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CLASS



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THOUGHT: BOLLOCKS TO THE RICH



**SHUT DOWN
PARLIAMENT!**

BASTARDS

WHAT THE RULING CLASS HAS IN STORE FOR US

Behind the pomp and ceremony of the official opening of Parliament, behind the image of "our" marvellous Queen (God bless her), there is a political agenda that should make every working class person sit up and ask themselves just what the hell is going on?

POMPOUS

We all know the Queen is the pompous mouthpiece for the government and the state who reads the script from a sick farce, and we are all supposed to be dazzled by the occasion and impressed with all the goings on, the posh clothes, the glittering jewels and be oh so proud of such a fine, noble tradition. Bollocks to that!

We are not fooled by their ostentatious gimmickry. The royal reactionary is telling us in her refined upper class accent what the Tories have in mind for us, the working class. And just what do they have in mind?

For a start they are coming at us with more laws, introduced by the latest 'hanger and flogger' Home Secretary Michael Howard.. What these bastard politicians propose is all part of the concerted, global attack on the working class. They need laws to protect their system of inequality - capitalism. The state and its government must protect the interests of the rich, those that own the productive forces ie. the

factories and machinery, land etc.

WHO PAYS?

It is their job to make sure that the system runs smoothly (sic). Because of the current recession, part of the economic crisis that has been deepening since the end of the 60's, they are telling us yet again that we have to make sacrifices so that the economy can recover.

They think this justifies their vicious cuts but who the hell is paying for these austerity measures? Yes it is us the working class! Has it been worth it though?

After all if we are careful today then tomorrow we can enjoy the fruits of our thriftiness. If you look around then you can see that it has not been worth it. We have borne the brunt of the cuts and we are still in the shit, we still have crap schools, run down or closed hospitals, ludicrous fares on public transport, astronomical house prices, no more cheap council houses, massive homelessness, huge unemployment crisis, wages that fall well below inflation or are just plain inadequate, pathetic benefits.....the list is endless!

So what does the Home Secretary suggest as a solution to this mess? More laws! His obsession with laws does not change what is wrong with society. Is he proposing a law against poverty?

**SMASH THE
QUEENS SPEECH
ON
THURSDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER
MEET IN THE MALL FROM
9.30AM ONWARDS,
BRING WHISTLES,
BANNERS, ANGER AND
YOURSELVES**

Where we're going to be... Well - we're going to be where they're going to be: which is the route from Buck House, down the Mall, into Whitehall and then Parliament. Our beloved Queen (God bless her) and her braindead relatives will be going down there from just gone 10am. So don't get there too late or you'll miss the fun!

So what have the bastards really got in store for us during the next 12 months? More of the same - like the privatisation of British Rail, the privatisation of the coal mines, the privatisation of roads, the privatisation of anything and everything. They'll also be continuing their attacks on the welfare benefits,

squatters and anyone else who doesn't really fit into their value system. Alongside this, they'll be bringing in more laws to keep us in line - like abolishing the right of silence and longer sentences. With one hand they're taking money out of our pockets and with the other they're trying to keep us in line.

PARASITES

These bankrupt parasites cannot offer us anything else because to do so would mean dismantling their rotten capitalist system. They say there is no choice and they must curb public spending. This is utter crap!

Of course there is a fucking choice. But a choice they would kill us over first rather than make. It is a choice that we are being forced to make; Socialism or Barbarism; people co-operating with each other to produce the vitals of life or individuals at each others' throats destroying the world through war and capitalism. What choice do we have then?

Last year the slimy Heseltine initiated further moves to completely destroy the mining industry. Thousands and thousands of angry people joined together to march in two huge demonstrations in October 92. On 16th October 1993 thousands more marched against the BNP and racism.

If we all marched on the 18th November on Parliament we can make the ruling scum aware that we, the working class, know that they are the root cause of these injustices and many more oppressions. The real enemies are the perpetrators of this system and the institutions that are extensions and legitimisers

of it.

The royal family are symbols of this: their wealth and privileged lifestyles, obtained at our expense, are obvious examples of how the ruling class do not suffer at times of recession but pass the buck on to us, the good old working class.

DEMOLISH

The opening speech for Parliament, delivered by this royal leech, whose blue blood is poison to the mass of people who prop her up every day through the sweat of our labour, is nothing more than Tory propaganda.

We at Class War say "Shutdown Parliament". Lets put an end to centuries of exploitation, rediscovering our roots in the fine old tradition of insurrection and revolution.

How much longer will we let these thieves continue? Class War cordially invites you to disrupt, demolish, destroy and express your disgust for the opening of Parliament and the whole contemptible state pantomime.

Let's show the Queen and her lapdogs, the eager, fawning hangers-on who surround the monarchy with their tongues hanging out and their vacant heads bowed in servile deference; let's show all the ruling class what we think of them and the farce that is Parliament.

LIES, LIES AND MORE LIES

The ruling class are certainly specialists in one thing - that's the art of bullshit. For centuries they have fed us lies and myths, all designed to keep us in our place at the bottom and them in their place at the top.

So we're constantly told, whether at school, in the media, wherever.... that things don't change, that life as we know it is how it has always been and always will, that violence is alien to the British way of life, that the Royal Family are deeply loved, that shoplifters, dole scroungers and single mothers are evil and wicked criminals, that democracy is freedom, that some are born to work and others are born to rule. Of course the people who are keep telling us about all this are those who are born to rule and their lackeys. That should make us stop and think for a start!

PROPAGANDA

What's their interest in pumping all this propaganda out at us? What's their angle? Maybe they don't want us discovering any ideas above our lowly station in life. Maybe they don't want us to realise

that they're the biggest bunch of bastards going and we would all be much better off if we put the whole lot of them up against a convenient wall.

The point is that this propaganda is nonsense. Violence isn't alien to the British way of life (as Neil Kinnock once put it). For a start, that's a bit rich coming from the British state, one of the most violent and vicious institutions ever.

Violence has always played a part in our struggles - sometimes it is necessary and throughout the ages that has been recognised. But the ruling class want our struggles to be weak and passive so of course they'll tell us that violence is alien.

ROYALS

And then the Royal Family - last century the Royal Family were frequently used as



GETTING READY TO WELCOME THE QUEEN!

target practice by the working class. The Royals were widely despised and hated for their wealth and their position. In the 17th century they chopped the King's head off! In the last few years, the reputation of the Royal Family has descended into the gutter what with Fergie, Di and Charley boy - this is a step in the right direction!

There's also the question of criminals - like who are the real criminals? According to the ruling class, they are the dole scroungers, the shoplifters, the ram raiders:

people who turn to crime for survival, to obtain some of the good things in life.

CRUMBS

What about all the tax evaders, the businessmen with their corrupt deals, the capitalists who steal our labour? They're the real bastards, they're the ones who make our thieving look minuscule in comparison. But they're the ones on top so it doesn't count - it's not crime, it's free enterprise!

These lies and myths have held back our struggles, kept them within the boundaries

as laid down by the ruling class. And these boundaries have just one aim - to ensure that our struggles never threaten the ruling class, that we will never go beyond asking for just a few crumbs off the table and only asking

politely. This society has changed time and time again over the years

We want it to change in our interests now, in the interests on the majority of the population - the working class. The only way we're going to get it is if we do it ourselves. No-one will do it for us. It's up to us to tear this society down, to dump its rules and regulations that force our lives into these meaningless and frustrating boxes, that waste our time and energy in pointless jobs. If we want something better we can start off by seeing through their lies.

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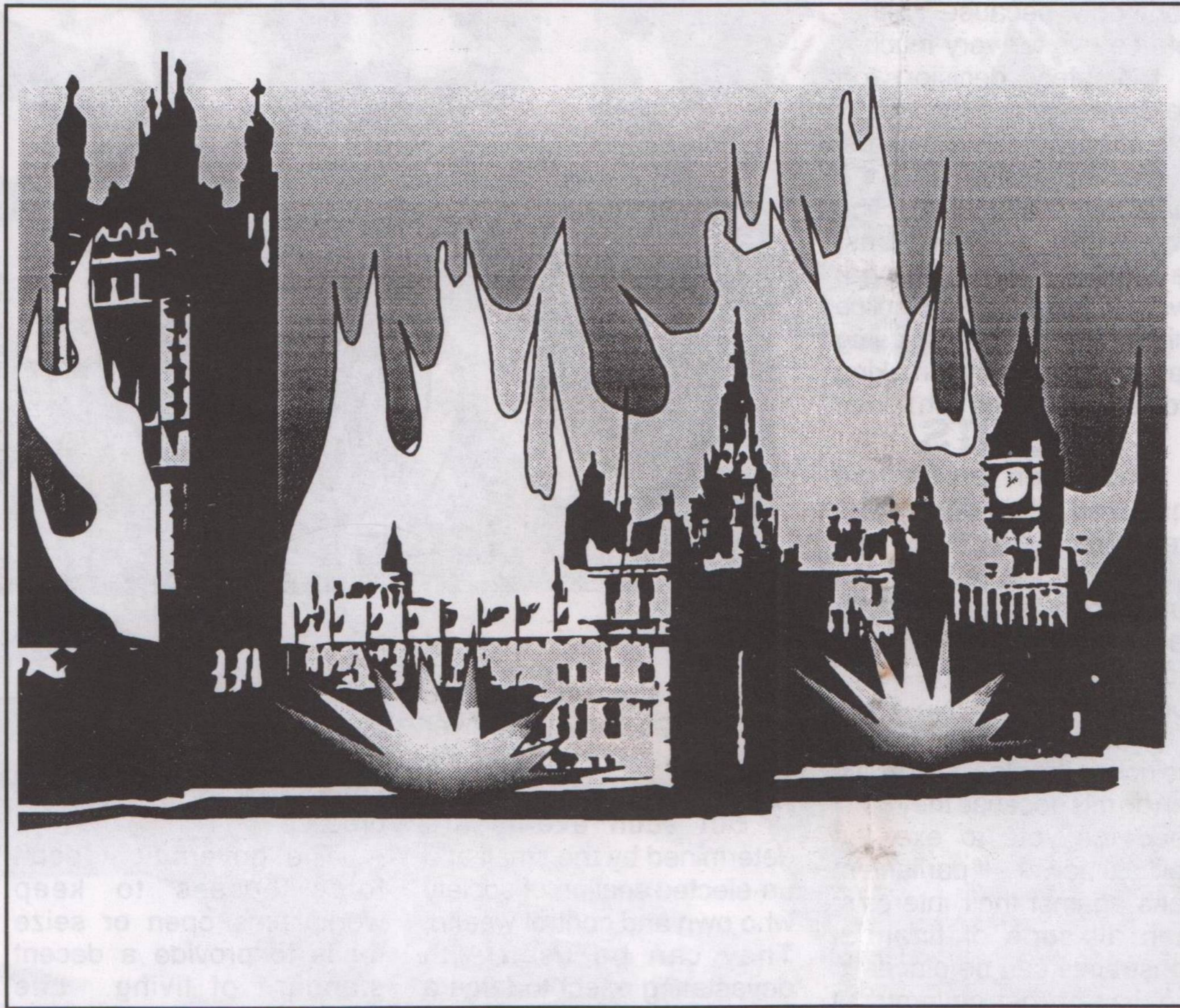
THE SHAM OF DEMOCRACY

The ruling class rules through what it calls Parliamentary Democracy (representative democracy). This legitimises their rule through the claim that the rule of Parliament is that of social consensus and independent of vested interest.

HOODWINK

This is a sham in order to hood wink working class people that they can control their own lives. For the ruling class, democracy means us making decisions as completely isolated individuals. But what decisions can we actually make? A tick on some piece of paper every few years? That's got nothing to do with making decisions and everything to do with having no control over our lives.

Democracy means handing over power to some slime in a suit who then decides what's best for us - and that means what's best for them. The elections held approximately every four years are free and fair according to the theory of the ruling class. But the ideas



BURN BABY BURN !!!

down while they screw over our lives? What choice is this? This isn't any choice. It's the same as Safeways or Sainsburys, sliced or unsliced, shit or shit.

Even if those in parliament wished to make things better, which the present MP's definitely don't, they are either rich scum or their corrupt agents.

It would be impossible anyway - the lackeys of the state: top civil servants, the judiciary, secret service, armed forces would stop them in their tracks.

They say that we should be happy because we live in a democratic society. What's so wonderful about democracy? It's just a question of choosing who screws us over. If that's democracy, then they can stuff it.

JOHNNIES

The ruling class and their servants in the media, claim that the democracy that we have is the only democracy possible and that the power of money must decide what we need. This is lies and reflects the bullshit that they have in their own distorted minds to cover up their sins of murder and robbery.

The alternative is a world where the few don't rule the many, where paper money doesn't dictate whether we eat or starve, where choice is more than just 'Neighbours' or 'Home and Away', Labour or Tory, John Smith or John Major. We say that it's time to flush these Johnnies down the toilet and start talking seriously about what's going on in this world.

SOLUTIONS

Like what do we need? What can we do? How are we going to solve the problems that we face? Real

democracy for the working class is interactive. People acting with equality, deciding what they collectively need to survive and improve themselves.

This means not allowing advertisers, shareholders and profiteers deciding what we need or don't need. It's about creating a world where freedom, solidarity, equality, justice, security are not empty slogans but day to day realities. It means the working class having control over whatever organisation that is necessary. That is a start towards real democracy.

NEW WORLD

Class War does not claim to be the will of the majority of people, but aims to give political expression and consciousness to the struggles working class people are engaged in day after day.

We seek to destroy this rotting corpse of a society that is ruining our lives and crushing our potentials. We want a new world, a world where our daily lives will be filled with interest, pleasure and challenges.

THE FACTS

Parliament is made up of the House of Commons, Lords and the Monarchy or Crown. It is the Commons that has the real power and it is made up of 650 MPs that "we" vote for.

Government consists of the party that has obtained the majority of the seats. The Prime Minister chooses ministers from their own party and it is this bunch of powermad scum who, under the cover of that old myth "representative democracy" will pass laws in order to control us, their faithful subjects.

OPPOSITION?

They believe that controlling us through laws is preferable to us having freedom. The opposition is the "runner-up" in elections and for the last 14 years we have had the magnificent Labour Party.

The opposition is supposed to challenge and criticise the government but in reality although on the surface this is what happens, the truth is vastly different. Whatever the government wants to do, usually they succeed.

This is because they hold the majority in the Commons. When it comes to voting on a Bill it is easy to see that the government will safely secure

a victory for itself especially if it can get support from other parties like the Liberals or Ulster Unionists.

SCUM

So where is the democracy, the chance for every "representative" to be heard? Where is this "people power"? The government controls a lot of what goes on in the Commons because of this majority. The Chief Whips of the government and the opposition decide the weeks business.

The speaker of the Commons who is like an umpire has powers to decide whom he/she calls to speak and sometimes the length of speeches. The government has a number of devices it

take up time on purpose so as to prevent debate on a particularly dodgy issue like the sinking of the Belgrano. This is called filibustering. A lot of utter crap is spoken (to you and me it's pure warner) as you can imagine, especially during Prime Minister's Question Time which is only twice a week for 15 minutes - and plenty of drivel is spoken by Tory MPs so as to use the time up.

SHAM

This prevents the PM from getting into any embarrassing situations. As this is virtually the only time the PM is made accountable for his corrupt actions, this illustrates the sham of democracy. Power is concentrated in a small elite of ministers.

Let us remember when the Queen delivers the speech, written by the PM, that this farcical drama known as Parliament is the instrument by which we are oppressed.

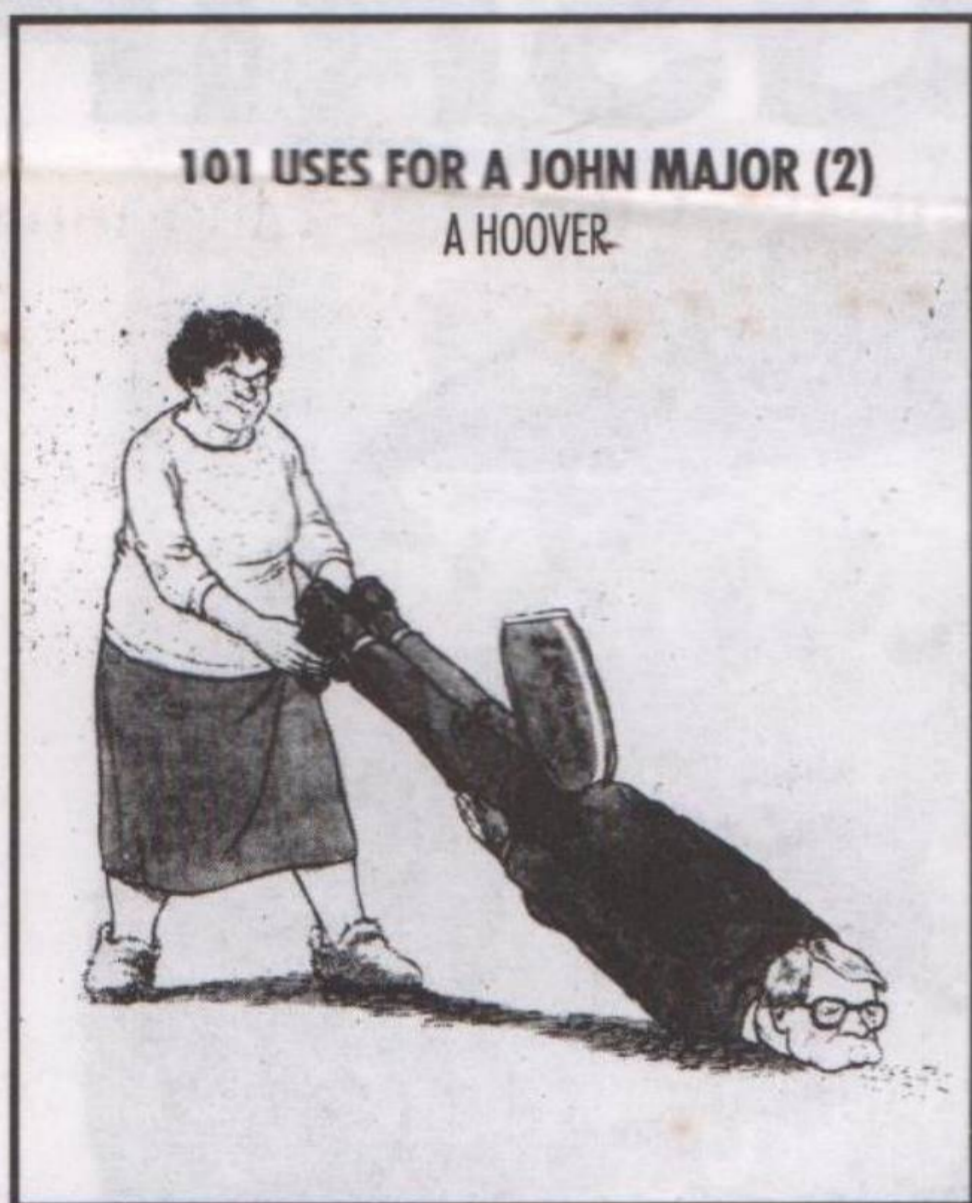
Parliament, government and the whole state are kept going because most of us believe in them. Even though they cause so much misery and poverty and endless war they continue because of this false belief - remove it and they fall down.

STUFFED

As long as people go on believing and putting faith in this system then revolution, real lasting change for the better, will not happen. This faith is stupid and unjustifiable. So we must prepare for revolution by organising around new ideas and then take our freedom as a united, international working class.

Stuff Parliament! We do not need laws to live harmoniously.

Sometimes members



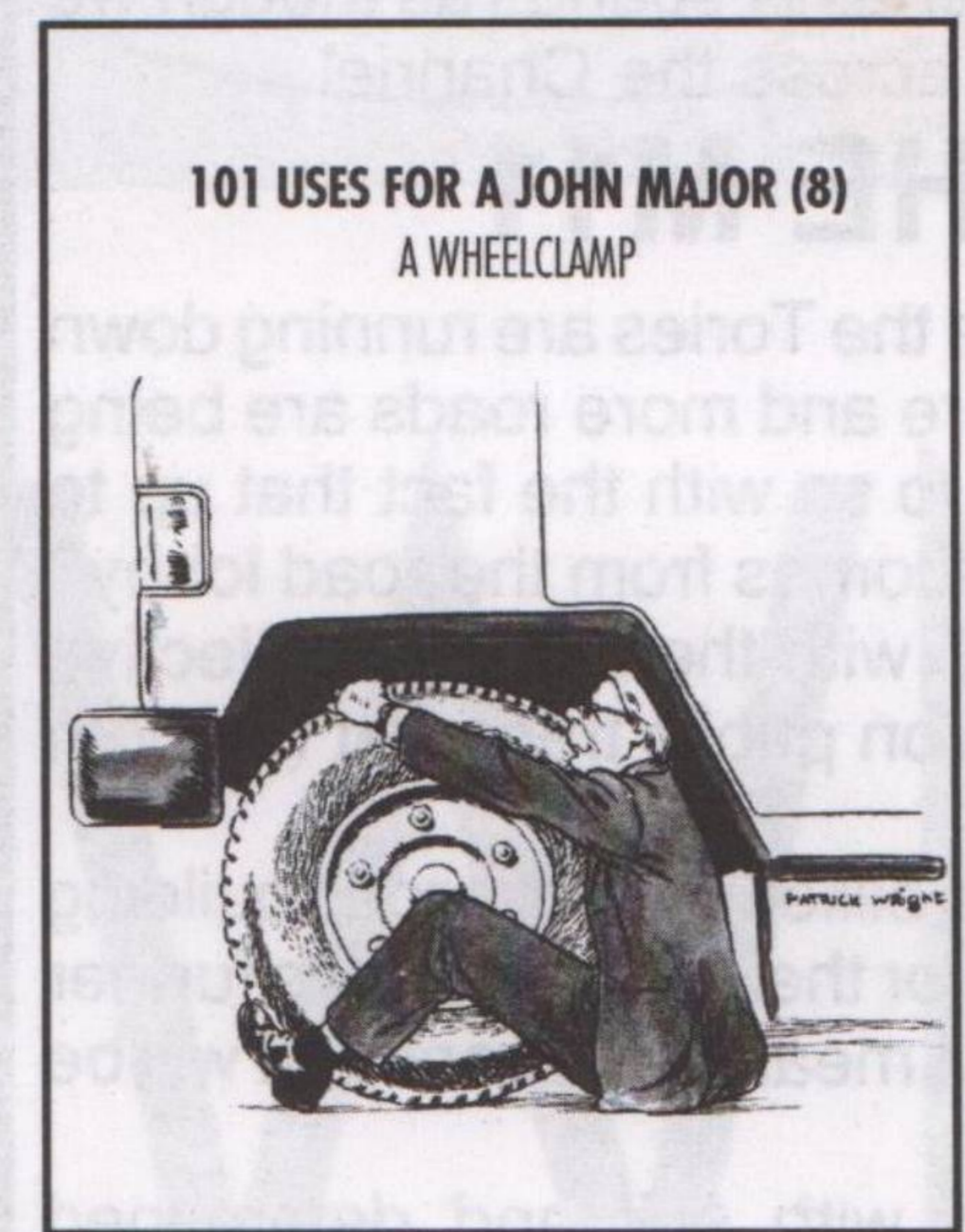
that people have access to and the ideas that are allowed to be developed are those of the privileged and powerful elites. Not only are ideas controlled by those who directly own the media but also those who have access to it (almost always the rich, with vested interest in the status quo, as well as those individuals with dominant positions culturally and socially).

SAFEWAYS

They have access to whatever they need to develop themselves, these people don't give a shit about making things change, they're sitting pretty. Instead of allowing people to take control of what directly affects them, Parliament aims to alienate them.

The ruling class misinforms those distantly affected, who cannot see what's going on for themselves, they then claim they have the majority on their side. Parliament does not enfranchise - it disenfranchises!

So they think that we should all stay in line, keep our mouths shut, our heads



can use to restrict debate so that decisions can be made quickly.

One of these is the guillotine which is used to limit discussion by setting a time for the debate and at the end a vote is taken. The bastard Tories used this method when it abolished the GLC. The guillotine has another, more traditional use: a use that should be made right away on all those arrogant, pompous gits in Parliament.

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BASHING THE FILTH

Upto 50,000 people marched through Welling against the BNP bookshop in October. After the cops blocked the march from going to the bookshop, they faced a barrage of concrete rain and some fierce hand-to-hand fighting. At least 19 cops were injured as anti-state violence returned to the streets of London.

However, it must be said that the cops had the situation pretty well under control. The fighting was very much on their terms and their territory. Despite this, it was good to see so many people refuse to simply march passively from A to B and then go home.

The ferocious combativity of a section of the demonstration made a definite pleasant change. The sooner more people realise that marching round in circles and waving stupid yellow lollipops changes nothing the better.

(Look out for a more detailed report of the riot in the next issue of 'Class War' - plus what we think about the BNP election victory and the anti-fascist movement).

SERBIAN STRIKES

It's nice to hear about some other strikes besides air strikes in former Yugoslavia. On 28th July the Guardian newspaper carried an article saying that a general strike had been called in Serbia for the following week. Apparently "union leaders said they were being pressed by a disaffected rank and file".

At the same time farmers in Vojvodina were blocking roads with their tractors in protest at low grain prices being offered to them by the government. These are encouraging signs - the only way to stop war is through the class war.

DEFENDING WHAT?

The TUC has called a demonstration on Saturday 20th November to defend the NHS (meet Jubilee Gardens 11am). What's the point of just defending the NHS? What is needed is a vastly improved health service, not more of the same crap. But of course the TUC would never dare to ask for that as they are so paralysed by their meek Labourism. Hopefully this march will go beyond traditional union boundaries and be a bit more than a stroll through central London. The meek inherit nothing - if we want anything, we've got to take it.

GO FOR IT

The current mass wave of strikes throughout France has rocked the government. The strikes started in mid-October as a response to plans by the bosses for huge job losses and wage freezes - amongst the workers of course, not the bosses!

Air France workers have had several militant demonstrations and have also blocked the airport runways. Concessions have already been made to the strikers but they have refused to end the strike - indeed, more workers appear to be joining the struggle as the bosses show how weak they are when confronted by mass strike action.

And the strikers are now organising for a huge day of action on the 18th November - a chance for us to show some solidarity with the French working class when the Queen (God bless her) opens Parliament. Certainly sounds as though we could learn a few lessons from across the Channel.

STOP THE M11

It's no coincidence that while the Tories are running down the public transport system, more and more roads are being built. It couldn't have anything to do with the fact that up to 60% of the Tory party's funding comes from the road lobby? Nor could it have anything to do with the fact that collective struggle is much more possible on public transport (by both workers and users)?

The government are pumping billions into the road building programme - it's making money for their mates and it's further isolating us as individuals. And it means that transport will be much more expensive for us.

But their plans have met with stiff and determined resistance - the bastards aren't getting everything their own way! The latest area for struggle is in Wanstead, East London where the M11 link is being built. 400 homes are going to be demolished so that a six lane motorway can be built. However, there have been many forms of action against this madness such as blocking the contractors, sabotaging equipment and squatting property. We urge everyone to get down there - ring 081 530 5709 for more information or just turn up any Monday morning (Wanstead tube).

CLASS WAR REVIEWS

'THE DOWNING STREET YEARS' BY LADY THATCHER

It's certainly a major weight and if thrown from distance would probably do some good damage. But we consider this to be a bit of a waste of natural resources. Its many pages are much more effectively used as wicks for petrol bombs - we suggest a page per petrol bomb. We think that this is the most fitting purpose for Maggie's memoirs.

STUFF IT!

Step into the polling booth, and your vote and the vote of a Rockefeller or Rothschild count for the same thing. True - but only because neither vote counts for very much.

Ultimately, decisions on the issues we're supposed to vote on, are made by others: un-elected and outside the parliamentary process. The employers, press barons, bankers, international investors, generals and police chiefs - the Capitalist ruling class. Their priority is making profits - making the rich richer!

PROFITS

And when profits are squeezed, like during the present recession, the bosses try to lower the real level of our wages, through wage freezes, below inflation rises etc...and by reducing social spending.

Although a small minority, the rich or the class of the rich can do this because they don't need the vote to exercise political power. If parliament goes against their interests, then all sorts of financial constraints can be placed in the way of that government carrying out its policies.

The ruling class, through the banks and institutions of the city can create financial crisis. A "run on the pound", a fall in share values or a drop in investment are presented



as events a bit like the weather, as something over which we have little or no control.

But such events are determined by the small and un-elected section of society who own and control wealth. They can be used with devastating effect to force a government into line!

CLASS WAR

Under this kind of system, we, the ordinary wage earners will never exercise political power - no matter how many votes we

cast - or for what party! Parliament and its elections every couple of years is a side-show to this whole process.

The government don't force bosses to keep workplaces open or seize funds to provide a decent standard of living. Life consists of a constant struggle between the ruling class and wage earners - a class war!

Our power - just like that of the ruling classes is outside Parliament. We could live in a

world where we had real control over our lives, where our votes could count for something, with each one equal.

But for that to happen we must live in a world of truly equals, which means abolishing the rich, something that can't be voted into place through parliament, but can develop out of the class war, when we are united enough to seriously challenge them for power.....until then. THE VOTE CHANGES NOTHING - THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

WE SUNK THE FLAGSHIP

We didn't vote for the Poll Tax and we didn't vote it away! The Poll-Tax was one of the biggest political issues in recent years. The "flagship" of the Tories policies.

But, it was never an issue at a general election. It only became an election issue in by-elections once it had been set in place and the practical resistance to it was growing.

QUICKER

For us, as ordinary people, usually with very little control over our lives, voting is seen as a chance to improve our lives, however slightly. The Anti-Poll Tax movement was a different and much quicker way to get rid of the Poll Tax than waiting for the next general election.

It also achieved what 3 general elections couldn't - it helped to get rid of Thatcher! But, although we live in a "democracy" and have the right to protest, all the major political parties united against

the mass campaign of non-payment. Even Labour who said they were against the Poll Tax!

CIVIL WAR

They were united in defence of their "right" to rule over us. The non-payment campaign challenged this "right" and the process of "government by consent"!

At the time Britain seemed to be in the middle of a civil war. Non-payers v the councils, government and police. The Poll-Tax wasn't voted away, it was abolished because we refused to be passive pawns in the ruling class' plans to make the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Our actions made them abolish the Poll-Tax. And its our actions that will abolish the ruling class!



Dig Deep.

It has cost a lot of money to put this special edition of 'Class War' out - so if anyone has just done a bank job, or simply has a few spare quid knocking around we would love it if you could send it to us. Any and all donations would be very gratefully received - send it to London Class War, PO Box 467, London, E8 3QX (make cheques payable to 'Class War').

THIS IS CLASS WAR!

Who we are:- London Class War is part of the Class War Federation, an organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to change this society through revolution.

What We Believe:- this society is divided into classes based on power and wealth. There is the ruling class, who are aided and abetted by the middle class. And the working class. This society is the cause of all of the problems experienced by working class people the whole world over. This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class - this is the class war.

Our Aim:- we do not intend to lead (unlike the so-called 'revolutionary' left) - rather, we aim to increase the militancy of the working class.

What We Do:- we produce and distribute a paper, a theoretical magazine, stickers, leaflets and more - and we are involved in working class struggles.

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