



THATCHER WANTS US ALL
TO CRAWL ON OUR
FUCKING KNEES



Today all of us are caught up in an extremely complex and difficult age. Throughout the world the recession continues to get worse, but the ever increasing military expansion goes on in total disregard of the suffering and pain being felt by people everywhere. While millions upon millions of pounds are spent on preparing for war, people are dying from starvation or diseases that could have been easily prevented or cured.

As the economic situation gets worse, most of the advanced and developing nations have begun to strengthen their protectionist attitudes. A single mistake could now destroy this planet. It seems ironic that people are now recalling the hard times experienced during the recession of the thirties - it was then that the whole world was plunged into a war.

We are all surrounded by world leaders and so-called military and economic experts telling us things are going to get worse and generally creating an atmosphere of impendable doom. It is obvious that we are approaching a time of major chaos, the world leaders have shown that they are incapable of sorting anything out - so we, the ordinary people of the world need to remain calm, and work together to sort out the mess they have created. This is a beautiful planet, we can save it and share it, if we want to. There is so much to enjoy - if we become dispondant and resign ourselves to the fate the Governments have created we may never live to experience that happiness.

Power based on nuclear force is the final nail in the coffin of human dignity. It shows the extent to which machines and political structures have slowly but surely taken over the control of people. Today, the power structures, supported by the terrible destructive powers of the military, appear to be securely in the control of a few elite policy-makers. But are the policy-makers really in control? Is it not possible that they have been consumed by the terrible influence of the sheer destruction inherent in nuclear weapons and political power? They have created their own god with the same power to annihilate the whole world that the god in the bible held, and are now too blinkered to see outside of the doctrine they have created. There is no reason why we should be restrained by their limitations, we have the vision to see beyond their boundaries. Humanity need not be degraded to a secondary role in society.

More than anything else we see a lack of humanity within people who glibly speak of the possibility of limited nuclear war. This is a prospect that goes beyond the concept of the nuclear deterrent. Puppets of the nuclear god - these people cannot possibly admit the anguish of the dying into their calculations of murder of thousands upon millions. In their world, nuclear weapons play the lead and humanity is given the wretched secondary role of the defeated opposition. Of course this horror is not restricted to nuclear arms, it is just a part of the shadow created by weapons of all kinds. Nuclear weapons are the grotesque magnification of this horror to the utmost limits.

World leaders used to be able to say that war was a means to add weight to their arguments, but nowadays this is not the case, because war can no longer be controlled.

One of the reasons the strike has been going on for so long now is because the NCB has been importing cheap Polish coal. Infact coal imports from Poland over the last three months were five times higher than for the same period in 1983. The bosses are buying cheaper coal from another part of the world to crush the miners in this country. The Polish coal is cheaper because the Polish miners receive lower wages and work in poorer conditions than the British miners. Scargill has appealed to Jaruselski, the Polish dictator, to stop coal imports to Britain, but Jaruselski needs the money to pay for Polands hudge bank debts, and has had to ignore Scargills plea. The Polish workers are unable to offer their support because their union Solidarity was crushed by the Government, and they have been left with no independant union and consequently no united strength. If Thatcher defeats the NUM the British miners will find themselves in a similar helpless position.

Real unity would mean that if workers in Britain go on strike they could call on support from workers all around the world. If we accept that we are going to work on a world wide scale, we have to work towards getting rid of all national import controls, taxes and other national legislation.

BALLOTS TO YOU TOO

The biggots on Fleet Street demand that the miners hold a ballot over the strike. Who elected them? Who elected McGregor as the vicious hatchet man? Who decided that he should be paid a gross salary many times that of the miners he plans to axe?

It is obvious that the vast majority of the miners support the strike. However, combined collective action is only strong and effective if all those involved have an understanding and commitment for the cause. The important union decisions should be made by all the union members, not by the union leaders. Real change is only possible if the people involved are loyal to the policy being worked for, rather than the individual or the policy of an individual. After all if the leader goes - their fight should continue.

CRAWLING OUT THE PIT

This fight goes beyond the usual Trade Union interests of wages, working conditions etc. If the NUM manages to achieve what it seeks - so what! They will only have held back the proposed butchery - the butcher will not have been defeated. We must fight for more than protecting jobs, after all a job is only wage slavery. We must fight for more than the right to be exploited.

Why should we have to be dependant on a wage in order to survive? Why do we sell the best part of our lives to the highest parasitical bidder? If we want more then surely we should demand it? Of course the Trade Union action is vital for the present situation we find ourselves. But, we need to make sure that our vision is not limited to fighting the effects of the present system - we need to go beyond that, and fight to change the system. We should be fighting for freedom from wage slavery, and only we can achieve that goal. Thatcher and Scargills rhetoric will not change anything of any real substance, they offer as little as Gormley did in 1974. We need to fight and win this battle, at the same time remembering that it is just a small part of a far bigger and more important battle.

PROFIT AND LOSS

Our real enemy is the present market system that revolves around profit. What sort of world can allow starvation, poverty and disease to exist needlessly. It is obscene that the leaders discuss and plan profits while others die for want of food, housing or medical attention. These things need not exist, they can be prevented. We need to start in our homes to change things - and the miners strike seems to be the best place to begin. It could be the last chance we get.



STOP THE WORLD
I WANT TO GET OFF



CAN YOU ADJUST THE T.V. - THE VISION SEEMS DISTORTED

The majority of people formed their opinions on the miners strike from the information they have received from the media. During this strike, as ever, the Fleet Street prostitutes have created a media battle between Thatcher and her lackey McGregor against Scargill. Very little if anything is ever reported about the issues involved. Again on television the issues are rejected in favour of scene upon scene of picket line violence. The bosses use the media to put forward their bigotted views, to which they are entitled, but the miners are denied the right to state their case and call for support from fellow workers. Our so-called free press is a farce - it's only free access for those in power.

IF THEY WONT JOIN, BEAT THEM

Why is there violence on the picket lines? Why are working class people fighting one another on the streets? As we fight amongst ourselves we cease to be an effective opposition to the state. The bosses stand on the side lines laughing, after all it saves them having to send the police in to beat us up if we do it ourselves. In no way do we support the violence or intimidation or miner against miner, although we can understand the frustration that erupts into violence. Nothing lasting can ever be achieved by force, persuasion is far more effective, understanding and conviction leads to real unity and strength.

YOU'RE THE PITS

The miners went on strike in opposition to NCB plans to close down a number of pits and make thousands of miners unemployed. The number of pits to be closed and the number of miners that would be made unemployed as a result has been a constant argument between the NCB and NUM. However, whatever the number, it is clear that whole mining communities will be devastated overnight. The plans to destroy the coal industry go beyond Thatcher and McGregors plans to make the industry economic.

There only vision is profit and they have decided that an economic industry is not enough, they want more profits. Thatcher has decided that she can get a better profit return for money invested by closing some mines and devastating surrounding communities in a bid to tailor the industry to current market demands. The miners are demanding that all the pits be kept open, even the Government thinks that they are not profitable enough. They argue that the industry should serve the people, rather than the people serve the industry. Of course, the industry should be run for the benefit of the people rather than the bosses - but Thatcher disagrees.

THE STATE'S IN A TERRIBLE STATE

In the past many workers believed that it was possible to run the industries for the benefit of the people, by passing ownership from the industrial bosses to the state. It was argued that the Government could be persuaded to run the mines for the people rather than the bosses.

However, this never worked out as planned. The Government has just used Nationalism to extract as much profit as possible in order to relieve the taxation on the huge wages paid to the bosses and owners of other industries. Ownership may have changed hands from the bosses to the state, but the exploitation continues. We can now see that Nationalism is no answer to either. It was a Labour Government in power during the firemen, NUPE and docker strikes, and closer to home the Labour Government under Wilson drew up and initiated the plan for coal which stated that the coal industry must make profit, and be run as a profit making business.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS - PICK IT

Whether or not we like it, we are all involved in the miners conflict against the exploiting state. Their enemy is ours. Each of us is confronted with a Government whose only vision is profit, as it tramples upon the needs and hopes of normal, everyday people like us, who make and provide the goods and services we all buy and use. We are the people who produce the wealth but never get any share of it. You don't have to be a miner to understand the battle, since all of us who have to work or sign on in order to survive, suffer the same vicious social system dictated and maintained by Thatcher and her Government.

We are doing this benefit tour for the miners to offer our support for their fight, and we believe that by sharing and spreading ideas we can achieve real social change. The leaders will never change anything, but together we can if we raise our sights and work together to create a society capable of satisfying our needs.

This industrial conflict has progressed beyond the usual union skirmish to gain a few concessions which the bosses can well afford, and become a class war. Thatcher realises that if she loses this fight she hasn't just lost to the miners but lost to the people, and if the people win this battle she will be powerless to stop them taking over total control. Her Government will be left useless and she will be reduced from an all powerful fascist dictator to a normal everyday person like each of us.

Thatcher and the bosses see our fight to better our position as a disadvantage and at the expense to theirs. They are afraid that they will be toppled from the elevated position they have created for themselves at our expense, and brought down to our level. They created the class structure, maintain it and will fight to defend it until we beat them out of existence.

Throughout history the bosses have been able to maintain their power because they controlled the land which provided goods or the raw materials to make goods, the machines that produced goods and the system that distributed goods. Thatcher realised that because the coal industry employed such a massive work force, the workers held effective control over the countries power and fuel supply. For this reason she has been trying to replace the coal industry with the nuclear power stations that employ very few people and effectively return the control back to the bosses. Nuclear power is far more expensive and dangerous than other forms of energy, but Thatcher accepts these disadvantages because she wants to maintain state control, and use the plutonium waste nuclear power stations produce to make more and more nuclear weapons.

We have to realise that the only way to oppose state control is to force the state to give up the means by which all the people live. Only then will we be able to control our own lives. The miners fight is the first of many battles we have to win, this could be the start of real social change, and the beginning of the people working together to rid the world of all the unnessecary suffering and pain. The end of starvation, poverty, homelessness and war is now a real possibility.

All Governments are the same - blinkered profiteers - so why are all Trade Unions paying part of their union levy to the Labour Party Fund? An organisation that opposes the interests of the people. All politics are based on power - one group of people ruling another - we want EQUALITY not AUTHORITY.

A BROAD VIEW OF THE SITUATION

Each of us knows that whenever we face a struggle, unity is strength. The problems we face with profit plundering, exploiting Governments and leaders are worldwide. People all over the world need to unite, work and support each other if we are going to create real change.

The last ten years became the era of the military race, as the nuclear powers rush one after another to develop bigger and more powerful weapons. American Pershing II cruise missiles were deployed in Europe during December 1983 and their deployment continues. This has certainly increased tension between east and west, and put the whole world at risk. This tension will get even worse if Russia carries out its threat to deploy its SS20 missiles in Siberia - in retaliation to the cruise missiles. While these world leaders play war games, people all over the world are left reeling in confusion wondering whether their nation is to embark on the road to war or the road to peace. These stupid power games could well end in destroying us all. We are all faced with the problem of how to disarm the mad men and women before they blow us all sky high, deliberately or by accident.

The job for disarming is made even more complex because of the deep entanglement of the arms race with economic political and social systems. Everyone now knows how big business has a vested interest in maintaining the military race, companies like EMI and Marconi make huge profits from war and the preparation for war. Blood money in the literal sense.

The fight for disarmament is going to be a long and painful one. We need to realise that it is not enough to try and pressurize the Governments to make a move - we are going to have to fight the big businesses as well. But more importantly we need to maintain our efforts - don't give up because the going is getting tough or because peace is no longer fashionable. We can and will eventually create a world without wars.

The fact that a few elite groups have control over the power structures based on nuclear might surely is a declaration of human defeat, of the death of human dignity.

We have to face facts - we have had nuclear weapons forced upon us - and we now need to recover the lead - we should be controlling the machines. If the machines are uncontrollable we should reject them.

The upsurge of anti-nuclear and disarmament movements world wide during the last few years was the first step towards regaining our dignity. The average person has been the force supporting these movements as they spread beyond national boundaries. A new age of people has been born. Confronted with an enemy of all human-kind, nuclear arms, the people have awakened to see that it is up to them to preserve peace. This is the first time in history that a peoples movement has attained an organisational power equal to that of Government and international systems. However, the state and political power continue to present strong obstacles.

The issue that faces us today is how the people are to break through this great obstacle and open the way to permanent peace. I am not at all pessimistic about the present situation: despair and resignation will not open the way to the future. No situation is hopeless together we can reform society and with enough hope and determination I am sure that the most deep-rooted wish of humanity can be attained.

Non-Governmental organisations are going to play an increasingly important role in crystalising the peoples wish for peace. Non-Governmental organisations are not bound by the narrow confines of national interest; their approach transcends the state, their goal is peace and welfare of all humankind.

STOP THE CITY WAS ONLY JUST THE START.



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FUCK OFF THATCHER - You vicious, cold blooded murdering lunatic. You slaughtered over one thousand men in the Falklands war - a cruel heartless electioneering trick. During the railway strike last year you asked the railwaymen to "remember the Falklands". Too fucking right - we will never forget the atrocities that you are responsible for. The murder of those innocent men will never be forgotten. Long after you are thrown out of office you will be remembered as an uncaring, insensitive, murdering shit. THATCHER FUCK OFF.

FUCK OFF THATCHER - How many more years must we see the violence in Northern Ireland continue. Only a fucking idiot could condone the use of plastic bullets. We saw last week that you have not lost the taste of blood you aquired in the Falklands - even the facists in your party could not believe the way your troops fired on an innocent crowd. Yet another death to add to the ever increasing total. The H-Block and Amargh jails are fitting monuments to your vicious vindictive fucked up mind. THATCHER FUCK OFF.

FUCK OFF THATCHER - Four million unemployed but you're still not satisfied. You deliberately create joblessness to maintain the profit system, you and the bosses bleed the working people in this country dry. You destroy whole communities, whole lives and call it economics. You're dealing with caring loving feeling people not figures on a fucking balance sheet. You create unemployment but refuse to pay out liveable social security benefits. You really are an uncaring bastard. THATCHER FUCK OFF.

FUCK OFF THATCHER - You maintain the pretense that your nuclear weapons are for our benefit and that you have nothing to hide. You lying two faced bastard. Sarah Tisdall leaked details of arrival of cruise and you jailed her - who the fuck are you trying to kid. The Guardian newspaper printed the letter Tisdall leaked - and was legally forced to hand it over - our so called free press is a fucking joke. You don't ever listen to our reasoning and pleas - we don't want your fucking weapons. The women at Greenham are continually harrassed and abused by the police, refused bail on arrest, and denied social security payments. You fucking stink. THATCHER FUCK OFF.

FUCK OFF THATCHER - Prime minister Thatcher you've sold us out to your American chum Reagan. Can't you see that he's shitting all over us? We process his nuclear waste, we have his rejected nuclear power stations, we have his cruise missiles - why are we becoming an American rubbish tip? The whole GCHQ Cheltenham Union farce was initiated at Reagans command - he said Trade Unions in his sp y centre was a security risk so you abolished them. He barks and you jump. You spineless git. THATCHER FUCK OFF.

FUCK OFF THATCHER - Spurred on by your success at wiping out the GCHQ union you have gone on to try and destroy the miners union. Well this time you have gone too far. The people in this country have had enough of your fucked up egotistic facist dream. The miners strike has now developed into a class war. We won't stop until we have toppled you from your tower. THATCHER FUCK OFF.