaired?

Anti-Yuppie day is about working class communities organising to fight the Yuppie takeover. We aim to turn these areas into NO-Go areas for the Yuppies where the resentment that simmers under the surface all year can be openly expressed and acted on. Actions are planned in as many towns as possible - whether in the form of blockades and keep the Yuppies out or street demonstrations against the yuppie developments. Let us know what's happening in your town or village and we'll publish a full round up as September 10th approaches. If every major town has its own Yuppie free zones on the 10th then the fightback will be well underway. So let us know what's going on in your area.

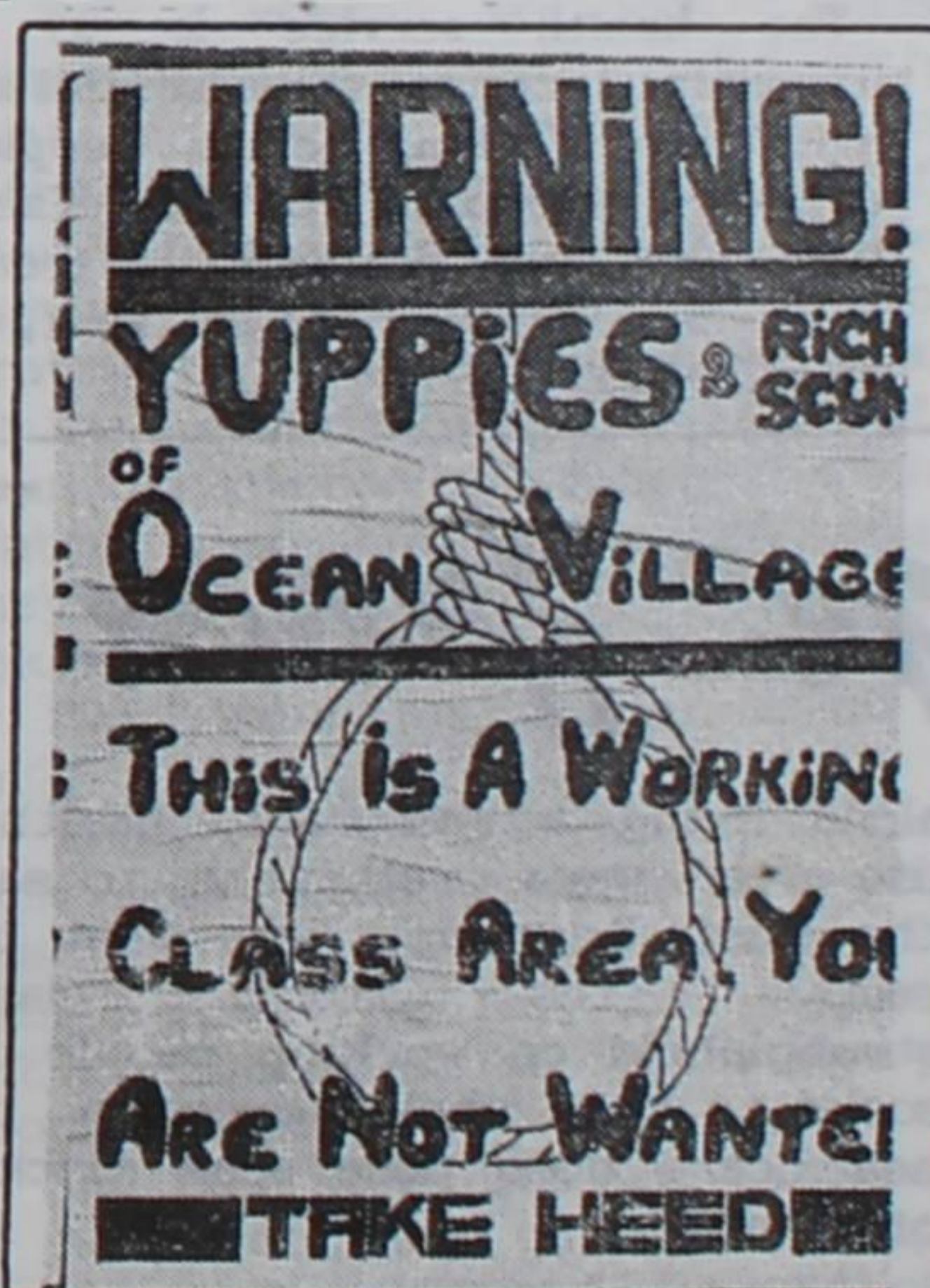
## STRING 'EM UP

YUPIES moving into the Eastern Docks area of Southampton have not been getting the sort of reception they might wish for.

Anti-rich graffiti is rampant and yuppies have had constant abuse hurled at them at night. Some have been jostled and spat at in the street, and now posters showing a sinister noose have appeared.

One new resident of a £1/4 million flat in the area confessed to the local paper that he was looking to sell up and move out.

Only a few years ago the Dock was a solid working class area where thousands lived and worked. Now, with the connivance of the local council, plans are underway to turn the area into a playground for the rich.



Two massive marina projects are being built and plans for posh street cafes and expensive wine bars well underway. Some have already opened to cash in on the increasing yuppie population.

However, the developments will completely surround a council estate whose residents are none to pleased about the prospect. They have already lost some of their local pubs and prices have started to go up in the shops.

Resistance to the developments has been growing and there has been a sustained anti-yuppie campaign in the area.

One good piece of news: The South coast is slowly sinking into the channel, so the yuppies in their sea-front properties will be the first to go down!

## WARM WELCOME FOR YUPIES

Lorry driver Neil Owen decided to give his new yuppie neighbours a really warm welcome after smoke from their bonfire ruined his best suit hanging on the line. Assisted by his cousin, he hurled a blazing tyre at the Georgian front door of company director Max Butler and actress Phillipa Howell at their new luxury home in Greenwich, South London. 'These people are driving us out' said Owen prior to the attack.

'They'll pay for what they've done!' Greenwich has suffered from the same kind of yuppie invasion as the East End, with working class people being forced out by rising house prices or having to put up with substandard council slums. Feelings against the incoming rich parasites are running high and it is unlikely that this will be the last incident in the area.



"Harley Street's straight ahead"

# If health was a thing that the rich would live and

## NURSES BATTLE WITH POLICE IN WHITEHALL

# WEALTH = HEALTH

You don't need to have your ear on the pavement to know that the Health Service is on its last leg, and a wobbly one at that. With waiting lists for operations so long that people are going grey before being seen, whole wards being closed because the hospitals have no cash, and then the people who are lucky enough to get in are turfed out a few days after treatment with a box of Aspro's and a Get Well Quick card because their bed's overbooked. And struggling to keep the sinking ship called the N.H.S. afloat are nurses and other hospital workers who graft away to provide the public with an essential service, only to be thanked at the end of the week with a pat on the back and a pay packet that would float in mid air if you dropped it. Obviously, **this will not do.**

### PRIVATE HOSPITALS

But if you think we're all in the same boat as regards the N.H.S.-think again!! The rich people who make decisions about our health service avoid public hospitals like the plague. What? Them queue up to share a room with a load of working class rabble and get seen by some unknown doctor whom they haven't played tennis with at least twice? **NOT ON YOUR NELLIE!** Because whilst urgent cases wait patiently in the mile-long N.H.S. queues, these toffee nosed toe rags potter down to Harley Street for a hundred quid fifteen minute chummy chat about their in-growing toe nail, to their own personal physician, before being rushed to a posh **PRIVATE** hospital for emergency treatment. They think they're too good to stand

in line like everyone else. They demand the pomp and privilege of a Private Hospital, special Ritz style treatment, and by Jove they'll get it - **REALLY GET IT!!**

Well **WE** won't **HAVE IT!** Thatcher has played her usual card by saying that people with money should have better, quicker treatment, ie. the Private Hospitals, and better food in the Public ones, to solve the crisis. Whilst Labour and the Left still think that dropping the extra fiver in the nurses' kitty will save the N.H.S., without realising that the hospitals need to be run by the people who directly work there, and for the benefit of the local community.

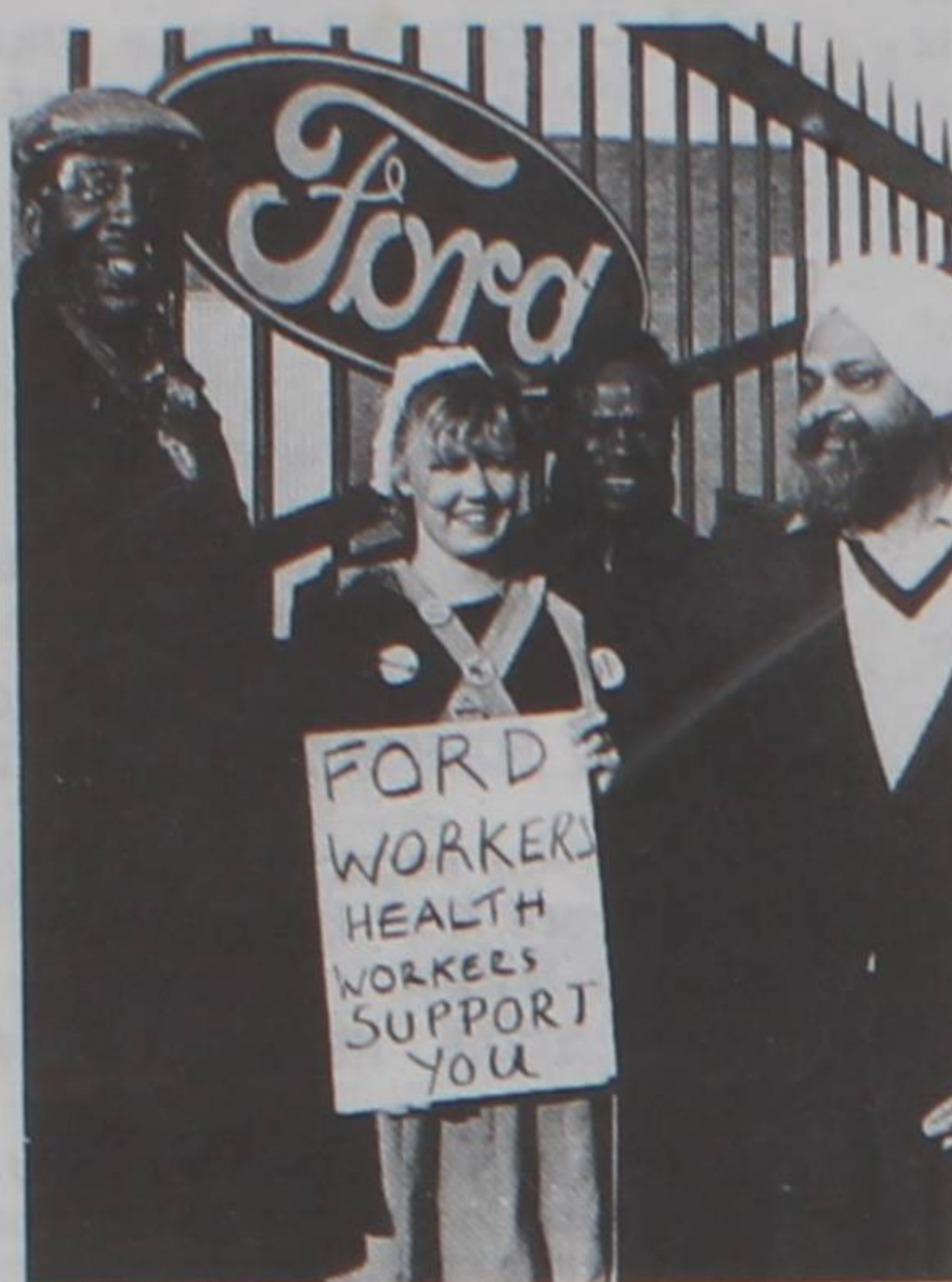
### RUTHLESS

Our response to these attacks on us have got to be ruthless and effective. Private hospitals can be at least picketed or occupied, or alternatively have 'crematorium' printed neatly on the outside, just to make them think a little!

Any sick toffs and Tories needing emergency treatment in Public hospitals have got to be put at the end of the queue, or better still have a tag tied on the big toe and left to wait in an appropriate place....such as the morgue!

### PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

The health service is a vitally important sector of the essential service industry. Working class people are entirely dependant on it. Therefore the policy for preferential treatment must be: working class first, Toffs last....**DEAD LAST!!**



## STRIKES

One of the best things about the current wave of unrest amongst nurses and other health workers has been the amount of support shown by other working class people.

From the first day of action on the 3rd February, millions of people have been signing petitions, honking car horns and joining demonstrations and pickets.

However, by far the most welcome support has been in the form of sympathy strikes up and down the country. While union bosses and the Labour Party have been 'negotiating' with Thatcher and making grand speeches on TV and in parliament, there has been:

- A 24-hour strike by miners at Frickley Colliery.
- A 6 hour stoppage by Vauxhall workers at Ellesmere Port.
- Walkouts by engineers and factory workers in the midlands, ICI workers in the North West and fire fighters in Mersyside.
- Strikes by council workers in London.
- And many more, no doubt, by the time you read this.

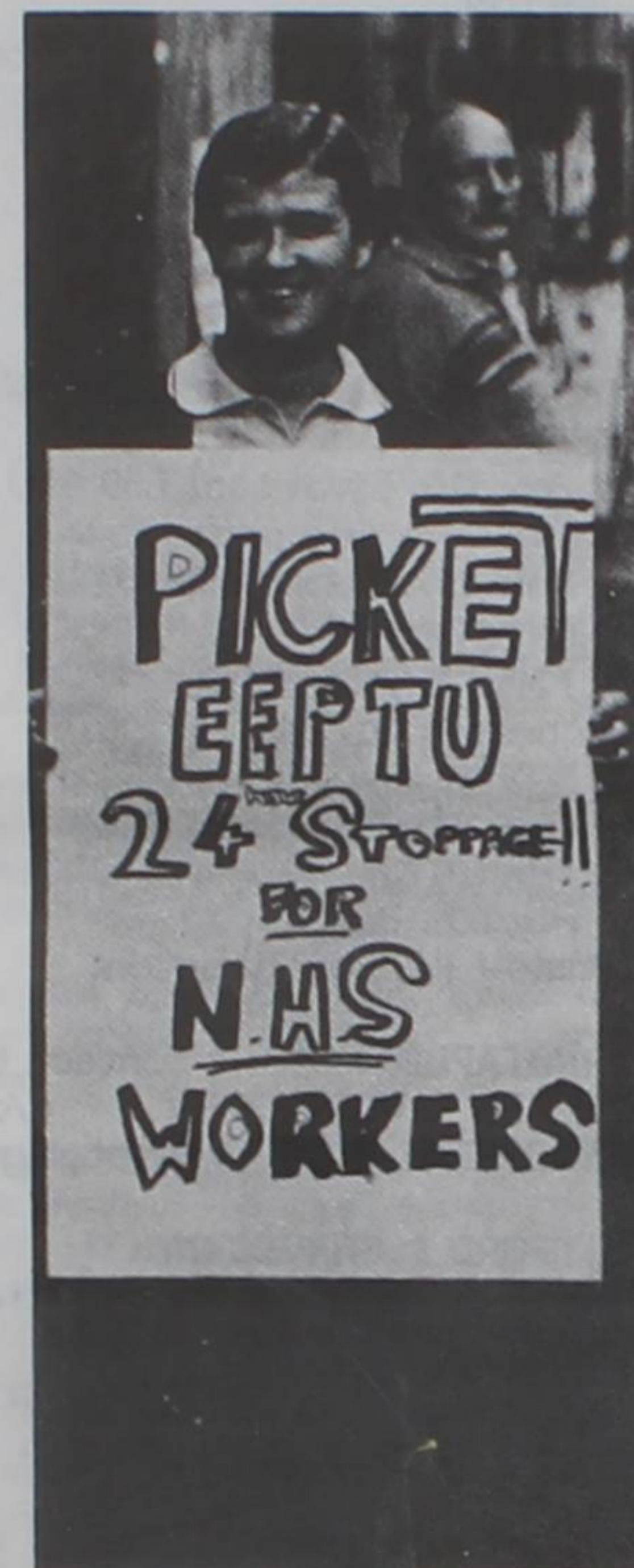
It just goes to show that we don't need middle-class lefty intellectuals to tell us how to fight.

Thatcher and Kenneth Moore have tried to play down the protests and strikes by claiming that only a minority of nurses are taking part. This undoubtedly true... Thankfully! Nobody wants to put patients at risk, especially the people who spend long hours for pitiful wages looking after them seven days a week. We all have a stake in the state of our health service and it's up to all of us to do our bit.

Thousands of workers in hundreds of industries are ready and willing to take action - all they need is to be asked.

We don't need to wait for our union leaders or the TUC to make it 'official'.

If health workers went to people in their factories and offices they



# A message from the Witch Doctor!

Sitting in a hospital a couple of weeks ago, I couldn't help noticing the accents of the two young doctors who were sorting me out. Two more snotty-nosed middle class voices you'd be hard pressed to hear outside a Swiss finishing school for young ladies. Needless to say, this set me thinking... Medicine in many civilisations has always been the preserve of the middle classes, so where does that leave ordinary people who want a decent measure of control over their own lives, but still expect the standard of healthcare that they're used to.

Now don't get me wrong, the standard of healthcare in this country may not be brilliant, both in terms of human resources and an abundance of mysterious technological magic. But let's face it, I'd rather have my leg chopped off or catch a tricky, nasty disease today than 10, 50 or 100 years ago, when your chances of survival, let

alone living a reasonably healthy life after, were pretty thin to say the least. As people who want to remove the middle class stranglehold on working people in society, the whole question of healthcare does pose some tricky problems.

Medicine has always been the cult of the individual, from the faith healer or the witch doctor to the modern experts with their big gadgets and little pills, with more emphasis on power than healing. It has always been cloaked in a deliberate secrecy to ensure economic advantage, power or just social standing in the community. As usual, those involved in the real caring side of the business play second fiddle to the experts. They have little power and are, in fact, at a real economic disadvantage suffering from long hours, crap conditions and low pay with little chance of change because they are reluctant to use any

methods to improve their lot which might affect the welfare of the patients.

So how can we improve this set-up to work to our advantage without the same groups of people being exploited?

The first thing we must do is to look at what we mean by healthcare and why we need it. It is interesting to consider just how much healthcare is presently needed and how much of this will be necessary in the society that most of us would like to live in. Before we go any further, I'm not suggesting for one minute that after we storm the Institute of Directors' building in the Mall, that everything will be a bed of roses but it is important to have some kind of objective to aim for as an ultimate goal or at least a vision to constantly strive for.

A large slice of illness suffered by

working class people is a direct result of the shitty lives we have to live. Having to work in a profit motivated society is directly responsible for a whole string of illnesses from losing a finger on a production line to headaches and damaged eyesight from staring at a VDU screen all day to the stress and depression caused by the sheer pointlessness of being on the WORK-EAT-SLEEP treadmill for the best part of our lives. And it is not only work that causes a large amount of illness in our society. Trying to live in nice little economically sound family units where the men are in charge and the women must behave as though this was completely natural brings a whole crock of extra problems particularly for women and children. Getting rid of this shit system for a kick off would be the biggest blow for preventative medicine ever struck but there would still be illness caused by disease, road

# money could buy then the poor would die....

could bring them out in their thousands.

On February 3rd, Three thousand health workers and their supporters besieged parliament. On February 19th, five thousand people marched in Merseyside. On March 14th there ought to be a million in Whitehall - let's see if the old Bill can stop us then!

## DID YOU KNOW?

During the filming of BBC T.V.s 'Hospital Watch' programme nurses were moved from ward to ward depending on where the cameras were to give an appearance of normality....some nurses time off was also cancelled. Because of the shifts one Merseyside Hospital, featured in the programme, only had one heart operation on one day instead of the usual three.



accidents, depression and violence, although to a lesser extent.

On the physical side of illness - broken bones, disease, burns etc. we cannot afford to dismiss new technology and scientific developments. No amount of 'Homeopathic medicine in a stress free society' is going to repair a punctured lung or sew up a torn ligament or nerve. There have been a number of incredible advances lately in modern medicine, that have undoubtedly benefitted society. They have also, firstly, benefitted the experts, drug companies and engineering firms that have developed and marketed them. We must look on these advances positively and reclaim them for ourselves. This may be unpopular with the woodcraft folk and the back to nature brigade, but I'd like to see the day when every house has one of those ultrasound jobbies that Dr McCoy off Star Trek has, which will heal a broken bone just by waving the thing over it like a magic wand. But it won't be magic because everyone will have one and most people will have a reasonable



## Jumping the queue

EVERY YEAR hundreds of working class women die of cervical cancer because the National Health Service can't afford to provide smear tests as often as they are needed.

The NHS are now only allowing women one test every five years, time enough to contract cancer and die ten times over!

Even when a woman does manage to get tested it often takes three or four months for the results to come back - long enough for a condition that could have been treated to turn into an incurable and fatal disease.

Thatcher's answer to this is for those who can afford it to pay the £50-£100 for a private test, thus shortening the NHS queue for those that can't.

The rich women who can afford this sort of money imagine that they're paying for a superior service.

However, most private tests are analysed by the same NHS-employed

idea of how and why it works.

Back to the question of how to rid healthcare of the exploitation of those who do the real caring - We must first break down the barriers between the sick and the well; those undergoing treatment and those who aren't. Healthcare should be the responsibility of us all. Not only in looking after our own health but the health of those around us too. We must get away from the habit of shovelling people into hospitals and institutions and transferring the responsibility and the power out of our communities and onto the state. Of course there will be a need for hospitals and specialist care, but this should only be when the health needs of an individual cannot be fulfilled within the community.

In the current climate where the health service has a high political priority, we must change the terms of reference away from the tired old socialist calls for a fully funded State health service, and towards a whole new examination of exactly what working class people need as a real health tonic.



people who analyses ours.

The only difference in the "service" is the length of time it takes for the results to come back. This means that private patients are forcing poorer women further back down the queue. As the number of people paying for private health care rises, working class women will have to wait longer and longer for tests and treatment.

Private health care doesn't mean that any more people get treated. It just means that the rich get treatment and the poor don't. The number of working class women dying from undetected cervical and breast cancer is proof that private health care is destroying the NHS.

BUPA's slogan is "Britain feels better for it". Maybe the rich feel better for it, but at our expense.

## ROYAL DEATH SHOCK!

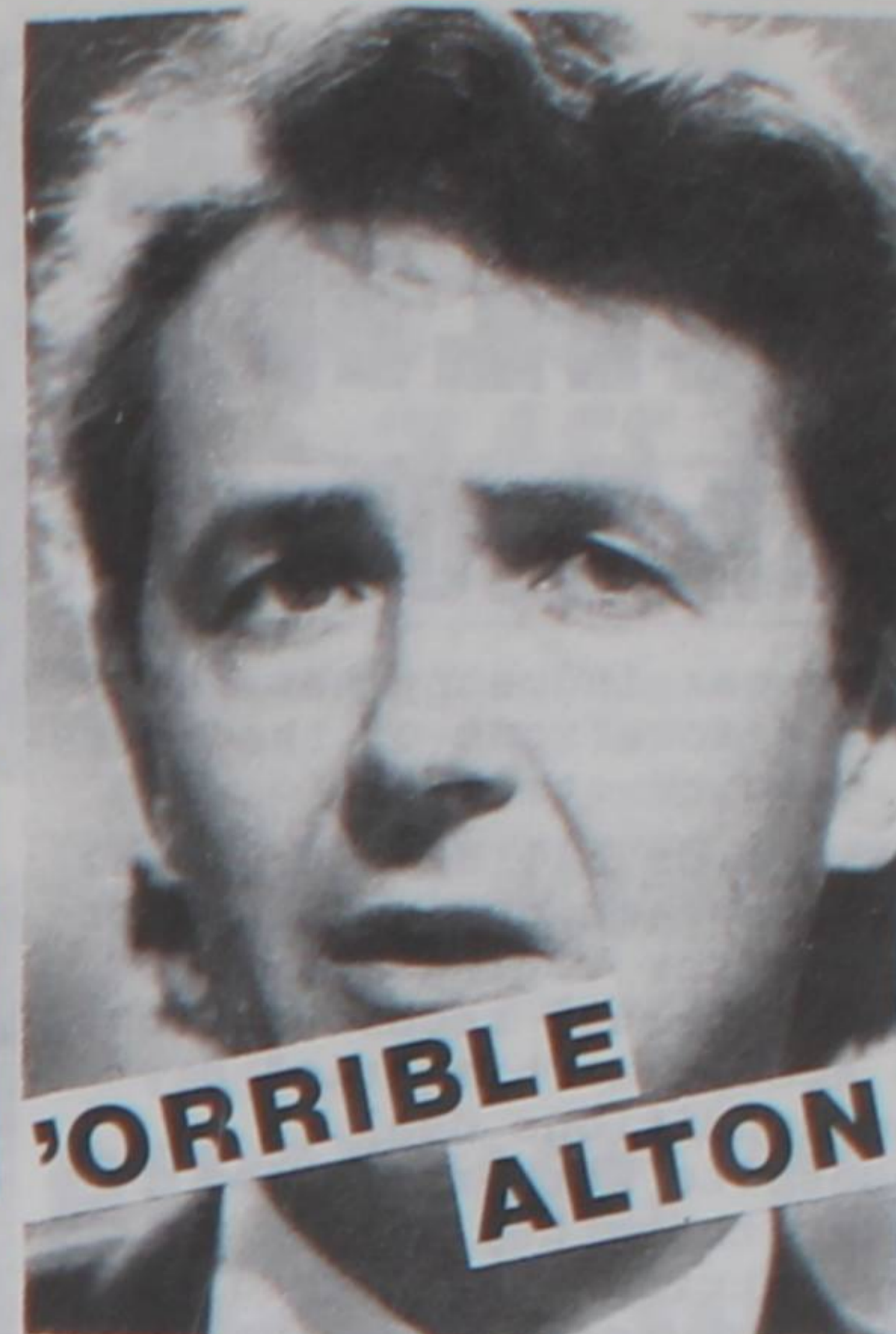
They say that you can tell how civilised a society is by the way it treats its old folks. Well, going by that our's must be one of the least civilised societies on Earth!

For most working class pensioners life is pretty awful. With only a pathetic state pension to live on they're often forced out of their homes and areas where they've lived all their lives into grotty flats on run-down estates. It's hard enough getting by without your old friends and family, but in winter when the cold spell hits they have impossible choices to make:

"Do I have the fire on?, or do I eat?"

Thousands of our old folk die each year from hypothermia, yet business in Britain is "booming". Well, maybe it is for the yuppies but it's doing sod all for ordinary people like us!

And now we've got the Duchess of Kent raving on about 'Help the Aged' when her and the rest of her kind are causing the inequalities that kill our elderly relatives. They and their institutions avoid going to help our old folk get through the winter. Only we can do that, by visiting old folk in our areas to check that they're OK. Popping in for a chat and a cuppa, or inviting them round for a bit of tea, telly and company is a great way of looking after our own. It also helps to break down the barriers separating us from each other, and is a step on the road to self-governing working class communities, and that can't be a bad thing.



## East End Murder?

Poor old Lofty. That nasty Michelle has gone and murdered his baby. She's taken away his God given right to father a son to carry on his name. What a selfish bitch she is...

What a load of rubbish!

Anyone would think that it was Lofty who had to go through the all the sickness and pain, fatigue and depression - and no doubt the nappy washing to come.

Maybe one little sperm of his went into making that baby, but that doesn't mean that he owns it.

A woman's body is her own and nobody else's. If she wants to have an abortion she should have one.

The way some people go on about it you would think that having an abortion is a pleasurable experience! Nobody likes abortion, least of all the woman who has one. But sometimes the price of continuing with a pregnancy is too high. Only the woman has the right to set that price!

## 'Orrible Alton

However some people, like Liberal MP David Alton, think they know better. He is trying to get a law passed which would make it illegal for an abortion to be performed after 18 weeks of the pregnancy, instead of the current 28.

Of course, what he'd really like to do is ban abortions altogether, but he knows that such a ban wouldn't get through parliament... yet.

The Alton Bill is really an attack exclusively on working class women. The rich will always be able to get abortions whatever the law says... where there's money there's a way.

## Dirty Den

Working class women already have to queue up for abortions, delaying them even further, because of the pitiful state of the NHS. Poor old Michelle managed to get to a private clinic, but not every woman has a "Dirty Den" waiting around the corner with a fistful of fivers.

Working class people must get together and fight this attack. Not by passive argument and discussion but by militant action: harrassment of anti-abortionists; pickets; demonstrations and so on. And we must not allow the middle class to separate the issue of abortion from other working class issues.

Abortion availability is as essential to working class women as decent housing, a decent standard of living... and a decent health service.

# HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO, HERE WE GO!

## CAR INDUSTRY

The car industry has been at the forefront of the current wave of strikes.

At Fords all 32,500 manual workers came out on 8th February after voting against their unions' recommendation to accept a "historic" pay and conditions deal.

Despite workers making it clear that they didn't want any 'strings' attached to their pay settlement, union leaders Jim Arlie (AEU) and Mick Murphy (TGWU) returned from the negotiating table with a deal hardly any better than that which had prompted the strike—a pay rise spread over two years plus new working practices. Despite the fact that the company was on its knees, with their European operations closing down a strike by Ford-Mexico, the prospect of action by white collar workers and the picket lines remaining strong, the union leaders again recommended acceptance and a return to work.

This time they won the argument and the strike ended on 22nd February. Even though Fords workers could probably have got more had they stayed out, the result is still being seen as a victory. It is one of the best pay deals in the country for years as is proving to be an inspiration to workers in other companies.

The day the Ford workers went back to work, 6,000 Land Rover workers came out after rejecting a two year pay deal. A thousand strong picket blocked the companies Solihull headquarters on the first day of the strike.

At Renault Trucks in Dunstable 1,300 workers struck against a 6% pay rise.

Vauxhall workers at Ellesmere Port walked out in support of the nurses on 10th February and then on 18th February voted for all-out strike over pensions. Both Ellesmere Port and Luton Vauxhall plants had previously voted only narrowly against striking over pay and changes in working practices.

## COUNCILS

Council workers in Britain and especially in London, are battling against vicious cuts imposed in most cases by Labour run authorities.

In Lambeth 70 engineers have been on strike since the end of January against cuts by the Labour Council. They have been told to go back by the local Labour party, and other unions have told their members to cross picket lines.

In Hackney 500 housing workers have been striking against the Labour council's cuts which have caused the housing office to be closed to the public for several months. On February 3rd the local NALGO branch came out in support



## CLASS WAR SAYS...

For too long the Tories have been telling us to all tighten our belts because there's no money for wage rises or investment. Now, after years of cuts, speed up's, 'rationalizations' and redundancies, the Treasury and the coffers of the big corporations are overflowing with cash - but still they won't let us have any of it without a fight.

So, following rumblings in November and December, 1988 awoke to a wave of industrial class anger.

First the health workers who can see millions being given away in tax cuts for the rich, but none for their patients.

Then the seamen and the car workers refusing to stand by while they're expected to accept even worse conditions and pay.

And the council workers, fed up with watching the Tories pour money into private housing and services while their jobs and conditions are attacked by snivelling Labour

councillors.

And throughout this new wave of working class anger it has been the ordinary workers, the rank and file, who have taken the lead. Time and time again they are turning their backs on the fat-arsed Union leaders who are trying to control and destroy the confidence that is growing daily: selling out striking workers, negotiating crap deals, refusing to sanction action and banning solidarity action.

The grass roots rebellion has shown where the real power of the working class lies. Not with the Labour Party or the bureaucrats in the TUC, but with us, the ordinary women and men who work on the Factory floor, or in the hospital wards, or in the offices. Only when we take control of our struggles and start deciding for ourselves what action to take can we ever hope to win.

UP THE WORKERS - STUFF THE UNIONS!!



of the nurses and look set to do so again soon. 2,000 white collar workers struck in Lewisham on February 2nd over compulsory redundancies.

Camden council white collar workers voted only narrowly against an all out indefinite strike. Some who voted against argued instead for occupying day centres and other establishments that are being cut.

Unrest amongst council workers throughout the country is almost certain to increase as the town hall toadies tighten the purse strings even further after April.

Finally, sorry we can't mention every authority where there's been action, but if your council has been left out, or anything happens in the future, why not let us know?

## MINES

Things are definitely simmering in Britain's pits.

• At the beginning of January, flying pickets from the Bentley colliery brought the South Yorkshire coalfield to a standstill. They were protesting at warnings issued to three men for "not working hard enough"

• On 21st January the 200-man day shift came out again after British Coal issued 'warnings' to twelve miners who had been photographed on pickets.

• At Selby, anger continues to grow over the suspension of NUM activist, Ted Scott.

• The safety supervisors - all members of NACODS - have had 24-hour strikes and an overtime ban following a 90% vote in favour

## FERRIES

A national ferry strike began on February 1st in support of 161 workers sacked by the Isle of Man Steam Packet company and against proposed cuts.

The strike officially lasted only three days but as we go to press P&O workers at Dover are still out three weeks later!

The national union of Seamen backed down after being taken to court by the Ferry companies for illegal secondary action.

Rank and file members were angry and disgusted at their "leaders" lack of bottle and the strike remained solid. However after a couple of days intense sabotage by NUS leaders, demoralisation set in and many workers voted to go back to work on 6th February. However thousands stayed out in opposition both to the ferry companies and their union. Liverpool, Hollyhead, Heysham and Fleetwood did not return until 15th February after gaining a small victory (little change in working practices and 50% less redundancies).

In Dover the P&O workers are soldiering on relentlessly. Pickets are growing, wives support groups have been set up, and continental dockers are boycotting scab ferries. The thousand local Sealink workers are providing massive financial support.

of action. All NACODS men got warnings of disciplinary action after their strike closed all but two pits on February 1st.

• British Coal has also had to put up with frequent sabotage in Wales, especially at the Lady Windsor pit, and the continued coal train hijackings in Mid-Glamorgan.

Most of the industrial action is a reaction to the continued offensive by British Coal trying to slim down the industry, bringing in new 'efficiency' measures as a prelude to privatisation.

They are demanding flexible working, a new disciplinary code and more redundancies.

The official NUM reaction has left a lot to be desired. During the action at Bentley they encouraged men to return to work and their efforts elsewhere have shown they are willing to negotiate away members' hard earned conditions.

Meanwhile the scab Union of Democratic Mineworkers has been waiting on the sidelines ready to pounce; not to poach members from the NUM but to steal their jobs! They have already announced their willingness to train their own men as safety supervisors to break the NACODS closed shop.

However, despite good reason to be wary of striking, miners are still taking action and seem to be doing it independently of the union in a lot of cases.

Perhaps the reason for the reduced turnout in the recent NUM presidential election was that miners are realising that it doesn't matter who's at the top, because they control the events at their pits themselves.

# BOSSSES IN SEX FOR CASH SCANDAL

Newspaper bosses are making a lot of money out of lesbians and gays these days.

Certain papers seem to be bulging with "shock horror gay sex scandal" stories about the poofers and perverts who are undermining our decent moral values. We are provided with daily updates on the "kiss-and-tell" rent boy revelations about the sex-secrets of their famous lovers.



# SCANDAL

None of these stories exactly portrays gays in a particularly positive way!

The lies and sensationalism feed on fear and prejudice, reinforcing anti-gay feelings while making millions for the media parasites.

## DID YOU CHANGE A GAY?

★ HAVE you ever turned a gay straight? Were you able to seduce someone who was convinced that they could never be normal? Perhaps it took just one good liver to persuade them that best-friend could be even better with someone from the OPPOSITE sex. ★ Maybe it has turned into a fabulous loving relationship or even marriage. Whatever happened, we want to hear from anyone who set their sights on someone gay and persuaded them to see straight. You can call us between 10am and 5pm today on 01-481 3079. ★ Do not worry about the cost, we will call you straight back. Your calls can only be received on the telephone number printed above—so please do not ring our main switchboard.

MORE SOAR AWAY SHIT!

The middle class 'moral majority' have handed down, through their education system, media and culture, a stereotype of 'normal' life: marriage, kids, fidelity....and no dodgy business with members of the same sex!

Any of us who don't conform to this—for instance being gay or lesbian—are seen as a threat to those who control our society, and they start tightening the screws.

Of course, the lefties have not exactly done us any favours either. Their hare-brained and often trendily ignorant ideas and policies have driven working class gays and lesbians further into the ghetto, and put even more distance between us and the rest of our class.

## CLAUSE 28

So now the government is trying to cash in on the anti-gay feeling whipped up by the press and the trendy left, and has introduced 'CLAUSE 28' to its new Local Government Bill. This prevents local authorities from what Thatcher calls "promoting homosexuality"... in other words accepting that it exists and is not a 'sin'.

If the clause gets accepted and passed, then it could mean the end of the gay culture in this country for good. If this happens, the bigots wont have to make gay sex illegal again because we'll be driven back into the closet by enforced silence and isolation. This is what Thatcher means when she says we have no "inalienable right to be gay".

The quickly organised fightback against Clause 28 has already shown that we are ready to fight for what we want. In December the House of Commons was disrupted and more recently the House of Lords. On January 9th 32 people were arrested during clashes between demonstrators and police in Whitehall. This was followed up by the biggest demonstration in Manchester, the largest one seen there for years. There was no trouble as the cops were surprised at the numbers turning out, and weren't prepared to start anything.

Working class gays and gay groups must realise that the only way to be accepted by people is for us to show that we share the same concerns as the rest of our class - unemployment, crime, housing, and so on.

We can't rely on lefty politicians and councillors to do our fighting for us. We have to learn what much of the working class already knows - that we aren't going to be given our rights, we have to take them!

# MILLWALL DIAMONDS

# SPORT CLASS WAR

"THE NUTTERS OF THE LEAGUE"; "SCUM"; "EVIL". Just a few of the "compliments" paid to Millwall fans by the press following the violence at the F A Cup clash with Arsenal.

All we got in the papers were moans about how the chance of a return to Europe for English clubs had been wrecked by Millwall's "thugs".

However, compared to the 70's and the days when the "F-Troop" and "Treatment" hooligan gangs were attacking everything that moved (and most things that didn't) the trouble on January 9th was more of a minor tiff than the civil war portrayed in the press.

For years the Old Bill have been getting up Millwall fans' noses, and at Highbury it was decided to "blow a few of 'em out!"

Throughout the game, coins were thrown at the police, there was vicious fighting and assaults on police in the south-west corner of the Clock End terraces. At one point, when a policeman was left standing on his own a huge fan thundered down the terracing to attack him.

For Lions fans, away games this season have been a nightmare of mile-long queues, mounted police trying to mow people down and endless body searches, only to be packed out sardine-style once you get in like at Upton Park and Highbury.

Unfortunately, home games aren't much better. If it ain't enough to pay £3.50 to get into Coldblow Lane's answer to Colditz, then you've got the cops videoing every ones' mug for their secret "DIRTY DEN" operation. Then when a goal is scored and you jump for joy you get collared by the cops and dragged up to the "ejectory room" to be videoed, your particulars taken, and before being turfed out told that if you get hauled up again you'll be charged and banned for life.

How long before farting on the terraces constitutes a "Breach of the Peace"??

However, this treatment is not reserved for Millwall fans. the same is taking place all around the country.

It is all part of an organized plot by the powers-that-be to snuff the life out of football fans and make them into a characterless mob of zombies who's only response to on-field activity can be "Oh-good!" or "Gosh!"

Football is for many working class people the only thing that unites them anymore, the only thing that still brings people together. It is this that scares the government; when working class people are united they are capable of anything, and this is why the authorities are acting as they are.

However, football supporters are not taking it lying down.

Scarves are going on faces to beat the video invasion. The press were on the receiving end of a bit of class justice the week after the Highbury incident for the lies they wrote. And the cops are increasingly coming under attack on the terraces with a firm "This is our territory - you aren't wanted here!"

Its up to us to make sure that football remains an enjoyable working class pastime, and doesn't get ruined by nutters, the cops

or the leaches who pass for board members.

We are the real diamonds. The cops and directors are just a load of worthless cobble-stones who'll get walked over if they stick their noses in our affairs any further.

LET THE REAL SUPPORTERS RUN THE CLUBS!!

# PUTTING THE BOOT IN!

From some of the articles that have adorned these pages in the past, it may seem to some readers that Class War is in favour of football hooliganism. This is just a short note to set the record straight.

In our book there are two sorts of violence at football matches: violence between or amongst fans and violence against the police.

● A policeman was kicked unconscious as he tried to stop 15 soccer thugs overturning a car after the FA Cup tie between Middlesbrough and Everton. PC Alistair Campbell, 30, was recovering in hospital yesterday.

Some people may say that if two groups of young lads want to kick lumps out of each other over which team they support then that's okay. However, we all know that such fighting is not always restricted to willing participants and innocent fans are sometimes attacked, often brutally and sometimes fatally.

Class War is as disgusted at such incidents as anyone else. Those of us who are into football do not relish the thought of getting our heads kicked in whenever we go see our favourite teams play. Such violence puts people off turning out to support their local team and we are totally against it.

However with the Old Bill, it's a different matter. On the whole police officers treat football fans like dirt. Even John Stalker, ex-deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, admits that many coppers 'use Saturday as the day when they are let off the leash'. We don't blame people for wanting to get their own back on them now and again.

PC hurt in attack  
A policeman underwent emergency surgery after his skull was broken with a bottle in what may have been a revenge attack following a crackdown on organised football hooliganism. PC John Duffy, aged 37, was one of three transport police officers escorting Manchester United

We also hate the police because of what they are: the protectors of the rich and the enemies of the working class. A cliched statement, we agree, but one which is true nevertheless. We will not condemn anyone who sticks the boot in against the police, whether it's in or around a football ground, or on the streets of Handsworth or Toxteth.

Having coppers stretched across the pitch may not exactly contribute to the flow of play, but we'd rather see such things happening at football grounds than not at all.

## WALSH'S ROLLER WRECKED

D.J. Steve Walsh got a free custom job on his gleaming £30,000 Silver Shadow Rolls Royce.

The generous benefactors-no doubt fans of his hit record "I Found Lovin'": SMASHED all the windows STOLE the stereo STOLE the flying lady emblem and SPRAYED the body work with paint remover.

Steve slammed the 'vandals' as "envious and horrible people who get the hump when someone does well".

"I believe that when you work hard, you deserve what you can afford" he moaned.

Oh yes, playing records all day and making trashy singles....REALLY BACK BREAKING!

## BUS BOSS BASHED!

London Bus Chief Telford Beasley thought he'd give his college-boy son a helping hand in his career. He stitched up a cushy job for him organising bus routes - a job usually done by exdrivers and conductors.

However workers at the Peckham bus garage in South London had other ideas and gave the obnoxious little toff a good kicking!

He was quickly transferred and was last seen at a private bus garage in nearby Bexley. We've just heard he was on the receiving end of another good hiding there as well.

Poor chap!!

## CLASS WAR



## PHONE FUND

We're getting a phone so that you can phone in all your news, or contact us if you need information - but we need some cash before we can afford it, so please send us some money to the London address so we can make a move towards increasing communication in Class War.

# CLASS WAR SPORT



# UNHAPPY ARI'S DEATH RACE DISASTER



## CITY STITCH UP

Eleven CARDIFF CITY supporters have become the first football fans to be charged with Riot following an undercover operation by South Wales police.

City fans have been rampaging around the country fighting police forces (and other fans!) as far afield as Darlington and Torquay for several years.

After last season's game at Shrewsbury police vans were overturned in the city centre. There were riots against the police at this season's two League Cup ties against Newport County.

The Welsh F A have now banned Cardiff supporters from away games.

However, the Riot charges stem from a no more than usually boisterous derby against Swansea City. The trouble an that occasion would normally only have resulted in fans being chucked out of the ground.

However, after a year of surveillance the police are anxious to show some results. They have trumped up the Riot charges in the hope that the resulting heavy sentences will put an end to their troubles.

If these Riot charges stick then supporters all over the country will be at risk.

## GET NOADES!

CRYSTAL PALACE Chairman, Ron Noades, had to make a last-minute change to his seating arrangement for the club's 3rd Round F A Cup tie at Newcastle. The fans had threatened him with a beating!

In a bland attempt to curry favour with Palace's disgruntled supporters, Noades had declared that he would be boycotting the Newcastle directors' box after the United board refused to allocate any covered seating to away fans. He said he would be joining the Palace fans in the uncovered seats.

However, at the South London club's previous home game a leaflet had been distributed urging fans to use the opportunity to "Get Noades!"

"We don't want outsiders amongst us!" it read.

Noades is about as popular amongst Palace fans as Ronald MacDonald at a vegetarians' convention. He engineered the ground sharing with Charlton Athletic and adorned the Selhurst Park stadium with their colours.

Last season Noades received numerous death threats and was the target of an angry demonstra-

tion by fans who wanted to lynch him after plans to merge with Wimbledon were revealed.

## KILL THE BOARD!

NEWCASTLE UNITED fans' hatred of their club's Board of Directors continues to grow.

"Sack the Board!" graffiti around the ground and all over the town has recently been changed to "KILL the Board!"

Board Chairman, Stan Seymour has been the target of angry demonstrations inside and outside the St. James' Park ground and "Sack the Board!" is a regular chant at the Gallowgate End.

Seymour has turned Newcastle's ground into a building site with no thought for the fans' comfort. He has continued to sell off United's best players - like Chris Waddle and Peter Beardsley - even though the club doesn't need the money: their wealth is legendary.

If rumours that star player Paul Gascoigne is next on Seymour's hit-list come true then St. James' Park will erupt.

## CHELSEA CHOKER

CHELSEA'S future at Stamford Bridge is once again at risk following the Department of the Environment's rejection of Ken Bates' plans for the ground.

This is a direct result of political pressure from local Tories and yuppies who want to see the site turned into luxury flats for their toffee-nosed pals. They don't want to see "their" posh streets "defiled" by working class football fans.

Similar plans for Fulham were successfully resisted by supporters last year, and Chelsea fans will have to take the same action.

# GLASGOW BIGOTS BACKLASH

## BACK TO THE VALLEY

A group of CHARLTON ATHLETIC supporters have called on fans to boycott their team's game against Oxford on 26th March.

They want to protest against their club's contrived ground sharing with Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park and have asked all loyal fans to join a demonstration outside the Valley - Charltons' traditional home until 1985.

Charlton - already in financial difficulty - have suffered a dramatic drop in attendances since their move. The supporters - who produce their own magazine 'Voice of the Valley' (30p+SAE from 16 Olyffe Ave, Welling, Kent) - are worried that relegation next season will bring a further drop in attendances and with that the possibility of the 1947 F.A. Cup winners folding up for good.

Locals in the Mali capital of Bamako, north Central Africa, had a great laugh at the expense of the leader of the recent Paris-Dakar rally... They nicked his car!

TV rights, entrance fees and sponsorship.

There are now calls for the rally to be banned for good. "Pa'Dak", an organisation dedicated to stopping



Finnish driver Ari Vatanen returned to the car park where he'd left his Peugeot 405 supercar to find that it had vanished. Witnesses reported seeing the car hurtling out of the city across River Niger.

The car was later found dumped on a rubbish tip. However, Vatanen ended up being disqualified due to the delay.

The rally, now in its 10th year, has become notorious for the number of fatal accidents, both to its competitors and the innocent bystanders.

This year's death toll reached nine, including two young children and one of their mothers.

After leaving Europe, the rally route goes through some of the poorest countries in the world. Yet none of the people who live there see any of the estimated £50 million that is made through the sale of

the event said: "Africa should no longer be used as an 'amusement park' for rich Europeans in search of adventure". They say that while nothing is done to help Africa develop, the rich can find ways to "send hundreds of vehicles careening across the continent for the benefit of car manufacturers, and to the great delight of those who enjoy watching jet-setters sweating it out."

However, given the amount of money being made it is unlikely that the organisers will take much notice. Their latest scheme is to run a powerboat race along the rivers of French Guiana, through rain forest still inhabited by indigenous people.

Let's hope they go a bit further than stealing the competitors' boats. Perhaps they can find a new way of keeping the crocodiles occupied! (YUM YUM !)

As the Scottish League Premier Division's first black player, Mark Walters didn't exactly get the same warm reception as some other English footballers who've migrated north of the border.

The 23 year old winger, who recently joined Rangers from Aston

players. However, this is by no means a foolproof remedy. Jack Charlton's signing of Tony Cunningham at Newcastle didn't silence the racists there, and neither has John Barnes' move to Liverpool.

## LIVERPOOL

Racist slogans have been daubed on the main stand at Anfield and bananas were thrown at Barnes by his own 'supporters' at the first of the season at Arsenal.

Any real solution to the problem of racism at football will not come from the signing of black players or pious condemnations from the authorities and club directors. It must come from the supporters.

## LEEDS UTD

At Leeds United, fans who have had enough of the booing and banana throwing by sections of the Elland Road crowd have distributed anti-racist leaflets at home games.

At Celtic it was encouraging to hear of many fans who tried to stop others throwing bananas at Mark Walters.

And at Arsenal, anyone stupid enough to do ape impressions in the North Bank is unlikely to survive until the final whistle. The North London club has seen a welcome increase in the number of black supporters over recent years, keen to support local black heroes like David Rocastle and Paul Davis.

Until we, the ordinary supporters - black and white - are prepared to do something about the racists ourselves, dealing with them on the spot, football will never be the sport of all the working class that it should and must be to survive.

