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HERES TO A SHORT RETIREMENT AND AN..



EARLY GRAVE!

INSIDE YOUR RED HOT COPY OF CLASS WAR: THATCHER QUILTS, POLL TAX NEWS, GOSSIP, SPORT AND SCANDAL!

CLASS WAR WE SAY

ONE OF THE MOST SICKENING THINGS ABOUT THATCHER'S RESIGNATION WAS THE WAY MP'S, OF EVERY PARTY, REVELLED IN PRAISING HER.

The House of Commons was full of 637 fawning lickspittles, all rushing to pay honour to her "statesmanship and good sense".

We have suffered 11 years of the parasite, now she's being treated like a modern day Churchill, by the party that will probably be next to govern, Labour.

BOOED!

One of the most encouraging things was the crowds that gathered outside Downing St, once the news was released, and booed and jeered Thatcher as she left to go to the Palace to tell the Queen.

But at the end of the day, Thatcher or no Thatcher, Hurd, Major or Heseltine, it

makes sod all difference to our lives.

Marg or butter, Labour or Tory, Gazza or Ninja Turtles, Kuwait or Iraq;- an endless parade of false choices. In this way the essential illusion of freedom of choice within capitalism is maintained;- the bedrock on which the entire system rests.

CLASS WAR SAYS: BOLLOCKS TO THIS!

As long as all we can do is slavishly respond to the agenda which the ruling class sets for us, we are doomed to impotence.

At the next general election the Left will say "vote Labour". **WE SAY:**

CRAP!

We won't choose from any of the festering dungheapson offer. Thazzeltine or Paddy Kinnochio. They're all destined for the same shit chute!

As the 70's refrain went; "Edward Wilson, Harold Heath, them on top, us underneath".



We have to set our own agenda, now.

Our 'election campaign' has already begun. It's out on the streets, in our communities, everytime the Poll Tax bailiffs appear; it's on the streets of London next March 30th 1990, for the biggest, most combative demonstration ever; it's outside every Town Hall in the country on General Election night to make **THEM** shudder with **OUR POWER**.

CLASS WAR SAYS THIS, AND ONLY THIS:-

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Fuck the Labour -Tory choices and the whole stinking, rotten electoral con trick.

We're not just going to get rid of the Poll Tax to get something "fairer" in its place.

We don't give a toss about "fair" and "unfair" taxes. The bleeding Liberals on the Left can bleat about that 'til the cows come home.

FEAR

We're gonna shift the rancid ruling class from off our backs for once and for all.

Let those bastards shake and quiver with fear in their mansions and penthouses... **OUR TIME IS FAST APPROACHING!**

ANARCHISTS BRING DOWN GOVT



AFTER THE BATTLE.. THE AFTERMATH OF THREE DAYS BATTLES

CLASS WAR

**NOW AVAILABLE
IN ALL GOOD
RECORD SHOPS**

MID-NOVEMBER SAW BERLIN IN UPROAR.....

In the Eastern part of the city, hundreds of workers occupied the new capitalist Treuhand privatisation agency, responsible for the savage decision to cut 40,000 jobs in one relatively small area.

In the working class Friedrichshain area, riot cops attempted to evict over 13 unused tenement blocks which the homeless had occupied. Police surrounded a group of 1000-strong, there to defend the squatters.

Anarchist youths, gassed by the heavily-armed cops, fought back with rocks and flares. The police retaliated with a dawn attack, using tear gas and water cannon, sent in by Mayor Walter Momper, who promised to combat the resistance "With all available means."

Momper put his foot right in it when he said that he would fight these

"criminal elements", while he agreed that "housing shortages, unemployment and decay" were the cause of people's anger."

Momper's boot boys were met with fierce resistance for days, continually being driven back and suffering 137 injuries. They even dropped SAS-style riot cops onto the squatters' roofes, by helicopter, who were met by youths prepared for hand-to-hand fighting against their paramilitary tactics.

The uprising resulted in the total collapse of the coalition government of Berlin, with condemnations of "brutal police action", only 2 weeks before Berlin's first joint city government election since the War.

A spokesperson said: "Usually no one listens to their problems, but when they use violence, the interest grows".....

AGENT PROVOCATEURS?

That parasitical profession - estate agents, have declared civil war within their own ranks!

Times are hard for these rip-off merchants, with almost a quarter of estate agents set to fold due to the down turn in the property market. The profession that did so much to fuel the "property boom" in the 80's, and in doing so inflated the price of buying a house beyond the reach of many people.

So desperate are some to stay in business, that they have taken to sabotaging rival firms, tactics include;

- sending in their employees to rival firms to nick their client lists.
- sending ratcatchers etc into rivals offices to scare off customers.
- ripping down competitors signs.

One lot of irate estate agents even stormed into a nearby office of a rival firm with baseball bats "to discuss business" with them!

Doesn't it make your heart bleed....

HOSPITALISED COPPER!

ANOTHER
COPPER
COPS IT!



PARTY IN PARIS!

A march of over 200,000 school students, their teachers and families hit the streets of Paris in November enraged by over-crowding and lack of funding in the French school system.

As angry violence erupted, it was quite clear that the protest was about a lot more than the school system, but

against the capitalist system that provides such a crap education service.

The Gendarmes were out in force, scared witless that the growing riot would spill into the Champs Elysees or that the presidential palace would come under attack.

The rampaging youth, masked and waving black flags made some constructive mischief in the centres of the wealthy - burning out their cars, doing a spot of broken-window shopping and injuring over 100 cops with brick missiles.

The funny thing is that the socialist administration says that it has pumped a record amount of money into the school system.

Just shows that the international working class can't be bought off so easily, however young they are!

This issue's lovely page three fella, is none other than gorgeous, pouting, Sir Peter Imbert, Chief Commissioner of the Met!

Poor old Pete had a heart attack whilst out horse riding in Hyde Park!

The news that he's in intensive care fills us all full of sorrow. And we heartily deplore those members of the working class who have been;

- Phoning his house and asking for the "widow Imbert".
- Sending coffins and wreaths to his home.
- And we strongly recommend against phoning the hospital, pretending to be his wife, and saying you want the life support machine switched off!



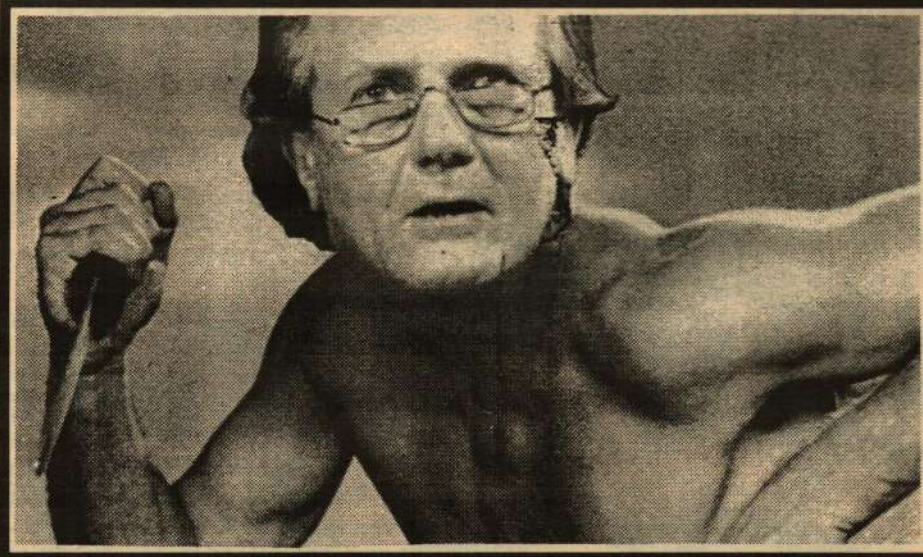
RIOTING IN PARIS...

TEN THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT TARZAN!

'TARZAN' HESELTINE HAS BEEN THRUST RIGHT IN TO THE LIME-LIGHT OF BRITISH POLITICS, WITH HIS TORY LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE.

But there's more to him than just a slicked back haircut and a manic thirst for power. So Class War has been digging the dirt on Tarzan, and here's what we found...

- Born Michael Raymond Dibdin Heseltine, he had a privileged start in life being the son of a South Wales steel company boss.
- He was educated at top persons public school, Shrewsbury, before going to Oxford University to finish his pampered education.
- While at Shrewsbury, young Tarzan used to steal other boys empty lemonade bottles, and then take them back to get the refunds!
- At Oxford, he became President of the Union, and developed a taste for political power, which was to drive him for years to come.
- His first major money making scheme was also at Oxford, where he opened up the disused cellars as a night club.
- It was then, in the 1950's, that he wrote his now infamous, plan for his ambitions for each decade. The arrogant, privileged prat mapped out what he wanted for himself in the years ahead. Under the 1990's he wrote "No



MICHAEL 'TARZAN' HESALTINE

10 Downing St!"

- Left thousands by the death of a rich relative, he bought houses in London's Notting Hill Gate, and rented out the rooms for massive profits. With this money he bought ailing magazines and started the Haymarket Press. He is now worth at least £50 million!
- In his fanatical, never-ending quest for power he made many enemies, including some among the Tory party bosses. Willie Whitelaw once described him as "the vainest person I've ever met, the type who combs his hair in public"

● Since he stormed out of Cabinet office, in a row with Thatcher about the future of Westland Helicopters, he has driven hundreds of thousands of miles, and attended hundreds of party meetings, all trying to build for the day he challenged her for the top job.

● Probably his most famous stunt was when he became so deranged at Labour MP's singing the Red Flag during a commons debate. That he picked up the Commons Mace and started swinging it around his head whilst advancing on them! That's how he got the nick-name Tarzan!

LIFE OF LUXURY

Not exactly short of a few bob, Tarzan spends his time living in luxurious splendour in a least THREE palatial homes...

1. A country mansion near Banbury, Oxfordshire, worth a massive £2 million. It has 800 acres of grounds, and a dozen bedrooms!
2. A plush town house in London's posh Belgravia. Its just behind Buckingham Palace and is kept ready and waiting for him whenever he's in London.
3. A "holiday home", worth about £250,000, he has hidden away on Exmoor.



TARZAN'S MANSION

STILL NOT

1991 will see an inevitable increase in poll tax charges.

The few who're paying now are going to be wondering why there's such a big increase. No doubt, the Tories will blame non-payers, just as they've blamed local councils.

At present, the poll tax is set at an artificially low level (a dirty trick to con some of us into paying their first year). Even with a 100% collection rate, the ruling class would still have to increase the tax; which all means that local councils will have to implement higher taxes or cut services and jobs even more than this year.

Whichever way you look at it, the working class are going to lose out: in our pockets, in health care, education, housing and local services.

FIGHT BACK

BUT... the Fightback's growing and must get stronger in '91, as people will see non-payers getting away with it, and organising in the community, APTUs and at work.

The Audit Commission has just released its figures for non-payment. This is a government body responsible for local government finance, and has a vested interest in talking down the levels of non-payment. But even they have admitted that non-payment is 22% on average!

The Tory parasites are scared now as they see their precious poll tax crumbling about their ears. They want a divided working class but have only helped to unite us in our fight against them and their foul tax!

Surprise! Surprise! Strathclyde council bosses are "shocked" at news from their officials that non-payment is higher than last year in their area.

The 'backlash effect' of payers realising that they can get away with refusing to pay, just like non-payers do, has taken a firm hold in this Scottish community and people just aren't listening to the threats of more cuts.

Good on 'em!

**WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO
DOESN'T OWN THE PROPERTY THEY
LIVE IN, AVOIDS THE POLL TAX,
PAYS NO RENT, AND
EXPECTS THE TAXPAYER
TO FOOT THE BILL..?**

Your Majesty



WHAT A WAY TO GO!

**CLASS WAR PROUDLY
PRESENTS OUR ANTI-POLL TAX
UNION OF THE YEAR AWARD TO
WARRINGTON APTU.**

Their achievements have been reported all over the Liverpool and Manchester areas. So here's a run-down of their successes:

Many Council meetings in Warrington have been disrupted, including a housing committee meeting brought to a **STANDSTILL** after Warrington council became the first in the North to take people to court for non-payment.

Abuse and fruit were hurled at councillors; many protestors sat silently, en masse, behind the councillors raising the already tense atmosphere, and the APTU

filmed the whole thing.

When non-payers' were up in court, Warrington APTU managed to create such chaos for the magistrates that over 4000 cases had to be adjourned. Crash barriers were torn down, the court rooms were invaded and the police resorted to their usual "move or you're liable to a punch in the gob" tactics, but to little effect.

LAUGHING

The council were then forced to opt for wage and benefit arrestments but councillors, solicitors and clerks to the courts agree that getting non-payers to fill in a 'Means Test Consent Form' will be virtually impossible due to all the lovely extra work created by the APTU.

So wage arrestments just don't seem to be happening in Warrington! The APTU tell us that they're laughing "all the way to the pub."

Warrington APTU grows, with well-attended meetings, and produces an excellent newsletter, keeping people up to date with protests, and bailiff busting activities, one of their great successes:

Before any bailiffs had made visits, the APTU Bailiff Busters went to visit their firm, CV Investigations, in nearby Rauwtenshall. The staff there locked themselves into their offices and phoned the cops, in fear of a bit of class justice.

SNIVELLING

While waiting for the police to visit, use was made of the office windows to stick up 'Call Bailiff Busters' posters, which show what telephone numbers to ring, if you're expecting a bailiff visit. And refreshments were at hand in the form of a crate of milk, kindly left outside by the snivelling staff!

The APTU have pledged to create "human barricades" outside the homes non-payers and defaulters, to see the bailiffs off; and have stated in the press that: "If the bailiffs get heavy, so will we."

Strangely enough, the APTU's second

visit to CV Investigations, a few weeks later, fell on the same day that an industrial smoke bomb mysteriously fell through their letter box and spontaneously combusted. Wonders will never cease!

Investigations revealed the address of the bailiff firm's boss, a certain Mr. Adams, so the APTU paid him a visit. So terrified was he that he called in his own bailiffs to protect him. So, if the boss needs bailiff protection, the bailiffs need cop protection, who's gonna protect the cops?

The anti-bailiff patrols continue, personal visits to bailiffs homes are arranged and council meetings are routinely invaded and disrupted.

Warrington APTU is affiliated to Merseyside and Cheshire anti-poll tax federations, and has seen "some pretty sick lefty manoeuvring" there.

CHEAP STUNT

Militant and the Socialist Workers "try to turn demos and protests into party political broadcasts for themselves". They even tried to get credit for themselves by turning the excellent Bailiff Buster squads into "a cheap publicity stunt".

When Warrington raised £200 to send one of the APTU on the People's March, arranged and controlled by Militant, they kicked him off the march and by-passed Warrington on their way to Manchester.

A member of Warrington APTU writes:

"Since then, Militant have continued to slag off anti-poll tax rioters and Class War in particular. We don't need to put up with the left on top of cop, council, court and bailiff worries.

They're only interested in fighting the poll tax if they can get more members to join their poxy groups."



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PAYING!

**FOURTEEN
MILLION
PEOPLE SAY;
"UP YOURS "
TO THE
POLL TAX !**

"SPOT THE LOONY"!

In an attempt to rally Scots to pay the poll tax, a group of Tory lickspittles organised a ridiculous "Can Pay, Will Pay" march this November.

To demonstrate what little support they, or the tax, have, only 45 people turned up for the march to the local council meeting, which was met by a much larger loud and boisterous gathering of anti-poll tax protesters.

These protesters banners and chants of "Spot the loony" and "Bye,

bye, Maggie" dwarfed the "Will Pay" Tories who arrived at the council meeting to complain that local Labour councils should do more to collect the poll tax. They were told to take their complaints to the government.

A local newshound commented that this was the first confrontation between anti-poll tax protesters and Tories in Scotland. He added that it "probably won't be the last".

The protesters firmly agreed with him.....

JUSTICE !

THE NEWLY-FORMED FOREST FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE ON TO A WINNER.

These anti-poll tax folk in Gloucestershire have declared war on local councillors: if bailiffs are sent in, they're to expect "tit for tat" raids on their own homes.....and councillor Arthur Cooper has already received a visit after the council

issued 16,000 'final warnings' to pay.

Surely the next step is for all 16,000 people already "warned" to join the Freedom Fighters: to visit judges, local Tories, bailiffs and magistrates at home too.

We could hold people's courts to try these scum for their crime of supporting and enforcing the poll tax.



JUST NOT PAYING !

London's ever-growing mass of non-payers is doing well!

While the official figures for national non-payment is over 22%, and rising, less than one in five Londoners have paid their poll tax.

The capital's boroughs have received under 42% of their annual

demand. The Audit Commission, working for the government, says that they would have expected up to 75% payment if the old rates were still in operation.

Which just shows how hated this government and its tax really are!

...NOR IS GOD!

All those people who returned their poll tax registration forms in "funny" names last spring are now starting to see the fruits of their labour!

The idea was that if you sent back a false registration form then you help to clog up the system. One vicarage in

Brixton, London, got sent three poll tax bills, one for God the Father, one for The Holy Spirit and one for Jesus!

After the vicar complained, Lambeth council admitted that their system is chocker -block with dodgy names, including 73 Mickey Mouses and a dozen Adolf Hitlers!



**A YOUNG BRISTOL
CLASS WAR
SUPPORTER OUTSIDE
THE LOCAL
MAGISTRATES COURT**

SCUM!

Scum at Torfaen Council in South Wales have shown their true colours:

Having stated publicly that they would not be sending in their bailiffs, borough treasurer, Garth Edmunds, was proved very wrong.

Within days of his statement, single mum Jenny Robinson was being hounded by bailiffs even though she had shown them she was paying her poll tax in instalments.

Then, when she was a day or two late in paying an instalment, she was demanded to pay the balance, court costs and a bailiff call-out fee!!

A bailiff then visited her again to threaten her that if she didn't pay £5 a week, every week, they'd remove her washing machine and charge her for the cost of its removal!

This is a sick policy now being adopted in Britain, by councils and their thugs: to pick on poll tax payers and to try to TERRORISE them into paying regularly, because they're too scared to pick on the organised anti-poll tax and bailiff-watch groups.

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SALLY SKULL

SHIT HOT GOSSIP WITH.....

DOWN THE PAN!

The sacking of Burton boss Sir Ralph Halpern makes him the latest yuppie to go down the drain, as the Thatcher boom turns into a depression.

Over the last few months out have gone; George Davies, who built up the Next chain. Sir Terence Conran, who kept the middle classes in woks, at Habitat, and Sophie Mirman who's Sock Shop empire went bust.

WHOPPING!

But if you're thinking of shedding a tear for "Five times a night" Ralph, don't bother! For he managed to get a "golden handshake" that's worth over £2 million (that's about five times as much money as the average worker earns in a lifetime) **PLUS** a whopping £8,800 a **WEEK** pension!

He rose to mega-riches as boss of Top Shop, and soon managed to elbow his way to the top of the Burton Group. Under a bonus scheme, which he invented, he saw his salary sky-rocket, and became the first first of a large public company, to earn **MORE THAN** £1 million per year!

JAILED!

His business methods weren't exactly conventional. In 1985 he led a £560 million bid for department store chain Debenhams.

When the deadline for the bid was reached, it looked as if the bid had failed as he had only got 38% of the shares. But within two hours this figure had leaped to 53%!

So where did the missing shares



SACKED YUPPIE: DISGRACED BURTON BOSS HALPERN.

come from? Well it seems that Gerald Ronson (recently jailed for the Guinness share fraud) had been up to his old tricks, he "found" the shares, and said that he had "forgotten" to send them off!

Of course! Happens all the time, you just happen to have the odd 10,000,000 shares lying around, and forget all about it!

The cursory Takeover Panel investigation, and police inquiry, both said there was "no case to answer". And the takeover was allowed. No wonder that Ronson sent on to rip off millions, with the Guinness affair.

Halpern's ambitions didn't end at the

boardroom. His bedroom antics with young models and starlets became common knowledge, with his wife left increasing on the sidelines, the media became interested.

MAGGIE NEXT..

His affair with a 19 year old steelworkers daughter from Sheffield was the final straw, and soon "five times a night" was a household name!

This parasitic scum was once held up as a model capitalist. A hero of the Thatcher years. Now, like everything else of those years, he's out on his arse.

And Maggie looks like being next....

QUESTION: Why is the British army in the Gulf sweltering in cold climate khaki and green battle dress uniforms. Which apart from being roasting hot, aren't exactly good camouflage in the desert.

ANSWER: Because in 1986 the Ministry of Defence sold off ALL our "redundant" sand coloured desert uniforms to - you guessed it- the Iraq Army!

TO BOLDLY GO?

The new series of Star Trek-The Next Generation, is being censored by the BBC to "spare the British viewer from hearing certain words".

What certain words are these? Swear words? references to extreme violence? etc. No. The words in question were due to be broadcast on one of the recent episodes shown in October.

CENSORSHIP

Two characters were discussing history, its set in the 24th century, and make a reference to the British Army pulling out of N. Ireland "because they couldn't win".

A BBC spokesman promised the programme would "undergo strict censorship".

What ever next? All references to the working class being cut out because the Tories say we don't have a working class anymore?

MOANER!



GAIL=WHINGER

Doesn't your heart bleed for Gail Ronson, wife of jailed millionaire share dealer Gerald Ronson?

Not only has Gail (pals with Lady Di) had to put up with her hubby being imprisoned, she's busy complaining that the media haven't been treating her with the respect that she obviously feels she deserves.

When her husband was released, allegedly to see a doctor, for one day, he spent most of it being ferried around in a Rolls, and having a posh

nosh-up with his business pals and then spent the afternoon at home!

The press picked up on this, and had a field day following him around. In her letter to top media bosses she complained of them harassing her, and said that poor old Gerald had to do "such menial tasks as washing up and cleaning tables" in jail!

As Class War said at the time, why bother with the cost of banging up this bloated rich bastard?

We'd be better off hanging them!

QUOTES



DEMPSTER=PRAT

"I am sick and tired of the mewling and puking of the relatives of the hostages in the Gulf, and from some of the hostages themselves"

SIR JOHN STOKES. The same bloke who has said in the past that black people are better off in their own country, that ordinary people disc-ussing politics is dangerous, and that the House of Commons needs more Squires in it!

"I am one of the best journalists in Britain, and have been for a long time. I have an amazing knowledge of life, a fantastic memory and I understand how the upper classes tick. There is no facet of English life of which I am not totally aware and cannot tell you about at length."

NIGEL DEMPSTER. It seems as if the pompous prat who writes the gossip column for the Daily Mail is starting to starting to believe the crap he writes...

I WAS A MILITANT FROM OUTER LONDON!

PETE WALSH WAS A MILITANT SUPPORTER FOR MANY YEARS.. NOW HE'S A MEMBER OF CLASS WAR. HERE'S WHY..

C.W. So how did you get involved with Militant then?

P.W. I came across the paper when I was 19, living in New Cross, London, and working as a printer on the Sun. Militant-the paper- appealed to me because of its staunch trade union bias. I joined LPYS and sold Militant on Fleet St, and in New Cross.

C.W. You were sacked during the News International strike, what then?

P.W. I stayed around Militant. Then in 1987 I moved to Crawley, and began work for the Post Office. After going to a Broad Left conference in Sheffield and joining the Union of Communication Workers Broad Left, I joined, as you do, by signing a bank debit form, not a membership form.

C.W. What did you like about Militant?

P.W. I liked it for its work on strikes, trade unions etc. I thought it had the potential to be able to swing the trade union movement into a radical position. I heard nothing about revolution!

C.W. Did your support stay 100%?

P.W. Well no, not really. I used to sell about 80 papers at work, and more in the Broad Left, but there was always discussion at our Broad Left, and nagging doubts always cropped up.

C.W. Like what?

P.W. Well at our sorting office we were always more interested in doing trade union work than just Militant. We saw the contradictions... they didn't represent the working class, as they claimed, they were isolated, a sect almost.

INTELLECTUALS!

They say in Militant "workers write about



workers struggles". This wasn't true. At the top they were all intellectuals, trying to teach you politics. What we already knew from our lives.

C.W. You didn't leave though?

P.W. No, it was still the best thing on offer! They had a rally at Alexandra Palace, London, in June '88 that really pissed us off. Ted Grant, Terry Fields, Peter Taaffe, they were all there. Plus a satellite link to talk to Trotsky's grandson in Mexico!

It was all money, money, money. People had remortgaged their houses to give money to them. They reined in £78,000 in an afternoon, but the 20 of us walked out before the end.

We felt that the leaders were treating us with contempt. We were just walking banks for them.

C.W. Did you think about leaving?

P.W. No, not then. We actually got more



involved: writing stuff for the paper, going to 'the centre' in Hackney, partly to push the trade union stuff but also to find out more.

C.W. When did the break begin?

P.W. In 1989 our Southern region Broad Left began informally calling itself the 'Postalworkers Collective'. Militant tried to stamp this out. We argued politics with them and I felt more and more used by Militant.

HARASSMENT

But the break began when we brought 1100 posties out on unofficial strike, over sexual harassment of a woman worker. After it ended, Militant tried to take all the credit for the dispute.

C.W. When was this?

P.W. At the start of the Ambulance Workers' strike. 80 members of our Broad Left were discussing Anarchist politics; but what really finished it was Militant's statements, offering to grass up people to the police, after the Battle of Trafalgar Square.

All our fears and beliefs about Militant came true before our eyes....all this opposite Andy Murphy of Class War, on TV with his "These people are working class heroes" comments. That was that! We had

our regular Broad Left meeting and decided to contact Class War - who wrote back - music to our ears!

C.W. Did you all agree with Class War?

P.W. I'd say 20 are definite supporters and the rest are interested. We disbanded S.Region Broad Left, and gave the funds to Class War. Militant have lost ALL support.

CAREERISTS

C.W. You're in Class War now. What do you think of Militant?

P.W. There are genuinely good people in the rank and file. But the leaders are careerists and opportunists, with a sick, self-induced opinion that they can do what they like.

C.W. Anything to say to current Militants?

P.W. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Open your eyes and minds to alternatives and criticisms. Don't think that you're the only one with criticisms of Militant: 1000s think the same, especially over the poll tax.

CLASS WAR WILL DEFINITELY OVERTAKE MILITANT: IT'S GOT BETTER POLITICS, A BETTER PAPER AND BETTER ORGANISATION.

WHAT ARE THEY?

WELL THAT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU LISTEN TO!

Basically they are another group of so-called left wingers who want to run the country for our benefit...they want to be the bosses of tomorrow.

They produce a paper called Militant, all this is public knowledge, but if you want to know the REAL TRUTH behind the Militant Tendency, read on...

Back in 1955 a bloke called Ted Grant set up the Revolutionary Socialist League. 35 years later he STILL in charge! So as you can see, Militant have internal democracy right at the top of their agenda.

NO CHANGE!

1965 saw issue 1 of the Militant

newspaper, it hasn't changed much since. Militant supporters say they are just that, supporters of a newspaper. However the real truth is that Militant is a political party, with its "editorial committee" as the Central Committee.

PARASITIC

Militant has groups in towns and cities, all based parasitically in Labour Party wards, and through front groups like the now disbanded Labour Party Young Socialists, or their new set-up the Youth Rights Campaign.

Would-be Militant members are sussed out by existing ones, then given a standing order form to fill out, which can be a large percentage of their pay packet. They are

WHAT THEY BELIEVE

They call themselves Marxists, and are also followers of Trotsky, their tactic is 'entryism', whereby they join the Labour Party, hoping one day to have so many members, that they will take it over.

So, they are either Trotskyite revolutionaries, or leftwing reformers who believe they can introduce Socialism through Parliament!

Their 'What we stand for' pamphlet calls for such things as "the nationalism of the top 200 companies". The idea is that unobtainable demands like these would show the workers the need for revolution.

WHY THEY ARE CRAP!

They are in the Labour Party; a decaying corpse that should be attacked and exposed for what it is.

Their 'internal schizophrenia' as to whether they are revolutionaries or reformers creates confusion in the struggles they involve themselves in.

Their arrogant belief that they are 100% correct, and the sole leaders of the labour movement, is divisive and destructive to the class struggle, not least in the anti poll tax movement.

Their believe that the police are "workers in uniform".

Their attitude to the Labour Party, and their insatiable desire to dominate, means Militant will never create revolution.

We appeal to all, in and out of Militant, who understand that NO ONE but the working class themselves can create a revolution.

Join us in helping create a movement which will wipe out all the crap that's thrown at us, not just by the Tories and Kinnock, but by latter day Stalins like Militant.



also expected to give to the regular merry go round of future projects, and put their hands in their pockets for the never ending "fighting fund" contributions.

There are about 5,000 Militant "supporters", mainly working class, except those at the top. It must be stressed that one of the crying shames of the whole set up is that many good working class people get sucked into this parasitic party.

Famous Militants?

Dave Nellist MP in Coventry, Terry Fields, MP in Liverpool, the entire officers of the All Britain Anti Poll Tax Federation (since the 3 independents left, disgusted with Militant tactics), Tommy "the grass" Sheridan and Steve "coppers nark" Nally.

Ex-Militants, apart from the thousands that have gone through the treadmill of Militant membership, include Degsy Hatton, disgraced ex-Liverpool council leader, and Pat Wall MP, whose death sparked the recent Bradford by-election.

UNITED STATE

THE 1990'S WILL BE A PERIOD OF GREAT CHANGE IN EUROPE.

In 1992 there will be a "single European market" for countries that are members of the EC. All trade barriers will be lifted and there will be "freedom of movement" for materials, labour and capital.

It is not unlikely that the end result will be some sort of 'United States' of Europe, with a single currency and some sort of central governing body.

Elsewhere, in the East, we see the continued dismantling of the old Stalinist regimes of the Warsaw Pact. In the Soviet Union itself, the various republics are demanding complete independence from Moscow.

Countries which were until only a year ago State capitalist, are being transformed, almost overnight, into "private" capitalist states, where the 'market', not the Party, rules supreme.

For the ruling class in Europe this is all good news.

In the case of the EC, the single market will ensure a massive restructuring of industry on a trans-continental scale. The capitalists of

the single market! And this is on top of the new wave of unemployment heralded by the current recession!

East Europeans are rapidly finding out what unemployment is about too. Far from increasing their standard of living, the death of Stalinism (though long overdue!) has brought worse conditions for the majority of people.

The introduction of market forces into industry has closed hundreds of factories, not least in what used to be East Germany.

STRUGGLE

At the same time, the removal of state subsidies on food and other essentials, has caused prices to rocket overnight. So, once again, a crisis in the World capitalist economy has prompted the ruling class to take actions to our detriment.

So, what should we do? The most obvious thing is to make our class struggle, that of our everyday lives, more international.

If the ruling class, and their capital, cross international boundaries, then we must do the same if we are to have any chance of success in bringing them down.

Workers in Britain must be looking to build direct links with workers on the continent. And not just in the EC, but in the old Eastern bloc too.

DESPERATE!

The ruling class are only too aware of the potential of any sort of internationalism like this. You only have to look at the way papers like the Sun and Star reported the recent lorry drivers strike in Spain and Italy to see how desperate they are to create divisions between us.

Unfortunately, promoting Internationalism will be far from easy. The most important and unwelcome development in working class politics in Europe has been the large upsurge of nationalism.

In the West (including now, East Germany), this has been most obvious in the form of fascist gangs taking to the streets and attacking migrant workers. In the East, we see the rise of 'national liberation movements' calling for independence from Moscow.

But not to be disheartened. This upsurge in ultra right politics is a sign of dissatisfaction amongst the working class.

Finding nothing on offer in either state or market capitalism, they are looking for alternatives.

CRAP!

Nationalism is convenient, providing scapegoats, and putting forward a simple answer: 'working for the good of the nation'.

The fact is, that apart from this being total crap, it is beside the point! The ruling class are actively promoting such



PARASITES

In order to combat this AND stop the Leninist/Trotskyist parasites from biting deeper, we have got to think seriously about building a mass anti-capitalist working class movement in Europe, and eventually the whole World!

The potential is there. Recent workers militancy has been massive and encouraging.

Mass demonstrations against soaring food prices in Rumania; school student riots in France; anti Poll-Tax struggles in Britain; rioting in Berlin; and a massive growth of the organised anarchist movement in Poland.

FAR FROM DEAD!

All these show that the European working class is far from dead, but is **ALIVE AND KICKING!**

But having the will to fight isn't the be all and end all, though it helps! A

IN THE DARK

In Britain, they try to use confusion as a way of breeding mistrust and doubt about "foreigners". All this talk of 'EMS', 'ERM', and 'ECU' is designed to keep us all in the dark about what is really going on in Europe.

And it allows Thatcher to make passionate speeches on 'protecting our sovereignty', and 'defending democracy', as if the working class has anything to gain from either of them!

The events in Europe have left a political vacuum on the left. Although few are likely to mourn the demise of most lefty groups, there is a danger of a drift towards the right. Something that would deal a blow to working class struggle.



Europe are desperate to do this because Europe is falling behind the USA and Japan in competitiveness.

And hand in hand, goes the dismantling of Eastern Europe, giving new markets and cheap labour.

HUNGRY

Forty five years of queuing for everything have made the East Europeans hungry for Western goods.

At the same time they are used to a much lower standard of living than Western workers, and so will, *in the eyes of business*, demand lower wages.

But, for the working class, the situation is the exact opposite. The restructuring of European industry will mean massive unemployment, and worsening of conditions.

A confidential report to the European Commission, that was leaked in Sept. 1989, reckoned on 2 million jobs being lost in the first year of



MINDLESS RANTING; SUN JOURNALISTS TALKING CRAP (AGAIN)

S OFF EUROPE?



huge workers and soldiers uprising in Rumania a year ago, turned into a victory for the middle classes.

CONTEMPT

Having seized power, they are now treating the Rumanian workers with the contempt that the Tories and Labour have with us for years.

To us, this shows the need for some kind of organised revolutionary force within the working class,- not to seize power on their behalf or to act as spokespersons for the class,- but to act as a kind of "leadership of ideas":

Putting out practical suggestions for dealing with day to day problems, and injecting some GENUINE anti-capitalist politics into the struggle.

This needs numbers. Thousands of people in Britain, and hundreds of thousands across Europe. We believe it is possible. We are getting our act together to build an influential force

THE SOON TO BE COMPLETED CHANNEL TUNNEL. THE NEW GATEWAY TO EUROPEAN MARKETS.....

within the working class.

There will be a European Conference in 1992, to promote the ideas for an International Class War Federation.

The days of small, isolated groups of 'anarchists and libertarians' scattered across the map are over. To be a serious challenge to the ruling class, we must take ourselves seriously. It is not a game.

It is a part of basic anarchist/communist philosophy that we can create more as a group than as individuals.

CREATION

We know where our ideas and hopes lie. The creation of a new World and the destruction of state, Euro, or Global capitalism will only come through a mass working class revolution, - INTERNATIONALLY!

So get in touch!

EURO CON!

AS 1992 DRAWS CLOSER, THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION SPENDS £ MILLIONS IN ADVERTISING, trying to convince us that a single European market will bring industrial growth and a huge financial boost to the British economy.

BOSSES

This boost will be enjoyed by the bosses and the ruling class, those who own and control industry and business. But WE ~~probably~~ won't notice the

Yet it's the SOCIAL CHARTER that holds they key as to how our lives may or may not change in a little over a year's time:

It 'promises' a reduction in working hours, more holidays, and an increase in pay and conditions at work. No wonder the lickspittles of the TUC and the labour movement have hailed the Social Charter as the coming of a new messiah!

A good example of how the charter will work is how it's been used in the German car industry.

CARROT AND STICK

The largest car union there has been promoting the

Japanese-style management and union structure, and dangles the carrot that workers' hours have been greatly reduced.

ILLUSION

But these moves are carefully designed to break the power of workers' unions and to create an illusion that the working class will have more freedom.

The Social Charter has been in operation in Europe at the same time as Europe's major capitalist industries have been exploiting the poverty of the working class:

Turkish and Asian workers have been forced to do dangerous work, with long hours, and are paid an absolute PITTANCE!

PACIFY

As the European working class becomes more militant and aware of how we're exploited, the Social Charter is sent to pacify us.

IF working conditions do become a little better in Britain, remember that it is at a price: selling OUR freedom, the control of OUR workplaces, keeping us a little happier while the capitalists make their profits!

DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!

LYING DOGS OF EUROPE

THOSE WAPPING WALLIES AT THE SUN HAVE BEEN FRENCH-BASHING AGAIN.

In fact they've been busy having a go at anyone European. So, Class War asks the question:

If The Sun says that the French are all greasy, garlic-breathed cowards; the Germans are boring, arrogant krauts; and the Italians are no-good, lazy pasta-munchers; then what the fuck are the British?

RACIST

Following THEIR racist line, we must all be Thatcher followers, royalty lovers, football thugs; all drinking gallons of tea, wearing bowler hats and believing that the British Empire still covers half the world!

Class War cuts through this crap to reveal the truth about the British, our fellow Europeans, and The Sun:

We in Britain may not speak the same language as other Europeans, but that's about the only difference.

The majority of us are working

class, and are in the same boat. We go to work to earn a living, while capitalists and their politicians, call all the shots and make all the money.

EVERY COUNTRY

WHETHER YOU'RE A PRODUCTION LINE WORKER IN TYNESIDE OR TRIESTE, OR A SECRETARY IN LUTON OR LEIPZIG, YOU'LL BE WORKING HARD FOR VERY LITTLE - NOTHING COMPARED WITH WHAT THE RULING CLASS SCUM OF EUROPE GET AWAY WITH!

In EVERY European country, now including Eastern Europe, capitalists are in control. So wherever you come from you're part of the working class majority or the middle and ruling class minority.

SCARED

Europe's ruling classes want to work together more closely, to increase their power and their profits. But they're scared. Scared that our class, all over Europe, will unite to get rid of them, the bosses.

The result is that the popular voice of right-wing capitalism in Britain, The Sun, prints racist hatred against ALL Europeans. They don't separate the classes BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT US TO IN BRITAIN. They don't want a CLASS WAR!

LIARS!

What they do want is to encourage the rise in European NATIONALISM and FASCISM, to keep us squabbling over petty differences while they keep making more profit out of OUR work. It's simple divide and rule!

THEY WON'T SUCCEED! We're not that stupid. Press liars like Murdoch and Maxwell can go shag a thistle.

Without the insecurity of having mad, greedy, rich parasites on top of us, we'd ALL be better off.

This isn't some invented newspaper crap.....it's something you don't often get to read....IT'S THE TRUTH!

MUCK SPREADER



DIGGING THE DIRT...

RAMBLE ON...

Over the years, since the War, the past-time of rambling has got, unfortunately, a middle class image.

Nowadays, it seems that you can't be a 'proper' walker unless you read all the right magazines and fork out lots of dosh for high-tech kit that looks like it was meant for walking on the moon!

Like everything else the middle class touch, rambling and walking have become "professionalised": there's money to be made from selling lots of over-priced clobber to these idiots.

But rambling has never been the exclusive past-time of the middle class. Working class people **ENJOY** going out for a stroll at the weekend and taking in a breath of fresh air.

Over recent years the increasing shittiness of the ruling class has resulted in landowners restricting and stopping access to open country.

HIRED THUGS

Even the National Trust whine on about "too many walkers" eroding the land. What the fuck are they worried about! Afraid we might wear out the mountains and moors?

The irony is that while they deny us access to beautiful countryside on our doorsteps, the landowners are "developing" the countryside by creating more grouse-shooting moors or building more up-market housing for yuppies and the retired rich.

While people who were born in the country are being forced to move away to cities, because they can't afford the prices in their **OWN** towns. The countryside is becoming out of bounds to us except for the



odd coach trip to a stately home or theme park. They might as well put fences around the cities to keep us in!

We must remember that we obtained the limited rights of access to the land we have because working class people challenged the power of the landlords in the 1930s by **MASS TRESSPASS** and hand-to-hand **FIGHTING** against hired thugs.

The most famous incident is the 'invasion' of Kinder Scout in the Peak District by 800 workers from Sheffield and Manchester when the landlord's heavies GOT A BEATING.

Land and its ownership has always been a touchy subject for the ruling class. In

Dear Muckspreader

When reading in Class War 42 about ex-Greenpeace members discussing the running of that group, I remembered why I left it 2 years ago.

Greenpeace not only stops people from participating in any actions - they also don't often tell members about them!

So, when members are raising cash by trudging around pubs, or

standing in the rain, waving collecting tins, they only hear what their organisation's actually doing by watching the telly!

Not only that, but local Greenpeace 'coordinators' get a 6 or 7 % commission of the fundraisers' collections to line their pockets with - Cashing in on Green charity!

All the best,

David. Edinburgh.

BARKING MAD?

In Issue 41 of Class War, we looked at the mainstream Green Movement in Britain, exposing its capitalist, anti-working class nature.

But there's a 'harder' version of green politics, where the token acts of Greenpeace and the Green Party's "green consumerism" are rejected in favour of 'eco-terrorism' against "enemies of the planet."

Based on the reactionary and people-hating Earth First! group in America, Britain's Eco-War! group believe in 'Deep Green' politics and share Class War's hatred of "the pretentious little middle class shits" who control the 'official' green movement.

THAT'S WHERE ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN US ENDS!

Deep Green politics, as displayed in America for the last decade, often pretends to be Anarchist, but is more fascist than anything else.

Like a religion, it depends on small groups of people who've 'seen the light', going out to save the planet from the rest of us. This might even mean killing innocent people in the process:

Deep ecologists have hammered steel spikes into trees that were due to be felled.

When the logs reached lumberyards, the spikes would cause the huge, rotating saws to explode, killing or injuring the unsuspecting workers there. This often happened in regions where the choice was to work with timber or not to work at all.

RAVING MAD!

Deep ecologists hate people and regard them as the cause of ecological disaster.

THIS IS UTTER RUBBISH! Capitalism is the planet-destroyer, **NOT** people!

The Eco-War! group make demands that only a regime like Hitler's could achieve:

"Close all roads!" "The population (of Britain must fall to 50,000!" How the fuck would this happen other than by mass executions!?

This group believe that everything other than deep green politics is irrelevant, and that only their regime can save us all!

Class War believes that only mass revolution to destroy capitalism and class will make the Earth a better place for all, not some small group of self-appointed 'saviours of the Planet,' who'd rather see a world wilderness than proper housing **AND** unpolluted lands for all.

WHO'S CULTURE?

GLASGOW 1990 It's year as the culture of Europe is drawing. And as we can all sit back and think at last, we can reflect on the cost of the culture shock.

On the bright side we no longer have to listen to the manic ravings of promoters pushing their commodities on us like there is no tomorrow. Our papers will be less full of the likes of Pavarotti and Sinatra.

People could be excused for thinking that the second coming had happened the way we were fed the stories of these people and others coming to Glasgow.

FLOP

So what does the culture year mean to the working class of Glasgow? Answer; nothing! It gave the district Labour group the chance to perform backhand deals over property. It gave them the chance to weed the undesirables employed in important positions and sack them.

And it allowed the yuppification of Glasgow to move along at an alarming pace.

But things didn't go to plan. The 'Glasgows Glasgow' exhibition flopped. District council leader, Pat Lally, promised a turnout of over one million people before its close on the 5th November.

But a few months before it shut its

doors things were not looking good. Infact, the admission price had to be slashed from £4 to £1. The council had to bail it out with a £4.5 m loan, which for no explained reason conveniently become a grant.

So popular was the project that only 500,000 of the predicted million attended!

Glasgow "culture city" was just another of hundreds of money making schemes that didn't work out the way the council planned. In a city like any other, with its homelessness and bad housing, a lot of the money spent could surely have been put to better use. Money that had been collected in the old rates system from the people of Glasgow, was spent by the likes of Lally on a new opera house for Pavarotti performances!

RIPPED OFF!

Tickets to actually hear the man sing were priced at a mere £75! But wait, the caring council came up with yet another hair-brained scheme to bring Pavarotti to the masses. They put up a giant screen in another part of the building, and charged £30 for the pleasure of watching it!

What a night out that must have been!

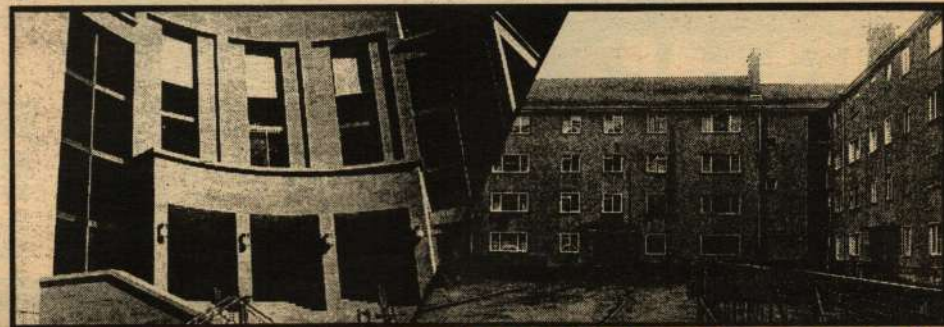
The culture con cost the people of

Glasgow a lot. Both financially, and through seeing their own culture being ripped apart. Saatchi and Saatchi produced for the rest of the World, a Glasgow that Glaswegians neither recognise, nor want.

The Labour council went out to spend, spend, spend. Just how much finally passed through their hands will never be revealed.

A new culture is starting to take over. Yuppie developments and shops that sell photos of quaint old Glasgow for enough to feed a family of four!

The city council might want this, but the people of Glasgow do not. They have their own culture. **And they didn't have to buy it.**



GLASGOW..posh concert hall and crumbling Castlemilk.

AT THE END OF OCTOBER, WAR WAS DECLARED IN WALLSALL, W. MIDLANDS. BATTLES BETWEEN LOCAL YOUTHS AND THE COPS LASTED FOR THREE NIGHTS!

Violence erupted less than 24 hours after police gave a big "no no" to no-go areas.

This warning fell on deaf ears as youths did over cop cars, causing £100s worth of damage in just one night. The following night, the police were stoned by the youths who obviously knew who the common enemy was.

TROUBLE

David 'Whingeing' Winnik, Labour M.P for the area, snivelled that: "Some of the violence may be from a few people in the area, but they have been joined by others who sniff trouble and have come in from outside."

We say why shouldn't they? Cops were drafted in Sandwell, Dudwell and Wolverhampton. Help from outside is a healthy sign of community solidarity; the working class has no boundaries, anyway!

POLICE

Winnik whined on about police harassment in the area: "If there are legitimate grievances about the police, then they should be dealt with in the proper way."

We say this is the only way.

WAR IN WALLSALL



Youths loot a hypermarket during the uprising in Vaulx-en-velin (see story)



BURN HIM!

The people of Tokyo, Japan, celebrated the enthronement of their new emperor, Akihito, in mid-November, with arson, smoke bombs, and the sabotage of strategic points in the city.

This scumbag, meant to be a living god(!) is the figurehead of a growing right-wing, nationalist movement in Japan. Let's hope they manage to burn his throne with him on it!

FRENCH UPRISING

THE MASSIVE HOUSING SCHEME OF VAULX-EN-VELIN IN LYON, FRANCE, WAS THE SCENE OF A MASS UPRISING BY THE YOUTH IN LATE OCTOBER.

The police were the main targets, but supermarkets were also looted for their goods. The cause was the police harassment in this mainly Arab estate, the youths decided enough was enough, and chased out the law.

They didn't dare to come back for THREE days!



Andreotti: up shit creek!

ROGUE TROOPERS

THE ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER, ANDREOTTI, IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO SQUIRM HIS WAY OUT OF THE SHOCK RELAVATIONS

that for over 30 years a topsecret Nato underground group was behind a wave of bombings and terrorism in the country.

The group, codenamed Gladio, was set up on the orders of the Italian establishment, with backing from the CIA etc, with the aim of taking over the country in the event of a Communist Party victory in the general elections of the 60's and 70's.

Some of the units "went rogue" and the result was the right wing terrorism which claimed 250 lives in the 70's. According to European Parliament sources, the group had parallel units in most European counties, including Britain...watch this space!

RESISTANCE DOWN UNDER

LAND RIGHTS

IN NOVEMBER A GROUP OF 300 ANGRY ABORIGINES RIOTED OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

in protest against changes being made to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

These changes would mean even less control by Aborigines over their OWN native lands. No wonder that these workers took on the wagon loads of riot cops who were sent to crush their protest. Watch this space for more news.....

BORN AGAIN BARMY!

BONKERS BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN, FRED NILE AND HIS RIGHT-WING JESUS BATTALION MARCHED IN SOUTHERN CROSS, AUSTRALIA, RECENTLY, AGAINST GAYS, LESBIANS & PROSTITUTION.

hatred with chants of "I'm Fred and Linda's Lovechild" and "I'd rather be a Faggot than a bigot".

Fred and his crew were bombarded with condoms by the good-humoured protesters, as they attempted to crown



HURLED: CONDOMS AND SLOGANS.

Fred had even enlisted the help of Deep Throat ex-porn star Linda "Limpbrain" Lovelace, now a born again Christian, but she didn't bother to turn up.

1000 loony marchers were met with fierce resistance by protesters of equal numbers, who drowned out their perverse prayers and horrible hymns of

a Jesus impersonator while other Fred followers dragged a collapsible crucifix, wearing sackcloth and roller skates!

LIONS

The protesters howled down the loony Christians' attempt at a meeting, with the most popular cry being "Bring back the lions"!

COPS BEATEN

When local residents in Redfern, Sydney, pelted 3 cops with missiles, to protect one of their own from arrest, over 40 riot cops from the Tactical Response Group were sent in, (see picture).

But the cops got more than they bargained for, were beaten back, and managed to lose a set of their squad car keys! They left the area "to avoid further trouble".

1 - 0 to the residents!



COPS ON THE KEY HUNT!



**SEND ALL
LETTERS TO:
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Dear Class War

I was sorry to read that the IRA isn't revolutionary enough for Andy from Manchester.

I'm sure they'll try harder after reading his letter in your last issue!

But seriously, he did raise some worthwhile points: he was critical of civilian casualties; but then slagged the IRA off for giving warnings about the

LETTERS

TROOPS OUT!

Stock Exchange bomb. If it had exploded without warning, and killed a cleaner, for example, then he'd no doubt tell us how anti-working class the IRA are.

Warnings

Surely such warnings are given to avoid civilian deaths. Does anyone really believe that the killing of stockbrokers will force the British state out of Ireland?

People like Andy are so busy criticising Republican tactics that they lose sight of the main issue: **THE MASS REPRESSION USED TO MAINTAIN THE BRITISH OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND.**

Battle

Even if he has nothing to learn from 20 years of community-based battle against the British state that attempts to stop a united working class struggle; even if he can't grasp the basic idea of solidarity with other struggles, then, at least, he should accept that the Irish, as a whole, have the right to run their lives without foreign interference, and that a British withdrawal is in his interests as well as theirs. The IRA aren't asking for his support, just for him to accept these facts.

The British state uses N.Ireland as a testing ground for Mainland Britain: C.S gas, rubber bullets, extreme police violence, the list is endless. The ruling class learns from its war in Ireland to prepare for the escalation of our struggle here.

Win!

If we're going to win the class war, we must learn too. Wise up on Ireland, 'cos it's our turn next!

In Solidarity, **Keith, Liverpool.**

Dear Class War

In reply to Andy from Manchester's letter, I **don't disagree** with the IRA's aims, just some of the methods they use: I'm sure there are better ways to deter joyriders than by kneecapping 'em. Such barbaric acts can't be justified.

I didn't lose any sleep over the bombing of Ian Gow or the Brighton bombing. The British state should expect such actions as reprisals against its actions in Ireland. But Republican bombing campaigns still kill or maim innocent civilians, even though the IRA state that these are "mistakes", and realise that they're no good for their cause.

It's a sick joke that Thatcher praises Eastern Europeans for their move to 'democracy' and insists that Saddam Hussein withdraws from Kuwait while the British army occupies Ireland and tortures its prisoners of war there so badly that it makes what happens in some South American countries look tame by comparison!

I've seen pictures of these victims - **NOT A PRETTY SIGHT!**

Leave Ireland to the Irish! **Steve, a 'Brit'.**

**MADE
ME
SICK !**

Dear Class War

Andy from Manchester made me feel sick with his anti-IRA statement.

Andy says that the IRA and Irish nationalists are not worthy of our support as British workers, because their bombs have killed working class people and the IRA bottle out of blowing our rulers up. He questions whether they fight the state, and whether to support them even if they do.

Exhausted

Since the Civil Rights movement in 1968, the Irish have fought mostly alone. They battled the RUC to a standstill in 1969 - the British government had to send in the army because a third of the RUC had been hospitalised, and the rest were exhausted from days of non-stop street-fighting.

The nationalist people held and defended their communities against constant state attacks, using tactics which grew from petrol bombing the police, through rent strikes, to the creation of a popular army: the Provisional IRA.

Today

Today the British state feels so threatened that it uses massive resources to keep the rebellion down. 30,000 militarised police say that the Irish ARE fighting the state. Perhaps they are wrong and Andy is right?

Irish resistance demands our support. Every casualty is a victim of the British state: resistance causes casualties, but condemning it adds up to support for the oppressors.

Neutral?

So what if the IRA defends a Catholic, nationalist community? Would Andy attack strikers if they supported the Labour Party? There's no such thing as neutral - **TAKE SIDES WITH THE IRISH.**

Yours in Liberation struggle
Sean Martin.



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The CLASS WAR FEDERATION is an organisation of local groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

This society is divided into classes based on wealth and power. The ruling class, who are supported by the middle class, and the working class. Such a society is the cause of all the problems experienced by working class people the whole world over.

This can only be sorted out by the destruction of the ruling class by the working class. This is class war.

Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems they experience, using direct action against the individuals and institutions that cause them. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of class war, but only as mass class violence out in the open, not as elitist terrorist actions.

The law is merely a weapon of the ruling class and must be ignored and broken as the need arises.

The ruling class divide us by preying on petty differences of race, sex, sexual preference, age, or football team you support. We will destroy these barriers.

Above all, the CLASS WAR FEDERATION believe politics is life, and life is politics. We reject the boring character of the so-called "revolutionary left". Politics must be fun, it's a part of ordinary every day to day life and must be able to take the piss out of itself!

OUR AIM

The aim of the CLASS WAR FEDERATION is not to lead, but to increase the militancy of working class peoples attempts to solve their problems through propaganda, active participation and debate as equals.

WHAT WE DO

The CLASS WAR FEDERATION produce and distribute propaganda; a paper, journal, local leaflets and newsletters. We are involved in working class struggles and we encourage involvement in the CLASS WAR FEDERATION to do the above, for discussion, and for a laugh!



OUR TIME HAS COME...

THE COLLAPSE OF THE REGIMES OF EASTERN EUROPE PRESENTS CLASS WAR WITH AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE OUR POLITICS FROM THE FRINGES TO THE CENTRE STAGE OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL AGENDA.

The brief honeymoon with Western capitalism in E.Germany, and elsewhere, is already over as disillusioned workers quickly realise that it offers no more than the Stalinism of Hoenecker and Ceaucescu.

The communist and Trotskyist parties of the West are rapidly following them down the plughole of history.

FLAGS

In contrast, the black flags of anarchism are seen again in Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria, becoming part of a significant social movement.

EUROPE

In 1992 the European Community declares the single market - but we have no need to wait until then to build a coherent class struggle movement, Europe-wide, capable of concerted action across the continent - East and West.

LINKS

We're already developing links with groups who share our politics in Norway, Finland, Denmark, Spain, France, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Turkey, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

CONFERENCE

Class War delegates have recently attended conferences in Germany and France while others are about to speak throughout Italy.

CLASS WAR

Class War groups are appearing quicker than we can keep track of them. Groups in New York and Minneapolis are set to launch the USA's Class War paper in 1991, while delegates from Hong Kong want to attend our conference.

So, we're organising a week-long conference in September 1991, with meetings and rallies in Hackney, East London. Delegates from Russia and every European country will discuss their current political situations and strategies. And how we can develop a unified response.

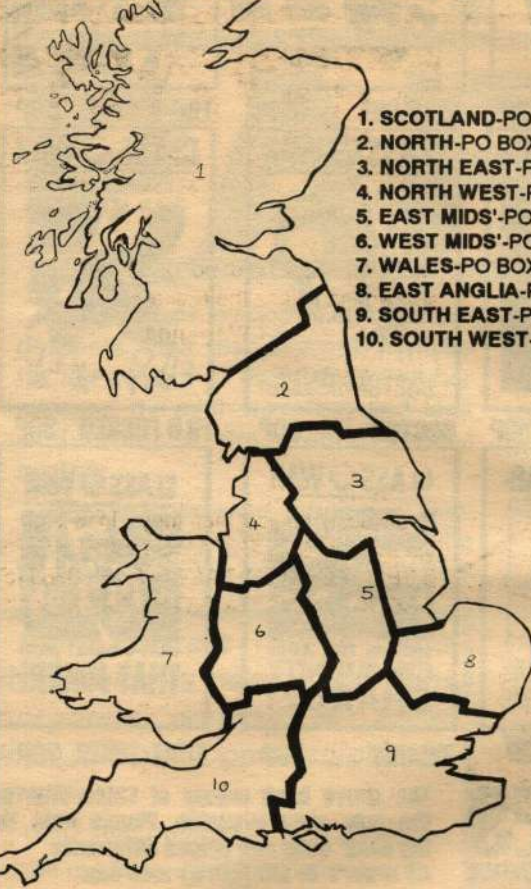
We welcome **EVERYONE** interested in forging a new class struggle movement (**BEYOND** nationalism, marxism, syndicalism, separatism); and to help us in this ambitious project.

**FOR A NEW SOCIAL MOVEMENT
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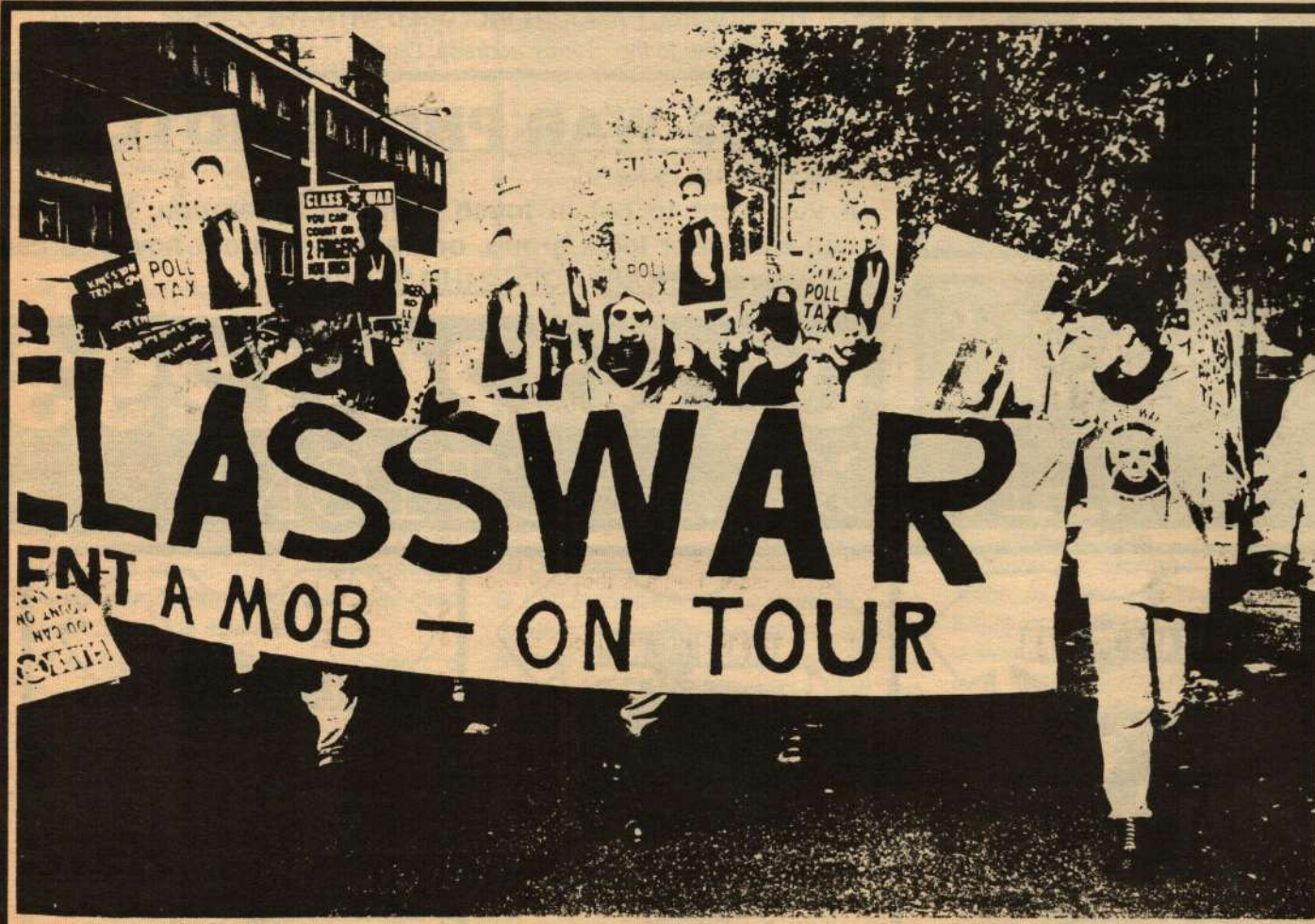
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CLASS WAR PHONE HOTLINE

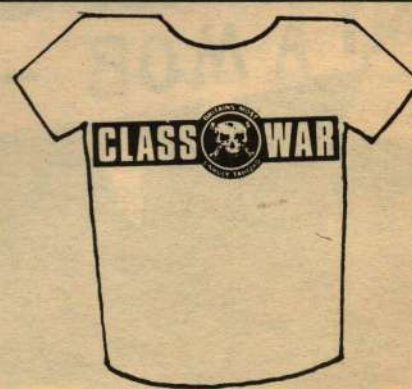
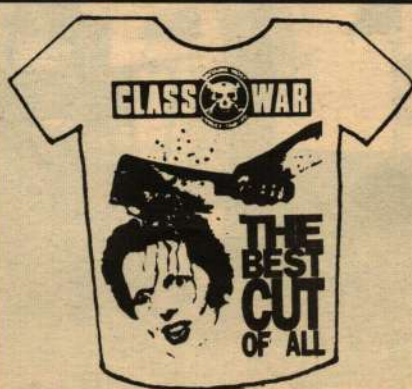
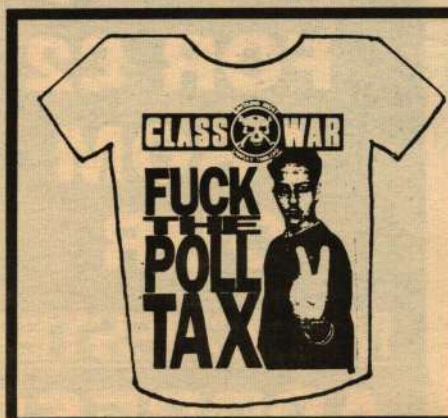
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If you want to get in touch with the Federation, be put in touch with your local group, or want to find out how you can get involved, PHONE NOW! 24HR SERVICE.

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DEATH OR GLORY ?

EAST GERMANY HAS RACED ITS LAST RACE. FOR OVER 3 DECADES IT DOMINATED TRACK ATHLETICS, RUNNING AND CYCLING.

.NO LONGER!

'Amateurs', working for the army, police (and the state in general), were selected in their teens and were turned into virtual androids in sports factories.

GLORY

They underwent daily computerised blood checks, protein dosing and god knows what else, in their programming for glory, and nothing less, in world championship competitions.

This was the norm in so-called sport, in Stalinist Eastern Europe. Not really sport at all; just people turned into machines for the glory of the fatherland.

When success didn't come so easily, drugs and cheating sorted that problem out!

WICKED!

Now it's all over, with a final batch of gold medals for East Germany, in the World Rowing Championships.

We lucky Westerners are treated to the bullshit notion that "they're so wicked...we're so pure.

West European sport is as sick as the East's ever was; most top athletes and cyclists admit to drug abuse. A dozen Dutch cyclists have died in recent years, due to drug-related heart attacks.

SCUMBAGS!

Here, football fans are treated like animals, while playing fields are sold off to scumbag private developers, and many of our sports tracks lie unused due to decay.

Sport should be for fun, excitement and community, NOT for death or for glory!

SPORT FOR ALL!

IRISH FOOTY YUPPIES!

THE WORLD CUP PRODUCED QUITE A FEW 'HEROES'. IN ENGLAND IT WAS GAZZA, IN ITALY, SCHILLACI, BUT NOWHERE WAS THE WORLD CUP AS POPULAR AS IT WAS IN IRELAND.

Soccer is only Irelands 4th national game and this shows in their league game attendances.

CAPACITY

The recent performances of the Irish team under Jack Charlton, though, have changed this, with crowds for Internationals reaching capacity everytime.

Unfortunately, though, it seems that

the Football Association Of Ireland is intent on making soccer a yuppie sport

. They've made tickets available by credit card **BEFORE** the ordinary fans can buy them by queuing, and have doubled the prices of the best seats!

FIGHTING

And as for FIFA's ruling on all seater stadia, certainly no sign of the FAI fighting that!

For a team, and its fans that have done so well of late, the FA are certainly trying to take the piss. At the moment, Ireland play at Landsdowne Rd, which doesn't even have floodlights!

Irelands flourishing fanzine market is already spelling out the dangers of ASS'es, and we all hope they succeed in both keeping out the yuppies and all seating grounds.

IRELAND: News in is that when, recently, one of Irelands few coloured players, Curtis Fleming, was hounded with racist abuse, the crowd turned on the racists.

First kicking them in and then out. Nice one!



CHANCE FOR A CHANT!

FULHAM ARE BACK TO THEIR OLD WAYS, STRUGGLING IN DIVISION 3.

The fans got rid of Roy Lewington as manager last year, with their persistant chants of "Lewington out!".

What they'll chant this time though, is another matter.... the new manager is called Alan Dicks!

SPORT POLICE

News that Man Utd. are to employ 'plain clothed security guards' to eject fans that "swear or cause a commotion" must come as a shock to all fans.

SHITTING THEMSELVES

Anyone with any experience of such people knows that as soon as any rucking starts they either go in over the top, or run off shitting themselves in

search of a real cop.

LAST LAUGH!

If it wasn't for the cheek of assuming that we can't sort out our own terraces, it would be funny. Mind you, we'll still get the last laugh.

Spotting them will be a piece of piss... they'll be the ones in out of fashion clothes and Bay City Roller haircuts!

MORE SPORT OVER PAGE

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TOPICS

WOT A RAQUET!

CLASS WAR HAS GIVEN ITS TENNIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO THE WEST COUNTRY STAR ANDREW CASTLE.

Andy shot to fame recently as the tennis player who repeatedly held up a **NO POLL TAX** placard during the British mens singles at Telford.

It wound the umpire up no end, and in the end he threatened to have him disciplined if he didn't stop it.

So Andy did, and replaced it with one saying HELLO MUM!!!

**MORE
RECENT
ROUSING
POLL
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TREACHERY AT MAN. UTD.

TRADITION IS A WORD YOU DON'T HEAR MUCH IN CLASS WAR, BUT TO ALL FOOTBALL FANS IT IS PART OF THE REASON WHY THEY ARE A FOOTBALL FAN.

That is why fans get so upset when clubs say things like they are going to move grounds or even change strips.

At Manchester United you have a team steeped in tradition. From their earliest beginnings, they were a poor man's team.

PRESSURE

And this image they kept until a few short years ago when the pressure to win the league became too much, and the cheque book came out, changing United F.C. to United PLC!

Now everything to do with United is geared to making money. The most obvious of all the changes has been with the admission fees, kept very low, they have now soared, making them one of the most expensive clubs to see.

Things like catering and programme production are leased out to people who have no interest except in ripping off the footballing public.

NO CONSULTATION

This Summer one of the most drastic changes ever was done at Old Trafford, with the popular United Road paddock being turned into seats with no consultation with fans at all.

Hardly suprising as United are the only 1st division club to not have a supporters club. Instead they welcomed membership cards.

50% of the ground is only available to fans who pay the £6 for a **poxy** bit of paper, a badge and a plastic card. Hence whenever a big game is on, the non member areas fill up quickly, while the members areas remain only half full.

LOYALTY

Of course things like this affect every club, but when it's your own it hurts you all the more. Like every club you have "loyal fans".

Of course they say we are disloyal for daring to utter a word of contempt for the people who are running (and ruining) our club.

Instead it is the people who stand out from the crowd that are the loyal fans. After all, it took a shake up like the Michael Knighton take over bid for most fans to realise

that not all things were rosy at Old Trafford.

Before that happens again ensure that no fat rich capitalist bastard manages to get grubby fingers on Man United or any other team for that matter.

THE RIGHT TIME

The time has come for United fans especially to recognise that unless we fight back then United will become the "**McDonalds of football**", and we'll be back behind **cages** and **spiked** fences while the rich drink champagne.

OLE !

SPAIN: A retired policeman is now behind bars after he mistakenly shot the referee at a match in the south of the country. His excuse was that he was trying to shoot a spectator!

We think he would have been better off saying he intended to **shoot the ref!**

BE THE FIRST ON YOUR STREET!

**GET YOUR CLASS
WAR T-SHIRT.
SEE PAGE 14
FOR DETAILS.**

DAFT AS A BRUSH

Here's one prize wally..... Gazza 'Daft as a Brush' Gascoigne, with a stupid cheesy grin, giving a hug to a well-known right-wing ex-prime minister. Perhaps he's a **Class Warrior** who knew her fate or maybe he just fancied a flat in her Dulwich retirement home.

Whatever his strange motives were, we advise Gazza not to start touching Tebbit or kissing Kinnock. **Enough's enough!!**

