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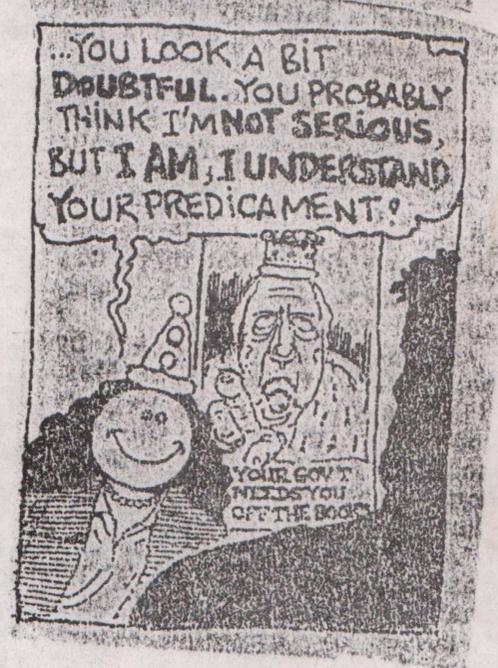
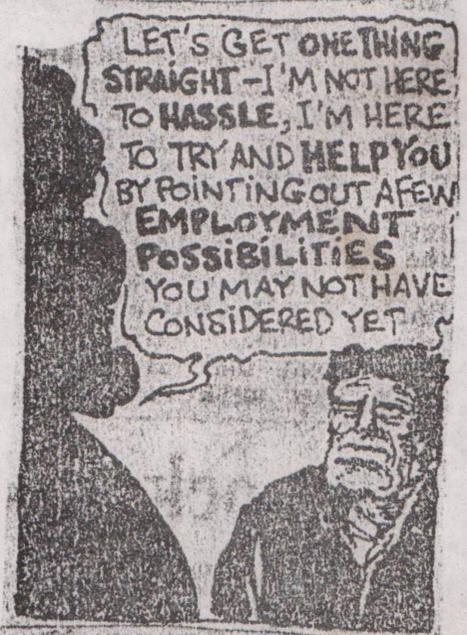
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HUNTING HEADS FOR BOUNTY

Staff dealing with unemployed claimants facing the new 'available for work' test (i.e. you must be prepared to travel anywhere, work for peanuts, drop all commitments, etc.) are being set individual targets to cut the unemployment register. 850 Claimant 'Advisers' will each be required to achieve 30 'sign offs' a year where the claimant loses benefit for at least 17 weeks which is a 'saving' of £19,000 which just happens to be the salary of a 'claimant adviser'. This would mean a target of 25,000 'sign offs' a year. 'Advisers' bonuses would depend on how many people they chuck off the dole.

Meanwhile, on the Restart front (another of the government's other schemes to harass the unemployed) over 10,000 people have had their dole cut off for failing to comply with the requirements of the scheme - 9,757 for failing to attend an interview, 1,029 for non-availability for work and 56 for refusing 'suitable' employment.

It's bad enough on the dole as it is, what with Dept. of Employment Fraud Squad Section people forcing their way into people's homes (it's happening - if they it on you, tell them to get knotted as only the police can do so) but now they're to 'criminalise' us. Next, we'll be the 'enemy within' and then of course there's the election looming. These so-called 'claimant advisers' should be treated like the 'Snooper Squads' - as scum.



ROAD TO WHERE?

The recent Labour Party organised 'Jarrow Crusade Mk. 2' was a fucking insult to our forefathers who suffered, starved and died at the hands of the ruling class in the '30's. Then, the March showed the hope and strength of a people beaten down, but not out. It was the symbol for a working class fight back that included attacks on politicians and cops, riots, looting and all other manner of resistance to the bosses and their lackeys. The ruling class were forced to concede token changes - not for our benefit but for theirs, to contain the threat poised before them. Now, the Labour Party (as a front for the ruling class) seeks to contain our growing hatred and anger by resurrecting a corpse and re-writing history for their own vote-catching benefit. They offer nothing but false hope - like all politicians - but we're wising up to their lies. We don't want their crappy promises, we want our world back from their slimy hands and we're gonna fight tooth and nail to get it. Our forefathers showed the way. No more compromises and token gestures - forwards to the total class war!

FEED THE RICH

Sir, - While serving on HMS Unicorn, my fellow Marines and I were sent on galley fatigues just before a cocktail party for the local bigwigs. Among our tasks was the de-stoning of prunes for devil-on-horseback (prunes stuffed with chutney wrapped in bacon rashers, on grilled buttered bread).

In place of chutney, we caught cockroaches, put them in the prunes. I don't know if any of the cockroaches survived but the officers and their guests seemed to enjoy them. Nice and crunchy. - Yours sincerely,
Derek Norris, Goole .

This letter appeared in the Guardian 4/11/86.

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This broadsheet isn't concerned with superpower summits and the trivial pursuit of royalty that those with the wealth and power have us distracted with. These things have no relevance to what we have to put up with everyday just to get by.

As things stand, today's tradesman or office clerk could be tomorrow's claimant, and today's claimant could be tomorrow's low-paid casual. Dole cuts, wage cuts, compulsory overtime, evictions for rent arrears or mortgage defaults, hospital closures - no accident - just the result of a market system that holds sway from the so-called 'free' world to the so-called 'communist' world, that benefits a privileged few. There can be no 'security' for any of us while these gangsters call the tune.

Which is why what working class people do on their own account against the bosses has far more bearing on how we can shape our own lives and control our destiny than the 1,001 opinions, distortions and lies transmitted on our masters' behalf.

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