

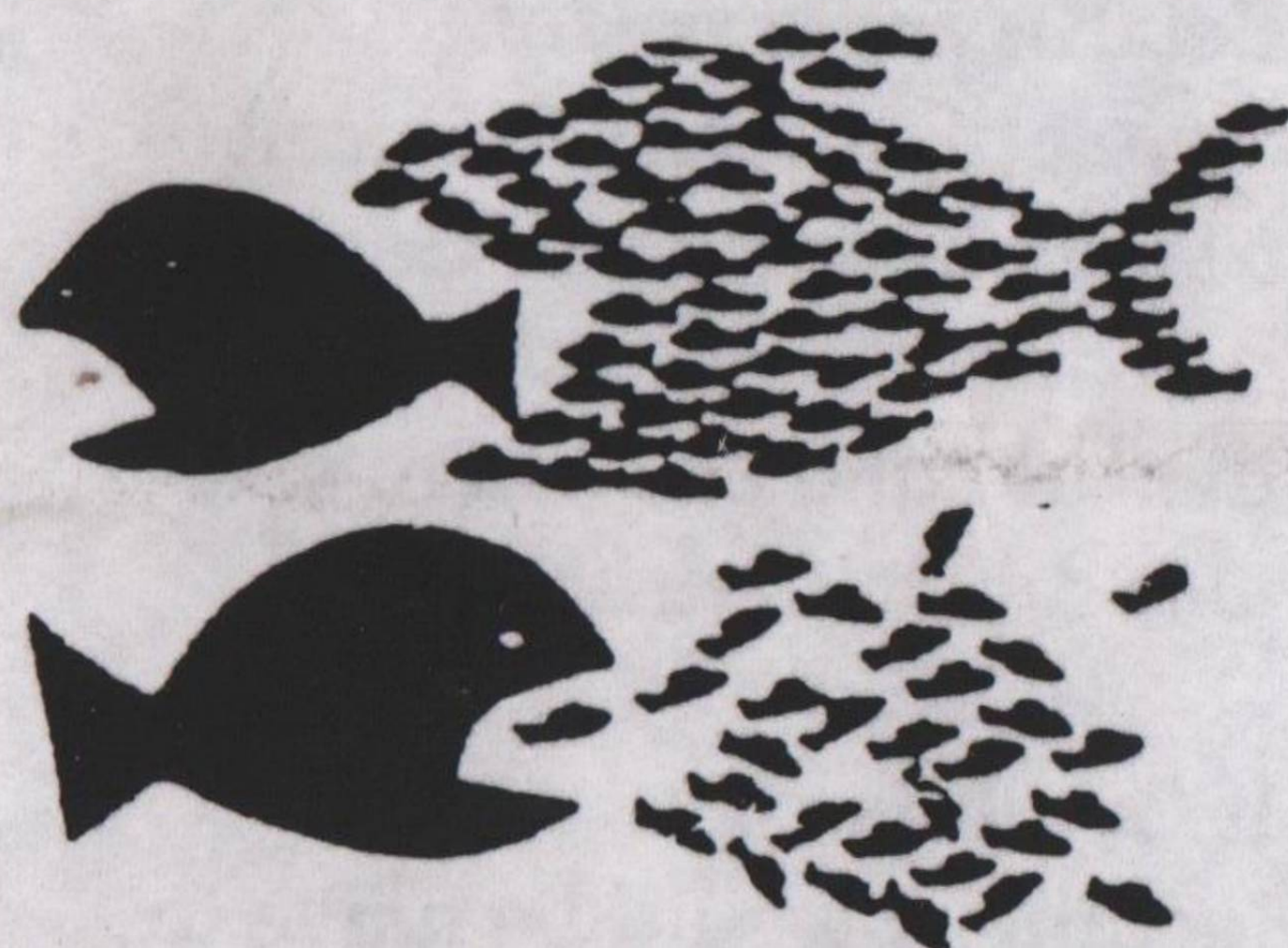
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THE 10,000 MILE PICKET LINE



DON'T VOTE!

IT ONLY ENCOURAGES THEM

It's probably election year. Will you be voting? We won't! Hull Syndicalists aren't impressed by the SWP's call to "get the Tories out" (& put Thatcherite Labour in!) We're against all parties, from Scargill's SLP to the Tories - they all want one thing, power ... over you.

As for the Trots, a revolutionary party is a contradiction in terms, their 'dictatorship of the proletariat' is a dictatorship against us all.

Thinking that you can change the nature of the state by taking it over is as realistic as working in a brothel against prostitution!

Real socialism is about ordinary people controlling their lives, running industry through effective union organisations and communities running their own affairs without the cops & the judges.

Syndicalism aims for an anarchist society. A socialism without the bosses and the privileged.

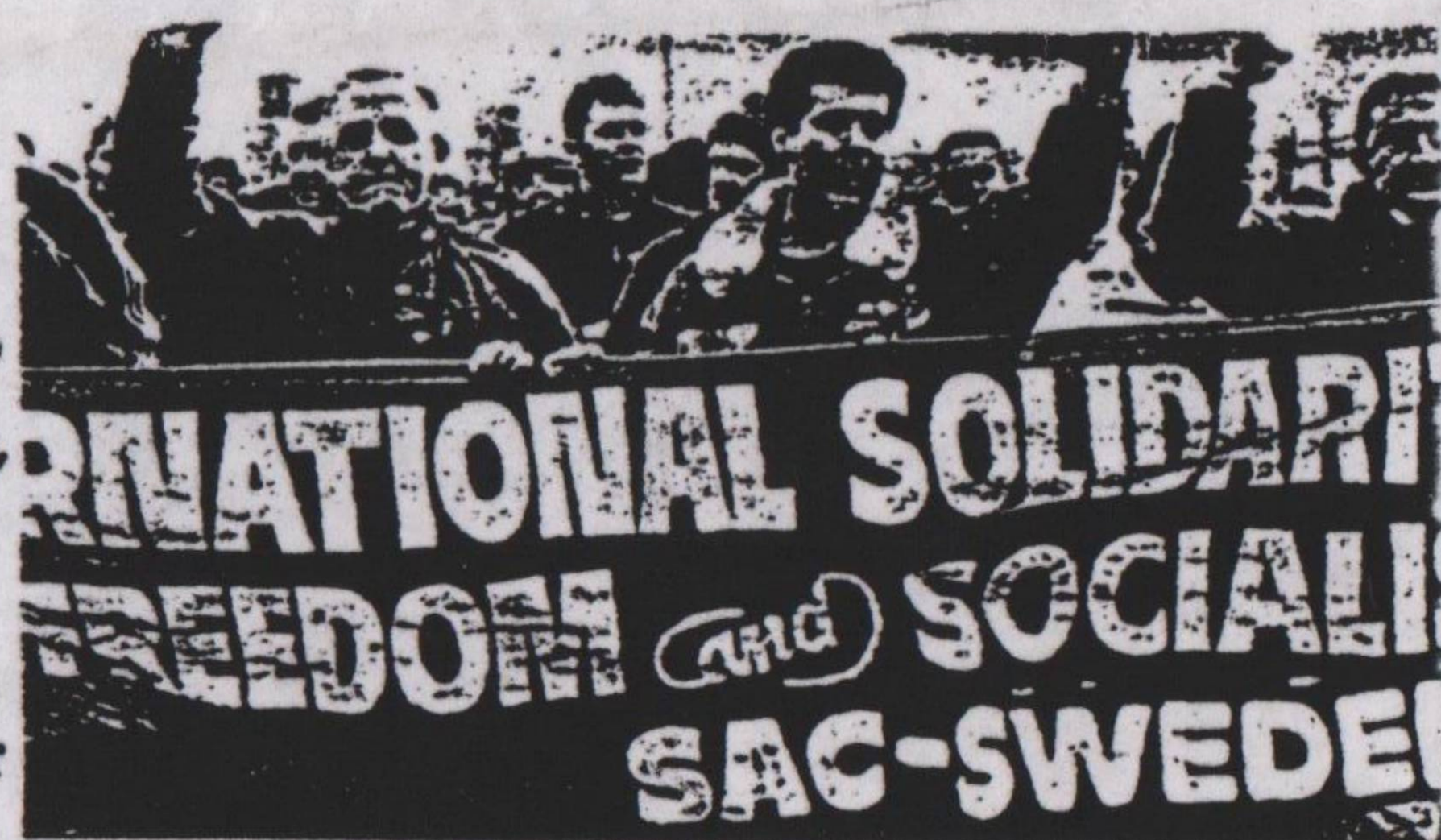
New Labour and the Tories offer us the same swill - attacks on unions, workfare, hatred of single mums, asylum-seekers and fear of each other - more cops, more prisons! Hull Syndicalists have been active in campaigns against the Criminal Justice Act, in support of Asylum-Seekers and through working with the Trades Council numerous workers in struggle. We have links with Syndicalists in Britain and across the world.

JULY 1996 - 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPANISH REVOLUTION
WATCH OUT FOR EVENTS IN HULL

WORKFARE NO FEAR!

The Tories are trying out a new weapon against the unemployed of Hull and Maidstone. If you've been unemployed for 2 years or more then watch out. You could be forced to carry out a pointless task to "earn" your dole money. Local voluntary groups have refused to co-operate with workfare - we applaud them for their stance.

The Labour Council also refuse to co-operate. Tony Blair and the other parasites in waiting are proposing similar schemes should they ever get elected and cynical people might suggest that Hull City Councils opposition has more to do with politics than principle.



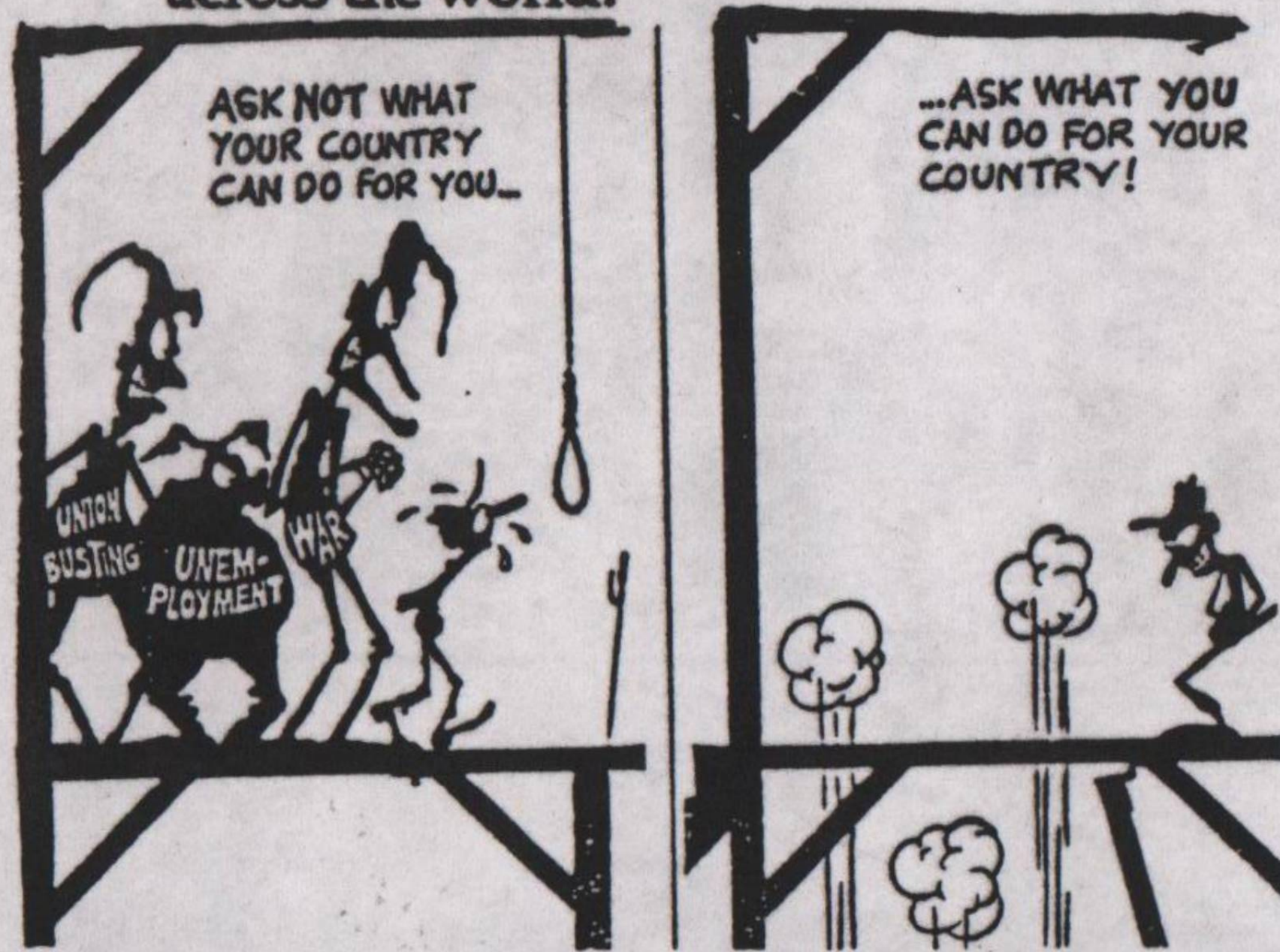
7 months ago 500 Liverpool Dockers struck against the Mersey Docks Harbour Board when they were sacked for refusing to cross a picket line of young workers who were refusing compulsory over-time.

The men's union, the TGWU has given little support, but dockers from across the world have shown them real solidarity. Support has flooded in from: the USA, Spain, Quebec, Japan, Italy, Australia, Sweden and Portugal. £1,000's has been raised! The Swedish Syndicalist union (SAC) raised £10,000 alone.

Portuguese dockers are boycotting Liverpool-bound ships from April 15th and the following day in Bilbao there will be demonstration in support of the Liverpool dockers. Liverpool dockers themselves are pushing for a general strike in Liverpool on May 1st.

Across the world unions are boycotting Liverpool-bound ships and publicising the dockers fight.. The Liverpool dockers are now hitting their bosses where it matters - in the wallet! International solidarity is showing that direct action can and does work.

Interested in joining in local support for Liverpool dockers? Tel 898775.





Culture Vultures Hull City Council and the arts

Hull museums and the Ferens Art Gallery had a free admissions policy and were really popular with ordinary Hull people. Go in the Whaling Museum or Ferens Art Gallery on any Saturday and they were packed with kids, pensioners - in fact a real cross-section of people.

Not any more. Hull's Labour Council don't like the idea of popular culture. Outsiders (people from Beverley, Hedon, Cottingham etc) now have to pay £1 to get in.

Low-life like Councillor John Stanley (he who helped privatise and then scabbed on the Council's electricians) justify this by saying "why should outsiders get free admission when they don't pay Hull's Council Tax?" This mean-minded parochial politician will police the scheme by making sure that Hull people have a special ID card (eat your heart out Michael Howard). How many people are going to do that?

This scheme will continue the Council's drive to make art a pleasure just for the middle classes. Two years ago Terry Geraghty, Chair of Leisure

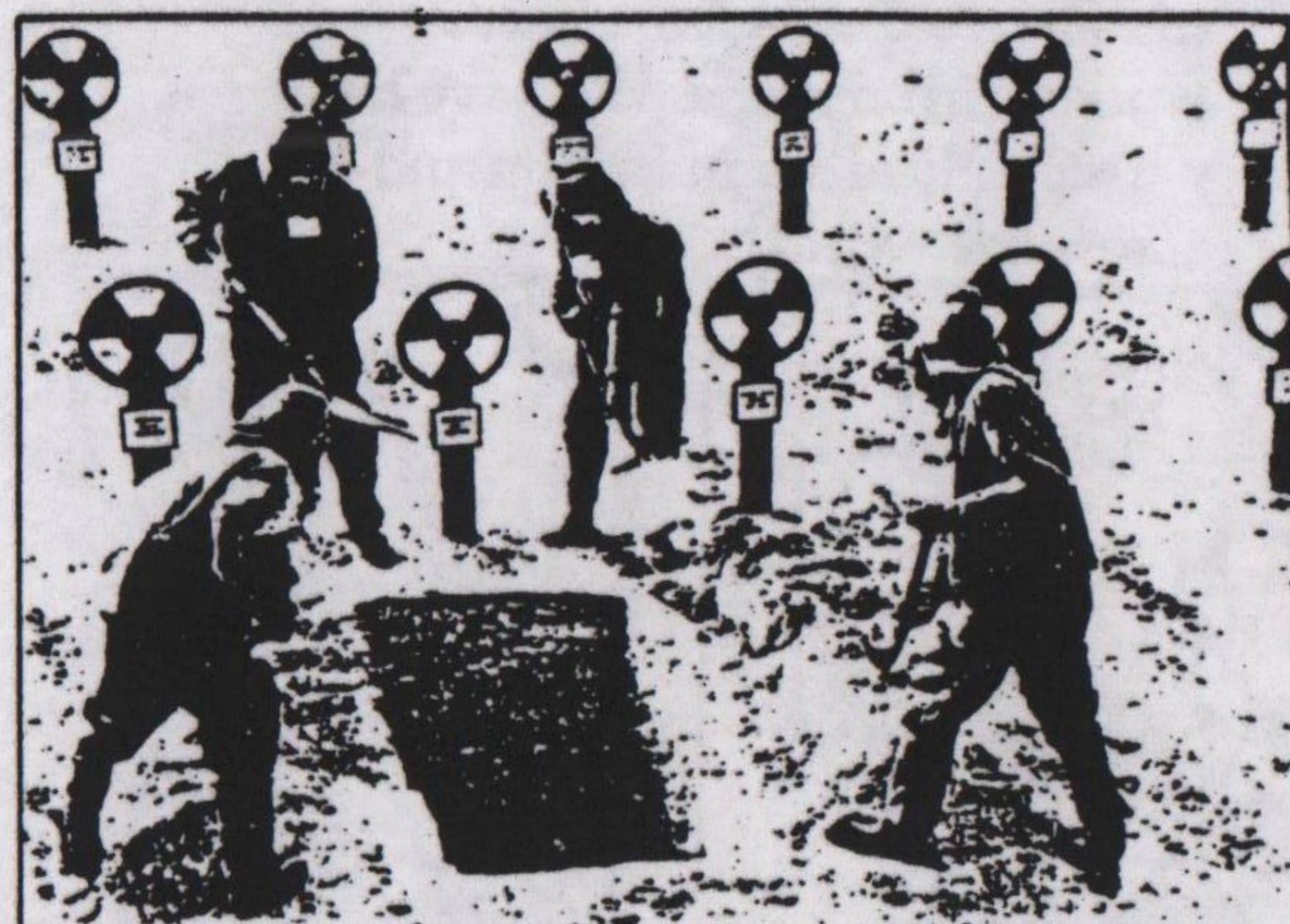
Services and champion of the Ice Hockey team over libraries got rid of the subsidy for the film theatre. Intelligent and political films aren't for the working class of Hull.

The cafe at the Ferens which used to be a popular venue for a cuppa and a tea-cake is now called "La Loggia" and charges £2.50 for a cheese sandwich as it now a "restaurant".

Combine all this with the planned library closures and it makes a pretty bleak picture. The GMB members in all of the museums should refuse to carry out the ID checks. Why should we settle for tramping around Princes Quay when there should be so much more on offer. Contrary to the Council's view it is not only the rich that deserve the best!

CHERNOBYL 2 COULD BE CHERNOBYL

April 1986 - the world's worst nuclear accident took place on the borders of Ukraine and Belarus. 190 tons of radioactive debris were thrown into the air. The effects were enormous. To this day lamb from Cumbria and Wales cannot be marketed because their meat was contaminated by Chernobyl.



70% of the radioactive substances fell on Belarus. A quarter of the countries farmland is still unusable and many towns were evacuated. Over one million children in Belarus are at risk of developing thyroid cancer. Many already have. Can we be sure that the rise in cancers in the U.K. and elsewhere is not also due to Chernobyl?

If Cumbrian lambs are still inedible it would be naive to think that Britain's human population are totally untouched by Chernobyl.

Chernobyl 2 is very close. The old reactor site at Chernobyl was encased in concrete in 1986. The concrete is now badly corroded and is in danger of falling in on itself, if this happens the fall-out will be far worse even than 1986. Throughout the former Soviet bloc nuclear power stations are decaying. A combination of the lack of money and political will means that little is being done to prevent a catastrophe. Every nuclear power station is a time-bomb and the waste it creates will present expensive and terrifying problems for generations to come.

What can you do?

Governments, politicians and experts take decisions on our behalf. These same people hide the true facts about disasters like Chernobyl and do nothing to protect us from similar events in the future. Join Hull Syndicalists in telling the truth about Chernobyl and the rest of the nuclear industry.