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# IT'S WAR!

THIS GOVERNMENT loves a good (undeclared) war. The most obvious was against Argentina but the main one is against you and me. It is the class war but few people on our side seem to be fighting it. They have legalised effective unionism out of existence and tooled up the pigs to smash any resistance.

The rich and powerful have always blamed the poor for their plight. The idea behind the "New Poor Law" of 1834 was that welfare provisions had to be a lot worse than the



enjoy, are doing all they can to grind down the unemployed and the poor.

### INCREASE IN HARDSHIP

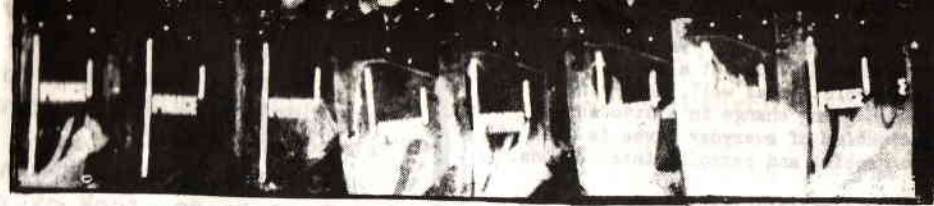
Firstly, they have driven down the wages of the young. Why should firms pay more than the "going rate" when YTS schemes have fixed it in the mid £20 range? Can anyone actually do more than survive at such a level; the Supplementary Benefit rate, of course, is even less.

Secondly, they have attacked the idea of a minimum wage. As far as the market is concerned, no wage is too low if profits are being squeezed. As a result, workers (often immigrant women) face the prospect of being paid a pittance by petty scrounging capitalists who extract every last penny of profit.

Thirdly, the government has done all it can to re-define "unemployment" so as to exclude as many people as possible. Thus, those "trainees", Community Programme "workers", housewives who want a job, those who are forced to retire early, etc., are excluded from the unemployment figures, as are school leavers every summer.

### AVAILABILITY FOR WORK

A new turn of the screw is represented by the "available for work" test. The underlying philosophy behind this is that a lot of the



unemployed do not really want work. Should you fail to meet the Department of Employment's criteria, you will be removed from the unemployment statistics (and benefit). So if you refuse some totally unsuitable job, which may involve unsocial hours and low pay, you will be in trouble.

The "Restart" scheme involves interrogation of the "long-term" unemployed (ie one year out of work if over 25 and six months if under) in order to catch out claimants. It must be understood that all of these measures are aimed at us, the ordinary people.

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