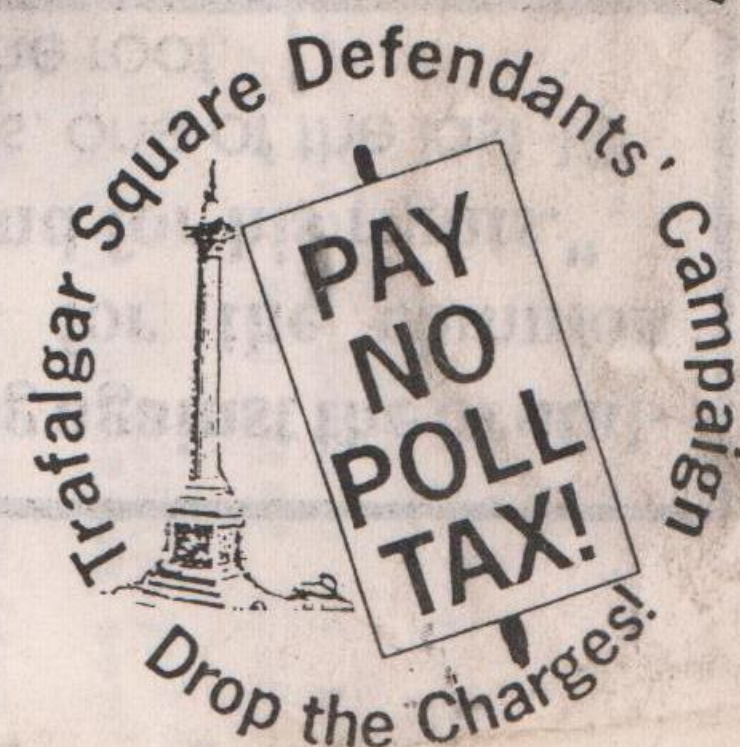


SUPPORT THE
POLL TAX PRISONERS

Remember!

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



POLL TAX STRUGGLE ISN'T OVER YET

The Poll Tax struggle goes on, as we remember the events of last March, two years of non-payment in Scotland one year in Cymru and England, and fourteen million are still not paying! With over one hundred people given custodial sentences, many more receiving other sentences and the continual threats of prison hanging over non-payers, the hated Poll Tax still plagues us. They may have conceded defeat and admitted the Tax is unworkable, but still we cannot afford to pay. Reforms? Don't believe the hype!

There are defendants still awaiting trial from the demonstrations of Trafalgar Square and Brixton, last October. Nineteen people are at present in prison and the political show trials are continuing. Time and time again the blatant attempts by the police to fake evidence have been exposed. At a trial where the jury took the almost unprecedented step of halting a trial, the police prosecution tried to block evidence of a savage attack upon the defendant, claiming "its disclosure would not be in the public interest". In whose interest is it to cover up police assaults on demonstrators?

At the Brixton prison picket, many of us saw an unashamed act of revenge by the Metropolitan Police for Trafalgar Square, in which police surrounded, and charged Three thousand peaceful demonstrators. A PC was heard to say "I don't know what I'm arresting him for", to which the reply was, "Arrest him for assault on PC". During the trials when police were asked what a snatch squad was; they had to admit that "we were briefed before the demo to go into the crowd and arrest anybody".



International solidarity for the Poll Tax struggle and particularly support for the poll tax prisoners has been overwhelming. There have been benefits and solidarity group-actions all over the world, especially in Italy, The Netherlands and Germany. Of the few people from other countries showing international solidarity with non-payers, who were arrested on poll tax demonstrations, there has been a vicious reaction by the courts. The judges first refused bail, then demanded huge sums of up to £10,000 for bail. Also, it is all the more difficult to cope with hostile courts and the prison system if English is not your native language. These defendants have been attacked by the right-wing, racist press, as part of a pathetic attempt to discredit the anti-poll tax campaign as something provoked by "outsiders". The powermongers have always tried play down popular rebellion by trying shift the blame for their own policies onto less powerful groups.

MET. POLICE REPORT BACKFIRES

Finally we have seen the Met. Police produce a shabby report, which glosses over all the brutalities of Trafalgar Square, yet has to admit that the deliberate tactic driving at crowds provokes people into an angry response and that the riot was spontaneous. Which is another way of admitting that they provoked the battle of Trafalgar! We know that the police acted as politically as do the makers of the poll tax. The main purpose of the report seems to be to justify more police control of popular protest, to look for credibility three weeks before the next Poll Tax march.



PRISONERS LIST

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CONVICTED PRISONERS

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 now a fund being set up by a supporter in Aylesbury to collect money for Paul to get a new van/home when he gets out. The address is: Box S, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford. Paul received 4 years on 12 March for the S2s and handling stolen goods. The remaining charges were dropped. EDR Nov 92.

ALAN CLARKE, MV2254

HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Rd., London, N7 8TT.
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 can't read so it would be best to send cards rather than letters. GBH, 2 years.

DANIEL ATTWOOD, KT1303

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, Wandsworth, London, SW18 3HS.
Arrested 20th October in Brixton. Got 12 months total for Section 2 and Section 4 POA and Criminal Damage on 22 Feb 1991. EDR 20 May 1991. Still awaiting trial in Leicester for ALF beagles raid.

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 July 1991.

WAYNE CALDER, NT0082

HMYOI Huntercome, Huntercome Place, Nuffield, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 5SB.
Arrested 31st March in Trafalgar. Tried, convicted and sentenced to 2 years for Section 2 in October 1990. EDR March 1992.

NEIL ARMOUR, MV3338,

HMP Standford Hill, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AA.
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 2 June 1991.

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.

MICHAEL NEAL, MV3973.

HMP Pentonville

Arrested on 31st March and convicted of two offences under section 3 POA on 21st January 1991. Michael was sentenced to 18 months and 12 months to run concurrently and was ordered to pay £850 costs. EDR Jan 1992

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

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.

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.

ZACHARY OSBOURNE, MW0245,

HMP Ford, Ford, NR. Arundel, West Sussex, BN18 OBX.
Zack was arrested on 31st March and was charged with Section 2 POA. He was convicted on Feb 5 91 at Southwark Crown Court and sentenced to a year with six months suspended (ie a six month sentence, serve 3). EDR May 1991.

ADRIAN PUGH, RC0627,

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, London, SW18
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.

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.

JAMES ATTWOOD, MW0834,

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, London, SW18
James received 8 months, 5 suspended, for two counts of Section

2 for the March 31st demo. Sentenced on 13 March.

NEIL BREMNER MW0216

HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Rd, London, SW18
Neil got 30 months for sec.2.

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.

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38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP Tel: 071 833 8958

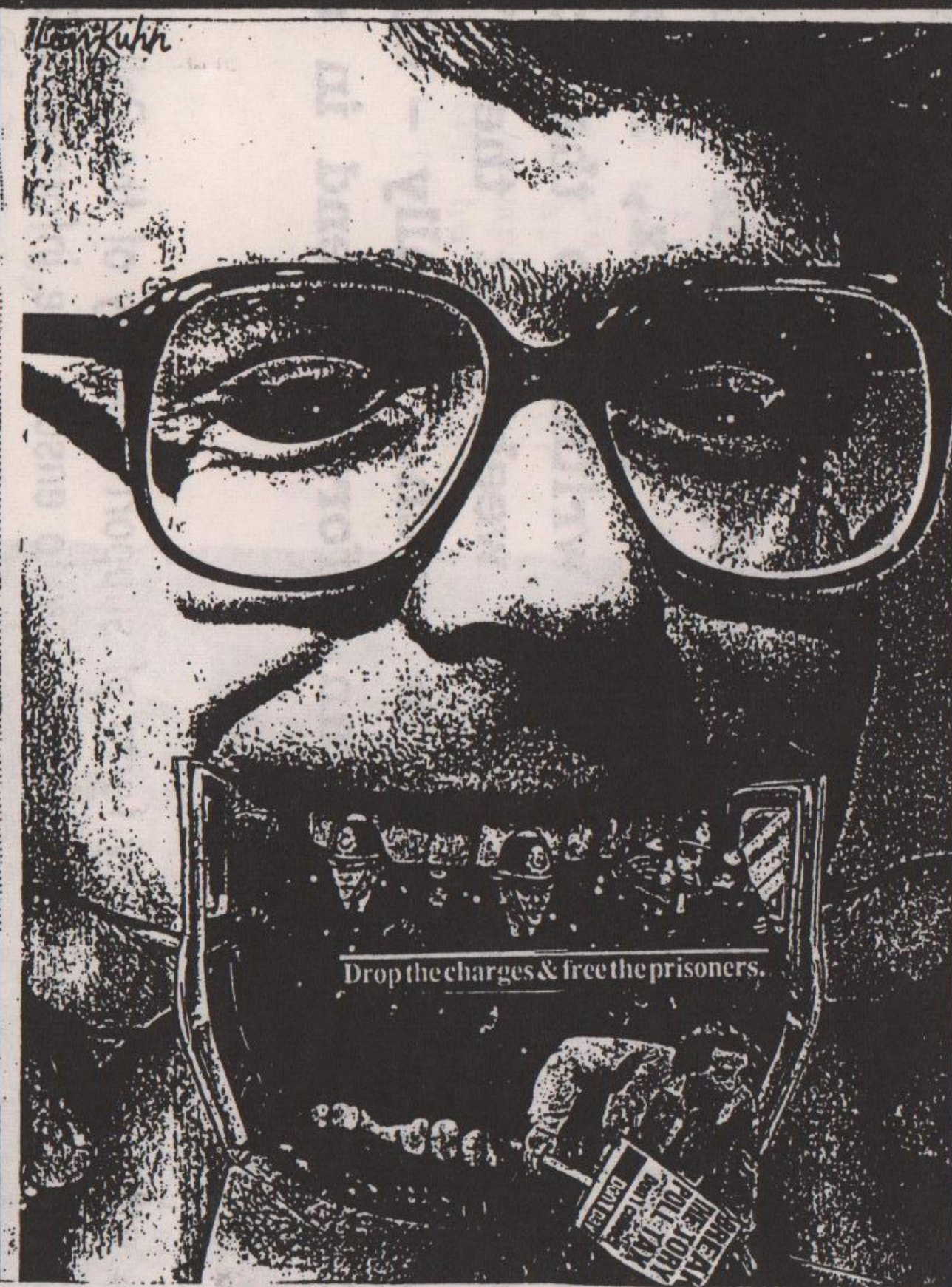
"He said they were fighting against the brutality; the conditions and for the common people... Mark made a stand for his rights." The mother of Mark Williams, one of the last 10 men to come down from the roof.

UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY!

The attempt to discredit the Anti-Poll Tax movement is also a consequence of this state abandoning all pretence at legitimacy; for public order, like "public interest", means a small elite of people using force. But all efforts to smash our communities and con us that we should pay the Tax, have massively backfired. The poverty that means the rich squeezing the poor to line their own pockets, is a form of violence. And after poll tax and violent police charges fail, the last resort that the rich and powerful have, is prison. Lets show them that we will not be beaten with threats of prison, and that we will not forget those of us imprisoned for fighting poll tax. If all the anti-poll tax unions and non-payers can unite so many in non-cooperation, then we can and must campaign for the total amnesty of poll tax prisoners!

DON'T TRUST THIS MAN!

NO POLL TAX HERE



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THE TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN (TSDC)

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE

STOP THE

RIOT

SHOW TRIALS

A LETTER FROM TIM DONAGHY REGARDING POLICE TACTICS OF PLEA-BARGAINING TO SECURE CONVICTIONS:

After the "Community Charge" of Trafalgar Square, I was, unfortunately, one of the community charged with an array of offences resulting from "Operation Carnaby". Most were dropped leaving Riot (Section 1 Public Order Act) carrying a maximum sentence of Ten years imprisonment, and violent disorder (section 2, P.O.A) as an alternative (to back them up if I won section 1) for my involvement with the "POLE (at)TAX".

With the offer of a 3 year sentence for Section 2 guilty plea, the Gestapo offered to drop the section 1. This though, was only available if my co-defendants and myself were willing to plead guilty; the bastards wanted all or nothing. One of my co-defendants was willing, having served 8 months in custody, the other was just plain pessimistic and wanted it all over and done with as soon as possible. This offer looked tempting as an alternative to a possible Eight years that we were to expect if found guilty of Riot.

What could I do? It was all up to me. My co-defendants future was in my hands (deliberately, I think). A guilty plea would ensure the reputation of the police went untarnished. Morals, ethics and personal principles hammered at me alongside a sense of duty to keep the other two out of the shit.

Ultimately, I thought "Bollocks!" and decided I wouldn't surrender. It would be a fight to the death if they were going to nail me.

After over two weeks of a gruelling trial at the Old Bailey, three verdicts of "not guilty" were reached for Section 1 [Riot]. For Section 2 Myself and one other defendant were found guilty, the other (after 8 months in custody) walked free. I got Three years and the other guy got Two. He also had a third count for which he got Six months consecutive totalling Two and a half years.

Conclusion: we got at least (or better than) what was offered on a plea bargain, plus one of our number walked away. We also exposed to the jury gross negligence of duty and other atrocities committed by the police that day (although hurriedly swept under the carpet by Judge Machin Q.C.). Finally, I went down with peace of mind knowing the full outcome of the trial rather than exploring what "could" have happened from a police cell.

Therefore, if the Gestapo offer a plea bargain, tell them to stick it where the sun doesn't shine and FIGHT THE POWER to the bitter end.

"I don't advocate violence, but I don't call the use of violence in self-defence violence, I call it common sense"

- MALCOM X - P.E.A.C.E.

(Positive Education Always Corrects Errors)

STAY STRONG, Tim Donaghy

SUPPORT THE POLL TAX PRISONERS

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 attacks on people demonstrating their anger and opposition to this insane tax.

As a result large numbers of people are facing charges and possible imprisonment, whilst literally hundreds more have already been convicted or sent to prison by vindictive magistrates and judges. The Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign was founded to help people fight the charges against them from the mass demonstrations on the 31st of March and 20th of October. 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 regularly be producing up to date lists of prisoners and addresses of where they are being held.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT

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

There are three main areas of support:

- i) *Letters* are a way of showing that people outside are thinking of them and so they are very important to prisoners. Letters must have the name and address of the sender written on them. Also letters must not contain anything that could get the prisoner or yourself into trouble with the law (use your common sense). Both remand and convicted prisoners are restricted as to how many letters they can send out in a week. So don't necessarily expect a reply as prisoners have to write to their families, loved ones and close friends. If you're not a great letter writer you could always send a card.
- ii) *Visits* There is a big difference between remand and convicted prisoners about visits. Convicted prisoners are generally only allowed one visit every four weeks. Usually convicted prisoners will want to spend their rare visits with family and close friends. Remand prisoners however can have about six visits a week so it is possible for many supporters to visit them. However the visits do have to be co-ordinated because only one visit is allowed per day. If you want to visit a remand prisoner please contact the prisoners group at the TSDC office.
- iii) *Material Support* Prisoners are only allowed to spend a limited amount (usually ten pounds) of money from 'private funds' (money sent in), in the prison canteen each month. The Prisoners Group makes sure that this money is sent in to each prisoner every month so their is little use sending money direct to prisoners as they will not be able to spend it while in prison. The Prisoners Group also pays for prisoners to have a daily paper of their choice sent in by post the group also arranges for 'one off' items such as radios to be sent in. Be warned that there are a great many obscure restrictions on which radios and walkmans are allowed so its best to discuss this with the Prisoners Group if you or your group wants to buy one for a prisoner you are writing to.

APPEAL

If you know of anybody who is facing charges or is imprisoned for demonstrating against the poll tax, in any way, who is not on this list, please let us know by writing to the address below or phoning us. The Prisoners Group meets weekly at the TSDC office. If you want to get involved please get in touch. Finally - all the support we give prisoners cost money, so if you can afford to send in any money, no matter how little, it will help.

If you wish to provide any form of support for any of the Poll Tax prisoners, please contact the Prisoners Support Group at the telephone number below to ensure the information is still accurate.

**POLL TAX PRISONER GROUP c/o ROOM 205, PANTHER HOUSE,
38 MOUNT PLEASANT, LONDON WC1X. Tel 071-833-8958.**