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LOCAL NEWS

THE METRO. GOING WHERE?

It sounds nice, doesn't it? A flash new metro throughout Bristol. Richard Cotterell M.E.P., Lord Cocks and the rest tell us it's a gift to the city of Bristol. It won't cost us a penny.

But will the metro pay for itself? Will it make a profit? Metro systems across the world have cost millions and they've never made a profit. They've had to be subsidised. How will Bristol be different?

The fact is it won't. But the Avon metro isn't a gift to the working class of Bristol. It's a gift for the property developers and the Yuppies.

The directors of A.T.A. say the metro will be financed by land sales. The developers will be allowed to buy property on the routes they've chosen. The owners will have no right to refuse. Land next to the metro will be developed to build flats for the rich. These prize sites are the next step in pushing the working class to the outskirts of Bristol, out of any area where property prices can be forced up.

The metro will put even more houses out of our reach. It'll take away even more rented flats. Combined with the changes in fair rents and the planned Urban development corporation it is a massive attack.

Anyone who saw the 40 minutes T.V. programme (BBC2) on the London docklands will know how all the promises turn sour. No new jobs, and working class



Richard Cottrell: "The metro is a lightweight solution to a heavyweight problem."

communities broken up. And there the Yuppies are already talking about bulldozing the council estates because they lower property prices.

If we don't attack the Yuppies now and force them out, then WE'LL be forced out. Unable to rent, let alone buy a flat or house, we'll be locked out of their Yuppy paradise. To the rich yuppies and the property developers Bristol it is just an investment for profit. The metro is yet another attack on our communities.

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WEALTHY WEST! IT'S A MYTH

So much for the West being rich. We may have more than our fair share of the rich but it hasn't meant any more money in our pockets. The average wage in the West is £79 less than the average in England.

So where's all the wealth in the West. In the pockets of the rich as always. We are just a cheap labour force. So much for the Yuppies improving our lot. We'd be better off without them.

OUR HEALTH CUT

Bristol's local authorities are falling into line with the governments health cuts.

Nurses say they cannot provide a health service because of the cuts in staffing levels. During the last two months two wards have been shut in the Bristol Royal Infirmary. 500 people in Southmead face further delays after a £1 million cut back. The services most likely to be hit are Maternity services and care for the Elderly.

In October attempts by Frenchay Health Authority to close 5 wards were stopped by workers, patients and community action.

Health workers are becoming more militant. There have been strikes in Manchester and Edinburgh and talks of strikes all over the country. Real action that doesn't hurt patients is the only way to protect our health and the jobs and conditions of health workers.

Confrontation is the only language bosses and government understand. Compromise will only end in more cuts and worse health care for us all. We have seen this time and time again.

In this class society the health service will never be perfect for workers or patients, but at the moment it's all we've got.

We must support nurses and other health workers in their fight for better health care. It's our health that is being attacked.



THE NATIONAL FRONT

Recent issues of the Bristol Journal have been filled with 'Exclusives' and letters from the racist National Front. Following our investigations we can reveal that all the publicity was planned by National Front organisers.

Many of their claims were nonsense. They claimed to have hundreds of members in Bristol, which we all know is rubbish.

The aim of their campaign, centred around a man called COLIN GEORGE. He was featured on the front page of the Bristol Journal. The Front branch organiser M.F.CRAHART later claimed Colin George did not represent the N.F. We now know that Mr Georges' 'superior' organised the interview with Karen Ellison of the Journal, in which Colin made his Fascist beliefs clear.

"Hitler was a good man" he was quoted as saying. The N.F. for all their recent claims to being democratic have made no attempt to deny this.

So apart from the publicity what did the Front hope to achieve. George, who has been involved in attacks on his black neighbours, has been threatened with eviction. It is clear the N.F. organisers hoped this article would cause the council to evict George and his elderly mother. They hoped they could claim their boy was being persecuted as a white patriot.

They thought this clumsy action would allow them to build support for their tiny organisation and would increase racist attacks in Bristol.

Colin George is working class. His superiors cared nothing about his eviction, only about the political gains for them. If any working class person still believes racism doesn't hurt all the working class, here is the evidence. The N.F. don't even care about their own.

We cannot allow racists to live in our communities. If we wish to unite our class, we have to sort them out ourselves. But we must not work with the police and the council. They are our enemies, their clumsy half hearted actions will divide our class.

We have tried to get as much information as we can about active National Front members. We hope it'll come in useful!

COLIN GEORGE lives at 55 Hassell Drive, Old Market, BS2. He works at the Evening Post. His home telephone number is Bristol 559483.



• Nazi salute from skinhead Colin George.

National Front organisers in Bristol include;

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N F. Candidate 1987 Election
MICHAEL KINGSTON, Little Dean, Yate

Sponsor of the N.F. candidate 1987
ANDREW ANDREWS,
26 Mayfield Park South, FISHPONDS.
Telephone 653777.

Secretary of the Bristol Branch
C.WILLIAMS (More information please)

Other National Front Members
A MANNING (More information please)

Now is the time to smash their influence on working class communities. If we don't act now we are leaving our class weak to the influence of middle class racists.

ANYONE WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE RACISTS OR OTHER NF MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT US. YOU NEED NOT SUPPLY YOUR NAME.

IF YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS HELP REMOVING THESE OR ANY OTHER SCUM WE WILL HELP ALL WE CAN.

We would like information on NF propaganda distributed in the Ashton area. Residents reported a "Tarmac gang" in the area who they suspected of pushing racist filth. Residents in Kingswood would welcome information on NF activists in that area.

Currently in the Bristol Journal there is about one letter a week from NF members. We suspect there is an NF sympathiser high up in the Bristol Journal.

RACISM

Although racism is created by the ruling class it is our problem. It is working class people who suffer as a result, and it is the working class that is kept weak and divided as a result.

Anti-racism is not something we want to indulge in as a luxury out of feelings of guilt or patronising ideas such as "we must help the blacks". It is absolutely essential that the white working class, especially, starts to fight racism not just to help the blacks, Irish or Asians but to help themselves. Anybody that wants the working class set free has got to be working against racism as well - no if's, no but's!

