

CLASS WAR



**THE MINERS
HAVE
THE RIGHT IDEA**

MONETARISM.....

This present Conservative government represents the demise of post-war consensus as practised by both major parties, Tory and Labour. Adapting to the changes in world capitalism and our home grown variety, the government has embraced an ideology consisting of brutal monetarism coupled with a strengthening of the state apparatus. This allied with a series of moral campaigns are cynically designed to confuse and divide the governed. This cold ruthless application of ideology is manipulated by employing advanced marketing techniques aided by an enthusiastic media.

After the stage-managed Conservative Party conference, now the governments economic plans have been revealed, the conclusion is simple, inescapable. More of the same -- only worse. It is entirely possible that long term unemployment could double over the next few years, to name but on one example.

As capitalism restructures with new technology millions of white collar workers move precariously close towards the economic and social scrapeheap. The sum total of this may be an upheaval that makes the miners strike seem mild by comparison. After all, haven't social struggles become increasingly violent, more difficult to control as time progresses?

For us, the past decade has been a mere curtain-raiser.

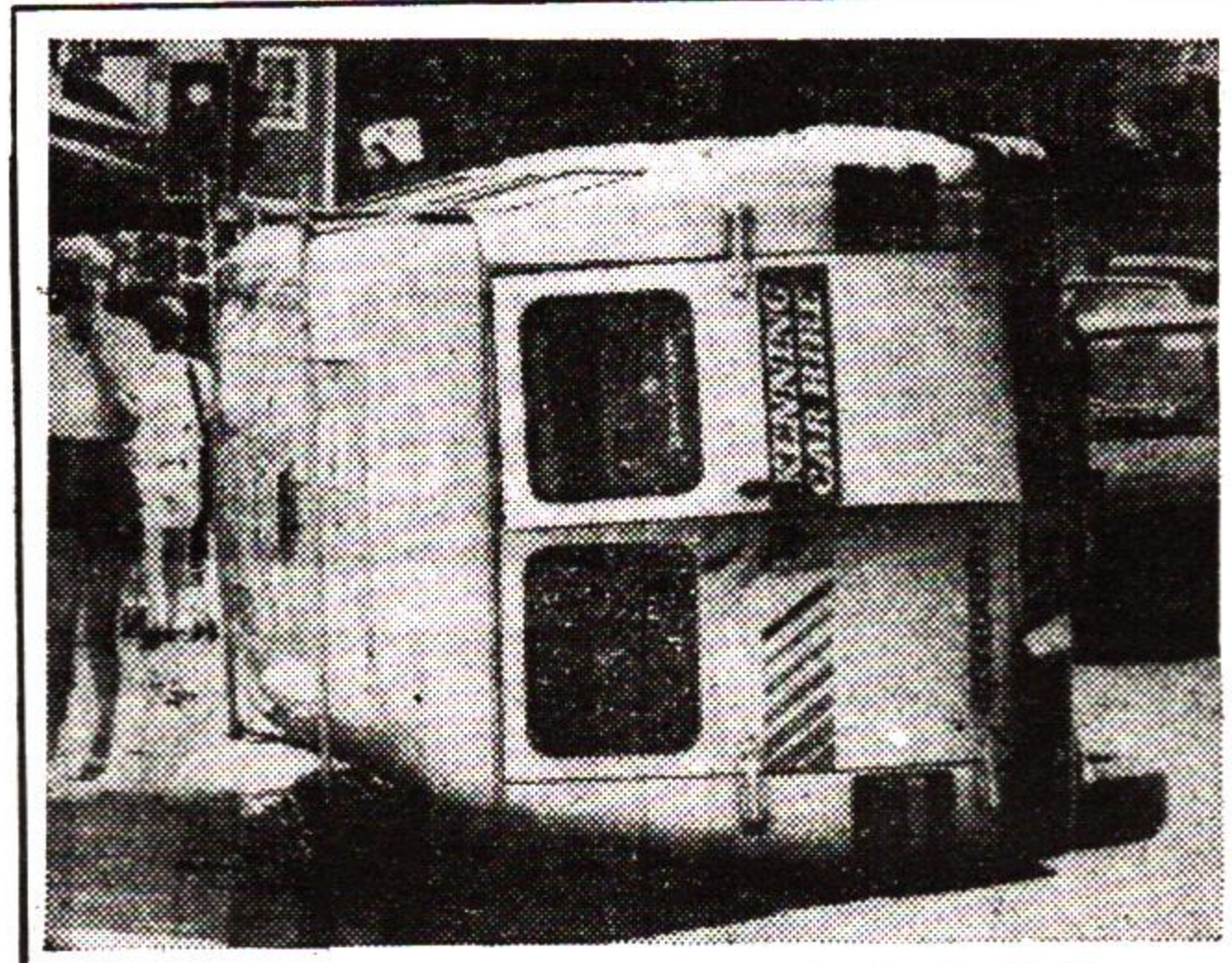
In the future monetarist paradise there will be hardly any role for even the most reactionary, boot licking Trade unions. The inner city and working class areas will continue to fester while the population in general will experience decreasing living standards which for many of us are beyond a joke anyway. As in line with the governments number one priority, the rich will get richer. Basically the government is planning to hammer us, the working class into the ground. A task that it looks upon with drooling relish.

They've declared their war already.

So, finally our rulers are abandoning their seemingly muddling-along scenario, shrugging off the feeble protests of the 'opposition', including the patrician elements that have been traditionally supplied national leadership. Those in power today are determined ideologues from red-bricked universities hard-faced, self-made bastards of lower middle-class origin. They're beyond caring about abstractions such as maintaining political equilibrium. These are unashamed authoritarians, elitists of a Social-Darwinist stamp, who have every intention of establishing their monetarist dream, irrelevant to the social cost. And far worse awaits in the wings. Sympathisers of a pure blooded authoritarian state, sociobiologists, extreme racists. How long before they become mainstream conservatism.

So where in this panoramic view do we stand. We have no desire to return to the comfortable post-war consensus. It was people of our ilk that caused disturbance long before Maggie gained power. Anyway, it is impossible to step backwards, the bridges have long been burnt. The whole world situation, the changes that capitalism is going through

preclude any return to normality. The claims and hints given out by the opposition about a fair society, more participation should they win the next election are a pack of miserable lies. The course has already been set by factors outside the control of even the present government. Even in our weak and fragmented state we cannot afford the dubious luxury of sitting back, pontificating upon events. We too must be



The van overturned by pickets in Selby

equally determined and fanatical, fighting outside and against leftist or state alternatives. Our class expression will manifest itself on the streets, whenever trouble rages against the system. Already, in some urban areas, rioting and looting, with the attendant confrontation against the forces of order is the now expected method of struggle by those denied political access. And also those increasing numbers that anarchically reject it.

We'd like to see, among a host of likewise events, organised proletarian crime such as mass shop lifting. High on our priority is the seizure of empty property- not only homes- by people from within the heart of the class. There is no reason why such activity should be confined to mainly youngsters on the fringes of society. Rejecting bourgeois laws, morals and conventions, we've got to be in the position to defend ourselves from media and state attacks. And strike a responsive chord.

For us it's not a question of setting up paper organisations, but of supporting and backing, helping create an attitude, combative in the extreme with flair and imagination. Grabbing consolidating ground, preventing despair should reverses occur, we must make no attempt to conceal our goal - total revolution leading to an anarchist society. It has arrived at the stage where learning from history has been replaced by the possibility of making it. Not that we ignore history and politics, by any means.

FOUR people were arrested as 100 demonstrators tried to storm a police station at Rochester, Kent, yesterday after a rally in which the organiser, Belfeshanger miner Bill Martin, was arrested.

He was believed to have a 10-year-old girl with him at the time.

And in Maltby, near Rotherham, South Yorks, a policeman was punched and four people were arrested after a mob of 20 attacked two off-duty officers.

But a spokesman at Durham County Police H.Q. said a number of men had been arrested following incidents in the pit villages at Murton, Horden, Easington and Peterlee New Town.

The worst of the violence was believed to have been in Murton.

Mr. White said during the fighting roads were blocked off by police.

He said: "The troubles didn't have anything to do with the pit dispute or any police aggravation because they simply were not there when it happened."

We reject middle-class wanking fantasies revolving around armed-struggle. But on the crudest level, our presence must be on the streets, with a brick in one hand, flogging Class War with the other. Class War isn't only a paper. It's something that will rage from one end of this country to the other. The paper is just one tiny expression.

Let's now double our determination to destroy this government, its successors and the ruling classes.

Today's actions, seemingly trivial could take on tremendous proportions sometime in the not too distant future. If it's a choice of extremes, we cheerfully admit to it - we're one of the extremes. VICTORY TO OUR CLASS.



PROLETARIAN

SHOPPING

WOMEN AT WORK



It goes without saying that the miners strike could never have lasted without the solid support of their wives and families. But the role of women in this strike has gone far beyond that of moral support and sustaining the soup-kitchens. Women have been active on picket lines --- both mixed and women only ones.

At Cynheidre colliery in south Wales, miners wives barricaded themselves in the pithead bathrooms and occupied them as a protest against 27 scabs. This prevented the scab miners getting to their safety equipment. The women remained for 17 hours and then left, planning their next action. Despite the police harassment, the women have re-occupied the Cynheidre NCB offices and have extended it to the whole building, making it impossible for the management to administer the pit. Since the women's action, the return to work has rapidly diminished.



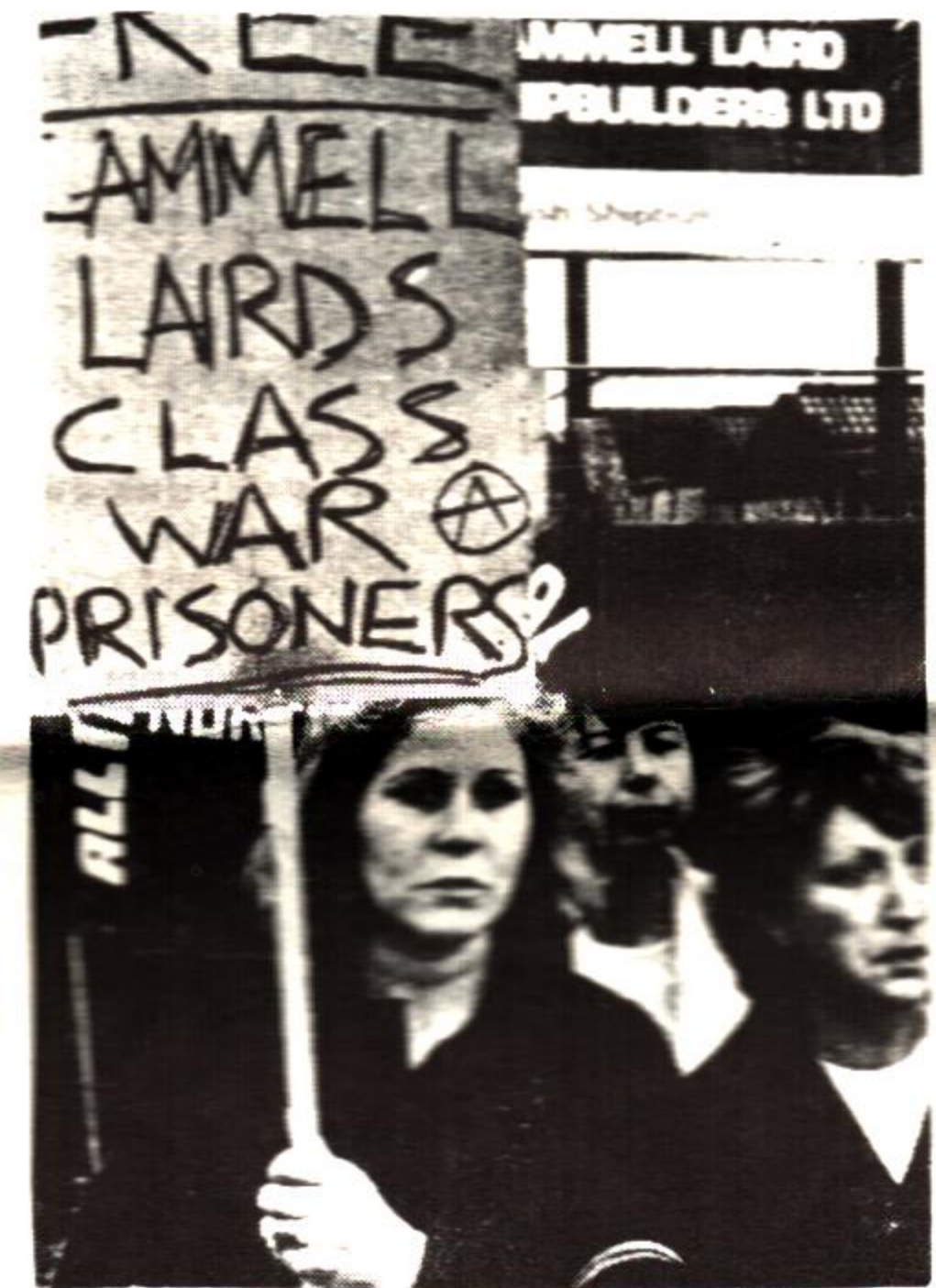
CYNHEIDRE MINERS WIVES OCCUPY
PIT-HEAD BATHS

Corresponding with the militancy of miners wives, is the upsurge of militancy amongst women generally. The wives of Camell Laird workers have been particularly active during the workers occupation of the oil rig.

Meanwhile at Dagenham, in London, machinists, all women workers at Fords are on strike. They are on strike because, unlike a significant percentage of Ford male workers, they are regarded as unskilled labour. In 1968, when they were on strike before, they took their protest to Barbara Castle, where they were cold shouldered. Disillusionment with the Labour party set in and order to get back the support (ie votes) of these, and many other women, the Labour party introduced the Equal Pay act. The fact that the Labour party gave the bosses two years to carry out the equal pay deals also gave the bosses enough time to re-organise the factories, and the work done by women in these factories. Such that after the act was

passed their claim for equal pay parity with their male colleagues was ignored because they now worked in a different sector within the industry that didn't offer any sense of parity with the male workers. (All this with Union consent!). The fact that 16 years later they are on strike, shows the

total ineffectiveness of the Labour party's reforms for women. The response of the TGWU's Ron Todd has been



unsurprisingly pathetic, his irritation with the women strikers is yet another indication of the entrenched sexism of the Trade union movement. There's plainly no point in putting any faith in the TUC and the Labour party and their superficial reforms.

FUCK OFF RACISTS

The working class are oppressed from all angles and if you belong to an ethnic minority it can be much worse. Not only do you have to put up with being picked on by the state but you are also picked

on by other working class people. Of course racism works both ways, you will find some people of all races can be racist and above all governments around the world are racist and keep the sickness going by their pathetic patriotic laws. It's the old policy of divide and rule used throughout history and at the moment it is working better than ever. How could a working class unite and overthrow a government while they are too busy fighting about differences in skin colour and culture and not realising that the oppression and threats of losing jobs, being on the dole, etc is for ALL working class people. Then there is the NF etc with their idea that if 'we' send all the 'wogs' home everything will be alright. Well if you believe that then you are a fucking idiot. Sadly there

are a lot of fucking idiots who agree with fascist policies many of them being so called respectable (meaning stuck-up, ladder climbing, "I fought for England" arseholes). Often they are just sympathetic towards fascist groups but vote Tory or SDP instead. They fought in the war alright, against the nazis, to protect the British empire so that a minority could screw a majority of its hard earned wealth. This society perpetuates racism therefore the answer is to get rid of this society and have one which doesn't exploit people and hold money as the true god. The way to achieve this society is by physically taking the power out of the hands of those who have it and to do this the working class must identify the real enemy the RULING CLASS.

STOP THE CITY

On September 27th the forth and hopefully the final stop the city demonstration took place in the city of London. The police had learned well the lessons from the other three and the day was more or less a total disaster with over 470 arrests. It appeared however that unlike the police many demonstrators had ignored the lessons of the past making the police's job that much easier.

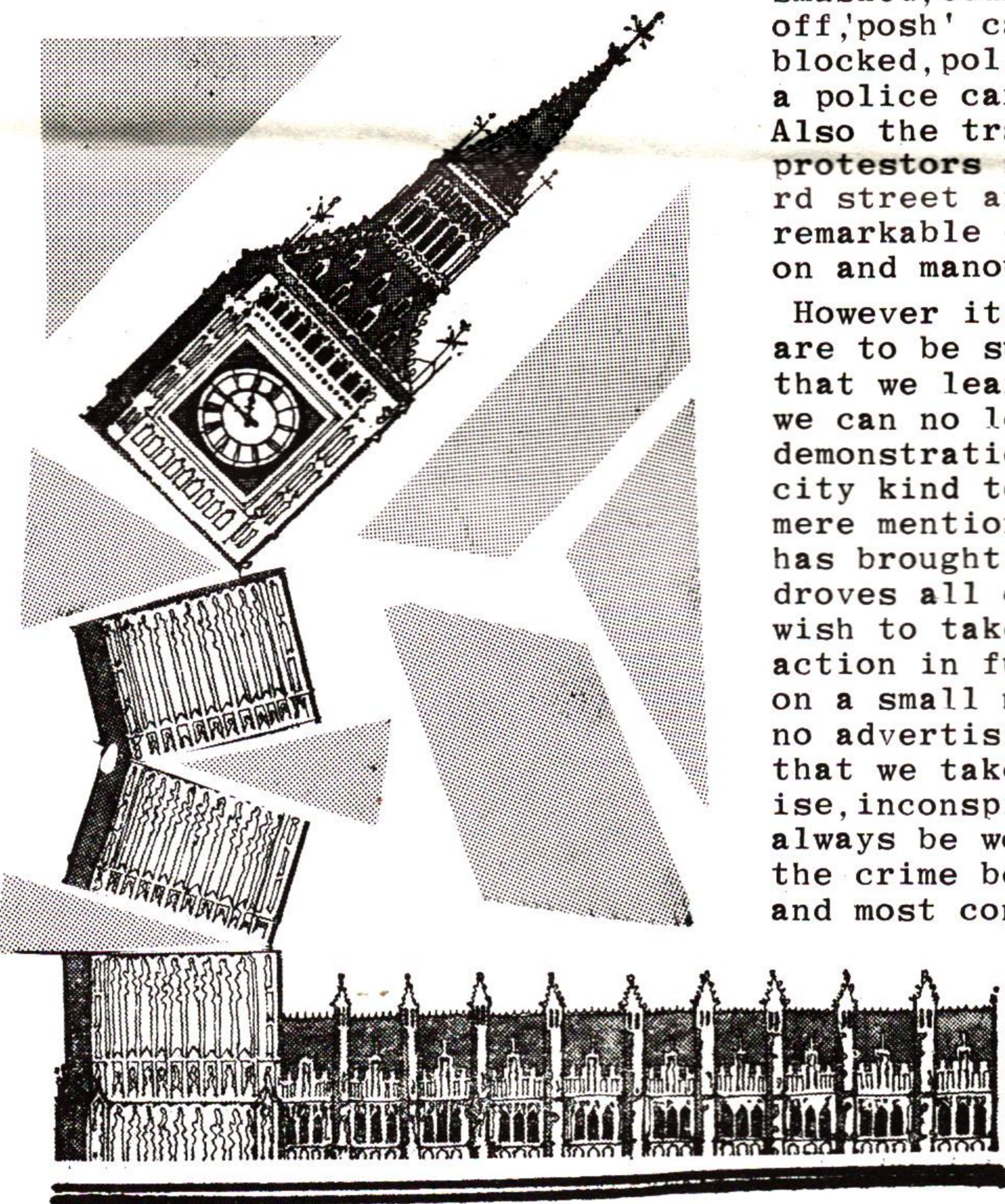
Many people went along without any actions planned and when they discovered that the police had blocked off the main assembly points (St Pauls & the Royal exchange) they were left wondering around without any clear ideas of what to do or where to go. There were also a large number of people who had made no attempt to disguise their appearance so presenting themselves as obvious targets for the police (I spoke to one punk who had been searched six times by midday!). A noticeable style of dress also made it considerably more difficult to do



that there was no way the police were going to let this happen again. They opted for a saturation affect with well over 1000 cops on duty. They constantly harassed demonstrators by searching them and taking their names. They threatened to and indeed did arrest people for standing in groups of three or more and people were arrested for the most stupid reasons (i.e. carrying a banner, putting leaflets under car windscreen wipers, crossing a zebra crossing too slowly etc. etc). They also confiscated leaflets from anyone seen giving them out. The tactic of cutting off the main assembly points also had a tremendous effect, this made it virtually impossible for people to congregate in large groups. Denied strength in numbers and the support this gave many people who might have done something had the circumstances been right did not.

It should be remembered however that the day was not a total failure, a lot of people went along with actions planned and carried them out with little or no interference: windows of banks were smashed, countless stink bombs set off, 'posh' cars attacked, roads blocked, police radios jammed and a police car paint bombed, etc etc. Also the travelling of over 200 protestors from the city to Oxford street and then Soho showed a remarkable degree of communication and manoeuvrability.

However it is imperative, if we are to be successful in future, that we learn from our mistakes, we can no longer hope for a mass demonstration of the stop the city kind to be successful, the mere mention of a stop 'the city' has brought the police out in droves all over the country. If we wish to take any effective direct action in future it must be done on a small more local basis with no advertising, it is essential that we take the police by surprise, inconspicuous clothes should always be worn and the scene of the crime be left by the quickest and most convenient route. Obviously



anything because it meant you were being constantly watched by the police. However our main fault for which we are nearly all to blame for, was failing to realise that the police would drastically change their tactics. Too many people went along expecting another March 27th with large amounts of damage causing severe disruption to the city, we failed to see

usually there are countless other lessons to be learned. I hope that everyone who took part in stop 'the city' learnt something even just through this it means that the day was not a total failure.

It is interesting to note that although 470 were arrested only 35 were actually charged with an offence.

The following article was written by a member of the Class War collective. It is their own personal view on pornography and as such does not represent the ideas of the Class War group. Since we have included this article in this issue, and since we stress that it is the personal view of a class war member, we would also like it to be noted that in the next Class War we will be following this article up with a collective statement of Class War's views on sexual politics. (Betcha can't wait, eh?!?!).

the porn storm

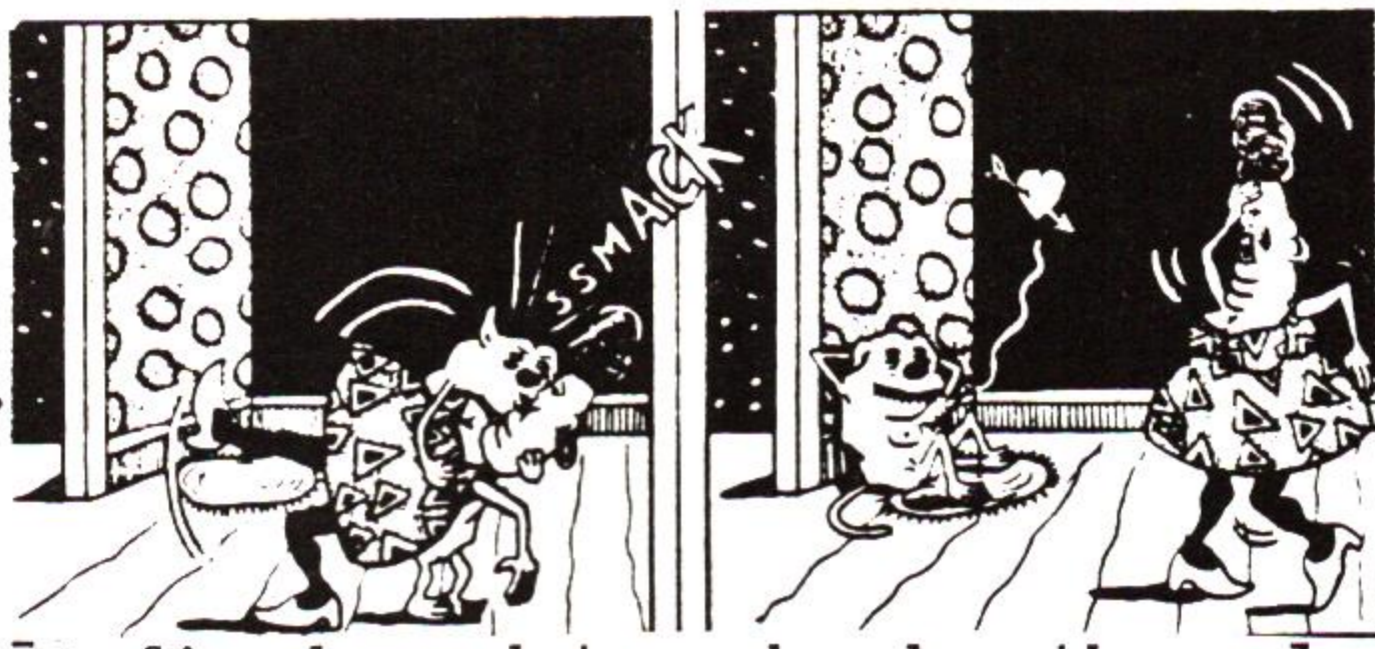


Pornography arouses one to onastic pleasure. If it doesn't it's simply not porn. It can also be said that one "man's" porn is another "man's" anathema. It is impossible to say a certain thing is pornographic in literature or pictures. The only yardstick with which to measure it being did it make you want to wank or leave you cold is significantly different from something which fills one with disgust. Disgust being the form of sexual arousal takes in puritans. Because this type of literature fills the likes of Mary Whitehouse and Andrea Dworkin with disgust instead of pleasure in themselves and the limitless bounds of imagination, surely they would be better employed 'overcoming' these indoctrinated obstacles in their brains than redirecting hidden desire in the form of censorship and control of others. Of course, if this is impossible they could just try reading a different sort of book. I myself have found pleasure in many books which have no sex at all. I suggest they are going to the wrong sort of shop, Foyles and Colletts both being within walking distance of Soho. If there is any infringement on a person none is more insidious than not being allowed to choose one's own morals or books.

There is much money to be made from porn and it seems the more freedom of expression involved in the porn the more money there is to be made. Is this because true freedom of expression is in such paucity, it has become a highly valuable commodity? Despite this, freedom of expression the 'purveyors of smut' possess, few are prepared to write under their own names or to go public in their own defence. This is where the moral mongers can score on top of payments for writings. There are fees for television appearances, radio chat shows etc., in the absence of seeing an objectifier in the flesh one must must make do with



a wholesome, white haired old lady talking of misterious puritanical pleasures as the sole aim in life, regarding her sex as museli to the pornographers MacDonalDs, knowing all the while that this picture of wholesomeness spends many of her waking hours pouring over what she judges to be the most unbelievable smut. I do'nt know if A Dworkin or Whitehouse wank or not but if they do they must use pornographic fantasies. (so it's OK to think it but not to write it, ie poor M de Sade's internment), it being porn merely because it provides the stimulus for a wank, because, as the kinsey report tells us, it is the middle classes who fantasise during masturbation. The working classes just do it, in troglodyte fashion falling wanking to the floor in the middle of whatever they're doing, then that needs accomplished continuing with their occupations. I suppose it means that the 'educated' middle classes wank because they want to as a refined if immoral pleasure, whereas the simpler, less



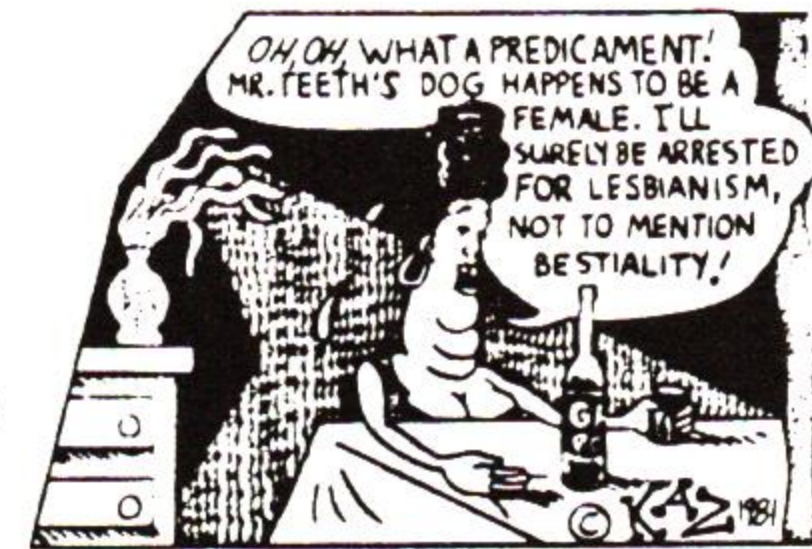
refined need to unburden themselves regularly like cleaning their teeth for smooth functioning. This said on the Kinsey report one can only say what a load of bollocks. If the middle classes have refined pleasures with refined fantasies and the working classes just spunk. Maybe the gaurdians of the nations morals think to present the working class with porn, now they can all read, their incumbant fantasies now awakened are as refined as themselves and what with their immature and childlike brains could carry their refined fantasies into reality without (in their plbian innocence) realising the difference. This form of elitism about fantasy aids is patriarchal although not the sole grounds of men.

The sex shop trashing faction have seldom really thought out their actions or ideas and are merely towing a party line, often in argument falling back on. The fact that sexshops make a lot of money to justify their reactions, which is a thing no-one could argue with as most shops make a lot or money to make a lot of money. These people would be far better off thinking about what they are saying than reading what they think they are supposed to say from elsewhere. Or they could at least shut it until they learn the difference between Kinsey's fantasy on sex & class and actual reality.

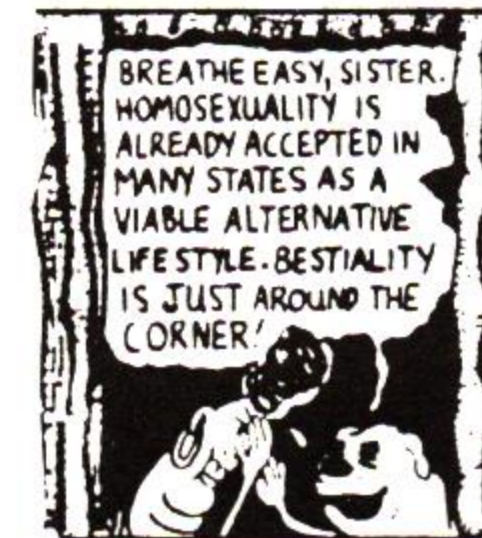
The conclusion I make is I) that sex shops do not 'degrade' women or men. If I argued to the contrary I would then have to say that they degrade both sexes equally; 2) that sex shops do not precipitate violence towards women, to say they do is a false reasoning as the assumption that whores by their presence lessen

the incidends of rape. The only violence I would say regarded in connection with sex shops, i

that feminists on shopkeepers, sex shops, in fact, especially in this country are innocuous establishments containing literature which



only the most tentative wankers could make use of anyway since pornography in this country is banned.



If one is concerned to destroy the things that cause sexual violence against women it is important to realise that this attitude is caused and encouraged not in sex shops but in schools and churches. The prime creators and defenders of the double standard which is at the root of all sexual hostility to women, the Madonna Vs. Magdelens is a theme constantly employed in these emporiums of despair. So go trash schools and churches as our prime targets but don't forget to have a wank or a fuck on the altar first.



A policeman lies unconscious in Downing Street during the women's protest

P.C. WALLY WANKER GETS WELL WALLOPED ON A WOMENS MARCH. AS HIS HEAD POINTS TOWARDS MECCA WE ASK IS HE THE ONLY MUSLIM COPPER? ('COS WE WANT TO CRUCIFY THE REST)

Stainforth & Dunscroft youngsters battle with police filth.



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A POSTER DONE BY S. YORKS MINERS

Kinnochio speaks- and his nose starts to grow

Everytime Neil Kinnock's name was mentioned at the miners rally at Aber-aven it was greeted with a chorus of boos and hisses. "Ramsey McKinnock" posters were prominent as were cries of "scab" and "judas" whenever the Labour leader was referred to. When Norman Willis chimed in with his pathetic TUC compromises he was greeted with shouts of "off, off, off" and the famous noose was dangled in front of him (though not close enough in our opinion). At long last there are signs that a large number of miners are thoroughly sickened with the behaviour of the TUC and Labour Party scabs -- and may be able to make the first real break of a significant section of the British working class from its 'own' supposed party. It has been sickening in the past to watch striking miners at rallies applaud Labour Party speakers who only the day before have appeared on T.V. condemning the same men for 'violence'. Now that they are beginning to get their come-uppance, it is of vital importance to keep this process going. Judas Kinnock and the rest of his scumbag Labour cronies (Kauffman-uugh! -don't he make you want to throw-up) must be hounded and shouted down wherever they try to speak. Kinnock says that violence is alien to the British working class movement- the fucking ignorant tosser, what about the Luddites, the Chartists the Captain swing riots, Tonypandy, etc., It's alien to him because it might fuck up his chances of becoming the next Prime Minister, who would act like all the other Labour P.M.'s and attack the working class in the interests of the bosses. The only difference with Kinnock is that he's moved so far to the right before even getting in to power! The

rest, Wilson, Foot, etc., usually have the decency to wait till the doors of No. 10 close behind them. At Stoke-on-Trent Kinnock tried to prove what a fearless, gusty, valleys boy fighter he was- by addressing an audience of hand-picked middle-class Labour Party members who were guaranteed to cheer his defence of middle class horror against working class nastiness and violence. Of 1700 tickets distributed at the rally 1500 went to L.P. members and only 200 to NUM members- yet this was passed off as though Kinnock was bravely addressing an audience of hostile miners. Many miners walked out in disgust rather than listen to more of his scab apollitics, others loudly snored through it, and others screamed scab and Judas at him backed up by a hard core of 30 anarchists from Stoke, Sheffield, Bradford, and London who managed to 'obtain' some tickets outside (ie grabbed them out of some L.P. jerks hand) Biggest applause of the night came when the chairman asked if people wanted to leave owing to a bomb scare - "Not if it's under Kinnocks seat" shouted someone! So, now is our chance to keep sticking the boot in the Labour Party. But what alternative do we offer people like us? Unlike the leftie groups with their party programmes and 'correct' analysis we don't see ourselves as separate from the rest of the working class, as its leadership as the leftie groups see themselves. The working class is quite capable of getting rid of the bosses, and the miners of running their strike without the benefit of advice from the would be little-Lenin's. The mass picketing, the communal kitchens, the womens support groups, the Hit-Squads is our alternative to the Labour Party and the lefties- a working class struggle in the hands of the working class.



"I am arresting you because I have reason to believe that you intend giving birth to a son who will grow up to be a Kent miner who will then proceed to go picketing in the north of England."

We have argued in the last two issues of ClassWar that the best support we can give to the miners is to open up a second front by rioting in the inner cities. This is still the case. There is no prospect of any other organised section of the working class taking industrial action in solidarity with the miners- so the sooner we get out on to the streets with our bricks and bottles the sooner they'll have to withdraw police from the mining areas.

In the pit villages in Yorkshire its not just miners who are attacking scabs, erecting barricades, attacking police stations. Large numbers of unemployed youths and kids as young as 10-11, are joining in. This is the unity that's needed to win. On many nights the rioting spreads to the right around South Yorkshire with people rampaging from one spot to the next. It is getting to nearer to the outskirts of large towns like Sheffield and Pontefract- once it reaches to centres the police will be fucked. The sooner we can help this to happen and then to spread I riot style to the other major cities the sooner both us, and the miners, will win. In his report as commissioner of the Met. police, Kenneth Newman Stated that keeping public order was the No. 1 priority of the Met. Police. He listed 52 potential riot situations which have been nipped in the bud in London alone this year. Every area of London had its own I.R.U. permanently patrolling in vans to deal quickly with such situations. The authorities know that they'd be well fucked if inner-city rioting breaks out at the same time as the miners strike. We know that too- so lets see the old year go out with a bang.

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