

# EMERGENCY APPEAL DIG IN YOUR POCKETS

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The TSDC polltax prisoners support group urgently needs money. We spend about £1000 each month and rely entirely on donations. We waste none of the money on bureaucracy, we don't pay rent and none of us is paid anything. So everything goes directly to what prisoners want i.e. £10 a month for each prisoner who needs it, books, newspapers, walkman/radios, sometimes cash to help hard-up friends to visit. We also do an occasional prisoners newsletter.

Cash is badly needed, so if you can help collect some, or give something yourself, no matter how small, send us a cheque or postal order to :

Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign  
(Prisoners Group), c/o Room 205, Panther House, Mount Pleasant, London WC1X.

(or if are a bit richer and want to help out with a particular prisoner on a more regular basis, please get in touch through our address).

## DIG IN YOUR POCKETS

### Sue their Socks Off

At least 10 ex-defendants are now suing the police after being found NOT guilty of offences on polltax demos. The police report on the Trafalgar Square demo also opens the possibility of new appeals by prisoners, as in it they admit some responsibility.

### The Laundry Room

At the last 70 strong picket for Polltax Prisoners at the crumbling Wandsworth Prison one ex-defendant wound up the screws by advising prisoners (by megaphone) that the last successful escape was made via the Laundry Room by the famous Ronald Biggs. An inmate's letter told us the picket was a great morale boost, and not just for the 13 polltax prisoners. The picketers screamed and yelled, booted car horns and whistles, threw mini leaflets over the wall, and for 20 minutes hung a big green balloon, trailing a Free The Hostages banner, above that hated institution.

### Eating the Police

One polltax defendant appealed against his sentence for biting a copper at Trafalgar Square, he got dental experts to prove that the marks couldn't have been made by his teeth (in fact the marks resembled the cops OWN teeth). He lost the appeal, but got bail to appeal again. "They won't believe I'm a vegetarian", said the prisoner.

## FREE POLL TAX HOSTAGES

At present about 30 people that we know of are in jail from the demos last year against the Poll Tax, with sentences up to 4 years, and still more are awaiting trial. At least 100 have already been in jail, 3 more are inside for non payment, and a lot more to come, probably.

### INNOCENT

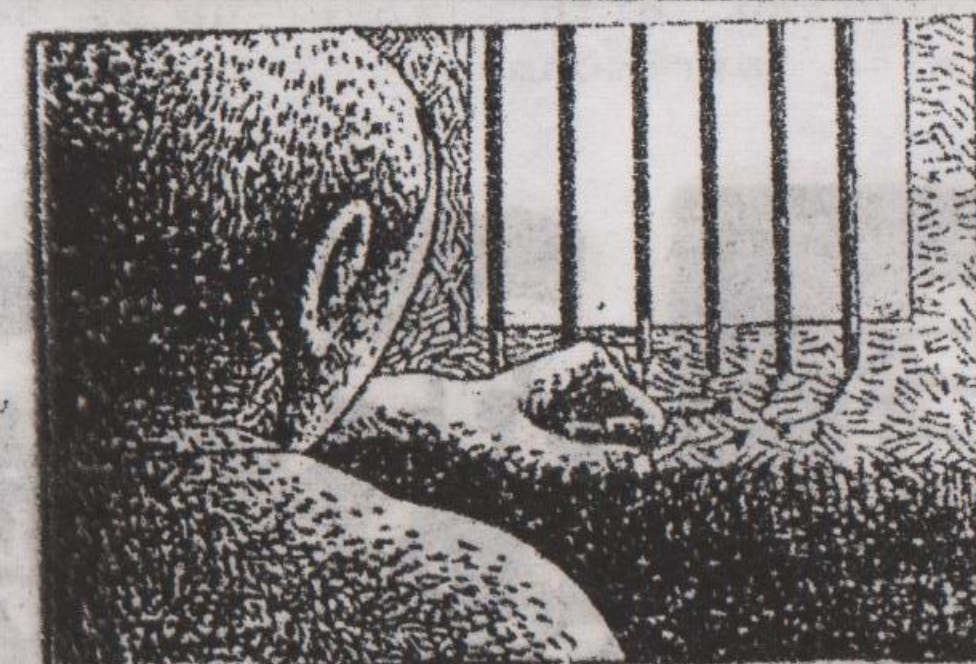
All these people's lives have been ruined by the police whose own report practically admits that they started the riot in Trafalgar Sq last year, and the videos we have show clearly that both there and at the Brixton demo it was the police who attacked, then nicked people at random and framed people up and prosecuted those whose only crime was self defence. That's what happened, we were branded by cops and politicians (including "leaders" of our own movement), tried by media and convicted by corrupt courts and judges.

Now the Polltax is dying a slow death (1993) its time for us to support the hostages taken to try and stop us from demonstrating and carry on with that vicious tax

### Amnesty Now

Lets support those stuck inside, those doing the rap for all who protested, first by not paying a penny of poll tax, and secondly by setting up support groups and fighting for the release of those incarcerated.

We want AMNESTY AND COMPENSATION and early PAROLE.



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# POLL TAX PRISONERS

Free or a donation



## PRISON PICKET

On april 13th about 70 people turned up to a Picket outside Wandsworth jail. We went there mainly because of the 13 Poll Tax Prisoners in Wandsworth at the time, but also recognise that other prisoners inside need support too, so some things shouted were directed to them as well.

The one and a half hour picket was pretty rowdy, we had a megaphone and we heard that a lot of prisoners could hear what was said.

There was loud shouting, banners were raised, small flyers were thrown into the prison courtyard and blew everywhere, and a big helium balloon was raised above the jail for 20 minutes with a "Free The Hostages" banner hanging from it. The police stayed at a distance, no arrests.

Reports from inside said that all the prisoners were delighted, it cheered up a boring Saturday afternoon when there were no visits. Those outside their calls were banged up during the demo and afterwards their was pandemonium as everyone began shouting and banging their steel doors, etc.

We will be back again, and want to offer strength and support to those inside..

## FREE POLL TAX HOSTAGES

JUNE 1ST

## MASS PICKETS

JUNE 1st  
PICKET/DEMO WANDSWORTH PRISON 5pm  
bring banners, noise makers, etc.

We think it would be great to have pickets on ALL prisons holding polltax prisoners on the same day. We call on other Prisoner Support Groups and Anti Poll Tax Organisations to get working on it. (the prisoners should always be asked first)

In future we suggest a DAY OF ACTION of such pickets and other actions on the FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

## DAY OF ACTION

Its time we all got the finger out to expose the incarceration of polltax prisoners. Soon there may be many new prisoners for Non Payment. We demand appeals, amnesty, compensation, early parole at the very least!

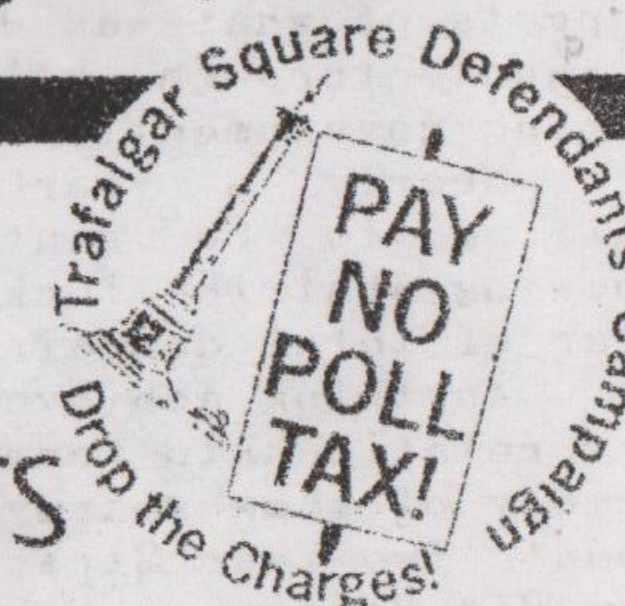
## PICKETS

About pickets, they should NOT clash with visiting times as the visits could be disrupted for everyone. Noise blockades are great, at the last Wandsworth prison all the prisoners turned off their radios to listen to the megaphone, chants, booting etc, and then had their own noise demo inside. Whistles, car horns, even a sound system, leaflets, balloons or kites over the prison (you can hang light curtain net banners from them), all are good ideas. Though the media are crap we'd be letting down the prisoners if we don't use any ruse to get them down there and get them on our side. Most people don't even know there are at least 30 people banged up over this rotten tax! We could also feed stories about the prisoners to journalists and propose videos to the various TV companies.

If there's no prisoners near where you are that's no reason not to have a demo, however small.. (courts, copshops, councils, etc). Lets see what we can do together!

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# Resistance Makes Us Strong by Zacharey Osbourne

Thoughts on being sent down.  
By Zachary Osbourne

As I write I have a matter of days left to serve in custody. I was sentenced to a year, half of which was suspended, for my misbehaviour on 31.3.90 and yes, I was another victim of those men in nice suits from 'Operation Carnaby'.

I suppose the fact that this is nearly over makes it easier to see the few positive aspects of what was done to me; even though I went through hell at the hands of our caring government.

Nearly a year of my life was spent waiting to be sentenced, a year of not knowing what the fuck was going to happen, a year of total despair.

Anything achieved, any roots put down, any relationship formed was destroyed by the memory of some smarmy C.I.D. bastard talking about 'Two Year Stretches' and 'Being Up With The Big Boys'.

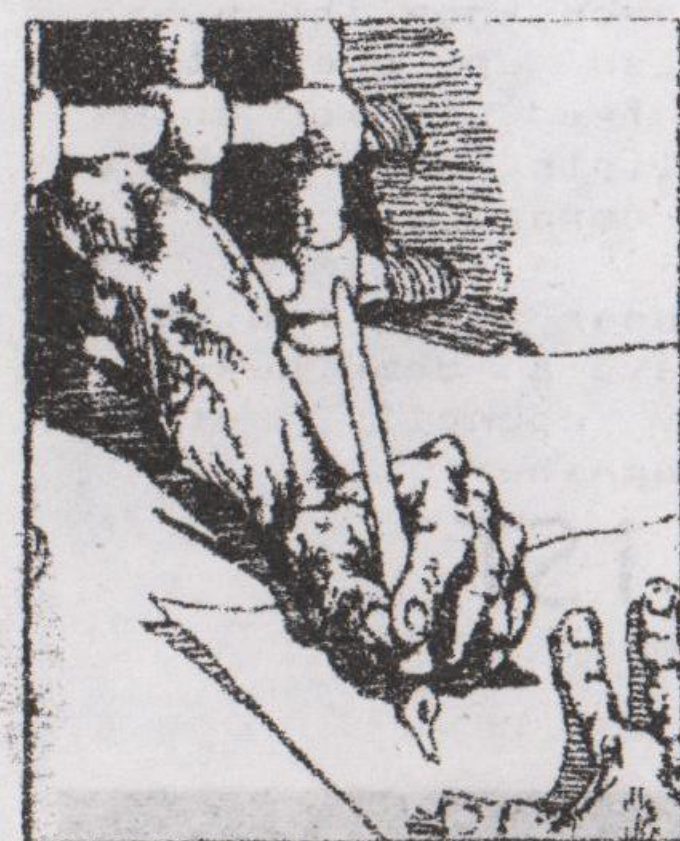
I'm not being flippant about the mental torture of being fed through the judicial system, it's fuckin' awful but some good points did come out of it.

Once I was sent down things only got better, which wasn't hard. I realised just how full of shit the C.I.D. were when I copped 6 months instead of two years. I was lucky, the judge I was put in front of was slightly less insane than some of the others. I can't explain how I feel when I read of 3 or 4 year sentences, it could have so easily been me.

As I said I was so lucky but I was still going down which didn't exactly appeal. Don't believe the myth, I won't go into immense detail about life 'inside'; it's basically very, very, very fuckin' boring. I felt lonely and scared at times but these fears passed as did the time.

My first two weeks of 'Bang-Up' were by some stroke of good fortune spent with another 'P.T. Rioter'. Apart from forming a friendship I didn't have before it helped cushion the shock. By the time we were separated though I was sorry to see him go I had sussed out the system enough to survive on my own.

Life continued its repetitive cycle broken by letters + the odd visit. Letters are so important; if you are writing to a prisoner try to write regularly, even every day. What seems mundane to you won't to someone inside. Also just 'cos you don't



Write Today!



Don't Delay

## PRISONERS LETTERS

know someone doesn't mean you can't write. Receiving a letter from a stranger helps a prisoner realise the extent of support + solidarity which can only have a positive effect. If you've got copies of the prisoners list get them circulated + get people to use them + not just decorate their walls.

So, I've survived. Doing so I have beaten one of the biggest fears of my life. I'm not recommending that anyone should do the same but if it becomes inevitable, please be strong. I know it's easy for me to say being one of the luckier ones but you will come through.

Not everyone wishes to partake in direct action. It's one of the ultimate weapons the State has, like a spoilt child that refuses to listen. Government will take those who show their unhappiness + disgust and keep them from spreading this dangerous truth. Don't let this happen.

# Remember!

WE ARE IN HERE FOR YOU; YOU ARE OUT THERE FOR US

Don't let the anger and strength of last year be forgotten. For many of us it's a memory + some newspaper cuttings, for others it's the start of one of the worst events in their lives.

If the Poll Tax goes or not, don't get me wrong I do care what happens, we all fought long and hard to kill the damn thing, but if the poll tax goes or not there is another victory to be won. The defence and support of those suffering the police's corrupt retribution.

Not everyone wishes to partake in 'direct action' and you're no less dedicated for this, but please don't look down on those that did.

There is no excuse for not supporting prisoners, for the price of a couple of beers you could write to every one of them. DO IT.

I'm sorry if that sounds self righteous but it's just so important.

To finish, I have to say I don't regret any of it. It was the best day of my life, the first time I directed my anger in the way it should be and not at those on my side as too many of us do. I've met four other prisoners on my travels and they are far from defeated.

Don't see our incarceration as proof that the state can't be beaten, see it as the opposite.

There are so many sick, fucked up systems dragging us down every day, the poll tax was just more obvious, they must all be defeated.

Anyway that's it. I hope I have put across the strength of those imprisoned in what I've written. Thanks to all at TSDC and all who have supported us in any way.

Bollox to those parasites who claimed this victory over all our work and suffering, especially the spineless Labour Party (sorry about the backbiting but it had to be said).

ZAC

## POLL TAX NON-PAYERS

### LETTER FROM A JAILED NON-PAYER

Dear Cammie, Many thanks for such an early reply to my letter.

I was very interested in your newsletter idea which you have produced for the benefit of all those imprisoned for the benefit of those imprisoned through the 'poll tax'. Be they those arrested on Demo's or just those who refuse to pay it.... One of the most worn out arguments I have heard on this subject is that we must obey the law regardless of whether the tax is unjust or unfair; such an attitude has allowed tyrannical laws to escape judicial review for too long, and it's patently obvious 'Poll Tax' is an imposition that the majority of people do not want, or desire to have. It represents misrule by a cold calculating body of people who measure life only in terms of economic values rather than considering the value of life itself. The Poll Tax that has been introduced however was the product of Spite and Contempt: Spite against a large percentage of people who do not support the government or its policies....

Anyhow I decided from the very outset of Poll Tax to make an open stance on Principle to Refuse to pay it; every letter or demand I received from the Council I returned back with "refused" marked through them in large bold lettering. I felt there was no point in pretence; it was a question of either being willing to pay, however small the sum, or a total refusal....

When along with many others I was brought before the court last september to have a liability order put against me I just told the magistrates "I refuse to pay it", likewise with the Private Bailiffs sent round to collect the debt I just told them to clear off! Any further letters I just wrote through them "Refused to Pay".

Even at the last court hearing I just said "I refuse to pay it"....

Several queries now arise since arriving in Prison:- Firstly I'm a "Civil Prisoner" not a Convicted Prisoner. Secondly I'm NOT entitled to remission (so they tell me) but I say they are wrong! I claim they have had some instructions from a political source, for my case is similar to a Contempt of Court case, and their manual states clearly that "Civil Prisoners" imprisoned for "Contempt" are entitled to 50% remission; yet I'm told I'm being treated as entitled to remission [Ed. We are checking this- Re 'Political Sources' see news on remission].

Now the comparisons that can be drawn are the '1st' Refusal to pay case IE. Bryan Wright sentenced to 21 days at Grantham, Lincs. on or about Dec 15th 1990. He was released after serving 5 days only... the second was on the I. of Wight in Jan. this year, and again he was released early. I'm the third case in the country for 'Refusal' to pay. 'Steve Benham' was the fourth, and until Fri. 5th April he was "bailed" by the solicitor of the East Dorset APTU.

His case was however different, his was "culpable neglect", since he had no money whatsoever and the magistrates at Poole didn't believe him when he said he hadn't earned anything or was drawing some benefit of some kind.

The solicitor had to apply to a High court in London for 'Bail' since local magistrates refused his application. Being bailed out means he will have to appear at

another court hearing for a "means test". A "means test" was in fact offered to me, but I refused it; for once the magistrates have made an enforcement order against you (IE. You have to pay a fixed sum set by them) then any default means you're under a suspended sentence of 30 days imprisonment. So it might as well be 'refused' point blank otherwise you have lost your stand on "Principle".

My case hit the headlines of the Bournemouth Echo for the 23rd of March (My Birthday)- TAX PROTEST MAN JAILED- first man in Dorset to be jailed for refusing to pay, etc. I've had a number of letters from supporters of the North Dorset APTU offering encouragement: some turned up outside the Prison on Sat 30th of March for a small demonstration.

Please send me some copies (Prisoners Newsletter). Steve Benham has taken the copies you sent with him away on Fri. 5th. He had gone during the afternoon when I was at work so I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to him. At present I'm in the cell on my own; when Steve was with me we spent long hours talking about the poll tax, Trafalgar Square 1990, also he was at Brixton Oct. 90 and Hyde Park 23rd March (I was here then). I'll miss Steve! Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Andrew Holloway

## DEFEND NON-PAYERS

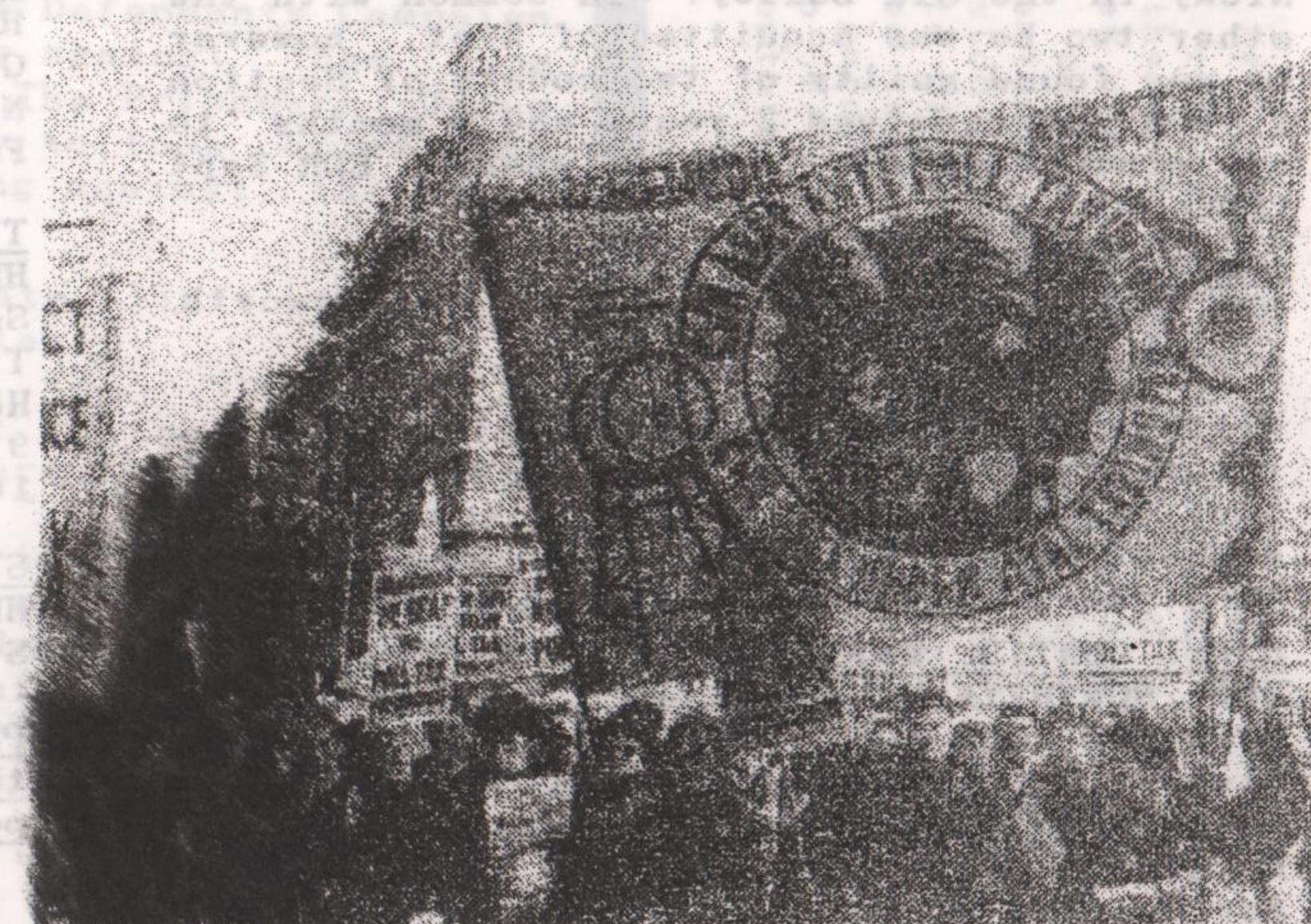
We have heard that dozens if not hundreds of people may be imprisoned for non-payment. There's a danger that people may be forgotten and abandoned, as the organized APT movement winds down.

### RAPID RESPONSE

We appeal to all readers who hear or read of people threatened or put in jail to organise support and resistance. Please phone us on 071-8338958 and we'll do what we can. We also have a good list of local groups.

### NO REMISSION FOR NON PAYERS

The Home Office has reprimanded a Prison Governor for letting out a non payer of the Polltax early. In future they say they'll have to serve their sentences in full. Now's the time to revive local APT groups as people face bailiffs and jail for non payment.



ANTI-POLL TAX DEMO, 23rd MARCH 1991





# PRACTICAL SUPPORT PRISONERS' LIST

## TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEMO

### PAUL JACOB, RA0711

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, Wandsworth, London, SW18 3HS

Arrested 31st March in Trafalgar Square. Charged Section 1, Section 2, GBH. Paul is a traveller and his home and all his worldly possessions were in two vans which have since been towed away and destroyed. There is a best-fund set up by a supporter in Hylesbury to collect money for Paul to get a new van/home when he gets out. The address is: Box S, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford. Cheques/Postal Orders payable to "D.SPENCER". Paul recieved 4 years on 12 March for the S2s and handling stolen goods. The remaining charges were dropped. EDR Nov 92.

### ROBERT ROBINSON aka SIMON O'REILLY, RA0741

HMP High Point, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Arrested on 31st March. Charged and convicted Section 2 POA. Sentenced 2 years. A police van ran over Roberts foot in Trafalgar Square but he was tried for kicking the police van. In the process of trying to appeal. EDR 29 May 1991.

### NEIL ARMOUR, MV3339

HMP Ford, Ford, Nr. Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0BX

Arrested 31 March, charged Section 2 POA and GBH. Convicted on 12 December, remanded in Brixton for reports until 2 January and then sentenced to 2 years with one suspended (ie. serve 1). EDR 31 May 1991.

### SIMON RUSSELL, ND1666

HMP The Mount, Molyneux Ave, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 0NZ

Simon was sentenced to 18 months for Section 2 POA (31st March Riot) and 30 months on two counts relating to ALF activities. Simon is also a standing committee member of the Hunt Saboteurs Association(HSA). He would welcome people writing to him.

### DARREN HEALEY, RA2183

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, Wandsworth, London, SW18 3HS.

Darren stood trial together with Tim and Nicky in the Old Bailey. In common with the other two he was acquitted of Riot, however he was found guilty of two counts of Section 2 POA and received 2 years and 6 months to run concurrently, ie 2 1/2 years. EDR Sept 1992.

### BRIAN TAVARES, MV3239

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, Wandsworth, London, W12 0AE.

Arrested 31 March, charged Section 2 POA for throwing a missile at a police line after he had been batoned to the ground by them without any provocation. Brian was sentenced to 3 years in November 1990. EDR Nov 1992.

### STEVE CURTIS, MW1182

HMP NORTHEYE, Barnhorn Rd, Bexhill-on-Sea, E.Sussex, TN39 4QN.

Steve was arrested during one of the notorious 'Operation Carnaby' raids in Hackney. Steve got 12 months, on April 3rd, for Section 2 POA

### RICHARD ANDREWS MW0962

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield rd, SW18.

Richard was sentenced on March 19 to 18 months for 'violent disorder'.

### MICHAEL NEAL, MV3973

HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Rd, London, N7 8TT.

Michael was arrested as a result of March 31st. Sentenced to 18 months for 2 x Section 3 POA. EDR Jan 1992.

### TIMOTHY DONAGHY, MW0105

HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Woolwich, SE2.

Born 4 July (Year Unknown) from Brixton. Interested in Films.

Tim was one of the first three people to be tried on Riot charges (Section 1 POA, max sentence: 10 years) from the 31st. He was accused of shoving a scaffolding pole through the window of one of the riot vans charging into people at speed in the Strand. Together with Darren Healy and Nicky Wadleigh, he was found not guilty of the riot charge, however he was sentenced to 3 years on a Section 2 POA charge at the end of the trial on 29 January. EDR Jan 1993.

### MATT LEE MW1054

HMP Wandsworth, (Address Above)

Matt got 30 months for 'violent disorder' (Section 2 POA). After rejecting the plea-bargain, Matt fought the case on a self-defence argument. Matt is being adopted by Birmingham

Prisoners Support Group from mid-April onwards.

### STEVEN LYNN, MW1028

HMP Ford, Ford, Nr. Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 0BX.

Steve got sentenced to 12 months for three counts of 'violent disorder' (Section 2 POA)

### MARTIN BENFIELD, PF2678

HMP WANDSWORTH, Heathfield Rd, London, SW18

Martin got 15 mths for section 2 & 3 on Feb 12th from the March 31st demo. Send letters of support via PSG because otherwise would restrict letters from friends.

### NEIL BREMNER MW0216

HMP COLDINGLEY, Bisley, Woking, Surrey, GU24 9EX.

Neil got 30 months for sec.2. Sentenced on February 5th.

### TIM PAINE, MW0231

HMP High Point, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Tim was arrested as a result of March 31st. He was convicted of Section 2 POA on Feb 5 91 at Southwark Crown Court and sentenced to 16 months. EDR Dec 1991.

### STEVEN MURRAY MW0218

HMP Highpoint.

Steve got 12mths for Sec. 2.

PLEASE NOTE: There are some prisoners not on the list, as we don't know yet if they want publicity.

### ROBERT WRAY MW1242

HMP Feltham, Bedfont Rd, Feltham, Middx. TW39 4QN.

Rob was sent down for 21mths after spending a month on judges remand. He was convicted on Sec. 2and3 and criminal damage. Robert is hoping to take exams inside prison authorities willing (SUPPORT FROM STUDENT UNIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED). (Due to be moved shortly: contact PSG).

### KEITH WRAY MW1241

HMP Feltham

Keith and Rob are brothers. Keith also spent a month on judges remand and was then sentenced to 15mths for Sec.2and3. Both were sentenced on May 3rd 91, and will probably be moved soon so contact PSG for details of new destination.

## HACKNEY DEMO

### ALAN CLARKE, MV2254

HMP COLDINGLEY, Bisley, Woking, Surrey, GU24 9EX

Alan was actually arrested from the demonstration against Hackney council's setting of the poll tax shortly before March 31st. His case came up around September last year when he and Neil Harding (who's now out) were sent down. Alan was tried for GBH, a frame-up, for which he got 2 years.

## BRIXTON DEMO

### ADRIAN PUGH, RC0627

HMP NORTHEYE, Barnhorn, Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex, TN39 4QN. Adrian received 9 months

on the 13 February for two counts of arson from the Brixton demo on October 20. He was caught setting fire to a police motorbike. EDR June 1991.

## POLL TAX NON-PAYERS

### NON-PAYER PRISONERS

#### INGOLFUR THORSTEINSON, JH3825

HMP Lincoln, Greetwell Rd, Lincoln, LN2 4BD. Sentenced to 14 days at Grimsby Magistrates Court (no remission for non-payers!) on 9th May. He is married and he and his partner have a four year old child.

#### NORMAN LAWS, CK0163

HMP Durham, Old Elvet, Durham, DH1 3HU.

Norman was sentenced to 8 weeks (!) in South Shields on 15 May. Norman is a 71 year old pensioner. When in the dock he said he was making a political stand against the poll tax on behalf of all those who can't pay and demands to be classed as a political prisoner. For more information contact : Paul Baker or Shauna on (091) 232 4606

### RELEASED PRISONERS

James Attwood.

Dan Attwood.

Toby Estler.

Wayne Calder.

Ian Law: Ian was released on 14/5/91, after serving time in Wandsworth (12 months) on a theft charge from Trafalgar Square. Ian's release coincided with last day of his trial, also from Trafalgar Square (Charged with Section 2 POA- Violent Disorder), where he was found not guilty. We found out about Ian's imprisonment from a prisoner who has recently been released.

### RELEASED NON-PAYERS

Andrew Holloway

Lee Barrett

Steve Benham

Declan Waguire

Cornelius Haarthorn

### EDR's Coming Up

Simon o'Reilly MAY 29

Neil Armour May 31

LIST UPDATE: 21 MAY '91

## PRACTICAL SUPPORT

The poll tax has mobilised the ordinary people of this country and brought them onto the streets in protest as no other issue since the war. The State and its servants the police have responded in the only way they know how, direct attack on people demonstrating their anger and opposition to this insane tax. As a result hundreds of people are facing charges and possible imprisonment. Others have already been convicted or sent to prison by vindictive magistrates and judges. Still more are imprisoned while waiting for trial. The Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign was founded to help people fight the charges against them from the mass demonstration on the 31st of March. The Prisoners Group is a section of the TSDC set up specifically to look after the welfare of those imprisoned for demonstrating against the poll tax.

The Prisoners Group will be producing up to date lists of prisoners and where they are being held regularly.

### Don't Delay — Write Today!

Prison rules are restrictive so there are strict limits on how prisoners can be practically supported.

1) LETTERS. Letters are a way of showing prisoners that people on the outside are thinking of them and so are very important for them. Letters must have the name and address of the sender written on them and must not contain anything that could get the prisoner or yourself into trouble (use your common sense). Both remand and convicted prisoner are restricted as to

N.B. Sentences of 12 months or under usually get half remission, ie. someone sentenced to 3 months will normally only do 6 weeks. Sentences over 12 months people are eligible for parole after the first third of their sentence and get the last third off on remission. Where we have listed EDR (Earliest Date of Release) above for prisoners sentenced to more than a year, it is the EDR without parole. Finally remission can be lost, two of our prisoners have already lost a month apiece. If in doubt phone the office.



# How can I support prisoners?



how many letters they can send out a week. So don't necessarily expect a reply as they have to write also to their families, loved ones, and close friends. If you're not a great letter

writer you could always send a card. Don't delay..Write Today!!

2)VISITS. There's a big difference between visits for convicted prisoners from those on remand. Convicted prisoners generally only get one visit every 4 weeks, and will usually want to spend such rare visits with family and close friends. But remanded prisoners (awaiting trial) can usually get about six visits a week, so it's possible for many supporters to visit them. However these visits do have to be coordinated as only one visit is allowed a day. If you want to visit a remanded prisoner please contact the Prisoners Group at the TSDC office. If you're on Income Support or a low income (eg Pensions, Family Credit, Dss Certificate) you can get assistance for visits, but, like most benefits, there are many restrictions. E.G. Only immediate relatives can claim and Lesbian or Gay partners are excluded. Also prisoners must be serving a 3 month + sentence or been on remand for 4 weeks +. get info form 2022A & fill out form 2022 (from local DSS) or call 021 4559855 or write to The Assisted Visits Unit, 11th floor, Calthorpe Hse, Hagley Rd, Birmingham, B16 8QR. Otherwise call the PSG for help with visits



3)MATERIAL SUPPORT. in some prisons prisoners are allowed to spend a limited amount (£10) of money from "private funds" (money sent in) in the prison canteen each month (in others the rules are different). The Prisoners Group makes sure this cash is sent in to each prisoner every month so there is little use sending money direct to prisoners as they will be unable to spend it while in prison. We also pay for prisoners to have sent in daily newspaper of their choice. Books can be sent in by post (We also do this, but you can send in books yourself). Finally the Prisoners Group also arranges for special "one-off" items such as radio/walkmans to be sent in. Be warned there are many obscure rules on which radios and walkmans are let in, so its best to discuss this with us if you or your group wants to buy one for a prisoner you're writing to.

"If you want anything, just riot."



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### APPEAL

If you know of anyone facing charges or imprisoned for demonstrating against the poll tax who isn't on the list please let us know by writing to the below address or phoning. The Prisoners Group meets weekly at the TSDC office. If you want to get involved please get in touch. Finally all the support to prisoners costs money, and as the campaign winds down we're getting less and less, so if you can afford to send any, or even better raise some, no matter how little, it will be a help.

If you want to provide any form of support for any of the Polltax Prisoners, please contact us, the Prisoners Support Group, at the number below first to check that the info on the list is still accurate.

I THINK,  
THEREFORE  
I AM...



...IN JAIL

## THE REAL CRIMINALS by Tim Donaghy

First I feel it's appropriate to quote Malcolm X: "...A protest demonstration is a reaction to what someone else has done. And as long as you're involved in it, you're in someone else's bag. You're reacting to what they've done. And all they have to do to keep you on their string is to keep you reacting, to keep you so busy you never have a chance to sit down and figure out a constructive program to enable me and you to make the progress that is our due."

"...The kind of demonstration you and I want is one that gets positive results. Not a one-day demo, but a demonstration until the end, the end of whatever we're demonstrating against. That's a demonstration. Don't say you don't like what I did and walk in front of my house for an hour. No, you're wasting your time. I'll sit down and go to sleep until your hour is up. If we're going to demonstrate it should be a demonstration based upon no-holds-barred..."

The reason for choosing this quote is not, and I emphasize NOT because I live according to such philosophy or acted upon it at Trafalgar Square (31/3/90), but for the fact that it illustrates government diversions regarding developments within the Poll Tax and its successor "Son of Poll Tax" or "Poll Tax (the sequel)". Also, the attempted discrediting of non-payers by forcing them into fighting (physically) for their rights and subsequently labelling them "rioters" in the public eye and causing hardship to hundreds of "victims of circumstance" like myself.

Over a year later, with just under 20 months to go until I'm fit to walk the streets again, the system has failed miserably in making me feel remorse for my so-called "crimes": at this moment all I feel is contempt. A contempt that grows each time I remember that day when the police were exempt from any law or sense of justice and acted only by the restraint of their conscience (and as I've noticed, conscience is something alien to them).

From that day to this, the police STILL seem to escape prosecution for the crimes indisputably committed by their hand. A woman trampled by police horses, a man maliciously run over by a riot van, - this incident was brought to light in my court case, the judge knew the driver broke the law but ignored the fact - all the innocent heads busted, the list goes on. Then come the lies, perjury, fabrication of evidence, conspiring to pervert the course of justice (incidentally how many charges have been brought against the police in the Birmingham 6 case?) NO CHARGES WHATSOEVER HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST THE POLICE! Ultimately this brings into line the judges and lawlords involved in this cover-up as being guilty of false imprisonment.

Living on this "septic isle", with its fake democracy that boasts of no political prisoners, I for one have been incarcerated for an opinion against the State, nothing else. The violence I was involved in was an instinct for survival, or plainly, self defence. I am not alone, sharing my current accomodation are up to a dozen others and we are still defiant.

P.E.A.C.E.  
(Positive Education Always Corrects Errors)  
Tim.



### PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUPS

Birmingham Polltax Prisoners Support Group.  
5 Exon Gdns, Blackpatch, Smethwick B662LT.  
Very active group, do a newsletter etc.  
Avon Defendants Campaign. c/o Avon Fed., 84 Colston St, Bristol. Tel. 0270 255564.  
Hackney Community Defence Assoc. c/o 501 Kingsland High Rd, London E8.071-2490143  
ABC-Anarchist Black Cross. c/o Black Star, PO Box 446, Sheffield. and BM Hurricane, London WC1N3XX. Support & other prisoners.  
Nottingham Defence Fund c/o Box NDF, 72 Radford Rd, Hyson Green, Nottingham. Do a newsletter.

CONVICTION. PO Box 522, Sheffield S1. Support people framed up.  
Sussex Polltax Resisters Support Fund c/o 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton. (0273-671213).

### BAILIFF DRUG-TAKING

In Nottingham, home of the famed 'Custard Pie' cases, Mrs Julius who runs the local bailiffs, has been under a little stress! Her husband, called Mr Pie!!! who works at the local auctioneers (what a cosy cosy little racket!) was overheard in a cafe saying: "These awful Anti-Poll Tax protesters are driving my wife up the wall so much, she's had to start taking valium". Well, as soon as you start getting withdrawal symptoms like Rayner Farrer did in Hackney, give us a call and we'll help to evict you out of work!

One of the people who was convicted for Custard Pieing the councillors has been suspended from work at British Rail-Contact Nottingham Defence Fund for leaflets to lobby your local B.R. workers.



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