

THE HOCKLER

TYNESIDE and the NORTH EAST

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FREE

REVENGE OF YOUTH

TRASHING GOOD TIME

"POLICE ARE MURDERERS, DALE 'N' COLIN WE WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT". - Graffiti plastered on walls during September's riots. Sparked off by the murder of these two local ramraiders it came as no surprise when the Meadowell estate kicked off on Monday night with parts of Newcastle, mainly the West End, continuing in the week.

Labour Councils blamed high unemployment, Tory policies etc which of course is true, but it was the police who were singled out. Even locals who condemned the riots blamed the police for provoking more than they could handle.

"They don't treat you like human, they walk around like they're gods" - Meadow-

ell youth on TVs 'Northern Life' describing the police. The media has tried to make out that it's only the joyriders and ramraiders who are rioting, but with a combination of police harassment, unemployment, boredom, and decaying estates, it's obviously more than that. Even Stanley Bailey, chief Northumbria pig got it right when he said "there aren't that many ramraiders". In any case many of the buildings burnt were derelict houses, closed-down youth clubs and community centres, showing that the youths' anger was directed at the state of the places they have to live in. Riots have been happening all over the country but the media picks out a couple of areas and blames it on local influences. This stops us realising how widespread dissatisfaction

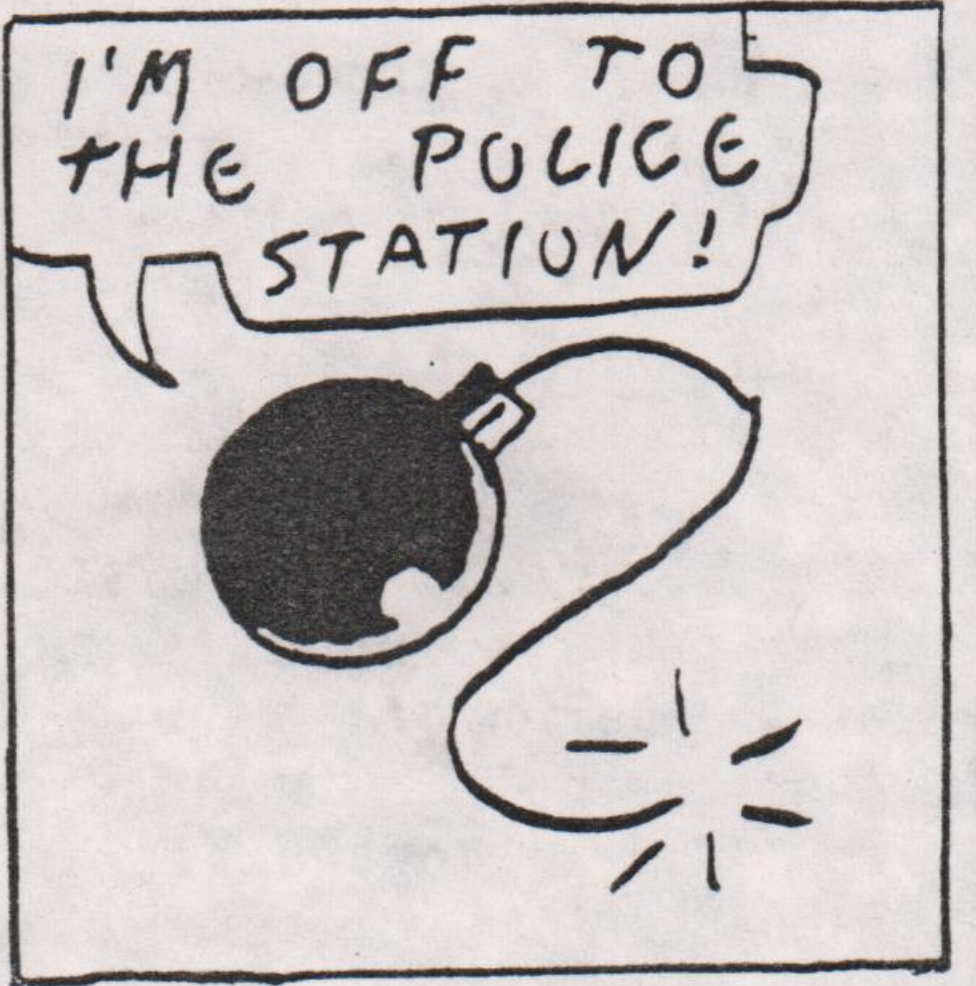
ion and frustration are. It all totally pisses on John Major's "classless Britain". People do have to turn to crime to survive, but it's daft when people start robbing off their own. Major stated the riots were unacceptable, but it's his government with its sick policies and police which are totally unacceptable.

The Wednesday night was the best night out this year. Crowds on the street cheered as Northern Rock was firebombed. The funniest moment came when Levey's was looted to shouts of "Mine's a tin of emulsion".

NEXT TIME, HOW ABOUT XMAS SHOPPING IN THE CITY CENTRE?

ME MAM'LL KILL US!

Sunderland youths bombarded police from rooftops for hours one night in August. Failing miserably in their own attempts to restore 'order', the pigs had to call for extra help. Some of the lads mothers were brought to the scene, and the night's entertainment promptly ended. The culprits were more afraid of their mam's wrath than of the coppers! Just goes to show we can 'police' ourselves more effectively than they can.



NOT ANOTHER BUSINESS CENTRE

Well over a million quid for a new crappy business centre on the site of Ouseburn School. The council's own study decided that the scheme was a dead duck, but the Development Committee will still ask the Department of the Environment for funding. So far such Business Centres have been a total waste of time and money. FAKE JOBS IN YUPPIE OFFICES.

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE BRICK-BUTTING SQUAD



DEVIL DOG'S DARING DEED

A South Shields WPC got bit by an unruly Alsatian when she was called out to deal with it. She was badly shaken by her ordeal, but luckily a checkup confirmed that the dog didn't catch anything. WELL DONE FIDO.

TAKING THEM ON

Battles between police and the working class are nothing new and events like the Tyneside riots will occur again. Lessons have been learnt from past situations, so here are a few handy hints:

- * Try to cover your face as much as possible and also wear gloves. Be able to merge into crowds as a passer-by when necessary.
- * Be sensible and cautious - keep your eyes peeled to check on the position of the opposition - don't get caught flat-footed.
- * Stick together as much as you can - a group is far more effective and powerful than one isolated individual.
- * Don't get pissed - pissed people get caught!
- * Remember that they're often scared, so don't be afraid to stand your ground if you're feeling strong enough.
- * If you're unlucky enough to be arrested, keep your mouth shut - it's better to suffer 48 hours of pain, misery and brutal interrogation than 5 wasted years.

AFTER THE RIOTS

What are they going to do, after the riots? Well, we will have the MEADOWELL INITIATIVE - throwing money at the 'problem'. Of course the money is unlikely to do any real good. Does anyone believe this will have any more effect than the last time - when they changed the official name from THE RIDGES?!

The police want more officers and more resources. HOW UNUSUAL. They have also brought in 9 chaplains to help relieve stress in the force. Is that so they can stress us all the better? The other idea is to improve on their already existing 'Community Policing' strategy. Are they for real? They

don't give a shit about better relations with our communities. All they want is for more of us to be narks, spying on each other and giving them the crack. Just watch as they trump up charges on the hundreds they've nicked already, falling over each other to lie in court, slaving over big jail sentences and the treatment our youth will get inside. LET'S GIVE THE PIGS SOME REAL STRESS!

WHAT WE SAY

THE HOCKLER is written by people who are sick of shitty boring jobs on low pay or no job at all. Sick of the poverty we live in - whether it's crap houses on run down estates, not being able to feed the kids or not having enough for a pint. IT'S NOT BLOODY GOOD ENOUGH. The police and courts control us, the media and religion divide us, politicians rule us - all run by big business. We're sick of the lot of them. Working class people - whatever sex, colour, age or ability - should join and use our strength against these bastards. Riots are one way of fighting back. THE HOCKLER is another. GET ANGRY and GET ORGANISED. LET'S TAKE BACK CONTROL OVER OUR LIVES.

BOB THE BAILIFF



BRAIN OF BRITAIN

Laugh? We nearly shat. The police have a new policy on car theft. Down on Newcastle Quayside, Sgt Robbie 'Mastermind' Burn was pathetic enough to jump onto the bonnet of a stolen car, which not surprisingly landed him in hospital. Afterwards, the stupid bastard said, "Sadly this is the sort of crime any officer may face on the streets today". Too right mate, when you become an enemy of the people you deserve all you get. JUST WATCH THOSE ROADS IN THE FUTURE!

THE MEDIA? IT'S A RIOT

Having lived in Meadowell, and sick and tired of the barrage of flog'em, hang'em, fascist shite on the telly and in the papers, Sue tried to cut through the crap on Channel 4s 'Right to Reply', September 28th - summing up by saying: "Not evil. Not ignorant. Not mindless. And ... NOT REPRESENTED".

We're not fooled by these attempts to put the other side across. We all know that the programme makers would have made sure no really uncomfortable questions got asked. It's all part of the tried and trusted strategy of also giving space to right-wing lunatics so as to make the disgusting measures introduced seem oh-so moderate by comparison. STITCHED UP AGAIN!

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Fuck the Poll Tax

TWIN TOWNS? TWIN PEAKS!

Toytown leaders of Gateshead Council held a posh barbecue in August as part of a twinning ceremony with Komatsu, Japan. The nosh-up cost about 35,000 quid! A group

of about 30 people, pissed off at such a blatant display of luxury gatecrashed the feast with banners written in Japanese and distributed leaflets and stickers about the jailing of Beccy Palmer, Poll Tax prisoner, giving a

truer picture of Tyneside life. Having messed up the event, one of them nicked a fancy menu, and the Council sent a large contingent of police to get it back. **EMBARRASSED FAT LAZY HYPOCRITES, OR WHAT?**

SINK THE BASTARDS

In early September members of the Monitoring Panels of the Tyne & Wear Development Corporation had a nice cruise down the Tyne, paid for by the TWDC. These so-called community leaders (trade union bureaucrats, arse-licking councillors, local authority bigwigs and representatives of 'community groups' (which ones?) thrive on getting these expensive inducements to carry on their traitorous activities with the TWDC and elsewhere. Of course, what they're really doing is **SELLING US DOWN THE RIVER.**

DRIVEN MAD

In the hysteria about joyriders no mention is made of the **owners** of turbo-charged, fuel injected GTis. Arrogant yuppie scum careering round the region as if they owned the roads, and their time was more important than anyone else's lives. Think of the accidents and misery they cause - almost as much as the police. At the end of August a police car in Riding Mill, Northumberland ploughed into a pensioner as she walked along the pave-

ment, putting her in hospital with multiple injuries. Villagers say the officer was speeding - even the Chief Inspector admitted the car was out of control. A couple of years ago 'joyriders' nicked a Porsche off the Quayside, cruised up to the West End police station in Newcastle, and rammed as many police cars as they could before disappearing into the safety of Elswick. **PITY IT WAS ONLY POLICE CARS THEY HIT!**

Who Jailed Laura Palmer? TWIN PEAKS LABOUR COUNCIL

KILL THE POOR

Anti-Poll Tax campaigners were out visiting Newcastle Labour councillors recently to find out how much they know about Poll Tax harassment procedures (bailiffs and jailings) and the effect it's having on

the people they are supposed to represent. It's not surprising how viciously some of them felt about people who can't pay - after all, their perks and power are threatened. Calling on Colin "Toothless Bastard" Gray (Chairman of the Finance Committee in charge of screwing the Poll Tax out of us) at his Gosforth mansion, he was at the theatre with fellow boot-boy Jeremy "Powders" Beecham. But a

neat little brass plaque next to his front door read: "Take notice that as from today's date all poachers will be shot and if practicable questioned afterwards". Duke of Gumby 1st Nov. 1868.

Does this shoot-to-kill policy reflect our caring Labour Council's attitude to collecting the Tories Poll Tax? Does anyone fancy going poaching Councillor Gray's furniture?

Crime & Punishment

RAMPANT RAIDERS



It's those ram-raiders again

The police really want to see ramraiders sent down. The local Special Patrol Group unit are totally overwhelmed by the scale of the ramraiders operations. Other police forces are said to be shitting themselves with the prospect of this craze catching on nationally. The working class will always find solutions to poverty. Let's face it, thieving is the only way we can get these modern goods, short of paying extortionate prices in rich bastard

shops. Even if you work, the chances are you can't afford to buy what you make - and not much else either. Let's take back what's ours - it's time for all honest citizens to turn to 'crime'!

ROAST PORK

Chief Inspector Ken Lumsden, Gateshead CID, burnt his house down in August, and badly cut his flat feet on broken glass while escaping. Luckily the fire didn't spread - no thanks to CI Lumsden, who was busy saving his own crackling.

OINK OINK!

Workie Ticket

Work is shite. Most people find it boring and repetitive and only do it to be able to earn a few quid to live off. The only people who really enjoy work are the bosses. They sit on

their arses, twiddling their thumbs, making big fat profits from our labour, allowing them to live in luxury. And the harder we work - the fatter their profits.

Any fucking wonder that workers are always thinking of new ways to get back at the bosses and brighten up their working days? From wasting time at work and skiving to taking 'sickies' and organising staff theft - we all do it but we don't talk about it enough.

MYSTERY MARS BAR MUNCHIE

Two workers were sacked over the theft of 150 Mars Bar ice creams worth 75 quid. No-one proved they did it, no warnings, straight out the door, and the union's got its head up its arse.

It happened during the night shift at NSK Bearings at Peterlee. After hours on the noisy, hot, smelly shop-floor, when the shift went for their break they found the fridge door open - so naturally the contents were handed round freely! On discovering this re-distribution of lolly, the bosses got a bit hot under the collar - even more so when the workers refused to scab on each other. The icy atmosphere was followed by the two sackings. All the union could think of was a 'cooling off period'. Bloody marvellous, whose side are they on? No point trusting them bastards - **NEXT TIME DEFEND YOUR OWN!**

JOB DISSATISFACTION

When we have a job we give away part of ourselves to a boss. The experience is often unpleasant and boring. Workers show their resentment in many different ways.

- * In Canada the average worker 'steals back' nearly 4 hours from the boss every week in days off, long breaks, reading on the job and other sorts of unofficial leisure.
- * 35 out of every 100 workers in US industry leave their jobs each year.
- * In Australia at least 1 in 5 days off sick has no identifiable cause.
- * A survey of 10,000 US workers showed that over a quarter were involved in some sort of theft off their employers.
- * Maybe as high as a fifth of US workers use drink or drugs on the job. The chief medical officer at Rockwell Space Shuttle Division said that up to a quarter of assembly line workers were high on drugs or alcohol or both.



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EVERYONE

HATES ME.

DOOF!

(BOB'S HOUSE....)



PEOPLE'S PARK BUT WHICH PEOPLE?

Who knows what secret decisions are made by the corrupt top Labour councillors, planners and developers on Tyneside? They gave us the Quayside, Queens Square, Eldon Gardens, and all the other facilities for their yuppie friends and business associates. For 15 years they've tried to turn the

Haymarket area into the worst city centre eyesore in Europe, complete with elevated motorways and underground pedestrian precincts. The latest is a plan to do up Leazes Park and rename it 'People's Park'. What with all the recent yuppie developments round there, we ask: **WHICH PEOPLE?**

The Council are stupid as well as corrupt. Those responsible for the People's Park plans found out after a year's work that a dual carriageway is going to

knock off a corner of Leazes Park on its way past the football ground to Spital Tongues. Oh well, back to the drawing board!

Local bureaucrats and big-shots like to make us think how capable, powerful and all-knowing they are, as they ruin our towns and cities for us. **DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT.**

Plans are afoot to sell off part of the GOSFORTH PARK for yuppie flats and businesses, in order to "keep the races going" - ie to keep profits high. Some Labour councillors are protesting because Green Belt land is supposed to be protected from development. **WHO ARE THEY TRYING TO KID?** It's probably just as well the council don't own the land - they'd have found a way round the rules years ago.



ON THE TOON

MUST BE A FLUKE! Either that or the first intelligent decision for 40 years by the Newcastle Board - hiring Ossie Ardiles. We hope the new load of rich pillocks on the Board will leave him to get on with developing modern attractive football, and not sack him if he doesn't buy an old-fashioned centre

forward. But we don't expect John Hall etc to be any better than the last lot. They're already squabbling over money and control - so much for the new democracy. Football's the people's game, but like everything else we never get any say. Unless we buy 10,000 shares of course ... **HA BLOODY HA.**

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