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CAR WARS

A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION
TO THE CLASS STRUGGLE

OUR SAY

We've read a lot of lies in the local papers (what's new) about CLASS WAR over the last few weeks. This letter was written to various newspapers, T.V. and Radio stations in Bristol to get the facts straight.

9th August, 1986.

This is a Press Release to clear up some of the myths about Class War which have been perpetrated in the local media.

We are not a group of students or punks, nor are we "underground", a "sect" or "cult", but part of a growing public movement of men and women. We do not support terrorism, neither are we "Terrorists". The Bristol Journal and various other papers misquoted the Bristol Broadsheet (what a surprise!) - we oppose patriotism with discussion and ideas, we obviously do not want to kill any working class person who watched the royal wedding! What we will oppose violently is organised racism and fascism such as the National Front, British National Party, etc. We have been readmitted to Anti-Fascist Action by a unanimous decision, no evidence was offered against us.

To police Chief Inspector Mike Jenkinson we say, 'up yours', you are a boss, the Broadsheet referred to the lackey coppers under your powerful control. As for Conservative Councillor for Clifton, Mr. Kerridge, it is the rich scum like you that are "disgusting" and "unspeakable" to the majority of Bristol people.

Our only contact with Full Marks Bookshop is the above mailing address, nothing more.

Bristol Class War.
(affiliated to CWF and AFA)

As a result of this letter, CLASS WAR did an interview with G.W.R. (radio boring) but even this was cut up and distorted by the media scum. We don't mind, the publicity was much appreciated! The lesson to be learnt from all this is "Whenever they broadcast, however often the paper comes out, it's always the same old shit." Anyway, the class war is much better live!

A SICK SOCIETY

Well over 1 in 3 women get raped in Britain. Obviously most people feel absolute disgust at this, but most of us still believe that rape is some 'isolated act' committed by 'monsters in dark alleys'. This is the lie regularly told to us by our press. The vast majority of rapes are committed by 'friends', relatives and husbands. Rape is the natural and obvious outcome of a sick, sexist society which sees women the property of men; and men and women the property of the capitalists. From 'fiesta' and the adverts on TV, to 'womens own' and Barbara Cartland novels, women are portrayed as dumb, submissive and eager for mans attention. On TV the scene where a woman is fighting to get out of the grips of a man, then suddenly gives in and kisses him, is in all 'good family films'. Here in Bristol we are treated to sickening anti-women spectacles all the time. From the traditional, big business backed 'keep em in the kitchen' 'Womens world' exhibitions, to the equally nauseous wet T-shirt/stockings and suspenders competitions down at Papillon's, for the younger, 'liberated' guys and gals; which is just the same reactionary shit glossed over. What this vile brainwashing produces is the idea that women enjoy being dominated/assaulted/raped and/or the attitude of "what the fuck, there only cunts anyway". A good example of the sort of diseased mind this conditioning produces occurred a few years back when a judge said that a woman who'd been brutally raped was 'asking for it' 'cos she'd been hitch-hiking on her own. The blatant hypocrisy of those who exploit our ignorances and fears of each other—for their own ends—can be found in the pages of such shit rags as

the SUN, where side by side you can have a picture of a model putting on a submissive pose with a 'shock, horror' story of a rape next to it. One of the most despicable things the press do is to refer to assaults as 'fondlings', 'touching up' and ultimately to rape as a 'sexual act', thus further reinforcing the idea that the woman wanted the man to do it and was enjoying it. Another trick played by the press is to describe those opposed to women being seen as objects for men as 'anti-sex' or 'prudes'. When we criticise sexism we do so from a pro-sex point of view not a puritanical, reactionary Mary whitehouse stance. What upsets her is people fucking not sexism. We see sex as anything two (or more) people wish to do for mutual enjoyment. It has nothing to do with wolf-whistles, leering, assaults, domination, rape etc, these are blatant acts of VIOLENCE against women and the scum who commit them should get violence back. We want a world where women can live and work with men without the daily fear of hassle, abuse and violence directed at them; where women are treated with respect, not patronising "can I open the door for you 'bollox, but the same respect that men show to other men. Sexual equality, like racial equality is something we in class war will fight to the death to achieve, but it will not be achieved by joining the sexist, racist and anti-gay Labour party or by the stuck-up, middle class arseholes in 'wages for housework' or by any other bunch of parasitic middle class feminist groups, but by the working class fighting for a social revolution; and by practising those ideas in our daily lives here and now.

MOP LAW

St. Pauls Tuesday 29th July,
An eye witness account.

About 4.00pm 2 cops stop a car along Grosvenor Rd, St Pauls Bristol. They hassle the driver for failure to display a tax disc. The driver begins to resist being arrested and about 30 people come out of neighbouring houses. Two more cop cars arrive (6 cops in all) and begin to wrestle with the driver. The small crowd begins to shout abuse, spit at the cops and kick the cars. 2 more panda cars arrive and the crowd grows to 100 people. The crowd attacks the cop cars in earnest whilst the cops force the driver into another car (4 to hold him down). They try to drive off with him, but a kid defiantly stands in front of the car and kicks its lights in. The car eventually escapes. The crowd then attacks the remaining coppers (6 in all, the crowd now 150). They retreat down the road. The chief police office gets punched in the face and as a young cop picks up his hat an old woman whacks him over the head with a mop. Bottles and Bricks begin to fly and the cops begin to run, the crowd pursuing cheering and jeering. Transit van reinforcements are called in but they don't dare go down the 'front line'. Instead they wait in a nearby square. 6 cops injured, 2 bitten and 4 hit by bricks and bottles and mops!

The day after....

Bricks thrown at police car

A group of up to ten youths threw bricks and bottles at an unmarked police car in Grosvenor Road, St Pauls, Bristol. The car was dented but the detective driver was not hurt in the incident yesterday afternoon.

WHEN I GET OLDER...

Ivy's protest

Former home help 70-year-old Ivy Kirk, of Carlton, Notts, has staged her won protest at the 40p rise for pensioners by sending the money back to Mrs Thatcher

So, Britains working class pensioners have finally been given their rise from Thatcher—40 Measley, bloody pence! What a sickening insult. You spend 40 odd years—if your lucky enough to get work—in some stinking factory or going round the twist with boredom in some dingy kitchen, slaving your guts out for some fat arse boss, who earns more in one week than you'll see this year; and so after you've served your purpose as a work-unit and consumer slave for the ruling class, how are you rewarded by capitalism? Your taken out of your own home and community, thrown into some cheaply built, rotting OAP home, where you don't know anybody and eventually either die of boredom, get drugged up to the eyeballs by whiss kid doctors straight out of college, or die of hunger or hypothermia 'cos you can't afford to have hot meals AND heating. The money our pensioners get from the ruling class is a disgusting pittance when compared to the amount of wealth we make for them in their shops, offices and factories etc. From our blood, sweat and tears we make them millions and they give us 40p back.

Youth drove car at police officer

By John Beaven

POLICEMAN Kirit Hordhandas had to leap out of the way when a speeding Mini car was driven at him, Bath magistrates have been told.

MOB STONE POLICE IN CAR CHASE

By Judith Pike

POLICE vehicles were stoned as officers tried to arrest three burglary suspects after a car chase in Bristol.

About 200 youths watched the incident in Southmead last night.

The crowd of onlookers hampered the police and began throwing stones, timber and coins at vehicles. This caused damage to two car roofs, and wrecked the steering and off-side wheels of another car which had to take evasive action.

Eight in court for luxury car dodgem race

By Philip Bowers

SEVEN young men and a woman accused of wrecking five luxury cars in a dodge'em style race on Westbury White Horse hill appeared at a special court in Trowbridge yesterday.

All eight, including a 16-year-old juvenile, were accused of being involved together in causing damage totalling £19,050 to the top-of-the-range cars.

The vehicles, a Rover, Volvo, BMW, Opel and MGB sports car, were all taken from Shails Lane garage in Trowbridge.



WORKING CLASS MAGISTRATES?

Another bit of news, was that of trying to increase the number of working class J.P.s. The idea is to divide the working class, so that one section of it is judging the other. Anyone who takes up this scabby job is a class traitor and class traitors are the scum of the earth and ALWAYS PAY THE PRICE — just ask P.C. Blakelock.

THAT EVIL RECORD.

But on July 23, after watching the Royal Wedding on TV with other patients he was seen by nurse Christine Rees to leave the ward on nine and walk towards the lift area.

Shortly afterwards Mr Oakes, looking out of a window, saw a body fall past.

Before you're driven to despair, CLASS WAR's "Better Dead than Wed" record is still available at "Revolver Records" off Queens Rd, "sidetrax" on Park St. and probably many others we don't know about!



...NO START!

"RESTART" is the governments latest attack on the unemployed. Those who have not managed to get a position as wage slaves to the rich, will be forced to do so by the D.H.S.S. This boot on the backs of the jobless began in JULY and the state wants to interview 1.4 million claimants before March 1987.

The RESTART scheme is a direct example of the state forcing us to work for pathetic wages whilst the rich make more profits out of our low paid labour. It's bad enough trying to live on benefits anyway let alone with them trying to cut it for good. They give us a choice (if thats what you can call it), get a crap job or starve.

If the state is to be as ruthless as this we must be just as ruthless back. If you or anyone you know has been unemployed for more than a year then it is likely your names are on the list to be interrogated. At the interview you will be asked several questions, such as, your attitude to unemployment, what you are doing to get a job and what prevents you getting one. They may even ask you about your freetime illustrating the governments increasing wish to interfere with peoples personal lives and control their lesiure time. It's no good just refusing to attend the interview cos if you refuse twice your benefit will be stopped. The best suggestion is to be well prepared. If asked to an interview, apply for a few jobs, anything will do, and keep hold of the rejection slips for evidence. At the interview take a friend. DON'T be bullied into taking a low paid scheme, JOB CLUB or RESTART course (these are the worst that you'll be offered) and don't let them get the idea that you aren't looking for work.

Claimants are organising round the country into groups to resist RESTART, to back each other and to harrass the DHSS. The most important thing being done is to try to link these struggles to other working class people in the workplace or at home. If you want to know more about resisting RESTART or protecting yourself from State interrogation send off for a leaflet to... "CLAIMANTS ACTION GROUP EDINBURGH", c/o 12a Picardy Place, EDINBURGH. Tel 031 557 0718.



The High Cost of Living

One of the really strange things about Capitalism is how prices can change so quickly and so much. The cost of housing in Bristol is a good example of this; its dear and getting dearer. The same thing is happening in London but in a much more extreme fashion and this oddly enough is one of the main reasons that prices are going up here in Bristol.

When I came to Bristol in 1977 you could buy a house in Bedminster for about 5 or 7 grand, or rent a bedsit for about £7 a week. Now in 1986 you will be lucky if you can buy a house in "Bemmy" for less than 19 grand or rent a bedsit for less than £25 a week. The prices have gone up by 3 or 4 times in less than 10 years and of course wages have 'nt.

Two things have happened at the London end of the M4 to affect housing prices here in Bristol. First is the relocation of large firms like insurance companies to this city bringing with them employees that have large amounts of cash from the proceeds of selling their houses in London. Second is the decision by large amounts of middle class people in London and elsewhere to get out of the 'Heart of Babylon' and come to Bristol where they are convinced they are going to have a better life, and if that means stuffing your face in posh restraurants up Whiteladies Road then maybe it is better if of course you've got the money.

The people moving out of London are bringing lots of money with them. To get an idea of whats going on there look at what has happened to Mrs. Thatchers new house, it has increased in value by £100,000 in just one year. And Doctor Owen, leader of the SDP owns a house in Londons East End that he bought for £17,000 and is now worth £750,000. Not a bad profit for just sitting on his arse. * this is no mistake!

CLASS WAR

PUBLIC MEETING

At the 'Royal George' Pub
Filton Road, Horfield on
Thursday, September 11th,
at 7.30pm.

The net result of all this is that housing costs are going through the roof in Bristol due to this increased demand from wealthy middle class people. It is not unusual to see houses in Redland or Cotham going for £80,000 or £100,000. While in places like Sneyd park or Westbury prices are mostly above £100,000. The middle classes are falling over each other in their rush to buy up the "nice parts of Bristol", like Clifton and St. Andrews. Recently a flat that was 10 feet square was advertised for sale in Clifton with a price of £13,000. It turns out that it used to

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SUPPORT THE STRIKING PRINTWORKERS!

Purnells Strikers, Paulton, Bath, Avon.

Workers at the Purnells Printing plant have been on strike for 18 weeks now. They were originally sacked after complying with an NGA directive to black a product at the plant which missed out part of the printing process. By taking this action they broke their contracts and were sacked by Robert Maxwell who owns the plant.

Once the 180 were sacked, Maxwell closed down the plant and moved the work to other plants he owns. The plant had already been reduced from 2000 to 500 in two years. The only way to win the dispute is to attack the other parts of the Maxwell empire that are being used to carry out the Purnells work, these are...

Carlisle Web Offset, Carlisle.

Petties, Leeds.

Cromer Works, Nottingham.

Sun/Odhams, Watford.

The strikers expressed idea that Maxwell was playing each group of workers off against each other. Once the purnells dispute was over and he had achieved the demanning he would move work from other plants to the purnells and thus reduce the workforce at the others. Workers at the other plants are NGA Union members but are not being informed by the Union of the Scab work they are doing or the fact that they could be next.

In the 18 weeks of the strike Tony Dubbins (NGA president) has only been down for an hour and a half. The strikers now feel like they have been tricked into losing their jobs and wish that they had listened to their own kind rather than Union bureaucrats who urged the pretty pointless blacking in the first place.

The products the Purnells workers printed were.... Readers Digest, Womans Realm, Woman, Radio Times, Thomsons Catalogues etc.

Bristol Class War would like to offer its deepest regrets to the Avon & Somerset Police for their Whiteladies Rd. seige, balls up. Lets hope they shoot themselves with their own plastic bullets when the season starts.

be a toilet before it was done up, I always knew the middle class had good taste.

Bristol is work and pleasure centre for the middle class while unemployment and housing conditions deteriorate for the rest of us. The city is sharply split along class lines and sooner or later it is going to explode.

With all this talk of middle class immigrants in Bristol spare a thought for the poor sods who go to work in London every day from Bristol and even Wales to do crappy jobs. If you dont believe this go down the Bus station early in the morning and see for yourself. Just goes to show capitalism makes no sense at all and that we could do better.

