

# NORTHERN NEWS



PUT THE POLITICIANS IN THE PISS POT,  
THE GENTRY IN THE GENTS, AND THE RULLING  
CLASS AT THE RECEIVING END OF OUR ARSE!

## DROWNING

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## SORROWS!

It takes a warped and disgusting mind to put the essential ingredient of all life on the planet (water) into the hands of a few shareholders. But that's what this government wants to do, as it plans to privatise the water and sewerage industry.

Can you imagine it? Cutting corners on hygiene, and charging us by the gallon for water just so a few people can line their pockets! Meanwhile, untouched by this bill, England's biggest health hazard - THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT (it's full of shits) will carry on polluting our lives, unaffected.

But worse still, this bill goes on to open doors for those other well known Ploppies, the Yuppies.

## BEAUTY

The Water Authority owns the land of many beautiful areas in the North. With this Bill being passed then nothing would stop armies of property speculators heading for the countryside of the North. Areas of outstanding natural beauty will become Yuppie watersport playgrounds lined by exclusive posh hotels. The Dales, N.York Moors, Lake District, Pennines and Peak District will see undesirable developments being built for undesirable people.

## TOO MUCH

Having to cough-up extra money, or mess about 'fixing' yet another meter where you live is one thing. But the thought that a wet-suited water-skiing Yuppie may well have pissed into the reservoir or lake that supplies your water is too much to bear. Anyway we're talking about water for fucks sake, you know, the stuff that falls out of the sky. What right has anyone to make money out of it, especially when it will be at our expense. What's next for privatisation we ask, the air we breathe? Perhaps the government have plans to charge us by the hour for sunshine when it's a clear day.

Well if we don't want to end up knee deep in this government's shit then we've got to act. It would be no bad thing to invest in the water industry ourselves by buying a water cannon, and showing this government what we mean by Tory wets!

WE SAY "LET 'EM EAT SHIT"



CHICKEN SHIT

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# NEWS

IN BRIEF

## QUALITY STREET GANG

Senior detectives recently met in West Yorkshire in an attempt to track down the Quality Street Gang. This gang are so named because they specialise in theft from the houses/mansions of Yorkshires rich. To date the cops investigations have lead no-where. We hope it stays that way and reckon the Quality Street gangs activities really are sweet.

## T.V. CREW MEETS TOXTETH CREW

A Channel 4 camera crew filming in Toxteth were not popular with the locals. A 12 strong group ordered them to stop filming and leave at once. They obviously weren't quick enough as a cameraman was punched, their van high-jacked and all their equipment stolen. A police spokesperson said "we strongly advise anyone who wishes to film in Toxteth to tell us". We suppose it's so that the cops can then tell them not to bother.

## YUPPIE 'ISLAND'

A rich persons play-pen is to be built on the Pomona Docks site near Manchester city centre. Surrounded by canals this yuppie island is to contain accomodation, offices, restaurant and entertainment facilities cut off from the surrounding estates. The canals will act as a 'moat' for their security, and the drawbridges will be via a few roads and a proposed tram link to the city centre. The yuppie kings of this castle, in their attempts to keep us out, happily make it easier for us to trap them in. One day we would hope to re-use the Pomona Docks as a detention centre for the rulling class offenders.

## LARGER LASSES

Knutsford in Cheshire saw a riot sparked off by two girls. Seventy people ran riot when the police tried to arrest one of them. First a hail of glasses and bottles put the four officers in hospital. Then their vehicles were damaged, shop windows smashed and rubbish skips set ablaze. It's good to see that drinkers playtime can be enjoyed by both boys and girls alike.

## TAX-FREE INCENTIVE

Manchester City Council are considering locating the Poll Tax offices at Moss Side. Workers at the Town Hall claim it may be 'dangerous'. We at Northern News extend a 'warm' welcome to the workers and look forward to giving them some real local hospitality.

## Firebug attack on YTS centre

By Peter Spencer  
**FIREBUGS** were blamed today for a blaze which wrecked a school annexe used for YTS courses. Police and fire brigade experts were today investigating the fire at the two-storey building at Radcliffe High School, Abden Street, Radcliffe, near Bury.

thing credible. And as the 'training' means being a dogsbody for a boss who doesn't need to pay you fuck all, hardly endears the public to the leading actors and stars of E.T.II. IF ONLY IT WAS A SCI-FI MOVIE. AS IT IS IT'S MORE A VIDEO NASTY. Not for the unemployed (bar a few who get forced onto these schemes) but for the government. Launched in December with £4 million, it's already a failure, being treated with as much hostility as it is disbelief. It's a shame because with an average of one in ten people unemployed in the North a few more proper jobs would not go amiss. And although they tell us that unemployment's falling, 85% of new jobs are being created in the South and millions more people claiming benefits have been fiddled off the statistics by juggling the figures. It's obvious that something needs doing. The revolution will not soon be available on video. Well we're not begging for pity, we're made of stronger stuff. The working class as we've done for years are turning to 'cash in hand' jobs, fiddling our rent, gas/electric meters, looking out for each other, and fighting back. And no matter what the Sun say about scroungers and the black market economy we dont expect the greasy low-life that write that shit are trying to get by on £26 a week. We all know there's plenty of money about. It's just a question of distribution. And as the Tories try and hit us with everything from the Poll Tax to working for our dole, there's an explosion brewing that is starting people thinking of redistribution. In fact Northern News are on the look-out for working class people to star in a block-buster production of our own. If you want to put some excitement back into your life and maybe some money back into your pocket it's time to face up to the CLASS WAR thats being waged here, now and in a street or community near you!

**FOUR** hundred people rushed to apply for one of the worst paid jobs in Britain—at £35 a week. Many of the applicants were from teenagers with impressive qualifications.

Geoff Sharp advertised for a nightwatchman for his garage in Sheffield for a six-day 42-hour week. He would work from nine at night to four the next morning.

## THE CLASS WAR

**MILLIONAIRES** have received a £26 billion windfall since Mrs Thatcher came to power in "tax haven" Britain, Labour claimed today.



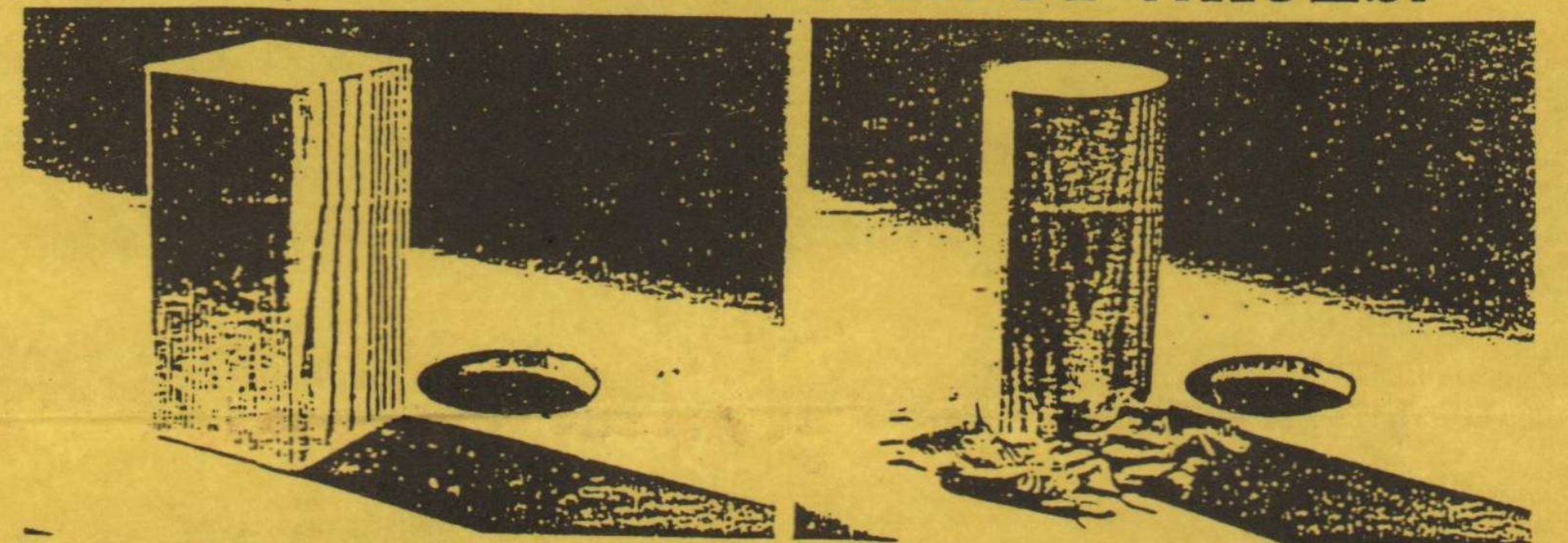
'SUPPORT THE WORKING CLASS IN STRUGGLE!' THATS A GOOD ONE ROY!

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IT'S BIG IT'S BOLD....IT'S BOLLOCKS

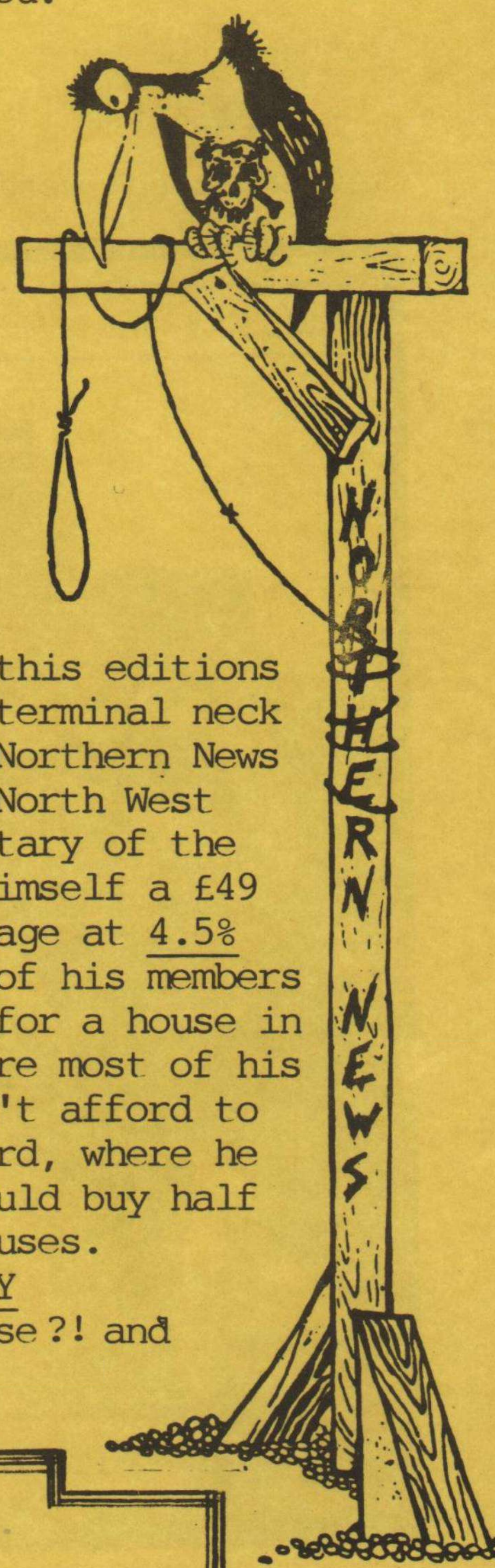
E.T.II (Employment Training) has proved a real dole office flop. The unemployed have put as much distance as they can between themselves and this over-advertised but underpaid farce. It was designed (in the Hollywood tradition) to paint a rosey picture of the good people of government helping the unemployed. Well working for your dole money, plus a tenner per week for the privilage hardly makes the whole

## TRAIN THE WORKERS WITHOUT JOBS TO DO THE JOBS WITHOUT WAGES.



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Bobby Owen is this editions 'comrade' for terminal neck ache from the Northern News Noose. As the North West Regional Secretary of the TGWU, he got himself a £49 thousand mortgage at 4.5% off the backs of his members subs. Not bad for a house in Childwall, where most of his members couldn't afford to live. In Salford, where he works, that could buy half a street of houses.

## WE SAY

Hang the expense?! and Bob as well!