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Southampton City Council recently issued its first 100 summonses to court for non-payment of the Poll Tax. The reason why they chose such a small number is fairly obvious. It meant that most people summonsed didn't know anyone else in the same position and would be more intimidated into paying up. In 70 cases this happened. However the Council cannot maintain issuing such small numbers of summonses because it would take them literally years to deal with the 50,000 of us who haven't paid a single penny so far.

It also seems that the Council wanted to find out the levels of resistance to the Tax in the courts. Of the 30 who turned up, 24 unfortunately chose to settle out of court, leaving 6 to fight their cases. However, they weren't alone. A large

picket of the court took place giving support and encouragement to those taking on the Council. There was also free legal advice available, and people who were prepared to go in to court and help people out. (you're allowed to have an adviser in court with you if you haven't got a solicitor). It took the Council solicitor and magistrates 3 HOURS to deal with just 6 people. Imagine what would have happened if all 100 had turned up. Although liability orders were eventually issued against the 6, the Council have still got to try and enforce them - and that will be where our real strength lies.

When the Council starts issuing summonses in their thousands (which they'll have to, to try and get the Poll Tax off of all the non-payers) then we'll ALL know someone who's in the same boat,

When thousands of us turn up in court arguing, delaying and refusing to pay, we'll build the strength and confidence that we need to win.

When the bailiffs turn up and are met by a reception committee of angry, unamused residents and are sent running with their tails between their legs, we'll be encouraging even more of our neighbours to stop paying and start fighting back.

And when even larger Poll Tax demands are sent out next year then more and more people will join our campaign of resistance as they see our success and strength grow!

ADVICE IF YOU RECEIVE A SUMMONS.

DONT PANIC! A summons for non-payment is NOT a criminal summons and you can't get a criminal record for it.

CONTACT either your local independent anti-Poll Tax Union or the Southampton Anti-Poll Tax Campaign (addresses inside) for further advice and assistance.

ORGANISE with your friends, family, neighbours and workmates to give each other support and to prepare effective resistance to the courts and bailiffs.

TURN UP! This is VITAL if we are to take the battle forwards. Don't be intimidated by the courts, it will be the first time for most other people and there will be plenty of organised advisers to help you fight your case. Every person who appears in court (CONT.PG 2)

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plays an important role in defeating the Poll Tax. It will take them years to deal with us all if we make sure that we fight them tooth-and-nail all of the way.

REMEMBER even if a liability order is granted they will still have to try and value your belongings before they even attempt to take them away. Are YOU prepared to allow Council-funded thugs to march unhindered in to YOUR home to take away YOUR possessions? Organise the resistance NOW. We must be prepared to occupy our streets and physically resist any attempt to attack members of our communities.

POLL TAX - TOGETHER WE'LL CRACK IT!

ANTI-POLL TAX CONTACT ADDRESSES:

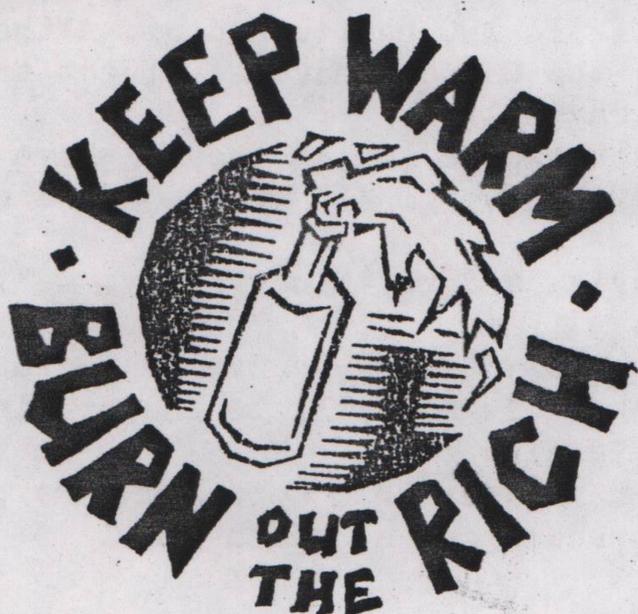
Southampton Anti-Poll Tax Campaign,
c/o 78 Clovelly Rd.,
Newtown,
Southampton.

Newtown Anti-Poll Tax Union,
c/o the above address.

Shirley Warren Anti-Poll Tax Union,
c/o the above address.

Portswood Anti-Poll Tax Union,
c/o 118 Gordon Avenue,
Portswood,
Southampton.

WARNING! There are other so-called anti-Poll Tax unions in the city that are nothing more than fronts for the Militant Tendency and their recruiting campaign. The above groups are all independent and democratic unions. Get involved!



LEARN TO BURN!

A fire in Portsmouth Civic offices recently has destroyed all of the Council's computer files containing their information on who's paid the Poll Tax. It means that no-one in Pompey has received a summons to go to court for non-payment, and the Council ~~will~~ will either have to go through

their paper files by hand, or wait until everything is put back onto computer. Both will take a VERY long time, giving residents of Portsmouth even more opportunity to organise their resistance to summonses and bailiffs.

Also, in Northampton, a company of bailiffs that were offering to do Poll Tax debt collecting (and had already been employed by some councils) had its offices completely destroyed in an arson attack.

Various local and borough council offices around the country have also been visited by their local friendly pyromaniacs and burnt to the ground. There are promises of a lot more to come.

Council buildings and bailiffs offices don't burn down by themselves - They need help from YOU!

mutiny

As we go to press, we've heard that troops down on Salisbury plain are refusing to pay their Poll Tax - 550 of them in fact! They say that they do all of their maintenance and cleaning themselves, so why should they pay the Council for services they don't get? We hope that they put their training to good use when the bailiffs turn up!



EDITORIAL

Welcome to issue 1 of Eat The Rich (tasteful name, eh?), Southampton's ONLY community newspaper. We hope to bring you the news and views that our 'masters' would rather keep hidden from us to protect their own power and privilege. If you like what you read (or even if you don't!) and want to get in touch then write to:

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BOX A, 4 ONSLOW ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON.



The 'Eat The Rich' editorial team!

SAB THE BASTARDS!

The start of the foxhunting season is upon us, and once again toffee-nosed rich scum are swanning around our countryside terrorising and slaughtering



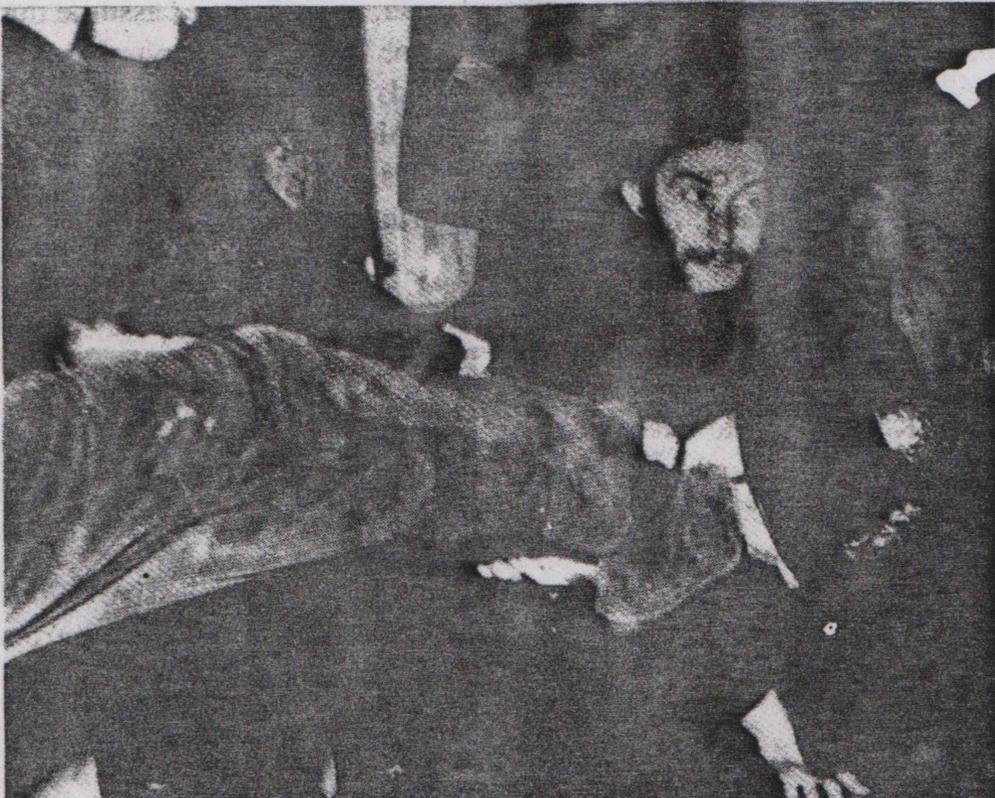
our wildlife. If you think that the idea of these parasites having a laugh by killing innocent wildlife is obscene, and want to do something about it, then get in touch with: Southampton Hunt Saboteurs, Box SABS, 4 Onslow Road, Southampton.

Not only will you be saving our wildlife for future generations, but you'll also be giving the bastards a taste of things to come!

PIGS FOR SLAUGHTER

Poor little Hampshire coppers have been in the papers of late, having a good old whinge about the amount of violence that they have to face when they're on duty. Well there's a surprise! After they spend day in, day out swanning around our estates acting the big hard man (and God help you if you happen to be in a minority group) they can't honestly expect to get kid glove treatment, can they?

We've got a little warning for the boys and girls of the Force - YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!! What you've received in the way of a slap up until now will seem like a picnic when we unleash the hatred that we feel towards you. Every incident of harrassment, torture and murder will be held against you in OUR day of judgement. YOUR TIME HAS COME.

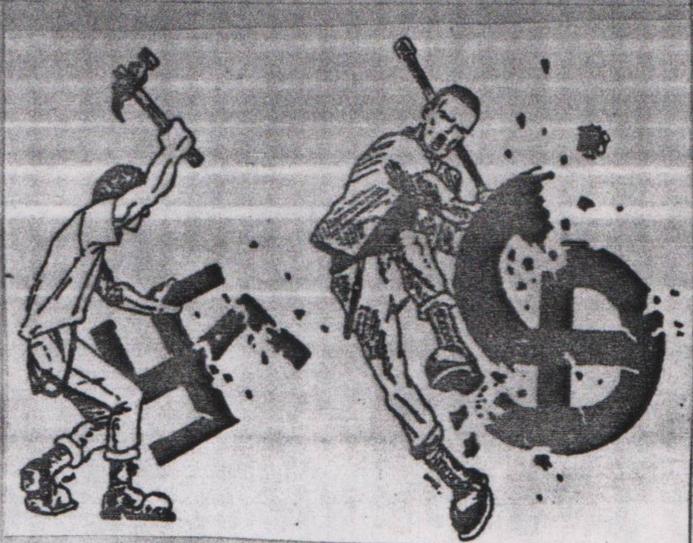


THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT!

NAZI SCUM - IT'S TIME TO RUN

A vicious racist attack in Weston last month left an 11-year old girl needing hospital treatment. The initial reaction of the police when they eventually turned up was that it was nothing serious, and they even refused to

call a doctor. The girl's parents called an ambulance and she was taken to hospital, where she spent 3 days to help her recover. The police also



said that there wasn't anything that they could do about it - same old bloody story. They're probably glad that someone else is helping them do their job - terrorising and victimising working-class people.

Racist thugs cannot be allowed to roam our estates at will. Whenever these scum are identified they should be given exactly the same treatment that they so cowardly dish out to 11-year old kids. They should be harrassed and beaten at every opportunity, their homes should be smashed up and they should feel fear every time that they step out onto the streets. Lets kick them in, kick them out and keep them out.

DEATH - FREE ZONE

In recent weeks a construction site worker from Lordshill lost his claim for compensation in the High Court, following an accident on a site. An overhanging board struck the man on the head causing him to fall 20ft and break his wrists and ankles. The man has been in constant pain and unable to work ever since.

In the court, the judge said that the company couldn't be held liable for the accident and rejected the claim. We feel nothing but contempt towards this bastard. Compared to the millions of pounds profit that the bosses of building companies make, it would have been nothing to have awarded this worker a few thousand quid to cover him and his family for the rest of their lives. But as usual the bosses stick together and the workers take the shit.

The construction trade has one of the worst histories of accidents and deaths amongst the workforce. Labourers are pushed to their limits for appalling pay and conditions, and when one of us gets injured or killed the bosses don't give a toss. It's about time that workers on sites, both in this City and across the country get organised and start demanding better pay, safer conditions (cont. pg. 4)

LONDON, WASHINGTON, BAGHDAD - THE REAL ENEMY IS AT HOME

Thatcher is taking part in the West's invasion of the Gulf for two reasons: (1) to try and keep oil from Kuwait flowing to the West to keep the money and power that it brings and (2) to whip up a pro-British frenzy amongst the working class.

In order to do this a startling stream of lies and hypocrisy has begun. We didn't hear her scream about human rights when the U.S.A. invaded Grenada or Panama. We didn't hear the British state scream about chemical weapons when the U.S.A. used Agent Orange and Napalm in Vietnam. We don't hear them scream about human rights when Catholics and Protestants are turned against each other in Northern Ireland, and where Kangaroo Courts, the police and army make the Province an apartheid state if you're a Catholic.

In fact, in 1963 it was the CIA who helped to install Hussein to make sure the Communist Party didn't get power in Iraq. The West kept very quiet in 1979 when Hussein invaded the Kurdish homeland and slaughtered thousands of Kurdish working-class people. Being for the working-class in Iraq is a very dangerous business!

And what about sanctions? How come all of a sudden they're so good when we've been told that they won't work against South Africa's evil regime? Or the Zionist Israeli state's occupation of the Golan Heights, West Bank and Gaza Strip, which Britain and the U.S.A. gleefully support?

The working class has NO interests in fighting for the Union Jack, the Stars and Stripes or the Iraqi flag. The working class is internationally oppressed and it's at times like these that workers are given the 'privilege' of being killed in the rulers interests. There is only one war worth fighting - THE CLASS WAR. In all other wars workers pay dearly for the rulers right to rule. Oil prices up means all prices up, unemployment, spiralling inflation, and it is US who will suffer. The real enemy is at home, in Whitehall and all the other institutions of power that control our lives.

WILL WE PAY WITH BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS AS THEY GET US WORKING THEIR WAR MACHINE? WILL WE FUCK! LET THEM GET THEIR OWN HANDS DIRTY - HOPEFULLY THEY'D KILL EACH OTHER AND SAVE US THE JOB!

The working class has no country. Unpatriotic? Treacherous? Guilty as hell and proud of it.

Bush, Thatcher, Gorbachev, Hussein are all on the same side - against the international working class. NO GULF WAR! NO POLL TAX! NO RULING CLASS!!

(DEATH-FREE ZONE)

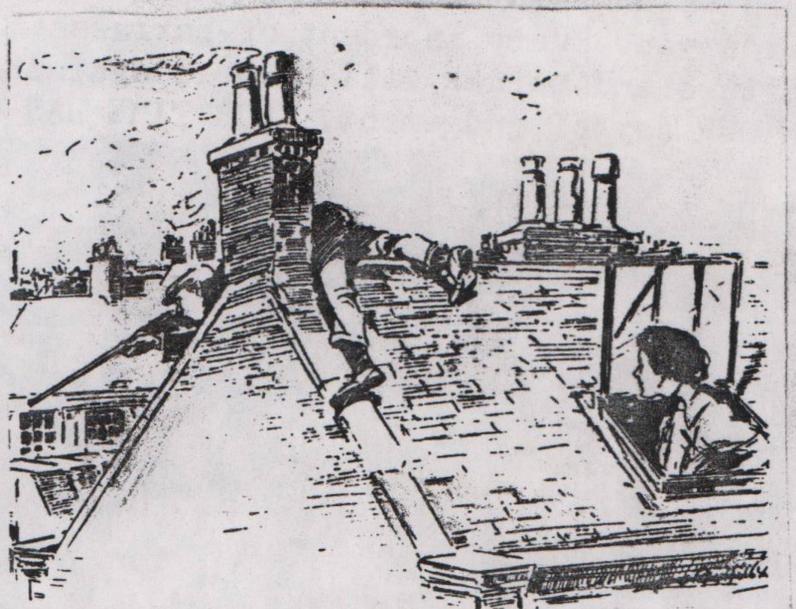
and statutory compensation for victims of the bosses lust for profit. If you work on a dangerous site then get together with your mates and contact: Tony O'Brien, Construction Safety Campaign, 72 Copeland Rd., London SE15. Next time someone could be killed and it may be YOU.



the Poll Tax Demo!

NOV. 11 - Remembrance Sunday. Nazi scum march on the streets of London to 'honour' the war dead. STOP THEM. Cenotaph 12 noon onwards.

JOKE SPOT!



All right, one more bailiff, then in to bed!

RUMBLINGS

The 'eat the rich' guide to what's going on.



OCT. 19 - Fund raising gig at the Portwood Hotel at 8.00p.m. LOADSANOISE!

OCT. 20 - THE BIGGIE! National Anti-Poll Tax Demo in London. Start Trafalgar Sq. BE THERE.

Same day - Anarchist Book Fair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1. All day - a good place to meet up for

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