

Practical Anarchy



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NEWS
SHIPYARDS,
FACTORIES
: MORE
REDUNDANCY

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE POORHOUSE...

GLASGOW SMILES BITTER

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THEY'VE FINALLY DONE IT. Gone GaGa. Pure Potty. Glasgow's crumbling all around them. Parents can't afford to buy their kids school shoes for the new term. And the District Council's response? They cover the City with Mr. Men posters...

The Advertising Companies are laughing: it's their biggest rip-off since they sold a certain Emperor some new togs.

But they're the only ones.

Of course the idea isn't really to cheer up the hard-pressed citizens of Glasgow.

It's to convince the Great Gods of the Multinational Companies that the Clydeside workers are forelock-tugging, grinning imbeciles.

The Labour-controlled Council are desperately trying to exorcise the 'Red Clyde' image.

But it is that spirit of revolt that is desperately needed to combat the new wave of redundancies in the shipyards and factories... and give the Clydeside back its self-respect.

Like all politicians, the Council think that by wining and dining the right people they can get results. And like all politicians they hold on to power like grim death.

Instead of fighting the Tory imposed £7 million cuts, or resigning on principle, the Council are considering all manner of dodgy deals... including flogging Rouken Glen Park to private housing, and more redundancies.

But we've a better idea, which we modestly put forward for consideration.

Rent out the City Chambers to Glasgow's homeless, and move the Council, lock, stock and barrel... to the 'Krazy House' in the Trongate.

"Let them eat tripe!"

THATCHER and her cohorts have been continuing their Victorian Values Series by extolling the virtues of 'thriftiness'.

It seems that those on the dole needn't suffer a drop in living standards (specifically their food) by 'choosing carefully'.

The Government's idea of this is probably that you should stop shopping at Harrods, hardly relevant to families on Social Security, who find it difficult to get a hot dinner on the table every day!

Now they are to search out the cheapest of the cheap food: yesterday's bread and chips every day.

Not content with advising the unemployed, the Government is helping out by giving us less in the first place: the cuts in the dole are on the way.

After all if you don't have the money you can't spend it foolishly, can you?

Even when we can afford the food, most of it is a lot less than fine fare. A report on the unhealthy diet of the British has been shelved for the past two years by the Department of Health because the big food companies don't like what it says.

THE OFFAL TRUTH

It recommends less fat, less sugar, and more fresh food. This would cause a huge drop in deaths due to heart disease and cancer, **BUT IT WOULD ALSO CAUSE A BIG DROP IN PROFITS.**

The big companies prefer to keep dishing up packaged, processed crap. Expensive, nutritionally useless and eaten by all those golden-haired families in the adverts.

So remember: spend less, buy the cheapest food you can, but don't let their profits drop!

Oh Crumbs!

NED LUDD LIVES AGAIN... AT A GLASGOW BAKERY.

YOU CAN'T HAVE your High Technology cake and eat it. That's what a Glasgow Bakery business found out recently.

They had spent a fortune in new microchip machinery, only to find that their biscuit production had gone crackers.

SUGGESTIVE

The crunchies didn't crunch, the fruities were decidedly unfruity, and the jammy dodgers line was jammed.

This was the baking machine operators way of telling their bosses to get stuffed. The new robot line had de-skilled and dehumanised them. They were now totally slaves to the machine. Man was no longer master, and this was their way of hitting back.

BANDITS

This is a situation that the bosses will come up against again and again in coming years, as what factories remain become more and more automated and the work more and more moronic.

But it's not a new 'problem' for Capitalism. At the beginning of the Industrial Revolution they had great



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difficulty in finding workers for their forbidding factories and mills. People just didn't want to work in them.

Local weavers and spinners were used to working piece rate from home, and making their own hours. They often took long weekends, celebrating what they called 'Saint Monday', and catching up with their work for the Friday.

They were still exploited, but at least had some control over their lives.

The bosses attempt to turn them into factory slaves took many years and many bitter conflicts.

For many years socialists and anarchists have campaigned for REAL work; work that is satisfying and socially useful.

But since 1945, the Labour Party has had a fascination with all things bright and shiny in their attempts to run capitalism. This attitude was most open in the 1960s with the famous 'White Heat of Technology' nonsense expounded by Harold Wilson and a certain Anthony Wedgewood Benn.

BUT TECHNOLOGY IS NEVER NEUTRAL. IT'S ALWAYS BEING USED TO ENSLAVE AND ALIENATE US. WE DON'T CONTROL IT...

FREE PRESS 'AXED'

'THE EXECUTION of Justice is the concern of the people as well as the Magistrates.'

So wrote John Twyn in 1662. And for this mild criticism of the British legal system, he was sentenced to be hung, disembowelled and quartered (all limbs cut off).

The lesson was well learnt. Since that day, every 'bought and paid' journalist of the capitalist press has been careful not to say anything that could possibly annoy the Government of the day.

Crocodile Tears

NEARLY EVERY OTHER day some shit politician or entertainer shed their crocodile tears for the poor unemployed... and then call for more 'real' jobs.

Fucking brilliant given the simple fact that it's the humiliating capitalist system, with its exploitation for profit, that causes unemployment. It is now a permanent feature of continuing capitalism, no matter how many 'socialist' careerists call for equality of exploitation.

What makes all these calls for more jobs totally obscene is that for most of us, being employed (apart from being shit) is/was little more than slavery with a wage, with somebody else deciding what you do for 8 hours a day.

Same thing goes for how you spend your 'free' (joke) time. Whether it's entertainment (tv) or personal relationships (morality) **SOMEONE ELSE DECIDES...**

So the scourge of unemployment continues unabated and the passive unemployed go into increasing economic cold storage. Meanwhile, the 'I'M ALRIGHT JACKS/ JACKASSES/ JACKALS' lap up the media drivel of how lucky/unproductive/patriotic/overmanned we are, and the rest of the guff about economic recovery and sacrifice; further dividing the working class.

There's only one cure for the twin miseries of employment/unemployment: **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WHOLE OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY...**

'you just can't put us down...'

ON THURSDAY July 14th, Glasgow Women Against Pornography Action Group staged a demonstration outside the Daily Record building.

They were objecting to the daily degradation of women on 'Page 3'. Around 30 women blockaded the main vehicle entrance for two hours singing anti-pornography songs and giving the Daily Record staff as much hassle as possible. Naturally, fearing a riot, the police were in attendance and made a brave show of strength... by ripping down the 40 foot banner which was made of solid cardboard.

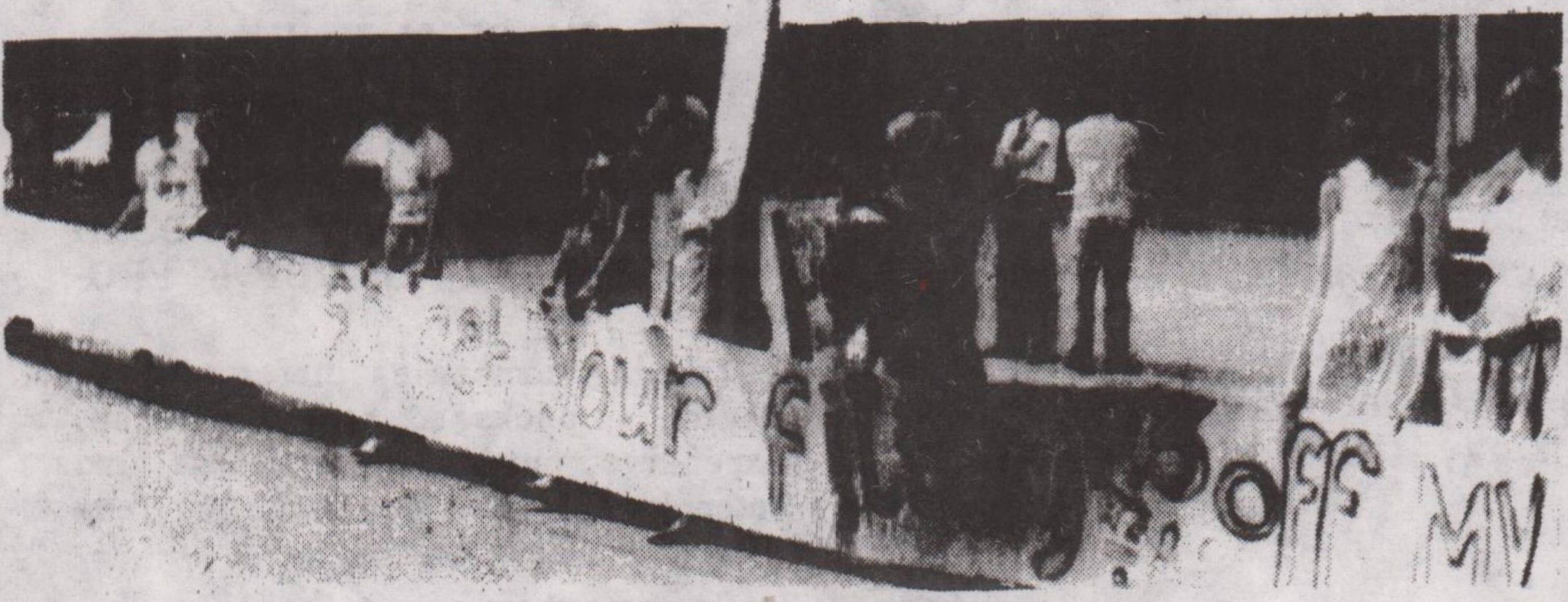
Eventually Hugh Currie, the editorial manager agreed to talk to two of the women from the group (presumably Bernie Vickers, the editor, was once again too drunk to speak to them.)

Mr. Currie flatly refused to remove the 'page 3' photograph from the newspaper because, he said, "It gives the readers something nice to look at". Obviously to Mr. Currie this means showing women as willing sex objects for any man to use as he wishes. He denied that pornography encourages rape and violence against women and told the representatives of the group that his women staff had no objections to page 3, suggesting that pornography was harmless fun.

That evening, the group also attempted to jam the internal phones in the Daily Record. Although this was unsuccessful in preventing reporters phoning in copy, it hassled the workers who eventually resorted to calling the women 'dykes'.

This is the second piece of action which the group has staged against the Daily Record, and they will continue until page three is withdrawn. The Women Against Pornography Action Group is not a collection of Mary Whitehouse prudes; they want an end to rape, violence against women, and the sexual hassles which women encounter every day. Above all they want the right to choose what they do with their own bodies.

For more information contact:
WOMEN AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY
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57 Miller Street
GLASGOW



40 PEOPLE took part in an occupation and demonstration at the Italian consulate in Edinburgh recently. They were protesting at the siting of Cruise missiles at Comiso, in Sicily... due to be the first in Europe.

In Sicily itself an anti-militarist campaign has been waged - making powerful enemies. *Two 'Mafia' men touting machine guns broke into an anarchist centre in Comiso, warning the occupiers to "get out or face the consequences."* And when hundreds of people gathered at the US base, the police charged, using tear gas, wooden clubs and studded gloves. They also fired live ammunition over the protestors heads.

The Cruise missiles are due to arrive in Britain later this year. We can only guess at 'our' Government's reaction to more determined opposition... and more determined it must be.

The Greenham Common women have recently been taking action that is more than a media stunt. But it is not enough; more people need to become involved, in even more daring protests; perhaps acting similarly to the A.L.F.

Sticking flowers in fences and singing songs changes nothing. Only direct action has any real effect. The middle class trendies don't want to genuinely confront the government.

But it is our real enemy; missiles are just the tools of the state.

REVOLT ON THE CLYDE

CLYDESIDE ANARCHISTS
● PUBLIC MEETING
CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL
Thursday 25th August 8p.m.

ALSO MEETINGS IN EAST KILBRIDE AND PAISLEY: WATCH FOR DETAILS

● STREET MEETINGS
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