

# HULL CLASS WAR

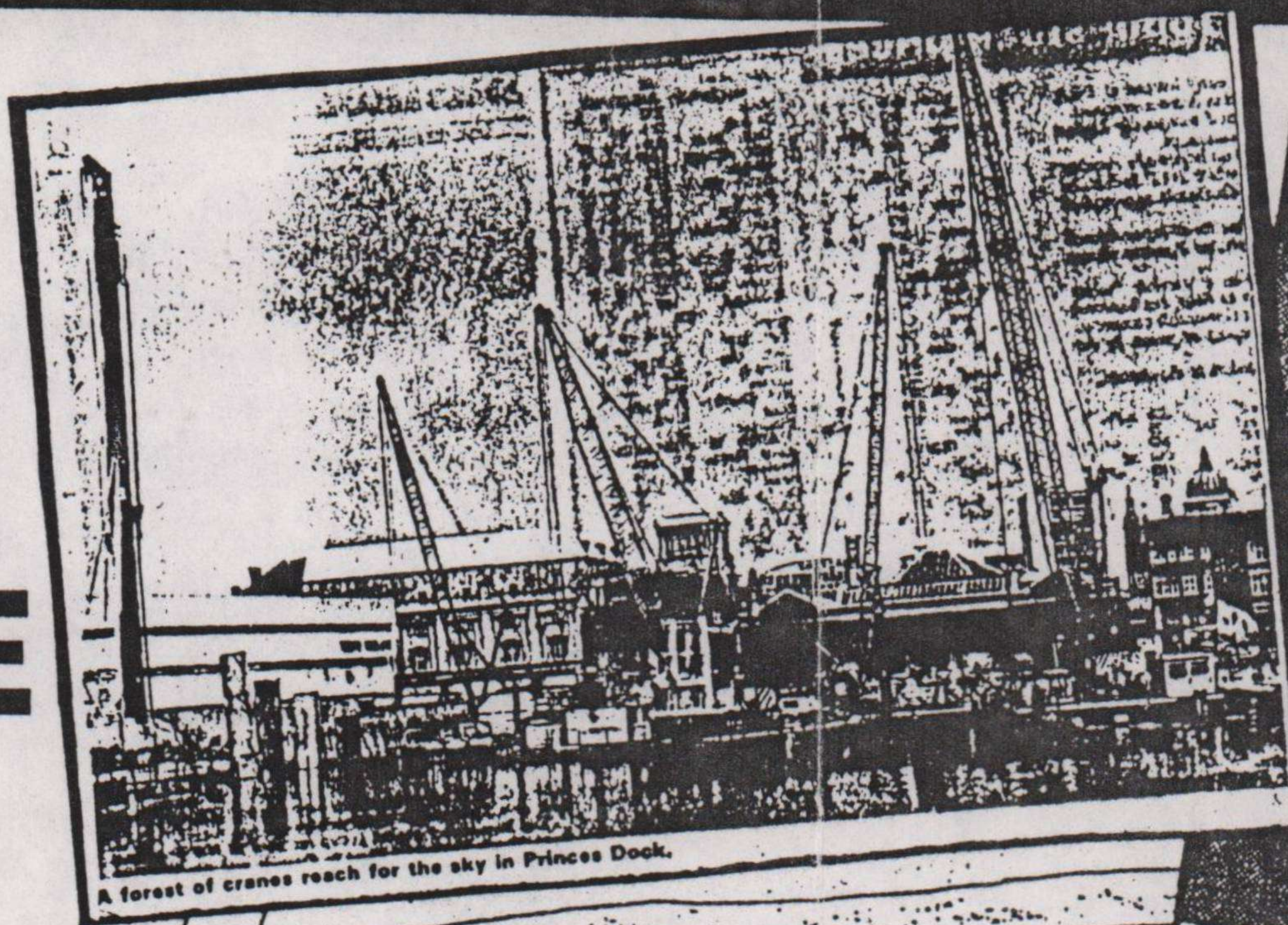
## HULL GOES YUPPIE MAD!

Is Hull going yuppie mad? The answer doesn't lie in the amount of money being spent on the development of the dockland and refurbishment of the city centre but on what has happened in other cities that have already undergone such developments and the sort of people allowed to move into them. It's then that it becomes clear that these developments are not for our benefit but for the young upwardly mobile pratts.

If anyone suggested a year ago that Hull would be invaded by yuppies we'd of probably laughed and thought nothing else of it. But since then we've seen a massive escalation in the amount of construction work going on in and around the city centre. £60m is being spent on a new shopping complex at the Princess dock—consisting of 69 shops, as if we haven't enough already. Victoria dock is the site for the £65m housing scheme or "riverside village"—consisting of 1,300 homes priced between £18,000 and £50,000. £100m+ is being spent on transforming St. Andrews dock into the "Fishermans Wharf". This project includes an eight-screen cinema, restaurants, winebars, a leisure & water park and an office complex. The only thing the planners have overlooked is a cemetery.

This playground is in no way meant for us. All properties are subject to status, from the £18,000 one bedroom flats upwards. We know of several people that hoped to purchase a home this new village—all were turned away. One couple, wanting a bungalow for when they retire, were turned away by the developers, Bellway. Whilst enquiring at Bellway's office they saw "an estate agent from down South bought a block of 20 bungalows and he paid cash for them there and then.

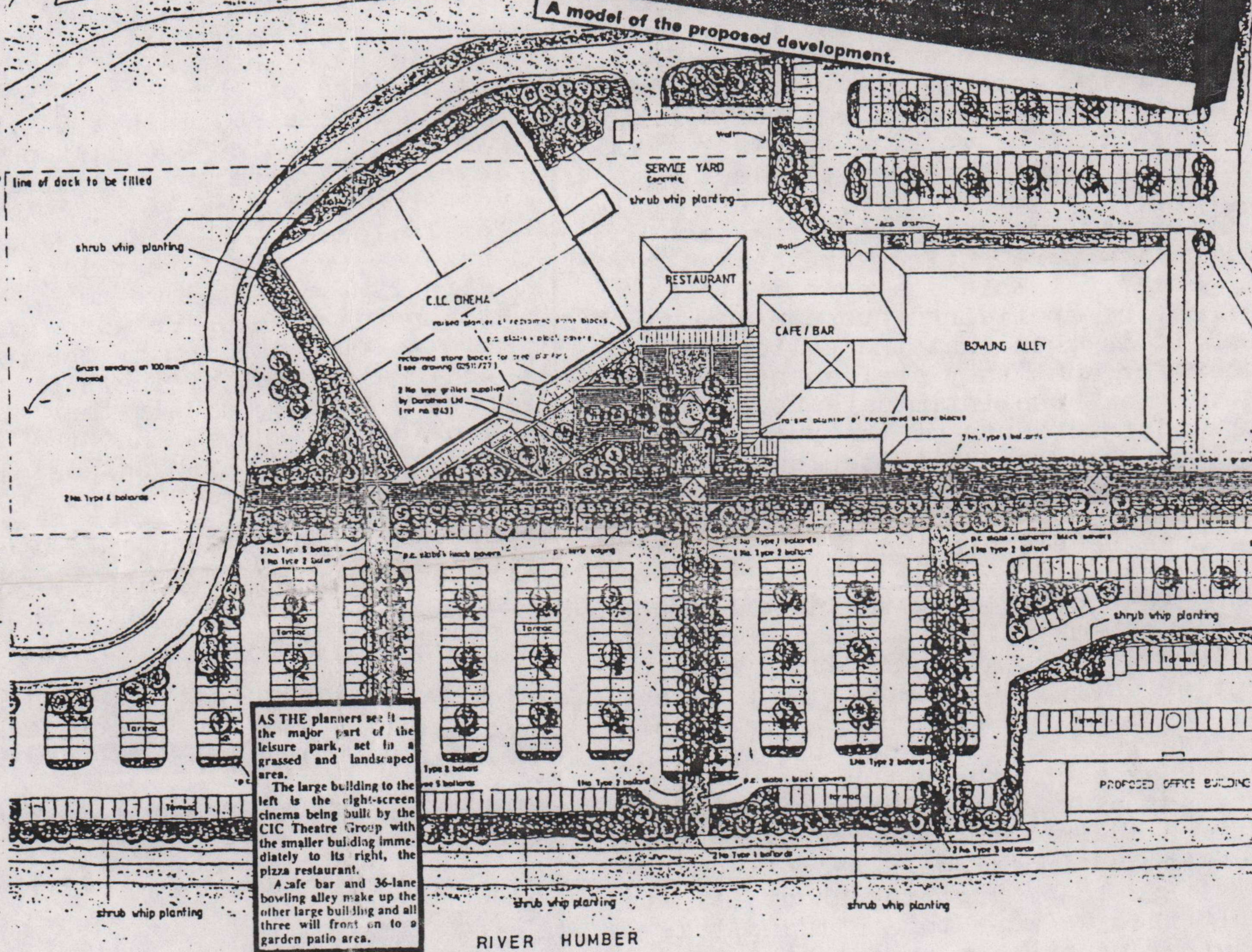
Hull city council have been very careful in its plans to gentrify the inner city. It's learnt lessons from the mistakes made by other councils that have already undergone such schemes and in doing so met stiff opposition from locals. The millions being spent on the city centre is supposedly being done to encourage tourism—bullshit! Tourists come to our city to learn of and to see our



A forest of cranes reach for the sky in Princess Dock.



A model of the proposed development.



history, not a load of glass and plastic shopping arcades—they can see them back at home. The tarting up of the city centre is being done to attract yuppies and the like into our area. We've seen the completion of flats, close to the marina, that are available to us through the various housing associations. This has been done so as to make us feel we're not being left out and to keep us quiet—a direct lesson from other cities.

Meanwhile on our side of the fence we're left holding the shitty end of the stick, as usual. A meagre £3m is to be spent in a vain attempt to improve one of Hull's most run down estate. Homelessness has risen by 100% since 1987 to 112,000, that's not including the people not registered or the many people that live in squalid overcrowded housing. The council, whom we vote for and pay for, are more interested in attracting yuppies than our welfare—£60,000 spent on new bus shelters for the city centre, they've really got their priorities right. We are already feeling the effects of the yuppies descending on Northern cities—as the South have already experienced our house prices and living costs are beginning to rise, making it virtually impossible for the first time buyer to get a home which only serves to aggravate the housing crisis. It really is sickening to think that we work ourselves into an early grave building the homes and making the wealth for the rich. And at the end of the day all we're left with is second rate housing, second rate pensions and a second rate health service.

So what can we do? We can firstly make this village look like our own estates with plenty of graffiti, litter and vandalism—the odd smashed Mercedes, BMW or window wouldn't go amiss either. Whilst this only serves to irritate the rich scum of the village it does show however that we don't want these people in our area and that we're no longer prepared to sit back on our arses and be walked all over. This doesn't make the problem go away. To do that we must work together and change the current system. As long as capitalism exists, the cause of the problems and injustices experienced by us all, then we'll never be able to build a better life for ourselves and our children.



# ROUGH JUSTICE

Mr D. Thornton of Waveney Rd., Longhill Estate suffered two broken ribs, a punctured lung and a broken nose when he confronted four youths hurling snowballs at his home. He managed to get back to his house and came out again holding a spanner whereupon the youths fled. He was later charged and prosecuted for carrying an offensive weapon! What great justice we have when a man gets fined £50 and bound over to keep the peace for six months whilst trying to defend himself.

If we're attacked why the hell shouldn't we be allowed to defend ourselves. Of course we would be able to if the ruling classes allowed us to do so, but they won't because they live in the fear of the consequences. Once we're able to protect ourselves then we'd soon realise that by working together within our own neighbourhoods would act as a far greater deterrent to the criminal. This would logically develop into a situation where entire estates would work together. At this stage we would in effect be "policing" our own communities and it is then that the police will be seen for what they are, agents of the government who intimidate us into obedient servants of the ruling class making sure we don't step out of line and threaten their privileged life styles.

Some people are led into the belief that they are helping "police" their own areas by joining the neighbourhood watch scheme-which is false. Under this scheme we work as individuals peeping out of our windows, suspicious of any stranger that may happen to be passing by. Another ploy to keep the working class at each others throats.

Most of us know people that commit crimes against the working class but working as individuals we're in no position to do anything about it. Its only when we work together and take control of our own area that we can do anything about these people. If all the people in a street were to turn up on their doorstep then they'd soon get the message and if they didn't then it wouldn't take much effort to not only eject them from our area but to make sure they don't come back. This type of action shouldn't be confused with vigilante squads, as these become as oppressive as the police.

Its only right that we should take control of our own areas. After all its us that live in them, day in & day out. In regaining control we not only make our areas no-go zones for the police, muggers and rapists but also to the bailiffs, landlords and debt collectors-these people rob us every day of our lives, the only difference being is that they have the "law" behind them.

As Mr Thornton, and many others like him, found to his cost there is no justice or law & order for the working class. Its only function is to protect the ruling class from us taking back what is rightfully ours and the police are here, for now, to make sure we don't.

## TUFFIN THE MULE SELLS OUT....

Because of the high turn over rate in labour & the difficulty in attracting new recruits in the South East, the Post Office decided to give new recruits from £7-50 to £20. per week extra in this area. Meanwhile the rest of the workforce were ignored. If the P.O. were to make losses it's hard to imagine that only the workers in the South East would lose jobs or suffer wage cuts.

One national ballot later, Tuffin and his arse lickers decided to hold a 24 hour strike. After this the Hull workers along with Manchester, Liverpool & Doncaster stayed out. In Hull the management wouldn't allow workers to make two deliveries and threatened them with suspension if they didn't return to work. This stopped them from mailing all the important mail and it also stopped them from making up some of the money they'd lost when they were forced by the management to take industrial action. Several days later the majority of postal workers were out on strike again. As each day passed the business community increased the pressure on the P.O. to find a settlement. With the postal workers in such an increasingly strong position you'd of thought it only a matter of time before they won. Due to Tuffin this never came about. Tuffin and his colleagues realised that their plush lifestyles, paid for from the subs of the workers, were under threat as the union funds began to shrink. It's then that he made the deal with the management.

At the end of the dispute nothing had been resolved. The extra payments remained intact until both sides come up with a new system, pathetic! Local disputes were to be settled on a local level. This totally undermined the position of the Hull postal workers, no way could they have won the dispute on a local level alone.

However two positive things did emerge from the strike.

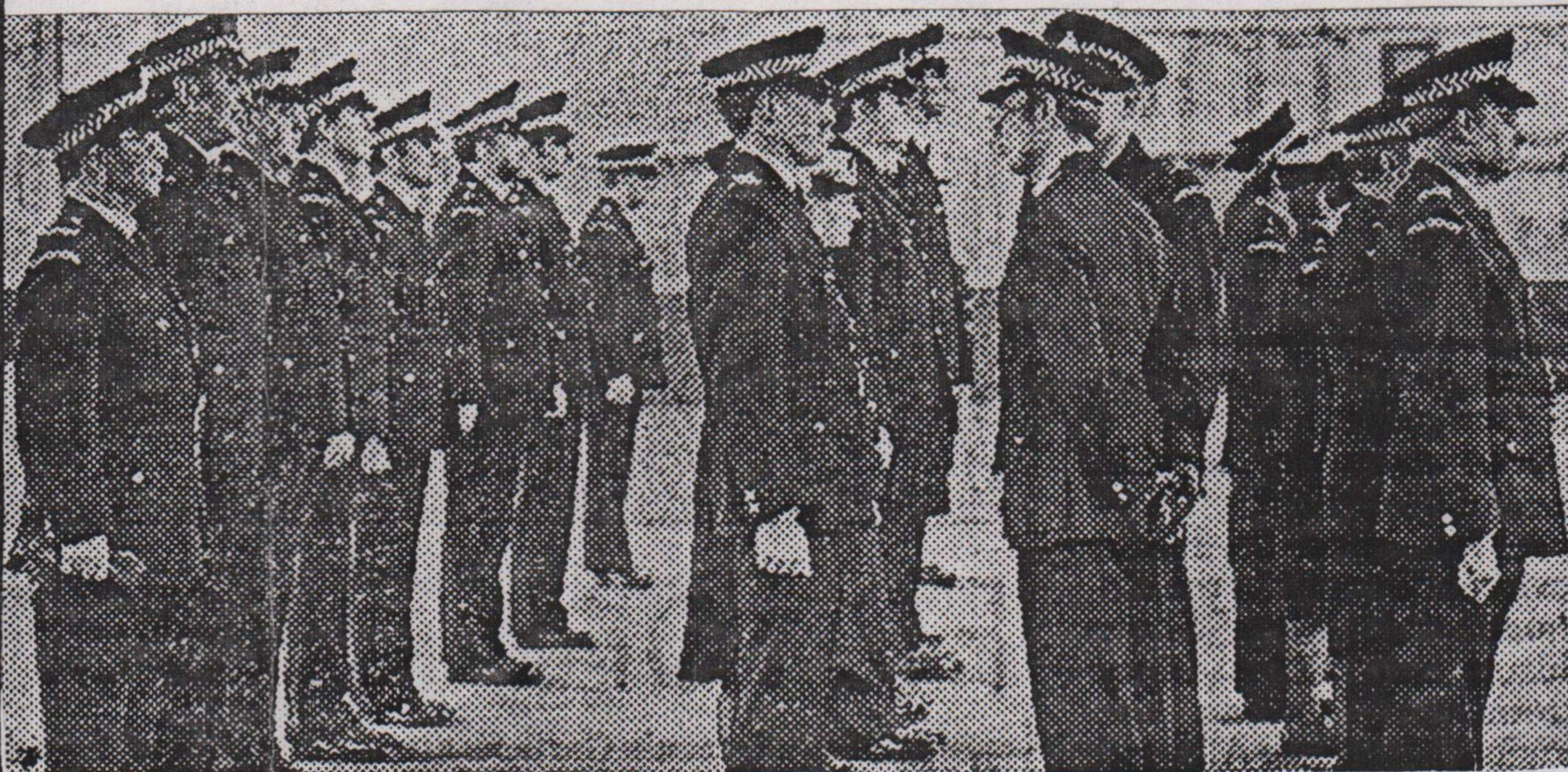
Firstly the postal workers showed they don't need no bureaucratic union to decide when they should go on strike. When they were getting shit on by the management they decided to strike. The local branch officials of the UCW reluctantly supported this, knowing if they didn't they'd be out of a cushy job.

Secondly it showed that the working class are not divided, the support by non-striking postal workers was almost 100% solid. Because of their stand and attitude of the management they were also forced into going on strike.

It really is a pity that the solidarity & strength shown by the postal workers couldn't of been put to better use in telling Tuffin & Co. to piss off and to organise their own strike to bring the management to it's knees.

Tough shit Martin Shepherd, fined £100 for carrying a cosh under his cap whilst attempting to cross the picket line at Hull's Central Post Office. You should of got life scab.

## PIGS IN TRAINING FOR NEW FAIRGROUND STALL.



A new shooting range is due to make its debut at the annual Hull fair, in October. Out will go the old air-pistols and the cardboard targets. In will come new automatic rifles and real life targets-the police.

However, it's been revealed that Humberside county council have intervened and banned the stall. They fear that the entire Humberside & Yorkshire constabulary would be wiped out in the space of a couple of days as the working class strike back at the repressive protectors of the ruling classes.

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