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Local bulletin of the Anarchist Communist Federation (Merseyside Group)

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MERSEYSIDE RESISTANCE is the newsletter of the Liverpool Branch of the Anarchist Communist Federation. We hope it will help to overthrow capitalism and the State and develop an anarchist society: humane, fair and organic. *But what is anarchism? What is anarchist communism?*

Anarchism is a way of life based around the idea that human beings can organise themselves to create better ways of living with all other life. People don't need leaders and exploiters to organise them. Anarchists work to end the rule of force, exercised to protect the interests of the bosses and bureaucrats.

Anarchists also believe that the next evolutionary step for society will be towards less rule and more freedom. Capitalism is in crisis, State-led communism has collapsed. The tyranny of ideas that blind us to hidden exploitation is ending. A new age where all people will be able to express themselves and realise their full potential may be upon us.

How is this to be achieved? We struggle to abolish all institutions based on domination, coercion, exploitation, property and oppression and daily challenge the instruments of power: Government based on the democratic sham; Religion peddling the lie of salvation; Law that serves only the rich; Force given a uniform and the right to oppress and murder.

The society that results will be what we make it. Anarchists have no rigid blueprint of what society will be like. We believe diversity is our strength and that we can co-operate without conflict and exploitation. People will live and work, as they have always done, in teams and groups, families and neighbourhoods, leagues and federations, unions, towns and regions.

Anarchist communism is the best system (we believe) to provide for everyone. Common resources and

technology will be combined to produce goods shared in a way that protects life in all its many forms. When the means of production are in the hands of the people what need for bosses? *"Free workers require free organisation and this can only be on the basis of free agreement and free co-operation.... the no-Capitalist system implies the no-Government system"*. 100 years ago Kropotkin calculated that each person would only need to labour for a few hours a week to shelter, clothe and feed the British population. Why are we forced to work longer and harder? Because the capitalist system needs us to go on buying what it produces so the bosses can go on getting rich. Imagine the potential for humanity if we only had to labour for what was needed! Doing what we want to do when we want to do it. Doing what we need to do when it must be done.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
ANARCHIST IDEAS**

LIVERPOOL ACF is part of the Liverpool Anarchist Network. LAN meets monthly to debate anarchist ideas in an open and friendly way. To find out when the next meeting is write to LAN, c/o PO Box 110, Liverpool

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SMASH THE CJA !

As we watch another 'tropical' British summer begin lets hope for a 'long hot one' ! Our target is the Criminal Justice Act so lets get out, turn up the heat and make the government and police sweat !

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ANTI-CJA - ALL THE WAY

HARD UP ? We think not !

How sorry we feel for our accountable 'public servants', bleating about politicians having to disclose outside interests. Most people know MPs neglect their jobs to earn fat wages working for arms merchants, polluters and fat cat companies making a killing from the pig trough of capitalist taxes. Its difficult to stomach directorships and consultancies for well-heeled idiots while millions who want to work can't and thousands of others struggle on State benefits. The media have created a nine day wonder but for how long ? And what can we expect when Business, The Church, the Law and the State have the world just

the way they want it ! I wonder if we would all take more interest in doing in our 'leaders' if it was known just how much they earn and what they've got their grubby hands on. See through them. Spread the word. Unite and Fight.

SMASH VAT!

The Government was forced to give up on 17.5% VAT on fuel by popular protest, but an 8% tax is still in force. If 35,000 people died each winter previously, how many will die this year ? 40,000 ? 50,000 ? Rich parasites like the loathed Cedric Brown (a sure target for direct action !) earn fortunes while thousands struggle to heat their homes.

In a sane society with resources communally owned and used to meet human need, energy would be free. The struggle against VAT must be broadened into mass protest and defiance of ALL unfair taxes. This must include:

- * Direct Action against British Gas
- * Building Networks of Non-Payers
- * A National Alliance of all groups
- * Contact LUAG, Unemployed Centre, Thornton St, Brixton SW9

REVOLT IS IN THE AIR !

BUS DRIVERS are in revolt in Liverpool ! A lightning strike by 1000 MTL staff (employee-owned, in theory !) went ahead despite opposition from bosses, unions and scab firm CMT buses.

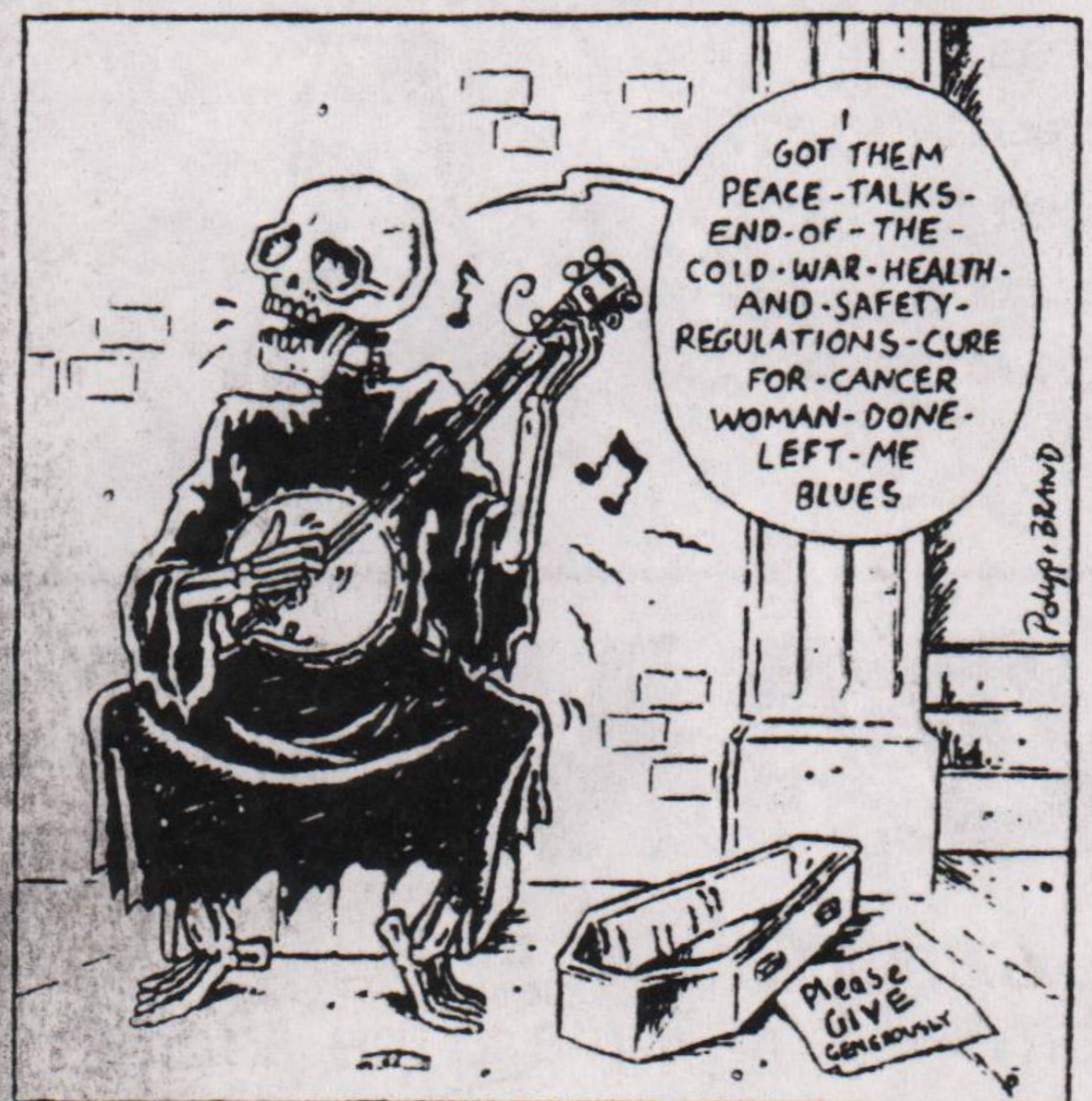
Privatisation has meant long hours, lower wages and harder work as profiteering keeps old buses on the road. Rival fleets are being taken over - if you don't like the wages on offer, who else can you work for ?

After being pushed too far workers struck and chose the leader of the Slave's Revolt, Spartacus, as inspiration. When bosses targetted ringleaders, the strikers faced the bosses down. A witch-hunt was dropped and the bosses defeated.

Elsewhere 105 bus drivers have been locked out but responded by operating a free bus service in competition with scab drivers from unionised depots.

What can we learn from this ? Workers don't have to be ground down by the bosses or sold out by the unions. They can try new tactics, legal and illegal, that bosses can't answer. We must learn to do the same and spread rank and file resistance into every corner of society.

RELAX WITH THE GRIM REAPER



WHO WE ARE: Merseyside Resistance is produced by a local people sick and tired of the rip-off, dog-eat-dog society we live in.

WE REFUSE to be passive while the Bosses rob and exploit us, impoverish our class and make loads of money out of our misery. WE WILL NOT stand by while starvation and poverty stalk the world while food mountains rot in Europe. THINGS NEEDN'T BE LIKE THIS ! Our class has the potential power to do away with capitalism and the Big Brother State and build a society based on freedom and economic justice. We are the Liverpool Branch of the Anarchist Communist Federation.

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