

CLYDESIDE RESISTANCE

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OPEN MEETING

...to co-ordinate Anti Poll Tax
activity in the West of Scotland.

CITY HALLS GLASGOW

SUNDAY 10th JULY

11.00am

- All Welcome -

I'M NO PAYING!

SINCE THIS GOVERNMENT has come to power I have lost my job, seen my dole cut, watched my children's chances declining of ever getting a job.

I have seen the Health Service demolished, watched old age pensioners have their benefits cut, seen this government close mill and mine to leave whole areas of the country devastated.

Now the Poll Tax, this squalid attempt to squeeze more out of the poor, is to be introduced into Scotland next year. Note that England will have it later, yet another attempt to divide us. Not only is it a tax on the poor, it will mean that only those who pay the tax will be able to vote. This means that the vote will be means tested and Maggie will be on to another winner. She could be in power forever!

ENOUGH

The question really is what can be done about it. The way I feel is **I have had enough**, I don't care if I do go to prison: I will not pay the Poll Tax. They can try their damndest to get it out of me, but you can't get blood from a stone and that's that. The more people that do this the less chance the government has to collect this shameful tax and impose a gerry mander on us.

If we stand by and let this happen it will only be the first of any number of obnoxious taxes to be forced upon us. This Government is hell-bent on destroying the ordinary people



- they are only restrained by what they think they can get away with. Don't let them get away with the Poll Tax. Don't pay it, get your mates not to pay it. Stand up to the Tory bullies.

The only values the Government appreciate are grassing and scabbing. We must reply with solidarity and resistance.

STREET WISE

6 Ways to Beat the 'Prole Tax'

1. Hold meetings in your street and area to plan resistance, around the central idea of NON PAYMENT. Make sure the campaign remains under the direct control of the community and all decisions are taken at open meetings.

2. Organise in local factories and workplaces. Don't forget the unemployed. Industrial action and occupations can do our fight no harm!

3. Organise demonstrations outside the City Chambers, the Poll Tax Office in Cochrane St., and surgeries of councillors who don't

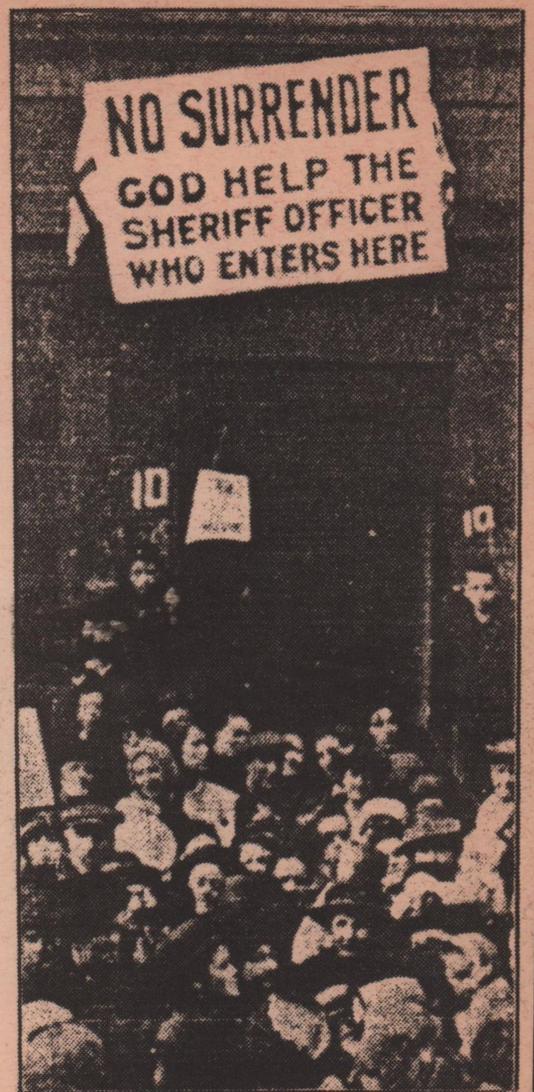
support a non-payment campaign.

4. Plan mass non-registration, and mass non-payment campaigns.

5. Organise mass protection for non-registrants and non-payers. Even neighbours who have returned their forms can help: don't let the Government divide and rule.

6. Get together with campaigns in other housing schemes....co-ordination is vital.

KEEP IT OPEN - KEEP IT STRONG!



• Beat the Bailiffs: the way your granny did!

ACTION ACROSS THE COUNTRY

REPORTS

FIRST, THE GOOD news: in Ruchazie community activists have organised street collections of forms which have been returned ALL TOGETHER UNFILLED to the Registration Office in Cochrane Street.

In Dunterlie, Barrhead, the same angry response was organised, and neighbours alerted to 'watch out' for snoopers. In Pollok, Cowglen, East Pollokshields and other areas Registration Officers have been harrassed and made aware of a 'not welcome' mood.

In North Pollok, local youths dumped forms in the burn after snatching them from fleeing canvassers.

Govan, Clydebank, Castlemilk and many other areas are festooned with posters in people's windows.

- Meeting: Tuesday 21st June, 7.30pm. Possil Point Centre, Denmark St.
- March: Saturday 25th June, 100pm. Leaves Govanhill Health Centre, march to Queens Park. Organised by Govanhill Against the Poll Tax.
- Stop the Poll Tax: demonstration organised by Edinburgh Stop It campaign, Saturday 25th June. Assemble Hillside Crescent, 10.30am.
- Demonstration: Saturday 2nd July, Pollok.
- March: Paisley Saturday 25th June, 11.30. From Ogilvie Club to East End Park.

Send reports of action in your area to Clydeside Resistance, Box 30, 340 West Princes Street, Glasgow G4.

"THE ONLY WAY we can defeat this vicious anti-working class law is to get out at the next election and vote in a Labour Government."

How often have we heard the above quote from Labour Party and Trade Union leaders when they talk about organising a fight back against the Tories?

It would appear that by electing Labour governments the problems of the working class would disappear overnight.

The Poll Tax is probably the biggest single issue to adversely affect our class, yet instead of organising a credible attack against the Tories, the Labour leadership have thrown in the towel.

The next election is three to four years away. WE ARE SUFFERING NOW!

LAW

The Stop It campaign group appear to be limping along, waiting for the official nod from Kinnock to pack it in and then use the old worn 'we did our best' or 'you can't break the law' excuses.

The Anti-Poll Tax Unions are at least giving some lead in the struggle. Let us hope that this lead continues and grows into a powerful voice to rally all who are opposed to the Poll Tax.

I appeal to all factions involved in the Anti-Poll Tax Union: *put aside any differences regarding the true road to a socialist world.*

A victory for our class against the Poll Tax is far more important than scoring petty party points.

The political parlour games are over: a mass movement starts here.

"NEXT TIME, COME IN A TANK!"

Carntyne Tenant to Poll Tax Snooper