

CLASS **WAR**



No 45 BY ALL MEANS NECESSARY

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BAILLIFFS...



MAKE MY DAY!

NO POLL TAX

CLASS WAR

BRITAINS MOST UNRULY TABLOID

WHAT WE SAY

WELL IT'S all over... a massive Allied "Victory". The crushing defeat of a mad despot, a medieval tyrant intent on world domination - **BOLLOCKS!**

This was just a bosses war about the control of oil in a vital part of the world

It meant only one thing: young working class soldiers shooting, gassing and stabbing each other to death.



It doesn't matter who won the war, it'll be working class people in Britain, Iraq and elsewhere who'll pay the price.

As with all wars it's was us who were shipped off to kill and be killed, whilst those who have most to gain sit at home and count their profits.

PROFITS

Already the scramble for fat profits has brought construction companies and arms dealers rushing to the war-torn Gulf, eager for a slice of the re-construction cake.

Our rulers talk of "defending human rights" but where were they when Hussein invaded Iran, or gassed thousands of Kurds? Right behind him of course!

There is a clear message sent out by the western states to the rest of the world's rulers, do what you want, kill all you want, invade all you want, make war all you want - but don't interfere with our



AFTERMATH - BOMBED VEHICLES USED BY IRAQI SOLDIERS TO FLEE KUWAIT.

profits. That's where the line is drawn.

The grisly fact is that bosses need war. Here, with the economy teetering on the brink of collapse, they gambled that an early "victory" would solve all their problems.

RICH AND POWERFUL

It's the same in Iraq, strikes and unrest on the increase, no money in the bank, what do you do? Invade a mega-rich neighbour!

When all's said and done, Bush, Major and Hussein are all on the same side; the side of the rich and powerful.

We have no interest in fighting

their battles for them, or dying for the likes of Shell or Texaco.

That's why we took no sides in this war. They're all as rotten and corrupt as each other.

Unlike the rest of the Left we didn't believe that a victory for Iraq would be a victory for the working class, holding up a tyrant as a hero just because he is less of a tyrant than the U.S. is the politics of the loony bin!

And an argument seen through by millions of ordinary people. We are also not raving pacifists who think that "holding hands for peace" will bring about any real change.

Only global workers struggle can challenge this sick system one which daily destroys lives in the name of profit and power.

FIGHT THE ENEMY

Now's the time to go back on the offensive - **BRING THE WAR HOME!** - we've just about got them beat over the poll tax, and the Tories are sure to cut and run and call an early election.

We must be prepared to step up action to defend our communities from the ravages of the recession, and go on the attack to fight the real enemy - the class enemy.

COUNTING THE PROFITS...

FOR BRITAIN the Gulf War could reap massive profits. Already they are saying that this could be the first war "run on a profit". The increase in oil price has boosted North Sea revenues PLUS the £1.4 Billion in aid Britain has been promised by Japan and some "friendly" Gulf states easily offsets the £3 Billion cost.

Also British companies like Tarmac and GEC are set to get contracts worth almost £18 Billion. *Meanwhile there's too many war dead to count...*

OUT AT LAST!

FOR 15 YEARS six men have been imprisoned for a crime they didn't do. *There is nothing particularly unique about this.* Jails are full of innocent people.

What makes them special is the effect their release has had on the upper class, gout ridden, senile old men who run British Justice - the judges.

Lord Denning went so far as to say "If they'd been hanged we wouldn't have all this fuss."

The release of these men so worried the State that they covered up evidence, lied in court and "lost" documents.

Why? Because they're violent criminals? No but because their freedom after 15 years is likely to prove to be the straw that broke the camels back as far as ordinary peoples faith in "British Justice" goes.

Class War has no time for whinging liberals who wish "reform" the judiciary - *the courts are there to keep us in our place, and to protect the rich and powerful* - and anything that opens peoples eyes to this reality is welcomed by us.

Congratulations lads! Have a drink on us.



WALKER CALLAGHAN HILL HUNTER MCKENNY POWER

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**NOW AVAILABLE
IN ALL GOOD
RECORD SHOPS!**

IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT ON THE SHELF - ASK!

IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE? NO IT'S SUPERBARRIO!

IN JUNE 1987 a real life superhero came into being in Mexico City.

It had been struck by a massive earthquake in 1985 and all over the city thousands of houses were wrecked.

Slumlords and property speculators moved in and made a killing out of the housing crisis.

So the Asamblea de Barrios was formed. A community group committed to fighting evictions and asserting peoples rights in Mexico City's shanty towns.

Superbarrio became their champion and took the battle to the landlords. When people are threaten with eviction, or harassed, Superbarrio is contacted and with mobs of followers sets of in his Barrio mobile.

BEATEN OFF

The landlords are beaten off, and made sure they know what will happen should they return.

Since Superbarrio's arrival the Asamblea de Barrios has swelled to include over 50,000 families.

He even holds symbolic wrestling matches between himself (*The defender of the tenants and poor districts*) and Catalino Creel (*The cruel grasping land-lord!*)

But Superbarrio is no ego-tripper, getting off on being famous, he never reveals his identity and says "Think of me as a collective citizen, I represent the aspirations of thousands of ordinary people."

"Of course comparisons have been

made with Superman" he says "But Superbarrio doesn't face vampires or wolfmen; he faces flesh and blood landlords, bureaucrats and politicians."

This class warrior is hated by the established left as much as by the right. "The left has always been so serious, so lacking in humour" says Superbarrio "They say that these are important matters and that class warfare is never a laughing matter."

But for Superbarrio humour is an important weapon. "People in power hate to look ridiculous. They sit behind huge mahogany desks, surrounded by deep pile carpets, and then they get a visit from Superbarrio!"

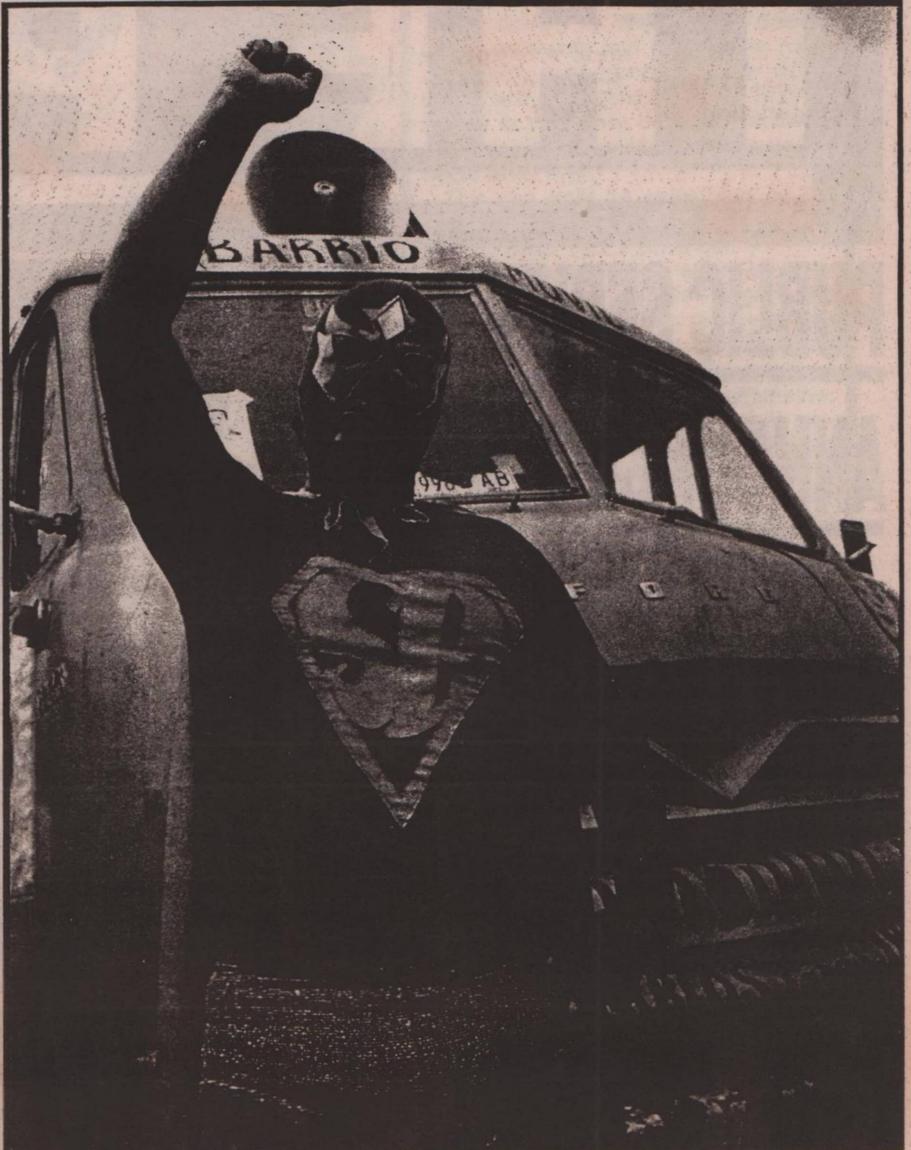
BARKING MAD!

THE LOONY right-wing institute of Economic Affairs has come up with a real winner of an idea!

The crackpot Tory boffins have said we should ABOLISH child benefit and instead give TAX ALLOWANCES for bringing up children.

But of course as the rich spend more money on their children, (school fees and the terribly high cost of Au Pairs!) they should get more tax rebates!

And who said that Thatcherism was dead...



● SUPERBARRIO WITH HIS BARRIO MOBILE

A SOLDIER GULF WAR

SPEAKS

DURING THE Gulf War the media was full of pictures of toffs like General Peter Edgar de la Cour De La Billiere, commander of British forces.

For them life's easy, no risk of having your head shot off when you're cosy in the officers mess sipping gin and tonics! But for the squaddies everything changes...

I was a Corporal for six and half years in the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (one of the units that makes up the 7th Armoured Brigade, the Desert Rats) and never have I seen such blatant examples of the class system in action...

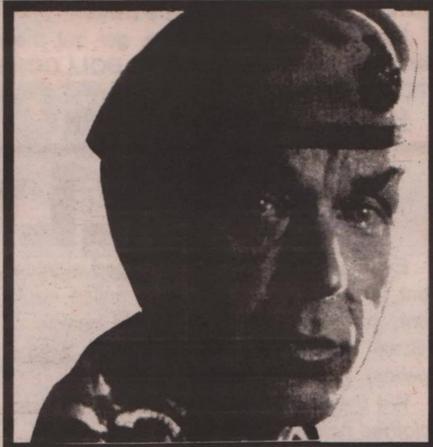
WAITERS

I can remember being on exercise in Germany (where we were based), and all us squaddies were up to our knees in mud digging out emplacements, we did this all day and most of the evening.

LAINES LOOTERS!

THE RECENT snow brought bad news for the posh toff shops in Brighton's Laines area.

Whilst the town was plunged into a 90 minute blackout, looters smashed windows and cleared out whole shops of expensive clothes!



DE LA BILLIERE - WASTE OF SPACE

Come evening a great big marquee arrived for the officers. Waiters set up tables, laid out Silver Service for them to eat from, even a band arrived to entertain them.

The officers had all sodded off and changed into their Dress Uniforms, then they sat down to eat, waited on by six or seven servants.



Meanwhile we were all eating our rations out of tin cans the other side of the wood.

Another time it was the Officers Summer Ball, and us squaddies were all ordered to be waiters.

The theme of the ball was to be like they were on a Mississippi steamboat. We were

told that we would have to wear costumes and have our faces and hands painted black, like black and white minstrels, to make it more "lifelike" for them.

PAINTING THE GRASS

There was uproar at this added humiliation, we protested but were told that we had no choice, it was an order.

In Spring 1988 the Queen was going to present the regiment with a new Standard. The top brass went apeshit over the preparations for this.

All the grass in the barracks was to be painted green as they said "the grass wasn't green enough"! Then they had us all out cleaning the gaps between the cobbles on the roads she was due to drive along. Over a weeks work in all.

When I joined up I never thought I'd spend my time waiting on some toffee

nosed Officer but that was exactly what it was like. They lived the life of a Lord. At all their meals, even while on exercise, they were waited on.

They lived in special quarters, kept spotless by teams of us who were on cleaning duty, they used to get up, swan over to our barracks, and bollock us about having dusty floors when we had just spent hours cleaning theirs!

FED UP

We also used to have to launder all their clothes for them. We had to take turns doing this, usually three months at a time, but on special occasions all of us would be turned out to pander to their needs.

In the end I was fed up with it all, when my time was done I left. That was April 1990.

- CHRIS PAGE..

NON-PAYERS 1 THE MET 0

IT'S OFFICAL - The cops have admitted in a Scotland Yard report "that we lost the poll tax riot in Trafalgar Square". One year ago.

They make all the usual excuses about not enough man-power, poor equipment, communications break-downs etc, but even they admit that the sheer scale of the rioting, and the anger of the crowds took them completely by surprise.

"As the disorder spread we were getting hundreds of calls each minute" said the plod report.

They also admitted that having coppers in riot gear "was provocative"



WE'VE GOT THE POWER

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

STARTED BY the Labour Party, then hijacked by Militant and SWP parasites, the future looked bleak for our APTU. But pissed off by party politics, a few of us decided to take control.

For once, 'democracy' worked in our favour: by forcing elections, and by doing rather than talking, people elected us to organise the campaign.

Starved of recruits and paper sales, Militant and the SWP rapidly buggered off - *surprise, surprise!*

Without their crap politics, and using what we could lay our hands on, we got on with the job: leafletting down the High St., knocking on doors, flyposting, and generally making lots of noise has kept us in the public eye.

We've been in the local press, week after week, for our regular court pickets, disturbance of council meetings and local demos. *Any publicity is good propaganda especially as the lefties are keeping their heads down right now.*

We don't need lefty hijackers and bigmouths, but we've had donations and support from local unions: NALGO, NUPE



HOUNSLOW APTU - IN EFFECT!

and the NUT. That's been really useful.

Even with a few activists, loads can be done. For the last 6 months, we've been at EVERY court case, making sure that the bastards from the Council haven't had it all their own way. *Taking the piss in court is easy. TRY IT!*

Local support has meant we've been able to get a 'phone line, answerphone, duplicator for leaflets and a PO Box! But

it's not all fun - it costs us a fortune in the pub after meetings and outings. So we're glad we haven't paid our poll tax...

More direct action has been known to occur, but we reckon it's just local glazing firms drumming up trade!

So...Get up off your arse, get out there and organise! Remember...**BOLLOCKS TO THE POLL TAX!!**

HOUNSLOW APTU CAMPAIGN

TWO YEARS ON...

APRIL THIS year will be a signpost for the poll tax. Two years ago it was introduced in Scotland.

In that time, we've seen how corrupt our supposed "elected" leaders really are: they use sheriff officers, "hooligans in suits", to intimidate people into paying. *They are Scotland's equivalent to bailiffs.*

BUT, despite these State bully boys, non-payment has increased dramatically, in spite of contradictory statements in the media.

Non-payers are now in the majority in Scotland; and this year Glasgow will see a rise of 30% in its poll tax - from £342 to £441!

DIRECT ACTION

Those who have obediently paid are seriously thinking twice as they've watched neighbours and friends united in non-payment. Now they're beginning not to pay either.

Sheriff officers are failing to carry out the councils' dirty work: the majority of poindings (seizing and selling off property to cover non-payment) have been stopped by direct community action.

A handful of poindings have been 'successful' in Glasgow's Inverclyde area, but these were on people who had little interest in resistance anyway, and had failed to contact their local APTUs, who would have turned up in defence.

THEY CAN'T JAIL US ALL

THE FIRST TWO people to go to court for poll tax non-payment in Sale, Greater Manchester, the other week, were, surprise, surprise, anti-poll tax activists!

A 200-strong crowd gathered outside, with 50 packing out the magistrates' court lobby, making so much noise that the

hearings had to be adjourned. Strike one!

A few Militant members and a Labour councillor were jeered and heckled for trying to clear us from the lobby.

They had no chance, so the cops moved in to forcibly throw us out. Everybody sat down and linked arms - even the few Militant members, who were shuffling towards the door, felt obliged, and joined in.

Eventually we were all dragged outside, but the heavily-outnumbered police could only manage one arrest, amid chants of 'Stasi' (the hated East German secret police), and a hail of snowballs.

We then turned our attention to a plain-clothed police cameraman.

The police actually tried to nick someone for calling him a "dickhead", but he was dragged free, into the crowd, who closed ranks to stop the cops re-arresting him. A brief occupation of a Town Hall room was thrown in for good measure!

At the end of the day, the two in court got suspended 14-day sentences, there were no jailings.

The anti-poll tax campaign is most definitely ALIVE, and judging by this, and other, Manchester area events, KICKING as well.

SOLIDARITY...

In one of the first cases of its type two journalists on the Northampton Chronicle and Echo were suspended for not paying their poll tax.

In an excellent show of solidarity, all their eighteen colleagues walked out on strike.



This is proof positive that the poll tax will be defeated by people organised in their communities, defending and supporting each other.

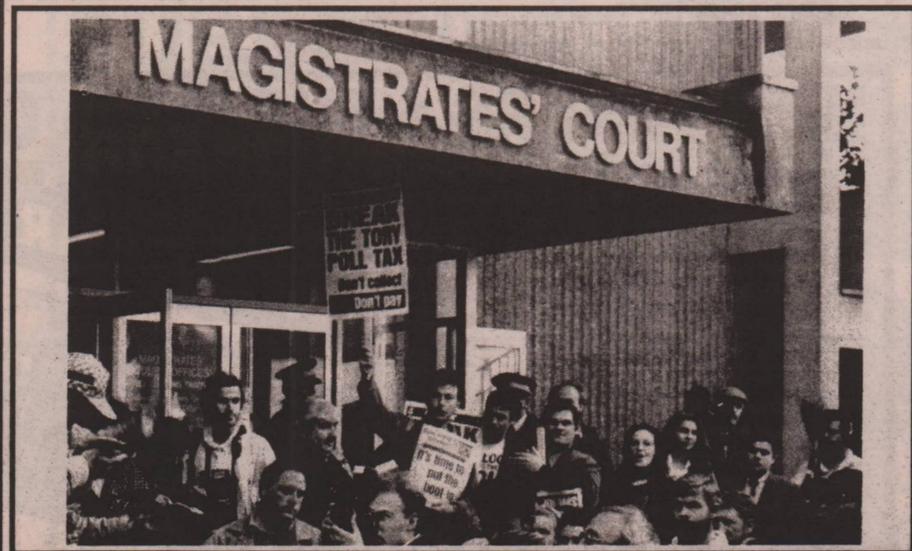
The number of Scottish independent APTUs has increased, boosted by irregular independent forums that by-pass the Militant leadership of the All Britain APT Federation.

On March 9, there will be a Glasgow demonstration to celebrate 2 years' non-payment. Another Sheridan/Militant white-wash?...**NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!**

NO TAKERS

It seems that collecting the poll tax isn't the money spinning event that bailiffs thought it was going to be 18 months ago.

A major firm of bailiffs in Plymouth has just gone bust, and collection is so difficult that Mendip Council can't even find a firm of bailiffs who are willing to take on the job for them...Ha, Ha, Ha.





SINCE ITS introduction two years ago in Scotland the poll tax has proved to be the biggest cock-up the Tories have ever made.

Communities, torn apart by years of Thatcherite policies have come together to resist it. Demonstrations have shown the courts, the bailiffs and local councils that we refuse to be intimidated.

People have grown confident of their own strength as some go into the second year of non-payment, Labour politicians have been shown up for the sell-out merchants they are, a hated prime minister fell from power.

International money markets trembled with fear as central London was rocked by the biggest outpouring of class anger for many decades only one year ago.

And lets face it, if you ain't paying you're also a few quid better off!

The Poll Tax is about to be abolished in its present form, this is a massive victory for us all, and a humiliating defeat for the Tories.

TOP TEN TIPS ON HOW TO BEAT THE BAILIFFS

1. When you get wind of the bailiffs get in touch with local APTU, friends and neighbours - give 'em a welcoming posse they'll never forget.

2. Build up a phone tree, so you can get in touch with each other at short notice, to mobilise against the bailiffs.

3. If you're not in, they may well leave a note saying when they'll return: get on the 'phone tree/tell your local APTU straight away.

4. Bailiffs CAN'T force their way in. But make sure you don't leave doors and windows open as the bastards'll try to get in that way!

They may legally be able to get in through a second door ie when there's a front door, and separate doors to flats. If you have young children in the house, tell them not to open the door to strangers.

5. Bailiffs can only come in daylight hours. Use your local APTU to pressurise the Council into publicising when the bailiffs are due to come. That way it's far easier to mobilise people outside your home to fend them off.

6. Bailiffs can 'lay claim' to goods that belong to you, NOT fixtures and fittings, NOT stuff that's on HP etc., and NOT goods that you've recently sold to a friend for a few pence!

7. Bailiffs will ask you to sign an agreement to pay a sum by a certain date, including something towards their costs. If you sign and they leave your goods, it's called a 'walking possession'.

If they take them with them, it's a 'close possession'.

8. Once they have one of these 'possessions', they can forcibly enter your

home and take your goods. BUT it's a criminal offence if they remove goods after they've been laid claim to.

9. So..don't let them enter your home! They CAN'T get a possession until you've agreed to what's yours and what's not.

10. They may try to bullshit you by saying they've valued your goods by looking through the window - this is nonsense, it's THEM panicking!

DIRECT ACTION

Late January saw Sheffield City Council announce that "a serious escalation of the hate campaign against their officers and investigating police" was taking place.

The reason? Sheffield poll tax officers are quaking in their boots after one had his home attacked. Anti-poll tax activists trashed his car and left "an orgy of damage" with anti-poll tax slogans painted all over his house, and its windows ventilated.

This direct action on bailiffs has been building up, often using the 'phone and letters to let them know how hated they and the tax are.

They can only expect more of the same as people discover how to resist them.

WHAT A CON

As we go to press Wandsworth, the Tory flagship borough, has announced a poll tax of £136.

What they won't be telling you is that they can afford to do this because a huge 66% of their income comes directly from the government.

This is about DOUBLE what other councils will get. And if all councils got a similar amount in many places there won't be a poll tax, the council would be giving out £120 instead!

WAY TO PAY!

Poll Tax non-payer, Stuart Hughes, "paid" his councils £353 bill with household junk and his two pet guinea pigs!

The council officials at Sidmouth, Devon, didn't see the funny side...but this issues most imaginative non-payer is the Cheshire bloke who was up in court for non-payment, when he told the magistrates that he had already paid - in Monopoly money - they weren't having none of it

"That's alright" he replied "I've got a get out of jail free card here!"



CLOSE TO DESPAIR

AFTER A year of trying to collect the poll tax from the people of Hackney, the Council is close to despair!

The latest figures show that 54,000 haven't paid a penny, which is 40% of those who're 'supposed' to pay. Thousands more are in major arrears.

On top of this, the Council have had to close down one of their offices, Cherbury Court, Hoxton, where they collected poll tax.

It began with a little vandalism and abuse here and there, followed by an armed robbery. Then there was another armed robbery! Which, incidentally, only netted £120, showing the level of non-payment!

So the Council closed the office down, and have invited Securicor to do a "mobile collection service". One councillor described this as an "open invitation to criminals"... We live in hope.

Hackney's so-called 'socialist'

council have now started sending in their bailiffs on non-payers.

So far, they've only been delivery 'seven days to pay' notices, and haven't yet followed them up.

The first time one of these notices was delivered, a furious picket of the council leader's home took place, with him staying terrified inside.

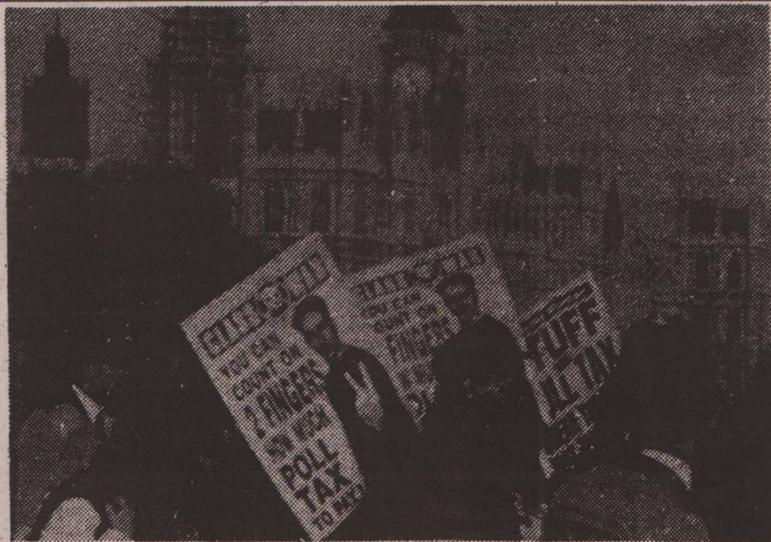
FLYPOSTED

There have been at least two attacks on the bailiffs - one had his car windscreen smashed and bodywork badly dented. Another was booted in the balls!

Before we forget, the council leader, his deputy, and the Director of Finance are now receiving a lot of personal attention after their names, photos, home addresses and phone numbers were flyposted across Hackney...

A valuable chance for people to directly communicate with their elected representatives!

NATIONAL ANTI POLL TAX DEMONSTRATION - 23rd MARCH CENTRAL LONDON.



LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST DEMONSTRATION LONDON HAS EVER SEEN.



SEE LOCAL APTU'S FOR DETAILS



SALLY SKULL

SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH.....

THANK FUCK FOR THAT!

NO MORE PARASITES FOR THEM!

TOP TORY BOOTED OUT

WHO GIVES a toss if the Royal parasites in the shape of Fergie and Di aren't going to have any more kids?

The media responded to this excellent news in their usual slavish way by trotting out hordes of so-called "royal experts" to spout on about the subject.

Myself, I think we'd all be better off with no more Royals at all, *have all the males sterilised*, that would stop the in-breeding bastards dropping any more sprogs for us to keep in a life of idle luxury.

Anyhow, I couldn't see Fergie having any more kids, it would get in the way of all her skiing trips and shopping expeditions.

And Prince Charles seems to prefer the company of loony philosophers and talking plants to his wife, *so more kids seem unlikely for them also!*

HATED

Whilst we're on the subject, the only good thing I've read about Royalty recently is that most people hate them!

Their shopping, holiday and leisure excursions, whilst a war rages in the Gulf, have got right up the noses of ordinary people.

Most Hated Royalty No 1 comes in as no surprise - **FERGIE**; the parasite we all love to loath. This blustering, big headed, money-grabbing, over the top Sloane Ranger has had more holidays than Thomas Cook!



And she twists the knife in the back of most women by whinging and moaning about how difficult it is to raise two children with "only" three nannies, fifteen servants and being a member of one of the richest families of the world!

The Royals are immensely rich, powerful, pampered and privileged, all that they have

to concern them is which chic ski resort, fashionable London restaurant, top notch Polo match or exclusive Caribbean island will they go to next.

They are not special, different and dedicated, but spoilt and self indulgent, how much longer will we tolerate their excesses?

TESCO HEIRESS, and arch Tory hatchet woman, Dame Shirley Porter has been finally ousted from her job as leader of Westminster City Council.

She has been busy denying it was anything of the sort, "I've resigned" she said, but Tory party insiders make no bones about how pleased they are to have gotten rid of her. *Anyhow, few tears will be shed at her going, and just to put the boot in I've dug up ten things you never knew about her;*

1. She's the daughter of Tesco founder, and multi-millionaire Sir Jack Cohen.
2. Her life has been that of the idle rich, playing golf, "working" for charities and going on holiday.
3. She was elected to Westminster council in 1974, and became leader in 1983 after a bloody internal power battle.
4. One of her Tory opponents said about her; *"She is prepared to bully and use every method at her disposal to get, and keep hold off the power she so obviously enjoys."*
5. As leader of the council she gave the order to sell three massive council run cemeteries to property developers for 15p! After High Court action by relatives of the dead, who weren't exactly over the moon about their loved ones being turned into a multi-storey car park, they were brought back for over £1,000,000.
6. She sold off mega-cheap council houses and flats only in Tory marginal wards, whilst there was a waiting list of over 9,000 families. *Some of the most blatant gerrymandering ever seen.*
7. Her abrasive, cut throat style of leadership led to a massive haemorrhage of top council staff.



HATCHET WOMAN-LADY PORTER

8. She couldn't understand why her voters weren't falling over themselves to thank her personally for being their leader. She once bitterly complained to the local paper; *"Hardly a week goes by without my leadership and the running of the council coming under furious attack, I don't understand why".*

9. She was a great admirer of Thatcher, and was "plunged into a deep gloom" when she was ousted by the party.

10. But the coast isn't clear for pensioners in Westminster, she has said she wants to "encourage new initiatives on behalf of the elderly" after she leaves.

Fuck knows what this means, but don't go answering the door to any strange well-spoken women, *she'll probably have you out on the street if you do.*

"quotes"

"Thank God you've come officer. I can't get this woman out of my car!"

Top Yorkshire barrister Timothy Parker when caught with a prostitute in the red-light district of Leeds. This was only bettered when he said at his trial he was in the area "to check the width of the roads!"

"To be perfectly honest, the last thing we expected was a poll tax summons"

Pvt. Darren Parker, upon receiving his poll tax summons whilst serving in the Gulf.

"It can be argued that a Chairman who uses offices that are comfortable will operate more effectively than someone who doesn't like his working environment."

A BR lackey defending a £250,000 office redecoration for their boss.

"When your workers come asking for big pay rises, take them outside and show them the dole queue."

Edwina Currie, Tory MP, talking to Leicester East Tory Association.

FINALLY

If you're driving down the road and you see a Copper and a Yuppie on the pavement who do you run over?

The Copper - you should always put business before pleasure!

PRIZE BASTARD

REMEMBER Michael Eaton? He was one of the top National Coal Board bosses during the 1984-5 Miners' Strike.

Well, after this prize bastard had left dozens of miners in jail, and thousands out of work, he left the NCB and went into the building game. During the late-'80s building boom, he thrived and had 180 workers, but this particular boss came unstuck.

It's so sad for me to report that the slump has bust Eaton's company, and that he's now on the dole, and on television slagging off Thatcher's economic policies. *Ha, Ha, Ha!*

GET HER OFF!

IT SEEMS that Edwina Currie will do anything and say anything, in an attempt to get her face on telly.

When the hated ex-Tory minister appeared on The Word the other Friday night, to tell some lies about being "friends" with the Beatles, her entrance on to show was greeted with complete silence by the live audience.

The presenters squirmed with embarrassment and then asked everyone to "give her a big hand" - they did, and the show was drowned out with booing and hissing!

ARSE LICKER?

THANK GOD I missed the sight of TUC supremo Norman Willis, doing a grovelling curtsy when the Royal Clothes horse, the Princess of Wales, arrived at a Westminster Palace reception the other night.

I know the TUC could always be guaranteed to toe the Bosses line, but trying to lick their arses in public as well? Has he no shame? After his recent quotes about "hating strikes" (see Issue 44) it



seems that Norm has finally gone the whole hog and come out of the closet about his Royalist tendencies. *What ever next? Polo at Windsor....*

BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY....

IF THE HOME Office and press had their way, they'd have us believe that all Arabs and Muslims, in this country, were Saddam Hussein's 'fifth column'.

The deportation of 70 Arabs, the detention of a further 87, is nothing more than internment by the back door. Most of the detainees are being held in Pentonville prison, after being grilled by a three-man panel from the Home Office.

Detainees are well and truly stitched-up in this kangaroo court, where they're not told the details of their alleged breach of 'national security', or even allowed to have any legal representation.

Check out who's on the panel: Lord Justice 'hang'em all' Lloyd; David 'send'em back' Neve, ex-chairman of the Immigration Appeals Tribunal; and Sir Robert 'action man' Andrew - all well known for their progressive outlooks on race - fat chance.

WAR BIGOTS

This state-sponsored WAR BIGOTRY, has been not so much out of the interests of 'national security' (some detainees have long been opponents of Saddam Hussein), but is to portray all Arabs/Muslims (and Asians for that matter) as alien enemies.

This brings fear and isolation in Arab and Asian communities, as well as hostility and fear amongst white/non-Asians of an imagined enemy in all Arabs/Asians.

Ranging from attacks on mosques, deportations and detentions, Arab scare-mongering in the press, to Iraqi kids being asked by their teachers in front of their class mates whether they support Hussein!

This is just some of the shit that Arabs have had to put up with in the atmosphere of war bigotry. The scars of this war will probably be long lasting world-wide.

STOPPING THE ROT

We've got to get off our arses and help Asians defend their communities against racism; whether it be state racism or organised and unorganised racial attacks - now and beyond our government's war fever.

We need to smash racist beliefs and actions BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY; and promote social solidarity between the different ethnic groups in our class.

STEP UP THE CLASS WAR - BOLLOCKS TO THE RACE WAR.

WHO ARE THE BAD GUYS?

Q. Which ruling class aims to: impose 2 years of martial law now the war ended? Round up and imprison all immigrants in the country? Continue operating with a crown prince, who's also the prime minister, in absolute control?

A. THE KUWAITI RULING SABAH FAMILY.

Q. Which governments are already fighting amongst themselves to win lucrative contracts for the rebuilding of Kuwait?

A. THE ALLIES.

Q. What will happen to the working class casualties, on ALL sides.

A. THEY'LL BE QUICKLY FORGOTTEN.

Q. What will Class War continue to do?

A. SUPPORTING AND BUILDING THE STRUGGLE TO ELIMINATE ALL THE RICH GANGSTERS OF THIS WORLD.

SCUMBAG OF THE MONTH!

YES FOLKS! It's a new feature brought to you by Britain's Most Unruly Tabloid. This issue's winner is top slimeball Lee Ballow..

Lackey lawyer Lee Ballow is the number one union-buster in the USA. Since 1969 he has destroyed unions, and broken strikes right across America.

He works for companies who want to break unions, and so drive down wages.

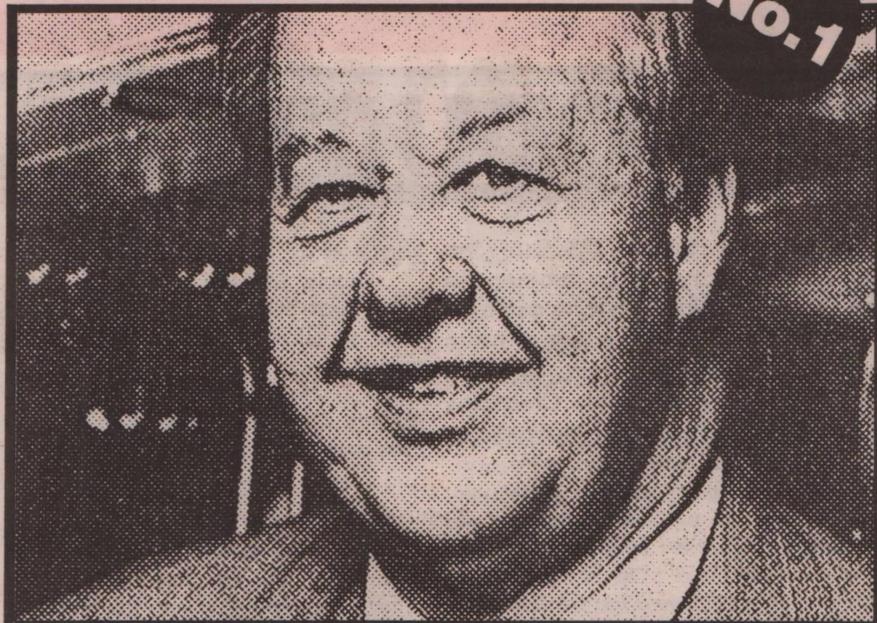
Using a mixture of ruthless villainy, divide and rule, extreme violence and backed by billions of dollars in funds, he is currently taking on workers at the New York Daily News.

The strike there has united almost the entire city's unions against him and he's having his toughest battle yet.

PARAMILITARY

He's using a company called Southern Production Programmes to produce the strike bound paper, and hundreds of paramilitary thugs from Special Response Corp. ("strikes a speciality") to guard his plant.

But as our picture in the last issue of *Class War* showed, the workers are far



LEE BALLOW - "TOP SLIMEBALL"

from beaten and they are using new and imaginative ways to stop the paper from being distributed.

If bastard Ballow thinks he's going

to do a "Murdoch" with the Daily News, he's got another thought coming...

A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME!

● THE HOSPITAL that recently hit the headlines by saying that it couldn't afford to treat a cancer patient because the drug was too expensive has just thrown a £2,000 party!

● The £2,000 grand was squandered on a lavish champagne and smoke salmon party at Manchester's Christie Hospital.

**OPTING OUT CON!
SEE BELOW...**

● And the reason for this top-hotch bash? It was to introduce senior hospital management to the new governing body that will take over the running of the hospital when it opts out of the HNS next month. "What they are doing is disgusting" said one hospital union spokesman.

● This stinking hypocrisy, saying they have no money to save people's lives on one hand, but as if by miracle suddenly finding it when it comes time to "entertain" a few posh bastards, is part and parcel of the drive to break up the NHS.

NHS SWINDLE..

SINCE THE TORY money-grabbers announced trust status for a number of Health Authorities, they have been trying to fool us into thinking that taking whole sections out of the NHS would make no difference to the service!

Who are they trying to kid! Earlier this month Bristol & Weston Health Authority, which "opted out" at the request of a few top managers, and against the wishes of all its staff, said that ALL non-emergency operations would be cancelled till 7th April, which just happens to be the first day of the new financial year.

And the reason for this - "we have spent our money for this year, we over budgeted" they replied. Not only is this a diabolical liberty, it's also only half-right. True, the new managers, thinking of their "production bonuses" don't dare to spend a few extra quid, but also next year's funding for them will be partly assessed by how efficient they are this year.

That was why, on the day war started in the Gulf, whole wards were cleared in local hospitals, puzzled staff were told on one hand that they would have at least three days notice of expected casualties, and with the next breath told to clear beds "just in case they come in suddenly!"

One local hospital, Cosham, which the eager cost-cutters have tried to close for years, had ALL its patients moved out "to make way for Gulf casualties" - which never arrived, then a few weeks later the Health Authority announced that Cosham was closing "because it doesn't have any patients"!!!

"The NHS is safe in our hands" say the Tories - believe that crap, and you'll believe anything!



BLOOD MONEY

IN THE first few days after the Gulf war started, over 15,000 people a day gave blood.

Do you want to know where most of it has ended up?

Shipped off to the Gulf ready to treat casualties? NO.

Given to hard pressed transfusion services to keep up supplies in hospitals here? NO.

Sold to profit making Private Hospitals so they can give the rich five star treatment? YES!

It's true, the NHS has been flogging off blood, to the private hospitals, for a whopping £40 a pint.

This month alone over £100,000 worth has been sold off to keep the rich alive.

"It's outrageous" said one donor we spoke to.

"There ought to be a warning sign saying that your blood could be sold to the rich" said another.

So, the Tory bastards have so savagely cut spending on OUR Health Service that the NHS has to sell OUR blood back to them, to pay for itself....

BRING ON THE VAMPIRES!

REVOLUTION OR

INTRODUCTION..

AFTER THE WAR in the Gulf, the main news story of the moment is the deepening economic recession.

Many high street stores have reported a dramatic slump in sales over the traditionally busy Christmas and New Year period. Bankruptcies are increasing at an alarming rate.

Government figures released in February revealed that the production of goods and services in Britain fell by 0.9% in the last quarter of 1990 and 1.3% in the previous quarter. *This confirmed the fears that the British economy is in the deepest recession in ten years.*

Both the bosses' organisation, the confederation of British Industry (CBI) and the Labour Party have blamed the crisis on the high interest rates imposed by the Government as part of its 'war on

inflation'.

Labour Shadow Chancellor, John Smith said the recession was a direct result of ministers' "wholly incompetent mismanagement".

The Tories, on the other hand, blame workers demanding inflation-proof wage rises pushing up the cost of production.

DESTITUTION

In the end they're all saying the same thing; that recession is a sort of 'aberration' in an other-wise smooth-running system, that can be cured by pulling the right economic levers.

The reality, is that, the periodic crisis are an inevitable and inescapable product of the capitalist system itself. **A system which, if left unchallenged, will drag the human race into previously unknown depths of destitution.**

WHAT IS RECESSION?

TO PUT IT SIMPLY, a recession is a fall in the output of goods and services.

It can occur in an industry, a national economy or - as is more often the case these days - the whole world economy. It is, to use political jargon, a 'crisis in production'.

WHY DO THEY HAPPEN?

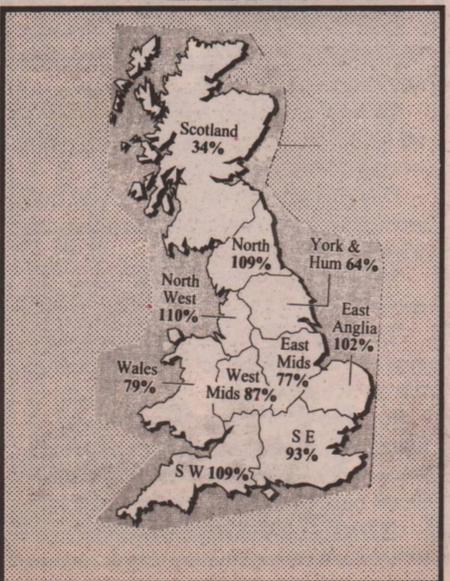
Crises of production are by no means unique to capitalist economies. In pre-capitalist days there were often shortages of things like food and water. These were usually caused by natural phenomena like bad harvests and droughts. *Such crises are called 'crises of under-production'.*



However, the crises we experience under capitalism are quite different - they are crises of over-production.

It sounds perverse in a world where two thirds of the population have barely enough to eat to talk about over-production, but this just highlights the depravity and bankruptcy of the capitalist system.

COMPANY FAILURES RISE



To understand this we have to look at why things are produced in capitalist society. Basically, the capitalists (the people who own and control the means of production) only produce things which they believe will generate a profit. Human needs are not their concern; it is purchasing power that they're interested in!

To survive, and continue generating a profit, a business is compelled to continually expand, to produce more and more goods. *This is due to the fierce and deadly competition created by the capitalist market place.*

The economies of scale (ie the more you produce, the less each product costs - like bulk-ordering) brought about by increasing the scale of the production force, that every capitalist needs to do, to maximise output and remain competitive, and thus in business.

However, at no time can they consider the limits of the market. The idea is to increase their share of it, and preferably take it over completely.

PROFIT

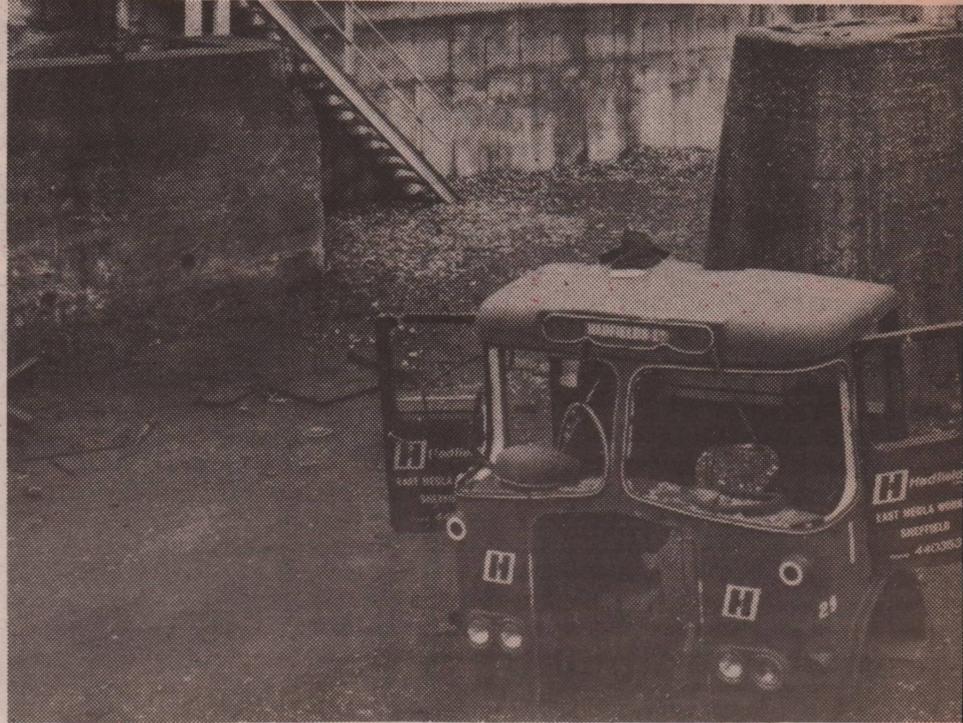
Therefore it is inevitable that there will be more of a particular good produced than can be sold at a profit on the market.

Companies have no option but to reduce output, even if there is a need to increase production of goods, this does not concern the capitalist. What concerns the capitalist is whether there is a profit to be made.

No business, industry or national economy exists in isolation, they are all linked through the world market.

Therefore, anything that one sector does effects all the others. Thus, if production is reduced in the car industry, it will reduce the demands for goods in other industries, ie. tyres, sheet steel, etc.

So, these too will find themselves 'over-producing' and cut back accordingly. The recession spreads to the producers of raw materials, ie rubber, steel, textiles etc, until eventually virtually every sector of the economy is hit.



THE WORKING CLASS AND THE RECESSION

For the workers these are hard times because a reduction in output means less workers are required, unemployment increases.

Capitalists mount increasingly brutal attacks on their remaining workforce to bring down real wages to reduce the cost of production and to increase their rate of profit.

But it's not just at work that workers suffer. Recession means that the Government's income through taxes is cut. Less production means less profits means less tax. More unemployment means no tax at all from a growing section of the working class!

At the same time the demands for Government funds increase due to the cost of unemployment benefit, social security, and so on.

Raising the rates of taxation only increases the problem as it reduces the amount of money in circulation, and therefore the demands for goods. So the Government is forced to make cuts in education, healthcare, etc. Making it worse for the working class.

EXPANSION

In the past, capitalists were able to avoid over-production by expanding beyond national boundaries into new markets - parts of the world that had pre-capitalist economies.

This was achieved through colonialism whereby the newly developed capitalist states literally seized political power by force from the native populations.



Once consolidated the newly formed colonies became both a source of cheap labour and raw materials, and a market for goods that could not be sold on the domestic market.

This became no longer possible later on, as there were no such new markets left, the major capitalist nations had carved up the whole world.

The only way any one national economy can expand is by encroaching upon or 'stealing existing markets from its competitors.

WAR

History as shown that if this process cannot be achieved through market superiority or diplomacy, the ruling class is prepared to resort to war.

The 'salvation of markets' has already caused two world wars (plus countless other smaller wars), causing the slaughter of over 70 million workers. The current conflict in the Gulf is just a more localised version of the same thing.

Wars can temporarily overcome the problems of over-production. On the one hand they eliminate the destroyed country from the competition for markets; and on the other hand they temporarily transform the destroyed country into markets for the goods of the victorious countries.

This is why John Major has been so keen to patronise the exiled Kuwaiti ruling class - he wants to secure a place for Britain in the reconstruction of the Middle East to drag his economy out of recession.

AFTER WORLD WAR II

After the second world war, there was relatively little difference between either victorious or conquered countries. Nearly all the big industrial centres had been hit with the notable exception of the USA.

So the period of post-war reconstruction benefited the USA more than anyone else. It made massive investments in Europe and Japan to create a market for its goods.

As America's economy boomed so did those of all other major countries. *Between 1952 and 1968 the world capitalist output doubled and the US consolidated its position as the major economic power in the world.*

END OF THE POST - WAR BOOM

By the end of the 1960's the countries of Europe and Japan had once again become competitive powers in the world market.

They had completed their period of reconstruction and had to start exporting more than they imported to continue growing. The conditions for over-production

DESTITUTION!

**CLASS WAR
TAKES A
LOOK AT
THE
SLUMP**



and recession had resurfaced.

Despite attempts to head off the impending crisis - currency devaluations, increasing and decreasing state expenditure - the recession did arrive. Industrial production fell by 10% between 1974 and 1975. International trade slumped and millions of workers lost their jobs.



Since the late '60's the world capitalist economy has been in a state of permanent crisis. The ruling class will claim, yes, there were recessions in 1974 and in 1981, but the periods between have been periods of growth.

The British ruling class the apparent boom during the late eighties as an 'economic miracle'.

Yet if you look at it on a world scale the picture is quite different. All that happened was that the major capitalist countries found ways of hiding the recession.

They've made others pay for the crisis; the lowest paid workers in their own countries and the destitute people in countries on the periphery of capitalism - the so-called 'Third World'.

DEBT

This they achieved through the massive use of credit. In order to dispose of their goods the major industrialised countries have lent money on a huge scale.

To keep the illusion of economic prosperity, the major industrialised countries have given credit to less developed countries, so that they'll buy the goods from the West to keep the Western economies afloat.

The debts are so large that they can never be paid off, giving the lending countries even more control over Third World economies.

On the domestic front, the growth of production has been brought about by a consumer boom generated by easier access to credit; loans, charge cards, overdrafts, etc.

At the same time the US, in particular, has prevented the world recession by embarking on a massive programme of arms production, financed by going into debt.

The US is the most indebted country in the world, with a domestic debt of \$10 trillion and a foreign debt of \$700 billion.

IS THE END NIGH?

If you add up the US's and the Third World's debt, it's easy to see that there isn't enough real money to repay them, or even pay of the interest on them.

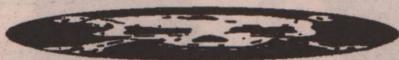
All is not well in the international capitalist economy - maybe this system really is on it's last legs. But you can bet, that before the ruling classes' time is up, they'll try to bleed us dry. The prospect of wage cuts, inflation, unemployment, etc., all mean a massive deterioration in our living standards.

A complete collapse of production - where output comes to a halt - is always on the cards, but is by no means inevitable. Unlike certain lefties we do not believe in the 'natural' collapse of capitalism leading to newa classless society.

Capitalism will continue **AS LONG AS WE LET IT!** If we are to prevent a total deterioration in our quality of life, we have only one option - to wage the class war, destroy capitalism once and for all and build a new world - a world of stability, freedom and prosperity for all.

For the working classes of the world the choice is simple

REVOLUTION OR DESTITUTION!



SIGNING ON IN '91

IT WAS less than 10 years ago that unemployment reached record levels.

Once again millions of workers look set to end up back on the dole. Thousands never found work again after losing their jobs in the 80's.

So what does CLASS WAR think are the pitfalls of and reasons for millions signing on in '91?

JOBLESS GENERATIONS

Well mass unemployment is nothing new. For the last 200 years, since capitalism has established itself, unemployment in greater or lesser form, has existed.

Why? Well firstly, capitalist bosses only employ those it needs to keep up the profits for the rich. So as production techniques and markets change, it's the workforce who are the first casualties.

Secondly, it's useful for bosses to be able to pick and choose labour, and wage levels, from a mass of willing and unemployed workers.

And as if that isn't enough, unemployment divides the working class; those workers scared of unemployment, and those unemployed desperate for work.

LABOUR?

As with other recessions, it's not the fault of Labour or Tory that there will be mass unemployment. It's the fault of the capitalist system. A system that both Labour and Tory follow.

The Labour party, if they were in power, could at the very best add a few pence to peoples giro's. They could not and would not stop bosses sacking workers in the first place.

The Labour Party's big thing is training. Going back to the days of apprenticeships, like 'the good old days', 'jobs for life' etc. But in case they hadn't noticed, **TIMES HAVE CHANGED!** Millions aren't unemployed because they're too stupid or unskilled to work. Many people on the dole have good experience, qualifications and training.

But even for "unskilled" people, there's no shortage of training schemes: CP, TOPS, YOPS, YTS, ET,...

These taught you little and paid you less. They were mostly designed to get



the numbers down on the unemployment register.

The Dept. of Social Security's latest trick is Restart. This was set up to harrass people onto more poxy training schemes and Jobclubs.

But despite the power of restart councillors to cut off peoples dole, it has been a resounding flop. Last year had a 1% success rate. Or put more appropriately, a 99% failure rate!

ON YER BIKE!

When Tebbit came out with his "Get on yer bike and look for work", we said back to him and his pals, "Get in yer flash cars and drive off a cliff!". The only solution to unemployment is to destroy what causes it; capitalism and its divisions.

You see there are plenty of workers to do jobs, and plenty of resources for them to work with. So why are resources wasted and workers left idle? Because it suits our ruling class for it to be that way. The majority live on credit or in poverty, so that the few can live in luxury.

SIGNING OFF

To go forward we need to be organised. Not through the Labour Party or Unions. Their most radical solutions - the 'Right to work Campaign' etc. of the 80's - failed miserably.

Anti Poll Tax groups, claimants Unions, workplace committees, and community organisations are all fighting different battles, **BUT THE SAME ENEMY!**

CLASS WAR seeks to build, politicise, and unite working class struggles, NOT take them over like Militant. Grass roots unity will be what helps us win the class war.

So don't get in a depression about the number of unemployed. Help CLASS WAR spread its message, a brighter world.

One of stability, freedom, and prosperity.



MUCK SPREADER



DIGGING THE DIRT ON THE GREEN FRONT...

SICK KICKS

THE RURAL ruling class have been at it again...

The stag-hunting mob in Devon, 'defending their rights' to kill for a bit of amusement, have now been surpassed by the Cheshire Hunt.

In February, a hunt sab was killed as he tried to stop hounds being driven away to take part in another fox hunt.

The eighteen year-old died because he was prepared to take on the mindlessness of the ruling class. Now his death is being blamed on 'recklessness' by that class and their media.

VERMIN

Fox hunting is not about conservation or animal control. It's about blood-crazed sick kicks for the green welly, Range Rover brigade.

Foxes are self-regulatory and as such will limit the size of their pack according to available food and territory. If a male fox is killed or dies, another will move in from another area to take his place, to keep the pack alive.

If ruling class scum really believed that they were exercising a form of 'vermin control', they'd use a cheaper and more effective means, rather than spending thousands on riding 'pinks', security men, transport and keeping horses fed and groomed for their ritualistic killing parties.

We, the working class, are harassed when we try to enjoy ourselves, at football matches, raves, parties etc. so why should we let them enjoy killing and the destruction



of our countryside, even if their barbaric fun is still legal?

More and more, local people have taken on the out-of-town hunters.

A recent example in the South West is some Mendip farmers, who've banned hunting on their land, so that now hunters can only use National Trust lands to exercise their 'sport'; not surprising as the ruling class control the Trust!

But, by popular demand, the local Council put a ban on the local hunt from using a graveyard as part of their route.

And as for all the blather about the 'preserving of the country' - it's the rich who are destroying OUR rural areas.

WATER RATS

MICHAEL "I'll do whatever you say to get into the Cabinet again" Heseltine is bringing in Tom Burke to advise him on Green issues.

And who's the Burke? He's a nasty little careerist, who's Green Alliance group asked various green pressure groups for their thoughts on water privatisation, strictly for "internal use".

What happened then was that he flogged off the info. to ex-Labour and

Social Democrat MP, Tom "Mine's a quick backhander" McNally, who had just started off as a Public Relations operator.

No surprise then that the government-controlled Water Authorities Association should have printed the 'confidential' information in a dossier put together by, you've guessed it, McNally's firm.

Muckspreader's West Country Dept. can offer Class Warriors a comprehensive list of many polluted waterways where, at your leisure, you can drown scum like these.

PISSED OFF...

Dear Muckspreader,

We are living (reluctantly) in a Green community, and are surrounded by Eco-fascists. *After being told for two years "there is no such thing as the working class" your paper comes as a real breath of fresh air.*

We are sick and tired of the stinking hypocrisy we see daily. Where we live is dominated by a middle class ideology where we are constantly badgered into Green politics and activities.

After considerable reading of Green literature, we've come to the same conclusion as you; **they hate people!** After reading your excellent articles on Lifeline and Deep-Ecology, we thought we'd like to contribute to Class War. *We know a lot about the Greens, and it's not very pleasant.*

BULLY PEOPLE

They might profess to care, but that's bollocks. All they want is to bully people into their pathetic world domination plans. Here in Kingston, unfortunately, they even run the local APTU - and have really ballised it up from what we can gather.

They rush to condemn all violence - especially Trafalgar Square last year - yet they support all the "right on" groups like the IRA and PLO!

We are pissed off to the eyeballs with the lot of them, and want to warn other working class people about them.

Yours in class struggle,
Colln & Sam.

SCAB BARRON GETS THE BOOT

KEVIN (DON'T THROW BRICKS) BARRON MP, chief Toady to Kinnock, has finally had his comeuppance.

As miners' delegates from all over Yorkshire voted for his expulsion from the NUM and to withdraw his MP sponsorship.

Barron became Kinnock's fifth columnist during the great strike of 84/85: condemning pickets, ballot-mongering and generally trying to derail the strike.

He of course lived-high and well during that twelve months, on his fat salary as an MP, whilst his constituents struggled to feed themselves.

POETIC JUSTICE

Only once during the strike did he visit a picket line. And that was to stand on a wall and tell the lads and lasses to stop throwing bricks. Seconds later the police charged up the road and smashed his arm!

Poetic justice really, but he never learned anything from it.

He next bobbed to the top of the slime, as a key figure in the witch hunt against Scargill and Heathfield, putting the finger on people, and telling lies about corruption etc. And all in an effort to discredit the strike and militant picketing.

The figures of Kinnock and Maxwell moved behind the scenes and Barron did the dirty as instructed.

Then the Mirror and Central TV moved



BARRON: KINNOCK'S CHUM

in. Finally Penguin Books published a book, using confidential NUM material. Barron finished himself off by supplying Penguin with information for the book, and then actually selling it himself! Maxwell's hand appears all over this, the Daily Mirror (which he owns) Central TV (he part owns) and even Penguin books (which he also owns).

Barron's actions are those of a scab, and a double died bastard at that. *It is inconceivable that either he or Maxwell would have started this whole sordid frame up without Kinnock's specific approval.*

Yorkshire miners were outraged and have, almost unanimously, called for his expulsion from the union and withdrawal of his sponsorship (the one and only Militant supporter in the Yorkshire Miners Council voted against any action against his Labour chum).

Of course this doesn't stop the slime-bag from being an MP. But at least the miners won't have to pay for the privilege any more...and we don't have to vote for the bastard when the election comes round!

Dave Douglass.
Hatfield Main NUM.

LEST WE FORGET

WITH SADDAM branded 'the worst dictator since Hitler', the West is suffering from collective amnesia when it comes to 'friendly' tin-pot dictators.

Darling of the CIA, General "Butcher" Pinochet of Chile, won't however, be so readily forgotten by his own people. *He's recently been cleared of fraud charges against him, by the Chilean judiciary, in the name of 'harmony'.*

When Chile's workers catch up with him, his pals in the Pentagon will be hard-pushed to provide him with adequate protection.

IT'S A CRIME

OUR RECENT Siberian weather conditions have highlighted the plight of the homeless - forced to sleep out in the snow by government policies.

Last year, over 400 of these victims of Thatcherism and Majorism, died of hypothermia on the streets. And THAT was a warm winter! How many more deaths will those Tory scum have on their hands at the end of this winter?

But this is only the tip of the iceberg...how many OAPs, living in freezing poverty, will live to see next Summer? Faced with the enforced choice between food, heat or the poll tax, many won't! This generation lost family and loved ones in World War II, and these people were called "heroes".

Now, if they're 'lucky', they'll qualify for an extra, staggering £6 per week 'severe weather payment'. Those who supported Gulf War should remember that the ruling class have very short memories - BUT WE HAVEN'T.

INHUMAN

As over 50,000 families are forced into Bed and Breakfasts, with often inhuman living conditions, like overcrowding, damp, lack of sanitary and cooking facilities, the government is putting stricter regulations on who is really homeless. The bastards are actually trying to tone down the numbers that suffer at their hands!

As 1000 homeowners have their houses repossessed PER WEEK, the numbers of the homeless are growing like wildfire.



A HOMELESS MAN LIVING IN A LONDON PARK DURING THE RECENT SNOW.

Such people have been conned by Tory advice to join "the property owning democracy".

They are now being evicted by another government policy: high interest rates, designed to cover up THEIR recession.

The Parliamentary answer to recession is a boot in the bollocks of our class more and more young families have to live in sub-standard council homes, or pay up to 60% of their incomes to scumbag private landlords.

If this forces you to sleep rough, the Tories tell you that it's your choice as they've found beds for all. Absolute rubbish! These beds only last for a few

weeks and then it's back on the streets!

CRIME

We KNOW there's beds for all - with over half a million empty privately-owned homes, and thousands of builders on the dole, waiting to build more homes for us.

The government says there's no spare money. The truth is that it's not profitable enough for them, and they'd rather fight a war instead.

This is a naked attack on OUR class and OUR communities, a crime as great as anything that Saddam Hussein came up with.

Our grandparents, parents and children deserve far better than this - to provide them with it we must declare war on the ruling class.



TAX ATTACK

13,000 Workers in Yugoslavia recently demanded: "Where the fuck are our zlotys!?"

Some of them haven't been paid since last Autumn(!) so they did the right thing and said: 'No pay - no work'. And while they were at it, they demanded a big cut in taxes.

PRESIDENT PARASITE

"YOU BETRAYED US. You are the same as they were", these were the angry words used to describe Poland's not so popular president, Lech 'I'll sell you down the river' Walesa.

Some 2000 miners jeered and voiced this popular opinion of this populist parasite, who rode on the back of the Polish working class only to stick a knife in it when he needed them no more. *Walesa you've been SUSSED!*



WALESA - SUSSED

THATS ENTERTAINMENT

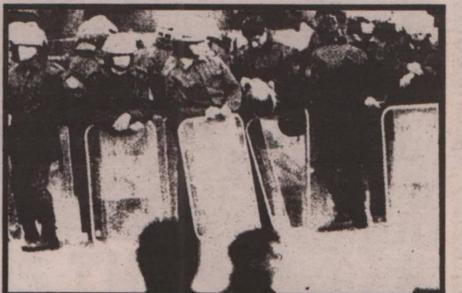
RIOTING BROKE out on the French Indian Ocean Island of Reunion recently.

The local Creole youths fought with police for two days when the authorities raided, and shut down the local pirate TV station.

COME ON DOWN

ALBANIA, that last bastion of fundamentalist stalinism in Eastern Europe was in bit off a panic.

The occasion, the toppling of a statue of Albania's architect and official masonic guru - Comrade Enva Hoxa. Hardliners were scandalised by this dissident vandalism. But we ask the question, who's next in the series of 'fallen idols' - Lenin? Trotsky? We wait in anticipation.



Cameroon, country of absent soccer star, Roger "Wiggle It" Mella, has more than made up for the disappointing football friendly against England. On the domestic front, there have been demos and riots up and down the country, sparked off by a press censorship trial.

Maybe they could have home games, using their rulers' heads as footballs.

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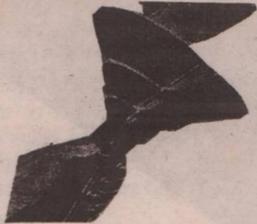
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FLOP!

THE CONNING Tory bastards are pulling out all the stops to try and make sure they win the next general election.

One of the most blatant tricks was to run a massive £3,000,000 scheme to try and get rich expatriates to register to vote "by proxy" back home.

In the past, people who left Britain within the last five years were allowed to vote in elections back here.



But the Tories sneaked through a change in the law giving people who had left Britain a massive 20 years ago, and have spent the intervening time living the life of luxury in some sun drenched home abroad, the right to vote.

Millions were spent on advertising to the estimated six million people eligible. Tory ministers even went trotting off to sunny climes trying to stir up some interest in the scheme, and the result... a poxy 30,000 people registering to vote.

Class War says: What a flop! Even the rich ex-pats won't back the Tories now.

SHIT CREEK...

RUPERT MURDOCH'S worldwide media empire is up shit creek!

High interest rates, and flagging sales, have brought him almost to the brink of collapse.

Things are so bad that his flagship newspaper, the *Scum*, has been reduced to running 0898 telephone services where for 40p a minute you get to listen to their coverage of the Gulf War.

When complaints started flooding in about this blatant profiteering the *Scum* said that in future all profits would go to charity - and the name of this charity? *The Sun!*

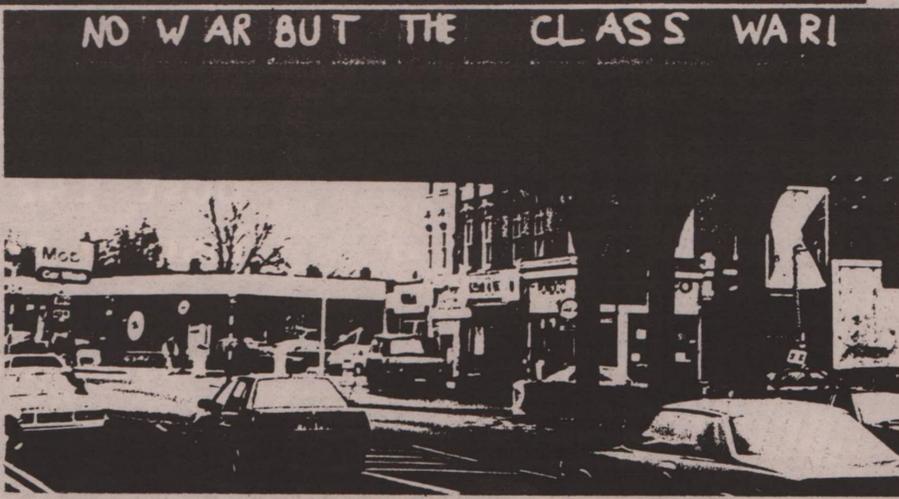
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LETTERS



THIS IS CLASS WAR

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is an organisation of local groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on wealth and power. The ruling class, who are supported by the middle class, and the working class. Such a society is the cause of all the problems experienced by working class people the whole world over.

This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class. This is class war.

Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems they experience, using direct action against the individuals and institutions that cause them. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of class war, but only as mass class violence out in the open, not as elitist terrorist actions.

The law is merely a weapon of the ruling class and must be ignored and broken as the need arises.

The ruling class divide us by preying on petty differences of race, sex, sexual preference, age, or football team you support. We will destroy these barriers.

Above all, the CLASS WAR FEDERATION believe politics is life, and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary left". Politics must be fun, it's a part of ordinary every day to day life and must be able to take the piss out of itself!

OUR AIM

The aim of the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class peoples attempts to solve their problems through propoganda, active participation and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produce and distribute propoganda; a paper, journal, local leaflets and newsletters. We are involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the CLASS WAR FEDERATION to do the above, for

**Class War Federation
National Secretary -
PO Box 39, SW PDO,
Manchester, M15.**

Dear Class War

AFTER reading the article on the Gulf War in the last issue, and the leaflet you gave out on the Feb. 2nd demo, it seems to me that you underestimate the effect of Imperialism in the Middle East.

A US/British military victory means the strengthening of the sheiks, emirs, and dictators of the whole region as well as the Israeli state, with the possible expulsion of Palestinians from the Occupied Territories.

In addition, it would leave a US presence in the region that would enable the US to play World Cop in a 'New World Order', defined by the US's own interests.

TAKING SIDES

An American defeat, however, would make it easier, not only for us to fight other bosses, but would reduce the threat of American intervention in the event of victorious class struggle in the Middle East.

Iraq is NOT an imperialist power: it's an impoverished Third World country, driven by economic crisis to annex Kuwait.

In this war, Anarchists should take sides against the West, arguing for a defeat for the US/UK Imperialism, and a victory for the Iraqi and Middle Eastern workers and peasants, not just against imperialism, but also against the dictators of the region.

Without taking sides, Anarchists can too easily fall into the 'Bring Our Boys Back' chauvinism which your leaflet did.

Yours for Libertarian Communism,
Martin, Liverpool.

REPLY...

YOU SAY that Iraq is driven by economic crisis, and American Imperialism. Yes, but this language disguises the fact that they are both countries whose bosses, for different reasons, are protecting THEIR interests.

In reality then, your kind of anti-imperialist 'give Bush a bloody nose' talk means coldly stomaching the loss of thousands of working class soldiers and civilians on both sides. For what?

The possibility that it might make class struggle easier in the region? Nasser and Pan-Arab success in the '50s did nothing for Arab workers, just as the Americans pulling out of Vietnam didn't exactly lead to the blossoming of class struggle in that region.

WHO'S SIDE ARE WE ON?

As for taking sides in this war, WE DO. We take sides with our class against the ruling class.

This isn't a cop out because, surely, the undermining of ruling class power in allied countries, such as Britain, would demonstrate practical, not just theoretical, solidarity, with our working class sisters and brothers in the Middle East.

Finally, you criticise our 'Bring The Boys Back' (!?) leanings. *No, we don't want to see people from our class in body bags. Yes, the grief, rightly or wrongly, of losing someone from your community, is harder to stomach than hearing about someone from another country's death.*

NO WAR BUT CLASS WAR

Yet our leaflet rightly concluded that fighting the class war is in the interests of both the Iraqi AND British working class. We are not chauvinists, as you suggest; or 'white supremacists' as others have said.

Our views are that the only war worth fighting is the class war. It's simple, yes, but naive and simplistic? Definitely NOT.

Yours

Class War Federation.

Dear Class War,
I THINK this obsession with the past is going to far, I can handle rehashing all those old songs, even flares, but having to see ranks of fresh faced, well spoken, first year students selling Socialist Wanker for all their worth is going to far.

It's just like 1974 down our way!
Yours, Bill, Nottingham.

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DIVIDE & RULE

Dear Class War,

I WOULD like to know who exactly are the wankers who thought up clause 25 of the Criminal Justice Bill?

As regular readers will know, this is a notorious anti-gay law that in effect makes being gay a crime. Let us make no mistake, this is a typical divide and rule tactic by our rulers, yet another method of attacking our class.

It's high time we told those in power to fuck right off - the sooner the better! Whatever your differences, lets unite, and give 'em shit!

Yours in class struggle,
Roy.

REFRESHED!

Dear Class War,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the paper. I liked it a lot. The direct, no nonsense approach and the lack of a rigid dogmatic party line was very refreshing in contrast to other political papers.

Yours,
F McCormack.
Dublin.

PORN STAR?

Dear Class War

I'VE BROUGHT the last two issues of Class War on Gulf war demo in Glasgow and I'd like to make a point regarding issue 43 and the reference to Linda "Lovelace" as limpbrain - I've just finished reading her autobiography and to say she was a porn star is bending truth to say the least.

She was forced at gun point to "perform" in Deep Throat, and at one point was so badly bruised they had to postpone filming. Attack her for being a born again Christian - but save us the lies that she was a porn star that, friends, is a myth.

All the best,
Steve. Stirling.

COP FOR THAT!

Dear Class war

RACIST ABUSE at football matches is now a criminal offence.

We look forward to seeing the cops arresting themselves, dragging each other out of the ground by the hair, knee-ing themselves in the balls and throwing each other into the back of meat wagons. Then charging each other with resisting arrest...

Chris Smith,
Durham.

NO FAVOURS...

Dear Class War

THERE'S BEEN a lot of letters and thoughts in recent issues of your paper on the subjects of the IRA, Ireland, and the road to real liberation there.

I have generally agreed with a lot of these statements made in letters. BUT, if the recent bombings of Victoria and Paddington stations, with one dead and 40 injuries, are the IRA's new way forward, they can fuck off!

There is no way that the working class of Mainland Britain will support a movement that slaughters potential supporters, even if the Provos say they're giving Brits a taste of their own medicine.

It's the medicine of the British state, NOT the British working class. You only have to look at the way people supported the mortar attacks on Downing St, to know where the working class stand.

HATRED

This is no way, in Ireland or in Britain, to destroy sectarianism, bigotry, the use of Security Forces to crush opposition, H-Blocks and war. Killing and injuring innocents does nothing but create hatred of those who do it. *Attacks on political and military targets ARE easily understood, and often accepted.*

There WERE 40 minute advance warnings for these bombings and the British state's media has come up with no believable excuse for why the stations weren't evacuated and shut immediately.

The IRA is a trained army, and should know full well that government will get whatever mileage it can out of the war in Ireland. They haven't done us or themselves any favours this time.

Yours,
Andy, Merthyr Tydfil.

ROLL ON THE 23rd..

Dear Class War

THANKS for doing another great issue, but where's Hospitalised Copper? Apart from that I enjoyed the last paper. Keep up the good work, and roll on 23rd March.

Smash the poll tax - Class War style!!

Cheers for now,
Brooksy. South Shields.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Dear Class War,

EVEN THOUGH I've taken up residence in Australia, for a while (having moved from Scotland), I'd still like to continue my turbo subscription, as I feel that Class War is the only valid ideology in Britain just now that has the motivation and the integrity to get the working class re-united enough to get back from the few rich scum what they've stolen from them.

The idea that laws should be obeyed unquestioningly no matter what that law be is totally abhorrent to me and is an indictment of how the labour party has sold Scotland down the river at every turn.

Myself and my wife watched the yupification of inne: Glasgow go on through the middle to late eighties gradually gaining momentum in the :.n up to the year of culture, all paid for by the working class in more ways than money.

Anyway I'll get off my soap box just now and wish you well in the future struggle.
Donald Cameron, Perth - Australia.

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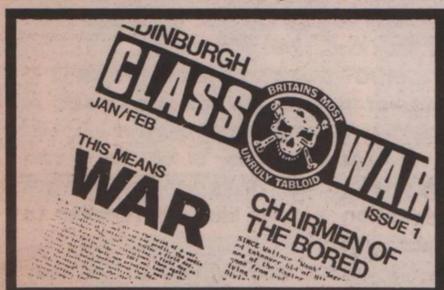
The newly-formed EDINBURGH CLASS WAR has sprung into action in the City: their first news sheet tackles football and the Gulf War, with jokes, record reviews and a quiz, thrown in for good measure.

They organise regular meetings, sell papers and flypost like crazy. Judging by the excellent response they've had, we'll be hearing a lot more from them.

GLASGOW group have also been up to a variety of high-profile local activities.

Moving down the Eastern side of Britain, we get to Tyneside, where the strong NEWCASTLE group pride themselves on being the most colourful paper-sellers in the country - their sales leave the Left standing.

Recent activity involved a large and loud presence on 2 anti Gulf War demos, where the 'No War But The Class War' slogan proved more popular with the local working class than the usual whining of the Left.



St. Peter's Basin, the new Yuppie village in Newcastle's East End, was the scene for entertainment during the recent cold snap - a great target for youngsters, who rolled

huge snowballs down slopes into the village, to make sure the Yuppies got well and truly snowed in: a cold reception leaving the scummy newcomers feeling literally under the weather!

Other news from the North East is that Class War supporters in SUNDERLAND and DARLINGTON are planning some pretty interesting actions around the new poll tax registration drive.

If you live in the area, why not get in touch?

Moving a little further South, the dynamic DONCASTER group are going to take on the job of North East organisers, carrying on the excellent work of HULL group.

They're going to pull together supporters in Bradford, Leeds, York, Sheffield and Calster for a regional conference in the near future. Details of this and other news from the area are available from Doncaster Class War.

Either side of the M62, from LIVERPOOL to HULL, we've seen interest in the Federation bloom... this we welcome... BUT IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING.

DERBY Class War are starting to get the Fed organised in their region, and a regional conference will be coming up soon...so there's a golden opportunity for all you Class Warriors in that neck of the woods to get in touch.

In the South East region, where, particularly in LONDON, activity and membership have soared: they produce leaflets, organise gigs, and do many paper sales, often alongside Hackney Solidarity Group.

The South East region have just held a successful regional conference in Brighton, with interest coming from people who want to know more about and join Class War, from all over the Home Counties.

That's the news from the Eastern side of Britain. In the West, things are going just as well - PLYMOUTH CLASS WAR are making a splash...BRISTOL have just held their regional conference and their first public meeting in a while..REDDITCH put together a very well-attended public "Poll Tax Riot" video show.

Redditch report more letters asking to join Class War than ever before.

MANCHESTER continue their regular joint public meetings, as a well-established and strong group.



The last issue of Class War looked at NEW YORK Class War group. Now we have a look at GERMANY...

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Nationally, our stand on The Gulf has left many thinking. Especially those in left-wing groups, like the SWP, who've had such slogans as 'Bush the Baby killer'.

How can you end up siding with Saddam, hoping we might forget that he also gassed thousands, including babies?

As if we needed any proof, Class War is now the largest revolutionary working class organisation in Britain. The Left's would-be leadership have shown again that they're neither working class nor revolutionary - time spent building their parties is time wasted.

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SPORTS

ONE IN THE EYE

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A public apology was forced out of the fanzine's producers, and £6000 costs were awarded! One law for the rich, and another for the poor....

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MAN. UTD. ARE AT IT AGAIN!
In a fit of pique, due to Leeds only giving them 2,600 tickets for the Elland Road League Cup Second Leg, they only gave Leeds Utd. 2,600 for the Old Trafford game. The reason was that Elland Rd. is too small....and it'll get even smaller when seats are introduced.

AND ON THE SUBJECT OF SEATED STADIUMS.....
No one's been up in arms about the fact that at a recent top South African soccer game, dozens died, when trying to escape fighting in the ground. Were sub-standard terraces to blame? **NO!** It was an ALL-seated stadium.

HE'S FAT, HE'S ROUND, HE'S NEVER AT THE GROUND!

MAXWELL HATED!



ROBERT MAXWELL isn't a very popular man: wherever he goes, whatever he does, people hate him.

Derby County fans recently organ-ised a massive show of opposition to him on live TV, so widespread that even the spineless sports commentators were forced to, well, comment!

NO SAVE!
It's **NOT** true that multi-millionaire's like Maxwell can save the game of football:

You only have to look at Spurs, Derby, Hibs, Oxford, Watford and even Bordeaux, to see that rich wankers, flashing their cash around, will only end in chaos, confusion, and financial insecurity.

The good side is that, with any luck, these rich scum will bankrupt themselves and each other, out of the game.



FOUL PLAY!

POLL TAX NEWS INSIDE!

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS, when football was fast and exciting, England were champions and vast crowds filled bright new stadia

...or, alternatively, when soccer meant mud, Stiles and Hunter dismembering anyone that moved, piss-flooded terraces, yet more mud, and defensive tactics versus the world

HAPPY!
But we were happy! Some things didn't change: the FA Cup was played on Saturday, and every draw meant a replay until victory.

But suddenly, it's all change! And who asked you or me about it? First, the FA sold it's soul to BSKyB, for a damn pittance.

The famous Monday 12.30 draw, which brought work and school to a grinding halt, as people clustered around radios, in factories, and offices. Has now become yet another pathetic TV spectacle, just for a few thousand viewers of BSKyB.

The games which BSKyB want to televise

live get obediently moved to a Monday night - with sod all regard for what the fans want.

NASTY CLUBS
On top of this commercial crap, 'football's friend', the cops, make another clumsy intervention: any games involving 'nasty clubs' (usually Leeds), must be played on a Sunday morning, so fans can't get to the game....nice one, Mr. Plod!

But worst of all, the upholders of law and order have told the FA that, in future, after a second replay, they are too overstretched to police a third replay because the government doesn't pay them enough....poor dears!

BORING
So, due to the cops, those unfair and boring penalty shoot-outs we saw in the World Cup, (the same penalty shoot-outs that the FA, the FL and the PFA all said were utter nonsense), will be the answer to the FA Cup.

Just what we all wanted!

10 REASONS WHY ALL SEATERS WILL BE A PAIN IN THE ARSE!

1. IT WILL price most working class football fans out of the game.
2. THE BIG clubs won't be able to accommodate all their fans.
3. IF YOU'RE sitting next to a psychopath who decides to inflict personal damage upon you, you won't be able to get away!
4. IF YOU'RE sitting next to the world's most boring git, who's lecturing you on the height of goal posts, you won't be able to get away!
5. IF THE cops are too strict (no surprise!) fans will be ejected for the slightest thing eg. standing up and waving a finger at the ref!
6. IF THE cops are too 'lenient', vigorous celebration of a goal in all-seaters, will be potentially very dangerous: if one falls over, he'll drag loads over with him.
7. MOST supporters watch the game in groups of friends. With the introduction of all-seaters, these groups'll either disappear, or congregate in pubs, or on the streets near the ground. This will cause more congestion before kick-off (similar to Hillsborough?).
8. IF FANS stand up when the play comes near them, it means that we all have to stand to see over their heads.
9. SEATS will lead to less chanting, and this means a big reduction in atmosphere.
10. I PREFER to stand....O.K!?