

20p
20302
E

CLASS WAR

ROYAL EXCLUSIVE!

**IS
THIS
THE
REAL
QUEEN
?**



**CLASS WAR REVEALS SENSATIONAL
ROYAL COVER UP -
FULL STORY ON PAGE 2!**

SCANDAL!

REAL QUEEN LOCKED UP!

THE REAL
KATHERINE BOWES-LYON



ON 6th April it was revealed that the Queen's Cousin, Katherine Bowes-Lyon, had been shut away in a mental hospital for the last 46 years. NOW CLASS WAR CAN REVEAL NEWS EVEN MORE SHOCKING THAN THAT. News which NONE of the Fleet Street press dare print and which has been hidden from history by one of the biggest cover-ups by the establishment of this or any other century!

That poor woman, ALLEGEDLY Katherine Bowes-Lyon is in fact, Elizabeth, daughter of King George VI and the Queen Mother - AND THE RIGHTFUL QUEEN OF ENGLAND!

COVER UP!

It is the true Queen herself who has been shut away in a mental hospital while the real Katherine Bowes-Lyon has masqueraded in her place as Queen Elizabeth. Neither woman knows the truth and, indeed, it is only the Queen Mother alive today who does, since it involved a conspiracy of silence at the heart of the Royal Family stretching back over 60 years! That conspiracy was to hide from the British people that strong strain of madness which permeated the British Royals. What other explanation can there be for the horrific treatment of this poor, mentally handicapped woman?

On April 21st 1926 a first baby was born to the future King George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, now the Queen Mother. It is this baby that is now the rightful Queen Elizabeth but it was spotted at once that she was severely mentally handicapped. Although this occurred nine years before the abdication crisis of 1936 which was to see this baby's father unexpectedly become King George VI it was felt too dangerous to allow it to be known that the case of madness had struck so close to the potential successor to the crown.

The Queen Mother's brother, John Bowes-Lyon and his wife Penella Bowes-Lyon were expecting the birth of another child only two months after the birth of the mentally handicapped Elizabeth. She was born Katherine Bowes-Lyon, a normal healthy baby on July 4th 1926 - less than ten weeks after Elizabeth!!

In the greatest possible secrecy, known only to the parents of both girls themselves and the future King's personal surgeon, the girls were swapped by their families - the healthy Katherine Bowes-Lyon taking on the future identity of Queen Elizabeth and the true Elizabeth living with her aunt and uncle as Katherine Bowes-Lyon. Both girls were protected from the public eye in the early years so that the ten weeks age discrepancy became unnoticeable.

With George's accession to the throne, the phoney Elizabeth became first in line for the succession and it became even more important that the secret never got out. In 1941, at the height of the war, the girl now known as Katherine Bowes-Lyon was secretly admitted to the Surrey mental hospital where she has remained hidden ever since. The process of her disappearance was completed when all mention of her mysteriously vanished from Debretts and she was listed as having died in 1961 in Burkes Peerage. We believe that it must have been

the Queen Mother herself who furnished this false information, unknown to other members of the Windsor and Bowes-Lyon families. In this way she would have been able to erase the memory of her true daughter from her mind, and remove the necessity for any visits which may have aroused suspicions.

The major question is : Why the cover up?

WINDSOR CURSE

CLASS WAR can now reveal that for generations the Royal Family has been plagued by mental illness - known as the 'Windsor Curse'.

- The "Queens" demented great uncle, the Duke of Clarence, was extremely violent and was widely suspected as being Jack the Ripper, the maniac who murdered prostitutes in the 19th century. The eldest son of King Edward VII he was destined to be king himself until he suddenly - and quite conveniently - died of pneumonia.

- Another ancestor, King George III, suffered from an inherited blood disease causing mental disturbance, and he became known as the 'Mad Monarch'.

- In more recent times, Prince John, the younger brother of the Queen Mother's husband was shut away at Sandringham all his life - separated from his healthy brothers and sisters - to hide him from the world. The truth has never been told about him but it has many parallels with what has happened to Katherine Bowes-Lyon.



Original engraving of the horror of Glamis Castle by the pensioned off slater in Australia.



CHARLES HAVING A PHILOSOPHICAL CONVERSATION WITH 'MILDRED' THE YUKKA AT THE ROYAL FANCY DRESS BALL!

- Tatiana Mountbatten - neice of Prince Charles' late uncle Lord Mountbatten - is an extremely violent patient secretly locked away in a Northampton mental hospital.

ROYAL HORROR!

HOWEVER, the most sensational case of all was the hideous being locked away in Glamis Castle - the Queen Mother's home - for over one hundred years, and directly related to the Queen and other royals. He was born a monster and lived for 100 years hidden from view in a secret room in the thick walls of the castle. At night he was exercised on the roof. The secret was covered up by an entry in Debretts Peerage of 1841 claiming that he had died at birth! Sounds familiar doesn't it? He was mentally handicapped and developed a massive body, covered in thick black hair. He was said to have been egg-shaped, with tiny legs and arms, and a head sunk deep in the vast barrel of his chest. Once, he was spotted in his cell by a slater making roof repairs. The terrified man was sworn to secrecy, given a pension and sent off to Australia. The 'Horror of Glamis Castle' is believed to have still been there when the Queen Mother was brought up there as a child in the early part of this century - so the practice of locking away unfortunate relatives would have been familiar to her.

CHARLES FEAR

Their great fear is that this strain of madness is now showing

itself in the future king, Prince Charles; he talks to plants, dabbles with the occult, and wanders around alone in the Kalahari Desert. It is said that the Queen Mother will never allow her 'daughter' to abdicate for fear of Charles' incipient lunacy!

WHY WE HAVE EXPOSED THIS?

Politically we are opposed to the wealthy parasites of the Royal Family. They sponge off the backs of the working class while claiming to be great upholders of morality. We take no pleasure in revealing their mental illness - normally we would think it irrelevant to our class politics. After all, our allegedly "sane" world leaders cause far more mayhem than any mentally ill Royal.

But the madness of the Royals has been covered up for centuries for fear that the monarchy would collapse if the public knew the truth.

Now we have exposed what could be the cover-up of the century. The public know that the Royal family numbers amongst them the suspected Jack the Ripper, a demented one hundred year old "egg", and countless others secretly locked away in mental hospitals. The few "sane" ones are, it would appear from this terrible tale, engaged in lying and deceit to protect their privileged position.

May the thieving, scheming Windsor family rot in hell and the mentally ill ones still alive be treated as ordinary human beings with the compassion they deserve, rather than being locked up for years so the others can prosper.

TORY HYPOCRISY!

WE HAVE RECENTLY SEEN 2 TORY M.P.s FORCED TO STAND DOWN AT THE NEXT ELECTION AS A RESULT OF THEIR MULTIPLE SHARE CAPITALISM? FOR BRITISH TELECOM AND BRITISH GAS. POPULAR FRATERNITY! IT CERTAINLY SEEMS POPULAR AMONGST THE TORY

ERIC COCKERAM (M.P. for Ludlow) & Keith Best (M.P. for Anglesey & barrister) claim they were not even aware they were breaking the law when they signed their applications with a variety of names. Cockeram after all only did it as a nest egg for his children - pull the other one! Not the same as having to go shoplifting for our children: you can bet they won't end up in prison for their activities.

PROCTOR SAGA

At the same time we have the ongoing saga of Harvey Proctor's private life. We know the police have decided to press charges but we have yet to see how this will affect his status in the party. Class War is not interested in his private activities and we are only too well aware that these events have delighted the anti-gay press. What is at question here is not the morality of the situation but the hypocrisy of it. Proctor, well known for his racist ravings, is also renowned for his fearless and determined commitment to law & order, the sacred institution of the family and it's accompanying morality. As a self appointed guardian of British morals, it seems somewhat hypocritical that Proctor could even consider breaking the law and upsetting people's sensibilities. It seems a little inconsistent that the party of law & order and Victorian values should be so ill represented in the constituency of Billerclay.

FACADE

This gross hypocrisy of the Tory

party is nothing new however. The party has been beset by scandals for many years. Some which reveal illegal profiteering and others reveal personal relationships which do not fit the Tory ideal of the family. The most spectacular combine the two as in the Profumo affair of the 1960's. More recent years have seen the indiscretions of other Tory M.P.s come to light such as Cecil Parkinson and Geoffrey Archer. It is doubtful that anyone would be at all bothered about what they got up to in their private lives, were it not for their constant announcements about sanctity of marriage and the family and their vehement opposition to the so called permissive society. All this is reminiscent of the Victorian values that Thatcher is so fond of, which proved to be a facade of middle-class prudery concealing child prostitution and all manner of other sexual/economic exploitation. In the end Tory hypocrisy simply reveals the bankruptcy of it's parties moral stances on law and order and the family.



PROCTOR

ARCHER

Amazing disguises of police who tricked way into sex parties

SEX



SERGEANT SID STUFFED GETS A SIZZLING, SENSATIONAL, SMACKER FROM SEX SELLING CYN....& STILL SURVIVES. OH SHIT !!!

PAYNE IN THE ARSE!

Bold as brass, the tart with a heart of gold. Dontcha just love her? Cynthia Payne, our favourite brothel madam, has caught the nations heart, from Tory MPs to Guardian leader writers.

Provider of a little bit of what you fancy - blow jobs with the cucumber sandwiches - how quaintly English!

"All men need is a good de-spunking" and "Full balls, empty brains" is Cynthia's recipe for keeping families together and the wheels of industry turning.

"Men want sex and girls want money" so put the two together and our Cyn is doing everyone a favour. Her homespun sexual philosophy has seduced many into agreeing that she's a liberating sex therapist.

WHAT A LOAD OF BALLS! Don't get me wrong, prostitution can make sound economic sense. Anyone who works for a boss prostitutes themselves; sells their labour, their bodies, their time in return for a wage. You can earn more in a couple of days whoring than in a month wiping tables at McDonalds or slaving away in an East End sweatshop.

CAPITALIST

Whoring's a job like any other and Cynthia Payne is a boss like any other.

She paid the girls less than their efforts had earned and kept the rest as her profit. Her world is one the Tories should be proud of - sex is turned into a commodity to be bought and sold like any other.

Her clients were invariably middle class accountants, bank managers lecturers, police inspectors with money to spare. They were attracted to Ambleside Avenue, South London not just by the availability of the commodity, but by Cynthia's totally men-centred view of sex. The female orgasm or, indeed, any female pleasure at all doesn't appear on her horizon. What about women who want sex?

SOCIAL SERVICE

No wonder she's so popular with the media and Tories. Here is traditional view of male and female sexual needs. She sees the married man who comes to her parties as getting from her girls what they cant get from their wives - the dirty talk, the good thrashings, the bondage knots. She sees this as performing a social service in keeping families together, but it's more of a service to capitalism in allowing middle class sexual hypocrisy to flourish.

CYN BIN

Take a scene from Ambleside Avenue A 60 year old bank manager is stripped and abused. He is tied to a post. Rubbish, treacle and any old shit is thrown over him. He finally completes his desired humiliation by wanking himself off as the contents of a vacuum cleaner bag are emptied over his head! Next day he'll be back at the bank, a pillar of the establishment, moaning about rampant promiscuity amongst the young!

At Cynthia's, a 70 year-old accountant could pay to fuck a seventeen year old unemployed girl because he had the money she needed. Now if a 17 year old girl wants to fuck a 70 year old bloke that's fine by me. But if she has to let her body be used to pay the rent then that's shit.

So don't tell me what a good laugh Madam Cyn is- she's just a boss like any other

I've got a few fantasies about rich men and women - including personal services - and when the working class has turned them into reality, Madam Cyn will be out of a job. In the meantime, if there's any rich men looking for a good beating then I know plenty of Class War girls - and, boys --who'll do it FREE OF CHARGE.

Maternity Grants Cut

On April 6th the Government turned the clock back 76 years by abolishing the universal maternity grant introduced in 1911. Along with this they have replaced the Maternity allowance and pay (paid by the DHSS) with Statutory Maternity Pay to be paid by the employer. Employers have made it clear that they dislike the extra paperwork this causes for them and it is obvious that women are now going to have greater and greater difficulty finding out what those rights are and securing them. Women who have been in a job for less than 2 years may find they are sacked when they discover they are pregnant, so that the firm can pay them a lower rate of SMP. The highest rate is only on a par with the lowest rate of sickness benefit, and women who naturally try to cover up the fact that they are pregnant might be damaging their health. Women have to have worked continuously for the first 6 months of their pregnancy anyway to qualify at all for SMP.

It has been estimated that 74,000 women are likely to lose their benefits. For women already on supplementary benefit or Family Income Supplement, the new Social Fund will pay out £80 extra to them, less than half what was available under the now defunct Single Payments scheme. It's a joke to expect a measly £80 to pay for all the stuff you need for a new baby. On top of all this they are abolishing free school meals. This disgusting attack on women, children and working class people in general has to be resisted at all costs. For more info:- The Maternity Alliance, 59-61 Camden High Street, London.

:BEDS PILL QUIZ:

WOMEN TEACHERS ARE quizzed about being on the pill before being promoted in Bedfordshire schools, claims a startling new report.

Men are given the best jobs while their female colleagues are held back, says the county division of the National Union of Teachers.

Sex discrimination is so blatant that many schools are dubbed "harems", with one man in charge of a lot of women staff.

"Discrimination against women teachers seems to be the norm," says secretary Charles Naylor, who published the report this week.

It is a detailed analysis of questionnaires returned by a large sample of teachers.

And the report shows that Bedfordshire County Council's claim to be an equal opportunities employer is a sham, because many members of appointment panels are sexist, he says.

The report says two-thirds of women are asked irrelevant details about their family life during job interviews. Only one-third of men have this problem.

Younger women especially are subjected to questions about the number of children they intend to have, house ownership and trade union affiliation. Some are even asked:

- "Are you on the pill?"
- "As an attractive woman, how do you cope with boys?"
- "Are you a militant?"

Men are twice as likely to be promoted than women, if they have children.

And women's chances of promotion increase if they are divorced or widowed.

"The vast majority of women teachers are trapped on the bottom rungs of the career ladder, but the majority of men climb the ladder relatively quickly," said Mr Naylor.

Very few women have made it to the status of head teacher or deputy heads, he said.

"The barrier of discrimination in interviews based on prejudiced assumptions about the role of women in society is still commonplace in Bedfordshire schools.

"In the upper and high schools nearly all of the positions of responsibility are monopolised by men."



I AM RICH... I MUST SUFFER ONLY IN MY DREAMS
AS FOR THE WORKERS THEY MUST SUFFER ALL THE TIME
In their private lives they flout their public moralising - getting their rocks off by the fantasy of punishment by paying for Sado sex when we should be punishing them in reality on the streets

POP

FERRY AID



MORE

BANDS

AID.

Again we see the 'caring popstars' giving up their precious time to come to the aid of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster victims. We see the new video showing the sickly, smiling faces of the rich bastards enjoying their session in the recording studio, singing, dancing, all for a very good cause. What a pity it isn't genuine. I wonder if people realise that these shitheads are using this horror as an excuse for cheap publicity to promote their own musical careers. Buy the single by all means, because you feel compassion for the ferry disaster victims and families, but don't go out and purchase records by Paul McCartney, who 'earns' thousands every day, and other pop stars just because you saw these bastards on a video that falsely depicts them as caring for the families of the dead passengers.



The video should show the real reason you are spending your money to aid this cause and be a tribute to the victims and bereaved relatives not an advertisement campaign to help the rich get richer!

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

CLASS WAR FEDERATION CONTACTS

BRISTOL NORTH CW
BRISTOL SOUTH CW
Box CW,
Pullmarks B/S,
37, Stokes Croft,
Bristol.

MALVERN CW
(contact via
Bristol)

CARDIFF CW
Box 200
180, Salisbury Rd.
Cardiff.

MAIDSTONE CW,
c/o Students Union,
Maidstone Art College,
Oakwood Park,
Oakwood Road,
Maidstone, Kent.

SOUTHAMPTON CW
Rumble, Box R
4, Onslow Rd,
Southampton.

BRIGHTON CW
Brighton Bomber,
Prior House,
6, Tilbury Place,
Brighton.

LUTON CW
c/o Box A,
Europa House,
Vicarage St.
Luton,
Beds.

LEAMINGTON SPA CW
(contact via Luton)

PLYMOUTH CW
c/o Student Union,
College of art and
design,
Tavistock Place,
Plymouth.

SWANSEA CW
Black Sheep,
Box D,
Mandella House,
University College,
Singleton Park,
Swansea.

MANCHESTER CW
c/o M.M.A.,
75, Piccadilly,
Manchester
M1 2BU

LONDON CW
P.O. Box 467,
London E5 8BE

LLANDUDNO CW
P.O. Box 71,
Llandudno LL30 2TU

LIVERPOOL CW
P.O. Box 110,
Liverpool
L69 6AU

YORK CW
(contact via
London)

GET IN TOUCH

Write to the nearest groups when contacting KINGS LYNN, LEICESTER, OLDHAM, KEIGHLEY and also for new groups being formed in GLASGOW, BRADFORD, SOUTHEND, BARNSTABLE, WORKINGTON, DARTFORD & GRAVESEND.

ELTON JOHN & TINA TURNER IN SEX SHOCK

THE SUN 'newspaper', taking its usual anti-gay stance, has recently been leading a smear campaign aimed at gay celebrities and against gays and lesbians in general.

The so-called 'moral majority' that control Fleet Street are always trying to promote prejudice and, now that the 'gay plague' scare tactics are wearing a bit thin, stories slugging off gay or lesbian popstars are back in vogue. Remember the tales about Marc Almond and Boy George a few years back? how long before Freddy Mercury and David Bowie get the treatment again?

Notice how AIDS was only seen as newsworthy when respectable middle and upper class people started dying from it. No one cared about those in Africa or a few so called 'minority' groups in the Western World. AIDS has always been a serious matter for everyone, but the press tried to divide us by blaming it on gays, just as the National Front vainly tried to blame unemployment on blacks.

Being lesbian or gay has always made people the targets of hysterical press reports. It's something we are all taught to think of as being 'unnatural' and disgusting. Well its not, and it is high time everyone realised it!

So Elton John and Tina Turner are, or might be bisexual. So what? Good for them! After all whats wrong with consenting people getting together to make love? Does it really matter what sex they are, except to them? Perhaps the people who think homosexuality is disgusting are worried they might enjoy it! Nobody - not even Haringey council - is suggesting that anyone should be forced to do anything they are not into. Just that you should never stop or slag someone off for doing the things they are into.



Of course nutters who get kicks out of raping, murdering and abusing people are a totally different matter, and should be treated the same way as any other oppressor.

Gays and lesbians are fighting back as members of the working class, like the lesbians and Gays Support the Printers and Gays Support the Lesbians and Gays Miners Support Groups during the 1984/5 strike.

As a final point, it is interesting to note just how quick the Sun dropped its "Tina Turner is a lesbian" story. Obviously the Victorian myth that women don't do that sort of thing still persists.

★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★

ANY DAY NOW COULD BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

PLAY NEW CLASS WAR

BINGO

INCORPORATING LOOT-O AND NEW 100 METRE DASH!

YOUR OWN LUCKY BRICK

	£			
			£	

HERES ALL YOU DO TO WIN:
SIMPLY LOB YOUR LUCKY BRICK THROUGH YOUR CHOSEN WINDOW TO WIN A PRIZE!

RULES: DONT GET CAUGHT!

★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★ ☆ ★

'PLAGUE' POLITICS!

TV

TELEVISION PRIDED ITSELF ON BEING ABLE TO DISCUSS THE SEXUAL AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF AIDS IN A LESS HYSTERICAL MANNER THAN THE REST OF THE PRESS. HOWEVER, THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT THAT THEY WON'T LET US KNOW, ON TV OR IN THE PRESS. THE FOLLOWING PIECE PUTS THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

2. THE AIDS BUSINESS

1. GAYS UNDER ATTACK

Along with just about everybody else we agree that AIDS is a serious problem. As revolutionaries however, we not only disagree with the way the anti-Aids campaign is being run but believe that capitalism is in itself a major barrier to the eradication of the disease.

Despite being based around the slogan 'Don't Die of Ignorance' the £750,000 television adverts that marked the start of the government's anti-Aids campaign, featuring gloomy shots of tombstones and no factual information, have only strengthened the prevailing mood of hysteria about the disease. To take just one example, the Sunday Mirror recently printed a letter from a reader worried about the possibility of catching AIDS from second hand 501 jeans! Furthermore, it has been announced that the next stage of the publicity campaign is to be directed chiefly against homosexuals and drug addicts, thus reinforcing the myth that the disease is some kind of 'gay plague' spread by evil social deviants.

The current climate of fear is providing the perfect breeding ground for the reactionary ideas of the likes of James 'God told me to do it' Anderson and Mary Whitehouse. The fact that in the world as a whole there are more heterosexual AIDS carriers than homosexual ones, and that lesbians are one of the lowest risk groups, hasn't prevented a dramatic increase in the level of physical attacks on lesbians and gay men. Recently a London gay pub, the Vauxhall Tavern, was raided by police wearing rubber gloves, while gay men leaving The London Apprentice pub have been attacked with sticks and broken bottles. In one incident, one of the most serious so far, 12 young lesbian and gay men (the Wombourne 12) were remanded in custody for 7 days for demonstrating against Bill Brownhill, the Conservative leader of South Staffs District Council, notorious for his remark that

"As a cure (for AIDS) I would put 90% of queers in the ruddy gas chamber".

Bill Brownhill is Conservative leader of South Staffs District Council, Town Hall, Codsall, Staffs (Tel 09074 6111). So far he's been supported by his council, including the 5 strong Labour Group. Brownhill lives at 91 School Road, Himley, Wombourne, Staffs (Tel 0902 892096)



Meanwhile as gay people are burnt out of their homes and attacked in the streets the only response of the Labour Party has been to complain that "the lesbians and gay issue is costing us dear with the pensioners". Indeed the 5 strong Labour group on South Staffs council has even supported Bill Brownhill! All this is hardly surprising from a capitalist party led by a self-proclaimed sexual reactionary who at the time of the anti-gay attacks on Peter Tatchell, the Labour candidate in the 1983 Bermondsey byelection, commented "I'm not in favour of witchhunts but I do not mistake bloody witches for fairies". That is more surprising is that Jimi Somerville (of the Communards) and other gay musicians in 'Red Wedge' are actually trying to get us to give our support to Kinnock and Co.

A major plank of the anti-AIDS campaign has been the idea of 'Safe Sex'. Obviously people should take sensible precautions to help prevent the spread of the disease, and further instead of just saying "use a condom" we would advocate a much more explicit discussion of the various different possibilities for sexual pleasure offered by the human body. However, the idea that AIDS is just a matter of individual responsibility is wrong - eradicating AIDS requires the discovery and application of a cure, and this is a social and political problem.

The logical way to find a cure would be: (a) to provide unlimited resources for research, and (b) for all researchers to co-operate and pool information. Neither of these conditions are being fulfilled. The British government has made only 14.5 million available

for such research over the next 3 years compared with 1986/7 military expenditure of 18,1 billion. Co-operation between scientists meanwhile is being severely hampered by the fact that whoever is first to discover a vaccine or cure for AIDS stands to make massive profits. Far from sharing information this drive for financial gain has led to often bitter rivalry between researchers. For instance, the Pasteur Institute in Paris has been involved in several legal disputes with the US National Cancer Institute about who first identified the AIDS virus, and who therefore is entitled to the profits from the sale of AIDS testing kits. In Zaire a vaccine is being tested on human volunteers, yet other researchers know little or nothing about it. Professor Bill Jarrett, one of the British top AIDS researchers commented "the vaccine has been developed by a private laboratory. We don't know what it is."

Here's one of the most cynical sounding bits of advice this year, courtesy of the stockbrokers Flemings. "Investors will soon tire of condoms and Aids diagnostics as shortly there will be little new to be said about them. Aids drugs on the other hand are more 'newsworthy' as results of clinical trials unfold, and they also have the potential to generate much greater revenue flows."

Even if an AIDS cure is discovered there is no guarantee that it would be made available to all those who need it: the first priority of a drug company marketing such a cure would be to make as much money from it as possible, meeting the needs of sufferers being only a secondary consideration. We have already seen ICN pharmaceuticals of Ribavirin (a drug promoted as being able to delay the onset of AIDS in some cases) from \$75 to \$270 for a month's supply, thus making it available to fewer people.

We should not forget that vast numbers of people die every year from already curable diseases just because they are too poor to afford medical treatment. Over 15 million children a year die of hunger and related causes despite the fact that enough food is being produced to feed the entire planet. The simple truth is that the majority of the world's population is irrelevant to a system geared solely towards making profits for the capitalist class.

'HOSPITALISED COPPER'



CO'D COMMUNITY COP KEITH CRAPPER COLLAPSING ON THE CONCRETE, COULD'VE BEEN KILLED BY THIS COOL CALCULATED, KARATE KICK TO THE CRUTCH, FROM A KEEN CROWD OF CLASS CONSCIOUS CRACKSHOTS AND HAD TO BE CARRIED TO CASUALTY. CROCKED KEITHS CRAZY HOBBIES NOW INCLUDE: - BREAK-DANCING TO CLASSICAL CONCERTOS - PREFERABLY ON CRUTCHES!..... COR!!!!

SUBSCRIBE

If you have any problems getting hold of Class War in your area, then send us £3 and we'll send you the next twelve as they come out (or £1.50 for 6). If you live as far away as Europe send £4 for 12 or America send £5.50. Contact the London address.

SELL

To sell Class War yourself, send 10p per copy (10 = £1 / 20 = £2 etc) to Bristol address. For more than 50 copies contact the London address.

T-SHIRTS

CLASS WAR T-Shirts, "New Homes For The Rich" or CLASS WAR logo. Large or extra large sizes. (£4.00) Make cheques payable to "Class War Promotions"!! All profits go to the paper.



I SAY FOLK'S THIS NEW CLASS WAR MAKES JOLLY SPIFFIN' READING...BUT WHERE'S ALL THE SWEARING FUCKED OFF TO THEN... YER SCUMBAGS!

FIGHTBACK

KNOCK ROSS DOWN A SHADE OR TWO!

WORKERS OCCUPY FACTORY

CATERPILLAR TRACTOR FACTORY STILL UNDER 'NEW MANAGEMENT'

It's not an everyday occurrence that the workforce kick out their bosses and take over the factory - but it has happened at the Caterpillar tractor factory at Uddingston near Glasgow! The occupation occurred in the middle of January - immediately after the management announced that production would end this May and the 1200 workforce would be made redundant.

The locked out management have moved into the Hospitality Inn in Glasgow and the occupation is still going strong despite having to fight against the bosses, the law courts and their own unions?! But how long can they hold out on their own? From the 1000's of pounds collected from donations and street collections every week and the amount of people wearing "support the Caterpillar workers" stickers on the streets - it is obvious that the workers have the widespread support of other people. BUT THEY NEED THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IN THEIR STRUGGLE!

SELL OUT BY THE UNIONS

And when are the bloody unions going to support the workers when they are in open struggle? - when they really need support? Time and again the unions are selling out the workers they are supposed to represent - as soon as there is a hint of a costly, long-running, dispute - or more to the point actions that the law deems illegal the unions just don't want to know. The unions disassociate themselves from the dispute and even try to undermine the workers in struggle - as has happened in the Caterpillar occupation; On March 30 in the courts the judge ordered the workers to end the occupation; On March 31 the A.E.U. Engineering Union ordered their members to give up! Is that all we pay our union dues for nowadays - to pay the wages of a bunch of union bureaucrats who do nowt but tell us to let the bosses walk all over us! - and they wonder why the bleedin' union memberships are falling all the time!

**DON'T TRUST THE LEADERS.
LET'S ORGANISE OURSELVES.
FIGHTBACK!!!**



IT HAS NOW been six months since 21 women from Ardbride Products in Ardrossan were given the sack by their slave driver Stuart Ross.

The women who made lamp-shades were looking for a wage increase and better conditions at the factory, as they have to work with machines with no safety guards, high rates of silica dust and solvent fumes.

The TGWU (big joke!) whom the workers wanted recognised in the factory, have given lukewarm support. They won't even pay strike pay as they say the strikers are 6 weeks short with union payments, i.e. they had been in the union for 26 weeks and not 32 weeks!

Nonetheless solidarity from workers and others has been strong:

- Refuse collectors have stopped collecting Ross's rubbish.
- British Telecom engineers have refused to cross picket lines.
- Mail workers have refused to deliver company mail.
- Van drivers refuse to cross picket lines leaving Ross to deliver lamp-shades himself!

Picketing of Laura Ashley shops (Ardbride Products' biggest customers) have happened throughout Britain and the world! Shops in Bath, Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds, Manchester, London and Shrewsbury, plus Stuttgart, Bochum and Cologne (Germany), France, Holland and New York have all been, and continue to be, picketed and customers turned away.

The strikers at Ardbride Products need our support and solidarity - their union has failed to do so (as usual). Let Laura Ashley know how you feel about scabby lamp-shades! Messages of support/pickets info. from: Ardbride Strikers, c/o Anna Druggen, 28d Montgomerie St., Ardrossan KA22 8EQ, Scotland.



COP OUT

POLICE surrendered to rioting steelworkers yesterday when they ran out of rubber bullets in the northern Spanish town of Reinoso. They were led away with their hands up and had to be freed by back-up squads.

HEALTHWORKERS!

The NHS is collapsing around us. Wages are bad and so are conditions. Labour governments close as many hospitals as the Tories and both keep healthworkers pay down. NUPE and CoHSE don't oppose the exploitation but participate in it.

In June this year there will be a conference to start a rank-and-file organisation to fight for healthworkers interests.

If you are interested write to:-
Rank-and-File
Healthworkers,
Box 222,
c/o 53 West Ham Lane,
London, E15.

S. Africa

SHELL SHOCKED

THE Anti-Apartheid Movement began its latest campaign - against Shell - by releasing balloons over Britain's cities, covered with pious slogans and full of hot air. Fortunately more meaningful solidarity has been shown elsewhere.

Ford U.K.: Assembly lines at Dagenham were hit by a series of wildcat stoppages during 1986 when workers refused to handle parts made in S. Africa. In January 1987, a mass meeting decided to block supplies to the Ford export plant until trade with S. Africa was stopped.

In mid-February the company conceded. Workers threatened to spread the action if Ford supplied S. Africa from any other plant in Europe.

"SKIVERS"

Once, 'the golden age of leisure', was for just the rich. It now seems open to another dubious section of society, the great British Bobby! These Whimps are taking time off work in their thousands, for stress. STRESS? More like not bothering with the drop in pay for helping the general public, when they can earn a fortune in overtime on picket duty! The 'stress factor', has been used to explain away memory loss, heavy drinking, and officers turning to crime.

sounds like 'stress' must be a requirement for joining the police force!

The worst offenders are the 'god squad' mersy-side force, in 1985 losing a staggering 105 thousand working days! And why do they need leave when Anderton can pray for them I don't know.

RESTART=NO START! ★★★★★★ BY SKVD.



"FIDDLE"

THE STATE HAS ALWAYS USED LIES AND MANIPULATION TO PULL THE WOOL OVER OUR EYES, BUT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT ARE DOING IT SO BLATANTLY THAT THEY'RE EXPOSING IT ALL FOR THE SHIT THAT IT IS. IN RECENT MONTHS UNEMPLOYMENT IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN COMING DOWN, BUT WHAT HAS IN FACT BEEN HAPPENING IS THAT THE TORIES HAVE BEEN CHANGING THE WAY THE STATISTICS ARE WORKED OUT.

SINCE 1979 THEY'VE MADE 19 CHANGES TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT CALCULATIONS (ON TOP OF THE LABOUR GOVERNMENTS ALREADY FIDDLED FIGURES - E.G. MARRIED WOMEN WITHOUT JOBS HAVE NEVER BEEN REGARDED AS 'UNEMPLOYED' BY THE STATE). FOR INSTANCE, IN 1982 THE GOVT CHANGED IT SO THAT ONLY THOSE WHO GET BENEFIT GO ON THE LIST, INSTEAD OF ALL PEOPLE REGISTERED AS OUT OF WORK - THAT REDUCED THE FIGURES BY ABOUT 190,000. IN 1983 THEY EXCLUDED UNEMPLOYED MEN OVER 60, WHICH REDUCED THE TOTAL BY 162,000. WITH THESE 19 CHANGES, THE NUMBER OF

"OFFICIALLY" UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE HAS GONE DOWN BY NEARLY 450,000!

ANOTHER REASON THAT THE FIGURES HAVE GONE DOWN IS THAT THE BENEFIT REGULATIONS HAVE BECOME SO COMPLICATED, AND TIGHT THAT LOADS OF PEOPLE CAN'T GET MONEY ANY MORE, SO THEY'RE TAKEN OFF THE LIST - AND NOT IGNORING THE MASSIVE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT'VE BEEN FORCED ONTO SHIT TRAINING SCHEMES TO PROVIDE CHEAP LABOUR FOR THE BOSSES. NOW I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY'RE TRYING TO KID, BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT IS REALLY GOING DOWN?

WHEN YOU'RE ON THE DOLE ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT IS YOURSELF AND THE PEOPLE YOU MEET, BUT YOU YOU BLOODY WELL KNOW FOR SURE JUST LOOKING AROUND YOU THAT UNEMPLOYMENT ISN'T GOING DOWN - THE FIGURES HAVE BEEN MASSAGED TO MAKE UNEMPLOYMENT DROP FROM 14.4% TO 11.7% AS IF THEY THINK THAT 11% IS ACCEPTABLE! THE STATE HAS NEVER CARED ABOUT WORKING CLASS PEOPLE, THEY'VE ALWAYS FIDDLED FIGURES TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT EVERYTHING'S ALRIGHT, TRYING TO FOOL THE PUBLIC - BUT WHO

IS THIS PUBLIC, EXCEPT FOR THE CLASS THEY'VE BEEN SUBORDINATING FOR CENTURIES.

THE GOVT HAVE ALSO BEEN ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE CRIME STATISTICS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FIGURES TO MAKE OUT THINGS ARE BETTER THAN THEY ARE. [ITS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME, THE LAST LABOUR GOVERNMENT MUCKED ABOUT WITH FIGURES AND TRIED TO KEEP THINGS FROM US - LIKE WHEN THEY KEPT SECRET THE MIL MILLIONS SPENT ON UPDATING POLARIS MISSILES (AGAINST THEIR PARTY POLICY) - AND DONT FORGET LABOUR INVENTED THOSE SHIT YOUTH TRAINING SCHEMES.

FUCK THE STATE'S SOLUTIONS - THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS MESS IS TO DESTROY THEIR ANSWERS - DESTROY UNEMPLOYMENT, CRIME, THE ECONOMY - AND BUILD OUR OWN COMMUNITIES AND JOBS FREE FROM STATE INTERFERENCE, KEEPING INDUSTRY IN THE HANDS OF THE WORKERS. WE'VE GOTTA BE MORE SNEAKY AND CLEVER TO SCREW MORE MONEY OUT OF THE WELFARE SYSTEM IF THEY'RE TRYING TO SWINDLE US. WE MUST TAKE THE OFFENSIVE IN THE CLASS WAR - AND LET THEM TRY AND COVER THAT UP!

A LABOUR GOVERNMENT?



KINNOCK - NOT ONLY ADOPTING THATCHER'S POLICIES TO TRY AND GET ELECTED THIS TIME ROUND

against their 'socialist' govts 'austerity' (cuts) policies. We will have to do the same under Labour. If Labour get elected expect a few more houses, 10p on your dole and a few more YTS jobs. And also expect Thatchers policies dressed up in Labours grey suit and tie with a little red rose in the lapel.



"Can I put you down as a 'Get stuffed!'"

FIGHT BACK

On February 20, 22 year old Clinton McCurbin was killed by cops who were arresting him in a shop in Wolverhampton city centre. Within hours cops were forced to use riot gear to protect themselves from angry youths protesting against the killing. Thirteen cops were injured in the several hours of sporadic rioting that followed and many shops looted. There were running battles the following evening as well with cops being stoned and shops looted.

A demonstration took place in Wolverhampton on March 7 to protest against the killing. There were a few sporadic clashes and one cop was hospitalised. It seems that the only thing preventing a full scale riot was the near blizzard conditions. But this wasn't the end of the matter. On March 31 a patrol car was petrol bombed when polic answered a hoax 999 call in the Wednesfield area of the town (the area Clinton McCurbin came from).

Petrol bombs were also found in another areas of the town and there are reports of more being stock-piled since the death.

Local anger brought a crowd of 500 onto the streets for Clinton's funeral. In respect to his family there was no trouble but there will be more from Wolverhampton yet!

TAKE THE OFFENSIVE!

Last Christmas a group of anarchist-types in Holland printed up 16000 forged gift tokens (worth about £16 and £8) for a well known Dutch chain store. They gave them out to people on the dole all over Holland, so that they could have some extra Xmas pressies free of charge. Another group sneaked into EEC butter-mountain warehouses and stole 2 tons of butter, which they flogged off at a very cheap rate to people on the dole. The excess money was sent to 3rd world organisations suffering from the profiteering of the EEC.

There are the kind of things that ought to be happening more often in this country, like the mining villages in South Wales hijacking coal trains and giving the coal to the people with no money. We should use our imagination - take what you need where you find it! The Government and the cops are prepared to do anything to keep us in our place, there's no doubt that, and we must be ready to use any method to take what is rightly ours.

In the general election the Labour Party will be seen as the party both of and for the working class. People may argue whether it ever was for us but no way is it now.

Even out of government it is more right wing than the Callaghan government, ans whoever remembers that will have no illusions in Labour. Now Labour is trying to be more right wing and British than even the Tories. They defend the rich's law and order eg. condemning the Tottenham rioters, attacking gays and strikers and so on.

A Labour government would be little better if at all than the Tories. All of us who live in council housing in Labour boroughs or have worked in nationalised industry or the civil service/local govt, will know that Labour bosses are the same as Tory bosses.

Labour govts never have any real power anyway. That always stays in the hands of the rich and their cronies British or American. Right wing or ineffectual left wing? Some choice.

In Spain and Greece, now, workers are striking, marching and rioting

CLASS WAR

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

1. We want to destroy capitalism and it's class system and replace them with a free and equal society where people have complete control over their own lives.
 2. We believe that the most important division in this society is between the working class and the ruling class and it it's agents. We accept that it is sometimes difficult to see which side of this division people are, and to complicate thin things further, people may move from one side of it to another, depending on changes in their personal situation, or in society at large.
 3. We are opposed to all forms of the state including so-called 'communist' states.
 4. The struggle of the working class to seize control of the world from the ruling class and it's agents will involve the use of violence. We support working class violence against the ruling class and it's agents. We are opposed to elitist terrorist type actions because they are not an expression of ongoing class struggle.
 5. We do not believe the working class need needs leadership. We are totally hostile to the politicians, union bosses, and 'revolutionary parties' who attempt to be 'working class leaders'. We are not trying to lead anybody anywhere. The purpose of Class War is to increase the revolutionary aspects of working class resistance by participation and communication as equals.
 6. Dividing the working class by skin colour, sex or sexual preference etc. is one of the main ways that the ruling class keeps us fighting amongst ourselves instead of against them. In creating a free society we must fight and destroy these divisions which the ruling class fosters within the working class.
 7. The 'Class War Federation' is open to all groups and individuals who agree with these aims and principles. We accept that these groups and individuals may have disagreements on other things.
- The 'Class War Conference' which meets twice a year will decide the policy of the Federation. It will exclude any groups or individuals found to be acting against the 'Aims and Principles'.
- Racial discrimination or violence, sexual violence, and the degradation of, humiliation of, or discrimination against anyone on the grounds of their sex, sexuality or race, is incompatible with a struggle for a free society. Individuals or groups advocating or participating in such behaviour have no place in the 'Class War Federation'.
8. We accept that the 'Class War Fed.' is not the only valid way of opposing the system. Other ways of organising will be more appropriate to other people, it's with other working class organisations and individuals concrete.

Attention All School Kids!

Everyone knows that the education system sucks. We are forced to learn what those in power want us to learn. Facts and figures are forced down our throats when we are quite capable of learning what - and when - we want from other people.

But just because we're trapped in the hell of our parents' homes does'nt mean we can't fight back. Kids everywhere, irrespective of their age, sex or race are shrugging off their differences and joining together to make life hell for those high up in our schools.

Bunking off lessons, accidentally aiming footballs at teachers and windows, letting off fire alarms or even just defacing your school badge are just some of the things that school kids have done to disrupt the boring everyday life of school.

Let us know what you've been up to at school. Write to us - CW Kids - at the London address:- Class War Kids, P O Box 467, Clapton, LONDON.

ORANGE BILL

The Orange men in Northern Irel. who delight in parading their Fascist intentions through the streets, have just demonstrated against the "Police Bill". The arrogance of these bastards is hard to believe; Did anyone see Paisley or any of the others on the the C.A.A.P.R. (Campaign Against Police Repression) demo in Trafalgar Square after the bill was passed? Nol of course not. It seems that these bastards tink think of themselves as so pure that as the chosen sons of God, the "Police Bill" has been written especially for them.

Some consolation, I'm sure for anyone who gets nicked on the picket line, out hunt sabbing or on a demonstration march.

RICH AND POOR THE REAL DIVIDING LINE -

Whatever we're told in the media about the big 'North/South' divide, the reality is quite different. The REAL division isn't North/South or Black/White. It is RICH AND POOR and in many cases, what section of the town you' re lucky, or unlucky enough to be living in.

In the North it's quite common for every person to be unemployed; rotting away in matchbox-sized council homes, slogging away to make ends meet - to make life just that little bit more bearable for yourself and your family.

But not everybody has it so hard. In every town, in the secluded and tranquil parts you will find the rich - local landowners and bosses. Here they live in their luxury houses, their splendour and arrogance - and all built on the blood and sweat of OUR class. They couldn't give a toss about the poverty that surrounds them. There's no problem here with footing the 'lecky bill, nor having to live on a shoe string budget, because the so-called "chosen breed" consider themselves too good to graft. They're the finger pointers and order givers. They'll leave the shitlicking to us, their servants, their lackeys, destined to lick the boots of the rich and the bosses...until ...

....Stockton in the North East has everything that's just been described; the poverty, frustration and misery of 28% unemployment, the humiliation and hardship of living on the breadline and, to make matters worse, the knowledge that just around the corner live the 'landed gentry' with their flash cars and prosperity - everything you always longed for but have always been denied.

Well the people up there have had enough. Had enough of doing without. Had enough of watching their families condemned to a life of dole queues and deprivation - all because they were born into the "wrong" class; the servant class; the working class. They're getting off their hands and knees and saying "Bollocks to this..." and at the frontline are the youngsters.

The local disco on a Saturday night has been the site of confrontation between the toff kids, who can afford to get in, and the local working class kids who can't. The blue blooded brats have been getting beaten up outside, and when the cops - the protectors of property and privelege - show up, they've received like treatment.

The conclusion they arrived at was a simple one: why should they - and us, the working-class, have to constantly watch from the sidelines as public school tossers get it handed to 'em on a silver platter whilst sneering down at us with their toffee noses stuck up in the air, and expect us to say "God bless ya, Guvnor" and take it cap in hand.

Well just like the youth of Stockton, people everywhere are saying "to-hell with this" and are fighting back. You see, what we can all learn from this is that we have a class based society, and if we're ever gonna get a decent life for ourselves, we'll have to use it to our advantage - by uniting the working-class, rising above racial and sexual differences and attacking the ruling class in all it's forms. Only then will we have a fair and equal classless society.

FOOTBALL: WHOSE GAME IS IT ANYWAY?

The origins of the sport we call football are lost forever in the mists of history. But no one can deny that over the past 100 years or so it has become an intrinsic part of our tradition and culture.

Played all over the world, from Hong Kong to Honduras, Bolton to Buenos Aires, football brings millions of working class people together to sing, cheer and occasionally to fight - and by no means always each other!

However, in 1980s Britain our game is fighting for its life. It is threatened with mutilation or extinction. Clubs are being bought up, merged, shut down and going bust - and all in the name of money and profit.

The Rich are Ruining our Football!

In the old days, football clubs were not really concerned with making a profit. They were run, on the whole by local businessmen - often 'local boys made good' - who wanted to put some of their money back into their communities. Profit was not their motive. It was the love of the game and a respect for their roots.

But times have changed. Football is no longer a sport; it is a business. The Chairmen, Directors and Managers are more interested in what they can get out of a club in the way of a fast buck rather than worrying about the fans and the communities who have supported their teams through thick and thin.

The economic and political system under which we all live has produced an uncaring, dog-eat-dog world which can no longer afford 'charitable luxuries' such as decent housing, free health care - or unprofitable football clubs.

Terrace Wars

As a result, a new war has erupted on the terraces of Britain's football clubs - a class war in which our right to determine how we spend our leisure time is at stake! In London, the major battlefields in this war have so far been Fulham, Queens Park Rangers, Wimbledon and Crystal Palace.



"On the other hand, the Leeds troublemakers don't build blocks of luxury flats in the middle of the pitch."

Fulham and QPR have both been bought up by property developer David Bulstrode of Marler Estates. Immediately after securing the deal over QPR in February, Bulstrode announced that he was merging the 2 clubs and building luxury flats on Fulham's Craven Cottage ground.

Meanwhile, Wimbledon - who have shot to fame from the Fourth Division over the past 5 years - are suddenly to be moved miles away from their loyal fans at Plough Lane to a merger with Crystal Palace. Palace are already ground-sharing with Charlton Athletic who were moved out of their Valley ground sometime ago.

It seems that there are virtually no London football clubs that are safe. Even the 'giants' such as Arsenal and Tottenham have grounds whose potential property values are higher than the club's value as a 'business'; thus the interest of property speculators like Bulstrode, and Walsall's Terry Ramsden, who is a major shareholder in Marler Estates.



THE WRITINGS ON THE WALL.....
the full message at Fulham reads
"asset strippers are bastards".



Marler also own the freehold to Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground. They have already announced plans to redevelop the site in 2 years time unless someone comes up with the £20M to £40M they are likely to ask to sell the freehold.

Outside the Capital the picture is equally as bleak. Clubs all over the country are facing financial collapse and possible closure; Halifax Town is the one that has been most in the news recently, and then there are Southend, Blackpool, Brighton, Wolves and countless others.

Fighting Back

However, the football fans are not just sitting back and watching all this happen.

The fightback in London started in a big way on Saturday 28 February;

• Fulham's game against Walsall was livened up by a 27 minute pitch invasion by 1500 fans. Overnight both crossbars were broken and the club's brickwork was covered in anti-Bulstrode graffiti.

• At QPR 400 supporters delayed the start of the match against Man City by 20 minutes.

• Wimbledon fans remained in their ground for almost an hour after the final whistle changing "we hate Hamman" (Wimbledon's Chairman) and waving banners. The previous week

they staged a sit down protest in the car park.

• It took mounted police over 40 minutes to clear demonstrating Crystal Palace fans from the Selhurst Park ground. Ron Noades the Palace Chairman came in for some verbal abuse and a glass door was bricked.

Attack

Since then there have been a number of other encouraging incidents including more pitch invasions where opposing fans have joined in solidarity, and on 14 March QPR's outgoing Chairman Jim Gregory was attacked in the Director's box at Loftus Road by an angry anti-merger fan. The last incident follows a number of anonymous death threats to David Bulstrode at his luxury home in Jersey.

The anger of the fans has certainly got the football establishment worried. Following the 28 February demos the Football Association immediately put a stop to the Fulham/QPR merger and the announcement that Palace's amalgamation plans with the 'Dons' had been dropped brought London supporters their second victory in a week.

Concern over just how far supporters are willing to go to save their game has forced politicians and local councillors to join the bandwagon in an attempt to put a brake on their anger.

And the thought of 15000 rampaging Chelsea fans cannot have been far from Ken Bates mind when he was thinking up his somewhat unrealistic plans to keep Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Rebellions

The victories in London seem to have sparked off a wave of rebellion amongst football fans all over the country. It seems that a week doesn't go by without at least one football demo, with Chairmen, Directors or Managers having to be escorted out of their grounds by the police.

• On 7 April during the match against Wimbledon, Southampton's Manager Chris Nicholl had to endure a banner-waving protest at half-time by supporters calling for the reinstatement of sacked defender Mark Dennis and his own dismissal. Dennis was given the boot by Nicholl after he criticised him in a newspaper article. He has since been reinstated.

• Man City fans turned on Chairman Peter Swales following a 4-2 defeat on 12 April. A 1000 strong lynch mob poured off the terraces to stage an ambush complete with banners declaring "Swales must go". The following weekend he was forced to leave the Maine Road ground under police escort.

• On Saturday 11 April, in the most exciting incident yet, Sunderland Manager Lawrie McMenemy had his £30000 Mercedes vandalised by angry fans. They scratched paintwork, tore off wipers and covered the vehicle in spit. McMenemy, shocked by the sheer venom and hatred of the crowd, resigned from his £125000 job less than a week later.

However, militant football supporters should not get carried away by their apparent successes.

Whilst pitch invasion and other forms of 'direct action' against the organisations and individuals who are threatening to kill our game are a step in the right direction - and a darn sight more use than pathetic petitions and letters to MPs - at the end of the day we must turn our attention to the system that causes it all.

The football clubs we have mentioned may all, miraculously, be saved. But we doubt it. Even if Jimmy Hill secures ownership of Fulham there is no guarantee that they will be at Craven Cottage in 2 years time. After all, wasn't he on Charlton's board of Directors when they left the Valley? And is Ken Bates really serious when he expects 15000 Chelsea fans to donate £1000 each so he can buy their ground back from Bulstrode? And what of Halifax Town?

Take Control

All of the actions of the fans that we've described show a desire to take control of their clubs - to reclaim our game from the rich. But we must remember that while the system as a whole is based on money and profit rather than the needs and desires of ordinary people and their communities, what we do in our leisure time will always be controlled by those with the money and power.

So next time someone starts talking about politics and you think "politics doesn't affect me", think again.



QPR's Jim Gregory in an "after-sellout" drink with David Bulstrode

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
★ The CLASS WAR
★ BUST FUND
★ is still running for anyone
★ nicked on C.W. actions. DONATIONS
★ WILL BE VERY GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.
★ Send to "B.F." care of the
★ LONDON address.