CLASS WAR

THE WORKING CLASS STRIKES BACK
FIGHTING BACK IN "SMACK CITY"

Liverpool has recently been dubbed the metropolis as "smack city" due to the fact that Merseyside has become the most heroin-saturated area in Britain and where anyone can buy smack anywhere. For about a river, news of armed police raids on the homes of suspected pushers is becoming more and more common in the local papers, as is the news of heroin-related deaths. The Toxteth News Weekly, outlining the reinstitution of everything from national service to capital punishment and Labour Party jerks calling for the return of full employment etc., in vain attempts to stop the growing tide of heroin abuse.

Heroin availability in Liverpool is said to be increasing not as a life and death situation for many predominantly young and unemployed people, who, instead of fighting back against those who have swept them under the carpet, are opting for oblivion as an easy way out from the two all too obvious problems of being working class in Britain today. In one area in particular, Croxteth, the use of heroin is becoming common, everybody knows somebody who's doing smack or doing time for smack.

The police have not made any significant attempt on or had any effect on the smack dealing. There is an ignorance due to community distrust, and as speculation goes, links between top pigs and top dealers. Saddest state of the community and its police reaction and attitude are yet to be worked out to leave the ever worsening problem in their hands. So much for the bad news.

TOXTETH POLICE SMACK DEALERS OUT

One of the most enlightening items from New in early August was the death of 21-year-old Jason Pitkin from a heroin overdose. He lived in Croxteth, an area of Liverpool with a well known heroin problem. Croxteth is now often in the news as the smack trade increases. However, due to police activity many dealers are getting scared and moving away. In one area they are no longer tolerated and any who will have a lot more to fear. On the night of Friday 30th August, a gang of 120 youths besieged two houses in Smithdown Road, Toxteth. The occupants were trooped, missiles were thrown, the gang broke in and the houses were trashed. Both were the homes of known heroin dealers. Later that weekend the gang, now 25 strong and calling itself the Anti-Smack Squad, trespassed two more houses; the pushers were attacked and one hospitalized.

In each case local residents refused to give evidence against the attackers.

A LEADER OF THE LIVERPOOL CRUSADE FOR HEROS CO-OPERATION

Michael Shearsow, editor of the Liverpool News Weekly, which has championed the street for many years, writes:

"This is the state of the street. The houses have been abandoned. There are now only two families left. One is a large family. The other is a small one. They are both in their own homes."

Shearsow adds:
"The police eventually solved the situation through a series of fights. The police officers were called out to deal with a large number of people who were carrying knives and other weapons. The police were armed with guns. The situation became very violent and the police had to use their batons."

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One mortgage was dragged from his car by a crowbar and broken up. He was treated for injuries by a paramedic. His wounds were not serious but he received cuts and bruises.

Although the main crowd was dispersed within about an hour, small groups of youths were still running the streets and the estate.

Over a dozen barriers were set up by police officers and a number of police cars were stationed in the streets after the disturbance.

A number of police officers were injured in the disturbance.

TOXTEH MOB DISPERSED AS CARS SET ALIGHT

By David Pulister and Alan Dunn

The anti-smack mob dispersed as cars set alight. Police Officers were attacked and some were injured during the disturbance.

The Toxteth Carnival on August 10, where a man was stabbed during a running street fight, was later on. Liverpool was again, at what they said "a peaceful night", with "sun" and "clouds". An incident that involved dozens of people.

A total of 80 demonstrators crowded into "number one corner. Hitting the bench, the prehistoric Toxteth and public gallery, outside other victims. Inside the house with the police as they tried to gain entrance. Usually the magnet was transferred to the estate. In late August, the houses were turned over to the council. The houses are being turned over to the council because they feel the management is not being very effective.

The Toxteth police station was under siege last night, when hundreds of black youths surrounded the building.

The incident lasted for shorter than 30 minutes with the Toxteth News Weekly reporting it as a "banal", and "oversized" event. However, the Toxteth Daily News reported it as a "riot" and "unrest".

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Most of this information was obtained by talking to local people themselves and from reliable sources who were close to the people who were involved and who told us a great deal, (nothing I can quote but you analyze and that was going to publish his statement.)

Most local and national radio and newspaper reports, as usual, either played down the situation or just ignored (or were not told about) certain facts and events, e.g., the looting of the supermarket, the theft of the station's book and drinks, the burning of the caravans, etc...

Let's hope that people can learn from both these actions and gain confidence from them so that, eventually, working class communities can defend themselves against any attack, be it smog dealers, pigs, fascists, or anyone...

A GANG of youths, many as young as three or four, engaged in a fire in the village of Southwell, and were watched by a crowd of people who were also watching the local police force.

The youths were found by the police and were taken to the police station, where they were questioned and released.

The incident is being investigated by the police, who are trying to find out who started the fire.

The police have appealed for information from anyone who saw anything suspicious.

Today HANDSWORTH Tomorrow your Volvos!

On 9th September Handsworth in Birmingham was the scene of the biggest mass uprising since 1981. The riots were forced right out of the area by rioters armed with petrol bombs and bricks while others looted the shops of the area for once in their lives they could afford anything they wanted.

The day after the uprising Douglas Hurd, the new home secretary, visited the area he said he was there to listen and while he certainly got the message this time, he lasted about 5 minutes before he was stopped by the crowds.

Once more the police have been shown to be far too little, too few, they kept right out of Handsworth for more than four hours on the Monday night forced to look on helplessly as shops were looted and burned and then they finally did manage to take the area again there was nothing left, the shops were gutted, their residents were devastated.

Hands worth is quiet again and we have to put up with various types of every possible political persuasion telling us what the causes were: unemployment, drugs, bahaism, poverty, racism, etc the list is endless. The worst comes from some of the most distant content with fucking over the Catholic population of N Ireland he has to start picking on the coloured people in his own country too, especially short about repatriation etc, thankfully no one really takes him seriously anymore, but its an excellent opportunity for this bigoted scum to get his name in the papers and win support for himself from less intelligent members of the population.

The socialists and trade unionists are lost for words, what went wrong they asked, Handsworth, the scene of community policing, Suddenly all their little schemes and plans begin to fall in around them, the first person sent to prison was white did he riot because he was racially disadvantaged?, another person up in court was a civil servant, the unemployment connection gone? What these people fail to see in their empty heads is that defined little worlds is that you have to be black to be victimised you don't have to be unemployed, be left on the scrap heap because as far as they're concerned it's a chronically boring, badly paid job on a factory production line is dirty and contempt if you've got one, you're going to do these people get's ideas from?

No one riots because they're unemployed, black or whatever these are just contributory reasons. The people of Handsworth fought against the authority that is forced on them and a system that that's going to be shit on all their lives, they forced the cops out and for a time the streets belonged to the people. We look to Handsworth because of the lies that the future lies, it wasn't the first time and it certainly won't be the last, it'll happen again and it'll happen soon. The cities are ready to explode and when they do it will take more than riot shields andunchons to beat them down again.
PH EW! WHAT

COMMUNITY COP Clobbering

The best saturday night out for four years - bleeding brilliant - sheer inspiration fucking WONDERFUL! We took on the murdering fascist pigs as a community on our own turf, and smashed them. The people of the whole area were on the streets confronting the cops - burning cars, blocking roads, bricks and petrol bombs for Brixton nick, Bill bastards running, shitting themselves. What a pity it doesn't happen in rich areas like Hampstead... Well the Brixton explosion did spread out into Dulwich, Streatham and Peckham - a good sign that people are beginning to realise that the pickings are richer in such areas. Everyone was out the next day trying out their new cameras and ghetto blasters! Whilst the Press slither back into the area they were beaten up and thrown out of the night before. They gave out their usual fucking Kak about 'unemployment' and 'deprivation', whilst pis sing it up with putrid local politicians and Uncle Tom 'community leaders' dining on their own words - only last week everyone was congratulating themselves that the absence of riots after Handssworth and Toxteth was all because of 'how wonderful Lambeth Council is' and 'how the community love the cops really' and 'it's all the fault of a few extremists' - Kak Kak Kak

The community was out on the streets on saturday night because the Inspector 'Windy Shiptons' Lovelock shot a black mother of six and put her in a wheelchair for life. If it hadn't been her it could have been her 22 year-old son - only he'd be dead.

The result of this was a spontaneous explosion of class rage - of community hatred against the cowardly, incompetent, callous action of Inspector 'Cowardy Shitlegs' Lovelock - a so-called fucking 'Firearm Expert' - and his vicious racist friends - the Community Police. All this is conveniently forgotten by his idiot boss the Chief Constable of Lambeth Commander Alec Marnoch who drives on with mind-fucking stupidity about "visiting agitators from Handsworth" - what a load of fucking bullshit! No, as EVERYONE knows the riots were started, organised and led by Communist Allen Storm troops from the red planet Bolivia, who landed on the roof of the fucking Ritz!!!!

When are the stupid pig shits going to wise up to the fact that we riot in response to the particularly vile acts of oppression by the class enemy: the cops. We fight these bastards with all our force and all our strength with bricks and petrol bombs, we confront them and main them and kill them BECAUSE WE HATE THEM. The Police are the Class Traitors. They have always been, are now and will always be our sworn Enemy.

AND THERE'S MORE ON

SIX O'CLOCK THAT EVENING ANGRY LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD SURROUNDED BRIXTON POLICE STATION PUTTING IT IN A VIRTUAL STATE OF SEIGE. THE FICTION COVERED INSIDE AS BRICKS RAINED DOWN ON THE STATION, ONLY AFTER IT HAD BEEN PETROL BOMBED AS FLAMES LICKED THE PAINTWORK AND SCAFFOLDING AND THE POLICE MOVED OUT IN LARGE NUMBERS PROTECTED BY LARGE RIOT SHIELDS. WITH THIS FIGHTING SPREAD RAPIDLY UNTIL THE ARE AROUND THE STATION, INCLUDING BRIXTON ROAD, WAS A MASS OF BURNING BARRICADES, CONSTRUCTED FROM HI-JACKED CARS. FOR THE NEXT SIX HOURS THE POLICE WERE TIED DOWN BY A COMBINATION OF SET PIECE CONFRONTATIONS, ROBS USING HIT AND RUN TACTICS AND AN OUTBREAK OF MASS LOOTING. SUNDAY AFTERNOON SAW MORE CONFRONTATIONS, AS DID THE EVENING. ALSO SPORADIC CLASHES OCCURRED IN OTHER AREAS OF SOUTH LONDON.

Fortunately not only the police have learned from the lessons of '81'. The rioters also used new methods to counter police advances. More burning cars to hold back the police, who when they succeed in breaking through, face an empty street and another blazing barricade. This time everyone wears masks to avoid identification. Rather than trying to hold indefensible positions once the police have become reinforced, the fighters hold the estates, making incursions against the filth, then retreating. Hit and run. Gone are the days when a mob held the 'front line' bearing the brunt of police attacks. Now the forces of 'law and order' face local youth who know their estates backwards into these areas the police are reluctant to enter.

Equally important for us is the political awareness displayed by the fighters. The petrol bombing of a self proclaimed 'community leader' as he appealed for calm outside the police station. The attack on the local conservative club. In spite of lying press reports it was nothing like a race riot at all. The unity between black and white insurgents was far greater than in '81 (about half of those arrested were white). Many journalist toads were singled out for a well deserved kicking. Not the actions of

STREET JUSTICE

Once again the streets of Brixton have erupted following yet another police outrage, in this case the cowardly shooting of an unarmed black women as they raided her house early on a saturday morning. By
a mindless 'criminal mob. This time only a total fool would drone on about 'unemployment' and the need for jobs'. It's plain and obvious that a section of the working class has risen up against the whole idea of policing and the police. All cops were targets that weekend as they will continue to be. The dye is cast.

Some reports from the more lurid papers talked about 14 year old "disco-dollies" firebombing the police. The actions of those youngsters in Brixton were early on that Saturday evening are worth far more to our class than 100 resolutions passed at the pathetic labour party and TUC conferences. Now ironic that as the gateless worms who delude themselves in to thinking they are our representatives debated at Blackpool both Tocketh and Peckham erupted. But simply these are the only choices for our class, falling for this bullshit about "kicking out the Tories" and "electing a labour government" or insurrection on the streets. Never mind all this crap about waiting another 2 years for the next election, some of these kids can't wait another 2 weeks for the next flare up. It is only from these confrontations that revolutionary awareness will develop — where else is there for our class?

As for the looting, labour right along with the rest of the left, prattle on about the redistribution of wealth. The looters are actually practising it! Fuck all this shit about working class shops, there's no such thing, it's a contradiction in terms. Such things are inevitable in the initial stages of rebellion. And it keeps the cops busy too, with the muggings it seems that the mood of many involved in the fighting was that you either took part alongside them against the police or left "fight or fuck off". And from their mood, it seemed there was little room for by-standers. The police had shot a woman, war had been declared. You were either with the fighter or not. If not you were a fair game in their eyes. Even so, many attempted and succeeded in preventing muggings, even as the fighting raged.

As for the conspiracy theories emanating from the wooden head of moron police commander Marnoch that we in Class

War were behind the riots, spreading rumours alongside other "outside" agitators, all we say is 'bollocks'. The people of Brixton don't need us to spark them off. We fully admit that many of us were there and took an active part in the proceedings. We don't have a "base" in Brixton. It may come as a shock to the forces of law and order but only a handful of us actually live in the area. And fuck it why shouldn't we pour into the riot area to fight alongside our comrades and our class? (Besides we'd like to know do all these riot police live in Brixton?)

Since Brixton,Tocketh and Peckham have been the scenes of more anti-police confrontations, thus showing what lays ahead. Of course when fighting breaks it is our duty to spread it and wear down the police. But rather than speculate about "what is to be done", "setting up workers councils" etc etc, the only immediate logical step we see is the creation of 'no-go' areas, from which the police and forces of government will be totally and permanently. No go areas will not be places where crime rules. It rules our streets already. We want riot to develop into uprising and insurrection. In no-go areas the working class must exercise their class power, refusing to hand anything over to "leaders" political "community" or otherwise. Rather than end in itself this will be the first major crack in the system. The scene is set. As I write this, according to the radio, police are under attack in Liverpool. This is not "protest". It's part of the working class flexing its muscle. As we said the scene is set for the future.

Serves you right for staying out of ElVinos, fuck face!
WHY I HATE THE RICH

Frequently, when pleasing my associates with Class War, I'm confronted with charges that I'm just another liberal. If you ask anyone, I'm the type of liberal who believes that everyone should have a basic income, regardless of what they do. This is the kind of liberal that I am, and I think that it's important to be clear about what I believe in.

The problem is that many liberals fail to understand that we are not just talking about what should be done with a basic income, but also about how we should think about the role of wealth in our society. We need to recognize that wealth is not just something that is held by individuals, but that it is also a source of power and influence. This is why I believe that we should be working to reduce the power of the rich, rather than just increasing the amount of wealth that they have.

I think that this is important because it's not just about what the rich have, but also about what they do with it. We need to be thinking about how we can use our wealth to create a more just and equitable society, rather than just using it to maintain our own power and influence.

I'm not just saying this because I want to be seen as a liberal. I'm saying this because I believe that it's important to be clear about what we are trying to achieve, and what we are trying to do. We need to be thinking about how we can use our wealth to create a better world, rather than just using it to maintain our own power and influence.

I hope that by sharing my thoughts on this issue, I can help others to think more critically about the role of wealth in our society, and to understand the importance of working to reduce the power of the rich.
LABOUR PARTY - A BUNCH OF TOSSERS

It goes without saying that we are totally opposed to the idea that the Labour Party does, in any way, serve or represent the interests of the working class; on the contrary, we see them as being an instrument whereby the Party can be made effective to eclectively safeguard their position while the working class are fed the delusion that something is done on "our" behalf.

All politicians are liars, and Labour MPs are no exception. Each issue is carefully selected (for effective voting-fodder), nurtured, and having served its purpose (i.e. it's got La-borne (in power) to the result) cynically discarded. Next on the agenda appears to be Animal Rights (since when has the Labour Party given a fuck for Animal Rights?), and following this, it will probably be Ecology. Odd though, is probably the biggest joke of the lot. The La-borne Party took Britain into NATO, were the first party to deploy nuclear missiles here, and introduced Polaris in the 60's after getting into power promising to end it. After, unbelievably the 'peace' issue during the early '70s, the La-borne Party vote vultures are again seeking to swoop upon the rejuvenated Peace Movement, using the CND platform as a vote-catching pedestal. Of course, the bureaucrats of the CND will be quite happy to do this. But why do the bureaucrats of CND, BUA, etc. tolerate La-borne? Quite simply, such people make a cozy living out of their rant-and-films' subscriptions, and therefore a healthy stake in the maintenance of the status-quo. Any real protest that questions government policy is to them meaningless. Look again, the way BUA and CND have attempted to silence anarchists on their demonstrations. (using the same Poi-lice, we may add, that protect vivisection laboratories and missile bases). All such organisations must be opposed, since it is they who seek to divert our anger through the 'correct' channels, to ensure that no real change comes about.

La-borne's radical slogans like "People not Profits", "Soaking the rich", are just empty rhetoric. Meaningless slogans. Despite various lengthy periods in office, the richest 5% of the population still owns 85% of the wealth; even if La-borne MPs were well intentioned enough to want to change the situation, the forces of the state, which necessarily serve the rich, whoever's in power, would never allow it.

But of course it's not just subtle methods that La-borne and the whole sham of parliamentary democracy use to quell our anger. On many occasions, governments have sent in troops to smash strikes, deployed riot cops to evict squatters, and so on. During the 1981 summer festival, Eric Effner MP said that rioters should be "dealt with all due severity", and during the miners' strike the true-blue colours of the Labour Party were clear for all to see. Disguising as such acts are, they do have one positive function in that they will ultimately stimulate a working class insurrectionary movement dedicated totally to the destruction of the rich and all those careerists who dare to hijack our struggle and transferring it into a safe wage packet at the end of the week. In the class war there can be no leader, but there will be only one winner.

maxwell watch-out

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A-HUNTING WE WILL GO

Yoiks! Tally Ho! Yes it's the fox-hunting season again. The rich scum will again begin to out hunting the small foxes. They will laugh and toast with vintage wine as the fox is torn to pieces by trained hounds. Of course they'd really like to be hunting you and me. The fuckers still live in the Edwardian days where they think the working class are here to serve them, as the serfs worked from dawn to dusk for the lord of the manor in exchange for a few crusts of bread. Many of the present squires were army officers who once led our fathers to death while they were safe behind high walls.

You fucking scum! We're now fighting back. We'll hit you where you least like it, at your leisure. We'll screw up your fucking silly games just as you've screwed up our lives. You rich fuckers watch out! In the forthcoming season we will be hunting you. You won't know what has hit you but for information it will be fucking hurt... You'll be bricked off your horses, dragged into the trees you lord over, mobs will beat the shit out of you. So many times on hunts have we seen you ride up to the scam police and tell them your willing servants who to arrest. The filth can protect you no longer. The red coats you wear will soon be covered in red blood. Many of you will end up in hospital, others in jail. BEWARE! You have been warned... We are out to get YOU!

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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Some wimmin use Sisterhood like the Masons use Brotherhood....

The wimmin liberation movement is riddled with the bourgeoisie. These middle class ideologies are dominating every wimmin group and organisation set up to help wimmin, and there isn't much room for anarch feminist. As anarch feminist wimmin are we really expected to tolerate these reformist turds? Why should we put up with "wills off" scam making a living off the backs of working class wimmin. Stuff their mysticism - we as anarchists have not the time nor patience to tolerate this rubbish. How many of us can afford to spend hours self-indulging in bullshit about our relationship to the moon and glories of childbirth? When I have a period it fucking hurts and I don't give a shit about my relationship to the moon. And tell a working class woman struggling to bring up kids, about the glories of childbirth and she will probably tell you to "MISS OFF", and why shouldn't she? It might not be that she doesn't want to know about wimmin liberation but who wants to know in those unrealistic terms?

Are we really supposed to be able to afford these glassy wimmin press and virago classical? Well I can't fucking afford £5 for a book. Rip them off and take the money back off the bourgeoisie feminists. Let's have some class consciousness in our movements. Smash the anomalies the middle class feminists are building.

Not long ago I tried to get involved with a group of wimmin who supposedly "help" the working class wimmin or do they help themselves? I found they were all "doing quite nicely thank you very much" and enjoying their social consciousness at the same time. This is nothing unusual! We as anarch activist can either let them not together or do it all ourselves, but we will not be "led" (sic) or be expected to tolerate these bastards.

I don't feel affiliated to these wimmin, in fact I feel embarrassed by them. As an anarchist when you walk into a circle of wimmin wearing trendy cashmere jumpers and chic "feminist" boots all relating to each other, and when the leader(sic) of the meeting suggests that we all get to know each other by going round in a circle and saying a bit about ourselves and our names doesn't it make you want to stand up and want all over their jumpers?

These wimmin use sisterhood like the Masons use brotherhood - for self-interest, money and power. Things which, as anarch-feminists, we should be showing our anger and contempt for and fighting against.

What is it that we are scared of - is it the social pressure these wimmin have over us? Are we scared of being told we aren't real feminists? Do we water down our politics because the rest of our wimmin group/collective would find us too extreme?

I realise it is important to discuss ideas and feelings but when this becomes more important than being out there and taking direct action against things which are attacking us as wimmin then feminism becomes a sham. It is a distortion and sad when wimmin are not sincere and are making career for themselves by being "right on". There is so much bureaucracy in the wimmin movement.

We want liberation not jobs with the G.L.C. Stuff these patronising middle class earth mothers.

(Re-printed from HARRI)

Campaign of hate against Pill wife

At a short while ago I heard from someone in school that one of their teachers was planning to show the film "Abortion - It's Murder" to the school. This film is made by a group of anti-abortion propagandists. In the event the film failed, but only just. This came at the same time as a group called "Rapport in Society" had produced a film to be shown in schools encouraging teenage girls to say "No!" to sex and to wait for wedding bkins. Earlier this year Victoria Pillcock succeeded in her attempt to make contraception for under 16s illegal without parental permission. As the climate of the "new morality" sets in, it is obvious that working class wimmin and teenage girls are going to get most fucked over by it.

Abortion is a difficult and traumatic experience at the best of times without the middle class doctors trying to interfere. They tell you that abortion is murder even when the fertilised egg is little bigger than a pea. Every month our bodies get rid of thousands of eggs - what is this? Mass murder? No, it's a period and before you know it they'll be trying to ban our periods! As women we must be able to make our own decisions about our own bodies and cannot allow these decisions to be taken away from us.

Mr. Pillcock went on record appealing to doctors that parental permission was not required before providing contraception for children under 16.

The doctors later said they were just following guidelines from the British Medical Association which required permission. However, we can't see how this is an argument for the right to abortion. While at the same time condemning women who seek abortions, they are invariably the same people who condemn single parents. They are never to be seen in the forefront of the struggle against the conditions (poverty, bad housing, lack of nursery facilities etc) which for many working class women make the decision to have an abortion the only possible.

Mrs. Pillcock was later suspended from her job at the health centre. She has since been cleared of the charge of "murdering".