

# GLASGOW REVOLUTIONARY NEWSHEET

## Practical Anarchy

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### MINERS POINT THE WAY...

# HERE WE GO !

EXCELLENT! That's our response to the imaginative actions taken by rank and file miners in the past few weeks.

AT LAST someone's prepared to stand up and be counted.

AT LAST someone's ready to fight against the State's plans to trash entire communities.

And with up to 20,000 redundancies planned - concentrated in Scotland and Wales - the miners actions are very welcome.

But they've come up against some powerful enemies. The police have shed their phoney 'community' image to reveal their true face: the repressive arm of the State.

Their use of 'pass laws' show that ALL police are political police... whether it's Soweto or Sheffield.

Are the events of the past few weeks really that different from the militarised mines of Poland, where production is carried out under the barrel of a gun? The average British Bobby is only too pleased to do as

he's told, no questions asked... particularly if he's on special overtime rate of £100 a day.

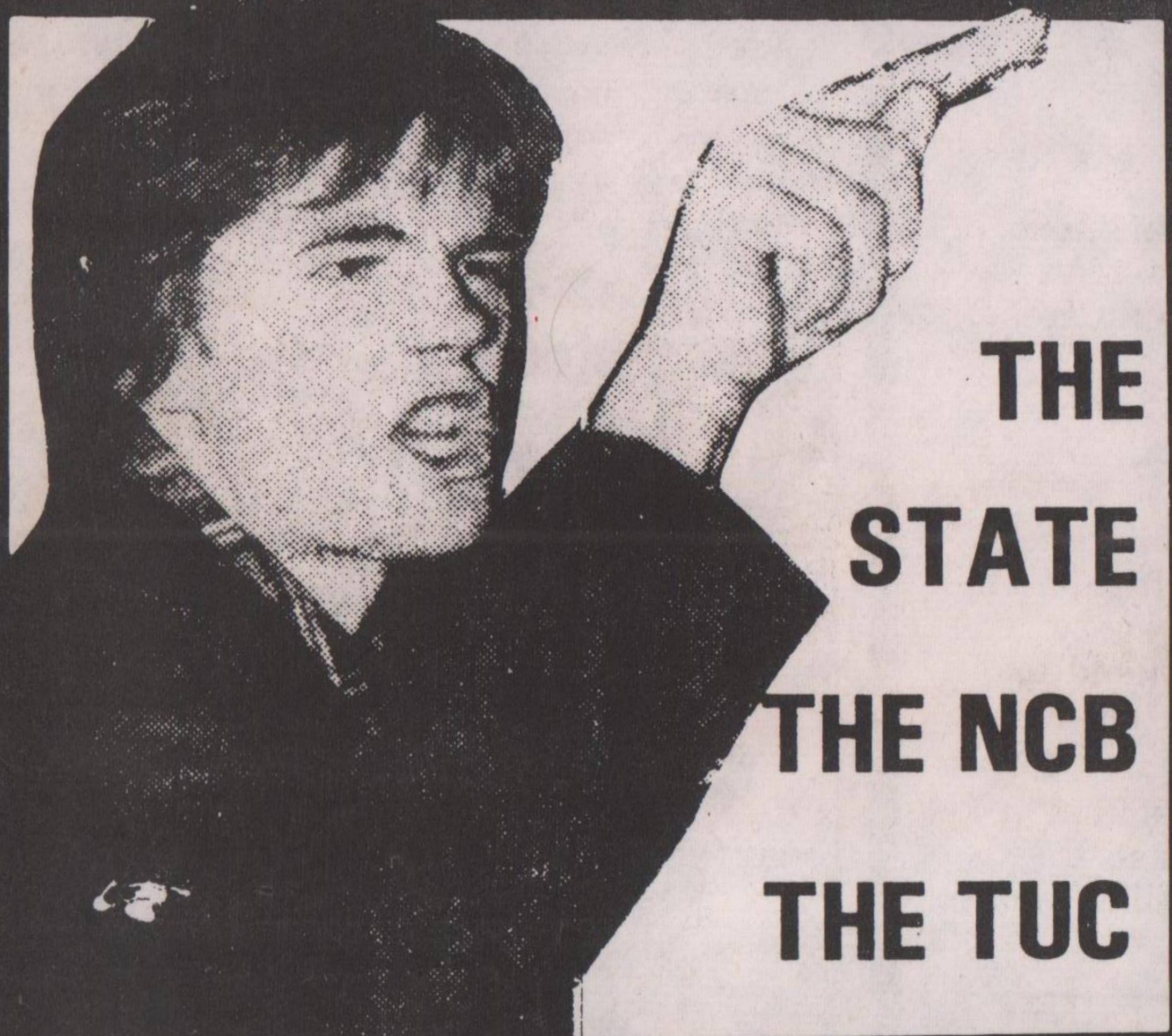
So who can the miners rely on for support against the full force of the State?

Not the Labour Party - they've closed even more mines than the Tories.

Not the T.U.C., or their own leaders. At the end of the day Scargill will patch up some deal and get round the negotiating table... to discuss closures.

All that the miners can rely on is for fellow workers to do WHAT they can, where they can to support their bitterly waged struggle.

## WE ACCUSE !



THE  
STATE  
THE NCB  
THE TUC

NO DIVIDE AND RULE !

## NEVER MIND THE BALLOTS...

HAVE YOU NOTICED that the NUM is split into two camps: those who want a National Ballot and those who are opposed?

This is part of the 'leadership' struggle taking place between the left and right wings of the union's national executive.

If there were a postal ballot the full might of the mass media would have an influence on the outcome, but not to have a method of reaching a decision is undemocratic.

The only real way of getting the authentic voice

of the miners is by:  
● Pithead Assemblies, open to the entire workforce, where decisions are taken outwith the control of the media, and union bureaucracy.

● Free Interchange of ideas on a rank-and-file basis, from region to region... without any interference from the political police and their pass-laws.

ANYTHING ELSE MEANS DECISIONS ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE :- THE MINERS THEMSELVES.

### ...HERE'S THE REAL THING !

# FIGHT FARE! THOSE BUS STRIKES ...

THE RECENT bus strikes in March have demonstrated the unity of the workforce in all the garages against the threat of further closures and cutbacks in services.

But are they the best means? As one of the foot-sloggers on Saturday 17th and 26th, I can't help feeling that the unity of the workers is not enough. What about the support of the users, the long suffering 'public'?

One way round this situation, which anarchists have advocated in the past, is for the 'Good Work Strike' to be launched.

This involves a REFUSAL of workers to gather fares, or less daring, to charge only a minimum fare. OK, lots of people pay out for transcards these days. The unemployed don't, or do others on a low income. What's more, if the situation

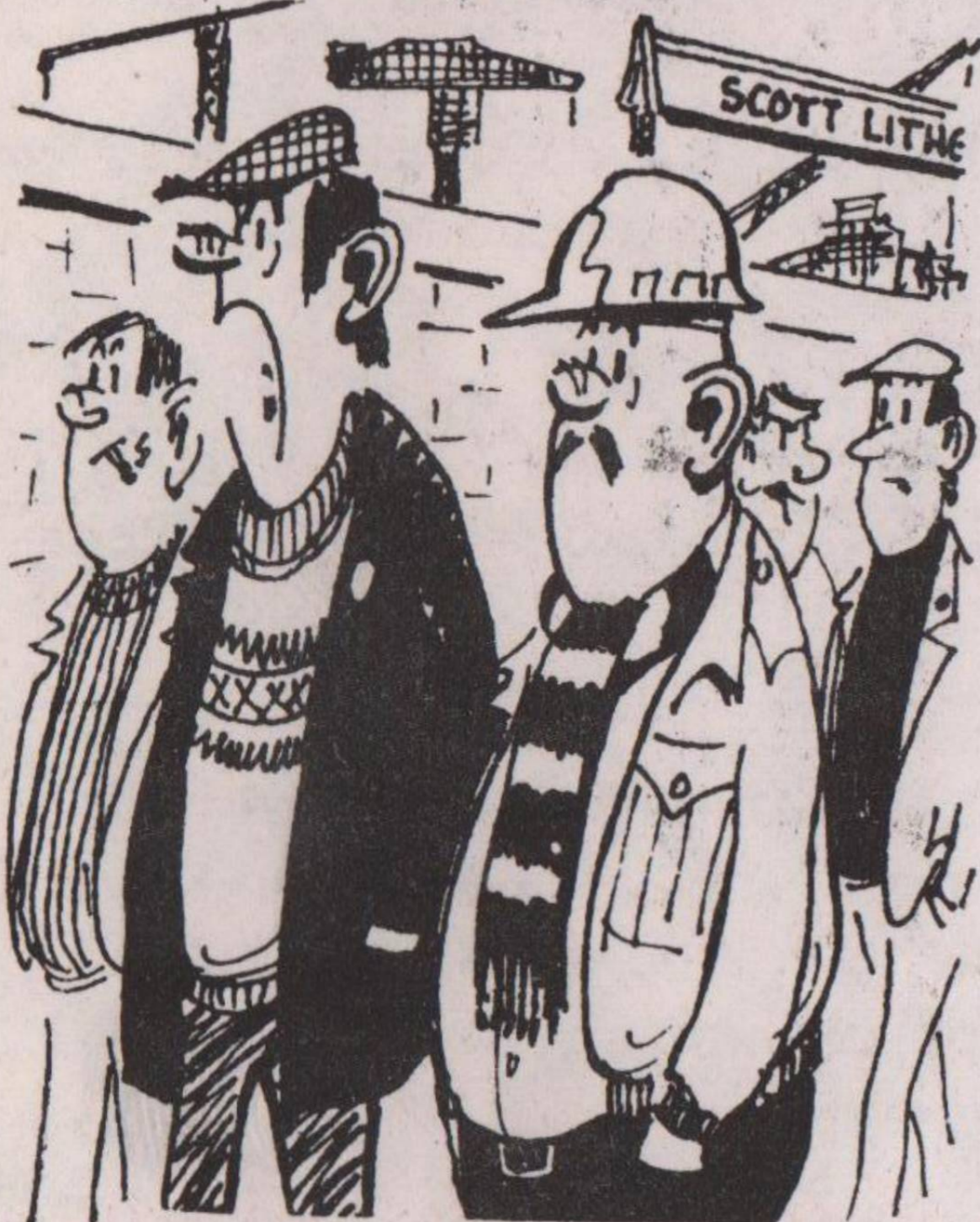
went on for a while, people wouldn't bother renewing their cards.

Glasgow has spent millions on motorways at the expense of public transport. This might benefit the toffs of Bearsden or Newton Mearns, or is handy for the military in the advent of war or national emergencies in controlling the movement of ordinary people, but it's no use for the working class! It's no co-incidence that Glasgow's fares are the dearest in the country. Only the most determined and imaginative action of workers and users will reverse this, or even better go beyond the logic of cuts and making the workers pay.

Everyone in a Service industry could do this, from Broo clerks to supermarket staff. All it requires is the maximum solidarity and total disregard for the bosses and bureaucrats

## GALL

(No Apologies)



"I'm no sure who we're working fur... but I sure know WE'RE BEING DONE !

## ALL SEWN UP

ALEX FERRY, an ex-Singers convenor in Clydebank will probably take another step up the bureaucratic ladder if he decides to succeed Terry Duffy as president of the A.U.E.W.

There will be a postal ballot of course, but with the backing of the mass media the outcome is all sewn up.

The election has little to do with democracy and more to do with who is most capable of controlling the union members and the power struggle between the left and right wing.

Gavin Laird, another ex-Singers convenor is now top-dog in the same union.

Singers Bureaucrats Go Places...

## WHOOPS !

SUPER SNOOPERS, up to their usual obnoxious trade - this time in the Gorbals - have come across strong opposition from the local unemployed.

The snoopers have found themselves being snooped upon, and followed everywhere.

So when a strange parked car was spotted in the area with the occupier speaking suspiciously into his coat, some locals gathered to enact some swift 'proletarian justice'.

It was only when the character was half-dragged from his motor that it was discovered that he wasn't a super-snooper... but a member of the Serious Crime Squad.

• Workers Playtime, Direct Action, Freedom, Black Flag, Outta Control and many other anarchist papers available from the Glasgow Bookshop Collective, 488 Great Western Road.

## WATCH IT!

NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch Schemes are being initiated in many areas of Glasgow under the guise of Crime Prevention Panels. The Fire and Police Committee of the Regional Council, whose understanding and responsibility on policing matters rarely extends further than boot allowance and subsidised rent is actively endorsing this latest state intrusion. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes stem from the philosophy expounded by Commissioner Newman on the need for a more 'corporate', 'pro-active' policing through the development of more community contacts, improved intelligence gathering, selective targeting, greater utilisation of computers, etc.

This concept is based on the naive notion of increasing police accountability and general responsibility to local 'communities'.

### MORALITY

The term 'community' is used as a means at gaining assent, giving insidious policing practice an acceptability, a morality - instantly deodorised.

The Crime Prevention Panels purport to encourage local response to local crime through co-opting the 'community' - the mythical community is handpicked by the local police and contains a variety of local stalwarts (Community Councillors, frustrated Do-Gooders, Party Hacks and 'sensible' youngsters - prefects and Girl Guides).

Each is given a diary and an odious magazine called 'Crime Prevention News' published by the Home Office. Each page sports the cheesy profiles of 'concerned' police officers, ministers, etc.

This comes at a time when antipathy towards the police is constantly growing and serves as an attempt to reconcile the relationship between police and public - the notion of 'policing by consent'.

The Crime Prevention Panels are a device for actively incorporating people as police informers and controllers. Far from fostering a 'community' based on mutual aid and solidarity they attempt to sow the seeds of fear, distrust and passivity.



The Orlando Sentinel, Aug 14, '83

A nine-month old baby being fingerprinted in Florida as part of a programme 'designed by the Police to find missing children'.

## RECLAIM MAYDAY

A CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY organised by the Clydeside Anarchists

International Speaker, Theatre, Slides Exhibition and much more...

WATCH FOR DETAILS

## IT'S OURS!