

# **RESISTANCE**

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## **BOSSSES: ALL THE SAME!**

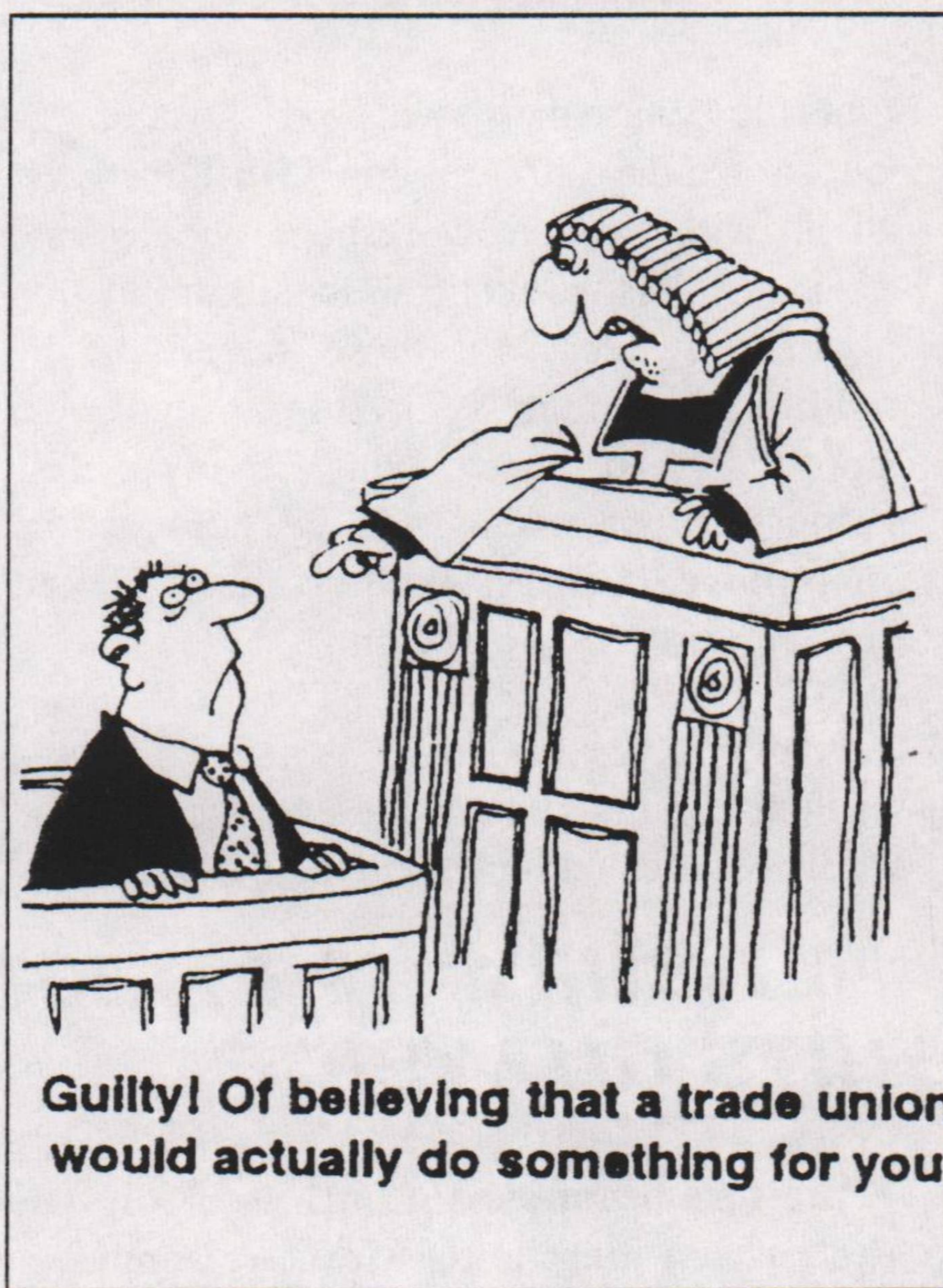
### **CORRUPTION REIGNS AT GMB *Union Holidays On Workers Pay***

It isn't very often that corrupt and dishonest bosses get caught out, let alone cheating union officials. So it gave us great pleasure last month to hear about the resignation of leading GMB official in the northern region, Nick Anderson.

Lightfingers Anderson had been spending union funds (that's the subs we're paying folks) on lavish dinners and trips for himself and his mates at GMB HQ in Newcastle. In total, Anderson managed to skim off nearly £5,500 before suspicions started to be raised. After being discovered and then removed from his post, he had the cheek to slap in an unfair dismissal claim for, would you believe it, compensation!!! The tribunal which finished at the end of last month, failed to find any evidence in his support, leaving him the only option but to resign on the grounds of ill-health (yeah, right).

On a more serious note though, it makes you wonder how many of our so called representatives are

up to the same racket. More reason if any more was needed, to develop our own grass roots organisations, free from corruption and domination to truly make a difference.



**Guilty! Of believing that a trade union would actually do something for you**

### **CONFUSION REIGNS AT NHS**

Events at the General Hospital continued to unfold last month, leaving most people confused, some say deliberately.

First came the news just before christmas that Unison rep and Chief

mandarin of the Socialist Workers Party, Yunus Bakhsh had been de-recognised by the City Health Trust after allegations from a member of staff of intimidation during the strike ballot. Next it was announced that Yunus had been re-recognised after an investigation had dropped nearly all the complaints. However in an internal document to members, Unison state that Yunus's reappointment held conditions which were "completely unacceptable", one of which prevents Yunus representing staff in his own workplace.

As anarchist communists we have long recognised the inadequacy of the unions in gaining even the barest improvements for our class, let alone going on the offensive to improve our lot. Yet it seems clear that the Trust has been looking for ways to oust Yunus for some time now, as a constant thorn in their side. In the latest ballot of members, 76.9% supported Yunus as their rep - a result which the Trust have tried to prevent Unison from making public, threatening legal action.

Whatever the outcome, these latest developments show how far the hospital's bosses will go to suppress any sign of fightback from their workforce. Most however, remain determined to resist further attacks on their living. We shall follow developments closely . . .

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## **GIT OF THE MONTH** **RACIST TWAT**

This month's golden turd award goes to Phil Critchlow, a boss at kitchen and bathroom company Living Design. Racist scumbag, Critchlow advised workers at his Washington based firm not to do business with ethnic minorities. He told his staff that "we don't deal with Paki's, Jews or ethnic minorities. Even if only 2 or 3 refuse to pay it means court cases". It seems Mr Critchlow got it into his thick skull that ethnic minorities complained more about the firm's shoddy goods than other people.

Critchlow's seniors acted quickly to try to limit the bad publicity, only to end up defending him, by refusing to take any action. But while *he* might think it's fine spouting racist nonsense based on ignorance rather than fact, we at *Resistance* take a rather more dim view of such behaviour. Losers like Critchlow need to be taught a good lesson, so why not tell him what you think of his backward ideas by ringing the company's freephone number on **0800 200 777** or in writing to Living Design, 8 Tilley Road, Crowther Industrial Estate, Washington.

It may be too late for crackpot Critchlow, who may find out the hard way - we hear that some locals in his village, Thornley in Durham, intend demonstrating exactly what *they* think of such bigotry - he should take this as a warning!

## **MARY WHITEHOUSE IN DRAG SHOCKER!**

In the last issue of *Resistance* we had a go at a few celebrities, but this time it's the turn of their controllers behind the scenes. Our TV region boasts a man who has been described as a "Mary Whitehouse in Drag", head of Channel 3 North East Bruce Gyngell.

In the past he has banned programmes like *The Good Sex Guide*, *Carnal Knowledge* and *God's Gift* purely because they either discuss or joke about sex. This time he went a step further and has banned Hollywood Lovers the latest in a series which gives Hollywood's rich a chance to embarrass themselves in front of millions. The first in the series to be banned so as not to corrupt was the issue titled 'The Dating Game', where "a host of stars provide a first hand insight into the tinsel town dating game". Fair enough this kind of TV would probably make most of us puke, but at least let's decide ourselves. There's 8 million people in our region who now get Bruce's choice of viewing, which in this case meant a

repeat of *Whicker's World* aboard the *Orient Express*.

Now we all know TV is used to distort reality by feeding us a sanitised version of events, but this censorship by Gyngell shows clearly how our daily information and entertainment is shaped by those in positions of power. If they want to censor us they can, so all the more need for alternative information sources like *Resistance* and the countless others produced to inspire fightback not apathy.

## **Magnet Defiance Continues**

As the Magnet workers battle on 6 months into a strike, pickets and fundraising continue throughout the region. February 14th will see another mass picket outside the firm's Yarm Road Industrial Estate site in Darlington. Newcastle ACF will be joining members from Tyneside Anarchist Group and others in the picket. Anyone interested in joining us on the day should meet at 5.30am outside Central Station in Newcastle where transport is laid on.

## **TAG EDUCATIONAL**

Tyneside anarchists will be hosting an educational day on **Saturday 15th February**, which will include workshops videos and speakers. This would be an ideal introduction to anarchist ideas for those scared off by traditional boring meetings and an opportunity to meet other fellow class warriors. The event will be held at the **Unemployed Centre, 4, The Cloth Market, Newcastle starting at 12pm.**

The day will be rounded off by a social for the Magnet workers later in the evening. Venue details will be announced on the day.

## **NEWBURY PROTEST HITS QUAYSIDE**

Protesters occupied the offices of big shot destruction merchants Mott McDonald, on Newcastle's quayside last month. The action was timed to mark the first anniversary since work began on the Newbury by-pass in Berkshire, of which the company are consultant engineers.

Around 10 people, including a comrade from Tyneside Anarchist Group burst into the building soon after work began to the disbelief the the building's occupants and locked themselves into place. Work was disrupted for several hours as other demonstrators gathered outside with banners. All in all the action was a complete success, with the added bonus that there were no arrests. The action was covered by local TV and the papers adding insult to injury for the firms PR image.

*Once again, direct action hits those who would destroy our countryside for profit where it hurts most - in the pocket. To those who took part in the action and annoyed the hell out of Mott McDonald, we say well done!*

## **Footie Fightback**

**Football fans in Sunderland last month launched their own alternative to bigotry and racism inside Roker Park with a group called Sunderland AFC anti-fascists.** The launch came as a result of a recent increase in racial abuse directed at black players from away teams, and stickers from far right groups including C18 appearing around the ground. All this despite Sunderland's own record of having black players on their books such as Howard Gayle, Gary Bennet and Rueben Agboola. The fans aim to root out the racists and kick the fascists out of Roker in the fine tradition of militant anti-fascism in the north east.

Their first activities have been leafleting Sunderland's town centre on match days, which have been fairly well attended. More ambitious actions are planned for the future however. At the moment the group are sharing our address while they sort out other arrangements, and we're only too happy to help them out. Let's kick the misfits out of football once and for all!

Another group currently sharing our PO Box is the newly formed **Justice For Women** - a feminist group who campaign for the release of Women jailed for defending themselves against violent partners. They also give practical aid to women in jail.

## **ANARCHISTS EXILED**

Over recent years many geordie anarchists have moved out of the area for one reason or another - so here's a chance to stay in touch with what's going on in the region. Send stamps or a donation to the address below to receive regular copies of *Resistance*.

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