

CLASS WAR FEDERATION

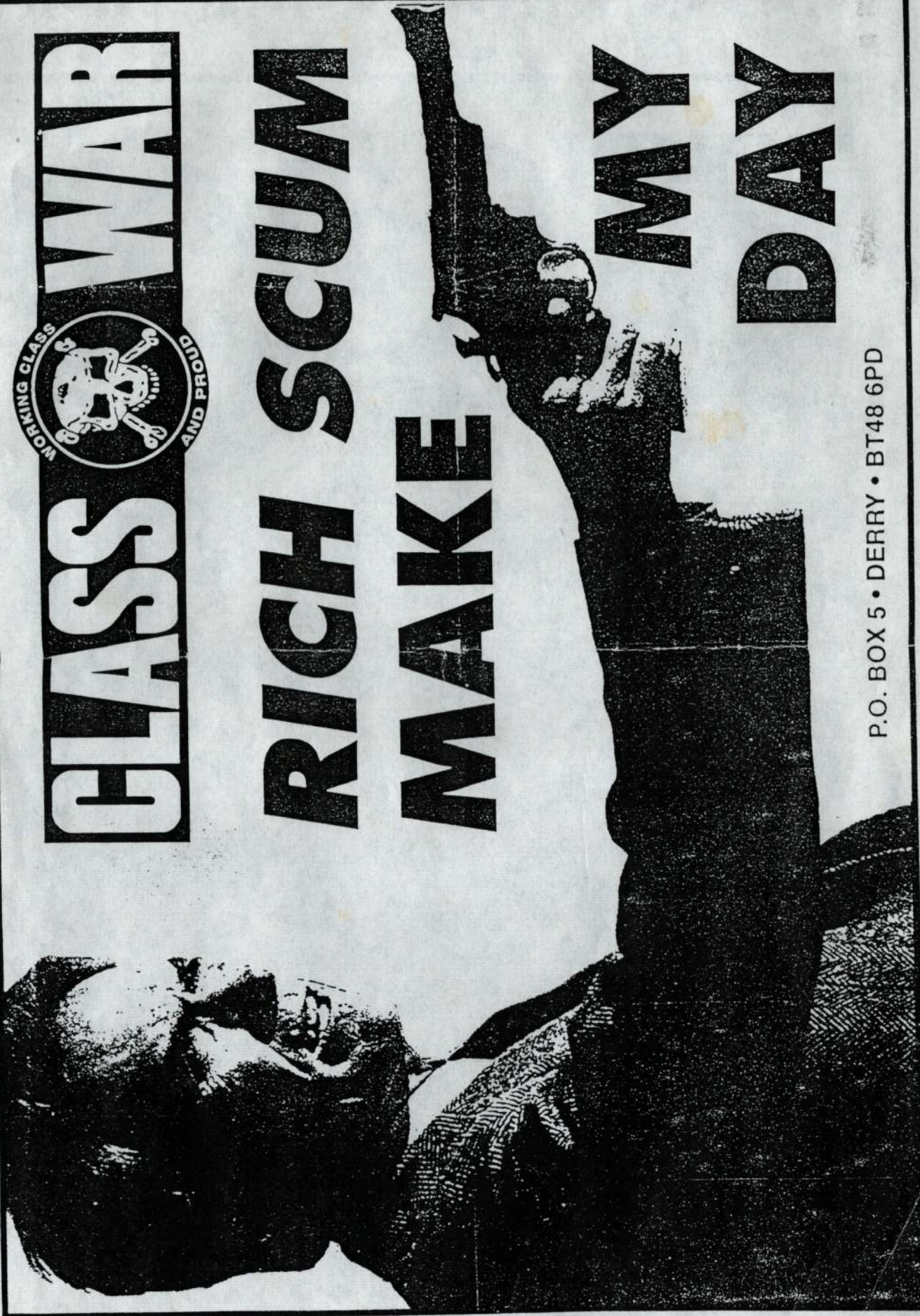
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INTO '94 WITH CLASS WAR



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1994 - GET INTO 'EM!!

Dear Supporters

Welcome to issue 6 of the SB which is now created by me, Jeff, after Darren decided to pass it on. Many thanks go to Darren for his work. I'll endeavour to match his efficiency and enthusiasm (you what?!).

Struggle and Organisation

Unlike most "politicos" we do not judge someone on whether or not they are willing to join 'our gang' but rather see our role as a stimulus to thought and action resulting from the society in which we live. Consequently we do not see supporters merely as potential recruits but as a means of CW interacting, discussing and working with people outside our immediate circle, giving us, we hope, a less arrogant perspective than some political groups. Insularity and

introspection are breeding grounds for elitism.

This, in practical terms, means we need to make things like the supporters group and the SB a two way process. Your ideas, views, news and experience are an important part of a development of revolutionary knowledge and ideas, both with CW and our class as a whole. If you want to write for the bulletin or "Class War" then feel free.

Of course we come together into an organisation for a reason and refuse to feel shy or guilty about recruiting. That's why we always encourage you to find out more about us by reading 'Unfinished Business, Heavy Stuff' and contacting your local group. Even if you feel unable to join this need not mean you cannot get involved in whatever activity we get up to. Many

supporters have made immense contributions which have been greatly appreciated and valued.

Basically the issue is to realise that the question of coming together into an organisation is a vital one, deserving of serious thought and consideration. Of course in the end it's your contribution to the class struggle generally, which sometimes can mean just surviving with your sense of humour and humanity intact, that means the most.

Any way enjoy the rest of this SB, discuss it, pass it around and then help write the next one.

"Keep on rocking in the free world"

Jeff
SB Editor



"Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Welling!"
Of course, it wasn't all a bed of roses but we had a few laughs, and the good times keep rollin' on with our new caption competition.
A free 3 issue subscription to the SB for the winner.

group reports



leeds cw

Xmas saw a a really good social with about 35 people turning up. There was a well effective demo that we supported in December, when the Disabled Activists Network stopped a live filming for Children in Need, at the Leeds Playhouse. Their demos are always good, very loud and very uncompromising. This year the police couldn't get violent because they were too exposed to the respectable members of the public. There was also some ACT UP activity that we supported in December.

Papersales continue and we distribute our local broadsheet at the same time - 'The Yorkshire Pest'. We had a stall at a gig not long ago, it got a good response. People particularly liked our 'Fuck the Police' and 'Kill all Nazis' stickers. We've had some discussions around VAT on fuel and what our tactics should be. At the moment we're concentrating on propoganda ie. another

attack on our class, rather than propoganda telling people not to pay, Anti-VAT meetings are taking place, we're trying to get along to them rather than set our own up.

Leeds writes and lays out 'sally skull' and the reviews page of the paper, thats working ok. We're preparing for our next Pest (no.3), which hopefully will be out in Febuary, and we are looking forward to the Bloody Sunday March and Paper delegate Meeting, where we've got a lot to say.

herts cw

The inaugural meeting of Herts CW was held on 22/12/93, we agreed on the following ideas for activity:

1) **To continue activity in Herts AFA.**

2) **Posters;** a specialist flyposter is to be produced for use on empty properties bearing the slogan ; 'WHY EMPTY? - THINK OF THIS AS A HOME'.

3) **Stickers;** Draft designs for 2 stickers were produced - one environmental and the other an anti-boss design. We felt that the Glasgow CWF NHS designs were too good to be limited to Scotland and should therefore become a national sticker. The slogans are 'SLASH THE RICH; NOT THE NHS' and 'STAY HEALTHY; KILL THE WEALTHY'.

4) **Paper Sales;** to be organised for Hatfield, Stevenage, Welwyn Garden City, Watford and Hemel Hempstead. The latter 2 towns have BNP/NF papersales, so we may need a larger to do this.

5) **Local Issues;** There is local anger over hospital closures and empty office blocks being built instead of homes for locals, also, in small Herts towns you get "rich man's ghettos" in close proximity to working class areas leading to a class friction not found in manysolely working class towns; this is something we



YORKSHIRE

Evening Pest

The paper of Leeds Class War

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should gear our propaganda to.

6) **Stall for gigs/raves etc;** Ideally we will set up a stall selling CW merchandise, anarchist books etc., though this may take up a lot of money. Locally, indie type gigs are held regularly in Stevenage and St.Albans, so we will start selling CW outside and giving away DS4A catalogues.

7) **Fanzines etc;** Many fanzines welcome letters and articles, in that we are a small group this will be a cost/time efficient way of getting our politics across. Also mentioned was the radical feminist "RiotGirls" scene, we will look into links with their fanzines.

nottingham cw

VAT on fuel - There was a local anti-VAT on fuel group set up just before Xmas and seemed pretty good. A collection of anarchists/lefties trying to sort out some sort of opposition to the VAT on fuel. A demo was organised for outside Clarkes surgery which is just outside Nottingham but on the day guess who made up most the crowd...yes the SWP. Luckily those who have been to meetings are pissed off that yet again they jump on the fucking band wagon so some sort of alternative will be got together in the new year.

Anti-Fascism - Local BNP have once again been in court in Leicester and have

been found guilty of beating up local ANL members. I'll get an article and pictures for the next issue .

There was another large but secret fascist gig just before Xmas, there was no time to organise against. Reports put the attendance at about 200. There is an expected larger gig for January some time and will probably be similar to last years white Xmas gig.

There are two gigs planned for jan which will really piss them off but unlike them we advertise. Both are at Mansfield Labour Club - Jan 7th is a squatters benefit and Jan 21st is a hunt sabs benefit.

central scotland cw

At the end of November we were recognised as a group. There are just 2 members but we have been talking to three of four others who are interested in joining.

We are continuing regular paper sales in Falkirk which are getting good feed back. Our nocturnal forays of flyposting are now going to be viewed by a rash of CCTV cameras which the forces of law and order have seen fit to install.

In the next month we will be getting off our collective bums and help to set up a local group to fight VAT on fuel, so the future looks quite promising.

LONDON



CLASS WAR

london cw

Since the last IB, London has continued its paper selling and meetings, and had a wicked Xmas social.

Organisationally we have arranged stickers and leaflets for the 'Bloody Sunday' mobilisation on 29th January, (available from London CW), and are taking part in other arrangements (legal cover, bust cards, etc).

A member and a supporter have been attending a public meeting (vv militant - the Labour hierarchy, TUC/MPs, were totally out of touch) and a court demo for the Tower Hamlets 9 (Whitechapel 'riot'), and we are going to continue ativity here (and youth love the 'Fuck the Police' stickers). At least one gig is being arranged for early Jan, with more to follow.

The Heavy Stuff has a deadline of Jan 20th, with publication in Feb. The theme will be 'The Task Ahead', including a constructive look at the Federation.

federation feedback



As part of our drive to keep supporters up to date with what's happening in the Fed here are some reports of CWF conferences and meetings from the last six months.

Anti-social Crime Dayschool Liverpool October '93

Attended by about 15 people, the day got off with a general discussion of different definitions of crime - "The state defines crime as 'breaking the law'. We don't." Some crimes such as fiddling the dole and battering fascists are no crime at all in our books.

It was accepted that many working class people still respect the police and don't trust the people in their communities. A lot of this is down to the media and to fight back we must use our own propaganda and face to face chats to stress the need for solidarity and collective action.

"Are some people 'out of control' and unreachable - part of a criminal underclass?" It was agreed that the underclass was a divisive ruling class phrase and that those who commit domestic violence and sex abuse are products of a sick society that needs changing, though there is still room for direct action against the attackers where necessary.

Minutes of the meeting are available from the Nat. Sec.

National Conference Nottingham November '93

Conference time came around again and about 40 of us gathered in Nottingham. We heard the reports from the postholders and

then local groups. The general atmosphere was optimistic but there were worries about what to do about our falling membership.

Bloody Sunday

On to the main business. First we decided unanimously to attend and defend the Bloody Sunday march (which went well & completely fascist free). After dinner we went into a long discussion about the current economic crisis and the fate of capitalism. It was agreed that capital is becoming more international with Britain becoming a service sector, cheap labour, high unemployment country where decent health and education for the majority are not deemed necessary. Some felt the formation of three powerful trading blocs (Asia, North America, Europe) would lead to another imperialist world war that could only be defeated by the class war.

Privatisations

The day was finished with a debate on upcoming privatisations and the role of Trade unions. It was agreed that all attacks on the quality of life of our class should be resisted by any means necessary - not only through unions. Industrial disputes need to be carried into surrounding communities and workplaces so that solidarity is strengthened and the isolation often encouraged by unions is ended.

Falling Membership

Sunday began with a discussion on how to end our falling membership figures. Some explained why their comrades had left the Fed. Reasons ranged from lack of time and energy to a general disillusionment with the whole

running and direction of the Fed. Some felt we still had a negative 'white working class bootboy' image while others felt people simply didn't know *how* to join. It was generally accepted that more should be done to attract new members and to keep hold of them after they join by giving them responsibilities. The welfare side of things needs to be improved as well and this can best be done by local groups sharing workloads and caring for each other. (The *New Members Pack* - see back page - is now finished and Turbo paper subs will include a 3 issue sub to the SB).

Solidarity Groups

After dinner the debate moved onto how local solidarity groups fit in to the rebuilding of the revolutionary movement within our class. There was a general agreement that the majority of these groups are simply Lefty talking shops but that where possible we should "...get involved if we can, use their resources & pinch their members." Many anti-Poll Tax groups weren't dominated by Lefties and did much good work. It depends on the situation.

Campaign Against VAT on Fuel

The differences between the Poll Tax and VAT on fuel were noted but we decided to go ahead with a campaign against VAT on fuel, involving encouragement to non-payment, delaying tactics, direct action - in fact anything to fuck this latest tax rise right up.

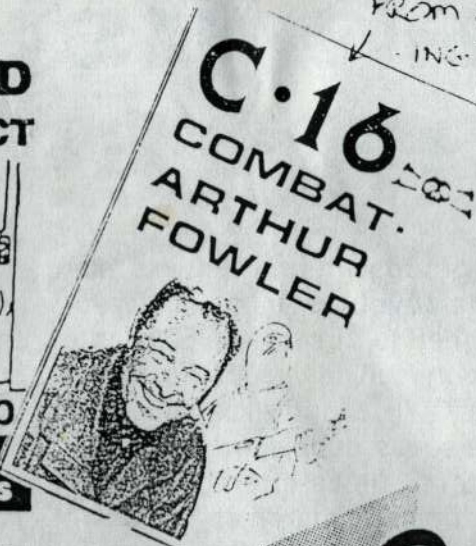
The weekend finished with a quick discussion on anti-fascism and a commitment to do a CW pamphlet on fascism/racism. Minutes of the whole conference are available from the Nat Sec. See you in Glasgow?

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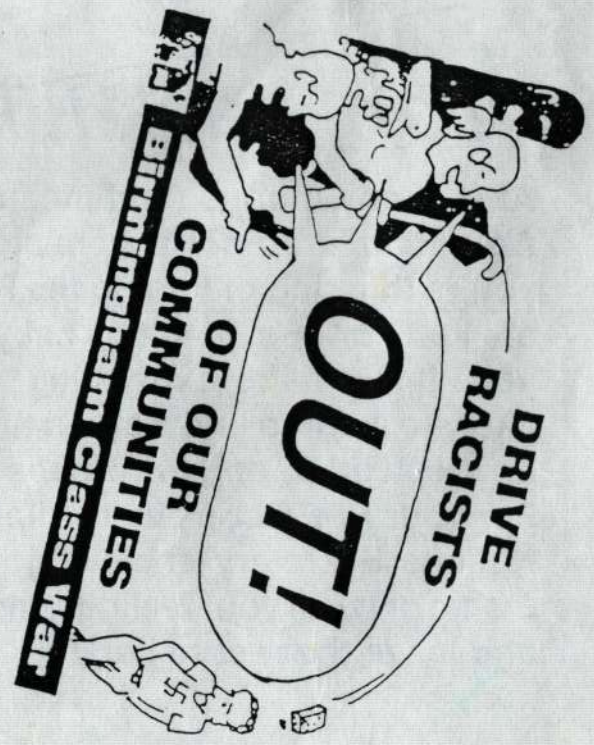
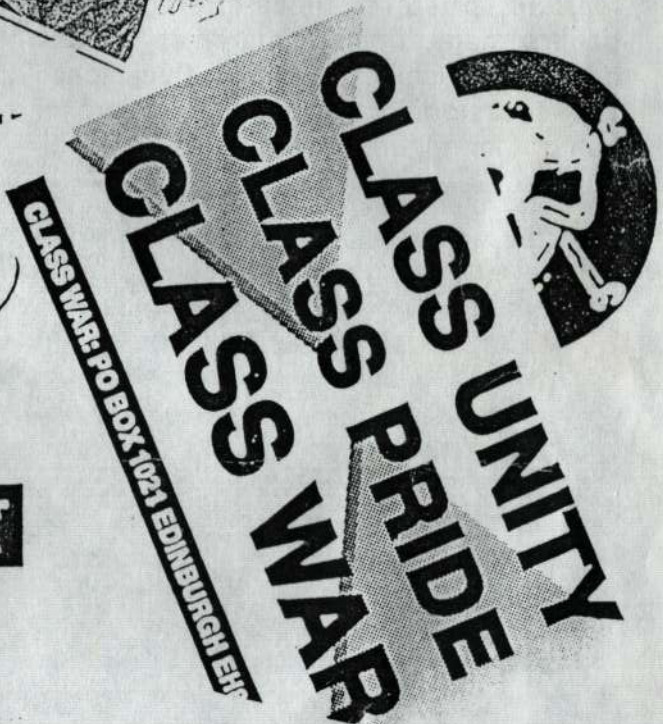
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don't just sit there!



Members and groups within the Class War Federation are involved in a variety of activities designed to upset the nice people who run the country. These activities range from the all-time CWF favourite - paperselling! We also meet, discuss, debate, write, produce leaflets, posters, newsletters, national papers, magazines and march up and down a randomly selected street. Occasionally, very occasionally, we go down the pub for a half or 3 of mineral water.

If any of these sordid activities appeal to you or even if you have a few ideas of your own then you could contact one of the shadowy and sinister groups below who will inform you of anything going on in your area. Alternatively you could write to them demanding that they do something in your area. Obviously demanding that Derry CW hold a leafleting in Suffolk will not necessarily meet with a positive response. Go for it bold class warriors!

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Ooh, pack it in!

After many moons (and moans) the *New Members Pack* is here at last. If you're thinking of joining the Fed, or are just curious, then this baby is for you. It contains everything you're likely to want to know about the Fed, how it works, and who does what. For your *FREE* copy just write to the National Secretary (enclosing the odd stamp or two if your feeling generous) and leave the rest to her.

