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THE Plain Truth

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LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE

BRITAIN in 1989: Unemployment has been magicked away; the 'enemy within' (the unions) have been tamed; the class system has 'disappeared' and the economy is 'booming'. Rule Britannia!!!

At least these myths prove that after suffering a decade of the Tory cancer someone still has a sense of humour. A cancer that has broken up our communities and our rights, taken our dignity and has declared all out war on the working class.

Parliamentary attacks on health, women, education, unions, blacks & sexuality all herald the swift slide of the democratic charade into parliamentary fascism. The



only way to overturn the wrongs of the past and to alter our apocalyptic future is to mobilise all the now-divided sections of the working class in unity and destroy every last particle of the ruling class and their lackeys-our oppressors. Only by the working class regaining our own lives, communities and creating a society based on mutual trust and respect can we obtain our freedom.

United working class direct action centered around workplace struggle, strikes and organisation will destroy the base of our exploiters power through our labour. Only by divide and rule can they keep us from our goal.

The 1970's saw two successive governments forced to their knees through the working class flexing our industrial muscle; chiefly in the form of the dockers, miners and other public sector employees. Now Thatcher has, (with the help of scab union beaurocracy) unleashed the ruling classes revenge on the workers by attempting to destroy the potentially dangerous feeling of working class solidarity, banking on division and self-interest to break the rank and file.

The miners, printworkers, railway workers and healthworkers (to name but 4) all have faced up to the physical intimidation of a ruling class on the run. Union executives see great personal gain in working class defeat and enslavement, and this will support the ruling class to the hilt. They are leeches on our class; shown perfectly by the T.U.C.'s reticence on solidarity action for any section of workers and against anti-working class legislation- particularly now with reference to the Poll Tax.

The Labour party and the TGWU are currently in the process of trying to avert an inevitable confrontation of interests; between the dockers and the ruling class over the renewal of employment rights. Now we must anticipate all out action by the dockers. Together we can reverse the tide of defeat & despair. Together the rank & file can and must win; the future of our world is at stake.

What's the connection between McDonald's and starvation in the 'Third World'?



THERE's no point feeling *guilty* about eating while watching starving African children on TV. If you do send money to Band Aid, or shop at Oxfam, etc., that's morally good but politically useless. It shifts the blame from governments and does nothing to challenge the power of multinational corporations.

HUNGRY FOR DOLLARS

- McDonald's is one of several giant corporations with investments in vast tracts of land in poor countries, sold to them by the dollar-hungry rulers (often military) and privileged elites, evicting the small farmers that live there growing food for their own people.

The power of the US dollar means that in order to buy technology and manufactured goods, poor countries are trapped into producing more and more food for export to the States. *Out of 40 of the world's poorest countries, 36 export food to the USA - the wealthiest.*

ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM

- Some 'Third World' countries, where most children are undernourished, are actually exporting their staple crops as animal feed - i.e. to fatten cattle for turning into burgers in the 'First World'. Millions of acres of the best farmland in poor countries are being used for *our* benefit - for tea, coffee, tobacco, etc. - while people there are *starving*. McDonald's is directly involved in this economic imperialism, which keeps most black people poor and hungry while many whites grow fat.

DEATH BY MONEY

HILLSBOROUGH has become another name to add to the enormous list of wasted lives. People speak of 'learning the lessons of Hillsborough'. But if the lessons of Manchester Airport, Bradford, Heysel and the Herald of Free Enterprise had been learnt then the Hillsborough tragedy might have been avoided.

What all these have in common is they all involved the processing of people through time or space in the name of entertainment, holiday and sport. One of the central purposes of the economy - the leisure society. The necessity of making as much money out of people as possible. Because these experiences are associated with pleasure (football matches, air and sea travel) it is easy to disregard the dangers; non fire proof seats on aircraft - overloaded ferries and football grounds that prove to be deathtraps.

It is only when things go wrong that we see the value placed on human life by those behind this.

People trapped at Hillsborough said they felt like animals in a zoo. Watched by the cameras of the media, police videos and computers. Thousands of pounds worth of electronic surveillance equipment to watch every scream yet not help. Doctors present said there was no oxygen and no defibrillators. But with the cameras we were treated to a real life tragedy on our T.V.

Football, unlike other large crowd scenes in society (shopping centres, pop concerts etc.) is perhaps the only remaining part of social life where a partisan passion is engaged, and it is a passion of locality.

The passion that emerges of the mainly working class crowd continues to be the object of great anxiety and suspicion to the state. The unruly, defiant and unpredictable mob in a society where all other passions are tame and controllable. Imagine if we could harness that energy to social and political endeavour and you realise the states insistence on surveillance equipment, crowd barriers and now the identity card scheme.

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What an irony is the states obsession with identity cards when a sense of identity is what many people are trying to reclaim. For what differentiates Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham, and Leeds with their homogenous housing estates, shopping centres and the identical service sector economy.

The 'fans' are again the subject of the blame and humiliation from all commentators. Indeed there is already the great gulf which exists between the 'fans' and the 'stars' with the inflated transfer fees, publicity no matter how trivial. They are remote from their followers who have to be content with their place behind bars at grounds, the wall poster of the team and the fantasy.

The identity cards are not just a blatant attack on our civil rights by the ruling class, but also a part of the psychological war being waged on the 'public', forcing them to take a humble view of themselves - as belittled and a partial account of a human being.

As with industries like air and sea travel, (no longer seen as 'services' but as profit orientated affairs) football is no longer an amiable Saturday afternoon pastime but part of the remorseless money-making machinery of the ruling classes. How fitting it was to see advertising hoardings used in the place of the absent stretchers.

BRING & BURN



**AN INJURY TO ONE
IS AN INJURY
TO ALL**

RACIST FILTH OFF OUR STREETS

On April 22nd the British National Party (BNP) held their public local election campaign meeting at Alderman Newton Secondary School, New Parks. Although the meeting was opposed by both staff and pupils (many of whom attended the simultaneous protest), law dictates that even fascist groups are allowed to use schools for election purposes. In the BNP's case this is a blatant manipulation of election laws; in the name of democracy they are allowed premises to use for the organisation of rallying meetings. The only true public in attendance at the meeting were those protesting.

From 1pm onwards 300 protesters, 20 police vans, 6 ambulances, hundreds of police, many with dogs gathered outside the school.

At the meeting, John Peacock (New Parks BNP candidate) and John Tyndall (BNP leader) ensighted their following, of about 50, through megaphones. Most of the BNP supporters having come from outside Leicestershire. The protesters who were allowed in (about 80) were kept separated from the BNP by lines of police. The meeting closed with Hitler salutes and calls of 'sigue heil' from Union Jack waving Nazi's. About 30 protesters were arrested, 2 of whom have since been charged. Suprisingly no fascists were arrested!

NEWS FROM AROUND TOWN

COMMUNITY PUB UNDER THREAT

-Ansell's brewery are trying to close down O'Jays bar, which provides a free venue for music, unless a benefit is being played. Recent benefit have included Hunt Sabs, P&O strikers in Dover, Animal concern etc. The venue also provides cheap rehearsal rooms for many local bands. See Haz in O'Jays, Belgrave gate, to try to save O'Jays for the future.

L.E.T. ANGER

People working for the slave labour Leicester Employment Training, (training workers without jobs to do jobs without wages) are becoming increasingly pissed off with the way they are being treated. They have started to organise themselves together, despite the significant difficulties in doing this, to improve their position. More news on this and on E.T. in general in the next PLAIN TRUTH.

P&O STRIKERS SUCCESS IN LEICESTER

-The P&O strike in Dover, primarily over safety, has entered its second year and, having had their funds seized and being sold out by the Unions (surprise!), are desperately in need of money for food and so on. They raised £1000 in Leicester over the May Day weekend, but they still need money-send cheques/postal orders made payable to "Joint Women's Support Group", Magness House, Mill Hill, Deal, Kent. This is the second time they've been to Leicester and they'll be coming back sometime in the near future-they'll probably come into your local-make them welcome and fill up the buckets with money.

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

-We don't know who won all the seats in Leicestershire-but we don't really give a shit! Whoever they are, they're on Capitalism's side, so they can all fuck off. Lets kick them all out and start running our own lives for pleasure not profit!

GANDEY'S CIRCUS

-Anyone who knows anything about Gandey's Circus will have heard about their violent reputation for 'dealing' with animal rights campaigners. On Sun. 30th April, they demonstrated just how violent they can be. About 8 members of Leicester Animal Concern were holding a peaceful demo outside the circus, holding banners and handing out leaflets, when Phil Gandey came out and grabbed a banner from a protester and broke it in half (bashing the protester round the head as he did it). Then a woman from the circus pulled a female protesters hair and repeatedly punched her in the face. If this is how they treat peaceful campaigners, imagine how they treat their animals!

Boycott ALL animal circuses-they're cruel, barbaric and unnecessary. For more info about the cruelty that goes on in circuses contact; Leicester Animal Concern, c/o 70 HIGH STREET, LEICESTER.

DOCK STRIKE

-Representatives from the dock strike will be coming to Leicester when that starts as well-make it worth their while. Leicester area Workers Support Group (non-aligned solidarity group) has been assigned a port to seal off. If you'll be able to make it down with us, write to the @ group address for details.

POLL TAX

-There is a demonstration against the Poll Tax in Leicester on June 3rd-make sure that your'e on it-and bring your registration form (and anyone else's you can get hold of) to burn. It starts at Spinney Hill Park, (and some other park-look out for details) and meets up at Mandela Park. The "Axe the Poll Tax" posters being put up around by the Leicester Against Poll Tax are VITAL. You must put these in your window-most people will only want to avoid paying if they are sure that there are enough people doing likewise. The only way people can know you're not paying is by putting something in your window that says so! It may be unwise to actually state "I'm not paying" (i.e. "I'm breaking the law") as the filth may get onto you, but try to make your position clear. The LAPT posters will probably do and you should get one through your door.



GUY FAWKES

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SKATING BANNED

-The Crown court opposite the train station on London Road used to be an ideal place for bored kids to go for some free entertainment: the ground was paved and the surrounding walls built at an angle, making a perfect place for skating. Obviously the bosses weren't keen on the office workers seeing people enjoying themselves outside while they were slaving away indoors for a wage packet, and so...Yes! They pulled up all the angled walls and rebuilt them at 90 degrees so that nobody could skate on them. What a fantastic investment of the money we all pay for our "law and order".