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POLICE MURDERERS



VICTIM: GERALD KELLEHER

SPG Style Squads

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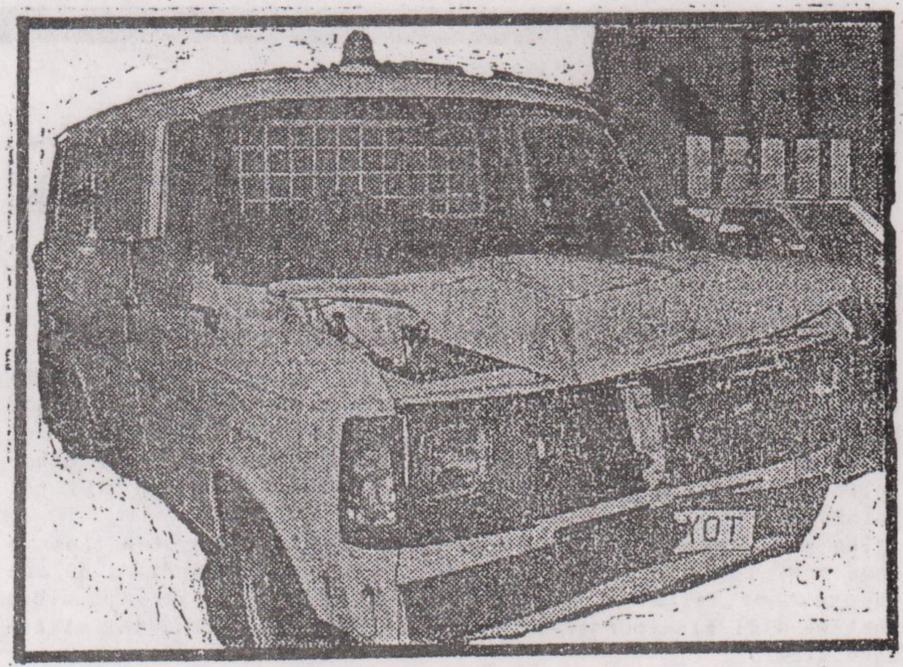
Victim

THE S.P.G. STYLE FAST RESPONSE SQUADS SET UP BY NEWCOMER CHIEF INSP. DAVID HANNA HAVE NOTCHED UP THIER FIRST FATALITY WIHTIN A FEW DAYS OF BEING SET UP. THE RESPONSE SQUADS, TWO VAN LOADS OF ARMED THUGS CRUISING THE STREETS OF SOTON LOOKING FOR TROUBLE, WERE HAILED BY THE POLICE AND MEDIA AS A NECESSARY STEP TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM VIOLENT CRIMES. WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT US FROM THE POLICE.

ARMED THUGS

THIS IS THE FIRST INCIDENT AND IT WON'T BE THE LAST AS THE THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOTON ARE GOING TO FIND OUT. THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERING:

- @ WAS THE DRIVER BREATHERIZED
- @ WAS HE SPEEDING
- @ HAS HE BEEN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING
- @ HAS HE BE CHARGED WITH MURDER



MURDER WEAPON

AS FAR AS WE CAN FIND OUT HE WAS ACTUALLY GIVEN TWO DAYS OFF WORK. IS THAT ALL A YOUNG MANS LIFE IS WORTH - A SHORT HOLIDAY. WE MUST PROTECT OURSELVES FROM POLICE VIOLENCE. FORM CITIZENS DEFENCE GROUPS AND START GIVING INSTEAD OF TAKING. ORGANISE!!

inside: FREE FOOD VOUCHERS

sparklers!

Some enterprising youngster showed a bit of sparkle before Bonfire night. Taking advantage of the abundant firepower around this time of year, he threw a firework through the windows of the Central police station and onto a CID desk. Nice one.

★★ CONTACT ★★

If you like what you read in Rumble then perhaps you'd like to meet us or get involved or even give us money. We can be contacted through : BOX R, 4 Onslow Rd., Soton, if you can't afford a letter, then just drop a note in the door, it'll get to us.

THE NEW POLL TAX

WHAT WILL IT MEAN TO YOU?

When the Tories were re-elected they said that they would introduce a "Poll Tax", and abolish the rates. Despite the fact that it is obviously another Tory plan to help the wealthy and take yet more money off the rest of us, none of the other political parties made it an election issue as they did not think that it was important enough!

The poll tax will take the place of the rates system that we have now. It is due to become law in Scotland in April 1989 and the rest of Britain gradually by 1990, so it is very possible that we will find ourselves paying rates and the poll tax at the same time!

The rates are a tax on property, so if you own a small terraced house with no garden, you will pay much less than someone who owns several large houses in London and a country estate! If you can't afford to buy a house, then you do not pay any rates. So the amount that you pay depends on how wealthy you are, which is how it should be!

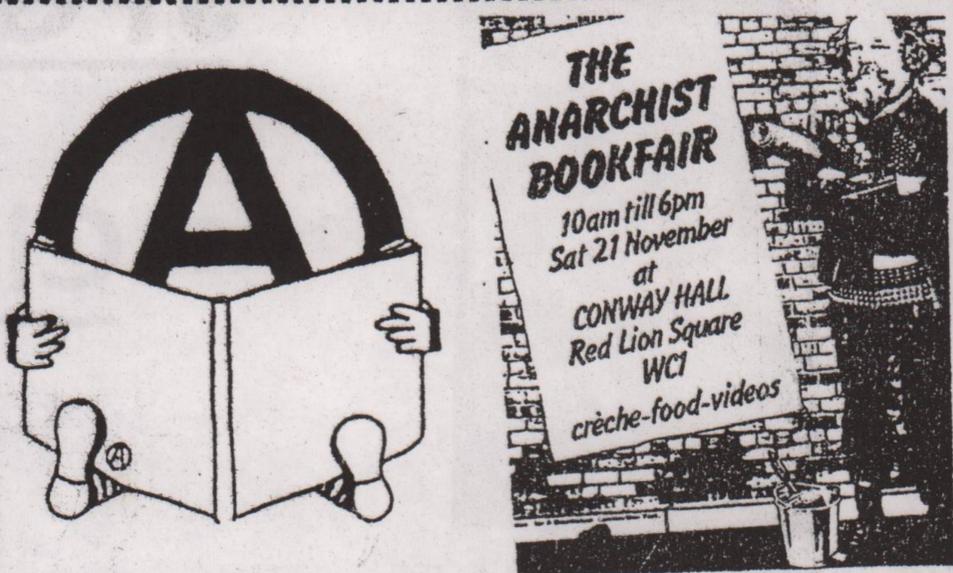
There is one big criticism of the rates system though. Two families may live in houses of the same value, yet have different incomes. So charging them the same amount is unfair.

The new poll tax however takes no account at all of your income or wealth. EVERY ADULT HAS TO PAY. So if you live in Southampton and earn £5,000 and someone else earns £50,000 you will both pay the same amount! So the poll tax is not fair at all. It will only benefit the rich, like the rest of Thatcher's laws. The rich who own millions or hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of property will be much better off as they will only have to pay a few hundred pounds, which they will not notice anyway! The average family though, will find themselves paying a lot more.

In Southampton the average rates bill last year was £374 (this is just an average; lots of people either pay much more, or much less). With the new poll tax every single adult will have to pay approx. £187 each! Many householders pay less than this amount and so will lose out. Some will be better off, i.e. those with valuable property, or perhaps single householders. But those households with two adults and daughters/sons over 18, (who may be unemployed or on a badly paid MSC scheme), or/and elderly dependant parents will be very much worse off.

BE THERE FOR THE FAIR!

If you'd like a really good day out, the anarchist bookfair is coming up on the 21st of November at Conway Hall, Red Lion SQUARE Square, London (nearest tube; Holborn). Not only will you be able to buy all the latest books and magazines, but you'll be entertained as well, by the people and the events. Food, videos and a creche from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m.



Article nicked from Pompey anarchist leaflet .Cheers.

The poll tax will also affect those people who cannot afford to buy houses and who therefore do not pay rates (e.g. students who get less money than unemployed people, once they have paid the very high rents that are demanded). Also the half a million people whom the government has made homeless by their housing policies will have to pay hundreds of pounds a year!

Like a hell of a lot of Tory laws, the poll tax will affect the unemployed badly, as they will have even more money taken away from the miserly sum they get.

Some of the Tories have said that the unemployed will have to pay 20% of the poll tax. But they have not promised this and even if they did, like all other politicians they wouldn't keep their word! (Remember their promise to aid health care - there are massive waiting lists; or their promise to improve education - since 1979 they have closed down 1,887 schools! The Tories may say that the unemployed (and students) will only have to pay 20%, but they will change their tune after all the fuss has died down - and will probably make them pay all of it!!

Even if the unemployed had to pay 20%, this would still mean that they would have to pay more money out of the very low amount that they get now. The poll tax is a typical case of screwing out as much money as possible from the poorest people, to fund the rich, who don't need it anyway!

The amount each person has to pay depends on where s/he lives. If you live in Camden, you will have to pay £782 every year. If you live in the Isles of Scilly, you pay £93! So there are huge differences in the amount you pay, depending on where you live.

So the poll tax can in no way be called fair or equal. Those who are rich do not pay more than those who are not. If you have an income of £250,000 for example, or are one of the many millionaires in Britain, then you will benefit from the poll tax! If you are one of the millions of people who are not rich though, then you will lose hundreds of pounds each year, especially if you have a large family!

There are many other problems with the poll tax though, e.g. the huge number of council snoopers and bureaucrats, who will be paid to check to see who is living in our houses!! This is another step backwards for personal freedom.

The Tory government will push the poll tax through Parliament if we don't do anything about it!! It is time to protest - NOW!! Don't leave it to councillors or MP's who may promise to help but won't! Act yourselves!! If everyone refuses to pay the poll tax, the government could not do anything about it - they can't jail everyone!! We have the power to stop it, if we act for ourselves!!

A CALL FOR ACTION

A brief glance through these few pages will show that, more than anything else, anarchism is about getting up and doing. It's not droning on and on in endless rhetoric (like all other political ideologies), it's about the daily struggles that we, as ordinary working class people, must take part in to survive and fight for a better world. We don't want to establish a new leadership that will supposedly sort out all the mess, we don't want any leaders - just a society where everyone is free and equal. And the only way to go about getting our freedom is to fight like hell for it.

BLOODY SHEEP!

Anyone with an ounce of sense can see that mass passive demonstrations have become a waste of time. Our 'rulers' have ensured that while groups like CND can have their annual "march-ind round in circles" competition, they will achieve NOTHING that threatens the political dictatorship of this country. They are so heavily policed that the few enterprising souls who want to do more than listen to boring old farts wafling on about how bad things have become, are quickly stamped on and nicked. The days of the mass demo are over and we've got to take the next step, a step that will involve the whole of our class, not just moutning off piecemeal demands, but actively taking back what is ours in the first place.

SPAIN '36 AND ALL THAT....

So what can we do? Well, for a start a quick look at our past history should throw up some interesting ideas. Now I'm not one for "learning the lessons of history" so much favoured by the 57 varieties of trots and lefties but a good starting point is what happened in Spain in 1936. Thousands of ordinary working class people took up arms and bit the hand that had strangled them for so long. They took over factories, schools, hospitals, even public transport and shared out everthing on an equal and free bais. At the same time these people, many who realised that what they were doing was anarchist by nature, were in the forefront of the fight against fascism in Spain. It was only the treachorous back-stabbing of the Communists (who supplied most of the arms), who didn't want a total social revolution because they wouldn't have any power political power in an anarchist society, that led to the collapse of the struggle and the triumph of a fascist dictatorship.

Q: What's the difference between jumping on a copper and jumping on a trampoline?

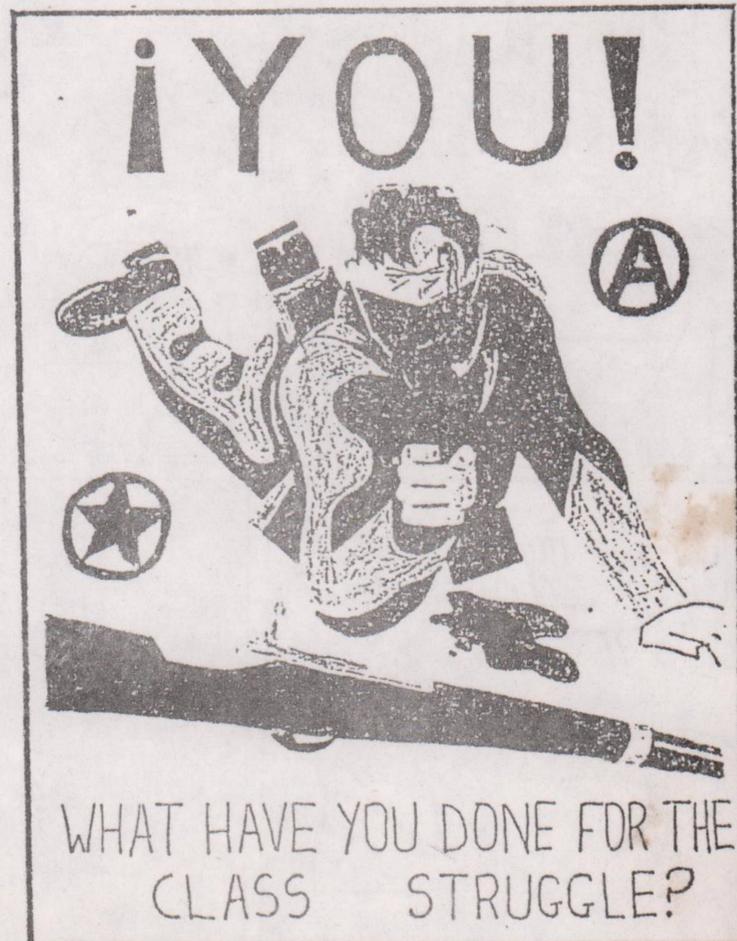
A: You take your boots off when you jump on a trampoline!

More recently we've seen the miners strike where whole communities rallied together and fought back against the Thatcher regime, keeping the cops at bay, providing food and clothing for those who needed it and setting up a national network of contacts and suppoeters. Most of this was done without any leadership or inspiration from their union, it was just ordinary people taking back a bit of control. Then there was Wapping and capitalist scum Murdoch thinking he could crap on our class. Well, he was wrong! During the year long strike, thousands of non-printers, recognised the printers struggle as their own and joined in, from participating on the picket line, to destroying copies of his scab papers outside newsagents in the early hours of the morning. Just when we were taking the next step forward (on Jan 24th 1987 when tens of thousands of angry pickets attacked the cops, Murdochs plant and the scabs, costing them hundreds of thousands of pounds), the union pwer-mongers, fearing a loss of control, called off the dispute. WE DON'T NEED THEM!

FROM PROTEST TO RESISTANCE

But its not just on this level that we can fight back. Of course we should get involved in any local or national disputes between bosses and workers, fighting as equals alongs our comrades, but there are also things that can outside of the workplace with our friends, neighbours and with our whole communities. If you haven't got enough to eat or want a few things to make life a bit more bearable then go out and steal it, not from your own kind but from those who can afford it. A good idea is to organise mass community shoplifting - you'll get away with it if you plan in advance.

CONT. OVER



"A CALL" CONTINUE:

If you're not happy with local amenities or services provided by the council or your landlord, organise a rent strike with your neighbours, turn the tables and hassle them for a change.

Doesn't your giro go far enough? Then work out fiddles with your mates. Its easy once you start thinking about it, and get in touch with your local unemployed centre to find out what you can claim for. Screw every last penny you can out of the DHSS, last year millions of pounds were left unclaimed by people who didn't know what they were entitled to - don't think that the governments going to tell you!

If the sight of Yuppies in Ocean Village makes you want to throw up, with their £150,000 houses and "Ok Yah" accents, then show them they're not wanted. Jostle and abuse them in the streets, slash and smash their flash cars, implement a Yuppie tax (nick stuff from them) - after all the money they have comes from ripping off the working class left, right and centre.

If you need a roof over your head and all you're offered is a rundown B&B, then squat. In Southampton alone there are hundreds of decent, inhabitable council houses left empty and rotting because its not profitable to let people live in them.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!



Refuse to vote in elections . we can do without these parasites who think they're fit to govern us. When you think about it, Great British "democracy" is nothing more than being allowed to put a cross next to various types of capitalism once every five years or so. Can you really call a lifetimes supply of 12 crosses democracy?

I could go on and on with ideas because the list is only limited by our imagination. Get together with people you know and trust and do things, because once organised we are unstoppable. We have a history and culture to be proud of and a future that it is our right to inherit.

IT IS TIME TO RECLAIM OUR LIVES.

Footnote: Throughout this article I have repeatedly used the term working class. It has become trendy in some circles to either ridicule this or as the lefties do, use it as a convenient label for us so that they can say we need leaders because after all, "we're only working class". We need to reclaim these words, they do not merely mean factory workers, they apply to everyone locked in the class struggle being they working or unemployed, at school or retired, male or female, black or white, gay or straight. They are a label and a title to be used with pride, not in a patronising way as many use them now. Remember this is CLASS WAR!

A WARNING TO SCUM

Scum in Highfield have been harassing Asians living in the area . Graffiti has been spray -ed on cars and homes, and people have been verbally abused. Cops have done nothing but the scum deserve a good "talking" to, in our opinion. If they carry on they'll probably get it (in the neck). Things like this have been going on for years in St. Mary's funny it should attract so much attention when it starts happening in a nice middle-class area like Highfield.

FREE FOOD

Simply hand this coupon in at the checkout of your local supermarket and claim as much free food as you need!

TO THE RETAILER: The Bearer of this coupon is a DANGEROUS ARMED TERRORIST.

DO NOT attempt to stop, interfere or question them. DO NOT CALL THE POLICE.

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE

RACIST LEFT

The labour group on the council are going into hysterics over the fact that the housing clause that they brought in to evict council tenants found guilty of racial harassment has been abolished. They've even started a petition to try and get the clause reinstated, frightening everyone into believing that without this clause white racists will run wild on our council estates. How many people were evicted when this clause was in action? NONE! How much racial harassment and racial attacks took place in Southampton during this time? Hundreds, probably thousands of incidents, all unreported because racists are protected by their friends, the cops. The clause does not combat racial attacks at all, in fact it is a racists' charter. While the council gives the impression it is combatting racism, people relax lulled into thinking the problem is solved, no one is evicted because of police protection and the attacks increase.

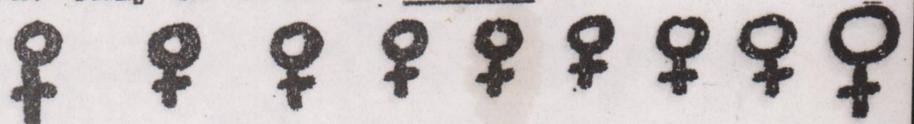
The only way to combat racists on our estates and in our communities is to evict them ourselves, see how they like arson attacks and graffiti daubed on their homes, and give them a good beating into the bargain too, before they leave.

The council would have us believe that they can solve all our problems if only we put our faith in them, and the Labour group poses as the saviour of the working class in Southampton. The gesture politics of "clauses" and "petitions" is dangerous and unless we ignore them and act ourselves to protect our streets, someone's going to get killed, we'll be able to lay the death squarely at the feet of the labour trendies though and their "political anti-racism". The council aren't going to do anything, the police certainly aren't going to do anything, it's time to act now. Let's kick the racists out of our communities. LET'S KICK THEM IN!



♀ fighting ♀ talk

Southampton's new women's group first meeting takes place Sunday Nov 15 7.30-10.00 at Bedford House, Amoy street just off Bedford place. Let's hope this isn't another comfortable middle class totally ineffective and boring and inward looking womens group. There is much to be done. I as a woman, a class conscious woman, have been angry and isolated for too long. I know there are many others like me. I hope we can get together and do something, there is a lot we can do, together. Discussion has its place but only as well as action.



Let's trash the porn shops, pay a friendly visit to the rapists, 20 of us clad in balaclavas, give them a taste of their own medicine. Abuse the men who abuse us in the street. FIGHT BACK. I have no time for woman who sit around all day moaning about their plight, we can take back control if we want, even if only for a few seconds down a back alley. Middle class feminists tell us we can sign petitions and ignore men (1/2 of the population) learn how to spell 'Wimmin' properly, wear dungarees and ring the police when we're attacked. They tell us there is no such thing as class and that women are classless because they take on the class of their husbands and fathers. So, Margaret Thatcher and me have something in common? WE'RE CLASSLESS ??? What a load of shit. Maybe she'll come along to the women's meeting too, let's stop talking and start acting.

DID SOMEONE MENTION
DIRECT ACTION?





GUY FAWKES

The only person
to enter Parliament
with honest intentions